

2028 - PURCHASE OF C.I.E. PROPERTY AT LOUGHREA - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MORGAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that the Council had been in communication with C.I.E. concerning the Railway Station and Railway Line at Loughrea with a view to acquiring that portion of the property which might be required for a new road and car park. It was not intended to acquire lands for any other party. Councillor Burke warned that the Council should act very cautiously in regard to this motion and should consult with the Livestock Mart Committee before taking any action. Councillor Fahey and Deputy Callanan also opposed the motion. Councillor Morgan proposing the motion, stated that it would relieve the traffic congestion that existed in the area. As there was no seconder for the motion, the Chairman declared the motion lost and suggested that Councillor Morgan should discuss the matter further with the other Members.

2029 - ERECTION OF SIGNS AT LACKAGH N.S. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RUANE:

The Acting Secretary stated that standard "Children Crossing" signs are prescribed by regulation and do not show any legend. The school approaches will, however, be examined with a view to siting the signs in the most effective location.

2030 - SIGNS AT FACTORY & AIRPORT AT CARNMORE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RUANE:

The Acting Secretary stated that a suitable signposting arrangement would be devised for this location to advise road users of the developments in the area.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

SIGNED: Tom Murray (CHAIRMAN)

DATE: 24/4/78

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

17u Aibreán, 1978.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

Tarratar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Condáe, Gaillimh, De Luain, 24u Aibreán, 1978, ag tosnu ag 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

T. KAVANAGH,
RUNAI SEALADACH.

A G E N D A

1. Resolution under Section 4 of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:-
"In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned propose that the Galway County Council direct the County Manager to grant outline permission to Liam Keogh for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Ballyconneely - Planning Reference No. 26298".
G. Bartley; R. Molloy; John M. Mannion.
2. Minutes.
3. Malicious Injury Decrees - List herewith.
4. Fix dates for - (1) Annual Meeting;
(2) Rate Meeting;
(3) Housing Committee Meeting.
5. National Wages Agreement 1978.
6. Revision of Salary - County Council Storekeeper.
7. Application for remission of rates - Rubber Mountings Ltd., Clifden.
8. Raising of Supplementary Loan of £19,750 for Clifden Branch Library.
9. Filling of casual vacancy on the Governing Body of U.C.G. created by the resignation of Deputy R. Molloy. Two nominations have been received - Cllr. J. Joyce and Cllr. Michael D. Higgins.
10. Filling of casual vacancy on the Galway Harbour Board created by the resignation of Deputy R. Molloy.
11. Filling of casual vacancy on the Committee of Agriculture created by the death of the late Mr. Tom Clarke.
12. I.F.H.P. Congress - Hamburg, 1978 - Nomination of delegates.
13. Approval to dates of Headford Fairs 1979.
14. Galway Transportation Study.

15. Office Accommodation - Minute No. 2006.
16. Bord Failte Tourism Plan 1978/'82.
17. Tidy Towns Competition 1978.
18. Circular H.16/78 from Department of the Environment re. Housing for Small Farmers - copy attached.
19. Lough Corrib Navigation Trustees - Auditor's Report for four financial years ended 31st December, 1977. *Press Release re. housing*
20. Business submitted by the County Manager. *accommodation for elderly persons also circulated.*
21. Repair of Bridge at Killavohar - Minute No. 2008 of Meeting held on 28th March, 1978 - MOTION BY DEPUTY DONNELLAN.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

22. COUNCILLORS BARTLEY & O MORAIN - We will propose:
That street lighting in Clifden be extended on Dooneen Road to service new houses.
23. DEPUTY KILLILEA - I will propose:
(a) That the Lighting Programme for Tuam be started immediately.
(b) That the pedestrian crossing in Headford be installed immediately.
(c) That the supplementary grant of £4,000 (est.) be paid to the Knockbrack Group Water Scheme, Athenry.
24. COUNCILLOR F. FAHEY - I will propose:
(a) That the clause forbidding the applicant to sell the site referred to in Planning Reference No. 10303, Ballindereen, be deleted from the Planning schedule.
(b) That a limited number of connections to Agricultural Land be given to people who cannot get connections or who have not connections already for domestic purposes from the Ballindereen Group Water Scheme.
25. COUNCILLOR P. RUANE - I will propose:
That Galway County Council in future pay market value for all land purchased for road widening, and in addition a reasonable sum in lieu of inconvenience and loss of livelihood.

2. COUNCILLOR P. McCORMACK - I will ask:
(a) That the County Council remove a bad turn on the Carnmore Road at the No. 1 pumphouse.
(b) That the refuse collection services be provided twice a week in Oughterard for the summer months during the tourist season.
(c) That in the allocating of County Council houses that the length of time an applicant is on the waiting list should be taken into consideration and that it should also be considered an advantage to the applicant to be from the area.

27. MOLADH ON CLR. O FLATHARTA:
(a) Molaim "Bothar an Chriartha" a treoireann o thuadh on mbothar go h-Aibhnin, ag Beal an Dangan, a thogail mar bothar poible faoin gComhairle Conndae.
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(c) Ce'n staid a bhfuil Roillig Nua na Ceathruin Rua aige faoi lathair?

28. COUNCILLOR N. MORGAN - I will propose:
(a) That Galway County Council recommend to the Department of the Environment that the house, owned and occupied by Mrs. Ellen Treacy, Main Street, Loughrea, be demolished and removed. Said house which is at the junction of Main Street and Bride Street with Piggott Street reduces the width of the National Primary Road from 39 feet to 19 feet and blocks the view of motorists coming on to Bride Street, Loughrea. Mrs. Treacy is willing to co-operate with the proposal and she will accept a replacement house in another location.
(b) That as parking restrictions and a one-way system is to be applied in Athenry Town, that Galway County Council place a C.P.O. on the field east of the Childrens' Playground and Park, Bridge Street, Athenry. Said field is just 100 metres from the town's centre, The Square. It is the most convenient and suitable open space available. Said field is, to my knowledge, owned by the The Parish. It is essential that a car park be provided before parking restrictions are enforced.
(c) That the proposed Ring Roads to be provided at Athenry, be built as soon as possible, i.e. from the Loughrea Road to North of the Castle to the Monivea and Tuam Roads, and from the C.I.E. Goods Shed along the north side of the Athenry/Galway Railway Line to the Raheen Road.
29. COUNCILLOR J. JOYCE - I will propose:
(a) That repair work be carried out to the road in Killoran, Ballinasloe, following the laying of the pipes by the Killoran Group Water Scheme in 1977, and that priority be given to the road to Englishtown Village which is in a very bad state.
(b) That the dangerous turn at John Mahon's, Mayour, Eyrecourt, be eased as was promised as far back as 1976.
30. COUNCILLOR T. WELBY - I will propose:
(a) That this Council purchase without delay the necessary area of land for extension to Oughterard Burial Ground.
(b) That this Council make provisions to give a proper water supply to a number of householders at Kilbroughlin, Moycullen.
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HEADFORD FAIRS - 1979

MONTH	DATE	FAIRS
January	Monday, 15th	Cattle, Sheep, Horses & Pigs
February	Wednesday, 14th	Cattle, Sheep, Horses & Pigs
March	Wednesday, 14th	Cattle, Sheep, Horses & Pigs
April	Tuesday, 17th	Cattle, Sheep, Horses & Pigs
May	Monday, 14th	Cattle, Sheep, Horses & Pigs
June	Friday, 15th	Cattle, Sheep, Horses & Pigs
July	Monday, 16th	Cattle, Sheep, Horses & Pigs
August	Tuesday, 14th	Cattle, Sheep, Horses & Pigs
September	Monday, 10th) Thursday, 27th) Friday, 28th)	Cattle & Sheep Sheep Cattle
October	Monday, 15th) Tuesday, 16th)	Sheep & Horses Cattle
November	Thursday, 8th	Cattle, Sheep, Horses & Pigs
December	Friday, 14th	Cattle, Sheep, Horses & Pigs

MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREEES

Name and Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree including costs
Peter B. Hardiman, 109 Upper Tollymore Park, Stroud Green, LONDON, N4, 4ND.	Damage to Motor Car.	Borough of Galway	£1,000	£172.20.
Mary Walsh, 15 Ashe Road, Shantalla, GALWAY.	Damage to a Motor Cycle.	Borough of Galway.	£50	£74.65.
Higgins Garage Ltd., Headford Road, GALWAY.	Damage to Car.	Borough of Galway.	£50	£72.95.
Higgins Garage Ltd., Headford Road, GALWAY.	Damage to fence.	Borough of Galway.	£500	£201.25.
Ethel L. Rainsbury, Mainguard Street, GALWAY.	Damage to a plate glass window.	Borough of Galway.	£106.70	£87.71.
Department of Defence.	Damage to a Rifle Range	D.E.D. of Oranmore	£1,500	£983.75.
Sean Conneely (Ned), Rosmuc, CO. GALWAY.	Damage to a house.	D.E.D. of Kilcummin	£500	£148.85.
Sean Conneely (Sean), Rosmuc, CO. GALWAY.	Damage to a motor car	D.E.D. of Kilcummin	£200	£25.00.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 24th APRIL, 1978.

IN THE CHAIR: - Deputy T. Hussey.

PRESENT:

Members

- Councillors G. Bartley, U. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy J. Callanan, Councillor F. Coogan, Deputy J. Donnellan, Councillor Sean Donnellan, F. Fahey, M. O Flatharta, P. T. Galvin, F. Glynn, M. D. Higgins, B. Holland, J. Joyce, M. Kelly, Deputy M. Killilea, Senator M. P. Kitt, Councillor P. McCormack, Deputy J. M. Mannion, Councillors H. Melvin, J. Molloy, N. Morgan, M. O Morain, P. Raftery, P. Ruane, M. Ryan & T. Welby.

Officials

- Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Lynch, County Engineer; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; K. Doyle, Acting Assistant County Manager; R. Lee, Chief Planning Assistant; S. McMahon, F. Monahan, J. Tarpey, M. Tierney, Chief Assistant County Engineers; L. Kavanagh, Acting C.A.C.E.; J. Meldon, Planning Assistant; Messrs. P. J. McGovern, T. O'Neill, D. Barrett, Miss C. Hett, Senior Staff Officers; T. Fleming, Draughtsman & T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2031 - VOTE OF SYMPATHY:

Councillor Galvin proposed a vote of sympathy to the family of the late Mr. Vincent Shields, Solicitor. The vote of sympathy was seconded by Deputy Donnellan.

2032 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY & COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 26298 - APPLICANT LIAM KEOGH:

The County Manager stated that this motion was before the Council on a number of previous meetings. The Planning Department had requested further information regarding the location of the dwelling-house on alternative family lands. This information had only been received on the 21st April and needed to be investigated. The time for considering the application had already been extended to the 31st May, 1978, and this would allow the application to be further investigated and brought back to the May meeting. It was agreed to defer the motion to the May meeting.

2033 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Deputy Donnellan, seconded by Councillor Glynn, the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 28th March, 1978, Nos. 1973 - 2030 inclusive, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

2034 - MALICIOUS INJURY DECREES:

It was noted that Malicious Injury Decrees set out on the Schedule to the Agenda had been received since the last meeting.

2035 - DATES FOR MEETINGS:

- (a) Annual Meeting: - It was agreed to hold the Annual Meeting of the Council on Monday, 26th June, which was the ordinary day for the June Meeting.
- (b) Rate Meeting: - It was agreed to hold the meeting for the making of the Rate on 22nd May, which was the ordinary day for the May Meeting of the Council.
- (c) Housing Committee Meeting: - The County Manager stated that the County Development Plan was almost ready for publication and it included all the recommendations of the Council, but perhaps the

Members would like to see it before its publication. He suggested that it be presented to the Council on whatever date was fixed for the Housing Committee Meeting. It was agreed that the Housing Committee Meeting would be held on Monday, 29th May, and that the Development Plan would be presented before the Housing Meeting.

I.D.A. Industrial Plans: - The County Manager stated that he had received notification from the I.D.A. that it was proposed to make a presentation of the I.D.A. Industrial Plans to the Local Authorities of Galway and Mayo in Breafoy House, Castlebar, on Monday, 8th May, and stated that the Council could hold a Council meeting with Mayo County Council in Castlebar for the occasion. This was agreed to.

2036 - NATIONAL WAGES AGREEMENT 1978:

The County Manager requested the approval of the Council to the payment of increases in wages and salaries in accordance with the terms of the 1978 National Wages Agreement which provided for an increase of 8% with a minimum payment of £3 to all workers as follows:-

Maintenance Craftsmen and allied grades	-	From 1/1/78.
All Others	-	From 1/3/78.

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

"That in accordance with the provisions of Section 6 of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council hereby approve payment of increased rates of wages and salaries in accordance with the terms of the National Wages Agreement 1978 to all officers and servants, whole-time and part-time, with appropriate adjustments for all related grades".

2037 - REVISION OF SALARY - COUNTY COUNCIL STOREKEEPER:

The County Manager requested the Council's approval to a revision of the salary scale for County Council Storekeeper as recommended by the Conciliation and Arbitration Board from £2,774 - £3,794 to £2,900 - £3,900, with effect as from 1st June, 1976. It was proposed by Deputy Killilea, seconded by Councillor Morgan and resolved:-

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the revised salary scale for the post of County Council Storekeeper of £2,900 - £3,900 with effect from 1st June, 1976".

2038 - APPLICATION FOR REMISSION OF RATES - RUBBER MOUNTINGS LTD., CLIFDEN:

The County Manager stated that an application for remission of rates on industrial premises had been received from Rubber Mountings Ltd., Clifden, in respect of their premises at Tullyvoheen. It was proposed by Deputy Mannion, seconded by Councillor O Morain, and resolved:-

"That Galway County Council in accordance with the provisions of the Industrial Development Acts, 1969/1975, hereby remit $\frac{2}{3}$ of the rates leviable by the Council in respect of the industrial premises at Tullyvoheen, occupied by Rubber Mountings Ltd., the remission to have effect in respect of the years 1977 - 1985 inclusive, the appropriate certificate under Section 3 of the Industrial Development Act, 1972, having been issued by the Industrial Development Authority".

2039 - RAISING OF SUPPLEMENTARY LOAN OF £19,750 FOR CLIFDEN BRANCH LIBRARY:

The County Manager stated that the original loan approved for Clifden Library was £14,000. The estimated final cost of the contract alone was £29,050, and the estimated all-in final cost was £33,750. The Council's approval to the raising of a supplementary loan of £19,750 was requested. It was proposed by Deputy Mannion, seconded by Councillor Bartley and resolved;

Amended to read £3-50
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"That subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment, Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a supplementary loan of £19,750 from the Commissioners of Public Works for the new Branch Library at Clifden, the loan to be repayable over such period and at such interest rate as may be approved by the Minister".

2040 - FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY ON THE GOVERNING BODY OF U.C.G.:

The County Manager stated that two nominations had been received, i.e. Councillor J. Joyce and Councillor M.D. Higgins.

Deputy Killilea proposed that Councillor Joyce be appointed to fill the vacancy and this was seconded by Councillor O Morain. Councillor Morgan proposed that Councillor M. D. Higgins be appointed to fill the vacancy and this was seconded by Councillor Holland. A vote was taken after 4.30 p.m. which resulted as follows:

For Councillor Joyce: Councillor Bartley, Deputy Callanan, Councillors S. Donnellan, Fahey, Flaherty, Deputy Hussey, Councillor Joyce, Deputy Killilea, Senator Kitt, Councillors Melvin, Molloy, O Morain, Raftery & Welby. (14).

For Councillors Higgins: Councillors Burke, Byrne, Coogan, Deputy Donnellan, Councillors Galvin, Glynn, Higgins, Holland, Kelly, McCormack, Deputy Mannion, Councillor Ruane. (12).

The Chairman declared Councillor Joyce appointed to fill the casual vacancy on the Governing Body of U.C.G. created by the resignation of Deputy R. Molloy.

2041 - FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY ON THE GALWAY HARBOUR BOARD:

Deputy Killilea proposed Councillor Welby to fill the vacancy and this was seconded by Councillor O Morain. Councillor Holland proposed Councillor Coogan to fill the vacancy and this was seconded by Councillor Morgan. A vote was taken after 4.30 p.m. which resulted as follows:

For Councillor Welby: Councillor Bartley, Deputy Callanan, Councillors S. Donnellan, Fahey, Flaherty, Deputy Hussey, Councillor Joyce, Deputy Killilea, Senator Kitt, Councillors Melvin, Molloy, O Morain, Raftery & Welby (14).

For Councillor Coogan: Councillors Burke, Byrne, Coogan, Deputy Donnellan, Councillors Galvin, Glynn, Higgins, Holland, Kelly, McCormack, Deputy Mannion, Councillor Ruane (12).

The Chairman declared Councillor Welby appointed to fill the vacancy on the Galway Harbour Board created by the resignation of Deputy R. Molloy.

2042 - FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY ON THE COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE:

Deputy Killilea proposed that Mr. Padraic McDonagh, Rossaveal, Ballinahown, be appointed to fill the vacancy and this was seconded by Councillor O Morain. Deputy J. Donnellan proposed Councillor McCormack for the vacancy and this was seconded by Deputy Mannion. A vote was taken after 4.30 p.m. which resulted as follows:

For Mr. McDonagh: Councillor Bartley, Deputy Callanan, Councillors S. Donnellan, Fahey, Flaherty, Deputy Hussey, Councillor Joyce, Deputy Killilea, Senator Kitt, Councillors Melvin, Molloy, O Morain, Raftery & Welby (14).

For Cllr. McCormack: Councillors Burke, Byrne, Coogan, Deputy Donnellan, Councillors Galvin, Glynn, Higgins, Holland, Kelly, McCormack, Deputy Mannion, Councillor Ruane (12).

The Chairman declared Mr. McDonagh appointed to fill the vacancy

on the Committee of Agriculture created by the death of the late Mr. Tom Clarke.

2043 - I.F.H.P. CONGRESS - HAMBURG 1978:

The following were nominated to attend the I.F.H.P. Congress in Hamburg - Councillor M. Kelly, Councillor J. Molloy, Councillor S. Donnellan & Councillor T. Byrne.

2044 - APPROVAL TO DATES OF HEADFORD FAIRS 1979:

On the proposition of Deputy Donnellan, seconded by Councillor Morgan, the Council approved of the dates for Headford Fairs in 1979 as set out in the list circulated to each member of the Council.

2045 - GALWAY TRANSPORTATION STUDY:

The County Engineer referred to the presentation of the Study to the Members by the Consultants in January and he went through the main points in the Study as presented. The main recommendation of the Consultants was a new bridge over the River Corrib, linking Terryland and Newcastle, which was of course in the Galway Borough Area. From the County Council's point of view, the main recommendations were a new eastern approach road extending from a new by-pass at Oranmore to Terryland via Ballybane, and a new eastern coast road running parallel to the railway line and extending from the Dublin Road at Merlin Park through Renmore to Lough Atalia Road. The proposed new road systems would be undertaken in phases as follows:-

1. Oranmore By-Pass.
2. Galway Eastern Approach Road extending from Oranmore By-Pass to Doughiska.
3. Eastern Coast Road extending from Doughiska to Merlin Park.
4. Eastern Approach Road between Doughiska and Ballybane.
5. Eastern Coast Road from Merlin Park to Ballybane Road extension at Borough Boundary at Ballyloughane.
6. At the end of the planning period an extension of the Oranmore By-Pass from Thornpark to Oranbeg and realignment of the connections to Sligo and Limerick.

Mr. Lynch also detailed the type of carriageways proposed for the new roads, etc., and stated that the estimated cost of the proposals in the area of Galway County Council was £24m. He stated that the Council was now being asked to consider the proposed new road network and to give its approval to it in principle in order that the planning of the schemes can commence.

Councillor Higgins stated that some of the proposals were questionable and there would be substantial objections. He referred in particular to the eastern coast route which would go through Renmore and would pass very close to a number of houses including his own. Councillor McCormack agreed with Councillor Higgins in regard to the eastern coast road. The County Manager stated that the proposed eastern coast road through Renmore was mainly a decision for the Corporation to make, and none of that road would be built unless in its entirety. It would have to be fully approved by the Corporation before the County Council would commit itself to undertaking its portion outside the Borough Boundary. He stated that the eastern approach road between Doughiska and Ballybane goes outside the Corporation lands. Councillor Fahey stated that the plan seemed a good one but there were a number of practical questions arising from it. He questioned how long it would take to implement the various stages and proposed that the decision already taken by the Council in relation to Oranmore be allowed to stand until such time as the proposals in the Study were in the course of implementation. He also proposed as interim measures that the Corporation be asked to provide a roundabout at Moneenageisha and that a 'slow lane' be provided

from Moneenageisha towards Flannery's Hotel. Councillor J. Molloy stated that the proposed eastern approach road through Ballybane would seriously affect farm holdings through which it would go.

The County Engineer replying, stated that discussions had taken place with Department Officials regarding the time scale of the Plan and he was satisfied that it would be implemented as soon as was physically possible. The first phase was the provision of the by-pass at Oranmore and then the dual-carriageway from there to Doughiska which would be constructed one leg at a time. He stated that the relief road previously proposed by the Council for Oranmore would not be adequate for the traffic it would be carrying and he felt that it could prejudice the final scheme. The same could be said of interim improvements because the Council had in fact intended extending the hard shoulders towards Oranmore but this was not favoured by the Department in view of the new network arising from the Transportation Study. Referring to the problem mentioned by Councillor Molloy, the County Engineer stated that until the plan was approved in principle the Council could not get down to identifying the lands that would be required for the new roads and what holdings would be affected, but any holdings that would be severed would be facilitated as regards crossings, etc. After further discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Melvin, seconded by Councillor Bartley and resolved:-

"That Galway County Council approve in principle of the Galway Transportation Study, subject to the following -

(a) that the by-pass proposal for Oranmore previously agreed by the Council be allowed to remain pending the implementation of the proposals set out in the Transportation Study.

(b) that consideration of the eastern coast route be deferred until such time as this proposal has been first considered by Galway Corporation".

2046 - OFFICE ACCOMMODATION:

Deputy Killilea stated that the position as regards office accommodation in the County Buildings was very bad and that exorbitant prices were being charged for the office accommodation rented in the Hynes Building for the Committees of Agriculture and Vocational Education. He said that it was time that a proposal was drawn up for the erection of a County Hall on the County Buildings site which would be large enough to accommodate other government offices. He was supported by Councillor McCormack. Some councillors felt that if the proposal was being drawn up that it should only provide for office accommodation for County Council staff only. The County Manager stated that there was very little finance available for new office buildings and because of the change in the financial arrangements of local authorities it would be very difficult for the Council to embark on the provision of new office accommodation as suggested. As regards making provision for other bodies, he stated that this would raise many problems such as assessing their office needs, and as these needs grow the same problem would arise all over again. He stated that the matter would be examined and a report prepared.

2047 - BORD FAILTE TOURISM PLAN 1978/'82:

The County Manager informed the Members that the Council had received a copy of the Bord Failte Tourism Plan for 1978/'82. The members suggested that Ireland West be asked to make a presentation of the plan to the Council.

2048 - TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION 1978:

The County Manager stated that he had received a reminder from Bord Failte regarding entries for the 1978 Tidy Towns Competitions. He stated that the Council would do its best to assist any town or village which had entered for the competition.

2049 - HOUSING CIRCULAR H.16/78 - HOUSING FOR SMALL FARMERS:

It was agreed to defer consideration of this to the Housing Committee Meeting.

2050 - LOUGH CORRIB NAVIGATION TRUSTEES - AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR THE 4 FINANCIAL YEARS ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1977:

The County Manager informed the Members that the Auditor's Report on the Accounts of Lough Corrib Navigation Trustees for the 4 financial years ended 31st December, 1977, had been received and was available for inspection.

BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY THE COUNTY MANAGER:

2051 - CHAIN OF OFFICE:

The County Manager informed the Council that the Council's Treasurer, the Bank of Ireland, had kindly agreed to donate a Chain of Office for the County Council Chairman and that it was proposed to make the presentation at the May Meeting of the Council. The Bank intended to invite all Members to Lunch before the meeting. The proposal was welcomed by the Members.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

2052 - REPAIR OF BRIDGE AT KILLAVOHER - MINUTE NO. 2008:

The Acting Secretary stated that this bridge was situated close to a bend on a winding section of main road 240 where road realignment would be desirable. There is sufficient warning given of the oncoming winding section of roadway and the clear width between parapets of 6.0 metres makes the roadway readily negotiable with a normal degree of care. It is likely that when realignment is carried out here that a new bridge or culvert will be constructed and the existing one bypassed. The bridge is of masonry arch construction with a span of approximately 5 ft. and an arch rise of approximately 3 ft. The masonry is in fair condition and there is no indication of structural failure by way of cracking, undue dampness in the arch soffit, or distortion of the road surface. It is capable in its present condition of safely catering for the traffic using this road.

Councillor Ryan did not agree with the report and said that the bridge was narrow and dangerous and could very easily collapse. He asked that the matter be re-investigated.

2053 - STREET LIGHTING AT DOONEEN ROAD, CLIFDEN - MOTION BY COUNCILLORS BARTLEY & O MORAIN:

The Acting Secretary stated that this location was not included in the three-year programme 1977/'79 for New Public Lighting. It will be considered when a further programme is being drawn up.

2054 - TUAM PUBLIC LIGHTING PROGRAMME - MOTION BY DEPUTY KILLILEA:

The Acting Secretary stated that the major towns including Tuam are being examined with a view to providing traffic route lighting which will be grant aided. When this is provided, Tuam will then be examined to see what other improvements in public lighting are required. Deputy Killilea complained of the delay in providing improved lighting in Tuam saying that there was provision made for this in the 1977 Estimates. The County Engineer stated that discussions would take place with the E.S.B. within the next few weeks in order to expedite the matter.

2055 - PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT HEADFORD - MOTION BY DEPUTY KILLILEA:

The Acting Secretary stated that a report on this matter, together with a count of vehicular and pedestrian traffic had been sent to the Chief Superintendent of the Garda Síochána. His recommendation on the matter is awaited before a final decision can be made. Deputy Killilea asked that the matter be taken up immediately with the Garda Authorities.

2056 - SUPPLEMENTARY GRANT - KNOCKBRACK GROUP WATER SCHEME - MOTION BY DEPUTY KILLILEA:

The Acting Secretary stated that the total amount of State and Supplementary Grants approved for the scheme were as follows:-

Total State Grant	£2,805.
Supplementary Grant (County Council)	1,045.
Total State Grant paid to date	2,564.
Proportionate Amount of Supplementary Grant Paid	750.

No further payment can be made by the County Council until notification is received from the Department that a further instalment of the State Grant has been paid. Deputy Killilea stated that since the scheme started, difficulties had been encountered which increased the cost of the scheme substantially and the group was now looking for a supplementary grant towards the extra cost. It was agreed to take the matter up with the Department of the Environment.

2057 - CONDITION ATTACHED TO PLANNING PERMISSION NO. 10303 - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR FAHEY:

The Acting Secretary stated that the clause referred to in the motion was a clause restricting the permission to the benefit of the applicant only. The reason for the inclusion of this clause was because the site is along a National Secondary Road. The permission in question was granted in 1972 and was not appealed and there is no way in which the conditions of that particular permission can be changed at this stage. The applicant could of course lodge a fresh application and avail of the appeal procedure if the decision of the Planning Authority is unsatisfactory. Councillor Fahey stated that when the applicant applied for planning permission he was in genuine need of a house but that he has no housing need now and he wants to sell the site. The condition included in the permission was unfair in that it prevented him from selling the site. The County Manager stated that there was no way in which the condition could be waived but that the applicant could submit a fresh application and it would be considered on its merits.

2058 - AGRICULTURAL CONNECTIONS FROM BALLINDEREEN GROUP WATER SCHEME - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR FAHEY:

The Acting Secretary stated that this group scheme was limited to a supply of 10,000 gallons per day. The Council will raise no objection to agricultural connections being given to those listed for an agricultural connection on the original survey sheets provided the total consumption of the group is within the 10,000 gallons per day limit. The scheme was not yet fully operational but when the scheme was completed and in operation for about one year the position would be reviewed.

2059 - COMPENSATION FOR LAND ACQUISITION - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RUANE:

The Acting Secretary stated that the Council does in fact purchase all lands required for road improvement works at market value. It also pays reasonable compensation for any disturbance caused or loss of amenity. Councillor Ruane stated that the price offered by the Council is below market value and that where a good deal of disturbance is caused the compensation is totally inadequate. The County Manager stated that the amount of compensation payable in each case is negotiated with the landowner and that generally speaking a reasonable price is paid in each case.

2060 - REMOVAL OF TURN ON THE CARNMORE ROAD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR McCORMACK:

The Acting Secretary stated that this bend is included on a list of proposed improvement works in the Athenry Area. It will not be possible, however, to carry out the work this year because of prior commitments from the money available, but it is hoped to include it in next year's county road improvement works.

2061 - TWICE-WEEKLY REFUSE COLLECTION FOR OUGHTERARD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR McCORMACK:

The Acting Secretary stated that the refuse collection service is already overtaxed and no further extensions can be permitted with the present organisation and equipment. Councillor McCormack stated that there was a great increase in the volume of refuse in Oughterard during the summer season. Councillor Welby asked that the service be extended to tourist areas like Collinamuck, etc., and Councillor Flaherty suggested twice-weekly collections for Carraroe. The County Manager stated that the refuse collection service was becoming very costly to operate and that the Council had to keep strictly within the estimate for the service. The expenditure on the service was being monitored and the service will have to be cut back if necessary in order to keep within the estimate. There was no hope of extending the service at the present time.

2062 - ALLOCATION OF COUNCIL HOUSES - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR McCORMACK:

The Acting Secretary stated that all lettings of houses are made in accordance with the scheme of priorities adopted by the Council and approved by the Minister. The scheme does not have regard to the length of time an applicant is on the waiting list or if he is from the area. However, all other things being equal, such applicants would get priority. Councillor McCormack stated that the present scheme of priorities was drawn up by the previous Council and needed to be reviewed. He referred in particular to a village or town where the Council had not provided houses for many years and stated that a person living in the village could be on the waiting list for over 10 years, yet somebody from outside the area who would only be on the waiting list for a short time could get priority in the event of new houses being allocated. Councillor Morgan supported Councillor McCormack and it was agreed to discuss the matter further at the Housing Meeting.

2063 - BOTHAR AN CHREATHA - MOLADH ON CLR. O FLATHARTA:

The Acting Secretary stated that a report would be available on this motion for the next meeting.

2064 - BOTHAR AG CASLA, CONNAMARA - MOLADH ON CLR. O FLATHARTA:

The Acting Secretary stated that due to the construction of the Rossaveal Water Supply Extension, this road had been the subject of a good deal of disruption. The matter is being remedied as quickly as possible.

2065 - REILIG NUA NA CEATHRU RUA - MOLADH ON CLR. O FLATHARTA:

The Acting Secretary stated that a report would be available on this matter for the next meeting.

2066 - DEMOLITION OF HOUSE AT MAIN STREET, LOUGHREA - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MORGAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that a report would be available on this matter for the next meeting.

2067 - PARKING RESTRICTIONS, ETC., IN ATHENRY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MORGAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that there are no parking restrictions proposed at present for Athenry and any off-street parking requirements will be considered whenever traffic management studies for the town are being carried out.

2068 - RING ROADS AT ATHENRY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MORGAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that a report would be available on this matter for the next meeting.

2069 - ROAD RESTORATION - KILLORAN GROUP WATER SCHEME - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE:

Councillor Joyce stated that this road was in a very bad condition as a result of the laying of pipes for the Killoran Group Water Scheme.. He stated that the road was very narrow and that a number of trucks got into difficulty on it. He asked that the road be examined, particularly towards Englishtown Village, and also at Ballylogue Village.

2070 - TURN AT MAHON'S HOUSE, MAYOUR, EYRECOURT - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE:

The Acting Secretary stated that this matter is being investigated and a reply will be available for the next meeting. Councillor Joyce stated that he had a letter in which it was stated that this turn would be removed in 1976.

2071 - EXTENSION OF OUGHTERARD BURIAL GROUND - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The Acting Secretary stated that it was expected that negotiations for the purchase of land for an extension to Oughterard Burial Ground would be finalised shortly.

2072 - WATER SUPPLY TO KYLEBROUGHAN AREA - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The Acting Secretary stated that survey sheets for a group scheme of 3 houses for the Kylebroughan Area were received in 1972. The group was informed that the only way that they could be given a supply was from the rising main and that one day's storage would have to be provided and that the water would have to be chlorinated and probably filtered. The group did not go ahead. The Council has no proposals for extending the public supply to the area.

2073 - RESERVOIR FOR TONABROCKY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The Acting Secretary stated that a site for a reservoir and access at Tonabrocky had been purchased and the Council's Law Agent is at present arranging the Transfer. Contract documents for the scheme will be forwarded to the Department of the Environment in the near future.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

Submitted, approved & confirmed:-

Signed: Tom Uzzey (Chairman)

Date: 22/5/78

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

15u Bealtaine, 1978.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

Iarratar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniu Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Condae, Gaillimh, De Luain, 22u Bealtaine, 1978, ag tosnu ag 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

T. KAVANAGH,
RUNAI SEALADACH.

A G E N D A

1. Resolutions under Section 4 of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:-
 - (a) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned propose that the Galway County Council direct the County Manager to grant outline permission to Liam Keogh for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Ballyconneely - Planning Reference No. 26298".
G. Bartley; R. Molloy; John M. Mannion.
 - (b) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned propose that the Galway County Council direct the County Manager to grant outline permission to Patrick Murphy for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Dooroy - Planning Reference No. 27586".
G. Bartley; J. Molloy; T. Welby.
 - (c) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned propose that the Galway County Council direct the County Manager to grant permission to Michael Keane, Luimineagh, Currandulla, for the change of use to guest house and erection of diningroom, kitchen, lounge bar, etc. - Planning Reference No. 27369".
Mark Killilea; T. Welby; J. Molloy.
2. Minutes (Correction of Minute No. 2036 - 4th line - £3 should read £3.50).
3. Malicious Injury Decrees - List herewith.
4. Fix date for Rate Meeting.
5. Water Supply Proposal - Loughrea Regional Water Supply Scheme.
6. Small Schemes - 1978 - Revenue.
7. Business submitted by the County Manager.

NOTICES OF MOTION CARRIED OVER FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

8. Bothar an Chreatha - MOLADH ON CLR. O FLATHARTA - Minute No. 2063.
9. Reilig Nua na Ceathru Rua - MOLADH ON CLR. O FLATHARTA - Minute No. 2065.
10. Demolition of House at Main Street, Loughrea - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MORGAN - Minute No. 2066.
11. Ring Roads at Athenry - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MORGAN - Minute No. 2068.
12. Turn at Mahon's House, Mayour, Eyrecourt - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE - Minute No. 2070.

NEW NOTICES OF MOTION:

13. DEPUTY J. CALLANAN - I will propose:
That the turn at Aughrim on Clontuskert Road near the Protestant Church be eased, as it is very dangerous.
14. DEPUTY M. KILLILEA - I will propose:
(a) That facilities be granted for water to the Lisavrugy G.W.S. from the Ballygar Scheme as all Lisavrugy need is a storage area and it can be so pumped at the hours where need is not great.
(b) That Galway County Council take over the Cloonrane/Cloondroon Group Water Supply Scheme.
(c) That Galway County Council commence immediately the Housing Scheme of sites and houses at Corofin, Tuam.
15. COUNCILLORS F. GLYNN & P. RUANE - We will propose:
That this County Council call on the 26 Co. Government to make representation to the British Government to have the inhuman conditions in H. Block ended forthwith. Copies of this resolution to be sent to:
(a) Irish Red Cross; (b) Irish Government; (c) U.N. Secretary General.
16. COUNCILLOR F. GLYNN - I will propose:
(a) That this County Council deplores that no action to date has been taken on the report of the Restrictive Practices Commission on casual trading following its presentation in July, 1976, to the then Minister for Industry and Commerce. The report made recommendations which, if implemented, would restrict both roadside and casual trading.
(b) That the County Manager informs the County Council of the progress made over the last 3 months in regard to the provision of a new Burial Ground at Addergoole, Dunmore.
17. COUNCILLOR P. RUANE - I will ask:
(a) What is holding up the Carnmore/Kiltulla Group Water Scheme, and when is the go ahead to be given?
(b) I will propose that the extension to Cloughanover Cemetery near Headford be carried out as soon as possible. Land has been made available for the extension.
18. SENATOR M. P. KITT - I will propose:
(a) That road signs be erected at Moylan's, Castlelambert, and bends eased.
(b) That a comprehensive road widening scheme be carried out in Menlough Village and that footpaths be extended in the village.
(c) That Galway County Council ease a bend at Castlefrench N.S., Ballinamore Bridge, Ballinasloe, to improve sight distance there as it is a very dangerous bend.

19. DEPUTY J. DONNELLAN - I will propose:
(a) That Galway County Council carry out the necessary works so that Glenamaddy can have a reasonable supply of clean water.
(b) That Galway County Council provide an extra public light for Glenamaddy.
(c) That Galway County Council repair and extend the footpath on the Ballymoe Road, Glenamaddy.
20. COUNCILLOR M. RYAN - I will propose:
(a) That Galway County Council erect a public toilet at Glenamaddy.
(b) That Galway County Council give a reason for the delay in making connections on the Boyounagh/Ballyedmond Water Scheme, and the general delay in operating this scheme.
(c) That Galway County Council provide an amenity grant for the Sportsfield at Cortoon, Tuam.
21. COUNCILLOR T. WELBY - I will propose:
(a) That provisions be made in the 1979 Estimates for footpaths at Kilroe, Spiddal - east of the Irish College.
(b) That provisions also be made in the 1979 Estimates for the widening of road junction at entrance to Eighterard Road - one side would be sufficient.
(c) I will ask what progress has been made regarding the proposed public toilets for Oughterard.
22. COUNCILLOR F. FAHEY - I will propose:
(a) That bollards be erected along the quayside at the Weir, Kilcolgan, as a continuation of the bollards which were erected along this quay some years ago by Galway County Council.
(b) I will ask what progress has been made with regard to the objections received to the making of the Water Rights Order for the extraction of water from Lough Cutra Lake for the Gort Regional Water Supply Scheme.
(c) I will propose that a pier be constructed at Cave, Clarinbridge, in order to develop the fishing and fish farming industry, which has vast potential in this area.
23. COUNCILLOR P. RAFTERY - I will propose:
(a) That the road from the Town Hall, Ballygar to Lock's Corner, be improved.
(b) That Cloonruff, Ballygar L.I.S. No. 22/74 be declared public without delay.
(c) That public lighting at Creggs be extended out the Glenamaddy Road.
24. COUNCILLOR N. MORGAN - I will propose:
(a) That Galway County Council take steps to have the east bank of the river at the north end of Athenry Childrens' Playground made safe by either the owners or the County Council itself.
(b) That Galway County Council remove the extremely dangerous bend directly outside Leitrim National School, Loughrea - the scene of a number of accidents.
25. COUNCILLOR J. JOYCE - I will propose:
(a) That the development work being carried out at Keelogue, Eyrecourt (near Treacy's house) be completed as it is important that the natural beauty of this Shannonside area be restored this summer.
(b) That the road leading to Killalaghton Cemetery, Killoran, Ballinasloe, be repaired and that a bank of clay alongside this road be removed so as to facilitate parking and turning of cars during funerals.

(c) That the development carried out on the exit of the Oghilbeg Road on to the main Ballinasloe/Portumna Road be completed with the proper tightening of the wire fence around Horan's field, the erection of a gate to Horan's field and the piping of the roadside drain outside Horan's field to be attended to urgently.

26. COUNCILLORS S. DONNELLAN & P. McCORMACK - We will propose:

(a) That immediate steps be taken to erect a reservoir on Moycullen Waterworks. The present system is completely unsatisfactory.

(b) That footpaths east and west of the Village of Moycullen be provided.

(c) That Clydagh Bridge be widened.

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MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES

NAME AND ADDRESS	PARTICULARS OF CLAIM	AREA OF CHARGE	AMOUNT OF CLAIM	AMOUNT OF DECREE INCLUDING COSTS
Canon Quinn, Ballyhugh, Gort.	Damage to contents of Catholic Church.	D.E.D. of Gort.	£125.	£192.37
Mr. Anthony O'Connor, Crowe Street, Gort.	Damage to timber, wooden hut and dumper.	D.E.D. of Gort.	£400.	£430.11.
Gort Co-Operative Livestock Mart Ltd.	Damage to safe and windows.	D.E.D. of Gort.	£375.	£447.96.
Gort Co-Operative Livestock Mart Ltd.	Damage to safe.	D.E.D. of Gort.	£455.	£534.96.
Landoak Developments Ltd.	Damage to a central heating oil tank & 2 plate glass windows	Borough of Galway.	£600.	£235.46.
Joseph Gurley, Boynhill, Athenry.	Damage to fencing wire and gate	D.E.D. of East Drumkeary	£100.	£70.95.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

Secretary's Office,
County Buildings,
GALWAY.

23rd May, 1978.

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, 29th May, 1978, commencing at 3.30 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

T. KAVANAGH,
RUNAI SEALADACH.

A G E N D A

1. Making of Rates and Sealing of Rate Books for the year ending 31st December, 1978.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 22nd MAY, 1978.

IN THE CHAIR: - Deputy T. Hussey.

PRESENT:

Members

- Councillors Bartley, Burke, Byrne, Deputy Callanan, Councillor Coogan, Deputy Donnellan, Councillors S. Donnellan, Fahey, Flaherty, Galvin, Haverly, Higgins, Holland, Joyce, Kelly, Deputy Killilea, Senator Kitt, Councillor McCormack, Deputy Mannion, Councillors Melvin, Molloy, Morgan, O Morain, Raftery, Ruane, Ryan & Welby.

Officials

- Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Lynch, County Engineer; K. Doyle, Acting Assistant County Manager; S. McMahon, Chief Assistant County Engineer; B. Callagy, C.A.C.E. (Planning); L. Kavanagh & J. Beirne, Acting C.A.C. Engineers; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; Miss C. Burke, Staff Officer & T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2074 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY & COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 26298 - APPLICANT LIAM KEOGH;

The County Manager submitted the following report to the Council:-

"The applicant's first submission showed only his own holding and he was asked to submit a map of all lands owned by the family.

The second submission showed some land adjoining the family home, guest house, lounge and shop. There are two or possibly three locations for a house on these lands. They would not, however, be ideal sites and development on two locations adjoining the house would involve rock excavation. Nevertheless they are alternatives, and would be located beside the family home and business.

In the field across the road from the family premises a large portion has been developed without Planning Permission as a goods storage depot in a most disorderly and unsightly manner. The site contains stacks of briquettes, timber, lorries, etc. This area would be a suitable location for another three houses.

The family has submitted numerous applications for dwelling-houses in areas other than those now submitted as family-owned lands. Most of these were refused on the grounds of injury to visual amenity in scenic areas.

The currently proposed house would not be in accordance with the policy of the Planning Authority as it would be located in hitherto unspoilt and undeveloped backlands in an area which should properly be kept free of development.

Refusal of the present application is recommended for the following reason:

The proposed development would detract from the visual amenity of the area because it would be an intrusive element in a backlands area which should properly be kept free of development in order to preserve its unspoilt character and would be an undesirable precedent in such an area".

The County Manager stated that there was a suitable alternative site on family lands across the road from the family business which, if developed properly, would help to clear up the unauthorised disorderly development there at present. Councillor Bartley stated that the applicant was anxious to build on the land which he owned himself and asked what would happen if the Section 4 motion was not passed. The County Manager replied that the application would be refused but that the applicant was invited to submit a new application for the

alternative site which was considered suitable. After further discussion the motion was withdrawn.

2075 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY & COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 27586 - APPLICANT PATRICK MURPHY:

The County Manager stated that permission had been refused a number of times previously on this site, but that there were further lands in the family ownership which the applicant had not given details of. The Council would be prepared to extend the time for making the decision if the applicant consented to it, with a view to selecting an alternative suitable site.

It was agreed to defer the motion to the June Meeting.

2076 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY & COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 27369 - APPLICANT MICHAEL KEANE:

This motion was withdrawn.

2077 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Deputy Killilea, seconded by Councillor Morgan, the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 24th April, 1978, were approved and signed by the Chairman, subject to an amendment in the fourth line of Minute No. 2036, whereby £3 should have read £3.50.

2078 - MALICIOUS INJURY DECREES:

It was noted that malicious injury decrees set out on the Schedule to the Agenda had been received since the last meeting.

2079 - DATE FOR RATE MEETING:

The County Manager stated that it had been intended to hold the Rate Meeting on the 22nd May, but the documentation was not ready and it was now proposed to hold the Rate Meeting on 29th May. This was agreed to.

2080 - WATER SUPPLY PROPOSAL - LOUGHREA REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

After the County Manager explained details of the proposal, it was proposed by Councillor Morgan, seconded by Councillor Byrne 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 Rea situated in the Townlands of Knockanima, Earlsparck and Cuscarrick in the District Electoral Division of Loughrea Rural; Grangepark and Curheen in the District Electoral Division of Aille; Grange in the District Electoral Division of Mountain and Loughrea Town in the District Electoral Division of Loughrea Urban in the said County Health District of Galway, for the purpose of providing the "Loughrea Regional Water Supply 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 "Loughrea Regional Water Supply Scheme", hereby make this Proposal under and by virtue of Section 2 of the Water Supplies Act, 1942, for so taking such supply of water from the said lake known as Lough Rea, sufficient for the requirements of the said region.

The said supply is to be taken from the said lake at an intake point situated near the south eastern extremity of Lough Rea and in the townland of Knockanima, shown on Drawing No. 11/11/201, made for the purpose of the said scheme by Messrs. P. J. Tobin and Company, Consulting Civil and Structural Engineers, 22 Eyre Square, Galway.

Only part of the water in the said lake is to be taken.

The maximum rate at which it is proposed to take water is 12,150 cubic metres (2,700,000 gallons) per day (4,434,750 cubic metres per annum) when the scheme is fully developed ultimately.

The estimated lowest summer level of the lake is 82.251 metres (269.85 feet) O.D. The lake itself has a surface area of approximately 307 hectares (758 acres) and the catchment area is approximately 1,363 hectares (3,370 acres). The storage capacity available in the lake is approximately 3,070 cubic metres per millimetre depth (17,150,000 gallons per inch depth). It is estimated that the abstraction of 12,150 cubic metres (2,700,000 gallons) of water per day from the lake would have the effect of lowering the level of the lake by approximately 3.96 millimetres (0.16 inches) in every period of 24 hours, assuming that there is neither rainfall nor inflow to the lake during the aforesaid period. In an extreme drought situation lasting 120 days, the lake will not be lowered by more than 0.475 metres (19.2 inches) below the level it would otherwise maintain.

It is proposed, as an ancillary operation, to construct two dams incorporating fish-passes with cill levels of 82.90 metres (271.98 feet) O.D. across both outlets from the lake at the northern extremity of Lough Rea. The estimated winter level of the lake is 82.80 metres (271.65 feet) O.D.

SCHEDULE

Region to be served	
DISTRICT	ELECTORAL DIVISIONS
Athenry (Part)	Cloonkeen (Part)
Craughwell	Greethill (Part)
Killimor (Part)	Kiltullagh (Part)
Moyode	Aille (Part)
Bullaun	Grange (Part)
Kilconierin	Kilmeen
Kilreekil	Kilteskill (Part)
Lackalea	Mountain (Part)
Raford	Castleboy (Part)
Kilchreest (Part)	Kilconickry
Kilogilleen	Loughrea Rural
Loughrea Urban	Bracklagh
Drumkeary (Part)	Leitrim
Stradbally (Part)	Moat (Part)
Pallas (Part)	Tynagh
Abbeygormacan (Part)	Killoran (Part)
Killeely (Part)	Rahasane (Part)

2081 - SMALL SCHEMES REVENUE 1978:

The County Manager stated that it was proposed to carry out the following schemes out of the £75,000 provided in the 1978 Estimates for Small Schemes Revenue:-

- (a) Continuation of Ballyconneely Water Supply Improvements
 - (b) Ballymoe Sewerage Scheme
- Scheme - £40,000
- £31,000.

BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY THE COUNTY MANAGER:

2082 - REVISION OF SALARIES - SECOND FIRE OFFICERS:

The County Manager stated that the Chairman of the Conciliation and Arbitration Board had recommended an increase in the salary payable to Second Fire Officers effective from 1st January, 1972. He requested the Council's approval to the salary adjustment, stating that the cost from 1972 to 1978 would amount to £2,500. It was proposed by Councillor Molloy, seconded by Councillor Higgins and resolved:-

"That the Council approve of the revised salary payable to Second Fire Officers with effect as from 1st January, 1972".

NOTICES OF MOTION CARRIED OVER FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

2083 - BOTHAR AN CHREATHA - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR FLAHERTY:

The Acting Secretary stated that the road in question was a County Road and had been repaired recently. Councillor Flaherty stated that there were still a few bad spots on the road and he asked that these be attended to.

2084 - ROILLIG NUA NA CEATHRUIN RUA:- MOTION BY COUNCILLOR FLAHERTY:

The Acting Secretary stated that the necessary land for the proposed extension has been acquired and plans are being prepared for work on same. Councillor Flaherty asked that the provision of the extension be expedited.

2085 - DEMOLITION OF HOUSE AT MAIN STREET, LOUGHREA - MOTION BY CLLR. MORGAN:

The Acting Secretary submitted the following report from the County Engineer:-

"Mrs. Treacy's house does create a bottle-neck, impedes the flow of traffic through the town, but in order to achieve any worthwhile improvement, it would be necessary to remove at least one other house on the street. I would estimate the cost of acquiring and demolishing the two houses and improving the road, together with ancillary works, at approximately £80,000. I do not think that the improvement to traffic flow to be gained from this work would justify the expenditure of £80,000, and I feel that if monies of this magnitude were available, they could be more usefully expended in providing a by-pass road which would be the only long-term solution to Loughrea's traffic problems. I also think that stricter enforcement of parking regulations would considerably improve traffic flow."

2086 - RING ROADS AT ATHENRY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MORGAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that there are no funds available in the present year for the relief road near the Castle. The road north of the railway line would serve lands which are zoned for commercial and industrial use and would most appropriately be developed as part of a planning permission on the lands.

2087 - TURN AT MAHON'S HOUSE, MAYOUR, EYRECOURT - MOTION BY CLLR. JOYCE:

The Acting Secretary stated that the work referred to in the motion would be carried out early in June.

NEW NOTICES OF MOTION:

2088 - EASING OF BEND AT AUGHMIM ON CLONTUSKERT ROAD - MOTION BY DEPUTY CALLANAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that this proposal was included in the List of Proposals received from Councillors which were deferred to the Roads Estimates Meeting 1978 - it was Item No. 23 on the list and the estimated cost is £900. No provision was made in the Estimates to carry out the work. It will be considered again at preparation of Estimates for 1979. Deputy Callanan stated that he understood that this work was to be done in 1978. The County Engineer said he would check on the position.

2089 - LISSAVRUGGY GROUP WATER SCHEME - MOTION BY DEPUTY KILLILEA:

The Acting Secretary stated that a request was received from the Department of the Environment in December, 1977, on behalf of the Lisavruggy Group Water Supply Scheme for a supply of water - 13,000 g.p.d. from the Ballygar Public Supply. The Department were informed in January, 1978, that no further connections to the Ballygar mains can be made until such time as additional storage and telemetric control is provided. A County Council pump was tested in 1975 for this Group and the yield was inadequate.

Deputy Killilea asked if the group scheme provided adequate storage facilities itself, could it be supplied from the public scheme when there would be little demand on it, i.e. during the night. The County Engineer stated that this would be examined.

2090 - TAKING OVER OF CLOONRANE/CLOONDROON GROUP SCHEME - MOTION BY DEPUTY KILLILEA:

The Acting Secretary stated that an application signed by ten members of the Cloonrane/Cloondroon Group Water Supply Scheme was received on March 23rd, 1978, requesting that the Council take over and maintain the scheme. As all the members did not apply, the only way in which the scheme can be taken over is by C.P.O.

The source for this scheme is the Ballindine, County Mayo Public Supply and 1,000 metres, approximately, of pipeline is in County Mayo.

Before a scheme can be taken over, it must be "in good order and repair". On inspection, the scheme was not "in good order and repair" and the Group have been informed of this and instructed to carry out certain works before the application will be considered by the Council.

Details of Wayleave agreements and legal ownership of the pumphouse site have not as yet been forwarded by the Group and these must be acquired by the Group in such a manner as to be readily transferable to the Council.

Deputy Killilea stated that he was all in favour of taking over this scheme by Compulsory Purchase Order, if necessary. The County Manager stated that the fact that the source for the scheme was in County Mayo could present a problem and that consultations would have to take place with Mayo County Council.

2091 - HOUSING SCHEME AT COROFIN - MOTION BY DEPUTY KILLILEA:

The Acting Secretary stated that Contract Documents for Corofin Housing Scheme have been prepared. A proposal for the construction of six houses and development of seven private sites was submitted to Department of Environment for new works to be started by 31st July, 1978. However, the Capital allocation for new works would not allow this scheme to go ahead at this time.

2092 - MOTION BY COUNCILLORS F. GLYNN & P. RUANE:

It was proposed by Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Higgins and resolved:

"That this County Council call on the 26 County Government to make representation to the British Government to have the inhuman conditions in H. Block ended forthwith. Copies of this resolution to be sent to: (a) Irish Red Cross; (b) Irish Government; (c) U.N. Secretary General."

2093 - MOTIONS 16(a) AND 16(b) - COUNCILLOR F. GLYNN:

In the absence of Councillor Glynn these motions were not moved.

2094 - CARNMORE/KILTULLA GROUP WATER SCHEME - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RUANE:

The group was informed in Oct. 76 that the Acting Secretary stated the design for this scheme was approved and that the scheme could proceed in advance of the Brierhill Reservoir Scheme. However, some difficulties were encountered by the Group regarding technical details, and there was also the question that the Carnmore No. 1 Group Scheme has an inadequate source and the provision of an improved supply to the Group and extensions could be facilitated by some changes in the Carnmore No. 2 Scheme.

In January, 1978, the Council suggested some increased pipe sizes for the Carnmore No. 2 Scheme to make it possible for Carnmore No. 1 to link up with Carnmore No. 2 Scheme.

The Department were asked for their approval to this in January 1978 and a reply is awaited.

2095 - EXTENSION TO CLOUGHANOVER CEMETERY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RUANE:

The Acting Secretary stated that the land has not yet been acquired for the necessary extension to this cemetery. Negotiations will be initiated in the near future and a scheme will be prepared and costed if land acquisition is successful.

Councillor Ruane stated that the necessary land was available and he asked if the work would be done this year.

Replying, the County Manager stated that every effort would be made to acquire the land this year and hopefully the extension could be commenced next year.

2096 - ROAD SIGNS AT MOYLAN'S CASTLELAMBERT - MOTION BY SENATOR KITT:

The Acting Secretary stated that Statutory signs no. 102 will be erected near Moylan's House to indicate a bend ahead but there are no funds available in the present year to carry out realignment at this location.

2097 - ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, FOOTPATHS IN MENLOUGH - MOTION BY SENATOR KITT:

The Acting Secretary stated that it was hoped to include this scheme in the current year's Environmental improvement schemes programme but there were not sufficient funds available. It will be included either in next year's programme or in the County Road Improvement list for 1979.

Senator Kitt asked if the footpaths could be done during the current year. The County Engineer stated that if there was any money left out of the Maintenance Fund some work would be done on the footpaths.

2098 - EASING OF BEND AT CASTLEFRENCH N.S. - MOTION BY SENATOR KITT:

The Acting Secretary stated that the estimated cost of improving this road bend is approximately £5,000. Consideration will be given to having it included in next year's improvement schemes.

Senator Kitt stated that this was a very dangerous bend and he asked that it be included in next year's estimates.

2099 - GLENAMADDY WATER SUPPLY - MOTION BY DEPUTY DONNELLAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that there are no proposals to improve this scheme in 1978 as no provision has been made in the estimates for same. It will be examined during 1978 and an estimate and report will be prepared later in the year.

Stage 1 of the Dunmore-Glenamaddy scheme is at contract document stage and these documents are with the Department of the Environment.

Deputy Donnellan stated that the water supply in Glenamaddy was both inadequate and of bad quality and he asked that everything possible be done to provide a proper supply. The Chairmen supported the motion.

2100 - EXTRA PUBLIC LIGHT, GLENAMADDY - MOTION BY DEPUTY DONNELLAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that Glenamaddy is included in the current year's public lighting list and an order will be placed with the E.S.B. for the 1978 lights within the next two months.

2101 - FOOTPATH AT BALLYMOE ROAD, GLENAMADDY - MOTION BY DEPUTY DONNELLAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that a report would be available on this matter for the next meeting.

2102 - PUBLIC TOILET FOR GLENAMADDY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RYAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that Glenamaddy was not on the Council's priority list for public toilets and very little progress was being made in providing toilets for the areas included on the list.

Councillor Ryan asked if Glenamaddy could be included on the priority list and the County Manager stated that it could only be added to the end of the list.

2103 - BOYOUNAGH/BALLYEDMOND GROUP SCHEME - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RYAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that approval to the Boyounagh/Ballyedmond Group Scheme Design, subject to certain conditions, was forwarded to the Department of the Environment in January, 1976, and all the main piping is at present laid. The source for the scheme was to be the Council Regional Main. This has not been laid and the Group have been permitted to use the Council pumphouse and provide their own pumps and temporary mains. Details regarding a section of the Group's main and the construction of a short section of the Regional Scheme have to be agreed with the Department of the Environment and a meeting has been arranged for Friday next, 26th May, on the matter.

Councillor Ryan stated that the participants in the Group were very annoyed at the delay in this scheme and he asked the Council to do whatever it could to solve the problem.

2104 - AMENITY GRANT, CORTOON SPORTSFIELD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RYAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that an application for an amenity grant had been received in respect of Cortoon Sportsfield and was being considered in conjunction with other applications. It is proposed to put recommendations before the Council at its June Meeting concerning the distribution of this year's allocation for amenity grants.

Councillor Ryan stated that a lot of voluntary work had been put into this scheme and he recommended it for a grant.

2105 - FOOTPATHS AT KILROE, SPIDDAL - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The Acting Secretary stated that it would be desirable to extend this footpath and perhaps the section from the College to the entrance road to Kilroe Strand could be included for consideration next year as it is much frequented by students during the holidays. The distance is approximately 500 metres and to provide kerbing and footpath would cost approximately £3,500. The work will be considered for inclusion in the 1979 Road Estimates.

2106 - WIDENING OF JUNCTION TO EIGHTERARD ROAD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The Acting Secretary stated that this was a minor County Road off the Glann Road about quarter of a mile from Oughterard and the view is restricted on Glann side of junction. To lower fence, set back and erect new chainlink fence including levelling and surfacing of junction would cost approximately £1,500 and would be desirable. The work will be considered for inclusion in the 1979 Road Estimates.

2107 - PUBLIC TOILETS FOR OUGHTERARD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The Acting Secretary stated that plans and specifications were being prepared for a public toilet at Oughterard and work would be put in hands as soon as possible.

In reply to Councillor Welby as to when work might start on the toilet, the County Engineer stated that it was hoped that work would be commenced in 1978 and completed in 1979.

2108 - BOLLARDS AT QUAYSIDE AT THE WEIR, KILCOLGAN - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR FAHEY:

The Acting Secretary stated that extra bollards have been purchased and are in stock in Athenry. When the surface dressing of this county road leading to the Weir, Kilcolgan, is completed this summer the bollards will be installed on the quayside.

Councillor Fahey stated that this was a dangerous spot and he asked that the bollards be provided as soon as possible. He also asked if some of the ramparts on the roadside could be removed when the road was being surface-dressed.

2109 - WATER SUPPLY PROPOSAL, GORT REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR FAHEY:

The Acting Secretary stated that there were 36 objectors to the Proposal. These fall into three categories:-

- (1) Landowners downstream of the proposed Weir.
- (2) Landowners along the lake shore.
- (3) Landowners adjacent to the Ballinakill Lake of Lough Cutra.

Objections relate to flooding, drying-up of watering places, removal of existing boundaries, interference with potential drainage schemes. The Consultants have now reported on all objections and these reports are being examined by the Council's Engineering Staff. A meeting with the objectors took place in Ballyturn Hall on the 30th December at which the proposal was explained in detail by the Consulting Engineer and Council's Engineer. A further meeting will take place during the coming week with objectors who have large tracts of land.

Councillor Fahey stated that he was concerned at the delay in having the water supply order approved. The lack of a proper water supply in Gort was holding up many developments and he asked if in order to satisfy some of the objections, the outlet from the lake could be lowered. Councillor Byrne supported Councillor Fahey and stated that the proposed dam did not seem to be acceptable to some of the objectors because of the possibility of flooding.

The County Manager stated that the Gort Scheme would not alone serve Gort Town but also its hinterland including the agricultural needs of the area. The Council is prepared to discuss and give all information available to the landowners.

The County Engineer stated that the dam was necessary to regulate the outflow from the lake and to provide a reserve in the lake to cater for extreme drought conditions. If the outlet was lowered, the reserve in the lake would be reduced accordingly.

110 - PIER AT CAVE, CLARINBRIDGE. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR FAHEY:

The Acting Secretary stated that the question of the improvement of landing facilities in the vicinity of Keave and Ballinacourty has been under consideration for the past year. The Office of Public Works have been asked for a report on the required improvements to Ballinacourty Pier and on the construction of a new pier at Keave and their report is awaited.

Councillor Fahey stated that Keave was used more extensively by fishermen than Ballinacourty and the Fishermen were anxious to have a pier built there. The County Manager stated that the Council had taken the matter up with the Department of Fisheries concerning both of the piers.

2111 - ROAD FROM TOWN HALL TO LOCK'S CORNER, BALLYGAR. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RAFTERY:

The Acting Secretary stated that the existing road which serves a number of houses and has a public watermain has a 9 ft. wide carriageway and banked earth margins. It will be possible to gain an extra 3 or 4 ft. of carriageway by removing the margins and levelling and the scheme will be costed and considered for next year's list of county road improvements.

Councillor Raftery asked if any work could be done this year and the County Engineer agreed to check on this.

2112 - L.I.S. ROAD NO. 22/74 - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RAFTERY:

The Acting Secretary stated that work on this Local Improvement Scheme had not yet been completed and the road, therefore, could not be declared public. When the scheme was completed, the road would be examined with a view to taking over.

2113 - PUBLIC LIGHTING AT CREGGS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RAFTERY:

The Acting Secretary stated that two new lights are required on the Glenamaddy road at Creggs. The location however is not included in the 1978 public lighting programme and will have to be considered in the next programme.

2114 - RIVER AT CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND, ATHENRY. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MORGAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that this work would be carried out by the County Council in the next few weeks.

2115 - BEND AT LEITRIM NATIONAL SCHOOL, LOUGHREA. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MORGAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that a report would be available on this item for the next meeting.

2116 - DEVELOPMENT WORK AT KEEOLOGUE, EYRECOURT. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE:

The Acting Secretary stated that arrangements are being made to have this minor County Road improvement work completed in the near future.

2117 - ROAD LEADING TO KILLALAGHTON CEMETERY, KILLORAN. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE:

The Acting Secretary stated that the estimated cost of this work on the 9th June, 1975, was £2,500 including for widening from 10 ft. to 12 ft. wide carriageway and for fencing. Some improvement would be brought about by lowering the grass margin on the left hand side of the entrance road at a cost of £500.

There is no provision in the estimates for this work and this burial ground road is one of many similar cases where a general policy is required in regard to the provision of funds for improvement.

Councillor Joyce stated that some form of improvement was badly needed on this road and that £500 seemed a very small amount to effect some improvements. He asked that the work be started this year and stated that the land owner was willing to co-operate with the Council. He was supported by Deputy Callanan.

The County Engineer stated that many of these roads to Burial Grounds were very little used but he would examine the position to see if any work could be done during the current year.

2118 - OGHILBEG, BALLINASLOE-PORTUMNA ROAD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE:

The Acting Secretary stated that the fence in question will be completed and the gate erected in June. The roadside drain is not a source of danger to road users and it is not proposed to pipe it.

2119 - NEW RESERVOIR AT MOYCULLEN - MOTION BY COUNCILLORS S. DONNELLAN AND P. McCORMACK:

The Acting Secretary stated that the new Reservoir proposed at Moycullen is part of the Galway City West Regional Water Supply Scheme. The supply for this is dependent upon the construction by the Galway Corporation of new Reservoirs at Clifton Hill. Contract documents for Galway City West scheme are at present being revised by the Council but the supply for same is dependent upon the Corporation. Improvements to Moycullen existing system will be carried out this year and this will improve the situation in the short-term.

Councillor Donnellan stated that the water supply position in Moycullen was critical. The supply was inadequate and the quality was poor.

Councillor Welby asked that the proposed improvements to the scheme be started as quickly as possible. Councillor McCormack stated that the present Reservoir was inadequate and leaking and he asked that consideration be given to providing the new Reservoir in advance of the main scheme and connecting the new Reservoir up to the present source.

The County Engineer stated that there was £15,000 in the current year's Estimates for improvements to Moycullen Waterworks and this would be spent on providing new pumps, screens and filters, and the carrying out of a waste water survey. He agreed that the source was poor but the water was chlorinated. The only real solution was the proposed Regional Scheme.

2120 - FOOTPATHS AT MOYCULLEN - MOTION BY COUNCILLORS S. DONNELLAN AND P. McCORMACK:

The Acting Secretary stated that there was no provision in the current year's road estimates for this work, which is estimated to cost £4,200. The work has been regarded as desirable for some time, and consideration will be given to its inclusion in the 1979 Road Estimates.

Councillor Donnellan stated that footpaths in Moycullen were essential for the safety of school children and were long overdue. He was supported by Councillor McCormack.

2121 - WIDENING OF CLYDAGH BRIDGE - MOTION BY COUNCILLORS S. DONNELLAN AND P. McCORMACK:

The Acting Secretary stated that this bridge is on a National Secondary Route (N.59). The appropriate time to consider bridge widening would be in conjunction with future widening and re-alignment of the road. The approximate estimate is £25,000. There is no provision in the current year's road estimates for this work. Substantial repair work was carried out to the bridge some three years ago.

Replying to Councillors Donnellan and McCormack as to when the bridge and the road might be realigned, the County Engineer stated that as this was a National Secondary Road the Council was dependent on funds for its improvement from the Department and the Council would continue to press for such funds.

2122 - CONGRATULATIONS

Councillor Byrne proposed a vote of congratulations to the Gort Vocational School on winning the All-Ireland Individual Vocational Schools Hurling Championship. Councillor Coogan seconded.

2123 - SYMPATHY

A resolution of sympathy was adopted with the following:

Mr. John Gleese, Ballinagreeve, Loughrea, Co. Galway.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

Submitted, Approved + Confirmed

Tom Wynn
Chairman

26/6/75
Date.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS ON MONDAY 29TH MAY, 1978

In the Chair : Deputy T. Hussey

Also present :

Members - Councillors G. Bartley, U. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy J. Callinan, Clr. F. Coogan, Deputy J. Donnellan, Councillors F. Fahy, Ml. Flaherty, P.T. Galvin, F. Glynn, Ed. Haverty, J. Joyce, Ml. Kelly, Deputy M. Killilea, Senator Ml. Kitt, Councillor P. McCormack, Deputy J. Mannion, Clrs. H. Melvin, N. Morgan, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, P. Ruane, Ml. Ryan and T. Welby.

Officials : Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Lynch, County Engineer; K. Doyle, Acting Asst. Co. Manager; J. Crotty, Deputy Co. Engineer; M. Tierney and K. Hays, C.A.C.Es; S. O'Neill and J. Beirne, Acting C.A.C.Es; D. Barrett, S.S.O.; B. Kennedy, Acting S.S.O.; C. Burke, S.O.; and T. Kavanagh, Acting Co. Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2124 - MAKING OF RATE AND SEALING OF RATE BOOKS FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DEC. 1978

It was proposed by Deputy Mannion, seconded by Clr. Ryan and resolved - "That the Galway County Council hereby allows and makes the rates for the year ending 31st December, 1978 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

T. O'Sullivan
Chairman
26/6/78
Date.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

Secretary's Office,
County Buildings,
GALWAY.

23rd May, 1978.

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, 29th May, 1978, which will commence after the Rate Meeting.

Mise, le maas,

T. KAVANAGH,
RUNAI SEALADACH.

A G E N D A

1. Draft County Development Plan, including Plans for the Scheduled Towns of Clifden, Athenry, Tuam, Loughrea and Gort - copies of which have already been supplied to you.

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2125 - DRAFT COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The County Manager referred to the Draft County Development Plan including the plans for the scheduled towns of Athenry, Clifden, Gort, Loughrea and Tuam, which had been circulated to the members for the meeting. The plans had been drafted in accordance with the decisions of the Council but there were two minor corrections to be made. The first related to Planning Controls for roadside development. The Council had decided to continue the policy set out in the Department circular of 1971 subject to the inclusion of a hardship clause. This had been included for the Class I roads but it was omitted to include it for the Class II roads but this will be corrected before publication.

Mr. Lee stated that there was also a correction required in relation to Map No. 1 for the Athenry Plan. He stated that a piece of land which should have been zoned 'communal' was zoned 'residential' by mistake and this would be corrected also.

The County Manager stated that the Plan would now be put on display for the statutory period of 3 months and all the statutory notices would be published. Anybody would be entitled to submit objections or representations and ratepayers would be entitled to make an Oral submission. At the end of the 3 month period all the submissions would be considered and the matter would be brought back to the Council.

In reply to Deputy Callinan the County Manager stated that the Council's decision in relation to Planning Control in the Galway Rural development area was included in the Plan.

The Chairman stated that the Council had spent a long time considering the Plan and he felt that it should now be published. It was then proposed by Clr. Kelly, seconded by Clr. O'Morain, and resolved - "That having examined the Draft of the proposed Development Plan for the County Health District of Galway (including the draft plans for the scheduled towns of Athenry, Clifden, Gort, Loughrea & Tuam) which has been placed before this meeting, the Galway County Council hereby recommends publication of the said draft in accordance with the relevant statutory requirements."

2126 - RESIGNATION OF DEPUTY R. MOLLOY

The Chairman stated that Deputy Molloy had submitted his resignation as a member of the County Council. Deputy Molloy stated in his letter that his reason for resigning was that since his appointment as Minister for Defence he had found it increasingly difficult to attend Council meetings etc. The Chairman paid tribute to the service given to the Council over the years by Deputy Molloy.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

Submitted, Approved & Confirmed

Chairman
File

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

19th June, 1978.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

Iarratar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniu Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Condae, Gaillimh, De Luain, 26u la Meitheamh, 1978, ag tosnu ag 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

T. Kavanagh.
RUNAI SEALADACH

A G E N D A

1. Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:-
 - (a) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned propose that the Galway County Council direct the County Manager to grant outline permission to Patrick Murphy for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Dooroy - Planning Reference No. 27586."
G. Bartley. J. Molloy. T. Welby.
 - (b) "Under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned propose that Galway County Council direct the County Manager to grant planning permission (full) for the erection of a new house to Mr. Baldwin - Planning Reference No. 27090."
Hugh Melvin. Edward Haverty. M. Killilea.
 - (c) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned propose that Galway County Council direct the County Manager to grant full permission to Sean Kelly for the erection of a dwelling-house and garage at Ardbeer, Clifden, Co. Galway - Planning Reference No. 27889."
G. Bartley. Micheal S. O'Morain. Thomas Welby.
 - (d) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned propose that the Galway County Council direct the County Manager to grant permission to Dan Fahy for erection of dwelling-house at Ballindooley, Co. Galway. - Planning Reference No. 27078."
Thomas Welby. John Molloy. G. Bartley.
 - (e) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned propose that the Galway County Council direct the County Manager to grant permission to Martin Boyle, Clooneen, Headford, Co. Galway - Planning Reference No. 27743."
Mark Killilea. John Molloy. Thomas Welby.

- (f) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we propose that the Galway County Council direct the County Manager to grant permission to Timothy Bohan for the erection of a dwelling-house at Ross Demesne, Rosscabill - Planning Reference No. 27682 Plan G.8s."

Michael Ryan. Padraic McCormack. Thomas Welby.

- (g) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned propose that Galway County Council direct the County Manager to grant full planning permission to Michael Keane for the change of use and extension of his premises to a licensed premises at Luiminagh - Planning Reference No. 28149."

Thomas Welby. Mark Killilea. John Molloy.

2. Minutes.
3. Filling of vacancy on County Council created by the resignation of Deputy R. Molloy. Letter to Members dated 31/ 5/1978 refers.
4. Malicious Injury Decrees (List herewith).
5. Overdraft for quarter ending 30/ 9/1978.
6. Declaration of roads to be public roads (List herewith).
7. (a) Higher Education Grants Scheme 1978 . . . (Draft herewith)
(b) Minutes of meeting of Higher Education Grants Committee held on 19/ 6/'78.
8. Sale of Private Sites:
(a) at Clarinbridge - notice dated 14/ 6/1978 refers
(b) at Cullairbaun, Athenry - notice dated 14/ 6/1978 refers.
9. (a) Creation of Post of Finance Officer
(b) Creation of extra post of Social Worker.
10. Amenity Grants 1978 (Report herewith).
11. Raising of Supplementary Loan of £20,800 to finance Stage 1 of the Water Supply extension to Cranmore.
12. Auditor's report on River Fergus Joint Drainage Committee for 2 years ended 31/ 3/1977.
13. Grants for adaptation of dwellings for persons suffering from physical handicap etc., Circular HGS 46/77 considered at Housing Committee meeting.
14. Business submitted by the County Manager.

MOTIONS CARRIED OVER FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

15. Footpath at Ballymoe Road, Glenamaddy - Motion by Deputy Donnellan - Minute No. 2101.
16. Bend at Leitrim N.S. - Motion by Councillor Morgan - Minute No. 2115.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

17. COUNCILLOR P. F. GLYNN - I will propose:
(a) That this County Council deplores that no action to date has been taken on the report of the restrictive practices commission on casual trading following its presentation in July, 1976 to the then Minister for Industry and Commerce. (The report made recommendations which if implemented, would restrict both roadside and casual trading.)"

- (b) That the County Manager informs the County Council of the progress made over the last 3 months in regard to the provision of a new burial ground at Addergoole, Dunmore.

18. COUNCILLORS RYAN AND DONNELLAN - We will propose:

That all County roads that were re-surfaced inadequately in 1977 be done this year as a matter of urgency.

19. COUNCILLOR HUGH MELVIN - I will propose:

That Galway County Council ease a bad bend at Paddy Walsh's house, Favaun, Peterswell.

20. DEPUTY MARK KILLILEA - I will propose:

- (a) That an area of ground in the recently acquired land at the race-course in Tuam be made available as a playing arena for the youth through the application of the Tuam Soccer Club and other associated organisations so as to enable the youth of Tuam to have proper space for recreation of all description.
- (b) That the special grant be made payable to the Tuam Museum project for the completion of their building. The total amount necessary is approximately £8,500 plus V.A.T.

21. COUNCILLOR E. HAVERTY - I will ask:

The Council to have the bad bend on the Killimor/Tynagh County Road on the Cloncona side of Callanan's house eased for traffic safety.

22. SENATOR M. P. KITT - I will propose:

- (a) That a section of wall from the Garda barracks, Ahascragh towards Ahascragh graveyard be repaired.
- (b) That tests be carried out on the Graigue/Caltra Group Water Scheme.

23. COUNCILLOR J. M. MANNION - I will propose:

- (a) That Galway Co. Council blacktop the carpark around Recess Hall.
- (b) That Galway Co. Council finish the work they started some years ago at Goulane Bridge, Clifden forthwith.

24. COUNCILLOR P. McCORMACK - I will ask:

- (a) What are the Council's plans for the improvement of the water supply in the Barna/Knocknacarra/Furbo area and when will the supply there be improved.
- (b) That a small road to the sea and lobster pots at New Village, Barna opposite Mr. Doyle's house be tarred.
- (c) That the Co. Council remove a bad bend on the road at Pullach, Roscahill near Joe Carr's house.

25. COUNCILLOR J. MOLLOY - I will propose:

- (a) That the road from Castlegar to Ballindoooley be widened and a footpath provided for children attending the local school.
- (b) That a bad bend on the Carrabrown road be eased.
- (c) That a refuse collection be provided for Carrabrown village.

26. COUNCILLOR P. RUANE - I will ask:

- (a) What is the hold up of the Cloon Group Water Scheme and when will the go ahead be given. This scheme is on hands for years and should get the go ahead as soon as possible.
- (b) I will propose that work start as soon as possible re widening road and footpath from Ballybane cross to Racecourse.
- (c) I will propose that the following road be tarred in the near future: Road at Mobard, Turloughmore to Martin Fahy's house.

27. COUNCILLOR T. WELBY - I will propose:
- That this Council carry out without delay the necessary improvements to Moycullen water supply so as to avoid cutting off the supply as has happened recently.
 - That this Council make arrangements to have navigation marks fixed on Lough Corrib, especially to all the proposed piers which are being jointly financed by this County Council and Bord Failte.
 - That this Council erect without delay dangerous bend signs on the road on the west side of the Killeen road works to the far side of Maddens house as a number of accidents have occurred here recently.
28. COUNCILLOR NORMAN MORGAN - I will propose:
- That Galway Co. Council acquire by Compulsory Purchase Order the Athenry Childrens playground which is in a dangerous condition and not properly maintained.
 - That Galway Co. Council not allow the New Pier to be opened at Portumna until toilet facilities are provided for the boat users and until the intake pipe for Portumna town water supply is extended far out into the fast flowing current of the Shannon.
 - That Galway Co. Council urge the Department of the Environment to make the necessary funds available to carry out roadwidening, bends removal and improvements to the N.S. road from a point just west of the Killimor Road cottages, Portumna towards Portumna now that the question of land acquisition has been agreed by the Co. Council and Mr. C. Dolphin.
29. COUNCILLOR FRANK FAHEY, HUGH MELVIN, EDWARD HAVERTY, JOHN CALLINAN, T.D. AND SENATOR M. KITT - We Will propose:
- That a new weighbridge be erected at a suitable site in Athenry to replace the weighbridge which was recently removed.
30. COUNCILLOR FRANK FAHEY, H. MELVIN, E. HAVERTY AND J. CALLINAN, T.D. - We will propose:
- That the Athenry Water Supply Scheme be extended to include the houses at Kingsland, Athenry and that this work be commenced immediately.
31. DEPUTY JOHN . CALLINAN, T.D.: I will propose - -
- That protective works be carried out to the wall on the Portumna side of Woodford village opposite Moran's public house for the protection of children and that a suitable warning sign be erected to warn motorists.

MALICIOUS INJURY DECREES

NAME AND ADDRESS	PARTICULARS OF CLAIM	AREA OF CHARGE	AMOUNT OF CLAIM	AMOUNT OF DECREE INCLUDING COSTS.
John O'Hare, Portumna, Co. Galway	Damage to a tractor	D.E.D. Portumna	£300.00	£161.23
Minister for Posts & Telegraphs	Damage to telephone kiosk No. 2320	D.E.D. Ballinasloe Urban	£120.00	£169.74
Minister for Posts & Telegraphs	Damage to telephone kiosk No. 86127	D.E.D. Clarenbridge	£130.00	£185.12
John Walsh	Damage to a car	Borough of Galway	£65.40	£106.30
Martin O'Donnell, Blackrock, Peterswell, Co. Galway.	Damage to wall	D.E.D. Castleboy	£250.00	£111.40
Mrs. Mary Ryan, Kilgevzin, Tuam	Hayshed, hay and turf	D.E.D. Kilbennon	£1,110.00	£768.41
Francis Helly	Damage to car	Borough of Galway	£200.00	£223.10

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 June, 1978, consider the making of a declaration that the following roads shall be public roads.

Area	From	To	Metres
Clifden	Price's house, Coolacloy	North west for a distance of 415m., Coolacloy	415
Clifden	Mrs. Conneely's house, Killymongaun	Towards Sean Bartley's house, Killymongaun	452
Loughrea	C.R. 543 Tomanybeg	Gate at McLern's house, Tomanybeg	91
Portumna	C.R. 574 Gorteenpader	towards M. Nevin's house, Gorteenpader	262
Loughrea	C.R. 452 Derrynamuckla	towards H. Duggan's house	284
Portumna	C.R. 539 Spring Garden	towards W. Treacy's house, Spring Garden	215
Loughrea	From C.R. 483 Corbaun	towards C.R. 483 Kilcooly	92
Gort	C.R. No. 318 Doorus Park	Arthur Connor's house, Doorus Park	153
Gort	C.R. 305 Castlegar	Martin Forde's front wall, Castlegar	60
Gort	National Secondary Road 360 Roo Demesne	John Killeen's house, Roo Demesne	306
Athenry	Gortard branch of Co. Rd. 185	Southwards to join Co. Rd. 185 Kilcornan	210
Gort	C.R. 321 Doorus	Bottom of hill towards Shaughnessy's	105
Portumna	C.R. 556 Lissawullaun	towards J. Quinn's entrance gate	92
Portumna	C.R. 526 Springfield	towards gate at P. Headd's house, Springfield	121
Ballinasloe	Jnc. C.R. 514 Clonannon (Kelly)	towards Jnc. C.R. 513 Eskermore	264
Mountbellew	C.R. 428 Cloonkeenerrill	towards Colemanstown	234
Athenry	End of public road at entrance to Lynskey's house, Gloves East	towards gate on road leading to Glynn's house, Carnakelly North	55
Galway	N. 59 Sec. 40 Ross Demesne	Eastwards to Pat Connor's gate, Ross Demesne	650
Athenry	Jnc. with Co. Rd. 184 Palmerstown	Hubert Madden's gate yard, Palmerstown	80
Athenry	From Uniacks M. Rd. 113-480 Dunsandle Cross	towards public road at Egan's house, Dunsandle	437
Gort	Main Rd. No. 400 Killeen	towards F. Dolan's house, Killeen	240
Oughterard	C.R. 59 at Liam O'Conaola's, Carraroe South	North to Inion Micalael O'Conaola's house, Carraroe South	200
Oughterard	Road to Liam O'Flatharta's, Carraroe North	East to Colm O'Flatharta's, Carraroe North	116
Portumna	C.R. 582 Srahaun	Mrs. M. Larkin's yard, Srahaun	184
Portumna	C.R. 526 Killoran	Bridge crossing Killoran River	129
Ballinasloe	Jnc. 534 in townland of Currowbaun	Gate across road leading to Reynold's, Carrowbaun	164
Ballinasloe	Jnc. M.R. 310 Kilmalaw	Lyons Gate, Kilmalaw	118
Milltown	Rd. from Maloney's house, Cloonaglasha	Byrne's house, Cloonaglasha	190
Milltown	N.17-210 Cartron	Bill Ahern's house, Cartron	102
Portumna	Co. Rd. 237 Menus Park	Michael McHugh's house, Menus Park	402
Portumna	Road from C.R. 577 Cloonmoylan	A. Mullin's house, Cloonmoylan	204
Portumna	Road from C.R. 572 Cooldorragha	Gate at J. Morrissey's house, Cooldorragha	157
Portumna	C.R. 574 Ballycahill	P. O'Reilly's house, Ballycahill	153
Portumna	Jnc. with M.R. 430 Carr	M. Ward's house, Carr	208
Galway	N.S. Rd. at Kinneavy's Pub.	John Walsh's house, Ross Demesne	370
Galway	John Walsh's house, Ross Demesne	East for a distance of 280m.	280
Oughterard	End of existing Co. Rd. at Curraghduff	East for 400 metres	400
Milltown	C.R. 245	Patrick Kemples house, Gorteen	129
Milltown	C.R. 235 Cloonkeen	Mullarkey's house, Cloonkeen	214
Milltown	C.R. 212 Lomaunaghbaun	Michael Rabbitte's house, Lomaunaghbaun	114
Milltown	C.R. 254 Monagormley	Jim Glynn's house, Monagormley	53
Portumna	C.R. 581 Lismany	Gate at J. Feury's house, Lismany	172
Portumna	C.R. 585 Ballynamuddagh	Mrs. B. Diskin's house, Ballynamuddagh	240
Portumna	C.R. 582 Kilmacshane	Mrs. J. Kenny's house, Kilmacshane	255
Portumna	C.R. 584 Craughwell	Gate leading to C. Martin's house, Craughwell	700
Portumna	Jnc. with M.R. 430 at Ganaveen	Mrs. Silver's house, Ganaveen	67
Portumna	C.R. 529 Derrreenboy	towards P. J. Greaney's entrance gate, Cloonlahan	137
Portumna	C.R. 535 Eyrecourt Demesne	towards gate at Clarke's field near Doon Burial Ground	45
Portumna	C.R. 208 (Chainage 370) Deerpark	towards Co. Rd. 207 Coolpark	350
Milltown	C.R. 207 (Chainage 210) Aghloragh	towards Robert Ward's house	184
Milltown	C.R. 211 Polladarragha	T. Lowry's house	80
Tuam	C.R. 154 near Payne's house, Ardumkella	towards C.R. 152 at O'Connell's house, Castlehackett	120
Ballinasloe	Jnc. C.R. 439 Woodlawn	P. Kenny's farmyard gate, Woodlawn	367
Ballinasloe	M.R. Jnc. 310 Knockmore	Leslie's field gate, Knockmore	466
Ballinasloe	Jnc. C.R. 477 Killaghamore	towards T. J. Nevin's house, Killaghamore	334
Ballinasloe	C.R. 462 Belderny South	towards F. Keogh's house, Belderny North	100
Mountbellew	End of public road branch of Co. Rd. 433	towards gate to Hansberry's house, Gortnahultra	180
Athenry	C.R. 118 at Walsh's house, Curraghmore	John Noone's house, Curraghmore	260
Tuam	C.R. 152 Carheens	Murphy's house, Carheens	145
Tuam	C.R. 154 Killower	Creaven's house, Killower	350
Tuam	C.R. 201 Gortbeg	Reilly's house, Gortbeg	120
Tuam	C.R. 127 Kilwullaun	Higgins' house, Kilwullaun	50
Milltown	Main Rd. 230 Beagh	Kenny's gate, Castlegrove West	215
Athenry	End of public road branch 433 Shanballyeeshal	towards Mrs. Hastings's house, Fahy, Gurteen	174
Athenry	End of public road branch 432 N.W. of Lickla	N.W. towards Monahan's house, Lenamore	270
Ballinasloe	Bridge, Lenamore	towards Bannerton's entrance gate	320
Ballinasloe	Jnc. C.R. 517 Castlegar	towards Jnc. 517 Ballynamona	360
Athenry	Jnc. C.R. 517 Eglis	Gate leading to Naughton's and Mitchell's houses	189
Athenry	Jnc. with C.R. 433 Clooncah	towards M. Geoghegan's house, Templemartin	175
Athenry	Main Athenry to Craughwell road in townland of Templemartin	towards John Kenny's house, Dooghcloon	270
Athenry	Caltrabreedy branch of C.R. 433 Clooncah (Attymon)	Rejoin C.R. 141 Carrowbrowne	1650
Galway	C.R. 141 Polkeen	Paddy Madden's house, Gortaghokera	99
Galway	Co. Rd. 103 Southwards	J. Connolly's gate, Leasnaun	372
Galway	Co. Rd. 102 via Allenspark	Sacred Heart Hall, Coolarne	160
Athenry	Coolarne branch of Co. Rd. 173	Stephen King's house, Aughrusmore	268
Clifden	Jnc. with C.R. No. 1 Aughrusmore	Mrs. Maloney's house, Doorus	110
Gort	C.R. 321	Tim Hynes farmyard, Rahard	135
Athenry	Jnc. with C.R. 378 Rahard, Athenry	Mary Callan's farmyard gate, Kingsland North	430
Athenry	Jnc. with C.R. 377 Kingsland North, Athenry	M. J. McNamara's field gate, Ganty, Craughwell	75
Athenry	Junc. with Co. Rd. 386 Ganty, Craughwell	Gate at P. Moran's farmyard, Carrowbaun	160
Athenry	Junc. with M.R. 189-400 Carrowbaun (Kilillian)	Brett's house, Tonroe	490
Athenry	Rd. from Jnc. with N. 18 in townland of Tonroe	Patrick Hynes' house, Kylegariff	165
Loughrea	C.R. 403 in the townland of Kilgariff	Michael Nevin's house, Earlsparke	163
Loughrea	C.R. 449 Earlsparke	Council Water Tower, Ballymore	105
Athenry	Rear of Fahy's back entrance gate, Ballymore (Craughwell)	towards Ranamaeken	150
Loughrea	Part of Link Road from C.R. 539	towards James O'Donnell's house, Burroge	109
Loughrea	C.R. 494 Burroge	J. Callanan's house, Knockaduala	100
Loughrea	C.R. 444 Knockaduala	Joe Gorham's house, Letterard	175
Clifden	Jnc. with C.R. 44 Moyrus/Letterard	North east to Jennings's house, Moyrus	340
Clifden	Jnc. with C.R. 44 Moyrus	South for 350 metres	350
Oughterard	Main Rd. at Glengowla	towards C.R. 276 Rosdail	150
Milltown	C.R. 276 Rosdail	towards C.R. 506 Bleannagloos	209
Mountbellew	C.R. 507 Cloonllyn	towards C.R. 416 Danganbeg	310
Mountbellew	C.R. 196 Cloonkeen	Costello's house, Carrownacroagh	160
Tuam	C.R. 119 Carrownacroagh	Michael Molloy's house, Slieveroe	280
Tuam	C.R. 116 at Slieveroe	Joe Mulroe's house, Ballyconlough	190
Tuam	C.R. 119 Ballyconlough	Martin Finn's house, Brierfield	336
Mountbellew	C.R. 418 Brierfield	Oughterard Council Dump	440
Oughterard	Declan Larkin's house, Lemonfield	R. Lee's house and P. Walsh's house, Pottagh	100
Galway	C.R. 104 Pollagh	Matt Keady's house, Bolliska	120
Galway	C.R. N. 92 Bolliska	for 120m. towards Willie Lee's, Annaghkeelaun	500
Oughterard	End of existing Co. Rd. Annaghkeelaun	Sugar Co. houses, Airglooney	
Tuam	Main Rd. 230 at Airglooney		

T. KAVANAGH, Acting County Secretary.

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HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS SCHEME - 1978

1. PROVISION OF FUNDS:

The Galway County Council shall award grants for higher education to eligible candidates in the year 1978 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, 1977.

(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, 1978:

(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 or 1976 or 1977, he may be deemed exempt from the requirement at (i) above and may qualify for a grant by obtaining in 1978 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 1978 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, 1979.

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 £289, plus £200 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 £289, plus £500 in respect of maintenance and other expenses. In the case of the lecture fee, the upper limit of £289 may be exceeded to the extent necessary to cover the total lecture fees (as defined overleaf) 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.

The Galway County Council shall decide (1) whether a candidate's normal family residence is in or adjacent to a university town, or (2) whether the candidate's course is provided in an educational institution adjacent to his normal family residence, in the light of distance and local public transport services. The lower rate of grant shall be applied in the case of every candidate who could reasonably be expected to travel daily between his home and college.

- (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 institution 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) Registration, 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, 1978.
- (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 £85 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, 1977 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.
- (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 the Higher Education Grants Scheme.

An Colaiste Naisiunta Ealaíne is Deartha

Course leading to the Diploma of the College (Not the Art Teachers' Certificate)

Note: The Pre-Diploma Year (Foundation Course) is not acceptable for the purpose of the tenure of a higher education grant.

Institute for Higher Education, Limerick

Diploma and Degree Courses.

Ulster College, The Northern Ireland Polytechnic, Jordanstown, Newtownabbey, Co. Antrim

B.A. in Fine Art (Painting and Sculpture)

B.A. in Graphic Design

B.A. in Three Dimensional Design (Silversmithing and Jewellery, Furniture, Ceramics and Interior Design)

B.A. in Textiles/Fashion (Printed Textiles and Embroidery)

B.A. in Combined Humanities (English Literature, French, History, Linguistics, Philosophy, Politics)

B.Ed. in Communication Studies

B. Ed. in Home Economics

B.Ed. in Physical Education

B.Ed. in Retardation

B. A. in Accountancy

B. A. in Business Studies

B.Sc. in Combined Sciences (Biology, Ecology, Geography, Geology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics and Statistics and Computation)

B.Sc. in Computer Science (Data Processing)

B.A. in Social Administration

B.Sc. in Social Sciences

B.A. in Social Work

B.Sc. in Speech Therapy

B.Sc. in Physiotherapy

B.Sc. in Psychology

B.Sc. in Engineering (Mechanical and Electrical and Shipbuilding)

B.Sc. in Civil Engineering

Diploma in Physiotherapy

The Diploma courses in Physiotherapy in University College Dublin and Trinity College Dublin.

St. Mary's Training College, Marino, Whitehall, Dublin 9.

Three year course for the B.Ed. degree which this College is providing in association with Trinity College Dublin.

Froebel College of Education, Sion Hill, Blackrock, Co. Dublin.

Three year course for the B.Ed. degree which this college is providing in association with Trinity College, Dublin.

Regional Technical Colleges, Colleges of Technology and Other Colleges of Higher Education

Courses which (a) are wholetime with Leaving Certificate entry, (b) of a minimum duration of two years and (c) which are approved by the Minister for Education for the purpose of the tenure of higher education grants.

A list of colleges and other institutions offering courses of the nature 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.

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Regional Technical College	-	Letterkenny
Regional Technical College	-	Sligo
Regional Technical College	-	Tralee
Regional Technical College	-	Waterford
School of Building	-	Limerick
School of Commerce	-	Limerick
School of Engineering	-	Limerick
College of Technology	-	Bolton Street, Dublin
College of Technology	-	Kevin Street, Dublin
College of Commerce	-	Rathmines, Dublin
St. Mary's College,	-	Cathal Brugha Street, Dublin

- (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.

A grant-holder who is admitted to the one-year course for graduates for training as a National Teacher in Froebel College of Education, Sion Hill, Blackrock, Co. Dublin, may, however, subject to the terms of this Scheme, have his grant continued in respect of that year.

- (c) All grant-aided courses shall be full-time courses of not less than 2 years duration. 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 £1,330 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 Co. 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.

- (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, where appropriate, be adjusted to that corresponding to the category in the Schedule relating 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.

(Note: - It is not necessary in order to benefit under the provisions of Clause 5(k) above that the candidate should have made application for a grant in 1978.)

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 season;

THE CHAIR: Mr. M. F. Hogan.

ALSO PRESENT: As recorded in attendance list:
Messrs. R. P. O h-Eile, T. Fitzgerald, F. Mullins. M.
Lenihan, Rev. Fr. Carney, Sister Brid Brennan, Councillors
M. J. Kelly, M. O'Flatharta, F. Fahey, E. Haverty, M. Ryan.
An apology for inability to attend was received from Fr.
McGoran, S.J..

OFFICIALS
PRESENT: Mr. T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.
Miss G. O'Grady, Acting Administrative Officer.

MINUTES:
The Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd June, 1977 were read, approved and signed.

The Draft Higher Education Grants Scheme 1978 circulated with the Agenda was considered. After discussion, the Committee unanimously recommended the adoption of the Higher Education Grants Scheme 1978 as circulated.

Sister Brid suggested that representations be made again to the Department of Education to have St. Catherine's Domestic College, Sion Hill, Dublin and St. Angela's Training College, Sligo included in the list of approved colleges for Higher Education Grants. This was agreed to.

Reference was made to two students in the Regional Technical College, Galway whose grants had so far not been sanctioned because the Department of Education had not decided whether their courses were of the standard required in the Scheme.

The Committee recommended that the Minister be requested to give his decision on these cases forthwith.

It was also recommended that the Department of Education be requested to supply a detailed list of the courses in the Regional Technical Colleges which would be approved for Higher Education Grants purposes.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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Income of Parent per annum		Rateable Valuation	Grant Category				
			Number of dependent children in family.				
			1 or 2	3	4	5	6 and over
Exceeding £4,888 and not exceeding £5,100	Exceeding £57.50 and not exceeding £60.00	-	-	-	-	-	L
" £4,675 " " £4,888	" £55.00 " " £57.50	-	-	-	-	L	J
" £4,463 " " £4,675	" £52.50 " " £55.00	-	-	-	-	L	I
" £4,250 " " £4,463	" £50.00 " " £52.50	-	-	-	-	L	H
" £4,038 " " £4,250	" £47.50 " " £50.00	L	L	J	I	G	G
" £3,825 " " £4,038	" £45.00 " " £47.50	J	I	H	G	G	G
" £3,613 " " £3,825	" £42.50 " " £45.00	I	H	G	G	G	G
" £3,400 " " £3,613	" £40.00 " " £42.50	H	G	G	G	G	G
Not exceeding £3,400	Not exceeding £40.00	G	G	G	G	G	G

Category	G:	Lecture fee (not exceeding £289*) plus £200 in respect of maintenance and other expenses.
"	H:	" " " £160 " " " "
"	I:	" " " £120 " " " "
"	J:	" " " £80 " " " "
"	L:	Lecture fee only (not exceeding £289*).

* This upper limit may be exceeded to the extent necessary to cover the total lecture fees (as defined in the Grants 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.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
GALWAY.

14th June, 1978.

TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL/

Re: Proposed Sale of land, Clarenbridge

A Chara:

In accordance with the requirements of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 and Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966, I have been required by the Assistant County Manager to give you notice that it is proposed selling the plots of land, particulars of which are given hereunder:-

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2 sites for houses at Clarenbridge, Co. Galway - areas as given hereunder:-

FROM WHOM ACQUIRED:

Galway Diocesan Trustees

PERSONS TO WHOM LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE SOLD:	Site Nos.	Area of Plots
Michael Donoghue, Caher, Loughrea	5	14.32 pers.
Eoin McLoughlin, 21 Beechmount Rd., Galway	1	14.32 pers.

Consideration in respect of disposal:

Site No.	Price
5	£1,100
1	£1,100

Other Covenants or Conditions in connection with Disposal:

1. The sites will be sold in fee simple.

This matter will be placed on the Agenda for consideration at the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council which will be held after the expiration of 10 days from the date of this Notice.

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
GALWAY.

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TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY CO. COUNCIL/

Re: Proposed sale of land at Cullairbaun, Athenry, Co. Galway.

A Chara:

In accordance with the requirements of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 and Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966, I have been required by the Assistant County Manager to give you notice that it is proposed selling the plot of land, particulars of which is given hereunder:-

LAND

Site for houses at Cullairbaun, Athenry, Co. Galway - area as given hereunder:

FROM WHOM ACQUIRED:

Annie J. Duffy, Villanora, Upper Salthill, Galway.

PERSONS TO WHOM LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE SOLD:	Site Nos.	Area of Plots
Martin J. Noone, Carraun, New Inn, Ballinasloe	41	13.66 pe

Consideration in respect of disposal:

Site No.	Price
41	£1,550

Other Covenants or Conditions in connection with disposal:

1. The site will be sold in fee simple.
2. The Co. Council will retain wayleaves in respect of watermains and sewers.

This matter will be placed on the Agenda for consideration at the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council which will be held after the expiration of 10 days from the date of this Notice.

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T. Kavanagh
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING
OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON
MONDAY, 29th. MAY, 1978.

In the Chair Deputy T. Hussey.

Present:

Members

Deputies J. Callanan, J. Donnellan, M. Killilea, J. Mannion, Senator M. Kitt, Councillors G. Bartley, U. Burke, T. Byrne, F. Coogan, F. Fahy, M. Flaherty, P.T. Galvin, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, J. Joyce, M. Kelly, P. McCormack, H. Melvin, N. Morgan, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, P. Ruane, M. Ryan, T. Welby.

Officials

Messrs S. Keating, Co. Manager, K. Doyle, Acting Assistant County Manager, P. Lynch, County Engineer, J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer, M. Tierney, Chief Assistant County Engineer, K. Hays, Chief Assistant County Engineer, S. O'Neill, Acting Chief Assistant County Engineer, Miss C. Hett, Senior Staff Officer, Miss J. Forde, Staff Officer and J. O'Kelly, Administrative Officer.

CAPITAL ALLOCATION FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING FOR 1978.

The Acting Assistant County Manager stated that the capital allocation made available to the Council for existing commitments and for new work to be started by 31st. July, '78 is £1,530,000. Circular Letter N.3/78 dated 30th. March, '78 from the Department of the Environment, copy of which has been circulated to each member of the Council, stated a general review of expenditure on the programme will be made by the Department during the Summer and additional allocations may be made within available resources for starts later this year.

The allocations made is being utilised as follows:-

(a) Amount required to pay balance on completed schemes:	£46,900
(b) Amount required to meet debit balance at 31/12/1977:	£295,000
(c) Amount required to meet existing commitments on the following schemes:	
Ahascragh	6
Headford	12
Kilronan	3
Kinvara	12
Loughrea	24
Tuam	22
Oughterard	8
Lauencetown	6
Glenamaddy	8
Mountbellew	6
Rural Houses	66
Demountables	20
	£986,130

Total for commitments: £1,328,000

BALANCE AVAILABLE FOR NEW WORKS:, £202,000

The latter sum is being used to continue the Council's Programme of rural houses and demountable dwellings. Since 1st. January, commitments undertaken amount to £187,000 under these headings.

Pending a further allocation, the position will be kept under constant

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review, so that if the expenditure on existing commitments does not reach the estimated amounts set out above, the savings thereby effected can be used to commence the construction of further rural houses.

COUNCILLOR KELLY enquired if the erection of the old peoples houses in Tuam could proceed this year. If so a number of local authority houses would be available for re-letting as most of the likely tenants of the old peoples houses are living in local authority houses.

COUNCILLOR O'MORAIN deplored the undue delay in confirming the Compulsory Purchase Order for rural houses. He enquired why the Council does not instal water & sewerage facilities in demountable dwellings which are occupied by people most in need of these facilities.

DEPUTY CALLANAN suggested borrowing to maintain the number of rural houses built at the 1977 level. He said the Council could not provide septic tanks in the case of demountable dwellings because the sites were merely leased. He recommended erection of 5-roomed rural houses plus scullery in all cases.

DEPUTY MANNION said there should be a maximum contribution fixed by the Council in respect of extension of E.S.B. services to rural houses. He suggested separating the building contract for the Clifden and Roundstone housing schemes from the site development.

DEPUTY KILLILEA said the Council should not build houses for people with good incomes. He suggested circulating to existing tenants of Council houses particulars of the low-rise mortgage scheme. Development of private sites should get a high priority.

SENATOR KITT enquired why it was necessary for applicants for housing loans to submit a certificate of income from the Revenue Commissioners. He enquired if anything could be done to reduce the delay in having rural houses connected to the E.S.B. supply.

COUNCILLOR GLYNN said there would be a serious situation in Tuam unless something was done soon to relieve the serious housing shortage there.

COUNCILLOR MORGAN enquired when serviced sites would be available in Loughrea. The Council's planning of a local authority housing scheme in Loughrea fell short of the standards laid down by the Council for private schemes. Fences should be provided between the Tigheens at Gortbride. Walls should be provided between Council housing schemes and adjoining property. A concrete wall should be provided between the new Council houses and the existing houses in Portumna. He enquired if the Council provided water storage tanks in demountable dwellings. He enquired why the sale price of houses in Mountcarmel was higher than those in Pollroebeck. He also enquired how often are purchase schemes prepared.

COUNCILLOR BURKE enquired if the Council has any policy for old peoples houses. He deplored the Council's policy of refusing to provide houses in rural areas and informing applicants that they would be considered for housing in the nearby towns which resulted in these applicants having to pay high rents for temporary housing accommodation in the towns. The Council should seriously consider the acquisition of land for housing in the Tynagh area.

COUNCILLOR COOGAN suggested the provision of housing at the outskirts of the city to reduce the demand on the Galway Corporation houses.

COUNCILLOR BYRNE suggested that some of the houses in Kinvara should be sub-divided for the accommodation of elderly couples and elderly single

men and women. He wondered where the cost of the Council's over all housing programme viz £15 million would be found. He suggested that meetings of the Committee be made open to the public or that the Council's achievements in the housing field be publicised.

COUNCILLOR JOYCE said an approach should be made to the Western Health Board to transfer land owned by them at Kiltormer to the Council for housing purposes.

DEPUTY CALLANAN enquired if the Council intended to house a second Itinerant family at Corraneena, Kilconnell. He recommended that steps be taken to ensure that the portion of the site of the present house is not used by Itinerants as a camping site. He said the local people agreed to have one Itinerant family housed in the area but would not accept a second family. He recommended the provision of water storage tanks in rural houses.

THE COUNTY MANAGER replied to points raised as follows:-

The Minister for the Environment has laid down the limits of the Housing Capital programme which the Council may not exceed.

Old peoples houses for Tuam are at the tender stage and cannot be proceeded with further until additional funds are made available.

The Council could contribute, without sanction £350 towards the cost of installing electricity in rural houses. Any contribution in excess of this figure is subject to sanction.

Clifden and Roundstone housing schemes could not proceed until a revised capital allocation is received. In addition there is the difficulty of unusually high tenders. He would take a look at the possibility of divorcing the site development and building contracts.

The provision of water and sewerage facilities in demountable dwellings would severely restrict the numbers which could be provided because suitable sites would have to be acquired instead of being leased as at present.

If further efforts to acquire land by agreement in the Tynagh area failed acquisition by a compulsory purchase order would be considered.

The provision of houses in Tuam is a Council's priority depending on the availability of capital funds. No town in Ireland had as much land purchased for housing as had Tuam. If the G.A.A. would make up its mind regarding how much land it required at the former Racecourse, the Council could put a scheme together very quickly. The Council would not give exclusive facilities to any one club or organisation.

A second Itinerant family would not be housed beside the house under construction at Corraneena Cross, Kilconnell. Steps will be taken to ensure that no camping will take place outside the site.

The provision of houses outside the city boundaries would involve the Council in providing extensive water and sewerage which would not be practical.

THE ACTING ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER replied to points raised as follows:

The capital allocation for 1978 is approximately £340,000 greater than for 1977.

Confirmation of the rural houses compulsory purchase order is awaited and we cannot proceed without it.

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Serviced sites in Loughrea could not be sold as the Council's title to the land is not yet registered. Water storage tanks are not provided in all rural houses.

Certificates from the Revenue Commissioners were insisted upon as Employers certificates were not always entirely accurate.

E.S.B. connections usually took up to 2 months because the tenant had to make the application personally. Difficulties in shortening the waiting period encountered with the contractor still on the site.

Land for private sites at Corofin would be developed in conjunction with the housing scheme.

The need for the provision of fences between tigeens at Gortbride, Loughrea will be examined.

A new purchase scheme is being prepared and will be circulated to tenants in due course. Other schemes were prepared in 1977 and 1974.

The adequacy of the type of fencing provided between Council housing schemes and adjoining property would be examined.

The housing scheme in Portumna will include the usual number of old peoples homes.

Applicants for rural housing are accommodated in rural areas if they are farming their land or have some other valid reason for not being housed in the adjacent town or village schemes.

Consideration would be given to the provision in the new housing scheme of accommodation for elderly people.

Land owned by the Western Health Board at Kiltormer cannot be acquired until the former D.M.O. vacates the dispensary residence.

Provision of 5-roomed houses could not be provided in every case within the constraints of the existing capital budget.

An examination of the proposed layout of the local authority housing scheme in Loughrea would be undertaken.

COUNCILLOR KELLY said the G.A.A. were prepared to co-operate with other football and athletic clubs in the matter of playing facilities at Racecourse, Tuam. The Racecourse stands should not be demolished but should be given to some of the local clubs.

LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME.

The Acting Assistant County Manager gave an analysis and an up-to-date report on the progress of provision of houses in the various schemes and on rural houses throughout the County.

GRANTS FOR ADAPTATION OF DWELLINGS FOR PERSONS PHYSICALLY OR SEVERALLY MENTALLY HANDICAPPED.

The Acting Assistant County Manager stated that a new scheme of grants up to a maximum of £2400 or 50% of the cost whichever is the lesser for the adaptation of dwellings for persons suffering from physical or severe mental handicap has been introduced by the Department of the Environment on and from 1st. November, 1977. Fifty per cent of the cost of grants paid are recoupable from the Department. Deputy Killilea proposed and Councillor Melvin seconded adoption of the scheme.

LOANS FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF HOUSES.

The Acting Assistant County Manager stated that a scheme for the making

of loans to finance the gap between the grant payable for reconstruction or improvement of houses and the actual cost of the work has been introduced by the Department of the Environment on and from 1st. November, 1977. Unsecured loans up to £600 and secured loans to £2500 may be made provided the applicant's annual income does not exceed £3500 or in the case of a farmer his total rateable valuation may not exceed £60. Deputy Killilea proposed and Councillor Melvin seconded adoption of the scheme.

LANDLORD AND TENANT (GROUND RENTS) BILL 1977.

The Acting Assistant County Manager stated that the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) Bill 1977 which is now law provides that all future vestings of local authority dwellings shall be by way of fee simple instead of 150 year leasehold as heretofore. Dwellings so vested shall unless the housing authority consents otherwise be occupied by the purchaser or his successor in title as his normal place of residence for a period of 25 years. The dwelling or any part thereof shall not, without the consent of the housing authority be mortgaged, charged or alienated otherwise than of devise or operation of law for a period of 25 years.

HOUSING OF SMALL FARMERS.

The Acting Assistant County Manager stated this scheme had now been withdrawn.

SCHEME OF LETTING PRIORITIES FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSES.

Councillor McCormack recommended that the scheme be amended so as to give credit to applicants for the length of time they were on the waiting list. He was supported by Councillors Coogan, Morgan, Burke and Kelly. County Manager said the only way this could be done was to adopt a points system. Deputy Callanan pointed out that the introduction of a points system could result in the County Manager's discretion to re-house urgent cases being removed. County Manager undertook to see what could be done to give effect to the Council's wishes.

NOTICES OF MOTION

- (1) REPAIRS TO CARETAKERS RESIDENCE COURTHOUSE, EYRECOURT - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE.

The Acting Assistant County Manager stated that the repair work was scheduled for the current year.

- (2) HOUSING APPLICATION SHREHANE, CLONFERT - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE.

The Assistant County Manager stated that it was proposed to supply a demountable dwelling when a suitable site was selected. Councillor Joyce said a demountable dwelling would not be accepted. The Assistant County Manager stated that the question of essential repairs could be considered.

- (3) JOINT COMMITTEE ON ITINERANCY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE.

Councillor Joyce said he felt that if meetings of the Joint Committee on Itinerancy were held in Ballinasloe, Tuam and Loughrea, members would be able to see at first hand the problems involved. This would give an impetus to the work of the Committee. He was glad to hear that an Engineer is being assigned to the acquisition of land for the provision of

hard stands and houses. Councillor Morgan said he would like to serve on the Committee but had not been appointed. The County Manager stated that the Council, when fixing the date of the next meeting, can add new members to the Committee and decide on the venue.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Bothar Mor,
GAILLIMH.

19u Meitheamh, 1978.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniu bliantuil de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, De Luain, 26u Meitheamh, 1978 ag tosú ag 5.00 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

T. Kavanagh.
RUNAI SEALADACH.

A G E N D A

1. Election of Chairman for year 1978/'79.
2. Election of Vice Chairman for year 1978/'79.
3. Appointment of representatives on:
 - (a) County Councils' General Council (3)
 - (b) Western Regional Tourism Organisation Ltd.. (1)
 - (c) Galway/Mayo Regional Development Group (6)
4. Appointment of Committees:
 - (a) County Libraries Committee
 - (b) National Monuments Advisory Committee
 - (c) Education (Grants) Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 26th JUNE, 1978.

In the Chair: (a) Deputy T. Hussey.
(b) Deputy M. Killilea.

Present:

Members - As recorded in Attendance Book -

Councillors G. Bartley, U. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy J. Callanan, Councillor F. Coogan, Deputy J. Donnellan, Councillors S. Donnellan, F. Fahey, M. Flaherty, P.T. Galvin, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, M. D. Higgins, B. Holland, J. Joyce, M. Kelly, M. J. Kilgannon, Senator M. P. Kitt, Councillor P. McCormack, Deputy J.M. Mannion, Councillors H. Melvin, J. Molloy, N. Morgan, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, P. Ruane, M. Ryan, T. Welby, and P. Dempsey (chosen as a member at this meeting).

Officials

Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; P. Lynch, County Engineer; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; R. Lee, Chief Planning Assistant; M. Moroney, County Accountant; B. Callagy, C.A.C.E.(Planning); W.A. Cahill, Acting C.A.C.E. (Planning); L. Kavanagh, Acting C.A.C.E.; C. Lynch, County Development Officer; D. Buggy, Assistant County Development Officer; Miss C. Burke, Staff Officer; T. O'Neill, P.J. McGovern, D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officers; and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2127 - WELCOME TO MR. J. HOWLETT, ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER:

The Chairman, on behalf of the County Council, congratulated Mr. J. Howlett on his appointment as Assistant County Manager and welcomed him on his return to the County.

The County Manager, on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff of the Council joined in the expression of congratulation and welcome to Mr. Howlett.

Mr. Howlett thanked the members and the County Manager.

2128 - SEARCH FOR ROUNDSTONE FISHERMEN:

Councillor O'Morain proposed that the Council express its thanks to the Minister for Defence for making personnel from the Army and Naval Service and Air Corps available for the search for the four fishermen from Roundstone and also to all the other people who were helping in the search. He expressed the hope that the four missing fishermen would be soon returned to their homes safely.

Deputy Mannion supported Councillor O'Morain's Proposal.

2129 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 27586:

The County Manager informed the Council that it was proposed granting this application.

2130 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 28072 - APPLICANT, MR. PATRICK BALDWIN:

This resolution was not proposed and the Chairman directed that it

be postponed.

2131 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 27889 - APPLICANT, MR. SEAN KELLY:

The County Manager submitted the following report to the Council:

"Application No. 23200 by Sean Kelly:

This application received, in 1976, was for a house on an extremely elevated location on the same site as the present application No. 27889. Both the Planning Authority and Appeals Board granted permission at a lower level on the site. The building line was stipulated to be 40 feet from the road and the floor level of the house not to exceed 18 inches over road level in the interests of visual amenity and orderly development.

Application No. 26104 received in 1977, was for the Western portion of the same site adjoining the road. The Planning Authority granted permission with building line and floor level as in application No. 23200, plus a condition that only one house be erected on the site.

The current application is still seeking to locate the house at approximately 15 feet over road level and 130 feet from the road. There are permissions on two adjoining sites and these also have strict building lines and floor level conditions which have been accepted by the applicant. On the adjoining site, no alternative exists to the stipulated location and floor level such as pertains in this case.

There is no question of hardship or inconvenience or extra cost being imposed on this applicant, because his house and site works would be much less expensive if built in accordance with the terms of the Planning Permission. It is obvious that the applicant is unwilling to accept any restriction on his development in the public interest which is to protect the visual amenity of the whole area. I see no reason why the condition of the previous permission on the site cannot be adhered to."

The resolution on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor Bartley and stated that if the house was constructed as required by the Council, it would be looking into the back of a neighbouring house and that the location of the septic tank would be too near the main road to comply with County Council regulations.

The resolution was seconded by Councillor O'Morain.

It was proposed by Councillor Morgan and seconded by Councillor Glynn that the permission in question be not granted.

Councillor Holland stated that the extent to which Section 4 resolutions are being used by Galway County Council tend to make nonsense of planning.

Councillor Morgan stated that Councillors should act more responsibly with regard to the use of Section 4 resolutions.

Councillor Glynn also stated that the Manager should try to meet Councillors for discussion as to how to get over the problems arising from the use of Section 4 resolutions to the extent to which they are being used at the present.

A vote taken after 4.30 p.m. for or against granting the permission resulted as follows:

FOR

Councillor G. Bartley
Councillor T. Byrne
Deputy J. Callanan
Deputy J. Donnellan
Councillor Sean Donnellan
Councillor F. Fahey
Councillor M. Flaherty
Councillor E. Haverty
Deputy T. Hussey
Councillor J. Joyce
Deputy M. Killilea
Senator M. Kitt
Councillor P. McCormack
Deputy J. Mannion
Councillor H. Melvin
Councillor J. Molloy
Councillor P. Dempsey
Councillor O'Morain
Councillor P. Raftery
Councillor T. Welby

(20)

AGAINST

Councillor U. Burke
Councillor P.T. Galvin
Councillor F. Glynn
Councillor B. Holland
Councillor M. Kelly
Councillor M. J. Kilgannon
Councillor N. Morgan
Councillor P. Ruane
Councillor M. Ryan

(9)

Councillor Coogan did not vote.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

2132 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 27078 - APPLICANT, MR. DAN FAHY:

This resolution was withdrawn.

2133 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 27743 - APPLICANT, MR. MARTIN BOYLE:

This resolution was withdrawn.

2134 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 27682 - APPLICANT, MR. TIMOTHY BOHAN:

The resolution on the Agenda was proposed by Council or Welby and, seconded by Councillor Ryan.

The County manager submitted the following report to the Council:

"PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS:

(1) No. 6309: Permission was refused by the Planning Authority and also on appeal on grounds of ribbon development and National Secondary Route access. A second family dwelling claim was made but was, in fact investigated by the Planning Authority. a map of the family holding was submitted. The applicant also stated that he had purchased the site previously. It did not form part of the original family holding. It was part of the old Clifden Railway line.

The site is surrounded by the State Forest and woods. This would reduce the residential amenity of the house considerably from the aspects of lighting, sunshine and discomfort from flies, insects, etc.

It now transpires that Permission has been obtained for five sites on the original family holding (1½ miles away) fronting the National Secondary route and obstructing fine scenic mountain views, and overlooking Ross Lake and Castle. Four of these were granted on appeal. The ownership of the land was not given on the application form, as requested.

"Two further applications on the originally claimed holding are now current. The applicant gives a different owner and is actually claiming for a second family dwelling on a half-acre site.

(ii) 13388: This was a repeat of application No. 6309 and was refused by the Planning Authority but not appealed. No second family dwelling claim was made. The next application received by the Planning Authority ref. no. 13389, was for four houses on the original family holding. This latter application was refused on appeal on the grounds of restricting access to National Secondary Routes.

(iii) 19700: This was a third application for the same site. No second family dwelling claim was made. The application was refused on appeal for the same reasons as the two previous applications.

The main reason for refusal is that the development would create an additional access in the middle of a long straight stretch of National Secondary road. This is one of the most hazardous locations for such an entrance, as sudden and unexpected interruptions would be caused to streams of fast moving traffic. On account of the heavy concentration of trees, some of which overhang the roadway, and the narrow road margin, sight distance is also inadequate.

A further very important reason for Refusal of Permission is that a house at this location would seal off permanently the public access to the old Clifden Railway Line, which is an ideal cross-country walking or trekking route through the heart of a scenic countryside.

No special housing need has been claimed. Thus he has obtained Permission for five houses on his original holding, and apparently has sold two additional sites.

Refusal of Permission is recommended for the following reasons:

1. The development would create an additional access in the middle of a long straight stretch of National Secondary Road. This is one of the most hazardous locations for such an entrance, as sudden and unexpected interruptions would be caused to streams of fast moving traffic. On account of the heavy concentration of trees, some of which overhang the roadway, and the narrow road margin, sight distance is also inadequate.

2. A house at this location would seal off permanently the public access to the old Clifden Railway Line, which is an ideal cross-country walking or trekking route through the heart of a scenic countryside.

3. No special housing need has been claimed. Thus he has obtained Permission for five houses on his original holding, and apparently has sold two additional sites."

Councillor Mrogan proposed and Councillor Glynn seconded that the permission applied for be refused.

Deputy Mannion stated that he disagreed with reasons no. 1 and 2 given by the Manager for recommending refusal.

The County Manager stated that the location of the house as shown in the plan submitted indicates that he would be right across the old Railway Line.

The County Engineer stated that a distinction must be made between creating an access point onto a National Secondary Road from a house on the one hand, and on the other from land.

A vote taken for or against granting permission taken after 4.30 p.m. resulted as follows;

FOR

Councillor G. Bartley
Deputy John Callanan
Deputy John Donnellan
Councillor Sean Donnellan
Councillor M. Flaherty
Councillor E. Haverly
Councillor M. J. Kilgannon
Deputy M. Killilea
Councillor P. McCormack
Deputy J. Mannion
Councillor H. Melvin
Councillor J. Molloy
Councillor P. Dempsey
Councillor M. O'Morain
Councillor P. Raftery
Councillor M. Ryan
Councillor T. Welby

(17)

AGAINST

Councillor U. Burke
Councillor T. Byrne
Councillor F. Coogan
Councillor T. Galvin
Councillor F. Glynn
Councillor B. Holland
Deputy T. Hussey
Councillor M. Kelly
Councillor N. Morgan

(9)

The following members did not vote:

Councillors Fahey, Higgins, Joyce, Senator M. Kitt and Councillor Ruane.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

2135 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 28149 - APPLICANT, MR. MICHAEL KEANE:

The County Manager submitted the following report to the Council:

"The proposed application is for an extension of use of an existing guest house to include new dining room and public bar.

An application was received in November, 1976, Planning Ref. No. 23325 and was refused in January, 1977 on the grounds that no commercial use had previously been granted to the applicant in this area of high amenity and that the previous extensions had only been granted on a private dwelling basis, and would be substandard for a commercial undertaking.

This application was then appealed to An Bord Pleanala and refused in August, 1977 on two grounds:

- (1) That a development of this commercial nature would effect the amenity of the area.
- (2) The access road was not up to standard and would constitute a traffic hazard.

Refusal is recommended on the following grounds:

- (1) The site is located in an area of high amenity, and the proposed development, by reason of its magnitude and its commercial nature, would be seriously injurious to the amenities of the area.
- (2) The proposed development would endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard because the access road and its junction with the Galway-Headford road are substandard and the additional traffic movements to which the development would give rise would interfere with the

safety and free-flow of traffic on the said access road and at its junction with the main road."

Deputy Killilea proposed the resolution set out in the Agenda in this case. He stated that the County Council had spent £8,000 on development work at the ferry point nearby and that the Council should also have improved the road leading to it. He stated that the applicant in this case is in ill-health and that his wife would be totally dependent on the proposed development for living.

Councillor Welby seconded Deputy Killilea's proposal.

Replying to Councillor Morgan, the County Manager stated that this is a private house being used as a guesthouse and to grant the permission as sought would mean introduction of commercial activity in the area which has been previously free of such activity, and is up to now a private residential area. It would also result in the introduction of commercial traffic to this area.

As there was no amendment, the Chairman declared the resolution carried.

Replying to a query by Councillor Morgan, the County Manager stated that the location for oral hearings is a matter for the Planning Appeals Board and not for the County Council.

2136 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor O'Morain, seconded by Deputy Mannion, the Minutes of meeting held on 22nd and 29th May, 1978, (including the Housing Committee meeting held on the latter date - numbers 2074-2126 inclusive -) were approved and were then signed by the Chairman.

Referring to the Housing Committee meeting, Councillor Kelly stated that a reference there to negotiations with the G.A.A. regarding the possible transfer of lands with the County Council at Parkmore, Tuam, might have suggested that the G.A.A. were not anxious to co-operate with the County Council. He stressed that they were always anxious and were in fact in communication with the Council at the time of the meeting.

The County Manager stated that there was no intention of being critical of the G.A.A. and he was aware that negotiations and discussions had been going on for some time.

2137 - FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY ON MEMBERSHIP OF COUNTY COUNCIL CAUSED BY THE RESIGNATION OF DEPUTY R. MOLLOY:

It was proposed by Deputy Killilea that the casual vacancy existing in Galway County Council caused by the resignation of Deputy R. Molloy be filled by the choice of Mr. Patrick J. Dempsey, Mirah, Turloughmore, Athenry, to fill this vacancy.

Deputy Killilea also paid tribute to Deputy Molloy for his services to the Council and to the County during his membership of the Council.

Councillor J. Molloy seconded Deputy Killilea's proposal.

Deputy Mannion stated that it was not proposed by his party to nominate anybody to fill the vacancy, stating that he agreed that the person to be appointed should come from the party to which the person who resigned belonged and he expressed the hope that this procedure would continue in the Council.

As there was no other nomination, the Chairman declared Mr. Dempsey to be chosen as a member of the County Council. The Chairman and other members of the Council congratulated Councillor Dempsey and expressed the wish for full co-operation with him during his membership of the Council.

The County Manager, on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff of the Council, joined in the expression of welcome to Mr. Dempsey and conveyed good wishes to Deputy Molloy. Mr. Dempsey thanked his proposer and seconder and members of the Council for electing him unanimously and joined in the expression of appreciation of the work done by Deputy Molloy when on the Council.

2138 - MALICIOUS INJURY DECREES:

It was noted that Malicious Injury Decrees as listed in the Schedule to Item 4 on the Agenda had been received since the last meeting.

2139 - OVERDRAFT:

The County Manager informed the Council that it was estimated that the Council's requirements in respect of overdraft for the quarter ending 30th September, 1978, is £1 million.

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

"That subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment overdraft accommodation not exceeding £1 million be borrowed on the Council's Revenue Account for the quarter ending 30th September, 1978."

2140 - DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS:

The list of roads entitled "Notice of Motion - Roads 1978 Second List - May 1978" proposed to be declared public^{and} which was circulated to the Councillors, was submitted.

After discussion it was agreed that the following three roads in the list would not be declared public at present:

- Portumna Area - from C.R. 574 at Gorteenpeadar towards M. Nevin's house, Gorteenpeadar, 262 metres., - No. 12.
- No. 90 - Athenry Area - Road from junction with N. 18 in townland of Tonroe to Bretts House at Tonroe - 490 metres.
- No. 94 - Loughrea Area - from part of link road from C.R. 539 towards Ranamacken - 150 metres.

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

"That the roads set out in the list entitled "Notice of Motion - Roads 1978 - Second List - May 1978", circulated to members of the Council, with the exception of Roads No. 12, no. 90 and no. 94 on that list be declared to be public roads."

In relation to road no. 12 - Portumna - Councillor Fahey stated that it was proposed that a greater distance than the 262 metres set out in the notice sent to Councillors would be declared public. He understood that it is necessary to carry out some widening in sections of the remainder of the road and he asked if the County Engineer could arrange to have^{two} road examined and the information given to the local people as to where the widening should be carried out.

The County Engineer stated that he would arrange to have an engineer visit this area and to meet the persons concerned.

Regarding Road no. 94 - Loughrea - Councillor Morgan stated that this road had been repaired by an L.I.S. Grant and it was no longer necessary to have the road declared public.

Senator Kitt stated that he had a sum of £50 left over from Notice of Motion Roads and he asked the County Engineer if this could be used on the road in Cloonkeenrill. The County Engineer stated that he would inform Senator Kitt of the position.

Deputy Callanan and Councillor Morgan asked if information could be given to Councillors on the list of roads which they have submitted and the amount of money allocated and available for each Councillor.

The County Engineer stated that there is no objection to giving this information but he was under the impression that Councillors preferred to have the amounts which they were allotting to different roads kept as confidential between themselves and the officials of the Council.

Councillor Joyce referring to roads to graveyards stated that the cost can be very high and the Council should take over such roads, not using notice of motion money, but that the Council should do the fencing and widening, if necessary, leaving the surfacing to be carried out by Councillors Notice of Motion money.

The County Engineer stated that he would see what could be done within the limits of the amount of money available having regard to the extent to which particular Burial Grounds are used and whether the necessary funds are available to do the work.

The County Engineer stated that proposals for use of Notice of Motion money which have already been submitted and are circulated to Councillors, account for almost 80% of the total allocation, and he asked that Councillors submit any other proposals which they have in mind to complete the allocation as early as possible. He pointed out that any balances not expended by the 31st December next cannot be carried over to next year. He will be sending Councillors particulars of amount outstanding within the next week.

5 p.m.

The meeting adjourned to enable the Annual General Meeting of the Council, arranged for this time, to be held.

When the Monthly meeting resumed at the end of the Annual General Meeting, Deputy Killilea took the chair.

2141 - HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS SCHEME, 1978:

The County Manager informed the Council that the changes in the income qualifications made in the 1978 scheme were as follows:

- Range of Income: This has been increased from £2,625 - £4,200 in the 1977 Scheme to a range of £3,400 - £5,100.
- Valuation Ranges: Those have been increased from £37.50 - £60.00 in the 1977 Scheme to a range of £40.00 - £60.00 in the 1978 Scheme.
- The Multiplier for conversion of valuation into income where there is an income from farming and from another source has been increased from £70 per £1 valuation to £85 per £1 valuation in the 1978 Scheme.

He also stated that there is no change in the annual rate of grant which is £500 maximum plus fees (non-adjacent), and £200 plus fees (adjacent).

On the proposition of Senator Kitt, it is agreed that the Minister would be asked to amend the Scheme in order to provide that where the conversion figure of £85 per £1 valuation or where the limit of £60 valuation for a farmer would disqualify for a grant, the farmer in question be allowed to submit accounts as an alternative.

The Minutes of the meeting of the Education Grants Committee held on the 19th June, 1978, were noted and approved.

2142 - SALE OF HOUSING SITES AT CLARINBRIDGE AND CULLAIRBAUN, ATHENRY:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of two housing sites at Clarinbridge to Mr. Michael Donohue, Caher, Loughrea, and Mr. Eoin McLoughlin, 21 Beechmount Road, Galway, and one site at Cullairbaun, Athenry, to Mr. Martin J. Noone, Caraun, New Inn, Ballinasloe, County Galway, in accordance with the terms set out in Notices dated 14th June, 1978, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966, circulated to each member of the Council."

2143 - CREATION OF OFFICE OF FINANCE OFFICER:

The County Manager requested the approval of the Council, subject to the sanction of the Minister, to create the office of Finance Officer. He pointed out that the duties of this office would be much more onerous than those presently discharged by the County Accountant, that he would have, in addition to any other appropriate duties, the responsibility of providing management accounting information to the County Council and that he would also have responsibility in relation to the finances of Urbans and Town Commissioners in the County.

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

"Subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment, Galway County Council hereby approves the creation of the office of Finance Officer under Galway County Council in accordance with the particulars of office, conditions of appointment and salary, to be prescribed by the Minister for the Environment."

2144 - CREATION OF ADDITIONAL OFFICE OF SOCIAL WORKER:

The County Manager requested the approval of the Council to the creation of an extra office of Social Worker. He stated that the main duties of the holder of the office would be to provide advice and assistance mainly for travelling families within the County and to promote their re-habilitation.

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approves the creation of an additional office of Social Worker in accordance with the particulars of office, conditions of appointment, salary, etc., approved by the appropriate Minister."

Councillor Higgins suggested that the consideration might be given to the appointment of a senior Social Worker in this case since the higher salary which this post would carry would be more

likely to attract a more highly qualified and efficient Social Worker.

The County Manager stated that he would consider the suggestion and that if he found it feasible, he asked the approval of the Council to deem the creation of an office of Senior Social Worker in lieu of the office of Social Worker to be approved.

The Council unanimously agreed that, should the Manager so decide, the creation of an office of Senior Social Worker may be created in lieu of that of Social Worker.

2145 - AMENITY GRANTS 1978:

The report on Amenity Grant applications received and projects recommended for assistance in 1978 were submitted by the County Manager.

It was proposed by Councillor Morgan and seconded by Councillor Melvin that the Council hereby approve the expenditure of the sum of £20,000 provided in the Estimates for the current year on the projects recommended for assistance in the report.

Councillor Fahey referred to the exclusion of the playing field at Kilbeacanty for assistance on the grounds that it was mainly for G.A.A. purposes. He stated that other sports were played there and he asked that the sum of £500 be allocated for this project on the production of evidence to show that other games were also allowed there. He suggested that this sum might be provided by omitting from the 1978 Scheme of grants one of the schemes for which a grant was not taken up in 1977 and that the amount be given back for that scheme later if other schemes did not spend the allocation for 1978.

The County Manager stated that at the time the recommendation on the allocation of grants was being considered the information was that it was that the field at Kilbeacanty was to be used for G.A.A. purposes only but he stated also that if a document is produced showing it to be generally available for other sports, he will have the matter re-examined. He stated that he would try to find the sum of £300 and not £500 from other schemes for this project assuming it can qualify. Replying to Councillor Morgan, he stated that no deduction would be made from the Loughrea Project for which commitment had been entered into.

Councillor Fahey stated that he would agree to the sum of £300 as suggested by the County Manager.

Councillor Kelly suggested that the Council should consider increasing the total allocation for Amenity Grants considerably in 1979.

Councillor Haverty referred to the requirement for the allocation of grants that the amenities be made available to the public and enquired what is the position if the charges made are too high for admission of the public.

The County Manager stated that the difficulty here is that the Council does not wish to interfere unduly in the running and operation of the amenities, and also having regard to the fact that the Committees maintaining the amenities would require some revenue to balance their books. He stated, however, that the matter would be kept in mind.

2146 - SUPPLEMENTARY LOAN £20,800 - WATER SUPPLY EXTENSION TO ORANMORE:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a

"supplementary loan of £20,800 from the Commissioners of Public Works to finance Stage 1 of the Water Supply extension to Oranmore, the loan to be repaid by instalments over the unexpired period of the parent loan of £25,000 with interest at the rate in force at the date of issue of the loan to the Council."

2147 - AUDITOR'S REPORT - RIVER FERGUS JOINT DRAINAGE COMMITTEE:

The Auditor's Report on the River Fergus Joint Drainage Committee for two years ended 31st March, 1977, was noted.

2148 - GRANTS FOR ADAPTATION OF DWELLINGS FOR PERSONS SUFFERING FROM PHYSICAL OR MENTAL HANDICAP:

The decision of the Committee of the entire Council at the Housing Meeting held on the 29th May, 1978, to increase the maximum grant for adaptation of a dwelling for persons suffering from physical or mental handicap from £800 to £2,400 was noted and confirmed.

2149 - NATIONAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANTS 1978:

The County Manager stated that it has become necessary to change some of the allocations of National Road Grants for 1978 and he read the following report dated 26th June, 1978, on the matter from the County Engineer:-

"Considerable difficulty is being experienced in the acquisition of land to enable the Council to carry out its programme of improvement works which have been set out for 1978.

In the case of the National Primary Road Improvements for 1978, two schemes were identified.

- (a) N6 at Mackney, Ballinasloe - £150,000.
- (b) N18 at Labane, Gort. - £180,000, which includes £30,000 allocated in 1977.

It is planned to start work on the Mackney Scheme this week after protracted negotiations for the land required for the scheme. The full allocation will not be expended during the 1978 financial year, and in order to reduce to a minimum the amount of money to be carried forward to 1979 I am recommending to the Department of the Environment that £30,000 be transferred to carry out a long outstanding scheme to drain the Galway-Tuam road at Two-Mile-Ditch which has been subject to frequent flooding during the winter. The remaining unexpended portion of this allocation will be applied to land acquisition on the Ballinasloe Relief Road, on the line that is considered to be best alignment available.

It has been found necessary in the case of the Labane Scheme to resort to the Compulsory Purchase procedures to acquire the necessary lands in this case. There will, therefore, be a delay in starting this scheme. I am recommending to the Department of the Environment that £100,000 of the £180,000 available for this scheme be transferred to improvements on the N7 just north of Tuam, toward Milltown where both designs and lands are available and where work can be commenced immediately.

In the case of the National Secondary Roads, two of the three schemes have yet to be started. An allocation of £75,000 was provided for improvements to N59 at Killeen, together with an allocation of £32,000 from 1977. Considerable difficulties are being experienced in acquiring the necessary lands for this scheme and the Compulsory Purchase procedures may have to be resorted to in this case.

I am recommending to the Department of the Environment that £50,000 of this combined allocation of £107,000 be transferred to complete the scheme at Drimcong where the necessary lands are available and a considerable amount of work has already been carried out.

I am recommending also that the remaining balance of £57,000 be applied to improvements in the vicinity of Clyda Bridge and Kilcummin should the Council fail to reach agreement on the lands at Killeen within the next few months.

In regard to the improvements proposed for N64, the Claregalway-Oranmore Road, it was anticipated that work would be commenced on the Claregalway end of this scheme to absorb the allocation of £60,000. It is now unlikely that the lands will be acquired on this section of road by voluntary agreement, and in order to avail of the grant in 1978, I am recommending to the Department of the Environment that work for 1978 be concentrated on completing the fenced off sections of this road at the Oranmore end, and on these sections along the road where agreement can be reached with the landowners."

Deputy Callanan stated that he was objecting to the transfer of £30,000 from the Ballinasloe Area as this could be used on the relief road.

Councillor Joyce supported Deputy Callanan on this matter.

The County Engineer explained that there had been difficulty in getting all of the land required for the Mackney Scheme in Ballinasloe but that work is starting on this now. He pointed out, however, that it would not be possible to spend the full amount allocated for Ballinasloe in the Ballinasloe Schemes and he wished to ensure that the money was availed of in the County in the present financial year so that none of it would have to be carried over, as this would ultimately reduce the overall allocation for the County. He stated that in any event work could not start on the relief road until the Mackney Scheme has been done.

The Council approved the recommendations of the County Engineer, as recommended by the County Manager, - Deputy Callanan stating that he wished to be recorded as objecting to the transfer of £30,000 from Ballinasloe.

Deputy Donnellan and Councillor Kelly stated that an estate road on the Mill Park in Tuam is in a very bad condition and despite various approaches to the developer, the road is still in a very bad condition.

The County Engineer stated that he would examine the matter to see whether anything could be done about it.

2150 - ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL:

The County Manager stated that this meeting is to be held on Wednesday, 30th August, 1978, and that any resolutions which the members wish to put on the Agenda should be submitted to the Secretary of the County Councils' General Council on or before Thursday, 17th August, 1978.

It was agreed that this matter would be placed on the Agenda for the July meeting and that members could submit for that meeting resolutions which they would wish to be sent on the County Councils' General Council, and that such resolutions may be in addition to the maximum of three notices of motion which members are entitled to send under Standing Orders.

MOTIONS CARRIED OVER FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

2151 - REPAIR AND EXTENSION OF THE FOOTPATH ON THE BALLYMOE ROAD, GLENAMADDY - MOTION BY DEPUTY J. DONNELLAN AND COUNCILLOR M. RYAN:

The County Manager stated that portion of the footpath between the Garrylawn Lounge and the Post Office will be repaired this year, and the footpath on the Ballymoe side of the Post Office will be repaired when funds are available.

2152 - REMOVAL OF DANGEROUS BEND NEAR LEITRIM NATIONAL SCHOOL, LOUGHREA - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MORGAN:

The County Manager stated that improvement of this bend will be considered from available funds in 1978 subject to necessary land acquisition being completed.

2153 - SYMPATHY:

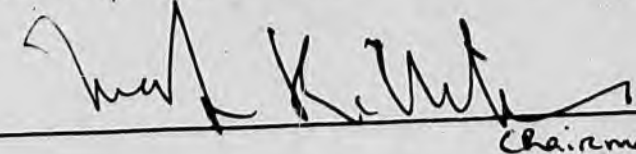
Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mrs. Furey, Ballybrit, Castlegar, Co. Galway.
Mr. Patrick O'Brien, Derrew, Killimor, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

It was agreed that all remaining items on the Agenda be adjourned for consideration at the Monthly meeting to be held in July.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

Submitted, Approved + Confirmed:


Chairman.

24.7.78.

Date.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT ANNUAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 26TH JUNE, 1978.

In the Chair: (a) Deputy T. Hussey.
(b) Deputy M. Killilea.

Present:

Members - As recorded in Attendance Book -
Councillors G. Bartley, U. Burke, T. Byrne,
Deputy J. Callanan, Councillor F. Coogan, Deputy
J. Donnellan, Councillors S. Donnellan, F. Fahey,
F. Flaherty, P.T. Galvin, F. Glynn, E. Haverty,
M. D. Higgins, B. Holland, J. Joyce, M. Kelly,
M. J. Kilgannon, Senator M. P. Kitt, Councillor P.
McCormack, Deputy J.M. Mannion, Councillors H. Melvin,
J. Molloy, N. Morgan, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery,
P. Ruane, M. Ryan, T. Welby, and P. Dempsey.
Officials - Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; J. Howlett,
Assistant County Manager; P. Lynch, County Engineer;
J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; R. Lee, Chief
Planning Assistant; M. Moroney, County Accountant;
B. Callagy, C.A.C.E. (Planning); W.A. Cahill,
Acting C.A.C.E. (Planning); L. Kavanagh, Acting
C.A.C.E.; C. Lynch, County Development Officer;
Miss C. Burke, Staff Officer; T. O'Neill, P. J.
McGovern, D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officers; and
K. Doyle, County Secretary.

2154 - ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR 1978/79:

Deputy Hussey stated that he was not allowing his name to go forward for the office of Chairman for the coming year. He thanked the members of the Council and all the staff of the Council for their co-operation during his term of office and he expressed the hope that the good working relationships which existed between him and the staff would continue to operate during the term of office of the new Chairman.

All members of the Council joined in paying tribute to Deputy Hussey for the efficient and impartial manner in which he carried out his duties as Chairman during his term of office.

The County Manager, on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff of the Council, joined in the compliments paid by members to Deputy Hussey which he stated were very well deserved, and he promised that the staff would co-operate fully with the new Chairman.

Councillor Donnellan proposed and Senator Kitt seconded that Deputy Mark Killilea be elected Chairman of the Council for 1978/79.

As there was no other proposal, Deputy Hussey declared Deputy Killilea elected Chairman.

Deputy Killilea thanked the members and the County Manager for their good wishes, and in particular thanked the Council for unanimously electing him.

2155 - ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR 1978/79:

Councillor Morgan proposed and Councillor Kelly seconded that Councillor Brendan Holland be elected Vice-Chairman of the Council for 1978/79.

Senator Kitt proposed and Councillor O'Morain seconded that Councillor Sean Donnellan be elected Vice-Chairman of the Council for 1978/79.

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A vote taken on those proposals resulted as follows:

FOR COUNCILLOR HOLLAND:

Councillors Burke, T. Byrne, F. Coogan, Deputy J. Donnellan, Councillors P.T. Galvin, F. Glynn, M.D. Higgins, B. Holland, M. Kelly, M.J. Kilgannon, P. McCormack, Deputy J. Mannion, Councillors N. Morgan, P. Ruane, M. Ryan. (15)

FOR COUNCILLOR DONNELLAN:

Councillor G. Bartley, Deputy J. Callanan, Councillors Sean Donnellan, F. Fahey, M. Flaherty, E. Haverty, Deputy T. Hussey, Councillor J. Joyce, Deputy M. Killilea, Senator M. Kitt, Councillors H. Melvin, J. Molloy, P. Dempsey, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, T. Welby. (16)

The Chairman declared Councillor Sean Donnellan elected Vice-Chairman of the Council for the year 1978/79.

2156 - APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL:

Deputy J. Mannion proposed and Deputy Donnellan seconded that Councillor P. McCormack be appointed representative of the County Council on the County Councils' General Council for 1978/79.

Senator Kitt proposed and Councillor Raftery seconded that Councillors Welby, Haverty and Molloy be elected representatives on the County Councils' General Council for 1978/79.

Replying to the Chairman, the County Secretary stated that the County Council is entitled to nominate three representatives on this body and that the representatives for 1977/78 were Councillors Haverty, J. Molloy, and Deputy Killilea.

Senator Kitt then withdrew his original proposal and proposed instead that Councillors Welby and Haverty be appointed representatives of the Council on the County Councils' General Council for 1978/79 to fill the first two vacancies. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Raftery. As there was no other nomination, the Chairman declared Cllrs. Welby and Haverty appointed.

For the third vacancy, Senator Kitt proposed and Councillor Raftery seconded that Councillor J. Molloy be appointed a representative of the Council on the County Councils' General Council for 1978/79.

Deputy Mannion proposed and Deputy Donnellan seconded that Councillor McCormack be appointed a representative of the Council on the County Councils' General Council for 1978/79.

A vote taken on the latter proposals resulted as follows:

FOR COUNCILLOR MOLLOY:

Councillor Bartley, Deputy Callanan, Councillors Sean Donnellan, F. Fahey, M. Flaherty, E. Haverty, Deputy T. Hussey, Councillor J. Joyce, Deputy M. Killilea, Senator M. Kitt, Councillors H. Melvin, J. Molloy, P. Dempsey, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, T. Welby. (16)

FOR COUNCILLOR MCCORMACK:

Councillors Burke, Byrne, Coogan, Deputy J. Donnellan, Councillors P.T. Galvin, G. Glynn, M. L. Higgins, B. Holland, M. Kelly, M.J. Kilgannon, P. McCormack, Deputy J. Mannion, Councillors N. Morgan P. Ruane, M. Ryan. (15)

The Chairman declared Councillor J. Molloy appointed to fill the third vacancy on the County Councils' General Council for the year 1978/79.

2157 - APPOINTMENT OF A REPRESENTATIVE ON WESTERN REGIONAL TOURISM ORGANISATION LIMITED FOR 1978/79:

Senator Kitt proposed and Councillor J. Molloy seconded that Councillor M. O'Morain be appointed the Council's representative on the Western Regional Tourism Organisation Limited for 1978/79.

As there was no other proposal, the Chairman declared Councillor M. O'Morain appointed.

2158 - APPOINTMENT OF SIX REPRESENTATIVES ON THE GALWAY/MAYO REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT GROUP:

The County Secretary stated that the Chairman is, ex-officio, a member of this group and that the other five representatives of the Council on the group for 1977/78 were Councillors H. Melvin, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, F. Fahey, and T. Welby.

It was agreed that the Chairman would, ex-officio, be a representative of the Council on this group for 1978/79.

Senator Kitt then proposed and Councillor Melvin seconded that the outgoing members for 1977/78 be nominated for 1978/79 subject to Councillor Dempsey replacing Councillor Melvin.

After a discussion it was agreed that proposals would be taken for each of the vacancies after the first which was filled by the Chairman.

Second Vacancy - Councillor Molloy proposed and Councillor Welby seconded that Councillor Dempsey be appointed a representative of the Council on this group for 1978/79.

Councillor Kelly proposed and Councillor Holland seconded that Councillor Higgins be a representative of the Council on the group for 1978/79.

A vote taken on those proposals resulted as follows:

FOR COUNCILLOR DEMPSEY:

Councillor Bartley, Deputy Callanan, Councillors Sean Donnellan, Fahey, Flaherty, Haverty, Deputy Hussey, Councillor Joyce, Deputy Killilea, Senator Kitt, Councillors Melvin, Molloy, Dempsey, O'Morain, Raftery, Welby. (16)

FOR COUNCILLOR HIGGINS:

Councillors Burke, Byrne, Coogan, Deputy Donnellan, Councillors Galvin, Glynn, Higgins, Holland, Kelly, Kilgannon, McCormack, Deputy Mannion, Councillors Morgan, Ruane, Ryan. (15)

The Chairman declared Councillor Dempsey appointed to fill the second vacancy.

At this stage Councillor Glynn and Ruane left the meeting stating that they were doing so in protest against the failure to give representation on committees to minority parties.

Third Vacancy: - Councillor Kelly proposed and Councillor Morgan seconded that Councillor Higgins be appointed a representative of the Council on this group for 1978/79.

Senator Kitt proposed and Councillor Haverty seconded that Councillor Raftery be appointed a representative of the Council on the Group

for 1978/79.

A vote taken on these proposals resulted as follows.

FOR COUNCILLOR HIGGINS:

Councillors Burke, Byrne, Coogan, Deputy Donnellan, Councillors Galvin, Higgins, Holland, Kelly, Kilgannon, McCormack, Deputy Mannion, Councillors Morgan, Ryan. (13)

FOR COUNCILLOR RAFTERY:

Councillor Bartley, Deputy Callanan, Councillors Sean Donnellan, Fahey, Flaherty, Haverty, Deputy Hussey, Councillor Joyce, Deputy Killilea, Senator Kitt, Councillors Melvin, Molloy, Dempsey, O'Morain, Raftery, Welby. (16)

The Chairman declared Councillor Raftery elected to fill the third vacancy.

Fourth Vacancy:

Senator Kitt proposed and Councillor Molloy seconded that Councillor O'Morain be appointed a representative of the Council on this group for 1978/79.

Councillor Kelly proposed and Councillor Morgan seconded that Councillor Higgins be appointed a representative of the Council on this Group for 1978/79.

A vote taken on these proposals resulted as follows:

FOR COUNCILLOR O'MORAIN:

Councillor Bartley, Deputy Callanan, Councillors Sean Donnellan, Fahey, Flaherty, Haverty, Deputy Hussey, Councillor Joyce, Deputy Killilea, Senator Kitt, Councillors Melvin, Molloy, Dempsey, O'Morain, Raftery, Welby. (16)

FOR COUNCILLOR HIGGINS:

Councillors Burke, Byrne, Coogan, Deputy Donnellan, Councillors Galvin, Higgins, Holland, Kelly, Kilgannon, McCormack, Deputy Mannion, Councillors Morgan, Ryan. (13)

The Chairman declared Councillor O'Morain elected to fill the fourth vacancy.

Councillor Higgins, at this stage, stated that he did not wish to go on any other Committee as he felt that from his qualifications and experience he had something to contribute to the work of the Galway/Mayo Regional Development Group.

Fifth Vacancy:

Senator Kitt proposed and Councillor O'Morain seconded that Councillor Fahey be appointed a representative of the Council on this group for 1978/79.

Councillor Burke proposed and Councillor McCormack seconded that Councillor Galvin be elected a representative of the Council on this group for 1978/79.

A vote taken on those proposals resulted as follows:

FOR COUNCILLOR FAHEY:

Councillor Bartley, Deputy Callanan, Councillors Sean Donnellan, Fahey, Flaherty, Haverty, Deputy Hussey, Councillor Joyce, Deputy Killilea, Senator Kitt, Councillors Melvin, Molloy, Dempsey,

O'Morain, Raftery, Welby.

(16)

FOR COUNCILLOR GALVIN:

Councillors Burke, Byrne, Coogan, Deputy Donnellan, Councillors Galvin, Higgins, Holland, Kelly, Kilgannon, McCormack, Deputy Mannion, Councillors Morgan, Ryan.

(13)

The Chairman declared Councillor Fahey appointed to fill the fifth vacancy on this group.

At this stage, Councillor Byrne stated that he and members of his party were leaving the meeting in protest at the decision of the majority on the Council not to give representation to minority parties.

Sixth Vacancy:

Senator Kitt proposed and Councillor O'Morain seconded that Councillor Welby be appointed a representative of the Council on this group for 1978/79.

As there was no other proposal, the Chairman declared Councillor Welby appointed to fill the sixth vacancy.

2159 - APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY LIBRARIES COMMITTEE FOR 1978/79:

Senator Kitt proposed that all outgoing members of the committee for 1977/78 be appointed to the Committee for 1978/79, and he stated that he would read the list if the Council wished him to do so.

Councillor Higgins protested at the manner in which this proposal was made and stated that the Council is entitled to know who is being proposed and he also stated that he did not want his name included in Senator Kitt's proposal.

Senator Kitt stated that he understood that members were aware who the members of the committee were and that he was only trying to save time but did not intend to cause offence to anybody.

Councillor Kelly stated that he did not wish to be re-elected on this Committee.

Councillor Haverty proposed and Deputy Callanan seconded that Mr. Sean Kelly, Loughrea, and Mr. P. Geraghty, Ballinasloe, be appointed to the committee to replace Councillor Higgins and Councillor Kelly who are not going forward for re-election.

It was accordingly agreed on the proposition of Councillor Haverty and seconded by Deputy Callanan that the following persons be appointed to the County Libraries Committee for 1978/79:

Mr. John Molloy, Coolough, Castlegar, Co. Galway.
Mr. M. O'Morain, Carna, Co. na Gaillimhe.
Mr. P. Raftery, Ballygar, Co. Galway.
Mr. H. Melvin, Ganty, Craughwell.
Mr. E. Haverty, Lissaniska, Killimor.
Mr. F. Fahey, Kilbeacanty, Gort.
Mr. S. Donnellan, Dovepark, Moycullen.
Mr. T. Welby, Oughterard.

Senator M. P. Kitt, Lehanagh, Castleblakeney, Ballinasloe.
Deputy M. Killilea, Caherhugh House, Belclare, Tuam, Co. Galway.
Councillor M. Ryan, Moate, Moylough.
Councillor P.T. Galvin, Bridge Street, Ballinasloe.
Deputy J.M. Mannion, Main Street, Clifden, Co. Galway.
Councillor Ulick Burke, Eagle Hill, Abbey, Loughrea.
Councillor Brendan Holland, Williamsgate Street, Galway.
Mr. Jarlath Burke, Tuam, Co. Galway.

Mrs. O'Brien, Newbridge, Co. Galway.
Mr. B. Donnellan, Loughrea.
Miss J. Murphy, Menlough, Co. Galway.
Mr. P. O'Grady, Kinvara, Co. Galway.
Mr. C. Townley, U.C.G.
Mr. M. O'Toole, Cleggan, Co. Galway.
Mr. M. Kelly, Portumna, Co. Galway.
Mr. P. Mullins, Woodford, Co. Galway.
Mr. C. Hernon, Aran Islands, Co. Galway.
Mr. M. McNamara, Ballyconneely.
Mrs. M. Melody, Castleblakeney.
Mr. Thomas Burke, Clifden, Co. Galway.
Mrs. Maura Croffy, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
Mr. Sean Kelly, Moore Street, Loughrea, Co. Galway.
Mr. P.G. Geraghty, St. Michael's Square, Ballinasloe.

2160 - APPOINTMENT OF NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR 1978/79:

The County Secretary read out the names of the full members and the honorary members on this Committee for 1977/78. Deputy Killilea stated that he wished to withdraw his name from the list of honorary members.

Councillor Holland proposed, Councillor Kelly seconded and it was resolved that Mr. H. Comerford be elected an honorary member of this Committee together with all outgoing members, both full members and honorary members, of the Committee for 1977/78.

It was noted that the membership of the Committee for 1978/79 is therefore as follows:

Full Members:

Councillor James Joyce, Laurencetown, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
Rev. P. K. Egan, P.P. Portumna.
Very Rev. G. Canon Quinn, P.P., Gort.
Martin Joyce, N.T., Aughrim, Ballinasloe.
D. J. Murphy, Ballygaddy Road, Tuam.
Etienne Rynne, U.C.G.
Rev. Fr. Martin Coen, C.C., Craughwell.
Mr. Michael Ryan, Co.C., Moate, Moylough.
Mr. M. J. Molloy, Milltown.
An t-Athar E. MacPhinn, Na h-Aille Thiar, Indreabhán.

Honorary Members:

M. P. Kitt, Lehanagh, Castleblakeney, Ballinasloe.
Mr. H. Comerford, Luimnagh, Corrandulla, Co. Galway.
T. Byrne, Co.C., Kinvara.
T. Claffey, Tuam.
John Waldron, "Xavier", Taylors Hill, Galway.
Brendan Holland, Co.C., "Brosna", Fr. Griffin Road, Galway.
Mr. Henry Doherty, Athenry.

2161 - APPOINTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION (GRANTS) COMMITTEE FOR 1978/79:

The County Secretary read out the names of the members on this Committee for 1977/78.

On the proposition of Senator Kitt, seconded by Councillor Melvin, it was agreed that all outgoing members on this Committee would be elected to the Committee for 1978/79.

On the proposition of Councillor Higgins, seconded by Councillor Kelly, and was also resolved that Mr. John Joseph Flynn, Vice-Principal, Community School, Clifden, be also appointed to the Committee.

It was noted, therefore, that the membership of the Committee for 1978/79 is as follows:

Michael O'Flaherty, Keeraunmore, Carraroe.
 Francis Fahey, Kilbeacanty, Gort.
 John Molloy, Coolough, Castlegar.
 Ulick Burke, Eagle Hill, Abbey, Loughrea.
 Michael J. Kilgannon, Monaveen, Woodlawn.
 Miko Kelly, Church View, Tuam.
 Michael Ryan, Moate, Moylough.
 Colie Hernon, Kilronan, Aran Islands.
 Roy Colgan, Park Avenue, Dalysfort Road, Salthill.
 Frank Foley, Bridge Street, Clifden.
 President, St. Joseph's College, Garbally, Ballinasloe.
 President, St. Mary's College, Galway.
 President, St. Jarlath's College, Tuam.
 The Rector, St. Ignatius' College, Galway.
 Rev. Bro. Superior, St. Joseph's College, Galway.
 Rev. Mother, St. Raphael's Loughrea.
 Headmaster, Secondary School, Ballygar.
 Rev. Bro. Superior, Christian Brothers, Tuam.
 Headmaster, Community School, Clifden.
 Rev. President, Diocesan College, Gort.
 Mr. M. Hogan, N.T., Caltra.
 Mr. Tom Fitzgerald, Caltra.
 Headmaster, Community School, Carna.
 Mr. Frank Mullins, Woodford.
 Rev. Mother, Presentation Convent, Tuam.
 Rev. Mother, Convent of Mercy, Tuam.
 Headmistress, Salerno Secondary School, Salthill, Galway.
 Sr. Brigid, Secondary School, Athenry.
 Superioress, Incarnate Word College, Dunmore.
 Mr. S. O'Grady, Headmaster, Vocational School, Loughrea.
 Mr. E. Haverty, Co.C., Lisaniska, Killimor.
 Mr. John Joseph Flynn, Vice-Principal, Community School, Clifden.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

Submitted, Approved + confirmed:

Mark Killike

Chairman.

24. 7. 78

Date.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
 (Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
 Arus an Chontae,
 GAILLIMH.

18th July, 1978.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE

A Chara,

Iarratar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Condáe, Gaillimh, De Luain, 24ú Iúil, 1978, ag tosnu ag 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

T. Kavanagh.
 RUNAI SEALADACH.

A G E N D A

1. Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:-
 - (a) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned propose that the Galway County Council direct the County Manager to grant permission to John King, to erect a dwelling house at Carrowmanagh - Planning Reference No. 27672."

Thomas Welby. G. Bartley. Sean Donnellan.
 - (b) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned propose that Galway County Council direct the County Manager to grant permission to Dan Fahy for the erection of a dwelling house at Ballindooly - Planning Reference No. 28572."

Thomas Welby. G. Bartley. John Molloy.
2. Minutes.
3. Malicious Injury Decrees (List Herewith).
4. Proposal under the Water Supplies Act, 1942 - Mid-Galway Regional Water Supply Scheme.
5. Proposal under the Water Supplies Act, 1942 - Mountbellew Water Supply Improvement Scheme.
6. Raising of loan of £13,514 to cover special contributions towards the following Group Water Schemes:

(a) Cloon Group Water Supply Scheme	-	£11,000.00
(b) Cloonrelagh Group Water Supply Scheme	-	£550.00
(c) Castlegar Group Water Supply Scheme	-	£880.00
(d) Ervilla/Ballinruane Group Water Supply Scheme	-	£1,084.00
7. Report of Sheep Dipping Committee Meeting held on 14th July, 1978.

8. Consideration of Minutes (attached) and recommendations of Meeting of Joint Committee on Itinerancy held on 29th May, 1978.
9. Report from Assistant County Manager on Sanitary Services Capitol Works.
10. Increase in wages for road workers and allied grades excluding road overseers, craftsmen, craftsmens mates, and Fire Brigade personnel - Labour Court recommendation No. 4706.
11. Filling of vacancies on following committees arising from Deputy Molloy's resignation:
 - (a) Health Committee.
 - (b) Joint Committee on Itinerancy.
12. Annual Meeting of County Councils' General Council.
13. Business submitted by the County Manager.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

14. COUNCILLOR P.F. GLYNN - I will propose:
 - (a) That this County Council deplores that no action to date has been taken on the report of the restrictive practices commission on casual trading following its presentation in July, 1976, to the then Minister for Industry and Commerce. (The report made recommendations which if implemented, would restrict both roadside and casual trading.)
 - (b) That the County Manager informs the County Council of the progress made over the last 3 months in regard to the provision of a new burial ground at Addergoole, Dunmore.
15. COUNCILLORS RYAN AND DONNELLAN - We will propose:
That all County roads that were re-surfaced inadequately in 1977 be done this year as a matter of urgency.
16. COUNCILLOR HUGH MELVIN - I will propose:
That Galway County Council ease a bad bend at Paddy Walsh's house, Favaun, Peterswell.
17. DEPUTY MARK KILLILEA - I will propose:
 - (a) That an area of ground in the recently acquired land at the race-course in Tuam be made available as a playing arena for the youth through the application of the Tuam Soccer Club and other associated organisations so as to enable the youth of Tuam to have proper space for recreation of all description.
 - (b) That the special grant be made payable to the Tuam Museum project for the completion of their building. The total amount necessary is approximately £3,500 plus V.A.T.

18. COUNCILLOR E. HAVERY - I will ask:

The Council to have the bad bend on the Killimor/Tynagh County Road on the Clonconna side of Callanan's house eased for traffic safety.

19. SENATOR M. P. KITT - I will propose:

- (a) That a section of wall from the Garda barracks, Ahascragh towards Ahascragh graveyard be repaired.
- (b) That tests be carried out on the Graigue/Caltra Group Water Scheme.

20. DEPUTY J. M. MANNION - I will propose:

- (a) That Galway County Council blacktop the carpark around Recess Hall.
- (b) That Galway County Council finish the work they started some years ago at Goulane Bridge, Clifden, forthwith.

21. COUNCILLOR J. MOLLOY - I will propose:

- (a) That the road from Castlegar to Ballindoooley be widened and a footpath provided for children attending the local school.
- (b) That a bad bend on the Carrabrown road be eased.
- (c) That a refuse collection be provided for Carrabrown village.

22. COUNCILLOR P. RUANE - I will ask:

- (a) What is the hold up of the Cloon Group Water Scheme and when will the go ahead be given. This scheme is on hands for years and should get the go ahead as soon as possible.
- (b) I will propose that work start as soon as possible re widening road and footpath from Ballybane cross to Racecourse.
- (c) I will propose that the following road be tarred in the near future: Road at Monard, Turloughmore to Martin Fahy's house.

23. COUNCILLOR T. WELBY - I will propose:

- (a) That this Council carry out without delay the necessary improvements to Moycullen Water supply so as to avoid cutting off the supply as has happened recently.
- (b) That this Council make arrangements to have navigation marks fixed on Lough Corrib, especially to all the proposed piers which are being jointly financed by this County Council and Bord Failte.
- (c) That this Council erect without delay dangerous bend signs on the road on the west side of the Killeen road works to the far side of Maddens house as a number of accidents have occurred here recently.

24. COUNCILLOR NORMAN MORGAN - I will propose:

- (a) That Galway County Council acquire by Compulsory Purchase Order the Athenry Childrens playground which is in a dangerous condition and not properly maintained.
- (b) That Galway County Council not allow the New Pier to be opened at Portumna until toilet facilities are provided for the boat users and until the intake pipe for Portumna town water supply is extended far out into the fast flowing current of the Shannon.

- (c) That Galway County Council urge the Department of the Environment to make the necessary funds available to carry out road widening, bends removal and improvements to the N.S. road from a point just west of the Killimor Road cottages, Portumna towards Portumna now that the question of land acquisition has been agreed by the County Council and Mr. C. Dolphin.

25. COUNCILLOR FRANK FAHEY, HUGH MELVIN, EDWARD HAVERTY, JOHN CALLINAN, T.D., AND SENATOR M. KITT - We will propose:

That a new weighbridge be erected at a suitable site in Athenry to replace the weighbridge which was recently removed.

26. COUNCILLOR FRANK FAHEY, H. MELVIN, E. HAVERTY AND DEPUTY J. CALLINAN - We will propose:

That the Athenry Water Supply Scheme be extended to include the houses at Kingsland, Athenry, and that this work be commenced immediately.

27. DEPUTY JOHN CALLINAN - I will propose:

That protective works be carried out to the wall on the Portumna side of Woodford village opposite Moran's public house for the protection of children and that a suitable warning sign be erected to warn motorists.

28. COUNCILLOR P. McCORMACK - I will ask:

- (a) That the footpath be continued from Harnons to Furbo School and from the Bridge to Furbo Hill.
(b) That, as a matter of urgency, at least one more Planning Engineer and adequate back-up staff be appointed to deal with the large volume of applications.
(c) That the clay banks on the main road at Lackagh Cemetery be removed to allow cars to park.

29. COUNCILLOR FRANK FAHEY - I will ask:

What security is required from a farmer who receives a County Council Loan.

NAME AND ADDRESS	PARTICULARS OF CLAIM	AREA OF CHARGE	JULY, 1978	
			MALICIOUS INJURY	DECREES
			AMOUNT OF CLAIM	AMOUNT OF DECREE INCLUDING COSTS
Patk. J. O'Connor, Knocktoby, Tubber.	Thorough-bred horses were stabbed and injured.	D.E.D. Kiltartan	£ 600	£ 605.88
Patk. J. Mahony, Tullira, Ardahan, Co. Galway.	Tyres & tubes of tractor and combine harvester were punctured and damaged.	D.E.D. Killogilleen	150	126.35
Francis P. Glynn, Bridge St. Gort.	Damage to a motor car	D.E.D. Gort	50	76.70
Oliver O'Rourke, c/o Sandys & Co.	Damage to sports equipment etc.	Boro' of Galway	210	196.80
Hair Care & Fashion, Mainguard St. Galway.	Damage to Hairdressing equipment	Boro' of Galway	98	124.58
Kieran McIntyre, Spiddal	Damage to Boat	Boro' of Galway	111.95	161.28
Hynes Ltd., Galway	Damage to shop & windows	Boro' of Galway	988.80	902.66

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF SHEEP DIPPING COMMITTEE HELD ON 14th JULY, 1978

PRESENT: Councillors P. Ruane, T. Welby and F. Glynn.

Officials - Miss O'Grady, Senior Staff Officer, and
Mr. D. Broderick, Veterinary Inspector.

A Report on the previous meeting held on 24th June, 1977 was read.

SHEEP DIPPING REGULATIONS, 1978 - The Draft Sheep Dipping Regulations which were identical to the 1977 Regulations were submitted and after discussion the Committee recommended their approval subject to the maximum fee per sheep dipped being increased from 15p. to 17p. in view of the increased cost of dip and labour.

It was reported that the 1977 campaign was a success for the following reasons;

Number of Sheep Dipped - The number of sheep dipped in the 1977 season was 479,268 as against 467,453 the previous year.

Refusal to Dip - Proceedings were instituted against seven farmers who failed to comply with the Regulations. Three have already been convicted and the other four cases are pending. This represents an improvement on the previous year.

Sheep Scab outbreaks - There were eight sheep scab outbreaks since the beginning of the 1977 sheep dipping period which was considerably less than the previous year.

The Meeting then concluded.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE OF
ITINERANCY HELD AT COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, on 29th. MAY, 1978.

Attendance:-

Galway County Council - Deputy M. Killilea, Councillors, H. Melvin,
P. Galvin, M. Kelly.

Galway Corporation - Councillor M. Byrne

Officials

M/s S. Keating, County Manager, K. Doyle,
Acting Assistant County Manager, P. Lynch,
County Engineer, J. Crotty, Deputy Co. Engineer,
K. Hays, C.A.C.E., M. Tierney, C.A.C.E.,
S. O'Neill, Acting C.A.C.E., Sr. M. Brigid Keane,
Little Sisters of the Assumption,
Miss Mary Forde, Social Worker, Miss C. Hett,
Senior Staff Officer and J. O'Kelly,
Administrative Officer.

Chairman

Proposed by Councillor Melvin and seconded
by Councillor Galvin and agreed that
Councillor Kelly should act as chairman.

The Acting Assistant County Manager read the report, already circulated, setting out the broad strategy for the settlement of Itinerants who normally reside in the County Health District. A draft layout of the proposed halting place to be provided on lands acquired from the Department of Fisheries at Merlin Park was displayed. Families would progress from roadside to halting places, and from there to Tigeens and finally to conventional type houses.

The County Manager referred to the October census, already circulated which gives an analysis of all the families who are indigenous to the County. A further analysis of children according to sex and age will be done so that the probable future housing requirements can be assessed. The proposed programme is a comprehensive one which will take some time to implement and will require the full support not only of the committee members but of the County Council as well. The assignment of an Engineer whole-time for a limited period of 6 months initially for the acquisition of sites for halting places, Tigeens and houses should make a worthwhile impact on the problem. The situation at Tuam is the biggest single problem while the situations at Ballinasloe, Loughrea and Merlin Park are less formidable. The proposed hard-stand at Merlin Park will be off the old main road and will be screened from the road. The proposal will come before the County Council with the Committee's recommendation.

Councillor Melvin said the Committee should take a very firm stand and should not back down in the face of objections.

Councillor Galvin said the present encampment at Merlin Park was on an arterial road and was an eye-sore and the proposal to provide a hard-stand away from the roadside should be supported. The Committees' activities should be concentrated on the young couples getting married as the older people were not likely to change their ways. He recommended the provision of a hard-stand site at Poolboy, Ballinasloe.

Councillor Byrne was informed by the Acting Assistant County Manager that while there were 10 families at Merlin Park 5 of these had expressed a desire to settle in the city. The proposed hard-stand would accommodate 5 families. He hoped we would get the co-operation of the local residents to the proposal in advance. County Manager said he would not deny consultations with the locals but not before the programme was approved by the Council. Councillor Byrne said she felt the locals at Merlin Park might be persuaded to accept the hard-stand site if we pointed out that the families camped there would be provided with extensive back up services which are not presently available to the families on the roadside.

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Deputy Killilea said there was land for sale near the Mart in Tuam which could be purchased for the housing of Itinerants. He referred to a tenant in Dublin Road who was anxious to be re-housed as he was not happy with the behaviour of Itinerant families who were housed on either side of him. There should be an adequate follow up procedure in the case of Itinerants housed by the Council instead of leaving them to their own devices.

Councillor Kelly said he had been asking for 2 years to have scrap dumped by an Itinerant housed at (Castlehackett) Caltra, Belclare removed as a local couldn't sell his house because of the dumping. Itinerant houses at the Weir Road which were grossly overcrowded should have extensions provided. A second house should be built on a site beside an Itinerant house at Gallagher, Tuam. The time allotted for meetings of the Committee were far too short. He complimented the County Manager and Officials on the resettlement report. He was glad to hear of the appointment of an Engineer to acquire land and houses for Itinerants. He deplored the poor attendance at the meeting. He proposed adoption of the report and requested the County Manager to go ahead with the resettlement programme. The report was then adopted by the Committee.

It was agreed a further meeting should be held in September.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
GALWAY.

18th July, 1978.

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL/

Sanitary Services - Capital Works

Dear Member,

By letter received on 6th July last from the Department of the Environment, we have been informed of an additional capital allocation of £200,000 which, together with earlier allocations this year, amounts to a total of £309,000 provided for major water and sewerage schemes.

The following schemes have also been sanctioned:

1. Galway City East Regional Water Supply Scheme - extension to Oranmore.
2. Dunmore/Glenamaddy Regional Water Supply Scheme - balance of Stage I.

In addition, Galway Corporation have been notified of sanction to their Galway City (West) Scheme which is a necessary preliminary to the Co. Council Regional Scheme which will be supplied from the same source.

Yours sincerely,

J. Howlett.
ASST. CO. MANAGER.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 24TH JULY, 1978.

In th Chair: Deputy M. Killilea.

Present:

Members - As recorded in Attendance Book -

Councillors G. Bartley, U. Burke, Deputies J. Callanan, J. Donnellan, Councillors S. Donnellan, F. Fahey, M. Flaherty, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, B. Holland, J. Joyce, M. Kelly, M. J. Kilgannon, P. McCormack, Deputy J. M. Mannion, Councillors H. Melvin, J. Molloy, N. Morgan, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, P. Ruane, M. Ryan, T. Welby, and P. Dempsey.

Officials - Messrs. P. Kearns, Deputy County Manager; P. Lynch, County Engineer; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; S. McMahon, C.A.C.E.; L. Kavanagh, J. O'Beirne, and W. Cahill, Acting Chief Assistant County Engineers; P. J. McGovern and T. O'Neill, Senior Staff Officers; C. Burke, Staff Officer; and T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2162 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 27672 - APPLICANT, JOHN KING:

The Deputy County Manager stated that it was proposed to grant permission in this case and that there was no need to consider the motion.

2163 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 28572 - APPLICANT, DAN FAHY:

The following report which had been circulated to the members was submitted by the Deputy County Manager:-

"REFUSAL IS RECOMMENDED because it would constitute disorderly development of backlands. Permission has previously been refused on the site for two houses to Mr. P. Kavanagh, Shantalla, Galway, and for one house to Mr. D. Phaith, 41, Murrough Avenue, Glenoran, Renmore, Galway.

There appears to be no genuine 2nd family dwellinghouse or other essential housing need claim involved here. The owner of adjoining house on backlands site is reputedly a family relation of owner of one of houses on main road. There is a vague relationship also between owner of adjoining backlands site, and the present applicant. However, the granting of the adjoining permission is now being used to extend this undesirable trend and should not be accepted. It will render development control impossible on a consistent basis in this high development pressure area adjoining the Borough Boundary. It is certainly contrary to one of the most fundamental principles of Town and County Planning, which is orderly development.

PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS:

- 20813 - Refused by the Planning Authority for two houses to a Mr. Patrick Kavanagh of Shantalla, Galway.
27078 - Refused by the Planning Authority for one house to a Mr. D. Phaith, 41, Murrough Avenue, Glenoran, Renmore, Galway.

"ADJOINING APPLICATIONS:"

- 20269 - (backlands site) Outline Permission granted to Mr. Carney, Salthill. Approval granted (Ref. No. 21459) to Mrs. J. Worker, Ballinfoyle. (Reputed relative of applicant and resident along main road).
16764 & - Outline Permission and Approval granted on main
18766 road with Enurement Clause.
17484 - One house granted on appeal on main road.

REFUSAL IS RECOMMENDED on the following grounds:

- (1) Development proposed would intrude seriously on privacy and amenity of houses already there.
(2) Road access to site is narrow and inadequate for proposed development."

Councillor Welby proposed the motion on the Agenda that permission be granted and this was seconded by Councillor Molloy. Councillor Holland felt that it was unfair to grant permission when other applicants had been refused. As there was no amendment, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

2164 - MARRIAGE OF SENATOR M. P. KITT:

Deputy Callanan proposed a vote of congratulations to Senator Kitt on his recent marriage. Other members joined in the vote of congratulations.

2165 - TIME OF COUNCIL MEETINGS:

The Chairman proposed that all Council Meetings end at 6 p.m. This was seconded by Councillor Haverty and agreed unanimously.

2166 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor Melvin and seconded by Councillor Holland, the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting and the Annual Meeting held on the 26th June, 1978, (numbers 2127 - 2161), were approved and signed by the Chairman.

2167 - MALICIOUS INJURY DECREES:

It was noted that Malicious Injury Decrees as listed in the Schedule to item 3 on the Agenda had been received since the last meeting.

2168 - WATER SUPPLY PROPOSAL - MID-GALWAY REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

After the Deputy County Manager explained details of the proposal, it was proposed by Deputy Donnellan, seconded by Deputy Killilea 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 the outlet stream of the SPRING WELL SOURCES situated in the townland of DANGAN BEG in the district Electoral Division of Moyne, in the said County Health District of Galway, for the purpose of providing "The Mid-Galway Regional Water Supply Scheme" to serve the areas described in the schedule hereunder, under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts, 1878 to 1964, under a scheme to be called and known as "The Mid-Galway Regional Water Supply Scheme", hereby make this Proposal under and by virtue of Section 2 of the Water Supplies Act, 1942, for so taking such supply

of water from the said source known as Spring Well Sources situated in the townland of Dangan Beg, sufficient for the requirements of the said region.

The said supply is to be taken directly from the outlet stream at a point near the public roadway the position of which is indicated on Drawing No. 101 prepared for the purposes of the scheme by H.G.L. O'Connor and Company, Consulting Engineers, Waterside, Galway.

Only part of the water from the well sources shall be taken.

It is proposed to abstract the water at a maximum rate of 4,318 cubic metres (950,000 gallons) per day (1,576,070 cubic metres per annum) when the scheme is fully developed ultimately.

The minimum quantity of water available as estimated by gauging during a continuous dry period is 6,591 cubic metres per day (24 hour period).

The water will be taken from the stream through a concrete channel constructed at the stream bed level and connected to a sump nearby.

SCHEDULE

Region to be served	
DISTRICT ELECTORAL DIVISIONS	
Deerpark Lackabeg Belleville Aughrim Ryehill Monivea Annaghdown Cumaer	Ballinderry Ballynapark Abbey West Abbey East Killererin Hillsbrook Moyne Kilmoylan

2169 - WATER SUPPLY PROPOSAL - MOUNTBELLEW WATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

After the Deputy County Manager explained details of the proposal, it was proposed by Councillor Raftery, Seconded by Deputy Donnellan 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 SPRING WELL SOURCES situated in the townland of Meelick in the District Electoral Division of Castleblakeney, in the said County Health District of Galway, for the purpose of providing the "Mountbellew Water Supply Improvement Scheme" to serve the areas described in the schedule hereunder, under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts, 1878 to 1964, under a scheme to be called and known as the "Mountbellew 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 source known as SPRING WELL SOURCES situated in the townland of Meelick, sufficient for the requirements of the said region..

The said supply is to be taken directly from the Springs the position of which are shown on Drawing No. 121 prepared for the purposes of the Scheme by H.G.L. O'Connor & Co.,

Consulting Engineers, 7 Waterside, Galway.

Only part of the water in the Springs shall be taken.

It is proposed to abstract the water at a maximum rate of 1,600 cubic metres per day (350,000 gallons per day), 584,000 cubic metres per annum when the scheme is fully developed ultimately.

The minimum quantity of water available as estimated by gauging during a continuous dry period is 1,672 cubic metres per day (24 hour period).

It is proposed as an ancillary operation to enclose the Springs with a concrete wall and to construct weirs in these surrounding walls which will convey the flows in excess of 1,600 cubic metres per day into the outlet stream.

SCHEDULE

Region to be served	
DISTRICT ELECTORAL DIVISIONS	
Mountbellew Castleblakeney Caltra Ballynakill	Mounthazel Derryglassaun Cooloo Moyne

2170 - RAISING OF LOAN OF £13,514 FOR SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS GROUP WATER SCHEMES:

The Deputy County Manager stated that the Department of the Environment had recommended the payment of special contributions towards the Cloon, Cloonrelagh, Castlegar, and Ervilla/Ballinruane Group Schemes. In all cases, the special contributions related to the cost of increased pipe sizes. In the case of the Cloon Scheme, a special contribution of £16,000 was recommended of which £11,000 would be raised by way of loan. He requested the Council's approval to the raising of the necessary loan for the four schemes.

It was then proposed by Councillor Molloy, seconded by Councillor Joyce and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £13,514 from the Commissioners of Public Works or such other source as may be approved by the Minister for the purpose of making special contributions towards the following Group Water Supply Schemes, the loans to be repaid by instalments over such period and at such interest rates as may be approved by the Minister:

Cloon Group Water Supply Scheme	- £11,000
Cloonrelagh Group Water Supply Scheme	- £2550
Castlegar Group Water Supply Scheme	- £380
Ervilla/Ballinruane Group Water Supply Scheme	- £1,084"

2171 - SHEEP DIPPING REGULATIONS, 1978:

The Minutes of the Sheep Dipping Committee Meeting held on the 14th July, 1978, which had been circulated, were noted and approved. Deputy Callanan complimented the staff on the success

of the 1977 Sheep Dipping campaign.

2172 - RECOMMENDATIONS OF MEETING OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON ITINERANCY HELD ON THE 29TH MAY, 1978:

Councillor Haverty stated that at a previous Itinerant Committee Meeting at which all the members were present, it was agreed that the Council should seek the help of every parish in trying to solve the Itinerant problem and that one parochial site should be made available in every parish. This did not seem to be followed up. Councillor Joyce complained that the time at which the Itinerant Committee meetings were called were unsuitable, and sufficient time was not allowed for the meetings. He recommended that no other meeting be held on the day of the next Itinerant Committee Meeting, and that the meeting start at the normal time, i.e., 3.30 p.m. Councillor Kelly agreed with Councillor Joyce in regard to the time of the meetings. He also asked that extensions to itinerant houses be expedited. Deputy Callanan stated the Council was not adhering to the policy of housing one itinerant family in every ten houses provided. Councillor Molloy asked if consultations had taken place with the local people in the case of the proposed hard stand at Merlin Park. Councillor Glynn asked the Council to take action against itinerants who parked scrap on the roadside.

Mr. Howlett stated that a report prepared by the Acting Assistant County Manager had been considered by the Joint Committee on Itinerancy and the Minutes of that meeting were now before the Council for confirmation. The main item to be considered was the proposed hard stand at Merlin Park and it was not proposed to proceed further with it until the Council had decided on it. Consultations would then take place with local people. Replying to Councillor Haverty about seeking the assistance of every parish, Mr. Howlett stated that the report referred to the appointment of an engineer full-time for a certain period for the purpose of acquiring sites. The engineer had not yet been assigned to this work because a replacement had not yet been got for him, but as soon as the engineer was available, Councillor Haverty's suggestion would be followed up. Councillor McCormack proposed that before the Council decide on the hard stand for Merlin Park that consultations should take place with the local people and he proposed this. This was seconded by Deputy Callanan and agreed. Replying to Councillor Morgan as to whether assistance could be given to a local Itinerant Settlement Committee who intended setting up a pre-school playgroup for itinerant children, Mr. Howlett stated that if a specific proposal was submitted, it would be considered. Councillor Morgan also asked that dividing walls be erected between the tigeens at Gortbride, Loughrea, that a footpath be provided from the main road to Gortbride site and that portion of the grazing land adjoining the tigeens be made into a hard stand for other itinerant families in Loughrea.

2173 - REPORT ON SANITARY SERVICES CAPITOL WORKS:

Mr. Howlett referred to his report dated 18th July, 1978, which had been circulated to the members indicating that the total allocation for Sanitary Services Capitol Works had been increased to £309,000 for major schemes. The following schemes had also been sanctioned:

1. Galway City East Regional Water Supply Scheme - extension to Oranmore.
2. Dunmore/Glenamaddy Regional Water Supply Scheme - balance of Stage 1.

Councillor Fahey asked what would the cost of the Galway City East Regional Scheme be and if a time limit could be put on the Contractor for the completion of the Scheme.

The County Engineer stated that the cost of the scheme would be in the region of a quarter of a million pounds. As regards the time for completing the scheme, the County Engineer stated that Contractors are asked when tendering to state a time for the completion of the scheme and this is taken into consideration when dealing with the tenders. He was satisfied that the stage 1 extension to the glass factory was completed satisfactorily and that any delay was not the fault of the contractor.

2174 - INCREASE IN WAGES FOR ROAD WORKERS, ETC.

The Deputy County Manager stated that the Labour Court had investigated a claim for an upward adjustment in the basic rate of wages for non-officer grades of employees but excluding road overseers, craftsmen, craftsmen's mates, and fire brigade personnel. The Labour Court issued a recommendation no. 4706 dated 26th May, 1978, recommending an increase of £3.50 per week on a relativity basis with effect from the 1st March, 1978. The Deputy County Manager requested the Council's approval to the increase in wages which would also be subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment. It was proposed by Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Kelly and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve an increase of £3.50 per week for all full time employees (non-officer grades), excluding road overseers, craftsmen, craftsmen's mates and fire brigade personnel, and that excess expenditure of £99,000 in accordance with Section 11 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, be approved for the current financial year."

2175 - FILLING OF VACANCIES ON HEALTH COMMITTEE AND JOINT COMMITTEE ON ITINERANCY:

The Acting Secretary stated that the vacancy on the Health Committee would have to be filled by a member from the Galway Electoral Area but this did not apply in the case of the Joint Committee on Itinerancy. Councillor Melvin then proposed Councillor Dempsey for both committees and this was seconded by Councillor O'Morain. Councillor Kilgannon proposed Councillor McCormack for the vacancy on the Health Committee and was seconded by Councillor Burke. Councillor Kelly proposed Councillor Morgan for the vacancy on the Itinerant Committee and was seconded by Councillor McCormack. After a short discussion, Councillor Kelly suggested that both Councillor Dempsey and Councillor Morgan be appointed to the Committee on Itinerancy but the Chairman stated that there was only one vacancy and any proposal to increase the number of members on the committee would have to be the subject of a notice of motion at the next meeting. Councillor Morgan then withdrew his nomination for the Itinerant Committee and the Chairman declared Councillor Dempsey elected to fill the vacancy on the Joint Committee on Itinerancy created by the resignation of Deputy Molloy.

A vote was taken after 4.30 p.m. on the nominations for the vacancy on the Health Committee which resulted as follows:-

FOR COUNCILLOR McCORMACK: Councillor U. Burke, Deputy J. Donnellan, Councillors F. Glynn, B. Holland, M.J. Kilgannon, Deputy J. Mannion, Councillor N. Morgan, and Councillor P. McCormack. (8)

FOR COUNCILLOR DEMPSEY:

Deputy J. Callanan, Councillors S. Donnellan, F. Fahey, E. Haverty, J. Joyce, Deputy M. Killilea, Councillors H. Melvin, J. Molloy, P. Dempsey, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, T. Welby.

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The Chairman declared Councillor Dempsey elected to fill the vacancy on the local health committee arising from the resignation of Deputy Molloy.

2176 - ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL:

The Acting Secretary stated that the Annual Meeting of the County Councils' General Council was taking place on the 30th August, 1978, and that any motions for the meeting would have to be submitted before Thursday, 17th August, 1978.

A discussion took place on the licensing laws for the sale of intoxicating liquor and it was finally agreed that the following motion be submitted:

"That the County Councils' General Council request the Ministers concerned to extend the Sunday opening hours under the Intoxicating Liquor Laws to 11 p.m. all the year round and that consultations be arranged with Trade Unions, Employer, tourist and other interested organisations for the purpose of reviewing and modernising the licensing laws."

On the proposition of the Chairman, it was agreed that the following motion would also be submitted:

"That the whole question of insurance cover for members attending meetings, including committee meetings, be examined with a view to providing adequate cover."

BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY THE COUNTY MANAGER:

2177 - HOUSING LOANS AND GRANTS ALLOCATION:

Mr. Howlett, Assistant County Manager, informed the members that notification had been received from the Department of the Environment that the total allocation for the twelve months ending 31st December next for housing loans and grants had been fixed at £900,000. Councillor Fahey asked if his motion, item no. 29 on the Agenda which dealt with housing loans could be taken at this point and the Chairman agreed to this. Proposing the motion, Councillor Fahey stated that some farmers applying for Council loans had been asked to mortgage the entire farm. Replying, Mr. Howlett stated that the Council would generally be satisfied to mortgage the site of the house only but that in order to do this, the applicant would have to have a separate folio opened for the site. Councillor Fahey asked that the site only be mortgaged if this was the applicant's wish, and this was seconded by Councillor Burke and agreed.

Councillor McCormack asked if there was a delay in processing housing loans in view of the fact that Assistance Officers employed by the Health Board were no longer doing this work for the County Council. Mr. Howlett stated that a difficulty had arisen in this regard due to the withdrawal of this service by the Assistance Officers employed by the Health Board, but that pending the making of alternative arrangements, the Council would make decisions on applications based on its own information.

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After a short discussion on the maximum housing loan and income limits, it was proposed by the Chairman and agreed that the following resolution be forwarded to the County Councils' General Council for consideration at the annual meeting:

"That the County Councils' General Council request the Minister for the Environment to "index" the maximum amount of housing loan that may be paid by housing authorities and also the income limit in order that these limits would keep pace with increased prices and wages."

2178 - I.F.H.P. CONGRESS - HAMBURG:

Councillor Kelly stated that he may not be able to attend the Housing Congress in Hamburg for which he had been nominated. It was agreed that if Councillor Kelly could not attend that Councillor Holland would be nominated instead.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

2179 - ROADSIDE TRADING - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR GLYNN:

Proposing the motion, Councillor Glynn deplored the fact that no action had been taken to deal with the problem of roadside and casual trading despite the report of the restrictive practices commission. He stated that this trading was having a serious affect on employment and over half a million pounds was being lost to the state in V.A.T., and a grave injustice was being done to genuine business people. The motion was seconded by Councillor Holland and agreed unanimously. It was also agreed to forward the motion for the Annual Meeting of the County Councils' General Council.

2180 - NEW BURIAL GROUND AT ADDERGEOLE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR GLYNN:

The Acting Secretary stated that three different offers had been made to the landowner at Addergoole in the past year, the most recent one being about two months ago. All offers had been refused by the owner and it is now proposed to acquire the land by Compulsory Purchase Order.

2181 - RE-SURFACING OF ROADS - MOTION BY COUNCILLORS RYAN AND DONNELLAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that if details of the roads in question were submitted, they would be investigated. Councillor Ryan stated that he would submit details of the roads and mentioned the Horseleap/Briarhill road, the road into Moylough, and the Dunmore/Tuam Road. Councillor Joyce mentioned the Eyrecourt/Banagher road. Both Councillors asked that a report be submitted to the Council at the next meeting.

2182 - BEND AT PADDY WALSH'S HOUSE, FARNAUN. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MELVIN:

The Acting Secretary stated that the bend referred to was on County Road No. 349 at Farnaun, Peterswell. A land acquisition agreement form has been completed for some time past with Mr. Walsh in respect of the land required. If funds allow, the work will be undertaken towards the end of this year, and if not, early next year.

2183 - RACECOURSE LAND AT TUAM - MOTION BY DEPUTY KILLILEA:

The Acting Secretary stated that approximately 12 acres of the land acquired on the Tuam Racecourse will be devoted to recreational usage. The actual identification of land for recreational usage would have to await a fully approved layout plan for the land.

Councillor Kelly asked that in preparing a layout, the Council should try and ensure that the stand is retained.

2184 - TUAM MUSEUM PROJECT - MOTION BY DEPUTY KILLILEA:

The Acting Secretary stated that the Tuam Museum Society was amongst the applicants for amenity grants in 1978. In the past, grants totalling £4,660 were paid towards this project. However, no grants have been allocated by the Council in 1978 for the project. The Chairman stated that this Society had done a very good job and needed a further grant to complete the project. He asked that consideration be given to their application if any of the grants allocated for 1978 were not taken up.

2185 - BEND ON KILLIMOR/TYNAGH ROAD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR HAVERTY:

The Acting Secretary stated that the estimated cost of the work proposed in the motion was £1,000. However, there were no funds available for carrying out the work in the current years estimates. The proposal will be considered at the preparation of the Estimates in 1979.

2186 - WALL BETWEEN GARDIA BARRACKS AND GRAVEYARD AT AHASCRAGH - GRAIGUE/CALTRA GROUP WATER SCHEME

In the absence of Senator Kitt it was agreed to send him written replies to his motions.

2187 - BLACKTOPPING OF CARPARK AT RECESS HALL - MOTION BY DEPUTY MANNION:

The Acting Secretary stated that it was not County Council policy to blacktop such carparks and it would also create an undesirable precedent. Deputy Mannion stated that this carpark was used alot by the public and by tourists and he asked that the matter be re-examined.

2188 - GOULANE BRIDGE, CLIFDEN. - MOTION BY DEPUTY MANNION:

The Acting Secretary stated that this work was being held up due to land acquisition difficulties. When these are resolved, the road works will be completed. The County Engineer stated that it was hoped to start work on the job after the holidays.

2189 - WIDENING OF CASTLEGAR/BALLINDOOLEY ROAD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MOLLOY:

The Acting Secretary stated that the estimated cost of the required re-alignment and footpaths along the one and a half miles of road was £30,000 excluding land acquisition costs. There was no provision in the 1978 Estimates for the work. Councillor Molloy stated that this was a very narrow and dangerous road carrying alot of heavy traffic. It is used by over a hundred school-going children and the parents are continually complaining about the dangers involved. He asked that it be considered for next years Estimates and was supported by Councillors Ruane and McCormack.

2190 - EASING OF BEND ON CARRABROWN ROAD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MOLLOY:

The Acting Secretary stated that further details were required in order to identify the bend in question.

2191 - REFUSE COLLECTION FOR CARRABROWN VILLAGE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MOLLOY:

The Acting Secretary stated that the refuse collection service was already overtaxed and no further extensions could be permitted. Councillor Molloy stated that the area generally was littered

with papers and refuse falling from open trucks and asked that something be done to rectify this problem.

2192 - CLOON GROUP WATER SCHEME - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RUANE:

The Acting Secretary stated that agreement had now been reached regarding increased pipe sizes and payment of a special contribution and the Council had approved of the raising of a loan for the special contribution earlier at the meeting. The scheme should now be able to get under way.

2193 - ROAD WIDENING BALLYBANE CROSS TO RACECOURSE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RUANE:

The Acting Secretary stated that work is now proceeding on road widening and footpath construction between O'Meara's shop and Digital entrance. It is expected that this will require the full sum provided in the current years estimate and the extension of the footpath towards the cottages will be included in next years programme of works.

2194 - ROAD TO MARTIN FAHY'S HOUSE, MONARD. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RUANE:

The Acting Secretary stated that there were no funds available to tar the road in question during the current year. Consideration will be given to having it included in next years road programme.

2195 - MOYCULLEN WATER SUPPLY SCHEME - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The Acting Secretary stated that the necessary additional equipment such as screens and pumps have been ordered and when delivered, the improvement works to the scheme will be put in hand. Councillor Welby stated that £15,000 had been provided in the Estimates for the improvement works and that these works should have commenced early in the year. The situation was now critical and a system of rationing had to be introduced. He had complaints that some households had no water for several days despite the fact that they were supposed to have a limited supply of water for a number of hours per day. Two Group Water Schemes had been guaranteed a certain supply of water which was not now available. Councillor McCormack stated that the position was now very serious and adequate warning had been given. Many guesthouses had to turn away visitors and make connections because of the water situation. He asked that the question of providing a new Reservoir ahead of the new Regional Scheme be considered. Deputy Mannion supported Councillors Welby and McCormack.

Replying, the County Engineer stated that the Moycullen Scheme was using twice as much water as it should. Some temporary measures were being put into operation while awaiting the new equipment. The pumps had been repaired. The search for alternative temporary sources so far had been fruitless because of the quality of the water. Storage is a major problem and a temporary tank of 62,000 gallon capacity had been ordered and should be installed by the end of August. It was necessary to introduce rationing but this will be relaxed when possible. Consideration will be given to the question of providing a Reservoir for the main scheme in advance of the scheme itself. No group is guaranteed water. The Council is doing everything possible to rectify the situation and did not wait until now to start the improvement works.

2196 - NAVIGATION MARKS ON LOUGH CORRIB - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The Acting Secretary stated that there was a doubt as to the Council's responsibility for the erection of navigation marks on Lough Corrib and the matter was being further investigated.

Councillor Welby stated that he understood the Lough Corrib Navigation Trustees had authority to extend their powers for the purposes of erecting such navigation marks. He said that the approach to some piers was quite dangerous and navigation marks were needed and he asked that the matter be taken up with the Lough Corrib Navigation Trustees. He also suggested that a development plan be prepared for Lough Corrib.

2197 - ERECTION OF DANGEROUS BEND SIGNS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The Acting Secretary stated that appropriate warning signs were being erected.

2198 - ATHENRY CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MORGAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that negotiations were at present taking place with the trustees of this property in order to acquire land for a carpark and extra carriageway space. Further land acquisition from the trustees will be considered either as part of the present negotiations or while the road improvement schemes are going ahead.

Councillor Morgan stated this was a first class amenity area but it was presently in a dangerous condition as it was not properly maintained. He asked that the Council take over the property. The County Engineer stated that the Council could not expend money on this property as it was not owned by the Council but consideration would be given to acquiring it.

2199 - PIER AT PORTUMNA - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MORGAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that toilet facilities will be provided by the Office of Public Works in the recently renovated Castle which is adjacent to the Marina. A new water supply intake will be provided upstream of the Marina.

2200 - IMPROVEMENT OF KILLIMOR/PORTUMNA ROAD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MORGAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that the section of road is high on the Council's priority list for improvement of National Secondary Roads. The commencement of work is subject to funds being provided by the Department of the Environment. The Council has been pressing the Department for additional funds for the improvement of National Secondary Routes in the County. Councillor Morgan asked the County Engineer to give details of the proposed road improvements to a Mitchell family as they themselves wanted to do some improvement works on their property.

2201 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mr. John Delaney, Drinane, Ballygar, Co. Galway.
Mr. James Keaveney, Englishtown, Glenamaddy, Co. Galway.
Dr. J. Daly, Ballygar, Co. Galway.
Mr. James Naughton, Abbeygrey, Ballygar, Co. Galway.

The Chairman then declared the meeting ended and stated that the remaining items would appear first on the Agenda for the next meeting.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED

[Signature]

CHAIRMAN.

28/8/78

DATE.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

22nd August, 1978.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

Iarratar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Condae, Gaillimh, De Luain, 28u la Lunasa, 1978, ag tosnu ag 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

T. Kavanagh,
RUNAI SEALADACH.

A G E N D A

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

(a) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned propose that the Galway County Council direct the County Manager to grant permission to Malachy Keady, c/o Mr. Patrick J. Newell, Oaklands, Headford, to erect dwelling house and store at Carrowbroom - Planning Reference No. 28354."

Thomas Welby. John Molloy. Hugh Melvin.

(b) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned propose that the Galway County Council direct the County Manager to grant planning permission to Michael Edgeworth for dwelling house at Gortnashingaun - Planning Reference No. 27212."

Thomas Welby. G. Bartley. Hugh Melvin.

(c) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned propose that Galway County Council direct the County Manager to grant outline permission to David Griffin for the erection of a dwelling house at Maum - Planning Reference No. 28872."

G. Bartley. John M. Mannion. Thomas Welby.

2. Minutes.

3. Malicious Injury Decrees (List herewith).

4. Raising of Loan of £303,000 for Tuam Water Supply Improvement Scheme.

5. Raising of Loan of £1,400 for special contribution towards Knockbrack Group Water Supply Scheme.

6. Creation of the following additional posts:-

- (a) Library Assistant - Clifden Branch Library
 - (b) Assistant Librarian - Ballinasloe Branch Library.
 - (c) Draughtsperson.
7. Productivity Agreement - Craftsmen Supervisors.
8. Resignation of Deputy T. Hussey.
9. Fix date for Roads Estimate Meeting.
10. Taking over of pier at Cora Point, Inis Meain.
11. Sanitary Services Progress Report - June 1978.
12. Business submitted by the County Manager.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

13. COUNCILLOR FRANK FAHEY, HUGH MELVIN, EDWARD HAVERTY, JOHN CALLANAN, T.D., AND SENATOR M. KITT - We will propose:

That a new weighbridge be erected at a suitable site in Athenry to replace the weighbridge which was recently removed.

14. COUNCILLOR FRANK FAHEY, H. MELVIN, E. HAVERTY AND DEPUTY J. CALLANAN - We will propose:

That the Athenry Water Supply Scheme be extended to include the houses at Kingsland, Athenry, and that this work be commenced immediately.

15. COUNCILLOR E. HAVERTY - I will propose:

That protective works be carried out to the wall on the Portumna side of Woodford village opposite Moran's public house for the protection of children and that a suitable warning sign be erected to warn motorists.

16. COUNCILLOR P. McCORMACK - I will ask:

That, as a matter of urgency, at least one more Planning Engineer and adequate back-up staff be appointed to deal with the large volume of applications.

17. COUNCILLOR M. KELLY -

- (a) I will ask the Manager to state what works are still undone in Tuam Estates: (i) Abbey Trinity; (ii) Belair Drive; (iii) Parkview Drive; (iv) Curragh Park, so that they will be taken over by the Council and the lights switched on.
- (b) I propose that Councillor N. Morgan be co-opted to the Itinerancy Committee of the Council.

18. COUNCILLOR P. RUANE - I will propose:

- (a) That progress be made as soon as possible with the Ballybans Reservoir.

- (b) That pedestrian crossing white lines be painted on road opposite Claregalway Church, on the Tuam/Galway Road.

- (c) That Galway County Council erect wire fencing to replace wall at the Monard/Canteeny Cross near Delaney's house to give a view.

19. DEPUTY J. CALLANAN - I will propose:

That the Council ease a number of dangerous turns on the road from Ward's Shop to Kilconnell Creamery.

20. DEPUTY JOHN DONNELLAN - I will propose:

- (a) That Galway County Council sanction the revised Lissybroder Group Water Scheme.
- (b) That Galway County Council widen the road leading to Abbeyknockmoy Cemetery.
- (c) That a 30 m.p.h. speed limit be erected at Barnaderg, Tuam, Co. Galway.

21. COUNCILLOR T. WELBY - I will propose:

- (a) That Galway County Council erect, without delay, children crossing signs at both sides approaching Roscahill National School.
- (b) That provisions be made to connect the water main at the junction of Aughmanure road opposite Tom O'Connor's house to the existing main supply from Oughterard at Maloney's Cottage so as to improve the water supply for the Oughterard area.
- (c) That provisions be made in the 1979 Estimates for the widening of road junction leading off the Galway/Oughterard Road to Knockaunranny village, Moycullen.

22. COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE - I will propose:

- (a) That the Portumna and Ballinasloe Engineering areas purchase their own hedge-trimming machines which would be used all year round to trim the sides of all county roads which at the moment are being badly neglected.
- (b) That the Lenafin County Road, Ahascragh, Ballinasloe, have its sides trimmed as a matter of urgency.
- (c) That the repairs to the County Council pumps at Oghilbeg, Laurencetown and Ballagh, Clontuskert, be completed in such a way that surface water cannot get down into the wells underneath and the pumps be properly fastened to a concrete base.

23. SENATOR MICHAEL P. KITT - I will propose:

- (a) That Galway County Council would provide a new Courthouse in Mountbellew.
- (b) That Galway County Council would take over newly tarmacadamed road into housing estate, Mountbellew (Barnswellgrove).

24. COUNCILLOR P. McCORMACK - I will ask:

- (a) What is the present position re: the Cartymore/Cussane/Castle Ellen Group Water Scheme.
- (b) That three bad bends be removed on the road between Annagh Cross and Kilmoylan Cemetery.

MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES

NAME AND ADDRESS	PARTICULARS OF CLAIM	AREA OF CHARGE	AMOUNT OF CLAIM	AMOUNT OF DECREE INCL. COSTS
Connacht Mineral Water Co. Ltd., Galway.	Damage to pick-up Truck.	Boro of Galway	300	161.97
Connacht Mineral Water Co. Ltd., Galway.	Damage to six panes $\frac{1}{4}$ " wire glass	Boro of Galway	174	182.22
Connacht Mineral Co. Ltd., Galway.	Damage to front entrance door	Boro of Galway	115.20	119.56
Connacht Mineral Water Co. Ltd., Galway.	Damage to windscreen rear glass, two quarters lights, two door glasses, one vent glass, two lamp units of a Bedford Truck.	Boro of Galway	96.35	143.44
MacNeela Homes	Damage to electrical wiring to an uncompleted house number 24 Whitestrand Avenue.	Boro of Galway	50.00	77.91
MacNeela Homes	Damage to electrical wiring to two uncompleted houses number 20 and 21.	Boro of Galway	150.00	129.19
O'Malley Construction Co. Ltd., High Street, Galway.	Damage to roof trusses at Hazel Park.	Boro of Galway	700	411.18
Carolyn Shiels, c/o M/s Geraghty & Co.	Damage to motor car (Ford Cortina).	Boro of Galway	250	129.51
Francis Higgins, c/o M/s Geraghty & Co.	Damage to Honda Motor Cycle	Boro of Galway	100	106.46
Connacht Mineral Water Co. Ltd., Galway.	Damage to roof and panes of glass.	Boro of Galway	81.00	136.91

MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES

NAME AND ADDRESS	PARTICULARS OF CLAIM	AREA OF CHARGE	AMOUNT OF CLAIM £	AMOUNT OF DECREE INCL. COSTS £
Oaktree Holdings Ltd., 2, Sherwood Avenue, The Crescent, Galway.	Damage to fittings and furniture in office.	Boro of Galway	750.00	236.98
J. J. Coppinger.	Damage to Motor Vehicle Registration No. and letters 288 HRI.	Boro of Galway	75.00	90.64
Martin Cunningham	Damage to front and rear windscreen of John Deere 400 A. Digger and front windscreen of (2) Olemate Excavator.	Boro of Galway	194.70	269.47
Connacht Mineral Water Co. Ltd., Galway.	Damage to two panes of $\frac{1}{4}$ " wire glass, 32 sq. feet of roof lead glazed and copper clippings, three panes of 24 oz. glass and a New Padlock.	Boro of Galway	59.60	119.11
Denis Creaven, c/o McDermott & Allen, Solicitors, Galway.	Damage to one plate glass window.	Boro of Galway	100.00	71.13
George Fitzgerald, Riverside Estate, Galway.	Damage to a green Fiat 128 (motor car).	Boro of Galway	400.00	500.66
Julia Fahy, c/o McDermott & Allen, Solicitors, Galway.	Damage to electrical appliances, sockets, etc.	Boro of Galway	500.00	114.34

MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES

NAME AND ADDRESS	PARTICULARS OF CLAIM	AREA OF CHARGE	AMOUNT OF CLAIM £	AMOUNT OF DECREE INCL. COSTS £
Luke Gilligan, Taughheen, Claremorris, Co. Mayo.	Hay destroyed.	Co. at large	1,811.00	1,884.80
Thomas McDonagh & Sons Ltd., Merchants Road, Galway.	Damage to Austin Truck Registration No. PLK 348.	Boro of Galway	1,000.00	1,174.35
Joseph Corcoran, Knockadolla, Kiltulla, Athenry, Co. Galway.	Damage to dwellinghouse.	Boro of Galway	307.80	303.62
Martin Collieran.	Damage to caravan and its contents.	Boro of Galway	440.00	557.15
Barbara Conroy, Ballinakill, Letterfrack, Co. Galway.	Damage to two windows, two doors and the roof of a dwellinghouse.	D.E.D. of Cuskillary	500.00	217.52

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 28TH AUGUST, 1978.

IN THE CHAIR: - Deputy M. Killilea.

PRESENT:

- Members - As recorded in Attendance Book.
- Councillor G. Bartley, Deputy J. Callanan,
Councillor F. Coogan, Deputy J. Donnellan,
Councillors S. Donnellan, F. Fahey, M. Flaherty,
P. T. Galvin, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, B. Holland,
J. Joyce, M. Kelly, Senator M.P. Kitt, Deputy
J. M. Mannion, Councillors H. Melvin, J. Molloy,
N. Morgan, P. Raftery, P. Ruane, M. Ryan,
T. Welby and P. Dempsey.
- Officials - Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; J. Howlett,
Assistant County Manager; P. Lynch, County Engineer;
J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; F. Monahan,
Chief Assistant County Engineer; L. Kavanagh,
Acting Chief Assistant County Engineer; R. Lee,
Chief Planning Assistant; T. O'Neill, and
D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officers; Miss C. Burke,
Staff Officer; and T. Kavanagh, Acting County
Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2202 - ELECTION OF POPE JOHN PAUL I;

On the proposition of the Chairman, it was agreed that Galway County Council would send a message offering prayerful felicitations to his Holiness, Pope John Paul I on his accession to the Chair of Peter.

2203 - VOTE OF SYMPATHY:

On the proposition of the Chairman, the Council passed a vote of sympathy to the wife and family of the late Matt Kyne, Deputy Chief Agricultural Officer with the County Committee of Agriculture who died suddenly at the weekend. The Council then adjourned for five minutes as a mark of respect.

2204 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 28354 - APPLICANT - MALACHY KEADY:

The following report which had been circulated to the members was submitted by the County Manager:-

"The site proposed to be developed is situated on one of the main approaches to Galway City on a main traffic and tourist route. It should therefore be the policy to control development which would downgrade the visual quality of a tourist approach route to the City and to severely restrict traffic generating development along the heavily trafficked approaches to the City. Along a length of 5,000 feet of this roadway the following developments have been permitted on appeal and refused or granted by the Planning Authority.

<u>Granted on Appeal by the Minister</u>	<u>Description of Development</u>
Planning Ref. No. 15387	Garage Workshop
17759	Factory
22784	Dwellinghouse
18008	Industrial Development & Motel
22188	Ten Warehouses

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Granted on Appeal by An Bord Pleanala

(on appeal at present)	25378	Two stores
	19239	Two dwellinghouses

Granted under Section 4 by the Planning Authority

23752	Storage Building
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Granted by the Planning Authority

20045	Dwellinghouse
9973	Galway City Dump

Refused by the Planning Authority - Not appealed

24438	Two stores
23353	Storage Building
16159	Machine Shop
26299	Storage Building

It will be observed that along this very short length of main road a large number of traffic generating development will eventually materialize. Up to the present only two of the permitted commercial developments have been constructed.

The Present Application - Planning Ref. No. 28354

Two previous applications for the development of this site have been refused:-

- 19397 - Erection of two dwellinghouses
- Refused by Planning Authority
- 25457 - Erection of dwellinghouse &
Stores refused by the Planning
Authority and refused on
Appeal by An Bord Pleanala.

The present application is practically identical with Application No. 25457 above which was refused on appeal by An Bord Pleanala. This appeal decision is of significant importance because it reverses previous Ministerial policy for development along this roadway and now accepts that this permitted development trend should be arrested.

When all the permitted development is finally constructed there will be a jumbled mixture of structures and uses concentrated along this important tourist and traffic route. This very undesirable trend should be immediately discontinued.

The application should be refused because it would add further traffic generating development along a section of main roadway which has already been overburdened by traffic generating development and it would further add to the despoilment of the visual quality of the rural approaches to Galway City."

In recommending that permission be refused, the County Manager referred in particular to the previous similar application no. 25457 which was refused on Appeal by An Bord Pleanala. This decision was of significant importance because it reversed previous Ministerial policy for development along this roadway and accepted that the development trend should be arrested. Councillor Welby proposed the motion that permission be granted. This was seconded by Councillor Melvin. As there was no amendment, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

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2205 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 27212 - APPLICANT, MICHAEL EDGEWORTH:

The following report which had been circulated to the members was submitted by the County Manager:-

"The site proposed to be developed, nearly in its entirety, forms part of a larger area of land which was the subject of a previous application for the erection of three dwellinghouses. That application was refused by the Planning Authority on the grounds of impairment of amenity. On appeal to the Minister, two of the dwellinghouses were refused on the grounds of impairment of amenity, and an Outline Permission subject to conditions was granted for a single house.

The present application should be refused for similar reasons.

However, if the boundaries of the site of the present application were somewhat altered to coincide with the boundaries applicable to the site for which the Outline Permission was granted on appeal, then an application for Approval complying with the conditions of the Outline Permission could be submitted to the Planning Authority and there is no foreseen reason why it would be refused.

The present application should then be refused for the following reason:

The site proposed to be developed is situated on open elevated ground, in an area of high scenic amenity, and the proposed dwellinghouse, being additional to an adjoining permissible dwellinghouse, would create a density of housing development which would injuriously dominate, and seriously erode, the scenic amenity of the area."

The County Manager stated that Outline Permission had been granted for one house on Appeal on a site very similar to the site the subject of the present application and it was not clear as to why the present application for full permission was lodged. He recommended that the application be refused and that the applicant be invited to submit an application showing a site which would correspond with the site on which the Outline Permission was granted. Councillor Welby, proposing the motion that permission be granted, stated that the site submitted was the site which the applicant had purchased and his Solicitor had not alerted him to the fact that it did not correspond with the site on which Outline Permission was granted. The motion was seconded by Councillor Bartley. As there was no amendment, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

2206 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 28872 - APPLICANT, DAVID GRIFFIN:

The following report which had been circulated to the members was submitted by the County Manager:-

"The site proposed to be developed is situated in an area of special amenity adjacent to a public roadway on a high elevation overlooking Clifden Bay where a high quality panoramic scenic view is afforded to the public enjoyment, and is as yet unspoiled by development. Applicant states he needs to build a new farm house on a 15 acre holding. The land is unfenced rough mountain grazing and it is unlikely that it has any potential agricultural value. The development of the site for the purpose proposed has been previously twice refused by the Planning Authority, both of which refusals

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were appealed to An Bord Pleanala, Planning Register References No. 23156 and 24882. Both previous applications were submitted by Mr. Griffin, the former was withdrawn during the course of the appeal. The latter application was refused by the Bord for amenity reasons.

It is possible, though by no means certain, that on further detailed examination, a location for a dwellinghouse on applicants lands, on the lower ground north of the site proposed to be developed, could be found. Such a location would be quite a distance from the public roadway and would involve the construction of an appreciable length of access road. Such a decision would have to be based on the fact that the application was substantiated as a new farmhouse.

The present application should be refused for the reason already stated by An Bord Pleanala:-

"The site is located in a virtually undeveloped landscape of high scenic amenity, and the proposed development, due to its undue prominence, would erode the natural beauty of the area."

The County Manager, recommending that permission be refused for the reasons stated and because of the previous refusals, referred to the possibility of an alternative site being found on the applicant's holding. Councillor Bartley proposed the motion that permission be granted. This was seconded by Deputy Mannion. As there was no amendment, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

2207 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor Melvin, seconded by Councillor Dempsey, the Minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 24th July, 1978, (numbers 2162 - 2201), were approved and signed by the Chairman.

2208 - MALICIOUS INJURY DECREES:

It was noted that Malicious Injury Decrees as listed in the Schedule to item 3 on the Agenda had been received since the last meeting.

2209 - RAISING OF LOAN OF £303,000 FOR TUAM WATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENT SCHEME:

The County Manager stated that tenders had been received for this scheme and the next step was to raise a loan of £303,000 which was the total estimated cost of the scheme. It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Kelly and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £303,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works in respect of the Tuam Water Supply Improvement Scheme, the loan to be repaid by instalments over a 25 year or other approved period with interest at the rate prevailing at the date of the issue of the loan to the Council."

2210 - RAISING OF LOAN OF £1,400 SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS KNOCKBRACK GROUP WATER SCHEME:

The County Manager stated that the Department of the Environment had recommended that a special contribution of £1,400 be paid towards the cost of headworks for the Knockbrack Group Water Supply Scheme. He was recommending payment of the contribution and requested the Council's approval for the raising of the necessary loan which the Department had indicated would qualify for the usual subsidy.

It was proposed by Councillor Melvin, seconded by Councillor Ruane and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £1,400 for the payment of a special contribution towards the Knockbrack Group Water Supply Scheme, the loan to be raised from the Commissioners of Public Works or such other source as may be approved by the Minister, the loan to be repaid by instalments over such period and at such interest rates as may be approved."

2211 - CREATION OF ADDITIONAL POSTS OF LIBRARY ASSISTANT, ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN, AND DRAUGHTSPERSON:

The County Manager stated that the proposed additional post of Library Assistant was required for the new Branch Library at Clifden which would be completed shortly. The proposed additional post of Assistant Librarian in Ballinasloe was required to improve the service there by means of longer opening hours to the public, an increased book stock, better use of existing facilities, etc.. The additional post of Draughtsperson was required for the Group Water Supply Section which has not got any Draughtsperson and urgently needs one because of the increased work load. He requested the Council's approval to the creation of the three additional posts. It was proposed by Deputy Mannion, seconded by Councillor J. Molloy, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approves the creation of one additional office of each of the following grades, Library Assistant, Assistant Librarian, Draughtsperson, the conditions of appointment and the particulars of office in all cases to be in accordance with those prescribed by the Minister for the Environment and the creation of the office of Assistant Librarian to be subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment."

2212 - PRODUCTIVITY AGREEMENT - CRAFTSMEN SUPERVISORS:

The County Manager stated that arising out of the Productivity Agreement for Craftsmen an increase in pay on productivity grounds had now been recommended for Craftsmen Supervisors effective from the 1st July, 1977. The terms of this increase allow for the payment of a wage scale for three grades of supervisors as follows:

		Previous Wages
Supervisor Grade 1	£64.55 to £73.56	£63.06
Supervisor Grade 2	£60.51 to £68.96	£55.00
Supervisor Grade 3	£57.82 to £65.90	£54.99

The cost of the increase which included a lump sum payment of £40 to each Craftsman Supervisor was estimated at £11,500 for the current financial year. The County Manager requested the Council's approval to the increase which had been sanctioned by the Minister for the Environment. It was proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Coogan and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the increase in wages to Craftsmen Supervisors employed by the Council as outlined by the County Manager and that excess expenditure of £11,500 in accordance with Section 11 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, be approved for the current financial year."

2213 - RESIGNATION OF DEPUTY T. HUSSEY:

The County Manager informed the Council that Deputy Hussey had resigned from the Council and read his letter of resignation. The County Manager stated that the vacancy would be put on the Agenda for the September Meeting of the Council.

The Chairman and members paid tribute to the work done by Deputy Hussey during his period of membership of the Council and other Bodies. The County Manager associated himself with the tribute to Deputy Hussey on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff.

2214 - DATE FOR ROADS ESTIMATE MEETING:

It was agreed to hold the Roads Estimates Meeting on Friday, 27th October, 1978.

2215 - CE AG AN gCORA, INIS MEAIN:

The County Manager stated that an application had been received to take over the pier at Cora Point, Inis Meain, after improvement works which are proposed there had been carried out. He was recommending that the Council take over the maintenance of the pier only and that the Council would not be responsible for dredging. The taking over of the pier on those conditions was proposed by Councillor S. Donnellan, seconded by Councillor Welby and agreed.

Dúirt an Comhairleoir S. O Domhnallan gur choir go mbeadh abhar mar seo, i gceantar Gaeltachta, ar an gclar in nGaeilge.

2216 - SANITARY SERVICES PROGRESS REPORT - JUNE 1978:

The Sanitary Services Progress Report for the six months ended 30th June, 1978, was circulated to the members with the Agenda. Councillor Joyce referred to the Sewerage Scheme for Laurencetown and stated that he understood this was to be done out of Revenue, and spread over one or two years. The County Engineer stated that this scheme was being considered out of Revenue but when the scheme was examined, it was estimated to cost in the region of £85,000, and therefore, would not be suitable to do from Revenue Expenditure and should properly be done as a Capitol Scheme. Replying to Deputy Callanan as to why Kilconnell was not mentioned in the Report, the County Engineer stated that the report only included Schemes on which some actual planning work had been carried out. Councillor Kelly was informed that a Consulting Engineer had not yet been appointed for the Tuam Regional Water Supply Scheme. Councillor Coogan was informed that it was hoped that the Galway City West Regional Water Supply Scheme would commence sometime in 1979.

BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY THE COUNTY MANAGER:

2217 - GAELTACHT GRANTS:

The County Manager referred to the Circular letter dated 22 Lunasa 1978, from Roinn na Gaeltachta, and which has been circulated to the members regarding increased new house grants and improvement grants for Gaeltacht Areas. The Circular also stated that on certain offshore Gaeltacht islands all the new grants would be increased by a further 50%. The County Manager stated that as there had been many changes in grants in recent times that a statement would be prepared and circulated to the members setting out the up-to-date position as regards all grants. Councillor Kelly stated that it was unfair that applicants in one area should get increased grants over applicants in another area for similar work. One area which was mentioned in particular was Inishboffin Island which does not qualify for the higher Gaeltacht Grants. It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Coogan and agreed that Roinn na Gaeltachta be asked to consider Inishboffin Island as a special case for the payment of the Gaeltacht Grants.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

2218 - ATHENRY WEIGHBRIDGE - MOTION BY COUNCILLORS FAHEY, MELVIN, HAVERTY, DEPUTY CALLANAN, AND SENATOR KITT:

The Acting Secretary stated that the old weighbridge which was inaccurate and defective was recently removed and is not capable of being used again. The need for a new weighbridge was doubtful and the cost of a weighbridge plus a weighhouse would run into several thousand pounds. The Bord na Mona weighbridge should be able to cater for the needs of the area. The Chairman said that he understood that the Athenry Co-Op was in the course of providing a new scales, and if the County Council could come to some arrangement with the Co-Op, this would be an ideal solution. Deputy Callanan stated that he had many requests from people requesting the provision of a new scales and he was doubtful if the public could be facilitated at any scales which the Co-Op might provide. Councillors Haverly, Melvin, Dempsey, and Senator Kitt all stated that a new scales was required. The County Manager stated that the old scales was removed only after several requests and deputations had asked for its removal. The scales had been out of order for a considerable time before its removal and there had been no complaints about it which indicated that there was little or no use for it. It would be a sensible idea if the Council could make some arrangement with the Co-Op regarding the use of their weighbridge instead of committing the Council to the high costs of providing a scales itself. There were no funds in the current years Estimates from which the costs could be met. After further discussion, it was agreed that the Council Officials would get in touch with the Co-Op on the matter and report back at the next meeting.

2219 - EXTENSION OF ATHENRY WATER SUPPLY TO KINGSLAND - MOTION BY COUNCILLORS FAHEY, MELVIN, HAVERTY, AND DEPUTY CALLANAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that the capacity of the Athenry public Water supply scheme can at times be exceeded by up to 50,000 gallons per day at peak summer demand and so requires rationing. The waste water survey currently being carried out on the scheme has not resulted in any significant saving of consumption and no further extensions of the scheme can be permitted until wastage is eliminated or an augmented supply provided. The Council is at present considering means of augmenting the supply to the town.

Deputy Callanan stated that the people in the Kingsland area had been treated badly by the Council. A group which had applied to the Council subsequently had been given a supply. He also understood that planning permission had been granted for a further ten houses which would probably be using the public supply also. He stated that the residents in the Kingsland area were already taking water from the public supply in buckets, and therefore, it was unreasonable not to give them a proper supply. Councillor Melvin supported Deputy Callanan. The County Engineer stated that it was true that a group of five or six houses had been given a connection to the public supply. He was disappointed so far with the results of the waste water survey being carried out, but further investigations were continuing and information should be available in a month or two as to whether water was available for a connection. He had met the people concerned and had explained the position to them. He would check on the planning permission for the ten houses mentioned by Deputy Callanan.

2220 - DANGEROUS WALL AT WOODFORD VILLAGE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR HAVERTY:

The Acting Secretary stated protection works are being examined and will be carried out. Existing signs will be improved.

In reply to Councillor Haverly, Mr. Monahan, C.A.C.E., stated that it was intended to plaster and paint the wall, and the provision of barriers was also being considered.

2221 - EXTRA STAFF IN PLANNING OFFICE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR McCORMACK:

In the absence of Councillor McCormack, the Chairman asked that he be given a written reply.

2222 - TAKING OVER OF HOUSING ESTATES IN TUAM - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR KELLY:

Councillor Kelly stated that he had been asking about the taking over of these Estates for a considerable time and they still were not taken over. Some developers say that they have complied with all the Council's requirements. He asked the Council to ensure that any remaining items were completed by the Contractor immediately and he asked for a list of the work that needed to be done in respect of each estate. Supporting Councillor Kelly, Deputy Donnellan stated that there was grave dissatisfaction in the Housing Estates in Tuam over the non-completion of the Estates. The County Manager stated that in the case of some of the Estates only very minor works needed to be done. The developers in each case would be written to and given a final opportunity of completing the developments before legal proceedings would be taken.

2223 - JOINT COMMITTEE ON ITINERANCY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR KELLY:

Councillor Kelly proposed that Councillor Morgan be appointed a member of the Joint Committee on Itinerancy. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Ruane and agreed.

2224 - BALLYBAAN RESERVOIR - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RUANE:

The Acting Secretary stated that tenders for Civil Works for Briarhill Reservoir have been received and are being examined by the Council's Consulting Engineers. It is expected that a report on the tenders will be available shortly. Tenders for pumping plant have been advertised.

Replying to Councillor Ruane as to whether there would be a time limit on the Contractor for the completion of the work, the County Engineer stated that each Contractor when tendering is asked to give a completion date and this is taken into consideration when a Contractor is being selected.

2225 - PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT CLAREGALWAY CHURCH - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RUANE:

The Acting Secretary stated that this location does not meet the requirements laid down by the Department for zebra crossings which state that such crossings should only be sited where a considerable number of pedestrians cross the road during extended periods throughout the day. They should not be provided at a location where pedestrians cross in large numbers at specific periods only during the day, e.g., schools, factories or churches.

Councillor Ruane stated that this was a very dangerous crossing and he had witnessed an accident there recently. He stated that two white lines across the road would suffice. The County Engineer stated that two white lines as suggested by Councillor Ruane would have no legal standing as they would not be statutory signs. He suggested that consideration should be given to the setting up of a school warden service which operated successfully at many schools.

2226 - FENCING AT MONARD/CANTEENY CROSS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RUANE:

The Acting Secretary stated that there were no funds available in the current year for this desirable improvement. Consideration will be given to having the work included in next year's programme of works.

2227 - DANGEROUS TURNS ON ROAD FROM WARD'S SHOP TO KILCONNELL CREAMERY - MOTION BY DEPUTY CALLANAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that when this matter was raised at the September meeting in 1977, the Council was informed that there were four locations on this road which would require road corners to be removed to improve sight distance and the cost was estimated at £6,000, but there was no provision for the work in the 1978 Estimates. Some work was carried out from available maintenance funds in 1977. Continuation of the work will be considered when preparing the Estimates for 1979.

Deputy Callanan stated that this was an extremely dangerous road because of the use made of it by milk lorries going to Kilconnell Creamery. The position was so bad that people were afraid to use the road but there was no alternative route. He asked that provision be made in next year's Estimates for the removal of the bad bends and that the work be carried out without fail in 1979.

2228 - LISSYBRODER GROUP WATER SCHEME - MOTION BY DEPUTY DONNELLAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that the source is owned by Galway County Council and would not be adequate to provide supply to the two existing schemes and Lissybroder Group Scheme without storage. The only feasible way for the Lissybroder Group Water Scheme to be handled is by extension of either of the existing schemes with storage provided at the end of the other Groups mains. The revised scheme, as proposed, for Lissybroder, would mean a complete duplication of mains in the area and would not obviate the necessity for storage, which would have to be provided for all three schemes at the source. The revised scheme cannot, therefore, be sanctioned in its present form.

Deputy Donnellan stated that the Lissybroder Group should be given permission to take water from the source as had happened with the other two Groups. In his opinion, the source was adequate for the three schemes. Mr. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer, stated that the big problem involved was the question of storage. If the three schemes were connected to the source, there would not be adequate water available at peak demand. This assumption was based on information when the source was tested. If the three groups were therefore to have a proper supply at all times, it would be necessary to provide storage. If the Lissybroder Group took the water from the source, it would mean a duplication of Mains which could be very costly and uneconomical. He recommended that further negotiations take place between the groups regarding the provision of storage as this was the proper solution to the problem. This was agreed to.

2229 - ROAD TO ABBEYKNOCKMOY CEMETERY - MOTION BY DEPUTY DONNELLAN:

The acting Secretary stated that it was hoped to carry out minor improvements in the vicinity of this cemetery shortly.

2230 - 30 M.P.H. SPEED LIMIT AT BARNADERG - MOTION BY DEPUTY DONNELLAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that a recommendation had been submitted to the Minister for the Environment for a 30 m.p.h. speed limit on the following roads at Barnaderg:-

- (a) The Tuam/Mountbellew Road for a distance of 551 metres north and 118 metres south of its junction with the Corofin Road.

- (b) The Corofin road at its junction with the Tuam/Mountbellew Road.

- (c) The Lavally Road for a distance of 64 metres from its junction with the Tuam/Mountbellew road.

As soon as an order is made by the Minister introducing the speed limit, the appropriate signs will be erected.

2231 - WARNING SIGNS AT ROSCAHILL NATIONAL SCHOOL - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The Acting Secretary stated that the required signs will be erected as soon as possible.

2232 - INTERCONNECTION OF ROSCAHILL GROUP SCHEME WITH PUBLIC SUPPLY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The Acting Secretary stated that the interconnection of the Oughterard Water Supply and the Roscahill Group Scheme is proposed for inclusion in the 1979 list of "Under £20,000 Capital Works" subject to the completion of a satisfactory arrangement with the Roscahill Group.

Councillor Welby asked that the work be undertaken as early as possible in 1979.

2233 - GALWAY-OUCHTERARD ROAD JUNCTION TO KNOCKAUNRANNY VILLAGE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The Acting Secretary stated that the estimated cost of widening this junction was £5,000. It will be considered for inclusion in the 1979 Estimates.

2234 - PURCHASE OF HEDGE-TRIMMING MACHINE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE:

The Acting Secretary stated that the estimated cost of a 62 H.P. Tractor and Hedge Trimmer was £9,500. The present hiring system was considered satisfactory. The frequency of trimming is related to total funds available for county road maintenance and the priority of allocation to other activities such as drainage, surfacing, etc. Specific requests for hedge trimming will be examined and considered.

Councillor Joyce stated that there was very little hedge trimming done this year and he got numerous complaints about it. He felt that if the Council had a machine of its own for the area it could do a better job and the hedges could be trimmed twice yearly. He was supported by Deputy Callanan. The County Engineer stated that the legal onus for the cutting of hedges rested with the owner of the land. The Council had five hedge trimmers of its own as well as hired equipment. He would not recommend the purchase of additional hedge cutting machines as this would not be making the best use out of the Council's scarce resources for the maintenance of roads, because they would be lying idle for most of the year.

2235 - HEDGE TRIMMING, LENAFIN COUNTY ROAD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE:

Councillor Joyce stated that this was one of the roads he was referring to in his previous motion which badly needed to have its hedges trimmed and the people using the road had made several complaints to him about it. The County Engineer stated that this road would be examined and if there was any other particular road which Councillor Joyce wished to have examined, he could submit details of it.

2236 - PUMPS AT OGHILBEG AND BALLAGH - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE:

The Acting Secretary stated that arrangements have been made to have the pump bases repaired and the pumps re-set and bolted down.

2237 - MOUNTBELLEW COURTHOUSE - MOTION BY SENATOR KITT:

The Acting Secretary stated that the present day cost of providing a new Courthouse at Mountbellew is estimated at £64,000. Because of this high cost, the Council is considering if a prefabricated type building could be provided at a more reasonable cost. Senator Kitt and Councillor Raftery agreed that there was no need for an elaborate type of building.

2238 - BARNSWELLGROVE HOUSING ESTATE - MOTION BY SENATOR KITT:

The Acting Secretary stated that a report would be available on this matter for the next meeting.

2239 - MOTIONS BY COUNCILLOR McCORMACK:

In the absence of Councillor McCormack, the Chairman asked that he be given written replies.

2240 - SYMPATHY:

A resolution of sympathy was adopted with the Connolly Family, Kelly Street, Loughrea.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

[Signature] K.I.L. CHAIRMAN.
16/11/78. DATE.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

18th September, 1978.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

Iarratar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniu Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Condae, Gaillimh, De Luain, 25u la Mean Fomhair, 1978, ag tosnu ag 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

T. Kavanagh,
RUNAI SEALADACH.

A G E N D A

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

- (a) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned propose that Galway County Council direct the County Manager to grant permission to Liam Keogh, for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Ballyconneely - Planning Reference No. 28873."

G. Bartley. Thomas Welby. John M. Mannion.

- (b) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned propose that the Galway County Council direct the County Manager to grant permission to Martin Boyle to erect workshop at Clooneen - Planning Reference No. 28961."

Thomas Welby. P. Dempsey. John Molloy.

- (c) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned propose that the Galway County Council direct the County Manager to grant permission to Michael McNamara to erect a Bar with living accommodation and septic tank at Greengreenagh Loughrea, Co. Galway - Planning Reference No. 28625."

Norman Morgan. Edward Haverty. John Callanan.

- (d) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned propose that the Galway County Council direct the County Manager to grant permission to Kevin O'Connor for erection of dwellinghouse at Derreenmeel. - Planning Reference No. 29077."

Thomas Welby. John M. Mannion. G. Bartley.

- (e) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned propose that the Galway County Council direct the County Manager to grant permission to Doras an Gaeltacht Teo., c/o Leonard Silke to erect small hotel at Cuismesmore, Furbo, Co. Galway. - Planning Reference No. 29070."

Thomas Welby. John Molloy. P.J. Dempsey.

- (f) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned propose that Galway County Council direct the County Manager to grant permission to Michael Laffey for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Cleggan, Co. Galway. - Planning Reference No. 29211."

G. Bartley. John M. Mannion. Thomas Welby.

2. Minutes.
3. Malicious Injury Decrees (List herewith).
4. Overdraft for quarter ending 31st December, 1978.
5. Sale of plots of land at:-
 - (a) Glenamaddy - notice dated 4th September, 1978.
 - (b) Cullairbaun, Athenry - notice dated 14th September, 1978.
6. Declaration of Roads to be public Roads - List herewith.
7. Water Pollution Act, 1977 - report herewith requesting Council's approval for raising of loan of £20,800 for Regional Laboratory.
8. Raising of loan of £7,000 for special contribution towards Carnmore No. 2/Kiltulla Group Water Supply Scheme.
9. Revised Bord Failte/County Council Amenity Schemes, 1978 - revised list herewith.
10. 1978 Tenant Purchase Scheme for Local Authority Houses - Scheme to follow.
11. Circular letter H.G.S. 18/78 from Department of the Environment regarding essential repairs. - Copy herewith.
12. Filling of vacancy on County Council created by the resignation of Deputy T. Hussey. - Letter to members dated 4th September, 1978, refers.
13. Increase in wages for Rural Road Overseers - Labour Court Recommendation no. 4667.
14. Creation of the following offices for Design Team to be established for the entire road network from a point adjacent to Oranmore to Galway City including the new Corrib Bridge:-
 - (a) Draughtsman.
 - (b) Clerical Officer.
 - (c) Clerk/Typist.
15. Business submitted by the County Manager.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

16. SENATOR MICHAEL P. KITT
Motion regarding Barnswellgrove Housing Estate. Report not available at August Meeting.
17. DEPUTY JOHN CALLANAN - I will propose:
That the County Council ease the turn at junction where Kellysgrove public road links the Ballinasloe/Portumna road, as this is a very dangerous turn and should be eased.
18. COUNCILLOR P. DEMPSEY - I will propose:
 - (a) That the Council provide a water supply in the form of a water pump at Ballybrone, Turloughmore.
 - (b) That the Council provide a water pump for Sheenaunpark/Cahertymore.
 - (c) That the Council widen the junction and erect wire fencing to provide a reasonable view at both ends of the Coolarne road at "Cahertymore Cross" and Coolarne Cross both are extremely dangerous.
19. COUNCILLOR T. WELBY - I will propose:
 - (a) That the Council take immediate steps to repair or demolish the very dangerous concrete block wall which is a boundary between the Carrowmanagh Housing Scheme and adjoining land.
 - (b) That this Council cut the bushes and widen the junction at Claremount on the Galway/Clifden road, the west side would be sufficient and make provision in the 1979 Estimates for same.
 - (c) That this Council name the new housing estate at Oughterard the Seamus O Maille Terrace or Road.
20. SENATOR MICHAEL P. KITT - I will propose:
 - (a) That Galway County Council take over Clonbrock Group Water Scheme.
 - (b) That arrangements be made to have road taken over, lights switched on and grass cut at Caheroyan Park Estate, Athenry.
 - (c) That 30 m.p.h. speed limits and public lights be erected in Caltra village.
21. COUNCILLOR P. RUANE - I will propose:
 - (a) That the 40 mile speed be reduced to 30 miles at Claregalway.
 - (b) That the roads into Paddy Nolan's house and Sonny Costello's house at Cregmore be surface dressed as soon as possible.
 - (c) That two public lights be erected outside Annaghdown Church this coming year.
22. COUNCILLOR EDWARD HAVERTY - I will propose:
That the Council would take immediate steps to have the pump at Deerpark, Ballycrissane, put into proper working order.

23. COUNCILLOR G. BARTLEY - I will propose

- (a) That the Council remove bad bends by Old Mill site, Clifden, leading to Community School.
- (b) That the Council remove dangerous bends at Waterloo Bridge, half mile on the Galway road from Clifden.

24. COUNCILLOR P. McCORMACK - I will ask

- (a) That two bad turns on the road at Kiniska, Claregalway near Michael Casserly's house be removed.
- (b) That, as a matter of urgency, at least one more Planning Engineer and adequate back-up staff be appointed to deal with the large volume of applications.
- (c) That a 30 m.p.h. speed limit apply to the Castlegar/Ballindoooley road, linking Tuam and Headford Roads.

25. COUNCILLOR PETER RAFTERY - I will ask for

A report on the position concerning a source for Lissavruggy Group Scheme which has been long delayed.

26. COUNCILLOR M. O'MORAIN - I will propose:

- (a) That Galway County Council declare the Gaeltacht and all main roads in Connemara a disaster and seek E.E.C. funding for a major improvement scheme.
- (b) That I wish to know why planning application no. 28634 was rejected.
- (c) That the graveyards in Rosmuc and Carna be tidied, the grass cut, the ferns poisoned and the paths maintained.

27. COUNCILLOR NORMAN MORGAN - I will propose:

- (a) That the I.D.A. be requested to instal a sewerage pumping station large enough to accommodate both the Industrial Estate and the cottages at St. Joseph's Road, Portumna.
- (b) That a yield test be carried on all Council Public Pumps connected to bore holes.
- (c) That Bob Aldwell of the Geological Survey be invited to address the Council regarding underground water investigation.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

4th. September, 1978.

To: Each Member:-

Pursuant to Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 (as amended by Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966) notice is hereby given that it is proposed to sell a plot of land for the purpose of granting an easement to the adjoining owner, particulars of which are given hereunder.

Land Acquired From:- Vincent & Kathleen Moore, Lettera, Glenamaddy, Co. Galway.

Location:- Glenamaddy, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom Land is Proposed to be Sold.

Michael Heneghan, Kilkerrin Road, Glenamaddy, Co. Galway.

Sale Price:- £25, plus costs of transfer.

This matter will appear on the Agenda for consideration at the next meeting of the Council which will be held after the expiration of 10 days from the date of this notice.

K. Doyle,
Secretary.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
GALWAY.

14.9.78

TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL/

Re: Proposed sale of land at Cullairbaun, Athenry, Co. Galway

A Chara:

In accordance with the requirements of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966. I have been requested by the Assistant County Manager to give you notice that it is proposed selling the plot of land, particulars of which are given hereunder:

LAND:

1 site for house at Cullairbaun, Athenry, Co. Galway - area as given hereunder:

FROM WHOM ACQUIRED:

Annie J. Duffy, Villanova, Upper Salthill, Galway

<u>PERSON TO WHOM LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE SOLD:</u>	<u>Site No.</u>	<u>Area of Plot</u>
John Coll, 73 Renmore Road, Galway	34	12 pers. approx.

Consideration in respect of disposal:

<u>Site No.</u>	<u>Price</u>
34	£1,500

Other Covenants or Conditions in connection with Disposal:

1. The site will be sold in fee simple.
2. The Co. Council will retain wayleaves in respect of watermains and sewers.

This matter will be placed on the Agenda for consideration at the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council which will be held after the expiration of 10 days from the date of this Notice.

Mise, le meas,

C. O'Dubhghaill
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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 Thursday, 26th September, 1978, consider the making of a declaration that the following roads shall be public roads.

AREA	FROM	TO	METRES
Portumna	C.R. 84 Carheen	Gate leading to G. Delaney's House, Carheen	178
Galway	C.R. No. 111 Derryville	Entrance to J. Lyden's House, Derryville	180
East	C.R. 24 Gilrae	Entrance to Patrick Cavanagh's House, Gilrae	70
Milltown	C.R. 244 Longport	Entrance to House, Longport	138
Athenry	Cultivacresy branch of C.R. 433 Chesham	Gate to Patrick Laffey's House, Chesham	115
Tem	C.R. 126 at Chesham	Entrance to House, Chesham	130
Tem	C.R. 148 Ballybrann	Entrance to House, Ballybrann	240
Portumna	Jac. with C.R. 574, Gortasallagh	Towards M. Staid's House, Gortasallagh	122
Galway	O'Casey's House, Clybegh	Entrance to House, Teoroghy	825
Portumna	C.R. 574 Gortasallagh	Towards M. Staid's House, Gortasallagh	450
Athenry	Road from junction with N. 18 to junction of Tem	Brake House, Tem	290
Milltown	Carlson's House, Chesham	Towards Burke's House, Chesham	304
Milltown	M.R. 240 Timolinna	E. Mullins House, Timolinna	1784
Tem	M.R. 228 Binkilys	Towards Tigh's House	233
Tem	C.R. 122 Cahergal	Towards J. Laffey's House, Cahergal	24
Athenry	Junction with C.R. 378 to townland of Knapthead South	Towards J. Laffey's yard gate in townland of Knapthead South	257
Portumna	Road N. 65 in townland of Portumna	W. Kavanagh's House in townland of Portumna	101
Longport	C.R. 482 Cahernagarty	Entrance to House, Cahernagarty	126
Milltown	C.R. 257 Peltasagarty	Towards J. Kavanagh's House, Peltasagarty	554
Milltown	C.R. 274 Ussy	Towards C.R. 277 Chesham	185
Milltown	A point 310m from C.R. 176 Chesham	Towards C.R. 416 for a distance of 110m	182
Galway	C.R. 148 Peak, Longport	Northwards to Mrs. Ford's House, Peak, Longport	182
Milltown	C.R. 277 Chesham	Towards C.R. 274 Ussy for a distance of 200m	200
Milltown	C.R. 254 Shannagh Beg	Paddy Henry's House, Shannagh Beg	120
Milltown	C.R. 255 Clonbern	Mad Walsh's House, Clonbern	443
Milltown	C.R. 262 Derragh	James Holden's House, Derragh	85
Galway	A point 280m from John Walsh's House, Renmore	Gate for a distance of 60m	60

T. KAVANAGH
Acting County Secretary

Connacht Tribune 25/9/78

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Gort	C.R. 174 Gilroe	Opposite Patrick Caimmins House, Gilroe	70
Milltown Athenry	C.R. 264 Loughpark	Connolly's House, Loughpark	128
	Caltrabready branch of C.R. 433 Cloonach	Gate near Patrick Laffey's House, Cloonach	115
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Team	C.R. 168 Ballybrone	Collins House, Waterview, Ballybrone	260
Portumna	Inc. with C.R. 576, Gortnasallagh	Towards M. Blake's House, Gortnasallagh	122
Galway	O'Connor's House, Clydeigh	Mulkam's House, Tooreeny	825
Portumna Athenry	C.R. 574 Gorteenpadar	Towards M. Nevin's House, Gorteenpadar	450
	Road from junction with N. 18 in townland of Tonros	Bratz House, Tonros	490
Milltown	Corlonee House, Cloonbar	Towards Burke's House, Cloonbar	306
Milltown	M.R. 240 Timadoosun	B. Mullins House, Timadoosun	1,786
Team	M.R. 220 Rinkippoon	Towards Tighe's House	233
Team	C.R. 122 Cahergal	Towards Jos Lee's House, Cahergal	34
Athenry	Junction with C.R. 378 in townland of Kingsland South	Towards Jim Bennett's yard gate in townland of Kingsland South	257
Portumna	Route N. 45 in townland of Portumna	W. Keene's House in townland of Portumna	101
Loughrea	C.R. 482 Cahernagarry	Patrick Monaghan's House, Cahernagarry	126
Milltown	C.R. 267 Pollaseyker	Towards J. Flanagan's, Monasterowen	556
Mountbellew	C.R. 274 Usay	Towards C.R. 277 Cloonloughna	185
Galway	A point 310m from C.R. 196 Cloonkeen	Towards C.R. 416 for a distance of 110m	110
	C.R. 148 Peak, Loughgeorge	Northeastwards to Mrs. Ford's House, Peak, Loughgeorge	182
Mountbellew	C.R. 277 Cloonloughna	Towards C.R. 274 Usay for a distance of 200m	200
Milltown	C.R. 254 Shannagh Beg	Paddy Heaney's House, Shannagh Beg	120
Milltown	C.R. 255 Clonbern	Ned Walsh's House, Clonbern	465
Mountbellew	C.R. 262 Darrooghs	James Madden's House, Darrooghs	85
Galway	A point 280m from John Walsh's House, Ross Damene	East for a distance of 60m	60

T. KAVANAGH
Acting County Secretary

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER, 1978.

IN THE CHAIR: - Deputy M. Killilea.

PRESENT:

- Members - As recorded in Attendance Book.
- Councillors G. Bartley, U. Burke, T. Byrne,
Deputy J. Callanan, Councillor F. Coogan,
Deputy J. Donnellan, Councillors F. Fahey,
M. Flaherty, P. T. Galvin, G. Glynn, E. Haverty,
J. Joyce, M. Kelly, M. J. Kilgannon, Senator
M. P. Kitt, Deputy J. M. Mannion, Councillors
J. Molloy, N. Morgan, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery,
P. Ruane, T. Welby and P. Dempsey.
- Officials - Messrs. P. Kearns, Deputy County Manager;
J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; P. Lynch,
County Engineer; F. Monahan and S. McMahon,
Chief Assistant County Engineers; B. Callagy,
C.A.C.E. (Planning); Miss C. Hett, Mr. P. J.
McGovern, D. Barrett, and T. O'Neill, Senior
Staff Officers; Miss C. Burke, Staff Officer;
and T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2241 - VOTE OF SYMPATHY:

The Chairman proposed a vote of sympathy to Deputy John Mannion and his family on the death of his father. The Chairman paid tribute to the work done by the late Mr. Mannion as a member of the Dail, Senate and Galway County Council. He proposed that the meeting be adjourned as a mark of respect. Deputy John Donnellan seconded the proposal and all the members joined in the expression of sympathy. Mr. Kearns, Deputy County Manager, on behalf of the staff and on his own behalf, joined in the expression of sympathy. Deputy Mannion thanked the members and the Deputy County Manager for their kind expression of sympathy.

A resolution of sympathy was also adopted with the O'Shea Family, Rossaveal, on the death of the late Tadhg O'Shea.

The Chairman stated that the meeting would adjourn to Monday, 16th October, 1978, but before adjourning, there were a few urgent matters on the Agenda which had to be dealt with.

2242 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 28873 - APPLICANT: LIAM KEOGH:

The Deputy County Manager submitted the following report to the Council which had already been circulated to each member:

"Applicant was asked in connection with previous applications to submit map of all lands owned by family. His first submission showed only his own holding as a son of the family. The second submission showed some land adjoining the family home, guest house, lounge and shop. There are two or possibly three locations for a house on these lands. They would not however be ideal sites and development on two locations adjoining the house would involve rock excavation. Nevertheless, they are alternatives, and would be located beside the family home and business.

"In a field across the road from the family premises a large portion has been developed without Planning Permission as a goods storage depot in a most disorderly and unsightly manner. The site contains stacks of briquettes, timber, lorries, etc. This area would be a suitable location for another three houses.

The family has submitted numerous applications for dwellinghouses in areas other than those now submitted as family owned lands. Most of these were refused on the grounds of injury to visual amenity in scenic areas.

The currently proposed house would not be in accordance with the policy of the Planning Authority as it would be located in hitherto unspoilt and undeveloped backlands in an area which should properly be kept free of development between the public road and the sea.

Refusal of the present application is recommended for the following reason:-

The proposed development would detract from the visual amenity of the area because it would be an intrusive element in a backlands area which should properly be kept free of development in order to preserve its unspoilt character and would be an undesirable precedent in such an area."

Councillor Bartley proposed that permission be granted and this was seconded by Councillor Welby. As there was no amendment, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

2243 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 28961 - APPLICANT - MARTIN BOYLE:

The Deputy County Manager submitted the following report to the Council which had already been circulated to each member:

"The site fronts onto the new realigned section of road at Clooneen - Headford, which is a very busy portion of the main road between Galway and Headford, and if permitted, would constitute a serious traffic hazard.

This application was first applied for in March, 1977, Planning Ref. No. 24130, and refused by the Planning Authority on the 9th May, 1977, on traffic grounds. The applicant appealed to An Bord Pleanala and was in turn refused on traffic grounds in December, 1977.

The same application was again submitted in October, 1977, Planning Ref. No. 25935, (This time the site was shown enlarged to include the applicant's private dwelling beside it) and was again refused on traffic grounds on the 9th December, 1977. No appeal to An Bord Pleanala was made.

The application was again made in April, 1978, and refused on traffic grounds and restricted site in July, 1978. No appeal was made.

Refusal is recommended on present application, Planning Ref. No. 27743, which is substantially the same as the two previous applications on the following grounds.

- (1) The proposed development is located on a busy main road and if permitted, would constitute a traffic hazard.
- (2) The proposed site is too restricted for the commercial development proposed.

- (3) The development, if permitted would be contrary to a decision of the Planning Authority Ref. No. 24130 dated 9th May, 1977, and Planning Ref. No. 25935 dated 9th December, 1977, and Planning Ref. No. 27743 dated 14th July, 1978, and to a decision of An Bord Pleanála Ref. No. 24130, PL 7/5/38998 dated 9th December, 1977, to which these lands refer.

It should be noted that this same application has in the course of 14 months been refused three times by the Planning Authority and once by An Bord Pleanála, making a total of 4 times in all."

Councillor Welby proposed that permission be granted and this was seconded by Councillor J. Molloy. The County Engineer strongly recommended that the application be refused. He stated that if the development was carried out it could result in a serious traffic hazard and had already been refused by the Council and An Bord Pleanála. As there was no amendment, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

2244 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 29211 - APPLICANT - MICHAEL LAFFEY:

The Deputy County Manager submitted the following report which had been circulated at the meeting:

- "1. The proposed development has already been refused twice by the Planning Authority because it would seriously detract from the amenity of the area because of its unduly elevated and unrelieved location in an area of high amenity value.
2. The applicant's holding was examined carefully by the Planning Authority. An alternative adjacent location was suggested. The applicant flatly rejected this suggested site for reasons which were difficult to accept on their merits.
3. The applicant made no effort at any compromise. In fact he resubmitted the original application (Ref. No. 25509).
4. The current application is identical to the previous two applications already refused by the Planning Authority.
5. Refusal is again recommended by the Planning Authority for the reasons previously given."

Proposing that permission be granted, Councillor Bartley stated the alternative sites put forward were not suitable. Councillor Welby seconded the motion. As there was no amendment, the Chairman declared the motion carried. Councillor Coogan asked that he be recorded as dissenting from the decisions on the three Section 4 Motions.

2245 - OVERDRAFT:

The Deputy County Manager informed the Council that it was estimated that the Council's requirements in respect of Overdraft for the quarter ending 31st December, 1978, was £1 million. It was proposed by Deputy Donnellan, seconded by Councillor Raftery and resolved:

"That subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment Overdraft accommodation, not exceeding £1 million, be borrowed on the Council's Revenue Account for the quarter ending 31st December, 1978."

2246 - 1978 TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSES:

Mr. Howlett, Assistant County Manager, referred to his report dated 19th September, 1978, which had been circulated to each member, giving details of the new sales scheme for Council houses which remain unsold. It was proposed to circulate all tenants with information on sale prices and applications for purchase would be accepted up to the 31st December, 1978. The sales would be in fee simple and a new form of Transfer Order is being prepared by the Department of the Environment. He requested the Council's approval to the scheme which was in accordance with the guidelines laid down by the Minister.

On the proposal of Senator Kitt, seconded by Councillor Raftery, the Council approved of the Scheme and the circulation of details of the scheme to tenants.

2247 - RURAL ROAD OVERSEERS - INCREASE IN WAGES:

The Deputy County Manager stated that the Labour Court in its recommendation number 4667 had recommended that with effect from the 1st July, 1977, all Rural Road Overseers be paid at a weekly rate of £56 rising by annual increments of £1 to £65. The cost of the increase for Galway County Council for the current financial year (including arrears) was estimated at £32,000. It was proposed by Councillor Morgan, seconded by Councillor Ruane and resolved:

"That in accordance with Labour Court Recommendation No. 4667 Galway County Council hereby approve with effect from 1st July, 1977, the following rate of pay for Rural Road Overseers - £56 per week rising by annual increments of £1 to £65 per week and that excess expenditure of £32,000 in accordance with Section 11 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, be approved for the current financial year."

The Meeting then adjourned to the 16th October, 1978.

SUBMITTED APPROVED & CONFIRMED:



CHAIRMAN.

23rd October 1978

DATE.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

9u la Deire Fomhair, 1978.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

You are requested to attend the adjourned meeting of Galway County Council which will be held at 4.30 p.m. at the County Buildings, Galway, on Monday, 16th October, 1978, to consider the items not dealt with at the Monthly Meeting on the 25th September, together with an additional Section 4 Motion (1(d)) on which a decision must be made before the 19th October, 1978.

Mise, le meas,

T. Kavanagh,
RUNAI SEALADACH.

A G E N D A

1. Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:-
 - (a) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned propose that the Galway County Council direct the County Manager to grant permission to Michael McNamara to erect a Bar with living accommodation and septic tank at Greeneenagh, Loughrea, Co. Galway. - Planning Reference No. 28625."

Norman Morgan. Edward Haverty. John Callanan.
 - (b) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned propose that the Galway County Council direct the County Manager to grant permission to Kevin O'Connor for erection of dwellinghouse at Derreenmeel. - Planning Reference No. 29077."

Thomas Welby. John M. Mannion. G. Bartley.
 - (c) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned propose that the Galway County Council direct the County Manager to grant permission to Doras an Gaeltacht Teo., c/o Leonard Silke to erect small hotel at Cuismeigmore, Furbo, Co. Galway. - Planning Reference No. 29070."

Thomas Welby. John Molloy. P.J. Dempsey.
 - (d) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned propose that Galway County Council direct the County Manager to grant outline permission to Lucas Anguita for the reconstruction of a dwellinghouse at Leaghcarrick. - Planning Reference No. 29037."

G. Bartley. John M. Mannion. Thomas Welby.
2. Minutes.
3. Malicious Injury Decrees. (List already circulated.)

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4. Sale of plots of land at:-
 - (a) Glenamaddy - notice dated 4th September, 1978.
 - (b) Cullairbaun, Athenry. - notice dated 14th September, 1978.
 5. Declaration of Roads to be public roads - list already circulated.
 6. Water Pollution Act, 1977 - report already circulated requesting Council's approval for raising of loan of £20,800 for Regional Laboratory.
 7. Raising of loan of £7,000 for special contribution towards Carnmore No. 2/ Kiltulla Group Water Supply Scheme.
 8. Revised Bord Failte/County Council Amenity Schemes, 1978 - list already circulated.
 9. Circular letter H.G.S. 18/78 from Department of the Environment regarding essential repairs. - Copy already circulated.
 10. Filling of vacancy on County Council created by the resignation of Deputy T. Hussey. - Letter to members dated 4th September, 1978, refers.
 11. Creation of the following offices for Design Team to be established for the entire road network from a point adjacent to Oranmore to Galway City including the new Corrib Bridge:-
 - (a) Draughtsman.
 - (b) Clerical Officer.
 - (c) Clerk/Typist.
 12. Business submitted by the County Manager.
- COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION
13. SENATOR MICHAEL P. KITT

Motion regarding Barnswellgrove Housing Estate. Report not available at August Meeting.
 14. DEPUTY JOHN CALLANAN - I will propose:

That the County Council ease the turn at junction where Kellysgrove public road links the Ballinasloe/Portumna road, as this is a very dangerous turn and should be eased.
 15. COUNCILLOR P. DEMPSEY - I will propose:
 - (a) That the Council provide a water supply in the form of a water pump at Ballybrone, Turloughmore.
 - (b) That the Council provide a water pump for Sheenaunpark/Cahertymore.
 - (c) That the Council widen the junction and erect wire fencing to provide a reasonable view at both ends of the Coolarne road at "Cahertymore Cross" and Coolarne Cross both are extremely dangerous.
 16. COUNCILLOR T. WELBY - I will propose:
 - (a) That the Council take immediate steps to repair or demolish the very dangerous concrete block wall which is a boundary between the Carrowmanagh Housing Scheme and adjoining land.
 - (b) That this Council cut the bushes and widen the junction at Claremount on the Galway/Clifden road, the west side would be sufficient and make provision in the 1979 Estimates for same.

16. (c) That this Council name the new housing estate at Oughterard the Seamus O Maille Terrace or Road.
17. SENATOR MICHAEL P. KITT - I will propose:
- (a) That Galway County Council take over Clonbrock Group Water Scheme.
 - (b) That arrangements be made to have road taken over, lights switched on and grass cut at Caheroyan Park Estate, Athenry.
 - (c) That 30 m.p.h. speed limits and public lights be erected in Caltra Village.
18. COUNCILLOR P. RUANE - I will propose:
- limit
 - (a) That the 40 mile speed/be reduced to 30 miles at Claregalway.
 - (b) That the roads into Paddy Nolan's house and Sonny Costello's house at Cregmore be surface dressed as soon as possible.
 - (c) That two public lights be erected outside Annaghdown Church this coming year.
19. COUNCILLOR EDWARD HAVERTY - I will propose:
- That the Council would take immediate steps to have the pump at Deerpark, Ballycrissane, put into proper working order.
20. COUNCILLOR G. BARTLEY - I will propose:
- (a) That the Council remove bad bends by Old Mill site, Clifden, leading to Community School.
 - (b) That the Council remove dangerous bends at Waterloo Bridge, half mile on the Galway road from Clifden.
21. COUNCILLOR P. MCCORMACK - I will ask:
- (a) That two bad turns on the road at Kiniska, Claregalway near Michael Casserly's house be removed.
 - (b) That, as a matter of urgency, at least one more Planning Engineer and adequate back-up staff be appointed to deal with the large volume of applications.
 - (c) That a 30 m.p.h. speed limit apply to the Castlegar/Ballindooly road, linking Tuam and Headford Roads.
22. COUNCILLOR PETER RAFTERY - I will ask for
- A report on the position concerning a source for Lissavruggy Group Scheme which has been long delayed.
23. COUNCILLOR M. O'MORAIN - I will propose:
- (a) That Galway County Council declare the Gaeltacht and all main roads in Connemara a disaster and seek E.E.C. funding for a major improvement scheme.
 - (b) That I wish to know why planning application no. 28634 was rejected.
 - (c) That the graveyards in Rosmuc and Carna be tidied, the grass cut, the ferns poisoned and the paths maintained.
24. COUNCILLOR NORMAN MORGAN - I will propose:
- (a) That the I.D.A. be requested to instal a sewerage pumping station large enough to accommodate both the Industrial Estate and the cottages at St. Joseph's Road, Portumna.
 - (b) That a yield test be carried on all Council Public Pumps connected to bore holes.
 - (c) That Bob Aldwell of the Geological Survey be invited to address the Council regarding underground water investigation.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT ADJOURNED MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 16TH OCTOBER, 1978.

IN THE CHAIR: Deputy M. Killilea.

PRESENT: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Members - Councillors G. Bartley, U. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputies J. Callanan, J. Donnellan, Councillors S. Donnellan, F. Fahey, M. Flaherty, P.T. Galvin, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, Michael D. Higgins, B. Holland, J. Joyce, M. Kelly, M.J. Kilgannon, Senator Michael P. Kitt, Councillor P. McCormack, Deputy J. M. Mannion, Councillors H. Melvin, J. Molloy, N. Morgan, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, P. Ruane, M. Ryan, T. Welby, P. Dempsey and P.M. Stapleton.

Officials - Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; J. Crotty, Acting County Engineer; K. Doyle, Acting Assistant County Manager; R. Lee, Chief Planning Assistant; B. Callagy, Chief Assistant (Planning); S. McMahon, Chief Assistant County Engineer; J. Meldon, Planning Assistant; D. Barrett and P.J. McGovern, Senior Staff Officers; and T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2246 - GET WELL MESSAGE:

Councillor Holland referred to Councillor Coogan's recent illness and proposed that the Council wish him a speedy recovery. This was seconded by Deputy Donnellan and all the Members, and the County Manager asked to be associated with the good wishes.

2247 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955, - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 28625 - APPLICANT: MICHAEL McNAMARA.

The County Manager submitted the following report which had been circulated to the Members:

"The site is located at a cross-roads junction on the National Primary Route just beyond the boundary of the town of Loughrea on the Ballinasloe Road. The Development proposed would give rise to large numbers of vehicles exiting onto the National Primary Route whether or not the access from the site was directly onto that road or onto the minor road to the east of the site. The development would also serve to increase undesirable ribbonization along the main road just outside Loughrea town.

PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS:

6832		Permission granted for one dwellinghouse fronting onto National Primary Route (Larger site which includes present one).
22068	16/7/'76	Outline Permission for 6 houses - Refused to Mr. McNamara (all fronting onto Co. road) Refused on grounds of location in unserviced area where provision of services not envisaged.
24311	11/7/'77	Outline Permission for two houses - One only granted - Mr. McNamara - (Fronting onto Co. Road over 300 feet from National Primary Road - one only in the interests of maintaining an appropriate rural density outside the town and close to National Primary Route.

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"Opposite Corner of Co. Road:

27904 28/6/'78. Outline Permission - one house refused -
T. Callanan (Traffic hazard; ribbonization).

The recommendation of refusal for the present application in keeping with the policy of the Planning Authority as previously applied on this site i.e. to restrict and control development along National Primary Routes.

REFUSAL IS RECOMMENDED FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

1. The proposed development, located at a junction of a county road with the National Primary road just outside the town of Loughrea, would result in the generation of traffic movements which would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic along that route.
2. The proposed development, being located on an unserviced site outside the boundary of the town of Loughrea, would contravene the policy of the County Development Plan which states that such commercial development, including the provision of roadside facilities, should properly be located within existing towns and other serviced centres.
3. The proposed development would contravene the policy of the County Council in relation to the control of development along National Primary Routes which explicitly states that commercial development, including the provision of roadside facilities, shall be wholly restricted outside the speed limit zone along the National Primary Route between Galway and Ballinasloe.
4. The site for the proposed development outlined in red on the map submitted, is part of a larger site on which planning permission was previously granted for one house (Pr. No. 6832) which is built. The site also overlaps a site to the North on which Outline Permission for one house has already been granted to the Applicant (Pr. No. 24311). The actual site area available for the development now proposed is inadequate in size to allow for:-
 - (a) the provision of adequate parking facilities and a properly recessed entranceway to serve the development.
 - (b) the setting back of the development at the required distance from the two roadways fronting the site.
 - (c) the siting of septic tank and percolation area."

The County Manager pointed out that the full site as outlined in the application was not available for the proposed development as it was part of a site on which planning permission had already been granted for one house which was now built, and the site also overlapped a site to the north on which outline permission for a further house had been granted. * Councillor Morgan stated that he appreciated the dangers involved in developments of this nature along National Primary Routes but he understood that the proposed entrance was onto a by-road off the main road. Deputy Callanan stated that the site was adjacent to the new factory being built outside Loughrea and that Loughrea would extend out to there. Councillor Byrne proposed that permission be refused stating that the need for this type of development was questionable with which Councillors Burke and McCormack agreed. Councillor Holland stated that he was generally opposed to the granting of permission through the use of Section 4 motions. Councillor Haverty stated that the Council should confine itself to the planning aspect and not with the question as to whether Loughrea needed another pub or not.

Mr. Crotty, Acting County Engineer, stated that the proposed development involved a sizeable premises which would generate quite an amount of traffic.

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As the proposed premises would only be a very short distance from the junction, it made little difference as to whether the exit was on to the main road or the county road. It would be impossible to get adequate sight distance at the junction. After further discussion, the County Manager pointed out that the latest date by which a decision must be made on the application was the 27th October, and stated that if the Council wished, it could adjourn the motion to the meeting being held on the 23rd instant. After it was agreed that the Planning Officer would meet the applicant and the proposers of the motion on the site prior to the next meeting, it was decided to adjourn the motion.

2248 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955, - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 29077 - APPLICANT: KEVIN O'CONNOR:

The County Manager submitted the following report to the Council which had been circulated to the Members:

- "(1) The proposed development would be contrary to the Planning Authority's policy to conserve the visual amenity of scenic areas.
- (2) Outline permission has previously been refused for an adjoining site to the same applicant.
- (3) The site is located in the most elevated part of the holding and the family housing need can be accommodated elsewhere on the extensive family holding with much less injury to the scenic amenity of the area. The applicant apparently refuses to consider an alternative location.
- (4) The proposed development would seriously injure the visual amenity of the area because it would be located in an elevated position on open rugged landscape of great natural beauty and would seriously detract from the fine panoramic view of Lough Corrib from the public road. Refusal of permission is recommended for this reason.

An objection has been received from An Taisce to the above development."

Councillor Walby proposed the motion that permission be granted and was seconded by Deputy Mannion. As there was no amendment, the Chairman declared the motion carried. Councillor Holland dissented from the proposal.

2249 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955, - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 29070 - APPLICANT: DORAS AN GAELTACHT TEO., c/o Leonard Silke:

The County Manager submitted the following report to the Council which had already been circulated to the Members:

- "1. The proposed development would be contrary to the clearly stated policy of the Planning Authority to restrict commercial development with high traffic generation characteristics along heavily-trafficked tourist and commuter routes, such as the Galway/Spiddal road. The only development permitted must be in fully substantiated essential housing need category as defined in the County Development Plan. It has been clearly established by all professional opinion on the subject that such development leads to very serious road accidents especially on straight stretches of road. The development must be refused for this reason.
2. Such development is also undesirable from a pollution aspect as no proper means of treatment or disposal of the FINAL effluent are available for such an extensive development which could expand even more in years to come. The nature of the terrain is unsuitable for adequate land treatment.

- "3. The development would increase the already unacceptable density of ribbon development and being located between the road and the sea, it would thus impair the visual amenity available along the public road.
4. Outline Permission for a dwellinghouse on portion of this site was refused by the Planning Authority Planning Ref. No. 26962 to Mr. Timothy Flaherty who claimed ownership of the site, and this application is at present the subject of an appeal to An Bord Pleanala. Outline Permission No. 28366 for the erection of a small hotel on this site was refused by the Planning Authority on 8/8/'78.
5. Three objections to the proposed development have been received by the Planning Authority to date (20/9/'78).
6. The development should be refused on the grounds of endangering road safety, causing a risk of pollution, and impairing the visual amenity of the area, and because the greater part of the proposed hotel is shown on a site which is at present the subject of an appeal for the erection of a dwellinghouse and on which no decision has been given by An Bord Pleanala."

Councillor Welby proposed the motion that permission be granted and was seconded by Councillor J. Molloy. Councillor McCormack proposed that permission be refused stating that the proposed development was on the sea side of the road and was not the normal case where a housing need existed. Councillor Holland seconded Councillor McCormack's proposal. Deputy Donnellan stated that he was opposing the motion to grant permission as there were many local objections. Councillor Byrne stated that no case had been made as to why permission should be granted.

The Chairman directed that a vote be taken on the Section 4 motion to grant permission which resulted as follows:-

FOR: Councillors G. Bartley, S. Donnellan, Deputy M. Killilea, Councillors J. Molloy, P. Dempsey, P. Raftery, and T. Welby.

(7)

AGAINST: Councillors U. Burke, T. Byrne, P.T. Galvin, F. Glynn, B. Holland, M.J. Kilgannon, P. McCormack, Deputy John M. Mannion, Councillors N. Morgan, P. Ruane and M. Ryan.

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The Chairman declared the motion lost.

2250 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955, - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 29037 - APPLICANT: LUCAS ANQUITA.

The County Manager submitted the following report to the Council which had been circulated to the Members:

- "1. The proposed development has been refused twice previously by the Planning Authority to the same applicant, on grounds of injury to the visual amenity and the unspoilt character of the remote area near Slyne Head.
2. There is no pedestrian, let alone vehicular, access to the site, such as is indicated on the site map. No electricity supply exists in the vicinity. Hapazard development in remote areas such as this create pressures for an extension of the basic services such as public roads, refuse collection, etc. which, if provided, generate additional demands for further development. The provision for services for isolated uninhabited areas is costly and uneconomic. It is contrary to the Councils practice of encouraging development in clusters villages and towns, and to the Councils policy of providing

"services for these areas.

3. This is one of the few truly remote and uninhabited areas in Connemara and its remoteness should be preserved as an asset in a world where such areas are becoming increasingly rare. The nearest house is one mile away.
4. If permission were granted, the inevitable consequence would be, despite protestation to the contrary, that further sites would be sold off to defray the costs of electricity supply and road access to the site. Also the operation of a national development control policy will become virtually impossible to carry out or to explain to the public at large.
5. There is no question of any exceptional housing need in this case. The owner of the land holding is reported to be a butcher from Roundstone. The applicant claims ownership of the site and would appear to have misunderstood the procedures regarding permission on the site of an old ruin.
6. Refusal is recommended for the same reasons as the two previous refusals."

Councillor Bartley proposed the motion that permission be granted and it was seconded by Deputy Mannion. Councillor Morgan proposed that permission be refused. Councillor Higgins seconded Councillor Morgan's proposal but said that he would like to hear the case for granting permission. Deputy Mannion stated that the applicant was a writer and wanted seclusion. The proposed house would not be seen from the road and would not lead to further applications being made. Councillor O'Morain supported the proposal to grant permission. The Chairman decided that a vote be taken on the Section 4 motion which resulted as follows:-

FOR: Councillor G. Bartley, Deputy J. Callanan, Councillors S. Donnellan, F. Fahey, E. Haverty, J. Joyce, Deputy M. Killilea, Senator M. P. Kitt, Councillor P. McCormack, Deputy J. M. Mannion, Councillors H. Melvin, J. Molloy, P. Dempsey, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, M. Ryan, and T. Welby.

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AGAINST: Councillors F. Glynn, B. Holland, N. Morgan and P. Ruane.

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The Chairman declared the motion carried.

2251 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor Molloy, seconded by Councillor Holland, the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on the 28th August, 1978, numbers 2202 - 2240 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

2252 - MALICIOUS INJURY DECREES:

It was noted that Malicious Injury Decrees as set out on the schedule to the Agenda had been received since the last meeting.

2253 - SALE OF PLOTS OF LAND AT GLENAMADDY AND CULLAIRBAUN:

The County Manager stated that the area of land involved at Glenamaddy was 7 square yards only. It was proposed by Councillor Morgan, seconded by Councillor Ryan and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of a plot of land at Glenamaddy to Michael Heneghan, Kilkerrin Road, Glenamaddy, in accordance with the terms of notice dated 4th September, 1978, which was sent to each member of the Council in accordance with

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Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966."

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of a housing site at Cullairbaun, Athenry, to Mr. John Coll, 73 Renmore Road, Galway, in accordance with the terms set out in notice dated 14th September, 1978, under the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966, copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council."

2254 - DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS:

The County Manager stated that there was an error in the description of two of the roads in the list of roads which were proposed to be declared public and that these roads would have to be omitted and republished. It was proposed by Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor S. Donnellan and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby declare all the roads on the schedule attached to item 5 on the Agenda to be public roads with the exception of the road leading from C.R. 168 to Collins House, Waterview, Ballybrone, and the road from the junction with C.R. 378 in the townland of Kingsland South, the necessary procedure in relation to publication of notice of intention to do so having been complied with."

2255 - WATER POLLUTION ACT, 1977 - RAISING OF LOAN OF £20,800 FOR A REGIONAL LABORATORY:

The County Manager referred to the report which had been circulated to the members on the Local Government Water Pollution Act, 1977, and on the proposal to set up a Regional Laboratory in Castlebar and requested the Council's approval to the raising of a loan of £20,800 for equipment and stock for the laboratory. It was proposed by Deputy Donnellan, seconded by Councillor Morgan and resolved:-

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the proposals set out in report dated September, 1978, circulated to each member regarding the setting up of a Regional Laboratory in Castlebar for the implementation of the Local Government Water Pollution Act, 1977, and that the Council approve the raising of a loan of £20,800 from the Commissioners of Public Works or such other source as the Minister may approve, the loan to be repaid over whatever period and at such interest rate as may be approved by the Minister."

2256 - LOAN OF £7,000 FOR SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION FOR CARNMORE NO. 2/KILTULLA GROUP WATER SCHEME:

The County Manager stated that the Council had recommended increased pipe sizes for the Carnmore No. 2/Kiltulla Group Water Scheme to make it possible for the Carnmore No. 1 Group Scheme (which has an inadequate source) to link up with it. The increased pipe sizes will cost £7,000 and a special contribution of this amount was recommended and would qualify for the usual loan and subsidy. It was proposed by Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Molloy and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £7,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works or such other source as the Minister may approve for the purpose of making a special contribution towards the Carnmore No. 2/Kiltulla Group Water Scheme, the loan to be repaid over such period and at such interest rate as may be approved by the Minister."

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Councillor Ruane asked that payment of the special contribution be made as early as possible.

2257 - BORD FAILTE/COUNTY COUNCIL AMENITY SCHEMES, 1978.

The County Manager stated that when preparing the Council's Estimates for 1978, it was expected that a contribution of £62,900 would be available from Bord Failte for amenity schemes. The Bord Failte grants, however, were not finalised at the time and the sum that will be available for 1978 for these schemes is £35,250. Consequently, it is necessary to revise the schemes and the list of the revised schemes have been circulated to the members. The County Council's contribution remains the same. Councillor Burke was annoyed that practically all the amenity schemes were in West Galway. He had suggested three locations in East Galway but they were not included. Deputy Callanan supported Councillor Burke. The County Manager stated that any schemes suggested by the members would be put forward to Bord Failte for consideration.

2258 - ESSENTIAL REPAIRS GRANTS - CIRCULAR LETTER H.G.S. 18/78:

The County Manager stated that Circular Letter H.G.S. 18/78 from the Department of the Environment regarding Essential Repairs was circulated to the Members for information purposes. The effect of the Circular was to increase the maximum grant payable by the Department from £80 to £300. Mr. Doyle, Assistant County Manager, stated that the grant payable for house improvements in respect of physically handicapped and severely mentally handicapped people had also been increased recently and details had been circulated.

2259 - FILLING OF VACANCY CREATED BY THE RESIGNATION OF DEPUTY T. HUSSEY:

The Acting Secretary stated that written consent to be nominated for the vacancy had been received from Mr. P. M. Stapleton, Vicar Street, Tuam, and Mr. Thomas Egan, Ballyglass, Kilsalla, Ballymoe. Councillor Raftery proposed Mr. P. M. Stapleton to fill the vacancy on the County Council created by the resignation of Deputy T. Hussey. This was seconded by Senator Kitt. Deputy Donnellan proposed Mr. Thomas Egan to fill the vacancy and was seconded by Councillor Ryan. Councillor Morgan felt that the seat should go to the party of the member that caused the vacancy. The Chairman stated that two candidates had been proposed and seconded and directed that a vote be taken which resulted as follows:-

FOR MR. STAPLETON: Councillor G. Bartley, Deputy J. Callanan, Councillors S. Donnellan, F. Fahey, M. Flaherty, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, B. Holland, J. Joyce, M. Kelly, Deputy M. Killilea, Senator M. P. Kitt, Councillors H. Melvin J. Molloy, P. Dempsey, N. Morgan, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery and T. Welby.
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FOR MR. EGAN: Councillors U. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy J. Donnellan, Councillors P. T. Galvin, M. J. Kilgannon, P. McCormack, Deputy J. M. Mannion, and Councillor M. Ryan.
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The Chairman declared Mr. Stapleton elected to fill the vacancy on the County Council created by the resignation of Deputy T. Hussey. The Chairman, members and County Manager congratulated Mr. Stapleton on his election. Mr. Stapleton thanked the members and hoped that he would have a good working relationship with all the members and staff during his term of office and said that he would try and do his best to maintain the high standard set by Deputy Hussey.

2260 - CREATION OF ADDITIONAL OFFICES FOR DESIGN TEAM FOR THE PROPOSED ROAD NETWORK FROM ORANMORE TO GALWAY CITY RECOMMENDED IN THE TRANSPORTATION STUDY:

The County Manager stated that as part of the organisational arrangements for the implementation of the proposals set out in the Transportation Study which had been agreed, it was proposed to set up a Design Team in order to get planning under way as quickly as possible. The engineering staff on the Design Team would be seconded from existing staff where they would be replaced by temporary engineers. However, it was necessary to create one permanent post each of Draughtsman, Clerical Officer and Clerk/Typist. He stated that when all the work was completed, these officers could be absorbed into the general staff structure which was expanding all the time. Replying to Councillor Higgins, the County Manager stated that reservations which had been expressed about some of the proposals in the Transportation Study would not be overlooked and planning would only go ahead on those proposals which had been approved. It was proposed by Deputy Mannion, seconded by Councillor Morgan and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the creation of one additional office each of Draughtsman, Clerical Officer and Clerk/Typist for the Design Team being set up for the implementation of the proposals set out in the Galway Transportation Study, the particulars of office and conditions of appointment, etc., to be in accordance with those approved by the appropriate Minister."

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

2261 - BARNSWELLGROVE HOUSING ESTATE - MOTION BY SENATOR KITT:

The Acting Secretary stated that there are a number of houses yet to be constructed in this estate. The taking in charge of any of the services would be premature pending the completion of the permitted development and the examination of all its public services.

2262 - EASING OF TURN AT KELLYSGROVE ON BALLINASLOE/PORTUMNA ROAD - MOTION BY DEPUTY CALLANAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that this proposal on main road no. 430 was no. 57 on the Councillors list of proposals considered at the Roads Estimates Meeting for 1978 but for which no money was allocated during the current year. The 1978 estimate of £2,500 should now be increased to £3,000 and the proposal will be considered for the 1979 Estimates.

2263 - PUBLIC PUMP AT BALLYBRONE, TURLOUGHMORE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR DEMPSEY:

The Acting Secretary stated that Tenders have been invited for well boring in the County and when a contractor has been appointed the backlog of work will be tackled. The Ballybrone area has a high priority on the work programme in view of two previous failures in the area and consequently, work will be undertaken as soon as possible.

2264 - PUBLIC PUMP AT SHEENAUNPARK/CAHERTYMORE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR DEMPSEY:

The Acting Secretary stated that a petition had only recently been received for a pump at this location and this was being considered.

2265 - WIDENING OF JUNCTION AT CAHERTYMORE CROSS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR DEMPSEY:

The Acting Secretary stated that it was hoped to include this work in the list of special improvements to County Roads in the 1979 Road Works Scheme. The Chairman stated that he understood that this work would be done in 1978 and he asked to have the position reexamined.

2266 - MOTIONS BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The Chairman asked that written replies be sent to Councillor Welby to his motions.

2267 - CLONBROCK GROUP WATER SCHEME - MOTION BY SENATOR KITT:

The Acting Secretary stated that arrangements are being made to have the above scheme taken over by the County Council. Drawings of the scheme are lodged with the Council and are in order. Negotiations for the acquisition of the pumphouse site are in progress.

2268 - CAHEROYAN PARK HOUSING ESTATE, ATHENRY. - MOTION BY SENATOR KITT:

The Acting Secretary stated that the developers of this estate are B.M.W. Ltd., 10 Lakeshore Drive, Renmore, Galway. Street lighting has been installed and on hearing from the E.S.B. that it has been installed to their satisfaction, the Council will ask the E.S.B. to switch on the lighting and the Council will accept responsibility for its maintenance. The roadways and footpaths, however, are in a very poor condition and would require considerable expenditure to bring them up to standard for adoption. The developers are being asked bring the services up to standard, and if they don't, legal proceedings will be considered. Senator Kitt and Councillor Fahey stated that they understood that the developers had disbanded and the Company no longer existed, and it may be a waste of time taking proceedings. As the Council had not insisted on a bond, they felt that the road should be taken over or perhaps, the work could be done under a Local Improvement Scheme. The County Manager replied stating that builders had found it almost impossible to get Bonds and this is why the Council did not insist on them. It was doubtful if the work could be done under a Local Improvement Scheme as the intention of such schemes was to benefit agriculture. In the light of what had been said, it was agreed that the Council would seek further advice on the matter and report back.

2269 - SPEED LIMITS AND PUBLIC LIGHTING AT CALTRA - MOTION BY SENATOR KITT:

The Acting Secretary stated that 30 m.p.h. speed limit signs would be erected as soon as the necessary order is made by the Minister. In regard to Public Lighting at Caltra, an order was placed with the E.S.B. in February, 1978, and action by the E.S.B. is awaited.

Deputy Callanan expressed dissatisfaction with the provision of additional lighting throughout the County and asked that a list of the public lighting programme for 1978 be circulated showing the number of extra lights and their locations.

2270 - ALTERATION OF SPEED LIMIT AT CLAREGALWAY TO 30 M.P.H. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RUANE:

The Acting Secretary stated that this will be considered at the next review of speed limits.

2271 - SURFACE DRESSING OF ROADS AT CREGMORE INTO NOLANS AND COSTELLOS HOUSES - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RUANE:

The Acting Secretary stated that these roads will be considered for reconstruction and black-topping in the 1979 Road Works Scheme.

2272 - PUBLIC LIGHTS AT ANNAGHDOWN CHURCH - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RUANE:

The Acting Secretary stated that the lights requested are not included in the current 1977-1979 three year programme of public lighting but that they can be considered for inclusion in the next programme.

2273 - PUBLIC PUMP AT DEERPARK, BALLYCRISSANE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR HAVERTY:

The Acting Secretary stated that this pump was presently in working order. However, when it was considered as a source for a Group Scheme

in 1969, local information was that the bore goes dry from time to time. Arrangements are being made to have the pump taken up for inspection.

2274 - REMOVAL OF BENDS BY OLD MILL SITE, CLIFDEN - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BARTLEY:

The Acting Secretary stated that the estimated cost of the re-alignment of this road from the old Mills to the Community School is £20,000. No provision has been made in the current years Estimates for such works.

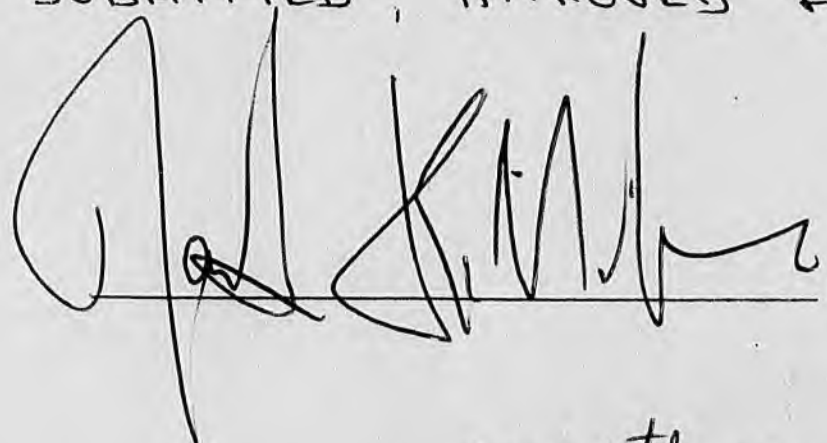
2275 - DANGEROUS BEND AT WATERLOO BRIDGE, CLIFDEN - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BARTLEY:

The Acting Secretary stated that this work involves major re-alignment and the construction of a new bridge on this National Secondary road. Finance for this would have to be provided by way of grant by the Department of the Environment. Councillor Bartley stated that lorries found it very difficult to negotiate the bends and he asked that the road be considered for improvement.

The Chairman then declared the meeting ended and stated that the remaining motions would be put on the Agenda for the Monthly Meeting of the Council being held on the 23rd October.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

 CHAIRMAN.

23rd Oct 1978 DATE.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

17u Deire Fomhair, 1978.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

Iarratar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniu Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Condae, Gaillimh, De Luain, 23u la Deire Fomhair, 1978, ag tosnú ag 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

T. KAVANAGH,
Runai Sealadach.

A G E N D A

1. Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:-
 - (a) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned propose that the Galway County Council direct the County Manager to grant permission to Michael McNamara to erect a Bar with living accommodation and septic tank at Greengreenagh, Loughrea, Co. Galway. - Planning Reference No. 28625."

Norman Morgan. Edward Haverty. John Callanan.
 - (b) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned propose that the Galway County Council direct the County Manager to grant permission to Patrick Joyce, Knockillaree for erection of dwellinghouse. - Planning Reference No. 28664."

Thomas Welby. G. Bartley. John Molloy.
2. Minutes.
3. Malicious Damage Decrees - list herewith.
4. Resolution under Section 7 of the Rates on Agricultural Land (Relief) Act, 1967.
5. Abstract of Accounts for year ended 31/12/1977.
6. Sale of Housing site at Portumna - notice dated 6th October, 1978, refers.
7. Local Government (Financial Provisions) Bill, 1977 - memorandum herewith.
8. Application for remission of Rates on Industrial premises - An Chomhlacht Miotailra Teo., Rusheenamanagh.

9. Declaration of Roads to be public roads - list herewith.

10. Filling of the following Committee vacancies arising from the resignation of Deputy T. Hussey:-

- (a) Vocational Education Committee.
- (b) County Committee of Agriculture.
- (c) Local Health Committee.
- (d) River Suck Joint Drainage Committee.
- (e) Galway/Mayo Regional Development Group.

Rules governing the appointment of members to the Committee of Agriculture are attached.

11. Revision of salaries for County Librarian, Assistant Librarian, and Library Assistant.

12. Business submitted by the County Manager.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

MOTIONS ADJOURNED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

13. COUNCILLOR P. McCORMACK - I will ask:

- (a) That two bad turns on the road at Kiniska, Claregalway near Michael Casserly's House be removed.
- (b) That, as a matter of urgency, at least one more Planning Engineer and adequate back-up staff be appointed to deal with the large volume of applications.
- (c) That a 30 m.p.h. speed limit apply to the Castlegar/Ballinacorney road, linking Tuam and Headford Roads.

14. COUNCILLOR PETER RAFTERY - I will ask for

A report on the position concerning a source for Lissavruggy Group Scheme which has been long delayed.

15. COUNCILLOR M. O'MORAIN - I will propose:

- (a) That Galway County Council declare the Gaeltacht and all main roads in Connemara a disaster and seek E.E.C. funding for a major improvement scheme.
- (b) That I wish to know why planning application no. 28634 was rejected.
- (c) That the graveyards in Rosmuc and Carna be tidied, the grass cut, the ferns poisoned and the paths maintained.

16. COUNCILLOR NORMAN MORGAN - I will propose:

- (a) That the I.D.A. be requested to instal a sewerage pumping station large enough to accommodate both the Industrial Estate and the cottages at St. Joseph's Road, Portumna.
- (b) That a yield test be carried on all Council Public Pumps connected to bore holes.
- (c) That Bob Aldwell of the Geological Survey be invited to address the Council regarding underground water investigation.

NEW NOTICES OF MOTION:

17. DEPUTY JOHN DONNELLAN - I will propose:

- (a) That Galway County Council remove the dangerous bends and widen the road outside Brownsgrange N.S. on the Tuam/Dunmore Road.

17. (b) That Galway County Council pay an amenity grant to the Cortoon/Brownsgrange Community Council for work done on the playing field and the dressing rooms.

(c) That Galway County Council remove the high banks and erect wire fencing at the junction where the Carrowreagh Road meets the Dunmore/Tuam Road.

18. COUNCILLOR FRANK GLYNN - I will propose:

(a) That Galway County Council calls on the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs to take immediate steps to have the deplorable telephone service improved forthwith and that he take a personal interest in having all outstanding labour problems in his Department rectified.

(b) That Galway County Council request the Department of Education to make available the Leaving Certificate results not later than 10th August in future years.

19. COUNCILLOR HUGH MELVIN - I will propose:

That immediate steps be taken to expedite housing scheme for Athenry in view of the urgent need there for accommodation of families in bad housing conditions.

20. COUNCILLOR T. WELBY - I will propose:

(a) That Galway County Council instal immediately flush toilets at Tonabrocky Quarry where a large number of men have worked for over 20 years without proper toilet facilities and a proper dust extractor be fitted on the crusher in the above Quarry.

(b) That the County Engineer make the following information available to the meeting regarding the Spiddal Bridge:-
Has the land been acquired? Will work begin before the end of 1978, and if not, what will happen regarding the grant? Can it be spent elsewhere or will it be lost to this area?

(c) When will work begin on the extension to the Kilcuman Cemetery, Oughterard? Has the land been purchased?

21. COUNCILLOR P. RUANE - I will propose:

(a) That the Claregalway bin collection be extended to Carnmore Cross, to serve the Cregboy/Lydican areas.

(b) That "No dumping signs" be erected at Gortatleva Road, Knockdoe Road, and Kiniska Village Road and also at Cloonbiggeen.

(c) That trees be planted on the Galway/Headford Road in front of the refuse dump to cover this unsightly scene.

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DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Galway County Council will at a meeting which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on or after Monday, 23rd October, 1978, consider the making of a declaration that the following roads shall be public roads:-

Area	From	To	Metres
Athenry	Junction with C.R. 144 Cregboy (Claregalway)	John Moore's yard entrance	310
Athenry	Junction with C.R. 438 Caranmore (Ballyfa)	Thomas Byrne's house, Killescragh	1450
Athenry	Junction with C.R. 186 Rinvile West	Gate to Mrs. Burke-Carrick's land, Rinvile West	1460
Athenry	Junction with C.R. No. 177 Carnmore West	Hanley's house, Carnmore West	320
Athenry	Junction with C.R. 431 Gortonnagh (Gurteen)	Gate to Thomas Hoban's house, Gortonnagh	365
Athenry	Brusk/Carnakelly Road	Carty's gate and branch west in townland of Brusk	336
Athenry	Junction with C.R. 384 Ballywinna (Craughwell)	P. Manning's house, Ballywinna	332
Athenry	Main Road — L54 Sec. 210B Carrowntober East	Gate near Copperwath's house, Carrowntober East	283
Athenry	Junction with C.R. 189 Ballybaun (E.D. Abbey West)	Junction Galway/Mountbellew Road, Ballynakilla	1656
Athenry	Junction with C.R. 198 Caherlissakill	Gate at Martin Treacy's house, Caherlissakill	1030
Milltown	C.R. 239 Brackloon	East to John Burke's house, Brackloon	483
Milltown	C.R. 156 Beaghmore	John Egan's gate, Shanclon	600
Tuam	C.R. 168 at Marmion's house	C.R. 168 at Farragher's house with branch to Brady's Gate	1462
Tuam	C.R. 133 at Luimneach East	Coen's back gate, Luimneach	250
Tuam	C.R. 122 at Cahergal	Spellman's front gate	170
Tuam	C.R. 199 at Derreen	John Curley's house	402
Tuam	C.R. 119 at Carrownacroagh	Robert Lee's house	419
Tuam	C.R. 153 at Cluirdrevagh	Mrs. Bridget Burke's gate	327
Tuam	C.R. 118 at Cloonaghau	Patrick Gibbons house	65
Tuam	C.R. 166 at Anbally	Michael Furey's house	420
Mountbellew	C.R. 501 in the townland of Slievemurry	James Smith's gate, Slievemurry	416
Mountbellew	C.R. 425 in the townland of Cloonweelaun	Thomas Gavin's house, Cloonweelaun	320
Gort	M.R. 390 at Knockouran	Gate at John Corbett's house, Lisbrien	876
Gort	C.R. 359 Derreen	Thomas Deely's house, Derreen	640
Gort	C.R. 359 Derreen	Gate at Margaret Hansberry's land, Derreen	162
Gort	C.R. No. 347 Rinrush & Deerpark	Michael Cahill's gate piers Rinrush and Deerpark	63
Gort	End of C.R. 373 Cloghnakeeva	James Reilly's shed, Cloghnakeeva	288
Loughrea	C.R. 402 Barragarraun	Gate at Mrs. Eamon Coy's house, Barragarraun	300
Loughrea	C.R. 403 Sonnagh Old	South and west for a distance of 2195m.	2195
Loughrea	C.R. 498 Alleendarra West	James Fahy's house, Alleendarra West	723
Loughrea	C.R. 481 Carrow More	C.R. 481 Carra	2067
Ballinasloe	Junction C.R. 477 at Gortnahoon	Thomas Broderick's gate	416
Ballinasloe	Junction C.R. 479 at Doonaree	Martin Finn's gate	439
Portumna	Junction with C.R. 586	Entrance gate to J. Madden's land, Lispeahly	203
Portumna	Junction with M.R. 440 at Reaskmore	Gate beyond T. Fahy's house, Reaskmore	256
Portumna	Junction with M.R. 430 at Corr	Entrance gate to Mrs. T. Walshe's yard at Corr	451
Portumna	Junction with C.R. 561 at Kilmachugh	Gate near Mr. M. Treacy's house, Kilmachugh	768
Portumna	C.R. 526 Ballylogue	Gate beyond M. Whelan's house, Ballylogue	272
Portumna	Junction with C.R. 571 at Muingbaun	Frank Halloran's house, Muingbaun	283
Portumna	Junction with C.R. 577 at Cloonmoylan	Joseph Connell's yard gate, Cloonmoylan	161
Portumna	Junction with C.R. 576 at Kilcorban	Gate leading to P. Conroy's house	80
Portumna	Junction with C.R. 557	Entrance gate to J. Kelly's house, Tylorstown	1170
Portumna	C.R. 527 in townland of Poppyhill	Mr. M. Shaughnessy's out-office in Poppyhill	285
Portumna	C.R. 527 in townland of Poppyhill	Entrance gate at Mrs. L. Campbell's house	197
Galway	Co. Rd. 96 at Slieveaneena, north and east	W. Faherty's house	292
Galway	Dennis Dunne's house, Knockaunranny	to a point 40 yds. past James Acton's shed	137
Galway	From Co. Rd. No. 101, 20 yards west of T. Sarsfield's gate, east, north and west	James Faherty's house	823
Galway	Co. Council cottage on Co. Rd. 115 at Tonsbrocky north and west	Patrick Carr's land	356
Galway	An bothar siar o theach P. O. Cadhain o thuaidh	teach nua Micheal O Flatharta thar teach	
		Thaidhg O Mathall i gCoismolmhor	137
		(Mogan McDonagh's with branches east to	
		(William McDonagh's and north to	
		(Michael McDonagh's	800
		Michael Gibbons' house	165
Oughterard	C.R. 59 in townland of Keeraunbeg		
Oughterard	1/4 mile east of Cornamona in townland of Carrick West	south to Patrick Carney's gate, Cloghbrack Upper	60
Oughterard	Co. Rd. at Patrick Burke's, in townland of Cloghbrack Upper	Patrick Reilly's new house, Gortnarup	180
Oughterard	Reilly's old house south by Joseph Kyne's in townland of Gortnarup		
Oughterard	Rinn Co. Rd. No. 95 Carrowroe South	East and south to Michael McDonagh (Michael's) house, Carrowroe South	770
Oughterard	Screebe/Inver Road No. 170 Turlough	North to Inver Lodge Gate, Turlough	670
Oughterard	Co. Rd. 66 near Roger Conneely's house, Derroogh South	N.W. to M. Conneely house, Derroogh South	90
Oughterard	Matt Bolustrum's, Ballynahown	Seamus Bolustrum's, Ballynahown South	320
Oughterard	Existing Co. Road 54 in the townland of Lettermullen	Martin Lee's, Lettermullen	240
Oughterard	Seosamh O'Flatharta's in the townland of Teeranea 1/4m. north of Trabane School in the townland of Teeranea	West to Sean O'Callaghan's, Teeranea	500
Oughterard	End of tarred road in the townland of Bohoona West	Colm O Lachlainn's, Teeranea	320
Oughterard	Co. Road 63 Carrowroe North	North to Fionnbar O Muiri's, Bohoona West	182
Oughterard	End of existing tarred road in the townland of Lettercallow	East to Padraig O Sulleabhain's, Carrowroe North	340
Oughterard	End of existing Co. Rd. 64 in townland of Carrane North	west to Colm O Suibhne's in the townland of Lettercallow	547
Tuam	A point 120 metres from C.R. 154 near Payne's house, Ardrumkella	Michael O'Malley's house, Carraroe North	270
Portumna	C.R. 575 in the townland of Derradda South	Towards C.R. 152 at O'Connell's house, Castleshackett	90
Clifden	Junction with Co. Rd. 13 in townland of Letterdeen	towards J. Shewbridges house, Derradda South	163
Athenry	A point, 437 metres from Unacks, Main Rd. L13 - 480, Dunsandle Cross	Junction with N.S. Rd. 10 Letternoosh	473
Galway	Co. Rd. 188 Woodpark	Towards public road at Egan's house Dunsandle for a distance of 162 metres	162
Athenry	Junction with public road to King's house, Caeleagh	John Farragher's house	109
Tuam	C.R. 134 Kilcahill	Tom Keane's house, Coolagh	78
Galway	C.R. 147 n.w. in townland of Gortadooy	William Newell's house, Kilcahill	190
Galway	C.R. 148 southwards	Mrs. Greally's house, Gortadooy	82
Loughrea	A point 109 metres from C.R. 494 Burroge	John Murphy's house, Liscananaun	156
Milltown	Co. Rd. 245 in townland of Slieve	Towards James O'Donnell's house	36
		Patrick Donnellan's house, Slieve	150

—K. DOYLE, County Secretary.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
GALWAY.

6th October, 1978.

TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL/

Re/ Proposed sale of land at Portumna, Co. Galway.

A Chara/

In accordance with the requirements of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966, I have been requested by the Assistant Co. Manager to give you notice that it is proposed selling the plot of land, particulars of which are given hereunder:-

LAND:

1 site for house at Portumna, Co. Galway - area as given hereunder:

FROM WHOM ACQUIRED:

Mr. William Martyn, Portumna

PERSON TO WHOM LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE SOLD:	SITE NO.	AREA OF PLOT
Galway Association for Mentally Handicapped Children Ltd.	F	13 pers. approx.

Consideration in respect of disposal:

Site No.	Price
F	£1,800

Covenant or condition in connection with disposal:

The site will be sold in fee simple.

This matter will be placed on the Agenda for consideration at the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council which will be held after the expiration of 10 days from the date of this Notice.

Mise, le meas,

C. O'Dubhghaill
Runai.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

27u Deire Fomhair, 1978.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a special meeting of a Committee of the entire Council at the County Buildings, Galway, on Friday, 3rd November, 1978, commencing at 3.30 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

T. Kavanagh,
RUNAI SEALADACH.

A G E N D A

1. Provisional Road Works Scheme 1979 - copy herewith.
 2. Proposals received from Councillors during the year - list to follow.
 3. Connemara Roads.
 4. Fix date for Estimates Meeting.
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 23RD OCTOBER, 1978.

IN THE CHAIR: Deputy M. Killilea.

PRESENT: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Members - Councillors G. Bartley, U. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputies J. Callanan, J. Donnellan, Councillors S. Donnellan, F. Fahey, M. Flaherty, P. T. Galvin, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, B. Holland, P. M. Stapleton, J. Joyce, M. Kelly, Senator M. P. Kitt, Councillor P. McCormack, Deputy J. M. Mannion, Councillors J. Molloy, N. Morgan, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, P. Ruane, M. Ryan, T. Welby, and P. Dempsey.

An apology for non-attendance was received from Councillor Melvin.

Officials - Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Lynch, County Engineer; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; K. Doyle, Acting Assistant County Manager; M. Moroney, County Accountant; S. McMahon, M. Tierney, F. Monahan, Chief Assistant County Engineers; B. Callagy, W. A. Cahill, C.A.C.E. (Planning); P. J. McGovern, D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officers; and T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2276 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 28625 - APPLICANT: MICHAEL McNAMARA.

The County Manager stated that this application was fully discussed at the last meeting at which a report was submitted. As agreed at the meeting, arrangements were made to meet the applicant on the site and this meeting took place. The Officials views on the application are still the same and the site map lodged with the application is not correct as already explained. The applicant is entitled to submit a fresh application with a varied site map, and if he does, it will be dealt with on its merits. In reply to Councillor Morgan, The County Manager stated that if the site is altered, a new application is required.

It was agreed that there was no option but to withdraw the Section 4 motion which was then withdrawn.

2277 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 28664 - APPLICANT: PATRICK JOYCE.

The County Manager stated that as a result of discussions with the applicant's father agreement had been reached on a location where permission could be given in this case and it was proposed to grant permission subject to this condition.

Having regard to the Manager's statement, the Section 4 motion was withdrawn.

2278 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor O'Morain, seconded by Councillor Molloy, the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on the 25th September, 1978, and of the adjourned meeting on the 16th October, 1978, (numbers 2241 - 2275 inclusive) were approved and signed by the Chairman.

2279 - MALICIOUS INJURY DECREES:

It was noted that Malicious Injury Decrees as listed in the Schedule to Item 3 on the Agenda had been received since the last meeting.

2280 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 7 OF THE RATES ON AGRICULTURAL LAND (RELIEF) ACT, 1967:

It was proposed by Deputy Callanan, seconded by Councillor Ryan and resolved:-

"That subject to the consent of the Minister for the Environment Galway County Council hereby determine that allowances granted under the Rates on Agricultural Land (Relief) Acts 1939 - 1974 in respect of land which is subject to assessment for Rates by the Council shall not be subject to a condition that the said Rates are payable not later than the 31st December, 1978."

2281 - ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1977:

The Abstract of Accounts for the Financial Year ended 31st December, 1977, which was made available to the Members at the meeting for inspection, was noted.

2282 - EXCESS EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1977:

It was proposed by Deputy Mannion, seconded by Councillor Ryan, and resolved:

"That excess expenditure in excess of that provided in the Estimates or already approved by the Council be now authorised as follows in respect of the year ended 31st December, 1977:-

<u>Housing and Building Programme</u>		£	
1.1	Local Authority Housing	1,279	
1.8	Administration & Miscellaneous	7,367	8,646
<u>Road Transportation and Safety</u>			
2.2	Road Improvement	119,960	
2.8	Administration and Miscellaneous	69,531	189,491
<u>Development Incentives and Controls</u>			
4.1	Land Use Planning	8,737	
4.3	Other development and promotion	15,247	
4.8	Administration and Miscellaneous	1,275	25,259
<u>Environmental Protection</u>			
5.8	Administration and Miscellaneous	585	585
<u>Recreation and Amenity</u>			
6.2	Libraries	1,812	
6.3	Parks, Open Spaces, etc.	57,490	
6.4	Other Recreation and Amenity	11,002	
6.8	Administration and Miscellaneous	1,376	71,680
<u>Agriculture, Education, Health and Welfare</u>			
7.2	Education	3,202	3,202

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Miscellaneous Services

	£
8.4 Elections	2,196
8.5 Justice and Consumer Protection	5,439
8.6 Property Damage	82,594 90,229
TOTAL	£389,092
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It was noted that there were savings in the same year amounting to £504,701.

2283 - SALE OF HOUSING SITE AT PORTUMNA:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of a housing site at Portumna to the Galway Association for Mentally Handicapped Children Limited in accordance with the terms set out in notice dated 6th October, 1978, copy of which has been sent 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."

2284 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS) BILL, 1977:

The County Manager referred to the memorandum which had been circulated on the Local Government (Financial Provisions) Bill, 1977, which was not yet law. He referred to a number of the provisions in the Bill, in particular, the Section authorising the Minister to limit the expenditure of local authorities in any local financial year.

The memorandum was noted.

2285 - REMISSION OF RATES ON INDUSTRIAL PREMISES - AN CHOMHLUCHT MIOTALRA TEO., RUSHEENAMANAGH:

The County Manager stated that an application for remission of rates had been received in respect of the factory provided by Gaeltarra Eireann at Rusheenamanagh and occupied by An Chomhlucht Miotlra Teo. The factory was completed on the 24th March, 1973, but was not rated until the 1st January, 1978. The ratable valuation is £65. Under the Gaeltacht Industries (Amendment) Act, 1971, the remission period would be the financial year 1973/74 and the nine subsequent local financial years up to the 31st December, 1982. The remission for 1978 would amount to £472.68 and the estimated remission over the entire remission period would be in the region of £2,943. It was proposed by Deputy Mannion, seconded by Councillor O'Morain and resolved:-

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the remission of two-thirds of the Rates leviable in respect of the factory at Rusheenamanagh occupied by An Chomhlucht Miotlra Teo., the remission to have effect in respect of the local financial years 1973/74 to 1982 inclusive subject also to the other provisions of the Act - the appropriate certificate having been issued by Gaeltarra Eireann in respect of this factory."

2286 - DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS:

A list of roads to be declared public was circulated with item no. 9 on the Agenda. Councillor Haverty asked that the road from the junction with County Road 577 at Cloonmoylan to Joseph Connell's yard gate, Cloonmoylan be not declared public. It was then proposed by Councillor Morgan, seconded by Councillor Molloy and resolved:-

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"That Galway County Council hereby declare all the roads on the Schedule attached to item 9 on the Agenda to be public roads with the exception of the road leading from the junction with County Road 577 at Cloonmoylan to Joseph Connell's yard gate, Cloonmoylan, the necessary procedure in relation to publication of notice of intention to do so having been complied with."

Notice of Motion Roads:

A discussion took place in regard to Notice of Motion Roads. Some Councillors complained that they had been asked to submit their lists of roads early which they had done and yet no work had been done on them. The County Engineer said that he appreciated the fact that members had submitted their roads early and this had enabled the Estimates to be prepared and legal procedure complied with so that the work could be done in the Autumn which was the normal time for this work. In reply to Councillor Morgan, he stated that even if the roads were nominated on the 1st January in any year, it would not be possible to do the roads early in the year in view of the preparatory work which had to be done and the legal procedure complied with, all of which took a number of months.

Councillor Fahey was informed that a road with no houses on it, but which connected two public roads, could be declared public provided it complied with the other criteria. He was also informed that untarred roads would have to take their place on the list of untarred roads.

2287 - FILLING OF COMMITTEE VACANCIES ARISING FROM THE RESIGNATION OF DEPUTY T. HUSSEY:

Vacancy on Vocational Education Committee:

Senator Kitt proposed that Councillor Stapleton be appointed to fill the vacancy. This was seconded by Councillor Raftery.

Councillor Byrne proposed that Councillor Burke be appointed to fill the vacancy and this was seconded by Councillor Galvin. When a vote was taken after 4.30 p.m., the result was as follows:

FOR COUNCILLOR STAPLETON:

Councillor G. Bartley, Deputy J. Callanan, Councillors S. Donnellan, F. Fahey, M. Flaherty, E. Haverty, P. M. Stapleton, J. Joyce, M. Kelly, Deputy M. Killilea, Senator Michael P. Kitt, Councillors J. Molloy, P. Dempsey, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, and T. Welby.

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FOR COUNCILLOR BURKE:

Councillors U. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy J. Donnellan, Councillors P.T. Galvin, F. Glynn, B. Holland, P. McCormack, Deputy J. M. Mannion, Councillors N. Morgan, and M. Ryan.

(10)

The Chairman declared Councillor Stapleton elected to fill the vacancy on the Vocational Education Committee.

Vacancy on County Committee of Agriculture:

Senator Kitt proposed that Councillor Stapleton be elected to fill the vacancy. This was seconded by Councillor Raftery.

Councillor Burke proposed that Councillor Ryan be elected to fill the vacancy and this was seconded by Deputy Donnellan.

Councillor McCormack referred to the rules for the appointment of members to Committees of Agriculture and stated that Councillor Ryan was well qualified to be elected.

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The Chairman stated that Councillor Stapleton was also well qualified. When a vote was taken after 4.30 p.m., the result was as follows:

FOR COUNCILLOR STAPLETON: Councillor G. Bartley, Deputy J. Callanan, Councillors S. Donnellan, F. Fahey, M. Flaherty, E. Haverty, P. M. Stapleton, J. Joyce, Deputy M. Killilea, Senator M. P. Kitt, Councillors J. Molloy, P. Dempsey, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery and T. Welby.

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FOR COUNCILLOR RYAN: Councillors U. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy J. Donnellan, Councillors P. T. Galvin, F. Glynn, B. Holland, P. McCormack, Deputy J. M. Mannion, Councillors N. Morgan, P. Ruane, and M. Ryan.

(11)

The Chairman declared Councillor Stapleton elected to fill the vacancy on the County Committee of Agriculture.

Vacancy on Local Health Committee:

Senator Kitt proposed Councillor Stapleton for the vacancy. This was seconded by Councillor Raftery. Councillor Morgan proposed that Councillor Kelly be elected to fill the vacancy. This was seconded by Councillor Holland. When a vote was about to be taken after 4.30 p.m., Councillor Kelly withdrew his nomination saying that he was already a member of the Health Board.

The Chairman then declared Councillor Stapleton elected to fill the vacancy on the Local Health Committee.

Vacancy on River Suck Joint Drainage Committee:

Senator Kitt proposed Councillor Stapleton for the vacancy and was seconded by Councillor Raftery. Councillor Byrne proposed Deputy Donnellan and was seconded by Councillor Ryan. When a vote was taken after 4.30 p.m., the result was as follows:

FOR COUNCILLOR STAPLETON: Councillor G. Bartley, Deputy J. Callanan, Councillors S. Donnellan, M. Flaherty, E. Haverty, P. M. Stapleton, J. Joyce, Deputy M. Killilea, Senator M. P. Kitt, Councillors J. Molloy, P. Dempsey, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, and T. Welby.

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FOR DEPUTY DONNELLAN: Councillors U. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy J. Donnellan, Councillors P. T. Galvin, F. Glynn, B. Holland, M. Kelly, P. McCormack, Deputy J. M. Mannion, Councillors N. Morgan, P. Ruane, and M. Ryan.

(12)

The Chairman declared Councillor Stapleton elected to fill the vacancy on the River Suck Joint Drainage Committee.

Galway/Mayo Regional Development Group:

The Chairman stated that there was no vacancy on this Committee as Deputy Hussey was not a member of it.

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2288 - REVISION OF SALARIES - COUNTY LIBRARIES STAFF:

The County Manager stated that an Arbitration award had been made under the Local Authority and Health Services Conciliation and Arbitration Scheme in relation to a salary revision claim on behalf of grades employed in the Public Library Service. The award equated the Library Assistant grade to the Clerical Officer grade, the Assistant Librarian grade at an intermediate level between the grade of Staff Officer and Assistant Staff Officer, and the County Librarian grade with the grade of Administrative Officer. The cost of implementing the award for the current financial year would amount to £6,700. It was proposed by Councillor Morgan, seconded by Councillor Flaherty and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the revised salary scales for Library Assistant, Assistant Librarian, and County Librarian, with effect as from the 1st March, 1978, and that excess expenditure of £6,700 be approved for the current financial year, in accordance with Section 11 of the City and County Management (Amendment), 1955."

BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY THE COUNTY MANAGER

2289 - DRAINAGE OF ISLANDS RIVER:

The County Manager referred to report dated 28th September, 1978, by the County Engineer which had been circulated to all the members. He said that the Islands River flows for a distance of 3.8 miles in County Roscommon, then forms the boundary between Roscommon and Galway for a distance of 1.6 miles and flows in County Galway for a further 8.5 miles. About 500 acres of land is subject to flooding, 400 of which are in County Galway. A Drainage Scheme has been designed by Roscommon County Council and Galway County Council has been asked to join in the Scheme. However, the report from the County Engineer shows clearly that it would not be advisable for the Council to partake in the scheme because of the affects that the increased drainage created by the Drainage Works would have downstream. There was also the fact that the riparian owners might hold the Council liable for disturbance, loss of crops, etc., during the carrying out of the works which had happened in the case of another Local Authority. Another factor was that the Council's funds are now limited because of the restrictions placed on local authority expenditure.

Deputy Donnellan stated that the flooding of the Islands River had been the subject of representations to many Government Departments and he proposed that the Council take part in the scheme. He said that if the scheme was not undertaken now, it would never be done and he felt that it should be possible to get some finance for it from E.E.C. funds. Councillor Ryan seconded Deputy Donnellan's proposal.

The County Engineer then explained details of the scheme stating that in 1977 the estimated cost was £50,000, of which Galway County Council would be responsible for £36,000. He stressed that the drainage of a river should always start downstream and work upwards and the opposite was proposed in this case. There was no additional capacity downstream and if the drainage works were carried out, they would only aggravate the present position and more lands would be flooded. The only solution was the drainage of the River Suck. Councillor Glynn agreed that there was the possibility that riparian owners could seek compensation from the Council for disturbance, etc. After further discussion, a proposal by the Chairman that Council officials would meet officials from the Department of Agriculture as quickly as possible to discuss the matter fully, and put the matter on the Agenda for the Estimates Meeting, was agreed.

2290 - IMPROVEMENT WORKS ON HARBOUR FACILITIES ON INISHERE:

The County Manager stated that the Council at its meeting on the 25th March, 1974, agreed to accept responsibility for the maintenance of works which were to be carried out on Inishere. Roinn na Gaeltachta have now informed the Council that it is not proposed to carry out these works and instead they intend to carry out bigger improvements as outlined in their letter of 25th August, 1978, and want the County Council to take over maintenance of the work when completed. The County Manager said that there was no objection to the Council taking over responsibility for the works including lighting. On the proposition of Councillor S. Donnellan, seconded by Councillor Molloy, the Council approved accepting the responsibility for the works on their completion by the Office of Public Works.

2291 - WAGE INCREASE TO OVERSEERS:

The County Manager informed Deputy Callanan that the reason why the wage increase to Overseers had not yet been paid was because a wage scale had been introduced and it was necessary to check on the service of Overseers to see what point they would enter on the scale and payment would be made as soon as possible.

2292 - CAHEROYAN HOUSING ESTATE:

The County Manager informed Senator Kitt that enquiries were going ahead in relation to the completion of the services and that the Council would take over responsibility for the public lighting as soon as the E.S.B. certified that the public lighting was satisfactorily installed.

2293 - ENGINEERS WORK TO RULE:

Some members enquired about the non-collection of domestic refuse in certain areas. The County Manager replied that these were probably areas where the refuse was normally collected on overtime which was not now being done because of the Engineers dispute. He said that he had received notification from the Institution of Engineers of Ireland and Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers of a work to rule by their members employed in Local Authorities because of a dispute over restructuring and productivity claim. The County Manager gave some details of what the work to rule involved.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

2294 - REMOVAL OF BENDS AT KINISKA, CLAREGALWAY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR McCORMACK:

The Acting Secretary stated that the estimated cost of this work was £4,000. No provision has been made in the current years Estimates for same. The work is not considered to be of high priority.

2295 - EXTRA STAFF IN PLANNING OFFICE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR McCORMACK:

The Acting Secretary stated that in recent times the Planning Department had been carrying out a higher volume of work than heretofore because of an unusual increase in the number of Planning Applications and because of the completion of the Draft County Development Plan and other special investigations and reports. The staff requirements of the Planning Department were being kept under review.

Councillor McCormack said that he was not satisfied with the reply. He said that he called into the Planning Office on 16 occasions and failed to meet the Planning Officer. He felt that a Councillor should have the right to put an applicant's case to the Planning Officer and the frustration of not being able to do this could be the cause of some Section 4 motions being submitted.

He suggested that the Planning Officers should have a fixed date when they would be in their offices. Councillor Morgan supported Councillor McCormack. The County Manager pointed out that planning officers were outdoor officers and the staff requirements were under review and if extra staff was needed, he would come back to the Council on it.

2296 - 30 M.P.H. SPEED LIMIT ON CASTLEGAR/BALLINDOOLEY ROAD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR McCORMACK:

The Acting Secretary stated that provision has already been made for this speed limit in the current speed limit revision at present awaiting the sanction of the Minister for the Environment. Councillor McCormack said that this was a very dangerous narrow road with several bad turns on it and speed limits on it would help to make it somewhat safer. He said that an agreement had been made with the Corporation that Corporation trucks would only use the road one way but this no longer seemed to operate. The County Engineer said that he was not aware of any agreement with the Corporation and while the Corporation may make such arrangements for their own vehicles, once it was a public road, vehicles were entitled to use it from any direction.

2297 - LISSAVRUGGY GROUP SCHEME - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RAFTERY:

The Acting Secretary stated that it was not possible to give a connection to the Lissavruggy Group Scheme from the Ballygar public mains. Consideration will be given to including the drilling of a borehole for the Lissavruggy Group in the current programme of well boring.

2298 - CONNEMARA ROADS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR O'MORAIN:

Councillor O'Morain asked to have this motion deferred to the Roads Estimates Meeting.

2299 - REFUSAL OF PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 28634 - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR O'MORAIN:

The Acting Secretary stated that permission was refused on the grounds of injury to the scenic amenity of the area. The proposal was to reconstruct a ruinous building but the effect both as a precedent and visually would be the same as for a new house. Permission had previously been refused for a house on the site. The application is presently on appeal to An Bord Pleanála. Councillor O'Morain said that this was not a case of one isolated building in a scenic area and that there were several buildings in the area and permission should not have been refused.

2300 - CLEANING OF GRAVEYARDS IN ROSMUC AND CARNA - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR O'MORAIN:

The Acting Secretary stated that this work would be put in hands as soon as possible.

2301 - SEWERAGE SCHEME AT ST. JOSEPH'S ROAD, PORTUMNA - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MORGAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that this proposal will be investigated and a report on same will be available for the November Meeting.

2302 - TESTING OF PUBLIC PUMPS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MORGAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that this was not considered to be a feasible proposal. Where it is intended to use a borehole as a source for a Group Water Scheme, a yield test is carried out by the County Council. Councillor Morgan stated that tests should be carried out on all boreholes in the future at least.

2302 - The County Manager stated that if the yield from a borehole was satisfactory for a public pump, the Council was justified in using it for that purpose even though it may not be adequate for a Group Scheme. Councillor Fahey asked if the Council could increase its capacity for testing so that when the season starts next year, all applications on hands will be dealt with before the end of the season. The County Engineer stated that five testing rigs were arranged for the current season but due to breakdowns, no more than two or three were in operation at any one time and the position would improve next year. Councillor Glynn was informed that a special meeting to deal with Group Schemes was being considered.

2303 - UNDERGROUND WATER INVESTIGATION - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MORGAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that discussions have taken place with Dr. C. R. Aldwell of Ground Water Division, Geological Survey, regarding underground sources in particular areas in County Galway. Negotiations are in progress with a firm of hydrogeologists to investigate underground sources in selected areas in the County. Councillor Morgan recommended that Mr. Aldwell be invited to address the Councillors on the importance of underground water sources. The County Engineer stated that the Council's staff was aware of the importance of ground water but that surface water was still the best and most economic to develop. If the Council required his services on any particular occasion, they would get in touch with him. The Chairman agreed that an invitation be sent to Mr. Aldwell.

2304 - DANGEROUS BENDS AT BROWNSGROVE N.S. - MOTION BY DEPUTY DONNELLAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that it was desirable to bring this section of road up to standard but it would have to be subject of a National Secondary Road Grant. Deputy Donnellan stated that this road was very dangerous and he had been seeking improvements for two years. The County Engineer stated that the Council have been and are pressing the Department for funds for National Secondary Roads.

2305 - AMENITY GRANT - CORTOON/BROWNSGROVE COMMUNITY COUNCIL - MOTION BY DEPUTY DONNELLAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that an application was made by the Cortoon Parish Committee for an amenity grant but as in the case of other applications a grant was not recommended when allocating the grants for 1978. The application would be reconsidered for 1979.

2306 - REMOVAL OF BANKS ETC., AT JUNCTION OF CARROWREAGH ROAD AND DUNMORE-TUAM ROAD - MOTION BY DEPUTY DONNELLAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that this work would be considered for the 1979 Estimates.

2307 - TELEPHONE SERVICE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR GLYNN:

Proposing the motion, Councillor Glynn stated that the present telephone situation was chronic and the worst in Europe. He said that there were more man days lost due to bad telecommunications than to strikes. Councillor Fahey, seconding the motion, said that the lack of a proper telephone system was a most serious infrastructural defect and the County was suffering industrially and otherwise as a result. It was also ridiculous that in some places there is no telephone system at all after 6 p.m. The motion was passed unanimously.

2308 - AVAILABILITY OF LEAVING CERTIFICATE RESULTS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR GLYNN:

Councillor Glynn stated that this year's Leaving Certificate results could have been made available earlier than they were as the results were available in the Department of Education. His motion was agreed.

2309 - ATHENRY HOUSING SCHEME - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MELVIN:

The Acting Secretary stated that the present position regarding the next housing scheme for Athenry is that a tender for the erection of 34 houses has been accepted and the Contractor has been asked to obtain a Bond. Negotiations are going ahead with the Contractor regarding the commencement of work which is subject to the availability of finance.

2310 - TOILET FACILITIES AT TONABRUCKY QUARRY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The Acting Secretary stated that a report would be prepared on this item for the November Meeting. Councillor Welby stated that it was time for proper facilities to be provided at Tonabruicky Quarry which were lacking for twenty years.

2311 - SPIDDAL BRIDGE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The Acting Secretary stated that agreement has been reached with the landowner in this case and the legal transfer of the lands is being arranged. Work will commence on the scheme when the legal transfer of the land has been completed. The grant is a special allocation for the job and will not be lost.

2312 - KILCUMMIN BURIAL GROUND EXTENSION - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The Acting Secretary stated that agreement had been reached with the landowner concerned and the legal transfer of the land is in the hands of the Council's Solicitor. Work will commence as soon as the transfer has been completed. Councillor Welby stated that the landowner had not yet been paid and was informed that payment would be made as soon as transfer is completed.

2313 - EXTENSION OF REFUSE COLLECTION TO CARNMORE CROSS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RUANE:

The Acting Secretary stated that the refuse collection service is already overtaxed and no further extensions can be permitted. Councillor Ruane stated that a collection service was badly needed in this area as there were nearly twenty houses involved with no land or other facilities for disposing of the refuse. He asked that the question of a fortnightly collection be again considered. Councillor McCormack supported the motion. The County Engineer stated that there were only a certain number of vehicles available and they were all fully occupied. He did not think that any saving would be affected through a fortnightly collection as the tonnage of refuse for collection would remain unchanged.

2314 - ERECTION OF "NO DUMPING SIGNS" - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RUANE:

The Acting Secretary stated that "No Dumping Signs" would be erected in the locations requested.

2315 - TREE PLANTING AT REFUSE DUMP, HEADFORD ROAD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RUANE:

The Acting Secretary stated that this matter would be referred to Galway Corporation, who operate the dump, for their consideration and the Council would strongly recommend that tree planting be carried out.

2316 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:-
Mr. Thomas Flynn, Lackagh, Turloughmore, Co. Galway.
Mr. Garret Nally, Kinvara, Co. Galway.
Mr. Paddy McDonagh, Bunowen, Ballyconneely,
Mr. Tom Greaney, 15 Woodquay, Galway.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

M. K. M. G.

CHAIRMAN

27th November 1978 DATE.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
WHICH WAS HELD IN COMMITTEE ON THE 10TH NOVEMBER, 1978, AT THE COUNTY
BUILDINGS, GALWAY, TO CONSIDER THE ROADS ESTIMATE

IN THE CHAIR: Deputy M. Killilea.

ALSO PRESENT: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Members: Councillors G. Bartley, T. Byrne, Deputy J. Callanan, Councillor F. Coogan, Deputy J. Donnellan, Councillors S. Donnellan, F. Fahey, M. Flaherty, P.T. Galvin, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, P. M. Stapleton, J. Joyce, M. J. Kilgannon, Senator M. P. Kitt, Councillor P. McCormack, Deputy J. M. Mannion, Councillors J. Molloy, N. Morgan, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, P. Ruane, M. Ryan, T. Welby, P. Dempsey.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Lynch, County Engineer; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; F. Monahan, C.A.C.E.; P. J. McGovern, Senior Staff Officer;; and T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

2317 - WELCOME BACK TO COUNCILLOR COOGAN:

The Chairman, Members and the County Manager welcomed Councillor Coogan back to the Council after his recent illness. Councillor Coogan thanked everybody for their kind remarks and all those who had sent him good wishes.

2318 - ROADS ESTIMATES FOR 1979:

The County Manager referred to the Road Works Scheme and report dated 25th October, 1978, from the County Engineer which had been circulated. He said that the Council could consider it in detail and a draft scheme as it may have to be reviewed in view of the fact that neither the Road Grants nor the rate limitation for 1979 are yet available. In preparing the programme, the County Engineer based his assessment on the needs of the County and taking into account representations made by Members. The County Manager stated that the cost of the Road Works Scheme as presented was considerably in excess of the percentage increase which would generally be expected to be attributable to inflation. It represented an increase of 78.6p in the £ over the 1978 Roads Rate which was equivalent to an increase of 17.4%.

The County Engineer then briefly went through the Road Works Scheme and his report. He said that the Road Works Scheme as presented provided for a gross expenditure of £4,507,147 which represented an increase of 30% over the 1978 figure. The Estimate provides for the continuation of the Road Service during 1979 at the same level that prevails at present. In estimating the cost of the programme, allowance was made for the increases in costs which are to be expected, and on the best information available, the following increases in cost over the 1978 Estimate could be anticipated:-

Labour	17%
Materials.....	10%
Machinery.....	12.5%

He referred to the mileage of road in the County and the fact that 97.5% of the total mileage was now "dust-free". In the preparation of the Estimate, consideration was given to minor improvement works on County Roads and other Main Roads which were considered to have high priority and the sum of £127,531 has been provided for those works, approximately half of which had been the subject of representations by the Members in recent years. The cost of all the works included on the yellow list of proposals amounted to over £1 million and proposals which were received after the yellow list was prepared are set out on a supplementary list.

Some of these were already included on the yellow list and it was not possible to get an estimate for the remainder because of the short notice. A sum of £59,675 was provided for Councillors Notice of Motion Roads which was an increase of £5,425 over the current year. The County Engineer then detailed the list of improvement works as set out on pages 31, 32 and 33 of the programme saying that a nominal sum of £10,000 was being provided in order that preliminary design work could commence on the proposed new Galway/Oranmore Road.

Councillor Welby asked if work would start on Spiddal Bridge before the end of the current year. Councillor Glynn asked what reasonable increase in National Primary and Secondary Road Grants could be expected in 1979, having regard to past experience. He also referred to paragraph 12 of the County Engineer's report and asked that the need for a high level of grants be stressed with the Department of the Environment in view of its affect on the level of employment. Councillor Galvin asked if all the grant money allocated for the National Primary Improvement work at Mackney, Ballinasloe, would be expended in 1978. Deputy Donnellan asked about the road between Dunmore and Cloonfad about which he had made representations over the last few years. He also asked as to why that particular section of the Tuam ring road mentioned on page 33 was selected. He felt that it was a bit premature to be considering the Estimates at this time when no information was available about either the grants or the level of rate that may be struck. Councillor Morgan stated that the amount provided for Councillors Notice of Motion Money was ridiculously low. He proposed that each Councillor be allocated £5,000 and that the extra money be taken off maintenance. He referred to the £3,500 provided on page 13 for improvement of bends from Corheen to Sonnagh East and said that this road was serving very few houses, whereas he had submitted a proposal for a road at Earlsparck which was a link road serving 16 houses and which was not included. Referring to the £90,000 provided on page 32 of the programme for the realignment and improvement of the Gurtymadden/Portumma Road, he recommended that it be spent on the road around where the Council Cottages are located, stating that the landowner was now agreeable. On the question of public lighting, he recommended that the street lighting at Portumma be extended out to the Council cottages and along St. Joseph's Road. Councillor Ruane referred to the improvement of the Oranmore/Clairegalway Road and expressed his disappointment at the fact that work had come to a halt on this job in the last week or so and asked the reason for it, and if the improvement work in 1979 would continue from the Clairegalway end. Deputy Mannion referred to the question of refuse collection and to the system whereby refuse is left at certain points for collection. He asked that something be done to try and control this system as it had got out of hand and refuse bags were being torn open and refuse scattered everywhere. He was dissatisfied with the Roads Estimate in that there was no provision for improvement of either the main road or national secondary road into Clifden. Councillor O'Morain agreed with Deputy Mannion stating that the Clifden area had been neglected, and that out of a total of £335,000 for National Secondary Improvement Works, only £50,000 was included for the Connemara Area. Councillor S. Donnellan supported Councillor Morgan regarding the road improvements at Earlsparck, Loughrea. Referring to the £3,000 provided on page 7 for the removal of undulations on the Galway/Moycullen Road, Councillor Donnellan stated that in his opinion more money should be spent on trying to resolve this problem than on maintenance. Councillor Fahey asked about the allocation for the bye-pass for Labane which was not spent for the current year. He also asked if there were any proposals for the Ennis Bridge on the way into Athenry which was very dangerous particularly for children.

Referring to the total estimate, Deputy Callanan stated that an increase of 78p in the £ on roads alone was a substantial increase, and he doubted if the Council would be allowed to increase the rate by 17% which this increase represented. He made the point that only a small number of people were now paying rates and it would be unacceptable if too heavy a burden was placed on them. On the question of the easing of bends, he suggested that it would be quite satisfactory if the necessary land was acquired and the fences removed, thereby providing adequate sight distance. Councillor Ryan referred to the Mountbellew/Roscommon Road some of which was in a very bad condition but no provision had been made for its improvement. He was also disappointed with the fact that no allocation had been made for the Tuam/Horseleap Road about which he had made continuous representations. He also stated that the roads where the surface-dressing was defective had not been redone. Councillor McCormack referred to the County Road Surface-dressing programme as set out in the estimate and asked when would this work be done. He asked if the Local Improvement Scheme Grant and the Notice of Motion money would be lost due to the Engineers Work to Rule. Councillor Bartley was dissatisfied with the lack of funds in the estimate for Clifden and complained about the general condition of the roads in Connemara. Senator Kitt agreed with Deputy Callanan about improving sight distance on roads as an interim measure. No provision had been made for a proposal which he had submitted for the easing of the bend at Castlefrench National School but he hoped some improvement could be made on it. Councillor Byrne asked about the selection of works for the improvement of the National Primary Road from Kilcolgan to the Clare border, for which a sum of £100,000 was provided on page 31. He was disappointed that his proposal no. 98 on the yellow list relating to the road from Ballinderreen Village to the Community Centre was not included. He also referred to the omission of funds for the provision of a footpath at Clarenbridge between the Convent and the Stradbally Road which was very hazardous for children. Councillor Joyce complained about the road between Eyrecourt and Banagher which was badly surfaced and was not redone, and there was no provision in the estimate for it. Referring to the roads on the yellow list, he stated that item 32 under his name involved the same work as proposed by Deputy Callanan, item no. 207. Councillor Haverty stated that none of his proposals were included in the Road Programme as proposed. Referring to the £2,000 provided on page 14 for the easing of bends on County Road 566 at Lissaniska, he asked which bends were in question. Referring to the sum of £2,068 provided on page 20 for County Road No. 565, he asked if there were any proposals for the improvement of the road from Derrew to Killimor which urgently needed improvement. He also stated that he had received a letter to the effect that a bad turn at Gortanmerra would be considered but it did not seem to be included in the Programme. Councillor Dempsey asked about the stopping of work on the Oranmore/Claregalway Road which had already been referred to by Councillor Ruane. Councillor Kilgannon enquired if there was any timetable for the Ballinasloe Relief Road and also asked if there was any progress on the road widening job at New Inn in which he was interested. Councillor Raftery said that he was disappointed that the Mountbellew/Ballygar road was not included and said that the Killieroran village road was in a very bad state. He also mentioned items no. 197 and 214 which were not included in the Programme.

The County Engineer then replied to the queries raised by the Members. Replying to Councillor Welby, he stated that Spiddal Bridge would not start till 1979 as it was necessary to start on the abutments which could not be started at this time of year. Replying to Councillor Glynn as to what Road Grants might reasonably be expected, the County Engineer stated that in 1978 the National Primary Road Grant was £300,000 and it was hoped that £400,000 might be approved for 1979.

For National Secondary Roads a sum of £150,000 was approved in 1978, and perhaps, this would be increased to £200,000 in the coming year. On the question of employment, he stated that if a satisfactory percentage increase was received for road upkeep, the level of the Council's work force should not suffer. Referring to Councillor Galvin's query in regard to the grant allocation for Mackney, the County Engineer stated that there was a commitment for this work and whatever grant was needed would be forthcoming. Replying to Deputy Donnellan in connection with the improvement of the Dunmore/Cloonfad road, the County Engineer stated that there was a very high mileage of road in the County, a number of which needed improvement, and it was a question of putting them in order of priority. Referring to the proposed section of the Tuam Ring Road, he stated that this was selected having regard to the industrial development that was expected to take place in that location. Replying to Deputy Callanan, the County Engineer stated that because of the work to rule by Local Authority Engineers, Amenity Grants and L.I.S. Grants could be lost but every effort was being made to bring the dispute to an end. On the question of easing bends, he accepted the idea put forward by Deputy Callanan and other Members of acquiring the land and removing the fences as an interim measure. Referring to Councillor Morgan's proposal to increase the Councillors Notice of Motion Money to £5,000 per Councillor, the County Engineer stated that an increase of 10% had been provided for in the Estimate and that there was already a very large mileage of public roads and it would be completely wrong to take over too many roads if they cannot be maintained. The County Engineer stated that the £61,000 provided in the Estimates for Public Lighting was made up of £10,000 for new public lighting in accordance with the Council's Programme for public lighting and the balance of £51,000 was for maintenance of existing lighting. Replying to Councillor Morgan's proposal that the £3,500 provided for the road from Corheen to Sonnagh East be switched to Earlsparck, the County Engineer stated that the Sonnagh Road was selected because the estimate was less and a greater inconvenience would be alleviated for the people involved. He stated that no final decision had been made as to what work would be undertaken from the £90,000 for the improvement of the Gurtymadden/Portumna road, and the final decision may depend on land acquisition. Replying to Councillor Ruane in connection with the continuation of the improvement of the Oranmore/Claregalway Road, the County Engineer stated that the work would continue as at present from the Claregalway end. Replying to Deputy Mannion on the question of collection points for refuse, the County Engineer stated that an effort would be made to control this type of collection by putting up signs indicating the hours and days on which the collection takes place. Replying to Councillor Donnellan, the County Engineer explained that only a certain amount of work can be done each year to remove undulations. The problem arose from the nature of the foundation of the road. Councillor Fahey was informed by the County Engineer that a National Primary Road Grant had been approved for the Labane by-pass and there was a commitment to do this job. Regarding the Ennis Bridge on the road to Athenry, he stated that every effort would be made to improve the position. Replying to Councillor Ryan in regard to the exclusion of the Mountbellew/Roscommon road and the Tuam/Horseleap Road, the County Engineer stated that it was a question of priorities and getting adequate funds for all roads which needed improvement. As regards the failure in some of the surface-dressing jobs, the County Engineer explained that this problem occurred nationwide in that particular year and the explanation of it was highly technical and had to do with the chips becoming overheated resulting in the binder not adhering to them. The County Engineer informed Councillor McCormack that the County Road Surface Dressing Programme is normally carried out during the months of April to September.

The County Engineer informed Councillor Bartley that the section of road at Recess was the next most important section of that road requiring improvement and a scheme was being prepared for it. Senator Kitt was informed that the easing of the bends at Castlefrench National School was not of high priority but a smaller scheme may be considered. Referring to the improvement of the National Primary Road from Kilcolgan to the Clare Boundary, referred to by Councillor Byrne, the County Engineer stated that in improving this road, it was decided to give priority to those sections of road which carry the greatest volume of traffic. On the question of the provision of a footpath from the Stradbally road at Clarenbridge to the Convent, the County Engineer agreed that this would be examined to see if a less expensive estimate could be prepared. The County Engineer informed Councillor Haverty that he did not know exactly which bends were involved in the proposed expenditure of £2,000 on County Road 566 at Lissaniska but would check on the position. Regarding the improvement of the road from Derrew to Killimor, he stated that the provision in the estimate was for surface-dressing but it may be possible to use some of the money for shaping, etc., and this will be investigated. He agreed to check on the position regarding the Gortanumera road mentioned by Councillor Haverty. Referring to the Ballinasloe Relief Road mentioned by Councillor Kilgannon, the County Engineer stated that there was no timetable as yet for this work as the design had to be finalised and approved by the Department. The County Manager agreed to check on the position of the road improvement proposal at New Inn referred to by Councillor Kilgannon.

This concluded consideration by the Members of the Provisional Road Works Scheme for 1979.

Councillor Glynn proposed that a resolution be forwarded to the Minister for the Environment asking him to intervene in the dispute involving Local Authority Engineers. This was seconded by Councillor Morgan and agreed.

2319 - CONNEMARA ROADS

It was agreed to defer this matter to the November Meeting.

2320 - DATE FOR ESTIMATES MEETING

It was agreed to hold the Annual Estimates Meeting of the Council on Friday, 15th December, 1978.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED - CONFIRMED:

Ant Rillie CHAIRMAN.

27th November 1978. DATE.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE (Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

20 Samhain, 1978.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

Iarratar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Condae, Gaillimh, De Luain, 27u la Samhain, 1978, ag tosnu ag 3.30 a chlog sa trathnona.

Mise, le meas,

C. O Dubhghaill,
Runai.

A G E N D A

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

- (a) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned propose that the Galway County Council direct the County Manager to grant permission to David Callinan, 76 Hazel Park, Newcastle, Galway, for erection of dwellinghouse. - Planning Reference No. 29438."

P. Dempsey. G. Bartley. Thomas Welby.
- (b) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned propose that the Galway County Council direct the County Manager to grant permission to Patrick O'Halloran, to erect dwellinghouse in the townland of Ballygally, Oughterard. - Planning Reference No. 29369."

Thomas Welby. G. Bartley. P. Dempsey.
- (c) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned propose that the Galway County Council direct the County Manager to grant outline permission to Mr. Louis Ward, Garbally Demesne, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway, for the erection of four houses at Garbally Demesne. - Planning Reference No. 29486."

John Callanan. P.T. Galvin. J. Joyce.
- (d) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned propose that Galway County Council direct the County Manager to grant permission to Eoghan O'Sullivan, for the erection of six dwellinghouses at Tooreeny. - Planning Reference No. 29525."

P. Dempsey. Thomas Welby. G. Bartley.

- (e) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned propose that the Galway County Council direct the County Manager to grant permission to William Hannon for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Claddaghduff. - Planning Reference No. 29795."

G. Bartley. John M. Mannion. Thomas Welby.

- (f) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned propose that the Galway County Council direct the County Manager to grant permission to Anthony Concannon to erect dwellinghouse in the townland of Stripe, Furbo. - Planning Reference No. 29596."

Thomas Welby. John Molloy. Sean Donnellan.

- (g) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned propose that the Galway County Council direct the County Manager to grant Outline permission to Frank O'Connor to erect dwellinghouse at Lemonfield, Oughterard. - Planning Reference No. 29803."

Thomas Welby. P. Dempsey. G. Bartley.

- (h) "Molamid go dtuirfeach an Coirle treoiriu don mBainisteoir faoi Alt 4 den Acht Bainistíocht Catharach agus Comndae, 1955, cead imlinneach pleannala do thuirt do Caitlin Bean de Gras. - Iarratas Uimhir 28371."

M. O'Morain. G. Bartley. Thomas Welby.

2. Minutes.
3. Malicious Damage Decrees - list herewith.
4. Connemara Roads - adjourned from Meeting of 10th November, 1978.
5. Declaration of Roads to be public roads - list herewith.
6. Drainage of Islands River - Minute No. 2289.
7. Rossaveal Harbour.
8. Vacancy on County Libraries Committee.
9. Sale of Housing Sites at Townparks (1st Division), Tuam. - Notice dated 16th November, 1978.
10. December Meeting of County Councils' General Council.
11. Creation of additional office of Clerk/Typist.
12. Raising of Loans:-
 - (a) £18,364 to finance increased pipe sizes for Caherlistrane/Kilcoona, Tulai/Rossaveal, and Cloon Group Water Schemes.
 - (b) £10,000 (supplementary) for Mountbellew Fire Station.
13. Fix dates for Meetings:-
 - (a) Monthly Meeting for December. (4th Monday is 25th December.)
 - (b) Special Meeting to consider Group Water Schemes.
 - (c) Meeting of Housing Committee.
14. Business submitted by County Manager.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

15. COUNCILLOR NORMAN MORGAN - I will propose:

- (a) That the bend opposite Thomas Clarke's entrance gate on the Mullagh-Gurtymadden Road be removed.
- (b) That a clerk be provided at the County Committee of Agriculture Office at Loughrea during the full working day.

16. COUNCILLOR ULICK BURKE - I will propose:

- (a) That this Council request the fund necessary from the Department of the Environment to replace and improve roads in the area of the Old Bridge at Millmount, Kilchreest, on the Loughrea/Gort Road.
- (b) That this Council repair to a reasonable standard the section of road from Gloves, Athenry Road, to the Kiltullagh, Ballinasloe road near Esker Monastery.
- (c) That Galway County Council provide an extra light at Abbey P.O., Loughrea.

17. COUNCILLOR TODDIE BYRNE - I will propose:

- (a) That in view of the recent and proposed housing development at Kinvara, steps be taken to stop the pouring of untreated sewerage into Kinvara Bay.
- (b) That the villages of Clarenbridge and Craughwell be provided with a modern sewerage system as quickly as possible.
- (c) That a footpath be provided from the Stradbally road to the Convent School, Clarenbridge - already deferred from last year's Estimates.

18. COUNCILLOR P. McCORMACK - I will propose:

- (a) That the Council take over and declare public the road known as Casey's breen, Baranny, Annaghdown, to the river.
- (b) That the margin on each side of the main road from about half a mile each side of St. Anne's N.S., Rosscabill, be cleared back to provide a walking place for children attending the school.
- (c) That a bad bend on the road at Cloon, Claregalway, near Willie Duggan's house be removed.

19. COUNCILLOR E. HAVERTY - I will propose:

- (a) That our Council call on the Government as a matter of urgency to formulate a policy for the prevention of pollution of the river Shannon.
- (b) That the Council would take action to have dead animals removed from public roadsides as quickly as possible after death.

20. COUNCILLOR MICHAEL RYAN - I will propose:

- (a) That an L.I.S. grant be made available to the tenants of Ballymacgeraghty Bog, Moylough, to have some drainage carried out, as this is a good bog and now needed for turf cutting.
- (b) That the Council take steps to improve the Horseleap-Cooloo road which is left in a dangerous condition.

- (c) That the Council surface dress and repair road at Brierfield, Stephens as far as Dolan's house. This is a Council road and is in a bad condition.

21. COUNCILLOR FRANK FAHEY - I will propose:

- (a) That the estimated cost of reconstructing the Public Toilet at the Square, Gort, for use as a ladies toilet, be included in the 1979 Estimates.
- (b) What is the present position with regard to the planning of the Oranmore Water and Sewerage Schemes.
- (c) That motions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment), Act, 1955, be taken after the Agenda of the ordinary meeting.

22. COUNCILLOR G. BARTLEY - I will propose:

- (a) That a resolution be passed calling on the Government and Minister for Transport and Power to provide funds for an Airstrip in Inishboffin.
- (b) That the County Council will dig trial holes for a new graveyard adjacent to the old graveyard in Cashel.

23. DEPUTY J. DONNELLAN - I will propose:

- (a) That Galway County Council remove the wall and provide a carpark from the Post Office to the new school at Kilconly, Co. Galway.
- (b) That Galway County Council erect a public light outside the Community Hall at Clonberne, Ballinasloe.
- (c) That Galway County Council level out the surface of the new graveyard at Clonberne, Ballinasloe and put a road there also.

24. COUNCILLOR P. DEMPSEY - I will ask:

- (a) That the speed limit at Lackagh, Turloughmore, be moved 300 yards east to safeguard the children going to the new school.
- (b) That the speed limit at Claregalway be moved west 200 yards as it is now too near the Church and Claregalway Oranmore junction.
- (c) That a "no dumping" sign be erected at Lackagh Cemetery.

25. DEPUTY J. CALLANAN - I will propose:

That County Council Foremen who have to use their own cars in charge of duties be paid travelling expenses.

26. COUNCILLOR P.F. GLYNN - I will propose:

- (a) That Galway County Council call on the Department of Labour to establish a full-time National Manpower Office in Tuam.
- (b) That at least two public lights be provided, one at Abbey Church and one at the Hall.
- (c) That Galway County Council deplore the gradual erosion of its powers as proposed in the Local Government (Financial Provisions) Bill, 1977.

27. COUNCILLOR BRENDAN HOLLAND - I will propose:

- (a) That public lighting be provided on the Monivea Road from the pump to Briarhill school and that the grass margins be replaced by hard surface.

- (b) That the Coilleach Road leading to Coilleach Cemetery at Spiddal be blacktopped for approximately 100 yards and, if necessary, a carpark be provided there.

28. COUNCILLOR PETER RAFTERY - I will propose:

- (a) That the old Killeroran Road, Ballygar, be widened and put in a proper state of repair.
- (b) I will ask what is the present position regarding the proposed pumps for Gunode and Rushestown.

29. DEPUTY JOHN M. MANNION - I will propose:

- (a) That the road leading from the Trusken Road, Lettermullen to Berry's house be blacktopped.
- (b) That this Council ease the bend at Joe Joyce's house, Glengowla, Oughterard.
- (c) That this Council tarmacadam the lay-by outside the Council Cottages at Cullaghbeg, Maam, Co. Galway.

30. COUNCILLOR T. WELBY - I will propose:

- (a) That Galway County Council sell to John Sullivan, Carrowmanagh, Oughterard, 20 perches of Council land so as to give this man an opportunity to build a house for himself and his family at present living in a caravan on the site. He would be giving up about 7 perches of land for road widening.
- (b) That this Council take immediate steps to improve the quality of the domestic water supply to Moycullen householders which is very muddy at present and requires filtering.
- (c) When will the lights be installed in the Oughterard public car park, provisions were made for same in the 1975 Estimates.

31. COUNCILLOR P. RUANE - I will propose:

- (a) That the refuse collection be stepped up, and that a notice appear in the local papers as to when the daily collection is taking place in rural areas.
- (b) That work start immediately on the building of the Reservoir at Briarhill to help to serve the Group Water Schemes in the surrounding areas.
- (c) That Galway County Council request the Minister for the Environment to settle his differences with the Local Government Engineers forthwith, so that vital services can be restored and road works commence immediately.

32. AN COMHAIRLEOIR MICHEAL O'MORAIN

- (a) Ba mhaith liom a mholadh go mbeadh toscaireacht on gCoirle curtha chuig Aire na Gaeltachta agus an t-Aire Imshaoil ag lorg na deontais ata gadh leo chun non rath a chuir ar bhoithri Chonnamara.
- (b) Ba mhaith liom a mholadh go reidhteofi na cosain i Roillig Chill Bhriocain agus go gcuirfi teara ortha.
- (c) Ba mhaith liom a mholadh go reidhteofi an cair phaire ag Seipeal Charna.

33. COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE - I will propose:

- (a) That the roads in the Eyrecourt County Council Housing Estate be taken over by the Council and swept on a regular basis.
- (b) That the Council produce a co-ordinated plan for development in Laurencetown along the following lines - extra Council houses, footpaths to new Council houses, sewerage facilities and extra public lights.
- (c) That the Council develop the junction at Stapleton's house in Clontuskert by removing the ditches which make it so blind and dangerous.

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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, 27th November, 1978, consider making a declaration that the following roads shall be public roads:

Area	From	To	Metres
Tuam	C.R. 168 Ballybrone	Collins' house, Waterview, Ballybrone	200
Athenry	Junction with C.R. 378 in townland of Kingsland South	Towards Jim Connell's yard gate in townland of Kingsland South	257
Galway	Main Road L.100 in townland of Lenarevagh, Barna	Seashore in townland of Lenarevagh	158

T. KAVANAGH, Acting Secretary

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

County Buildings,
Galway.

16th. November, '78.

To: EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL/

Re: Proposed sale of land at Townparks, Tuam (1st. Division) Co. Galway.

A Chara:

In accordance with the requirements of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 and Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966, I have been requested by the Assistant County Manager to give you notice that it is proposed selling the plots of land, particulars of which are given hereunder.

Land:

26 sites for houses at Townparks, Tuam (1st. Division) Co. Galway - areas as given hereunder:-

From whom Acquired:-

Tuam Town Commissioners, Tuam, Co. Galway.
Mr. Austin Melia, Tullinadaly Road, Tuam, Co. Galway.

<u>Persons to whom Land is proposed to be sold:</u>	<u>Sites No.</u>	<u>Areas of Plots</u>	<u>Sq. Yards</u>
Patrick Hession, 1 Fairgreen, Tuam	1	14	00.
Richard Cloonan, 2 " "	2	18	00
Thomas Dunne, 3 Fairgreen, Tuam	3	12	00
Michael Parsons, 4 Fairgreen, Tuam	4	20	00
James O'Rourke, 5 Fairgreen, Tuam	5	20	00
Thomas O'Rourke, 6 Fairgreen, Tuam	6	21	00
Sean Langan, 7 Fairgreen, Tuam	7	21	00
Julian P. Ryan, 8 Fairgreen, Tuam	8	22	00
John O'Reilly, 9 Fairgreen, Tuam	9	22	15
William Goode, 11 Fairgreen, Tuam	11	16	22
Padraic Gaffney, 13 Fairgreen, Tuam	13	16	29
Padraic Nolan, 14 Fairgreen, Tuam	14	16	29
Martin Flaherty, 15 Fairgreen, Tuam	15	16	22
National Building Agency, Richmond Avenue South, Milltown, Dublin 6.	16	15	27
James Cleary, 17 Fairgreen, Tuam	17	16	03
National Building Agency, Richmond Avenue South, Milltown, Dublin 6.	18	16	03
Patrick J. Maughan, 19 Fairgreen, Tuam	19	16	03
Richard Connolly, 20 Fairgreen, Tuam	20	18	15
National Building Agency, Richmond Avenue South, Milltown, Dublin 6.	21	17	01
Anthony Manning, 22 Fairgreen, Tuam	22	16	26
Joseph Reilly, 24 Fairgreen, Tuam	24	20	06
Matt Lawless, 25 Fairgreen, Tuam	25	20	00
Frank Biggins, 26 Fairgreen, Tuam	26	22	00
Bernard Fahy, 27 Fairgreen, Tuam	27	22	04
Michael Bodkin, 28 Fairgreen, Tuam	28	20	13
Laurence B. O'Rourke, 29 Fairgreen, Tuam	29	20	13.

Consideration in respect of Disposal:

<u>Site No.</u>	<u>Price:</u>
1	£700

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<u>Site No.</u>	<u>Price:</u>
2	£534
3	£534
4	£800
5	£800
6	£534
7	£800
8	£534
9	£534
11	£534
13	£534
14	£800
15	£534
16	£800
17	£800
18	£800
19	£534
20	£800
21	£960
22	£660
24	£660
25	£660
26	£660
27	£660
28	£660
29	£960

Other Covenants or Conditions in connection with Disposal:
The sites shall be sold in fee simple.

This matter will be placed on the Agenda for consideration at the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council which will be held after the expiration of 10 days from the date of this Notice.

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C. O'Dubhghaill,
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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
GALWAY.

5th December, 1978.

TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL/

A Chars,

You are requested to attend a Special Meeting of Galway County Council to be held at the County Buildings, Galway on Monday next, 11th December, 1978, commencing at 3.30 p.m. to consider the question of erosion of power from Local Authorities.

The following are some examples where powers are being eroded:

- (a) Under the Local Government (Financial Provisions Bill) 1978
 - (1) Power of the Minister to limit the total expenditure, or the expenditure under particular headings in the Estimate of Expenses.
 - (2) Power of the Minister to limit the total rate in the pound.
 - (3) Restriction on voting excess expenditure as required, without the sanction of the Minister.
 - (4) Obligation proposed to be placed on the Manager to amend an Estimate which exceeds a limit specified by the Minister in order to make it conform with the Minister's directive.
- (b) Under the Housing Acts
Discontinuance of payment of supplementary grants for new houses and for improvements.
- (c) Under the Social Welfare (Supplementary Welfare Allowances) Act 1975
Obligation of the Council to provide the necessary funds, without any function in administration of the service - amount of demand for 1979 is £330,060.

Copy of a memorandum already circulated to Councillors on the Local Government (Financial Provisions) Bill 1978 is enclosed herewith.

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K. DOYLE.
COUNTY SECRETARY.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 27TH NOVEMBER, 1978.

In the Chair: Deputy M. Killilea.

Present: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Members - Councillors G. Bartley, U. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy J. Callanan, Councillor F. Coogan, Deputy J. Donnellan, Councillors Sean Donnellan, F. Fahey, M. Flaherty, P.T. Galvin, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, B. Holland, P.M. Stapleton, J. Joyce, M. Kelly, M. J. Kilgannon, Senator M.P. Kitt, Councillors P. McCormack, H. Melvin, J. Molloy, P. Dempsey, N. Morgan, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, P. Ruane, M. Ryan and T. Welby.

Officials - Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; P. Lynch, County Engineer; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; R. Lee, Chief Planning Assistant; L. Kavanagh, Acting C.A.C.E.; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; Miss C. Burke, Staff Officer; Mrs. J. Walsh, Planning Assistant; Messrs. B. Callagy, Chief Assistant Planning; W.A. Cahill, Acting Chief Assistant Planning; and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2321 - SYMPATHY:

The Chairman proposed that the sympathy of the Council be extended to Councillor Brendan Holland on the recent death of his mother, and that the Council adjourn for a short time as a mark of respect. Other Members of the Council and the County Manager joined in the expression of sympathy to Councillor Holland.

Councillor Holland thanked the Members and the County Manager for their expression of sympathy and suggested that the Council should go ahead without delay with the business of the meeting.

After a short adjournment, resolutions of sympathy were also adopted with the following:

The O'Connor Family, Dunmore, Co. Galway.
Mrs. Maura Grealish, Gort Vocational School, Co. Galway.
Mr. James Sugrue, Ballygar, Co. Galway.
Mrs. Barbara Lydon, Knockferry, Rosscahill, Co. Galway.
Mrs. Connolly & Family, Caheroyan, Athenry, Co. Galway.

2322 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 29438 - APPLICANT: MR. DAVID CALLINAN.

The County Manager referred to the report of the Chief Assistant Planning which had been circulated to the Members and pointed out that in this report refusal is strongly recommended for the same reason that a previous application for the same site was refused to the same applicant, i.e., on the grounds of serious injury to the visual amenity of Ballycuirk Lake. He stated that the site has been condemned by the County Medical Officer because it is totally unsuitable for the treatment of septic tank effluent. It consists of 20 feet high rock outcrop on which the house is to be located and also flooded low lying land to a depth of 20 feet below the house. Any water or effluent from this area would seep directly into the lake. He stated that the latest date for a decision is the 27th November, 1978, i.e., the date of the meeting.

Councillor Dempsey, referring to the report, suggested that the resolution should be deferred.

The Chairman directed that the resolution be treated as withdrawn.

In reply to a further query, the County Manager stated that a house beside this also on the Lake Shore had been granted Planning Permission by the Council some time ago on the grounds that it was stated that it was required as a second family dwelling. Subsequently, the site was sold.

2323 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 29369 - APPLICANT: MR. PATRICK O'HALLORAN.

The County Manager stated that enquiries in connection with this application had not been completed and he suggested that the resolution could be deferred to the December Meeting of the County Council as a decision did not have to be made before the date of that Meeting.

This was agreed by the Council.

2324 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 29525 - APPLICANT: MR. EOGHAN O'SULLIVAN.

The County Manager submitted the following report which had been circulated to the Members:

- "(1) The proposed development has previously been refused by the Planning Authority.
- (2) The site is a steep bare boggy hillside overlooking Lough Corrib and surrounding countryside. The six houses would be grossly out of character in such a setting and would seriously impair the scenic amenity of the area.
- (3) The houses to the rear would be located higher than the roofs of the houses in front of them and the development would provide very little residential amenity.
- (4) The site is unsuitable for more than two septic tanks.
- (5) The roadway leading to the site is merely a laneway and joins the Galway/Moycullen road at a completely blind junction."

Councillor Dempsey proposed that the permission sought be granted.

The County Manager again referred to the report before the Council stating that the site is of a boggy nature, that six houses proposed would seriously impair the amenity of the area, that it could accommodate only two septic tanks, and that he would agree to give planning permission for not more than two houses on the site in question.

Councillor Dempsey then stated that he would withdraw his motion on the understanding that permission would be granted for two houses. The County Manager agreed that this permission would be given.

2325 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 29795 - APPLICANT: MR. WILLIAM HANNON.

The County Manager stated that enquiries had not yet been completed in connection with this application, and he suggested that the resolution would be adjourned to the December Meeting of the Council as a decision would not have to be made before the date of that Meeting.

This was agreed by the Council.

2326 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT
(AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 29596 -
APPLICANT: MR. ANTHONY CONCANNON.

The County Manager submitted the following report which had been circulated to the Members:

- "(1) Permission has been refused on three previous occasions on the same site, once on appeal and twice by the Planning Authority.
- (2) The proposed development is contrary to the policy of the Planning Authority to restrict development in areas where a public sewerage scheme is not proposed. In this area a very high concentration of housing has developed despite the efforts of the Planning Authority. This would lead to an undesirably high concentration of septic tanks in an area with very bad drainage characteristics including large areas of rock outcrop.
- (3) The road serving this site is of substandard width and alignment and emerges onto the main road with no sight distance whatsoever. There is a wall on one side and a shed on the other side of the junction within 3-5 feet of the edge of the main road.
- (4) Refusal is recommended as for previous applications:-

The proposed dwellinghouse, in conjunction with existing and permitted development on adjacent sites, would result in over-concentration of housing along a narrow county road which is of substandard width and joins the main road at a junction which is seriously deficient in sight distance."

Councillor Welby proposed the motion set out in the Agenda that the permission sought be granted. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Sean Donnellan.

As there was no amendment, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

2327 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT
(AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 29803 -
APPLICANT: MR. FRANK O'CONNOR.

The County Manager stated that enquiries in connection with this application had not yet been completed and he suggested that the resolution be adjourned to the December Meeting of the Council as a decision on the application did not have to be made before the date of that meeting.

This was agreed by the Council.

2328 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT
(AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 28371 -
APPLICANT: CAITLIN BEAN De GRAS.

The County Manager stated that Planning Permission had been granted in this case.

2329 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT
(AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 29486 -
APPLICANT: MR. LOUIS WARD.

Deputy Callanan proposed that the permission sought be granted in accordance with the resolution set out in the Agenda. He referred to consultations with officials of the Council who had suggested that permission should be given for one house. He stated that he could not agree to this and pointed out that there are 17 houses further out from Ballinasloe in a group, that

Ballinasloe has extended as far as it can because of limitations by bogland and that the development now proposed is indepth planning and not ribbon development. He stated that he would be prepared to compromise for permission for two houses but not for one.

Councillor Galvin seconded Deputy Callanan's proposal and pointed out that this is not ribbon development as it is development in-depth.

The County Manager submitted the following report which had been circulated to members of the Council:

"The site is located on the main Athenry/Ballinasloe road, approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from the Urban District Boundary.

No sanitary services exist in this area, and nor is it likely to be serviced in the near future.

A group water scheme is in existence. There are no new dwellinghouses built on adjacent lands within $\frac{1}{2}$ mile of the site and none permitted apart from one house on a site overlapping that of the current application. The four dwellinghouses now proposed would set a highly undesirable precedent for ribbonization on or immediately off this stretch of roadway.

The Planning Authority has consistently sought to restrict this type of development on the approach roads outside Ballinasloe and has been supported in this attempt by a number of recent decisions by An Bord Pleanala including one involving a previous application on this site, (details below). This policy is aimed at encouraging the location of group development such as this into the existing centre and preventing the development of dispersed housing clusters which are undesirable on economic, social and visual/aesthetic grounds: ribbonization undermines the social and economic base of the existing town; it results in the creation of hazardous traffic movements by generating additional traffic movements on through-routes; it creates an unsightly built form, thus detracting from the environmental quality of the area.

PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS:

22569	8/11/1976	Permission granted for one dwellinghouse fronting onto main road, to Patrick Hynes.
26381	27/1/1978	Outline Permission refused for five houses fronting onto main road - Louis Ward, applicant. Decision appealed and refused by An Bord Pleanala, 18/8/1978.

REFUSAL IS RECOMMENDED FOR THE FOLLOWING REASON:

The proposed development would represent a concentration of housing development inappropriate to a rural area and, by reason of its proximity to Ballinasloe town, would result in pressure for the undesirable extension of ribbon development outside the town with a consequent interference with the traffic flows on the adjoining main road and the possibility of the future demand for the uneconomic expansion of public services."

Replying to the case made by Deputy Callanan and Councillor Galvin, the County Manager agreed that Ballinasloe will spread but that the type of development now proposed is of a type appropriate to a town not to a rural area, that there was no development until now

within a half a mile of the town and that the Planning Appeals Board upheld a previous decision to refuse planning permission for five houses on the site. He pointed out that it was essential that such development should be controlled as it would mean that land owners were in fact taking over the planning of the area and not the Planning Authorities.

Councillor Fahey stated that such permission should be given in order to keep prices of sites low but the County Manager stated that there is adequate land available still in the Urban Area to meet all reasonable demands.

The County Engineer stated that he agreed with Deputy Callanan that this is the best site outside of Ballinasloe on this road. He pointed out that there are farm buildings nearby as well as a County Council house and that the development proposed would be out of character with that existing in the area. He pointed out that no special need had been claimed and that it was a speculative venture. He also pointed out that there is adequate land zoned for such development in Ballinasloe.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that it is difficult to purchase a housing site in Ballinasloe.

After further discussion, the County Manager stated that he would be agreeable to give permission for two houses on the site rather than the four houses proposed in the resolution.

Deputy Callanan stated that, as the Manager was now agreeable to give permission for two sites, he would withdraw the resolution proposed.

Councillor Burke asked that the Council make an effort to follow up cases especially where speculative builders got permissions where the planning conditions were not being complied with.

Councillor Coogan stated that he wished to be recorded as dissenting from resolutions under Section 4 as he felt that the Council should be guided by the officials appointed to advise the Council on these matters.

2330 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Raftery, the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on the 23rd October, 1978, and the Special Meeting held on the 10th November, 1978, (Numbers 2276 - 2320 inclusive), were approved and signed by the Chairman.

2331 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES:

It was noted that Malicious Damage Decrees as set out in the Schedule to the Agenda had been received since the October Meeting.

2332 - CONNEMARA ROADS:

The County Engineer stated that Councillor O'Morain had referred on a number of occasions to the necessity for a roads improvement programme for West Galway. He pointed out that there is an extensive mileage of road network in the Connemara Area for a sparsely populated area. He agreed that the general standard of roads is not good arising largely from the nature of the land in the area. He stated that a preliminary examination of an improvement programme for the area had been going on for some time in an effort to devise a policy for roads in the area.

He presented the following preliminary programme of road improvement for the area as the estimated costs set out:

"Roads Improvement Programme for West Galway"

1. NATIONAL SECONDARY ROUTE		
Galway/Clifden	23.5 miles	£3,500,000
2. Main Roads		
(a) Galway-Spiddal-Tully	21 miles	£630,000
(b) Tully-Costello	4 miles	£600,000
(c) Costello-Sceesbe	6 miles	£200,000
(d) Maam X - Sceesbe-Carna	20 miles	£600,000
(e) Ballinahinch-Roundstone	3.5 miles	£500,000
(f) Maam X-Cornamona-Clonbur	15 miles	£500,000
3. Strategic Co. Roads		
Costello-Bealadangan-Lettermullen	10 miles	£300,000
Total:		£6,830,000

The improvements proposed can be classified as follows:

- National Secondary Routes - Realignment and improvement to Class II standard.
- Main Roads and strategic Co. roads - strengthen, reshape, widen and provide additional capacity. Local improvements to Class III standards."

He stated that in preparing this preliminary programme, he was concentrating on those roads which would give an acceptable network for the area but he agreed that it would not be sufficient to confine improvements to the National Secondary Route and to the main Roads. He then referred to the necessity for improving some strategic roads including the Costello-Bealadangan-Lettermullen road at an estimated cost of £300,000. He pointed out that a total cost of £6.8 million is a considerable sum and is far in excess of the programme which the Council could undertake with the normal level of allocations to roads in the County. He pointed out that it would need a special allocation to undertake this work and he was aware that Councillor O'Morain had suggested the possibility of getting E.E.C. funds to do it. Again he pointed out that the programme outlined is only a preliminary one for a basic network of roads for Connemara.

Councillor O'Morain stated that he agreed with the situation as outlined by the County Engineer and he considered that the problem should be dealt with out of the context of the normal allocations of funds available to the County Council. He proposed that a deputation from the area should contact the Minister for the Environment and the Minister for the Gaeltacht with a view to getting E.E.C. involvement in financing the work as he considers that no industrial development could take place in the area without a considerable improvement of the roads.

Councillor Coogan seconded Councillor O'Morain's proposal, pointing out that the roads in the area had been neglected for far too long. He agreed that an approach could be made to the E.E.C. for funds.

Councillor Sean Donnellan, agreeing with the proposal, stated also that there is a dangerous area near Moycullen where improvement works had terminated. The County Engineer stated that this would be examined.

Councillor Bartley asked that particular attention would be given to other roads also particularly those leading to and from the town of Clifden some of which were dangerous.

Deputy Callanan, agreeing with the proposal, stated that if money is available from the E.E.C., some of it should be made available to improve roads in East Galway.

The County Engineer, replying to points made by Members, stated that in the normal programme of the Council the roads around Clifden will be taken care of. Regarding roads in general in the Connemara Area, he pointed out that considerable investment had been made down the years in the improvement of roads in the area and that if this had not been done, the bill now would be double the amount he has estimated. He pointed out that much work had been done with the limited resources available. He pointed out however that now with the necessity to attract industry, to cater for the increased population and tourism, it is necessary to take stock and to ensure that a basic road network is provided.

The Chairman stated that if the Council would then appoint a deputation, he would approach the two Ministers concerned with a view to arranging for reception of the deputation. After a further discussion, it was agreed that the deputation should consist of:-

- (a) All Councillors living in the Connemara Area i.e., West of Galway City.
- (b) The Deputies and Senators for the County.
- (c) The following Members representing the other Electoral Areas in the County:
 - Councillor F. Fahey - Loughrea Area.
 - Councillor M. Ryan - Tuam Area.
 - Councillor P.T. Galvin - Ballinasloe Area.

2333 - DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS:

It was proposed by Deputy Donnellan, seconded by Councillor Melvin and resolved that the roads set out in the Schedule to item number 5 on the Agenda circulated to each member of the Council be declared public roads.

2334 - DRAINAGE OF ISLANDS RIVER:

The County Manager stated that it was agreed at the October Meeting of the Council that officials of the Council would approach the Department of Agriculture in order to ascertain the position regarding availability of E.E.C. funds. He stated that it was now clear that E.E.C. funds are not available for this work and that the Department of Agriculture has stated that the drainage of the Islands River is deemed to be appropriate to an Arterial Drainage Scheme for the River Suck and its tributaries - such arterial drainage works are the responsibility of the Office of Public Works under the Arterial Drainage Act, 1945.

The County Manager stated also that he had received a deputation of people from the Williamstown Area, and that from this deputation, it emerged that the proposal now being examined was not that as understood by the Department of Agriculture or by the County Council up to now. He stated that the Deputation gave him to understand that Roscommon County Council may now be proposing another proposal which will involve only a cleaning operation on the river. He stated that from the deputation he assumed that the scheme proposed would not now be going ahead, and he stated that if Roscommon County Council approach Galway County Council again with another proposal, it will be examined.

The Chairman stated that he attended a meeting in Williamstown on the 25th instant and he understood that Roscommon County Council were now about to propose another type of work for the Islands River.

He stated that the Committee dealing with the matter want a maintenance scheme to alleviate flooding so that they can drain lands into the river and thus enable them to apply for E.E.C. funds for land drainage. The Chairman suggested that the Council might consider two courses of action:-

- (a) to make a levy on the Rates over the County for the work proposed on the Islands River, or
- (b) provide for foregoing some work in the Tuam Engineering District and instead provide for the work on the Islands River.

Deputy Donnellan stated that the cost of the works originally proposed was stated to be about £50,000 but that he understood that the Committee would now agree to accept a lesser scheme which would cost far less money. He pointed out that the farmers in the area cannot avail of the E.E.C. funds for land drainage since the outfall from their lands is not available. He stated that there is some doubt about the actual area concerned in the drainage proposals but he asked that Galway County Council would support whatever scheme is found to be necessary.

The County Manager stated that the scheme proposed is proper to an Arterial Drainage Scheme but that this is a long way off and that the promoters of the scheme are now talking of a short term job of maintenance only.

Deputy Callanan stated that he understood that the scheme now proposed is likely to cost in the region of £10,000 to £15,000, but he stated that the Council does not yet know by how much it may increase its rate in the coming financial year, and that if a certain sum is now allocated to this work, the Council may have to forego some other works.

Councillor Ryan stated that he cannot see why the Council should not have a sum made available each year for maintenance of rivers such as this, neither could he see why some of the £42 million, being made available by the E.E.C. for drainage, could not be used on the Islands River.

Councillor Dempsey suggested that some Members might allocate some of the funds allocated to them for Notice of Motion Roads to carry out some work on the Islands River.

Replying to queries by Members, the County Manager stated that the Council pays each year the cost of maintenance of drainage works carried out by the Board of Works to that Board. He pointed out that the Islands River is an Arterial Drainage Project and it is only because the Board of Works is not carrying out this work that the Council is being asked to do it at a time when its flexibility with regard to the extent of Rates it may levy has gone. He stated that with regard to the Statutory Authority for doing such works, the Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949, permitted such drainage schemes to be carried out by Local Authorities with Government grant assistance. The power is still there to do this work but no grants are available, and that under that Act the Council was not liable for continuing maintenance after the original drainage work was carried out. Replying to Members queries, he stated that he understood that Roscommon County Council was working under this Act.

The County Manager also stated that the County Engineer had already informed the Council of the implications of the Scheme designed by Roscommon County Council, he also informed the Members of the lack of capacity of the River Suck but he pointed out that it now seemed that Roscommon did not propose to go ahead with the scheme originally proposed. He asked the Council to consider the liabilities which carrying out of a scheme would involve. He asked the Members to consider whether the cleaning job now proposed would relieve any flooding, he considered it to be a "cosmetic" job and nothing more.

He again pointed out that the drainage of the Islands River is a very significant drainage job beyond the capabilities of the County Council - he is extremely nervous of doing "cosmetic" jobs which please nobody and he suggested that the matter be deferred until such time as the Council knows what Roscommon County Council has now in mind.

The County Engineer stated that the total catchment area of the river is approximately 30,000 acres, and that when the area was measured by Roscommon County Council, they measured from the flood marks on the river basin. He stated that the potential drainage lands for a major scheme would be approximately 10 square miles.

Councillor Stapleton stated that as the Council had done a cleaning job on this river some time ago, he considered it had some liability.

Replying to Deputy Donnellan, the County Manager stated that the amount of demand paid to the Office of Public Works in 1978 for drainage maintenance is £423,000 and that under the Local Government (Financial Provisions) Bill, 1977, the Minister proposes to take power to amend the Estimate of Local Authorities and to limit the amount which they can spend.

It was agreed that the matter would be put on the Agenda for the next Monthly Meeting of the Council.

2335 - ROSSAVAL HARBOUR:

The County Manager stated that the purpose of putting this matter on the Agenda was to inform the Council of the present situation regarding Rossaveal Harbour. He pointed out that some years ago the County Council had undertaken to maintain the Harbour after completion of the works. Before completion of the work however, he had received information to the effect that the Minister for Fisheries was considering making Rossaveal a major fishery harbour. He suggested that in the circumstances there is no point in the Council stepping in at present to take it over.

Replying to Councillor O'Morain, the County Manager agreed that what he had in mind is that the Council should take no further action on the matter until the Minister's decision is known.

2336 - FILLING OF VACANCY ON COUNTY LIBRARIES COMMITTEE:

On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Melvin, it was agreed that Mr. Terence O'Brien, Newbridge, Ballinasloe, be appointed a Member of the Libraries Committee to fill the vacancy created by the death of the late Mrs. O'Brien.

2337 - SALE OF HOUSING SITES 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 housing sites to the persons named in Notice under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966, circulated to each Member of the Council on 16th November, 1978, on the terms and conditions set out in that notice."

Replying to enquiries, Mr. Howlett, Assistant County Manager, stated that the prices of sites are fixed by reference to the cost of the land and the cost of development in each case. Replying to further enquiries regarding sites in Ballinasloe, the County Manager stated that the County Council is agreeable to purchase land for private housing development near Ballinasloe from the National Building Agency.

Councillor Galvin stated that there is no great demand for sites in Ballinasloe.

2338 - DECEMBER MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL:

The County Manager informed the Council that the next meeting of the County Councils' General Council would take place in December and that any matters should reach the Secretary of that Council by Monday, 27th November, 1978.

It was agreed that the following resolutions would be sent:-

- "(a) That the Minister for the Environment be asked to increase substantially the income limit of £3,500 for Local Authority housing loans and that overtime be excluded in arriving at that income.
- (b) That the Minister for Finance be requested to allocate sufficient funds to enable County Council services to be maintained at least on a par with those of 1978."

2339 - EROSION OF POWER FROM LOCAL AUTHORITIES:

The County Manager informed the Council that he had received a letter from the Secretary of the County Councils' General Council stating that the Executive Committee had under review the question of erosion of powers from Local Authorities and would like to have submissions from City and County Councils in order to make a case to bring before the Government. It was accordingly suggested in the letter that each Council would call a special meeting to deal with the question of erosion of power from Local Authorities and that the views of the Council would be forwarded to the County Councils' General Council as soon as possible.

Councillor Glynn asked that his motion, number 26 (c) on the Agenda would be taken in conjunction with this item. After a discussion, it was agreed that a special meeting of the Council would be held to consider this matter on Monday, 11th December, 1978.

2340 - CREATION OF ADDITIONAL OFFICE OF CLERK/TYPIST:

The County Manager requested the approval of the Council to the creation of the additional office of Clerk/Typist as the need for a further officer in this grade had arisen in the Council's Legal Department.

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the creation of an additional office of Clerk/Typist in accordance with the conditions and particulars of office prescribed by the Minister for that post."

2341 - RAISING OF LOAN FOR GROUP WATER SCHEMES:

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

"That subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment, a loan of £18,364 be raised from the Commissioners of Public Works or such other source as may be approved by the Minister to finance the Council's contribution towards the cost of increased pipe sizes for Group Water Supply Schemes at
(a) Caherlistrane/Kilcoona, (b) Tulai/Rossaveal, and
(c) Cloon, the loan to be repayable over such period as may be approved at the usual rate of interest."

2342 - SUPPLEMENTARY LOAN FOR MOUNTBELLEW FIRE STATION:

At the request of the County Manager, it was agreed to adjourn this matter to the next meeting.

2343 - DATES FOR MEETINGS:

It was agreed that the December Meeting of the Council would be held on the 18th instant in lieu of the 25th instant which would be the normal date for the meeting.

It was agreed that the fixing of dates for a special meeting to consider Group Water Schemes and a meeting of the Housing Committee would be deferred to the meeting to be held on the 18th December.

2344 - REMOVAL OF BEND ON MULLAGH-GURTYMADDEN ROAD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MORGAN:

The County Secretary stated that it was not possible to have a report on this matter for the meeting but it was agreed that it would be available for the meeting in December.

2345 - APPOINTMENT OF CLERK FOR COUNTY COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE OFFICE AT LOUGHREA - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MORGAN:

The County Secretary stated that this did not appear to be a matter for the County Council.

Deputy Callanan stated that the County Committee of Agriculture had been pressing the Department of Agriculture for years for approval to the appointment of a Clerk to this office. On the proposition of Councillor Morgan, seconded by Deputy Callanan, it was agreed that recommendation be forwarded to the Department of Agriculture to the effect that a Clerk be provided at the County Committee of Agriculture Office at Loughrea during the full working day.

2346 - REPLACEMENT OF BRIDGE AND IMPROVEMENT OF ROAD NEAR OLD BRIDGE AT MILLMOUNT, KILCHREEST - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BURKE:

The County Secretary stated that this bridge is on the Council's list of National Road Bridges requiring re-siting and road alignment and will be the subject of an application for special assistance.

Councillor Burke asked that everything possible be done in this case as the road in question is the main route from the Midlands to Shannon Airport and there have been some accidents on it.

2347 - REPAIR OF ROAD FROM GLOVES TO KILTULLAGH NEAR ESKER MONASTERY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BURKE:

The County Secretary stated that a report on this matter would be available for the December Meeting. Deputy Callanan asked that he be informed of the position when information is available on it.

2348 - PUBLIC LIGHTING - ABBEY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BURKE:

The County Secretary stated that the provision of a light at Abbey P.O., Loughrea, is not included in the Council's current programme but that it would be considered for inclusion in the next programme.

The County Engineer explained that the current three-year programme for public lighting is nearing completion and that a new programme for public lighting would be prepared during 1979.

2349 - SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS FOR KINVARA - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BYRNE:

The County Secretary stated that the provision of treatment works for Kinvara Sewerage Scheme will be considered in conjunction with the Council's Sanitary Services Programme.

Councillor Byrne emphasised the urgency of taking steps to prevent raw sewage entering the Bay at Kinvara for reasons of tourist amenity and the protection of valuable oyster beds nearby.

2350 - PROVISION OF SEWERAGE SYSTEMS FOR CLARENBRIDGE AND CRAUGHWELL - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BYRNE:

The County Secretary stated that it is proposed to include provision in the Estimates for 1979 for initiation of a sewerage scheme for Craughwell Village and that the position in relation to Clarenbridge would be investigated later.

2351 - CONSTRUCTION OF FOOTPATH FROM STRADBALLY ROAD TO CONVENT SCHOOL AT CLARENBRIDGE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BYRNE:

Proposing the motion, Councillor Byrne stated that he was of the opinion that it was possible to put a small pathway at this location.

The County Engineer stated that he hoped that it would be possible to do some minor work to alleviate the situation from existing funds.

2352 - ROAD KNOWN AS CASEY'S BOREEN, BARANNY, ANNAGHDOWN - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR McCORMACK:

The County Secretary stated that this road is at present being improved under a Local Improvement Scheme and that its adoption as a County Road will be considered with the next proposal for taking over of Local Improvement Scheme Roads.

Councillor McCormack asked that this road be taken over at an early date as he is requesting that the Council prepare an estimate for the repair of a bridge on this road once it is declared public.

2353 - FOOTPATH NEAR ST. ANNE'S NATIONAL SCHOOL, ROSSCAHILL - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR McCORMACK:

On being informed by the County Secretary that a report was not still available on this proposal, Councillor McCormack asked that a reply be sent to him in lieu of putting the matter on a future Agenda.

2354 - REMOVAL OF BEND ON ROAD AT CLOON, CLAREGALWAY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR McCORMACK:

On being informed by the County Secretary that a report was not available at that meeting on this proposal, Councillor McCormack asked that a reply on the matter be sent to him in lieu of putting the matter on a future Agenda.

2355 - PREVENTION OF POLLUTION OF RIVER SHANNON - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR HAVERTY:

In reply to Councillor Haverty's motion, the County Secretary stated that Local Authorities already have the duty of prevention of pollution of the river under the provisions of the Water Pollution Act and that discharges to the river will be controlled under the licensing provisions of that Act.

2356 - REMOVAL OF DEAD ANIMALS FROM ROADSIDES - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR HAVERTY:

Councillor Haverty stated that there is considerable delay very often in the removal of dead animals from roadsides and he stressed the importance of having such carcasses buried immediately.

The County Secretary stated that the arrangements made by the County Council in such cases are that the animals are removed from the carriageway to the road verge without any delay and then after one day, unless the animals are removed by the owners, they are removed by the County Council.

2357 - LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME (DRAINAGE FOR BALLYMACGERAGHTY BOG, MOYLROUGH) - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RYAN:

In reply to Councillor Ryan's motion, the County Secretary stated that an application was received for the drainage of a bog in the townlands of Ballymacgeraghty and Cloonacalliga under the Local Improvements Scheme. The proposal would serve 47 people, i.e., 1 house and lands and 46 for use of the bog. The estimated cost of the scheme was £12,333 and the utility value of the scheme was estimated at £5,836. On this basis, the scheme was rejected due to the high cost.

The application consisted of three drains. Drain No. 1 would discharge into the Ballymacgeraghty river which is maintained by the Office of Public Works. The outfalls for drains numbered 2 and 3 are not maintained and would not be able to take the additional discharge of water until the outfalls would be conditioned. This would be extra on the estimated cost stated.

Councillor Ryan asked if consideration would be given to a new application which would provide for drainage of that part of the bog which would be served by drain no. 1. The County Manager stated that such an application would be examined.

2358 - IMPROVEMENT OF HORSELEAP-COOLLOO ROAD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RYAN:

In reply to this motion, the County Secretary stated that this work has been included as a main road improvement job in the Provisional Roadworks Scheme for 1979, and that if funds are made available, it is hoped to undertake the scheme early in the new year.

Councillor Ryan recommended that heavy traffic should not be permitted on this road.

2359 - REPAIR OF ROAD AT BRIERFIELD STEPHENS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RYAN:

The County Secretary stated that a report was not available on this proposal but that it would be available for the next meeting.

2360 - PROVISION OF LADIES TOILETS AT GORT - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR FAHEY:

Replying to Councillor Fahey's proposal, the County Manager stated that he would not be in a position to state the amount of money which might be available for this work until the Estimates for the coming financial year have been prepared and adopted. Councillor Fahey stressed the need for the provision of a ladies toilet in Gort.

2361 - WATER AND SEWERAGE SCHEMES FOR ORANMORE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR FAHEY:

Replying to Councillor Fahey's proposal, the County Secretary stated that sanction has been received from the Department of the Environment to advertise Stage 2 of the Oranmore Water Scheme, i.e., extension of the water supply from Merlin Park to Oranmore. Replying to a further query by Councillor Fahey, the County Secretary stated that, before the Council would be in a position to advertise, the Consultants would have to prepare an extensive list of documents for intending Contractors.

Regarding the sewerage scheme, the County Secretary stated that surveys had been completed by An Foras Forbartha on Oranmore Bay for the discharge of effluent for Oranmore Sewerage Scheme and that the results are awaited. In the meantime, the Consulting Engineers are preparing the preliminary report on the sewage connection system.

Replying to further queries by Councillor Fahey, the County Engineer stated that it is absolutely essential that a survey be carried out to determine the correct position of the outfall to determine the course of currents, etc.

It is hoped to have the necessary information for the preliminary report in early spring.

2362 - RESOLUTIONS UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR FAHEY:

Replying to Councillor Fahey's motion, the County Secretary stated that Section 4 of the 1955 Act provides that a motion to pass a resolution under that section shall be dealt with before any other business at the meeting.

Councillor Fahey then proposed and Councillor Morgan seconded that meetings at which Section 4 resolutions are being considered, should start at say 2.30 or 3.00 p.m.

Councillor Joyce suggested that in consultation with the members and the staff of the County Council the question of the most suitable time for meetings should be examined.

Councillor Kelly, supporting Councillor Joyce's proposal, stated that despite the provisions of standing orders, members who had signed Section 4 resolutions, often had more than three resolutions on the Agenda contrary to the provisions on Standing Orders.

Councillor Glynn then stated that when Section 4 resolutions were first introduced to the County Council, they were submitted on the grounds of hardship to individuals but that some recent Section 4 resolutions appeared to be for the benefit of speculators.

The Chairman suggested that discussions on the site should be arranged with proposers and supporters of resolutions under Section 4 between Members and officials of the Council in an effort to reduce the number of such resolutions coming before the Council.

Councillor Fahey proposed and Councillor Morgan seconded that meetings should start in future at 3 p.m.

Councillor Haverty proposed and Deputy Callanan seconded that their present starting time be adhered to.

After further discussion, it was agreed that the matter be placed on the Agenda for the next Monthly Meeting.

2363 - ENGINEERS' "WORK TO RULE"

Deputy Callanan asked if in view of the fact that the Engineers' dispute had now terminated, every effort would be made to spend grants allocated for Local Improvements Schemes and for Amenity Works.

The County Manager stated that he had no official confirmation that the dispute had ended but he confirmed that every possible effort would be made to avail of any grants allocated.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

[Signature]

CHAIRMAN.

18/12/78

DATE.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

11u Nollaig, 1978.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

Iarratar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniu Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Condae, Gaillimh, De Luain, 18u la Nollaig, 1978, ag tosnu ag 3.30 a chlog sa trathnona.

Mise, le meas,

C. O Dubhghaill,
RUNAI.

A G E N D A

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

- (a) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned propose that the Galway County Council direct the County Manager to grant permission to Patrick O'Halloran, to erect dwellinghouse in the townland of Ballygally, Oughterard. - Planning Ref. No. 29369."

Thomas Welby. G. Bartley. P. Dempsey.

- (b) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned propose that the Galway County Council direct the County Manager to grant permission to William Hannon for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Claddaghduff. - Planning Reference No. 29795."

- (c) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned propose that the Galway County Council direct the County Manager to grant Outline Permission to Frank O'Connor to erect dwellinghouse at Lemonfield, Oughterard. - Planning Reference No. 29803."

Thomas Welby. P. Dempsey. G. Bartley.

- (d) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned propose that the Galway County Council direct the County Manager to grant permission to Christopher Molloy for reconstruction of ruined dwelling at Ardnasella. - Planning Reference No. 29659."

Thomas Welby. P. Dempsey. G. Bartley.

2. Minutes.

3. Malicious Damage Decrees - list herewith.

4. Overdraft for Quarter ending 31st March, 1979.

5. Seeds and Fertilisers Loan Scheme, 1979. - Draft herewith.

6. Scheme for payment of rates by instalments 1979. - Draft herewith.
7. Applications for remission of rates on factories:-
- (a) Tairgi Mara Teo. (Kilkieran Sea Foods), Cill Chiarain, Carna.
- (b) Roving (Eire) Teo., Corr na Mona.
8. Islands River Drainage - Minute No. 2334.
9. Fix dates for:-
- (a) Estimates Meeting.
- (b) Housing Committee Meeting.
- (c) Meeting of Joint Committee on Itinerancy.
- (d) Meeting to consider Group Water Supply Schemes.
10. Time for commencement of meetings - Minute No. 2362.
11. Motions adjourned from Meeting of 27th November, 1978:
- (a) Removal of bend on Mullagh-Gurymadden Road - Motion by Councillor Morgan, Minute No. 2344.
- (b) Repair of road - Gloves to Kiltulla near Esker Monastery - Motion by Councillor Burke, Minute No. 2347.
- (c) Repair of road at Brierfield Stephens - Motion by Councillor Ryan - Minute No. 2359.
12. Business submitted by the County Manager.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

(a) Adjourned from Meeting of 27th November, 1978.

13. COUNCILLOR G. BARTLEY - I will propose:

- (a) That a resolution be passed calling on the Government and Minister for Transport and Power to provide funds for an Airstrip in Inishboffin.
- (b) That the County Council will dig trial holes for a new graveyard adjacent to the old graveyard in Cashel.

14. DEPUTY J. DONNELLAN - I will propose:

- (a) That Galway County Council remove the wall and provide a carpark from the Post office to the new school at Kilconly, Co. Galway.
- (b) That Galway County Council erect a public light outside the Community Hall at Clonberne, Ballinasloe.
- (c) That Galway County Council level out the surface of the new graveyard at Clonberne, Ballinasloe, and put a road there also.

15. COUNCILLOR P. DEMPSEY - I will ask:

- (a) That the speed limit at Lackagh, Turloughmore, be removed 300 yards east to safeguard the children going to the new school.
- (b) That the speed limit at Claregalway be moved west 200 yards as it is now too near the Church and Claregalway-Oranmore junction.
- (c) That a "no dumping" sign be erected at Lackagh Cemetery.

16. DEPUTY J. CALLANAN - I will propose:

That County Council Foremen who have to use their own cars in charge of duties be paid travelling expenses.

17. COUNCILLOR P.F. GLYNN - I will propose:

- (a) That Galway County Council call on the Department of Labour to establish a full-time National Manpower Office in Tuam.
- (b) That at least two public lights be provided, one at Abbey Church and one at the Hall.

18. COUNCILLOR BRENDAN HOLLAND - I will propose:

- (a) That public lighting be provided on the Monivea Road from the pump to Briarhill School and that the grass margins be replaced by hard surface.
- (b) That the Coilleach Road leading to Coilleach Cemetery at Spiddal be blacktopped for approximately 100 yards and, if necessary, a carpark be provided there.

19. COUNCILLOR PETER RAFTERY - I will propose:

- (a) That the old Killeroran Road, Ballygar, be widened and put in a proper state of repair.
- (b) I will ask what is the present position regarding the proposed pumps for Gunode and Rushestown.

20. DEPUTY JOHN M. MANNION - I will propose:

- (a) That the road leading from the Trusken Road, Lettermullen to Berry's house be blacktopped.

- (b) That this Council ease the bend at Joe Joyce's house, Glengowla, Oughterard.
- (c) That this Council tarmacadam the lay-by outside the Council cottages at Cullaghbeg, Maam, Co. Galway.

21. COUNCILLOR T. WELBY - I will propose:

That Galway County Council sell to John Sullivan, Carrowmanagh, Oughterard, 20 perches of Council land so as to give this man an opportunity to build a house for himself and his family at present living in a caravan on the site. He would be giving up about 7 perches of land for road widening.

22. COUNCILLOR P. RUANE - I will propose:

- (a) That the refuse collection be stepped up, and that a notice appear in the local papers as to when the daily collection is taking place in rural areas.
- (b) That work start immediately on the building of the Reservoir at Briarhill to help to serve the Group Water Schemes in the surrounding areas.

23. AN COMHAIRLEOIR MICHAEL O'MORAIN

- (a) Ba mhaith liom a mholadh go reidhteofi na cosain i Roillig Chill Bhriocain agus go gcuirfi teara ortha.
- (b) Ba mhaith liom a mholadh go reidhteofi an cair phaire ag Seipeal Charna.

24. COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE - I will propose:

- (a) That the roads in the Eyrecourt County Council Housing Estate be taken over by the Council and swept on a regular basis.
- (b) That the Council produce a co-ordinated plan for development in Laurencetown along the following lines - extra Council houses, footpaths to new Council houses, sewerage facilities and extra public lights.
- (c) That the Council develop the junction at Stapleton's house in Clontuskert by removing the ditches which make it so blind and dangerous.

(b) Further Motions Received.

25. COUNCILLOR E. HAVERTY - I will propose:

- (a) That Galway County Council make arrangements to have a pedestrian crossing at Horan's Corner in Portumna for the safety of children going and coming from a number of schools.
- (b) That the Council surface dress the playground at the Castle Gate near the Fairgreen in Portumna.
- (c) That the Council have a yield sign erected on the County Road at Powers Cross and Shreagh County Road east of John Slattery's House, Clonmoylan.

26. COUNCILLOR P. McCORMACK - I will ask:

- (a) Are the areas of Canteeny, Monard, Coolarne, Killskeagh, to be included in the proposed Mid-Galway Water Scheme.
- (b) Why the pedestrian crossing sanctioned for the top Square, Headford, has not been provided, and I will demand that work start on this straight away, as this is an extremely dangerous road.

- (c) That the Corrandulla Group Water Scheme be sanctioned for a supplementary grant in view of the size of the scheme, the area to be covered, and the difficulties with rock.

27. COUNCILLOR M. J. KILGANNON - I will propose:

- (a) That the Council provide a footpath in Menlough Village from the Church to Craughwell's house.
(b) That Galway County Council take over and black top the carpark adjoining Ballymacward Church.

28. COUNCILLOR M. KELLY - I will propose:

That the Council provide public lighting at (i) Killaloonty, Tuam, (ii) Carrowpeter, Dublin Road, Tuam, and six extra lights in other town roads in Tuam Town.

29. DEPUTY M. KILLILEA - I will propose:

That the village of Williamstown be provided with a public sewerage scheme.

30. COUNCILLOR P. M. STAPLETON - I will propose:

- (a) That the Council ease the bend at Martin Donohue's house, Cooloo, Ballinasloe.
(b) That a scheme be drawn up for the improvement of the Cloonina Village Road to Shantalla in Togher, Tuam.
(c) That the road leading from Church View through Gilmartin Road to Galway Road be surfaced and improved.

31. SENATOR M. P. KITT - I will propose:

- (a) That trees at Rogerson's, Derreen, Ballyforan, be removed as soon as possible.
(b) That a sign be erected and action be taken to prevent dumping at Ryehill, Monivea.
(c) That a report be given on the Mid-Galway Group Water Scheme (Fr. Simmon's), and to include provision for a supply for the Newcastle Group Water Scheme, Athenry, Co. Galway.

32. COUNCILLOR T. WELBY - I will propose:

- (a) That this Council build more new houses in Headford without delay so as to provide proper housing accommodation for the people on the waiting list in Headford and that the method of allocating houses be so that the local people and the working class get preference.
(b) That provisions be made to instal a number of public lights in the Lemonfield Housing Estate, Oughterard.

33. COUNCILLOR P. RUANE - I will propose:

That some special assistance be given to the following Group Water Schemes as there is an enormous amount of rock in these areas:-

- (i) Corrandulla Group Water Scheme.
(ii) Cloon/Cregboy Group Water Scheme.

34. COUNCILLOR PETER RAFTERY - I will propose:

That the carpark be extended opposite the Church in Newbridge.

MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES

Name and Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree incl. Costs.
Galway Airways Ltd., Oranmore, Co. Galway.	Damage to a Hangar building.	County of Galway at large.	£2,000	£467.20
E.S.B. Dublin.	Damage to one TKU Cable Box.	Borough of Galway.	£200	£201.22

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 11TH DECEMBER, 1978.

IN THE CHAIR: Deputy M. Killilea.

PRESENT: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Members: Councillors G. Bartley, U. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy J. Callanan, Councillor F. Coogan, Deputy J. Donnellan, Councillors S. Donnellan, F. Fahey, M. Flaherty, P. T. Galvin, F. Glynn, M. D. Higgins, B. Holland, P. M. Stapleton, J. Joyce, M. J. Kilgannon, Senator M. P. Kitt, Councillor P. McCormack, Deputy J. M. Mannion, Councillors J. Molloy, P. Dempsey, N. Morgan, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, P. Ruane, and T. Welby.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; T. O'Donoghue, Law Agent; S. McMahon, K. Hayes, F. Monahan, Chief Assistant County Engineers; T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; B. Callagy, Chief Assistant Planning; W. Cahill, Acting Chief Assistant Planning; and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2364 - FUEL SUPPLY FOR POOR PEOPLE:

Councillor Coogan stated that there was a curtailment by the Health Board on the scheme for the supply of fuel to poor people and he called for full restoration of the scheme.

The Chairman stated that this matter had been raised at a Meeting of the Local Health Committee recently and he understood that the matter was now resolved and that there would no change in the scheme which was previously in operation.

2365 - EROSION OF POWERS OF COUNTY COUNCILS:

The Chairman stated that over the past ten years there was progressive erosion of the powers of County Councils, and in order to combat this tendency, the General Council of County Councils, the Association of Municipal Authorities and the Managers tried to set up an organisation which would present a unified case to the Minister for the preservation of powers of Local Authorities. The organisation in question did not materialise because of the fact that the Association of Municipal Authorities withdrew their support for it. He stated that while everybody appreciated the abolition of Rates on dwellings, Local Authorities were concerned that their powers should not be eroded and he asked Members to consider what further recommendations could be made to the Government in order to preserve a worthwhile system of Local Government.

The County Manager stated that the issue is not the question of abolition of domestic rates but that what is important is what source of revenue, if any, will take the place of Rates on domestic property, and the discretion being taken away from Local Authorities. He stated that while the Local Government (Financial Provisions) Bill, 1977, is before the Oireachtas, Members should consider what recommendations could be made. The Bill, he stated, proposes that the Minister should retain power to limit the total expenditure of Local Authorities in any year for the apparent reason that the Minister wishes to be in a position to control the level of grant which should be made in lieu of Rates.

He felt that consideration should be given to the question of alternative sources of Revenue for Local Authorities which should not be completely dependent on the State for all of its funds. The Bill also proposes to limit the amount of the local rate, obviously, because of the narrow tax base which is left after the abolition of Rates on domestic property. The Bill also proposes to require Managers to bring Estimates into line with directions which may be given by the Minister where a Local Authority exceeds the directives which the Minister lays down. This places onerous and unpleasant duty on Managers, a duty or a power which was not sought, which could affect the good relationship between Managers and Councillors. There is no alternative to it, however, if the law provides this.

The County Manager also stated that responsibility for grants for private housing had been transferred to the Department of the Environment and it seemed to him that this would be a function more appropriate to Local Authorities who have more detailed information available to them on the housing needs of their Counties. In one County where a pilot scheme for administration of State Grants for housing was in operation, the function was taken away although it had been operating reasonably well. It would be more appropriate that applicants should be in a position to have access to their Local Authorities rather than to Central Government in relation to any problems about private housing.

The County Manager also stated that the question of erosion of powers brings up for consideration the question of whether any services already operated on a national basis could be more efficiently and effectively carried out locally, while at the same time, developing the role of local government and keeping in closer touch with the needs of the people. One of the services which might be considered for administration locally was land registration.

The public assistance functions of County Councils were transferred to Health Boards under the provisions of the Social Welfare (Supplementary Welfare Allowances) Act, 1975, but without the transfer of financial liability to the Health Boards for this service. The County Council is still liable for the cost of this service which amounts to between £300,000 and £400,000 a year, but the County Council has no function in the administration of the service.

The establishment of Health Boards without the development of any philosophy in relation to local government is but one example of a series of interventions in the functions of local authorities without any regard to the overall effects on the local government service.

Under Section 9 of the proposed Bill for the establishment of Udaras na Gaeltachta, there is another example of the proposal to remove powers from Local Authorities to Udaras na Gaeltachta, a decision apparently taken without any comprehensive view of its effect on local administration. He agreed that there can be a legitimate time and reasons for taking powers from Local Authorities and adding some but that these should have regard to the local government service as a whole.

Councillor Higgins stated that one power which has not been eroded is the power given to Managers under the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, he considered that too much power is vested in the Manager, and that those powers are further increased under the provisions of the Bill at present before the Oireachtas.

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He stated that the Department of the Public Service had promised that it would review the organisational functions and powers of Local Authorities but that this had not been done, and that when the powers of sub-regional structures were being dealt with, the necessary advertisements were published in a national press only and not in the local press. He felt that there is little that can be expected from the Department of the Public Service. He considered that the European Parliament, after the elections next June, will give tax directions which will be operative in each E.E.C. country and that existing and any alternative taxes would have to compete with those new European taxes. He did not consider it useful to seek powers for local authorities which are at present being carried out by Government Departments, and he felt that any weaknesses which exist in the Land Registration system could be attributed at least to some extent to the legal profession. One advantage of having Registration Officers remote from the services they are providing is that they are immune from local pressures. He felt that in some important ways local government had ceased to exist, and that the ability of the Minister to impose limits, means that local authorities have now no real powers. Hitherto, he pointed out that Members could bring in a proposal for excess expenditure and put pressure on the Manager to carry out works which they wish to have done, but that this power has now gone. He considered that the worst kind of reaction to this situation is that a local authority might seek to interfere in functions which are not its business. He recommended that the Council should ask the Minister to amend the Bill and seek for Members some of the powers at present exercised by Managers. He also recommended that the Council should press the Department of the Public Service for the report which it promised. Councillor Higgins also agreed that there is merit in having Social Welfare and the administration of assistance carried out locally as the community could react quickly to the needs of the poor. He considered it very important that grants for improvement and essential repairs should be made locally and that adequate money should be available to meet the needs of the aged and the needy. He was of the opinion that in a few years local government will function under a series of circulars and memos from Government Departments without any discretion being left to local Councils.

Councillor Coogan and other Members of the Council complimented the Chairman and the Manager for presenting the Members with an objective assessment of the situation. Councillor Coogan stated that there would be greater loss of powers if local authorities do not make a stand against the present tendency, and he emphasised the need to stand firm on an administrative system to meet local needs.

Councillor Fahey stated that the Bill was at variance with the undertaking given previously by the present Minister for Economic Planning and Development, but he felt that the situation would not be much worse after the Bill becomes law than it is at present, as he felt that it would make little difference in the pattern of rate increases for some years past. He considered that there should be greater co-operation between organisations such as the I.D.A., Bord Failte, and Local Authorities in an effort to see what services could be administered locally. He pointed out that the administration of services from Dublin was destroying initiative and development, but he considered that Local Authorities are to some extent at fault since they should have made it clear to governments over the years what the Local Authorities themselves require. He felt that the Council should go further than just object to the provisions of the Bill - it should decide on its priorities and prepare a plan for development of tourism, agriculture and other services.

Councillor McCormack stated that if the Council wishes to influence the proposed legislation, it should propose amendments to the Bill.

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He considered that Members will still have the same functions to play, and he pointed out that all Members have been doing is adopting the Estimates prepared by Administrators.

Councillor Glynn stated that in dealing with local government, the Government should look at the whole role of Local Government in the context of a 32 County Ireland, and he stated that it is inevitable that some powers will be eroded over the years by directives from Brussels. He recommended that the Council should insist that the Minister produce a White Paper on the future of Local Government before the Local Elections.

Deputy Callanan stated that Members should be realistic in their approach to this matter and he pointed out that nobody voted against the abolition of Rates on domestic property or on the abolition of health charges. He stated that the Minister for the Environment has to fight for an allocation from the State Budget, and for this purpose, he must know the amount required for each County. If there were a "free for all" and the Minister had not powers to control the amounts demanded by Councils, the demands to him could be unlimited. Since the Government has to provide the finance, it is necessary that it should exercise some control. He recommended that the Council should discuss the alternative sources of Revenue which might be available. He agreed that the administration of Housing Grants could be best administered through Local Authorities. He stated that it was expected that the Committee stage of the Bill will be through the Dail this week and that it would not be long before it becomes law - in the circumstances, he felt that erosion of powers is bound to occur.

Councillor Burke stated that there is ambiguity on the part of many public representatives who deplore the erosion of powers but allow Rates to be abolished and Health Boards to be established without any protests. Councils are already accepting restrictions from Government Departments and he quoted as an instance of this, that Managers have no powers in dealing with hardship cases among applicants for education grants.

Councillor O'Morain stated that the whole question of power is one in fact of money, and that the question of erosion of powers must involve the responsibility of whoever is paying the cost, having some power to impose limitations, the question is if an alternative in the form of, for example, a local tax is available. He did not feel that the County Manager is correct in his reference to Udaras na Gaeltachta as this involves the creation of another local authority which he hoped would be in a different position and that it would organise employment schemes.

Councillor Byrne considered that the power to spend money is more important than the power to levy Rates and that the Council will continue to have power to spend money. He felt that the amount of money which the Exchequer should make available to Local Authorities should take into account the inflation rate and also figure for the percentage of national growth. He was not in favour of any new tax on a County basis which would increase the cost of living to householders.

Councillor Dempsey considered that the erosion of powers of any Local Authorities is a retrograde step and he recommended that the Minister be asked to look again at the Bill to find an alternative to the erosion of powers of Local Authorities.

Deputy Callanan stated that in the Dail debate, a suggestion was made regarding the possibility of fixing different limits for different Counties but that it had been stated that this created some problems.

Councillor Morgan stated that the Bill takes away no powers as he felt that the only powers which he has as a Councillor is the expending of Notice of Motion Money. He considered that the final say in the adoption of Estimates lies with the Councillors who do not realise what their powers are or that they have the right to substitute something in the Estimates for what may be put before them.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that the main question is how efficient a service can a local authority give and whether it is providing this service in the best way possible. He considered that the closer the administration is to the location in which the service is being provided, the easier it is to influence the manner of providing the service. He stated that the Minister for Finance points out that he is calling the tune but it should be pointed out to the Minister that it is the people's money he is distributing and not his own. Regarding alternative sources of revenue, he considered that the operation of a local or regional tax as against a national one would be cumbersome, inefficient and costly, but he stated that part of the County's Value Added Tax could be retained for spending in the County. While the Government has reserved for itself the right to raise finance, Local Authorities should be entitled to their share.

Deputy Donnellan stated that there has been abuse of power both at local and at national level, and that locally representation on Committees has not been fairly given. He stated that Local Authorities do not even wish to have the power to impose a local tax to finance specific additional projects and that when a government decision was made to abolish Rates, the Government could not allow County Councils to raise rates to any level it wished as this would impose too heavy a penalty on the small number of Ratepayers. There would, he stated, be sufficient money for services if all persons liable for tax paid their proper share.

Councillor Joyce stated that even before the present Bill was proposed, Councils never had enough money to do all the work which they wished to do.

The Chairman stated that only two sources of levying Rates remained, one of which was land, and under the recent report of the Commission on Land Restructuring and Reform, a tax on land per adjusted acre is likely. If this recommendation is adopted, the only properties liable for Rates will be business premises.

Councillor Higgins proposed that the Council pass a resolution calling for the preparation of a White Paper on the powers, functions and duties of Local Authorities which would also include an examination of present and possible sources of Revenue and a reform of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in relation to the powers of Managers and that the Council also calls for a national commitment for the development of Local Government and strengthening of Local Authorities including an examination of regional structures.

This proposal was seconded by Councillor Glynn who also stressed the developing importance of Community Councils.

The Chairman then proposed the following resolution as an amendment to that proposed by Councillor Higgins:

"That Galway County Council welcomes the decision to abolish Rates on private houses, calls for a review of the powers of Local Authorities (including Members and Managers), a study of independent sources of revenue for Local Authorities and a declaration of a national commitment for the development of Local Government and the strengthening of Local Authorities."

This proposal was seconded by Deputy Callanan.

A vote taken on the Chairman's amendment resulted as follows:

FOR: Deputy Callanan, Councillors Stapleton, J. Joyce, Deputy M. Killilea, Councillor P. Dempsey.

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AGAINST: Councillors U. Burke, F. Coogan, Deputy J. Donnellan, Councillors F. Fahey, P.T. Galvin, F. Glynn, M.D. Higgins, M. J. Kilgannon, P. McCormack, N. Morgan, M. O'Morain.

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The Chairman declared the amendment defeated and the original proposal by Councillor Higgins Carried.

2366 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mr. Audley Mitchell, Killaan, Woodlawn, Ballinasloe.
Mrs. Shaughnessy, Ballynew, Portumna, Co. Galway.
Mr. John Moylan, Summerfield Bar, Claregalway.
Mrs. F. Burke, Cloncoe, Woodford, Co. Galway.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

Michael Killilea

CHAIRMAN.

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DATE.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 18TH DECEMBER, 1978.

IN THE CHAIR: Deputy M. Killilea.

PRESENT: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Members: Councillors G. Bartley, U. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy J. Callanan, Councillor F. Coogan, Deputy J. Donnellan, Councillors Sean Donnellan, F. Fahey, M. Flaherty, P. T. Galvin, E. Haverty, M. D. Higgins, B. Holland, P. M. Stapleton, J. Joyce, M. J. Kilgannon, Senator M. P. Kitt, Councillor P. McCormack, Deputy J. M. Mannion, Councillors J. Molloy, P. Dempsey, N. Morgan, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, P. Ruane, M. Ryan and T. Welby.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; P. Lynch, County Engineer; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; F. Monahan, M. Tierney, S. McMahon, Chief Assistant County Engineers; L. Kavanagh, Acting Chief Assistant County Engineer; B. Callagy, Chief Assistant (Planning); W. A. Cahill, Acting Chief Assistant (Planning); Mrs. J. Walsh, Planning Assistant; Messrs. D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

The Opening prayer was recited.

2367 - RESIGNATION OF MR. P. LYNCH, COUNTY ENGINEER:

The Chairman stated that it was with much regret he had learned of the resignation of Mr. P. Lynch, County Engineer, to take up an appointment with the National Board of Science and Technology. He extended his congratulations to Mr. Lynch on his new appointment and expressed regret at his departure from the County Council. He paid tribute to the good work done by Mr. Lynch for the County Council and for the courtesy and efficiency with which he discharged his duties.

Councillor Fahey, seconding the proposal of the Chairman, expressed disappointment at Mr. Lynch's departure and also paid tribute to him for the manner in which he discharged his duties as County Engineer since his appointment. He stated that the departure of Mr. Lynch to take up a better position was an indication of the inadequacy of the remuneration being paid which induced him to leave the local service and he considered that if something is not done about this matter, the departure of people like Mr. Lynch would constitute a threat to the future of the local service.

The other Members of the Council present at the meeting also joined in the vote of congratulations to Mr. Lynch and expressed their appreciation of the service which he had given the Council.

The County Manager joining in the vote of congratulations expressed his appreciation of the assistance and advice which he had received from Mr. Lynch since his appointment, and for his whole-hearted commitment to the work of the Council and to the development of the County. Mr. Howlett, Assistant County Manager, also joined in the tributes to Mr. Lynch.

Mr. Lynch expressed his thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Council and also to the County Manager and Assistant County Manager. He also thanked the Councillors and his own staff for the co-operation which he received from all of them since he became County Engineer in Galway. He promised to do whatever he could to influence and enhance the role and functions of Local Authorities.

2368 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 29369 - APPLICANT: MR. PATRICK O'HALLORAN.

The County Manager stated that a decision to grant Planning Permission in this case had now been made.

2369 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 29795 - APPLICANT: MR. WILLIAM HANNON.

The County Manager submitted the following report which had been circulated to each Member of the Council:

- "1. Application has previously been refused twice, including once on appeal by the Minister. The applicant was invited to submit an application for an alternative site on the opposite side of the road near the family home and other existing houses. Instead he has resubmitted the same application. He has not shown all the family lands on site map.
2. The proposed house would be a very incongruous feature on gently sloping land between the road and the lake.
3. The site consists of boggy land and would be totally unsuitable for a septic tank.
4. I interviewed applicant's mother at family house. A permission (not availed of) was recently granted adjoining family house. Mrs. Hannon refused (point-blank) to indicate extent of family lands adjoining house. An old stone cottage has been renovated adjoining family house and appears to have been the old homestead. These lands are about a mile from the above site.
5. In relation to this site, Mrs. Hannon said that commonage could not be agreed on for subdivision, even though acceptable sites exist on it. I pointed out that this seemed difficult to understand but received no answer. This commonage is also useless agriculturally.
6. Refusal is recommended for the following reasons:
 - (i) The proposed house would be located between the public road and Courhoor Lough in an area of great natural beauty. It would be obtrusive in the landscape and seriously injurious to the scenic amenities of the area.
 - (ii) The site consists of boggy land and would be totally unsuitable for a septic tank."

Councillor Bartley, proposing the resolution, stated that this man was urgently in need of a house. He stated also that a site meeting had been arranged with an officer of the Planning Section but that when he and the applicant's Architect came to the site, no official of the Council was present.

The County Manager stated that there was a misunderstanding about the arrangements for this meeting and he apologised to Councillor Bartley for the inconvenience caused him. He stated, however, that arrangements would be made to ensure that such misunderstandings did not arise in future.

Deputy Mannion seconded Councillor Bartley's proposal.

As there was no other proposal, the Chairman declared the resolution passed and with Clr. Coogan stating that he wished to be recorded as dissenting from it.

2370 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT
(AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 29803
- APPLICANT: MR. FRANK O'CONNOR.

The County Manager stated that a request for further information had been issued in this case and he suggested that consideration of the resolution should, therefore, await receipt of the reply from the applicant.

Councillor Welby proposed that the resolution be passed, stating that the site in question was the only one available to the applicant and that others had got permission for houses in the locality.

The Chairman stated that the file in this matter was incomplete until such time as the applicant had replied to the request for further information.

It was agreed that the matter would be deferred pending a reply to the request for further information from the applicant.

2371 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT
(AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 29659 -
APPLICANT: MR. CHRISTOPHER MOLLOY.

The County Manager stated that a request for further information has been sent to the applicant in this case and he suggested that the matter be left over for consideration until a reply is received from the applicant.

This was agreed by the Council.

2372 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT
(AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 29275 - APPLICANTS
MESSRS. D. & T. CORBETT.

The County Manager submitted the following report which had been circulated to each Member of the Council:

"The site is located on the National Primary Route, two miles west of Loughrea.

The application is for two dwellinghouses on a site which has no frontage to the road. Access is by means of a laneway which has recently been gravelled. This laneway extends for a distance of approximately 40 yards.

The dwellinghouses are intended for two sons who at present live in the family dwellinghouse in St. Cleran's townland, which is located north-west of the current site, away from the main road. Mr. Corbett (Senior) claims that as all of his holding extends back behind the family dwellinghouse, there would be no possibility of providing sites for the proposed houses at this location.

In July 1977, Mr. Corbett purchased a total of 11 acres in Carrowmore townland, part of which is located off the County Road to the north of the National Primary Route. He has already been granted permission on this latter site for a lounge-bar with dwellinghouse combined (Pl. ref. No. 27203).

The present application follows on the latter. The sons for whom these houses are intended would be working part-time on the land and part-time in the lounge-bar.

This application cannot be regarded as coming within the special need category of second family dwellinghouses as normally defined by the County Council, and to grant permission in this case would set a highly undesirable precedent for

similar development along other sections of the principal road network of the County.

Refusal is therefore recommended for the following reasons:-

1. The proposed development is located on the National Primary route between Galway and Loughrea and the traffic movements generated by the development would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic along that route, thereby causing a potential traffic hazard.
2. The site proposed to be developed has no proper road frontage and therefore constitutes development of backlands, contrary to the requirements of the Planning Authority.
3. The need claimed does not come within the special need categories as defined by the Planning Authority and to which housing development along this route is totally restricted."

Councillor Fahey proposed that the permission sought be granted and pointed out that the fact that the access from the two houses to the main road was via a laneway, and that they were genuine further family dwellings brought them within the terms of the provisions of the County Development Plan.

Deputy Callanan, seconding the proposal, said that the fact that the houses were for two sons, seemed to bring them within the terms of the Plan.

The County Engineer produced a map of the site and pointed out that the access to the two houses would be by a narrow laneway, that the policy of the Council was that all houses should have a minimum frontage of 75 feet, that the buildings proposed involved the development of backlands, that there was no personal extreme hardship in refusing the applications, and that it seemed that alternative sites could be obtained on the other side of the main road. He also pointed out that the access to the main road was within 400 yards of a busy junction on the brow of a hill. He suggested that from the safety and proper planning points of view, the applicants should seek to purchase sites off the County Road nearby as he felt that there are some sites which it might be possible to purchase or possibly exchange.

The County Manager suggested that the proposers of the motion might approach the family with a view to asking them to apply for an extension of time for considering the application to say the 31st January, 1979, that he hoped that in the meantime, the family would be seen by officials of the Council and it could be pointed out to them the advantages of re-locating the houses on another site which would be better from their point of view and from the point of view of planning. He pointed out that development proposed is not good and that the marketability of the houses later, should they be offer for sale, would not be great.

The Council agreed to request the proposers of the motion to approach the applicants with a view to getting them request an extension of time to enable further consultations to take place.

2373 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT
(AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 28989 -
APPLICANT: MR. SEAN CURRAN.

The County Manager submitted the following report which had been circulated to each Member of the Council:-

- "1. The site consisted of woodland which was completely demolished and a mobile home erected, without Permission, probably before the application was submitted.

2. The applicant, with a local address, did not submit a map of the family lands when asked by the Planning Authority.
3. The site is located along the Clooniff Moycullen road which is not more than 8 feet wide for most of its length. About ten houses have been permitted along it over the years. The road is not capable of accommodating such traffic.
4. The road circles Ballycurke Lake which is an area of high amenity and recreational value.
5. Refusal is recommended for the following reason:

The site (i) is located along a narrow winding rural road in the high amenity area of Ballycurke Lake, and (ii) has had the existing tree and hedge growth covering its area completely demolished and has had a mobile home installed thereon, both without consultation with or permission from the Planning Authority. The proposed development in addition to the excessive development already carried out along this road which was not designed or constructed for such volumes of traffic as are now using it, would contribute to undesirable traffic hazard and obstruction on the said road and would thus be contrary to the proper Planning and Development of the area."

Councillor Welby proposed and Councillor Bartley seconded the resolution as set out on the Agenda.

The County Manager stated that unauthorised development had taken place on the site and that information sought from the applicant had not been given.

As there was no other proposal, the Chairman declared the resolution carried.

2374 - SITE MEETINGS - PLANNING:

Councillor Welby asked the County Manager to clarify certain points with regard to arrangements made for meetings between Councillors and Members of the Planning staff of the Council on sites in respect of which it was intended to refuse permission.

The County Manager stated that the purpose of those meetings is to enable officials from the Planning Section to give explanations to Members of the Council on the site, of the considerations involved in deciding on the question of Planning Permission - that those meetings are to be attended by Members of the Council only and by Officials, and that neither the applicant nor his Engineering or Architectural advisers would be present at those discussions. He suggested that it might be worthwhile as an experiment to hold those meetings for a trial period of say six months, and that since they are not for the purpose of bargaining on the question of conditions, the meetings would have to be confined to Councillors and officials.

When Councillor Welby enquired as to whether travelling expenses would be payable to members for attending those site meetings, the County Manager replied that it would be necessary to have the Members, say from each Electoral Area, constitute a Committee to enable expenses to be payable.

Replying to a query by Councillor McCormack, the County Manager stated that those meetings could be held when, for example, Councillors send in a proposed resolution under Section 4 of the 1955 Act or in any case where Councillors seek that there is a case made for Planning Permission, even though a resolution under Section 4 may not have been submitted.

On the proposition of Councillor O'Morain, seconded by Councillor Stapleton, the Council agreed that for an experimental period of six months, the Members of the Council for each Electoral Area would

constitute a Committee of the Council for such area for the purpose of meeting officials of the Council in appropriate cases on a site which is the subject of a Planning Application.

2375 - MINUTES:

Referring to Minute No. 2332 of the Meeting of the Council on the 27th November, 1978, Councillor McCormack stated that he considered that paragraph (a) on page 7 did not correspond with the decision taken at the County Council Meeting. He understood that all Members for the Galway Electoral Area were to be on the deputation.

The County Secretary stated that according to the notes taken by him, the Minute was correct.

Councillor O'Morain stated that it was he who proposed the resolution and that it asked that all living west of Galway City be involved in the deputation.

The Chairman stated that the minute as submitted was correct.

On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor O'Morain, the Minutes of Meeting held on the 27th November, 1978 (2321 - 2363 inclusive) were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Referring to Minute No. 2364 of the Meeting of the 11th December, 1978, Councillor Coogan stated that according to a newspaper report the method by which the free fuel scheme operated by the Western Health Board was changed, was not as stated by the Chairman.

The Chairman stated that the scheme as at present operated by the Western Health Board is the same as it was before and that he stated this at the meeting.

2376 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES:

It was noted that Malicious Damage Decrees as set out in the Schedule to the Agenda had been received since the last Monthly Meeting.

2377 - OVERDRAFT:

The County Manager informed the Council that it was estimated that the Council's requirements in respect of Overdraft for the quarter ending 31st March, 1979, would be £1 million. It was proposed by Deputy Donnellan, seconded by Councillor Raftery and resolved:

- * "That subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment, overdraft accommodation not exceeding £1 million, be borrowed on the Council's Revenue Account for the quarter ending 31st March, 1979."

2378 - SEEDS AND FERTILISERS LOAN SCHEME 1979:

On the proposition of Deputy Mannion, seconded by Councillor Haverty, the Council approved the Scheme for the supply of Seeds and/or Fertilisers on loan terms for 1979 in accordance with the draft circulated to Members of the Council with the Agenda.

2379 - SCHEME FOR PAYMENT OF RATES BY INSTALMENTS, 1979:

On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Deputy Callanan, the Council approved the scheme for payment of Rates by instalments for 1979 in accordance with the draft circulated to each Member of the Council.

2380 - APPLICATION FOR REMISSION OF RATES ON INDUSTRIAL PREMISES - TAIRGI MARA TEO. (Kilkieran Sea Foods), CILL CHIARAIN, CARNA:

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

"That Galway County Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 5 of the Gaeltacht Industries (Amendment) Act, 1971, hereby remit two-thirds of the Rates leviable by the Council in respect of the Industrial premises at Kilkerrin, Carna, occupied by Tairgi Mara Teo. (Kilkieran Sea Foods), Cill Chiarain, Carna, the remission to have effect in accordance with the provisions of Section 5 (ii) of the above Act, the appropriate certificate under the said Act having been issued by Gaeltarra Eireann."

2381 - APPLICATION FOR REMISSION OF RATES ON INDUSTRIAL PREMISES - ROVING (EIRE) TEO., CORR NA MONA:

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

"That Galway County Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 5 of the Gaeltacht Industries (Amendment) Act, 1971, hereby remit two-thirds of the Rates leviable by the Council in respect of the Industrial premises at Cornamona, occupied by Roving (Eire) Teo., Corr na Mona, the remission to have effect in accordance with the provisions of Section 5 (ii) of the above Act, the appropriate certificate under the said Act having been issued by Gaeltarra Eireann."

2382 - ISLANDS RIVER DRAINAGE:

The County Manager stated that since the last meeting no further correspondence had been received from Roscommon County Council in connection with this proposal but that when further information is received from that Council, the matter will again be brought before Galway County Council.

It was agreed that the matter be deferred.

2383 - DATES FOR MEETINGS:

The County Manager informed the Council that an application had been sent to the Minister to extend to the 31st January, 1979, the date for holding the Estimates Meeting of the Council. He suggested that the Estimates Meeting might be held on the normal date for the Monthly Meeting, i.e., the 22nd January, 1979, and that the Monthly Meeting be deferred to the 29th January, in order to give a reasonable time for Galway Corporation and Ballinasloe Urban District Council to hold their Estimates Meetings which must be held after the date of the County Council's Estimates Meeting.

It was agreed that Meetings be held as follows:

- (a) On 12th January, 1979, - a special meeting of the Council to consider Group Water Supply Schemes.
- (b) 22nd January, 1979 - the Estimates Meeting of the Council.
- (c) 29th January, 1979 - the Monthly Meeting for January.

It was agreed that the Council would fix a date for the Housing Committee Meeting of the Council and the Meeting of the Joint Committee on Itinerancy at the Monthly Meeting to be held on the 29th January, 1979.

2384 - TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME:

existing
Councillor Byrne referred to the Tenant Purchase Scheme and pointed out that some tenants under this scheme would be asked to pay a purchase annuity of up to £20 per week. He enquired if the Low Rise Mortgage would be available for such purchasers.

The County Manager stated that the Low Rise Mortgage Scheme is not available for existing tenants who wish to purchase the houses which they occupy.

2385 - TIME FOR COMMENCEMENT OF MEETINGS:

Councillor Ryan proposed that no change be made in the existing commencement time.

Senator Kitt stated that a lot of time is taken up in consideration of resolutions under Section 4 of the 1955 Act and he asked that Members should allow people who are dissatisfied with decisions to appeal to An Bord Pleanála as an alternative to Section 4 resolutions. He also asked that Councillors should not spend more than five minutes in considering any one resolution under Section 4.

Councillor Joyce proposed that as an experiment the Council should hold one meeting which would commence at 5.30 p.m., say the meeting for February 1979.

Councillor Morgan seconded this proposal but he asked if instead meetings could commence at 4.30 p.m.

The County Manager stated that he would reluctantly have to point out that Councillor Joyce's resolution, if adopted, would present serious staff problems. He stated that many members of the staff are involved in other activities which involve night meetings and that he considered the question of payment for such overtime would also arise. Referring to a suggestion by Councillor Morgan that Members of the staff would have to attend night meetings, be given a half day off in lieu, the County Manager stated that night work does not relieve the necessity of having senior staff available during the day to serve the needs of the public who call to the offices.

Councillor Joyce stated that in the circumstances he was withdrawing his proposal.

Motions adjourned from Meeting of 27th November, 1978.

2386 - REMOVAL OF BEND ON MULLAGH/GURTYMADDEN ROAD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MORGAN:

The County Manager stated that no provision for this work had been made in the 1979 proposals but it would be given favourable consideration for the Estimates for 1980. He pointed out, however, that there may be difficulty involving resiting of a sheep dipping pond and the estimated cost of the work proposed is £2,000.

2387 - REPAIR OF ROAD, GLOVES TO KILTULLA NEAR ESKER MONASTERY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BURKE:

The County Manager stated that repairs are being carried out to this road at the present time.

2388 - REPAIR OF ROAD AT BRIERFIELD STEPHENS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RYAN:

The County Manager stated that repairs will be carried out to this road in the next few weeks but that there are no funds available to surface-dress the road in the coming year.

Councillor Ryan asked that the Council would again look into this matter and try to do some surface-dressing in 1979.

2389 - LOCAL LOANS FUND - RATE OF INTEREST:

The County Manager informed the Council that notification had been received from the Department of the Environment that the rate of interest payable in respect of issues from the Local Loans Fund

on or after the 1st December, 1978, is 12% per annum, an increase of 1% on the previous rate.

2390 - ADDITIONAL REMUNERATION - GENERAL OPERATIVES:

The County Manager informed the Council that the Labour Court award of the 26th May, 1978, recommended an increase of £3.50 per week in the remuneration of general operatives and that following further negotiations between the Union and Local Government Staff Negotiations Board, agreement of a further increase of £1.50 per week as from the 1st October, 1978, on the basis of productivity had been reached and had been approved by the Minister for the Environment. He informed the Members that the estimated cost of the increase is £10,750 in respect of the current year and £43,000 for 1979. Payment would be conditional on agreement with the Unions on productivity measures.

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

"That subject to agreement between the Council and the appropriate Unions on productivity measures, Galway County Council hereby approve under the provisions of Section 11 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, an increase of £1.50 per week as from the 1st October, 1978, for general operatives, and approves the additional expenditure of £10,750 for this purpose in the current year."

2391 - INCREASE IN REMUNERATION OF PART-TIME FIREMEN:

The County Manager stated that following negotiations between the Local Government Staff Negotiations Board and the Fire Brigade Group of Unions representing part-time firemen in connection with a claim for increased remuneration on a Relativity/Productivity basis, it was agreed that an interim increase of 4p per hour on the hourly rates together with the following increases in annual allowances would apply from the 1st March, 1978:-

Station Officers	-	£36 per annum
Sub-Officer, Driver/Mechanic	-	£26 per annum
Fireman	-	£20 per annum

He stated that the estimated cost of those increases in the current year is £2,000 and the sum of £2,400 for 1979. It was proposed by Deputy Mannion, seconded by Deputy Donnellan and resolved:

"That in accordance with the provisions of Section 11 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council hereby approve of an increase of 4p per hour in the hourly rate payable to retained firemen, and an increase of £36, £26, and £20 per annum to (a) Station Officers, (b) Sub-Officer, Driver/Mechanic, and (c) Fireman, respectively, as from the 1st March, 1978, and also approve additional expenditure of £2,000 in the current year to meet those increases."

2392 - AGRICULTURAL COURSE AT U.C.G.:

On the proposition of Councillor Joyce, seconded by Deputy Callanan, it was resolved that the Council call on University College Galway and on the Minister for Agriculture to continue their course in Agricultural Science at University College Galway.

2393 - TAKING OVER BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CAHEROYAN ESTATE, ATHENRY:

Replying to an enquiry by Councillor Fahy, the County Manager stated that difficulties had arisen in connection with this, that instructions had been given to have public lighting provided on the Estate and that he would investigate the position regarding the remainder of the services.

2394 - COUNCILLORS' TRAVELLING EXPENSES:

Councillor Fahy requested that the Claim Form for Councillors' travelling expenses be simplified.

2395 - TOILET FACILITIES - TONABRUCKY QUARRY:

Councillor Welby asked that a reply to a motion submitted by him in connection with this matter would be available for the meeting in January 1979.

2396 - PUBLIC LIGHTING - BEL-AIR DRIVE, TUAM:

Councillor Stapelton asked if a special effort could be made to have public lighting provided at Bel-Air Drive, Tuam.

2397 - PROVISION OF AIR-STRIP IN INISHBOFFIN - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BARTLEY:

It was proposed by Councillor Bartley, seconded by Councillor O'Morain and resolved:

"That Galway County Council call on the Government and on the Minister for Tourism and Transport to provide funds for an Air-Strip in Inishboffin."

2398 - NEW BURIAL GROUND FOR CASHEL - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BARTLEY:

The County Secretary reported that it was agreed by the Council at its Meeting on the 28th March, 1977, that the extension of the existing Burial Ground at Cashel was neither technically possible or economically feasible and that negotiations are under way in an effort to provide an alternative site at Derryadd West. The County Secretary also gave details of trial holes which were dug in May 1975 and in October 1976 and that both tests indicated that because of flooding, the site was totally unsuitable for a burial ground.

Councillor Bartley stated that the people of Cashel were not satisfied with the trial holes which were dug. They stated that they wished to have more trial holes dug and wished to have an opportunity of inspecting them. Deputy Mannion supported Councillor Bartley's proposal.

Councillor O'Morain suggested a slight amount of drainage to a nearby river might solve the problem.

The County Engineer stated that there was no doubt about the unsuitability of the ground as evidenced by the trial holes which were dug and he also pointed out that even if the site were suitable, a road to it would cost approximately £14,000.

The Chairman suggested that Councillor Bartley should discuss the matter with the County Engineer.

2399 - PROVISION OF CARPARK AT KILCONLY - MOTION BY DEPUTY DONNELLAN:

The County Secretary informed Deputy Donnellan that if the normal requirements in regard to taking over such carparks by the County Council including dedication of the land to the Council were complied with, the Council would consider taking over the carpark and surfacing it.

2400 - PUBLIC LIGHT AT CLONBERNE - MOTION BY DEPUTY DONNELLAN:

The County Secretary stated that this location is not on the Council's present public lighting programme but it will be taken into consideration when the 1979 Public Lighting Programme is being drawn up.

2401 - COMPLETION OF BURIAL GROUND AT CLONBERNE - MOTION BY DEPUTY DONNELLAN:

The County Secretary stated that arrangements are being made for having this work completed in the coming year.

2402 - SPEED LIMIT AT LACKAGH - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR DEMPSEY:

The County Secretary stated that the recommendation of the Speed Limits Committee for this location was sent to the Department of the Environment but that no change is proposed in the limits existing at Lackagh and that any such alteration, as requested, would have to await the next revision of Speed Limits. He further stated that maps requested by the Department of the Environment was sent to that Department in June last and that the Minister's Order in relation to the Speed Limits recommended is awaited.

2403 - SPEED LIMIT AT CLAREGALWAY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR DEMPSEY:

The County Secretary stated that the recommendation of the Speed Limits Committee in relation to this matter had been sent to the Department of the Environment. The recommendations made did not propose any change in the existing situation at Claregalway and any such change would have to await the next review of speed limits.

2404 - DUMPING NEAR LACKAGH CEMETERY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR DEMPSEY:

The County Secretary reported that this is a pick-up point for the public refuse collection and if the service is to be allowed to continue in the locality, it would not be appropriate to erect a "no dumping" sign there. It would also be incongruous in close proximity to a burial ground.

Councillor Dempsey asked that some steps be taken to stop dumping at this location.

2405 - TRAVELLING EXPENSES FOR ROAD FOREMEN - MOTION BY DEPUTY CALLANAN:

Replying to this motion, the County Secretary stated that the payment of expenses of any kind to Council employees is a matter for negotiation between the Trade Unions and the County Manager and that these negotiations have resulted in certain categories of workers benefiting from travelling expenses. He stated that benefits under negotiations for any grade of employees have to be examined in the light of implications for this Council and indeed for other Local Authorities. He also stated that the County Manager appeals to Councillors to refrain from taking up positions in respect of claims which can only create difficulties in negotiation.

Deputy Callanan stated that in view of this situation, he would not pursue the motion.

2406 - MOTIONS NUMBERED 17 (a) AND 17 (b) ON THE AGENDA FROM COUNCILLOR GLYNN:

In the absence of Councillor Glynn the Chairman declared that replies to his motions be sent to him.

2407 - MOTIONS BY COUNCILLOR HOLLAND - NUMBERS 18 (a) AND 18 (b):

In the absence of Councillor Holland the Chairman directed that replies to his motions be sent to Councillor Holland.

2408 - MOTIONS BY COUNCILLOR RAFTERY - NUMBERS 19 (a) AND 19 (b):

The Chairman directed that in the absence of Councillor Raftery at this time, replies to his motions be sent to him.

2409 - ROAD FROM TRUSKEN ROAD, LETTERMULLEN, TO BERRY'S HOUSE - MOTION BY DEPUTY MANNION:

The County Secretary stated that this is not a County Road and as such cannot be repaired or blacktopped from County Council finances.

2410 - EASING OF BEND NEAR JOYCE'S HOUSE, GLENGOWLA, OUGHTERARD - MOTION BY DEPUTY MANNION:

The County Secretary reported that the required work would involve major re-alignment of a National Secondary Road and would have to be the subject of a grant from the Department of the Environment.

Deputy Mannion asked if some work could be done on the removal of some grass margins. The County Engineer stated that it might be possible to do some minor improvement from Maintenance Funds.

2411 - SURFACING OF LAY-BYE AT CULLAGHBEG, MAAM - MOTION BY DEPUTY MANNION:

The County Secretary stated that the required work involves the tarring of the area fronting those vested Council Cottages to provide what is effectively a private parking area and it is not the Council's policy to provide such parking areas and to do so would create an undesirable precedent.

2412 - SALE OF PLOT OF LAND AT CARROWMANAGH, OUGHTERARD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE:

Replying to Councillor Joyce's motion, the County Secretary stated that this proposal is at present being examined.

2413 - REFUSE COLLECTION - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RUANE:

The County Secretary stated that it is not feasible with the present plant and in view of the overtime already necessary to further extend the refuse collection services, and that householders on the collection route are already aware of the collection days in their district and it is not considered necessary to place more advertisements to this effect.

Councillor Ruane stated that what he had in mind was that refuse is being scattered out along certain roads and he asked that if an effort could be made to have those roads cleaned up before Christmas. The County Manager stated that an effort is being made to have this done.

2414 - BRIARHILL RESERVOIR - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RUANE:

The County Secretary stated that Tenders had been received for this Contract and it is expected that a proposal regarding the acceptance of a Tander will be forwarded to the Department of the Environment for their approval in the near future. On receipt of the Department's approval and on the allocation of funds, work would commence on the scheme.

2415 - REILIG CHILL BHRIOCAIN - COSAIN A DHEISIU - MOLADH AN COMHAIRLEORA O'MORAIN:

The County Secretary stated that these paths will be repaired at the earliest possible date but that no provision has been made for tarring of the paths in the 1979 Estimates.

Councillor O'Morain stated that the problem here is that grass is growing on the footpaths and he considered that tarmacadam would be the only material which would stop this. He asked if Notice of Motion Money could be spent on it.

2416 - CARR-PHAIROC AG SEIPEAL CHARNA - MOLADH AN CHOMHAILEORA O'MORAIN:

The County Secretary stated this carpark will be repaired and

resurfaced as soon as the Surface Dressing Plant is in the area.

2417 - TAKING OVER OF ROADS, EYRECOURT COUNTY COUNCIL HOUSING ESTATE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE:

The County Secretary stated that this proposal will be examined in so far as it relates to the roads on that part of the scheme which has already been constructed.

2418 - DEVELOPMENT WORKS IN LAURENCETOWN - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE:

Replying to Councillor Joyce's motion, the County Secretary stated that extra houses will be provided in Laurencetown in accordance with need and within the limitations of the water and sewerage services. A footpath will be provided when the Housing Scheme is completed and consideration will be given to the question of extra lighting when the next programme is being prepared.

2419 - IMPROVEMENT OF JUNCTION AT CLONTUSKERT - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE:

The County Secretary stated that the work proposed in the townland of Gortnahorna is part of major realignment works required and is not provided for in the 1979 proposals for Main Road Improvement. He stated, however, that this junction will be examined further to see whether minor improvements including removal of hedges can be carried out to improve the sight distance.

Councillor Joyce stated that even a small job might effect some improvement.

2420 - PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT HORAN'S CORNER, PORTUMNA - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR HAVERTY:

The County Secretary stated that this location does not meet the requirements for a Pedestrian Crossing which according to Departmental recommendations should not be provided at locations where pedestrians cross in large numbers at specific periods of the day only e.g., schools, factories and churches. He stated, however, that the necessity for appointing a School Warden at this location is being examined.

2421 - SURFACE DRESSING AT PLAYGROUND NEAR THE FAIRGREEN IN PORTUMNA - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR HAVERTY:

The County Secretary stated that it is expected that this work can be done out of funds in the 1979 Estimates.

2422 - ERECTION OF "YIELD" SIGN AT POWER'S CROSS NEAR CLONMOYLAN - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR HAVERTY:

The County Secretary stated that arrangements have been made to have this sign erected.

2423 - MID-GALWAY REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR McCORMACK: (Moved by Deputy Donnellan)

Replying to this motion, the County Secretary stated the areas of Canteeny, Monard, Coolarne and KILLSKEAGH can be served by Group Schemes which will ultimately be served by the Mid-Galway Regional Water Supply Scheme.

2424 - PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT TOP SQUARE, HEADFORD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR McCORMACK: (Moved by Deputy Donnellan)

The County Secretary stated that Section 95 of the 1961 Road Traffic Act requires that consent of the Garda Authorities be obtained prior to the provision of signs and markings on a roadway. The recommendation relating to the Act specifically deals with the details of the different types of pedestrian crossing and emphasises the necessity of acquiring the "consent of the appropriate Garda Officer

Details of a vehicular and pedestrian traffic survey carried out at Headford Square were referred to the Gardai for their recommendation and in their letter to the County Council on 8th July, 1978, they did not recommend the installation of a pedestrian crossing at this location. The question of appointing school wardens at various locations throughout the County, including Headford, is currently being considered.

Deputy Donnellan stated that a letter was previously issued by the Council saying that this pedestrian crossing would be provided.

The County Engineer stated that this may be correct as up to about three or four years ago there was no standard for such crossings but An Foras Forbartha published these in the meantime, and under those, the location now proposed would not comply with the requirements. The appointment of a School Warden at this location is being examined.

2425 - CORRANDULLA GROUP WATER SCHEME - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR McCORMACK: (Moved by Deputy Donnellan and Councillor Ruane) - No. 33 (i).

The County Secretary stated that an application for a special contribution of £6,000 to cover the cost of the pump and pumphouse for the Corrandulla Group Water Supply Scheme was received from the Department of the Environment. The Scheme is estimated to cost £173,135 in part due to the cost of rock excavation. The Department of the Environment has been asked to submit a breakdown of the cost of the scheme as this would be required before the Council could examine the request for a special contribution.

Replying to a further query by Councillor McCormack, the County Manager stated that when the amount of the contribution is decided, the matter will be brought back to the Council for the purpose of obtaining its approval to the raising of a loan.

2426 - FOOTPATH IN MENLOUGH VILLAGE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR KILGANNON:

The County Secretary stated that it is hoped to carry out footpath improvements in Menlough out of the Environmental Amenity Scheme allocation if such is made available in 1979 or else by way of minor improvement from the County Road Maintenance Funds.

2427 - BLACK-TOPPING OF CARPARK NEAR BALLYMACWARD CHURCH - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR KILGANNON:

The County Secretary stated that this carpark is a one acre site with 100 lineal yards of frontage onto the public road. This area is far in excess of that which the Council would be prepared to undertake to surface as a carpark and it is suggested that the maximum amount which the Council would be prepared to surface would be about one-third of this area. Suitable fencing for this purpose would consist of a 24" high concrete dwarf wall plastered and capped for a length of 35 yards along the front of the proposed blacktopped area and concrete post and rail fencing for the remainder, all set back 10 ft. from the near edge of the existing road. Subject to the fencing being provided and erected by the Community, as suggested, the blacktopping of the area of approximately one-third of an acre would be considered at the preparation of the Estimates for 1980.

Replying to a further query from Deputy Callanan, the County Manager stated that the dwarf wall referred to would not exclude access to the remainder of the parking area.

2428 - TUAM PUBLIC LIGHTING - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR KELLY:

The County Secretary stated that negotiations had taken place with the E.S.B. in regard to the upgrading and improvement of Tuam lighting and it is hoped finalise details early in 1979 and have some of the scheme implemented before next winter.

The locations mentioned in the motion would be included in the Scheme.

It was agreed that a copy of this report would be sent to Councillor Kelly.

2429 - SEWERAGE SCHEME FOR WILLIAMSTOWN - MOTION BY DEPUTY M. KILLILEA:

The County Secretary reported that two schemes were considered for the Williamstown sewage disposal system:-

- (a) discharge the effluent into a swallow hole N.E. of the village;
- (b) discharge the effluent into a turlough south of the village.

Both schemes were objected to by local residents and the County Medical Officer on health and safety grounds. The only remaining alternative is to discharge to the Island River over a mile from the village by pumping the sewage. Secondary treatment will be required due to low flows into the Island River. This would be a very expensive scheme for the number served. The estimated cost is over £100,000 which represents approximately £3,500 per house.

The Chairman stated that Councillor Raftery was associated with him in making this proposal.

2430 - EASING OF BEND AT COOLOO, BALLINASLOE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR STAPLETON:

The County Secretary stated that it would cost approximately £2,000 to realign two bends at this location. The work is desirable but has not been included in the Provisional Road Works Scheme as there are works of higher priority with a claim on available funds. It may be possible, however, to do some minor works as part of the normal County Road Maintenance in order to relieve any existing hazard.

2431 - IMPROVEMENT OF CLOONINA VILLAGE ROAD TO SHANTALLA IN TOGHER, TUAM - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR STAPLETON:

The County Secretary reported that this road was improved by means of a Local Improvement Scheme a few years ago but was not adopted by the Council because of the location of two gateways on the road restricting the right-of-way. If the gates and posts were to be removed, it is likely that the road could qualify for reconstruction and adoption from Councillors' Notice of Motion Funds.

2432 - IMPROVEMENT OF ROAD - CHURCH VIEW THROUGH GILMARTIN ROAD TO GALWAY ROAD, TUAM - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR STAPLETON:

The County Secretary stated that the surface condition of this road is considered satisfactory at present and that there are no plans for its improvement.

Councillor Stapleton stated that this was now carrying a lot of traffic because of the recent introduction of a one way system in Tuam. He stated that it has been neglected in the past and he asked that it be re-surfaced. He asked the County Engineer to re-examine the proposal.

2433 - REMOVAL OF TREES AT DERREEN, BALLYFORAN - MOTION BY SENATOR KITT:

The County Secretary stated that the trees are located in a private garden about 15 yards from the public roadway and do not constitute a hazard to road users. The County Council have no responsibility in the matter and it was suggested that local voluntary labour might be employed to assist the landowner.

Replying to Senator Kitt, the County Engineer stated that if the trees are likely to damage E.S.B. lines, the E.S.B. might be prepared to carry out the lopping of the branches

2434 - DUMPING AT RYEHILL, MONIVEA - MOTION BY SENATOR KITT:

The County Secretary stated that dumping at this location is on commonage, the access to which is by means of a private road. The practice has been going on for some years and local people have been asked to assist the County Council in identifying the culprits. So far there has been no success. Although the responsibility to control dumping on private lands is on the owner, consideration would be given to having a sign erected but it is emphasised again that the solution largely lies with the local people in identifying and reporting the people who are carrying out unauthorised dumping.

2435 - MID-GALWAY GROUP WATER SCHEME - NEWCASTLE AREA - MOTION BY SENATOR KITT:

The County Secretary stated that a design for this group would be premature until the source is in Council ownership and until Phase 1 of the Regional Scheme is carried out. The area is within the region which is proposed to be served by the Mid-Galway Group but the position regarding the source is that a water supply proposal was made by the Council to extract water from Dangan Beg Springs but that the proposal has not come into operation because of the fact that there are objections to it. These objections are at present under examination.

2436 - MOTIONS BY COUNCILLOR WELBY - ITEMS NUMBERED 32 (a) and (b) ON THE AGENDA:

In the absence of Councillor Welby at this time, the Chairman directed that replies to his motions be sent to him.

2437 - CORRANDULLA GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RUANE:

It was noted that this had been dealt with under Item No. 26 (c) on the Agenda (Minute No. 2425).

2438 - CLOON/CREGBOY GROUP WATER SCHEME - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RUANE:

The County Secretary stated that a special contribution of £18,500 had been approved for this scheme towards the cost of increased pipe sizes. No request for payment of any of this had yet been received from the Department of the Environment and no application for a special contribution based on the difficulties involved and the amount of rock encountered in the area had been received.

2439 - CARPARK AT NEWBRIDGE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RAFTERY:

In the absence of Councillor Raftery at this time, the Chairman directed that a reply to his motion be sent to him.

2440 - CROSSMAGLEN G.A.A. GROUNDS:

It was proposed by Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Fahey and resolved:

"That this Council requests the Government to take up the matter of the occupation of Crossmaglen G.A.A. Pitch, Co. Armagh, with a view to having it restored to its rightful owners."

2441 - SYMPATHY:

The Council extended its sympathy to Mr. James Treacy, "Allington House", Ballycrissane, Ballinasloe, on the death of his brother.

2442 - GOOD WISHES FOR CHRISTMAS:

The Chairman extended good wishes to the Members and Officials of the Council for a Happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

[Signature]

CHAIRMAN.

29/1/79

DATE.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

Su Eanair, 1979.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A' Chara,

You are requested to attend a special meeting of Galway County Council to be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on Friday, 12th January, 1979, commencing at 3.30 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

K. Doyle,
Runai.

A G E N D A

1. Report of the Assistant County Manager dated 2nd January, 1979, on Group Water Supply Schemes.
2. Notice of Motion by Councillor Ruane:

"That this Council give an explanation as to why Mr. Ned Lyons, Contractor, was refused a road opening licence for the Mullaghcuttra Group Water Extension Scheme."

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(Galway County Council)

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Meeting re Group Water Supplies
12th January, 1979.

S U P P L E M E N T A R Y A G E N D A

Notice of Motion omitted in error from Agenda circulated on the 5th January, 1979:-

3. Councillor McCormack:

"I will ask the County Manager to give a report on the Mullaghcuttra Group Water Scheme and their application for an extension of the scheme."

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