

He pointed out that a sum of £2,800 provided in the estimates is for collection only, for the use of technicians.

Councillor Morgan enquired if the sum of £30,000 provided for new Burial Grounds is adequate.

The County Manager stated that the Council's programme would involve expenditure much in excess of £30,000 but that this would be a reasonable sum to provide for the coming year, and that this would be used to provide Burial Grounds in the most urgent cases.

Deputy Molloy stated that there is a build up of silt in the lower Corrib, a river which is a natural asset for the county and for the country and that some money should be provided by the Council to clear weed and silt from the river and he asked if some provision could now be made in the estimates for this work.

Senator Higgins stated that technicians to be employed by the Council acting throughout the county would have very little impact on monitoring of pollution and he suggested that some of this work should be done by the I.D.A. in so far as pollution is caused by industry assisted by the I.D.A. He suggested that the Council should concentrate its efforts on the River Corrib.

Councillor Welby stated that greater control should be exercised on slurry pit and septic tank effluents.

Councillor McCormack stated that the main source of pollution of the Corrib was stated to be the Clare River and he is considered that a amount provided for control of pollution of little use for the Corrib.

Councillor Sean Donnellan agreed that the Corrib is becoming overgrown with weed and he suggested that expert advice on its control should be sought.

Councillor Kelly stated that complaints are made from time to time that pollution in the Corrib is likely to arise from the Sugar Company premises at Tuam, the Tuam Sewerage treatment basin which overflow and the Tuam Co-Operative Mart.

Councillor McCormack stated that work undertaken by the Mart authorities will ensure that there is no overflow from the Mart premises.

Councillor Haverty referred to the need for monitoring pollution in the River Shannon in the Portumna area and he suggested that technicians should attend local meetings regarding the question of pollution.

Deputy Molloy stated that the accumulation of silt and weeds in the lower Corrib will have to be attended to and that it should be the responsibility of the County Council to deal with this problem. He stated that the access to the lake is becoming blocked and that only a narrow channel is being kept open by the action of the propellers of a motor bus using the river.

The County Manager stated that a study made an Foras Forbartha shows that there is some evidence of enrichment in the River Corrib but that it was not on a very serious scale. He pointed out that all the Council can do is to try to exclude the harmful effluents from discharging into the river but that there is no authority for the Council to go into the lake to remove silt or weeds unless provision is made for this by new legislation. He considered that the Council has no specific power under the Planning Act or any other legislation for carrying out such work on the river.

In reply to a further query from Deputy Molloy, the County Manager stated that he would check if the Council has any such authority.

Regarding the River Shannon, he stated that the question of monitoring pollution in the Portumna area on the Shannon will be examined when technicians are employed.

The estimate for programme No. 5 was agreed.

Programme No. 6 - Recreation & Amenity:

Councillor Galvin gave particulars of the financial position on the operation of the Ballinasloe Swimming Pool and he stated that after an additional contribution by the Ballinasloe Urban District Council, there would be a shortfall of £4,000 and he proposed that the Council would now make provision for this additional sum in the estimates.

This proposal was seconded by Councillor Kilgannon and agreed.

Councillor Morgan stated that a sum of £500 provided for a playground in Portumna last year was not expended.

Councillor Haverty stated that this playground is to be provided in the new housing scheme.

Councillor Morgan considered that this playground in the housing scheme should be regarded as part of the cost of the housing scheme and a separate playground should be provided.

The County Manager stated that he will examine the matter.

Subject to the addition of £4,000 the estimate for programme No. 6 was agreed.

Programme Group No. 7 - Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare:

The County Manager stated that the sums provided for this estimate were all demands made by other authorities and that there was little the Council could do on the matter.

The estimate for this programme was agreed.

Programme Group No. 8 - Miscellaneous Services:

The County Manager stated that provision was made in this programme for expenditure of the sum of £6,100 for essential work on Galway Courthouse.

It was agreed that this sum be provided.

Councillor Glynn enquired if any provision had been made in the estimate for improvements in the Council Chamber.

The County Manager replied that no provision was being made in the estimates as it was taken out of last year's estimates since the rates were so high. He stated however, that he would be prepared to formulate proposals and bring them before the Council for consideration.

Councillor Kelly recommended that provision be made for the installation of a Vending Machine for tea and coffee in the County Buildings for the use of members and others.

After a discussion, it was agreed that the County Manager would submit a report in due course to the members for alterations to the Council Chamber.

Councillor Ryan stated that members should get a quarterly report on the work of the County Committee of Agriculture. The County Manager stated that the Committee publishes an Annual Report and the Council also gets an Auditor's Report which is brought before the Council.

Councillor Ryan proposed that the Committee of Agriculture be asked to submit a quarterly report on its work to members of the Council who are not on the Committee and that they be also asked to submit to such Councillors minutes of their meetings.

This proposal was seconded by Councillor McCormack.

Senator Killilea stated that he is proposing a direct negative to this proposal."

The Chairman stated that this was a matter solely for the County Committee of Agriculture, that they publish an Annual Report according to the statutory requirements but that the proposal made by Councillor McCormack would be sent in the form of a recommendation to the County Committee of Agriculture.

The estimate for programme group No. 3 was agreed.

It was noted that the rates to be levied are as follows:

(a) Table B.1:

<u>Programme Group</u>	<u>Amount to be levied</u>	<u>Rate in £</u>
	£	£
Housing & Building	376,917	0.6850
Road transportation & safety	2,063,238	5.7496
Water supply and sewerage	541,753	0.9845
Development incentives & controls	55,881	0.1761
Environmental protection	389,938	0.7087
Recreation & Amenity	231,696	0.4211
Agriculture, education, health and welfare	873,818	1.5880
Miscellaneous services	380,519	0.6915
<u>ALL PROGRAMME GROUPS - TOTAL:</u>	<u>4,954,760</u>	<u>2.0045</u>

(b) Table C:

<u>Separate Charges</u>	<u>Amount to be levied</u>	<u>Rate in £</u>
Galway Harbour } Vocational Education }	69,398.00	0.1196
<u>Criminal Injury Decrees</u>		
D.E.D. Skannive	46.79	0.0306
D.E.D. Gorumna	90.00	0.0523
D.E.D. Barna	59.69	0.0061

(c) Table D:

<u>Town Charges.</u>	<u>Total sum to be raised.</u>	<u>Rate in £</u>
Loughrea	1,024	0.1093
Tuam	1,155	0.0934

757 - ADOPTION OF ESTIMATE AND DETERMINATION OF RATES IN THE POUND:

It was proposed by Councillor Fahey, seconded by Sean Donnellan and resolved:

"that Galway County Council hereby adopt for the financial year ending 31st December, 1976, the Estimate of Expenses set out in Tables A, B 1, C and D, and determine in accordance with the said estimates the rates

set out in Column (12) on Table B.1, Column (11) of Table C and Column (7) of Table D to be the rates in the pound to be levied for that year for the purposes set out in Column (1) of Table B.1 and in Tables C and D."

The prescribed certificate was then signed by the Chairman and the Acting County Secretary.

758 - DEMANDS ON URBAN AUTHORITIES:

It was proposed by Councillor Kilgannon, seconded by Councillor Morgan that the Seal of the Council/affixed to the Demands on Galway Borough Council and the Ballinasloe Urban District Council."

The Demands were then sealed and signed.

759 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

John & Mrs. Mullen, Killaan, Woodlawn, Ballinasloe.
Mrs. John Hogan, Clooncunen, Moylough, Ballinasloe.
Darach O Flatharta, An Ros, An Ceathru Rua.
Mrs. Edward Cunniffe, Ruane, Ballygar.
John Joe Carroll, Mount Mary, Ballygar.

The Meeting Then Terminated.

Submitted, Approved and Confirmed

T. J. O'Connell
Chairman

24/11/75

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE.

(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Bothar Mor,
GAILLIMH.

17u Samhna, 1975.

Chuibh 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 Condae, Gaillimh ar an Luain, an 24u la Samhna, 1975 ag tosnú ag a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

C. O DUBHGHAILL
Runai Sealadach.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes.
2. Auditor's report on the accounts of the Tuam Town Commissioners for four years ended 31/3/74 and nine months period ended 31/12/'74.
3. Declaration of roads to be public roads - copy of advertisement herewith.
4. Scheme for payment of rates by instalments - copy herewith.
5. Scheme for waiver of rates for certain categories of persons for year ending 31/12/76 - copy herewith.
6. Creation of four offices of Civil Engineering technician.
7. Sale of Council houses under Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966 to the following:
Mrs. Helen King, Ardbear, Clifden.
Mr. Donal Barrett, Baunoges, Castleblakeney.
Mr. Edward Burns, Gortbeg, Ballyglunin.
8. Making of agreement between the County Council and Galway Boro' Council for supply of water to the County Health District of Galway. (Min. No. 724 - 27/10/'75)
9. Application from Varian International AG. for remission of rates under the Industrial Development Acts 1969 - 1975 in respect of factory premises at Dunmore Road, Tuam.
10. Houses at Marian Terrace, Portumna - Minute No. 723 of meeting of 27th October, 1975.
11. Report on Commission on Inland Fisheries - summary herewith.
12. Pollution of River Suck - letter from Bord na Mona.
13. Business submitted by County Manager.

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MEMBERS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

14. Deputy R. Molloy: I will propose -
 - (i) That a full report be given on present position regarding Spiddal/Furbo Water Scheme for which a provisional Order was applied for on 7th April, 1975;
 - (ii) that Galway County Council take immediate action to alleviate pollution and silting of Lough Corrib;
 - (iii) that a full report be given on the reasons for delay in proceeding with the Mullacuttra Group Water Scheme, Claregalway, Co. Galway.
15. Deputy J. Callanan: I will propose -
 - (i) That this Council would direct that water be connected to house owned by Mm. Coy, 10, Galway Road, Loughrea, who is unable to pay for the connection and a small charge per week be added to his rent to defray cost of connection. If water is not connected to this house, it will be a health hazard in the area;
 - (ii) that Athenry Water Scheme be extended to Kingsland, Carnakelly Road.
16. Councillor M. O Morain:
 - (i) Go mba cheart do'n gComhairle Condae Coiste uisgi agus saile a bhunú;
 - (ii) Go mba cheart do'n gComhairle Condae an fanadh uisce ag Pairc scoile an Ghoirt Mhoir a leigheas;
 - (iii) Go mba cheart bru breise a chur air an solathar uisce i Ros Muc.
17. Councillor G. Bartley: I will propose -

That planning permission be granted to Thomas J. Welby for erection of dwelling house at Derryglinn - Planning No. 19566 which is at present on appeal to the Minister.
18. Councillor T. Welby: I will propose -
 - (i) That the County Council repair the dipping tank and pen at Carraduff, Oughterard, also provide a better soakpit;
 - (ii) that a motion be passed requesting the E.S.B. to reopen the generating station at Screebe for turf deliveries to avoid further unemployment;
 - (iii) that the County Council go ahead with the drainage works under L.I.S. No. 193/73 - the stream in question is causing severe flooding on the land of 4 farmers and causing their livestock to suffer from fluke disease.
19. Councillor E. Haverty: I will propose that -

Since the State has assumed responsibility for all other welfare and health services, we call on the Minister for Social Welfare to amend section 20 of the Social Welfare (Supplementary Welfare Allowances) Bill, 1975, so as to provide for full recoupment of the cost of supplementary welfare allowances to the Health Boards who will administer the Bill on its enactment.

20. Councillor U. Burke: I will propose -

- (i) That this Council provide a water supply for the group of Council houses at Longford, Ballycrissane, Ballinasloe, as there is no well or alternative supply within easy access to these houses - main supply is a public watering place at river side;
- (ii) that this Council should give at least one month's notice of its intention to increase housing rents, to each tenant, so as to avoid the hardships caused due to back-dating on tenants who are unable to meet lump-sum demands as has happened in Loughrea recently;
- (iii) that an advance warning sign be erected on the Bullaun/Kilricke road giving road users notice of the very dangerous turn, with open roadside drain, which has been the scene of many serious accidents.

21. Councillor M. J. Kilgannon: I will propose -

- (i) That Galway County Council is of the opinion that the rating system is an outdated method of financing local authorities, and that a more equitable form of local taxation should replace it.

22. Councillor J. Joyce: I will propose -

- (i) That the County Council have a roads plan with stated priorities which would be a guideline when drawing up the Annual Roads Estimates;
- (ii) that people who use the road-side for temporary stock-piling of root crops be made to keep road-surfaces reasonably free of clay;
- (iii) that the County Council request the E.S.B. for an increased voltage supply in Eyrecourt in anticipation of the need for electricity in the new housing estate in Eyrecourt. (The voltage is very low in Eyrecourt at present).

23. Councillor N. Morgan: I will propose -

- (i) That Galway County Council purchase the two fields, area 3.223 acres, the property of the representatives of the late Miss Nellie Joynt, Cross St., Loughrea, and that said fields be developed as a Public Park and Children's Playground. Said fields are situated opposite the Rectory, Cross St., Loughrea;
- (ii) that Galway County Council purchase the De La Salle Brothers residence and garden, area 190 feet by 150 feet, situated on the north side of Barrack Street West, Loughrea for the purpose of building thereon flatlets or masonettes for elderly couples and single persons living alone in inadequate or unsuitable accommodation. Note: Galway County Council has never built any accommodation for such persons in the town of Loughrea;
- (iii) that Galway County Council oppose the further development by Bord na Mona of Derrafada Bog, until such time as Bord na Mona takes adequate steps to reduce, to an acceptable level with settling ponds or other means, the pollution by peat silt of the rivers Such and Shannon.

24. Comhairleoir M. O Flatharta:

- (i) Ce'n staid a bhfuil roillic nua na Ceathrun Rua faoi lathair?
- (ii) Molaim go gceannochadh an Coirle Conndae talamh thart ar Rosabhill chun laithreain a thabhairt do oibrithe an Mhonarchan, no le tighthe a thogail air.

- (iii) Molaim go n arduigh an suim bonnuighthe ar iasacht airgid loan agus an suim an deontais o £2,350 do'n iasacht agus £1,950 do'n deontas mar go cinnte ta siad ro-iseal anois.

25. Councillor T. Byrne: I will propose

That the Oranmore Development Plan be published without delay.

26. Deputy T. Hussey: I will propose -

That an up-to-date report be given on the Council's plans to provide a Sewerage Scheme for Williamstown.

COMHAIRLE CHANTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(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, 24th November, 1975 commencing at 3.30 p.m. consider the making of a declaration that the following roads shall be public roads.

Area	From	To	Metres
Portumna	C. R. 527 Ballinroaun	Gate at V. Smyth's House	400
Portumna	C.R. 582 Kilmacshane	Towards G. Kenny's House	216
Portumna	M.R. 330 Sheeunrush	W. Fahy's Gate	223
Gort	C.R. 361 Inchaboy South	Mrs. Ruane's & Mrs. Loughnane's houses	958
Gort	L. Broderick's house Lavally and Rindifin	Mrs. Ruane's gate and Gort Waterworks	430
Loughrea	N.P.R. N.6 (Sec. 450) Meanus, Kilrickla	B. Connolly's House	220
Loughrea	N.P.R. N.6 (Sec. 320) Ballynamucka	J. Barrett's House	200
Ballinasloe	Junction C.R. 476 Lissard	Gate near T. Martyn's house	640
Ballinasloe	C.R. Junction 544 Garrymore	Garveys field gate	590
Ballinasloe	C.R. Junction 478 Castlebin East	P. McHugh's gate	705
Ballinasloe	C.R. Junction 553 Shanvoley	Turbary Plots	280
Milltown	Junction with Co. Rd. 254	T. Kelly's house	503
Mountbellew	N.S. Rd. 370 in Mullaghmore North	T. Donlon's Pillars, Shantallow	313
Mountbellew	Main Rd. 270 in Townland of Kiltullagh	Gateway to Mrs. E. Donnellan's lands	2470
Athenry	C. Rd. 43i Derrough	Gate at J. Egan's house, Ardcslogh	640
Athenry	P. Ruane's House, Lenamore	J. Rohan's House	740
Tuam	Main Road 90 Cloonmore	Monivea Licklea Bog Road	594
Tuam	Co. Road 127 Abbeystown	T. Waldron's house, Cloonmore	468
Clifden	Main Clifden-Leanane Road N.59 north of Streamstown Bridge	H. Moran's house, Abbeystown	485
Clifden	County Road No. 6 near beach at Bunowen, Ballyconneely	Peter Lydon's house, Glenbrickeen	485
Clifden	County Road No. 4 east of Tom Coyne's house at Glynck, Cashel	Gate leading to Mark O'Malley's house Aillebrack	805
Clifden	Main Clifden-Ballyconneely Road at Ballinaboy	Gate on Road leading to pier	392
Clifden	Co. Road west of Patrick Barrett's house Piweenish, Carna, south west Ard School, North	Towards old Marconi Station for a distance of 736 metres	736
Clifden	Main Carna-Kilkeran Road east of Co. Road No. 138 at Cloonboo, Corrandulla north	Cassey's house	281
Galway	Co. Road No. 104 at Pribboun, Rosscahill	D. Moylan's house in Ardmore	146
Galway	End of Co. Road No. 108 at Loughill, Moycullen north	Mrs. Julie Lohan's house	78
Galway	Co. Road No. 111 at Ballyburke, Galway	Mrs. K. Woodward's house	482
Galway	Co. Road No. 127 at Tonagurraun, Corrandulla north	Gate leading to Thomas Bane's house	300
Galway	Co. Road No. 137 at Tonagurraun, Corrandulla south	James Keane's house	174
Oughterard	Co. Road No. 59 at Carrowroe South north	Thomas Keane's new house	516
Oughterard	Co. Road No. 86 at Mary Welby's house, Aughnaneure, Oughterard	Mrs. Patrick Burke's house	350
Oughterard	Existing Co. road No. 54 at Lettermullan Post Office	Doleen strand	338
Oughterard	Galway-Oughterard National Secondary Road at Doonakilla Bridge south	South and east to gate leading to Andrew O'Connor's house	1143
Oughterard	Co. Road No. 76 east of Michael Canney's house west for 805 metres	Junction with Co. Road leading to Furnace	243
Oughterard	Co. Road No. 85 380 metres south of Annie Moloney's house south-west	Junction with road leading to Michael Walsh's house	503
Oughterard	Co. Road No. 54 1/2 mile east of Ridge's Public House, Drim, Lettermore	Junction with road leading to John Kelly's house, Boocauun, Clonbur	805
Oughterard	Co. Road No. 54 at Lettermullan	John Gibbon's house, Magherabeg, Oughterard	457
Oughterard	Main Road at Martin Folan's Forge south	Val Breathnach's house with branch west to end of existing Co. Road	2085
Oughterard	Water Tower at Claremount, Oughterard	Slip and sawwood depot at Caladh Gholann	93
Oughterard	Existing Co. Road south of Kinvarra school, Camus south	Slip and sawwood depot at Caladh Gholann	274
Oughterard	Co. Road No. 53 approximately 1/2 mile north of Nestor's Public House south west	John Conneely's house, Inverin	400
Oughterard	Existing Co. Road at Pat Geoghegan's house, Rusheeny, Oughterard	Thomas Healy's house	421
Oughterard	Co. Road No. 87 at Ellis Higgins' house south	Peter Hopkin's house, Kinvarra	421
Oughterard	Existing Co. Road at Maumeen, Lettermore 1/2 mile north of Ballinakill Junction	Gate of Patrick Naughton's house, Bealadangan	174
Oughterard	Co. Road No. 76 at T. J. Walsh's house, Ballyveean, Clonbur, north west	John Thornton's house	521
Oughterard	Co. Road No. 66 one mile west of Camus lochtar junction south	Mathew Hanley's house, Doon, Oughterard	469
Oughterard	Main road at Cartronlahan, Inverin north	Michael Joyce (Coleman's) house Maumeen	520
Oughterard	Main road at Aille, Inverin, south by Stephen Keady's house	Sean Ging's house, Ballyveean	1167
Oughterard	Main Road at Loughanbeg south	Coleman Welby's gate, Camus lochtar, Camus	91
Oughterard	End of existing Co. Road No. 67 at T. Lydon's house west and south	Patrick Kilmartin's old house, Cartronlahan	82
Oughterard	Co. Road No. 63 30 metres north of Brock's house, Bealadangan north west and north	Morgan Lee's old house	210
Athenry	Junction with Co. Road 157	shore by Michael Clancy's house	988
Athenry	Knockauncarragh	Gate leading to William Conneely's house, Knockadoagh, Costelloe	183
Athenry	Junction with Co. Road 123 Roundfield (Planivas)	Gate leading to Martin Lynch's house, Bealadangan	768
Athenry	County Road 177 Castlea	T. Lalley's house, Knockauncarragh	200
Athenry	County Road 159 Crumlin	W. Tannian's house, Roundfield	480
Athenry	County Road No. 485 Garradloon South	Martin Higgins' Yard	306
Athenry	Junction with road N.64 Lydan	Thomas Dudley's land	561
Athenry	Junction with County Road 178	County Road No. 398 Ganty	760
Athenry	Ballinloughan	Michael Fahy's house Lydan	155
Athenry	Junction with M.R. 11-2105 Monivea	Manens house, Ballinloughan	179
Athenry	Junction with Co. Road 377 Gieves south	Gate near Clancy's house Monivea Demone	1403
Athenry	Junction with Co. Road 385 Garradloon North	Castelloe's house gate, Gieves south	540
Athenry	Junction with Co. Road 377 Kingsland north	Junction with Co. Road 398 Ganty	765
Athenry	Junction with Co. Road 179 Hombano	Hanley's house, Kingsland north	113
Athenry		Patrick Fahy's house	785
		R. DOYLE	

SCHEME FOR PAYMENT OF RATES BY INSTALMENTS.

FINANCIAL YEAR 1976.

The rated occupiers of the following classes of hereditaments may pay by instalments to the Galway County Council subject to the conditions specified in this Scheme.

Classes of rateable hereditaments concerned are:-

- hereditaments consisting wholly or mainly of a dwelling.
 - " " " " " Agricultural Land within the meaning of the rates on Agricultural Land (Relief) Act, 1939.
- Persons wishing to avail of the facility granted under this Scheme must comply with the following conditions:-
- Application for participation in this Scheme must be made in writing to the County Secretary, not later than 31st December, 1975
 - The applicant must furnish such information as the Council may require to enable it to determine whether the hereditament in relation to which the application is being made belongs to one of the classes specified in this Scheme.
 - Rates shall be payable in ten monthly instalments which shall be equal in amount in so far as is practicable, the full amount of each instalment being payable within the first 15 days of each of the ten consecutive months commencing 1st January, 1976.
 - Failure to pay any instalment by the specified date may result in the loss of the facility granted under the Scheme.

Scheme for Waiver of Rates for Certain Categories of Persons for the year ending 31st December, 1976.

The Galway County Council will consider applications for Waiver of Rates on their dwellings in whole or in part for the (year ending 31st December, 1976) from persons in the following categories who make application to the Council for such Relief:-

1. Persons whose income is from
- (a) Non Contributory Old Age Pensions.
 - (b) Non Contributory Widow's Pensions.
 - (c) Other Sources including Contributory Old Age Pensions and Contributory Widow's Pensions and whose circumstances are such that the County Council is satisfied that it will be a hardship on them to pay the full amount of the rates levied.
 - (d) Blind Pensions.
 - (e) Home Assistance.
 - (f) Disabled Persons Maintenance Allowances.
 - (g) Infectious Diseases Maintenance Allowances.

2. Occupiers of small dwellings which come within the scope of the Local Government (Rates on Small Dwellings) Act, 1928, and tenants of Local Authority houses, who fall within the categories of persons set out at (1) above, may be eligible for Waiver of Rates, under the Scheme, and owners of such small dwellings will be obliged to adjust the rents payable in such cases having regard to the rate relief granted.

3. Although the person making the application comes within the categories mentioned in the Scheme. Waiver of Rates may only be given where, in the opinion of the Council, the payment of such rates in whole or in part would be hardship on the person concerned, having regard to other household income.

4. Special Hardship. The Council may, in cases of special hardship not falling within the prescribed categories, afford Waiver of Rates, in whole or in part, as is deemed appropriate having regard to the special circumstances of any case.

5. The monies required for the implementation of this Scheme shall be provided for as an item in the Council's General Purposes Account and shall be leviable on the County Health District.

6. Applications should be submitted so as to reach the offices of Galway County Council, Prospect Hill, Galway on or before 30th June, 1976.

GALWAY/MAYO REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Memo on the Report of the Inland Fisheries Commission

Background Information

1. (1)

There are approximately 357,000 acres of fresh water lakes and 8,300 miles of river in the State.

The Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries is responsible for both sea and inland fisheries; several State Bodies are concerned with aspects of the Inland Fisheries and there are 17 Boards of Conservators.

1. (2)

The general pattern of ownership of fisheries is confused and uncertain in many cases; Fisheries may be held in ownership by individuals or bodies in the same way as land - ownership of fishing rights may be served or connected to adjoining land and often in transfers of land no reference is made in the instruments of transfer to the fishing rights intersecting on adjoining such lands.

Some fisheries are listed in the Valuation lists - mostly salmon, sea trout, eels, oysters and some brown trout - no coarse fishing is listed. In some cases the owner of the land, which is covered by water, has the right to fish for a particular type of fish, while another person may have the 'fisheries' right to fish for other fish.

In general, the public has no general right to fish in waters which are not tidal, nor by undisputed use on occupation over a long period, can title be acquired - unless such fishery is the appurtenance to land acquired in such a manner.

(3)

In the absence of documentary evidence of title to fisheries, there are some common presumptions as to ownership (in own tidal water) viz. -

- (a) The owner of the land, through which the river flows, is entitled to the soil and the fishery in the river.
- (b) The owner of land abutting one bank of the river is entitled to the soil and fishery to the middle of the river, on his side.
- (c) That the owner of the soil bed and soil of the river is the owner of the fishery.
- (d) That the owner of a 'several' fishery is the owner of the bed and soil of the river.

1. (4)

There is much uncertainty about the ownership of the soil and right of fishing in many lakes.

The State claims the bed, soil and foreshore of many lakes; their title rests on the Acts of Certification under which lands and property of those deemed to have participated in the various risings were declared forfeit; where such lands were later redistributed, the lakes, unless specifically mentioned in the grants, remained the property of the State; however, the State has not been called on to establish its claim in law to any of these lakes and in practice, the public has enjoyed 'free fishing' on them for a very long time. Some of these lakes are being developed by the Inland Fisheries Trust.

(5)

The prior right of the public to fish in the sea and in tidal waters of estuaries will ordinarily prevail - but certain private rights exclusive of the public exist in some tidal waters; the public has no right to go above high water mark nor to pass over land to reach the fishery. Where formal surrender of title by former owners has occurred, the Minister has made special Tidal Waters Orders under S.7 of the Fisheries Consolidation Act 1959, enabling him to initiate a licensing scheme for the control of fishing in these waters.

(6)

Fishing rights are held by a number of Public Bodies :-

Land Commission, E.S.B., Inland Fisheries Trust, Foyle Fisheries Commission, Commissioner of Public Works and Dublin Corporation.

2. (1)

On the 17th June, 1970, the Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries of the Inland Fisheries Commission with the following terms of reference

"To examine all aspects of inland fisheries (i.e. those for salmon, trout, eels and coarse fish) including their tenure, development, management, administration, optimum utilization and anti pollution measures and to make recommendations".

The Chairman was Mr. Con Murphy.

Mr. M. Phelan (Local Government Auditor, Galway) was appointed to the Commission on 8/10/70 to replace H. Abbot, who died.

2. (2)

The Report is a very comprehensive one extending to some 192 pages, dealing with all aspects of Fisheries (including salmon at sea).

3. (1)

The principle recommendation of the Commission is that

(1) an Inland Fishery Authority be established.

(2) the Authority should be a fully independent State sponsored corporate body established by statute and with accountability to the Oireachtas through the Minister. Its scope should include sea angling and, of course, the exploitation of salmon at sea.

(3) The Authority should comprise a Central Board and seven Regional Boards.

(4) The accounts of the Authority should be audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General.

(5) Salmon fishing at sea should continue for central purposes to be associated with inland fisheries and that sea and inland fisheries should be in charge of a single Minister. The Minister for Fisheries might be given responsibility in addition, for the management of water resources including control over the recreational use of water and for some, at least, of those services with recreational and environmental connotations such as game and wild life.

4. (1)

The Fishing Authority

The Central Board and the 7 Regional Boards would, together, comprise the Fishery Authority with responsibility for day to day management of the inland fisheries; the Regional Boards to have a substantial degree of autonomy - while recognising that the 7 Regional Boards cannot operate independently of each other or of the Central Body.

(The 7 Regional Boards would replace the 17 existing Boards of Conservators), and would, in addition to other functions, perform agency work for such bodies as Bord Failte, Local Authorities etc. in relation to fishery waters piers, access and fishing facilities.

The Fishery Authority would also take over the Research Work at present being carried out by

Inland Fisheries Trust

the Fisheries Division

the Veterinary Research Laboratory (as related to fish)

the Ministers functions in regard to the Salmon Research Trust.
the Ministers functions in regard to the E.S.B. fisheries.

4. (2)

Bord Iascaigh Mhara is responsible for the development of the sea fishing industry and sees its role as one which imposes on it the duty to ensure the maximum exploitation of all varieties of fish which are available to the commercial fishermen at sea. The Bord is also engaged in the construction of boats and operates financial assistance schemes to encourage sea fishermen to acquire the most up to date boats and gear and to maximise their returns from fishing.

The Commission recommends that B.I.M.'s. role in regard to salmon be clarified and that specific arrangements be made for liaison between the Bord and the Fishery Authority in order to ensure that the Authority's requirements in regard to the conservation of salmon are taken into account in the planning and implementation of schemes for the development of sea fishing, including the provision of boats and gear capable of being used for salmon fishing.

(3)

Pollution

The Commission considered the report of the Inter Departmental Working Group on air and water pollution.

The Commission did not agree with the Working Groups proposal that responsibility for the prevention of water pollution should be placed on local authorities and gave as their reasons the following (inter alia) -

- local authorities are themselves polluters - no firm plan has been put forward to carry out the necessary remedial and improvement work (estimated to cost £35 M. at 1973 prices) and there is little evidence to show that the local authorities have the will to do the job.
- local authorities are subject to many pressures which could work against the fishery interest and the enforcement of laws relating to pollution control.
- the areas of local authorities do not coincide with river basins - some river systems would be the concern of local authorities in as many as a dozen counties.

- the number of controlling bodies would be too large and an inordinate amount of time would be spent on co-ordination.
- the arguments in the Working Group's Report against control of pollution by a separate national board and Regional boards are not convincing and the advantages of such a system have not been given due weight.

The Commission recommends that responsibility for the control of pollution in all inland and coastal waters should be entrusted to an autonomous national statutory authority, (which would be responsible also for the management of water resources and which would be obliged also to have regard to the safeguarding of fishery interests) working through regional boards, who would be responsible for enforcement of controls including the licensing of all significant abstractions of water and discharges of effluent.

5. Finance

The Commission admits that it is difficult to be precise on what would be the cost of implementing its recommendations. Although the Regional Fishery Authority would take over the existing Inland Fisheries Trust and the 17 Boards of Conservators, there is such an additional amount of work to be done that it would be some years before the Authority would be 'in top gear'.

The following tentative estimates are given (at 1975 values) :-

- (A) Expenditure on fixed and working capital will be required over the first 3 years for such projects as housing the Central and Regional Boards, office equipment, furniture, vehicles, boats and fixed equipment - on the credit side would be the existing property and equipment of the Inland Fisheries and the Board of Conservators.

Capital expenditure over the 3 year period could be in the order of £400,000 + £350,000 for fishery acquisition :-

1st year	£150,000
2nd year	250,000
3rd year	350,000

- (B) Revenue expenditure :-

1st year	£1,000,000
2nd year	1,600,000
3rd year	2,500,000

£5,100,000

INCOME

1st year	£190,000
2nd year	£300,000
3rd year	£440,000

new licences - sale for fisheries acquired
new licences - improved sales.

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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 Sean Donnellan, F. Fahey, M. Flaherty, 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, Senator J. M. Mannion, Councillors H. Melvin, J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors N. Morgan, M. O Morain, P. Raftery, P. Ruane and T. Welby.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; A. O'Gorman, Senior Staff Officer, M. J. Dunne, Deputy County Engineer; M. Tierney, Chief Assistant County Engineer and K. Doyle, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

1. DISPUTE AT CROWN CONTROLS FACTORY, GALWAY:

On the proposition of Councillor Holland, seconded by Councillor Kelly, it was agreed that an appeal be sent to both parties in this dispute to make every possible effort to reach a settlement.

2. CAPITAL CONTRIBUTION TO E.S.B. FOR HOUSE CONNECTIONS:

The County Manager informed the Committee ^{that} for the past two years tenants of newly-constructed local authority houses have been requesting the Council to pay the E.S.B. capital contribution for them, towards the cost of connecting ^{their} local authority houses with the E.S.B. mains. During the past 18 months, he stated that a total of £8,000 had been paid by the County Council under this heading and that the contributions paid have varied between £21 and £798 and that many contributions recently paid amounted to £400 or more. He pointed out that this is creating a problem arising from the fact that the Council is expected to work within certain cost limits for local authority houses by agreement with the Department of Local Government and that those charges tend to put the cost of the houses outside those agreed limits. In future, he stated, that this will mean that the Council will have to be more selective in deciding on the sites on which houses are to be built and that if the contribution to the E.S.B. proves too costly certain sites may have to be ruled out altogether. He recommended that the Council agree to a policy of a contribution of not more than £600 in respect of a local authority house and £100 in respect of a demountable house and that where the cost is over those amounts, the Council either abandon the site altogether or require somebody else to pay the excess cost.

Deputy Callanan stated that he would not like to see an applicant refused completely for a house because of the cost of the electricity connection and he considered that a hard and fast rule regarding a limit should not be applied.

Councillor Joyce stated that the cost of electricity should be taken into account with the cost of the site, regard to be had for the sites which are bought cheaply, but he recommended that the cost of electricity alone should not be the criterion.

Councillor O Morain suggested that officials of the E.S.B. be asked to come to the Council and to explain the difficulties which they have in this matter and to make a presentation of their case to the Council.

Replying to Councillor Morgan, the County Manager stated that the Council has at present a large number of sites in the process of acquisition and some others actually acquired and that in such cases he recommended that the limit of £600 might be applied, that in future the Council would have to select sites where a much lower cost would be involved. He pointed out that with large contributions, it would be difficult to keep within the cost guidelines but he would not contemplate the erection of houses without electricity at this time.

Deputy Donnellan agreed that the Council should not build ⁱⁿ any areas where the cost of electricity is too high and he considered that if people want to live far away from electricity supply, it should not be the County Council's responsibility to pay for bringing the supply to the house.

Councillor Byrne stated that some applicants for houses may have no option but to live some distance away from the electricity supply and that in such cases, if the occupant is satisfied to accept the house without electricity this should be allowed by the County Council.

The County Manager stated that some persons may agree in the first instance to this, but they may later come back to the County Council and ask to have the cost of bringing electricity to their houses paid for them by the Council.

Councillor Morgan proposed that the Council agree to the County Manager's proposal of £600 for a house and £100 for a demountable dwelling.

Councillor Haverty suggested that the Minister for Local Government should be asked to provide more money to install electricity in local authority houses.

The Chairman stated that where a capital contribution is paid towards the cost of extending electricity to a house, a refund will be made by the E.S.B. if another house is connected to the same line later.

The County Manager again recommended that the Council should not build houses without installing electricity and he mentioned that there is a Social Welfare benefit of free electricity to certain persons in receipt of Old Age Pensions.

Deputy Molloy stated that it appeared that some limit may have to be accepted but he considered that every house should have electricity installed, but that it was wrong to refuse a house if the cost went over £600. The tenant should have the option of deciding to accept a house without electricity.

Councillor Burke also stated that the tenant should have this option.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that the E.S.B., being a National Organisation should spread its charges over all its operations and should not impose heavy charges on any one individual.

Councillor Welby proposed that if a limit is to be fixed, it be increased to £800 for a house and £200 for a demountable dwelling, and he also proposed that the Minister be asked to give a subsidy towards the cost of electricity.

This proposal was seconded by Deputy Molloy and approved by the Council.

3. DISABLED PERSONS' HOUSING GRANTS:

The County Manager referred to a decision of the Council at a meeting on the 10th April, 1972 when it was agreed to operate a scheme of Housing Assistance for Disabled Persons under which the maximum grant was fixed at £800 with a contribution of $\frac{1}{3}$ of the cost by the applicant - 50% of the grant being recoupable from the Department of Local Government.

He stated that the Minister for Local Government had now notified the Council of approval to extension of this scheme on a non-statutory basis to include the adaptation of houses for severely mentally handicapped persons. The County Manager recommended that the Council agree to this extension and that the same terms with regard to grants and contributions by applicants should apply as in the existing scheme.

Deputy Molloy proposed that the Council agree to the extension proposed.

This proposal was seconded by Deputy Donnellan and agreed.

Replying to a complaint by Councillor Kilgannon, who stated that there was a family of three who had been put on the long finger for accommodation by the County Council, the County Manager stated that a specially designed house is being provided for this family and that it is not correct to say that they had been neglected or that nothing had been done for them. He stated that as an interim measure, they were offered a County Council house until the new house was built for them and that they had accepted this.

Deputy Callanan stated that he was aware that a new house is being provided for this family and Councillor Raftery stated that the family is satisfied with what is being done for them.

4. PROGRESS REPORT ON HOUSING:

A report setting out the position as at 31/10/'75 on applications received for rural cottages was circulated to members together with charts setting out the position with regard to town schemes.

Councillor Haverty complained that the number of houses ^{now} shown for Killimor has been reduced to 6 on the report circulated, whereas a greater number was shown in previous reports and he asked for an explanation.

The County Manager stated that it was understood previously that a larger site was available but that this did not prove to be so. At the moment, the Council is dealing with the land which is available ^{and} on which six houses are proposed to be erected.

Councillor Haverty complained about the delay in acquiring land in Killimor and he asked that information on this matter be available at the next meeting of the Committee.

Deputy Molloy stated that in addition to the names of applicants for rural houses, a list should also be circulated setting out the list of applications for houses in towns.

The County Manager stated that interest was expressed by the Council in the names of applicants in the rural areas, but in the case of village schemes, many persons do not apply until the scheme is almost completed. Lists of applicants in the case of towns are not published as it may be misleading to the extent that the persons ^{now} shown on a list may assume that they were approved for the houses which were being built.

Deputy Molloy proposed that any person who needs a house should have the right to fill an application form and be put on the list for housing.

Councillor Ruane seconded this proposal.

Councillor Fahey stated that an applicant in the Peterswell area had been seeking a demountable dwelling for a long time and he asked if this case could be dealt with in conjunction with the 4 others for whom demountables were being provided.

The County Manager stated that he would have to look up his case to ascertain if it was one of emergency.

Councillor Burke proposed and Councillor Morgan seconded that where a demountable dwelling is provided a small store for fuel should also be provided as elderly people can get deliveries of fuel in fairly large quantities which cannot be accommodated in the demountable dwelling.

Referring to his earlier proposal, Deputy Molloy stated that a person who applies for housing should be told when his application is approved.

The County Manager stated that it will be possible to do this.

Replying to Deputy Coogan, the County Manager stated that it was not proposed purchasing any caravans this year but a small number may be purchased next year for emergency purposes.

Replying to a further query from Deputy Molloy regarding the housing scheme for Aran, the County Manager stated that there is no guarantee that the persons whose names are on the present list for houses in Aran would be the persons who would get the first houses to be erected and that accordingly, he considered it dangerous to publish a list of the applicants. He pointed out that the Council cannot determine in advance who will get the tenancies as appointments will have to be made on the basis of priorities at the time of letting.

Councillor Morgan, supporting Deputy Molloy stated that at least 75% of houses should be reserved for persons whose names are on the list for a long time.

The County Manager replied to a number of Councillors' queries regarding progress on particular town schemes.

5. INSTALLATION OF TOILETS IN COTTAGES AT EYRECOURT:

Replying to Councillor Joyce's motion, the County Manager stated that the applicants in this case should be able to install the toilets in their own houses as they have applied for vesting, their rents are exceptionally low and they can reduce the amount of their payments further by purchasing their houses. He stated that the Council is already, in fact, giving the houses away at the prices at which they can be purchased and would not be justified in incurring the expense of installing toilets. He pointed out that these are not isolated cases and that if any work were to be done on any such cottages, the cost would have to be taken from the General Cottage Repair Fund. He stated that a similar position obtained in the case of a cottage at Laurencetown referred to in Councillor Joyce's second motion.

At the request of Councillor Joyce, it was agreed that a letter would be sent to him explaining the position in those cases.

Replying to Councillor Haverty, the County Manager stated that the Council would examine on its merits, an application for an extra room to a cottage where there is overcrowding.

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6. PAYMENT OF £450/TO A NAMED APPLICANT:

The County Manager stated that in this case the difficulty arose from the fact that the applicant himself had given wrong information on which his application was refused. Following investigation, it was found that the applicant was, in fact, entitled to a grant and this will be paid to him.

7. INFORMATION RE APPLICANT (NAME SUPPLIED):

Replying to Deputy Molloy's motion, the County Manager gave the relevant dates concerning the application referred to and stated that the question of building of a house for the applicant will be considered when the Council is notified of the Capital Allocation for 1976.

8. VARIETY OF DESIGN AND FINISH IN LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING:

Councillor Kilgannon proposed that a variety of design and finish be a feature of all local authority housing in this county and stated that the design of local authority houses should not indicate that they are in any way inferior to any other housing in the county. He considered that this result can be achieved by introducing a variety of designs.

Deputy Callanan supported Councillor Kilgannon stating that a variety of Design plans should be prepared and that the proposed tenant might be given a choice ^{of plan} where the house can be built within the approved guideline costs.

The County Manager stated that there is a ^{variety of} design in village schemes as the architect, though he has to follow standard dimensions, applies his own ideas with regard to external appearance. He stated that in the case of prefabricated dwellings, there are a number of different makes installed by the Council but that some difficulty may be experienced with regard to rural houses where the Council is dealing with contractors who have not experienced staff to enable them to evaluate the problems of alternative designs. He stated that the Council would keep the recommendation in mind with a view to applying it wherever feasible. He considered that there might be some difficulty with regard to a variety of design and that it might in fact, hold up progress.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that a little variety could improve the appearance such as the use of some brick which would give a more attractive facade.

9. ACQUISITION OF LAND IN VILLAGES AND HAMLETS:

Proposing the motion standing in his name, Councillor Kilgannon stated that the Council could help to arrest the rural and village de-population by acquiring land in villages and hamlets.

The County Manager stated that there is no dispute regarding the principle proposed by Councillor Kilgannon, that it is desirable that the Council should have land in as many villages and hamlets as possible and that the Council is, in fact, buying as much as it can in advance of requirements within the limits of the amount permitted by the Council's overdraft and its capital allocation. He stated that the Council would continue to buy as much land as is possible within the limits imposed on it.

10. INCORPORATION OF TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME IN LOCAL AUTHORITY TENANCIES:

Proposing the motion in his name, Councillor Kilgannon stated that he understood that this may be partly in operation at present but he recommended that it be adopted in general with a view to giving people their own houses by instalments.

Replying to Councillor Kilgannon's motion, the County Manager stated that it is agreed that it is desirable to have a Purchase Scheme but that because of the low rent which many tenants are paying, they now find a tenancy more attractive. He stated that a difficulty with regard to operating a purchase scheme as from the date on which a tenant is allowed into possession, is that many small contractors find it very difficult to submit their final accounts to provide for increases in wages and materials and that without knowing the total cost of the house, it is not possible to make a Purchase Scheme.

11. Replying to a query by Deputy Molloy regarding the application by a tenant of a house who had spent £1,500 on repairs and improvements, to purchase the house, even though he was already building a new house for himself, the County Manager stated that if particulars were given, he would examine the application.

12. CONGRATULATIONS:

Councillor Morgan proposed a vote of congratulations to Mr. K. Doyle on passing the LL.B. examination. The Chairman, other members and the County Manager joined in the vote of congratulations.

Mr. Doyle thanked the members and the County Manager

The Meeting Then Terminated.

Submitted, Approved & Confirmed
To *Umsney*
Chairman.

22/12/75

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT
THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON MONDAY 24TH NOVEMBER, 1975.

In the Chair: Deputy T. Huseey.

Also Present:

Members: Councillors G. Bartley, U. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputies J. Callanan, F. Coogan, J. Donnellan, Councillors Sean 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, M. Ryan and T. Welby.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; J. Howlett, Acting Assistant County Manager; C. A. Warner, County Engineer; M. J. Dunne, Deputy County Engineer; T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer and K. Doyle, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

760 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor Melvin, seconded by Deputy Kitt, the Minutes of meetings held on the 21st October, 1975, 27th October, 1975 and 31st October, 1975 (Nos. 703 to 759 inclusive) were approved and signed by the Chairman.

761 - AUDITOR'S REPORT - TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS:

The County Manager stated that this matter was placed on the Agenda merely because the Council raises the money to defray the cost of services administered by Tuam Town Commissioners. The report was noted.

762 - DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS:

The County Manager referred to the list of roads circulated with the Agenda to each member of the Council and requested approval to the declaration of all the roads on that list with the exception of the following to be public roads:

- (a) Road from County Road No. 582 Kilmacshane towards G. Kenny's house - a distance of 216 metres. He recommended that the Council defer declaring this road public as a drain had been excavated too near the road and there was a danger that part of the road may collapse.
- (b) In the Athenry area, County Road No. 385 Garracloon South to County Road No. 386 Ganty - a distance of 760 metres. The County Manager stated that this road had been entered on the list in duplicate in error and that in respect of the entry referred to, incorrect particulars had been given. The correct particulars of the road in question were given in the 3rd last entry on the list.

It was proposed by Councillor Raftery, seconded by Councillor Ryan and resolved:

"that Galway County Council hereby declare the roads on the list enclosed with the Agenda, with the exception of the two roads referred to by the County Manager, to be public roads."

Councillor Morgan enquired if Notice of Motion money can be spent on footpaths in towns.

Councillor Galvin and the County Manager pointed out that the money allocated for Notice of Motion roads is intended to be used for roads hitherto not maintained by the County Council.

763 - SCHEME FOR PAYMENT OF RATES BY INSTALMENTS:

On the proposition of Councillor Morgan, seconded by Councillor Holland, the Scheme for payment of rates by instalments as circulated to members was approved.

764 - SCHEME FOR WAIVER OF RATES FOR CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF PERSONS:

On the proposition of Councillor Morgan, seconded by Councillor Galvin, the Scheme for Waiver of Rates for Certain Categories of persons for the year ending 31st December, 1976 was approved - copy of the scheme having already been circulated to all members of the Council.

765 - CREATION OF FOUR OFFICES OF CIVIL ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN:

It was proposed by Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Morgan and resolved:

"that the Galway County Council hereby approve the creation of four offices of Civil Engineering Technician with salary at the approved scale."

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

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

"that Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of the houses occupied by them to Mrs. Helen King, Ardbear, Clifden and Mr. Edward Burns, Gortbeg, Ballyglunin on the terms set out in Notices dated 10th November, 1975 under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 as amended by Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966 as amended by Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966 circulated to each member of the Council."

The County Manager referred to the Notice dated 10th November, 1975 sent to each member of the Council under the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 as amended by Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966 in respect of the proposed sale of a house to Mr. Donal Barrett, Baunogues, Castleblakeney and stated that it had been discovered that Mr. Barrett is entitled to additional credit which will reduce the price of his house from £1,548 to £1,470.

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

"that Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of the house occupied by him to Mr. Donal Barrett, Baunogues, Castleblakeney for the sum of £1,470 in lieu of the sum of £1,548 as set out in the Notice dated 10th November, 1975 under the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 as amended by Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966 circulated to each member of the Council."

Councillor Morgan enquired what had happened about the sale of houses to 16 tenants in Loughrea which were offered to them at the time of their appointment as tenants.

The County Manager stated that he will examine the position.

Senator Killilea stated that ^{some time ago} he had got a list of persons who had applied to purchase their houses and he stated that he understood they were to be on the Agenda for this meeting.

The County Manager stated that any applications which are in order and where the tenants are eligible will be put on the Agenda for the December meeting.

767 - AGREEMENT BETWEEN GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL & GALWAY BORO' COUNCIL FOR THE SUPPLY OF WATER IN THE COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT OF GALWAY:

The County Manager requested that the Council would, pursuant to the provisions of Section 59 of the Local Government Act, 1955, make an agreement with the Galway Boro' Council for supply of water by the

Boro' Council to the County Health District of Galway in accordance with the terms of an agreement, a draft of which was submitted.

It was proposed by Deputy Molloy, seconded by Councillor Welby and resolved:

"that the Galway County Council pursuant to the provisions of Section 59 of the Local Government Act, 1955, hereby make an agreement on the following terms with the Boro' Council of Galway for the supply of water by the Boro' Council to the County Health District of Galway and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to this agreement:

"THIS AGREEMENT Made the One thousand Nine hundred and Seventy BETWEEN THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF GALWAY of County Buildings, Prospect Hill, Galway (hereinafter called "the Council") of the one part and THE MAYOR ALDERMEN AND BURGESSES OF THE BOROUGH OF GALWAY Having their Offices at 47, Dominick Street, Galway in the County of Galway (hereinafter referred to as "the Corporation") of the other part WHEREAS:-

1. The Council is desirous of providing a supply of water for domestic and other purposes in the County Health District of Galway and to secure this objective requires a quantity of 13,500 cubic metres of water daily.
2. The Corporation is willing to make a Proposal under the provisions of the Water Supplies Act, 1942 for the purpose of extracting a supply of water from the Galway River not exceeding 13,500 cubic metres per day and treating and making same available in the County Health District of Galway in the event of the Proposal coming into operation.
3. The Council and Corporation have agreed that they the Corporation will carry out the intake and headworks in the area of the Corporations's existing Intake Works in the town-land of Terryland and make treated water available to the Council in accordance with terms to be agreed between the two Authorities.
4. The Council shall pay to the Corporation such sum as shall be agreed between the Corporation and the Council to reimburse the Corporation for all the expense incurred by it in carrying out the works referred to in paragraph 2 of this Agreement.
5. The Council hereby agrees that it will effectually indemnify and keep indemnified the Corporation their servants or agents against any liability that may be incurred by the Corporation in the execution of the aforesaid works.

IN WITNESS whereof the parties hereto have hereunto affixed their respective seals the day and year first herein WRITTEN."

The Agreement was then executed and sealed with the Seal of the Council.

768 - APPLICATION FOR REMISSION OF RATES - VARIAN INTERNATIONAL AG.:

The County Manager requested the approval of the Council to the grant of the appropriate remission of rates in respect of premises at Dunmore Road, Tuam occupied by Pulse Engineering Ireland who carry on a factory undertaking as a branch operation of Varian International AG.

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

"that the Galway County Council in accordance with the provisions of the Industrial Development Acts, 1969 to 1975, hereby remit 2/3 of the rate leviable by the Council in respect of factory at Dunmore Road, Tuam occupied by Pulse Engineering Ireland, who carry on the factory undertaking as a branch operation of Varian International AG.- this remission to have effect in respect of the local financial year next following that in which the premises in question was completed and in respect of each of the next 9 local financial years - the appropriate certificate under Section 7 of the Industrial Development Act, 1972 having been issued by the Industrial Development Authority on the 9th November, 1975.

769 - TAKING OVER OF ROAD FOR MAINTENANCE AT MARIAN TERRACE, PORTUMNA:

Referring to Minute No. 723 of the meeting of the 27th October, 1975 and item 10 on the current Agenda, the County Manager stated that any roads in the Marian Terrace housing estate which have not been taken over for maintenance and which are suitable for taking over, will be brought before the Council for a decision in the near future.

770 - REPORT OF COMMISSION ON INLAND FISHERIES:

The County Manager referred to the above report a summary of which was circulated to each member of the Council and gave a brief outline of its main headings. He referred in particular to the section dealing with pollution, which recommended, among other things, that responsibility for prevention of water pollution should not be placed on local authorities and he felt that the Council should not let this report pass as if this recommendation were approved.

At the request of Councillor O Morain, it was agreed that his motion (No. 16 (i) on the Agenda) should be taken in conjunction with this matter and he proposed that the County Council appoint a small sub-committee to examine the recommendations in this report, and to report back to the Council. He considered that the County Council should have some involvement and responsibility in this matter as the local knowledge and the technical ability is available in the county. He considered it a retrograde step to hand over control of fisheries, especially salmon fisheries on the sea coast to a state board which has no local involvement and no local knowledge, and he considered as grossly unfair the reference to local authorities as polluters.

Deputy Molloy seconded Councillor O Morain's proposal and suggested that the immediate task of the small sub-committee would be to examine the report of the Commission in detail and to report back to the County Council making appropriate recommendations.

Senator Killilea supported the motion and proposed that the committee should consist of only three members.

Deputy Molloy supported Senator Killilea's proposal for a committee of three members.

Senator Killilea proposed that Deputy Molloy and Councillor O Morain be appointed to the sub-committee.

Councillor M. J. Kilgannon criticised the lack of adequate financial assistance over the past 50 years for fisheries.

Councillor Kelly stated that there should be a representative on the sub-committee from each electoral area.

Councillor Morgan considered that the report should be examined by the County Manager with the assistance of the appropriate technical staff and that he should report back to the Council.

Councillor McCormack proposed that Senator Mannion be appointed a member of the sub-committee.

Deputy Coogan recommended that adequate steps should be taken to prevent pollution of rivers and he stated that a lesson could be learned from progress made by other countries with development of fisheries.

Councillor Morgan proposed and Councillor Holland seconded that the committee consist of seven members and that each electoral area be represented.

Senator Killilea proposed that the committee be limited to three and that the County Manager and whatever officials he may require would assist in examination of the report.

Deputy Molloy seconded this proposal.

On a show of hands it was agreed that the committee of three be appointed and it was also agreed that it consist of Deputy Molloy, Councillor O Morain and Senator Mannion.

771 - THE POLLUTION OF RIVER SUCK:

The County Manager referred to the discussion at the Council meeting on the 25th August, 1975 in connection with this matter and he read a letter dated 29th October, 1975 from Bord na Mona stating that the forebodings expressed by the Council are unlikely to materialise and that the Council may be assured that the Board has the matter under constant review and will follow any line showing a promise of a solution or alleviation of the effects complained of.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that this reply was not an answer to the complaint which requested that adequate steps be taken by the Board to remove the cause of complaint while the Board discharges thousands of tons of peat silt into the river Suck and River Shannon, all they say is that they will do what they can to alleviate the effects, while he considered that they should face up to their responsibility to ensure that they control pollution.

At the request of Councillor Morgan, it was agreed that his Motion No. 23 (iii) may be taken in conjunction with this matter and he then proposed the resolution set out at No. 23(iii) on the Agenda.

Councillor Morgan considered that if Bord na Mona provided settling ponds it would collect much of the silt which is washed into the river but that he understood that when these were provided previously, they were never cleared out.

Deputy Kitt stated that he could not agree with Councillor Morgan's motion and he pointed out that An Taisce had not opposed the work being carried out by Bord na Mona. He stated, however, that he was disappointed with the reply received from Bord na Mona and he pointed out that money is available for research into the problem complained of from E.E.C. sources and he recommended that Bord na Mona be asked to apply for the appropriate grant from the Department of Foreign Affairs.

Councillor Joyce stated that since 1961, Bord na Mona had been forced to effect economies by reducing pollution control but he considered that they should now go ahead and reduce pollution to a minimum. He opposed Councillor Morgan's motion.

Councillor McCormack stated that he would not agree with Councillor Morgan's motion but he recommended that Bord na Mona should be again asked to take positive steps to reduce pollution.

772 - MONTHLY MEETING:

It was agreed that the December meeting of the Council would be held on Monday 22nd . . .

773 - PORTUMNA WATER & SEWERAGE SYSTEM:

Councillor Morgan stated that the Council is laying a sewer along St. Brendan's Road in Portumna, a street where there is no water supply provided. He asked that the Council now make provision for installation of a water main on this street.

774 - SPIDDAL/FURBO WATER SCHEME:

Replying to Deputy Molloy's motion, the County Manager stated that there was one objection to the proposal made under the Water Supplies Act, 1942 in this case and that this man was asking for certain guarantees and that the objector had now been told by the Minister for Local Government that the guarantees he was seeking were not necessary to protect his interests and that he could rely on the assurance which had already been given to him by the County Council.

Deputy Molloy requested copies of the correspondence and details of the objection in this case but after a discussion it was agreed that because of the fact that semi-judicial proceedings likely to be necessary to resolve the situation, it would be better not to publish the correspondence. He stated, however, that Deputy Molloy could have particulars if he enquired in the office.

775 - POLLUTION AND SILTING OF LOUGH CORRIB:

Deputy Molloy proposed that the County Council take immediate action to alleviate pollution and silting in Lough Corrib and stated that he had been told by the Office of Public Works that they had no responsibility in the matter.

The County Manager stated that the Council had no statutory authority to clear the silting in the Corrib and that it is possible that this may be an arterial drainage undertaking.

Councillor Welby asked for a full report on the adequacy of the treatment works for Oughterard Sewerage Scheme, in relation to the safety of the effluent discharged into the Corrib and he also complained about the condition of two septic tanks at the end of road in Oughterard. He also stated that effluent from the slurry tank at the Tuam cattle mart is discharging into the Clare river and ultimately into the Corrib.

Councillor Sean Donnellan asked if a record of the quality of the water over the past five years or more would be available as the growth of plant life in the river indicates a possibility of pollution.

Councillor Kelly stated that the sewerage treatment beds in Tuam are not operating satisfactorily.

Senator Killilea denied that there is any pollution reaching the Corrib from Tuam Beet Factory, Tuam sewerage treatment works or the cattle mart.

Councillor McCormack stated that he could also confirm that there was no pollution reaching the river from the mart.

The County Manager stated that a recent Foras Forbartha report on the Corrib indicated that the water is in a good state, although there was some evidence of enrichment in the lower lake. He stated that when four technicians are recruited, work on prevention of pollution on a non-statutory basis will be undertaken but it is expected that the Council will later have more powers under a new pollution bill which is proposed. The technicians, when employed, would visit possible sources of pollution and ensure that conditions specified in permissions would be complied with. He stated that sewer beds in Tuam will be again examined.

Deputy Molloy stated that the growth in plant life contributes to silting and that there is, therefore, an inter relation between pollution and silting. He stated that the Corrib Navigation Trustees can deal only with cutting of weeds in the navigation channel and he asked the County Manager to seek authority to reduce weed growth in the lake and to ensure that a proper channel is kept open.

776 - MULLACUTTRA GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

In reply to Deputy Molloy's motion, the County Manager stated that approval to the design of this scheme subject to certain conditions was forwarded to the Department of Local Government in December, 1974 and that following receipt of the consultant's preliminary report for the Kilroe/Corandulla regional water supply scheme in March, 1975 further adjustments in pipe sizes was necessary which it was estimated would cost a further sum of £15,900. The need for increasing the pipe sizes is at present being examined.

Deputy Molloy and Councillor Ryan appealed to the Manager to have the matter dealt with immediately.

777 - WATER SUPPLY - HOUSE AT GALWAY ROAD, LOUGHREA:

In reply to Deputy Callanan's motion, The County Manager stated that the house in question is a vested County Council cottage and that the Council had therefore no responsibility for installation of water and sewerage services. He stated, however, that it might be possible to make a small loan available to the vested tenant in addition to whatever grants are available.

Deputy Callanan stated that the applicant has only £8 per week and he considered that the County Council should make the connection and make a small charge therefor.

The County Manager pointed out that the house is, in fact, private property, being a vested cottage and that the tenant has the right to make his own grant application, and that grants may in fact pay most of the cost for him.

Councillor Morgan stated that this man was offered to have all connections carried out for him some time by a group, on payment of £5 and that he refused to pay anything.

778 - EXTENSION OF ATHENRY WATER SUPPLY TO KINGSLAND, CARNAKELLY ROAD:

In reply to Deputy Callanan's motion, the County Manager stated that demand for water in Athenry exceeds supply and that the scheme has to be turned off nightly. Proposals are, however, being examined for the augmentation of the supply but pending this augmentation, no further extensions are recommended.

779 - FANADH UISCE AG PAIRC SCOILE AN GHOIRT MHOIR:

In reply to Councillor O Morain's motion, who stated that the school pitch in Gortmore is flooded, the County Manager stated that this ^{complaint} appears to be within the school yard and that as it is on private property the Council has no authority to take any action on the matter.

780 - SOLATHAIR UISCE I ROS MUC:

In reply to Councillor O Morain's motion, the County Manager stated that a preliminary report for the improvement of the water supplies in the Rosmuck area was submitted to the Department some time ago and that modifications suggested by the Department are being examined at present.

Regarding the existing scheme, he stated that ^{it is not possible} to improve the water pressure in the existing system as this is governed by the level of the reservoir.

In reply to a further query, Mr. Dunne, Deputy County Engineer stated that there is also a limitation on the quantity of water available.

781 - PLANNING APPLICATION - THOMAS J. WELBY - NO. 19566:

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

"that the Galway County Council request the Minister for Local Government to grant planning permission to Mr. Thomas J. Welby for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Derryglia, planning No. 19566, which is at present on appeal to the Minister."

782 - DIPPING TANK AND PEN AT CURRADUFF:

In reply to Councillor Welby's motion, the County Manager stated that the tank in question will be inspected soon and any repairs necessary will be carried out.

783 - E.S.B. STATION AT SCREEBE:

Councillor Welby proposed that the E.S.B. be requested to re-open the generating station at Screebe for turf deliveries in order to avoid further unemployment in the area. He stated that there are about 15 people out of work due to the closure of the station and that approximately 500 tons of turf is on the roadside awaiting collection.

Councillor O Morain seconded Councillor Welby's proposal and he suggested that the E.S.B. be asked to explain their reason for deviating from the original intention of erecting the station there which was to provide employment locally.

Deputy Molloy, supporting the motion, suggested that the E.S.B. and the Department of Transport & Power be asked to explain why the station has remained closed for so long.

784 - DRAINAGE WORKS UNDER L.I.S. NO. 193/73:

In reply to Councillor Welby's motion the County Manager stated that the scheme was not approved because it was considered too expensive having regard to the benefits which would be conferred by the scheme. He pointed out that the cost is nearly three times the guidelines in operation by the Council and that only ten to twelve acres of potentially good land is affected.

Councillor Welby stated that the beneficiaries would be prepared to make a contribution towards the cost and he handed in a letter from a Veterinary Surgeon stating that the drainage would help considerably in reducing the level of fluke infection in cattle and sheep in the area affected.

785 - SUPPLEMENTARY WELFARE ALLOWANCES:

It was proposed by Councillor Haverty, seconded by Councillor Joyce and resolved:

"that since the State has assumed responsibility for all other welfare and health services, we call on the Minister for Social Welfare to amend section 20 of the Social Welfare (Supplementary Welfare Allowances) Bill, 1975, so as to provide for full recoupment of the cost of supplementary welfare allowances to the Health Boards who will administer the Bill on its enactment."

786 - WATER SUPPLY FOR HOUSES AT LONGFORD, BALLYCRISSANE:

In reply to Councillor's Burke's motion the County Manager stated that the houses concerned are vested and are therefore private property. He considered that the occupiers might form a group scheme and that the Council would be prepared to consider any reasonable proposal which might be put up by the group.

787 - REVISION OF HOUSING RENTS:

In reply to Councillor Burke's motion, the County Manager stated that revision of Differential Rent Scheme commenced in July but was not completed until September, because of the large number of applications and delay by tenants in returning forms. Loughrea and Galway were the last areas to be completed. Every effort is made to conclude reviews as quickly as possible and tenants who establish grounds for reduction in rents are allowed reasonable retrospection.

788 - WARNING SIGN - BULLAUN/KILRICKLE ROAD:

In reply to Councillor Burke's motion, the County Manager stated that a report on this matter would be available for the December meeting, that the exact location of the sign and the consent of the Chief Superintendent for the district are being pursued.

789 - REVIEW OF RATING SYSTEM:

Proposing the motion in his name on the Agenda, Councillor Kilgannon stated that about 30% of the population pay about 75% of the rates and he considered that the rating system should be examined but that if the system is abandoned, it should be replaced by an equitable system of local taxation. He considered that a local authority should have power over its own finances and that a system of local taxation should be devised. He suggested that a proportion say, 20% of Income Tax, payable by persons in the County should be used to finance local services.

Councillor Kelly seconded the motion and recommended that the Council should start a savings scheme under which money would be lent for house building and a fund built up from interest collected.

Deputy Callanan considered that the Exchequer could not afford to lose 20% of Income Tax Revenue and that to abandon the rating system would involve extra taxation.

The County Manager recommended to Councillors that they consider an alternative to the rating system and stated that abandonment of the system involved a risk that the Council, if they did not raise their own revenue, might not be given the right to decide its own affairs.

Deputy Molloy stated that local authorities are a feature of most democracies but that rating is not always a feature.

Councillor O Morain considered that if the Council loses its right to collect revenue it will be ^{the} end of local authorities as they are at present known but he considered that it might give further opportunities to State Boards to encroach further on local authorities functions such as they are doing at present on fisheries and development - boards which are appointed and not elected.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

790 - ROADS PLAN:

Councillor Joyce proposed that the Council have a roads plan ^{would} which set out priorities which ^{would} be a guideline in drawing up the annual roads estimates. He stated that the Council has no plan for County Roads apart from perhaps, that there was a policy of maintaining employment and that the roads be tarred every ten years. He considered that a sub-committee of the Council and officials should get together to draw up a plan which would be discussed by the Council.

printed and circulated for the information of ratepayers who would then have an opportunity of expressing their opinions. The plan could then be adopted finally and it should specify expenditure of certain sums of money on safety and on surfacing.

The County Manager stated that the motion appeared to refer to maintenance and that it is not a necessity to have a plan under this heading. With regard to the major grants, those come before the County Council every year for consideration. The Council's Development Plan also sets out objectives with regard to policy on roads.

Replying to a further query from Councillor Joyce, The County Manager stated that the Council has decided on a policy for taking over roads for maintenance and that in fact the Council is not inhibited from making its own decisions on roads policy as was evidenced at the recent estimates meeting when the Council decided to add a number of roads to those recommended in the estimates resulting in an increase of approximately 17% in the £ on rates. In doing this, he pointed out that the Council was exercising its democratic right to make provision for road improvements which they considered necessary. He considered that there was no need for the plan recommended by Councillor Joyce.

791 - STOCKPILING OF ROOT CROPS ON ROADSIDE:

Proposing his motion, Councillor Joyce stated that in the interests of safety, the Council should do something about the condition of roads after root crops are removed and he considered that the Council had a duty to road users to keep the roads clean.

792 - E.S.B. VOLTAGE AT EYRECOURT:

It was agreed that Councillor Joyce's motion regarding this matter would be forwarded to the Electricity Supply Board.

793 - PURCHASE OF TWO FIELDS AT LOUGHREA:

In reply to Councillor Morgan's motion, the County Manager stated that the Loughrea Town Commissioners had refused to purchase this land already and he considered that the proposal might be considered in the context of the Loughrea Development Plan. He considered, however, that the land has not much to recommend it, and that it is doubtful if it is available.

794 - PURCHASE OF RESIDENCE AND GARDEN AT BARRACK STREET WEST, LOUGHREA:

Proposing his motion, Councillor Morgan stated that this property is in an ideal area for provision of housing for old people.

The County Manager stated that it would be uneconomical to purchase this land and that arrangements are already on hand on the existing housing scheme for dwellings for old people.

795 - ROILLIG NUA NA CEATERUN RUA:

In reply to Councillor O Flatharta's motion, the County Manager stated that the transfer of the land in question is being arranged by the Council's solicitor and it is hoped that if there are no title difficulties, the transfer will be completed very soon.

Councillor O Flaherty complimented the engineering and other staff involved in the development of Bauntrach Baun burial ground.

796 - PURCHASE OF LAND FOR HOUSING AT ROSSAVEL:

Replying to Councillor O Flaherty's motion, the County Manager stated that this matter is being investigated at present.

Councillor O Flaherty stated that he would give whatever help the Council may need in negotiating purchase of land in this area.

797 - INCOME LIMITS FOR LOANS AND GRANTS:

It was agreed that Councillor O Flaherty's motion be passed and that it be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government.

798 - DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR ORANMORE:

In proposing his motion, Councillor Byrne stated that it has taken a long time to have this plan published and brought before the Oranmore people for examination and he stated that his only concern is that there be no delay in publishing it.

The County Manager stated that it was the intention that this would be considered by the Committee for the Galway electoral area in conjunction with the Galway area development plans, that it will be part of the County Development Plan and not a separate town plan.

Councillor Fahey seconded Councillor Byrne's proposal and asked what plans, particularly short term plans, there are for water and sewerage services in the area.

The County Manager stated that the final plans for the sewerage scheme have to be deferred until the Development Plan for land in the area is decided and that it is proposed to augment the water supply from the city's system and that the contract documents for this scheme are practically ready. The capital allocation for 1975 did not, however, permit any new schemes to start. He did not think that there was any short term method available of augmenting the water supply.

Senator Killilea enquired why the direction of the Council with regard to Oranmore lands had not been carried out.

The County Manager replied that the Planning Officer was trying to implement directions given by the Council and that if he encountered difficulties in this issue, it would come back to the Council for discussion and this is what he wished to do. A memo on this matter was circulated recently and the Council decided that it be referred to the sub-committee for the Galway area.

Councillor Fahey pointed out that Oranmore is, in fact, in the Loughrea electoral area and that the plans should be examined by Loughrea members also.

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

"that the Council consider the proposed plan for the lands in Oranmore which was the subject of a previous Council decision, at the monthly meeting to be held on 22nd December, 1975"

799 - WILLIAMSTOWN SEWERAGE SCHEME:

Replying to Deputy Hussey's proposal, the County Manager stated that a preliminary report for a sewerage scheme at Williamstown was prepared in 1962 but the scheme was not proceeded with and is not at present on the priority list.

It was agreed that the scheme be now added to the priority list.

800 - COSTELLOE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME - SOURCE: GLEANNACHMUIRINN LOUGH:

In reply to queries by Deputy Molloy and Councillor O Flaherty, the County Manager stated that a letter dated 12th November, 1975 had been received from the solicitors acting for the directors of Costelloe and Pomeoie fisheries company stating that the draft

agreement had been discussed by the Directors of the company and that the company expected to be able to let the Council have an up-to-date draft of the agreement in the near future.

801 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

- Mrs. Clarke, Nile Lodge, Galway.
- Mrs. Dymna McClearn, Kylemore, Killimor, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
- Mrs. Byrne, Killagilleen, Craughwell, Co. Galway.
- Mrs. Christopher Daniels, 13, Cosmona, Loughrea, Co. Galway.
- The Lydon Family, Ballybrit, Castlegar, Galway.
- Mrs. Flaherty, Ballybrit, Castlegar, Galway.
- Mr. Patrick O Grady, D'Alton Place, Salthill, Galway.
- Mr. Michael McLoughlin, D'Alton Drive, Salthill, Galway.
- Sinead Bean Ui Chnughaoile, Inis Thiar Arainn, Co. na Gaillimhe.

The Meeting Then Terminated.

Submitted, Approved & Confirmed

Tom Hussey
Chairman.

22/12/75

Oifig an Runai,
Bothar Mor,
Gaillimh.

15u Nollaig, 1975.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N COMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú de Chomhairle Condáe na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Condáe, Gaillimh ar DE LUAIN an 22u Nollaig, 1975 ag 2.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

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:
"That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955 the Council direct the County Manager to grant planning permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963 to Mrs. Ann Dawkins for the erection of a dwelling house at Clooncree, (Planning Reference No. 20628)"
Signed: Robert Molloy, Gerald Bartley, Micheal O'Flathartaigh, Micheal O Morain, Tom Welby, Mark Killilea.
2. Minutes.
3. Confirmation of minutes of meeting of Housing Committee held on 17/11/1975.
4. Malicious Damage Decrees - Schedule attached.
5. Overdraft accommodation for quarter ended 31/3/1976.
6. Fix date of meeting for the making of the rate.
7. Proposed plan for the lands in Oranmore - Minute No. 798 of meeting of 24/11/1975.
8. Guaranteed Public Telephones for Rural Areas.
9. Corrib/Mask/Robe Catchment Drainage Scheme. Letter dated 31u Deire Fomhair, 1975 from Office of Public Works.
10. Seeds and Fertilisers Loan Schemes for 1976.
11. Warning sign - Bullaun/Kilrickle Road - Minute No. 788 of meeting of 24/11/1975.
12. Business submitted by County Manager.

MEMBERS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

13. Deputy R. Molloy: I will propose -
 - (i) that an up to date report be given on the proposed Costelloe Regional Water Supply Scheme;
 - (ii) that an up to date report be given on the proposed Spiddal/Furbo Water Supply Scheme;
I will ask -
 - (iii) what short term policy has the County Council regarding an adequate supply of water to the Oranmore Area; is there a sufficient water supply in the locality to ensure that piped water will be available to all the households in the different townlands; is there sufficient machinery available in the area for pumping the water into various directions.
14. Deputy J. Donnellan: I will propose that -
 - (i) immediate steps be taken to instruct engineers to rectify forthwith the errors in the maps prepared by them and submitted by them to the Land Registry for the registration of the Vested Holding of Fitzgerald and others of Headford, Co. Galway;
 - (ii) Galway County Council provide parking facilities at Kildaree Graveyard, Williamstown, Galway;
 - (iii) Galway County Council provide a sewerage scheme for the residents of Williamstown, Co. Galway; and also a public toilet.
15. Councillor M. O'Morain: I will propose -
 - (i) that the Council ask C.I.E. to reconsider, the re-organisation of the Road Freight Service in Connemara, in view of the importance of the service to the area.
16. Councillor P. McCormack: I will propose -
 - (i) that this Council should maintain more control over group water schemes and organisers who charge excessive rates for connections to schemes. Where the source used is a County Council source or where a special contribution is made by County Council;
 - (ii) that this Council take steps to pay the first part of County Council grants to third level students earlier in the first term;
 - (iii) that the County Council should make provision to ease three dangerous bends on the Cappagh road at Barna.
17. Councillor N. Morgan: I will propose -
 - (i) that the grassed area in front of the Water Tower at Killimor be made available to the Killimor children as a Children's Playground, until an alternative place is provided; and that the lock, which was placed on the gate months after swings were provided within said area be removed so that the children who use the swings will no longer be forced to climb the gate or walls;
 - (ii) that tenants of new County Council houses, which have only wire dividing fences, be allowed to erect concrete block walls in their place, provided that these are not higher than the present front walls, particularly at Pollroebuck Loughrea, Dublin Road Tuam, etc.;
 - (iii) that the town sewer mains being extended at Park, Athenry be further extended the remaining 150 yards to serve the remaining five houses thereat failing this I will require to know if the County Council would allow said householders to connect at their own expense, and if the Council would demand a connection fee.
18. Councillor T. Welby: I will propose -
 - (i) that the County Council give greater consideration to L.I.S. roads leading to bogs whereby a number of farmers have to travel to get turf;

- (ii) that the County Council adopt a policy on Advertising Signs where people in the tourist trade get permission to advertise their premises by the present method of individual signs or alternatively group them together on a large advertising board for each area;
 I will ask -
- (iii) what is the position regarding the parking bye-laws for Oughterard.
19. Councillor M. Ryan: I will propose -
- (i) that the Council arrange to have spare plot of ground in Moylough cemetery marked out;
- (ii) that the Council do some work on Council road at the village of Gatestown, Moylough. This road is in bad condition and flooded and children can not get to school, without getting wet;
- (iii) that some work be done on council road at Springlawn, Mountbellew, leading to Colleavy's house. This road is in bad condition.
20. Deputy M. Kitt and Councillor P. Ruane: We will propose -
- (i) that County Council grants be paid to students in the month in which the college opens.
21. Deputy M. Kitt: I will propose that the Council
- (i) blacktop the road known as the Loughnahinch Road from M. Costello's to P. Clancy's Mounthazel, Castleblakeney, Ballinasloe;
- (ii) that the Council declare public and take over for maintenance the road going through Smith Estate, Colemanstown, Ballinasloe which was widened and repaired by the Irish Land Commission with a view to having it taken over by the County Council.
22. Councillor M. J. Kilgannon: I will propose -
- (i) that the Council provide two public lights outside Toghergar Church - Ballinamore Bridge, Ballinasloe;
- (ii) that the sewerage scheme for Monivea village be expedited in view of the public health hazard there;
- (iii) that Galway County Council appoint at least two Clerks of Work to co-operate with the Local Government Inspectors in the supervision of Group Water Supply Schemes.
23. Senator M. Killilea: I will propose that -
- (i) Kilbannon Group Water Scheme be finalised, in all detail, so as the scheme can go into operation immediately;
- (ii) Galway County Council give a positive reason why the names supplied are not included in the sewerage extension on the Tuam Road, Athenry.
24. Councillor F. Fahy: I will propose -
- (i) that this Council examine the possibility of paying a contribution towards the travelling expenses of the County Council employees who use their private cars in order to carry out their County Council duties;
- (ii) that this Council finance the provision of Telephone Kiosks in the villages of Kilbeacanty, Peterswell, Shanaghlash, Tierneevan, Moyglass.
25. Councillor G. Bartley: I will propose -
- (i) that provision be made for the widening of a stretch of road near Crean's shop, Cashel, Connemara, Co. Galway and that two other bad bends along this Cashel Road be removed;
- (ii) that the public water supply system at Clifden be extended to include houses along the Wespert Road, Clifden.

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

Name and address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree including costs.
John Devine, 3 Sylvan Drive, Fairlands Pk. Galway.	Damage to doors and window frames.	Borough of Galway	64.00	132.50
Thomas Peter Goode, Two-Mile-House Naas, Co. Kildare.	Damage to Mercedes Motor Car	Borough of Galway	104.09.	98.00.
Edward S. Hunter, Earls Island, Galway	Damage to Plate Glass Window	Borough of Galway.	25.00.	38.10
Desmond Cunnane, Main St., Loughrea.	Damage to Shop Window.	D.E.D. - Loughrea.	85.00	112.00
Potez Industries of Ireland Limited	Damage to wooden fencing at factory 11/10/1973	Borough of Galway.	25.00	37.76.
Potez Industries of Ireland Limited	Damage to wooden fencing at factory 10/11/1973.	Borough of Galway	150.00	130.47.
Mary Duffy, Shelton House, Monksfield, Salthill.	Damage to Mini 850 motor car	Borough of Galway	50.00	96.65.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON MONDAY 22/12/'75.

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 Sean Donnellan, F. Fahey, M. Flaherty, P. T. Galvin, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, B. Holland, J. Joyce, M. J. Kilgannon, Senator M. Killilea, Deputy M. P. Kitt, Councillors P. McCormack, H. Melvin, J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors N. Morgan, M. O'Morain, P. Ruane, M. Ryan and T. Welby.

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

The Opening Prayer was recited.

802 - ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

The Chairman proposed that the Council extend its sympathy to Councillor P. Raftery on the recent death of his brother and he also proposed that, as a mark of respect, the Council adjourn the meeting for 15 minutes. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Galvin and agreed.

The County Manager, on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff of the Council, also extended sympathy to Councillor Raftery.

The meeting then adjourned for fifteen minutes.

803 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY & COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955:

It was proposed by Deputy Molloy that in accordance with Section 4 of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, the Council direct the County Manager to grant planning permission under the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act, 1963 to Mrs. Ann Dawkins, for the erection of a dwelling house at Clooncree (Planning Reference No. 20628)

The County Manager stated that the reasons for the proposed refusal of permission in this case were that a house in the site proposed would detract from the visual amenities of the area and that the location of the house near a junction would cause a traffic hazard.

Deputy Molloy stated that he did not agree with the reasons for the proposed refusal. He stated that the applicant is a native of the area and that the land on which the house is to be built was the property of her father. He stated that the site consists of bad land, that there is no striking feature which would make a house on it undesirable from the amenity point of view and that in fact a house on the site would add to the beauty of the landscape rather than detract from it. Regarding the road junction, Deputy Molloy stated that there is very little traffic on the road in question, that the junction is wide and that the entrance to the site would be from a side road and not from the main road. He stated also that the previous application which was refused by the Council and by the Minister on appeal was for a mobile home, that it was then proposed on a much smaller site and that the grounds for refusal for permission for a mobile home did not apply

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to the standard type dwelling house now proposed.

Councillor Welby seconded Deputy Molloy's proposal. Senator Killilea considered that there should be some place on the 8 acre site where the erection of a house would be acceptable to the applicant and to the planning authority.

As there was no amendment, the Chairman declared the resolution passed unanimously.

Replying to a query from Deputy Molloy, the County Manager stated that he would now re-examine the matter and see if the granting of permission on this site would contravene the Plan and if he considered that the granting of such permission would not contravene the Plan, he (the County Manager) would be in a position to deal with it without reference to the Minister.

804 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Senator Killilea seconded by Councillor Melvin, the Minutes of meeting held on the 24th November, 1975 (No. 760 to No. 801 inclusive) were approved and signed by the Chairman.

805 - HOUSING COMMITTEE:

On the proposition of Councillor Holland, seconded by Councillor O'Morain, the Minutes of the Housing Committee meeting held on the 17th November, 1975 were confirmed and approved.

806 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES:

It was noted that Malicious Damage Decrees as listed in the schedule to the Agenda had been received since the last meeting.

807 - OVERDRAFT:

The County Manager stated that it was estimated that overdrafts of the following amounts were estimated to be required during the coming quarter

January, 1976 - £1,160,000; February, 1976 - £1,000,000; March, 1976 - £1,000,000 and he requested the approval of the Council to overdrafts of those amounts.

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

"that subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government overdraft accommodation not exceeding
(a) £1,160,000 during the month of January, 1976.
(b) £1,000,000 during the months of February and March, 1976 be borrowed on the Council's Revenue Account."

808 - MEETING FOR MAKING OF RATE:

It was agreed that 23rd Feb. 1976 be ^{fixed as} the date of the meeting for the making of the Rate.

809 - DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR ORANMORE:

The County Manager referred to the guidelines laid down by the County Council at its meeting on 25th March, 1975. He stated that the Council had made progress on the preparation of the draft plan having regard to the Council's resolution and it had been found that the determination of a route for a major road to Galway - in fact, a dual carriageway - was a major consideration in the plan. In addition provision for this road-way had very important implications for Galway city as regards:

- (a) its function as a major traffic access route to the city;
- (b) linking up with traffic distribution arrangements around and in the city as well as the new Corrib Bridge;
- (c) central city re-development.

He stated that a transportation consultant would shortly be employed to advise the Galway Corporation and the County Council but in the meantime, it was the County Council's duty to proceed as far as possible with the planning of the route at Oranmore.

A road design had been prepared and would shortly be submitted to the Department of Local Government and details of this design would be explained to the meeting later by Mr. Lee who was present with a map and a plan of the route providing for a by-pass at Oranmore. The County Manager stated that the route selected for the road, left on the southern side sufficient land for housing development to provide for the approximate number of houses specified in the Council's resolution, but that land on the northern side of the route of the road if zoned for housing, might present serious problems for the County Council as follows:

- (a) Residents in the wedge between the route and the railway could easily become effective objectors to the proposed road construction;
- (b) if housing development could not take place according to such zoning, the Council might be under pressure to purchase the land for which it will have no use, or to pay compensation not entailing acquisition because of non-development of the land in question.

Mr. Lee, Chief Planning Assistant, presenting the map and plan of the proposed road, stated that it was generally accepted

- (a) that Oranmore would have to be by-passed,
- (b) that this by-pass would have to be between the sea and the railway.

He indicated on a map the route of the proposed road showing where a junction with a roundabout was proposed and also the area south of this road which would be available for development. He stressed the need for preparing a road design which would facilitate a link with the city and he stated that it is likely that the road would be a dual carriageway. In addition, he outlined the densities which would be acceptable in the land available for development south of the proposed road and the approximate number of houses which could be accommodated.

Deputy Callanan stated that because of the extensive development which is taking place, he considered that the new Dublin Road would have to branch off the existing Headford Road and run parallel to Oranmore with the existing Oranmore road and that Limerick traffic could still use the Oranmore Road.

The County Manager stated that the transportation consultant would deal with the Galway City area and the area between Galway and Oranmore.

Councillor Byrne stated that the plan proposed raised serious problems for any landowner where the junction would be situated as it would divide his farm into four sections. He considered that the road should be re-designed to make it more favourable for the farmer involved.

Replying to a further query, Mr. Lee stated that the point at which the proposed new road would join with the existing Oranmore/Dublin road is the nearest practicable point to Oranmore by reason of permissions which had been given.

Councillor Fahey stated that he did not agree with bringing the road outside the existing village & the proposed development area. He did not consider that the problem involved merited such expensive development.

Councillor McCormack stated that the Council should ensure that space is reserved for the proposed new road and that the Council cannot keep postponing a decision on the route of this road.

It was proposed by Councillor Morgan that the Council adopt the Plan as outlined by the County Manager and Mr. Lee. Senator Killilea seconded this proposal.

Councillor Byrne proposed and Councillor Ryan seconded that the proposed road design be re-examined.

It was agreed that a vote be taken on the proposal and amendment after 4.30 p.m.

When consideration of this matter was resumed after 4.30 p.m. Councillor Byrne stated that the people of Oranmore were anxious that the Plan be published without delay and he was accordingly withdrawing his amendment on the understanding that no Plan would be implemented without all interests being considered.

The Chairman stated that this would be done in accordance with the normal procedure and he then declared Councillor Morgan's motion carried.

810 - GUARANTEED PUBLIC TELEPHONES FOR RURAL AREAS:

Referring to previous discussions at meetings of the Council on this matter, the County Manager outlined for members letter dated 21st November, 1975 from the Department of Posts & Telegraphs setting out the conditions on which guaranteed public telephone kiosks would be provided. He pointed out that the present limit of the guarantee was in normal circumstances £255 but that there was no guarantee of any upper limit or how often the amounts could be revised. He considered that the nett effect of this would be that the Council would be writing an open cheque in respect of any such telephone kiosks which might be provided. He stated that he was aware that Councillors would have many proposals to make for areas where such telephones might be provided but he considered that it is the business of the Minister for Posts & Telegraphs to provide a telephone service and that the cost of such service should not fall on rate payers.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that the cost was likely to be about £5 per week per telephone and that there are many locations which have no hope of a service unless the Council guarantees a telephone for those areas. He considered that the cost involved would be justified.

Councillor O Morain agreed with Councillor Kilgannon and recommended that the Council should re-consider the matter and look after the areas which are really in need of a telephone service.

Councillor Galvin stated that the Department of Posts & Telegraphs would put them anywhere if the cost were paid and that the Council had to consider not only the shortfall in revenue but also malicious damage which would be done to such telephone installations.

Councillor Fahey proposed and Councillor O Morain seconded that the Council ask the Department for Posts & Telegraphs to take care of the capital cost and that the Council would guarantee the maintenance cost.

Deputy Callanan stated that there was no point in going ahead with Councillor Fahey's proposal as the matter had already been questioned in the Dail without success. He considered that the Council might try, say two or three telephones in each area, as an experiment.

He agreed that it is the duty of the Department of Posts & Telegraphs to provide such services but that there is no possibility of getting them.

Councillor Glynn considered that the Council should not get involved in this matter as the powers of the local authority were well defined by law, and that this is not their business. He considered that telephones in post offices in rural areas could be put outside the post office/and could be available for use at night time, thus bringing in additional revenue to the Department of Posts & Telegraphs.

Councillor Haverty agreed with Councillor Glynn that the cost should not be put on ratepayers who, he stated, should not be asked to subsidise the Department of Posts & Telegraphs.

Replying to a further query, the County Manager stated that in two cases, the cost of installing the service would be £3,000 and £4,000 respectively and in cases such as this, the minimum guarantee would be much higher than £255.

The Chairman stated that the matter should be left with the Department of Posts & Telegraphs.

After further discussion, it was agreed that the matter would be put on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Council for further discussion.

811 - CORRIB/MASK/ROBE CATCHMENT DRAINAGE SCHEME:

The County Manager informed the Council that the plans for this scheme had been received from the Office of Public Works and are at present available for inspection in the County Engineer's office for any Councillor who might wish to see them. He stated also that this matter would be on the Agenda for the January meeting of the Council.

812 - SEEDS & FERTILISERS LOAN SCHEME FOR 1976:

The County Manager informed the Council that the interest applicable to loans under this scheme was 5% and was available to small farmers who were unable, of their own resources, to purchase seeds & fertilisers for cash. He pointed out however, that only four people availed of the scheme in the last year.

It was proposed by Councillor Glynn /& seconded by Councillor Morgan that the scheme be dropped in view of the small number of people who avail of it.

Replying to further queries, the County Manager stated that the maximum loan was £40 and that the administration costs were low.

After a further discussion, it was agreed that the scheme would be adopted for the coming year but that it might be discontinued in future years unless it is availed of to a greater extent.

813 - WARNING SIGN - BULLAUN/KILRICKLE ROAD:

The County Manager stated that verge markers have now been erected at the turn referred to.

Deputy Callanan stated that the Council had decided at a recent meeting that signposts be erected indicating the direction to Bullaun but that this had not yet been done.

It was agreed that Deputy Callanan would be informed of the position regarding this matter.

Councillor Joyce complained that money was provided in the 1974 estimates for a light at the cross in Kilrickle and had not yet been provided.

814 - TRAVELLING EXPENSES - COUNTY COUNCIL EMPLOYEES:

At the request of Councillor Fahey, the Chairman agreed that motions in the name of Councillor Fahey (No. 24) be now dealt with.

Councillor Fahey proposed that the Council examine the possibility of paying a contribution towards travelling expenses of County Council employees who use their private cars in order to carry out their County Council duties. He stated that some of those workers may have to go 6 or 7 miles away at their own expense and that those involved in cottage maintenance have to drive up to 20 miles in certain areas.

The County Manager stated that all conditions of employees are handled in a recognised way through Unions and the Council and that he had no proposals for dealing with the matter proposed by Councillor Fahey.

815 - GUARANTEED PUBLIC TELEPHONES IN KILBEACANTY, PETERSWELL, SHANAGLASH, TIERNEEVAN, AND MOYGLASS:

It was agreed that this matter be adjourned to the next meeting in view of the decision taken in relation to item No. 8 on the Agenda.

816 - PUBLIC LIGHTING - DUNMORE:

Deputy Donnellan referred to a recent request regarding the provision of all-night lighting in Dunmore which, he stated, had not been dealt with. He requested that the lights be left on all night in Dunmore, at least during the Christmas period.

The Chairman supported Deputy Donnellan's proposal.

The County Manager stated that the matter would be dealt with immediately.

817 - COSTELLOE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

Replying to Deputy Molloy's motion, the County Manager stated that the draft agreement was received on the 28th November and was at present being examined. He pointed out that the agreement made provision however, for matters which had already been agreed but in addition had made provision for compensation which it was not considered was appropriate to the Agreement. He stated that it was proposed to enter into discussions with the fishery owners early in January and to ask them to leave the compensation out of the agreement as this is already provided for by statute.

He stated also that there were some other minor matters to be discussed.

818 - SPIDDAL/FURBO WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

Replying to Deputy Molloy's motion, the County Manager stated that one objection was lodged to the proposals made in this case requesting an alteration in the proposal. The proposal had been submitted to the Minister for Local Government but considering that certain suggestions made by the Minister, there is a hope that the objection may soon be withdrawn.

Deputy Molloy stated that he arranged a meeting with officials of the Department of Local Government and the owner concerned who had now agreed that the objection would be withdrawn in a short time.

Replying to a further query from Deputy Molloy, the County Manager stated that negotiations are proceeding for purchase of the necessary land for the scheme.

819 - ORANMORE WATER SUPPLY SHORT-TERM POLICY:

In reply to Deputy Molloy's motion, the County Manager stated that at present temporary pumps are employed to keep the supply up to standard and the E.S.B. have been instructed to extend three-phase line to the pump-house and that when new system comes into operation, it is hoped that will suffice until a permanent solution, i.e., the extension of the Scheme from Galway comes into operation. Replied to a further query from Deputy Molloy, the County Manager stated that he hopes that the pumping system may be strengthened within the next few months.

Replying to a query by Deputy Molloy who asked why permission was not being given to the Glenascaul Group Scheme to connect to the supply and whether they would be allowed to make a connection when the new pumps were installed Mr. Dunne, Deputy County Engineer stated that the adequacy of the supply available would have to be examined. He stated that the question is one of quantity of water available.

820 - REGISTRATION OF TITLE TO COTTAGE PLOTS - HEADFORD:

In reply to Deputy Donnellan's motion the County Manager stated that there was a defect in the original registration of title some 40 years ago and that arrangements have now been made with the Land Registry to have the matter rectified. This will entail an application to the Minister for an Order to enable the defects to be corrected.

Deputy Donnellan stated that little progress was in the past few years and he asked to be kept informed of developments in the matter.

821 - PARKING FACILITIES - KILDAREE GRAVEYARD, WILLIAMSTOWN:

In reply to Deputy Donnellan's motion, the County Manager stated that a car park for this burial ground would cost £1,500 and that no provision had been made for it in the 1976 estimates.

822 - SEWERAGE SCHEME & PUBLIC TOILET, WILLIAMSTOWN:

In reply to Deputy Donnellan's motion, the County Manager stated that a sewerage scheme for Williamstown had been put on the priority list following the decision of the Council at its meeting on the 24th November, 1975. Regarding the public toilet, he stated that this was not on the list of schemes approved by the Council.

Deputy Donnellan asked that the provision of a toilet would be put on the list.

823 - C.I.E. ROAD FREIGHT SERVICES - CONNEMARA:

Councillor O'Morain proposed that the Council ask C.I.E. to re-consider the organisation of the road freight service to Connemara in view of the importance of the service to the area. He stated that some months ago, an officer from C.I.E. had informed the Council that they were not going to reduce the services although in fact they had at that time decided to reduce the number of stops in Connemara from 79 to 26. He stated that though the lorry may travel through certain areas, it is not allowed to deliver materials at the various points through which it passes. He pointed out that this is a social service which was bound to provide and which has now been discontinued. He pointed out that this means that costs are further increased for people in Connemara and he asked that C.I.E. would re-consider the matter in its entirety especially in view of the adverse effects the withdrawal of the service has on the whole of Connemara.

Deputy Molloy seconded Councillor O'Morain's proposal.

Tee County Manager stated that following receipt of Councillor O'Morain's proposal, the matter was taken up with C.I.E. and he informed the Council of the contents of the letter dated 18th December, 1975 from the Area Manager, C.I.E. Galway.

It was agreed that the matter be taken up with C.I.E. again.

824 - GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES:

Councillor McCormack proposed that the Council should maintain more control over Group Water Supply Schemes and organisers who charge excessive rates for connections to schemes where the source used is a County Council source and where a special contribution is made by the County Council. He stated that he had received a complaint from three sources regarding persons who wanted connections and who were being charged excessively high rates. He said that he had made an effort to find out from the Council whether such groups were entitled to make those charges and he had also tried to contact the Department's Inspector without success. He stated that in one instance a man who had already paid a contribution of £195 for a house on an 8 acre farm and who did not connect to the old house but instead connected to his new house, had an additional sum of £223 demanded off him and that the water in this case was subsequently cut off from this man's house. He considered it scandalous if groups can do this using a County Council supply and also get grants for the scheme out of which they can make large profits.

Deputy Coogan stated that he had received complaints of a similar nature.

The County Manager stated that he was grateful to the Council for drawing attention to this matter and said that groups would not be allowed to make excessive profits out of schemes which are subsidised by the County Council or where a County Council source is used. In the case referred to by Councillor McCormack, he stated that a letter had been addressed to the group asking information on various points regarding connections to the scheme and that when a reply is received, the matter will be dealt with further. He stated however, that in future steps will be taken to ensure that no group can abuse its position with regard to further connections. Councillor Welby asked that a scheme at Cordarragh, Headford be examined in this connection as he had received similar complaints concerning it.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that while not condoning the making of excessive charges, he wished to point out that there are some people who opt out of a scheme until it is completed and then expect to be allowed take a connection to a scheme at favourable rates. He considered that groups deserve support and that group schemes are the only source of supply in many rural areas.

Deputy Callanan stated that where the Council supply a source, it should have some control over future connections.

Replying to further queries, the County Manager stated that so long as a group own a scheme completely, there is little the Council can do. In this he said he was referring to cases where they provide their own supply and finance the entire scheme by way of their own contributions and grants.

The County Engineer suggested that the Council might be in a position to attach conditions to the payment of grants, even where the source is owned by the group.

The County Manager stated that he did not wish to see abuses like those complained of occurring and that steps would be taken to ensure that they did not occur in relation to future cases where the Council had power to prevent them.

Councillor Joyce proposed and Councillor Morgan seconded that the Department of Local Government be asked to make adequate staff available to deal with Group Water Supply Schemes as the existing Department staff is totally inadequate.

It was agreed that a resolution on those terms would be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government.

825 - EDUCATION GRANTS:

In reply to Councillor McCormack's motion, the County Manager stated that payment of the first instalment of Higher Education Grants could not be made in October. The Autumn results were received in the Council's offices on the 20th October, 1975 and the renewal of grants had subsequently to be sent to the Department of Local Government for sanction and sanction was received only on the 17th November, 1975. Furthermore, a list of students assisted by the Council was submitted to University College, Galway in October to find out if they had registered. This list was returned on the 19th November, 1975 and payment of grants was made two days later, i.e. on 21st November, 1975. He stated that even at this time some of the students had not registered at U.C.G.

The Chairman stated that any delay which occurred was obviously not the fault of the County Council.

Councillor McCormack stated that the other authorities involved should be asked to speed up the procedures in order to have grants paid earlier.

826 - DANGEROUS BENDS - CARRAGH ROAD, BARNNA:

In reply to Councillor McCormack's motion, the County Manager stated that no provision had been made in the Estimates for 1976 for this proposal. He recommended that the proposal be deferred to the 1976 Road Estimates Meeting and in the meantime the road would be surveyed and an estimate prepared.

Deputy Coogan stated that this road is so narrow in parts that it is not possible for a car to overtake a cyclist on it.

827 - USE OF WATER TOWER SITE AT KILLIMOR AS CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND:

In reply to Councillor Morgan's motion, the County Manager stated that he did not agree that the area referred to is a suitable location for children to play in. He pointed out that the lock was placed on the entrance gate to prevent public access to the tower site and works and it was not proposed to remove the lock.

Councillor Haverty stated that there is a playing pitch nearing completion in Killimor and also that the Hall Committee which was helped by an Amenity Grant have facilities available. He pointed out as well that there are amenities available on the school grounds and he did not consider that this is a place for a playground.

Deputy Donnellan seconded Councillor Morgan's motion.

Councillor Haverty proposed and Councillor Melvin seconded that the gate be kept locked.

The County Manager, replying to queries by Councillors stated that this raises a very serious problem as to the liability of the Council in the event of an accident occurring on the grounds to children.

Deputy Molloy asked if the County Council could make another site available for the swings. It was agreed that this aspect of the matter would be examined and accordingly the motion was adjourned to the next meeting.

828 - FENCING OF PLOTS ATTACHED TO COUNCIL HOUSES:

In reply to Councillor Morgan's Motion, the County Manager stated that this proposal is not recommended because of difficulties that would arise with regard to the control of the work which could result in unsightly workmanship of varying standards and the effect this would have on the amenity aspect of schemes.

Councillor Morgan stated that he assumed that plans of the proposed work would go into the County Council for approval. He pointed out that at present children can cross from one plot into another and from there on to a public road where they would be in danger.

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

829 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

- Wife & family of late "Sonny" Flaherty, Upper Canal Road, Galway.
- Mr. Martin Kenny, Clonmoylean, Ballyshrule, Ballinasloe.
- Mrs. Thomas Howe, Ballinakill, Kylebrack, Loughrea.
- Mr. Tom Higgins, Dunmore, Co. Galway.
- Mrs. M. Flynn & Family, Drim, Kylebrack, Loughrea.
- Mrs. Michael Mortimer, Letterfrack, Co. Galway.
- Mr. Peter Coyne, Tiernakill, Maam, Co. Galway.
- Mr. John Doyle, Lakeview, Moylough, Co. Galway.

The remaining items on the Agenda were adjourned to the next meeting of the Council and the meeting then terminated.

Submitted, Approved & Confirmed

Tom Murray

Chairman

26/1/76.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Bothar Mor,
Gaillimh.

20u Eanair, 1976.

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, DE LUAIN an 26u Eanair, 1976, ag 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

C. O Dubhghaill,
Runai Sealadach.

A G E N D A

Opening Prayer.

TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
2. Overdraft Accommodation.
3. Rates on Agricultural Land (Relief) Acts - termination of Employment Allowance.
4. Sale of houses under Section 90 of the Housing Act 1966, to:-
 - (a) Mr. Patrick Coohill, Claddaghduff, Clifden.
- Notice dated 2nd January, 1976.
 - (b) Mr. Thomas Bohan, Ballybane More, Galway.
Mr. Patrick Hynes, Bellayarha.
Mr. Michael Hanley, Caherhugh, Belclare.
Mr. Michael Conneely, Roundstone.
Mr. Rory O'Connor, Demesne, Tuam.
- Notices dated 12th January, 1976.
5. Sale of land at Townparks, (1st Division) Tuam, to:-
Mr. Thomas Dunne, Kilbannon, Tuam.
Mr. Richard Cloonan, 6, Ballinamona, Tuam.
- Notice dated 12th January, 1976.
6. Increase to 12% in rate of interest on Loans from the Local Loans Fund.
6(a) Raising of Loan for Local Authority Housing.
7. Declaration of Roads to be public roads - list herewith.
8. Local Authorities (Traffic Wardens) Act, 1975.
9. Corrib/Mask/Robe Catchment Drainage Scheme - (Min. No. 811 - 22.12.1975).
10. Fix dates for:-
 - (a) Housing Committee Meeting.
 - (b) Area Planning Meetings.
 - (c) Itinerant Settlement Committee Meeting.
11. Business submitted by County Manager.

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MEMBERS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

- (a) Adjourned from meeting of 22nd December, 1975
12. Councillor N. Morgan: I will propose -
 - (i) that the town sewer mains being extended at Park, Athenry, be further extended the remaining 150 yards to serve the remaining five houses thereat; failing this I will require to know if the County Council would allow said householders to connect at their own expense and if the Council would demand a connection fee.
13. Councillor T. Welby: I will propose -
 - (i) that the County Council give greater consideration to L.I.S. roads leading to bogs whereby a number of farmers have to travel to get turf;
 - (ii) that the County Council adopt a policy on Advertising Signs where people in the tourist trade get permission to advertise their premises by the present method of individual signs or, alternatively, group them together on a large advertising board for each area;
 - (iii) I will ask - what is the position regarding the parking bye-laws for Oughterard.
14. Councillor M. Ryan: I will propose -
 - (i) that the Council arrange to have spare plot of ground in Moylough cemetery marked out;
 - (ii) that the Council do some work on Council road at the village of Gatestown, Moylough. This road is in bad condition and flooded and children can not get to school without getting wet;
 - (iii) that some work be done on Council road at Springlawn, Mountbellew, leading to Colleavy's house. This road is in bad condition.
15. Deputy M. Kitt and Councillor P. Ruane: We will propose -
 - (i) that County Council grants be paid to students in the month in which the College opens.
16. Deputy M. Kitt: I will propose -
 - (i) that the Council blacktop the road known as the Loughnahinch Road from M. Costello's to P. Clancy's, Mounthazel, Castleblakeney, Ballinasloe;
 - (ii) that the Council declare public, and take over for maintenance, the road going through Smith Estate, Colemanstown, Ballinasloe, which was widened and repaired by the Irish Land Commission with a view to having it taken over by the County Council.
17. Councillor M. J. Kilgannon: I will propose -
 - (i) that the Council provide two public lights outside Toghergar Church - Ballinamore Bridge, Ballinasloe;
 - (ii) that the sewerage scheme for Monivea village be expedited in view of the public health hazard there;
 - (iii) that Galway County Council appoint at least two Clerks of Work to co-operate with the Local Government Inspectors in the supervision of Group Water Supply Schemes.
18. Councillor F. Fahy: I will propose -
 - (i) that this Council finance the provision of Telephone Kiosks in the villages of Kilbeacanty, Peterswell, Shanaghlash, Tierneevan, Moyglass.

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19. Councillor G. Bartley: I will propose -
- (i) that provision be made for the widening of a stretch of road near Crean's shop, Cashel, Connemara, Co. Galway, and that two other bad bends along this Cashel road be removed;
 - (ii) that the public water supply system at Clifden be extended to include houses along the Westport Road, Clifden.
- (b) Received since last meeting:-
20. Deputy R. Molloy: I will propose -
- (i) that provision be made in the 1977 Road Estimates for the removal of some bad bends on the road leading from Cloughbrack to Gleanntreig;
 - (ii) that Galway County Council make provision for the installation of toilets in all County Council cottages which do not at present have this facility. Also request information as to the number of such cottages in County Galway;
 - (iii) that the Council Rural Refuse Collection be extended to include Menlo Village, Ballindoooley and Coile Uachtar.
21. Deputy J. Donnellan: I will propose -
- (i) that Galway County Council take immediate steps to relieve the flooding outside Griffiths and McGloughlins at Williamstown, Co. Galway.
22. Councillor U. Burke: I will propose -
- (i) that this Council draw up plans for the provision of Sewerage and Water for the village of Tynagh, as the lack of same has been a great disadvantage to the development of this important village;
 - (ii) that the L.I.S. for Carra Bog Road, at Bullaun, Loughrea, be carried out immediately. The £380., has been lodged, for 12 months to the credit of the Council, by the participants.
23. Councillor T. Byrne: I will propose -
- (i) that this Council finance the provision of Telephone Kiosks in the village of Nogra (Kinvara), Maree (Oranmore);
 - (ii) that the Council carry out tests on the Moy and Cappamore pumps, Kinvara, to see if they could supply local group water schemes;
 - (iii) that footpath be extended, or sandpath provided, from Cottages, Oranbeg, Oranmore, to Furey's Cross, to facilitate pedestrians (particularly school children who have no school transport provided for them).
24. Councillor F. Glynn: I will propose -
- (i) that Galway County Council provide a sewerage scheme for the village of Milltown at an early date;
 - (ii) that some trees be planted this Spring along the new Abbey Trinity Road, Tuam.
25. Councillor P. Ruane: I will propose -
- (i) that this Council assist in preparing a Car Park at Annaghdown Church;
 - (ii) that tenants be allowed to Vest their County Council houses if they so wish, after they take over their houses.
26. Councillors E. Haverty and U. Burke: We propose -
- (i) that money be made available for the improvement of the road leading from the main Portumna-Ballinasloe road, through

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Mr. Eoin O'Kelly's land to Killmallinogue Cemetery near Boula.

27. Councillor N. Morgan: I will propose -
- (i) that Galway County Council declare the front portion of Killimor Water Tower Field as a Children's Playground and Park and erect a dividing wall approx. 10 feet north of the tower doors; place a tower entrance gate on the west boundary wall, which bounds a side road; extend the Killimor Village footpath 55 yards westwards to the present water tower gate;
 - (ii) that Galway County Council provide seventy-seven additional Street Lights in Loughrea town, as follows: Caheronaun, 4; Garrybreeda 3; Bohercam 4; Moore Street 1; Cross St., 8; Lake Road 9; St. Brendan's Home 6; Piggot Street 2; Railway Road 1; The Walks 4; Church Street 1; Kelly St., 1; Barrack Street 4; Castle Street 1; Westbridge South 2; Galway Road 10; Tullahill 3; Cuscarrick Crescent 2; Coy's Borheen 1; Gort Road 1; Abbey Terrace 1; Mount Carmel Crescent 1; Donnellan Drive 1; Rathruddy Road 3; Cosmona 3.
28. Councillor J. Joyce: I will propose -
- (i) that an up-to-date report be given on the Laurencetown Sewerage Scheme and the effect it will have on the new Council housing scheme in Laurencetown;
 - (ii) that the speed limit signs already agreed for Kiltormer be erected;
 - (iii) that a date be fixed for the next meeting of the Itinerants Advisory Committee and that the meeting be held in Ballinasloe to examine the progress made and the problems yet to be solved.
29. Deputy T. Hussey: I will propose -
- (i) that this Council request the Minister for Local Government to restore payment of State grants in respect of all new houses which otherwise qualify for grants, in view of the serious inflationary effect the withdrawing of grants will have on the cost of houses.
 - (ii) that additional lights be provided at Kilkerrin, Ballinasloe.
30. Councillor M. Kelly: I propose to ask the Council -
- (i) to take over the following roads:-
 - (1) Abbey Trinity Road, Tuam;
 - (2) Park View Drive, Tuam;
 - (3) Bel-Air Drive, Tuam.
31. Councillor F. Fahey: I will propose -
- (i) that this Council request the Minister for Local Government to reconsider his decision to confine Dept. of Local Government grants to people who qualify for County Council grants and also his decision to increase Local Authority Loan interest by a further 1%;
 - (ii) I will ask - if employment for full-time County Council workers is ensured for the coming year.
32. Councillor P. Raftery: I will propose -
- (i) that public lighting be extended to Newbridge Social Centre.
33. Councillor M. O'Mearain: I will propose -
- (i) that the Department of Agriculture re-introduce the seed potato seed scheme in the Gaeltacht.

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33. Councillor M. O Morain (contd.)

- (ii) that the County Manager gives a report on the proposed Rosmuc Water Scheme;
- (iii) that the County Manager gives a report on the Loch Con Aortha Water Scheme.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE (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, 26th January, 1976, commencing at 3.30 p.m. consider the making of a declaration that the following roads shall be public roads:—

Area	From	To	Metres
Loughrea	C.R. 497 Hoban's Gate (Marble Hill)	end of road at Hoban's House	60
Portumna	Chainage 320M from Jct. Co. Road 545 Coolfin	chainage 420M from Jct. C.R. 545 Coolfin	100
Athenry	Jnc. with C.R. No. 193 Frenchfort	end of road at Furey's house	130
Athenry	C.R. 382 near Esker Monastery	Monaghan's and Mullens houses, Esker and Killascaul	720
Gort	C.R. 312 Killeenoran	T. O'Toole's and J. Kelly's houses, Killeenoran	190
Gort	C.R. 374 Loughisle	Bradley's and Flanagan's houses, Loughisle	800
Gort	C.R. 303 at Cahills, Shanbally	towards C.R. 303 at Connell's	153
Ballinasloe	Road Jnc. at Maddens house, Carrowmore	Deely's gate entrance	82
Athenry	C.R. 444 Cloonbenis	Dwyer's gate, Cloonbenis	320
Ballinasloe	Chainage 100M Jnc. C.R. 517 at Eglis	towards C.R. 517 at Ballynamona	150
Athenry	Jnc. with Co. Rd. 193 in Monivea	end of road at Matthew Ruane's house	30
Gort	C.R. 327 Boorus Demesne	gate leading to T. Reidy's house	180
Gort	End of C.R. 352 Ballyconnell	gate leading to T. Reidy's house	317
Oughterard	Existing County Road at Lettercallow North via Thomas Joyce (Larry's) house	County Road opposite gate leading to Pat Sweeney's house	494
Athenry	C.R. 173 Monard	Fox's Junction	350
Milltown	Jnc. C.R. 273 Ballyglass West	T. Egan's house, Ballyglass West	110
Tuam	C.R. 132 at Mausrevagh	S. Flaherty's house, Mausrevagh	240
Milltown	C.R. 264 Shannaghmore	J. Hussey's house, Shannaghmore	46
Milltown	Rd. near Flanagan's house, Timard	Co. Rd. 254 Timard	170
Portumna	Ward's house on C.R. 558 Belview	M. Hanlon's house, Belview	90
Portumna	C.R. 537 at Derreen	towards entrance gate to P. Hough's house	35
Milltown	Co. Rd. 211 Polldarragha	towards T. Lowry's house	100
Mountbellew	Co. Rd. 511 Tumully's, Ballinlass	towards T. Lowry's house	80
Portumna	Chainage 690 yds. Cartron	B. Keane's Gate, Ballinlass	90
Ballinasloe	Jnc. M.R. 500 Woodlawn	towards gate to J. Quinn's land, Lisawullaun	4025
Ballinasloe	Jnc. C.R. 517 Castlebar	Jnc. C.R. 439 Coppinagh	100
Ballinasloe	Jnc. C.R. 468 Fohenagh	towards Bannerton's Gate	200
Milltown	Co. Rd. 156 Beaghmore	towards Mrs. Johnson's entrance gate	208
Athenry	N.54 Glenascaul	towards P. Farragher's house	296
Athenry	Jnc. with M.R. 113 Sec. 480 Carrowbaun	towards Walshe's house, Glenascaul	170
Tuam	N.P.R.17 Knockdoebeg West	Green's house, Carrowbaun	500
Galway	Existing County Road No. 137 at Tonegurrane, Corrandulla	Caulfield's house, Knockdoebeg	69
Portumna	M.R. 440 Kylemore, Killimor	Michael Lardiner's house	72
Portumna	C.R. 563 Spring Grove	Gate at Finnerty's land	230
Portumna	Roads in Marian Tce., Portumna	M. Guinan's gate	(99.5)
Portumna	Co. Rd. 534 south west	Co. Road 534	(91)
Portumna	Co. Rd. 534 north west	Co. Road 534	(36)
Portumna	Co. Rd. 534	entrance to G.A.A. pitch	258.5 (19)
Portumna	Extension of Co. Rd. 534 north west past Donohoe's house		(13)
Portumna	Extension of Co. Rd. 534 past Lombard's house		

ROADS INACCURATELY DESCRIBED IN PREVIOUS PUBLICATIONS

Milltown	Co. Rd. 247 Carrownascer	towards J. Rhattigan's house	250
Portumna	C.R. 561 Moaty	Gate leading to M. Dooley's house	480
Portumna	C.R. 582 Cloonconra	towards Mrs. M. Larkin's gate Shrahaun	200
Athenry	Co. Rd. 432 at Lackla Bridge	North West towards Monaghan's junction	270
Galway	End of existing Co. Rd. at Gortyloughlin, Moycullen	the gable of Edward McDonagh's old house	123
Clifden	Co. Rd. west of Patrick Barrett's house Mweenish, Carna South West	Casey's house	281
Clifden	Main Carna-Kilkieran Road East of Ardmore School North	D. Moylan's house in Ardmore	146

K. DOYLE, Acting County Secretary.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON MONDAY 26/1/'76.

In the Chair: Deputy T. Hussey.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members : Councillors G. Bartley, U. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputies J. Callanan, F. Coogan, J. Donnellan, Councillors S. Donnellan, F. Fahey, M. Flaherty, P. T. Galvin, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, Senator M. D. Higgins, Councillors B. Holland, 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 N. Morgan, M. 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; M. J. Dunne, Deputy County Engineer; M. Moroney, County Accountant and K. Doyle, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Pray was recited.

830 - SYMPATHY AND ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

The Chairman proposed that the Council convey its sympathy to Deputy J. Donnellan on the recent death of his mother and that as a mark of respect the Council adjourn for a short period.

The Chairman also proposed that the Council extend its sympathy to the family of the late Mr. John A. Costelloe who, he stated, was Taoiseach for two periods and who had given valuable service in the foundation of the State. He paid tribute to the work done by the late Mr. Costelloe in the framing of the first constitution of the State and to the service given by him to the country as Attorney General and as Constitutional Lawyer.

Councillor Ryan seconded the Chairman's proposals which were adopted unanimously. Many other members present joined in the tribute and the resolutions of sympathy.

On the proposition of Councillor Sean Donnellan, the Council also extended its sympathy to the widow and family of the late Sean O Dochartaigh, former Chief Executive Officer of the County Galway Vocational Education Committee.

Other members of the Council joined in expressing their sympathy with relatives of the deceased persons and the tributes paid to them.

The County Manager, on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff of the Council joined in expressing sympathy to the relatives of the deceased persons.

Resolutions of sympathy were also adopted with the following:

Very Rev. Fr. Woods, P.P., Kilannin, Roscahill.
Mr. Frank Harris, Heathlawn, Killimor.
Mrs. John Pierce, Abbey, Loughrea.
Mr. John Joe Goaley, Annaghdown, Corrandulla.
Mrs. Anna Ryan, Society Street, Ballinasloe.
Mr. M. J. Shiel, Cregg, Kylebrack, Loughrea.
Mrs. J. Pierce & Family, Kylemore, Abbey, Loughrea.
The Dillon Family, Newtowndaly, Loughrea.
Mrs. Darby Greaney & family, Cahernashelleeny, Claregalway.
Peadar Uasal O'Domhnaill, An Caoran Beag, An Ceathru Rua.

The meeting then adjourned until 4.00 p.m.

831 - MINUTES:

On the proposal of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Morgan, the Minutes of meeting held on 22nd December, 1975 (Nos. 802 to 829 inclusive) were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Arising out of the Minutes, in response to a query by Deputy Molloy, the County Manager stated that planning permission had been granted to Mrs. Ann Dawkins in respect of whose application a resolution under Section 4 of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955 had been passed at the meeting on the 22nd December last.

Referring to the Seeds and Fertilisers Scheme, Deputy Coogan stated that he understood that this had been dropped and he asked that it be restored and the amount available increased if possible.

The County Manager stated that the scheme had not been dropped and that it had already been approved by the Council for this year.

832 - OVERDRAFT:

The County Manager stated that on re-examination, it was found necessary to seek greater overdraft accommodation for the months of February and March, 1976. He accordingly requested the approval of the Council to overdraft accommodation as follows:

(a) To continue the special overdraft for House Construction to 31st March, 1976

and

(b) £1,500,000 on ordinary overdraft for the month of February, 1976 and £1,000,000 for the month of March, 1976.

It was proposed by Councillor Melvin, seconded by Deputy Kitt and resolved:-

"that subject to sanction of the Minister for Local Government, Galway County Council hereby approve the borrowing of the sum of £162,000 by way of special overdraft for house construction up to 31st March, 1976 and in addition, the sum of £1,500,000 for the month of February, 1976 and the sum of £1,000,000 for the month of March, 1976 on the Council's Revenue Account".

833 - TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT ALLOWANCE UNDER THE RATES ON AGRICULTURAL LAND (RELIEF) ACTS:

The County Manager informed the Council that those Acts expired on 31st December, next and the legislation in connection with the employment allowance was not being renewed. He stated that no relief for employees would be available during the current year and that the amount involved for County Galway is approximately £23,000 for the current year.

Deputy Callanan criticised the Minister's decision not to continue the employment allowance stating that he regarded it as false economy and a retrograde step.

834 - SALE OF HOUSE TO MR. PATRICK COOHILL, CLADDAGHDUFF, CLIFDEN:

It was proposed by Deputy Molloy, seconded by Councillor O'Morain and resolved:-

"that the Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of the house occupied by him to Mr. Patrick Coohill, Claddaghduff, Clifden under the provisions of Section 90 of the Housing Act 1966 in accordance with the terms of a notice dated 2nd January, 1976 copy of which was forwarded to each member of the Council."

835 - SALE OF HOUSES TO MR. THOMAS BOHAN, MR. PATRICK HYNES, MR. MICHAEL HANLEY, MR. MICHAEL CONNEELY AND MR. RORY O'CONNOR.

It was proposed by Deputy Molloy, seconded by Councillor O' Morain and resolved:-

"that Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of the houses occupied by them to the following persons viz.:

Mr. Thomas Bohan, Ballybane More, Galway.
Mr. Patrick Hynes, Bellayarha,
Mr. Michael Hanley, Caherhugh, Belclare.
Mr. Michael Conneely, Roundstone.
Mr. Rory O'Connor, Demesne, Tuam.

under the provisions of Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966 in accordance with the terms of Notice dated 12th January, 1976 copy of which was forwarded to each member of the Council."

836 - SALE OF LAND AT TOWNPARKS (1ST DIVISION) TUAM:

It was proposed by the Chairman seconded by Councillor Kelly and resolved:-

"that Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of 2 plots of land to Mr. Thomas Dunne, Kilbannon, Tuam and Mr. Richard Cloonan, 6, Ballinamona Park, Tuam under the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 and Section 8 of the Housing Act, 1966, in accordance with the terms of Notice dated 12th January, 1976 circulated to each member of the Council."

Councillor Kelly stated that three sites in Tuam were allocated to the National Building Agency and are still idle. He asked that the Council should take them over and re-allocate them to people in the locality who are in need of sites.

The County Manager stated that the matter would be taken up with the National Building Agency.

837 - INCREASE IN RATE OF INTEREST ON ADVANCES FROM THE LOCAL LOANS FUND

The County Manager informed the Council that the Department of Local Government, by letter dated 6th January, 1976 had informed the Council that the rate of interest payable in respect of issues from the Local Loans Fund made on or after 2nd January, 1976 will be 12% per annum.

On the suggestion of the Chairman, it was agreed that motions in the Chairman's name and/the name of Councillor F. Fahey dealing with this matter would be taken in conjunction with it, i.e. Nos. 29(i) and 31(i) on the Agenda.

Councillor Fahey expressed strong criticism of the Minister for Local Government on recent actions taken by him relating to housing. In particular, he referred to the increase in the interest rate as applicable to loans and in the decision to restrict State grants to persons who qualify for Supplementary Grants from local authorities. He stated that under the new conditions young couples will find it impossible to build houses. He referred to the fact that the Council had on a number of occasions recently, asked the Minister for Local Government to increase both the income limits for loans and grants and also the amount of the grant but that the action of the Minister was to curtail the availability of grants and to increase the interest rates.

Councillor Fahey proposed that the Council request the Minister to re-consider his decision to confine grants to people who qualify for County Council grants and also his decision to increase local authority loan interest by a further 1%.

The Chairman proposed that the Council request the Minister to restore payment of State Grants in respect of all new houses which otherwise qualify for grants in view of the serious inflationary effect the withdrawing of grants will have on the cost of houses. Agreeing with Councillor Fahey's criticisms the Chairman stated that the new restrictions on grants and the increase in the rate of interest would impose intolerable burdens on young people and the abolition of subsidies to Building Societies will add to these difficulties. He asked if this was the first step to cutting out all State aid to the building industry and he stated that the net result of the actions taken by the Minister would be to increase the cost of a new house by approximately £1,000.

Deputy Callanan criticised the manner in which the announcement was made by the Minister as he pointed out that some people who had started building anticipated an increase in the Government grants and had not therefore applied for grants. They now find that no grant whatever is available to them. He stated that the result of the restrictions will be that many who could hitherto build their own houses will not now be able to do so and will instead have to join the long list of people awaiting houses from local authorities, who already are experiencing considerable difficulty in building sufficient houses.

Deputy Callanan seconded the proposals made by Councillor Fahey and the Chairman.

Councillor Morgan criticised the decisions made by the Minister.

Deputy Kitt also supporting the motions, proposed that the Minister be asked to increase the grants hitherto available by 50% and the house-building loan to £6,000 and also that the qualifying income limit for both be raised to £3,000.

Councillor O'Morain seconded Deputy Kitt's proposal which was adopted unanimously.

Deputy Coogan stated that much more money was now being spent on housing and that there was a considerable increase in the number of houses being built.

Councillor Glynn also complaining about the Minister's decision, stated that the increase of 4.3% in the amount being made available for housing this year did not cover the increase due to inflation. He proposed that the Minister be asked to revert to the system whereby instalments of grants for new houses would be paid during the progress of building. The Chairman seconded this proposal which was adopted unanimously.

Councillor Byrne stated that this issue should be fought in the Dail and he pointed out that farmers can still get grants provided their valuation is not over £60.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that the Government decision on loans and grants has to be viewed in the context of the economic situation prevailing.

Deputy Molloy, also criticising the Minister's decision, stated that the increased cost of housing is reflected in the fall in the marriage rate as newly-weds cannot now afford the cost of new houses. He considered that the new restrictions would have a very serious effect on the country's economy.

Councillor Kelly complained that due to the increased cost of building, the amount of loan at present available would meet only approximately 50% of the cost of a house and that people building houses cannot make up the difference.

He considered that people in towns are hardest hit by the increased cost of housing.

Councillors Burke and Ryan stated that the ^{State} grant was of little use for persons who were buying houses from speculative builders as those builders generally claimed the grant and did not pass on the benefit of the grant to the purchasers.

Councillor Flaherty stated that because of failure to increase grants in Gaeltacht areas, there is now a considerably greater list of applicants in the Gaeltacht for housing by the local authority.

Replying to the discussion, Councillor Fahey stated that the fact of the matter is that to repay a loan of £4,500 now will cost £700 p.a. and that this is beyond the capacity of persons within the income limits as specified for such loans.

Replying to a query by Deputy Kitt, The County Manager stated that applicants ^{for grants} will still apply direct to the Department and that on receipt of applications, the Department will send queries to the County Council regarding the means of the applicants in order to determine their eligibility for a grant. He considered that a single investigation would suffice for both the Government grant and the County Council grant and that the changed procedure should not involve any increase in staff in the County Council.

838 - RAISING OF LOAN FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING:

It was proposed by Councillor Fahey seconded by Councillor Melvin and resolved:-

"that Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £1,766,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of financing the construction of houses estimated to start by the 30th September, 1976 in addition to existing commitments, the loan to be repaid ^{by} annuity over a period of 35 years with interest at the rate prevailing at the date of issue of the loan to the Council."

839 - DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS:

It was proposed by Councillor Morgan, seconded by Councillor Ruane and resolved:-

"that Galway County Council hereby approve the declaration of the roads on the list circulated to the Council with the Agenda dated 20th January, 1976 to be public roads."

840 - LOCAL AUTHORITIES (TRAFFIC WARDENS) ACT, 1975:

The County Manager informed the Council that regulations had now been made under this Act under which local authorities are empowered to employ traffic wardens whose functions will mainly concern offences in relation to parking and failure to display road fund licences on vehicles.

The County Manager also stated that the implications of the Act and the regulations are at present being examined and that a scheme will be brought before the County Council for implementation of the provisions of the Act and regulations. He stated that in addition to the parking problem, there is a serious one of tax evasion by persons using cars.

Councillor Kelly stated that some people do not tax cars because they have no insurance in force and that it would be advisable to have a check on them for this purpose.

Deputy Molloy and Deputy Callanan stated that they were noted in favour of the appointment of traffic wardens.

841 - CORRIB/MASK/ROBE CATCHMENT DRAINAGE SCHEME:

The County Manager referred to the proposals for this scheme prepared by the Office of Public Works and stated that it was a reserved function of the County Council to consider the proposals under the provisions of Section 5 of the Arterial Drainage Act, 1945. He stated that under this section, the County Council is obliged to examine and consider the drainage scheme, drawings and other particulars of which has been lodged with the Council and that the Council may, within the statutory period specified, send to the Commissioners such observations on the scheme as the Council should think proper. The County Manager also stated that the scheme had been examined by the County Engineer who had reported that only two small areas in the Cong and Ballindine areas encroach into County Galway and that he sees no objection to those sections of the main drainage scheme being carried out in these locations

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Melvin and resolved:-

"that Galway County Council having considered the proposals of the Commissioners of Public Works for the Corrib/Mask/Robe Catchment Drainage Scheme in so far as it affects Co. Galway, under the provisions of Section 5 of the Arterial Drainage Act, 1945, hereby direct that the Commissioners of Public Works be informed that there is no objection by the Council to the proposed scheme."

842 - DATES FOR HOLDING OF MEETINGS:

It was agreed that meetings be held as follows on the dates and times set out:

- (a) Itinerant Settlement Committee - Monday 8th March - 2.00 p.m. Co. Buildings;
- (b) Housing Committee Meeting - Monday 8th March - 3.30 p.m. Co. Buildings;
- (c) Area Planning Committee, Tuam - Monday 9th February - 4.00 p.m. Co. Buildings;
- (d) Area Planning Committee, Connemara - Monday 9th February - 2.15 p.m. Co. Buildings;
- (e) Area Planning Committee, Galway - Friday 20th February - 3.30 p.m. Co. Buildings.

843 - HUNGER STRIKE - FRANK STAGG:

With the permission of the Chairman, Councillor Glynn asked the Council to consider a matter of some urgency and of some importance. He asked the Council to approve the passing of a resolution asking the British Prime Minister to agree to transfer Mr. Frank Stagg to a prison in Northern Ireland to complete his sentence there as Mr. Stagg had agreed that he would discontinue his hunger strike on that understanding alone.

Councillor Flaherty seconded Councillor Glynn's proposal.

Councillor McCormack stated that he would dissent from the resolution as Mr. Stagg was on hunger strike at his own choice.

The Chairman stated that he saw nothing wrong with sending the resolution.

Councillor Holland stated that he would like to make it clear that the resolution should not be taken as condoning bombing or other crimes or violence in Northern Ireland.

Councillor Glynn stated that Mr. Stagg was convicted of a minor offence for which a severe penalty was imposed.

Replying to a query by Deputy Molloy, Councillor Glynn stated that Mr. Stagg was on hunger strike because he wished to be transferred to Northern Ireland and because of the treatment he was receiving in prison. He stated that if Mr. Stagg were removed to Northern Ireland, he would still be within the jurisdiction claimed by Great Britain in Northern Ireland.

Councillor McCormack stated that he did not wish to give support to or to condone actions by persons involved in crimes of violence but that he would not object to the motion on humanitarian grounds.

Councillor Holland and Deputy Molloy stated that they would support the motion on the understanding that it was not to be taken as condoning bombing or crimes of violence and that the motion was being passed on humanitarian grounds only.

It was agreed that a telegram be sent the following morning to the British Prime Minister as proposed by Councillor Glynn.

844 - IMPRISONMENT OF MR. JEAN FOURE IN FRANCE:

On the proposition of Councillor Kilgannon seconded by Deputy Coogan the Council also resolved to request the French Government to release Mr. Jean Foure, who is in prison in France.

Deputy Molloy, supporting the motion, stated that this man who is an Irish citizen as well as being a French citizen, has been locked up in prison for some time and is not allowed to go to Mass and is also under severe restrictions. He pointed out that he had contributed to West coast fishing developments and he was convinced that this man had always employed constitutional means and would not be involved in any criminal acts.

It was agreed that the resolution requesting that he be freed be sent to the French Ambassador and to the French Government.

845 - LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES:

The County Manager informed the Council that by Letter dated 8th January, 1976, from the Department of Local Government, it was stated that grants for the operation of Local Improvement Scheme in 1976 will be confined to schemes in respect of which there are commitments as follows:

- (a) Completion of schemes in progress on 31st December, 1975,
- (b) Approved schemes for which the appropriate local contributions had been lodged with the Council before the 1st January, '76.

He stated that the Department had directed that the Council should not approve any further schemes or make offers of grants.

Deputy Callanan stated that the Minister's decision in this matter was worse than the decisions which he had made on housing, that this was a most useful scheme, particularly in the matter of drainage and that the Council should ask the Minister to restore this scheme immediately. He proposed that a resolution be passed requesting the Minister to restore the scheme.

Councillor Haverty seconded Deputy Callanan's proposal, stating that in addition to people being deprived of roads and drainage, there will be considerable loss to workers in respect of wages if the scheme is dropped.

Councillor McCormack stated that it was wrong to do away with the scheme, but he criticised the guidelines adopted by the Council under which he stated, it was difficult getting a road to qualify.

The County Manager stated that he disagreed with this and as evidence pointed out that the grant for 1975 had been overspent by approximately £3,500. He stated that there was no difficulty in spending the amount of grants which had been allocated.

It was agreed that motions in the name of Councillor Welby (No. 13(i) on the Agenda) and Councillor Burke (No. 22 (ii) on the Agenda) be considered in conjunction with this item.

Councillor Welby, proposing his motion, stated that it was unjust to refuse a grant in the case mentioned in his motion but the Chairman pointed out that there was little point in discussing the matter now since the scheme had been discontinued for 1976.

Replying to a query by Councillor Fahey, the County Manager stated that persons who had applied for grants and who are not now eligible because of the decision to curtail them in 1976 would be informed by letter.

He stated that the notice from the Minister relates only to 1976 and that applications in respect of which grants are not approved will be retained in the offices.

On the proposition of Councillor Fahey, seconded by Councillor Joyce, it was agreed that the Council would publish a notice in the papers stating that the scheme had been withdrawn for 1976 and that no further applications were being received.

Deputy Molloy stated that the decision of the Minister in this case together with other decisions made by him in relation to housing, tourist roads and amenities, made local Government meaningless. He stated that those decisions will mean unemployment for hundreds in County Galway.

Councillor Burke, referring to the motion in the Agenda in his name stated that the participants had collected £580 in respect of their contribution and that the delay in lodging it was the result of alterations which had been made on the suggestion of the engineering staff of the Council. He asked the County Manager to have the scheme included in the grant money for 1976 if possible.

846 - ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

At this stage of the meeting, Councillor Haverty stated that the temperature in the Council room had gone very cold and he proposed that since the heating in the room was not adequate the Council adjourn the meeting.

This proposal was seconded by Councillor Kelly.

The Chairman then declared the meeting adjourned and directed that the remaining items on the Agenda be deferred to the next meeting.

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Submitted, Approved & Confirmed.

To Woney

Chairman

23/2/76

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Secretary's Office,
County Buildings,
GALWAY.

13th February, 1976.

TO: EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL/

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a Special Meeting of the Council which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on Monday 23rd February, 1976 commencing at 3.30 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

K. DOYLE
Runai Sealadach.

A G E N D A

1. Making of Rates and Sealing of Rate Books for the year ending 31st December, 1976.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE.

(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Bothar Mor,
GAILLIMH.

17u Feabhra, 1976.

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, DE LUAIN an 23u Feabhra, 1976 ag tosnu nuair a bheas críoch leis an cruinniú speisialta.

Mise, le meas,

C. O Dubhghaill,
Runai Sealadach.

A G E N D A

Opening Prayer.

TO CONSIDER:

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

"We, the undersigned, will propose at a meeting of Galway County Council to be held on February 23rd., 1976, that in accordance with Section Four of the City and County Management Act, 1955 that the County Manager be directed to grant full planning permission to John F. Fahey, Gurranebeg, Barnader, Tuam for the erection of a dwelling house in the townland of Carrowmoneen. Planning ref.No.20980."

Signed: Thomas Hussey; Peter Raftery; Robert M. Molloy.

2. Minutes.
3. Malicious Damage Decrees - list herewith.
4. Mullacuttra Group Water Supply Scheme - contribution of £1,950 towards cost of increased pipe sizes.
5. Nomination of a person to fill a vacancy on the Lough Mask and River Robe Joint Drainage Committee.
6. Water Supply for Loch Con Aortha, Kilkieran, Carna.
7. Capital Allocations, 1976.
8. Local Improvements Scheme - allocation for 1976.
9. Road Fund Grants, 1976.
10. Remuneration of full-time firemen.
11. Auditor's Report on Lough Mask and River Robe Joint Drainage Committee for the period 1st April, 1974 to 31st December, 1974.
12. Spring Meeting of County Councils' General Council.
13. Withdrawal of Passenger Train Services from Claremorris - Limerick line from 5th April, 1976 - copy of letter dated 27th January, 1976 from Area Manager, C.I.E. herewith.

14. Guaranteed Telephone Kiosks - letter dated 23rd January, 1976 from the Department of Posts & Telegraphs.
15. Review of Rating System - Report published by Economic and Social Research Institute - summary to follow.
16. Fix date for Area Planning Meetings.
17. Business submitted by County Manager.

MEMBERS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

18. Deputy T. Hussey: I will propose -

That this Council views with deep concern the decision of the Board of C.I.E. to close the Claremorris/Limerick line to passenger traffic as and from April 5th. Also its decision to discontinue sundry traffic on the line later in the year thereby depriving the business and commercial interests of Tuam and Athenry of a satisfactory service and causing upheaval to employees and families. Request C.I.E. to rescind this decision and ensure that this service is maintained and improved to attract more business.

19. Councillor N. Morgan: I will propose -

- (i) that the town sewer mains being extended at Park, Athenry be further extended the remaining 150 yards to serve the remaining five houses thereat; failing this I will require to know if the County Council would allow said householders to connect at their own expense and if the Council would demand a connection fee.

20. Councillor T. Welby: I will propose -

- (i) That the County Council adopt a policy on Advertising Signs where people in the tourist trade get permission to advertise their premises by the present method of individual signs or, alternatively, group them together on a large advertising board for each area.

21. Councillor M. Ryan: I will propose -

- (i) That the Council arrange to have spare plot of ground in Moylough cemetery marked out;
- (ii) that the Council do some work on Council road at the village of Gatestown, Moylough. This road is in bad condition and flooded and children can not get to school without getting wet;
- (iii) that some work be done on Council road at Springlawn, Mountbellew, leading to Colleavy's house. This road is in bad condition.

22. Councillor M. J. Kilgannon: I will propose -

- (i) that the Council provide two public lights outside Toghergar Church - Ballinamore Bridge, Ballinasloe;
- (ii) that the sewerage scheme for Monivea village be expedited in view of the public health hazard there;
- (iii) that Galway County Council appoint at least two Clerks of Works to co-operate with the Local Government Inspectors in the supervision of Group Water Supply Schemes.

23. Councillor F. Fahey: I will propose -

- (i) that this Council finance the provision of Telephone Kiosks in the villages of Kilbeacanty, Peterswell, Shanaghlash, Tierneevan, Moyglass.

24. Councillor G. Bartley: I will propose -

- (i) that provision be made for the widening of a stretch of road near Crean's shop, Cashel, Connemara, Co. Galway, and that two other bad bends along this Cashel road be removed;
- (ii) that the public water supply system at Clifden be extended to include houses along the Westpart Road, Clifden.

25. Deputy R. Molloy: I will propose -

- (i) that provision be made in the 1977 Road Estimates for the removal of some bad bends on the road leading from Cloughbrack to Gleanntreig;
- (ii) that Galway County Council make provision for the installation of toilets in all County Council cottages which do not at present have this facility. Also request information as to the number of such cottages in County Galway;
- (iii) that the Council Rural Refuse Collection be extended to include Menlo Village, Ballindooley and Coill Uachtar.

26. Deputy J. Donnellan: I will propose -

- (i) that Galway County Council take immediate steps to relieve the flooding outside Griffiths and McGloughlins at Williamstown, Co. Galway.

27. Councillor U. Burke: I will propose -

- (i) that this Council draw up plans for the provision of Sewerage and water for the village of Tynagh, as the lack of same has been a great disadvantage to the development of this important village.

28. Councillor F. Glynn: I will propose -

- (i) that Galway County Council provide a sewerage scheme for the village of Milltown at an early date;
- (ii) that some trees be planted this Spring along the new Abbey Trinity Road, Tuam.

29. Councillor P. Ruane: I will propose -

- (i) that this Council assist in preparing a Car Park at Annaghdown Church;
- (ii) that tenants be allowed to vest their County Council houses if they so wish, after they take over their houses.

30. Councillors E. Haverty & U. Burke: We will propose -

- (i) that money be made available for the improvement of the road leading from the main Portumna-Ballinasloe road, through Mr. Eoin O'Kelly's land to Killmallinogue Cemetery near Boula.

31. Councillor N. Morgan: I will propose -

- (i) that Galway County Council declare the front portion of Killimor Water Tower Field as a Children's Playground and Park and erect a dividing wall approx. 10 feet north of the tower doors; place a tower entrance gate on the west boundary wall, which bounds a side road; extend the Killimor Village footpath 55 yards westwards to the present water tower gate;

- (ii) that Galway County Council provide seventy-seven additional street lights in Loughrea town, as follows: Caheronaun, 4; Garrybreeda 3; Bohercam 4; Moore Street 1; Cross St., 8; Lake Road 9; St. Brendan's Home 6; Piggot Street 2; Railway Road 1; The Walks 4; Church Street 1; Kelly St., 1; Barrack Street 4; Castle Street 1; Westbridge South 2; Galway Road 10; Tullahill 3; Cuscarrick Crescent 2; Coy's Borheen 1; Gort Road 1; Abbey Terrace 1; Mount Carmel Crescent 1; Donnellan Drive 1; Rathruddy Road 3; Cosmona 3.
32. Councillor J. Joyce: I will propose -
- (i) that an up-to-date report be given on the Laurencetown Sewerage Scheme and the effect it will have on the new Council housing scheme in Laurencetown;
- (ii) that the speed limit signs already agreed for Kiltorner be erected.
33. Deputy T. Hussey: I will propose -
- (i) that additional lights be provided at Kilkerrin, Ballinasloe.
34. Councillor M. Kelly: I propose to ask the Council -
- (i) to take over the following roads:-
- (1) Abbey Trinity Road, Tuam;
- (2) Park View Drive, Tuam;
- (3) Bel-Air Drive, Tuam.
35. Councillor F. Fahey: I will ask -
- (i) if employment for full-time County Council workers is ensured for the coming year.
36. Councillor P. Raftery: I will propose -
- (i) that public lighting be extended to Newbridge Social Centre.
37. Councillor M. O Morain: I will propose -
- (i) that the Department of Agriculture re-introduce the seed potato seed scheme in the Gaeltacht;
- (ii) that the County Manager gives a report on the proposed Rosmuc Water Scheme;
- (iii) that the County Manager give a report on the Loch Con Aortha Water Scheme.
38. Councillor P. Ruane: I will propose -
- (i) that this Council should pay the costs to the E.S.B. for all County Council houses after they have been erected.
39. Deputy M. P. Kitt: I will propose -
- (i) that speed limits be provided for Caltra village as soon as possible.
- (ii) I will ask what is the Council's policy as regards trees which are adjacent to county roads and which can be highly dangerous in stormy weather.
40. Deputy J. Donnellan & Councillor P. McCormack: We will propose -
- (i) that the Galway County Council provide a park for cars outside Annaghdown Church.

41. Deputy J. Donnellan: I will propose -
- (i) That Galway County Council erect a footpath to Barnaderg N.S. "New School".
42. Comhairleoiri M. O Flatharta & G. Mac Pharthalan: We will propose -
- (i) That a report be given on the up to date position regarding the proposal to grant an extension of the public water supply from Flannery's Bridge to the school house Loch an Aortha, Kilkerrin, Co. Galway.
43. Councillor M. Kelly: I will propose -
- (i) That the Council call on C.I.E. to rescind its decision to discontinue the passenger train service between Ballina & Limerick which will leave Tuam without any passenger train connection.
44. Councillor Sean Donnellan: I will propose -
- (i) that the road from Esker junction (Rosscahill) to James Lee's gate in Pollagh be tarred.
45. Councillor P. McCormack:
- (i) I will ask for an up to date report on the Castlegar Group Water Scheme;
- (ii) I will ask the Council to erect a public light at McDonnell's Lane, Athenry.
46. Senator M. Killilea: I will propose -
- (i) that all the footpaths in Tuam urban area needing repair be completed in this financial year;
- (ii) that due to the congestion and need for County Council houses in Tuam that the County Council make necessary arrangements immediately to purchase all serviced land needed by them both inside the urban area, and where suitable outside.
- (iii) I will ask the Galway County Council when they propose to provide the pedestrian crossing at the Square, Headford.
47. Councillor T. Byrne: I will propose -
- (i) that this Council recommends to the County Manager to explore the possibility of acquiring sites at Kinvara and Clarenbridge for industrial purposes;
- (ii) that litter bins be provided at Ardrahan;
- (iii) that the footpaths (provided for in the estimates) for Parkmore Strand be put down before the 1976 bathing season commences.
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MALICIOUS INJURIES DECREES.

Name and Address.	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree including costs.
Patrick Kelly, c/o W/S Blake & Kenny Martin Reddington, Ower, Headford Gallaghers -(Galway Ltd.) Joseph O'Neill.	Damage to hay. Damage to hay. Damage to gates, pillars & walls Damage to Motor Car	Borough of Galway Borough of Galway Borough of Galway. Borough of Galway	£111.00 £120.00 £250.00 £20.27	£118.00 £186.00 £177.53 £36.48

Córas Iompair Éireann



Office of the Area Manager
Ceann Station
Galway.
Telephone Galway 2141
Telegrams Manager 2141 Galway

our reference your reference date

27th January 1976

Dear Sir,

Rail Development and Rationalisation Programme

I write to advise you of CIE's intention to withdraw passenger train services from the Claremorris-Limerick Line from 5th April 1976 and their replacement by new Road Passenger Services.

The altered pattern of services will result in the withdrawal of passenger train services from Ennis, Gort, Ardrahan, Craughwell, Ballyglunin and Tuam Stations. The existing passenger train services from Ballina to Claremorris serving trains to and from Dublin and Westport will continue giving connections for the South of Ireland at Portarlinton. Goods train services will not be affected by these changes.

The withdrawal of passenger services at these stations has been necessitated :

- * By the annual loss on the services which amount at present to £250,000;
- * By the poor passenger support for the service; less than one bus load of passengers using the train on the average day. It is only at limited peak seasons that passenger numbers equate even to the equivalent of two bus loads;
- * By the need for large scale re-investment to maintain the line at passenger traffic standard which can not be justified due to the small number of passengers availing of the services.

At the present time the passenger train service on the Claremorris to Limerick Line departs Ballina at 13.55 hours and Claremorris at 15.00 hours, arriving Limerick at 17.50 hours. In the reverse direction it departs Limerick at 14.05 hours, arriving Claremorris at 17.03 hours and Ballina at 18.00 hours.

The existing rail service, operating once daily in each direction will be replaced by Expressway Bus Services operating twice daily in each direction Monday to Saturday between Ballina and Cork which will serve Castlebar, Claremorris, Tuam, Galway, Ardrahan, Gort, Ennis, Limerick, Rathluirc, Mallow and Cork. These Expressways will depart from Ballina at 08.40 hours and 12.25 hours, arriving in Cork at 15.30 and 19.10 hours. They will depart Cork at 09.15 and 12.50 hours arriving in Ballina at 16.10 and 19.40 hours. The 12.25 bus service from Ballina and the 09.15 service from Cork will connect at Shippside with the Cork Ferryport to Swansea ferry sailing.

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The existing bus connections between Tuam and Athenry, linking with the Galway/Dublin rail services will continue and an additional bus connection from Athenry at 16.05 hours arriving in Tuam at 16.40 hours will replace the rail connection off the 13.05 train from Dublin (Heuston).

Gort and Ardahan to Dublin service will be provided by Expressway and ordinary bus service connecting with the rail services at Galway while Craughwell will be catered for by the existing bus connections to Galway rail also.

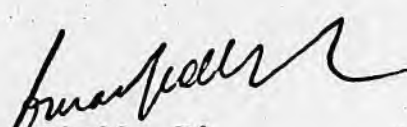
Ballyglunin will continue to be served by the existing bus services which pass through it.

Alternative road passenger services linking Ballyglunin, Athenry, and Craughwell will not be provided and applications for passenger licences under the Road Transport Act 1932, may be made by persons desiring to provide alternative road services between these points. Particulars, for the most recent twelve months for which they are available, of the passenger traffic for which alternative services are not being provided, will be made available at Athenry Railway Station.

A total of 21 staff will be affected by the withdrawal of rail passenger services on the Claremorris/Limerick Line and discussions are taking place between the Company and the Trade Unions with a view to achieving the required reduction in job numbers with the minimum of disruption to staff concerned.

The new Expressway Services are intended to provide an improved level of service as to frequency (twice daily in lieu of the once daily train service) and convenience and will require substantially less investment than would be required to achieve the same results by re-investment in rail facilities. They will also improve communication between the main centres of population along the proposed routes and should also help to improve access for tourists between the West and South of Ireland.

Yours faithfully,


C. Mac Giolla Ri
Area Manager

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON MONDAY 23/2/'76.

In the Chair: Deputy T. Hussey.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in Attendance Book.

Councillor T. Byrne, Deputy J. Callanan, Deputy J. Donnellan, Councillors F. Fahey, M. Flaherty, 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 N. Morgan, M. O Morain, P. Raftery, P. Ruane, M. Ryan T. Welby and Deputy F. Coogan.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; J. Howlett, Acting Assistant County Manager; C. A. Warner, County Engineer; M. J. Dunne, Deputy County Engineer; H. Finnegan, K. Hays, J. Silke, Chief Assistant County Engineers, D. Barrett, Staff Officer; T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; T. O'Neill, Senior Staff Officer and K. Doyle, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

847 - MAKING OF RATE AND SEALING OF RATE BOOKS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31/12/'76

It was proposed by Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor O Morain and resolved:-

"that the Galway County Council hereby allows and makes the Rates for the year ending 31st December, 1976 as assessed in the Rate Books and that the Rate Books and Rate Warrants be sealed with the Seal of the Council."

The Rate Books and Warrants were then sealed.

The meeting then terminated.

Submitted, Approved & Confirmed

Tom Hussey

Chairman

22/3/76

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848 - SYMPATHY:

On the proposition of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Glynn, the Council extended its sympathy to the widow, mother and family of the late Mr. Francis Stagg.

On the proposition of Councillor O Morain, seconded by Councillor Welby, the Council extended its sympathy to the relatives of Richard Mathes and Edward Moll the two American students recently drowned in Inishboffin, and also to their Professor - Professor Quinn, Pearson College, Kansas.

Resolutions of sympathy were also adopted with the following:

Sean Uasal Mac Donnchadha, An Caoran Mor, An Ceathru Rua. The Fahey Family, Tullira, Ardrahan.

849 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY & COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - MR. JOHN F. FAHY, GURRANEBEG, BARNADERG, TUAM.

The County Manager stated that the main difficulty in this case was ^{that} the site proposed was not large enough for a septic tank, that a larger site had been recently agreed but that the agreement with the landowner concerned required modification, and that it would be in the interests of both parties to have the modification carried out.

He stated that subject to the necessary modification being carried out, in the agreement regarding the site for a septic tank, he would be disposed to grant permission. He stated that the County Engineer had some reservations on the question of interference with traffic but that the principal difficulty was that concerning the septic tank site.

The position was noted.

Senator Killilea asked if land which was previously sterilised for the building as a result of a Departmental decision, could have this condition relaxed provided it complied with the future County Development Plan.

The County Manager stated that on conclusion of revision of the Plan, if he finds that there are cases where it would be a hardship to insist on the sterilisation which had been carried out, he would examine such cases to see if the condition could be relaxed provided it complied with the Plan.

850 - MINUTES:

On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Kelly the Minutes of meeting held on 26/1/76 (Nos. 830 to 846 inclusive) were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Referring to Minute No. 843, Councillor McCormack stated that as a result of a reservation which he expressed regarding a resolution referred to in this Minute, he had been attacked by a Councillor leaving the meeting and a serious threat was made against him and his family. He stated that there should be some protection for Councillors in this matter.

The Chairman stated that what happens after a meeting of the Council is not a matter for the County Council.

851 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES:

It was noted that Malicious Damage Decrees as set out in the list enclosed with the Agenda had been received since the last meeting.

852 - MULLACUTTRA GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

It was proposed by Deputy Molloy, seconded by Senator Higgins and resolved:-

"that Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £1,950 from the Commissioners of Public Works to finance the Council's contribution towards the cost of increased pipe-sizes for the Mullacuttra Group Water Supply Scheme, the loan to be repayable by instalments over a period of 25 years with interest at the rate in force at the date of issue of the loan to the Council."

853 - VACANCY ON LOUGH MASK & RIVER ROBE JOINT DRAINAGE COMMITTEE

The County Manager stated that as a result of a resignation, there is a vacancy to be filled by the Council on this Committee.

On the proposition of Councillor O Morain, seconded by Deputy Kitt, it was resolved:

"that Councillor Thomas Welby be appointed the Council's representative on the Lough Mask and River Robe Joint Drainage Committee to fill the vacancy which arose."

854 - WATER SUPPLY FOR LOCH CON AORTHA

The County Manager read for the members of the Council letter dated 10th February, 1976 from the Department of Local Government stating that the Minister is not prepared to make further loan capital available to finance a further extension of the public water supply scheme beyond Flannery Bridge.

Deputy Coogan stated that he did not see why Loch Con Aortha should have to pay extra to get a ^{water} supply since other areas got it free of charge.

The County Manager stated that even if the Council were to decide now to do the scheme, there are no funds available and that funds could be provided only at an estimates meeting.

Senator Killilea stated that he did not see why the Department of Local Government and Roinn na Gaeltachta could not make the necessary funds available.

He proposed that a further letter be sent to Roinn na Gaeltachta and to the Department of Local Government asking for a specific allocation to carry out this extension.

The Chairman stated that there are many other groups in the County in similar circumstances and that all should be treated in the same way.

Councillor O Morain seconded Senator Killilea's proposal that the Minister for Local Government and the Minister for the Gaeltacht be asked to make a special allocation for this extension.

Deputy Callanan stated that the amount of contribution for a group scheme in this area is very small by comparison with what schemes have cost in East Galway and he considered that to pay this contribution out of public funds would create a precedent which would be difficult to overcome later.

Deputy Donnellan stated that the people in Loch Con Aortha should make some contribution towards the scheme.

At the request of the County Manager, the Council agreed to make a special contribution of £2,000 if the Group Scheme goes ahead.

It was agreed that a request for a special allocation to carry out the extension be forwarded again to the Minister for Local Government and Roinn na Gaeltachta.

855 - CAPITAL ALLOCATION - WATER & SEWERAGE SCHEMES:

The County Manager read for the members letters dated 13th February, 1976 stating that an allocation of £175,000 is being made for major Water & Sewerage Schemes and £25,000 for small Water & Sewerage Schemes in 1976. He also gave particulars to the Council of the financial situation in the Council's capital account for Sanitary Services showing a debit balance in the account at 31st December, 1975, of £475,504 and the amount for existing commitments at £427,380. He stated also that loan applications awaiting sanction total £284,920 and that of the sum of £175,000 allocated for this year, £153,800 had already been drawn. He pointed out that no money was being provided in the current financial year to start any new work.

In reply to a query by Deputy Molloy, the County Manager also stated that the Council will have to continue to pay the expenses on contracts which are proceeding ^{and} that these expenses will have to be paid from Revenue Account for the time being.

Deputy Molloy stated that this allocation places the finances of the Council in jeopardy having particular regard to the cost on Revenue Account of Bank Interest. He considered that it was a very serious position for the Council to have only £25,000 for new work in 1976 and that no new works apart from minor schemes could be commenced in a period of two years.

In reply to a query by Councillor Glynn regarding the employment of engineers on Water & Sewerage services, the County Manager stated that most of the planning of schemes is done by consultants but that no further schemes are being referred to consultants.

Councillor Kilgannon considered the allocation totally inadequate to meet the Council's commitments.

In reply to Deputy Donnellan, the County Manager gave particulars of capital sums received for Sanitary Services from 1971/72 onwards.

Councillor Glynn stated that there is no provision in the allocation for inflation and that though Government income has increased, there is no corresponding increase in allocations. He suggested that the Minister should be asked for further allocation.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that it is not accepted that the sum of £175,000 is sufficient and replying to a query by him, the County Manager stated that Galway Corporation has got £160,000 this year for Sanitary Services.

On the proposition of Councillor Glynn, seconded by Councillor Welby it was agreed that the Minister be asked for further substantial allocation.

856 - LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES:

The County Manager stated that by letter dated 13th February, 1976, the Department of Local Government had stated that an allocation of £85,000 is being made to Galway County Council for Local Improvement Schemes for 1976. He suggested that the money be allocated as follows to each of the 11 engineering areas, based on £6,000 for each area, an additional £4,303 to honour commitments in the Ballinasloe area and the balance of £14,000 to be distributed between areas where it is considered it will be needed from the point of view of maintaining employment.

Engineering Area	Suggested Allocation.
Clifden	£8,939.00
Oughterard	£8,939.00
Galway	£6,000.00
Tuam	£8,939.00
Milltown	£6,000.00
Loughrea	£6,000.00
Gort	£8,940.00
Portumna	£8,940.00
Ballinasloe	£10,303.00
Athenry	£6,000.00
Mountbellew	£6,000.00
TOTAL:	£85,000.00

Deputy Molloy stated that the money should be allocated in relation to the areas where there is the greatest need.

Councillor Glynn considered that Gort and Ballinasloe are being allocated too much, while the Milltown area should get a much higher allocation.

After further discussion, Councillor Fahey proposed and Deputy Kitt seconded that the allocation between the areas suggested by the County Manager be approved.

Councillor O Morain proposed and Councillor Morgan seconded that the matter be deferred for 1 month.

A vote taken on Councillor O Morain's amendment resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Glynn, Kelly, J. Molloy, Deputy Molloy, Councillors Morgan, O Morain, Ruane, Welby (8).

Against: Councillor Byrne, Deputy Callanan, Deputy Coogan, Councillors Fahey, Flaherty, Galvin, Haverty, Holland, Deputy Hussey, Councillor Kilgannon, Senator Killilea, Deputy Kitt, Councillor McCormack, Senator Mannion, Councillors Melvin and Ryan (16.)

The Chairman declared the amendment defeated.

A vote taken on Councillor Fahey's proposal resulted as follows:

For: Councillor Byrne, Deputy Callanan, Deputy Coogan, Councillors Fahey, Galvin, Haverty, Holland, Deputy Hussey, Councillors Joyce Kilgannon, Senator Killilea, Deputy Kitt, Councillor McCormack, Senator Mannion, Councillors Melvin, Ryan (16).

Against: Councillors Flaherty, Glynn, Kelly, J. Molloy, Deputy Molloy, Councillors Morgan, O Morain, Ruane and Welby (9).

The Chairman declared Councillor Fahey's motion carried.

857 - ROAD GRANTS, 1976:

The County Manager referred to a statement which was circulated to members setting out particulars of Road Grants allocated for 1975/1976 as well as the sum estimated to be required for 1976. He stated that the Block Grant is £30,000 the Council's estimate and he asked the approval of the Council to have the sum of £30,000 added to the estimated amounts in the Estimates for Nos. 2 and 4 Main Road Improvement, i.e.

Costelloe to Derrynea
Balrickard to Headford.

On the proposition of Councillor McCormack, seconded by Deputy Coogan, the Council approved the allocation of the sum of £30,000 for those two schemes.

Senator Killilea stated that the Council should be getting much more money for improvement works.

Deputy Molloy stated that the Council should not accept these allocations and he asked if the sum of £985,000 which was estimated was needed to achieve the same level of employment in 1976 as for 1975, pointing out that the sum is over £100,000 less than the allocation for last year.

The County Manager stated that the sum of £985,000 was put in the Estimates to account for inflation at approximately 25% and for the purposes of achieving the same level of employment in 1976 as in 1975.

In reply to Deputy Molloy regarding the effect of the reduced allocation on employment, the County Manager stated that the way the money is allocated appeared to take account of the Minister's desire to maintain employment and that the Council would do its best to maintain employment but will not replace any workmen who retire. If, he stated, any risk is evident to the continued employment of road workers, the matter will be brought before the County Council immediately.

Councillor Fahey stated that this was the reason why he had put down his query by way of a motion in order to get an assurance regarding employment of workers and he expressed disappointment that the Manager could not guarantee work for them throughout the year.

Councillor Glynn stated that he saw no hope of maintaining employment with this allocation.

Councillor O Morain stated that the policy of not filling vacancies will result in winding down the Council's existing road staff and will make it extremely difficult to maintain a reasonable standard of road maintenance.

Councillor Kelly suggested that the attention of the Minister be drawn to the fact that if men have to be let go, they will have to be paid Social Welfare and he considered that both Ministers should get together to work out a satisfactory scheme to maintain employment.

The County Manager stated that an examination of the overall allocation for the country showed that there was a drop this year in Road Grants of £0.6m and that of this drop, 1/6 or £101,000 had been applied to County Galway.

In reply to a query by Deputy Molloy regarding continuation of work in the Galway/Clifden road, the County Engineer stated that no allocation had been made for this work.

Deputy Molloy stated that the money is available but apparently it is being allocated in the Dublin area where, he stated, £1m. had been allocated in the Dunlaoire area for a short section of road.

858 - REMUNERATION OF FULL-TIME FIREMEN:

The County Manager stated that in accordance with a parity arrangement with full-time/employed by Limerick Corporation he was seeking the Council's approval for an adjustment of remuneration of whole-time firemen in Galway in order to implement any agreement which may be finalised between the County Council, the Union and the Department of Local Government.

Deputy Molloy asked that the approval of the Minister to the arrangement be sought immediately.

It was proposed by Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Kelly and resolved:-

"that the Council hereby consents to the submission to the Department of Local Government of proposals for adjustments of remuneration of whole-time firemen."

859 - AUDITOR'S REPORT ON LOUGH MASK & RIVER ROBE JOINT DRAINAGE COMMITTEE FOR NINE MONTHS ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1974:

The Auditor's Report was noted.

860 - SPRING MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL:

The County Manager stated that he had been informed by the Secretary of the County Councils' General Council that an annual conference had been decided on which will replace the usual Spring meeting held in the month of May each year and that the Conference will take place this year in Dungloe, Co. Donegal from the 6th to 9th May, 1976.

He also asked members to have any resolutions for the Agenda for the Conference submitted not later than Saturday 3rd April, 1976.

On the proposition of Councillor O Morain, seconded by Deputy Molloy, it was agreed that the following resolution be forwarded for consideration at the Annual Conference:

"That Galway County Council hereby expresses its support for the rightful demand of Irish fishermen for 50/ exclusive fishing limit."

Councillor Kilgannon stated that operators of foreign trawlers fishing on Irish waters should be charged a royalty on fish which are caught in Irish waters.

861 - WITHDRAWAL OF PASSENGER TRAIN SERVICES FROM CLAREMORRIS/LIMERICK LINE:

The County Manager referred to letter dated 27th January, 1976 from the Area Manager, C.I.E., Galway copy of which was circulated to each member of the Council and stated that a meeting had been held in Tuam on the 22nd instant which was attended by the County Development Officer at his request. An action committee was formed at that meeting which will represent various organisations and it was agreed that the action committee would be served by the County Development Team who would give every assistance in the preparation of a united case to fight the proposed closure. He stated that any association in Galway which wishes to put forward observations or a case against the proposal should send particulars of its case to the County Development Officer who will bring such observations before the Action Committee and will make arrangements for approaches to C.I.E. and the Minister for Transport and Power.

Councillor O Morain stated that the action should not be confined to passenger services and should also take account of the breakdown of delivery services for goods and should also take account of the present policy of C.I.E. to close 2 hotels in Galway and Mayo.

On behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners, who organised the meeting on the 22nd instant, Councillor Kelly thanked the County Manager and the County Development Officer for their assistance and he expressed the hope that public representatives of the Dail and Seanad would take up the matter there.

On the proposal of the Chairman it was ^{unanimously} agreed that motions No. 18 and 43 on the Agenda be passed unanimously.

Deputy Molloy stated that the decision to discontinue delivery service in the Connemara area is having serious effects and that some firms had decided to discontinue supplying goods because of an unsatisfactory delivery service. He asked if the County Development Team would assist people in the Connemara area similar to the manner in which they are doing in the case of the Claremorris/Limerick line.

The County Manager stated that the Team would be prepared to assist in this matter also.

862 - GUARANTEED PUBLIC TELEPHONES FOR RURAL AREAS:

The County Manager, referring to Minute No. 810 of the meeting of the 22nd December, 1975, stated that a letter had been sent to the Department of Posts & Telegraphs in accordance with the resolution adopted at that meeting and he read for members the reply dated 23rd January, 1976. He pointed out, however, that where the need is greatest, the cost is highest and that no funds have been provided in the Estimates for such telephones.

Councillor Fahy stated that ^{what} suggested was that if the telephones were provided, the Council might maintain them and that the reply from the Minister did not answer what the Council had asked. It was agreed that the matter be referred back to the Department of Posts & Telegraphs.

863 - REVIEW OF RATING SYSTEM:

The County Manager referred to the summary of the report by the Economic and Social Research Institute which was circulated to members at the meeting and stated that as there was not time to have the document read or studied, he proposed that the matter be deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

This was agreed.

864 - AREA PLANNING MEETINGS:

It was agreed that Area Planning meetings would be held as follows:

Ballinasloe Area	5th March, 1976 at 4.00 p.m.
Loughrea Area	12th March, 1976 at 4.00 p.m.
Connemara Area	15th March, 1976 at 2.30 p.m.

865 - EMPLOYMENT ALLOWANCE - AGRICULTURAL HOLDINGS, 1975:

In reply to Deputy Callanan the County Manager stated that where the employment allowance was granted in 1975, it was not the intention to have this reclaimed. He explained that in some cases, the allowance of £17 was determined after the Rate was made last year and that this was shown as a balance due in the Rate Books at the end of the year. In order to comply with accounting and audit procedures, a notice was sent to Ratepayers involved stating that this amount was shown due but there was no intention of reclaiming it.

866 - NOTICES OF MOTION:

It was agreed that the remaining items on the Agenda - Notices of Motion be adjourned for consideration on the 8th March, 1976 - the date on which the Housing Committee meeting is to be held.

The Meeting Then Terminated.

*Submitted, Approved & Confirmed
To Hussey
22/3/76 Chairman*

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE.

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

2nd March, 1976.

TO: Each Member of Galway County Council.

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a Special meeting of Galway County Council to be held at the County Buildings, Galway on Monday next 8th March, 1976 commencing at 3.30 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

K. Doyle,
Acting County Secretary.

A G E N D A

1. Opening Prayer.
2. To consider Members' Notices of Motion adjourned from the meeting held on 23rd February, 1976. - already circulated.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON MONDAY 2/3/76.

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 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, Councillor P. McCormack, Senator J. M. Mannion, Councillor H. Melvin, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors J. Molloy, N. Morgan, M. 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; M. J. Dunne, Deputy County Engineer; M. Tierney, K. Hays, Chief Assistant County Engineers; T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; A. O'Gorman, Senior Staff Officer and K. Doyle, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

867 - EXTENSION OF SEWER AT PARK, ATHENRY TO SERVE FIVE HOUSES:

Replying to Councillor Morgan's motion, the County Manager stated that the scheme had been intended for inclusion in the list of small schemes for 1976 at an estimated cost of £6,000 but that no funds are available in the current year for carrying out the work. He stated, however, that there would be no objection to allowing householders to connect at their own expense if this is possible and that if this happens, there will be no fee charged to the group.

868 - ADVERTISING SIGNS:

In reply to Councillor Welby's motion, the County Manager stated that in the present Draft Development Plan, advertising signs relating to a facility or accommodation available are permissible where there is a strong particular justification for the roadside advertisement of such facility or accommodation. In the current Plan he stated that the grouping of advertising signs on particular sites is encouraged but proposals of this nature were never made and if it were generally accepted by the Council as necessary, it could be re-instated in the Draft Plan.

Councillor Welby stated that people have difficulty occasionally in getting planning permission for signs, particularly for premises which are some distance off the main road and he asked that the Council be lenient with guesthouse owners who wished to place a sign on the roadside indicating their properties, especially where such premises are off the road.

869 - EXTENSION OF MOYLROUGH BURIAL GROUND:

Councillor Ryan proposed and the Council arrange to have a spare plot of ground in Moylough cemetery marked out for grave spaces. The County Manager stated that this can now be done and that the necessary arrangements are being made.

870 - ROAD IN THE VILLAGE OF GATESTOWN:

The County Manager, replying to Councillor Ryan's motion, stated that maintenance work on the Gatestown Road had been carried out and that the conditions mentioned are being relieved.

Councillor Ryan stated that the Council was not giving sufficient attention to this road, that a lot of flooding had occurred on it and that no work had been done on it for some time.

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

871 - ROAD AT SPRINGLAWN, MOUNTBELLEW:

Replying to Councillor Ryan's motion, the County Manager stated that a section of this road is blacktopped and the remaining section was recently repaired so that the overall state of maintenance is good.

Councillor Ryan stated that this road is also not receiving sufficient attention, that there is some flooding on it which has not been relieved and that it is in need of repair.

872 - PUBLIC LIGHTING - TOCHERGAR CHURCH, BALLINAMORE BRIDGE:

In reply to Councillor Kilgannon's motion, the County Manager stated that proposals for a priority list will be brought before the Council in the near future for consideration.

Replying to Councillor Morgan, the County Manager stated that the list of all applications received will be submitted to the Council but that due to lack of funds, it will not be possible to have all of them provided in the current year.

873 - SEWERAGE SCHEME - MONIVEA VILLAGE:

Replying to Councillor Kilgannon's motion, the County Manager stated that this village is not listed on the priority list of village schemes costing under £20,000. He understood that there is local interest in a group sewerage scheme but due to layout of the village and lack of receiving waters, the estimated cost of the scheme would be in the region of £17,000 which would entail a cost per dwelling of approximately £1,000 less grants.

Councillor Kilgannon stressed the urgency of providing a sewerage scheme for Monivea stating that further development of the village is proposed including an industrial location.

874 - APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL CLERKS OF WORKS FOR GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES:

In reply to Councillor Kilgannon's motion, the County Manager stated that it is hoped to keep two officials engaged on the provision of group water supply schemes.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that it is important that the Council arrange for proper supervision of schemes as they may later have to be taken over for maintenance by the Council.

The County Manager stated that he agrees that it is highly desirable to have proper supervision and that if necessary, he would come to the Council for approval for additional staff.

875 - TELEPHONE KIOSKS IN RURAL AREAS:

The County Manager informed Councillor Fahey that a further letter had been sent to the Department of Posts & Telegraphs asking that Department to pay the cost of installing the telephone and a kiosk as directed by the Council at its meeting on 23rd February,

876 - WIDENING OF ROAD AT CASHEL, CONNEMARA:

In reply to Councillor Bartley's motion, the County Manager stated that no provision had been made in the estimates for the current year for this work but that an estimate will be prepared for consideration at the next Estimate Meeting i.e., for the year 1977

877 - EXTENSION OF WATER SUPPLY ALONG THE WESTPORT ROAD TO CLIFDEN:

In reply to Councillor Bartley's motion, the County Manager stated that no provision had been made in the current year's estimate for this extension but that it can be considered in conjunction with the estimates for the next financial year.

878 - REMOVAL OF BENDS ON ROAD FROM CLOUGHBRACK TO GLEANNTRÉIG:

In reply to Deputy Molloy's motion, the County Manager stated that an estimate will be prepared for consideration at the Estimates for the coming financial year.

879 - INSTALLATION OF TOILETS IN COUNTY COUNCIL COTTAGES:

In reply to Deputy Molloy's motion, the County Manager stated that there are 112 non-vested unserviced houses in the County, that many other tenants availed of grants for the installation of those services in their houses and that no funds are available to the Council out of which this work could be financed. He stated that because of the large number of houses involved and the different circumstances in each case, an estimate had not been prepared as no money was available and he advised that such tenants should apply for grants in order to provide the services.

880 - REFUSE COLLECTION FOR MENLO VILLAGE, BALLINDOOLEY AND COILL UACHTAR:

In reply to Deputy Molloy's motion, the County Manager stated that when the fourth refuse collecting vehicle is purchased this year the refuse collection service will be extended to cater for the three villages referred to in Deputy Molloy's motion.

881 - FLOODING AT WILLIAMSTOWN:

In reply to Deputy Donnellan's motion, the County Manager stated that there are legal problems which have prevented relieving the flooding in this case but it is hoped that a decision on the matter can be made very soon.

Deputy Donnellan asked that urgent action be taken on this complaint which is going on for a long time.

882 - SEWERAGE SCHEME FOR TYNAGH:

In reply to Councillor Burke's motion, the County Manager stated that the village of Tynagh is not included in the priority list of small schemes but that in the long-term, it is intended to include Tynagh area in a major regional water scheme with Lough. Rea as a source or alternatively, Portumna. It was previously recommended, he stated, that a group be formed in Tynagh but this had not been done.

Councillor Burke complained that development which should be taking place in Tynagh is being diverted to Loughrea and he considered that the Council should make definite provision for Tynagh if it is serious in its expressed intentions of preserving small communities.

The County Manager suggested that a Group Scheme be formed in Tynagh which could later be connected with the regional scheme.

Councillor Morgan stated that he had carried out a survey in the Tynagh area and that progress for a group scheme is held up for a report on the regional scheme from the Council's consulting engineer.

Replying to Councillor Haverty, who stated that he was previously informed that water was to come from Portumna, the County Manager stated that no final decision had been made until detailed plans were examined on whether the source would be Lough. Rea or Portumna.

883 - SEWERAGE SCHEME FOR MILLTOWN:

Replying to Councillor Glynn's motion, the County Manager stated that Milltown is on the list of village schemes costing under £20,000 but that no funds are available this year out of which the scheme could be provided.

Councillor Glynn stated that there is a danger of pollution to the Clare River because of the lack of a Sewerage Scheme and he pointed out that there was an outbreak of typhoid in the area about 20 years ago. He also stated that the lack of a sewerage scheme means that there is no housing development by the County Council and that industrial sites in the area cannot be provided.

884 - PLANTING OF TREES - ABBEYTRINITY ROAD, TUAM:

In reply to Councillor Glynn's motion, the County Manager stated that while the planting of trees along this road would be desirable, it would be prudent to defer this until 1977 as the E.S.B. will be laying a duct along the road soon and further housing development in the area has recently received planning permission.

885 - CAR PARK AT ANNAGHDOWN CHURCH - NOTICES OF MOTION BY COUNCILLORS RUANE, DEPUTY DONNELLAN AND COUNCILLOR MCCORMACK:

Replying to these motions, the County Manager stated that the Council would be agreeable to surfacing and blacktopping the car park under the usual terms, i.e. that the land is acquired by the church authorities, fenced, levelled and soled with stone and gravel and dedicated to the Council in the normal manner.

Councillor Ruane stated that a wall adjoining this park could be levelled and used for filling.

Councillor McCormack stated that there is need for extra space over and above that which is available at the moment and he asked the assistance of the Council in getting additional space from a person who recently got planning permission for land adjoining the car park.

The County Manager asked if the local people would see this man and negotiate with him for the additional space.

Councillor McCormack stated that the local priest had seen him but that this man had asked if a County Council engineer could call on him in connection with the matter.

886 - SALE OF COUNCIL HOUSES:

In reply to Councillor Ruane's motion, the County Manager stated that there is a scheme whereby tenants can purchase their houses soon after they get possession of them but due to the fact that all-in costs are not available it is not always possible to allow them purchase immediately they get possession. He stated, however, that the scheme in operation is a very favourable one to tenants with an allowance in respect of grants and rate remission.

887 - ROAD FROM PORTUMNA/BALLINASLOE ROAD TO KILMALLINOGUE CEMETERY NEAR BOULA:

In reply to the motions in the names of Councillors Burke and Haverty, the County Manager stated that there is no road through Mr. Eoin O'Kelly's land to Kilmallinogue Cemetery and that the estimated cost of providing a road without fencing is £675. The construction of this road would not qualify under the conditions approved by the Council.

Councillor Haverty stated that there is a burial ground at the end of road and he asked what is the policy of the Council regarding provision of roads to Burial Grounds.

The County Manager stated that the proposal was examined in the context of a public road not as a burial ground road.

The County Manager stated that some years ago an estimate was brought before the Council of the cost of providing roads to burial grounds but that no money was provided for this purpose. He stated, however, that he would look into the question of the need for providing access to this burial ground, having regard to the use being made of the burial ground and to the available spaces in it.

888 - PLAYGROUND AT KILLIMOR WATER TOWER FIELD:

In reply to Councillor Morgan's motion, the County Manager stated that the water tower site is not suitable for a playground, but that it is understood that the school yard would be made available subject to certain conditions.

Councillor Haverty stated that the main problem about the school yard is one of insurance.

Councillor Morgan stated that he had taken out an appropriate insurance in respect of the use of swings on the water tower site and he asked what had now to be done with them. The County Manager stated that they are not authorised on the site.

Councillor Haverty stated that the Killimor Development Company have plans to cater for a playground for children.

889 - ADDITIONAL LIGHTS FOR LOUGHREA:

In reply to Councillor Morgan's motion, the County Manager stated that survey is at present being carried out on all proposals which had been made for additional public lighting and that a list will be brought before the County Council, if possible at the next meeting, but certainly for the April meeting.

Councillor Morgan stressed the need for providing a public light outside St. Brendan's Home, Loughrea.

890 - SEWERAGE SCHEME FOR LAURENCETOWN:

In reply to Councillor Joyce's motion, the County Manager stated that it had now been ascertained that Laurencetown cannot be dealt with as a scheme costing under £20,000 as the cost will be much more. He stated that a preliminary report for a full sewerage scheme is being prepared by the Council's engineering staff and that the scheme, when provided, would cater for housing development in Laurencetown.

Replying to a further query by Councillor Joyce, the County Manager stated that the delay in providing the sewerage scheme will not prevent the construction of some houses in Laurencetown.

891 - SPEED LIMITS - KILTORMER:

Replying to the motion by Councillor Joyce, the County Manager stated that the proposals made by committees of the Council for provision of Speed Limits are at present being examined by the engineering staff and the Garda authorities and that their recommendation will be brought before the County Council in the near future.

892 - ADDITIONAL PUBLIC LIGHTS AT KILKERRIN, BALLINASLOE:

The County Manager informed Deputy Hussey that this proposal is being examined in conjunction with all other proposals for additional public lighting and a report will be brought before the Council in the near future with a view to preparing a Priority List.

893 - TAKING OVER OF ROADS IN TUAM:

The County Manager, replying to Councillor Kelly's motion, stated that it is necessary to do further investigation regarding the precise state of the various services which are involved in this case, in order to ascertain if they are working satisfactorily and that the Council would be informed of the position as soon as possible.

Councillor Kelly stated that the developer of housing in Abbey Trinity Road, Tuam had informed him that he had completed his part of the work, that there is a dangerous surface in the Park View Drive area and that the water pressure is bad in Bel-Aire Drive.

In reply to a further query, the County Manager stated that if any defects found are the responsibility of the contractor, the Council would take up the matter with him.

Senator Killilea stated that there is a Holy Well adjoining Abbey Trinity Road and that this is a danger to children. He asked that a wall be erected around it and a gate provided. Regarding Park View Drive, he stated that there is no protection from the river and that this is a source of danger. Regarding Bel-Aire Drive, he stated that the contractor had informed him that he had complied with the conditions specified by the County Council and that the lack of suitable pressure was the fault of the Council. Senator Killilea also asked that the Council should give priority to a Water Supply and Improvement Scheme for Tuam.

894 - NEWBRIDGE PUBLIC LIGHTING - EXTENSION TO SOCIAL CENTRE.

The County Manager informed Councillor Bafferty that this proposal will be considered in conjunction with other proposals for additional lighting which have been received and that a report would soon be brought before the Council.

895 - SEED POTATO SCHEME IN GAELTACHT AREAS:

Councillor O'Morain proposed that the Department of Agriculture be asked to re-introduce the Seed Potato Scheme in the Gaeltacht, pointing out that there is a serious shortage of seed potatoes, that the matter is not altogether one of price, which is serious, but that in addition there is a serious problem that only poor quality seed is available. The introduction of a Department Scheme would ensure the quality of certified seed to be sown.

896 - ROSMUCK WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

Replying to Councillor O'Morain's motion, the County Manager stated that the preliminary report was approved in principle by the Department of Local Government in October, 1975 and that instructions are now being given to the consulting engineer to proceed with preparation of a proposal under the Water Supplies Act, 1942 and the contract documents for Stage I of the Scheme.

The County Manager, replying to a query by Councillor O'Morain, stated that he would enquire whether any conditions were specified by the Department of Local Government regarding the use of Group Schemes in conjunction with this scheme.

897 - E.S.B. CHARGES - LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING:

In reply to Councillor Ruane's motion, the County Manager stated that the Council pays the E.S.B. capital charges to the E.S.B. in respect of housing already in the course of erection but that when proceeding with new schemes, the Council will have to have regard to the cost of electricity connections in view of the requirement that the over-all cost of houses must be kept within the approved limits fixed by the Department of Local Government.

898 - SPEED LIMIT - CALTRA VILLAGE:

The County Manager, replying to Deputy Kitt's motion, stated that a speed limit for Caltra had not been agreed by the committee on Speed Limits but that the matter will come before the Council when all the committee's recommendations are finalised.

Deputy Molloy proposed that the Council go ahead with approval to Speed Limits in the areas where they had been approved by the Committees and by members of the Garda Síochána and that those areas requiring further investigation could be dealt with later.

899 - TREES IN DANGEROUS CONDITION NEAR COUNTY ROADS:

The County Manager, replying to Deputy Kitt's motion, stated that the Council has no responsibility for trees growing on private property other than that of having them lopped if they protrude prejudicially on the public road. If, however, a tree falls on the public road, it is the Council's duty to make the way clear as soon as is reasonably possible.

Replying to further queries, the County Manager stated that the Council does not normally approach landowners regarding trees growing on their property but that if any particular case comes to notice, he will be prepared to take it up with a landowner. He stated also that unless there is a revision of the law in the matter, the Council would have no responsibility regarding such trees.

900 - CONSTRUCTION OF FOOTPATH TO PATNABERS NEW SCHOOL:

In reply to Deputy Donnellan's motion, the County Manager stated that this work is provided for in the 1976 Estimates and will be done this year.

901 - TARRING OF ROAD - ESKER JUNCTION TO POLLAGH:

In the absence of Councillor Donnellan, it was agreed that a letter would be sent to him explaining the position regarding his proposal.

902 - CASTLEGAR GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

In reply to Councillor McCormack's motion, the County Manager stated that this proposal was considered in conjunction with those for three other groups, i.e. Carrabrowne, Ballindooley and Angliham, which is considered could all be supplied by the Castlegar 4" main. It was recommended that the four groups amalgamate into one group or failing agreement to this that the Ballindooley, Angliham and Carrabrowne Groups amalgamate and share the cost of the increased pipe size for Castlegar group.

Councillor McCormack stated that he considered that Carrabrowne was too far away to take part in the combined scheme.

903 - PUBLIC LIGHTING AT McDONNELL'S LANE, ATHENRY:

In reply to Councillor McCormack's motion, the County Manager stated that this proposal will be considered in conjunction with all others for additional public lighting and that a report on such proposals will be brought before the Council in the near future.

904 - FOOTPATHS - TUAM URBAN AREA:

In reply to Senator Killilea's motion the County Manager stated that any footpath in the town requiring structural repairs will be attended to during the present financial year.

905 - PURCHASE OF LAND IN TUAM:

In reply to Senator Killilea's motion, the County Manager stated that the Council has been negotiating for the purchase of land at Tuam and it was proposed if possible to acquire an area of approximately 10 acres.

Councillor Kelly considered that 10 acres is very little and that additional land should be bought to cater for local authority housing and the provision of further serviced sites.

906 - PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT THE SQUARE, HEADFORD:

In reply to Senator Killilea's motion, the County Manager stated that the necessary investigation is being carried out in connection with this proposal as the first step is to establish that a need for a pedestrian crossing exists.

Senator Killilea and Deputy Donnellan stated that it was understood that this crossing was to be provided two years ago and they asked that the matter be now dealt with urgently.

907 - ACQUISITION OF INDUSTRIAL SITES AT KINVARA & CLARENBRIDGE:

The County Manager stated that he ^{has} had discussions with the Area Manager of the Industrial Development Authority regarding this matter but that no definite progress has yet been made.

908 - LITTER BINS AT ARDRAMIN:

In reply to Councillor Byrne's motion, the County Manager stated that those will be provided.

909 - FOOTPATHS - PARKMOOR STRAND:

In reply to Councillor Byrne's motion, the County Manager stated that those will be provided before the summer bathing season commences.

910 - CONGRATULATIONS:

Senator Killilea proposed a vote of congratulations to Mr. Gerard O'Regan on a new appointment secured by him. This proposal was seconded by Councillor McCormack.

The Chairman and County Manager joined in the vote of congratulations to Mr. O'Regan and conveyed to him their best wishes. Mr. O'Regan expressed thanks to the members and County Manager.

911 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

- Mrs. John Diskin, Cloonkell, Moylough, Ballinasloe.
- Mr. Noel Garret, Durloughmore, Athenry.
- Mrs. T. O'Loughlin, Moylough, Ballinasloe.
- Mr. Patrick Diskin, Scragg, Milkerrin, Ballinasloe.

The Meeting Then Terminated.

Submitted, Approved & Confirmed

*To: Hon. J. H. H. H.
22/3/76 Chairman*

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

Oifig an Runai,
Bothar Mor,
GAILLIMH

2 Marta, 1976.

Chug Gach Ball de'n Chomhairle/

A Chara:

HOUSING

You are requested to attend a meeting of a Committee of the full Council at the County Buildings, Galway on Monday next 8th March, 1976, commencing at the conclusion of the special Council meeting which is to consider Notices of Motion adjourned from the meeting held on the 23rd February, 1976.

Mise, le meas,

K. DOYLE

Runai Sealadach

A G E N D A

1. Capital Allocations for Housing
 - (a) Local Authority Housing Construction
 - (b) Housing Loans and Grants.
2. Local Authority Housing Construction Programme - copy of Programme and list of rural applicants approved since last Housing Committee meeting, herewith.
3. Local Authority Housing Subsidy - Circular dated 20th Feb., 1976.

NOTICES OF MOTION:

4. Councillor J. Joyce:

- (1) That the Laurencetown Housing Scheme be started as soon as possible.
- (11) That a report be given of the state of the windows and fascia board on (name supplied) cottage in Laurencetown.
- (111) That the building of the Council House for (name supplied) of Roohan be commenced.

5. Councillor N. Morgan:

- (1) That a minimum of ten houses or flatlets be built in Loughrea town in 1976 for elderly persons.
- (11) I will require an explanation as to why Galway County Council recently allocated a new Council House at Loughrea to an itinerant living by the side of the road, instead of, to an itinerant living in one of the nine tigeens at Gort Bride,

5. (11) contd/...

Loughrea, accepting that the tigeens were provided as a half-way step to a regular house in the settled community and as a means to familiarise itinerants with living in houses, thereby, reducing the problem of integration.

(111) That Galway County Council provide an eleven foot back road between Nos. 1 - 16 and Nos. 17 - 32 Dublin Road, Tuam, so as to eliminate the necessity of persons living in other than end houses, having to bring bicycles, fuel etc. to their back yards via the front door, the hallway and kitchen; and that a screen wall be erected on the west end of said housing except for the width of the proposed road.

T. Hussey

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON MONDAY 8/ 3/1976.

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 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, Councillor H. Melvin, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors J. Molloy, N. Morgan, M. 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, M. J. Dunne, Deputy County Engineer, M. Tierney, K. Hays, Chief Assistant County Engineers, T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer, A. O'Gorman, Senior Staff Officer and K. Doyle, Acting County Secretary.

CAPITAL ALLOCATION 1976 LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING

Mr. Howlett, Acting Assistant County Manager informed members that the total authorised capital expenditure on local authority housing construction for 1976 is £1,081,000 of which £847,000 will be made available from the local loans fund and £234,000 will have to be met by overdraft or from other approved sources. He stated the sum of £751,000 of this amount would be spent on existing commitments leaving the sum of £330,000 available for new works. It was proposed to expend this sum of £330,000 as follows:

40 rural cottages @ £5,750	£230,000
(of which 3 will be on Aran)	
50 demountable dwellings @ £2,000	£100,000
	<u>£330,000</u>

He stated that the Council would now contact the various contractors to find out how many of them can start work immediately.

Replying to an enquiry, the County Manager stated that he decided to erect cottages in rural areas rather than in towns as it is considered that it is in the rural area the greatest need exists.

Councillor Haverty complained that in a statement supplied to members in February, 1975 it was stated that land had been acquired and an architect appointed for the construction of 35 houses in Killimor but that the progress chart before the members now showed that the present position was that land is being acquired for only 6 houses and he asked for an explanation.

The County Manager stated that agreement was reached with an owner for the purchase of land, ^{and} assuming that there would have been no difficulty and as there did not appear to be any danger that land would not be available an architect was appointed in order to save time. It subsequently transpired that the land would not be sold to the Council. In replying to a further query by Councillor Haverty, the County Manager stated that within the limits of capital available at present, the Council would not be justified in purchasing sites for 35 houses in Killimor.

Councillor Ryan was informed by the County Manager that in the case of large families in a rural area it would be possible to have a house which would be larger than a normal house provided. Replying to Senator Mannion, the County Manager stated that it was hoped that progress will be made in the near future with the planning of the housing scheme for Clifden.

Councillor Fahey enquired when will some housing schemes in villages commence.

The County Manager stated that the allocation made at present will enable the Council to commence only rural houses but that depending on the availability of money it may be possible to commence some of the village schemes in the last quarter of the year.

Councillor Fahey recommended that an additional allocation should be sought to enable the village schemes to commence since the price variation clause attaching to such contracts will mean a large increase in the amount of the tenders.

Deputy Donnellan complained that he was not receiving replies to all enquiries addressed by him to the Housing Section.

The County Manager stated that he had previously asked Deputy Donnellan when he made similar complaints for the names of the persons in respect of whom he had made representations and to which he had received no reply, but that the reply given to him by the Deputy was that he seemed to write more letters than he got replies to and that he had a general impression that he wrote more letters to the Housing Section than the number of replies that he received.

The County Manager also stated that it was not fair to make allegations without giving evidence which would enable the Manager to have the complaint investigated.

Deputy Donnellan also complained that certain people who had called to the Housing Section enquiring when grants would be paid were informed that these would be paid when money was available and that the impression had been given that money was not available for the payment of grants whereas information which had been given by the Minister stated that such money was available.

The County Manager stated that the practice is that the Council accumulates payments for a few weeks and applies for an allocation of money to meet the payments. Grants are not paid until instalments are received. The County Manager stated, however, that he wanted to make it perfectly clear that there is no question of a shortage of money preventing payments and that the interval between the date of application for instalments and the date of receipt is very short.

Deputy Donnellan stated that in 1972 when less money was being spent no such reasons for non-payment of grants was given. Mr. Howlett explained that the present overdraft position forced the Council to ensure that loan instalments were received before grants were paid out.

Councillor Welby expressed disappointment that the Oughterard housing scheme was not commencing and he seconded Councillor Fahey's proposal that the Minister be requested to make money available for town schemes.

Councillor O'Morain expressed his thanks to the staff in the Housing Section for their courtesy and co-operation. He asked for information on who prepares the foundations for demountable dwellings and whether one of the reasons for buying demountable dwellings rather than constructing conventional type houses is the speed of erection of the houses. He stated that his experience is that they are not being provided more quickly than conventional houses and he suggested that if such demountable houses were purchased from a provider in the Gaeltacht area it would be easier to put pressure on him to go ahead more quickly.

Councillor Byrne considered that the Council should make a commitment now to start the village schemes with the next allocation of money as people were led to believe that these would start in January or February of this year.

The County Manager stated that the circular from the Minister precludes the Council from making any commitment until money is allocated. He stated that he was anxious to start the village schemes and that availability of finance was the only problem.

Deputy Callanan also expressed appreciation of the efficiency of the staff in the Housing Section and stated that grants were being paid as fast as money is made available. He considered that the Housing Section is understaffed. He stated that he would like to see village schemes started, but he agreed that the right decision was made to erect rural houses with the money available in order to keep the people in rural areas.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that he also agreed with the decision taken and he enquired about the Ahascragh village scheme which he stated was at the tender stage and he understood that the Minister's letter made provision for such works.

The County Manager stated that the allocation had not made provision for all work at the tender stage.

Deputy Cogan complained that a Councillor had told a contractor that the County Council was broke and that this contractor withdrew from Council contracts.

Replying to Councillor Joyce the County Manager stated that the Council did not have a price limit for sites as this would not be practical. He stated that a ceiling of £800 had been fixed as a contribution for connection of electricity to rural houses subject to keeping within the overall ceiling costs fixed by the Minister. Replying to a further query by Councillor Joyce, Mr. Howlett stated that ranges are not being provided in the Eyrecourt houses but that open fires and a back boiler will be provided.

Councillor O'Morain stated that a foundation had split and the house had warped in one case of a demountable dwelling.

Mr. Howlett stated that this will be investigated.

Mr. Howlett, in reply to a query by Councillor McCormack gave particulars of how the sum of £750,000 in respect of existing commitments is to be spent in the current year.

Mr. O'Gorman, replying to a query by Councillor Glynn, stated that there are approximately 330 approved applicants for houses at various stages of progress.

Councillor Glynn stated that each of those applicants should be informed how he stands and when his house is likely to be provided.

Replying to Deputy Donnellan, the County Manager stated that he did not propose advertising for further tenders until the next allocation is made.

HOUSING SUBSIDY.

Mr. Howlett explained the provisions of Circular H.4/76 dated the 20th February, 1976 regarding housing subsidy which was circulated to each member of the Council.

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. Laurencetown Housing Scheme
Mr. Howlett informed Councillor Joyce that the land for the scheme is at the final stages of transfer and that contract documents have been prepared but it will not be possible to have the work commenced before October, 1976 having regard to the decision on the current years Capital allocation.
2. Conditions of windows etc. in a cottage in Laurencetown
Mr. Howlett informed Councillor Joyce that the window frames are in need of replacement in this case but that the metal casement windows are in good condition. He stated that the fascia board is also in good condition but the soffit at the rear needs replacement.
3. Building of house for applicant in Rooghan, Laurencetown.
Mr. Howlett informed Councillor Joyce that a tender is at present being negotiated for the erection of a house for this applicant.
4. Houses for elderly persons.
Mr. Howlett informed Councillor Morgan that arrangements are being made in the preparation of the layout for the next phase of the boughrea housing scheme for the provision of 4 houses for elderly people.
5. Allocation of a house to an itinerant in Loughrea
In replying to his motion, Mr. Howlett informed Councillor Morgan that the applicant who was housed in this case was recommended by the Chief Medical Officer and Social Worker and that the person concerned was one who in their view would most likely integrate into the community. The applicant in question had nine children. He also informed Councillor Morgan that a vacancy has now arisen in Loughrea and that it is intended to house an itinerant from the tigeens.
6. Construction of back road between houses Nos.1 and 16 and 17 to 32, Dublin Rd., Tuam
In reply to Councillor Morgan's motion, Mr. Howlett stated that the Council had been in contact with one of the tenants whose garden would be affected by the proposal to build two houses in lieu of screening. He stated, however, that the tenant was not at present agreeable to the proposal but that negotiations with him are continuing.

The meeting then terminated.

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Submitted, Approved & Confirmed
Tom Curran

 Chairman.

ATTENDANCE:

Galway County Council: Deputy R. Molloy, Cllr. Melvin, Senator Killilea & Deputy Kitt.

Ballinasloe U.D.C.: Cllr. P.J. Glavin, A/Chairman.

Officials: Messrs. J. Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager; K. Doyle, Acting Co. Sec.; T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; M.J. Dunne, Deputy Co. Engineer; M. Tierney, C.A.C.E. (Housing); Sr. Brigid, Miss M. McCracken, Social Workers and Miss M. Nolan, Staff Officer.

A Programme showing the position regarding Itinerants housed, unhoused and sites being considered was circulated at the meeting.

Report on present position:

Mr. Howlett, Assistant County Manager, gave a report on the present position. He said that two housing schemes had just been completed - one at Ballyfeighter and one at Lowville. One itinerant family had been given a house in each scheme. Two families will also be housed shortly in the new housing scheme in Loughrea. Sites at Poolboy and Creagh were investigated but not proceeded with for different reasons. Investigations are going on for the acquisition of a site at Merlin Park from the Department of Lands. A request for finance for the erection of 4 Demountable Dwellings at Doughiska (cost £15,000) and for the provision of 6 caravans (cost £4,800) is being sent to the Department of Local Government.

Cllr. Melvin said that only one house in the Loughrea Housing Scheme was intended for itinerants and now it was proposed to accommodate more than 1 family in the scheme. Mr. Howlett said that when the Housing List was examined it was found there was a very urgent need for housing another itinerant family. Cllr. Galvin agreed that it would not be desirable to proceed with the sites at Creagh and Poolboy. He also commented on the number of caravans and camps at Poolboy. Both Cllrs., Melvin and Galvin deplored the begging by itinerants in Ballinasloe and Loughrea, and said the Garda should enforce the laws against begging. Cllr. Galvin said that the original site at Tubbergrellan, Ballinasloe, was abandoned due to a lack of water. The owner might be prepared to give another site.

Members Notices of Motion

1. Sites:

Mr. Howlett said that a site at Athenry was being transferred. Sites at Tuam had been investigated. As there are always difficulties in acquiring sites it is felt that having succeeded in acquiring them it is better to provide housing accommodation on them rather than using them as camping sites. Senator Killilea said that he would be in favour of a hardstand with proper water and sewerage facilities. He said caravans were deteriorating due to a lack of proper hardstands and the itinerants' wandering animals were a menace to the public. Cllr. Galvin said that as the families were multiplying that sites should be acquired to take them off the roadside. Senator Killilea stated that a site at Cloonthue was now for sale and suggested that the Council should acquire it. He was supported by Deputy Kitt. Senator Killilea also asked that the Council investigate a vacant house opposite the Labour Exchange in Tuam.

11. Building of a house for an Itinerant Family at Clonfert, Ballinasloe.

It was stated that the Council had selected a site for the applicant in question, but it is not certain that the sale would go through.

111. Provision of a house for an Itinerant Family in the Eyrecourt Area.

This family was interviewed by the Social Worker. It would be desirable to house this family if a site was available, but as they have only one child other itinerant families would be in greater need.

IV. Provision of a house for an Itinerant Family in the Eyrecourt Area.

When interviewed, this applicant stated that he would prefer to be housed near Banagher, as it would be easier for his family to find work there. The Social Worker will report the case to the Social Worker in Offaly County Council.

V. Transfer of Site at Esker, Banagher.

The Council was unable to acquire this site due to legal difficulties.

On the question of sites, Deputy Molloy said that the acquisition of large sites was not the solution and that he feared that this mistake might be made in Galway City. He said that smaller sites with a smaller number of families were more desirable and Cllr. Galvin agreed with this. Deputy Molloy referred to the fact that the Committee was a Joint Committee and was disappointed that there was no representative from Galway Corporation. He asked that another meeting be called within a month and this was agreed by the other members.

Submitted, Approved & Confirmed

Chairman

MIONTUAIRIS (CRUINNITHE DE CHOISTE GAELTACHTA COMHAIRLE CONTAE NA GAILLIMHE) TIONOLADH IN OIFIGI GHAELTARRA EIREANN AR AN 5/3/1976.

Cathaoirleach: M. O Morain.

Baill eile i lathair. N. O Conchubhair, P. O Caomhanaigh, S. O Tuairisg, N. O Gadhra, E. O Mealoid.

Oifigeach i lathair o'n Comhairle Contae C. O Dubhghaill, Runai Sealadach.

1. MIONTUAIRISCI:

Glacadh le miontuairisci na gcrúinniu a tionoladh ar an 5/8/75 agus ar an 3/11/75 agus shinigh an cathaoirleach iad.

2. UDARAS DE'N GHAELTACHT:

Duirt an cathaoirleach gur e an chead gno de'n chruinniu na a chinneadh an ceart aon mholadha theacht o'n gCoiste maidir le hUdaras do'n Ghaeltacht.

Duirt an tUasal O Gadhra gur cheart run aontaithe a theacht o'n gCoiste ag teaspaint go bhfuil eileamh ar Udaras eifeachtach - udaras a thoghfaí go daonfhlathach.

B'e tuairim an chathaoirligh go mba cheart ionadai an Udarais a thoghadh i bparóistí, agus as na baill sin thiocfadh Comhairle do cheanntar Gaeltachta amháin agus as na comhairlí go leir thiocfadh an tUdaras, a mbeadh a choras bainistíochta fein aige.

Tar eis an cheist a phlé a thuille socruigheadh go mbeadh cruinniu eile ag an gCoiste chun meamram a ullmhu d'Aire na Gaeltachta, maidir leis an saghas Udarais ba cheart a bhunú.

Chuireadh deire leis an gcrúinniu leis sin.

MIONTUAIRISCI CRUINNITHE DE CHOISTE GAELTACHTA COMHAIRLE CONTAE NA GAILLIMHE A TIONOLADH ANS NA FORBACHA, GAILLIMH AR AN 12u Marta, 1976.

Cathaoirleach: M. O Morain.

Baill eile i lathair: R. O Maoildhia, S. O Domhnallain, P. O Caomhanaigh.

Oifigeach i lathair o'n Comhairle Condae: C. O Dubhghaill, Runai Sealadach.

1. UDARAS DO'N GHAELTACHT:

Duirt an Teachta O Maoildhia go mbeadh combhachtaí Comhairle Condae ag teastail o'n Udaras.

Tar eis an cheist a phlé glacadh leis an run deo leanas ar mholadh an Teachta O Maoildhia le cuidiu an uasal O Morain, agus cinneadh coip de'n run a chur fe bhraid an Chomhairle Chontae agus coip a thabhairt de'n Churadh Chonnachtach.

"Se tuairim Coiste Gaeltachta de'n Chomhairle Chontae nach mbeadh morán eifeachta ag Udaras Gaeltachta gan combhachtaí Comhairle Contae, go h-aithrid o thaobh Pleanála, Tithíochta, Boithre, Uisce agus Searachais. Cuireann se iona ar an gCoiste nach raibh aon teagmhail fos idir Roinn na Gaeltachta agus Comhairle Contae na Gaillimhe faoi cheist an Udarais, ce go gcuirtear in iúl go raibh taighde a dheanamh air, ag Roinn na Gaeltachta le trí bliana anuas."

Chuireadh deire leis an gcrúinniu leis sin.

Submitted, Approved & Confirmed

Chairman

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

GALWAY COUNTY OLD AGE PENSIONS COMMITTEE.

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
GALWAY.

15th March, 1976.

TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE/

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a meeting of the County Old Age Pensions Committee which will be held in the County Buildings, Galway at 3.15 p.m. on Monday 22nd March, 1976.

Mise, le meas,

E. KING
Secretary.

A G E N D A

1. Renewal of appointment of Mr. E. King as Clerk of the County Old Age Pensions' Committee for a further period of 6 months from 1/4/1976.

Patrick Tierney, Gortard, Clarinbridge, Co. Galway.

Oifig an Runai,
Bothar Mor,
Gaillimh.

15 Marta, 1976.

Chuig Gach Bhaill de'n Comhairle/

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, De Luain, 22 Marta, 1976 at tosnú ag 3.30. p.m. a chlog.

Mise, le meas,

C. O DUBHGHALL
Runai Sealadach

A G E N D A

Opening Prayer.

TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
2. Malicious Damage Decrees - List herewith.
3. Review of Rating System -
Summary of E.S.R.I. Report already circulated.

NOTE: The Minister for Local Government has requested the views
of Local Authorities on the Report by 31st March, 1976.
4. Oranmore Development Plan - copy herewith.
5. Overdraft - Quarter Ending 30th June, 1976.
6. Minutes of the following meetings:
 - (a) Gaeltacht Committee - 5th and 12th March, 1976.
 - (b) Itinerant Settlement Committee - 8th March, 1976.
 - (c) Housing Committee - 8th March, 1976.
7. The following resolution adopted by An Coiste Gaeltachta at meeting held on 12th March, 1976:

"Se tuairim Coiste Gaeltachta de'n Chomhairle Chontae nach mbeadh moran eifeachta ag Udaras Gaeltachta gan comhachtaí Comhairle Contae, go h-aithrid o thaobh Pleanála, Tithíochta, Boithre, Uisce agus Searachais. Cuireann se iongna ar an gCoiste nach raibh aon teagmhail fos idir Roinn na Gaeltachta agus Comhairle Contae na Gaillimhe faoi cheist an Udarais ce go gcuirtear in iúl go raibh raighte a dheanamh air ag Roinn na Gaeltachta le trí bliana anuas."
8. Sale of houses to the following - notices dated 8th March, 1976:

William Corcoran, Athenry Road, Clarinbridge, Co. Galway.
Ellen Madden, Cartrondoogan, Fohenagh, Ahascragh, Co. Galway.
Kevin Kelly, Creggauns, Creggs, Co. Galway.
Martin Ward, Baunoges, Castleblakeney, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
Patrick Tierney, Gortard, Clarinbridge, Co. Galway.

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Mary Walsh, Tawnaghbaun, Cashel, Co. Galway.
 Ambrose Kelly, Attigara, Portumna, Co. Galway.
 John J. Conneely, Kinvara, Co. Galway.
 John Hehir, Tullagh Lower, Loughrea.
 Michael Forde, Knockatee East, Dunmore.
 Patrick O'Brien, Killeaney, Aran.

9. Lettergish/Mullaghglass Group Water Supply Scheme - raising of loan of £2,240 to finance a special contribution.
10. Raising of loan of £25,000 to finance Small Water Supply Schemes in 1976.
11. The following resolution adopted by the Western Health Board:
 "that this Board calls on the Minister for Defence to base a helicopter at Galway."
12. International Conferences and Meetings - letter dated 27th February, 1976 from the Department of Local Government - copy herewith.
13. Local Government Water Pollution Bill, 1976 - copy of explanatory memorandum herewith.
14. Appointment of Nominee on the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.
15. Approval to nomination of Mrs. K. D'Brien, Windfield, Newbridge, Ballinasloe and Councillor Hugh Melvin, Ganty, Craughwell as delegates to the Library Conference in May, 1976 - as recommended by County Libraries Committee.
16. Tourism Development Plan, 1976/'80 published by the Western Regional Tourism Organisation Ltd.
17. Business submitted by County Manager.

MEMBERS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

18. Deputy R. Molloy: I will propose -
 - (i) that a full report be given on the steps to be taken to alleviate serious pollution problem arising from discharge of effluent into a stream at Park, Spiddal; (name supplied)
 - (ii) that a new filter be installed immediately at the Spiddal Water Supply to improve the quality of the water until such time as the proposed Spiddal/Furbo Water Scheme is in operation;
 - (iii) that provision be made in the 1977 Road Estimates for the construction of a footpath leading from Furbo Bridge to the top of the road leading to Spiddal.
19. Councillor P. McCormack and Deputy J. Donnellan: We will ask -
 - (i) for an up-to-date report on the Caherlistranne Group Water Scheme (being served by Castlehackett Lake).
20. Deputy J. Callanan: I will propose -
 - (i) that the Council clean a roadside drain at village of Cloonsheecahill, New Inn which is a health hazard, is flooding public road and also causing flooding to four houses in the village.
21. Councillor E. Haverty: I will ask -
 - (i) the Council to provide new footpaths at Killimor as follows:
 from J. Fitzpatrick's gate westwards to Bernard Harney's house. From Thomas Meir's gate northwards to bridge at Michael Curley's house and from Lynch's garage to Hanney's garage.

22. Senator J. M. Mannion and Councillor M. O Flatharta: We will propose -
 - (i) that the Council provide the money to extend the Kilkerrin Water Scheme to Loughconeera School.
23. An Comhairleor M. O Flatharta:
 - (i) Molaim go gcuirfear coras bailiucan bruscair ar fail do na ceantair Tuairin, Beal an Daingean, Leitir Mair, Tir an Fhaid, Tra Bhain, agus Leitir Mullain.
 - (ii) Molaim go gcuinneochad an lorrain bruscair a thaisfealann an bealach an bruscair ag ceann gach bothar o Casla go Mam Cros.
24. Councillor J. Molloy: I will propose -
 - (i) that this Council take on the task of ensuring that the various roads leading to the City dump are kept cleared of refuse;
 - (ii) that the graveyard at Castlegar be extended as soon as possible;
 - (iii) that the pump at Montiagh, Claregalway be tested for a sufficient supply of water to serve the people of the village with a group scheme.
25. Deputy J. Donnellan: I will propose -
 - (i) that Galway County Council give a reasonable water supply to the residents of Ballygaddy Road, Tuam and particularly to those that live at Bel-Air Drive where the supply is exceptionally bad.
26. Senator M. Killilea: I will propose -
 - (i) that Galway County Council give the Kilbannon Group Water Scheme the special grant of £19,000 requested both by them and the Department of Local Government.
 I will ask -
 - (ii) if the Council proposes to extend the refuse collection to Killaloonty village, Tuam as promised in 1975.
 I will propose -
 - (iii) that the portion of land recently made available by the Commission from the Newell Estate at Donaghpatrick, Caherlistranne be utilised for the extension of the Donaghpatrick Graveyard as a matter of urgency.
27. Councillor J. Joyce: I will propose -
 - (i) that the gate at the head of the road leading to Fahy Graveyard be removed, that the road be taken over by the Council and that funds be made available to have the road repaired as far as the Graveyard.
28. Councillor U. Burke: I will propose -
 - (i) that this Council take immediate steps to prevent further dumping along the roadside and adjoining land at Limehill on the Loughrea/Tynagh road and to remove that already on the roadside;
 - (ii) that this Council provide additional lighting in Woodford - one at the National School and one on the Portumna Road;
 - (iii) that this Council provide a "No Parking" sign at the bridge junction of the Portumna Road with the Main Street, Woodford.

29. Councillor P. F. Glynn: I will propose -
- (i) that two extra lights be provided in Milltown, Co. Galway in 1976/77;
 - (ii) that at least six litter bins be provided in Milltown before June, 1976;
 - (iii) that a list of all approved applicants for rural houses not yet built be supplied to the County Council.

30. Councillor N. Morgan: I will propose -
- (i) that an appeal be sent to the National Coalition Government that every man in County Galway who is drawing the Dole (Unemployment Assistance) would be required to work for Galway County Council at the same rate which is being paid to Council Roadworkers for the number of hours per week which would be equal to the amount of dole money per week. The work to be performed by Dole recipients would be the normal work presently carried out by Council roadworkers; such as: street sweeping; trimming hedges; and road margins; cleaning rivers and drains; maintaining public parks, toilets and cemeteries, etc.;
 - (ii) that Galway County Council provide a footpath on the west side of Moor Street, Loughrea in a straight line from the front walls of Staunton's to McDonnell's - 40 yards; and from Tuohy's cottage to Barrett's entrance - 20 yards. That this be provided as a matter of urgency, there being two entrances off Moore Street to St. Raphael's Secondary School and St. Ita's Infants' and National School is on the corner of same said Moor St.;
 - (iii) that Galway County Council widen the street at Mount Carmel Crescent, Lougurea particularly at Pakie Morgan's, No. 12, where presently a bus cannot pass if there is even one car parked at that point. Note: there are buildings only on one side of this street; there are no buildings on the north side of this street, only a field.

31. Councillor T. Walby: I will propose -
- (i) that the Council give a full report on the sanitary arrangements at the Sacred Heart Home, Spiddal where it is alleged these arrangements are polluting the stream which is a source of water supply to Mr. Feeney's house;
 - (ii) that a village identification sign and two large school signs be erected at Roscahill;
 - (iii) that the bad bend be removed at the junction of Killanin/Esker road by Joe Flaherty's fence leading to old cemetery.

32. Councillor G. Bartley: I will propose -
- (i) that Galway County Council extend the sewer from Riverside Clifden to Dooneen;
 - (ii) that Galway County Council extend street lighting on Riverside to the end of the road.

M A L I C I O U S I N J U R Y D E C R E E S

Name and Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree including costs.
John Joe Flattery, Meelick, Thom	Damage to two Cattle Water Troughs.	E. D. Levally.	£19.00	£26.30.
Minister for Posts and Telegraphs	Damage to Public Telephone and contents	Borough of Galway	£60.00	£60.00 plus £53.00 costs.
Josephine Lucas, Eyrecourt	Damage to wearing apparel.	Urban District of Ballinasloe.	£7.00	£5.00 plus £8.50 costs.
Kevin Lucas, Eyrecourt	do.	do.	£8.00	£5.00 plus £8.50 costs.
Higgins Garage, Limited.	Damage to Motor Car and fence.	Borough of Galway.	£300.	£47.56 plus £27.25 costs.
Ann Ward, Eyrecourt	Damage to wearing apparel.	Urban District of Ballinasloe.	£30.00	£5.00 plus £8.50 costs.
Thomas Furey, Canal Road.	Damage to hay.	Galway Rural.	£120.00	£134.91.
Thomas Furey, Canal Road.	Damage to hay.	Galway Rural	£120.00	£132.91.
Department of Posts and Telegraphs	Damage to telephone kiosk at Cloonminda.	E.D. Gallinastack (Glenamaddy)	£47.54	£87.62.
Department of Posts and Telegraphs	Damage to telephone kiosk at Ballinasloe.	Urban District of Ballinasloe.	£60.15	£110.52.
Western Motors Limited.	Damage to window and office desks.	Borough of Galway.	£30.00	£22.85.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD
AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON MONDAY 22ND MARCH, 1976.

In the Chair: (a) Deputy T. Hussey.
(b) Councillor Sean Donnellan.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in Attendance Book.

Councillors G. Bartley, U. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputies J. Callanan, F. Coogan, Councillors F. Fahey, M. O Flatharta, P. T. Galvin, 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 N. Morgan, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, P. Ruane, M. Ryan and T. Welby.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; J. Howlett, Acting Assistant County Manager, M. J. Dunne, Deputy 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.

912 - MINUTES:

On the proposal of Councillor Morgan, seconded by Councillor Melvin, the Minutes of meetings held on 23rd February, 1976 (two meetings) and on the 8th March, 1976 (Nos. 847 to 911 inclusive) were approved and signed by the Chairman.

913 - SYMPATHY:

Deputy Molloy proposed that the sympathy of the Council be extended to the wife and family of the late Mr. J. G. Browne, former Roscommon County Manager who died recently, who he stated, had contributed much to the development of the management system in its early years and who had also contributed much to the development of training in life-saving in Galway.

Senator Higgins, seconding the proposal, also paid tribute to the work done in Health and other services by the late Mr. Browne, both as County Manager and in voluntary associations.

The County Manager joined with the members in the expression of sympathy to the wife and family of the late Mr. Browne.

Resolutions of sympathy were also adopted with the following:

Mrs. Walsh, Lauragh, Attymon, Athruary.
Sean McDonagh, An Caoran Mor, An Ceathru Rua.
Michael Fahy, Caherdeane, Craughwell.

914 - SHEEP DIPPING:

Deputy Callanan stated that there had been some publicity recently about an outbreak of Sheep Scab in the county and he proposed that a Council sub-committee would consider the question of Sheep Dipping in general.

Senator Mannion seconded Deputy Callanan's proposal.

The County Manager stated that recently the Council had been notified that about 500 sheep were affected by Sheep Scab and that dipping had been carried out in respect of all sheep notified. He stated that the matter is at present under examination and that the Council would be informed of the position at the next meeting.

915 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES:

It was noted that Malicious Damage Decrees as set out in the list enclosed with the Agenda had been received since the last meeting.

916 - REVIEW OF RATING SYSTEM:

The County Manager referred to the summary of the E.S.R.I report which had already been circulated to members of the Council and stated that the Minister had requested the observations of Rating Authorities by 31st March, 1976. He stated also that there is one major point which should be borne in mind in connection with this review i.e. that whatever revisions in the system are made, local government autonomy should be preserved.

The report, he stated, suggested reform of the system, not its abolition and that there is in fact no practical substitute for rates. He drew the attention of members to a reference in the report to people who are liable for rates but whose income did not match the valuation of the property which they occupied. In the case of such people, a system of partial remission of rates was suggested but that the loss of such rates should be made good by central government.

Deputy Molloy stated that the present rating system was not equitable in that it provided for levying of rates on dwelling houses and as the review published by the E.S.R.I. does not provide for abolition of rates on dwellings, he cannot support the views expressed therein and he wished to be recorded as dissenting from them.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that the rating system is an unjust and inequitable system of taxation which is long out of date. He considered that the system should be overhauled thoroughly as it is understood that about 70% of the County Galway rate is being paid by about 30% of the people and that this, of itself, is an indictment of the system. He agreed that local authorities must have financial autonomy and he considered a system of Block Grants to be an inadequate substitute for rating. He agreed that a tax on a house could be reasonable if it were within the ability of the occupier to pay. He considered that middle income group people should not be exempt from rating but he thought that the amount of rates should be limited to £50 in a city and £25 in a rural area. He recommended that a system of revenue sharing in so far as taxation is concerned should be adopted but he stated that there was little alternative to rating available while the State had pre-empted all taxes which might give an alternative yield which would be adequate in lieu of rating. He considered rates on land a major injustice as it is a tax on a source of revenue and he suggested that approximately 20% of income tax should be appropriated to local authorities as a right. With regard to agricultural holdings, he pointed out that a certain minimum holding is necessary in order to provide a basic means of living for any individual and that this portion of an agricultural holding should be completely exempt from tax and that it is only on the excess over this amount that a tax should be levied. He considered that a revenue sharing system would be the fairest one but he pointed out that the major services which are paid for out of rates and taxation are available to all - not just to those people who occupy houses and that all people who have an income should then pay for them. Senator Higgins stated that one criticism he would have of the report is that it does not come down on the side of direct taxation and he considered that indirect taxation is not the answer to the problem and that any legislation which merely props an inequitable system goes only part of the way towards remedying defects. He considered that the present document should be considered in conjunction with a further document to be published soon on personal wealth by the E.S.R.I. He considered a house to be a social necessity which should not be subject to taxation and he considered that the report does not go far enough in suggesting changes in financial policy.

Senator Killilea stated that anomalies in the levels of valuation levied on land should be examined as there are different values per acre which are inconsistent with the value of the land itself. He agreed that people on low incomes should get exemptions from rates and he considered that the present system involves too high a demand on land. He recommended that people who are granted a waiver of rates should not have to make application for this waiver each year.

Deputy Callanan considered that it is essential that the authority of local authorities should be maintained and he recommended that dwelling houses should not be rated. He agreed with Councillor Kilgannon that a system of "adjusted acres" which would determine a minimum size of a farm should be adopted and this should be free of rates. He stated that he was aware of areas where there are land valuations which are not equitable and he considered a system of assessing rates on the basis of such valuation to be unjust.

Councillor Galvin outlined the various problems which had been identified in the report and the possible suggestions for remedying them, but he pointed out that a major problem is that most forms of tax which might be suitable had already been appropriated by the Central Government. He stated that there are many people in professional employment who pay no rates since they are not the sole occupiers of houses, but they still have the benefit of the services provided out of rates and he considered that such people should be required to contribute towards the local services.

The Chairman stated that it appeared that there was not much new in the report which had not already come to notice of the Council at various times.

Councillor Morgan stated that since all hardship cases are considered under the Waiver of Rates scheme, they are not entirely disregarded. He also stated that to abolish rates without a guarantee that a similar amount of money as is raised from rates would be available could mean the end of local democracy.

Deputy Kitt proposed and Councillor Byrne seconded that the Council adopt the report. Deputy Molloy stated that the report should simply be recorded as having been considered.

On the suggestion of Senator Higgins the Council agreed unanimously to note the report.

917 ORANMORE DEVELOPMENT PLAN:

The County Manager referred to the copy of the Oranmore Development Plan the draft of which has been circulated to each member of the Council. He stated that this had been prepared in accordance with the previous decision of the Council, that it was proposed to put it on deposit for a period of three months and to publish the statutory notices in connection therewith. He also stated that in accordance with the previous agreement made with the Oranmore Community Council, arrangements would be made to discuss the plan with them. In reply to Councillor McCormack, the Manager stated that every objection which will be made to the plan will be considered by the County Council before adoption of the plan.

The Council agreed that the plan be published, and be put on deposit.

918 OVERDRAFT: QUARTER ENDING 30th JUNE, 1976.

The County Manager stated that the overdraft on the Council account at present was approximately £1 million and it was estimated that overdraft to the extent of £1 million would also be required during the next three months.

It was proposed by Councillor Morgan, seconded by Senator Mannion and

resolved that subject to sanction of the Minister for Local Government overdraft accommodation not exceeding £1 million be borrowed on the Council's revenue account during the three months ending on the 30th June, 1976.

Replying to Deputy Molloy, the County Manager stated that the County Council had to work on overdraft pending recoupment of expenses on capital works when loans are raised. He pointed out that the Council has no reserves on which to work in advance of collection of revenue, and that the amount of revenue varies as rates and local government grants etc. are received. He said that the amount provided in the estimates in respect of overdraft interest for the year is about £50,000.

Deputy Molloy asked that he be informed of the rate of interest payable by the Council to the bank.

919 MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

On the proposition of Councillor O'Morain, seconded by Senator Killilea, the minutes of meetings of the Gaeltacht Committee, Itinerant Settlement Committee and Housing Committee as set out on the Agenda were noted.

Following a query by Councillor McCormack, Deputy Molloy gave particulars of the dates on which the Gaeltacht Committee had met.

Councillor Byrne stated that he accepted the accuracy of the Minutes but referring to the Gaeltacht meeting on the 12th March, 1976, he questioned the right of a committee to recommend that services at present administered by the County Council be taken away from the Council and he also questioned the right of officials to be parties to such meetings.

Councillor Morgan criticised the absence of members of the Council from certain committee meetings.

Councillor McCormack also stated that there are members on the Itinerant Settlement Committee who are not attending meetings.

The Chairman stated that where members are not attending meetings he is sure that they have had genuine reasons for not attending.

920 RESOLUTION FROM GAELTACHT COMMITTEE RE UDARAS GAELTACHTA:

Duirt an Seanadóir O h-Uigin go raibh cosúlacht ann gur iar Coiste na Gaeltachta go mbuailfeadh Aire na Gaeltachta le Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe agus d'fhiafraigh se ce mheid uaire a cuireadh iarratas chuig an Aire buailfeadh leis an gComhairle.

Duirt an Runai Sealadach nar cuireadh aon iarratas da leitheid chuig an Aire on gCoiste.

Councillor Morgan requested that if resolutions in Irish are to be brought before the County Council, a translation should also be provided.

Duirt an Comhairleoir MacGiollaGannain nach raibh an Coiste sasta le h-Udaras de saghaís airithe ach nar cuireadh in iúl fós cen saghas udaras a bhi ceapaithe.

At the request of the Chairman, Councillor O'Morain explained in English to the members the meaning of the resolution adopted by Coiste na Gaeltachta at its meeting of the 12th March, 1976.

Duirt an Comhairleoir Mac GiollaGannain go raibh níos mó deanta ag Aire na Gaeltachta ar só na Gaeltachta le trí bliana anuas na mar a rinneadh riamh cheana.

He congratulated the Minister on his work for the Gaeltacht.

Councillor Byrne stated that a discussion on this matter was premature since no proposals for the constitution of a Gaeltacht authority had yet

been brought forward and that the resolution now before the Council from the Committee now proposed to set up a county council of its own in Connemara. He considered this resolution was as a result of pressure from a minority and he stated that he would object to any further borders being created.

Councillor Flaherty stated that the Gaeltacht is a small part of Connemara and that it now has its own radio and printing services and all that it now needs is a proper "udaras".

Referring to the statement that the resolution before the Council was premature, Councillor O'Morain stated that now is the time to have such resolutions discussed as once a decision is taken regarding the form the "udaras" would take, it is difficult to change it. He considered that the Gaeltacht people are the only people who have the right to decide their own destiny and the steps which they should take to preserve their own language.

Senator Killilea stated that dividing up the activities of the Council into committees is a bad practice and stated that all the Council needs to carry out its functions properly is an adequate supply of money. He considered that the work already done by the County Council on roads, housing and other services is very creditable and that to break up the county into another unit would be to degrade the work of the County Council. He considered that there should be only one unit providing such services in the county.

The Chairman stated that the resolution was simply the opinion of the Committee which was put before the County Council and that the Council should just note the resolution.

Senator Mannon proposed and Councillor McCormack seconded that the Council do not note the resolution.

Senator Higgins stated that the resolution refers to functions to be assigned to a devolved authority which would be set up for historical and linguistic reasons. He considered that an authority should have maximum powers if it is to be effective.

Councillor Galvin considered that this resolution simply expresses the opinion of the committee and that he saw no reason to oppose it.

Councillor Burke stated that this was an opinion of the Committee only and that there should be no vote.

Senator Mannon then withdrew his proposal but stated that he wished to be recorded as dissenting from the contents of the resolution.

Deputy Molloy stated that it is generally understood that an authority with responsibilities will be set up and that the resolution adopted by an Coiste Gaeltachta expresses surprise that the Minister's office or the Minister himself had not contacted the Council in connection with the matter since the Minister had stated that he had contacted various organisations and local authorities in connection with the matter although he had not in fact contacted Galway County Council. The motion also expresses surprise at this.

921 SALE OF HOUSES;

It was proposed by Councillor O'Morain, seconded by Councillor Ruane and resolved that Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of the houses occupied by them to the following in accordance with the terms of notices under Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1946 as amended by Section 90 of the Housing Act 1966 circulated to all members of the County Council on the 8/3/1976.

William Corcoran, Athenry Rd., Clarenbridge.
Ellen Madden, Cartrondoogan, Fohenagh, Ahascragh.
Kevin Kelly, Creggauns, Creggs.

Martin Ward, Banogues, Castleblakeney, Ballinasloe
Patrick Tierney, Gortard, Clarenbridge.
Mary Walsh, Townaghbawn, Cashel
Ambrose Kelly, Attigara, Portumna
John J. Conneely, Kinvara.
John Hehir, Tullagh Lower, Loughrea
Michael Forde, Knockatee East, Dunmore

It was also proposed by Councillor O'Morain, seconded by Councillor Ruane and resolved that Galway County Council approve the sale of the house occupied by him to Mr. Patrick O'Brien, Killeaney, Aran in accordance with the terms of a notice dated the 11th March, 1976 circulated to each member of the Council under the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1946 as amended by Section 90 of the Housing Act 1966.

922 LETTERGESH/MULLAGHGLASS GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME;

It was proposed by Deputy Molloy, seconded by Councillor O'Morain and resolved that Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £2,240 from the Commissioners of Public Works to finance the Council contribution towards the cost of increased pipe sizes in the Lettergesh/Mullaghglass Group Water Supply scheme, the loan to be repayable by instalments over a period of 25 years with interest at the rate in force at the date of issue of the loan to the Council".

923 SMALL WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES - 1976-LOAN £25,000;

It was proposed by Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor J. Molloy and resolved that Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £25,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works to finance the Council's programme for small water schemes for 1976, the loan to be repayable 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."

924 BASING OF HELICOPTER AT GALWAY;

On the proposition of Councillor J. Molloy, seconded by Councillor Kelly, the Council unanimously agreed to give its full support to a motion adopted by the Western Health Board at its meeting held on the 2nd February, 1976 requesting the Minister for Defence to base a helicopter at Galway.

925 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS;

The County Manager drew the attention of members to Circular No. G/5/76 dated 27th February, 1976 from the Department of Local Government regarding the attendance of members and officials at national conferences and meetings.

On the proposition of Councillor Morgan, seconded by Councillor Holland, the Council unanimously agreed to adopt the recommendations set out in the above circular.

926 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (WATER POLLUTION) BILL 1976;

Senator Higgins recommended that the Council would come back to discuss this Bill on another occasion when the new planning Bill should be examined in the same context. He stressed the importance of the water pollution Bill to the Galway County Council which has responsibilities in relation to the Corrib and also because it is adjacent to the sea. He considered that the Bill has some weaknesses in that it does not deal adequately with local authorities themselves as polluters and that it does not specify how the heavy cost of remedying pollution is to be provided. He considered that the Minister has been too lenient in the amount of fines specified in the Bill and he considered that the fines should have an escalation clause made to keep pace with inflation.

He considered that the Bill is of major environmental importance and that it should come up for further discussion later.

The County Manager stated that Deputies and Senators will have further opportunities to discuss the Bill when it comes before the Dail and Seanad.

Deputy Molloy stated that local authorities had been accused of being primary polluters of rivers arising from the discharge of raw sewage into waters. There is also, he stated, seepage from refuse dumps which lower water standards and injure marine life. He considered that since local authorities are so involved in pollution, a separate body should be established to administer the law. Where a number of counties are involved, he considered that a "catchment body" should be established for the whole river area.

The County Manager stated that allegations that local authorities were major polluters of waters are greatly exaggerated. Adverse comments about local authorities have been made but there is no reference to the schemes proposed by them to remedy defects. He pointed out that the only thing preventing local authorities from carrying out remedial works is that of finance.

Deputy Callanan stated that to the extent that local authorities must provide for people living in large towns, such local authorities are polluters but the problem is how to get people to live in rural areas.

Senator Higgins stated that a Foras Forbartha study showed agriculture as the major source of pollution with local authorities in second place.

Councillor Welby stated that the Bill should be considered in the context of the powers it would give the local authority to deal with the river Corrib.

Councillor Morgan stated that if effluent from housing estates is properly treated, no pollution arises from its discharge into rivers.

927 APPOINTMENT OF A NOMINEE ON THE BOARD OF THE IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD.

On the proposition of Deputy Molloy, seconded by Councillor O'Morain, Councillor G. Bartley was appointed the Council's nominee on the board of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd. for the year 1976/77.

928 DELEGATES TO LIBRARY CONFERENCE 20th - 23rd MAY, 1976.

On the proposition of Senator Killilea, seconded by Deputy Kitt, the Council approved the appointment of Mrs. K. O'Brien, Windfield, Newbridge, Ballinasloe and Councillor Hugh Melvin, Ganty, Craughwell as delegates to the library conference on the 20th - 23rd May, 1976.

929 TOURISM DEVELOPMENT PLAN 1976/ 1980 PUBLISHED BY THE WESTERN REGIONAL TOURISM ORGANISATION LTD.

The County Manager referred to this plan, copy of which had now been given to each member of the Council. He asked the Members to read the plan and to note the projects which had been listed by the Western Regional Tourism Organisation Ltd. in the county for the next five years. He stated that he had arranged for a meeting with the Regional Tourism Manager and that a report would be brought back before the Council later for further discussion.

Councillor O'Morain stated that this is a flexible plan to be implemented over a five year period and additional projects can be added to it if necessary.

930 POLLUTION PROBLEM AT PARK, SPIDDAL.

Deputy Molloy stated that a pollution problem has arisen here from two septic tanks serving a local establishment and he asked that the Council examine the matter carefully in order to find a solution to the problem. He stated that deleterious matter is finding its way into the stream and that this is clearly visible. The pollution he stated arises from the two septic tanks in question and this is creating a problem for a local resident who is taking water for his household from the stream. This man has also a well in low lying ground nearby and when occasionally the stream overflows, water gets into it from the stream. Deputy Molloy also stated that it was alleged that a septic tank serving this man's house was also a likely cause of pollution but that this man's engineer could not find any evidence of any pollution of the stream arising from this septic tank. He asked the Council to deal with the matter urgently.

Senator Mannion seconded Deputy Molloy's proposal.

Councillor Welby stated that the tank serving the dwelling house was provided over eight years ago, is used by a small number of people and could not cause much pollution. He stated that a suggestion contained in a letter from the Minister for Local Government that a group water scheme be organised was not a solution to the problem.

The County Manager stated that the Chief Medical Officer was not able to certify that a public health nuisance exists and he considered that this would be the type of situation which might be solved by the new Water Pollution Bill. It was not clear, he stated, that in this case one occupier was at fault more than the other and he considered that seepage could arise through the soil from any of the septic tanks into the watercourse or from other sources. He stated that one party invited to a meeting to solve the problem did not attend. The County Manager also stated that another effort will be made to solve the problem and that the Chief Medical Officer will be consulted as to steps to be taken to have it resolved.

931 SPIDDAL WATER SUPPLY - INSTALLATION OF FILTER:

Deputy Molloy proposed a new filter be installed immediately on Spiddal water supply to improve the quality of the water until such time as the proposed Spiddal/Furbo water scheme is in operation. He stated that the water is of a very poor quality in Spiddal, an area which is catering for students and tourists and he considered that the reason is inadequate filtering. He stated that immediate action is necessary to remedy the situation.

Councillor McCormack seconded Deputy Molloy's proposal and asked when will the new regional scheme be provided. The County Manager stated that he could not state as it will depend on the availability of funds. If funds were made available work could commence in a very short time as contract documents are ready. Replying to Deputy Molloy's proposal, the County Manager stated that the scheme does not lend itself to the installation of a filter and that to install a filter would require major reconstruction.

Deputy Molloy stated that the quality of the water was not always as bad as it is now and he asked if in the circumstances some improvement could be made.

Mr. Dunne, Deputy County Engineer stated that he would examine the matter again.

932 CONSTRUCTION OF FOOTPATH, FUNEO BRIDGE TO TOP OF ROAD LEADING TO SPIDDAL.

Replying to Deputy Molloy's motion the County Manager stated an estimate of this work will be prepared for consideration at the 1977 roads estimates meeting.

933 CAHERLISTRANE GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

Replying to the motion in the names of Councillor McCormack and Deputy Donnellan, the County Manager stated that a deputation from the group was informed on the 4th February, 1976 that the Dept. Local Government was advised on the adequacy of Lough Hackett as a source for this scheme on the 21st January, 1976. He stated that he understood that the promoters were in negotiations with the owner with a view to obtaining the water rights. He stated that if the group fail to acquire water rights the Council will be prepared to see what assistance it can give in the matter.

934 CLEANING OF ROADSIDE DRAIN AT CLOONSHECAHILL:

In reply to Deputy Callanan's motion, the County Manager stated that cleaning of this roadside drain is in progress.

Deputy Callanan thanked the engineers for carrying out this work.

935 PROVISION OF NEW FOOTPATHS AT KILLIMOR:

In the absence of Councillor Haverly, when this motion came up for discussion it was agreed to adjourn the motion to the next meeting of the Council.

936 WATER SUPPLY FOR LOUGH CON AORTHA:

Senator Mannion proposed that the Council provide the money to extend Kilkerrin water supply scheme to Lough Con Aortha school. He stated that he was doing this because of the failure of the County Council to make provision for this when the original scheme was being carried out.

Councillor Flaherty seconded this proposal which was also supported by Deputy Coogan and Councillor Bartley.

The County Manager informed the Council that a further letter had been received from the Minister stating that a special capital allocation would not be made to have this work carried out by the Council. He stated, however, that the Minister would be prepared to allow the Council make a special contribution of £2,000 if the group scheme proceeds.

Councillor Morgan stated that this was a case where the Council, with the approval of the Department of Local Government, had provided head-works and it was now only a question of payment of a nominal contribution for a group scheme.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that the fault lay in the original design of the scheme which did not provide for the extension to Lough Con Aortha and that while some people got water supply without contribution, others had been asked to pay.

The County Manager pointed out that the Council had asked for an allocation of capital for the scheme.

Councillor O'Morain stated that he had been maligned on radio and in print and accused of having prevented the Council from giving subvention to enable the scheme to be carried out. He read for the Council letter dated 7th May, 1974 which he stated the Minister for Local Government had written to the late Deputy Geoghegan. He gave an account of the efforts he had made, including visits to the Minister for the Gaeltacht, to have money provided to carry out this scheme.

Replying to query by Councillor O'Morain, the County Manager stated that the Council could not pay the local contribution of £1,236.

Deputy Molloy stated that the validity of the case for bringing the water to the school was accepted and that a simple decision by the Minister for Local Government to make capital available could solve this problem

and he suggested that an approach again be made by certain Deputies and Senators to the Minister to allocate funds.

The Chairman stated that the Council had taken a decision on this matter at a previous meeting and had decided to send a further appeal to both Ministers to make money available but this had not been successful. He stated that he could not accept the proposal as there were no funds out of which the extension could be provided by the Council.

Councillor Sean Donnellan now took the chair

937 BAILIUCAIN BRUSCAR, AN TUAIRIN BEAL AN DAINGEAN, LEITIR MOIR, TIR AN FIAIDH, TRA BAN, AGUS LEITIR MEALAIN.

Ag tagairt don mholadh on Comhairleoir O'Flaharta, duirt an Bainisteoir Chontae go bhfuil na ceanntair seo ar fad suite f'en dtuaith agus nach raibh se i gceist riamh go mbeadh coras bailiucain bruscar ar fail do ceanntair de tsaghas seo.

938 BAILIUCAIN BRUSCAR IDIR CASLA AGUS MAM CROS.

Ag tagairt don mholadh on Comhairleoir O'Flaharta, duirt an Bainisteoir Chontae nach mbeidh se i gceist an Comhairle choiche bailiucain a chur ar fail do na ceantracha fen dtuaith den tsaghas seo.

Councillor Flaherty stated that as the lorry passes through the route referred to in his motion he did not see why it could not stop.

The County Manager stated that the service is geared and financed for villages only and it is not possible to extend it to rural areas. He stated that a similar limitation applies in all other parts of the County.

939 CLEANING OF ROAD TO CITY DUMP:

Replying to Councillor Molloy's motion the County Manager stated that this road is cleaned periodically by the Council and that if necessary more frequent cleaning will be arranged.

940 EXTENSION OF CASTLEGAR BURIAL GROUND:

In reply to Councillor Molloy's motion, the County Manager stated that a further approach will be made to the owner of the site which is required for the extension of the above burial ground with a view to purchasing it by agreement but that if this proves impossible, consideration will be given to the making of a compulsory purchase order.

941 PUMP AT MONTIAGH, CLAREGALWAY:

Replying to Councillor J. Molloy's motion, the County Manager stated that this well was tested at the request of the Department of Local Government on two occasions and that on each occasion the Chief Medical Officer reported that on the basis of chemical analysis, the quality of the water was unsatisfactory.

942 WATER SUPPLY, BALLYGADDY RD. AND BEL-AIR DRIVE, TUAM:

Replying to Deputy Donnellan's motion, the County Manager stated that this problem is being investigated and that a report will be available at an early date.

Senator Killilea asked that the matter be investigated immediately in order to clarify if it is the contractor who constructed the scheme or the County Council who is responsible for the bad water pressure in the area.

As Deputy Donnellan was absent when this motion was being discussed, it was agreed that the position would be explained to him by letter.

943 KILBANNON GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

In reply to Senator Killilea's motion, the County Manager stated that a request for a special contribution of £19,025 was received from the Dept. Local Government on the 24th February, 1976 and that this request is at present being examined.

Senator Killilea stated that he understood that the Council had agreed in 1972 that if participants in a group scheme would be liable to a charge in excess of £100 per house, the excess would be paid by the Council. He proposed that the Council give the grant of £19,025 as recommended. Deputy Kitt seconded Senator Killilea's proposal and this was supported by Councillor Ryan.

Mr. Howlett stated in reply to a query by Councillor McCormack that the Council can only subsidise up to the amount recommended by the Dept. Local Government and he stated that no ruling was ever made regarding payment of the contribution in excess of £100 per householder.

944 REFUSE COLLECTION, KILLALOONY VILLAGE, TUAM:

In reply to Senator Killilea's motion, Mr. Howlett stated that no extension of the present refuse service can be considered until a fourth refuse collecting vehicle is purchased.

945 DONAGHPATRICK BURIAL GROUND EXTENSION:

Referring to Senator Killilea's proposal, the County Manager stated that this land is at present in the process of being taken over by the Council from the Land Commission. Replying to a further query, Mr. Dunne stated that arrangements have been made for early commencement of work on the extension.

946 ROAD TO FAHY BURIAL GROUND:

Replying to Councillor Joyce's motion, the County Manager stated that no funds had been provided for carrying out this work. He stated also that a comprehensive scheme for carrying out repairs to such roads was prepared in 1960 but no funds had since been provided and that on current prices the cost was likely to be between £75,000 and £100,000 to carry out all the works involved.

Councillor Joyce stated that this road is fenced on both sides, that the road was constructed in 1965 and that residents want the gate on the road removed as they consider it is of no benefit. He asked how can the road be repaired.

Mr. Dunne, Deputy County Engineer, stated that it might be possible to have it done by way of local improvement scheme, but that the County Council would not be in a position to make a contribution towards the work.

947 DUMPING AT LIMEHILL ON LOUGHREA/TYNAGH ROAD:

In reply to Councillor Burke's motion, Mr. Howlett stated that penalties of up to £10 are provided for unauthorised dumping of litter in public places under the Planning Act but that the difficulty experienced by the Council is that of getting the names of those responsible for dumping. He stated that in this instance, the refuse will be removed.

Councillor Burke asked that notices prohibiting dumping be erected on the site.

948 ADDITIONAL PUBLIC LIGHTS FOR WOODFORD:

In reply to Councillor Burke's motion, Mr. Howlett stated that this will be considered in conjunction with all other applications for public lighting and that it is hoped to present a comprehensive report on public

lighting to the Council at the April meeting.

949 "NO PARKING" SIGN AT WOODFORD:

In reply to Councillor Burke's motion, Mr. Howlett stated that there are no parking bye-laws in operation in Woodford and that accordingly the sign requested can not be erected.

950 NOTICES OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR GLYNN:

In the absence of Councillor Glynn it was agreed that he be informed of the position by letter regarding the matters referred to in his notices of motion.

951 RECIPIENTS OF UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE:

A full discussion took place on Councillor Morgan's motion during which Members pointed out that the proposal, while having some merit, was not easy to implement particularly in rural areas. It was pointed out that the motion as it stood included all people on unemployment assistance many of whom are farmers who should not be forced to take up a job, probably far from home and leave their farms unattended. It was pointed out also that the dole in western areas is only a subsidy for people on low incomes.

The Chairman stated that while he sympathised with the sentiments expressed in the motion, he did not consider it feasible as it is and would like to see it in another form.

Councillor Morgan then stated that he would re-word his motion for a future meeting.

952 FOOTPATHS IN LOUGHREA:

In reply to Councillor Morgan's motion, Mr. Howlett stated that no funds had been provided in the 1976 estimates for this work but that an estimate will be prepared for consideration at the 1977 roads estimates meeting.

953 WIDENING OF STREET AT MOUNT CARMEL CRESCENT, LOUGHREA:

Replying to Councillor Morgan's motion, Mr. Howlett stated that no funds had been provided in the 1976 estimates for this work but that an estimate will be prepared for consideration at the 1977 roads estimates meeting.

Councillor Morgan asked that the motion be changed to provide for what is required, that is, that the road be widened on the north side.

954 NOTICES OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

Councillor McCormack proposed that a village identification sign and two large "school" signs be erected at Roscahill.

In the absence of Councillor Welby, it was agreed that replies would be sent to him regarding items No 31 (ii) and (iii) on the Agenda.

955 NOTICES OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BARTLEY:

In the absence of Councillor Bartley, it was agreed that letters would be sent to him explaining the matters referred to in notices of motion No. 32 (i) and (ii) submitted by him.

The meeting then terminated.

Submitted, Approved & Confirmed.

For Chairman

26/4/76

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE.

(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Bothar Mor,
GAILLIMH.

20 Aibreán, 1976.

Chuig Gach Ball de'n Comhairle/

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo beith i lathair ag cruinniú de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, De Luain, 26ú Aibreán, 1976 ag tosú ag 3.30 a dhlog sa trathóna.

Mise, le meas,

C. O DUBHGHAILL
Runai Sealadach.

A G E N D A

Opening Prayer.

TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
2. Malicious Damage Decrees - List herewith.
3. Sheep Dipping Regulations - Minute No. 914 of meeting of 22/3/1976. Copy of circular letter of 1st April, 1976 from the Department of Agriculture & Fisheries herewith.
4. Fix date for Annual Meeting of County Council.
5. Guaranteed Public Telephones - letter dated 25th March, 1976 from the Department of Posts & Telegraphs.
6. Raising of loan of £19,025 to make special contribution to Kilbannon Group Water Supply Scheme.
7. Raising of loan of £60,000 for supplementary grants for Water & Sewerage installations.
8. International Federation of Housing & Planning Congress.
9. Sale of developed Housing Site at Townparks (1st Division), Tuam - Notice to members dated 12th April, 1976.
10. Business submitted by County Manager.

MEMBERS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

11. Councillor E. Haverty: I will ask -
 - (i) That the Council provide new footpaths at Killimor as follows:
from J. Fitzpatrick's gate ^{westwards} to Bernard Harney's house;
from Thomas Meir's gate northwards to bridge at Michael Curley's house and from Lynch's garage to Hanney's garage.

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- (ii) That the Council ease a bad turn on the Mullagh Road between Gurtymadden Crossroads and Mullagh Crossroads.
;- the land will be made available;

- (iii) that the County Council ease a bad turn on the Mullagh Road between Mullagh Crossroads and Mullagh School near Frank Clarke's house - the owner of the land will give consent.

12. Deputy R. Molloy: I will propose -

- (i) That provision be made in the 1977 Road Estimates for the construction of a footpath leading from Furbo National School east to Patrick Flaherty's house;
- (ii) that a grant of £2,000 be paid from revenue to Galway County Community Games, 1976;
- (iii) that the proposed Spiddal/Furbo Public Water Scheme be re-designed to include piped supply to the following areas: Shannagurrane, Letterfrack, Boluisce Iochtar and Uachtar and to Lettermas.

13. Comhairleoir M. O'Flatharta:

- (i) Ce'n staid a bhfuil sceim Reigiúnach Uisce Chasla faoi lathair?
- (ii) An bhfuil se ar inntinn ag an gCoirle Comndae anois na comharthai bothar ar fud na Gaeltachta a dheanamh i nGaeilge mar ta i gceanntar faoi leith faoi lathair.
- (iii) Molaim go dtiuradh cuidiu airgid as deontas na mboithre '77 chun feabhas do chur ar an mbothar o Leitir Moir go Leitir Mullain.

14. Senator M. Killilea: I will propose -

- (i) That public lights be placed at St. Patrick's Church, Kilcoona, Headford, Co. Galway;
- (ii) that Galway County Council pay the supplementary grant to the Abbert Group Water Scheme, Abbeyknockmoy, Co. Galway, which they have applied for for some time.

15. Councillor J. Molloy: I will propose -

That the roadside be cleaned near Castlegar Parish Hall (Old School) to Castlegar Church on Galway/Tuam road.

16. Councillor P. McCormack: I will propose -

- (i) That the public lighting in Headford be left on later than 12.50 each night;
- (ii) I will ask when will the work be done on the Carrowbrown/Polkeen road, Castlegar which is the subject of an application under L.I.S.;
- (iii) that litter bins be provided for the village of Spiddal and along the road at the Irish College.

17. Deputy M. P. Kitt: I will propose -

- (i) That an estimate be prepared for extension of Mountbellew Water Scheme at the Agricultural College, Mountbellew to cater for 10 houses on the Castlegar road;
- (ii) that money be made available to complete L.I.S. application No. L.G. 178/73 for which scheme, £256 has already been contributed;
- (iii) that footpaths be provided from the church in Menlough village out to Michael Mitchell's house.

18. Councillor M. Kelly & Senator M. Killilea: We will propose -
That in the proposal to grant water facilities to a number of new house residents at Killaloonty, Tuam from the Weir Road, main, the County Council subscribes to the standard installation of the major connection required.
19. Deputy J. Callanan & Councillor J. Joyce: We will propose -
That Galway County Council would relieve drain outside Gurteen Church and pipe same.
20. Deputy T. Hussey: I will propose -
That Castlegar Group Water Scheme, Mountbellew, be allowed to obtain a supply from the Mountbellew Town Water Supply.
21. Councillor M. Kelly: I will propose -
(i) That Galway County Council request the Minister for Transport & Power and C.I.E. to give as soon as possible the breakdown on how the loss of £250,000 on the Claremorris/Limerick line was arrived at;
(ii) that Galway County Council should call on C.I.E. to re-open Tuam Railway Station as a bus depot and for the sale of tickets and condemn the siting of the bus depot in a public house.
22. Councillor T. Welby: I will propose -
(i) That the County Council make available to the next meeting the following information:
The amount of revenue collected in Motor taxation and licensing fees (driving licences and test fees) in year ending December, 1975. How much of the above money is made available for the roads in the county;
(ii) that the County Council adopt a resolution calling on the Government to transfer the money allocated to R.T.E. 2 to the more essential services such as housing and sanitary services. This is considered necessary due to the present economic situation;
(iii) that the County Council well at Rawfree, Headford be restored and lined to give a proper water supply for the village.
23. Councillor G. Bartley: I will propose -
That provision be made in 1977 estimates for the payment of a grant to the Roundstone Community Centre.
24. Councillor T. Byrne:
(i) I will ask for an estimate to have series of bad bends from Shiels' gate to Larkin's, Killeenaran, Kilcolgan eased;
(ii) I will propose that the condition and physical appearance of Kinvara refuse dump is a matter of local concern.
(iii) I will ask for an estimate to have 3 corners eased and foot-path completed in the Quay area, Kinvara.
25. Councillor P. Ruane: I will propose -
That the section of road between Merlin Park bridge and Cortoon, on the Galway/Orammore road be rough granite surfaced twice a year as there are too many fatal accidents along this road.

26. Comhairleoir M. O Morain:
(i) Ba mhaith liom a mholadh go ndeanfadh an Comhairle Condae eileamh ar an Runai Pairlíminte Iasgai cead níos mó ceadunais sruth líonta a chur ar fail ins na trí cheanntar iasgai sa gComndae;
(ii) Ba mhaith liom a mholadh go gcuirfi aon plean forbartha d'aon cheanntar Gaeltachta os coir an Comhairle Condae sul a ndeanfai iad a fhoillsiú;
(iii) Ba cheart a eileamh ar an Rialtas mor-sgeim sabhala a dheanamh ar bhoithre chois fharraige go haithrid o Dhoire Ne go Sraith Sailleach trí Rosmuc agus Carna.
27. Councillor Norman Morgan: I will propose -
(i) That Galway County Council instruct the County Manager to have the walls of Loughrea Town Reservoir raised by fifty feet, so as to (a) increase the present capacity which is less than one day's supply, (b) increase the pressure which is low at Cottage Hill, Caherwalter and Mount Pleasant, and that the rising main and pumps be increased in size to serve said reservoir;
(ii) that the road to Patrick Hough's house, Foxhall, Gurtymadden, be declared public, said road having been brought up to standard last year under an L.I.S. Grant;
(iii) that Loughrea Town Sewer Main be extended northwards from Gort Road, via Cuscarrick Crescent, to Old Galway Road, then westwards to serve Tullahill, Total distance approximately five hundred yards.

MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES

Name and Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amt. of Claim	Amt. of Decree incl. costs
James Kirwan, Mainguard St. Galway.	Damage to hay shed	Borough of Galway	£125.00	£135.71
Adrian Cloherty, 13, University St., Galway	Damage to motor car	Borough of Galway	£75.00	£107.61
Eamon Egan, Mainguard St. Galway	Damage to plate-glass window	"	£55.00	£86.63
Alex Sloan & Co. Ltd., William Street, Galway	Damage to plate-glass window	"	£30.00	£74.13
Patrick H. Taaffe, Shop St., Galway	Damage to plate-glass window	"	£37.43	£59.04
Desmond Madden, 35 Cardinal Cushing St., Mervue.	Damage to motorcar	"	£70.46	£97.97
Pdraig McDonnacha (Maire), Furrins, Lettermullen	Damage to windows & window frames	E.D. Gorumna	£50.00	£64.75
Peter Joyce, Shantalla	Damage to plate-glass window 15/16/12/73	Borough of Galway	£80.00	£38.91
Peter Joyce, Shantalla	Damage to plate-glass window 2/3/2/74	"	£20.00	£39.52
Cementation Co. (Irl.) Ltd. John St., Ardee	Damage to machinery	"	£200.00	£180.05
William Pope, Dublin Rd. Galway	Damage to dwellinghouse	"	£1000.00	£118.87
Higgins Garage Ltd., 2, Flood St	Damage to vans	"	£116.44	£175.52
Higgins Garage Ltd., 2, Flood St	Damage to motorcar	"	£92.62	£145.22

MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES

Name and Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amt. of Claim	Amt. of Decree incl. Costs
Brendan Madden, Middle St., Galway	Damage to Vw Stationwagon	Borough of Galway	£79.72	£129.60
Coras Iompair Eireann	Damage to seats in buses	"	£250.00	£286.97
Galway Motors Ltd., Headford Rd., Galway	Damage to truck	"	£55.70	£61.24
James J. Ward, Eyre St., Galway	Damage to plate-glass window	"	£12.00	£32.70
James J. Ward, Eyre St., Galway	Damage to plate-glass window	"	£12.00	£36.45
Bridge Mills Ltd., Bridge St., Galway	Damage to safe, table & Windows	"	£50.00	£70.39
Michael Tallot, 4, Upper Dominick Street, Galway	Damage to plate-glass window	"	£17.50	£37.84
Annie Maloney, Magheramore, Doughterard, Co. Galway	Damage to dwellinghouse, out-offices and contents	E.D. Doughterard	£7974.00	£4014.29

In the Chair: (a) Deputy T. Hussey
(b) Councillor Sean Donnellan.

ALSO PRESENT

Members: As recorded in Attendance Book.

Councillors G. Bartley, U. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputies J. Callanan, J. Donnellan, Councillors F. Fahey, M. Flaherty, P. T. Galvin, 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, Councillor H. Melvin, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors N. Morgan, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, P. Ruane, M. Ryan and T. Welby.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Senator M. D. Higgins.

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; Miss G. O'Grady, Senior Staff Officer, Messrs. T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; W. Cahill, Acting Chief Assistant (Planning); S. McMahon, Chief Assistant County Engineer and K. Doyle, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

956 - SYMPATHY:

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On the proposition of Councillor/seconded by Councillor Melvin, the Council adopted a resolution of sympathy with the relatives of the late Mr. Joe Clarke of Dublin.

Resolutions of sympathy were also adopted with the following:

Mr. Paddy Warren, Old Road, Abbeyknockmoy.
Mr. & Mrs. Martin Naughton, Carhoon, Gurteen, Ballinasloe
Patrick Donoghue (Jnr.), Kilmeen, Loughrea.
Patrick & Michael Reilly, Cloncona, Killimor, Ballinasloe.
Michael & Mrs. Forde, Corr, Killimor, Ballinasloe.
Mr. Mattie Shaughnessy, Monard, Turroughmore.
Mr. Bernard Ryan, Tynagh, Loughrea
Mrs. A. Jennings, Society Street, Ballinasloe
Mrs. Mahon, Ard na Mara, Salthill, Galway.
Mrs. Smith, Newcastle, Galway.
Very Rev. Fr. O'Connor P.P., Renmore, Galway.

957 - RESIGNATION OF MR. J. HOWLETT, COUNTY SECRETARY:

The Chairman proposed that the Council extend its congratulations and good wishes to Mr. John Howlett on his promotion as Assistant County Manager in Mayo County Council. He paid tribute to the efficiency and courtesy of Mr. Howlett to public representatives and to the public in general and stated that the Council was very unfortunate to lose him.

Councillor Ruane, seconding the proposal, also paid tribute to Mr. Howlett's courtesy and efficiency and stated that his departure would be a loss to Galway.

Ag oidíu leis an run, duirt an Comhairleoir O Morain go raibh buíochas ag gabhail do'n tUasal O hUileid as ucht an meid a rinne se do Choiste Gaeltachta na Comhairle.

Other members of the Council also paid tribute to Mr. Howlett's kindness and efficiency.

The County Manager, on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff, joined with the expression of congratulations and good wishes to Mr. Howlett and thanked him for his helpfulness during his period as County Secretary.

Mr. Howlett thanked the members and the County Manager for the congratulations and good wishes conveyed to him.

958 - WELCOME TO OFFICIALS OF DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Eugene Shannon, Higher Executive Officer, Planning Appeals Section and Mr. Jim Humphreys, Executive Officer, Sanitary Services Section of the Department of Local Government, who were on a training visit to Galway, to the meeting of the Council.

959 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Senator Killilea, the Minutes of the Meeting held on 22nd March, 1976 (Nos. 913 - 955 inclusive) were approved and signed by the Chairman.

960 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE CLAIMS:

It was noted that Malicious Damage ^{Decrees} as listed in the schedule to the Agenda had been received since the last meeting.

Councillor Sean Donnellan stated that he had noted that the amount of the Decrees were greater, particularly in the case of the smaller amounts, than the original amount demanded and he asked if a situation such as this could be avoided.

The County Manager stated that Malicious Damage Claims have to go to Court and that in such cases, costs are inevitable.

Replying to a further query by Councillor Kelly regarding damage to bus seats, the County Manager stated that under the law it was the right of any individual or authority to seek a Decree in Court for Malicious Damage.

Councillor Welby and Councillor Holland enquired whether such liability could be covered by Insurance.

The County Manager stated that claims such as this are probably not insurable and that in any event, many people have not Insurance Policies which would cover such losses.

961 - SHEEP DIPPING:

The County Manager referred to the circular dated 1st April, 1976 from the Department of Agriculture & Fisheries, copy of which was circulated to each member and stated that the main change in the procedure regarding Sheep Dipping is that in future, there will be only one dipping, i.e. during winter instead of two dippings as heretofore. He stated that the organisation in the county for carrying out the new regulations is being reviewed and that a proposal will be brought back to the Council in the near future. He stated that the message to all sheep owners is that all sheep must be dipped and that it is in their own interests to see that all sheep are dipped properly so that Sheep Scab may be finally eliminated.

Referring to the previous discussion at the March meeting on the matter, he stated that a Committee, if appointed, would have the function of advising on various aspects of the Sheep Dipping campaign.

Deputy Callanan stated that winter dipping was previously neglected and he agreed with the revised proposals.

Councillor Ruane stressed the seriousness of eliminating Sheep Scab in Galway, which county, he stated, holds approximately 1/6 of the total of Ireland's sheep.

Councillor Ryan agreed with the new proposals and particularly, with the emphasis on enforcement of the regulations.

Councillor Haverty stated that farmers will be afraid to have all their sheep dipped as certificates of Dipping may be sought by Health Board officials in connection with enquiries regarding Medical Cards and he felt that this would militate against a proper Sheep Dipping programme.

The Chairman stated that this matter should be taken up by the members of the Council who are on the Health Board at a Health Board meeting.

Senator Killilea stated that due notice should be given that dipping is to be compulsory but he stressed the problem of dealers who do not see that sheep which are being sold by them are dipped. He stated that notice should be given that Marts should not accept sheep without the appropriate dipping certificates.

Senator Mannion welcomed the new proposals and asked that the tank at Cloughbrack, Clonbur which is owned by the County Council be repaired.

Deputy Callanan stated that it was wrong of Health Board officials to ask for Certificates either for Warble Fly treatment of cattle or for Sheep Dipping, as he considered that this could seriously interfere with the eradication of animal disease. He proposed that the Council ask the Western Health Board and the Minister for Health not to allow such certificates to be requested.

Senator Mannion seconded this proposal.

Deputy Molloy referred to the serious problem of killing of lambs by foxes in the Connamara area and he asked that this should be taken up with the Department.

The Chairman stated that this did not arise under the Sheep Dipping Scheme and it was a matter for the Committee of Agriculture.

Deputy Callanan stated that abuses of this scheme for eradication of foxes had been the source of recent investigation by the County Committee of Agriculture.

It was agreed that the question of appointment of a Sheep Dipping Committee would be placed on the next Agenda.

962 - ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNCIL:

The County Manager stated that this meeting is to be held not more than 14 days before or after the anniversary of the first annual meeting, i.e. 2nd July.

It was agreed that the Annual Meeting for 1976 would be held on 28th June next, the date of the Ordinary monthly meeting.

963 - GUARANTEED PUBLIC TELEPHONE KIOSKS:

The County Manager stated that, as directed by the Council at a previous meeting, a letter was sent to the Department of Posts & Telegraphs requesting that the Council be not required to contribute towards the capital cost of guaranteed public telephone kiosks and that a reply had now been received from the Department of Posts & Telegraphs. He then read letter dated 25th March, 1976 from that Department stating that there is no charge to the Council for the construction and installation of guaranteed kiosks but that thereafter the costs to the Department of running and maintaining a kiosk in a rural area, which is £255, is the sum which the Council would have to guarantee and that the Department could not agree to accept a figure less than the annual cost.

Councillor Fahey expressed disappointment at the reply and stated that it appears that now several remote villages will be left without a telephone kiosk. He stated that many of those are three or four miles from the nearest 'phone.

Councillor O Morain stated that he was disappointed also but that the Council should face up to its responsibilities and make a decision on a policy. He proposed that the matter be included for discussion at the next Estimates Meeting for the purpose of fixing a policy and if necessary, providing finance for the purpose of giving means of communication to people in remote areas.

Senator Killilea criticized the policy of the Department of Posts & Telegraphs and stated that it appeared that the large sums of money being spent on the telephone system are being spent in large centres of population at the expense of outlying areas.

Councillor Morgan considered that the Dail Deputies and Senators should raise this matter in the Dail and Seanad. He seconded Councillor O Morain's proposal that the Council decide a policy on the matter at the next Estimates Meeting.

Councillor Kilgannon also expressed disappointment at the decision of the Department of Posts & Telegraphs.

Councillor McCormack stated that many public phones are damaged but he understood that there may have some scheme at one time for granting some concessions to the owner of a private telephone if such a phone were made generally available to the public. It was stated that no such policy now existed.

Deputy Callanan agreed with having the matter discussed at the next Estimates Meeting and suggested that provision might be made for a number of telephones in each electoral area.

Councillor Burke opposed the proposal that the Council should spend money on telephones as he considered that this is the duty of the Minister for Posts & Telegraphs.

Councillor Kelly asked if a copy of the letter could be sent to each member of the Council and he proposed that the Council ask the area representative of the Department of Posts & Telegraphs to attend a Council meeting and discuss the matter with members.

Councillor Morgan seconded Councillor Kelly's proposal.

On the suggestion of the Chairman, Councillor O Morain agreed to invite representatives of the Department of Posts & Telegraphs to the next meeting as an alternative to his proposal.

It was agreed that a copy of the letter would be circulated to each member and that a representative from the Department of Posts & Telegraphs would be invited to a future meeting to discuss the matter with members.

Councillor Haverty stated that the representative of that Department should inform the members, when he attends, of the revenue which is received from such telephone kiosks and that he should also give particulars of those that are not working or not usable.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that it was wrong policy on behalf of the Department of Posts & Telegraphs to locate telephones at particular places without local consultation and he considered that if local groups were approached regarding the location of telephones, they could be placed at more suitable places where they would be less likely to be damaged.

964 - KILBANNON GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

The County Manager requested the approval of the Council to the raising of a loan of £19,025 to finance the Council's contribution to the headworks for this scheme.

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

"that Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £19,025 from the Commissioners of Public Works to finance the Council's contribution towards the cost of headworks for the Kilbannon Group Water Supply Scheme, the loan to be repayable by instalments over a period of 25 years with interest at the rate in force at the date of issue of the loan to the Council."

Councillor Morgan asked what is the Council's policy regarding contributions to Group Water Supply Schemes.

The County Manager stated that each application for a contribution is examined at its merits by the Council officials and by the Department of Local Government, that generally if the Council asks a group to increase the size of a pipe to meet particular requirements of the Council, the Council agrees to pay the extra cost involved and that payments are made when progress with the construction of the scheme justifies it.

Senator Killilea asked if there was a delay involved in payment of the money - whether the group would be paid interest.

The County Manager stated that the Council subvents a group. It is unreasonable then to expect the Council also to pay interest. He considered that the delay is generally not very long and that payment of interest is not justified.

In reply to a query by Councillor Kilgannon, the County Manager stated that the money is borrowed from the Department of Finance and is outside the normal allocation for Sanitary Services. He stated that in future, where the Council pays a contribution, a condition will be that the group will be handed over to the Council for maintenance and control on completion in order to avoid abuses.

Councillor McCormack stated that he was aware of a case where a group carried out an extension to a water supply and that this group was charging another group who are extending the pipe still further for the right to connect to the pipe constructed by the original group.

In reply to Councillor Ruane, the County Manager stated that the question of abuses in the Moycullen area is being followed up and that he was not satisfied with how the group had responded to enquiries addressed to them.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that there has been some unjustified criticism of groups regarding the making of house connections.

The County Manager stated that the reason why the Council proposed taking over group schemes in respect of which a contribution was made was to avoid abuses which are alleged to be taking place. He stated that it will be a condition of the contribution to the Kilbannon Group that it will be taken over for maintenance by the Council on completion.

Senator Killilea stated that some people do not come into a group when the original group is being formed, in the hope of getting a free connection later. He asked that such people should be excluded if the Council takes over a Group Scheme for maintenance of if they are taken in they should pay a considerable sum extra. He stated that some groups are anxious to hold on to the control of the scheme and that they unreasonably exclude others from getting a connection from it later.

Councillor Ryan stated that some schemes are not fit to be taken over as they were not properly supervised by the Council when the scheme was under construction. He asked that all schemes be properly supervised on behalf of the Council.

965 - LOAN - £60,000 - SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS FOR WATER & SEWERAGE INSTALLATIONS:

It was proposed by Councillor Morgan, seconded by Councillor Kelly and resolved:-

"that Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £60,000 from the Bank of Ireland for the purpose of paying Supplementary Grants for private Water & Sewerage installations, the loan to be repayable by instalments over a seven year period with interest at present at the rate of 11½%, which rate will be subject to variation."

966 - CONGRESS - INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF HOUSING & PLANNING AT HELSINKI - 9TH TO 13TH AUGUST, 1976:

The County Manager stated that the theme of this Congress is "Quality of Life in Modern Urban Structure".

He referred the members to the circular letter G.5/76 dated 27th February, 1976 from the Minister for Local Government suggesting that the Council should assess the value of congresses before deciding to send representatives and that they should limit the number of delegates to be sent.

Replying to Councillor McCormack, he stated that the estimated cost per member would be in the region of £400.

Councillor McCormack proposed that no delegate should be sent to those Congresses, he considered it a waste of money.

Councillor Holland seconded this proposal.

Senator Killilea proposed and Councillor Joyce seconded that the Council send a delegation to the Congress.

Councillor Byrne stated that he would be in favour of sending delegates if a report were forthcoming. He stated that previously no report had come before the Council.

Councillor Morgan stated that a course of lectures for members such as was held some time ago in Ennis by the I.P.A. would be more useful to members.

Councillor Donnellan stated that a report was given to members of the Conference in Copenhagen and the County Manager also stated that one was given in respect of the Congress which was held in Vienna.

Councillor J Moran stated that information gained by him and by Councillor Fahy in last year's Seminar was made available in connection with traffic in the Galway City area and that information obtained at the Congress in Amsterdam was also used in connection with the Wedge Plan for the Cong/Cornamona area. He considered it short-sighted not to send representatives to the Congress.

After further discussion it was agreed on a show of hands that the Council would send a delegation to the Congress and that the members of the Council who would attend would be selected at the next meeting.

967 - SALE OF SITE AT TOWNPARKS (1ST DIVISION), TUAM:

It was proposed by Senator Killilea seconded by Deputy Kitt and resolved:-

"that Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of a site at Townparks (1st Division), Tuam to Mr. Richard Connolly, Ballinamona Park, Ballygaddy Road, Tuam in accordance with the terms set out in a Notice dated 12th April, 1976 circulated to each member of the Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 and Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966."

968 - REPORT ON THE INLAND FISHERIES COMMISSION:

The County Manager, referring to this report which had been recently circulated to the three members of the Council appointed to a sub-committee, stated that he would be in touch with them with a view to arranging a suitable time for a meeting. It was agreed that this could be held in about two weeks time.

969 - ROAD WORKS PROPOSALS, 1976:

Councillor Burke/asked when a decision would/be made on how the sums of £6,000 and less allocated to a number of Councillors in respect of road proposals at the Estimates Meeting would be spent.

The County Manager stated that he would not be in a position to answer this query unless he had further details before him.

970 - FOOTPATHS - KILLIMOR:

Replying to Councillor Haverty's proposal, the County Manager stated that no funds had been provided in the 1976 Estimates for this work but that an estimate will be prepared for consideration at the 1977 Road Estimates Meeting.

971 - EASING OF BAD TURNS ON ROAD BETWEEN GURTYMADDEN CROSSROADS AND MULLAGH CROSSROADS:

Replying to Councillor Haverty's motion, the County Manager stated that it was not possible to identify the turn which Councillor Haverty has in mind as there were a number of turns on the road. He stated that if Councillor Haverty would specify the bend in question, an estimate would be prepared for the next Roads Estimates Meeting.

Councillor Haverty stated that he would give this information.

972 - EASING OF BEND BETWEEN MULLAGH CROSSROADS & MULLAGH SCHOOL:

In reply to Councillor Haverty's motion, the County Manager stated that the estimated cost of this work was £1,000 and that it will be considered at the Road Estimates Meeting for 1977.

973 - SCEIM UISCE - CASLA, GLEANNACH MUIRINN:

Replying to Councillor Flaherty's motion, the County Manager stated that negotiations on a draft agreement with the Fisheries' solicitors are still in progress.

974 - ROAD SIGNS - GAELTACHT AREAS:

In reply to Councillor O Flatharta's motion, the County Manager stated that regulations regarding those signs had been made in 1970 but that further regulations are to be made by the Department of Local Government regarding the design of the signs, the standard version of placenames and provision for distances in metric measurement. He stated that if signs were now provided under the old regulations, the Council may have the problem of replacing them soon.

975 - BOTHAR O LEITIR MOR GO LEITIR MEALLAIN:- DEONTAS 1977:

Mar fhreagra ar an run a mhol an Comhairleoir O Flatharta, duirt an Bainisteoir Condae gur mhol se go gcuirfi an run seo siar go dti an cruinniú Meastachain (Boithre) 1977.

976 - LIGHT NEAR ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, KILCOONA, HEADFORD:

Replying to Senator Killilea's motion, the County Manager stated that this is an isolated rural church and that this lighting should be a matter for the church authorities.

Senator Killilea stated that this is a dark area generally around the church and that the problem is not all in the vicinity of the church but in the road leading to it. He considered that one or two lights would be necessary there.

The County Manager stated that the matter would be examined.

977 - ABBERT GROUP WATER SUPPLY SUPPLEMENTARY GRANT:

Replying to Senator Killilea's motion, the County Manager stated that the sum of £869 in respect of a Supplementary Grant is being withheld at present until restoration work has been completed satisfactorily by the Group. He stated that this was explained recently to the group members and they undertook to notify the Council as soon as the restoration was completed in order that the grants could be released.

Regarding the special contribution, he stated that there is a difference between the estimated costs as calculated by the Council and by the Department of Local Government and as soon as agreement is reached in this, the matter will be placed before the Council for approval to the special contribution.

Senator Killilea stated that this is a case where the group has had to pay interest on the cost of the scheme and that the delay in payment of the special contribution was not their fault. He asked what are the requirements regarding road restoration.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that County Council requirements regarding restoration of road margins etc. are difficult to comply with and that in any event, the Council was not specific enough in telling groups what they had to do.

Deputy Callanan stated that it was already decided that road restoration was to be done by the County Council and that it should be defined exactly what groups had to do regarding road margins.

Mr. Dunne, replying to an enquiry, stated that the carriage-way is restored by the County Council but that groups are expected to tidy up the road margins and if those are reasonably restored, grants are released.

Councillor Ryan stated that groups should be instructed at the beginning of a scheme to keep off the road as far as possible. He stated that there was delay in the part of the Council in carrying out restoration when schemes are completed by groups.

978 - CLEANING OR ROADSIDE NEAR CASTLEGAR PARISH HALL:

Replying to the motion in the name of Councillor Molloy, the County Manager stated that it was proposed to have the road grass margin in this area levelled off and re-seeded.

979 - PUBLIC LIGHTING, HEADFORD:

Replying to Councillor McCormack's motion, the County Manager stated that arrangements are being made to effect a changeover of public lighting throughout the county to photo-electric control and that this will provide dusk to dawn lighting in all areas.

980 - LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME APPLICATION L.G. 59/73:

Replying to Councillor McCormack's motion, the County Manager stated that an offer will be issued within the next few weeks of a grant in respect of this application.

981 - LITTER BINS NEAR IRISH COLLEGE, SPIDDAL AND IN SPIDDAL VILLAGE:

Replying the Councillor McCormack's motion, the County Manager stated that arrangements are being made for additional bins to be provided in this area.

982 - EXTENSION OF WATER SUPPLY AT MOUNTBELLEW TO CATER FOR TEN HOUSES ON CASTLEGAR ROAD:

It was agreed that the motion in the name of the Chairman (No. 20 on the Agenda) be taken in conjunction with this motion.

The County Manager stated that existing storage and distribution systems in Mountbellew are not capable of providing adequate supply for these 10 houses or for the Castlegar Group Water Supply Scheme as provided in the Chairman's motion. A scheme for improvement of the supply is being prepared and if this scheme is proceeded with, arrangements would be made to supply Castlegar area and he considered that a group should be formed to cater for the 10 houses on the Castlegar road.

Deputy Kitt stated that many other extensions to the Mountbellew scheme had been allowed in respect of applications which came later than that in the Castlegar area and he asked that something urgently be done to improve the storage position in Mountbellew.

The Chairman also stated that people who came later with their applications than the Castlegar group did had got a supply and he considered that they had been unfairly treated. He asked that urgent provision should be made for the residents of Castlegar area.

983 - LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME - L.G. 178/73:

Replying to the motion proposed by Deputy Kitt, the County Manager stated that an extra cost of £101 was involved in this case due to the fact that when the original work specified was being carried out, rock was encountered. He stated that it was a normal requirement of Local Improvement Schemes that where such additional expenditure occurred, the usual proportion of the additional cost would have to be paid by the group.

Deputy Kitt stated that only three people would benefit and that those had already paid £255 and he considered it a hardship on them to have to pay the additional amount on account of the discovery of rock.

The County Manager stated that he could not suggest any course other than that the beneficiaries involved should pay the additional cost as it is normal application of the terms of the scheme.

Councillor Sean Donnellan now took the Chair.

984 - FOOTPATHS AT MENLOUGH VILLAGE:

In reply to Deputy Kitt's motion, the County Manager stated that it would be necessary to have major re-alignment work carried out before footpaths can be provided in this village approach road and he stated that a re-alignment scheme has been designed but that no financial arrangements have been made.

985 - WATER SUPPLY FOR NEW HOUSE RESIDENTS AT KILLALOONTY:

Replying to a proposal in the names of Councillors Kelly and Senator Killilea, the County Manager stated that there would be no

objection to the applicants in this case forming a group scheme in the ordinary way but that if they do so a four inch diameter main should be provided. He stated that this is over and above the needs of the group. He would be prepared to recommend to the Council payment of a special contribution to cover the excess expenditure involved.

Councillor Kelly stated that two people already in this area had got a connection, whereas the third person was refused a connection but that he was not told of the requirement that a group be formed when he was applying for planning permission.

Senator Killilea stated that the group was told they had to put in a 4" pipe so that sites further on could be serviced. He asked that the County Council should now put in the short length of pipe which would be required in order to serve the existing householders and that the cost of this could later on be recovered if the group scheme proceeds.

The County Manager stated that the Council could not undertake this type of work as there were many of its kind in the county which are needed and that no capital provision has been made for such extensions.

Senator Killilea asked that the main be extended by the Council to where the residents can connect and that the remaining area could be considered later.

Following further discussion, the County Manager stated that the matter will be re-examined as a matter of priority and in the light of what had been stated by members.

986 - DRAIN NEAR CURTEEN CHURCH:

Replying to the motions in the names of Deputy Callanan and Councillor Joyce, the County Manager stated that this was an open drain which was adequate for its purpose. He stated that routine maintenance is carried out and that provision of piping would not increase the efficacy of the drain.

Deputy Callanan stated that this drain is opposite the church, that cars could reverse into it and that a pipe should be provided in order to cover the drain and that clay should be removed from the area.

Councillors Joyce, Kilgannon and Deputy Kitt stated that the drain in question should be covered and piped in order to enable cars to be parked in safety. They also stated that it is unsightly in its present condition outside the church.

The County Manager stated that he would ask the County Engineer to examine the matter again in relation to what had been stated by members.

987 - CLOSING OF GALWAY/LIMERICK RAILWAY PASSENGER LINE AND RE-OPENING OF BUS DEPOT AT TUAM RAILWAY STATION:

Councillor Kelly proposed both motions standing in his name on the Agenda. Regarding the second motion, he stated that he proposed that the Council would send a strong letter of complaint to C.I.E. regarding the site of the Bus Depot and Ticket Office at a Travel Agency in Tuam which is not giving a better service than that which was previously provided at the railway station. He stated that passengers still cannot get an early morning ticket at the new depot and that if they are travelling early they have to get a ticket on the day before. He deplored the fact that C.I.E. had decided to put a Bus Depot at a public house where no special provision has been made for passengers while shelter was available for them at the railway station. He stated that two buses occasionally park close to the clinic and the Mart and create traffic congestion. He proposed that the Council ask C.I.E. to re-open the Bus Depot at the railway station.

Seconding the first motion in Councillor Kelly's name, Councillor Morgan stated that the Council and the public are entitled to know how the losses on the passenger line from Ballina to Limerick were computed.

Regarding the location of the Bus Depot at a public house, he considered it was wrong to compel people to wait in a licensed premises while C.I.E. have suitable premises at the railway station nearby which they are not using.

Senator Killilea stated that he considered that wrong information had been given regarding the losses on the Ballina/Limerick passenger line and he proposed that the Council should ask the Government to set up a public enquiry into the matter and into the general affairs of C.I.E.

Councillor O Morain asked that the Council also include in this an investigation into the Road Freight Service and the policy of C.I.E. in the West. He considered that services are being deliberately run down by C.I.E. so that they can close them down eventually in the Western areas. He stated that if C.I.E. is obliged to provide a Social Service, it should provide it but that if it is being run on a commercial basis, it should be allowed to go ahead on a commercial basis without any subsidy from the State.

Deputy Callanan stated that it was his impression that C.I.E. are creating a situation whereby they will terminate their services to the West at Athlone.

Councillor Kelly stated that he feels that the Minister and others were given incorrect information by C.I.E. regarding losses on the Ballina/Limerick line and he pointed out that the law obliges C.I.E. to give particulars of losses to the Minister. He also criticized C.I.E. for a bargain which he states was made regarding passenger services for Knock Shrine without the knowledge of the people of Tuam.

Senator Killilea stated that he suspected that the objective of C.I.E. is ultimately to discontinue all rail services in the West and that this could result in the closing of the Sugar Factory in Tuam which is depending on rail transport and he believed that C.I.E. has a policy of phasing out all transport in the Western area.

Councillor Kilgannon criticized C.I.E. for failing to deal seriously or effectively with a request for a commuter bus service between his area and Galway city which is very much needed.

Councillor Morgan seconded the proposal made by Senator Killilea that the Government be asked to hold a public enquiry into the operations of C.I.E.

Deputy Molloy stated that the County Development Team had agreed to help in making a case regarding road transport in the West but he stated that he had heard nothing about it since from the County Development Team.

Councillor Byrne stated that he did not agree that C.I.E. had intended curtailing freight services to Tuam or that they had any intention of taking action which would result in closing down the beet factory.

Councillor O Morain gave details of the restricted freight service being provided by C.I.E. in the Connemara area and he asked that in the resolution proposed by Senator Killilea, the Council also include the policy of C.I.E. regarding road freight and the operation of hotels.

Senator Killilea stated that in their discussions with C.I.E., they had not stated that they would give a complete service to the West of Ireland but they had stated that a "strain load unit" would continue to operate.

Councillor Callanan quoted an instance where a businessman in Gort was told he would have to go to Ennis or to a business premises in Gort to collect his goods and that the businessman in question would not accept responsibility for the goods in question for delivery.

The motions proposed by Councillor Kelly were agreed. It was also agreed that Standing Orders would be suspended in order to permit the motion proposed by Senator Killilea, seconded by Councillor Morgan to be submitted to the Government.

988 - MOTOR TAX REVENUE & ROAD GRANTS:

In reply to Councillor Welby's motion, the County Manager stated that the total receipts in respect of Motor Tax and related fees for the year 1975 amounted to £1,144,660 and that the amount of road grants allocated to the Council in respect of the same year was £772,450. He pointed out, however, that some of the receipts in respect of Motor Tax and other fees are for general Taxation and not for the road fund.

989 - SECOND TELEVISION CHANNEL:

Councillor Welby proposed and Councillor Bartley seconded that the Government be asked to transfer the money allocated to RTE 2 to the more essential services such as Housing and Sanitary Services in view of the present economic situation.

Councillor Byrne stated that he was opposing this motion on the grounds that allocations for various services had increased during the past few years.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that he did not think that the Government needed to be reminded of the need for economy in present circumstances and that no money had yet been allocated for RTE 2.

Deputy Molloy stated that there had been cutbacks in many services in respect of which Government grants are made available but he did not agree with the motion, as a lot of money had already been spent on the erection of a transmitter. He stated that there is a demand for RTE 2 in the single channel area and that he still supports the second television channel. He considered that the motion would not solve any problems.

On a show of hands, the Chairman declared Councillor Welby's motion defeated.

990 - COUNTY COUNCIL WELL AT RAWFEE, HEADFORD:

Councillor Welby proposed that the County Council well at Rawfee Headford be re-bored and lined to give a proper water supply for the village.

The County Manager, replying to the motion stated that a Group Scheme is being formed in Rawfee and water for this scheme will be taken from a different source than the County Council well which was the original proposal.

991 - ROUNDSTONE COMMUNITY CENTRE:

The County Manager, replying to Councillor Bartley's motion, stated that since State Assistance for Amenity Grants was discontinued, it has been the policy that the Council would continue to support from its own funds only those schemes where it already had a commitment.

Councillor Bartley stated that the people of Roundstone had put a lot of money into the Community Centre expecting a grant, and he proposed that provision be made for a grant for this Centre in the 1977 Estimates.

Deputy Molloy, seconding Councillor Bartley's proposal, stated that the Council still has power to make a grant despite withdrawal of the Government grants. He stated that the proposal only asked that when the next Estimates came around, provision should be made for Roundstone.

992 - EASING OF ROAD BENDS AT KILLEENARAN, KILCOLGAN:

In reply to Councillor Byrne's motion, the County Manager stated that the estimated cost of this work is £3,800 for which no money was provided in the 1976 estimates. He stated that the matter can be considered at the Roads Estimates Meeting for the year 1977.

993 - KINVARA REFUSE DUMP:

In reply to Councillor Byrne's motion, the County Manager stated that the dump, which is open to the public on two days each week, is kept in as good a condition as is possible and that it is levelled by traxcavator every eight or ten weeks as required. He stated that locals who use the dump often deposit rubbish at the entrance, even outside the gate sometimes and that this gives a bad appearance until such time as it is cleaned up. He stated that no other complaints regarding the condition of the dump had been received.

Councillor Byrne stated that the Community Council in Kinvara is concerned at the unsightly appearance of this and that it is a black mark against the efforts of the local committee who enter for the Tidy Towns Competition. He considered also that it is unhealthy and that fumes come from the dump and he asked that in the short-term the dump should be levelled off but in the long-term, provision should be made for closing the dump and seeking an alternative site. He stated also that rubbish is blowing over the wall on the south side and he asked that some steps be taken to prevent this.

Deputy Molloy seconded Councillor Byrne's proposal.

994 - EASING OF CORNERS AND COMPLETION OF FOOTPATH AT QUAY AREA, KINVARA:

In reply to Councillor Byrne's motion, the County Manager stated that the estimated cost of this work is £640 but it was recommended that it should await works in progress in the area.

Councillor Byrne stated that development work in the area started five years ago and it is unlikely to be completed very soon. He asked that provision be made for the work in the next Estimates.

Councillor Morgan seconded Councillor Byrne's proposal.

995 - ROAD FROM MERLIN PARK BRIDGE TO COFTOON ON GALWAY/ORANMORE ROAD:

Councillor Ruane, proposing his motion, stated that this road is dangerous, that there is no camber to assist traffic in negotiating bends and that it should be surface-dressed more often. He asked that surface dressing be carried out twice a year in order to make the road safer.

Councillor Welby seconded Councillor Ruane's proposal.

Deputy Molloy, supporting the motion, stated that since the road had been constructed, many accidents had occurred on it and that it is the subject of criticism by motorists.

He stated that the curves on the road are of a bad standard and that he was surprised that no hard shoulders had yet been provided on this road and he understood that at the time the road was re-aligned, the directions regarding hard shoulders had been issued by the Department of Local Government. He urged that hard shoulders should now be provided and that warning signs regarding the danger on the road should be erected.

Councillor Ruane recommended that a "Black Spot" sign be erected.

Councillor Haverty stated that the recommendation made in the motion will not remedy the problem and stated that the difficulty is in overtaking. He considered that hard shoulders would not resolve the problem and that danger arises when large vehicles, travelling rather slowly, hold the road.

Councillor Kilgannon suggested that a sign showing the number of deaths which has occurred on the road be erected on it.

The County Manager stated that the motion referred to granite-surfacing of the road, that this was not required and that it was not the cause of accidents. It would seem, he stated, that some accidents were not attributable to the road conditions.

Deputy Molloy stated that the surface of the road is satisfactory but that the design was not.

Deputy Molloy asked that An Foras Forbartha be requested to examine the condition of the road, its alignment, design, curvature, super-elevation and sight distance between Merlin Park and Curraghreen.

The County Manager stated that he will take the County Engineer's advice on the matter and will consider, having regard to the discussion which had taken place, what further steps might be taken, and that he would report back to the Council.

996 - DRIFT NET SALMON FISHING LICENCES:

Councillor O Morain stated that his motion is that the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture & Fisheries be requested to consent to the issue of an increased number of drift net salmon fishing licences in the three fishing areas in the county.

The resolution was agreed.

997 - ADJOURNMENT OF MOTIONS:

Councillor O Morain stated that in view of the fact that it was rather late in the afternoon at the time when his motions numbered 26(ii) and 26(iii) came up for discussion, he would agree to have them adjourned to the next meeting of the Council.

This was agreed.

998 - IMPROVEMENTS TO LOUGHREA WATER SUPPLY:

Replying to Councillor Morgan's motion, the County Manager stated that the Preliminary Report on Loughrea Regional Water Supply Scheme had been received and is currently being examined, that Stage I proposals will be submitted to the Department of Local Government in the near future and that these will include provision of adequate storage in Loughrea. He stated that Councillor Morgan's proposal to raise the reservoir walls by 50 feet is not feasible.

999 - DECLARATION OF ROAD TO PATRICK HOUGH'S HOUSE, FOXHALL, GURTYMADDEN AS A PUBLIC ROAD:

The County Manager, replying to Councillor Morgan's motion, stated that this road will be included for adoption in the next list of L.I.S. roads for adoption.

1000 - EXTENSION OF SEWERS IN LOUGHREA:

In reply to Councillor Morgan's motion, the County Manager stated that the Consultant's Preliminary Report on Loughrea Sewerage System is awaited, that this is due shortly and a decision on the motion should await a study of the Report.

1001 - CONSTRUCTION OF FOOTPATH FROM FURBO NATIONAL SCHOOL EAST TO PATRICK FLAHERTY'S HOUSE:

Replying to Deputy Molloy's motion, the County Manager stated that he recommended that the matter be deferred to the 1977 Roads Estimates Meeting.

1002 - GRANT FOR GALWAY COUNTY COMMUNITY GAMES, 1976:

In reply to Deputy Molloy's motion, the County Manager stated that legislation does not give the Council statutory power to make this grant and he considered that it would be more appropriate to apply for a grant out of the funds which are under the control of COSAC.

Deputy Molloy asked if the Manager was satisfied that Section 14 of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act, 1963 did not give him power. The County Manager stated that he was satisfied that this Act did not give him the power to make a grant.

At this stage, the Chairman stated that there was no quorum present and he directed that this motion and motion No. 12(iii) in the name of Deputy Molloy on the Agenda be deferred to the next meeting.

The Meeting Then Terminated.

Submitted, Approved + Confirmed

Joe Hassery
Chairman

24/5/76
Date.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Bothar Mor,
GAILLIMH.

17u Bealtaine, 1976.

Chuig Gach Bhaill de'n Comhairle/

A Chara,

Tarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú de Chomhairle Chonta na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, De Luain, 24u Bealtaine, 1976 ag tosú ag a 3.30 a chlog 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 - list herewith.
3. Raising of loan of £1,950 for a contribution towards cost of Mullacuttra Group Water Supply Scheme.
4. Raising of loan of £3,500 for a contribution towards cost of Balroebuck Group Water Supply Scheme.
5. Raising of supplementary loan of £10,000 for the construction of a Fire Station, Assistant County Engineer's Office at Mountbellew.
6. Public Lighting Programme, 1976.
7. Sheep Dipping - Appointment of committee - Minute No. 961 of 26/4/76.
8. Headford Fairs 1977 - list herewith.
9. Congress in Helsinki - 9th - 13th August, 1976.
10. Special Overdraft accommodation for housing.
11. Commission on Inland Fisheries - Report of Committee Meeting of 17/5/76. (to follow)
12. Business submitted by County Manager.
13. MEMBERS' NOTICES OF MOTION.
13. Deputy R. Molloy: I will propose -
 - (i) That a grant of £2,000 be paid from revenue to Galway County Community Games, 1976 ;
 - (ii) that the proposed Spiddal/Furbo public Water Scheme be re-designed to include piped supply to the following areas - Shanagurrane, Letterpeak, Boluise Iochtar and Uachtar and to Lettermas;

14. Deputy R. Molloy & Councillor M. O Fatharta: We will propose
That proposed Rosabhill Public Water Supply scheme be re-designed to include an extension from Rosabhill to priest's house at Tully, Baile na hAbhann.
15. Comhairleoir M. O Morain:
- (i) Ba mhaith liom a mholadh go gcuirfi aon phlean forbartha d'aon cheanantar Gaeltachta os coir an Comhairle Condae sul a ndeanfai iad a fhoillsiu;
 - (ii) Ba cheart a eileamh ar an Rialtas mor-sgeim sabhala a dheanamh ar bhoithre chois fharraige go h-aithrid o Dhoire Ne go Sraith Saillach tri Rosmuc agus Carna.
16. Councillor E. Haverty: I will ask
That the Council ease a bad bend on the Killimor-Gortanumera Road on the Gortanumera side of Thomas Fahy's house.
17. Deputy M. P. Kitt & Councillor P. Raftery: We will propose -
That Newbridge Sewerage Scheme be given the highest priority by Galway County Council; that an estimate be given as to the cost of this scheme and that this scheme be started as soon as possible.
18. Deputy M. P. Kitt: I will propose -
- (i) That Galway County Council carry out improvements to the public water supply in Ahascragh as soon as possible so that a supply of water be given to the Creggaun, Banavane and Chapelinnerty Group Water Scheme;
 - (ii) that road leading to Lally's land, Caherlissakill, Monivea be declared public by Galway County Council.
19. Councillor J. Joyce: I will propose -
- (i) That the Council proceed with the purchase of an Industrial Site at Eyrecourt;
 - (ii) that the wall opposite Willie Poland's house in Kellysgrove, Clontuskert be removed for a distance of approximately 20 yards and that a new fence or wall be erected sufficiently in off the roadside to eliminate the danger from this point;
 - (iii) that those who have got Planning Permission for the erection of a Septic Tank need not re-apply for such permission when applying for a grant for same.
20. Councillor P. McCormack: I will ask -
If the extension of the Galway supply to connect with Oranmore will take place this year and what is the proposed line of the new main to be laid.
21. Councillor M. Ryan: I will propose -
That the Council start work immediately with the erection of new Fire Station at Mountbellew.
22. Councillor M. Ryan and Deputy J. Donnellan: We will propose -
- (i) That the Council widen the entrance to Shannagh Road, Ballyhard, Glenamaddy, as it is impossible for lorries to deliver goods to a shop there;

- (ii) that the Council explain what the delay is in starting work in Local Improvement Scheme L.G. 55/74 - representative: Mr. James Hussey, Stoolpark, Glenamaddy.
23. Deputy J. Donnellan: I will propose -
That the Council repair the footpath, which is in a dangerous condition at Creggs Road, Glenamaddy.
24. Councillor M. Kelly: I will ask -
- (i) What immediate plans the Council has for repairing or replacing footpaths in Tuam;
 - (ii) that the Council erect suitable signs at all car parks in Tuam prohibiting overnight camping etc. and also to erect "no dumping" signs where this offence is a regular occurrence.
25. Councillor M. Kilgannon: I will propose -
- (i) That this Council supports a 200 mile fishing limit in view of the vast potential which the Irish fishing industry has;
 - (ii) that the County Council make a supply of water available to the Bannavane - Eskermore - Chapelinnerty Group Water Scheme from the Ahascragh main - (Scheme Organiser: Mr. Thomas Dolan);
 - (iii) that the Council take steps to develop the road junction at Woodlawn school as it is a potential death trap.
26. Senator M. Killilea: I will ask -
- (i) If Galway County Council could give a clear date as to when the new Waterworks Scheme in Tuam should be completed so as to enable the drainage for now so long held up in Cortoon and Lavalley to commence;
 - (ii) I will propose - that Galway County Council widens and repairs the road to Cortoon Graveyard immediately;
 - (iii) I will propose - that Galway County Council clear the entrance of the road to Carrarea, Brownsgrrove immediately.
27. Councillor Norman Morgan: I will propose -
- (i) That Galway County Council place a water gauge on the outlet from the roadside well adjacent to the junction of the Oranmore-Galway Road with the Oranmore-Railway Road, Oranmore, and a similar water gauge on the outlet of the well in the field which is behind the first well, with the permission of the owner, with a view to knowing the quantity of water available, should the need for same arise in the future in Oranmore;
 - (ii) that the road from Dermot Ryan's to John Quinn's, Caheronaun, Loughrea be straightened, by removing the bend on the east side of the road north of Jacko Kelly's and the bend on the west side of the road south of John Quinn's house, and that the road from Boggy Park to Seamus O'Grady's house Earlsparck, be straightened and improved, in particular that the bend at the 300 foot contour be removed and the ^{small} rise and the large stone protruding from the west fence just ^{north} of Seamus O'Grady's be removed, without delay, there ^{being} a number of accidents at this point;
 - (iii) that a Public Toilet for Athenry Town be placed number one on the list of priorities for public toilets, and that the design and plans for same be drawn up immediately.

28. Councillor F. Fahey: I will propose -

- (i) That the concrete fences on the Galway-Orammore Road from the Railway Bridge to the Crystal Glass factory be repaired and an effort made to prevent itinerants from parking on this section of road;
- (ii) that the roof of the Weigh House at the Square, Gort be reconstructed.

29. Senator J. M. Mannion: I will propose -

- (i) That Galway County Council repair the footpaths in Clonbur from O'Mara's house to Summerville's;
- (ii) I will ask the County Manager what steps it is intended to take to improve the Clonbur Water Supply.

M A L I C I O U S I N J U R Y D E C R E E S

Name and Address	Nature of Damage	Area of Charge.	Amt. Claimed	Decree incl. of costs.
Denis Monaghan, St. Anthony's Rahoon.	Internal damage to Dwellinghouse.	Boro' of Galway.	£1,078.00	£737.64
Portumna Hotels Ltd., Portumna	Illuminated sign	E.D. Portumna	228.25	£233.95
David Baynes, Fought East, Kilcummin	Damage to tarpaulin cover for boat.	E.D. Oughterard	30.00	£33.34
Ulster Bank Ltd.	Damage to Night Safe	Boro' of Galway.	70.45	£78.40
Peter O Sullivan, 99, Woodpark, Dundrum, Dublin 14.	Motor Car damaged	Boro' of Galway.	104.77	£140.32
Gentian Ltd., Gentian Hill, Galway.	Damage to toilet bowls, basins etc.	Boro' of Galway.	100.00	£132.15
Esther J. Glyn-Williams, Coosane, O'ard.	Damage to doors & Windows.	E.D. Letterfore.	100.00	£152.54
Patrick Francis, Newcastle Service Station, Galway.	Damage to filing cabinets, window etc., tools.	Boro' of Galway.	750.00	£226.96
Patrick Francis, Newcastle Service Station, Galway.	Damage to petrol pump hoses	Boro' of Galway.	90.00	£62.59
Stephen Price, Station Road, Moate, Co. Westmeath.	Damage to motor vehicle	Boro' of Galway.	£1,600.00	£125.09
Ballyturin School Management Cte., Gort.	Damage to windows	E.D. of Ballyturn	32.00	£40.65

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Headford Fairs - 1977

MONTH	DATE	FAIRS
January	Friday, 14th	Cattle, Sheep, Horses & Pigs
February	Monday, 14th	"
March	Monday, 14th	"
April	Thursday, 14th	"
May	Monday, 16th	"
June	Tuesday, 14th	"
July	Thursday, 14th	"
August	Tuesday, 16th	"
September	Thursday, 8th) Tuesday, 27th) Wednesday, 28th)	Cattle & Sheep Sheep Cattle
October	Thursday, 13th) Friday, 14th)	Sheep & Horses
November	Tuesday, 8th	Cattle, Sheep, Horses & Pigs
December	Wednesday, 14th	"

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 24TH MAY, 1976.

In the Chair: (a) Deputy T. Hussey
(b) Councillor Sean Donnellan.

ALSO PRESENT

Members: As recorded in Attendance Book.

Councillors T. Bartley, U. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputies J. Callanan, P. Coogan, J. Donnellan, Councillors F. Fahey, M. Flaherty, 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. Mannion, Councillors H. Melvin, J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors N. Morgan, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, P. Ruane, M. Ryan, T. Welby.

Officials: S. Keating, Co. Manager: P. Kearns, Assistant Co. Manager: C.A. Warner, Co. Engineer: M. Tierney, Chief Assistant County Engineer: T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer: K. Doyle, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

1003 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor Melvin, seconded by Deputy Molloy, the Minutes of Meeting held on 26th April, 1976 (Nos. 956 - 1002 inclusive) were approved and signed by the Chairman.

1004 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES:

It was noted that malicious damage decrees as set out in the schedule to item 2 on the Agenda had been received since the last meeting.

1005 - LOAN £1,950 - MULLACUTTRA GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

It was proposed by Councillor Ruane, seconded by Deputy Mannion and resolved "that Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £1,950 from the Council's Treasurer for the purpose of making a contribution towards the cost of Mullacuttra Group Water Supply Scheme, the loan to be repaid over a period of three years with interest at the rate of 10 1/2% which is subject to variation."

1006 - LOAN £3,500 - Balroeck Group Water Supply Scheme:

It was proposed by Councillor Ruane, seconded by Deputy Molloy and resolved:-

" that Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £3,500 from the Council's Treasurer for the purpose of making a contribution towards the cost of Balroeck Group Water Supply Scheme, the loan to be repaid over a period of three years with interest at the rate of 10 1/2% which is subject to variation."

1007 - SUPPLEMENTARY LOAN - MOUNTBELLEW FIRE STATION:

It was proposed by Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Raftery, and resolved:-

"that Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a supplementary loan of £10,000 from the Council Treasurer for the purpose of defraying additional expenditure on the Mountbellew fire station, the loan to be repayable over such period as may be agreed between the Council and the bank with interest at the rate charged by the bank for such loans."

It was agreed that Councillor Ryan's motion (No. 21 on the Agenda) be regarded as dealt with under this resolution.

1008 - PUBLIC LIGHTING PROGRAMME, 1976:

It was agreed that this matter be adjourned to the next meeting of the Council.

1009 - APPOINTMENT OF SHEEP DIPPING COMMITTEE:

It was agreed that the Committee consist of five members of the Council and that the following members be appointed to the Committee:-

Deputy J. Callanan
Councillor H. Melvin
Councillor T. Welby
Councillor M. Ryan
Councillor P. Ruane

1010 - HEADFORD FAIRS - 1977:

The dates for fairs in 1977 as circulated to Members of the Council were agreed.

1011 - INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF HOUSING AND PLANNING - CONGRESS AT HELSINKI, AUGUST, 1976:

On the proposition of Senator Killilea, seconded by Councillor Fahey, it was agreed that two Members of the Council would attend this congress.

It was proposed by Senator Killilea and seconded by Councillor O'Morain that Councillors Fahey and Joyce attend as the Council's representatives at the congress.

The Chairman declared Councillors Fahey and Joyce appointed to attend the congress.

Councillor Kelly proposed that Councillor Morgan be appointed to attend the congress.

The Chairman then stated that he already had declared Councillors Fahey and Joyce appointed.

Councillor Morgan objected to the Chairman's ruling.

1012 - SPECIAL OVERDRAFT ON HOUSING ACCOUNT - £150,000:

The County Manager requested the approval of the Council to a special overdraft of £150,000 on Housing Account.

It was proposed by Senator Hannion, seconded by Councillor Ruane and resolved:-

"that Galway County Council hereby approve a special overdraft of £150,000 on Housing Account for the period 1st October to 31st December, 1976".

Deputy Molloy stated that he was informed that even though the Council had decided at a previous meeting that where the cost of electricity was very high for a rural cottage and where the tenant was prepared to accept a house without electricity, the Council had refused to provide a house in

such circumstances.

The County Manager stated that the Department had suggested a limit of £350 towards the cost of bringing electricity to a rural cottage site but that if the amount exceeds this sum, it is still possible to go to the Minister for special sanction.

After a further discussion, Deputy Molloy stated that he wished to be informed at a future meeting the circumstances in which a house will be allowed to be provided by the Council without electricity.

1013 - REPORT OF INLAND FISHERIES COMMISSION - MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 17/5/76:

Senator Higgins stated that the Council should come down in favour of advocating state ownership of fisheries but that the report falls short of recommending nationalisation of those fisheries. He supported the departure from the report by the Council's sub-committee on this matter. He favoured public ownership as he stated that it is only with public and community ownership that the input into fisheries would match the quantities of fish taken out. He expressed dissatisfaction with the operation of private fisheries in the Galway area. He complained that the accounts of such fisheries are not made available, that they are giving very little employment by comparison with the value which they take from fisheries. There is no record of their profits and he considered that local authorities should demand full public ownership in such cases. He complimented the committee on their recommendation regarding special conditions for islanders who are depending on the sea for their livelihood. He criticised the Commission report in that it overlooked the effects of activities of other state bodies on stocks and he quoted as an example Lough Sheelin where fish are being destroyed by the type of agriculture being carried on nearby. He considered that wide conservation powers are necessary if fisheries are to be protected and he criticised the advertising of fishing by Bord Failte without any effort by the Board at advocating conservation.

Councillor Welby criticised the proposal to charge a £2 fee for a fishing licence. He stated that fishermen on the Corrib would reject this as fishing had been free on the Corrib for generations.

Deputy Molloy referring to the reasons quoted in the Minutes of the committee meeting stated that he had opposed charging the fee as a matter of principle.

Councillor O'Morain criticised the refusal of applications for drift-net licences in the Galway fishing districts and pointed out that the number of licences allocated in the three districts in Galway was totally inadequate.

On the proposition of Senator Higgins, seconded by Councillor O'Morain, the Minutes of the committee meeting were adopted.

1014 - DATES FOR MEETING OF HOUSING COMMITTEE AND ITINERANT SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE:

It was agreed that those meetings would be held on Monday, 21st June, 1976.

1015 - GUARANTEED PUBLIC TELEPHONES:

The County Manager informed the Council that a representative of the Department of Posts and Telegraphs would be prepared to attend a meeting of the Council to discuss this matter

with Members.

It was agreed that the representative would be invited to attend the next monthly meeting on the 28th June, 1976.

1016 - C.I.E. SERVICES IN WESTERN COUNTIES:

The County Manager informed the Council that Sligo County Council had asked if representatives of Galway County Council would be prepared to attend a meeting at an early date to discuss the question of the services provided by C.I.E. (goods and passenger) for western counties.

On the proposition of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Deputy Molloy, the Council agreed in principle to send representatives to a meeting which would be organised by Sligo Co. Council for this purpose.

1017 - CONFERENCE ON DEVELOPMENT OF SEA FISHERIES, WESTPORT, 28th MAY, 1976:

It was agreed that the following four Members be nominated to attend this conference:-

Councillor O'Morain
Councillor Bartley
Councillor Kilgannon
Senator Higgins

1018 - GRANT TO GALWAY COMMUNITY GAMES 1976:

Deputy Molloy in proposing the resolution in his name on the Agenda stated that he wished to amend this to read that a grant of £500 be paid to Galway Community Games 1976. He outlined in detail the activities of the Galway Community Games in providing for active participation of youth in sport and he considered that the amount which was small and would be minimal on the Council would relieve the Community Games of many financial problems. He stated that Dublin County Council and Dublin Corporation had given grants under the Planning Act and he failed to see why Galway County Council should not do the same. He stated that if it is felt that it is not possible to give it under the Planning Act, it should be given under some other heading.

Senator Killilea seconding Deputy Molloy's proposal stated that if it is felt that the Planning Act would not give the necessary power then the grant should be given as a grant in aid.

Councillor Morgan stated that he felt that the Council was not entitled to give the grant in question as it is for the payment of running costs.

The County Manager stated that he had not found any legal authority for making this grant. He stated that there was a fund which had been previously administered by COSAC which was administered through the Department of Education. He gave particulars of the types of organisation which would qualify for assistance under Section 14 of the Planning Act but he stated that while he would like to be in a position to give the grant recommended, he did not see any authority for doing so.

Senator Higgins stated that he considered that Section 14 (2) (c) would give the necessary authority.

Senator Killilea enquired if the Vocational Education Committee could give the grant.

Councillor Byrne supporting the motion stated that if the Council could not give the grant in question, it might be in a position to give some assistance by way of copying of documents or typing to the Community Games Group.

Deputy Molloy proposed that since two local authorities had already made a similar grant, a letter be sent to the Department of Local Government asking for authority to have a grant paid by Galway County Council. It was agreed that a letter on those terms would be sent to the Department of Local Government.

Deputy Cogan stated that in view of the work being done by the Community Games to prevent juvenile delinquency, they should be assisted.

Councillor Sean Donnellan now took the chair.

1019 - REPAIR OF FOOTPATH IN CLONSUR:

Replying to Senator Hannion's motion, the Assistant Co. Manager stated that this work will be carried out during this summer.

1020 - IMPROVEMENT TO CLONSUR WATER SUPPLY:

In reply to Senator Hannion's motion, the Assistant Co. Manager stated that a proposal for the improvement of Clonsur water supply was submitted to the Department of Local Government as an under £20,000 scheme for 1976 but that because of the limitation imposed on the allocation of funds for this year, it was not possible to undertake the work this year. He stated that the proposal will be re-submitted for consideration in 1977.

1021 - REDESIGN OF SPIDDAL/TURBO PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

Replying to Deputy Molloy's motion, the Assistant County Manager stated that demand for these areas is catered for in the design of Spiddal Regional Water Supply Scheme and that a group had already formed in Shannagurraun. The other areas, he stated, should be advised to form their own group schemes.

Deputy Molloy stated that the reason for the motion was that these areas referred to in his motion would be included in the design; that these are main housing areas and the scheme should bring water to the principal housing areas.

The Assistant County Manager stated that it was never the intention that all areas would be brought in. After further discussion he stated that an estimate of the cost of carrying out the proposal of Deputy Molloy would be obtained.

1022 - REDESIGN OF PROPOSED ROSABHIL PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

Replying to the motion in the names of Deputy Molloy and Councillor O'Flatharta, the Assistant County Manager stated that the demand for the areas referred to in the motion had been catered for in the design of the regional scheme and that in fact some groups had already been formed in the area.

Deputy Molloy stated that it was not correct that a group had been formed and he proposed an additional amendment

that the Derrough area be included. He stated that the scheme was designed without giving the Council the opportunity of seeing where the proposed pipe line was to be laid and he stated that it was now obvious that the scheme would not be adequate and would not meet the local needs of the area where 80% of the houses are situated.

When the Assistant County Manager stated that every householder can not be catered for, Deputy Molloy stated that this leaves out the vast majority of householders.

Deputy Molloy stated that where the main is proposed to be laid is in an area where there are no houses and he proposed that this should be laid along the main road.

Councillor Flaherty also asked that the main be redesigned to have it laid along the main road to Ballinahown.

Councillor O'Morain asked that Motion No. 15 (1) in his name on the Agenda be taken in conjunction with this as he stated that similar considerations apply. He stated that no provision had been made for the future development of the area and he asked that any development plans concerning the Gaeltacht areas be laid before the County Council.

After further discussion, the Assistant County Manager stated that an estimate of carrying out the proposal, including an extension to Derrough, will be prepared and brought back to the Council and that a decision can then be made on the matter.

1023 - IMPROVEMENT OF COAST ROAD:

On the proposition of Councillor O'Morain, it was agreed that an application be sent to the Department of Local Government for a special Feoga grant for the improvement of the coast road particularly from Derryna to Recess through Rosnuck and Carna. He stated that suppliers of goods will refuse to deliver them in this area unless there is a major improvement in the roads.

1024 - IMPROVEMENT OF KILLINOR/GORTANUMERA ROAD:

In reply to Councillor Haverty's motion, the Assistant Co. Manager stated that the estimated cost of this work is £1,740 but that no funds are available for it in 1976. He stated that the matter can come up for consideration at the next roads estimates meeting.

1025 - NEBRIDGE SEWERAGE SCHEME:

In reply to the motion in the names of Deputy Kitt and Councillor Raftery, the Assistant Co. Manager stated that this scheme was included in the under £20,000 proposals for 1976 but that due to conditions laid down the scheme has to be deferred this year. In reply to further queries, the Assistant County Manager stated that the list of Small Schemes will come up for consideration later in the year and the Council could then deal with priority.

Deputy Kitt asked that the Department be informed of the health hazard which exists in Newbridge in an effort to get priority for the allocation of money for the scheme.

1026 - SUPPLY OF WATER FOR GROUP SCHEMES, AHASCRAH AREA:

It was agreed that the motions in the names of Deputy Kitt and Councillor Kilgannon be considered together.

Replying to the motions, the Assistant County Manager stated that the improvements currently being carried out will only be sufficient to meet existing demands and also the demands of recently constructed group schemes at Ervallah and Lowville. He stated that consideration can not be given to supplying any further groups until the full augmentation scheme has been completed. He stated that sanction from the Department of Local Government to the scheme had not yet been received and that money had not yet been allocated for it.

Councillor Kilgannon stated there is only a small area now left out from the schemes and he asked that a special effort be made to help the people in this area.

Replying to further queries, the Assistant County Manager stated that there is a question of providing a further water-tower and that when approval was first given to Ervallah it was not anticipated that there would be such a delay in getting approval for the major scheme which is to cost £53,000.

1027 - DECLARATION OF ROAD AT CAHERLISSAKILL TO BE A PUBLIC ROAD

The Assistant County Manager, replying to Deputy Kitt's motion stated that this has already been declared to be a public road.

Deputy Kitt proposed that the Council would have the road in question blacktopped.

1028 - INDUSTRIAL SITE FOR BYRECOURT:

In reply to Councillor Joyce's motion, the Assistant Co. Manager stated that the Council has been in touch with the I.D.A. in connection with this proposal.

1029 - REMOVAL OF WALL AT KELLYSGROVE:

After a brief discussion on Councillor Joyce's proposal, the County Engineer stated that he will have this proposal re-examined.

Councillor Joyce stated that the wall is continually falling down.

1030 - GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SEPTIC TANKS:

In reply to Councillor Joyce's motion, the Assistant Co. Manager stated that for the past month applications for grants are certified if planning permission has been given for the septic tank.

1031 - EXTENSION OF GALWAY WATER SUPPLY TO ORANMORE:

In reply to Councillor McCormack's motion, the Assistant Co. Manager stated that contract documents for this extension were lodged with the Department in December, 1975 and that when sanction is received and funds are provided tenders can be invited. He stated that the proposed route is along the main Galway/Oranmore road.

Councillor McCormack stated that a group scheme has been organised in the Rosshill and Roscam area for about 30 houses and the group had been informed that they could not tap the main at Merlin Park. He stated that as there is a main in this area already and that this is the nearest point to Rosshill and Roscam, he sees no reason why the group had been refused a connection.

Replying to Deputy Molloy, the Assistant County Manager stated that the cost of the extension is estimated at £164,000 and that this is high on the priority list. The Assistant Co. Manager also stated that a letter would be sent to Councillor McCormack regarding the question of connecting with the main at Merlin Park.

1032 - WIDENING OF ENTRANCE TO SORRUGH ROAD, BALLYHARD, GLENMADDDY:

Replying to the motion in the names of Councillor Ryan and Deputy Donnellan, the Assistant Co. Manager stated that the cost of widening the turn is estimated at £500 but that no provision had been made for it in the 1976 estimates. He stated, however, that this problem exists in all areas and that it is not considered that it should have a high priority.

Councillor Ryan proposed that it be listed for consideration at the next estimates meeting.

1033 - LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME, STOOLEPARK, GLENMADDDY, L.G.55/74

In reply to the motions in the names of Councillor Ryan and Deputy Donnellan, the Assistant Co. Manager stated that this is No. 7 on the present list for the Milltown area and that only two schemes on this list can be done during the current year in this area.

1034 - REPAIR OF FOOTPATH AT CREGGS ROAD, GLENMADDDY:

In the absence of Deputy Donnellan, when this motion came up for discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Ryan. He stated that this was promised long ago and the work had not yet been done.

The Assistant County Manager stated that subsidence had occurred on sections of this pathway and this will be attended to immediately. He stated that further work on restoration after a group scheme would be carried out when settlement is completed.

Councillor Ryan stated that the level had already dropped by 9".

1035 - REPAIR OF FOOTPATHS IN TUAM:

In reply to Councillor Kelly's motion, the Assistant Co. Manager stated that it is proposed to continue the repair as needed of Tuam footpaths and that if Councillor Kelly had any particular ones in mind, they would be inspected.

Councillor Kelly stated that he was informed that no tarmac was available and that loose sand had been put on footpaths. He stated that a few lorry-loads of tarmac would suffice.

Councillor Kelly stated that he would give a list of the footpaths requiring attention and the County Engineer stated that those would then be examined.

1036 - PROMOTION OF OVERNIGHT CAMPING AT CARPARKS IN TUAM:

In reply to Councillor Kelly's motion, the Assistant Co. Manager stated that steps will be taken to prevent the overnight camping etc. and the dumping of rubbish in car-parks.

1037 - 200-MILE FISHING LIMIT:

Councillor Kilgannon proposed that the Council support a 200-mile fishing limit in view of the vast potential which

the Irish fishing industry has. He stated that it should employ hundreds of thousands of people and he stressed the importance of a capital investment in the fishing industry.

Deputy Molloy seconding Councillor Kilgannon's motion stated that the development of catching practices of maritime fishing countries makes it imperative that the Council seek a 200 mile limit. He stated that factory-ships from other countries are clearing the continental shelf of fish and that there is a need for urgent action if we are to avoid serious depletion of our fishing stocks. He stated that any capital investment in fishing can be brought to nought if the trend is not stopped and that the problem has now reached crisis proportions. He considered that the 50 mile limit is not adequate to protect all the wealth that is in the sea which, he stated, is greater than the mineral resources in the sea-bed.

Councillor Sean Donnellan supported the proposal.

1038 - DEVELOPMENT OF ROAD JUNCTION AT WOODLAWN SCHOOL:

In reply to Councillor Kilgannon's motion, the Assistant Co. Manager stated that the estimated cost of the work is £450 but that it is not recommended as very little traffic uses the road. He stated that no money was provided in the 1976 estimate for this work.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that this is a blind corner near a school and is in very frequent use. He considered that it is essential to have the fence removed and that a mesh-wire fence be erected instead.

Councillor Kitt supported Councillor Kilgannon's proposal.

1039 - NOTICES OF MOTION BY SENATOR KILLILEA:

As Senator Killilea was absent when his proposals came up for discussion, it was agreed that a letter would be sent to him setting out the position in relation to each of them.

1040 - GAUGING OF WELL NEAR ORANMORE:

Replying to Councillor Morgan's proposal, the Assistant Co. Manager stated that the immediate and longterm needs of Oranmore are well catered for from other sources and there is no need to have these wells gauged.

Councillor Morgan stated that all wells within the County should be gauged.

Councillor McCormack seconded Councillor Morgan's proposal and Councillor Kilgannon also supported it.

Councillor Fahey stated that many wells need gauges and he urged that the Council not waste money on this work since arrangements had already been made for a source for Oranmore water supply. He proposed that the Council do not gauge the supply in question.

Councillor Melvin seconded Councillor Fahey's amendment.

The Assistant County Manager stated that there is no point in incurring the expense of testing these wells which is not necessary at present.

Deputy Molloy stated that instead of gauging these wells, the Council should be asking the Minister for Local Govern-

ment to sanction the contract documents which were already submitted to him. He considered that the wells in question should be left as they are as they are providing a service for farmers who draw water to cattle.

Councillor Morgan's proposal was defeated on a show of hands.

1041 - IMPROVEMENT OF ROADS, LOUGHREA AREA:

In reply to Councillor Morgan's motion, the Assistant County Manager stated that no funds had been provided in the 1976 estimates for this work but that an estimate will be prepared for consideration at the next roads estimates meeting.

Councillor Kelly seconded Councillor Morgan's proposal.

1042 - PUBLIC TOILETS FOR ATHENRY:

In reply to Councillor Morgan's motion, the Assistant Co. Manager stated that this is No. 7 on the priority list adopted by the Council.

Councillor Morgan stated that the whole list should be examined and that a design for a toilet for Athenry should be prepared straight away. He stated that a local contribution towards the cost may be available and he asked the Assistant County Manager if a local contribution would help to give it priority.

The Assistant County Manager stated that in Gaeltacht areas where an 85% grant is given, the Council had agreed to give priority.

1043 - REPAIR OF CONCRETE FENCES ON THE GALWAY- ORANMORE ROADS:

In reply to Councillor Fahey's motion, the Assistant Co. Manager stated that these fences are not in the ownership of the Council and accordingly the Council cannot repair them. Replying to further queries, the Assistant Co. Manager stated that even though the Council might have provided the fences it has not been the policy to maintain them.

Councillor McCormack stated that the people may not be aware that it is their responsibility.

The Assistant Co. Manager stated that the matter would be explained to the landowners concerned.

Deputy Bolloy asked if it is the policy of the Council to provide concrete post fences to replace walls. He stated that he did not like those fences as they are easily damaged. The Assistant Co. Manager stated that in general, the type of fence asked by the landowner is provided and that the Council might provide a concrete rail to replace a wire fence.

Councillor Haverty stated that on the opposite side of the road in this area there is an unsightly rusty wire fence. He stated that any fence in this area will be knocked as the problem is one relating to the road.

Councillor Fahey asked that something be done about the itinerants who have been camping in the area.

1044 - RECONSTRUCTION OF WEIGH HOUSE AT THE SQUARE, GORT:

In reply to Councillor Fahey's motion, the Asst. Co. Manager stated that the Council does not own this property and accordingly can not carry out reconstruction. He stated that the matter of taking it over is being examined by the planning

section in order to ascertain if its desirable to have it taken over and preserved as a feature of the square.

Councillor Morgan seconded Councillor Fahey's proposal.

1045 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

The family of the late Mr. Michael Byrne, Clerical Officer, County Council.

Miss Mary Cawley, Craughwell.

Mr. Paddy Mannion, Abbeyknockmoy, Tuam.

Mr. Martin Connaughton, Bolleroe, Killimor, Ballinasloe.

Mr. Edward Hynes, Mountpellier Tce., Galway.

Relatives of the late Michael Power, Powers Cross, Ballyshrule, Ballinasloe.

Mr. Martin Donoghue, Woodville, Kilchreest, Loughrea.

Mrs. Tess Kelly, Lakille, Woodford.

Mr. Willie McCormack, River St., Eyrecourt

Mrs. Michael Clarke, Main Street, Eyrecourt

Mrs. Michael Keeler, Poul-na-clough, Moycullen

Mr. Michael Killilea and family, Slievefin, Claregalway.

Relatives of Fr. Martin Forde, D.C.L. Kilchreest, Loughrea.

1046 - CONGRATULATIONS:

The Council passed a vote of congratulations with the following colleges on their recent sports successes:-

St. Jarlath's College, Tuam.

Presentation Convent, Athenry.

Mercy Convent, Tuam.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

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Submitted, Approved + Confirmed
Tom O'Brien
Chairman

28/6/76
Date.

GALWAY COUNTY OLD AGE PENSIONS COMMITTEE

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
GALWAY.

21st June, 1976.

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 28th June, 1976 at 3.15 p.m..

Mise, le meas,

E. King.
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.

21 Meitheamh, 1976.

Shuig Gach Ball de'n Chomhairle/

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú bliantúil de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionólfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, De Lusain, 23ú Meitheamh, 1976 ag tosú ag 3.30 a chlog sa tathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

C. O DUBHGHAILL
Runai Sealadach.

AGENDA

1. Election of Chairman for year 1976/'77.
2. Election of Vice Chairman for year 1976/'77.
3. Appointment of representatives on:
 - (a) County Council's General Council (3)
 - (b) Western Regional Tourism Organisation Ltd. (7)
 - (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

1. Minutes.
2. Malicious Damage Decrees - List herewith.
3. Annual Meeting of County Councils' General Council - August, 1976.
4. Making of Scheme for Higher Education Grants for 1976 - Minutes of Committee meeting and copy of Draft Scheme herewith.
5. Minutes of meetings of:-
 - (a) Sheep Dipping Committee - copy herewith.
 - (b) Housing Committee (to follow).
 - (c) Itinerant Settlement Committee (to follow).
6. Overdraft accommodation - quarter ending 30th September, 1976.
7. Sale of houses to the following tenants, on terms set out in Notices dated 8th June to each member of the Council:
Mr. Tim Kidney, Magheramore, Killimor
Mrs. Annie Flaherty, Mausrevagh, Headford
Mrs. Mary Murphy, Curraghlehennagh, Toomard, Ballinasloe
Mr. Thomas Corcoran, Demesne, Tuam.
Mr. Denis Daly, Barratoor, Kylebrack, Loughrea.
Mr. Michael Waldron, Gorteenacra, Kingsland, Athenry.
Mr. Patrick Ward, Cloonthue Rd., Tuam
Mr. James Reilly, Beaghmore, Belclare, Tuam.
Mr. Thomas Carton, Demesne, Tuam
Mr. Patrick Donoghue, Menleana, Dunmore.
Mr. Thomas Donlon, Loughpark, Cloonminda, Castlereagh
Mr. Thomas Conneely, Roundstone,
Mr. Michael Canavan, Demesne, Tuam
Mr. Patrick J. Joyce, Ballynahallia, Moycullen.
Mr. Patrick Sweeney, Knockroe, Browns Grove, Tuam
Mr. Martin Forry, Demesne, Tuam.

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- Mr. Peter McConville, Ballintava, Dunmore.
Mr. Gerard Hayes, Tomany More, Kylebrack, Loughrea.
Mr. Martin Connerty, Blacksticks, Coolcarty, Eyrecourt.
Mr. Michael Bodkin, Demesne, Tuam.
8. Raising of loan of £263,000 for extension of Carraroe regional water supply scheme to Rossaveal.
 9. Raising of loans for contributions to the following group water supply schemes:-
 - (a) Abbeyknockmoy - £1,636 - increased pipe sizes.
 - (b) Castlegar - £1,160 - increased pipe sizes.
 - (c) Loch Con Aortha - £2,000.
 10. Rosmuck Regional Water Supply Scheme - making of proposal under the Water Supplies Act 1942.
 11. Authorisation of payment of Amenity Grants, allocated but not paid in 1975 for:-
 - (a) Clonbur Community Centre - £4,150
 - (b) Moylough Sportsfield - £1,350
 12. Spiddal Regional Water Supply Scheme - proposal to extend the Scheme in lieu of Group Schemes.
 13. Resale of local authority houses - payment of contribution to County Council - copy of Dept. of Local Government circular dated 13th May, 1976 herewith.
 14. Business submitted by County Manager.

MEMBERS' NOTICES OF MOTION

15. Deputy R. Molloy: I will propose that:
 - (i) In view of the sub-standard lighting at Spiddal, Co. Galway, that immediate steps be taken to provide proper standard lighting system from the road leading to Spiddal Pier through the village, to the end of the promenade at Spiddal.
 - (ii) That provision be made in the 1976 estimates for the widening of the Spiddal Bridge and the laying of a foot-path on both sides of the new bridge.
 - (iii) That a refuse collection be provided for the Annaghdown Area.
16. Councillor T. Byrne: I will propose -
 - (i) That provision be made in forthcoming estimates for the easing of a very dangerous bend at O'Grady's Ballymana, Craughwell.
 - (ii) That pending decision by Local Government on providing hard shoulders on Oranmore/Craughwell road out from Oranmore, a pathway (to facilitate school children) be provided from Oranbeg cottages to road junction.
 - (iii) That the Council recommends an extension of the speed limits on the Dublin Rd., Oranmore and a "drive slowly" or "black spot" sign erected.
17. Councillor P. McCormack: I will propose -
 - (i) That Galway County Council sink a pump in the area covered by the villages of Caherlea, Kilcurrif, and Gurrane, Tuam so as to provide a source for the people of those villages to undertake a group scheme to cover the said areas.

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- (ii) That the County Council take steps to remove a very dangerous bend at Duggan's house, Lisheenkyle on the road from Cashla to Lisheenkyle national school.
- (iii) I will ask - when the County Council propose to start with the erection of the Council houses in Headford.

18. Dep. J. Callanan: I will propose -

- (i) That the Council clean the roadside drain at Goinahoan, Cappatagle as this drain is causing flooding to five people and was cleaned by the Council some years ago.

19. Councillor J. Joyce: I will propose -

- (i) That public pumps be new erected at Blacksticks, Eyrecourt and at Gortnaraheen, Kiltormer.
- (ii) I will ask - what has appened to L.I.S. application for Kylemore bog road, Laurencetown (representative - Michael Cormican, Kylemore).
- (iii) I will propose - that the loan of £40 for installing water to cottage tenants be increased.

20. Councillor P. F. Glynn: I will propose -

- (i) That one County Council Vet and one sheep bath owner be appointed to sheep dipping committee.

21. Deputy M. P. Kitt: I will propose -

- (i) That Galway Co. Council improve the source for a public pump at Castleffrench, Ballinamore Bridge.
- (ii) That Galway Co. Council repair the pump in the village of Killure Castle, Ahascragh.

22. Councillor Ulick Burke: I will propose -

- (i) That Galway County Council remove the sand and stones left at the church car parks at Woodford and Louscaun. Most of the total parking area is obstructed by this material for a long time.
- (ii) That this Council make immediate plans in consultation with Bord Failte, the Board of Works and any other local authority concerned to take advantage of the proposed government plans to develop the amenities along the Shannon especially at Meelick/Eyrecourt area, Portumna and Rossmore/Woodford.
- (iii) That this Council state what grants will be made by it in relation to the development of:-
 - (i) the headworks at source
 - (ii) pipe and mains installation of the Moyglass (L'rea) Group Water Scheme and explain the unusually long delay in providing this information to the Group.

23. Councillor M. J. Kilgannon: I will ask -

- (i) When it is proposed to develop the junction at Wards' shap, Alloon, Ballymacward.
- (ii) I will propose - that the Council plan for the building of a small housing scheme - 8 to 12 houses - at Gurteen in view of the declining population of the area which is having serious social and economic implications for the Gurteen community.
- (iii) I will propose - that Councillors be enabled to combine Notice of Motion Roads allocation with L.I.S. approved schemes for roads which qualify for taking in charge by the Council.

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24. Councillor M. O'Morain:

- (i) Ba mhaith liom a fhail amach ce'n staid a bhfuil droichead Bhaile an Tobair, Cor na Mona.
- (ii) Ba mhaith liom a fhail amach ce'n staid a bhfuil sgeim uisge Rosmuc.
- (iii) Ba mhaith liom a mholadh go gcuirfi ciseain bruscair i mbaile Charna agus i mbailte eile san Ghaeltacht ina mbionn cursai Gaeilge.

25. Councillor N. Morgan: I will propose:

- (i) That the bend on the north side of the road, between John Burke's and Michael O'Loughlin's Cuscarrick, (Gort Road) Loughrea be removed, as a matter of urgency, also the dangerous bend at Joe Cahalan's new house, Corballyhogan, Mullagh, Loughrea.
- (ii) That Galway Co. Council make an all-out effort to remove sharp humps on our roads, as they are equally as dangerous as bends.
- (iii) That the planning section of Galway Co. Council enforce the planning laws in Cosmona, Loughrea, where a residential area has been transformed by the two householders who are using their half-acre properties as scrap yards where batteries and other items are burned to get the scrap from them; as a result other residents cannot hang out their washing without having their clothes destroyed by smuts, and where some properties are used as sales yards for second-hand caravans, approximately eight caravans are sited constantly on each site. (I have already reported the matter to the planning officer, who has inspected the complaint)

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

H I G H E R E D U C A T I O N G R A N T S S C H E M E - 1 9 7 6 .

1. PROVISION OF FUNDS:

The Galway County Council shall award grants for higher education to eligible candidates in the year 1976 in accordance with the provisions of the Local Authorities (Higher Education Grants) Act, 1968 and the terms of this scheme.

2. ELIGIBILITY OF CANDIDATES:

To be eligible for the receipt of a grant under this scheme, a candidate must fulfil the following conditions as to residence, attainments and age:

(a) Residence:

(i) Save in exceptional circumstances, no candidate will be eligible for the award of a grant unless his/her parents or guardians were ordinarily resident in the administrative area of the County of Galway on 1st October, 1975.

(ii) A candidate shall not be eligible to apply for a grant in the administrative area of more than one local authority.

(b) Attainments:

A candidate must obtain successes as follows in the Leaving Certificate Examination, 1976.

(i) Grade D or a higher grade in at least five subjects, or in four subjects including Irish, and

(ii) either (1) Grade C or a higher grade in Higher or Common Level papers in four or more subjects, or (2) Grade C or a higher grade in Higher or Common Level papers in Irish and in two other subjects or in Mathematics and in two other subjects.

Where a candidate obtained, in the Leaving Certificate Examination of any one year between 1968 and 1974 the successes required to qualify for the award of the Leaving Certificate, or obtained successes as at (i) above in the Leaving Certificate Examination, 1975, he may be deemed exempt from the requirement at (i) above and may qualify for a grant by obtaining in 1976 the successes prescribed at (ii).

Similarly, where a candidate obtained, in the Leaving Certificate Examination of a previous year, the successes in Higher or Common Level or Honours papers prescribed in the higher education grants scheme of that year, he may be deemed exempt from the requirement at (ii) above and may qualify for a grant by obtaining in 1976 the successes prescribed at (i).

(c) Age:

To be eligible under this scheme a candidate shall normally not be less than 17 years of age on the 1st day of January, 1977.

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3. VALUE OF GRANTS AND ASSESSMENT OF MEANS:

(a) The Annual value of a full grant under this scheme shall be lecture fee, not exceeding £215, plus £120 in respect of maintenance and other expenses in the case of a candidate (i) whose normal family residence is in or adjacent to a university town, or (ii) whose course is provided in an educational institution adjacent to his normal family residence. In other cases, the annual value of a full grant shall be lecture fee, not exceeding £215, plus £300 in respect of maintenance and other expenses. In the case of the lecture fee the upper limit of £215 may be exceeded to the extent necessary to cover the total lecture fees (as defined below) payable in certain years of the degree courses in the Medical, Veterinary and Dental Faculties in the colleges of the National University of Ireland and in Trinity College, Dublin.

(b) For the purpose of this scheme the term "lecture fee" means the amount which the grant-holder is required to pay under the regulations of the University, University College or other institutions of higher education in respect of his attendance at the degree or other approved course he is pursuing together with, where applicable, university examination fees payable to the National University of Ireland.

NOTES: (1) For students in Clinical Medicine and Clinical Dentistry, "clinical fees" are reckoned as part of the lecture fee.

(2) Matriculation, late entry or conferring fees or optional fees for clubs or societies are not included in lecture fee.

- (c) (i) For a candidate to be eligible for the award of a grant, the total income of the candidate's parents or guardians shall conform to the means categories in the attached Schedule.
- (ii) The year in relation to which income is determined shall normally be that ending on the 31st March, 1976.
- (d) Any means possessed by a candidate shall be included for the purpose of calculating the means of his parents or guardians.
- (e) Where income is derived partly from lands and partly from other sources, the income from such lands shall be reckoned on the basis that £1. rateable valuation is the equivalent of £26.70 cash income.
- (f) In the calculation of income, children's allowances paid under the Social Welfare Acts and the holiday earnings of students may be disregarded.
- (g) The amount of the grant to be awarded in any particular case shall also be determined in accordance with the Schedule.
- (h) The children to be included for the purpose of determining the amount of grant to be awarded in accordance with the attached Schedule must be under 16 years of age on 1st October, 1975 or be 16 years of age or over on that date and attending a full-time course of studies at a school approved by the Minister for Education.
- (i) In making a declaration of total income, the candidate or the candidate's parents or guardians shall submit to the Galway County Council such information and make such declaration as may be required by it to determine the amount of the income and the number of dependent children.

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- (j) Where a candidate's home is adjacent to a university, but the adjacent university does not provide for the faculty in which the candidate desires to enrol, the Minister will be prepared to consider the question of having the payment (if any) in respect of maintenance made at the higher rate in respect of attendance at another university or approved institution of higher education for the purpose of allowing the candidate concerned to enrol in that faculty. Applications to the Minister under this provision should be submitted through Galway County Council.

4. TENURE OF GRANTS:

(a) Grants shall be tenable at:

- (i) A university or university college in Ireland in respect of its courses which are of degree standard, or
- (ii) Courses approved by the Minister for Education at any institute of higher education in Ireland.

NON-UNIVERSITY COURSES ACCEPTABLE FOR INCLUSION IN HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS SCHEME

An Colaiste Naisiunta Ealaíne/ís Deartha

Course leading to the Diploma of the College.
(not the Art Teachers' Certificate)

Honorable Society of King's Inns

Course leading to the degree of Barrister-at-Law.

Incorporated Law Society of Ireland

Course leading to qualifications as a Solicitor.
(Grant payable only if student is following a University Degree course and limited to the duration of that course)

Dublin City Vocational Education Committee

Whole-time courses leading to a full professional qualification in:

- Architecture
- Mechanical Engineering
- Production Engineering
- Quantity Surveying (Construction Economics)
- Electrical Engineering
- Environmental Economics
- Land Surveying

Whole-time course for the B.Sc. General Degree of London University.

Institute for Higher Education, Limerick

- (a) Degree course in Secretarial Science
- (b) Degree Course in Electronics
- (c) Degree courses in Applied Science and Engineering
- (d) Degree course in Business Studies
- (e) Degree course in European Studies

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Ulster College, The Northern Ireland Polytechnic
Jordanstown, Newtownabbey, Co. Antrim.

- (a) B.A. Business Studies.
- (b) B.A. Social Administration.
- (c) B.A. Social Work
- (d) B. Sc. Social Sciences
- (e) B. Sc. Combined Sciences
- (f) B. Sc. Engineering
- (g) B.Ed. Physical Education or Communications Studies.
- (h) Three year course for Dip. A.D. Fine Art.
- (i) Three year course for Dip. A.D. Three-Dimensional Design
- (j) Three year course for Dip. A.D. Textiles and Fashion
- (k) Three year course for Dip. A.D. Visual Communication.

(Foundation Courses in Art and Design are not acceptable for the purpose of the tenure of grants).

Diploma in Physiotherapy

The Diploma courses in Physiotherapy in University College, Dublin and Trinity College, Dublin.

Regional Technical Colleges

Courses which (a) are wholetime with Leaving Certificate entry, (b) of a minimum duration of two years and (c) which lead to a National Certificate or Diploma awarded by the National Council for Educational Awards or a Certificate or Diploma awarded by another recognised institution.

A list of Colleges and other institutions offering courses to which the grants apply is set out below:

- Regional Technical College - Athlone
- Regional Technical College - Carlow
- Regional Technical College - Cork
- Regional Technical College - Dundalk
- Regional Technical College - Galway
- Regional Technical College - Letterkenny
- Regional Technical College - Sligo
- Regional Technical College - Waterford
- School of Building ----- Limerick
- School of Commerce ----- Limerick
- School of Engineering ----- Limerick
- College of Technology ----- Kevin Street, Dublin.
- College of Technology ----- Bolton Street, Dublin.
- College of Commerce ----- Rathmines, Dublin.
- St. Mary's College ----- Cathal Brugha Street, Dublin.
- Technical Institute ----- Tralee
(Agriculture only)

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- (b) Subject to satisfactory progress by the recipient and the provisions of this Scheme, a grant shall be tenable for the normal duration of the degree or other approved course selected.
- (c) All grant-aided courses shall be full-time courses. Persons following part-time courses or evening lectures shall not be eligible for aid under this Scheme.
- (d) (1) A student shall not be eligible to hold a Higher Education Grant if he holds any grant or scholarship other than the following:
 - (i) remuneration from a university or university college in respect of lectures or demonstration work,
 - (ii) a Maintenance Research Grant in Pure Science or Engineering awarded by the Department of Education.
- (2) The total amount to be paid to a student by way of Higher Education Grant and other award permitted under sub-clause (1) of this clause shall not exceed £1,110 in any academic year.

5. ACCEPTANCE AND CONTINUANCE OF GRANTS:

- (a) Every successful candidate shall inform Galway County Council of his acceptance of the grant within such period after notification as the Council may stipulate.
- (b) Every grant-holder shall become a registered student of the approved institution of higher education selected by him at the commencement of the academic year immediately following the award of the grant. A candidate who has been awarded a grant may, however, on application to Galway County Council be permitted to defer availing himself of the grant for a period not exceeding two years provided that during such period of deferment he is not (i) a student in a Teacher Training College or (ii) in receipt of a grant or scholarship from public funds in respect of a third level course of education. Only in exceptional circumstances, at the discretion of Galway County Council and with the approval of the Minister, will a grant be deferred for a period exceeding two years.
- (c) A grant is renewable annually subject to the approval of Galway County Council and the Minister for Education. Where a grant-holder's attainment or conduct is unsatisfactory, the amount of the grant may be reduced or the grant may be discontinued at the discretion of Galway County Council.
- (d) A grant-holder shall not change from the original faculty or course selected to another faculty or course without the prior approval of the appropriate institution or institutions of higher education and of the Galway County Council. A grant is not, however, payable in respect of a second period of college attendance at any particular level.
- (e) A grant-holder shall not be entitled to continue to hold a grant should he obtain any office of profit or be employed for remuneration or transfer to evening or part-time classes or lectures. Where a grant has been discontinued under this sub-clause, it shall not be restored save in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of Galway County Council and with the approval of the Minister.

Since teaching practice is included in the exercises required for the Higher Diploma in Education, the grant will not be discontinued where a grant-holder who is following a course leading to the Diploma is employed for remuneration as a teacher. However, for the purpose of the payment of a grant in respect of attendance at approved university courses for the Diploma, a sum equal to the remuneration, if any, received by a grant-holder for teaching hours in excess of 100 in the school year shall be deducted from the grant payable to him.

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- (f) Should a grant-holder's normal family residence remove from a place adjacent to the institution of higher education at which he is availing himself of the grant to a place not adjacent, the amount of the grant shall be adjusted to the sum appropriate to his category in Part One of the Schedule.
- (g) Should a grant-holder's normal family residence remove to a place adjacent to the institution of higher education at which he is availing himself of the grant from a place not adjacent, the amount of the grant shall be adjusted to the sum appropriate to his category in Part Two of the Schedule.
- (h) If the Galway County Council is satisfied that the income of the grant-holder's parents or guardians has decreased during the period of tenure of the grant to the extent that the amount of the grant held no longer corresponds to the income category in the Schedule in relation to which it was originally determined, the amount of the grant shall be adjusted to that appropriate to the category corresponding to the new income.
- (i) Should the number of eligible dependent children of a grant-holder's parents or guardians increase during the period of tenure of the grant, the amount of the grant shall be adjusted to that appropriate to the category in the Schedule corresponding to the new number of eligible dependent children.
- (j) In all cases, the appropriate adjustment in the amount of the grant shall be made in and from the next payment immediately following the occurrence occasioning the adjustment.
- (k) Where a student is following a course of studies which could be approved of under the scheme and where such student had not qualified for the award of a grant solely on the ground of means, a grant may be awarded with effect from the beginning of the first academic year following the production of evidence that the means requirements of the scheme would now be fulfilled in his case.

6. POST-GRADUATE COURSES:

A grant-holder who has obtained a primary degree may, on the recommendation of the authorities of the college in which the degree has been obtained, have the grant continued for a further period in order to complete a post-graduate course approved by the college authorities. The annual value of the grant will remain unchanged, except in accordance with the terms of Clause 5.

7. PAYMENT OF GRANT:

- (a) The lecture fee portion of the candidate's grant will be paid direct by Galway County Council to the institution at which the candidate is attending.
- (b) One-third of the maintenance portion of the grant will be paid on notification of registration, one-third in January, and one-third in April. No instalment, however, will be paid in the second or third term until the college authorities inform the Secretary:
 - (i) that they are satisfied with the conduct of the student during the preceeding term;
 - (ii) that the student has attended during the preceeding term at least three-fourths of the lectures in each subject taken out by him at the beginning of the session;

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- (iii) that he has presented himself for examination held by the College authorities in each of the subjects referred to at the end of the preceding term;
- (iv) that his answering at the examination referred to has been deemed satisfactory by the Professors;
- (v) that the standing Committee recommend such payment.

8. APPLICATION FOR GRANTS:

- (a) Application for grant must be made on the prescribed form of application which may be obtained from the Secretary, Galway County Council, County Buildings, Galway. This form, duly completed, must reach the County Secretary not later than the 31st August, 1976. A claim that an application form was lost or delayed in the post will not be considered unless accompanied by official evidence of posting. Evidence acceptable in such circumstances will be (1) a registration certificate or (2) a certificate received at the time of posting from the Post Office authority.
- (b) In the case of an application which is received after the 31st August, 1976 and where the candidate:
 - (i) would have been eligible for a grant if his application had been in time,
 - (ii) attends in the academic year 1976/1977 a course of higher education which could be approved for the purposes of the payment of grant,
 - and
 - (iii) is successful in his first year examination (if any) and satisfactory as regards his progress, conduct and attendance,
 then the Galway County Council may award a grant as from the commencement of the candidate's second academic year, the annual rate of grant to be that which would have been payable had the candidate been in receipt of such grant in his first academic year.
- (c) Where a candidate's application is late and the candidate, if his application had been in time, would have qualified for a grant but would have sought a deferment thereof, the Galway County Council will submit the case for the Minister's decision as to whether a grant may be awarded from the commencement of the student's second academic year.
- (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-clause (a) of this clause Galway County Council may, in exceptional circumstances, and at its own absolute discretion, accept an application which is received after the 31st August, 1976 and treat such application as if it had been received on or before that date.

9. DETERMINATION OF DISPUTES:

Every question or dispute which shall arise in relation to the interpretation or construction of this scheme shall be determined by the Minister for Education whose decision thereon shall be final.

SCHEDULE

OF ANNUAL BENEFITS PAYABLE UNDER THE SCHEME FOR 1976 TO STUDENTS (1) WHOSE NORMAL FAMILY RESIDENCE IS NOT IN OR ADJACENT TO A UNIVERSITY TOWN OR (11) WHOSE COURSE IS NOT PROVIDED IN AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION ADJACENT TO HIS NORMAL FAMILY RESIDENCE.

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
£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
£1,735 "	£65 "	C	B	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
£2,005 "	£70 "	D	C	B	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
£2,140 "	£75 "	E	D	C	B	A	A	A	A	A	A
£2,275 "	£80 "	F	E	D	C	B	A	A	A	A	A
£2,410 "	£85 "	F	F	E	D	C	B	A	A	A	A
£2,545 "	£90 "	F	F	F	E	D	C	B	A	A	A
£2,680 "	£95 "	F	F	F	F	E	D	C	B	A	A
£2,815 "	£100 "	F	F	F	F	F	E	D	C	B	A
£2,950 "	£105 "	F	F	F	F	F	F	E	D	C	B
£3,085 "	£110 "	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	E	D	C
£3,220 "	£115 "	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	E	D
£3,355 "	£120 "	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	E
£3,490 or over	£125 "	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F
	£130 or over	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F

ANNUAL VALUE OF GRANT CATEGORIES

- Category A: Lecture fee (not exceeding £215*) plus £300 in respect of maintenance and other expenses
- B: " " " £240 " " " " " " " "
- C: " " " £180 " " " " " " " "
- D: " " " £120 " " " " " " " "
- E: " " " £60 " " " " " " " "
- F: Lecture fee only (not exceeding £215*).

*Note:- This upper limit may be exceeded to the extent necessary to cover the total lecture fees, (as defined in the scheme) payable in certain years of the degree courses in the medical, Veterinary and Dental Faculties in the colleges of the National University of Ireland and in Trinity College, Dublin.

MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF EDUCATION (GRANTS) COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON FRIDAY, 11TH JUNE, 1976.

PRESENT: Councillors M. Ryan, M. O'Flatharta, Messrs. M. Hogan, F. Mullin, M. Lenihan, R. Colgan, R. P. O hEili, T. Fitzgerald.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from: Senator M. H. Higgins and Sr. Brigid.

OFFICIALS

PRESENT: Mr. K. Doyle, Acting County Secretary. Miss G. O'Grady, Senior Staff Officer.

CHAIRMAN: On the proposition of Mr. M. Lenihan, seconded by Mr. F. Mullin, Mr. M. Hogan was unanimously elected Chairman for the meeting.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS SCHEME 1976:

The draft Higher Education Grants Scheme, 1976 circulated with the Agenda was considered. After discussion, the Committee unanimously recommended to the County Council the adoption of the Higher Education Grants Scheme 1976 as circulated.

Mr. Hogan suggested that representations be made to the Department of Education to have St. Catherine's Domestic College, Sion Hill, Dublin and St. Angela's Training College, Sligo included in list of approved colleges for Higher Education Grants. This was agreed to.

The Committee considered that the Department's circular on the grants should be issued earlier and it was requested that representation be made to have it sent out at Easter.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT A MEETING OF THE SHEEP
DIPPING COMMITTEE HELD ON FRIDAY, 4TH JUNE, 1976.

Present: Councillors M. Ryan, T. Welby and H. Melvin. An apology was received from Deputy Callanan.

Officials: Mr. Broderick, Veterinary Inspector, and Miss G. O'Grady, Staff Officer.

Draft sheep dipping regulations for 1976 were discussed and agreed to.

Because of the change in dates for dipping consequent on the new Sheep Dipping Order, it was agreed that wide publicity would be required and the Members present said that they would publicise the matter at any local meetings they would attend.

The Meeting Then Terminated.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING OF GALWAY
CO. COUNCIL HELD AT THE CO. BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON MONDAY 21/6/76

In the Chair: Deputy T. Hussey.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: Councillors G. Bartley, U. Burke, Deputy J. Callinan, Councillors S. Donnellan, P. Fahey, M. Faherty, 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 H. Melvin, J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors N. Morgan, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, P. Ruane, M. Ryan.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, Co. Manager. Mr. R. Dunne, Deputy Co. Engineer. Mr. M. Tierney, Chief Assistant County Engineer. T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer. A. O'Gorman, Senior Staff Officer.

The opening prayer was recited.

The Chairman referred to the recent sudden death of Mr. J. Silke, Chief Assistant County Engineer and said that a formal vote of sympathy would be proposed at the next ordinary meeting of the Council. He asked the Members to observe a minute's silence.

HOUSING CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME

The Members considered the programme circulated with the Agenda.

Deputy Callanan asked if the programme was realistic having regard to the finances available and enquired as to what backlog there would be when this year's rural houses and demountables were completed. The County Manager stated that the programme showed little change as regards town schemes because this year the Council was concentrating on rural houses. It was hard to say exactly what the backlog would be - there was a constant inflow of applications and at any one stage the Council could have up to 250 approved applicants.

Councillor Morgan asked if the provision of a front boundary fence was included in housing contracts and mentioned a case where one was not provided. He suggested that in selecting sites for rural houses, the Council should keep in mind the possibility of connecting the houses to group water schemes. He asked if old peoples homes would be included in the next housing scheme in Pollroebuck and recommended that they be given priority. He also asked what action is taken on unfit houses when people are re-housed from them.

In reply to Councillor Morgan it was stated that front boundary fences are normally part of the contract and that the case referred to would be examined. If a group water scheme is available, the Council would be happy to avail of it. As regards old peoples homes, it was stated that there would be at least 4 in the next scheme at Pollroebuck. Where an applicant is re-housed from an unfit house, the County Manager stated that the Council takes steps to prevent the unfit house from being re-used subsequently.

Deputy Molloy asked why was the number of houses for Oughterard reduced from 20 to 10. He also referred to the position in Kilronan and stated that the 6 houses proposed was not enough.

In reply to Deputy Molloy, the County Manager stated that having

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reviewed the question of need in the light of the finances available, it was decided that new schemes should be spread throughout the County as far as possible where the need was established and this explained the position as regards Oughterard. In relation to Kilronan, the Co. Manager stated that 3 houses were in progress, a further 3 could be started next year when necessary services have been provided but he could not say when further additional houses might commence.

Deputy Kitt and Councillor Kilgannon asked if it was possible that the proposed scheme for Ahascragh would start in the Autumn.

The Co. Manager said that the Council had received no information so far about a further allocation but that the question as regards what schemes to start would be examined if and when notification is received.

Senator Killilea asked that immediate repairs be carried out to two new houses just completed in Caherlistrane and that the erection of the new house for the family whose house was burned down recently be expedited. He then referred to the land for sale at Parkmore, Tuam and asked how much of it the Council intended buying. He said that if the Council do not succeed in buying some of the Parkmore lands, they should approach some of the religious orders who have land in Tuam.

The Co. Manager stated that the new house for the family mentioned by Senator Killilea would be provided as soon as possible. As regards the lands at Parkmore, he stated that the total land available was approximately 96 acres and the Council could not purchase all of this. Some of it was unserviceable, some serviceable but not serviced and some serviced. The Vocational Education Committee were interested in acquiring some of the land leaving a balance of about 17 acres of suitable serviceable land which the Council would be interested in. Negotiations are in progress with the owners.

Councillor O'Morain asked if one acre was enough land to acquire in Rosmuc. He requested that a new house be provided urgently for a particular family whose circumstances were known to the Housing Dept. and who were living in a caravan at present.

In regard to Rosmuc, the Co. Manager stated that while one acre may not be enough land, it was advisable to acquire it if it was available and suitable. In reply to a further question from Councillor O'Morain about second grants, the Co. Manager said that except in exceptional cases there must normally be a lapse of 15 years before a second grant can be paid.

Councillor Fahy was informed that generally pre-fabricated houses were only provided where it was difficult to provide the traditional house and that the Council had received little or no objections to prefabs.

Referring to this year's housing capital allocation, Councillor Joyce recalled that last year the Council sent a computation to the Minister and wondered if the same should be done again this year. He also referred to the problem of rent collection in rural areas and said that some people were being asked to travel long distances to pay rent.

In reply, the Co. Manager stated that as regards the capital allocation, he felt Galway Co. Council didn't do too bad in comparison with other areas. The Department were kept informed of the housing need in Galway and hopefully a further allocation would be made to Galway later in the year. The matter of rent collection would be examined.

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In reply to Councillor Kelly about providing old peoples homes in Tuam, the Co. Manager said this matter would be examined in the overall context of need when the next capital allocation is received.

Councillor Sean Donnellan was informed that the Council hoped to be able to shortly finalise the purchase of a site for a house mentioned by him.

The County Manager informed Councillor Raftery that he could not say when the next scheme of houses would be provided in Ballygar - this would depend on the finances available and housing need.

In reply to Councillor Melvin about the provision of houses in Clarenbridge, the Co. Manager explained that if sufficient monies were available, these houses could have started in 1976. It may be possible to start them in 1977.

Councillor Ryan was informed by the Co. Manager that applicants being rehoused with large families could ask the Council to provide a 4 bedroomed house and this would be considered.

Councillor Haverty asked about the acquisition of land for houses in Killimor saying that he had asked previously for a full report on the matter. The Co. Manager explained that the Council had been negotiating for land over a long period without success. It was hoped that negotiations presently in progress for a piece of land would be successful. Councillor Haverty was invited to meet Mr. Tierney, Chief Assistant County Engineer who would explain the position about the prolonged negotiations.

Councillor McCormack enquiring about the scheme of houses for Headford was informed that the whole position about new schemes would be re-accessed if and when a further allocation is received later in the year.

SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY TO LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSES

The County Manager referred to a letter received from the Dept. of Local Government dated 18/ 5/1976 limiting the Council's contribution towards the cost of electricity to £350 for rural houses and £200 in the case of demountables. Where the contribution is in excess of these figures, specific sanction must be obtained. If the tenant was prepared to meet the cost in excess of the approved figure, departmental sanction would not be required. The Department had drawn the Council's attention to Circular N.65 regarding the selection of sites where services are available and capable of being economically serviced with electricity.

The Co. Manager stated that where rural houses were being provided, it was the Council's policy to provide fully serviced houses and over 60 of these were provided in 1975. The main reasons why unserviced houses should not be provided are - the absence of proper lighting and heating systems, cooking facilities, water supply, T.V. etc.. Areas that cannot be serviced economically with E.S.B. are generally remote from schools, churches, health services and transport and children are immediately placed at a disadvantage. The Co. Manager advised that the Council would be looking for trouble in providing unserviced houses and would be creating problems both for the Council and the tenants. It is only in very exceptional cases, where applicants are committed to a particular site because of their means of livelihood, that unserviced houses should be considered.

Councillor Morgan agreed fully with the Co. Manager's statement adding that all monies spent on housing must be spent wisely and to the best advantage.

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Deputy Molloy asked about the origin of the £350 limit imposed by the Department and if any cases in excess of £350 had been sanctioned. He proposed that where the cost of electricity is too high, applicants should be given the option of accepting houses without electricity. He said that there were other means of heating and lighting etc. apart from electricity.

The Co. Manager stated that the Council had asked for sanction to a number of individual cases where the E.S.B. contribution was high and that it was in reply to that letter that the Department had specified the new limits. Approval was received to some specific cases where the contribution exceeded the limits specified in the letter.

Deputy Callanan felt that in certain circumstances, unserviced houses should be provided particularly in cases where an alternative site could not be got.

Councillor O'Morain seconded Deputy Molloy's motion. He said that the limit of £350 was far too low and the result would be that all new rural houses would have to be built within the existing E.S.B. system. It was almost impossible for the applicant or the Council to get a site on someone else's land.

Senator Mannion suggested that the Department be asked to increase the £350 limit to £600 and he was supported by Councillor Morgan.

The Chairman declared Deputy Molloy's motion carried.

The County Manager stated that he would refer the matter to the Department to see if the Department was satisfied with the proposal.

NOTICES OF MOTION

NEW HOUSE LOANS

Councillor Joyce was informed that there was no specific minimum wage or valuation limits for applicants for new house loans and that each application was considered on its merits. Councillor Joyce stated that in the case of self-employed persons, it was difficult for them to show their exact earnings and he felt that asking them to complete an affidavit was somewhat unfair. He said that machinery contractors for example could have a lot of money invested in machinery which they were paying for over a period and their actual income could be low. Other members agreed with Councillor Joyce.

The County Manager said that each case is considered sympathetically.

COTTAGE AT SKYCUR, KILFORMER

Councillor Joyce was informed that a vesting order had been made vesting the house in question as from 1/4/1976 and no further structural repairs could be carried out. The tenant was informed by registered post of his right of appeal to the Minister if he was not satisfied that the house was in good structural condition.

HOUSING SCHEME FOR LAURENCETOWN

Councillor Joyce was informed that contract documents were prepared and tenders could be invited on completion of the land transfer, subject to the availability of the necessary capital.

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SALE PRICE OF HOUSE AT TULLYVOHER, CLIFDEN

Deputy Molloy was informed that the sale price of house No. 5 at Tullyvoher, Clifden was made up as follows:-

Land	£249. 8. 1.	
Costs	47.18. 6.	
Direct Labour	44. 9. 6.	
Contract	22,575.10. 5.	
	£22,917. 6. 6.	- 10 houses
or	£2,291.14. 8.	for one house.

£2,292 in 1958 converted to current money value in 1974 = £4,775

A deduction of 12% discount was then allowed for the period of tenancy and £900 in respect of grants and rate remission leaving the nett sale price at £3,302.

Deputy Molloy asked if the tenant wanted to sell after purchasing, would the Council require payment of portion of the sale price.

The Co. Manager said that the Minister had asked housing authorities to operate this system and the Transfer Order used by Galway Co. Council provided for it.

As a result of a further question from Deputy Molloy as to whether the Council could alter the system, it was agreed to put the matter on the Agenda for the next meeting.

TIGEENS AT FORT BRIDE, LOUGHREA

The Co. Manager stated that these tigeens were extended in 1975 when 2 bedrooms, bathroom and rear hall/utility room were added. The entrance door was originally towards the front at the side. The extension did not allow for the provision of a front entrance door, the new entrance being at the rear towards the side. This arrangement was dictated by glazed area requirements. In accordance with normal practice, drainage of W.C. is via septic tank and for sinks via a soakway. There is no river adjacent to the site. There is a small stream about 300 yds. from the tigeens which goes dry in summertime. Footpaths are normally provided to segregate pedestrian and vehicular traffic. As this is a small cul-de-sac, footpaths are not considered necessary. Fuel is normally purchased by the tenants in small quantities usually 1 cwt. bags of turf which is delivered to the door weekly by a local merchant. There has been no demand for fuel sheds at anytime.

Councillor Morgan asked that footpaths be provided and that the rainwater from the roofs which was presently causing dampness be piped to the nearby stream.

He said that only one exit from the buildings created a fire risk and he asked that a fuel shed be provided for each tigeen.

Councillor Melvin expressed satisfaction with the tigeens and felt that if funds were available it would be better spent in providing accommodation for other families.

Councillors Kelly and Kilgannon stated that families in tigeens over a long period should be given reasonable facilities.

Mr. Dunne, Deputy Co. Engineer stated that the fire risk in relation to the tigeens was no greater than the fire risk which applied to the upstairs portion of any ordinary two storey dwellinghouse.

The County Manager stated that tigeens were only intended to provide temporary accommodation for families pending rehousing and it was never intended that all the facilities of a standard dwellinghouse would be provided. Extensive improvements had already been carried out and there were no funds on hands for further expenditure. He agreed to re-examine the problem about the rainwater to see if anything could be done.

PORTUMNA HOUSING SCHEME

In reply to Councillor Norman Morgan's Notice of Motion regarding the purchase of a site at Dominick St., Portumna for housing, the Co. Manager stated that the site was the only site available that could be purchased by agreement in the Clonfert Ave./Fairhill area. Hackett's site was not considered suitable having only 60' road frontage. In addition the rear of the site is very lowlying and could not be drained at reasonable expense.

Councillor Haverty stated that he asked the Council to build for Mr. Hackett as the site was only suitable for one house.

WOODFORD HOUSING SCHEME

In reply to Councillor Morgan's Notice of Motion regarding the provision of a back entrance to the new County Council houses at Woodford, the County Manager stated that the curtilage at the rear of the existing housing scheme at Woodford was insufficient to allow for the provision of a rear entrance. At the time this scheme was planned and constructed it was not the policy to provide back entrances. Councillor Morgan proposed that the Council purchase the land at the rear to provide an entrance and he considered that this land would be made available. Deputy Callanan, Councillors Burke and Haverty supported the proposal. The Co. Manager stated that the capital expenditure would not be provided by the State. However, he would seek the approval of the Minister. Mr. Dunne, Deputy Co. Engineer, doubted if it was possible to do this work.

RURAL HOUSING ORGANISATION

Councillor Kilgannon in proposing that the Council welcome the Rural Housing Organisation to Co. Galway referred to rural depopulation leaving whole parishes without people. He stated that there were a number of villages and places where houses were needed and he asked the Council to support him. Deputy Molloy seconded the proposal and stated that the Rural Housing Organisation had gone from strength to strength and he asked the Council to pledge its full support to this organisation and to all such co-operative groups. Councillor Haverty stated that in regard to Tynagh where the Rural Housing Organisation proposes to provide houses that he was lead to believe that applications for loans were with the Council and he later discovered that no applications were received by the Council.

The County Manager welcomed the proposal and stated that he had met a deputation from the Rural Housing Organisation recently and offered to assist this organisation in every way possible. Assistance was offered in regard to the purchase of land and the submission of applications for planning permission, loans and grants.

THE MEETING THEN CONCLUDED.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT ANNUAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON MONDAY 28th JUNE, 1976.

IN THE CHAIR: Deputy T. Hussey.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: Councillors G. Bartley, U. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputies J. Callanan, J. Donnellan, Councillors Sean Donnellan F. Fahey, 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, Counciloor 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: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; C. A. Warner, Co. Engineer; M. J. Dunne, Deputy Co. Engineer; A. O'Gorman, Senior Staff Officer; Miss G. O'Grady, Senior Staff Officer; Miss M. Nolan, Staff Officer, and Mr. K. Doyle, Acting County Secretary.

The opening prayer was recited.

1047 - SYMPATHY:

The Chairman proposed that the sympathy of the council be extended to Mrs. Bridie Silke and family on the death of Mr. John Silke, former Chief Assistant County Engineer who worked tirelessly to ensure a high standard of performance in his work. He also paid tribute to the courtesy which the late Mr. Silke extended to members of the Council, and to the general public, and expressed sincere regret at his passing at an early age. He proposed also that the Council adjourn for a time as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Silke.

Councillor Holland seconded the proposal which was supported by all other Members of the Council who joined in the tribute to the late Mr. Silke.

The County Engineer and the County Manager also joined in the resolution of sympathy and in the tributes paid by the Members to the late Mr. Silke.

The sympathy of the Council was also extended to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kilgannon, Crannagh, Castleblakeney on the death of the late Mr. Martin Kilgannon.

The Council also wished a speedy recovery to Mr. H. Finnegan, Chief Assistant County Engineer, who is ill, also to Mr. Frank Monaghan, Chief Assistant County Engineer, who was involved in an accident.

The meeting then adjourned for twenty minutes.

1048 - ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR 1976/77:

When the meeting resumed, the Chairman asked for nominations for the office of Chairman for the year 1976/77.

Senator Killilea proposed and Councillor John Molloy seconded that Deputy T. Hussey be elected Chairman of the Council for the year 1976/77.

Councillor Morgan proposed that Councillor Holland be elected Chairman but Councillor Holland stated that he did not wish to have his name go forward.

As there was no other proposal, the Chairman declared himself elected Chairman of the Council for the year 1976/77, and he thanked the Members for electing him.

1049 - ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR 1976/77:

It was proposed by Senator Killilea and seconded by Councillor O Morain that Councillor Sean Donnellan be elected Vice-Chairman of the Council for the year 1976/77.

As there was no other nomination, the Chairman declared Councillor Donnellan elected Vice-Chairman.

1050 - ELECTION OF THREE REPRESENTATIVES ON THE COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL:

Deputy Callanan proposed and Councillor Haverly seconded that the three existing representatives be re-elected, but after discussion the proposal was withdrawn, and it was agreed that proposals be taken individually.

First Vacancy: It was proposed by Councillor O'Morain, seconded by Deputy Callanan that Senator M. Killilea be appointed representative of the Council on the County Councils' General Council for year 1976/77.

As there was no other proposal for this vacancy, the Chairman declared Senator Killilea appointed.

Second Vacancy: It was proposed by Senator Killilea, seconded by Councillor Raftery that Councillor J. Molloy be appointed representative of the Council on the County Councils' General Council for year 1976/77.

As there was no other proposal, the Chairman declared Councillor Molloy appointed.

Third Vacancy: It was proposed by Senator Killilea, seconded by Councillor Haverly, that Councillor Sean Donnellan be appointed a representative of the Council on the County Councils' General Council for year 1976/77.

It was proposed by Councillor Glynn, seconded by Councillor Ryan that Councillor B. Holland be appointed a representative of the Council on the County Councils' General Council for year 1976/77.

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

For Councillor Donnellan 15
For Councillor Holland 13

The Chairman declared Councillor Sean Donnellan appointed a representative of the Council on the County Councils' General Council for the year 1976/77.

1051 - APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE ON WESTERN REGIONAL TOURISM ORGANISATION:

It was proposed by Senator Killilea and seconded by Councillor Haverly that Councillor O Morain be appointed a representative of the Council on the Western Regional Tourism Organisation for 1976/77.

It was proposed by Councillor Byrne, seconded by Deputy Donnellan that Councillor P. McCormack be appointed a representative of the Council on the Western Regional Tourism Organisation for 1976/77.

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

For Councillor O Morain 15
For Councillor McCormack 12

The Chairman declared Councillor O Morain appointed.

1052 - GALWAY/MAYO REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT GROUP:

First Vacancy: It was agreed that the Chairman would be an ex-officio Member of this Group and accordingly it was unanimously agreed that Deputy T. Hussey be appointed to the first vacancy on the Galway/Mayo Regional Development Group for 1976/77.

Second Vacancy: It was proposed by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Deputy Donnellan that Councillor Ryan be appointed a representative of the Council on this Group for year 1976/77.

It was proposed by Senator Killilea, seconded by Deputy Molloy that Councillor Melvin be appointed a representative of the council on this Group for 1976/77.

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

For Councillor Ryan 12
For Councillor Melvin 15

The Chairman declared Councillor Melvin elected a representative of the Council on this Group for 1976/77.

Third Vacancy: It was proposed by Senator Killilea, seconded by Deputy Molloy that Councillor O'Morain be elected representative of the Council on this Group for 1976/77.

It was proposed by Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor McCormack that Deputy Donnellan be elected a representative of the Council on this Group for 1976/77.

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

For Councillor O Morain 15
For Deputy Donnellan 12

The Chairman then declared Councillor O Morain elected a representative of the Council on the Group for 1976/77.

Fourth Vacancy: It was proposed by Senator Killilea and seconded by Councillor O Morain that Councillor Frank Fahey be elected a representative of the Council on this Group for 1976/77.

It was proposed by Deputy Donnellan and seconded by Senator Mannion that Councillor Byrne be elected a representative of the Council on this Group for 1976/77.

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

For Councillor Fahey 15
For Councillor Byrne 12

The Chairman declared Councillor Fahey elected a representative of the Council on the Group for 1976/77.

Fifth Vacancy: It was proposed by Senator Killilea and seconded by Deputy Callanan that Councillor P. Raftery be elected a representative of the Council on this Group for 1976/77.

It was proposed by Senator Mannion and seconded by Councillor Burke that Councillor P. T. Galvin be elected a representative of the Council on this Group for 1976/77.

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

For Councillor Raftery 15
For Councillor Galvin 12

The Chairman declared Councillor Raftery elected a representative of the Council on the Group for year 1976/77.

Sixth Vacancy: It was proposed by Senator Killilea and seconded by Deputy Callanan that Councillor T. Welby be elected a representative of the Council on this Group for 1976/77.

It was proposed by Councillor Holland and seconded by Councillor Glynn that Senator M. D. Higgins be appointed a representative of the Council on the Group for 1976/77.

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

For Councillor Welby 15
For Senator Higgins 12

The Chairman declared Councillor Welby elected a representative of the Council on the Group for 1976/77.

1053 - COUNTY LIBRARIES' COMMITTEE:

Councillor Morgan stated that he did not wish to go forward for nomination to the County Libraries' Committee for 1976/77 and instead he proposed that Councillor M. Kelly be appointed to the Committee. This proposal was seconded by Senator Killilea and agreed.

On the proposition of Senator Killilea, seconded by Senator Mannion, all other members of the County Libraries' Committee for 1975/76 were re-elected to the Committee for 1976/77.

1054 - NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Senator Killilea stated that he understood that Mr. Colie Hernon did not wish to be nominated a member of the Committee and he accordingly proposed that instead of Mr. Hernon, Councillor Joyce be appointed a full member of the Advisory Committee. This proposal was seconded by Deputy Callanan and agreed.

Councillor Morgan who was an Honorary Member of the previous committee stated that he did not wish to be nominated for membership of the committee for the coming year and in his place he proposed that Councillor Holland be appointed an Honorary Member for 1976/77. This proposal was seconded by Senator Killilea and agreed.

It was also agreed on the proposition of Councillor Kelly that Mr. John Waldron, "Xavier", Taylor's Hill, Galway be appointed an Honorary Member of the Committee for 1976/77 in lieu of Mr. John Waldron, Conagher, Dunmore.

On the proposition of Senator Killilea, seconded by Deputy Callanan, it was agreed that all other full members and honorary members of the Committee for 1975/76 be appointed to the Committee for 1976/77.

1055 - EDUCATION GRANTS COMMITTEE:

Councillor Morgan stated that he did not wish to be nominated for membership of this Committee for the coming year and in his place he proposed that Mr. S. O'Grady, Headmaster, Vocational School, Loughrea, be appointed a member of the Committee. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed.

On the proposition of Councillor Morgan, seconded by Deputy Donnellan, the Council also approved the appointment of Councillor M. Kelly to the Committee for the year 1976/77.

On the proposition of Senator Killilea, seconded by Deputy Callanan, the Council approved the appointment of all other Members for 1975/76 on this Committee to be Members of the Committee for 1976/77.

1056 - SHEEP DIPPING COMMITTEE:

Councillor Glynn asked that his motion No. 20 on the Agenda for the General Meeting be taken at this stage since the Council was dealing with Committees. He accordingly proposed that one Veterinary Surgeon and one representative of sheep bath owners be appointed to the Sheep Dipping Committee. This proposal was seconded by Senator Killilea. Councillor McCormack proposed that a representative of the Galway Sheep Breeders Association be also appointed to the Committee.

The County Manager stated that the Council has one whole time Veterinary Surgeon employed and that he attends meetings of the Committee in an advisory capacity and will be available always for advice.

In these circumstances Councillor Glynn stated that he would withdraw his proposal in relation to the employment of a Veterinary Surgeon to the Committee.

Senator Killilea proposed that Councillor Glynn who is himself a bath owner be appointed to the Committee. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Melvin and agreed.

After a further discussion, it was also agreed that the Galway Sheep Breeders Association be authorised to nominate a representative on the Sheep Dipping Committee.

The Meeting then terminated.

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Submitted, Approved & Confirmed

Chairman

Date 26/7/76

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY CO. COUNCIL HELD AT THE CO. BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 28TH JUNE, 1976.

IN THE CHAIR: Deputy T. Huseey.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Members: Councillors G. Bartley, U. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputies J. Callanan, J. Donnellan, Councillors Sean Donnellan, F. Fahey, 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 N. Morgan, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, M. Ryan and T. Welby.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; C. A. Warner, County Engineer, M. J. Dunne, Deputy County Engineer, A. O'Gorman, Senior Staff Officer, Miss G. O'Grady, Senior Staff Officer, Miss M. Nolan, Staff Officer and Mr. K. Doyle, Acting County Secretary.

1057 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor Galvin, seconded by Councillor Morgan, the Minutes of meeting held on the 24th May, 1976 (1003 - 1046 inclusive) were approved and signed by the Chairman.

1058 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES:

It was noted that Malicious Damage Decrees as listed in the schedule to the Agenda had been received since the last meeting.

Replying to queries, the County Manager stated that the amounts of such decrees are not paid until they are included in the estimates and until the rate for them is struck. He also stated that the Council can not insure against its liability for payment of malicious damage decrees.

1059 - ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL:

The County Manager informed the Members that the Annual Meeting of the County Councils' General Council would take place early in August and that notices of any matters to be put on the Agenda should be forwarded to the Secretary of the General Council on or before Friday, 23rd July, 1976.

1060 - HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS SCHEME 1976:

It was proposed by Councillor Sean Donnellan, seconded by Councillor Joyce and resolved -

"that Galway County Council hereby prepare and make a scheme for higher education grants for 1976 in accordance with the draft as circulated to Members and direct that the scheme be submitted to the Minister for Education for approval."

Replying to queries by Members, the County Manager stated that the income limits specified in the scheme are those which have been specified by the Minister for Education and that it is unlikely that an increased figure would be approved if submitted to the Minister.

Several Members criticised the equation of cash income to land valuation limits and stated that the cash income limits were totally unjust to wage and salary earners.

Members also asked that a special effort be made to pay grants early in the academic year to students who have enrolled at universities.

Senator Higgins stressed the urgency of drawing the attention of all likely students to the closing date for receipt of applications and stated that sometimes, by the time the application forms are issued, the students have left on holidays or are gone away to work. He considered it harsh that students who submit a late application should lose the grant for one year. He recommended that advertisements announcing the terms of the scheme and the closing date should be published in Irish in the Gaeltacht areas and also that the universities be asked to remind students who are enrolling with the university of the necessity for applying for education grants from local authorities before the 31st August.

Replying to further questions, the County Manager stated that every effort is made to draw the attention of school authorities by direct letter and the general public by way of advertisement to the closing date.

1061 - MINUTES OF SHEEP DIPPING COMMITTEE MEETING:

(a) The Minutes of the meeting of the Sheep Dipping Committee held on the 4th June, 1976 were noted.

(b) MINUTES OF HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING:

The Minutes of Housing Committee meeting held on the 21st June, 1976, copy of which had been circulated to Members were noted.

1062 - OVERDRAFT ACCOMODATION - QUARTER ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1976.

It was proposed by Senator Killilea, seconded by Councillor Melvin and resolved -

"that subject to sanction of the Minister for Local Government, overdraft accommodation not exceeding £1 million be borrowed on the Council's Revenue account during the quarter ending 30th September, 1976."

Replying to Councilor Glynn, the County Manager stated that the Council will issue paying orders as usual during the bank strike but that interest will be charged only from the date the paying order is cashed by the borrower.

1063 - SALE OF HOUSES TO TENANTS:

It was proposed by Senator Killilea, seconded by Councillor Kelly that Galway County Council hereby approves the sale of houses to tenants as listed in Item 7 on the Agenda subject to terms of Notices issued to each Member of the Council on the 8th June, 1976.

Deputy Molloy enquired if a condition will be included in the transfers of those houses to the tenants whereby tenants will become liable to pay a certain amount to the County Council if they resold the houses within a period of five years.

The County Manager replied that this clause is included in the transfer order in accordance with normal practice and that it is proposed to continue it.

Deputy Molloy proposed that this clause be excluded from the transfer order and that any transfer order drawn up whereby a house sold by the housing authority to a tenant should not include a clause obliging the tenant to pay 1/3 of the excess of the sale price by the tenant over the purchase price paid to the Council if the house is sold within five years.

Councillor Glynn seconded Deputy Molloy's proposal and stated that inflation which caused much of the increase in price should not be taken as a profit.

The County Manager drew the attention of Members to the contents of Circular H.11/76 of the 13th May, 1976 from the Department of Local Government regarding this matter and read for Members the second paragraph on page 2 of this Circular. He reminded Members that the Minister's Circular has stated that if the local authority fails to implement the clause suggested, the subsidy could be reduced and new legislation could be introduced to compel the Council to provide for this payment. The County Manager also stated that he considered this clause to be a reasonable one having regard to the fact that the purchaser can buy his house at a low price and that there is no justification for allowing him to make a profit.

Deputy Molloy considered that the clause is an unfair imposition on the tenants many of whom may have to move and build a house elsewhere at a much higher cost. He did not consider that there was any profiteering going on.

Councillor Burke proposed and Councillor Kilgannon seconded that the transfer orders include provision for payment to the council in the event of sale in accordance with the recommendations contained in the Circular from the Dept. of Local Government.

Replying to Councillor McCormack, the County Manager stated that if the Council elects to waive the payment in question, the ratepayers of the county would have to pay the amount and further consequence might be that the Minister would introduce special legislation to compel the Council to make the charge in question.

Councillor Kelly proposed and Councillor Morgan seconded that the question be referred back to the Minister with a request that he amend the sale scheme of houses to tenants in order to provide for a realistic charge to tenants instead of looking for part of the profit which they make on the sale from the tenants in question.

A vote taken on Councillor Kelly's proposal resulted as follows:

For 7 votes Against 14 votes

The Chairman declared Councillor Kelly's proposal defeated.

A vote was then taken on Councillor Burke's proposal and this resulted as follows:-

For 6 votes Against 16 votes

The Chairman declared Councillor Burke's proposal defeated and it was agreed that Deputy Molloy's proposal be taken as passed by 16 votes for and 6 votes against.

1064 - LOAN - EXTENSION OF CARRAROE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME TO ROSSAVEAL:

It was proposed by Deputy Molloy, seconded by Councillor O'Morain and resolved -

"that Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £263,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of financing the extension of the Carraroe Regional Water Supply Scheme to Rossaveal, the loan to be repaid by instalments over a period of twenty-five years with interest at the rate in force at the date of issue of the loan to the Council."

The County Manager stated that it is proposed carrying out this extension by way of direct labour apart from the construction of the water-tower. He stated that the nett cost of the loan to the rates would be £6,503 per year.

1065 - ABBERT GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

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

"that Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £1,636 from the Commissioners of Public Works or such other source as may be approved by the Minister, the loan to be repayable over an approved period with interest at the usual rate - the loan being required to finance the Council's contribution towards the cost of Abbert Group Water Supply Scheme."

1066 - CASTLEGAR GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

It was proposed by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor Byrne and resolved -

"that Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £1,160 from the Commissioners of Public Works or such other source as may be approved by the Minister for the purpose of financing the Council's contribution towards the cost of increased pipe sizes for the Castlegar Group Water Supply Scheme, the loan to be repayable over an approved period at the usual rate of interest."

1067 - LOCH CON AORTHA GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

It was proposed by Councillor Kilgannon, seconded by Councillor O'Morain and resolved -

"that Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £2,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works or such other source as may be approved by the Minister for the purpose of financing the Council's contribution to the Loch Con Aortha Group Water Supply Scheme, the loan to be repayable over an approved period with interest at the usual rate."

1068 - ROSMUCK REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

It was agreed at Councillor O'Morain's request that the motion standing in his name (No. 24 (ii)) on the Agenda be taken in conjunction with this item.

The County Manager explained the necessity for the approval of the Council to the making of a Proposal under the Water Supplies Act 1942 and gave det-

ails of the scheme as proposed. He requested the approval of the Council to the making of the Proposal.

It was proposed by Councillor O Morain, seconded by Deputy Molloy and resolved -

"that 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 Lough Adav situated in the townland of Knockadav in the district Electoral Division of Turlough in the said County Health District of Galway, for the purpose of providing the Rosmuck Water Supply Improvement Scheme to serve the areas described in the schedule hereto under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts, 1878 to 1964, under a scheme to be called and known as "Rosmuck Water Supply Improvement Scheme", hereby make this Proposal under and by virtue of Section 2 of the Water Supplies Act 1942, for so taking such supply of water from the said lake known as Lough Adav, sufficient for requirements of the said region.

The said supply is to be taken from the said lake at an intake point situated near the southern extremity of Lough Adav and in the townland of Knockadav shown on Drawing No. 11/5/2, made for the purpose of the said scheme by Messrs. P. J. Tobin and Company, Consulting Civil and Structural Engineers, 22, Fyre 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 is 1475 cubic metres (325,000 gallons) per day, 538,375 cubic metres (118,625,000 gallons) per annum when the scheme is fully developed ultimately.

The estimated lowest summer level of the lake is 69.70 metres (228.67 feet) O.D. The lake itself has a surface area of approximately 14.67 Hectares (36.25 acres) and the catchment area is approximately 99.55 Hectares (246 acres). The storage capacity available in the lake is approximately 146.7 cubic metres per millimetre depth (819,540 gallons per inch depth). It is estimated that the abstraction of 1475 cubic metres (325,000 gallons) of water per day from the lake would have the effect of lowering the level of the lake by approximately 10.00 mm (0.40 inches) in every period of 24 hours, assuming that there is neither rainfall nor inflow to the lake during the aforesaid periods. In an extreme drought situation lasting 120 days, the lake will not be lowered by more than 1.20m (48 inches) below the level it would otherwise maintain.

It is proposed, as an ancillary operation, to construct a dam with a cill level of 72.00 metres (236.22 feet) O.D. across the outlet stream at the southern extremity of Lough Adav. The estimated Winter Level of the lake is 70.50 metres (231.30 feet) O.D.

SCHEDULE

REGION TO BE SERVED	
TOWNLAND	DISTRICT ELECTORAL DIVISION
Garrivinnagh, Glencoh, Gortmore, Kilbrickan, Knockadav, Roskeeda, Rosmuck, Snauvbo, Turlough, Turlough Beg.	Turlough
Camus Eighter, Camus Oughter, Derravoniff, Kinvarra	Camus
Derryvrisk, Lettermore, Shanvally.	Kilcummin.
Derryrush	Owengowla

1069 - E.E.C. GRANTS FOR WATER SUPPLIES:

Councillor Glynn expressed disappointment that no grants had been availed of in Galway from the E.E.C. fund towards the cost of water supplies.

The County Manager stated that no local authorities get grants directly from the E.E.C. for water supplies and that all such negotiations with Brussels with regard to such grants are dealt with by Government departments. He stated that the Council can not make direct application to Brussels for such grants.

1070 - GRANT £4,150 FOR CLONBUR COMMUNITY CENTRE:

The County Manager requested the approval of the Council to the revoting of a sum of £4,150 in the current year for this scheme. He stated that this sum was allocated for the Community Centre in Clonbur in 1975 but owing to some difficulties at the time the grant could not have been paid.

On the proposition of Deputy Molloy, seconded by Councillor Joyce, it was agreed "that the Council hereby approve an excess vote of £4,150 in accordance with the provisions of Section 11 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act 1955 for the purpose of paying a grant of this amount to the Clonbur Development Association for a Community Centre."

1071 - MOYLLOUGH SPORTSFIELD - AMENITY GRANT:

The County Manager requested the approval of the Council to an excess vote of £1,350 for the Moylough sportsfield, this sum being the amount allocated for this project in 1975 in respect of work done in that year but which could not have been paid during that financial year.

It was proposed by Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Kelly and resolved-

"that Galway County Council hereby approve an excess vote of £1,350 in accordance with the provisions of Section 11 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act 1955 for the purpose of paying grant of this amount to the Moylough Sportsfield Committee in respect of work done on the sportsfield in 1975."

1072 - EXTENSIONS TO SPIDDAL REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

The County Manager referred to Deputy Molloy's proposal at the previous meeting to the effect that the scheme be extended to serve a number of townlands in lieu of having them served by group water supply schemes as recommended. He stated that a group has been formed to serve the Shannagurran/Letterpeak area and that if this group is to be served by an extension to the regional scheme instead of by a group scheme, the cost would be approximately £10,000.

He also stated that due to the isolated locations of Boluisce Uachtar and Boluisce Iochtar and Lettermass, the estimated cost of extending the Regional Scheme to those three areas would be £30,000 and there would be only fourteen houses to be served. He recommended that those areas be supplied by having group schemes formed using an independent source. He stated also that in December, 1972, the letter from the Department giving approval in principle to the scheme stated that approval was given on the understanding that every effort would be made to promote the development of the local distribution systems by local group effort.

Councillor Kilgannon complained that a document setting out conditions set by the Council regarding group schemes is being circulated by the Department of Local Government to group scheme promoters and stated that this was never brought before the County Council for approval.

Deputy Molloy proposed and Councillor Morgan seconded that the Spiddal scheme be redesigned to cater for the villages in question.

The County Manager suggested that rather than design the scheme at this stage, the Minister be asked to change the policy which had been referred to as it would be only wasting time and finance to design a scheme which might not subsequently be approved by the Minister.

After further discussion, Mr. Dunne, Deputy County Engineer suggested that the Minister might be asked to include the extensions to these villages as an extra on the scheme and that at this stage it should not be necessary to redesign it. This suggestion was approved by the Council.

1073 - ADJOURNMENT:

The Chairman directed that the remaining items on the Agenda be adjourned to the July meeting of the Council and he then declared the meeting adjourned.

Submitted, Approved & Confirmed

Chairman

26/7/76

Date