



**LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS,
MINUTES**

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12 August 1963 – 12 July 1971

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING
OF LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON MONDAY
12TH AUGUST 1963.

IN THE CHAIR-----MICHAEL CARTY ESQ., T.D., CHAIRMAN.

MEMBERS PRESENT-----MESSRS T.R.KELLY, W.CONLAN, D. SWENNEY
AND SEAN KELLY.

IN ATTENDANCE- C. WALSH ESQ., ASST. CO. MANAGER TOWN
ENGINEER AND TOWN CLERK (Mrs.H.M.Kiely)

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 3/7/'63 WERE READ AND SIGNED AS
CORRECT.

MEETING OPENED WITH PRAYER.

VOTE OF THANKS : ON THE PROPOSITION OF MR. SWENNEY SECONDED
BY CHAIRMAN THE BOARD EXTENDED THANKS TO VERY REV. MOTHER
AND SISTER MAJELLA (Artist) SISTERS OF MERCY LOUGHREA
FOR EXECUTING THE ILLUMINATED ADDRESS & THE LETTERING AND
CHARACTERS OF WHICH WERE BASED ON THOSE OF THE BOOK OF KELLS)
FOR PRESENTATION TO HIS LORDSHIP MOST REV. DR. RYAN, BISHOP
OF CLONBERT ON THE OCCASION OF HIS ENTHRONEMENT.

(COSTS WERE SUBMITTED FOR SIMILAR ADDRESS BEING PRINTED AND
BOUND BY A GALWAY FIRM AT APPROX. COST OF £15.)

IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED ON MR. SWENNEY'S PROPOSITION TO
SEND SISTERS OF MERCY A TOKEN OF APPRECIATION. IN THE MEAN
TIME ASST. COUNTY MANAGER TO INFORM THE BOARD WHAT THEIR
STATUTORY POWERS WERE IN THIS MATTER.

ORDER- REFERRED TO ASST. COUNTY MANAGER.

PROPOSED SWIMMING FACILITIES : TOWN ENGINEER, IN HIS REPORT
STATED THAT HE VISITED HUDSON BAY, ATHLONE, AS DIRECTED)
AND THAT THE AMENITIES AT THE LONG POINT, LOUGHREA LAKE,
WERE SUPERIOR TO ANY OTHER PLACE HE HAD VISITED. HE
RECOMMENDED THE CONTINUATION OF THE PROM AND THAT TWO PIERS
BE ERECTED AT LONG POINT. AFTER DISCUSSION, THE BOARD
REFERRED FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS PROPOSED, TO ASST. COUNTY
MANAGER AND TOWN ENGINEER.

REVISION OF OFFICIAL GUIDE : ON CHAIRMAN'S PROPOSITION
IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO INVITE THE SUB-COMMITTEE
APPOINTED AT PREVIOUS MEETING, TO ATTEND ON THE 20th INST,
TO FINANLIZE THE NEW GUIDE BOOK.

CLERK WAS DIRECTED TO INVITE THE COMMITTEE TO ATTEND.

REPLACEMENT OF GATE AT WEST END OF "THE WALKS"

SUBMITTED TOWN ENGINEER'S REPORT DATE 12/3/'63 STATING
"THE DOUBLE GATE LEADING TO ABBEY STREET IS LOCKED PERMANENTLY
WHEN IT WAS LEFT OPEN STOCK WAS DRIVEN THROUGH "THE WALKS"

RESULTING IN MUCH INCONVINIENCE AND DAMAGE.

AN ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE TO PROVIDE A SWIVEL WICKET GATE.
I WOULD NOT RECOMMEND ANY CHANGE"

THE BOARD AGREED WITH TOWN ENGINEER'S REPORT.

TARMACADAMING OF ABBEY WALKS THROUGH ^{Public} USED BY THE
PUBLIC WAS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD AND REFERRED
TO ASST. COUNTY MANAGER AND TOWN ENGINEER.

MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE : CHAIRMAN INFORMED THE MEETING
THAT HE WOULD NOT BE IN A POSITION TO ATTEND SAID
CONFERENCE TO BE HELD 26th to 28th SEPT. 1963 IN SKIBBEREEN,
BUT WOULD NOMINATE A SUBSTITUTE WHEN HE CONTACTED MR.
J. DEVINE, THE OTHER DELIGATE.

ORDER : ADJOURN TO NEXT MEETING .

TURNOVER TAX-- READ RESOLUTION FROM COBH U.D.C
CALLING ON THE GOVERNMENT TO EXCLUDE ESSENTIAL FOODSTUFFS
FROM SAID TAX.
CHAIRMAN INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE TAX WAS COMING INTO
FORCE 1st NOVEMBER, 1963.

NO ORDER MADE.

COW PARK AND COURSING FIELD. READ LETTER FROM DEPT.
OF LAND COMMISSION REFUSING TO HAND OVER CONTROL OF THESE
LANDS TO THE TOWN COMMISSIONERS.
AFTER DISCUSSION ON THE MATTER IT WAS RECOMMENDED ON
THE PROPOSITION OF MR. T.R.KELLY, TO HAVE A DELIGATE
APPOINTED FROM THE BOARD AS A TRUSTEE OF THE COW PARK
AND COURSING FIELD.

THE MATTER WAS REFERRED TO CHAIRMAN FOR HIS ATTENTION.

ALTERATIONS TO C.I.E SERVICES AT LOUGHREA AREA:
Chairman CONGRATULATED MR. J.B.DONOGHUE CONNAGHT
TRIBUNE REPS. FOR HIS ARTICLE IN SAID PRESS DRAWING
ATTENTION TO THESE ALTERATIONS AND REMOVAL OF A LORRY
TO BALLINASLOE, WHICH SEEMS TO AIM AT THE CLOSING OF THE
BRANCH LINE.
THERE WAS LENGTHY DISCUSSION ON THE MATTER WHEN
CHAIRMAN UNDERTOOK TO RAISE THE MATTER WITH THE MINISTER
FOR TRANSPORT AND POWER.

ERECTION OF SIGN POST FOR DIRECT ROAD TO GALWAY WAS
DISCUSSED WHEN IT WAS RECOMMENDED THAT A LARGE SIGN
WITH AN ARROW - DIRECTING THE TRAFFIC TO GALWAY, BE
PLACED ON KELLY'S HOUSE WEST BRIDGE.

THE MATTER WAS REFERRED TO TOWN ENGINEER FOR HIS REPORT
ON SAME TO CO. COUNCIL .

HOUSING SCHEME BY PRIVATE CONTRACTOR MR. T.R. KELLY
REFERRED TO HOUSING SCHEME BEING HELD UP DUE TO FAILURE
OF WATER SCHEME-- AS THIS WAS CO. CO. BUSINESS IT
WAS REFERRED TO ASST. COUNTY MANAGER.

MOTORISTS NOT COMPLYING WITH THE NEW REGULATIONS
WHEN GOING THROUGH THE TOWN WAS REFERRED TO
 BY MR. CONLAN

DOUBLE PARKING OF CARS ON THE MAIN STREETS OF THE
 TOWN WAS CONDEMNED BY MR. T.R. KELLY .

NO ORDER MADE.

M. Carty
 9/9/63

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF THE
 LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON MONDAY 9th DAY
 OF SEPTEMBER, 1963.

IN THE CHAIR -----MICHAEL CARTY ESQ., T.D., CHAIRMAN.

MEMBERS PRESENT: MESSERS JAMES BARRETT, JOSEPH KILBOY
 T.R. KELLY, DERMOTT SWEENEY AND SEAN KELLY.
 MR. J. DEVINE ATTENDED AT CLOSE OF MEETING.

MEETING OPENED WITH PRAYER:

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 12th AUG. 1963, WERE READ AND
 SIGNED AS CORRECT.

IN ATTENDANCE- C. WALSH ESQ., ASST. CO. MANAGER, TOWN
 ENGINEER AND TOWN CLERK. (Mrs. H.M. Kiely)

SPECIAL MEETING RE OFFICIAL GUIDE : CHAIRMAN APOLOGISED
 TO MEMBERS PRESENT FOR HIS NON ATTENDANCE AT MEETING.
 APOLOGIES WERE ALSO EXTENDED TO REV. FR. EGAN, C.C.P. REV
 BRO. BONAFICE, DE LA SALLE ORDER, MR. P. FAHY N.T.,
 TOWN ENGINEER AND J.B. DONOHUE.

IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO PUT THE MATTER RE OFFICIAL GUIDE,
ON AGENDA FOR OCT. MEETING.

C.I.E SERVICES IN LOUGHREA AREA: READ LETTER DATED
 27/8/'63 FROM MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT & POWER, ADDRESSED
 TO CHAIRMAN (Mr. M. Carty T.D.,) ACKNOWLEDGING CHAIRMAN'S
 RECENT REPRESENTATIONS RE ALTERATIONS TO C.I.E SERVICES.
 THE LETTER STATED, THAT A GENERAL REORGANISATION OF ROAD
 AND RAIL SERVICES IN THE WESTERN AREAS, TOOK PLACE, 17th
 JUNE LAST, AND THE MINISTER HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT IT
 IS NOT CORRECT TO SAY THAT THE ALTERATIONS MADE ARE
 AIMED AT THE CLOSING OF THE ATTYMON/ LOUGHREA RAILWAY
 LINE.

THERE WAS A LENGTHY DISCUSSION ON THE MATTER WHEN IT WAS
 UNANIMOUSLY DECIDED THAT C.I.E BE REQUESTED TO HAVE
 THE LORRY RESTORED TO LOUGHREA, AND STATE THAT TOWNS-
 PEOPLE ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH DIVERTING BUSINESS FROM
 LOUGHREA TO BALLINASLOE.

CLERK REPORTED THAT AN OFFICER FROM C.I.E, INFORMED
 HER THAT C.I.E WERE PREPARED TO INSTAL TIP-UP SEATS,
 IN THE RAIL CAR, TO GIVE EXTRA ACCOMODATION FOR SCHOOL-
 GOING CHILDREN.

ORDER -NOTED.

MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE : CLERK SUBMITTED ANNUAL REPORT
 OF PREVIOUS CONFERENCE (which was circulated to each member)
 AND CORRESPONDENCE, REGARDING ANNUAL CONFERENCE TO BE HELD
 IN SKIBBEREEN ON THE 24th TO 26th SEPT. '63, WHICH WAS NOTED.

CHAIRMAN REPORTED THAT HE NOMINATES MR. DERMOTT SWEENEY, T.C.
TO ACT AS HIS DEPUTY WITH MR. J. DEVINE T.C., AT CONFERENCE.

ORDER- NOTED AND APPROVED.

SOCIAL WELFARE SCHEME AS PREPARED BY THE LATE BISHOP
DIGNAN WAS REFERRED TO BY MR. T.R. KELLY, WHO PROPOSED THAT
THE GOVERNMENT BE CALLED UPON TO IMPLEMENT THE PLAN.
 MR. J. BARRETT SECONDING, CONGRATULATED MR. KELLY ON
 RAISING THE QUESTION .

THE MATTER WAS REFERRED TO CHAIRMAN TO TAKE UP WITH THE
 APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT .

MINUTES CONTINUED

DEVELOPEMENT OF FAIR GREEN: WAS RAISED BY MR. BARRETT WHO COMPLAINED ABOUT THE NUISANCES CAUSED BY STOCK OUTSIDE THE BARRACK STREET HOUSES. ASST. CO. MANAGER INFORMED THE MEETING THAT THE BYE LAWS COULD NOT BE ENFORCED BY CO.CO. UNTIL A FAIR GREEN HAD BEEN PROVIDED. CHAIRMAN COMPLAINED ABOUT THE DELAY IN HAVING THE PLANS COMPLETED BY ENGINEER FOR DRAINAGE OF FAIR GREEN.

ORDER- REFER THE MATTER TO ASST. CO. MANAGER TO HAVE PLANS EXPEDITED.

COSMONA SEWERAGE SCHEME: AFTER SOME DISCUSSION ON DELAY IN HAVING THIS SCHEME COMPLETED, IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY DECIDED AFTER DISCUSSION, TO REFER THE MATTER TO ASST. CO. MANAGER FOR ATTENTION.

CHAIRMAN INFORMED THE MEETING THAT CO.CO. WERE GIVING GRANTS OF £40. TO HOUSEHOLDERS TOWARDS COST OF CONNECTING UP WITH WATER AND SEWERAGE SERVICES.

ORDER- NOTED.

BYE LAWS FOR REMOVAL OF TINKERS FROM THE TOWN WERE REFERRED TO ASST. CO. MANAGER.

AUDITOR'S REPORT AND ABSTRACT OF A/CS FOR FIN. YEAR ENDED / 31st MARCH, 1963, WERE READ AND SUBMITTED TO EACH MEMBER.

ON CHAIRMAN'S PROPOSITION CONGRATULATIONS ON REPORT WAS EXTENDED TO TOWN ENGINEER, RENT COLLECTOR AND TOWN CLERK.

CIRCULAR FROM SINN FEIN ASSOCIATION CALLING ON THE BOARD TO SUPPORT "A BUY IRISH CAMPAIGN" WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED ON THE PROPOSITION OF MR. BARRETT.

FLOODING AT CROSS STREET WAS REFERRED TO TOWN ENGINEER FOR ATTENTION.

COST OF ADDRESS OF WELCOME: ASST. CO. MANAGER INFORMED THE MEETING THAT THERE WERE NO STATUTORY POWERS WHEREBY FUNDS COULD BE USED TOWARDS THIS EXPENSE. AFTER DISCUSSION ON THE MATTER MR. D. SWEENEY PROPOSED AND IT WAS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY THAT EACH MEMBERS AND OFFICIALS CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS A GIFT FOR THE MERCY CONVENT NUNS WHO COMPLETED THE WORK. (THE MINIMUM TO BE 10/- EACH.)

SYMPATHY OF THE BOARD WAS EXTENDED TO THE FAMILY AND RELATIVES OF THE LATE MRS. P.J. GREENE, BRIDE HOUSE, LOUGHREA, AND TO MR. AND MRS. S. BURKE, WOODFORD, ON TRAGIC DEATH OF THEIR ONLY SON, ALSO TO THE CARNEY FAMILY COSMONA ON DEATH OF FATHER.

*10/11/63
14/10/63*

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON MONDAY OCTOBER 14th 1963.

IN THE CHAIR MR. T.R. KELLY, VICE CHAIRMAN IN ABSENCE OF CHAIRMAN.

MEMBERS PRESENT- MESSRS A. DERVAN, D. SWEENEY, J. BARRETT, J. DEVINE, J. KILBOY AND SEAN KELLY.

MEETING OPENED WITH PRAYER.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD (/ 9/9/'63 WERE READ AND SIGNED AS CORRECT.

DEVELOPEMENT OF FAIR GREEN: MR. BARRETT DREW BOARD'S ATTENTION TO THE AWFUL STATE OF THE STREETS AFTER THE OCTOBER FAIRS AND RECOMMENDED THAT AN URGENT APPEAL BE MADE TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL TO HAVE FAIR GREEN DEVELOPED WITHOUT DELAY.

ASST. CO. MANAGER, (MR. MORONEY) STATED THAT THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HOPED TO HAVE ENGINEER'S REPORT ON THE MATTER TOWARDS END OF OCTOBER AND ADVISED THE MEMBERS NOT TO TAKE ANY ACTION UNTIL REPORT IS SUBMITTED.

AFTER DISCUSSION ON THE MATTER ACTING CHAIRMAN RECOMMENDED THAT THE MATTER BE REFERRED TO THE L.G. DEPARTMENT, WHEN MR. DEVINE PROPOSED SECONDED BY MR. BARRETT THAT THE DEPARTMENT BE REQUESTED TO HOLD AN INQUIRY INTO THE CAUSE OF DELAY IN HAVING THE GREEN DEVELOPED SO THAT THE BYE LAWS MAY BE ENFORCED TO CLEAR THE FAIRS OFF THE STREETS.

CLERK WAS DIRECTED TO SEND RESOLUTION TO L.G. DEPT.

LETTER FROM MINISTER FOR LANDS ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN DATED 29th SEPT. REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEE OF THE COW-PARK AND COURSING FIELD STATED "THAT THE POSITION IN REGARD TO THESE LANDS IS UNDER CONSIDERATION BUT IN THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES THE LAND COMMISSION IS NOT PREPARED TO RECOMMEND THAT A FURTHER TRUSTEE BE APPOINTED" 3

AFTER LENGTHY DISCUSSION ON THE MATTER IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO LEAVE THE MATTER OVER FOR CHAIRMAN'S ATTENTION.

REPLY FRO C.I.E: READ LETTER DATED 19th SEPT. '63 AS FOLLOWS

" ALL OUR ROAD FREIGHT SERVICES IN THE WESTERN AREA WERE REORGANISED WITH EFFECT AS FROM 17th JUNE LAST AND AS A RESULT BALLINASLOE WAS APPOINTED A CENTRAL ROAD DEPOT FOR SERVICES HITHERTO OPERATED FROM LOUGHREA" THIS STEP WAS TAKEN WITH A VIEW TO ACHIEVING ECONOMIES IN OPERATION AS THE SERVICES IN QUESTION WERE BEING RUN AT A LOSS."

There was a lengthy discussion on the matter and disapproval expressed at the removal of lorry from Loughrea to Ballinasloe.

IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO ADJOURN THE MATTER PENDING FURTHER REPLY FROM C.I.E.

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MINUTES CONT.

MR. T.R. KELLY LEFT THE CHAIR AT THIS POINT ~~WHEN~~ WHEN MR. D. SWEENEY, WHO WAS PROPOSED BY MR. DEVINE SECONDED BY MR. BARRETT, TOOK THE CHAIR.

MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE : MR. SWEENEY ACT. CHAIRMAN, REPORTED

THAT HE AND MR. J. DEVINE ATTENDED CONFERENCE IN SKIBBEREEN AND THAT AN OFFICIAL REPORT OF SAME WOULD BE SUBMITTED IN DUE TIME AND THAT CONSIDERATION OF ABOLISHING THE HOUSING RATE WAS REFERRED TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

ORDER NOTED .

~~WALKS~~ ~~WALKS~~ ~~WALKS~~ ? - MR. DERVAN N.T., REFERRED TO ASST. COUNTY MANAGER THE QUESTION OF PERSONS USING THE BUILDING HERE ENTRANCE TO THEIR PREMISES FOR THE PURPOSE OF HAULAGE OF BUILDING MATERIALS FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF THEIR PREMISES. *at back of their premises situated at Main Street.*
ORDER- REFER TO COUNTY COUNCIL .

NON LIGHTING ON MOUNT CARMEL ROAD WAS REFERRED TO BY MR. SWEENEY WHO STATED THERE WAS APPROX. 300 YRDS BETWEEN THE LIGHTS AT MT. CARMEL GATE AND RECOMMENDED MORE LIGHTING THERE.

ORDER- REFER TO TOWN ENGINEER FOR REPORT ON THE MATTER.
TINKERS CAMPING AROUND ~~THE TOWN~~ THE TOWN WAS REFERRED TO BY MR. KILBOY WHO REQUESTED THAT THE BYE LAWS ADOPTED BE ENFORCED FOR THEIR REMOVAL.

ORDER- REFERRED TO ASST. CO. MANAGER. (Mr. Moroney)

ALL NIGHT STREET LIGHTING FOR FAIRS DURING THE WINTER PERIOD WAS RECOMMENDED BY MR. KILBOY WHO RECOMMENDED THAT THE MATTER BE REFERRED TO THE RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY.
ORDER- REFER TO COUNTY COUNCIL

FACTORY EMPLOYEES : MR. DERVAN REFERRED TO PRESS REPORT ON EMIGRATION OF GIRLS WHO WERE EMPLOYED IN LOCAL INDUSTRIES . MR. S. KELLY STATED THAT THE QUESTION OF WAGES WAS REFERRED TO THE UNION WHO ARE TO SUBMIT A REPORT ON THE MATTER.

ORDER -NOTED .

TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION 1963: MEMBERS EXPRESSED SATISFACTION ON GAINING 65 MARKS AS COMPARED WITH 1962 YEAR 60 MARKS . IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO HAVE DIFFERENT COLOUR SCHEME FOR BOARD'S INDIVIDUAL HOUSES AND TO CARRY OUT ADJUDICATORS RECOMMENDATIONS .

REVISION OF OFFICIAL GUIDE WAS ADJOURNED INDEFINITELY .

ADDRESS OF WELCOME : THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS SUBSCRIBED 10/- EACH: MESSRS A. DERVAN & D. SWEENEY, J. KILBOY, AND JAMES BARRETT - *J. Devine*

BOARD'S SYMPATHY WAS EXTENDED TO THE CURLEY FAMILY, FINNERTY FAMILY, THE LATE MRS. DR. GREEN'S FAMILY, AND TO MR. JAMES O'DEA, RAILWAY HOTEL IN THEIR RECENT SAD BEREVEMENTS.

*M. Carby's
11/11/63*

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RESULT OF TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION, 1963.

NAME OF TOWN----- LOUGHREA, CO. GALWAY.

CATEGORY D

MAXIMUM MARKS.		ACTUAL MARKS.
30	Efford Involved	20
15	General Cleanliness & Tidiness	11
15	Conditions of streets & sidewalks	11
10	Appearance of public, private and commercial premises.	6
10	Absence of unsightly objects	4
10	Appearance of planting, gardens, Trees, Shrubs and flowers	6
10	Colour, colour harmony and general appearance.	13
<hr/> 100		<hr/> 65

ADJUDICATORS' REMARKS

Allowance must be made for the roadway works taking place at Galway Road. In this area some new tree planting is very commendable. The square at this end of the town and the Market Square could be better kept. The street in which the very fine Catholic Cathedral is situated has some very impressive buildings but also some derelict mills and dilapidated structures. The Cinema is very bright this year. It is a pity that the rather quaint weighing scales opposite the Cathedral is being used for bill posting.

The promenade by the lake shore is excellent and very well maintained. The new car park here is a fine amenity. The town at this point and the town itself has been cleaned up to a great extent but it is rather a pity that the two remaining abandoned cars were not also removed. The road to Tynagh needs attention to margins and kerbs. There is a derelict building on the hill which gives a rather gloomy introduction to the town from this point. The entrance to the Railway Station is unimpressive. The "walk" here is very good and excellently maintained. It is encouraging to note that the two derelict sites near this point and situated on the Main Street are being attended to.

At the back of the town some old abandoned cars may be seen and quite an area of rusted corrugated iron. The F.C.A Hall does not give a good impression. A housing estate near here would be greatly enhanced in appearance if a more imaginative colour were employed in the painting of doors. There are some derelict buildings in this area. The housing estate nearing Mount Carmel would benefit from similar treatment of doors.

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The housing estate nearing Mount Carmel would benefit from similar treatment of doors. Generally the main Street is bright and colourful, but could do with considerably more colour at the point where the roadway narrows about the centre of the town. Not all the buildings at Ballinasloe side are well kept. The community garden near here is a fine feature. It is rather a pity that some rubble has been dumped across the road from it. Further out the fine playing fields are still rather spoilt by the ugly gates.

Generally speaking there is evidence of a well-directed effort in Loughrea. If this effort is sustained there is no doubt but Loughrea will become an outstanding example of the effect of combined Local Authority and community co-operation.

M. Carb.
11/11/63

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TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION, 1963.

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NAME OF TOWN LOUGHREA CO. GALWAY.

Category D

Maximum Marks		Actual Marks.	
		1963	1962
30	Effort Involved	20	18
15	General Cleanliness and tidiness	11	10
15	Condition of streets and sidewalks	11	10
10	Appearance of public, private & commercial premises	5	6
10	Absence of unsightly objects	4	3
10	Appearance of planting, gardens, trees, shrubs and flowers	6	6
10	Colour, colour harmony and general appearance	7	7
<u>100.</u>		<u>65</u>	<u>60.</u>

M. Carb.
11/11/63
a gain of 5 marks.

RESULT OF BOYS CYCLING TEST HELD AT LOUGHREA ON 28th & 29th
MAY, 1965 .

NAME	ADDRESS	MARKS OBTAINED
Patrick Kelly	Abbey St. Loughrea	84
John Loughnane	Lake Road "	80
William Shaw	Main St. "	80
Thomas J. Cunningham	Knockbarron "	78
Brian Cunnairé	Main St. "	78
Nial Lemihán	Cross St. "	77
John Monahan	Abbey St.	77
Reginald Down	Liam Mellews "	76
Charles Ryan	Corheen "	76
Patrick Treacy	Rathruddy "	75
Raymond O'Rourke	Cross St. "	75
Joseph Loughnane	Dunkellin St. "	75
Patrick Leahy	Barrack St. "	70
Patrick Forde	Raheen "	68
Barry O'Brien	Lake Road "	68
Gerard Duane	Dolphin St. "	67
Austin O'Rourke	Cross St. "	67
Peter Doyle	West Park "	66
William Loughnane	Charter House "	65
Thomas Moylan	Main St. "	65
Paul Hannifin	Main St. "	65
David Dyar	West Park "	64
James McCague	Masonbrook "	62
Michael Kennedy	Main St. "	63
Joseph Ryan	Abbey St. "	60
Dermot Guy	Athenry Road "	60
Patrick Sweeney	Athenry Road "	66
Declan Shaughnessy	Abbey St. "	55

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RESULT OF GIRLS CYCLING TEST HELD AT LOUGHREA ON MAY, 31st 1965

NAME	ADDRESS	MARKS OBTAINED
Pauline Guy	Athenry Road Loughrea	85
Martha Moylan	Galway Road "	80
Valeria Hayes	Main St. "	78
Maria Murphy	Barrack St. "	77
Ann Whelan	Cloonoo "	76
Bridget Noone	Barrack Street "	75
Ann Dervan	Abbey St. "	75
Angela Fergus	Barrack St. "	75
Trudy Donohue	Bride St. "	70
Clare Ann King	Do Do "	70
Margaret Callanan	Do Do "	68
Phil. Cunningham	Knockbarron "	67
Mary Loughnane	Dunkellin St. "	67
Christina Burke	Galway Road "	66
Bernadette Treacy	Rathruddy "	66
Maura O'Brien	Main St. "	65
Mary Deegan	Galway Road "	65
Norma Collins	Do Do "	65
Mary Harrison	Main St. "	63
Shiela Fahy	Dunkellin St. "	60

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF
THE LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD IN TEMPERANCE
HALL, LOUGHREA, ON THE 11th NOVEMBER, 1963.

IN THE CHAIR----- MICHAEL CARTY ESQ. T. D. CHAIRMAN.

MEMBERS PRESENT--- MESSRS JAMES BARRETT, DERMOT
SWEENEY, ANTHONY DERVAN, N.T., JOHN DEVINE, JOSEPH KILBOY
AND SEAN KELLY.

IN ATTENDANCE---- C. WALSH ESQ., ASST. CO. MANAGER AND
TOWN CLERK (Mrs. H.M. Kiely)

Meeting opened with prayer.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 14/10/'63 WERE READ AND SIGNED.
ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES MR. DEVINE CONGRATULATED ALL
THOSE CONCERNED FOR THE ERECTION OF THE NEW COVERED STAND
AND OTHER ADDED FACILITIES AT THE COURSING FIELD, MASONBROOK.
AND SUGGESTED THAT AN APPLICATION FOR A GRANT BE MADE
TO PROVIDE WATER IN THE COW PARK.

Chairman advised to leave the matter, over ^{to Cow Park} until he communicated
further with the Minister for Lands.

This was agreed to.

Mr. Sweeney referred to entry in Minutes re buildings at
back of premises in Main Street, which should have no reference
to "The Walks". The necessary correction was made.

Development of Fair Green : Read letter dated 23/10/'63
from Dept. Local Government Ref. No. L 7/45/2 acknowledging
receipt of resolution calling for an Inquiry, the letter stated

"The Galway Co. Council's proposals envisaged the draining
of the market enclosure into the town sewerage system.
"On examination it would appear that there is a possibility
that such an arrangement could lead to flooding ----- In
order to ensure that this possibility is eliminated the
Council were requested to carry out a further investigation"

"Pending the submission of the results, further consideration
of the Council's proposals in relation to the Fair Green have been
deferred". "The Department is in communication with the Galway
Co. Council re results of their investigations, and has requested
the early submission of this information".

Order -Noted.

Chairman thanked the Asst. Co. Manager for expediting the

£14,000 Drainage Scheme to be sanctioned by Local Government Department.

The members were glad to hear that plans had been finalised for the extension of the Town's sewerage system to the site of the proposed new Housing Estate at Galway Road. Cosmona Sewerage Chairman stated that the required percentage of its householders had not signed to accept the services but under the new grants the difficulty could be resolved.

Order- Noted.

USE OF "THE WALKS" - Submitted application from Messers Stewerts, Contractors, Galway, for permission to use the re-re entrance from "The WALKS" during the rebuilding of the Hibernian Bank, Loughrea. This application was strongly opposed by all members on behalf of the Townspeople.

The following petition dated 6/11/'63 was submitted and read "We, the undersigned being members of the Loughrea Town Commissioners forthwith wish to consider what steps can be taken to prevent the use of the public 'Walks' being used for the haulage of building materials by the Contractor who is rebuilding the Hibernian Bank"

Signed - ~~referred~~

Thomas R. Kelly, J. Devine, D. Sweeney, A. Dervan,

W. Conlan, Sean Kelly.

Chairman complimented the six members for prompt action and condemned any project suggesting the use of "The Walks" for this purpose.

Mr. D. Sweeney submitted a map of the Walks dated 1892 which showed that both ends ~~be~~ were closed to traffic at that time as they still are, Mr. Sweeney stated.

On Mr. Sweeney's proposition seconded by Mr. Devine it was unanimously passed that the Contractor be not allowed to

Use The Walks* for any purpose whatsoever."

On the Proposition of Mr. Kilboy, it was unanimously agreed "that the Director of the Hibernian Bank Ltd., be notified of the Townspeople's objection. A telegram was then drafted by the Chairman. ~~38210-24411-33133~~

Asst. County Manager ~~then~~ undertook to convey the Board's views on the matter to the proper authority.

Clerk was directed to inquire from Board's Solicitor if Deeds of "The Walks" were available?

Temporary Dwellings : Camping of ~~Isan~~ Itinerants outside defined limits, was referred to by Mr. Kilboy. Asst. County Manager stated he would look into the matter re adoption of the necessary Bye Laws.

Mr. Devine drew Board's attention to the courageous act of two members of the Co. Co. Fire Brigade, in extinguishing the flames of a Tar Sprayer, which went on fire.

Order- Noted.

Sympathy of the Board was extended to the wife, parents and family of the Late Mr. P. Kelly, B.E., and to Mr. Michael O'Reilly, N.Y., on death of his brother, the Late Brig. Seamus O'Reilly, and of his sister the Late Mrs. J. Connaghton.

M. Carr 9/XII/63

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF
THE LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD IN TEMP. HALL
ON MONDAY THE 11TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1953.

In the Chair- Michael Carty Esq., T.D., Chairman.

Members present---- Messrs James Barrett, William Conlan, JOSEPH Kilboy, John--Devine, T.R.Kelly, John Devine and Sean Kelly.

In Attendance : C. Walsh Esq., Asst. County Manager and the Town Clerk (Mrs.H.M.Kiely)

Meeting opened with prayer.

Minutes of meeting held 24th Nov. 1953 were read and signed as correct.

Cosmona Sewerage : Chairman informed the meeting that the town services are now to be extended to the 27 Co.Co. cottages at Cosmona. He, Chairman, congratulated the Cosmona Committee for bringing the matter to such a successful conclusion. Asst.Co.Manager stated the est.cost of scheme would be £9000.
Order- Noted and Approved.

E.S.B Lighting : The Board recommended that extra lighting be provided by the ~~xxxxxx~~ Galway Co. Council on Galway Road, Cosmona, Athenry Road, Cottage Hill, Cuscarric and outside the Abbey Church, Loughrea.

Clerk was directed to communicate with the County Council on the matter before their next Estimate's meeting.

The walks : Chairman reported that since previous meeting of the Board he had interviewed the Asst. General Manager of the Hibernian Bank Ltd., and the Manager of the Loughrea branch, who were most co-operative in acceding to the Town Commissioners' request that the walks not be used as a public road by the Contractor engaged on the building of new bank premises. Chairman suggested that the incident be marked "Closed"

After reading further correspondence on the matter it was proposed by Mr. Joseph Kilboy a vote of thanks to the Bank authorities for helping to preserve "The Walks" as a private park, this was passed unanimously.

Read letter dated 14/11/'53 signed by C.I.O'Flynn Esq., County Manager, referring to the road through "The Walks" stating it is maintained as a public road by the Galway County Council and the Co.Council have no right to refuse permission for use of this road, and that he, County

Minutes Continued.

Manager, had advised the Co. Engineer accordingly. The letter ended by stating "a solution to the problem might be to remove the gate at one end and to treat the road as a cul-de-sac road".

There was lengthy discussion on contents of Co.Manager's letter.

Letter from Board's Solicitor was read stating there was no Deed in his office conveying "The Walks" to the Loughrea Town Commissioners.

Clerk informed the meeting that from records of the Board as far back as 1909 the Town Commissioners maintained "The walks" which contained 131 perches of ground, up to 1926/27 year, when Co.Council took over control of the roads.

On the proposition of Mr. Devine the Board unanimously decided that the question referring to "The Walks" be left in abeyance.

This was agreed to.

Building at rear of premises Main Street : Read letter dated 11/11/'53 signed C.A.Warner, Co. Engineer stating "there is no objection in principle to adjoining owners erecting new buildings at back of their premises Main Street, on to the Walks but each proposal must be covered by the usual application with site map etc., for Town Planning approval"

C.Walsh Esq., Asst. Co.Manager, informed the meeting that Galway County Council are the Town Planning Authority and that the Act comes into force next April.

Order- Noted

Patrick Barrett Tenant of Athenry Road House attended the meeting (on Mr.Devine's invitation) and was about to query the Clerk when Asst. Co. Manager intervened on behalf of the Town Clerk. After been informed that he was liable for rent of 13/9d weekly Mr. Barrett withdrew from the meeting room.

At this stage of the meeting Chairman and Mr. Kilboy asked to be excused when Mr. T.R.Kelly then took the Chair.

Lengthy letter from the Minister for Transport dated 19th Nov.1953, addressed to the Chairman Mr. Carty T.D., was read, referring to reorganisation

Minutes Continued.

Ø of C.I.E Freight Services in Loughrea Area.

The letter outlined general examination of C.I.E. services and ended by stating -

"It is not possible for C.I.E. to give any guarantee as to the future of the branch line which in the Board's view is in the hands of Loughrea Traders and Townspeople"

Mr. Devine stated that he was informed by a C.I.E. employee that the road service from Loughrea was showing a loss to the branch line and suggested to the meeting that the matter be dropped
Acting Chairman then marked Minister's letter "Noted"

Letter on Connacht Tribune signed James Coyne, Headford,

was referred to by Mr. T.R. Kelly, re provision of a ^{MART} and wasteful expenditure of ratepayers money ^{said} statement contracted by Acting Chairman supported by Mr. Devine.

No Order made.

Trespassing by Caravan Owners on the Cosmona road was reported by Acting Chairman and referred to Asst. Co. Manager for attention of Co. Co. Rent Collector.

Clerk informed the meeting that 1964/65 estimates were being prepared and would be submitted to next meeting for adoption.

Noted.

Board's sympathy was extended to the Silvers & Broderick families Masonbrook, the Langley family Church Street, and Miss W. Monaghan, Barrack Street, in their bereavements.

*T. R. Kelly
13/1/64*

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD AT 7-30 P.M. MONDAY 13th DAY OF JANUARY, 1964.

MEMBERS PRESENT- MESSERS JAMES BARRETT, DERMOTT SWEENEY, JOHN DEVINE AND SEAN KELLY.

IN THE CHAIR- MR. THOMAS R. KELLY, VICE CHAIRMAN.

IN ATTENDANCE- C. WALSH ESQ., ASST. COUNTY MANAGER
Mr. R. Popeland, Sam Ennis, AND THE TOWN CLERK (Mrs. H.M. Kiely)

MR. M. CARY, T.D., SENT APOLOGY FOR NONATTENDANCE WHICH WAS ACCEPTED.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD 9/12/'63 WERE READ AND SIGNED AS CORRECT.

EXTRA LIGHTING - ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES MR. DEVINE DREW ATTENTION TO AN EXTRA PILOT LIGHT NEEDED IN MOUNT PLEASANT AND CROSS STREET.
CLERK WAS DIRECTED TO INCLUDE THESE RECOMMENDATION FOR FURTHER LIGHTS WHEN SENDING LIST TO COUNTY COUNCIL.

READ LETTER FROM GALWAY CO. COUNCIL DATED 23/12/'63 RE ADDITIONAL LIGHTING AT MOUNT CARMEL ROAD STATING THE AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR IMPROVEMENT OF EXISTING LIGHTING DURING THE CURRENT YEAR HAS BEEN FULLY ALLOCATED. THE MATTER WILL BE RE EXAMINED DURING THE COMING FINANCIAL YEAR.

CLERK REPORTED THAT LIST OF ADDITIONAL LIGHTS RECOMMENDED AT LAST MEETING HAD BEEN FORWARDED TO CO. COUNCIL.

ORDER- NOTED.

"THE WALKS" READ LETTER DATED THE 20th DEC. 1963 SIGNED BY C.I.O. FLYNN ESQ., CO. MANAGER STATING " I NOTE THAT MESSERS A.D. COYNE & CO., SOLICITORS, HAVE NO DEED CONVEYING THE WALKS TO THE TOWN COMMISSIONERS AND THAT THEY HAVE NEVER HEARD OF ANY SUCH DEED"
" I NOTE THAT AS FAR BACK AS 1809 THE TOWN COMMISSIONERS MAINTAINED THE WALKS, BUT IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE PROPERTY HAS BEEN MAINTAINED BY THE CO. COUNCIL SINCE 1926/27 IT IS AN INTERESTING POINT TO KNOW WHO OWNS THE WALKS NOW.

THE FACT REMAINS THAT IF THE ROADS ARE MAINTAINED AS PUBLIC ROADS THERE MUST BE FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT OVER THE ROADS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND THE GATES AT LEAST AT ONE END SHOULD BE REMOVED.

THE CO. COUNCIL MIGHT CONSIDER AT THE REQUEST OF THE TOWN COMMISSIONERS, ABANDONING THE ROAD AS A PUBLIC ROAD BUT THE LEGAL PROCEDURE IN RELATION TO ABANDONMENT SHOULD HAVE TO BE COMPLIED WITH. "

THERE WAS A LENGTHY DISCUSSION ON COUNTY MANAGER'S LETTER WHEN MR. DERMOT SWEENEY PROPOSED SECONDED BY MR. JOHN DEVINE AND PASSED THAT THE BOARD CHECK WITH LAND REGISTRY IN DUBLIN REGARDING OWNERSHIP OF THE WALKS AND THAT EVIDENCE BE PRODUCED THAT THE WALKS HAVE BEEN OR WAS AT ANY TIME USED AS A PUBLIC ROAD.

MINUTES CONTINUED.

TOWN ENGINEER WAS REQUESTED TO SUBMIT A TRACING OF THE WALKS TO ACCOMPANY APPLICATION TO LAND REGISTRY, DUBLIN.

THE MATTER WAS LEFT IN ABLYANCE PENDING THE NECESSARY INFORMATION.

PROPOSED REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT MAYO/GALWAY COMBINATION-

MR. D. SWEENEY REPORTED THAT HE ATTENDED MEETING OF GALWAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 11/1/'64 RE SAME ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

ASST. CO. MANAGER EXPLAINED THAT FURTHER MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT WHICH DIRECTORS FROM PUBLIC BODIES WILL BE APPOINTED RE TOURIST ASSOCIATION.

ORDER- NOTED.

LETTER OF THANKS WAS SUBMITTED FROM REV. MOTHER ON BEHALF OF SISTER MAJELLA ARTIST, FOR MONEY GIFT RECEIVED FROM THE BOARD FOR ADDRESS OF WELCOME PREPARED FOR MOST REV. DR. RYAN, BISHOP OF CLONMERT.

LETTERS OF THANKS WERE SUBMITTED FROM MR. & MRS. C. KELLY ATHENRY ROAD AND FROM MIS W. MCNAPHAN, BARRACK STREET, FOR VOTES OF SYMPATHY PASSED IN THEIR BEHEVEMENTS.

T. Kelly
10/2/64

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF ANNUAL ESTIMATE MEETING HELD AT 3 P.M., 13th DAY OF JANUARY, 1964, FOR FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1965.

*In the Chair, Mr. T. R. Kelly, Vice Chairman.
Members - Messrs J. Barrett, J. Devine, D. Sweeney + Sean Kelly.
In Attendance - Asst. Co. Manager - Sam Engle + Town Clerk.*

SUBMITTED COPY OF ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1965 DRAWN UP BY G. WALSH ESQ., ASST. COUNTY MANAGER, COPIES OF WHICH WERE CIRCULATED TO EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD TOGETHER WITH COPY OF THE DEMAND, ON THE 1st DAY OF JANUARY, 1964, ACCORDING TO PROVISIONS OF SECTION 10 OF THE CITY AND CO. MANAGERS (AMENDMENT) ACT 1955. PUBLIC NOTICE OF WHICH ALSO APPEARED ON PRESS 4TH JANUARY, 1964.

THE ASST. COUNTY MANAGER PERUSED EACH ITEM WITH THE MEMBERS WHICH AMOUNTED TO £4564 FOR HOUSING AND £523 GENERAL EXPENSES RECEIPTS SHOWING £4175 HOUSING AND £75 GENERAL RECEIPTS. ASST. CO. MANAGER EXPLAINED THAT ESTIMATE PRESENTED WOULD REQUIRE A TOWN RATE OF 2/7.3 IN THE £ BUT TAKING A CREDIT BALANCE OF £313 AS CHARGE OF 1/3d IN THE £ WILL MEET THE BOARD'S REQUIREMENTS

ON THE PROPOSITION OF MR. JAMES BARRETT SECONDED BY MR. JOHN DEVINE THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED THE ESTIMATES SET OUT IN TABLES A.B. AND C AND DID FURTHER PROPOSE THAT THE SUM OF ££ 529. (a rate of 1/3 in the £) to be the sum to be DEMANDED FROM THE CO. COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 1965.

CERTIFICATE AND DEMAND WERE SIGNED BY MR. T. R. KELLY, ACTING CHAIRMAN AND THE TOWN CLERK.

NO OTHER BUSINESS WAS TRANSACTED.

T. Kelly
10/2/64

LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

ESTIMATE FOR 1964/65 Year.

EXPENDITURE ESTIMATED 1963/1964.	HOUSING A/C	EXPENDITURE ESTIMATED 1964/65 YEAR.
Loan Charges (new Houses) £2041.		Loan Charges (new H) £2041.
" " (old houses) 529.		" " (old houses) 529.
County Rates 1050.		County Rates 1050.
Legal Expenses 20.		Legal Expenses 20.
Painting Houses 124.		Painting houses 140.
Repairing " 400.		Repairing " 320.
Rent Collector's fees 153.		Rent Collector's Fee 153.
Audit fees (part of) 9.		Audit fee (part of) 9.
Town Engineer's salary (part) 169.		Town Engineer's salary 169.
Insurances 50.		Insurances 50.
Contingencies 22.		Contingencies 22.
Insurance T.V (houses) 25.		Insurances T.V (houses) 5.
Total £4592.		Total £4564.

ESTIMATED 1963/64 Year	ESTIMATED 1964/65 YEAR.
Print. Stat. & Adv. £ 40.	Print. Stat. & Adv. £ 40.
Town Engineers salary 56.	Town Engineers salary 55.
Town Clerk's " 193.	Town Clerk's " 222.
S.W. Insurance 25.	S.W. Insurance 12.
Garrybreedia wood 30.	Garrybreedia wood 105.
Audit fee (part of) 6.	Audit fee (part of) 6.
Rent & Rates 16.	Rent & Rates 16.
Insurances 2.	Insurances 2.
Postages etc. 10.	Postages etc. 10.
Legal Costs 10.	Legal Costs 10.
Contingencies 50.	Contingencies 50.
Total £438.	Total £ 525.
4592	4564
5030	5092

LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

1963--1964
1964/1965 YEAR.

RECEIPTS.	HOUSING.	RECEIPTS.
ESTIMATED 1963/64 year.		ESTIMATED 1964/65 year.
HOUSING SUBSIDY (new houses) £557.		HOUSING SUBSIDY (new houses) £557.
HOUSING SUBSIDY (old houses) 208.		HOUSING SUBSIDY (old houses) 200.
Rents (old houses) 880.		RENTS (old houses) 800.
" (new houses) 251 8		" (new houses) 251 8.
Recoupment of premium on T.V Aerials 33 7		RECOUPMENT OF premium on T.V. 25.
Total £4238.		Total £ 4175.

RECEIPTS (GENERAL)	GENERAL A/C.	RECEIPTS.
RENTS: Tennis Club £4.		RENTS: Tennis £4.
" Grazing field 9.		" Grazing field 9.
" Quarry " 9.		" Quarry " 9.
" Dumping Ground 20.		" Dumping Ground 20.
" Bridewell store 26.		" Bridewell
LICENCES: Petrol Licences 2.		Licences: Petrol 2.
" Cinema " 1.		" Cinema 1.
" Bank Interest 20.		Bank Interest- 20.
TOTAL £121.		Total £ 45 -
		4175
		4250

1963/64 Year - Product of Id in the in the Township --225-14-3d.
1964/65 " " " " " " " " --26-9-4

To Credit 2nd December, 1963 £ 2552-0-0.

TABLE C.—CALCULATION OF THE SUM TO BE DEMANDED

Estimated Expenditure (1)	Estimated Receipts (2)	Net Estimated Expenditure (3)	Estimated Debit Balance (if any) (4)	Estimated Credit Balance (if any) (5)	Amount to be Demanded (6)	Rate in the Pound (7)	
						£	s. d.
5092 - -	4250 - -	842 - -	- - -	313 - -	529 - -	-	18

CERTIFICATE

I hereby Certify that at (an adjournment of) the Estimates Meeting of the RAMSLEY Town Commissioners held this 13th day of January 1964, the Commissioners did by resolution adopt the estimate of expenses set forth in Tables A. B. and C. and did also by resolution determine in accordance with the said estimate the sum set forth in Column (6) of Table C. to be the Sum to be demanded for the financial year ending on the 31st day of March, 1965.....

Dated this 13th day of January 1964 -
 Signed W. C. C. [Signature] Act. Chairman.
 Countersigned A. M. Kelly Town Clerk.

DEMAND

To the Council of the County of Salisbury
 The Mayor Town Commissioners hereby transmit to the above-named Council the annexed estimate of expenses and calculation of the sum to be demanded for the ensuing financial year ending on the 31st day of March, 1965. The Commissioners hereby demand that the sum of £ 529 shall be supplied to them by the said Council.

Dated this 13th day of January 1964 -
 Signed W. C. C. [Signature] Chairman.
 Countersigned A. M. Kelly Town Clerk.

sent to C. C. [Signature] 14/1/1964
 " " Sec. Salisbury Co. Council 14/1/1964

LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

**Estimate of Expenses and Demand by the Commissioners of a Town
of Rates in the Pound**

FOR THE LOCAL FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING ON THE 31st DAY OF MARCH, 1965

TABLE A.—EXPENDITURE

NATURE OF EXPENDITURE (1)	AMOUNT ESTIMATED	
	Estimated by Manager (2)	Adopted by Commissioners (3)
Housing of the Working Classes	4564 - -	4564 - -
Tourist Development		
School Meals		
Allotment Schemes		
Other Expenses	528 - -	528 - -
TOTALS ...	5092 - -	5092 - -

TABLE B.—RECEIPTS

NATURE OF RECEIPT (1)	AMOUNT ESTIMATED	
	Estimated by Manager (2)	Adopted by Commissioners (3)
Housing of the Working Classes	4175 - -	4175 - -
School Meals		
Allotment Schemes		
Other Receipts	75 - -	75 - -
	4250 - -	4250 - -

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MR. SWEENEY ACCEPTED THE APPOINTMENT AND SAID HE WAS PLEASED
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VALUATION LISTS?

Athenry Road,
Loughrea

24th March '64

Dear Mrs Kiely,
In reply to your letter
of the 20th inst the following is my resolution,
That we, the Town Commissioners
condemn in the strongest terms the
discrimination that took place in town recently.
In this case a young girl
was forced to go to England to seek employment,
not because she could not get
work at home, but because a number
of misguided young girls decided not to
work with her on the grounds that she
was from a lower social class.
This is class distinction in its worst form and
we would like to point out to those people
that in our eyes they have committed
a grave injustice and have acted against
ordinary christian principles.
The factories in this country have
not been sponsored and built for
any one class of people but

(a native of the town) AND FAMILY, ON THE TRAGIC DEATH OF
HIS WIFE IN THE FIRE AT HIS HOME SANTA MARIA HOTEL,
GALWAY.

A Vote of SYMPATHY WAS PASSED WITH THE MCNAMEE FAMILY
AND RELATIVES ON THE DEATH OF THEIR MOTHER THE LATE
MRS. K. MCNAMEE, MOORE STREET, LOUGHREA.

ON THE SUGGESTION OF MR. DEVINE IT WAS AGREED TO COMPILE
A LIST OF NAMES OF DECEASED CHAIRMEN OF THE BOARD FROM
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A. P. Sweeney
9/3/64

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but for everyone willing and able
to work.
As the People's representatives we feel
it our duty to condemn all
kinds of discrimination and hope
that we will never be forced
to speak on this subject
again.

I am,
Yours sincerely
William Boulton.

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ORDER- NOTED AND APPROVED.

TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION 1964: SUBMITTED ENTRY FORM RECEIVED
FROM BORD FAILTE. MR. CONLAN PROPOSED, SECONDED BY MR.
DEVINE THAT LOUGHREA ENTER FOR COMPETITION FOR 1964 YEAR.
THIS WAS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO. CLERK WAS DIRECTED TO FORWARD
COMPLETED ENTRY FORM TO BORD FAILTE.

SPORTS FIELD, CAHERWALTER: ACT. CHAIRMAN DREW BOARD'S
ATTENTION TO GATES BEEN BROKEN DOWN, DRESSING ROOMS DAMAGED
AND WINDOWS BROKEN.

AFTER DISCUSSION ON THE MATTER IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED
TO RECOMMEND TO THE SPORTS COMMITTEE TO HAVE GATES REPAIRED
AND PAINTED.

MR. SWEENEY SUGGESTED THE SETTING UP OF A COMMITTEE IN
EACH STREET IN ORDER TO GET THE HOUSE-HOLDERS INTERESTED IN
THE COMPETITION.

ON MR. CONLAN'S PROPOSITION IT WAS DECIDED TO ADJOURN TO THE
MATTER TO NEXT MEETING.

THE WALKS: SUBMITTED REPLY FROM REGISTRAR OF DEEDS,
DUBLIN, REGRETTING THEY ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO SUPPLY
THE NECESSARY INFORMATION REGARDING OWNERSHIP OF THE WALKS.

AFTER DISCUSSION IT WAS AGREED TO APPLY TO THE VALUATION
DEPARTMENT AND SEND TRACING OF WALKS WITH A VIEW TO FINDING
OUT ~~THE WALKS~~ IN WHOSE NAME THE IT IS ENTERED IN
VALUATION LISTS?

MINUTES CONTINUED.

SPEED LIMIT : ACT. CHAIRMAN RECOMMENDED TO ASST. CO.
MANAGER THAT A SPEED LIMIT REGULATIONS BE APPLIED TO
KILCHRIST VILLAGE.

ASST. MANAGER INFORMED THE MEETING THAT A TECHNICAL
COMMITTEE HAD BEEN SET UP TO DECIDE WHERE SUCH LIMITS
WERE NECESSARY.

ORDER- NOTED.

FIRE BRIGADE SERVICE: MR. DEVINE RECOMMENDED TO ASST.
CO. MANAGER AN INCREASE IN WAGES FOR VOLUNTARY FIRE
BRIGADE SERVICE.

ASST. CO. MANAGER STATED THAT THE RATE PAID WAS IN LINE
WITH THE NATIONAL RATE OF WAGES.

ORDER- NOTED.

RENEWAL OF TOWN HALL CINEMA LICENCE : READ LETTER FROM
CAPT. P. B. SUGRUE, CHIEF FIRE OFFICER, STATING THAT HE
WILL RAISE NO OBJECTION TO THE GRANTING OF LICENCE FOR
THE CURRENT YEAR.

ON THE PROPOSITION OF MR. CONLAN, SECONDED BY MR. DEVINE
THE NECESSARY LICENCE WAS GRANTED.

PLANTING OF TREES AND PROTECTION OF SAME WAS REFERRED
TO BY MR. CONLAN WHEN IT WAS PROPOSED BY MR. DEVINE
AND UNANIMOUSLY AGREED THAT THE FOLLOWING BE RECOMMENDED TO
TOWN ENGINEER-

- (1) PLANTING OF MORE TREES ON ATHENRY ROAD. on
- (2) PROTECTING TREES FROM DAMAGE WITH WIRE NETTING -AROUND
THE SURROUNDS.
- (3) THE REPLACING OF WOODEN SURROUNDS FOR IRON ONES FOR
THE PROTECTION OF TREES AND PLANTS.

REVISED WAITING LIST FOR HOUSES WAS REFERRED TO BY MR.
SWEENEY AND AN ORDER MADE THAT LIST BE REQUESTED FOR
SUBMISSION TO NEXT MEETING.

CONGRATULATIONS WERE EXTENDED ON THE PROPOSITION OF
MR. DEVINE, TO MOST REV. DR. RYAN, BISHOP OF CLONFERT,
ON BECOMING A PATRON OF G.A.A. ASSOCIATION IN CO. GALWAY.
MR. BARRETT SECONDED MR. DEVINE.

SYMPATHY OF THE BOARD WAS EXTENDED TO MR. P. MCTIGHUE,
(a native of the town) AND FAMILY, ON THE TRAGIC DEATH OF
HIS WIFE IN THE FIRE AT HIS HOME SANTA MARIA HOTEL,
GALWAY.

A Vote of SYMPATHY WAS PASSED WITH THE MCNAMEE FAMILY
AND RELATIVES ON THE DEATH OF THEIR MOTHER THE LATE
MRS. K. MCNAMEE, MOORE STREET, LOUGHREA.

ON THE SUGGESTION OF MR. DEVINE IT WAS AGREED TO COMPILE
A LIST OF NAMES OF DECEASED CHAIRMEN OF THE BOARD FROM
AVAILABLE RECORDS (MR. TANNER'S NAME TO BE INCLUDED
IN LIST)

D. P. Sweeney
9/3/64

DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE REGARDING EMPLOYMENT OF A GIRL
 IN THE LOCAL FACTORY WHEN THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION
 WAS PASSED ON THE PROPOSITION OF MR. W. CONLAN, SECONDED
 BY MR. S. KELLY :

*THAT THIS BOARD CONDEMN IN THE STRONGEST TERMS THE
 DISCRIMINATION THAT TOOK PLACE WHEN AN EMPLOYEE THERE
 HAD TO LEAVE BECAUSE THE GIRLS DECIDED NOT TO WORK WITH
 ON THE GROUNDS THAT SHE WAS FROM A LOWER SOCIAL CLASS*
 *AS THE PEOPLES REPRESENTATIVES WE FEEL IT OUR DUTY TO
 CONDEMN ALL KINDS OF DISCRIMINATION AND HOPE THAT WE WILL
 NEVER BE FORCED TO SPEAK ON THIS SUBJECT AGAIN*

W.D.
 13/4/64

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF THE
 LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON MONDAY
 9th MARCH, 1964.

MEMBERS PRESENT : MESSERS JAMES BARRETT DERMOTT
 SWEENEY, JOSEPH KILBOY, SEAN KELLY AND
 SUBSEQUENTLY MR. WILLIAM CONLAN.

ON THE PROPOSITION OF MR. BARRETT, MR. SWEENEY
 WAS UNANIMOUSLY MOVED TO THE CHAIR IN THE ABSENCE
 OF THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN.

IN ATTENDANCE- CHRISTOPHER WALSH ESQ., ^{Assistant Co. Manager} AND THE
 TOWN CLERK (MRS. H.M.KIELY)

MEETING OPENED WITH PRAYER.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 10/2/64 were read
 WHEN MR. CONLAN REFERRED TO AN OMISSION IN SAME
 REGARDING AN EMPLOYEE IN THE LOCAL FACTORY.

ASST. CO. MANAGER, AFTER RECEIVING THE BOARD'S PERMISSION,
 THAT MINUTES BE SIGNED AS CORRECT, STATED THAT IT
 WAS IN ORDER TO HAVE OMISSION INSERTED WHEN MR.
 CONLAN SUBMITS RESOLUTION.

THE MINUTES WERE THEN SIGNED AS CORRECT.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ROAD TRAFFIC (SPEED LIMITS)
 REGULATIONS 1963 RECEIVED FROM COUNTY MANAGER DATED
 11/2/64 WERE SUBMITTED - THE
 FIRST SCHEDULE EXCLUDES ROADS FOR 30 M.P.H
 SPEED LIMIT.

THE SECOND SCHEDULE INCLUDES ROADS OUTSIDE URBAN
 DISTRICTS OR TOWN BOUNDRIES TO WHICH A 30 M.P.H
 SPEED LIMIT SHOULD APPLY .
 THE THIRD SCHEDULE INDICATES ROADS TO WHICH A 40 M.P.
 H- SPEED LIMIT SHOULD APPLY.

ASST. CO. MANAGER EXPLAINED THE RECOMMENDATIONS, DRAWN
 UP BY THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE, FOR SUBMISSION TO THE
 MINISTER.

AFTER LENGTHY DISCUSSION ON THE MATTER IT WAS
 PROPOSED BY MR. BARRETT, SECONDED BY MR. CONLAN THAT
 THE EXISTING SPEED LIMIT OF 30 M.P.H BE NOT CHANGED
 WITHIN THE TOWN BOUNDRY, AND THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS
 THAT A 40 M.P.H SPEED LIMIT BE SUBSTITUTED ~~BE~~ REJECTED.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

INCREASE OF 12% FOR BOARD'S OFFICERS AND SERVANTS
 SUBJECT TO MINISTER'S SANCTION WAS RECOMMENDED
 GRANTED BY ASST. COUNTY MANAGER, AND APPROVED BY THE
 BOARD ON THE PROPOSITION OF MR. BARRETT SECONDED BY
 MR. J.KILBOY IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROVISIONS OF SECTION
 6 OF THE CITY AND CO. MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT)
 ACT, 1955.

REVISED HOUSING LIST : ASST. COUNTY MANAGER STATED
 THAT SAID LIST WAS IN PROCESS OF INVESTIGATION BY THE
 CO. M.O.H AND OFFICIALS.

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE ERECTION OF MORE HOUSES WAS
 ADJOURNED TO NEXT MEETING WHEN REVISED HOUSING
 LIST WOULD BE SUBMITTED.

TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION 1964: ASST. COUNTY MANAGER

MINUTES CONT.

RECOMMENDED THAT THE I.C.W. ASSOCIATION BE INVITED TO ASSIST IN THE PROMOTION OF THE SCHEME FOR LOUGHREA TOWN.

THIS WAS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO.

TOWN CLERK WAS DIRECTED TO CORRESPOND WITH THE I.C.W. ASSOCIATION ON THE MATTER.

CAMPING ON ROADS ETC., WITHIN PROHIBITED AREAS ~~IN THE TOWN~~ BY ~~BY~~ TINKERS WAS REFERRED TO BY MR. KILBOY.

ASST. CO. MANAGER ADVISED THAT PRESENT LEGISLATION WAS NOT YET EFFECTIVE, REGARDING TEMPORARY DWELLINGS.

ORDER- NOTED.

BATHING FACILITIES AT AMENITY SCHEME ~~WAS~~ DISCUSSED AND ADJOURNED, PENDING RETURN OF MR. O'NEILL, TOWN ENGINEER FROM SICK LEAVE.

CLERK SUBMITTED THE FOLLOWING LIST, AS DIRECTED, OF CHAIRMEN OF THE BOARD, DATING FROM ~~1909~~ 1909 YEAR:

PATRICK KENNEDY, VICTUALLER, MAIN ST.	FROM 1909	TO 1919.
THOMAS SMYTH - MERCHANT, " " "	1919	" 1920.
JOHN J. HANAFIN-SECRETARY, " " "	1920	" 1923.
PATRICK CAHILL, - MERCHANT, " " "	1923	" 1936.
MARTIN O'REGAN, - MERCHANT " " "	1936	" 1945.
FRANCIS DEVINE, C.I.E EMPLOYEE* " " "	1945	" 1952.
MICHAEL CARTY, TEACHER, ABBEY ST., " " "	1952	" 1954 ⁵ .
MR. V.P. SHIELDS, SOLICITOR, MAIN ST. " " "	1955	" 1956.
ANTHONYA. DERVAN, TEACHER, BARRACK ST., " " "	1956	" 1960.
MICHAEL CARTY, TEACHER, ABBEY STREET " " "	1960	" 1964.

ORDER: NOTED.

BOARD'S SYMPATHY WAS EXTENDED TO MRS. J.B. DONOGHUE AND THE LALLY FAMILY, BRIDE ST., ON THE LAMENTABLE DEATH OF THEIR MOTHER THE LATE MRS. B. LALLY, BRIDE ST. ALSO WITH THE MAHONY FAMILY THE HILL, THE MADDEN FAMILY, COSMONA, AND WITH THE RYAN FAMILY FORMERLY OF MOUNT PLEASANT, IN THEIR RECENT BEREVEMENTS.

PROVISION OF OFFICE AND MEETING ROOM IN THE FIRE STATION WAS REFERRED TO ASST. CO. MANAGER FOR INFORMATION ON SAME.

J. P. Kennedy
13/4/64

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF THE LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON MONDAY 13th APRIL, 1964.

MEMBERS PRESENT - MESSRS JAMES BARRETT, WILLIAM CONLAN, ANTHONY DERVAN, JOHN DEVINE, DERMOTT SWEENEY, AND SEAN KELLY.

IN THE CHAIR- MR. SWEENEY WAS MOVED TO THE CHAIR AND SUBSEQUENTLY MR. T.R.KELLY VICE CHAIRMAN TOOK THE CHAIR.

IN ATTENDANCE- MR. SEAN O'NEILL, TOWN ENGINEER, AND THE TOWN CLERK, (Mrs.H.M.Kiely)

MEETING OPENED WITH PRAYER.

CLERK SUBMITTED ASST. CO. MANAGER'S APOLOGY FOR UNAVOIDABLE ABSENCE AT MEETING WHICH WAS NOTED.

MR. SWEENEY ACT. CHAIRMAN, WELCOMED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD MR. O'NEILL, TOWN ENGINEER BACK TO DUTY.

MR. O'NEILL, THANKED THE MEMBERS IN SUITABLE TERMS.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 9/3/'64 WERE READ AND SIGNED AS CORRECT.

REVISED HOUSING LIST: CLERK STATED THAT LIST WAS NOT YET FINALIZED BUT WOULD BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED TO NEXT MEETING.

THERE WAS A LENGTHY DISCUSSION ON DELAY WHEN IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE MATTER BE ADJOURNED TO NEXT MEETING.

BUILDING OF MORE HOUSES WAS DISCUSSED AND ADJOURNED TO NEXT MEETING WHEN WAITING LIST FOR HOUSES WOULD BE SUBMITTED.

MR. DEVINE RECOMMENDED THAT THERE BE MORE INDICES PROVIDED IN THE TOWN BEFORE THE QUESTION OF BUILDING MORE HOUSES WAS CONSIDERED.

ORDER - NOTED.

SPEED LIMIT FOR MOTORS WAS AGAIN REFERRED TO WHEN IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED NOT TO CHANGE THE ORDER MADE AT LAST MEETING.

BATHING FACILITIES : TOWN ENGINEER INFORMED THE MEETING THAT FURTHER DEVELOPEMENT WOULD BE CARRIED OUT WHEN WHEN MONIES FNDER THE EMPLOYMENT SCHEME WOULD BE AVAILABLE. THE STEPS TO THE CHILDREN'S BATHING PLACE WOULD BE MADE MORE SAFE AND IMPROVED, AND THAT A BARRIER WOULD BE ERECTED OPPOSITE THE GATEWAY LEADING FROM THE PARK TO THE ROAD FOR PROTECTION OF CHILDREN.

ORDER- NOTED AND APPROVED.

READ LETTER OF THANKS FROM MOST REV. DR. RYAN BISHOP OF CLONFERT, FOR BOARD'S CONGRATULATIONS ON HIS NOMINATION

MINUTES CONTINUED

AS PATRON OF THE G.A.A FOR CO. GALWAY THE LETTER CONTINUED :

* I WOULD ASK YOU CONVEY MY DEEP GRATITUDE FOR THIS GESTURE OF THOUGHTFUL COURTESY, TOGETHER WITH MY PRAYERFUL GOOD WISHES, THAT GOD MAY BLESS AND PROSPER THEIR UNSELFISH WORK FOR THE TOWN AND ITS PEOPLE*

ORDER- NOTED.

COSMONA SEWERAGE: READ LETTER ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN FROM CO. COUNCIL, STATING THAT CO. ENGINEER HAS BEEN ASKED TO PREPARE MAPS FOR EXTENSION OF SEWER TO SERVE COTTAGES AT COSMONA .

AFTER DISCUSSION ON THE MATTER CLERK WAS INSTRUCTED TO SEND RECOMMENDATION TO CO. COUNCIL, TO EXPEDITE THE MATTER.

SPORTS FIELD : THERE WAS A LENGHTY DISCUSSION ON THE IMPROVEMENTS OF THE GROUNDS . PRESIDING CHAIRMAN MR. T. R. KELLY INFORMED THE MEETING THAT THE FIELD IS A COW PARK HELD BY 4 TRUSTEES - THE LAND COMMISSION BEING AGREEABLE TO HAVE HALF THE FIELD SET ASIDE FOR GAMES AND KNOWN AS 'THE SPORTS FIELD'.

CLERK WAS DIRECTED TO SEND RECOMMENDATION TO ~~XXXXX~~ TRUSTEES TO HAVE GATE PAINTED AND GROUNDS IMPROVED, IN PREPARATION FOR TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION .

TIDY TOWN COMPETITION 1964 YEAR: READ LETTER FROM MRS. MC CLOIN, PRESS OFFICIAL, I.C.A., ACKNOWLEDGING BOARD'S LETTER AND STATING SAME WOULD BE CONSIDERED AT NEXT MEETING OF THEIR ASSOCIATION.

ORDER- NOTED.

ON MR. DERVAN'S PROPOSITION SECONDED BY MR. BARRETT IT WAS ORDERED TO GET PAMPLETS PRINTED SAME AS LAST YEAR FOR T.T. COMPETITION. THE MATTER WAS REFERRED TO TOWN CLERK.

PLANTING TREES- REPLACEMENT AND PAINTING OF TREE-GUARDS WAS REFERRED TO TOWN ENGINEER FOR ATTENTION.

PROVISION OF CONTINUED RAILINGS FOR GARRYBREEDIA-WOOD - TOWN ENGINEER STATED SAME WOULD BE PROVIDED WHEN FINANCES ARE PERMITTED.

ORDER NOTED.

DERELICT SITE ON CO. HOME ROAD AS REFERRED TO BY ADJUDICATORS IN LAST YEAR'S REPORT ON TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION, WAS DISCUSSED AT LENGHT .

NO ORDER MADE.

IMPROVEMENTS TO PUBLIC LAVATORY AT WEST BRIDGE WAS REFERRED

MINUTES CONT.

TO TOWN ENGINEER . CLERK WAS DIRECTED TO SEND BOARD'S RECOMMENDATION TO CO. CO., TO HAVE A LIGHT AND NAME SIGN ERECTED THERE, AND A SLOT PROVIDED IN ONE OF THE TOILET COMPARTMENTS.

MR. DEVINE STATED HE WOULD HAND IN NOTICE OF MOTION FOR NEXT MEETING REGARDING THE MANY RECOMMENDATIONS ~~HE~~ PROPOSED, TO THE CO. COUNCIL, WHICH WERE NOT CARRIED OUT, FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE TOWN.

ORDER ~~+~~ NOTED.

MR. DERVAN STATED, THAT HE WISHED IT RECORDED - THAT HE DID NOT WANT RAILINGS ERECTED AT THE WEST BRIDGE.

ORDER- NOTED.

ENTRY FORMS FOR ROADSIDE AND GARDEN COMPETITIONS WERE REFERRED TO MR. CONLAN.

(Mr. Sweeney left meeting at this stage)

PROVISION OF OFFICIAL GUIDE WAS DISCUSSED AND CLERK INSTRUCTED TO WRITE TO CHAIRMAN ON THE MATTER.

IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT THE NAME "OFFICIAL GUIDE" BE CHANGED TO READ "FACTS ABOUT LOUGHREA"

ORDER- NOTED AND APPROVED.

THE DANGER OF HOLDING FAIRS ON THE STREETS OWING TO ACCIDENTS WAS UNDER DISCUSSION .

ON MR. CONLAN'S PROPOSITION SECONDED BY MR. KELLY IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO PUT ON AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THE BYE LAWS, REFERRING TO STREET FAIRS.

THE BOARD EXTENDED SYMPATHY TO THE FOLLOWING IN THEIR BEREVEMENTS-

MRS. JOE KILBOY, BRIDE STREET, MR. WHELAN, DUNKELLIN STREET,
MRS. M. BOLAND, MAIN STREET, MRS. TIERNEY AND FAMILY
ABBAY STREET, AND THE MAHONEY AND MORGAN FAMILIES, THE
HILL, LOUGHREA.

C. O'Leary
11/5/64

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF
LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON MONDAY
11th MAY, 1964.

IN THE CHAIR : MR. MICHAEL CARTY, T.D., CHAIRMAN.

MEMBERS PRESENT- MESSRS JAMES BARRETT, WILLIAM
CONLAN, DERMOTT SWEENEY, JOHN DEVINE, THOMAS R.
KELLY, JOSEPH KILBOY, AND SEAN KELLY.

IN ATTENDANCE- MR. SEAN O'NEILL, TOWN ENGINEER
MR. KEVIN DOYLE, HOUSING OFFICER, CO.CO.
AND TOWN CLERK (Mrs. H.M.Kiely)

MEETING OPENED WITH PRAYER.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 13/4/'64, WERE SIGNED BY
ACT. CHAIRMAN MR. T.R.KELLY.

HOUSING LIST : ON CHAIRMAN'S SUGGESTION THE BOARD WENT
INTO COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS THE HOUSING LIST SUBMITTED
BY MR. DOYLE. *for Co. Co.*
LIST OF 40 APPLICANTS WERE CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD.
AFTER PERUSING SAME, IT WAS AGREED THAT 15 OF SAID
APPLICANTS WERE QUALIFIED FOR HOUSING.

ON MR. CONLAN'S PROPOSITION, SECONDED BY MR. BARRETT,
IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY DECIDED: THAT A RECOMMENDATION BE
FORWARDED TO THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL: THAT A SCHEME
OF 15 HOUSES BE PROCEEDED WITH IN LOUGHREA, TO
PROVIDE FOR THE HOUSING NEEDS OF THE TOWN FOR THE
15 APPLICANTS LISTED AS QUALIFIED.

CLERK WAS DIRECTED TO SEND RECOMMENDATION TO GALWAY
CO.COUNCIL.

MR. DOYLE STATED THAT THE PROPOSED HOUSES WOULD BE
FULLY SERVICED AND THE DRAWINGS OF SAME WOULD BE *Houses*
PLACED BEFORE THE BOARD PRIOR TO BUILDING OF *same*.

ORDER- NOTED .

MISLEADING REPORT : CHAIRMAN DREW BOARD'S ATTENTION
TO REPORT ON PAPERS DATED 9/5/'64, WHICH HE STATED
APPEARED TO BE MISLEADING.
CHAIRMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE CO.COUNCIL APPROVED OF THE
PURCHASE OF 3½ ACRES OF LAND AT ATHENRY ROAD, FOR
19 BUILDING SITES, AND PROPOSED TO PAY £2,700 FOR THE
LAND, DEVELOPEMENT, WATER-MAINS, SEWERS AND OTHER
EXPENSES WOULD BRING THE COST TO £7,500 .

THIS STATEMENT WAS NOTED BY THE MEMBERS AND SATISFACTION
EXPRESSED BY ALL .

CHAIRMAN THANKED MR. DOYLE ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD FOR
HIS ATTENDANCE AT MEETING. MR. DOYLE THEN WITHDREW.

TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION 1964 : MR. D. SWEENEY
REPORTED THAT HE AND MR. CONLAN ATTENDED A MEETING
OF THE LOCAL GUILD OF I.C.A ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD
REGARDING TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION, WHEN IT WAS DECIDED
THAT THAT A DEPUTATION FROM I.C.A ATTEND TONIGHT'S
MEETING . THE BOARD THEN WELCOMED MISS T. WALSH AND

MINUTES CONT.

MRS. M. DEVINE, DEPUTISING FOR THE I.C.A.

TOWN ENGINEER READ RESULTS OF 1963 COMPETITION. A FULL
DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE REGARDING THE BEST WAYS & MEANS OF
GAINING MORE MARKS FOR THE 1964 YEAR .
MISS WALSH STATED THAT THE I.C.A WERE PREPARED TO ASSIST
IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE AND RECOMMENDED THAT

- (1) THE FAIRS BE REMOVED OFF THE STREETS
- (2) MORE LITTER BINS BE PROVIDED IN BARRACK STREET
- (3) BRIGHTER COLOURS BE USED BY HOUSEHOLDERS
- (4) GRASS MARGINS BE TRIMMED AND FOOTPATHS CLEANED.

THE DEPUTATION UNDERTOOK TO DISTRIBUTE 500 BROCHURES
AND INTERVIEW HOUSEHOLDERS WITH A VIEW TO IMPROVING THE
OVERALL APPEARANCE OF THE TOWN .

IT WAS AGREED THAT TOWN ENGINEER VISIT THE 5 LOCAL SCHOOLS
WITH A VIEW TO GETTING THE PUPILS TO CO-OPERATE IN AN
ANTI-LITTER CAMPAIGN .

CLERK WAS DIRECTED TO NOTIFY MANAGERS OF SCHOOLS, ACCORDINGLY.
TREE-PLANTING AND DERELICT SITES WERE REFERRED TO TOWN
ENGINEER.

CLERK WAS INSTRUCTED TO WRITE TO C.I.E REGARDING ROAD-WAY
REPAIRS AT STATION.

I.C.A DEPUTATION STRESSED THE NECESSITY OF HAVING A LIGHT
PROVIDED NEAR THE PRODISTANT CHURCH *in* CHURCH STREET.

CLERK WAS DIRECTED TO SEND RECOMMENDATION TO CO.COUNCIL FOR
THE PROPOSED LIGHT.

CHAIRMAN THANKED THE DEPUTATION ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD FOR
ASSISTANCE OFFERED, AND ATTENDANCE AT MEETING.

MRS. DEVINE AND MISS WALSH THEN WITHDREW FROM THE MEETING .

(MESSRS CHAIRMAN, J. KILBOY AND J. BARRETT LEFT MEETING AT
THIS POINT)

MR. T.R. KELLY TOOK THE CHAIR .

BYE LAWS- FAIRS & MARKETS: AFTER DISCUSSION IT WAS
UNANIMOUSLY DECIDED ON MR. CONLAN'S PROPOSITION TO SEND
A RECOMMENDATION TO THE GARDAI REGARDING THE ENFORCING
OF BYE LAWS

OF BYE LAWS, REGULATING THE MARKETS AND FAIRS *on* THE STREETS
OF THE TOWN.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding dangerous
buildings in the town, which were referred to Town
Engineer.

Board's sympathy was extended to the ~~the~~ Scully Family on
the death of their brother the Late Rev. Fr. John Scully
St. Brendan's Terrace, and to the families of the Late
Mrs. F. Laror, Main St., Mrs. D. Broderick, Athenry Road, and
the Late Martin Sweeney, St. Brendan's Terrace.

Michael Cart
8/6/64

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF THE LOUGHREA TOWN
COMMISSIONERS HELD IN THE TEMPERANCE HALL ON MONDAY
9th JUNE, 1964.

IN THE CHAIR- MICHAEL CARTY ESQ., T.D., CHAIRMAN.
MEMBERS PRESENT- MESSRS JAMES BARRETT, WILLIAM
CONLAN, T.R.KELLY, DERMOTT SWEENEY, JOHN DEVINE
AND SEAN KELLY.

IN ATTENDANCE- C.WALSH ESQ., ASST. CO. MANAGER, SEAN
O'NEILL, ESQ., TOWN ENGINEER, AND TOWN CLERK
(Mrs. H.M. Kiely)

MEETING OPENED WITH PRAYER.

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD 11/5/'64 WERE READ
AND SIGNED AS CORRECT.

TOWN ENGINEER'S SALARY: SUBMITTED AGREEMENT DRAWN UP
BY GALWAY CO. COUNCIL (it being a reserved function of the
Board)
IN RESPECT OF TOWN ENGINEER'S SALARY UNDER SECTION
59 L.G. ACT, 1955.

ON THE PROPOSITION OF THE CHAIRMAN IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY
AGREED TO SIGN AGREEMENT GRANTING 14% OF SALARY PAID
BY GALWAY CO. COUNCIL INCLUDING THE TEMPORARY NON -
PENSIONABLE ALLOWANCE PAYABLE FROM 1st JAN. 1964. AGREEMENT
TO BE TERMINATED AT ANY TIME BY EITHER PARTY GIVING TO THE
OTHER TWELVE MONTHS NOTICE.

AGREEMENT WAS THEN DULY SIGNED BY CHAIRMAN AND TOWN
CLERK AND SEALED WITH THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE BOARD.

EXTENSION OF SEWERS: READ LETTER SIGNED BY MINISTER FOR
L.G. DATED 3/5/'64 ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN AS FOLLOWS
"I NOW WISH TO LET YOU KNOW THAT THE CO. COUNCIL'S PROPOSALS
RE EXTENSION OF SEWERS HAVE BEEN APPROVED, SUBJECT TO
CO.M.O.H. BEING SATISFIED, THAT NO DANGER TO PUBLIC
HEALTH IS LIKELY TO ARISE FROM OVERFLOW TO THE LAKE FROM
GORT ROAD PUMPING STATION.

X (Total cost £14,000) X

A FURTHER LETTER FROM GALWAY CO. COUNCIL ADDRESSED TO

MINUTES CONT.

THE CHAIRMAN DATED 19/5/'64, STATED:

"WE RECEIVED SANCTION OF MINISTER L.G. TO EXTENSION
OF PUBLIC SEWERAGE SCHEME TO GALWAY ROAD DISTRICT
PROVIDED THE CO. MEDICAL OFFICER APPROVES OF THE
PROPOSALS. IT IS HOPED TO HAVE DISCUSSION WITH OFFICIALS
CONCERNED THIS WEEK, IN ORDER TO FINALIZE THE PLANS."
ORDER NOTED AND APPROVED.

EXTENSION OF COSMONA SEWERAGE WORKS WAS REFERRED TO
ASST. CO. MANAGER TO EXPEDITE THE MATTER.

TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION: BOARD'S THANKS WAS EXTENDED
TO TOWN ENGINEER AND STAFF, ON MR. THOMAS R. KELLY'S
PROPOSITION, FOR THEIR EFFORTS REGARDING TREE PLANTING,
PAINTING HOUSES ETC, AND GENERAL CLEANLINESS OF THE
TOWN, AND ALSO TO I.C.A FOR DISTRIBUTING BROCHURES
TO HOUSEHOLDERS *Re J. J. Comp.*

READ LETTER FROM BORD FAILTE THANKING THE BOARD FOR
SUPPORTING THE SCHEME, AND SUBMITTED A SUPPLY OF LEAFLETS
OUTLINING THE ENTRANT CENTRES, WHICH WERE REFERRED
TO THE I.C.A FOR DISTRIBUTION.

WATER SUPPLY: CHAIRMAN REPORTED THAT WATER SUPPLY
WAS CUT OFF FROM A HOUSEHOLDER WITHOUT DUE NOTICE.
TOWN ENGINEER EXPLAINED THAT THE NECESSARY REPAIRS
WERE BEING CARRIED OUT AND WATER WILL BE RESTORED,
WITHOUT DELAY.

ORDER- NOTED.

THE IRISH LANGUAGE: ON THE PROPOSITION OF MR. T.R.
KELLY, IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION
OF THE KILKENNY CORPORATION ON THE RESTORATION OF THE
IRISH LANGUAGE AND CONGRATULATED SAID CORPORATION
FOR BEING THE FIRST PUBLIC BODY TO URGE THE USE OF THE
IRISH LANGUAGE.

ANNUAL MEETING: IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY DECIDED TO HOLD
THE STATUTORY ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD ON MON. 29th
JUNE, 1964 AT 7-30 P.M.

Minute Continued

Chairman was called away from meeting at this point when Mr. T.R. Kelly, Vice Chairman took the Chair.

Official Guide : Mr. Barrett referred to the provision of the Official Guide for the town. After discussion on the matter it was unanimously decided on Mr. Barrett's proposition Seconded by Mr. T.R. Kelly, Act. Chairman, to put the matter on Agenda for next meeting.

Legislation re Tinkers: After lengthy discussion on the matter Mr. Conlan proposed to call on the Government to implement without delay recommendations of the Commission set up which had considered the Itinerant problem. Passed.
Clerk was directed to forward resolution to the L.G. Department.

Change in date of May Fair: was referred to by Act. Chairman who stated that the Galway Co. Co., had changed the date of Fair from the 26th May this year which caused an upset both to buyers and sellers.

The matter was referred to Asst. Co. Manager to have the Fair restored to original date 26th May next year.

Decoration of Board's houses: was referred to by Mr. Barrett who suggested that Tenants be allowed to have their own choice of colours. Asst. Co. Manager and Engineer did not agree but prepared to consider application from group of Tenants in same area re colour scheme for their houses.

Order- Noted.

Board's sympathy was extended to Mr. Brendan Sweeney & family, and relatives on death of his brother Turlow, who died in Dublin.

Michael Carib
13/7/64

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TOWN
COMMISSIONERS HELD ON MONDAY 29th JUNE, 1964, AT 7-30 P.M.

IN THE CHAIR--- MR. MICHAEL CARTY, T.D., OUTGOING

CHAIRMAN.
MEMBERS PRESENT- MESSRS JAMES BARRETT, WILLIAM CONLAN,
DERMOTT SWEENEY, JOSEPH KILBOY, JOHN DEVINE, THOMAS
R. KELLY AND SEAN KELLY.

IN ATTENDANCE - Town Clerk (Mrs. H.M. Kiely)
MEETING OPENED WITH PRAYER.

The meeting proceeded to elect Chairman and Vice-Chairman under The Commissioners' Clauses Act, Sec. 35-1844, due notice of which, was given on the Agenda.

On the Proposition of Mr. John Devine, Seconded by Mr. Wlm. Conlan, Mr. Michael Carty, T.D., was unanimously Re Elected Chairman for the coming year.

Chairman then thanked the members for ^{his} re-electing ~~him~~ and the Asst. County Manager, Press and Officials for their kind co-operation during his term of office.

Proposals were then taken for Vice Chairmanship when Mr. Dermott Sweeney proposed Mr. Thomas T. Kelly, be re-elected, which was Seconded by Mr. John Devine. Mr. Kelly was then, unanimously Re Elected Vice-Chairman of the Board for the coming year.

Mr. Kelly thanked all those concerned for his re-election and co-operation during his term of office as Vice-Chairman.

Clerk submitted financial statement of the Board for the year ended 31st March, 1964, with which the Chairman and members expressed satisfaction.

Clerk was directed to put on Agenda for next meeting Mr. Devine's Notice re deputation attending to discuss the proposed demolition of the Bridewell, provision of Bathing Place at Coorheen, and improvements ^{to} of foreshore of the lake.

Michael Carib 13/7/64

LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

I Michael Carib OF ABBEY STREET, LOUGHREA
BEING A PERSON RE-ELECTED AS CHAIRMAN FOR THE
LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS IN THE COUNTY OF
GALWAY HEREBY DECLARE THAT I TAKE THE SAID
OFFICE UPON MYSELF AND WILL DULY AND FAITHFULLY
FULLFILL THE DUTIES TO THE BEST OF MY JUDGEMENT
AND ABILITY.

DATED THIS 13th DAY OF JULY, 1964.

SIGNED BY ABOVE Michael Carib

DECLARED BEFORE ME THIS DAY OF JULY, 1964.

SIGNED h.m. ni Caila
TOWN CLERK.

LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

I Thomas R O Callaghan OF CROSS STREET, LOUGHREA
BEING A PERSON RE ELECTED AS VICE CHAIRMAN FOR
THE LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS IN THE COUNTY OF
GALWAY HEREBY DECLARE THAT I TAKE THE SAID
OFFICE UPON MYSELF AND WILL DULY AND FAITHFULLY
FULLFILL THE DUTIES TO THE BEST OF MY JUDGEMENT
AND ABILITY.

DATED THIS 13th DAY OF JULY, 1964.

SIGNED BY ABOVE
DECLARED BEFORE ME THIS DAY OF JULY, 1964.

SIGNED h.m. ni Caila
TOWN CLERK.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 13 TH JULY, 1964.

IN THE CHAIR- MICHAEL CARTY ESQ., CHAIRMAN.

MEMBERS PRESENT- MESSERS JAMES BARRETT, THOMAS R.
KELLY, JOSEPH KILBOY, JOHN DEVINE AND SEAN KELLY.

IN ATTENDANCE- THE TOWN CLERK.

CHAIRMAN APOLOGISED FOR THE UNAVOIDABLE ABSENCE OF THE
ASST. COUNTY MANAGER AND TOWN ENGINEER, WHICH WAS
NOTED.

MESSERS MICHAEL CARTY T.D., & THOMAS R. KELLY,
Chairman and VICE CHAIRMAN RESPECTIVELY, SIGNED THE
USUAL DECLARATION ACCEPTING THEIR OFFICE FOR THE COMING
YEAR BEFORE TAKING THEIR SEATS. (AT THE MEETING).

MEETING OPENED WITH PRAYER.
MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD 2/6/'64 AND OF ANNUAL MEETING
HELD 27/6/'64 WERE READ AND SIGNED AS CORRECT.

N.O.M SIGNED BY MR. DEVINE NOTICE OF WHICH WAS GIVEN
ON THE AGENDA WAS ADJOURNED TO NEXT MEETING - MR.
DEVINE STATED THAT HE WOULD HAVE A DEPUTATION RE SAME
ATTEND NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD.

CLERK WAS DIRECTED TO PUT ON THE MATTER ON AGENDA FOR
AND MONTHLY MEETING.

ENGINEER'S REPORT REGARDING MR. DEVINE'S N.O.M, WAS
ALSO ADJOURNED ON THE PROPOSITION OF CHAIRMAN.

REFERRING TO DEMOLISHION OF BRIDEWELL, IMPROVEMENTS
TO FORESHORE OF LAKE; AND PROVISION OF BATHING SHELTERS
AT COORHEEN LAKESIDE.

BORD FAILTE GRANTS: MR. DEVINE REFERRED TO GRANTS
RECEIVED BY OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITIES FOR DEVELOPEMENT OF
SEASIDE PLACES; WHEN CHAIRMAN PROPOSED THAT BORD FAILTE
BE ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY GRANTS AVAILABLE TO GO TOWARDS
THE FURTHER DEVELOPEMENT OF THE FORESHORE OF THE LAKE.

CLERK WAS DIRECTED TO WRITE BORD FAILTE ON THE MATTER.

MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE : CHAIRMAN REPORTED HE WOULD NOT
BE AVAILABLE TO ATTEND CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN BUNDORAN,
ON THE 22nd TO 24th SEPT., 1964, AND APPOINTED MR.
SEAN KELLY AS HIS DEPUTY, TO ATTEND WITH MR. JOHN DEVINE.

CLERK WAS DIRECTED TO NOTIFY SECRETARY MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES
ACCORDINGLY.

PROVISION OF OFFICIAL GUIDE WAS FURTHER ADJOURNED ON
CHAIRMAN'S PROPOSITION, IN THE MEANTIME CLERK WAS DIRECTED
TO WRITE TO THE IRISH & OVERSEAS PUBLISHING CO.,
AND THE SENTINEL PRESS LTD. AND INQUIRE IF THEY ARE
STILL PREPARED TO PUBLISH THE GUIDE FOR THE TOWN OF
LOUGHREA.

ERECTION OF NEW HOUSES : CHAIRMAN INFORMED THE MEETING
THAT THE CO.CO. WILL ERECT 15 HOUSES TO BE BUILT
FOR THE 15 APPLICANTS SELECTED FROM THE WAITING LIST OF
45, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

ORDER NOTED.

SUITABLE SITE FOR HOUSES; WAS SUGGESTED BY CHAIRMAN VIZ.
FROM MOORE STREET TO THE TOP OF BRIDE STREET - TOWNLAND
KNOWN AS "THE ROCK". CHAIRMAN DIRECTED CLERK TO NOTIFY

MINUTES CONTINUED

CO. COUNCIL HOUSING OFFICER AND POINT OUT THAT THIS SITE WAS ALREADY EARMARKED BY MR. O'CONNOR, ASST. CO. MANAGER, AS A MOST SUITABLE SITE.

UNSATISFACTORY TELEPHONE SERVICE WAS REPORTED BY THE MEMBERS, WHEN IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED THAT A STRONG PROTEST BE SENT TO THE MINISTER AND POINT OUT THAT MANY COMPLAINTS RECEIVED, REGARDING SERVICE UP TO 6 P.M. daily.

EXTENSION OF SEWERAGE TO CO. CO. COTTAGES, WAS DISCUSSED CHAIRMAN DIRECTED THAT THE MATTER BE PUT ON AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD.

BOARD'S SYMPATHY WAS EXTENDED TO MRS. MACNAMARA AND FAMILY ON DEATH OF HER HUSBAND THE LATE MICHAEL MACNAMARA¹ GALWAY ROAD, THE JENNINGS FAMILY, MAIN ST., ON DEATH OF THE LATE ANDREW JENNINGS, BALLINASLOE, MRS. FINNERTY AND FAMILY ON DEATH OF HER HUSBAND, DR. P. FINNERTY, M.O., ATHENRY, AND TO PATRICK CALLANAN & FAMILY¹ ON DEATH OF HIS WIFE¹ ^{Garrahill}

Michael Paf
10/8/64

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON THE 10th day AUGUST, 1964.

IN THE CHAIR - MR. MICHAEL CARTY, T.D., CHAIRMAN.

MEMBERS PRESENT- MESSRS JAMES BARRETT, JOHN DEVINE, DERMOTT SWEENEY, JOSEPH KILBOY, T.R. KELLY AND SEAN KELLY.

IN ATTENDANCE- ; MR. C. WALSH, ASST. COUNTY MANAGER AND TOWN CLERK, (Mrs. H.M. Kiely)

MEETING OPENED WITH PRAYER.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 13/7/'64 WERE READ AND SIGNED

AS CORRECT. ✓

N.O.M MR. DEVINE MOVED HIS NOTICE DATED 13/7/'64

WHICH WAS ADJOURNED FROM LAST MEETING WHEN THE FOLLOWING REPORT SIGNED BY TOWN ENGINEER (Mr. O'Neill) WAS READ-
" (a) DEMOLITION OF BRIDEWELL: THIS IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE WORK, WHICH WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN THE COURSE OF CONSTRUCTION OF THE FAIR GREEN, AND UNTIL THIS WORK IS PUT IN HANDS IT IS NOT PROPOSED TO CARRY OUT ANY DEMOLITION".

"(b) PROVISION OF BATHING PLACE AT COORHEEN.

ALL MONIES AVAILABLE TO US FROM E.S.V (employment service vote) GRANT HAVE BEEN EXPENDED ON EXTENDING THE PROMINADE & PROVIDING BATHING SHELTERS, ASUMING THAT A GRANT WILL BE AVAILABLE, IT IS PROPOSED, TO CONTINUE WITH THE IMPROVEMENTS OF THE LONG POINT FACILITIES".

(c) ANY FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FORESHORE WILL BE DEPENDENT ON FURTHER MONIES BEING AVAILABLE FROM E.S.V GRANT".

REPORT WAS NOTED AND APPROVED.

MR. DEVINE REFERRED TO "THE DALTON PLAN" DRAWN UP IN 1955 REGARDING FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FORESHORE EXTENDING AT THE FAIR GREEN END OF THE LAKE.

MINUTES CONTINUED

AFTER DISCUSSION ON THE MATTER IT WAS AGREED ON
 CHAIRMAN'S PROPOSITION, TO INSPECT THE SITE REFERRED
 TO, ^{after the meeting} FOR THE INFORMATION OF ASST. CO. MANAGER.

THIS WAS AGREED TO.

BORD FAILTE GRANT: READ LETTERS, ADDRESSED TO THE
 CHAIRMAN AND TOWN CLERK, DATED 29/7/'64 FROM CBORD
 IN REPLY TO APPLICATION FOR FREE GRANT FOR
 PROPOSED DEVELOPEMENT OF THE LAKE SHORE, WHICH STATED;
 " WE REGRET THAT BECAUSE OF EXISTING DEMANDS ON OUR
 RESOURCES FOR TOURIST PRIORITIES, WE CANNOT HELP."

Order = NOTED

REPORT OF COMMISSION ON ITINERANCY: READ LETTER
 29/7/'64 FROM MINISTER L.G. ACKNOWLEDGING RESOLUTION
 AND STATING, THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSION ARE
 RECEIVING DETAILED EXAMINATION .

ORDER- NOTED & APPROVED.

TELEPHONE SERVICE: READ LETTER DATED 31/7/'64 FROM
 DEPT. POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS, ACKNOWLEDGING BOARD'S
 COMPLAINT AND STATED " I SHALL COMMUNICATE WITH YOU
 AGAIN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE".

Order = NOTED .

PROPOSED SEWERAGE EXTENSION AT GALWAY ROAD :

ASST. CO. MANAGER INFORMED THE MEETING THAT THE
 CONTRACT DOCUMENTS ARE NOW BEING PREPARED .

THIS WAS NOTED & APPROVED.

(THE CHAIRMAN & MEMBERS EXPRESSED SATISFACTION IN
 HAVING £ 2000 ^{their} TO/CREDIT.)

DEPUTATION, CONSISTING OF 4 TENANTS FROM CUSCARRIC
 RE
 CO.CO. COTTAGES, ~~were received~~/EXTENSION OF SEWERAGE,
 EXTRA LIGHTS, BETTER FOOTPATHS AND PROVISION OF WATER-
 PUMPS , AS THESE MATTERS WERE RESPONSIBILITY OF CO. CO.
 THEY WERE REFERRED TO ASST. CO. MANAGER AND CHAIRMAN,
 FOR ATTENTION.

MINUTES CONT.

MAJOR ROAD . CHAIRMAN INFORMED THE MEETING THAT
 THE MAJOR ROAD FROM SHANNON
 AIR PORT TO THE NORTH OF IRELAND WOULD RUN THROUGH
 LOUGHREA, WHICH WOULD MEAN A ROAD WIDENING-SCHEME
 ON THE GORT ROAD.

ORDER- NOTED AND APPROVED.

CONGRATULATIONS WERE EXTENDED TO THE GALWAY SENIOR
 FOOTBALL TEAM ON THEIR RECENT VICTORY, ON MR. T.R.
 KELLY'S PROPOSITION.

CONGRATULATIONS WERE ^{also} EXTENDED TO THE TOWN CLERK (AND
 HER HUSBAND) ON THEY BEING MADE AFFILIATES OF THE ORDER
 OF DE LA SALLE, (BEING THE PARENTS OF THREE SONS IN THAT
 ORDER)

CLERK THANKED CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS FOR CONGRATULATIONS
 AND KIND REMARKS PASSED.

BOARD'S SYMPATHY WAS PASSED WITH REV. FR. BRUEN, C.C
 BALLINASLOE, MR. LIAM SMYTH, MAIN STREET, AND MRS.
 JOHN JENNINGS ^{Press St.} IN THEIR RECENT BEREVEMENTS.

EXTRACT FROM DAIL DEBATES 2nd JUNE, 1964 : CLERK
 REPORTED THAT SHE SENT VOTE- 23 LOCAL GOVERNMENT
 RECEIVED FROM THE MINISTER LOCAL GOVERNMENT, TO CHAIRMAN
 AND ALL MEMBERS, WHICH WERE DULY ACKNOWLEDGED.

T. O'Callaghan
 28th Sept 64

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING SUMMONED FOR
THE 14th SEPT. 1964, OF THE LOUGHREA TOWN
COMMISSIONERS.

IN THE CHAIR- MR.M. CARTY, T.D., CHAIRMAN.

MEMBERS PRESENT : MESSERS THOMAS BRREKELLY,
John Devine, Dermott Sweeney, Sean Kelly and
Anthony Dervan, N.T.

IN ATTENDANCE- THE TOWN CLERK (Mrs.) H.M. Kiely.

ON THE PROPOSITION OF MR. M. CARTY, CHAIRMAN,
SECONDED BY MR. D. SWEENEY, IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY
AGREED TO ADJOURN ALL BUSINESS OF THE BOARD, AS A
MARK OF RESPECT TO THEIR FORMER CHAIRMAN, MR.
MARTIN O'REGAN, AND FAMILY, MOORE STREET, ON THE
DEATH OF HIS WIFE, AND TO MR. JOHN CORRY, AND RELATIVES,
WHO WAS A FORMER MEMBER OF THE BOARD, ON THE DEATH OF
WIFE .

BOARD'S SYMPATHY WAS ALSO EXTENDED TO MRS. M. SHIELDS
AND FAMILY , CHURCH STREET, ON DEATH OF HER FATHER THE
LATE MICHAEL BEATTY, CHURCH STREET, AND TO THE RELATIVES
OF THE LATE ANNIE RYAN, BARRACK STREET.

ALL BUSINESS OF THE BOARD WAS ADJOURNED TO MONDAY
23th SEPT. 1964 AT 7-30 p.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF ADJOURNED MONTHLY MEETING
OF LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON MONDAY 23th
SEPTEMBER, 1964.

IN THE CHAIR MR. T.R. KELLY, VICE CHAIRMAN.

MEMBERS PRESENT : MESSERS JAMES BARRETT, JOHN DEVINE,
A. DERVAN N.T., AND SEAN KELLY.

IN ATTENDANCE : TOWN CLERK (Mrs.H.M.Kiely)

MEETING OPENED WITH PRAYER.

ON THE PROPOSITION OF MR. T.R.KELLY, ACTING CHAIRMAN,
THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY OBSERVED 4 MINUTES SILENCE AS MARK
OF RESPECT AND EXTENDED SYMPATHY TO THE RELATIVES OF THE
LATE JOHN DONNELLAN, T.D., DUNMORE, WHO WAS FATHER OF
CAPTAIN MICHAEL DONNELLAN, WHO CAPTAINED THE VICTORIOUS
CO.GALWAY GRASA, TEAM , IN THE ALL IRELAND FINAL, MICHAEL
HIGGINS FORMER MEMBER OF G.A.A, JOHN HANAFIN, CO.
REGISTRAR, MAIN STREET, AND PATRICK MCCARTHY, MOORE
STREET,.

CLERK APOLOGISED FOR UNAVOIDABLE ABSENCE OF ASST. COUNTY
MANAGER, CHAIRMAN AND TOWN ENGINEER. WHICH WAS NOTED.

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD 10/3/'64 AND OF ADJOURNED
MEETING SUMMONED FOR 14th SEPT.'64? WERE READ AND SIGNED
AS CORRECT.

RESULT OF TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION 1964 YEAR WHICH SHOWED
A GAIN OF 5 MARKS ON LAST YEAR'S FIGURE WAS READ AND NOTED.
SATISFACTION EXPRESSED AT THE IMPROVEMENT IN MARKING.
THE REPORT STATED THAT "THIS IS A VERY CREDITABLE ENTRY AND
THE INCREASE IN MARKS ARE WELL DESERVED".

AFTER LENGTHY DISCUSSION ON THE MATTER PPT WAS PROPOSED BY
MR.CONLAN, SECONDED BY MR. DEVINE, THAT MEMBERS SUGGESTIONS
FOR FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS ,BE ADJOURNED TO A MEETING WHEN
TOWN ENGINEER WILL BE PRESENT TO DISCUSS THEM.
MOTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED ON THE 22nd 23rd 24th SEPT. AT CONFER
ENCE IN BUNDORAN? COPEES OF WHICH WERE ACKNOWLEDGED BY
ALL MEMBERS, WERE NOTED TO ORDER MADE

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MINUTES CONTINUED.

ORDER) : MESSERS J. DEVINE AND SEAN KELLY TO SUBMIT A
VERBAL REPORT FROM MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE ? AT WHICH THEY WERE
DELEGATES.

READ REPLY FROM SENTINAL PRESS REGARDING PUBLICATION
OF OFFICIAL GUIDE FOR LOUGHREA REGRETTING THEY ARE UNABLE
TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS FOR A NEW EDITION OF THE GUIDE.

ORDER- ADJOUR PENDING REPLY FROM HOME AND OVERSEAS
PUBLISHERS.

COLOURED PHOTO OF TOWN AND LAKE OF LOUGHREA : THERE WAS
A DISCUSSION REGARDING THE PROCURING OF SAME WHEN CLERK
WAS DIRECTED ON MR. DEVINE'S PROPOSITION SECONDED BY MR.
A. DERVAN, TO WRITE BORD FAILTE FOR ADVICE ON THE MATTER.
THIS WAS AGREED TO.

COPY OF MINUTES OF FIRE BRIGADE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN GALWAY SEPT. 1964 WAS ACKNOWLEDGED BY ALL MEMBERS
PRESENT .

NO ORDER MADE.

CONGRATULATIONS WERE EXTENDED, ON ACTING CHAIRMAN'S PROPOSITION
TO THE CO. GALWAY G.A.A., ON WINNING THE ALL IRELAND
F.B. FINAL AGAINST KERRY.

MR. JOHN DEVINE PROTESTED AGAINST THE HIGH INCREASE IN
CO. RATES AND HANDED IN THE FOLLOWING N.O.M :

" THAT I JOHN DEVINE WILL MOVE AT NEXT MEETING "THAT THIS BOARD
WILL OBJECT TO THE CONTINUING HIGH INCREASES IN COUNTY RATES"

CLERK WAS DIRECTED TO PUT SAME ON AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING.

J. Sweeney
12/10/64

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING
OF LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON MONDAY
12th OCTOBER, 1964.

MEMBERS PRESENT- MESSERS JAMES BARRETT, DERMOTT
SWEENEY, JOSEPH KILBOY, WILLIAM CONLAN AND SEAN
KELLY.

ON THE PROPOSITION OF MR. CONLAN, SECONDED BY MR.
S. KELLY, MR. D. SWEENEY WAS MOVED TO THE CHAIR IN
THE ABSENCE OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN.
MR. SWEENEY THEN TOOK THE CHAIR.

IN ATTENDANCE MR. S. O'NEILL, TOWN ENGINEER AND
TOWN CLERK (Mrs. H.M. Kiely)

TOWN CLERK SUBMITTED APOLOGIES FOR UNAVOIDABLE ABSENCE
OF ASST. COUNTY MANAGER AND CHAIRMAN MR. M. CARTY, T.D.
WHICH WERE NOTED.

MEETING OPENED WITH PRAYER.

MINUTES OF ADJOURNED MONTHLY MEETING HELD 23/9/'64
WERE READ AND SIGNED AS CORRECT.

MR. DEVINE MOVED HIS MOTION DATED 23/9/64 NOTICE OF
WHICH WAS GIVEN ON THE AGENDA "THAT THIS BOARD OBJECT
TO THE CONTINUING HIGH INCREASES IN CO. RATES"
SECONDED BY MR. CONLAN.

MR. DEVINE SUGGESTED THAT AS REPS. OF THE RATEPAYERS,
SEND CIRCULARS TO ALL PUBLIC AUTHORITIES IN IRELAND
PROTESTING AGAINST SUCH INCREASES.
AFTER SOME DISCUSSION ON THE MATTER IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY
AGREED ON PRESIDING CHAIRMAN'S PROPOSITION TO SEND
COPY OF NOTICE OF MOTION AND PROTEST OF THE BOARD
TO THE GALWAY CO. COUNCIL WHO ARE THE RATING AUTHORITY
IN THE MATTER.
THIS WAS AGREED TO.

READ LETTER FROM WESTERN SEABOARDS COUNTIES STATING
THAT THE ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD IN CO. BUILDINGS ON
29/10/'64 AT 3 P.M. THE LETTER POINTED OUT THAT
THE RATE BURDEN ON RATEPAYERS ALONG THE WESTERN SEA-
BOARDS IS INCREASING YEARLY AND SUGGESTED THAT SOME
RATE RELIEF BE GRANTED.

ON THE PROPOSITION OF MR. BARRETT, SECONDED BY MR.
SWEENEY, MESSERS J. DEVINE AND W. CONLAN WERE
SELECTED TO ATTEND MEETING.

RESULT OF TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION WAS FURTHER DISCUSSED
WHEN PRESIDING CHAIRMAN COMPLIMENTED TOWN ENGINEER
AND STAFF ON WORKS CARRIED OUT WHICH HELPED
TO HAVE LOUGHREA "HIGHLY RECOMMENDED" BY ADJUDICATORS,
AND GAINING AN INCREASE IN MARKS.

MR. O'NEILL THANKED THE BOARD FOR REMARKS PASSED.

MR. DEVINE REFERRED TO THE DEMOLISHING OF THE BRIDEWELL
WHEN A DISCUSSION FOLLOWED. MR. CONLAN PROPOSED
AND IT WAS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY THAT COPY OF
ADJUDICATOR'S (REMARKS) REPORT AND MARKS GAINED
BE SENT TO GALWAY CO. COUNCIL, TOWN ENGINEER

MINUTES CONT.

AND I.C.A WITH A VIEW TO HAVING FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS CARRIED OUT FOR THE 1965 COMPETITION.

OFFICIAL GUIDE : ON THE PROPOSITION OF MR. BARRETT SECONDED BY MR SWENEY, CLERK WAS DIRECTED TO COMMUNICATE WITH MR. NOLAN, REPS. FOR Kerryman Printers, WITH A VIEW TO FINDING OUT IF HE WAS PREPARED TO PROVIDE AN UP TO DATE GUIDE FOR TOWN OF LOUGHREA.

ORDER- ADJOURN PENDING REPLY.

MR. BARRETT REFERRED TO DELAY IN THE ERECTION OF HOUSES IN THE TOWN, AFTER SOME DISCUSSION ON THE MATTER IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO CONTACT CHAIRMAN MR. MICHAEL CARTY, T.D., AND PALWAY CO. COUNCIL, WITH A VIEW TO EXPEDITING THE ERECTION OF SAID HOUSES.

MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE- MESSERS J. DEVINE AND SEAN KELLY REPORTED THAT THEY ATTENDED THE CONFERENCE IN BUNDORAN ON THE 22/24th AS REPS. OF THE BOARD. THE ONLY BUSINESS THERE CONCERNING TOWN COMMISSIONERS WAS THE DEVELOPEMENT OF AMENITY SCHEMES, WHICH SCHEMES WOULD BE DEVELOPED to the satisfaction of Local Authorities -

ORDER NOTED.

MR. DEVINE INQUIRED IF THERE WAS ANY REPORT SUBMITTED FOR MEETING RE COSMONA SEWERAGE, WHEN CLERK REPLIED IN THE NEGATIVE.

ORDER - NOTED.

CLERK WAS DIRECTED TO SEND REMINDER TO BOARD OF HEALTH REGARDING EXTRA LIGHTS REQUIRED AND POINT OUT THAT THE LIGHT ON MOUNT CARMEL ROAD IS URGENTLY NEEDED.

TOWN ENGINEER REPORTED THAT THERE WILL BE MORE PLANTING OF TREES AND SHRUBS THIS YEAR, WHICH WAS NOTED AND APPROVED.

BOARD'S SYMPATHY WAS EXTENDED TO THE RELATIVES OF THE LATE WILLIAM REILLY, TEMPERANCE HALL.

R. O'Callaghan
9/11/64

LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 9th NOVEMBER, 1964.

IN THE CHAIR- MR. T.R.KELLY, VICE CHAIRMAN.

MEMBERS PRESENT- MESSRS JAMES BARRETT, WILLIAM CONLAN
JOSEPH KILBOY, JOHN DEVINE AND SEAN KELLY.

IN ATTENDANCE- MR. S. O'NEILL, TOWN ENGINEER and
TOWN CLERK (Mrs.H.M.Kiely)

CLERK APOLOGISED FOR ASST. CO. MANAGER'S UNAVOIDABLE
ABSENCE FROM MEETING, WHICH WAS NOTED.

MEETING OPENED WITH PRAYER.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 12/10/'64 WERE READ AND
SIGNED AS CORRECT.

ROAD SAFETY - COPY OF LETTER FROM DEPT L.G. REGARDING
THE ~~ROADS~~ "ROAD SAFETY FORTNIGHT" COMMENCING ON
DEC. 4th, 1964, WAS DISCUSSED, WHEN IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY
AGREED TO GIVE THE CAMPAIGNE EVERY ASSISTANCE AND CO-
OPERATION.

A COMMITTEE OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD WAS FORMED ON
MR. BARRETT'S PROPOSITION, SECONDED BY MR. DEVINE, AND
IT WAS DECIDED TO HOLD A MEETING ON THE 30th Nov.

at 7-30 P.M. IN THE TEMP. HALL WITH REPS. FROM ALL LOCAL
ORGANISATIONS. SUPT. OF THE GARDAI TO BE INVITED TO
ATTEND AND HAVE A TALK GIVEN ON "ROAD SAFETY".
CLERK INFORMED THE MEETING THAT A "ROAD SAFETY" FILM
WILL BE SHOWN IN THE TOWN HALL FOR FORTNIGHT COMMENCING
4TH DEC, 1964.

INCREASING RATES- READ ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RESOLUTION
FROM SEC. CO. CO. STATING THAT SAME WILL BE CONSIDERED
AT NOV. MEETING.

ORDER - NOTED.

FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF RESULT OF TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION-
LETTER FROM COMDT. J. RYAN F.C.A. WAS READ, STATING
THAT THE F.C.A WERE PREPARED TO GIVE EVERY ASSISTANCE
AND CO-OPERATION IN THE TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION ETC..

ORDER- NOTED.

EXTRA STREET LIGHTING- CLERK WAS DIRECTED TO SEND
REMINDER TO GALWAY BOARD OF HEALTH RE SAME & REQUEST
THAT LAMP-BULBS BE REPLACED, WHEN BLOWN OUT, AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE.

THE DESTRUCTION TO ORNAMENTAL SHRUBS, PLANTS AND
TREES IN THE TOWN WAS STRONGLY CONDEMNED BY THE BOARD.

A RECOMMENDATION FOR THE TARMACADING OF THE LOUGH
MOUNT IN THE WALKS GROUND, WAS REFERRED TO TOWN ENGINEER
ON MR. DEVINE'S SUGGESTION; ALSO PART OF THE ABBEY
WALKS.
TOWN ENGINEER STATED THAT ITS THE OPINION OF THE

MINUTES CONT.

CO.COUNCIL THAT THIS PART OF THE "WALKS" IS
WITHIN THE PROPERTY OF THE ABBEY FATHERS.

PARKING OF CARS - MR. CONLAN REFERRED TO PARKING
OF CARS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE MAIN STREET AND SUGGESTED
THAT A CAR PARK BE PROVIDED ON THE SITE OF THE BRIDEWELL
MR. BARRETT AGREEING WITH THE NECESSITY FOR CAR PARK
IN THE TOWN SUGGESTED THAT THE SITE AT "RYAN'S HOTEL"
BE DEVELOPED.
TOWN ENGINEER STATED THAT THE PROVISION OF ROADS & CAR
PARK WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE TOWN PLANNING.
NO ORDER MADE.

MASS FOR DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD: ON THE
SUGGESTION OF MR. J. DEVINE IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY DECIDED
THAT EACH MEMBER CONTRIBUTE 10/- EACH TOWARDS SAME
WHEN THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PAID 10/- EACH:
MESSRS JOHN DEVINE, THOMAS R. KELLY, DERMOTT SWENNEY,
JAMES BARRETT, JOSEPH KILBOY AND SEAN KELLY.

CLERK WAS DIRECTED TO INTERVIEW REV.FR. O'CALLAGHAN ADM.,
ON THE MATTER.

"BUY IRISH" CAMPAIGNE- MR. T.R.KELLY PROPOSED
SECONDED BY MR. DEVINE, THAT ALL PERSONS ESPECIALLY
SHOPKEEPERS TO BUY IRISH GOODS AND HELP THE CAMPAIGNE;
THIS WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY THE BOARD.

FREE UNIVERSITY EDUCATION: MR. BARRETT REFERRED TO THE
NECESSITY FOR FREE UNIVERSITY EDUCATION FOR BRILLIANT
CHILDREN WHO COULD NOT AFFORD TO PAY, WHEN THERE WAS
A LENGTHY DISCUSSION ON SAME.

NO ORDER MADE.

Letters of thanks were submitted from the Corry
family, and relatives, Barrack Street, and the Donnellan
family, Dunmore, for votes of sympathy passed.

Board's sympathy was extended to the Tierney family
Masonbrook, in their berevement.

Provision of Shelter Belts: at Bathing Place near
the Long Point was suggested by Mr. T.R.Kelly, who
was prepared to supply the seedlings free for the
Plantation.

The Matter was referred to Town Engineer.

WESTERN SEA BOARDS COUNTIES- MR. DEVINE REPORTED THAT HE ATTENDED
MEETING IN GALWAY RE SAME ^{and} A COMMITTEE WAS APPOINTED TO MEET
THE MINISTER IN DECEMBER 1964

ORDER- NOTED.

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14/12/64.

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Now that the Report of the Commission on the Restoration of the Irish Language is available, we call on the Government to implement a positive policy which will extend the use of the national language in all spheres of Irish life; we urge all bodies throughout the country to cooperate in bringing Irish into more general use; we pledge the support of our own body to the cause of restoring the language.

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LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

LIST OF STREET NAMES IN LOUGHREA.

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|--|--------------------------|
| BRIDE STREET | BARRACK STREET |
| MAIN " | CASTLE STREET |
| MOP HILL | KINGS " |
| DUNKELLIN STREET | CHURCH " |
| GALWAY ROAD | PIGGOTS " |
| ATHENRY ROAD | MOORE " |
| NUNNERY LANE DOLPHIN STREET | CROSS " |
| DOLPHIN STREET | WOODFORD ROAD (Lakeside) |
| ABBEY STREET | |
| STATION ROAD | |
| THE HILL | |

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGNE MEETING HELD IN THE TEMP. HALL ON THE 30th NOV. '64

at 7-30 p.m.

In attendance - Rev. Fr. M.H.O'Callaghan, Adm., Rev. Bro. Nicholas-Principal Boy's National School & Director, De La Salle, Supt. T.F. Brennan, Gardai; Rev. Bro. Boniface Reps. Anglers Association and Gun Club. Mrs. J.P. McHoin Reps. I.C.A., Mr. J.P. Smyth, Reps. Show Society Mr. T. Waldron, Macra na Feirme, and Members of the Town Commissioners Messers. Dermott Sweeney, Joseph Kilboy and William Conlan.

~~Town Clerk informed the~~

Meeting opened with prayer.

On the Proposition of Mr. D. Sweeney, T.C., Rev. Brother Nicholas was moved to the Chair.

Discussions took place as to best ways and means to cooperate and assist in the "Road Safety Campaign" when it was unanimously agreed as follows:

1. The showing of Road Safety Film in Town Hall during the "Road Safety Fortnight" commencing 4th Dec. 1964, with 3 Special Free Matinees for Children.
2. Announcements to be made in all Churches on Sundays for Road Safety.
3. Leaflets & Literature to be distributed to all schools for distribution when received from L.G. Dept.
4. A Member of the Gardai to give a talk on the importance of Road Safety in all the schools, within the Township.
5. Garage Owners to be requested to give free-service checks to Vehicles during the fortnight.
6. "Stop signs" and "White Lines" on Roadway at junction of each street (especially Main St., & Barrack St.,) were recommended and suggested that the matter be referred to Town Engineer for consideration.
7. Obstructions on Roads and Footpaths for indefinite periods was discussed and referred to Mr. Conlan, for consideration at meeting of Town Commissioners.

*1 to Conlan
14/12/64*

MINUTES OF PROCEEDING OF MONTHLY MEETING OF THE LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON IN THE TEMPERANCE HALL, ON MONDAY 14th DEC. 1964.

In the Chair: Mr. T.R. Kelly, Vice Chairman in absence of Chairman.

Members present: Messers James Barrett, William Conlan, Anthony Dervan, Dermott Sweeney, John Devine, Joseph Kilboy, & Sean Kelly.

In attendance: Christopher Walsh Esq., Asst. Co. Manager Sean O'Neill Esq., Town Engineer and Town Clerk (Mrs.) H.M. Kiely.

Meeting opened with prayer.

Minutes of monthly meeting held 9/11/'64 and special meeting re Road Safety Campaign held 30/11/'64 were read and signed as correct.

Annual Mass: Clerk reported that mass for deceased members of the Board was celebrated in the Cathedral on 26/11/'64 and that Rev. Fr. O'Callaghan Adm., expressed great satisfaction at Board's action in this respect.

Noted.

White Paper Housing-progress & Prospects received from L.G. Dept., and distributed to the Board 12/11/'64 was acknowledged by each member.

Rising Rates: The following letter dated 2/12/'64 signed by Secretary, Galway Co. Council, was read- "I wish to inform you that this Council, while sympathising with the Town Commissioners, express the view that it is not possible in present circumstances to prevent an increase in the County Rates". Mr. J. Devine spoke at length regarding this matter and stated he would continue to protest against the present trend to increase the Rates. Messers A. Dervan & Vice Chairman agreed with Mr. Devine's remarks. Asst. Co. manager informed the meeting that all Councils statutory functions must be carried out even though it involved extra expenditure.

No order made.

"Buy Irish Campaign": Read circular dated 27/11/'64 from L.G. Dept. urging local authorities to support the Campaign for the duration of the British imports surcharge. After discussion on the matter the Board unanimously agreed to give the Campaign every support.

Resolution from Mallow U.D.C dated 10/11/'64 in favour of the "buy Irish Campaign" was unanimously adopted.

Galway Harbour Development Scheme: Resolution from Galway Corporation dated 1/12/'64 was read as follows: That we, are gravely concerned over the unfinished condition in which the Galway Harbour Development Scheme 1960 is leaving the port of Galway and consider that full pressure should be brought to bear on the Minister for Transport and Power, for additional grant necessary". After lengthy discussion on the matter the resolution was adopted on the proposition of Vice Chairman.

Pen Rail Obstructions: Mr. Conlan referred to the danger of leaving Pen Rails on sidewalks for indefinite periods before and after Fairs which were considered a danger to the public.

After discussion on the matter Asst. Co. Manager stated that such practices will be subject to licence when the new Planning Act comes into force and he, Asst. Co. Manager, said he would look into the Legal Position of the matter.

Order Noted and Approved.

Narrow Footpaths: Mr. Sweeney referred to planting of Trees on footpath at Abbey Terrace houses which was considered too narrow for same.

After discussion it was unanimously ~~agreed~~ that such Ornamental Trees and Shrubs be planted inside the walls in front of houses, in future.

Mr. T.R. Kelly drew attention to the footpath at Mount pleasant being too narrow for pedestrians to walk on. These matters were referred to Town Engineer for attention

The provision of White lines and Stop signs at dangerous junctions especially on roads leading to and from Barrack street also the dangers connected with footpath leading from Church St., into Main Street, were discussed and referred to Town Engineer for his observations.

Delay in erection of houses by Co. Co., was referred to, when Asst. Co. Manager stated that negotiations were going ahead ~~on~~ satisfactory with owners of sites.

Order-Noted and Approved.

It was agreed that Tarmacadam of Walks be deferred to next financial year.

Dangerous Building- Mr. Kilboy referred to vacant premises in Main St. known as "Ryan's Hotel" and stated it was a danger to the general public.

The matter was referred to Town Engineer for listing.

Cosmona Sewerage Scheme: Mr. Conlan informed the meeting that he received a letter from l.g. dept. stating that Cosmona Sewerage Scheme had been sanctioned - the matter was referred to Asst. Co. Manager.

Order- noted and Approved.

Board's sympathy was extended to Mr. & Mrs. W. MacDonnell, Moore Street, Loughrea, on the tragic death of their son in Dublin.

R. O'Leary
11/1/68

LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF THE
LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON MONDAY THE
11th JANUARY 1965.

IN THE CHAIR: MR. T.R.KELLY, VICE-CHAIRMAN, IN THE ABSENCE
OF THE CHAIRMAN.
MEMBERS PRESENT- MESSERS JOSEPH KILBOY, JOHN DEVINE AND
SEAN KELLY.

IN ATTENDANCE C. WALSH ESQ., ASST. COUNTY MANAGER AND
THE TOWN CLERK (Mrs.H.M.Kiely)

MEETING OPENED WITH PRAYER.

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD 14/12/'64 WAS READ AND
SIGNED AS CORRECT.

'BUY IRISH CAMPAIGN' READ CIRCULAR FROM L.G.DEPT.
THANKING ALL LOCAL AUTHORITIES FOR SUPPORTING THE CAMPAIGN.
ORDER- NOTED.

'BRITISH IMPORTS LEVY' MR. DEVINE REFERRED TO THE LEVY
OF 15% ON IMPORTS FROM BRITAIN, AND PROPOSED THAT THIS
BOARD CALL ON THE GOVERNMENT TO IMPOSE A 15% LEVY.
PRESIDING CHAIRMAN SAID HE WAS NOT IN AGREEMENT WITH THE
PROPOSITION, SEEING, THAT IT WAS ONLY A TEMPORARILY LEVY
IMPOSED.
THERE WAS NO SECONDER TO MR. DEVINE'S PROPOSITION, WHEN THE
MATTER DROPPED.

ALL NIGHT STREET-LIGHTING UNTIL DAY-BREAK DURING FAIRS,
The need for WAS REFERRED TO BY MR. DEVINE, & REFERRED FURTHER TO
ASST. CO. MANAGER.
STREET LIGHTING: PRESIDING CHAIRMAN INFORMED THE MEETING
THAT A STREET-LIGHT WAS REQUIRED OPPOSITE THE CHURCH, IN
CHURCH STREET, AS THIS AREA WAS LEFT IN DARKNESS, AND WAS, AS A
RESULT, BEING MISUSED.

AFTER DISCUSSION ON THE MATTER IT WAS PROPOSED BY MR.
DEVINE, SECONDED BY PRESIDING CHAIRMAN, THAT A RECOMMENDATION
BE SENT TO GALWAY CO.COUNCIL TO HAVE AN ALL-NIGHT PILOT
LIGHT ERECTED AT THE CORNER OF THE TOWN HALL, TO REMEDY
THE MATTER, AND ALSO HELP TO DEFER ANY VANDALISM. AFTER
DANCES.

ORDER SEND BOARD'S RECOMMENDATION TO CO.COUNCIL. TO HAVE
PILOT LIGHT ERECTED.

ROYAL VISIT TO IRELAND : MR. DEVINE REFERRED TO RECENT
VISIT OF PRINCESS MARGARET AND HER HUSBAND, LORD SNOWDON,
AND PROPOSED THAT " THIS BOARD AS A PUBLIC BODY,
PROTEST AGAINST THE VANDALISM THAT OCCURRED DURING THEIR
VISIT".

MR. DEVINE REFERRED TO "SINN FEIN AND GAELIC LEAGUE", TO
WHICH, PRESIDING CHAIRMAN TOOK EXCEPTION, (TO) HE BEING A
MEMBER OF THE "GAELIC LEAGUE."

AFTER HEATED DISCUSSION WITH MR. DEVINE ON THE MATTER, MR.
T.R.KELLY VACATED THE CHAIR, AND LEFT THE MEETING IN PROTEST.

MR. KILBOY ALSO LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT. THE
MEETING THEN ENDED, THERE BEING NO QUORUM PRESENT TO
TRANSACT THE BUSINESS OF THE BOARD.

W. Kelly
8/2/65

LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF ESTIMATE MEETING OF THE
LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR
ENDING 31st MARCH, 1966, HELD ON WEDNESDAY THE 24th
JANUARY, 1965.

IN THE CHAIR- MR. MICHAEL CARTY, T.D., CHAIRMAN.

MEMBERS PRESENT- MESSERS JAMES BARRETT, JOSEPH KILBOY
AND SEAN KELLY.

IN ATTENDANCE- MESSERS C.WALSH ASST. COUNTY MANAGER,
AND S.O'NEILL, TOWN ENGINEER, AND TOWN CLERK
(MRS.H.M.KIELLY)

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES : SUBMITTED ESTIMATE AND DETAILS
OF EXPENSES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1966,
DRAWN UP BY ASST.CO. MANAGER, COPIES OF WHICH WERE CIRCULATED
TO EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD AND TOWN ENGINEER, ACCORDING
TO SECTION 10 OF THE CO. MANAGERS (AMENDMENT) ACT 1955.
PUBLIC NOTICE WAS GIVEN ON CONNAGHT TRIBUNE 16th JAN. 1965,

EXPENDITURE AMOUNTED TO £4694 HOUSING AND £639 GENERAL
EXPENSES. RECEIPTS SHOWING £4470 HOUSING, AND £107
GENERAL RECEIPTS.

ASST. CO. MANAGER EXPLAINED THAT ESTIMATE PRESENTED WOULD
REQUIRE A TOWN RATE OF 2/7d IN THE £ BUT TAKING A CREDIT
BALANCE OF £300 INTO ACCOUNT A CHARGE OF 1/3d IN THE £
WILL MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE BOARD.
ON THE PROPOSITION OF CHAIRMAN SECONDED BY MR. SEAN KELLY
THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED THE ESTIMATE SET OUT ON
TABLES A B AND C AND DID FURTHER PROPOSE THAT THE
SUM OF £4550 TO BE THE SUM, TO BE DEMANDED FROM GALWAY COUNTY
COUNCIL FOR FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31/3/1966.

CERTIFICATE AND DEMAND WERE SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN AND
TOWN CLERK.

CHAIRMAN COMPLEMENTED THE ASST. COUNTY MANAGER, AND OFFICIALS
ON PREPARATION OF ESTIMATE AND THE SATISFACTORY POSITION
OF THE BOARD.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS FOR LAKE-SIDE PROMENADE WAS REFERRED TO
BY MR. BARRETT - THE MATTER WAS REFERRED TO CHAIRMAN FOR
ATTENTION.

CONGRATULATIONS OF THE BOARD WERE EXTENDED, ON THE PROP.
OF CHAIRMAN, TO MOST REV. DR. CONWAY, ARCHBISHOP OF
ARMAGH, AND PRIMATE OF ALL IRELAND, IN HIS ELEVATION TO
THE SACRED COLLEGE OF CARDINALS .

SYMPATHY OF THE BOARD WAS TENDERED TO THE FAMILY AND
RELATIVES OF THE LATE MRS. JOYNT-HAYES, THE RECTORY,
CROSS STREET, LOUGHREA.

M. Kelly
8/2/65

TABLE C.—CALCULATION OF THE SUM TO BE DEMANDED

	Estimated Expenditure (1)	Estimated Receipts (2)	Net Estimated Expenditure (3)	Estimated Debit Balance (if any) (4)	Estimated Credit Balance (if any) (5)	Amount to be Demanded (6)	Rate in the Pound (7)		
							£	s.	d.
	5332	4544	755		300	2455			

CERTIFICATE

I hereby Certify that at (an adjournment of) the Estimates Meeting of the County of Wick Town Commissioners held this 24th day of JANUARY 1965, the Commissioners did by resolution adopt the estimate of expenses set forth in Tables A. B. and C. and did also by resolution determine in accordance with the said estimate the sum set forth in Column (6) of Table C. to be the Sum to be demanded for the financial year ending on the 31st day of March, 1966:

Dated this 24th day of JANUARY 1965
 Signed M. Kelly Chairman.
 Countersigned A. M. Kelly Town Clerk.

DEMAND

To the Council of the County of Wick
 The County of Wick Town Commissioners hereby transmit to the above-named Council the annexed estimate of expenses and calculation of the sum to be demanded for the ensuing financial year ending on the 31st day of March, 1966. The Commissioners hereby demand that the sum of £455 shall be supplied to them by the said Council.

Dated this 24th day of JANUARY 1965
 Signed M. Kelly Chairman.
 Countersigned A. M. Kelly Town Clerk.

LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR LOCAL FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31st DAY OF MARCH, 1966.

Estimated 1964/'65 year.		Estimate for 1965/'66 year.	
Loan charges (new houses)	£2041	Loan charge (new houses)	£2041.
" " (old houses)	529	" " (old " ")	529.
County Rates	1080	County Rates	1204.
Legal Expenses	820.	Legal Expenses	20.
Painting houses	140.	Painting houses	150.
Repairing "	350.	Repairing "	330.
Rent Collector's Fees	153	Rent Collector's Fees	153.
Audit Fee	9.	Audit Fee	9.
Town Engineer's salary	X 165.	Town Engineer's salary	181.X
Insurances	50.	Insurances	50.
" T.V.	5.	" T.V.	5.
Contingencies	22.	Contingencies	22.
Total	£4564.	Total	£4694.

General A/C.		General A/C.	
Estimated 1964/'65 year.		Estimate for 1965/'66 year.	
Printing stat. & Adv.	£ 40.	Print. Stat. & Adv.	£ 30
Town Engineer's salary (part of)	X 55.	Town Engineer's salary (Part of)	90.X
Town Clerk's "	222.	Town Clerk's "	222.
S.W. Insurance	12.	S.W. Insurance	15.
Garrybreedia Wood	105.	Garrybreedia Wood	90.
Audit Fee	6.	Audit Fee	6.
Rent & Rates	16.	Rent & Rates	33.
Insurance	2.	Insurance	2.
Postage & Phones	10.	Postage & Phone	10.
Legal Costs	10.	Legal Costs	10.
Contingencies	50.	Contingencies	50.
Local Election	-	Local Election	80.
Total	£528.	Total	£ 638.

LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

ESTIMATE OF RECEIPTS FOR THE LOCAL FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1966.

Estimated 1964/'65 year.		Estimated 1965/'66 year	
Housing A/C.		Housing A/C.	
Subsidy new houses:	£ 657.	Subsidy new houses:	£ 657.
" old "	200.	" old "	200.
Rents new "	2518.	Rents new "	3613.
" old "	300.	" old "	
	3318		
Total	£4175.	Total	£4470

Estimated 1964/'65 year:		Estimated 1965/'66 year.	
General A/C.		General A/C.	
Rents: Tennis Club	£ 4.	Rents: Tennis Club	£ 10.
" Grazing field	9.	" Grazing field:	9.
" Quarry "	9.	" Quarry "	9.
" Dumping Ground	20.	" Dumping Ground	20.
Licences: Petrol	2.	Licences: Petrol	2.
" Cinema	1.	" Cinema	1.
Bank Interest	30.	Bank Interest	30.
Bridewell Store	-	Bridewell Store	26.
Total	£75.	Total	£ 104

held receipts £15.44
~~18.22~~
 533.2 ✓
 454.4 ✓
 495.5 ✓
 198.5 ✓

1st 27-7-10 X 20
 10
 501-7-10
 104
 Actual loss 9-1 =

755-

4440
 £4574 ✓

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TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Estimate of Expenses and Demand by the Commissioners of a Town of Rates in the Pound

FOR THE LOCAL FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING ON THE 31st DAY OF MARCH, 19⁶⁶.....

TABLE A.—EXPENDITURE

NATURE OF EXPENDITURE (1)	AMOUNT ESTIMATED	
	Estimated by Manager (2)	Adopted by Commissioners (3)
Housing of the Working Classes	4694 - -	4694 - -
Tourist Development		
School Meals		
Allotment Schemes		
Other Expenses	638 - -	638 - -
TOTALS	£5332 - -	£5332 - -

TABLE B.—RECEIPTS

NATURE OF RECEIPT (1)	AMOUNT ESTIMATED	
	Estimated by Manager (2)	Adopted by Commissioners (3)
Housing of the Working Classes	4470 - -	4470 - -
School Meals		
Allotment Schemes		
Other Receipts	104 - -	104 - -
	£4574 - -	£4574 - -

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF THE LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON MONDAY 3th February 1965.

IN THE CHAIR- MR.T.R. KELLY, VICE CHAIRMAN IN ABSENCE OF CHAIRMAN.

MEMBERS PRESENT- MESSERS JAMES BARRETT, ANTHONY DERVAN, John Devine and Joseph Kilboy.

IN ATTENDANCE- C. WALSH ESQ., Asst. COUNTY MANAGER AND TOWN CLERK (Mrs.) H.M.KIEELY

MEETING OPENED WITH PRAYER.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON THE 11/1/1965 and 23/1/'65 WERE READ AND SIGNED AS CORRECT.

OBSTRUCTION CAUSED BY PEN-RAILS ON FOOTPATHS : CONSIDERATION OF SAME WAS FURTHER ADJOURNED PENDING ASST. CO. MANAGER'S INTERVIEW WITH ASST. CO. ENGINEER RE SAME.

DEVELOPEMENT OF FAIR GREEN : IN REPLY TO QUERY REGARDING DELAY IN HAVING DEVELOPEMENT CARRIED OUT ASST. CO. MANAGER STATED THAT PRIVATE INTERPRISE WAS CONSIDERING A LIVE STOCK MART, AND THE DEVELOPEMENT OF FAIR GREEN WOULD HAVE TO BE RECONSIDERED. A DISGUSSION TOOK PLACE *re: regarding provision of Mart's development of S. Green* NO ORDER MADE.

N.O.M SUBMITTED BY MR. T.R.KELLY DATED 22/1/'65 as follows: THAT I OR SOME MEMBER ON MY BEHALF WILL MOVE AT NEXT MEETING OF THE TOWN COMMISSIONERS THAT THE MEMBERS OF THIS BOARD CONDEMN THE EXORBITANT AND INCONSISTANT INCREASE IN WATER-RENT WITHIN THE TOWN BOUNDARY, IMPOSED BY THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL, AND REQUEST THE MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO INTERVENE IN THE MATTER, WITH A VIEW TO HAVING THE POSITION RECTIFIED. MR. KELLY MOVED HIS MOTION WHICH WAS SECONDED BY MR. DEVINE AND UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED. ASST. CO. MANAGER STATED THE REASONS FOR INCREASED COST AND INFORMED THE BOARD IT WAS NOT A FUNCTION OF TOWN COMMISSIONERS THE MEMBERS WERE NOT IN AGREEMENT WITH ASST. CO. MANAGER'S REMARKS AND DIRECTED THAT THE ADOPTED RESOLUTION BE FORWARDED AS DIRECTED TO THE MINISTER L.P. AND COPIES TO BALLINASLOE URBAN COUNCIL AND TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

SUBMITTED CORRESPONDENCE AND ENTRY FORM FROM BORD FAILLTE, EIREANN, FOR TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION 1965 YEAR. ON THE PROPOSITION OF MR. DERVAN SECONDED BY ACTING CHAIRMAN THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO ENTER FOR THE COMPETITION 1965 YEAR, WHEN ENTRY FORM WAS COMPLETED AND SIGNED BY ACT. CHAIRMAN.

BRIDEWELL. THE DEMOLISHING OF BRIDEWELL WAS RECOMMENDED BY THE MEMBERS TO ASST. CO. MANAGER WITH A VIEW TO GAINING MORE MARKS IN THE TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION.

ITINERANT CAMP SITE : ASST. CO. MANAGER INFORMED THE MEETING THAT THE REQUIRED 2 ACRES - SITE FOR CAMP NEAR LOUGHREA HAD NOT YET BEEN PROCURED. AFTER DISCUSSION ON THE MATTER ACTING CHAIRMAN MR. T.R. KELLY, SUGGESTED, PART OF THE BALLYDUFFYAN ESTATE SITUATED 3 MILES FROM THE TOWN, AS A SUITABLE SITE FOR CAMP. THE MATTER WAS REFERRED TO ASST. CO. MANAGER.

ERECTION OF CO. COUNCIL 15 HOUSES WAS DISCUSSED. ASST. CO. MANAGER STATED THAT 2 SITES HAD BEEN INSPECTED BY CO. ENGINEER AND THE MATTER WAS BEING EXPEDITED. ORDER- NOTED.

MINUTES CONT.

REVISION OF HOUSING LIST WAS RECOMMENDED, ON MR. KILBOY'S PROPOSITION, AND REFERRED TO ASST. COUNTY MANAGER FOR ATTENTION TO BRING THE LIST UP TO DATE. IN REPLY TO ACTING CHAIRMAN, CLERK STATED THAT NO. 14 HOUSE MOUNT CARMEL CRESCENT, WAS TO BE VACATED ON THE 19th Feby. 1965. NOTED.

BOARDS SYMPATHY ON THE PROPOSITION OF ACT. CHAIRMAN WAS EXTENDED TO MR. FRANCIS DEVINE AND RELATIVES, BARRACK STREET, ON THE DEATH OF HIS WIFE AND TO THE RELATIVES OF THE LATE JOHN MILMOE GALWAY ROAD AND MISS PILCHRIST, CAHER, LOUGHREA.

SUBMITTED COPY MINUTES OF CO. CO. FIRE BRIGADES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 14/12/'64 IN GALWAY WHICH WAS PERUSED AND NOTED.

A. Kelly
8/3/65

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LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF THE LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS' MEETING HELD ON THE 3/3/1965.

Members present- MESSERS JOSEPH KILBOY, WILLIAM CONLAN, JOHN DEVINE, DERMOTT SWEENEY, SEAN KELLY AND SUBSEQUENTLY MR. THOMAS R. KELLY, VICE-CHAIRMAN.

IN ATTENDANCE - THE TOWN ENGINEER (MR.S. O'NEILL) AND THE TOWN CLERK (Mrs.H.M.Kiely.)

IN THE CHAIR- MR. D.SWEENEY WAS MOVED TO THE CHAIR, ON THE PROPOSITION OF MR. KILBOY, SECONDED BY MR DEVINE, IN THE ABSENCE OF CHAIRMAN AND VICECHAIRMAN.

MEETING OPENED WITH PRAYER. Mr.A. Dervan, N.T, Hon. Secretary Town Association, apologised for non-heating of Board-room, due to break down of boilers. Noted. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING HELD 3/2/1965 WERE READ AND SIGNED AS CORRECT.

N.O.M SIGNED BY CHAIRMAN MR. M. CARTY, T.D, DATED 10/2/'65, was SUBMITTED AS FOLLOWS-;

" AT NEXT MEETING OF TOWN COMMISSIONERS I OR SOME MEMBER ON MY BEHALF SHALL PROPOSE THAT A PURCHASE SCHEME BE PREPARED FOR ALL TOWN COMMISSIONERS' HOUSES & THAT THE TERMS OF SAME BE CIRCULATED TO TENANTS TO encourage THEM TO BUY OUT THE HOUSES THEY OCCUPY". THE MOTION WAS NOT MOVED.

CLERK INFORMED THE MEMBERS THAT ASST. COUNTY MANAGER RECOMMENDED THAT CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE-PURCHASE SCHEME BE ADJOURNED PENDING THE PASSING OF THE NEW BILL REGARDING SAID PURCHASE SCHEME.

ORDER - NOTED.

CLERK SUBMITTED TERMS & PURCHASE PRICE OF 25 HOUSES BUILT PRIOR TO 1946, WHICH ARE IN OPERATION AS FOLLOWS-

12 HOUSES AT ABBEY TERRACE	-----	£312.
4 " CONVENT SITE	-----	441. (2 sold outright)
9 " ATHENRY ROAD	-----	230.

After discussion on the matter it was unanimously decided to adjourn the consideration of House-Purchase Scheme .

READ LETTER OF THANKS FROM MOST REV. DR. CONWAY, CARDINAL-ELECT, ARA COBLL, ARMAGH, AS FOLLOWS- DATED 5th Feby. 1965.

" Dear Mrs. Kiely,

I am very grateful to the Loughrea Town Commissioners for their very kind message of congratulation s and good wishes.

I am also grateful for your personal good wishes.

Please convey to all concerned my very sincere thanks."

" Yours sincerely " William Conway, Archbishop of Armagh.

CLERK WAS DIRECTED TO PUT ON AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING CONSIDERATION OF TRANSFER TO NEW OFFICE AT FIRE STATION.

INCREASED WATER CHARGES : CLERK STATED THAT MINISTER L.G. DEPT. ACKNOWLEDGED RECEIPT OF RESOLUTION PASSED ON THE 3/2/'65 WHICH WAS HAVING HIS ATTENTION. AND THAT TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS WERE PLACING THE RESOLUTION BEFORE THEIR NEXT MEETING IN MARCH.

There was a lengthy discussion on the increased charges when Mr. Dervan PROPOSED THAT THE MATTER BE ADJOURNED PENDING FURTHER REPLY FROM MINISTER L.G.DEPT. THIS WAS AGREED TO.

THE NECESSITY FOR A CAR-PARK WAS DISCUSSED AT LENGHT WHEN IT WAS RECOMMENDED THAT CAR-PARKING ON ONE SIDE OF THE MAIN STREET BE ADHERRED TO .

THE MATTER WAS REFERRED TO TOWN ENGINEER WHO UNDERTOOK TO INTERVIEW THE SUPT. OF THE GARDA ON THE MATTER.

COMPLAINTS WERE MADE BY SOME OF THE MEMBERS REGARDING INSPECTION OF WATER - TAP LEAKAGES BY WATER-WORKS INSPECTOR,

THE MATTER WAS REFERRED TO TOWN ENGINEER IT BEING CO. CO. FUNCTION.

DELAY IN HAVING THE 15 HOUSES ERECTED BY CO.CO.# WAS DISCUSSED.

CLERK WAS DIRECTED TO PUT ON AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING : Submission OF REVISED LIST OF APPLICANTS FOR HOUSES, ON THE PROPOSITION OF MR. KILBOY , SECONDED BY MR. DERVAN.

MR. DERVAN REFERRED TO ENCAMPMENT OF ITINERANTS AT COSMONA WHICH WAS REFERRED TO TOWN ENGINEER WITH A VIEW TO PREVENTING CARAVANS PARKING AND CAUSING A NUISANCE THERE.

"TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION WAS DISCUSSED--WHEN OWNERS OF BUSINESS PREMISES WERE COMPLIMENTED ON IMPROVEMENTS CARRIED OUT TO THEIR PREMISES.

Town ENGINEER STATED MORE FLOWERING-TREES AND SHRUBS WERE BEING PLANTED - RAILINGS AT GARRYBREEDIA WOOD WERE BEING EXTENDED- AND DERELICT SIGHTS IN THE TOWN WERE HAVING ATTENTION .. TOWN ENGINEER UNDERTOOK TO GO INTO THE QUESTION OF ADDITIONAL LIGHTS AND THE PROVISION OF A PILOT-LAMP OUTSIDE THE FIRE-STATION, ALSO THE SIGNPOSTING AT JUNCTION OF WEST BRIDGE.

MR. DERVAN RECOMMENDED TO TOWN ENGINEER THE REMOVING OF ONE FOOT OFF PATH AT CHURCH STREET LEADING INTO BARRACK STREET AND FROM BOYS SCHOOL PATH LEADING INTO MAIN STREET- TO HELP EASE THE TRAFFIC PROBLEM AT THESE CORNERS.

TOWN ENGINEER UNDERTOOK TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER.

PROVISION OF FOOT-PATHS AT CUSCARRIC & GARDENDENNY WAS RECOMMENDED BY MR. DEVINE .(ASST. CO. ENGINEER) TOWN ENGINEER THAT THIS WORK WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE ROAD WIDENING SCHEMES.

NOTED AND APPROVED.

BOARD'S SYMPATHY WAS EXTENDED TO THE SWEENEY & MACHNERNEY

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FAMILIES ON DEATH OF THEIR SISTER MRS. FLORENCE RYAN, MRS. JOHN DEELY AND FAMILY, WHITE MILLS, ON DEATH OF HER HUSBAND, THE KING FAMILY, BRIDE STREET, ON DEATH OF THEIR MOTHER, THE LATE MRS. M.J. KING, AND WITH THE HOLLAND AND DAN FAMILIES, COSMONA, IN THEIR BEREVEMENTS.

*7.00 o'clock
12/11/65*

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF THE LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 1th April, 1965. in the TEMPERANCE HALL.

MEMBERS PRESENT WERE JAMES BARRETT, WILLIAM CONLAN, DERMOTT SWEENEY, JOHN DEVINE AND JOSEPH KILBOY.

IN THE CHAIR- MR. DERMOTT SWEENEY AND SUBSEQUENTLY MR. T.R. KELLY, VICE CHAIRMAN, IN THE ABSENCE OF THE CHAIRMAN.

IN ATTENDANCE : MR. S. O'NEILL, TOWN ENGINEER AND TOWN CLERK (Mrs. H.M. Kiely)

MEETING OPENED WITH PRAYER.

CLERK APOLOGISED FOR THE UNAVOIDABLE ABSENCE OF ASST. COUNTY MANAGER, AND STATED THAT HE, MR. WALSH, WISHED THE MEMBERS TO ADJOURN CONSIDERATIONS OF LIST OF APPLICANTS FOR HOUSES AND MR. BARRETT'S N.O.M DATED 26/3/'65, REFERRING TO TRANSFER OF BOARD'S OFFICE TO FIRE STATION, UNTIL HE WOULD BE PRESENT AT NEXT MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD. MR. BARRETT AGREED TO CONSENT TO ASST. CO. MANAGER'S REQUEST.

WAITING LIST FOR HOUSES- CLERK SUBMITTED COPY OF ADVERTIS-
MENT WHICH APPEARED ON CONNAGHT TRIBUNE 9/3/'65,
INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR TOWN COMMISSIONERS HOUSES .
AFTER DISCUSSION ON THE MATTER IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY DECIDED
TO ADJOURN THE MATTER TO NEXT MONTHLY MEETING WHEN
THE REVISED LIST WOULD BE AVAILABLE .

FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS IN THE TOWN WERE REFERRED TO BY
MR. CONLAN - WHEN TOWN ENGINEER REPORTED THAT EXTENSION
OF RAILINGS & FURTHER DEVELOPMENT WORK AT "GARRYBREEDIA
WOOD" AND THE PROVISION OF METAL SURROUNDS FOR ORNAMENTAL-
TREES, WILL BE UNDERTAKING^{SOON} ALSO THAT NEW ROAD-SIGNS
FOR THE TOWN WERE BEING PROVIDED BY BORD FAILTE, EIREANN.

ORDER- NOTED AND APPROVED.

ERECTION OF 15 HOUSES BY CO. COUNCIL WAS REFERRED TO BY
MR. BARRETT, AND ADJOURNED TO NEXT MONTHLY MEETING .

ABOLITION OF THE BOARD WAS SUGGESTED BY MR. DEVINE,
UNLESS SOME PROGRESS CAN BE ACHIEVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSIONERS
IN THE WORKS OF IMPROVEMENTS, HE STATED.

A DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE. WHEN

MESSERS D. SWEENEY AND T.R. KELLY DID NOT AGREE WITH
MR. DEVINE'S REMARKS.

NO ORDER MADE .

INCREASED WATER CHARGES - READ LETTER DATED 12/3/'65 FROM
L.G. DEPT. AS FOLLOWS-
" I AM DIRECTED BY MINISTER FOR L.G. TO REFER FURTHER TO YOUR
LETTER OF 10/2/'65 REFERRING TO PAYMENT OF WATER-CHARGES
AND TO STATE THAT THE MATTER IS ONE FOR THE SANITARY
AUTHORITY CONCERNED I.E. GALWAY CO.CO., AND THE MINISTER

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HAS NO POWER TO INTERVENE . I AM TO ADD THAT THE TERMS OF RESOLUTION HAVE BEEN CONVEYED TO THE SANITARY AUTHORITY FOR ANY ACTION THEY MAY CONSIDER NECESSARY."

READ ACKNOWLEDGEMENT DATED 15/3/'65 FROM TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS OF BOARD'S RESOLUTION RE WATER CHARGES AND OUTLINING ACTION TAKEN BY THEIR BOARD.

ANY INJURY A LENGTHY DISCUSSION FOLLOWED WHEN MR. DEVINE PROPOSED THAT LEGAL ADVICE BE GOT AS TO WHO WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT MAY BE CAUSED TO HEALTH, DUE TO BAD SANITATION IF WATER IS CUT OFF.

MR. KILBOY PROPOSED THAT CO.COUNCIL BE ASKED "ARE PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR WATER-CHARGES WHERE NO WATER IS INSTALLED." TOWN ENGINEER INFORMED THE MEMBERS THAT DUE NOTICE IS SERVED ON PERSONS CONCERNED, BY THE OFFICIAL, BEFORE WATER IS CUT OFF .

ORDER- NOTED.

THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY CONDEMNED THE INCREASED WATER-CHARGES MADE BY THE CO.COUNCIL.

"COW PARK" A DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE RE GRAZING OF "COW-PARK" WHEN MR. DEVINE PROPOSED, SECONDED BY MR. T.R. KELLY, THAT CLERK WRITE TO SECRETARY WITH A VIEW TO CALLING A MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES TO DISCUSS THE MATTER .

THIS WAS AGREED TO.

X EXTENSION OF LIGHTS AND ERECTION OF ALL NIGHT PILOT LIGHTS WAS REFERRED TO BY MR. SWEENEY WHEN TOWN ENGINEER REPORTED THAT THE MATTER WAS BEING CONSIDERED BY THE CO. COUNCIL.

ORDER- NOTED & APPROVED.

LOCAL ELECTIONS - READ NOTICE DATED 13/3/65, P. 201/16. L.F.7 STATING THAT ELECTIONS OF MEMBERS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES WILL NOT TAKE PLACE NEXT JUNE -AN ORDER WILL BE MADE FIXING A DATE LATER IN THE PRESENT YEAR.

ORDER - NOTED.

BOARD'S SYMPATHY WAS EXTENDED TO THE RELATIVES OF THE LATE MRS. M.A.COYNE, CONVENT LODGE, AND MR. J.P.GREENE, SUNDRIVE AVE. & ATHENRY RD. IN THEIR BEREVEMENTS. AND WITH MR. P.NOLAN, N.T., MAIN ST., ON THE DEATH OF HIS MOTHER.

LETTERS OF THANKS FOR VOTES OF SYMPATHY PASSED WERE READ FROM MR. M.J. MURPHY AND FAMILY, KNOCKINAMA; AND FROM MRS.M. DEELY & FAMILY, WHITE MILLS, LOUGHREA.

M. J. Murphy
10/5/65

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF THE
LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON MONDAY THE
10/5/'65. IN THE TEMPERANCE HALL.

IN THE CHAIR- MR. T.R.KELLY, VICE CHAIRMAN IN ABSENCE
OF THE CHAIRMAN.

MEMBERS PRESENT- MESSERS JAMES BARRETT, DERMOTT SWEENEY
JOSEPH KILBOY, WILLIAM CONLAN, JOHN DEVINE AND
SEAN KELLY.

IN ATTENDANCE : Mr. C.WALSH, ASST. CO. MANAGER, MR. S. O'NEILL
TOWN ENGINEER AND THE TOWN CLERK (Mrs.H.M.Kiely)

MEETING OPENED WITH PRAYER.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING HELD 12/4/'65 WERE READ AND
SIGNED AS CORRECT.

Before reaching the Agenda Mr. Dermott Sweeney, referred
to his statement made at previous meeting concerning
inspection of premises by Water Inspector and stated that
he made these remarks without any malice whatsoever and
now wished to withdraw his remarks .

Order-. Noted.

Board's new Office- Mr. Barrett moved his N.O.M dated
26/3/'65 as follows-

"That the Loughrea Town Commissioners do not change their
Registered Office in Board Room from Temperance Hall
to Fire Station as suggested, for the following reasons
1. The present accommodation is adequate and costs only £15.
P.A. Whereas the suggested alternative accommodation is not
spacious enough for use as a Counting Office for Votes for
Local Elections and that at £52. P.A., it is too big a burden
to add to the Rates.

2. That the room in the Fire Station was intended for and is
required for a Recreation Room for members of the Local
Fire Service and Civil Defence Units."

Asst. County Manager informed the meeting that the proposed
Office in Fire Station was free of rent to the Town Commission-
ers and recommended the transfer .
There was a lengthy discussion on the matter when it was
proposed by Mr. Kilboy and Seconded by Mr. S.Kelly that
the Town Commissioners transfer their office to the Fire
Station as recommended by Asst. Co. Manager, it being rent free.

This was unanimously agreed to .
Clerk was directed to procure the necessary Agreement for
signing by the Board.

Legal Advice : Mr. T.R.Kelly referred to the Legal Advice
Requested at last meeting regarding cutting off water supply.
Asst. Co. Manager informed the meeting that this was a function
of the County Council Health Authority and not a matter
for the Town Commissioners.

Order- Noted.

Water Rate Increases- In reply to Mr. Sweeney Asst. Co.
Manager stated that the Increases are a Co. Health Charge
and Loughrea is in a similar position to all the other towns
in the County.

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Asst. Co. Manager advised that where there are grievances
by individuals, they should write direct to Secretary Galway
Co. Council, where demands for water rates are received where
there is no water supply.

Order- Noted.

Water Supply cut off : Mr. T.R.Kelly drew attention to the
water supply been cut off in the premises of Mr. Michael
Spillane's Cross Street.

Town Engineer stated that there was a grave reason for doing so .
After discussion on the matter Mr. Devine proposed, Seconded
by Mr. T.R.Kelly, that this case of cutting off water supply
be referred to Minister L.G for investigation.

Passed unanimously.

Road Safety Campaign : Read correspondence from Secretary
Co.Co., pointing out that arrangements had been made by
Dept. to have the Campaign between the 26/5/'65 and 2/6/'65
and recommended that cycling tests for children between the
ages of 10- 14 yrs. be carried out during that period etc.

On Mr. Sweeney's proposition Seconded by Mr. Conlan, it was
unanimously decided that a special meeting be called for
Mon. 17th May at 8-30 p.m. Rev. Fr. O'Callahan, Adm., Supt.
Garda, Teachers and Reps. of other local Organisations be
invited to attend .

This was agreed to.

Resolution from Clonakilty U.D.C re burden of rates on small
towns was unanimously adopted on the proposition of M r. Conlan,
Seconded by Mr. S. Kelly. Resolution read as follows:
"That we the members of the Clonakilty U.D.C call on the
Government to immediately alleviate the burden of rates
imposed on small town, and to consider the complete de-rating
of these towns".

Resolution from Kilkenny Corporation was unanimously adopted
on the proposition of Mr. Sweeney, Seconded by Mr. Conlan,
* That in view of the increasing use and danger of flick
knives, this Corporation requests the Minister for Justice
to introduce the necessary regulations to prohibit or control
the sale of flick knives or other like instruments"

Re Tidy Towns Competition 1965 year- On the proposition
of Mr. Conlan, Seconded by Mr. Sweeney, it was unanimously
decided to have Brochures printed and distributed.
Mr. Sweeney complimented the I.C.A for valuable assistance
given in last year's Competition in helping to gain more
marks.

Mr. Conlan complimented Town Engineer for the many improvements
carried out in the town.

Mr. T.R.Kelly recommended the site known as Ryan's Hotel
as a suitable Car Park. After discussion on the matter
Asst. Co. Manager referred the inspection of same to
Town Engineer for his report on the

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Mr. Devine recommended the necessity of having a new foot path laid down at the Cuscarric cottages.

The matter was referred to Town Engineer.

In reply to queries from members regarding the demolishing of Bridewell and development of Fair Green Asst. Co. Manager stated that as a Planning permission for a Live Stock Mart, (which had been purchased) had been applied for, he saw no necessity for proceeding with Plans for Fair Green.

The Board was not in agreement with Asst. Co. Manager's remarks and recommended that half the Green be developed for a Fair Green.

A discussion followed. No order made.

Revised Waiting List for houses : Asst. Co. Manager stated that same would be submitted to next meeting also List of sites for houses to be taken compulsory.

Order- Noted.

Cosmona Sewerage : Mr. Conlan referred to delay in having this scheme completed when Asst. Co. Manager stated that same was due to a hold up by one of the Land-Owners concerned

Order-Noted

Congratulations were extended to the Board's Chairman Mr. Michael Carty, on his recent appointment as Parliamentary Secretary to the Taoiseach & Minister for Defence, on the Proposition of Mr. T.R. Kelly, Seconded by Mr. Conlan.

T. R. Kelly
14/6/65

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD
IN TEMPERANCE HALL MON. 17th May, 1965 REGARDING
ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN on 26th May- to 2nd June, 1965.

IN ATTENDANCE- REV. Bro. NICOLUS, (DIRECTOR) & PRINCIPAL OF BOYS' SCHOOLS.
MRS. J.P. McCLOIN, RES. I.C.A., SGT. RYLE, REPS. GARDAI,
MESSERS JOSEPH KILBOY AND SEAN KELLY RES. TOWN COMMISSIONERS
& TOWN CLERK (Mrs.) H.M. Kiely.
APOLOGIES WERE SUBMITTED FROM MR. D. SWEENEY AND MR. P.J. SMITH, FOR NON-ATTENDANCE.

CIRCULAR FROM DEPT. L.G. AND CO. CO. WERE SUBMITTED DATED 29/4/'65 REFERRING TO ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN.

IT WAS RECOMMENDED ON SGT. RYLE'S PROPOSITION SECONDED BY MR. JOSEPH KILBOY, T.S., THAT A CYCLING TEST FOR CHILDREN AS SET OUT IN CIRCULAR BE HELD ON THE WALKS GROUNDS ON THE 23th & 29th MAY FOR BOYS AND AT SUITABLE DATE FOR GIRLS.

IT WAS ALSO AGREED THAT GARAGES & MOTOR ~~WORKS~~ DEALERS IN THE TOWN BE REQUESTED TO HAVE ON VIEW DURING CAMPAIGN SAFETY EQUIPMENT e.g. SAFETY BELTS. DISPLAYED.

ADJUDICATORS APPOINTED FOR CHILDRENS CYCLING TESTS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 10- 14 YRS. :
Rev. BRO. FIDELIS, PRINC. BOYS SCHOOLS, MRS. J.P. McCLOIN, RES. I.C.A., SGT. RYLE, FOR GARDA SIOCIANNA, AND MESSERS JOSEPH KILBOY AND SEAN KELLY, REPS. TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

It was unanimously agreed to give the Campaign every assistance and co-operation.

T. R. Kelly
14/6/65

LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

I, William Conlan OF Attorney Road Loughrea
BEING A PERSON ELECTED AS CHAIRMAN FOR THE
LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS IN THE COUNTY OF GALWAY
HEREBY DECLARE THAT I TAKE THE SAID OFFICE UPON
MYSELF AND WILL DULY AND FAITHFULLY FULLFILL THE DUTIES
TO THE BEST OF MY JUDGEMENT AND ABILITY.

DATED THIS 25th DAY OF JUNE, 1965.

SIGNED BY ABOVE

W. Conlan
DECLARED BEFORE ME THIS 28th DAY OF JUNE, 1965.

SIGNED M.M. Kiely TOWN CLERK

LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

I, Dermot Preecey, OF Attorney Road Loughrea
BEING A PERSON ELECTED AS VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE
LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS IN THE COUNTY OF GALWAY
HEREBY DECLARE THAT I TAKE THE SAID OFFICE UPON MYSELF
AND WILL DULY AND FAITHFULLY FULLFILL THE DUTIES TO
THE BEST OF MY JUDGEMENT AND ABILITY.

DATED THIS 28th DAY OF JUNE, 1965.

SIGNED BY ABOVE

Dermot Preecey
DECLARED BEFORE ME THIS 28th DAY OF JUNE, 1965.

SIGNED M.M. Kiely TOWN CLERK.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON
MONDAY 14th day of JUNE, 1965 IN THE TEMPERANCE HALL,
LOUGHREA.

IN THE CHAIR- MR.T.R.KELLY, VICE-CHAIRMAN IN ABSENCE OF
CHAIRMAN.
MEMBERS PRESENT- MESSERS JAMES BARRETT, WILLIAM CONLAN,
JOHN DEVINE, DERMOTT SWEENEY JOSEPH KILBOY, AND
SEAN KELLY.

IN ATTENDANCE- MR. P. MITCHELL, TOWN ENGINEER AND TOWN
CLERK (Mrs.H.M.Kiely)

MEETING OPENED WITH PRAYER.

CLERK APOLOGISED FOR UNAVOIDABLE ABSENCE OF ASST. CO. MANAGER.
WHICH WAS NOTED.

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD 10/5/'65 AND OF SPECIAL
MEETING HELD 17/5/'65 REGARDING ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN
WERE READ AND SIGNED AS CORRECT.

Waiting List for Houses was submitted as received
and revised by Co.Council- 19 Applicants recommended
for Housing- 11 Applicants Listed but not recommended.

After perusing the Lists submitted the Board expressed
dissatisfaction and did not agree with recommendations.

Mr.J.Kilboy proposed to have List returned to Co.Council
with a request to have an up-to-date Waiting List
made out with names of all applicants for houses thereon
and the necessary amendments made.
Mr. Barrett Seconded and it was passed.

Clerk was directed to return Waiting List as directed.

Erection of 15 houses : After discussion on delay in
having houses erected Mr.J.Barrett Proposed Seconded
by Mr. T.R.Kelly, to refer the matter to Asst. Co. Manager
with a view to having the building of houses expedited.

Passed.

Licence for use of room in Fire Station- Submitted
letter & Licence from Co.Council, permitting the Board
to hold meetings in the Lecture Room and use of Room for
Office purposes. There will be no charge for use of said
Room.

On the proposition of Mr. Kilboy, Seconded by Mr. S.Kelly
it was unanimously agreed to accept sign and sealance
the necessary Licence submitted, and return to Co.Council
for execution.

Letter of Thanks was read from Mr.M.Carty,T.D., dated
19/5/'65 for Congratulations passed on his appointment
as Parliamentary Secretary to the

Order-Noted.

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Cutting off of water supply to premises of Mr. Ml. Spillane :

Read letter dated 20/5/'65 stating that "The Minister for L.G. has taken up the matter with the Local Authority.

Order- Noted.

Posponement of Local Elections- Submitted Notice dated 20/5/'65 from L.G. Department stating that Local Elections have been postponed to 1966 year and directing that arrangements be made for the holding of annual meetings during the period from 23rd June to 1st July next inclusive.

It was unanimously decided to hold Annual Meeting on the 23th July, 1965 at 7-30 p.m.

Double Parking of cars on Main Street was discussed when it was proposed by Mr. D. Sweeney that Asst. County Manager approval be asked for the holding of a special meeting in connection with same.

Passed unanimously.

Clerk was directed to call meeting for the 23th inst when approval is granted.

Read letter dated 23/5/'65 from a/s Secretary Co. Council stating that County & City Managers Association have reached agreement with the Unions concerned Re: Revision claim-Rent Collectors as follows (a) 22/- per house from 1st October, 1963 (b) 24/3d per house from 1st Feb. 1964.

Order- Noted and Approved unanimously.

Tidy Towns Competition 1965. Submitted letter from Bord Fáilte Éireann stating that judging will take place June and July 1965- 377 Centres Competing -21 Entries from Galway. Results will be published not later than 31st Aug. '65.

Clerk reported that leaflets were distributed to all schools and other Centres in the town.

Noted & Approved.

The following items were recommended on the Proposition of Mr. Conlan, Seconded by Mr. Barrett, and referred to Mr. Mitchell Town Engineer for attention-Re 1965 Competition:

- (1) Provision of more Litter bins
- (2) Painting of Men's Toilet at West Bridge and Bridewell door
- (3) Tarmacadam of Walks Grounds
- (4) No fly posting to be allowed on old Weighbridge.

Road Safety Campaign: Submitted List of names of 23 Boys and 20 girls who were successful in Cycling Tests and awarded Certificates & badges.

Order- Noted and approved.

A vote of thanks was passed by the Board for Committees' help and assistance in carrying out Cycling Tests etc.

Provision of Heated Indoor Swimming Pool was recommended for

MINUTES CONTINUED.

TOWN OF LOUGHREA ON THE PROPOSITION OF MR. S. KELLY SECONDED BY MR. W. CONLAN.

After discussion on the matter it was unanimously decided to refer the project to Asst. County Manager and Chairman Mr. M. Carty, T.D., Parliamentary Secretary with a view to procuring Swimming Pool for the town.

Swimming Instructor: Provision of an Instructor in Swimming for the children of Loughrea was discussed and recommended.
Mr. Barrett proposed, Seconded by Mr. Devine, to recommend to the Anglers Association the necessity for such an Instructor.

Clerk was directed to write to the Anglers Association on the matter.

Delay in completion of Cosmona Sewerage was discussed at length when Mr. Sweeney proposed. Seconded by Mr. Barrett, that Asst. Co. Manager be requested to have the matter expedited.

Passed unanimously.

Cycling on Promenade at CO. Home Road was condemned by the Board.

On the proposition of Mr. T. R. Kelly, it was decided to refer the danger of same to the Gardai. The erection of a Notice forbidding cycling there was referred to Town Engineer.

Board's sympathy was extended to Mr. John J. O'Loughlin and relatives on the death of his wife the Late Mrs. J. J. O'Loughlin Bride Street, Loughrea.

*W. Conlan
12/7/65*

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS ~~MEETING~~ HELD ON
MONDAY 23th day of JUNE, 1965 IN THE TEMPERANCE HALL.

IN THE CHAIR MR. MICHAEL CARTY, T.D., PARLIAMENTARY
SECRETARY, CHAIRMAN.

MEMBERS PRESENT- MESSERS JAMES BARRETT, WILLIAM
CONLAN, JOHN DEVINE, DERMOTT SWEENEY, JOSEPH KILBOY,
T.R. KELLY AND SEAN KELLY.

IN ATTENDANCE- (MRS.) H.M. KIELLY, TOWN CLERK.

MEETING OPENED WITH PRAYER.

The meeting proceeded to elect Chairman and Vice-Chairman
for the Board as directed by Minister for L.G. in
Circular F 236 dated 20/5/65 due notice of which was
given on the Agenda.

Mr. Carty informed the members of his retirement from
the Chair due to pressure of work in his new appointment
and thanked his colleagues on the Board, Council
Officials, and the Press, for their kind co-operation
during his years as Chairman.

Chairman then took propositions for the Chair.

Mr. Sean Kelly proposed Mr. William Conlan and
Mr. Michael Carty T.D., Seconded.

Mr. John Devine proposed Mr. Thomas R. Kelly and
Mr. James Barrett Seconded.

A show of hands was taken when Mr. Conlan was elected
by 4 votes to 3 Mr. J. Kilboy abstained from voting.

(Messers J. Barrett, J. Devine, & T.R. Kelly for Mr. Kelly-) 3

(Messers M. Carty, S. Kelly, D. Sweeney & W. Conlan for Mr. Conlan)

Mr. Conlan was declared elected as Chairman after signing
the Declaration of Office ~~he~~ took the Chair.

There were some heated remarks passed between Mr. Devine
and Mr. Kilboy.

Chairman called them to order and stated he would vacate
the Chair if order was not restored. Mr. Carty moved
"next business" when Mr. Conlan proceeded with election
of Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Carty proposed Mr. D. Sweeney and Mr. Sean Kelly seconded.

Mr. Barrett proposed Mr. T.R. Kelly and Mr. Devine Seconded
Mr. Kelly would not allow his name to go forward,

Mr. D. Sweeney was then declared Vice-Chairman of the Board.

Mr. Sweeney thanked the members for his election and signed
the Declaration accepting his office.

There were further heated remarks passed between Mr. Devine

LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

4.
Minutes of proceedings of Monthly Meeting held
on Monday 12th day of July 1965, in the Temperance
Hall.

In the Chair- Mr. William Conlan, Chairman.

Members present: Messers James Barrett, Dermot Sweeney,
Anthony Dervan, N.T., John Devine, Joseph Kilboy and
Sean Kelly.

Meeting opened with prayer.

Clerk apologised for unavoidable absence of Asst. Co.
Manager and Town Engineer.

Minutes of meetings held 12th & 23th July, 1965, were
read and signed as correct.

Arising out of the Minutes Mr. Sweeney referred to the
order made regarding Double Parking of cars.

Clerk reported that Asst. Co. Manager advised to contact
the Supt. of the local Gardai for his observations
~~on the matter~~ before taking any action in the matter.
Supt. stated that the Gardai were not aware of any Double
Parking, seeing that most cars were parked only for
some minutes while the owners were doing business in
Banks, Post Office or nearby shops.

Clerk informed the members that the Town Commissioners
have powers under the Road Traffic Act to deal with the
matter.

Order-Noted.

After discussion on the matter Mr. Sweeney proposed
Seconded by Mr. Kilboy, that the question be referred
to Asst. County Manager with a view to arranging a
suitable date for holding a special meeting to discuss
the matter.

This was unanimously agreed to.

Mr. Dervan referred to remarks made by Mr. Devine at
last meeting during his absence which he resented.

After some heated remarks between the two members (Mr.
Conlan) Chairman ordered Mr. Devine to resume his
seat so that the business of the Board could proceed
which he declined to do. Chairman said he had no option
but to adjourn the meeting and declared the business
of the Board adjourned to next monthly meeting to be held
in August. This terminated the meeting of the
Board.

W. Conlan
9/8/65

MINUTES CONTINUED

AND Mr. Kilboy when Mr. Conlan Chairman declared the meeting closed.

No other business was transacted.

W. Conlan
12/7/65

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON MONDAY 9th August, 1965 IN THE TEMPERANCE HALL, LOUGHREA.

In the Chair- Mr. William Conlan, Chairman.

Members present- Messrs Dermott Sweeney, V.C., Anthony Dervan, N.T., John Devine, James Barrett, Thomas R. Kelly, Joseph Kilboy and Sean Kelly.

In Attendance : C. Walsh Esq., Asst. Co-Manager and Town Clerk, (Mrs. H.M. Kiely)

Meeting opened with prayer

Minutes of Meeting held 12/7/'65 were read and signed as correct.

Waiting List for houses was resubmitted together with letter signed by Act. Sec. K. Doyle, Health Dept. Galway, which stated "All applications received were included on List except 3 which were received since List was revised." Board approved of 19 applicants listed for housing and recommended by Co.M.O.H, 6 of the names listed having procured other accommodation.

Waiting List was adjourned to a future date.

Asst. Manager assured the meeting that he would have the erection of the 15 Co.Co. houses erected as soon as possible. He also stated that housing sites must fit in with the Town Development Plan which is coming into operation in the near future.

Order- Noted .

Minutes of proceedings of Fire Advisory Committees meeting adjourned from previous meeting was submitted and Noted.

Mr. Devine proposed that expenses incurred in maintaining Fire Brigades their staff & officials be financed by the responsible Insurance Companies in the Country and not paid out of the rates.

Mr. T.R. Kelly, Seconded Mr. Devine's proposition when it was unanimously agreed that a resolution be sent to Municipal Authorities recommending that this proposal be considered at their Conference to be held 14th to 16th Sept. 1965 in Cobh.

Clerk was directed to forward said resolution.

Read letter dated 10/7/'65 signed by Mr. M. Carty, T.D., Parliamentary Secretary, appointing Mr. Sean Kelly, to act as his substitute at the Municipal Conference. The Board then deputed Messrs John Devine and Sean Kelly to attend on behalf of the Board.

New Office Read letter from Insurance Company addressed to Secretary, Co. Council, as follows-

"We thank you for your letter and confirm that it will be in order for Loughrea Town Commissioners to use the Lecture Room at Fire Station for the purpose you mention. Please make sure that every precaution is taken however, that no lighted cigarette ends are left lying around."

Order- Noted.

MINUTES CONT.

Audit Notice adjourned from previous meeting - was for audit of Board's A/Cs for 2 years ended 31/3/'65 was submitted & noted.

Letter from Western Regional Tourism Organisation Ltd., was referred to Asst. Co. Manager.

Resolution from Middleton U.D.C was unanimously adopted on the Proposition of Mr. J. Devine, seconded by Mr. T.R. Kelly - as follows:

'That we, the people of Middleton who have been victims of a recent take over of our town without any regard for our good will call on the people of Ireland to support us in making this an National issue and restrain unjust Land Lords from depriving our people of the right to hold the free-hold interest in their property'.

Double Parking of cars : On Asst. Manager's advice the Board adjourned the matter to next meeting. It was decided to invite Supt. of the Gardai to attend meeting with a view to solving the car parking problem.

Clerk was directed to put the matter on Agenda and invite Supt. of the Gardai to attend meeting.

Notice of motion signed by Mr. Sean Kelly, T.C., dated 12/7/'65 was submitted as follows-

'That I or some member on my behalf will move at next meeting of the Board that this Board make formal application to the Galway Co. Council for the provision of a suitable heated indoor swimming pool for the town of Loughrea.'

Mr. Kelly moved his notice when a discussion on the matter issued. Messers J. Devine & T.R. Kelly, objecting to the raising of half the cost of pool £3,000 until sewerage facilities for 76 cottages are provided in the town.

After further discussion on the matter Mr. J. Kilboy proposed that it be adjourned until it was ascertained where the Swimming Pool Committee proposed to raise the money for Swim Pool project.

This was unanimously agreed to.

The question of Permanent live-stock pens & railings on footpaths near Fair Green was referred to by Mr. T.R. Kelly, and referred to Asst. Manager.

Mr. Devine recommended to the Board the advisability of purchasing FitzGerald's vacant site at West Bridge & thereby enlarge the Market Place or provide a Car Park.

Order- Approved.

Asst. Manager advised that it was a Co. Co. function and undertook to ask the Co. Co. Planning Officer, to have the site examined.

Order- Approved.

Visit of His Eminence Richard Cardinal Cushing, Archbishop of Boston, to the town, was discussed by the Board. Mr. D. Sweeney stated that Very Rev. Fr. O'Callaghan Adm., said the Cardinal will be given a Liturgical Reception in St. Brendan's Cathedral on the 13th August.

Messers Chairman, W. Conlan, D. Sweeney, V.C. and A. Lervan N.T., were deputed by the Board to interview Fr. O'Callaghan what is expected of the Town Commissioners and if an 'Address of Welcome' is to be prepared and presented to His Eminence?

MINUTES CONT.

Increase in rents of Board's houses : Clerk reported that due to increase in Co. Rates rents had been increased dating from 1st August, 1965, varying from 6d to 1/- weekly.

Order- Noted.

Board's sympathy was extended to Mr. Florence McCarthy Solicitor, on the death of his mother the Late Mrs. P. McCarthy, Moore Street, Loughrea.

W. Conlan
13/9/65

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF THE LOUGHREA
TOWNS COMMISSIONERS HELD IN BOARD'S NEW OFFICE AT FIRE
STATION, BARRACK ST., LOUGHREA. 13th Sept. 1965.

In the Chair- Mr. William Conlan, Chairman.

Members present- Messers Dermot Sweeney, John Devine, Joseph
Kilboy, Thomas R. Kelly, and Sean Kelly.

In attendance- Mr. M. Moroney, Asst. Co. Manager, Supt. T.F. Brennan
C.G., Mr. H. Mitchell, B.E., Town Engineer, and (Mrs.) H.M. Kiely
Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayer.

Minutes of monthly meeting held 9/3/65 were read and signed as correct.

Car Parking on streets of the town: Supt. Brennan informed the
meeting that his authorities approach to the problem was under
three heading viz:

1st: Safety of people. 2nd: Free passage of traffic. 3rd: Free
deal to business people.

and stated Parking of cars will not be allowed along the narrow parts
or "bottle necks" on the main throughfare I.E: Bride Street
from the "Rock" Lower Main Street, from National Bank to Dunkellin
St., on to the West Park, Athenry Road, Church Street and Abbey
Street.

Limited Parking will be allowed on one side of the remaining portion
of throughfare. The other side will be reserved for use of
collections and deliveries.

One way traffic in Moore Street, Piggot's Street, Kings Entry,
Kelly's St., and Mount Carmel Crescent, will be allowed.

Free Parking will be allowed in Barrack Street, Dolphin Street,
and beyond the Priory.

Supt. stated that Bye Laws will be drawn up and Drafts submitted
before final decisions are made.

Map of the suggested proposals was submitted which was noted
and approved.

Board's Thanks was extended to Superintendent for such detailed
particulars submitted and complimented him on same.
Supt. then left the meeting.

Mr. D. Sweeney, raised the question of submitting proposed Development
Plans for the town of Loughrea, before they are decided on.

A lengthy discussion on the matter followed.

Asst. County Manager Mr. M. Moroney, informed the meeting that
provisional Plans would first be prepared and open for inspection
before being finalised.

Order- Noted.

Submitted application for renewal of Town Hall Cinema Licence for
the current year.

The Board agreed unanimously with granting renewal subject to
subject to provisos of Chief Fire Captain (Mr. S. Grue) that
automatic closing devices be provided in the projection room.
Clerk was directed to notify Town Hall Cinema authority accordingly.

Proposed purchase of Messers FitzGerald's vacant site at West Bridge
was referred to by Mr. Devine. Clerk stated that Asst. Co. Manager
Mr. Walsh, had referred the Board's recommendations to the Planning

MINUTES Cont.

Authority for their ~~xxx~~ advice on the matter.

Order- Noted.

Address of Welcome presented to His Eminence Cardinal Richard
Cushing Arch Bishop of Boston on the 13th day of August, 1965
on the occasion of His visit to Loughrea was referred to by
Mr. Dermot Sweeney, T.C., who proposed that a gift be given
to the Artist (Miss K. Kiely, A.N.C.A) for completing the
Illuminated Address at such short time.
Mr. Devine Seconded and it was passed unanimously.

Town Clerk thanked the members for kind gesture.

X (Mr. Sweeney left the meeting at this junction) X

Submitted Section 6 of Social Welfare Act 1965 which was Noted.

Submitted motions by affiliated (by affiliated) authorities
to be considered at Municipal Conference also Report of 51st
Annual Conference.

No order made.

Tidy Towns Competition was considered and adjourned pending receipt
of Result for 1965 year.

Mr. Kilboy congratulated the Co. Co. workers for their interest in
keeping the streets clean.
No order made.

Disability Pension: On the proposition of Mr. Devine Seconded
by Mr. T.R. Kelly, the Board agreed (with Asst. Co. Manager's
approval) to recommend to the Minister for Defence the granting
of a disability Pension to the two Kellegher Brothers Galway
Road, Loughrea.

Board's sympathy was extended to the relatives of the Late Michael
Spillane, Cross Street, Loughrea and to the relatives of the
Late Thomas Kearns, formally of Athenry Road.

A. P. Sweeney 11/10/65

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF THE
LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON MONDAY 11th OCT. 1965
IN THE BOARD'S OFFICE AT FIRE STATION, LOUGHREA.

IN THE CHAIR- MR. D. SWEENEY, VICE CHAIRMAN.

MEMBERS PRESENT- MESSERS MICHAEL CARTY, T.D., (PARLIAMENTARY
SECRETARY) JOSEPH KILBOY, JOHN DEVINE, AND THOMAS R.
KELLY.

IN ATTENDANCE- MR. C. WALSH, ASST. COUNTY MANAGER, MR. P.
MITCHELL, J.E. AND (MRS.) H.M. KIELY, TOWN CLERK.

MEETING OPENED WITH PRAYER.

SALE-OF-HOUSES :

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD 13/9/'65 WERE READ AND SIGNED
AS CORRECT.

SALE OF HOUSES : MR. CARTY, T.D. REFERRED TO THE SALE
OF BOARD'S REMAINING 35 HOUSES TO THE TENANTS AND RECOMMENDED
TO ASST. CO. MANAGER THAT A SCHEME BE DRAWN UP FOR SAME .

AFTER DISCUSSION ON THE MATTER ASST. CO. MANAGER INFORMED
THE MEETING THAT A PURCHASE SCHEME FOR TENANTS AS RECOMMENDED
WOULD BE DRAWN UP FOR SANCTION IN DUE TIME.

ORDER- NOTED AND APPROVED.

MR. CARTY, T.D., LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION 1965 YEAR - SUBMITTED RESULTS AND
ADJUDICATOR'S REMARKS, (AND BREAKDOWN OF MARKS), WHICH SHOWED
ACTUAL MARKS OBTAINED AS 70 OUT OF 100 SAME AS THAT GAINED
IN 1964 YEAR.

MEMBERS EXPRESSED DISSATISFACTION AT ADJUDICATORS COMMENTS
THAT "LOUGHREA DID NOT COMPETE LAST YEAR" knowing that
Loughrea had competed for over the past seven years and were
highly commended last year.

MR. DEVINE WAS NOT IN AGREEMENT WITH LOUGHREA TOWN ENTERING
COMPETITION FOR 1966 YEAR UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE BRIDWELL
WAS DEMOLISHED AND THE SITE AT JUNCTION OF GORT-ROAD
AT THE WEST BRIDGE CLEARED AND INCLUDED IN THE ADJOINING
MARKET PLACE.

AFTER DISCUSSION ASST. CO. MANAGER INFORMED THE MEETING THAT
TOWN ENGINEER WILL SUBMIT ESTIMATE OF COSTS FOR DEMOLISHING
BRIDWELL AND PROVISION OF OTHER STORAGE ACCOMODATION
WHEN SUBMITTING THE 1966/67 ESTIMATES-& THE SITE AT WESTBRIDGE
WILL BE CONSIDERED BY PLANNING AUTHORITIES.
Order- Noted and Approved.

LETTER FROM CO. ENGINEER DATED DATED 20/9/65 WAS READ
WHICH STATED THAT THE ACQUISITION OF WEST-BRIDGE SITE IS
RECEIVING ATTENTION AND A FURTHER COMMUNICATION WILL BE SENT
IN DUE COURSE.

ORDER NOTED .

MINUTES CONT.

OVER-EXPENDITURE ON HOUSING MAINTENANCE : WAS REPORTED
BY ASST. CO. MANAGER WHO SUGGESTED THAT £90. INCLUDED
IN ESTIMATES FOR FURTHER DEVELOPEMENT OF GARRYBREEDIA-WOOD,
BE TRANSFERRED AND EXPENDED ON URGENT HOUSING REPAIRS.

ON THE PROPOSITION OF MR. DEVINE SECONDED BY CHAIRMAN IT
WAS DECIDED THAT WE, THE LOUGHREA, TOWN COMMISSIONERS,
AGREE, ON ASST. CO. MANAGERS RECOMMENDATION, TO EXPEND WITHIN
THE FINANCIAL YEAR ON HOUSING MAINTENANCE £90. (NINETY
POUNDS) AS WAS PROVIDED FOR FURTHER DEVELOPEMENT OF
"GARRYBREEDIA WOOD."

PASSED.

DEVELOPEMENT OF FAIR GREEN : IN REPLY TO CHAIRMAN'S QUERY
ASST. CO. MANAGER INFORMED THE MEETING THAT THERE HAD BEEN
NO CHANGE IN PLANS FOR A FAIR GREEN BUT THE MATTER WAS
DELAYED DUE TO A MART BEING PROVIDED.

THERE WAS A LENGTHY DISCUSSION ON THE MATTER WHEN ASST. CO.
MANAGER UNDERTOOK TO LOOK INTO THE QUESTION OF FAIR GREEN
AND HAVE INFORMATION ON SAME AT A LATER DATE.

THIS WAS AGREED TO.

AUDITOR'S DREPORT AND ABSTRACT OF BOARD'S ACCOUNTS FOR
TWO YEARS ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1965 WERE SUBMITTED AND READ
BY ASST. CO. MANAGER., WHICH DISCLOSED THAT THE ACCOUNTS
WERE IN A GOOD POSITION FINANCIAL STATE, AND PRESENTED
FOR AUDIT IN A SATISFACTORY MANNER'

ORDER- NOTED AND APPROVED.

EXPENSES FOR PREPARING "ADDRESSES OF WELCOME" WHEN NECESSARY,
WAS REFERRED TO BY CHAIRMAN .
ASST. CO. MANAGER STATED THAT THE L.G.LAW DOES NOT PROVIDE
FOR SUCH EXPENDITURE BUT A SUM COULD BE INCLUDED IN ESTIMATES
FOR THE DECORATION OF TOWN ETC, IN ESTIMATES, FOR SUCH
OCCASIONS.
IT WAS AGREED THAT A RESOLUTION TO THIS EFFECT BE ADOPTED
BY THE BOARD., PRIOR TO THE 1966/67 ESTIMATES (BEING ADOPTED)

DISABILITY PENSION FOR KILLEHER BROTHERS SUBMITTED
LETTER FROM SECRETARY, DEPT. OF DEFENCE, ACKNOWLEDGING
RESOLUTION AND STATING THE MATTER IS RECEIVING ATTENTION.

ORDER NOTED.

"VANDALISM" CARRIED ON AFTER DANCES IN THE TOWN WAS STRONGLY
CONDEMNED BY MR. J. KILBOY, IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED THAT
A RESOLUTION BE FORWARDED TO DEPT. OF JUSTICE CALLING ATTENTION
TO SAME, AND RECOMMEND THAT EXTRA GARDAI BE PROVIDED TO
DEAL WITH THE MATTER.
PROPOSED BY MR. KILBOY, SECONDED BY MR. DEVINE AND PASSED.

INCREASE IN CO. RATES : MR. DEVINE PROPOSED; SECONDED BY
MR. T.R. KELLY THAT A PROTEST BE SENT TO GALWAY CO. COUNCIL
CONDEMNING ANY FURTHER INCREASES IN THE RATES.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONGRATULATIONS WERE EXTENDED TO THE G.A.A. GALWAY
CHAMPIONS, FOR WINNING THE ALL IRELAND SENIOR AND JUNIOR
CHAMPIONSHIPS. ON THE PROPOSITION OF MR. T.R. KELLY SECONDED
BY MR. DEVINE.
VOTES OF SYMPATHY WERE PASSED WITH THE MADDEN FAMILY, COSMONA
MRS. DEMPSEY, ABBEY ST., & MRS. M. CAHILL, MAIN ST. IN THEIR
BEREAVEMENTS.

J. J. J. J.
8/11/65

TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION 1965.

MARKING CHART.

Name of Town	LOUGHREA, CO. GALWAY.	
Category	' D '	
Maximum Marks	Actual Marks	
30	Effort Involved	22
15	General Cleanliness and tidiness	11
15	Condition of streets and sidewalks and paved and grassed areas.	10
10	Appearance of public, private and commercial premises	8
10	Colour, colour harmony and general appearance	7
10	Appearance of planting, gardens, trees, shrubs and flowers and standard of fences and walls	7
10	Absence of unsightly objects	5
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ADJUDICATORS' REMARKS :

Loughrea did not compete in the Competition last year. There was some fly-posting on the corrugated entrance gates to the sports ground off the road from Portumna. The margins here were well kept and as one moved into the town the pavements were embellished with neat trees well trimmed. Properties adjoining this approach road also looked well.

The margins on the approach road to Woodford need attention. There are a number of new private houses in this area and most of them have well maintained gardens. This also goes for the older properties. As one neared the town a large untidy piece of waste land was observed. There has been some dumping here of rubbish and builders waste. On the other side of the road near the lake shore there were a number of unsightly derelict car bodies. This certainly detracted from a very pleasant lake shore.

The margins on the approach road to Tynagh need attention. There are some weeds growing out of the kerb-side in some places. There is also a patch of unkept waste ground which it is hoped will be treated when the building development is complete. Nearing the town on this approach a number of trees have been planted. Also a number of the bungalow type houses have neat flower gardens.

Loughrea Church and grounds are very well kept. The street leading down from the Church to the lake is very well kept and many of the individual premises have been brightly painted up. Near the lake border there is some pleasant open parkland where some old trees have been preserved. This looks very well. There is a noticeable lack of litter in the area.

Where the approach from Gort joins the town there is a very untidy

open space with a half broken stone wall. This detracts from the the approach to Gort which is reasonably well kept.

The approach road to Athenry is also flanked by newly planted trees. As one leaves the town towards the speed limit signs there are considerable road works in progress. Near the town there are a number of terraced and brightly painted one storey cottages. Unfortunately there are also a (few) couple of derelict buildings which have become overgrown with weeds and bracken. There was some litter to be seen in this vicinity though not in any great quantity.

There were many newly painted premises in the principal streets of Loughrea with others in the course of redecoration. Bright colours were to the fore and the overall results are good. It must be added that there are a number of premises which need doing up but they are in the minority. There was very little litter on the streets which is very creditable for a new entry.

The environs of the Railway Station are not good. This is an area which could do with some tidying up.

The verges on the approach road to Galway are in the main good. Here there are a number of well kept private houses with neat flower gardens. There is a factory here with very well maintained grounds and lawns. There are also a number of derelict buildings and patches of waste ground in the vicinity.

The overall impression of Loughrea is good. There has been a lot of redecoration and a notable lack of litter is highly commendable. However, there is a big problem still remaining in the form of treatment of derelict sites and derelict buildings. There is also some untidy fly-posting here and there. Overall this is a very good effort particularly bearing in mind there is a fairly large centre involved. If Loughrea can keep up this excellent start it will soon be challenging the leaders in its section. Credit is due to an obviously hard working Committee and to the co-operation of the Local Authority.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD IN BOARD'S OFFICE AT FIRE STATION, BARRACK ST., LOUGHREA, ON THE 8th DAY NOVEMBER, 1965.

IN THE CHAIR- MR. DERMOT SWEENEY, VICE CHAIRMAN.

MEMBERS PRESENT:- MESSERS JAMES BARRETT, JOHN DEVINE, THOMAS R. KELLY, SEAN KELLY AND SUBSEQUENTLY MR. WLM. CONLAN, CHAIRMAN.

MEETING OPENED WITH PRAYER.

CLERK APOLOGISED FOR UNAVOIDABLE ABSENCE OF MESSERS C. WALSH ASST. CO. MANAGER & P. MITCHELL, TOWN ENGINEER, WHICH WAS NOTED.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 11/OCT. 1965 WERE READ AND SIGNED AS CORRECT.

ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES MR. T.R.KELLY REFERRED TO THE INCREASE IN WATER RATE AS TO WHAT IMPACT IT HAD ON THE CO. RATE? Following Messers T.R.Kelly's and J.DEVINE'S REMARKS ON INCREASING RATES A LENGTHY DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE RE COUNTY COUNCIL'S DELAY IN PROVIDING HOUSES, DEVELOPEMENT OF FAIR GREEN, ADDITIONAL STREET LIGHTING AND EXTENSION OF SEWERAGE TO GALWAY ROAD & CUSCARRIC.

THERE WERE SUGGESTIONS MADE AND RULED OUT FINALLY MR. J. BARRETT PROPOSED SECONDED BY MR. T.R.KELLY THAT A DEPUTATION FROM TOWN COMMISSIONERS, VISIT GALWAY CO. COUNCIL TO DISCUSS THESE MATTERS, ON A DATE TO BE FIXED BY THE CO. COUNCIL. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

CLERK WAS DIRECTED TO WRITE THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY ON THE MATTER AND ASK IF SAID DEPUTATION WILL BE HEARD?

DISABILITY PENSIONS: READ LETTER DATED 14th OCT. '65 FROM DEPT. OF DEFENCE WHICH STATED THAT MR. CHRIS. KELLEHER WILL ATTAIN THE AGE OF 70 YEARS ON 19th NOVEMBER 1965 AND AS FROM THAT DATE HE WILL BE REGARDED AS INCAPABLE OF SELF SUPPORT, BY REASON OF AGE. IT WILL THEN BE POSSIBLE TO DEAL WITH HIS APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL ALLOWANCE TO A CONCLUSION, WITHOUT THE NECESSITY OF HAVING HIM MEDICALLY EXAMINED.

" WITH REFERENCE TO MR. JOHN KELLEHER I AM TO STATE THAT AN INQUIRY FORM IN RESPECT OF A MEDAL WAS FORWARDED TO HIM ON 6th INST., WHEN HE COMPLETES AND RETURNS THE FORM HIS APPLICATION FOR AN ALLOWANCE WILL BE FURTHER CONSIDERED."

ON THE PROPOSITION OF MR. DEVINE IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY DECIDED TO ASK THE MINISTER TO ACCEPT THE LOCAL MEDICAL OFFICER'S CERTIFICATE IN RESPECT OF MR. JOHN KELLEHER.

CLERK WAS INSTRUCTED TO COMMUNICATE WITH MINISTER OF DEFENCE ON THE MATTER.

TRADE OF MOTOR MECHANIC : SUBMITTED LIST OF BOYS IN COUNTIES CL LIMERICK, TIPPERARY, AND GALWAY, RECEIVED FROM APPRENTICESHIP COMMITTEE, FOR TRADE OF MOTOR MECHANICS.

IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY DECIDED ON CHAIRMAN'S PROPOSITION

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MINUTES CONT.

TO FURNISH PROPRIETORS OF MOTOR-GARAGES, WITH THE FOLLOWING NAMES-

JOHN O'REGAN, KELLY'S STREET, LOUGHREA, DESMOND COEN AND SEAN CANNON, ATTYMON, MICHAEL J. HEDDERMAN, DALYSTOWN, KYLEBRACK, MICHAEL M. KILKENNY, DRYMEYRE, KILLIMORE.

SUBMITTED RECEIPT OF RESOLUTION FROM DEPT. OF JUSTICE REGARDING VANDALISM IN THE TOWN, STATING THE MATTER IS RECEIVING ATTENTION.

NOTED.

(MR. BARRETT LEFT AT THIS STAGE OF THE MEETING)

ON THE PROPOSITION OF MR. J. DEVINE IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED THAT TO HAVE MASS CELEBRATED FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MR. DEVINE OFFERED TO MAKE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR SAME.

NOTED AND APPROVED.

BOARD'S CONGRATULATIONS WERE EXTENDED TO THE TOWN CLERK ON THREE OF HER SONS RECEIVING DEGREES ON THE 3rd INST., AT U.C.D. Clerk thanked the members in suitable terms -

VOTES OF SYMPATHY WERE PASSED WITH MR. JOSEPH KILBOY, T.C., ON DEATH OF HIS UNCLE THE LATE PATRICK KILBOY, BRIDE STREET, TO THE WIFE AND FAMILY OF THE LATE MR. T. BRENNAN, CLONCALTY CO. TIPPERARY, AND WITH THE RELATIVES OF THE LATE MISS BRIDGET KENNEDY, ABBEY STREET, LOUGHREA.

MR. DERMOT SWEENEY PRESENTED ON BEHALF OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD A (MONEY) GIFT TOKEN TO K. KILLY, A.N.C.A., AS APPRECIATION FOR PREPARING THE "ADDRESS OF WELCOME" PRESENTED TO HIS EMENENCE, CARDINAL CUSHING, WHEN HE VISITED LOUGHREA. TOWN CLERK THANKED THE MEMBERS FOR THIS KIND GESTURE.

W Conlan 13/12/65

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

96.

of MONTHLY MEETING of LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS
HELD IN FIRE STATION OFFICE ON
MONDAY 13/12/65.

In the Chair: Mr William Conlan, Chairman.

Members present: Messers Dermott Sweeny, James Barrett, Anthony Dervan,
Thomas R. Kelly, Sean Kelly, and subsequently
Mr. John Devine.

In attendance: Mr. C. Walsh, Esq., Asst. Co. Manager and (Mrs. H.M. Kiely)
Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with Prayer.

Clerk apologised for non-attendance, on behalf of Town Engineer,
Mr. Mitchell, which fact was noted.

Mr. A. Dervan proposed that the meeting be adjourned as a mark of respect
to the late Mr. William T. Cosgrave.

Mr. J. Barrett seconded.

Chairman suggested that the proceedings be adjourned for five minutes, due
to the big agenda and the presence of the Asst. Co. Manager.

Mr. Dervan took exception to this and left the room.

Chairman prop. seconded by Mr. Sean Kelly, to adjourn the meeting for
five minutes as mark of respect. This was agreed to, and afterwards
business on the agenda was proceeded with, Messers D. Sweeny and
J. Devine having associated themselves with the Expression of Sympathy.

Meeting opened with prayer.

Minutes of meeting held 3/11/65 were read and signed as correct.

Read letter dated 2/12/65 signed by Sec. Galway Co. Council as follows:-

Your letter of Oct. 13th 65 containing resolution against any
further increase in Co. Rates was submitted to meeting of Co. Co. held
on 29/11/65. The agenda for the meeting also included the following items.

(a) Raising of loan £3,000 for purchase & development of a housing site
at Loughrea.

(b) Completion of repayment undertaking for loan £20,200 for sewerage
extensions to Galway Rd. & Cuscarrick."

"The Council directed me to ask the Loughrea Town Commissioners to
state whether they approve the raising of these loans and the Council
Adjourned consideration of these items pending a reply from the Commiss."

Town Clerk was asked by Mr. P.R. Kelly if she had applied for such sums
as alleged in a report in Connacht Tribune, and she replied in the negative.
Asst. Co. Manager stated the loan had been sanctioned by the Minister, and
Co. Co. asked if they were prepared to repay the loan? It was necessary
to get the Town Commissioners' approval in this matter:

The members, (after some heated discussion between Mr. Sweeny and Mr. Devine,
being satisfied with Asst. Co. Manager's explanation on the matter,
approved of the raising of the loans as set out in Co. Co.'s letter of the
2/12/65. (Prop. by Mr. Dermott Sweeny. Seconded by Mr. Sean Kelly.
Mr. Devine dissenting.) Asst. Co. Manager informed the members that the
county rates provided 23% of the County Revenue & that the balance of (66%)
was provided by state grants.
Order noted and approved.

T.R. Kelly complimented the Connacht Tribune Reps. for publishing
files of Co. Co. meetings.

Air Green development: Mr. Sweeny asked what the position was?
Co. Manager stated that an estimate would be available ^{on the plan} ^{in future} ^{seen}. Noted.

97.

Disability Pensions: Read letter dated 2/12/65 from dept. of Defence stating
"If Mr. J. Kelleher is awarded a medal for I.R.A. membership he will
be eligible for special allowance etc". Order. Noted.

Mr. Devine stated the two Kelleher Bros. had now received pensions and
extended thanks to Mr. J.B. Donoghue, local reps. of Connacht Tribune,
for bringing this case to the notice of the public.

Re Vandalism: Read letter from dept. of Justice dated 30/11/65 stating
that since 1963 there has been only one case of malicious injury in the
town. There were five incidents of malicious damage; in all cases the
Gardai were able to institute proceedings. Noted. No order made.

Revival of Irish Language: Submitted letter written in the Irish Language
addressed to the Chairman and translated by the Asst. Co. Manager signed
by Minister of Local Government, requesting the use of Irish as much as
possible.....

On the prop. of Mr T.R. Kelly the Board unanimously agreed
to use the Irish Language wherever possible.

Buy Irish Campaign: Read letter dated 27/11/65 from Minister of L.G.
requesting Local Authorities to Support the Campaign, particularly during
the British Imports surcharge.

Read letter dated 7/12/65 signed by Co. Manager, stating that Minister's
approval be sought before purchases are made from abroad by Local Auth.
The Board agreed to give the Campaign its fullest cooperation.

Visiting Committee to St. Brendan's Home: Mr. Devine recommended that
our Local deputy be representative on the Committee.

Asst. Co. Manager stated it is a matter for the Co. Health District Council
to Order made.

Domestic Refuse: Mr. T.R. Kelly informed the Asst. Co. Manager,
that there was misunderstanding among the House-holders
as to what ^{THE} scavenging service was supposed to collect in Litter
Bins?

After discussion on the matter Asst. Co. Manager undertook to
look into the matter for next meeting, it being a Co. Co. function.

Date for holding Annual Estimates Meeting was suggested by
Asst. Co. Manager for the 17th Jan. '66. Noted.

Mr. Devine referred to Graduity for members of the Fire Brigades
who are over sixty years of age.

The matter was referred to Asst. Co. Manager.

Messers J. Devine & T.R. Kelly, resented remarks, as reported
on Connacht Tribune, made Seanators Killea and Mannion at
meeting of the County Council regarding the Town Commissioners
concerning the raising of Loans

Letters of thanks for votes of sympathy passed were read from
Mrs. M. Cahill, Main St., and Joseph Kilboy, Bride St., for votes
of sympathy passed.

Board's sympathy was passed with the Dwyer family on death of
their father the Late John W. Dwyer, who died in Dublin and with
Mrs. Connolly, Athenry Road on death of her brother who died in
U.S.A.

W. Conlan 10/1/66

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING
OF LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD IN ~~THE~~ ^{Boards}
OFFICE AT FIRE-STATION ON MONDAY THE 10th DAY
OF JANUARY, 1966.

In the Chair- Mr. William Conlan, Chairman.

Members present---- Messrs James Barrett, John
Devine, Thomas R. Kelly, and Sean Kelly.

In attendance- Mr. C. Walsh Asst. Co. Manager, Mr.
Mitchell, Town Engineer and Town Clerk.
(Mrs. H. M. Kelly)

Minutes of meeting held 13th Dec. 1965 were read and signed
as correct.

Housing Development at Athenry Road. : Mr. T.R.
Kelly informed the meeting that on approx. one third of
the persons who had applied for sites on this scheme were
going ahead with the project and advised that the Lists
of applicants be revised. Mr. Devine agreed with Mr.

Kelly's remarks.
Asst. Co. Manager assured the members that the Lists would be
reviewed by the County Council who are the responsible
authority.

Asst. Co. Manager also stated that County Council are in
process of acquiring suitable sites for the 15 houses
to be erected as recommended by the Board.

Order -Noted and Approved.

Domestic Refuse Collection: Town Engineer explained
to the meeting the position regarding collection of Refuse
which was Noted.

Mr. Devine referred to the refusal of the service in
not emptying a Refuse Bin.

Town Engineer explained there was a mistake in this case
which was afterwards rectified; and recommended that proper
bins be provided.

Mr. Devine accepted Town Engineer's explanation which
was Noted.

Estimate Meeting: Asst. Co. Manager recommended that the
Annual Estimate Meeting of the Board be held on the 21st Jan
1966, and not on the 17th, as formerly suggested, when
all Estimates would be available.

On the Proposition of Mr. S. Kelly, Seconded by Mr. J. Barrett
it was unanimously agreed to hold meeting at 7-30 p.m.
Friday 21st Jan. 1966. as recommended by Asst. Manager.

Passed.

Polling ~~Best~~ Districts and Places :

Minutes Cont.

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Submitted copy of existing Polling Scheme and copy of
List of amendments for Local and Dail Elections
in County Galway.

Asst. Co. Manager and members perused said Schemes when
it was proposed by Mr. John Devine, Seconded by Mr.
W. Conlan, Chairman -

"That we, the Loughrea Town Commissioners, recommend to the
Galway Co. Council, that there be no amendments made
in the existing Polling Scheme regarding the Courthouse
as we do not agree with recommendations under L.G.A. FH section

re Townlands voting at Loughrea Courthouse".
Clerk was directed to write County Council on the matter.

Minutes of Advisory Committee Meeting regarding Fire-
Brigades in the County was submitted and
Noted.

Mr. Devine proposed that it be recommended to the Galway
Co. Council, the granting of Graduity to all
Part-time Firemen attached to the Fire Brigades
in the County, who have reached the age of sixty and over,
with a view to replacing them with younger men on the
service.
Asst. Co. Manager stated there was no provision in the Act
for part-time Fire-men.
Clerk was directed to forward recommendation to Co. Council.

Mr. S. Kelly asked if the 20 cottages adjoining the Cuscarrie
Housing Scheme be serviced from this scheme.

The matter was referred to Asst. Co. Manager.

Advisory Body for Education, established by the Dept.
(of Education) was unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. J. Barrett proposed that it be recommended to Dept. of
Education, the necessity for the need of "Career and
Vocational Guidance" for the School Leaving pupils.

This was agreed to.

Itinerants Encampments : Mr. Devine referred to
the location of Camp.

Asst. Co. Manager stated that negotiations were in progress
for the acquisition of a suitable site within the
area of Loughrea.

Order - Noted.

Cosmona Sewerage : In reply to a query Asst. Co. Manager
stated that the Contract Documents for the Scheme had been
signed.

Noted; and Approved.

Minutes Cont.

Board's Sympathy was extended to the relatives (ad family) of the Late Miss Sarah Daly, St. Brendan's Terrace and with the Family of the Late Martin Moloney, Riverhill, in their berevements.

*C. Keenan
14/2/66*

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF ANNUAL ESTIMATES MEETING HELD IN BOARD'S OFFICE AT FIRE STATION ON FRIDAY 21st day OF ~~DECEMBER~~ ^{JANUARY}, 1966.

In the Chair -- Mr. William Conlan, Chairman.

Members present- Messers James Barrett, Anthony Dervan N.T., T.R.Kelly, John Devine, Joseph Kilboy and Sean Kelly.

In attendance- Mr. C. Walsh, Asst. Co. Manager, Mr. Mitchell, Town Engineer and (Mrs.) H.M. Kiely, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayer.

1966/67 Estimates : According to Co. Management Act Asst. Manager 1955/ submitted estimate and details of Expenses for financial year ending 31st March, 1967. Copies of which were circulated to each member together with Asst. Co. Manager's covering letter dated 12/1/66.

Asst. Co. Manager informed the meeting that according to prepared Estimates a Town Rate of Two Shillings & Six Pence in the Pound will be required - and it will be necessary to increase by 2/- weekly all fixed rents and Minima & Maxima of all differential rents in view of the deficit which would fall on rates.

The members were not in agreement with proposed increase in tenants rents. Asst. Co. Manager explained that it was the first increase since houses were erected, after which a lengthy discussion took place. Eventually it was proposed by Mr. J. Kilboy, Seconded by Mr. S. Kelly that the rents be increased as proposed by Asst. Manager. Passed.

It was proposed by Mr. J. Barrett, Seconded by Mr. Dervan, that a further credit be taken into account so that the rate be reduced from the proposed 2/6d to 2/- in the pound.

The estimated Expenditure £15370 - Receipts £4625 With a Credit Balance of £591. was then unanimously adopted - £664. being the sum to be demanded from the Galway County Council for the financial year ending 31st day of March, 1967.

Certificate and Demand were then signed by Chairman and Town Clerk.

*C. Keenan
14/2/66*

LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR
ENDING ON THE 31st day OF MARCH, 1967.

Estimated 1965/66 year.		Estimated 1966/67 year.	
Loan Charges (new houses)	£2041.	Loan Charges (new houses)	2041. ✓
" " (old ")	529.	" " (old ")	477. ✓
County Rates	1204.	County Rates	1130. ✓
Legal Expenses	20.	Legal Expenses	20. ✓
Painting houses	150.	Painting houses	150. ✓
Repairing	330.	Repairing "(maintenance)	330. ✓
		" "(being sold)	517. ✓
Rent Collector's fee	153.	Rent Collector's fee	160. ✓
Audit fee	2.	Audit fee	9. ✓
Town Engineer's fees	131.	Town Engineer's fees	224. ✓
Insurances	50.	Insurances	50. ✓
" T.V	5.	" T.V.	5. ✓
Contingencies	22.	Contingencies	22. ✓
Total	£4694.	Total	£ 5205. ✓

General A/C Estimated 1965/66 year.		General A/C Estimated 1966/67 year.	
Printing Stat. & Adv.	£ 30.	Printing Stat. & Adv.	30. ✓
Town Engineer's fees	90.	Town Engineer's fees	112. ✓
Town Clerk's salary	222.	Town Clerk's salary	222. ✓
Social Welfare Ins.	15.	Social W. Ins.	20. ✓
Garrybreedia Wood	90.	Garrybreedia Wood	90. ✓
Audit fee	6.	Audit fee	6. ✓
Rent & Rates	33.	Rent & Rates	33. ✓
Insurance	2.	Insurance	2. ✓
Postage & Phones	10.	Postage & Phones	10. ✓
Legal Costs	10.	Legal Costs	10. ✓
Contingencies	50.	Contingencies	50. ✓
Local Election	80.	Local Elections	80. ✓
Total	£ 638.	Total	£ 665.
	<u>4694</u>		
	5332		

Produce of Id in £ ---- £27.13.7d

LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

ESTIMATE OF RECEIPTS FOR FINANCIAL YEAR
ENDING 31st DAY OF MARCH, 1967.

Estimated 1965/66 year		Estimated 1966/67 year.	
Housing A/C.	£	Housing A/C.	£
Subsidy new houses	657.	Subsidy new houses	625. ✓
" old "	200.	" old "	162. ✓
Rents all houses	3613.	Rents all houses	3679. ✓
		<i>plus increase for 7th level</i>	52
Total	£4470.	Total	£4466.
			4518

Estimated 1965/66 year.		Estimated 1966/67 year.	
General A/C		General A/C	
Tennis field Rent	10.	Tennis field Rent	10. ✓
Grazing field "	9.	Grazing field "	9. ✓
Quarry " "	9.	Quarry " "	9. ✓
Dumping Ground "	20.	Dumping Ground "	20. ✓
Licences:		Licences:	
Petrol	2.	Petrol	2. ✓
Cinema	1.	Cinema	1. ✓
Bank Interest	30.	Bank Interest	30. ✓
Bridewell Store	26.	Bridewell Store	26. ✓
Total	£107.	Total	£ 81.
			107

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LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,
FIRE STATION,
LOUGHREA.

12th January, 1966

To/Each Town Commissioner.

Dear Sir,

In accordance with the provisions of Sections 9 and 10 of the County & City Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, I send you the Estimate of Expenses for the financial year ending 31st March, 1967. The Estimate will require a Town Charge of 2/6d in the £. The Town Charge for the current year is 1/6d in the £.

HOUSING :

Provision is made in the Estimate for normal maintenance repairs and painting similar to the current year. Due to unfavourable weather conditions and scarcity of skilled operatives the painting programme has not been carried out this year. It is not now proposed to undertake any painting this year. Applications for purchase of seven houses have been received from tenants and the estimated cost of repairs prior to the completion of sale is £537. This is a reasonable estimate having regard to present day costs. In view of the deficit which would fall on rates if the rents remained unchanged it is proposed to increase by 2/- per week all fixed rents and the minima and maxima of all differential rents. Credit for this has been taken accordingly in the receipts. To expedite the sale of houses to tenants who have applied for purchase it may be necessary after 1st April next to transfer allocations for painting (£150) and improvements at Garrybreedia Wood (£50) to housing repairs.

GENERAL :

Local Elections are due to be held in 1966 and provision has been made accordingly. There is no change in the figures under this section.

I wish to thank the Town Clerk and Town Engineer for their co-operation throughout the year and their assistance in the preparation of the Estimates.

Yours faithfully,

C. WALSH
Assistant County Manager

Est. Remains Binknell £450 = 2 3/4 " " "
Repairs to Verted Houses £584 = 1 9 1/2 " " "

Estimated Expenditure (1)	Estimated Receipts (2)	Net Estimated Expenditure (3)	Estimated Debit Balance (if any) (4)	Estimated Credit Balance (if any) (5)	Amount to be Demanded (6)	Rate in the Pound (7)	
						£	s. d.
£5870 0 0	£4625 0 0	£1245 0 0	-	581 0 0	664 0 0	-	2 0

CERTIFICATE

I hereby Certify that at (an adjournment of) the Estimates Meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held this 21st day of January 1966, the Commissioners did by resolution adopt the estimate of expenses set forth in Tables A. B. and C. and did also by resolution determine in accordance with the said estimate the sum set forth in Column (6) of Table C. to be the Sum to be demanded for the financial year ending on the 31st day of March, 1967.

Dated this 21st day of January 1966.

Signed William Conlon Chairman.

Countersigned H. M. Kelly Town Clerk.

DEMAND

To the Council of the County of Loughrea Town Commissioners hereby transmit to the above-named Council the annexed estimate of expenses and calculation of the sum to be demanded for the ensuing financial year ending on the 31st day of March, 1967. The Commissioners hereby demand that the sum of £664 0 0 shall be supplied to them by the said Council.

Dated this 21st day of January 1966.

Signed William Conlon Chairman.

Countersigned H. M. Kelly Town Clerk.

Copies sent to Dept. L. 4. 25/1/1966.
" " Sec. L. B. " " "

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LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,
FIRE STATION,
LOUGHREA.

12th January, 1966

To/Each Town Commissioner.

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GENERAL :

Local Elections are due to be held in 1966 and provision has accordingly. There is no change in the figures under this section.

I wish to thank the Town Clerk and Town Engineer for their assistance throughout the year and their assistance in the preparation of this estimate.

Yours faithfully,

C. WALSH

Assistant County Manager

Est. Demolition Birdwell £750 = 2/3 1/4 in £
Repairs to Vented Houses £584 = 1/9 1/2 " "

TABLE C.—CALCULATION OF THE SUM TO BE DEMANDED

Estimated Expenditure (1)	Estimated Receipts (2)	Net Estimated Expenditure (3)	Estimated Debit Balance (if any) (4)	Estimated Credit Balance (if any) (5)	Amount to be Demanded (6)	Rate in the Pound (7)	
						£	s. d.
£5870 0 0	£4625 0 0	£1245 0 0	-	581 0 0	664 0 0	-	2 0

CERTIFICATE

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Dated this 21st day of January 1966.

Signed *William O'Connell* Chairman.

Countersigned *H. M. Kelly* Town Clerk.

DEMAND

To the Council of the County of Galway. The Loughrea Town Commissioners hereby transmit to the above-named Council the annexed estimate of expenses and calculation of the sum to be demanded for the ensuing financial year ending on the 31st day of March, 1967. The Commissioners hereby demand that the sum of £664-0-0 shall be supplied to them by the said Council.

Dated this 21st day of January 1966.

Signed *William O'Connell* Chairman.

Countersigned *H. M. Kelly* Town Clerk.

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Copies sent to Dept. L.G. 25/1/1966.
" " Sec. L.G. " " "

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HELY'S LIMITED, DUBLIN
"The Public Bodies' Supply House."

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TOWN COMMISSIONERS

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Estimate of Expenses and Demand by the Commissioners of a Town
of Rates in the Pound

FOR THE LOCAL FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING ON THE 31st DAY OF MARCH, 1967

TABLE A.—EXPENDITURE

NATURE OF EXPENDITURE (1)	AMOUNT ESTIMATED			
	Estimated by Manager (2)		Adopted by Commissioners (3)	
Housing of the Working Classes	5205	0 0	5205	0
Tourist Development				
School Meals				
Allotment Schemes				
Other Expenses	665	0 0	665	0
TOTALS ...	£5870	0 0	£5870	0

TABLE B.—RECEIPTS

NATURE OF RECEIPT (1)	AMOUNT ESTIMATED			
	Estimated by Manager (2)		Adopted by Commissioners (3)	
Housing of the Working Classes	4518	0 0	4518	0
School Meals				
Allotment Schemes				
Other Receipts	107	0 0	107	0
TOTALS	£4625	0 0	£4625	0

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF THE LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON MONDAY THE 14th FEBRUARY, 1966 in THE BOARD'S OFFICE (FIRE STATION) LOUGHREA.

IN THE CHAIR- MR. DERMOT SWEENEY-VICE CHAIRMAN.

MEMBERS PRESENT: MESSERS JOSEPH KILBOY, JOHN DEVINE, ANTHONY DERVAN, THOMAS R.KELLY AND SEAN KELLY.

IN ATTENDANCE- THE TOWN CLERK - (Mrs.H.M.Kiely)

CLERK APOLOGISED ON BEHALF OF THE ASST. COUNTY MANAGER AND TOWN ENGINEER FOR THEIR UNAVOIDABLE ABSENCE AT MEETING WHICH WAS NOTED.

MEETING OPENED WITH PRAYER.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD 10/1/'66 & 21/1/'666 WERE READ AND SIGNED AS CORRECT.

CONGRATULATIONS WERE EXTENDED TO MOST REV. DR. RYAN, BISHOP OF CLONFERC ON HIS ACTION IN PROTESTING AGAINST THE "PARTY GAME" INCIDENT IN THE LATE LATE SHOW TELEFIS EIREANN PROGRAMME ON THE 12th FEBY. 1966. PROPOSED BY MR. J.DEVINE SECONDED BY MR. A. DERVAN & PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION : ENTRY FORM WITH CORRESPONDENCE AND LIST OF REGIONAL TOURISM MANAGERS, WAS SUBMITTED AND NOTED.

MR. J.KILBOY PROPOSED SECONDED BY MR. S. KELLY, THAT THE BOARD ENTER FOR THE COMPETITION FOR 1966 YEAR.

MR. T.R.KELLY PROPOSED AN AMENDMENT THAT THE BOARD DO NOT ENTER UNTIL THE ST FAIRS ARE MOVED OFF THE STREETS AND FAIR-GREEN DEVELOPED -SECONDED BY MR. DEVINE :

CHAIRMAN THEN TOOK A SHOW OF HANDS ON THE MATTER WHICH RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:

FOR THE PROPOSITION : MESSERS J.KILBOY, S.KELLY, A DERVAN AND THE PRESIDING CHAIRMAN - 4.

FOR THE AMENDMENT- MESSERS T.R.KELLY AND J. DEVINE- 2.

CHAIRMAN THEN DECLARED THE AMENDMENT LOST AND THE ENTRY FORM FOR THE 1966 YEARS TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION WAS COMPLETED BY CHAIRMAN AND TOWN CLERK.

DEMOLISHING BRIDEWELL : MR. DEVINE SUGGESTED TO THE MEETING THAT HE WOULD UNDERTAKE TO DO THE WORK FOR THE SUM OF THREE HUNDRED POUNDS PROVIDED HE CAN CLAIM THE MATERIAL.

AFTER SOME DISCUSSION ON THE MATTER. IT WAS PROPOSED BY MR. DERVAN, SECONDED BY MR. SWEENEY, THAT IT BE RECOMMENDED TO ASST. CO. MANAGER TO INVITE TENDERS TO DEMOLISH THE BUILDING AND USE THE MATERIAL IN BUILDING OF BOARD'S HOUSES.

THIS WAS AGREED TO . CLERK WAS DIRECTED TO FORWARD RECOMMENDATIONS TO ASST. CO. MANAGER .

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POLLING SCHEME : READ REPLY DATED 25/1/'66 SIGNED BY SECRETARY GALWAY CO. CO. STATING -

" IN THE EXISTING POLLING SCHEME THE TOWNSLANDS OF CLOONOO WEST & MASONBROOK ARE SEPERATED FROM THE REMAINDER OF THE DISTRICT WITH WHICH THEY ARE INCLUDED" THESE TOWNSLANDS ARE IN ELECTORAL DIVISIONS OF KILCORICKRY & KILTeskILL - NOT IN LOUGHREA URBAN."

NOTED- NO FURTHER ORDER MADE.

CINEMA LICENCE : RENEWAL OF TOWN HALL LICENCE APPROVED BY CHIEF FIRE OFFICER CAPT. SUGRUE, FOR CURRENT YEAR ENDING 31/12/'66, WAS GRANTED BY THE BOARD ON PROPOSITION OF MR. DEVINE SECONDED BY MR. T.R.KELLY.

RESOLUTION OF PROTEST WAS PROPOSED BY MR. DERVAN SECONDED BY MR. KILBOY, AGAINST THE MINISTER FOR L.G 's proposal to hold Presidential and Local Elections on separate days.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

PROPOSED TRAFFIC BYE LAWS: ON THE PROPOSITION OF MR. DERVAN SECONDED BY MR. SWEENEY, CLERK WAS DIRECTED TO WRITE SUPERINTENDENT GARDAI ON THE MATTER AND HAVE INFORMATION ON THE MATTER FOR NEXT MEETING.

SIGNPOSTING OF ROADS IN THE TOWN WAS REFERRED TO BY MR. SWEENEY, AS BEING CONFUSING TO MOTORISTS, AND RECOMMENDED THAT MAJOR ROADS BE PROPERLY SIGNPOSTED.

TRAFFIC ISLAND : ON THE PROPOSITION OF MR. DERVAN SECONDED BY MR. SWEENEY THE BOARD RECOMMENDED THAT A TRAFFIC ISLAND BE ERECTED AT THE JUNCTION OF THE FIVE ROADS AT WEST BRIDGE .

IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO REFER THE MATTER TO THE ASST. COUNTY MANAGER.

INLAND FISHERIES & TRUST ASSOCIATION . MR. DEVINE DREW BOARD'S ATTENTION TO A PRESS REPORT REFERRING TO FEES CHARGABLE FOR FISHING BY THIS ASSOCIATION.

A DISCUSSION FOLLOWED WHEN MR. T.R.KELLY PROPOSED THAT THE MATTER OF FREE FISHING RIGHTS IN THE LOUGHREA LAKE BE ADJOURNED TO A MEETING WHEN MR. BARRETT, WHO IS MEMBER OF ANGLERS ASSOCIATION, IS PRESENT TO EXPLAIN THE POSITION.

THIS WAS AGREED TO.

FURTHER VANDALISM IN THE TOWN WAS REFERRED TO BY MR. KILBOY, WHO PROPOSED THAT THE GARDAI FORCE BE STRENGTHENED AS THE PRESENT FORCE ARE NOT SUFFICIENT TO COPE WITH THE MATTER . MR. KILBOY REFERRED TO DAMAGE TO CARS AND MR. DEVINE CONDEMNED THE USE OF FLICK KNIVES. AFTER DISCUSSION IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO WRITE DEPT. OF JUSTICE AND RECOMMEND THAT THE GARDAI FORCE BE STRENGTHENED IN THE TOWN.

SYMPATHY OF THE BOARD WAS EXTENDED TO THE FAMILIES OF THE LATE MR. JOHN RYAN MOORE ST. AND MRS. PETER HAWKINS , DAULPIN STREET, IN THEIR BEREAVEMENTS.

W. Conlan 14/3/66

LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD IN BOARDS OFFICE, FIRE STATION, ON MONDAY 14th DAY OF MARCH 1966.

IN THE CHAIR - MR. WILLIAM CONLAN, CHAIRMAN.

MEMBERS PRESENT- MESSERS DERMOTT SWEENEY, ANTHONY DERVAN, JAMES BARRETT, JAMES BARRETT, JOSEPH KILBOY JOHN DEVINE, THOMAS R. KELLY AND SEAN KELLY.

MEETING OPENED WITH PRAYER.

IN ATTENDANCE- MR. M. MITCHELL, TOWN ENGINEER, SUPT. T.J. BRENNAN, GARDA SIOCIANNA, & TOWN CLERK (MR. S.H.M. KIELY).

TRAFFIC & PARKING BYE LAWS : SUPT. T.F. BRENNAN GARDA SIOCIANNA, A SKETCH MAP INFORMED THE MEETING THAT THE PROPOSED BYE LAWS FOR LOUGHREA WHICH WERE SUBMITTED TO BOARD'S MEETING ON THE 13/9/'65 HAVE BEEN REDRAFTED AND SUBMITTED COPY OF SKETCH MAP, ON WHICH WAS SET OUT PLACES WHERE PROPOSED PARKING DURING TRADING HOURS WAS SUGGESTED. THERE WAS LENGTHY DISCUSSION REGARDING PARKING HOURS IN PLACES, & ONE WAY STREETS (including Kelly's St., & Castle St.) THE BOARD APPROVED THEM IN PRINCIPAL WITH CERTAIN SUGGESTIONS.

SUPT. INFORMED MR. T.R. KELLY IN REPLY TO A QUERY THAT THE ARCH-WAY ENTRANCE TO POST OFFICE BE KEPT CLEAR OF PARKED CARS - SUPT. GAVE AN ASSURANCE THAT THE GARDA WOULD GIVE THE MATTER THEIR ATTENTION.

SUPT. BRENNAN INFORMED THE MEETING THAT THE FINAL DRAFT FOR BYE LAWS HAD BEEN SENT TO THE COMMISSIONER, GARDA SIOCIANNA, AND WILL BE SUBMITTED AT A LATER DATE TO THE TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

THIS WAS NOTED AND APPROVED.

PROPOSED ERECTION OF TRAFFIC ISLAND AT WEST BRIDGE WAS CONSIDERED. MESSERS A. DERVAN AND D. SWEENEY BEING IN FAVOUR OF SAME.

TOWN ENGINEER AND SUPT. BRENNAN WERE OF OPINION IT WOULD CAUSE CONFUSION OF TRAFFIC.

NO ORDER MADE.

THE BOARD THANKED SUPT. FOR ATTENDING MEETING AND CONGRATULATED HIM ON THE SKETCH MAP SUBMITTED.

SUPT. THEN LEFT THE MEETING. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING HELD ON THE 14/2/'66 WERE THEN READ & SIGNED.

SITING OF ROAD SIGNS WERE DISCUSSED - THE BOARD RECOMMENDED BETTER SIGNS AT WEST BRIDGE DIRECTING THE WAY TO GALWAY, AND SHANNON AIR PORT.

ROAD TOWN ENGINEER STATED TOO MANY SIGN S WERE CONFUSING TO TOURISTS, AND RECOMMENDED THAT THE TWO SIGNS BE REMOVED FROM THEIR PRESENT POSITION AND PUT ON A POLL AT KELLY'S

MINUTES CONT.

-CORNER ON OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE ROAD.

THIS WAS AGREED TO. CLERK WAS DIRECTED TO SEND RECOMMENDATION TO SECRETARY, GALWAY CO. COUNCIL.

VANDALISM IN THE TOWN.: SUBMITTED LETTER DATED 21/2/'66 DEPT. OF JUSTICE REF NO. 72/9 ACKNOWLEDGING BOARD'S LETTER, AND STATING THE MATTER IS RECEIVING ATTENTION.

ORDER-- NOTED.

TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION 1966 - READ LETTER FROM BORD FAILTE REFERRING TO 1965 COMPETITION STATING 'THE ADJUDICATORS WERE GENERALLY PLEASED WITH LOUGHREA, AND ARE OF THE OPINION, THAT THE TOWN, SHOULD CONTINUE TO DO WELL, IN THE FUTURE COMPETITIONS.

A FURTHER LETTER FROM WESTERN REGIONAL TOURISM GALWAY, WAS READ THANKING THE BOARD FOR ENTERING THE 1966 COMP. AND STATING THEY WILL BE GLAD TO ATTEND ANY MEETING RE TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION IF SO REQUIRED.

ORDER - NOTED.

REMOVAL OF FAIRS OFF THE STREETS : REMOVAL OF FAIRS OFF BARRACK STREET WAS DISCUSSED AT LENGTH.

IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY DECIDED ON MR SWEENEY'S PROPOSITION TO RECOMMEND TO ASST. CO. MANAGER THE NECESSITY FOR HAVING THE FAIR-GREEN DEVELOPED AT AN EARLY DATE, WITH A VIEW TO HAVING FAIRS HELD THERE. IT WAS ALSO AGREED TO RECOMMEND THE DEMOLISHING OF THE BRIDEWELL WHICH THE BOARD CONSIDERS AN EYE-SORE AND A PREVENTIVE, IN GAINING MORE MARKS IN TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION.

LOCAL ANGLERS ASSOCIATION- MR. BARRETT EXPLAINED AT LENGTH, THE PROGRESS MADE BY THIS ASSOCIATION IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE INLAND FISHERIES ASSOCIATION - WHICH WAS NOTED AND APPROVED.

MR. DEVINE PROTESTED AGAINST THE LAKE BEING HANDED OVER TO THE INLAND FISHERIES ASSOCIATION, WHEN A LENGTHY DISCUSSION FOLLOWED.

MR. T.R. KELLY PROPOSED A RESOLUTION IN FAVOUR OF THE LOCAL ANGLERS ASSOCIATION HANDING OVER CONTROL OF LAKE TO THE INLAND FISHERIES. WHEN CHAIRMAN TOOK A SHOW OF HANDS ON THE MATTER WHICH RESULTED AS FOLLOWS: FOR THE PROP: MESSERS T.R. KELLY, J. KILBOY, A. DERVAN D. SWEENEY, S. KELLY AND CHAIRMAN 6.

MR. DEVINE PROPOSED A DIRECT NEGATIVE NO SECONDED.

CHAIRMAN THEN DECLARED MR. KELLY'S PROPOSITION CARRIED.

ITINERANTS VOTES: MR. T.R. KELLY PROPOSED THAT ITINERANTS BE GRANTED THE SAME RIGHT TO VOTE AS OTHER CITIZEN. MR. I. DEVINE SECONDED.

CHAIRMAN STATED THE IT WAS HIS OPINION THAT IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE UNTIL SUCH TIME AS CAMPING SITES HAD BEEN PROVIDED FOR THEM.

NO ORDER MADE.

MINUTES CONT.

INCREASE IN WAGES : MR. DEVINE PROPOSED SECONDED BY MR. T. R. KELLY, THAT THE BOARD RECOMMEND TO ASST. CO. MANAGER AN INCREASE OF 14% TO ALL ATTENDANTS EMPLOYED IN ST. BRENDAN'S HOME.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

SEWERAGE EXTENSION - ON THE ATHENRY ROAD WAS REFERRED TO BY MR. SWEENEY, WHO PROPOSED THAT A RECOMMENDATION BE SENT TO ASST. CO. MANAGER TO HAVE THE CONNECTIONS MADE FOR THE CUSCARRIC AND COSMONA SCHEMES NOW THAT THE CONTRACTOR IS EMPLOYED ON THE ATHENRY ROAD SCHEME.

THIS WAS AGREED TO.

BOARD'S SYMPATHY WAS EXTENDED TO THE FAMILIES AND RELATIVES OF THE LATE MRS. DEVINE, CROSS STREET, MRS. CURLEY ATHENRY ROAD, MRS. DERMODY, BARRACK STREET, MR. JAMES REGAN KELLY'S STREET, AND TO REV. MOTHER CONVENT OF MERCY ON THE DEATHS OF REV. MOTHER PETER AND MOTHER ZAVIER.

LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDING OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 18th April, 1966 In Board's office Fire Station.

Members Present- Mr. W. Conlan, Chairman.
Messers James Barrett, Joseph Kilboy and subsequently Mr. John Devine.

On the proposition of Chairman, Seconded by James Barrett, it was decided to adjourn all business of Board as a mark of Board's sympathy to their Colleague Mr. John Devine, on the lamentable death of his Sister, The Late Mrs. Tess MacLoughlin, Rahoon, Galway, who met her death under such tragic circumstances.

All business of the Board was adjourned to Monthly meeting to be held 9th May, 1966.

W Conlan
9/5/66

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF ADJOURNED MEETING
OF THE LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD IN BOARD'S
OFFICE AT FIRE STATION ON MONDAY THE 9th
DAY OF MAY, 1966.

In the Chair Mr. W. Conlan, Chairman.
Members present - Messers D. Sweeney, J. Kilboy,
J. Devine and Sean Kelly.
In attendance- Mr. C. Walsh Asst. County Manager,
Supt. T.F. Brennan, Garda Siociana and
Town Clerk (Mrs. H.M. Kelly).

Meeting opened with prayer.

Minutes of proceedings of meetings held 14/3/'66 and
13/4/'66 were read and signed as correct.

Road Safety Campaign : Read circular letter dated 14/3/66

from Minister L.G. Dept. requesting co-operation of the
Board in promoting Road Safety week from 3th to 14 th
May, 1966.

All members pledged their co-operation in promoting Road
Safety.

Supt. Brennan outlined plans for instructing School
Children and Adults and explained the Rules &
programme being carried out in all schools in the town
regarding bicycle tests under supervision of Sergeant
Rtle in conjunction with Galway County Council.

Order- Noted and Approved.

Chairman thanked Supt. Brennan for his attendance at
meeting and valuable information regarding Rules of the
Road. Supt. then left the meeting.

Read letter of appreciation signed C.I.O. Flynn Esq.,
Asst. County Manager, dated 29/3/'66 expressing
appreciation and of the co-operation and assistance
given him during his period of office - the letter also
conveyed thanks to the Town Clerk.

Order: noted.

Erection of Road Signs at West Bridge: Read letter
dated 27/3/'66 signed by Mr. A.A. Warner, Co. Engineer,
stating it is hoped to re-position the two signs at
this junction which should remedy the trouble.

Order- Noted and Approved.

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Minutes Continued.

Vote of Congratulation was proposed by Mr. J. Devine to
Rev. Fr. Quinn and Mayor Holland of Galway on the
courageous stand taken against the proposed Licence
on Fishing.

Passed.

Local Election Expenses : Mr. Devine suggested that the
£30. included in Estimates be taken off the Rates -

Asst. County Manager informed the meeting that this could
not be done as Estimates could not be interfered with
but the amount could be utilised on Housing Repairs
during the financial year.

Order- Noted.

Tidy Towns Competition 1966 year. Submitted letter
of thanks from Bord Failte for supporting and promoting
the Competition.

On Chairman's proposition it was decided to have the usual
Brochures printed locally and distributed to all House-
holders in the town - Local Branch of I.C.A. to be invited
to co-operate, with a view to forming Street Committees
in conjunction with Town Engineer.

St. Brendan's Boxing Club : On Chairman's proposition
Seconded by Mr. Devine a vote of Congratulation was
passed on winning two National titles in Juvenile
Championships which brought great credit to the town
on behalf of the youth.

St. Brendan's Home Milk Contract: Mr. J. Devine
protested against the Renmore Dairies taken over this
Contract at 5/3 per gallon (only 1d per gallon difference
in Loughrea Fender)

Sewerage Connections- Mr. Sean Kelly asked Asst.
County Manager if provision is made for connection
of Co. Co. houses Galway Road with sewerage extension
for new housing Scheme at Guscarric.

Asst. Manager informed the meeting that such connections
were not entered in Contract Documents but that he would
inquire into the matter.

Order Noted.

MINUTES CONTINUED.

1916 Commemoration Cermonies :

Submitted Invitation which was circulated to each member of the Board and Town Clerk to take part in the Cermonies on the 3th May, 1966 in Loughrea.

Chairman compliamented the Committee Loughrea area on the great success of the Cermonies on Commemoration Day in Loughrea.

D. P. Meehan
13/6/66

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD IN BOARD'S OFFICE AT FIRE STATION ON MONDAY 6TH JUNE, 1966. READING TRAFFIC AND PARKING BYE LAWS 1966.

IN THE CHAIR----- MR. W. CONLAN, CHAIRMAN.

MEMBERS PRESENT- MESSERS D. SWEENEY, J. KILBOY, SEAN KELLY AND JOHN DEVINE.

IN ATTENDANCE- ASST. COUNTY MANAGER MR. C. WALSH. SUPT. P.F. BRENNAN, GARDA SIOCIANNA? MR. P. MITCHELL, TOWN ENGINEER AND (Mrs. H.M.KIEELY) TOWN CLERK.

MEETING OPENED WITH PRAYER.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING BYE LAWS : READ LETTER DATED 13/5/'66

SIGNED MR. T.P. REYNOLDS ASST. COMMISSIONER GARDA SIOCHANA -RE. NO A. 66/163/65- GIVING NOTICE OF HIS INTENTION TO MAKE BYE LAWS UNDER SECTION 39, 90 OF ROAD ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1961 .

SUPT. BRENNAN SUBMITTED MAP WHEREON WAS MARKED THE STREETS EFFECTED BY THE PROPOSED BYE LAWS

ASST. COUNTY MANAGER, TOWN ENGINEER AND MEMBERS PERUSED SAID MAP AT LENGHT .

SUPT. THEN EXPLAINED IN DETAIL FIRST SCHEDULE REFERRING TO PARKING PLACES FOR UNLIMITED PERIODS.

SECOND SCHEDULE OF PARKING PLACES WHERE PARKING IS LIMITED TO ONE HOUR .

THIRD SCHEDULE REGARDING STREETS OR PORTION OF STREETS IN WHICH PARKING IS PROHIBITED EXCEPT WHILE TAKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS OR LOADING OR UNLOADING GOODS.

ON THE PROPOSITION OF MR. D. SWEENEY SECONDED BY MR. SEAN KELLY? ALL MEMBERS WITH ASST. CO. MANAGER AND TOWN ENGINEER APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY OF ALL SECTIONS OF BYE LAWS SUBMITTED.

CLERK WAS DIRECTED TO NOTIFY ASST. COMMISSIONER GARDA SIOCIANA ACCORDINGLY.

Board thanked Supt. Brennan for his clear explanation on the matter when meeting terminated.

D. Sweeney
13/6/66-

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF TOWN COMMISSIONERS
HELD IN BOARD'S OFFICE, FIRE STATION MONDAY THE
13th June, 1966.

IN THE CHAIR- MR. D. SWEENEY, VICE-CHAIRMAN.

MEMBERS PRESENT : MESSERS JAMES BARRETT, JOHN
DEVINE, ANTHONY DERVAN, JOSEPH KILBOY AND SEAN KELLY.

IN ATTENDANCE: C. WALSH ESQ., ASST. CO. MANAGER AND
MRS. H. M. KIELY TOWN CLERK.

Meeting opened with prayer -
MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD 4/5/'66 AND / 6/6/'66
WERE READ AND SIGNED AS CORRECT.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING BYE-LAWS - ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES
ACTING CHAIRMAN REFERRED TO THE PROPOSED BYE LAWS
ADOPTED AT LAST MEETING AND SUGGESTED THAT THEY SHOULD
BE AMENDED FOR BRIDE STREET SO THAT PARKING WOULD BE
ALLOWED THERE FOR HALF DOZ. CARS OR SO ON THE SOUTH
SIDE OPPOSITE THE RAILWAY HOTEL. MESSERS SEAN KELLY
AND JAMES BARRETT AGREED WITH MR. CHAIRMAN'S SUGGESTION.
AFTER DISCUSSION (ON THE MATTER) ASST. CO. MANAGER ADVISED
NOT TO INTERFERE IN THE MATTER AT THIS STAGE, AS THE
REGULATIONS HAD ALREADY BEEN APPROVED BY THE BOARD, AND
THAT NOTICE TO IMPLEMENT THE BYE-LAWS WOULD BE
PUBLISHED IN DUE COURSE, WHEN OBJECTIONS TO ANY PART
OF THEM WILL BE CONSIDERED.

THIS WAS AGREED TO.

STATE OF STREETS AFTER THE FAIR DAYS WAS REFERRED TO
ASST. CO. MANAGER, BY MR. SWEENEY PRESIDING CHAIRMAN,
WHEN A DISCUSSION REGARDING THE PROVISION OF FAIR-GREEN
FOLLOWED

ASST. CO. MANAGER INFORMED THE MEMBERS THAT PRIVATE
INTERPRETATION WAS FOR A MART AND NOT FOR FAIR GREEN
AND IT WAS NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOWN PLANS WHICH WILL
BE CONSIDERED IN THE NEAR FUTURE BY THE CO. COUNCIL
ENGINEERS AND TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

ORDER - NOTED.

COLLAPSE OF NEW FOOTPATH AT COORHEEN WAS RESULT OF

MINUTES CONT.

SEWERAGE WORKS BEING CARRIED OUT THERE, WAS REFERRED
BY MR. DEVINE, TO ASST. CO. MANAGER. who stated that
the Contractor would be responsible for any damage
done.

(NO ORDER MADE.) *Noted*

MINUTES OF MEETING OF FIRE BRIGATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
HELD IN GALWAY 3/6/'66. WAS SUBMITTED - COPIES OF WHICH
WERE CIRCULATED TO EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD.
MR. DEVINE WAS NOT IN AGREEMENT WITH THE FINANCING OF
FIRE PREVENTION ENGINEER, FROM CO. RATES, AND SUGGESTED
THAT THIS APPOINTMENT SHOULD BE PAID BY THE INSURANCE
COMPANIES.

NO ORDER MADE.

MR. DEVINE INFORMED THE MEETING THAT HE WILL N.O.M.
SUBMIT N.O.M TO NEXT MEETING REGARDING PARTICULARS
OF COUNTY RATES.

ORDER- NOTED.

ORGANISING Co. DEVELOPEMENT *Scheme* : ALL MEMBERS PRESENT

ACKNOWLEDGED RECEIPT OF CIRCULAR LETTER, SIGNED
BY COUNTY MANAGER, REQUESTING CO-OPERATION OF ALL
LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

MINUTES CONT.

APPLICATION FOR INCREASE IN WAGES BY CO.HOME ATTENDANCE WAS REFERRED TO BY MR. BARRETT.

ASST. COUNTY MANAGER STATED THAT THE MATTER HAD ALREADY BEEN TAKEN UP BY THE UNION.

ORDER: NOTED.

1916 COMMEMORATIONS : LETTER SIGNED BY M.A.NEVIN HON.SECRETARY LOUGHREA COMMITTEE WAS READ, THANKING THE MEMBERS AND TOWN CLERK, FOR THEIR SUBSCRIPTIONS AND ASSISTANCE IN THE SUCCESS OF THE CELEBRATIONS.

ORDER- NOTED.

PROPOSED NEW ROAD FROM COTTAGE HILL VIA BARRACK STREET BOHER CAM, TO JOIN THE ~~TO JOIN~~ MAIN DUBLIN ROAD OPPOSITE GARRYBREEDIA WAS CONSIDERED *and noted*

NO ORDER MADE.

PIDY TOWNS COMPETITION - THE PAINTING OF TELEPHONE KIOSKS AND CLEANING UP DERELICT SITES WAS RECOMMENDED BY MR. DERVAN.

DESTRUCTION OF TREES AND UNSIGHTLY APPEARANCE OF THE WALKS GROUNDS DURING LAYING DOWN OF SEWERAGE SCHEME WAS STRONGLY CONDEMNED BY THE MEMBERS AND REFERRED TO ASST. COUNTY MANAGER, WHO ASSURED THE MEMBERS

THAT THE CONTRACTOR, WOULD BE OBLIGED TO RESTORE THE PLACE TO ITS FORMER CONDITION. ORDER- NOTED.

DEVELOPEMENT PLAN- ALL MEMBERS ACKNOWLEDGED RECEIPT OF CIRCULAR LETTER FROM COUNTY MANAGER REGARDING DEVELOPEMENT PLAN ASKING FOR CO-OPERATION OF ALL MEMBERS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

ORDER- NOTED.

POSTPONEMENT OF LOCAL ELECTIONS: SUBMITTED LOCAL ELECTIONS BILL TOGETHER WITH LETTER REF. F. 236/3 FROM MINISTER L.G DEPT. SETTING OUT THAT LOCAL ELECTIONS ARE POSTPONED TO JUNE 1967 AND THAT ANNUAL MEETING SHOULD BE ARRANGED TO BE HELD DURING THE PERIOD FROM 23rd JUNE TO 1ST JULY 1966.

ON THE PROPOSITION OF MR. A.DERVAN IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY DECIDED TO HOLD THE BOARD'S ANNUAL MEETING AT 7-30 P.M MONDAY 27th JUNE 1966.

THIS WAS AGREED TO. *W Conlon 11/7/66*

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD IN BOARD'S OFFICE AT FIRE-STATION, LOUGHREA, ON MONDAY, 27th DAY OF JUNE, 1966, at THE HOUR OF 7-30 P.M.

IN THE CHAIR-----MR.WILLIAM CONLAN OUTGOING CHAIRMAN.

MEMBERS PRESENT MESSERS M.CARTY, T.D., PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY, ANTHONY DERVAN, T.T., DERMOTT SWEENEY,

JAMES BARRETT, THOMAS R.KELLY, SEAN KELLY AND SUBSEQUENTLY

MR.JOHN DEVINE. *Meeting opened with prayer -*

IN ATTENDANCE- MR.C.WALSH, ASST. COUNTY MANAGER AND

(MRS)H.M.KIELY, TOWN CLERK.

MEMBERS PROCEEDED TO CARRY OUT TERMS OF MINISTER FOR L.G'S LETTER, DATED 24th MAY, 1966, REGARDING ANNUAL ELECTIONS.

MR.M.CARTY, T.D., PROPOSED THAT MR.W.CONLAN, OUTGOING CHAIRMAN BE RE-ELECTED, AS CHAIRMAN FOR THE COMING YEAR.

MR. D.SWEENEY SECONDED MR. CARTY'S PROPOSITION.

NO OTHER PROPOSITION WAS RECEIVED WHEN MR. CONLAN, WAS UNANIMOUSLY RE-ELECTED CHAIRMAN FOR THE COMING YEAR.

PROPOSITIONS FOR VICE-CHAIRMAN WERE THEN RECEIVED:

MR. J.DEVINE PROPOSED MR.J.BARRETT AS VICE-CHAIRMAN

SECONDED BY MR.A.DERVAN T.T.

MR. SEAN KELLY PROPOSED THAT MR. DERMOTT SWEENEY BE RE-ELECTED VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR COMING YEAR.

MR.M.CARTY, T.D., SECONDED MR. S.KELLY'S PROPOSITION.

ON A SHOW OF HANDS BEEN TAKEN THE RESULT WAS AS FOLLOWS

FOR MR.J.BARRETT- MESSERS J.DEVINE, A.DERVAN, T.R.KELLY

AND J.BARRETT ----- 4-----

FOR MR. D.SWEENEY; MESSERS M.CARTY, T.D., S.KELLY,

W.CONLAN AND D.SWEENEY, ----- 4-----

AS THE RESULT WAS EVEN MR.CONLAN, CHAIRMAN GAVE HIS CASTING VOTE IN FAVOUR OF MR.D.SWEENEY.

MR.SWEENEY WAS THEN DECLARED RE-ELECTED VICE-CHAIRMAN

FOR THE COMING YEAR.

MINUTES CONTINUED.

THE BOARD THEN PROCEEDED TO APPOINT DELEGATES FOR THE COMING YEAR-

MR. J. DEVINE PROPOSED THAT MR. T. R. KELLY, BE APPOINTED ON THE FIRE BRIGATES COMMITTEE.

MR. J. BARRETT SECONDED MR. DEVINE'S PROPOSITION.

MR. T. R. KELLY WITHDREW HIS NAME AND MR. D. SWEENEY WAS ^{then} RE-APPOINTED DELEGATE TO REPRESENT THE BOARD.

MESSERS M. CARTY, T. D., AND J. DEVINE WERE UNANIMOUSLY RE-APPOINTED TO REPRESENT THE BOARD FOR THE COMING TERM, AT MUNICIPAL CONFERENCES.

MESSERS W. CONLAN CHAIRMAN, AND D. SWEENEY VICECHAIRMAN THANKED THE BOARD FOR THEIR RE-ELECTION, AS ALSO DID MESSERS M. CARTY, T. D. AND J. DEVINE FOR RE-APPOINTMENTS AS DELEGATES FOR THE BOARD.

THE MEETING THEN WENT INTO COMMITTEE, WITH ASST. GO. ^{Re notice from Town Clerk regarding her resignation -} MANAGER, WHEN TOWN CLERK AND PRESS REPS. LEFT THE MEETING ROOM.

W. Conlan 11/7/66

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LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

I, W. Conlan OF ATHENRY ROAD, LOUGHREA, BEING A PERSON RE-ELECTED AS CHAIRMAN FOR THE LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS IN THE COUNTY OF GALWAY? HEREBY DECLARE THAT I TAKE THE SAID OFFICE UPON MYSELF AND WILL DULY AND FAITHFULLY FULLFILL THE DUTIES TO THE BEST OF MY JUDGEMENT AND ABILITY. DATED THIS 11th DAY OF JULY, 1966 SIGNED BY ABOVE W. Conlan DECLARED BEFORE ME THIS 11th DAY OF JULY, 1966. SIGNED h. m. ni Bolla TOWN CLERK.

LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

I, Dermot Sweeney, OF ATHENRY ROAD, LOUGHREA BEING A PERSON RE-ELECTED AS VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS IN COUNTY OF GALWAY? HEREBY DECLARE THAT I TAKE THE SAID OFFICE UPON MYSELF AND WILL DULY AND FAITHFULLY FULLFILL THE DUTIES TO THE BEST OF MY JUDGEMENT AND ABILITY.

DATED THIS 11th DAY OF JULY, 1966

SIGNED BY ABOVE D. Sweeney

DECLARED BEFORE ME THIS 11th DAY OF JULY, 1966

SIGNED h. m. ni Bolla TOWN CLERK

Payment of Gratuity to Town Clerk

The Assistant County Manager informed the Commissioners that

- (i) the Town Clerk had told him that she was not in good health and she enquired if she would qualify for payment of a gratuity
- (ii) if the Town Clerk were removed from office with her consent on the ground of permanent infirmity of body and subject to the consent of the Minister for Local Government the local authority may grant her a gratuity equal to one-twelfth of her remuneration at the time she ceases to hold office multiplied by the number of whole years of permanent service
- (iii) he was prepared to grant the gratuity if the Commissioners agreed
- (iv) that the gratuity could be paid from the credit balance which amounted to £1,767.14.1d at 31st March, 1966
- (v) a debit balance of £50 per annum should be included in the Estimate of Expenses and Demand for a period of ten years to restore the Commissioners working balance on revenue account if the gratuity were paid.

On the proposal of Commissioner A. Derizian, seconded by Commissioner M. Carty, T.D., Parliamentary Secretary to the Taoiseach, the following resolution was adopted:-

- (i) the Commissioners recommend that a gratuity be granted to Mrs. H.M.Kiely, Town Clerk, in accordance with the provisions of Section 53 of the Local Government (Superannuation) Act, 1956
- (ii) the Commissioners hereby authorise the necessary excess expenditure in accordance with the provision of Section 1 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955 for payment of the gratuity
- (iii) the Commissioners approve of item (v) mentioned above by the Assistant County Manager.

NOTE

This minute was written by the Assistant County Manager as the Town Clerk withdrew from the meeting while this item was discussed in committee.

LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS ~~AT~~ MONTHLY MEETING OF THE LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON MONDAY 11th DAY OF JULY, 1966, IN BOARD'S OFFICE AT FIRE STATION.

IN THE CHAIR- MR. W. CONLAN, CHAIRMAN.

MEMBERS PRESENT MESSERS D. SWEENEY, JOSEPH KILBOY, AND SUBSEQUENTLY MR. JOHN DEVINE,

MEETING OPENED WITH PRAYER.

MESSERS WILLIAM CONLAN, & DERMOT SWEENEY, SIGNED THE USUAL DECLARATION ACCEPTING THE OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN ^{2nd P.} BEFORE TAKING THEIR SEATS AS MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD 13/6/'66 AND OF ANNUAL MEETING HELD 11/7/'66 WERE READ AND SIGNED AS CORRECT.

SUBMITTED NOTICE OF MOTION DATED 22/6/'66 SIGNED BY MR. JOHN DEVINE DATED 22/6/'66 AS FOLLOWS-
" TAKE NOTICE THAT I OR SOME MEMBER ON MY BEHALF WILL MOVE AT NEXT MEETING ON THE 11/7/'66 THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL BE REQUESTED TO SUPPLY THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION
(a) AMOUNT IN CO. RATES IRRECOVERABLE
(b) WHAT PER CENT OF TOTAL ^{loans} ~~AND~~ DEFAULTERS?
(c) WHAT IS THE AMT. OF INTEREST PAID ON 2½ MILLION⁰⁰ LOANS?

THE MOTION WAS SUBMITTED BUT NO MEMBER MOVED IN THE MATTER. THE CHAIRMAN THEN PROPOSED SECONDED BY MR. SWEENEY THAT IT BE ADJOURNED TO NEXT MEETING.

ORDER- ADJOURN TO NEXT MONTHLY MEETING'

MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE : SUBMITTED NOTICE FROM ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES THAT THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN TUAM FROM 13th TO 15th

SEPT. 1966 ⁷, and REQUESTED THAT RESOLUTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED AT SAID CONFERENCE BE SUBMITTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THE MEETING WAS IN AGREEMENT IN HAVING REPRESENTATIVES

MINUTES CONTINUES.

FROM THE BOARD ATTEND CONFERENCE IN TUAM AND HAVE RESOLUTIONS NECESSARY, DISCUSSED AT NEXT MONTHLY MEETING.
ORDER- NOTED.

PROVISIONAL PLAN FOR LOUGHREA - SUBMITTED COPY OF MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MEETING OF SUB-COMMITTEE GALWAY CO. COUNCIL FOR LOUGHREA AREA HELD IN TEMPERANCE HALL ON THE 22/6/'66. Copy OR SAID MINUTES WERE CIRCULATED TO EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD.

THE MATTER WAS CONSIDERED, NOTED AND APPROVED.

SHORTAGE OF HOUSING ACCOMODATION IN THE TOWN WAS REFERRED TO BY CHAIRMAN WHO PROPOSED THAT THE CO. COUNCIL ~~BE~~ REQUESTED TO EXPEDITE THE ERECTION OF THE PROPOSED 15 HOUSES FOR LOUGHREA.
CLERK WAS DIRECTED TO WRITE CO. COUNCIL ON THE MATTER.

READ LETTER SIGNED REV. CANON I.R. KIRPATRICK, THE RECTORY, ATHENRY RD., LOUGHREA, REFERRING TO PARKING OF CARS IN FRONT OF THE ENTERANCE TO THE CHURCH IN CHURCH STREET AND ASKING IF SAID GATEWAY COULD BE MADE FREE OF CAR-PARKING THERE.
CLERK STATED THAT SHE REFERRED REV. CANNON KIRKPATRICK'S LETTER TO SUPT. BRENNAN, THE GARDAI, BEING THE RESPONSIBILITY AUTHORITY IN THE MATTER.

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT EXPRESSED THEIR WISH TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE GARDAI IN SOLVING THE CAR PARKING IN CHURCH STREET AS REFERRED TO BY THE CANON.

CHAIRMAN REFERRED TO NEGLECTED STATE OF GRASS-MARGINS ON THE COSMONA AREA AND SUGGESTED THAT SAME BE REFERRED TO TOWN ENGINEER FOR ATTENTION.

CLERK WAS DIRECTED TO WRITE TOWN ENGINEER ON THE MATTER.

MR. DEVINE COMPLIAMENTED THE DIRECTORS OF THE HOONER LTD. FACTORY ON PROGRESS MADE AND EMPLOYMENT OFFERED IN THE TOWN.

LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

MINUTES CONTINUED.

BOARDS SYMPATHY WAS EXTENDED TO THE RELATIVES OF THE LATE JOSEPH FALLON WHO DIED IN U.S.A., ALSO TO THE WIFE AND RELATIVES OF THE LATE MICHAEL J. FLYNN, BARRACK STREET, MRS. CALLANAN & FAMILY ON DEATH OF ~~HER SON~~ ^{late} ~~William~~ ^{William Callanan} MT. CARMEL ROAD, AND WITH THE FAMILY & RELATIVES OF THE LATE LAURENCE BURKE, ATHENRY ROAD.

*Applied A.C.
8/2/66*

Followed

LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON MONDAY 3th DAY OF AUGUST 1966.

MEMBERS PRESENT:- MESSERS JAMES BARRETT, THOMAS R. KELLY, JOHN DEVINE, JOSEPH KILBOY, AND SEAN KELLY.

IN THE CHAIR:- IN THE ABSENCE OF CHAIRMAN AND VICECHAIRMAN MR. T.R. KELLY WAS MOVED TO THE CHAIR ON THE PROPOSITION OF MR. BARRETT SECONDED BY MR. DEVINE.

IN ATTENDANCE:- MR. C WALSH ASST. COUNTY MANAGER AND (Mrs.) H.M. KIELY, TOWN CLERK.

APOLOGY FOR TOWN ENGINEER'S ABSENCE WAS SUBMITTED AND ACCEPTED.

MEETING OPENED WITH PRAYER.

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD 11/7/'66 WERE READ AND SIGNED AS CORRECT.

N.O.M. MR. DEVINE MOVED HIS MOTION DATED 22/6/'66 REGARDING COUNTY COUNCIL RATES AND LOAN O/S NOTICE OF WHICH WAS GIVEN ON AGENDA. ASST. COUNTY MANAGER EXPLAINED THAT DUE TO SEWERAGE SCHEME £25,000 AND OTHER SANCTIONED SCHEMES THE CO.CO. WERE OBLIGED TO APPLY FOR FURTHER LOANS WHICH INCREASED THE O.S. LOAN TO £2½ Millions.

After Mr. Devine speaking for some time on the matter of rates etc., Mr. Barrett seconded Mr. Devine's Motion which was passed.

Clerk was directed to write Secretary Co.Co. and ask for the following information:-

- (a) Amt. in Co. Rates Irrecoverable ?
- (b) What per cent of Total Rates are defaulters ?
- (c) What is the interest paid on £2½ M Loan ?

Mr. Devine submitted the following resolution he proposed to submit to Mun. Conference 13th to 15th Sept. 1966 'That in view of the Government making it clear that they will have to pay £70,000,000 Principal and Interest by the 30th Oct. next I propose that we request the Government to with-hold all monies due to banks and Insurance Companies until the Country is back on its feet again.'

On the proposition of Mr. Barrett Seconded by Ect. Chairman Mr. T.R. Kelly it was agreed that Mr. Devine submit resolutions to the Conference.

It was also agreed that Mr. Devine also submit further resolutions to be drafted by him to Conference.

Mr. Devine spoke at length regarding the financing from Central Funds £390,000,000.

MINUTES CONTINUED.

TENTH ROUND INCREASE :- was referred to by Asst. County Manager payable to all Board's officials as sanctioned by L.F. Department.

On the proposition of Mr. Barrett seconded by Mr. Sean Kelly it was unanimously agreed to pay suggested increases as recommended by Asst. County Manager.

Letter of complaint addressed to Mr. Kilboy, T.C., requesting that certain nuisances be stopped in the town and peace and quiet be restored to our town" was submitted. Letter was signed by Messrs D.P. Nolan, Pintan Sweeney, Dermot Harrison Celia Kelly, P.J. Killian, M.J. Sweeney & Others"

Mr. Kilboy referred the members to certain shops opened until early hours of the mornings which contributed to the disturbances complained of.

Asst. Manager stated he would look into the trading hours set out under the Shops Act

Order Approved. .
After further discussion Mr. T.R. Kelly, Act. Chairman proposed seconded by Mr. Kilboy that copy of letter submitted be forwarded to Dept. of Justice to take action in the matter.

Passed..

Mr. J. Devine referred to the death of the Late Mike Farrell, ^{owner,} Late of Main Street Loughrea (who had a great record fought 380 fights undefeated)

Mr. T.R. Kelly proposed that a mass be said for repose of ^{Mr. Farrell's} soul. Seconded by Mr. Devine - both members submitting One Pound each towards same.

Board's sympathy was extended to Mr. John Connell, Church Street and Mr. Andrew Shaw Woodlawn in their berevements.

D. Sweeney
12/9/66.

Loughrea Town Commissioners

Minutes of proceedings at the Monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 12th day of September, 1966.

In the Chair:- Mr. Dermot Sweeney, vice-chairman, in the absence of the Chairman.

Members Present:- Messrs. Joseph Kilboy, John Devine, Sean Kelly, James Barrett, Thomas R. Kelly.

In Attendance:- Mrs. H.M. Kiely, Mr. C. Walsh, Assistant County Manager, Mr. H. Fannon, A.C.E. and A. Marmion, Acting Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Before the business of the meeting was discussed the Assistant County Manager, Mr. Walsh, informed the meeting that Mrs. Kiely had retired as Town Clerk since the 31/8/66. He, Mr. Walsh, had appointed Mr. A. Marmion to act as Town Clerk in a temporary capacity until the 28/2/'67 or until a permanent appointment is made by open competition. Mr. Walsh then paid tribute to the retiring Town Clerk, Mrs. Kiely, who had for so many years given outstanding service to the Loughrea Town Commissioners and he, Mr. Walsh, wished her many years of happiness in her retirement. The presiding Chairman, Mr. D. Sweeney, the members of the Board present and Mr. B.O'Donohue, Press reporter, associated themselves with Mr. Walsh's remarks. Mrs. Kiely suitably replied and left the meeting.

Minutes:- The minutes of the last monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 8/8/'66 were read. On the proposition of Mr. T.R. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Kilboy, the minutes were adopted and signed as correct.

Loughrea Traffic and Parking Bye-Laws 1966:-

The Town Clerk read a letter from the Commissioner of the Garda Siochana informing the Loughrea Town Commissioners that the Loughrea Traffic and Parking Bye-Laws, 1966 have been submitted to the Minister of Local Government for the Minister's approval.

Hooliganism in Loughrea.

A letter from the Minister of Justice was read by the Town Clerk informing the Loughrea Town that their complaint about the hooliganism in Loughrea had been referred to the Commissioner of the Garda Siochana.

Reply from Galway County Council regarding Rates:-

The Town Clerk read the reply from the Secretary of the Galway County Council in connection with Mr. Devine's Notice of Motion on rates. Mr. Devine said he was not satisfied with the reply received and he, Mr. Devine, proposed that the Galway County Council set out its financial position on the back of the rates demand note. Mr. T.R. Kelly seconded this proposition which was declared passed.

Correspondence:-

The Town Clerk read correspondence which he had received in connection with the conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland.

The meeting decided to support the resolution of the Castlebar Urban District Council.

Loughrea Streets:-

Mr. Devine referred to the surface dressing of the Loughrea streets with tar and chip while a few miles out the roads are being dressed with Macadam.

Mr. Sweeney referred to the camber of the Main Street.

Paths in Loughrea:-

Mr. T.R. Kelly asked if a path could be provided at Mount Carmel Road, Loughrea.

Sewerage at Cottage Hill:-

Mr. Barrett complained about the sewer being blocked at Cottage Hill. Mr. Fannon, A.C.E. promised to look into the matter.

Employees at St. Brendan's Home:-

Mr. Barrett said that the employees in St. Brendan's Home, Loughrea, had not yet received the 10th round wage increase. Mr. C. Walsh, Assistant County Manager, said that there was some delay but that the increase would be paid.

Trees in Loughrea:-

Mr. Devine complained that the trees which had been broked in Galway Road had not been replaced.

Loughrea Walks:-

Mr. T.R. Kelly complained about the present condition of the Walks and said that the work should be completed as soon as possible.

Employment by C.I.E. in Loughrea:-

Mr. Kilboy referred to the recent employment of a youth from outside the town by C.I.E. at Loughrea. Mr. Kilboy asked for the Town Clerk to write to the area Manager of C.I.E. to enquire if any local youth had looked for the job.

Presentation to Mrs. Kiely:-

The meeting decided that a suitable presentation should be made to Mrs. Kiely on the occasion of her retirement. The Town Clerk was asked to purchase a suitable present and the members and officials of the Board would meet the cost.

Notes of Sympathy:-

The Board's sympathy was extended to the following on their recent berevements:-

- 1) The Moylan Family, on the death of their father, Mr. P. Moylan.
- 2) The Reilly Family, on the death of Michael Reilly.
- 3) Mrs. Donnelly, Lake Road, on the death of her husband, Mr. R. Donnelly.

Signed W. Con Ken
Chairman.

Date 10/10/66 October, 1966.

LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 10th day of October, 1966.

In the Chair: Mr. W. Conlan, Chairman.

Members Present: Messrs. James Barrett, Thomas R. Kelly, Anthony Dervan, Sean Kelly, John Devine.

In Attendance: Mr. C. Walsh, Assistant County Manager and Mr. A. Marmion, Acting Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 12th September, 1966, were read. On the proposition of Mr. T. R. Kelly, seconded by Mr. James Barrett, the minutes were adopted and signed as correct.

Tidy Town Competition 1966:

The Town Clerk submitted the Adjudicator's remarks on Loughrea's entry in the 1966 Tidy Town Competition. The overall marks (69) showed a decrease of one mark from last year (70 marks). The members expressed dissatisfaction with the system of marking. It was decided that the Adjudicator's report should be discussed with the Assistant County Engineer with a view to improving matters relating to the Galway County Council which were mentioned in the Adjudicator's report. The Chairman, Mr. Conlan said that the fact that litter on the streets had cost Loughrea marks, he thought it might be a good idea to approach the Ice Cream manufacturers with a view to providing some type of litter bins. Mr. A. Dervan said that he thought that the garage owners should be asked to provide some type of bin to hold empty oil containers. The Town Clerk was instructed to write to the garage owners requesting them to provide some type of bin to hold these empty oil tins. The Town Clerk was also instructed to write to Mr. Fitzgerald requesting him to clean up his sites at the Lake Road and at the Westbridge as these sites had received unfavourable comments from the Adjudicator.

52nd Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland

The Town Clerk distributed the official report of the 52nd Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland held in Cobh - 14th - 16th September, 1965, to the members present.

Employment by C.I.E.:

The Town Clerk read correspondence from the Area Personnel Officer of C.I.E. about employment at the Loughrea C.I.E. station.

Speed Limits at Galway Road:

Mr. James Barrett referred to the speed limit signs on the old Galway Road and asked if these could be revised.

Domestic Scavenging in Loughrea:

Mr. T. R. Kelly informed the meeting that he will submit a Notice of Motion to the next meeting of the Board asking for the Domestic Scavenging service to be extended to Cosmona. Mr. Walsh, Assistant County Manager, asked for the matter to be left over until the Assistant County Engineer could report on it.

Mrs. Kiely's Presentation:

The Town Clerk was instructed to purchase a silver tray and to have the tray suitably inscribed for Mrs. Kiely. All the members of the Board, officials and Mr. J. B. Donohue, Press Representative subscribed £1 towards the cost of the presentation.

Votes of congratulation:

Votes of congratulation were passed with the following:-

- (1) To the N.F.A. members on their protest march, proposed by Mr. J. Devine.
- (2) to the people of Shanaglish on their erecting a monument to the Connacht Ranger from Shanaglish who lost his life in India, - proposed by, Mr. John Devine.
- (3) To the Galway football team which won its third All Ireland Final in a row - proposed by Mr. T. R. Kelly.

Votes of Sympathy:

The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following, on their recent bereavements:-

- (1) The Kelly family, Kilnadeemna, on the death of Capt. L. Kelly.
- (2) The Casey family, Galway Road, Loughrea, on the death of their father, Thomas Casey.
- (3) The Sweeney family, Moore Street, Loughrea, on the death of their sister, Miss M. Sweeney.

SIGNED: C. P. Conlan
Chairman

DATE: 14 NOVEMBER, 1966

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 14th day of November 1966.

In the chair: Mr. D Sweeney, Vice-Chairman.

Members present: Messers. James Barrett, Thomas R Kelly, Joseph Kilboy, Sean Kelly John Devine.

In attendance: A Marmion, Acting Town Clerk.

Apology for Asst. County Managers absence was submitted and accepted.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 10th. October 1966 were read. On the proposition of Mr. T R Kelly, seconded by Mr. J B Barrett, the minutes were adopted and signed as correct.

Arising out of the minutes Mr. J Devine said that he would like to again congratulate the N. F. A. on the stand which it had taken in its recent protest. He, Mr. Devine would also like to congratulate Fr. McDwyer for starting the save the West campaign.

Mr. W Conlan, Chairman now arrived and took the chair.

Roadsafety Campaign. The recent circular from the Minister for Local Government on Road Safety was discussed and the following recommendations were made.
1. Mr. J Barrett recommended that a safety barrier be erected outside the entrance to the Convent school. Mr. Barrett also mentioned the condition of the streets after fairs, which he said were in a dangerous condition. Mr. Barrett said that it might be a good time to ask the Galway Co. Council what progress had been made with regard to having the fairs moved from the streets.

2.) Mr. T. R. Kelly referred to the speed of motorists on the road and he felt that the delegate representing the Galway Co. Council should stress the need for a overall speed limit on the roads.

(3) Mr. J Devine referred to the absence of a white line at the Westbridge which, he said, should be replaced immediately.

Condition of streets of Loughrea. The unsafe and unsightly condition of the following roads was referred to. Galway Road, Curheen Road, and The Walks. The Town Clerk was instructed to discuss the matter with the Asst. County Engineer.

Houses for Loughrea. It was decided to ask the Galway Co. Council what is the position with regard to the 15 No houses which were to be provided for Loughrea.

Domestic Scavenging. Mr. T. R. Kellys N.O.M. on domestic scavenging was read. The Town Clerk read a letter from the Asst. Co. Engineer which stated that as and from the 24th of November, domestic refuse will be collected in the Cosmona area and that the residents in that area were being notified accordingly. Mr. J Barrett stated that domestic refuse is not being collected from two houses at Caheronaun, Rawleighs and Quinns. Mr. Barrett asked that the Town Clerk discuss this matter with the Asst. Co. Engineer.

Motor Mechanic Apprentices. A list of boys in the Loughrea area who had expressed interest in the trade of motor mechanic was supplied by the National Apprenticeship Board. The Town Clerk was instructed to forward the names of these boys to the garages in Loughrea.

Resolution from the Ballina Urban District Council calling on the Government not to interfere with the News service from Telefis Eireann was marked read.

Postal service in Loughrea. Mr. D Sweeney referred to the unsatisfactory postal delivery service in Loughrea. The Town Clerk was instructed to write to the Minister for Post and Telegraphs requesting an additional postman for Loughrea.

Derelict Sites in Loughrea. The Town Clerk was instructed to write to the Galway Co. Council to enquire what action is being taken with regard to derelict sites in Loughrea on which derelict sites notices had been posted.

Employment in Loughrea. The Town Clerk was instructed to write to the Loughrea Cotton and Harmonica factories to enquire if these factories have plans for expansion in the near future. The Town Clerk was instructed to inform these two factories that the Loughrea Town Commissioners would give them every assistance they could.

Mrs. Kielys Presentation. The Town Clerk was instructed to make arrangements at the Railway Hotel for Mrs. Kiely's Presentation.

Vote of Congratulation. Mr. T. R. Kelly proposed a vote of congratulation to the Abbey Fathers on providing the first car park in Loughrea. Mr. J Devine seconded this proposition.

Votes of Sympathy. The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following on their recent bereavements:-
(1) The Sweeney Family, Main St. Loughrea on the death of their father, Michael Sweeney.

(2) Mrs McGloin, Bride St. Loughrea on the death of her husband.

(3) Mrs. Farrell, Barrack St. Loughrea on the death of her mother:- Mrs Coen.

(4) Mr. Patrick Donohue, Kilmeen on the death of his wife

(5) The Loughrey Family Kilmeen on the death of their father Patrick Loughrey.

SIGNED: W Conlan

Chairman.

DATE 12/12/66 DECEMBER 1966

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 12th. day of December 1966.

In the chair. Mr. W. Conlan, Chairman.

Members present: Messers James Barrett, Dermot Sweeney, Joseph Kilboy, Sean Kelly, T.R. Kelly.

In attendance: A Marmion, Acting Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayer.

Minutes: The minutes of the last monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners, held on the 14/II/66 were read and signed as correct.

Arising out of the minutes Mr James Barrett asked what the position was with regard to the safety barrier which the Loughrea Town Commissioners requested the Galway Co. Co. to erect outside the Convent school. The acting Town Clerk informed the meeting that the erection of such a barrier was a matter for the authorities of the Convent school.

Employment in Loughrea Cottons Ltd. The Acting Town Clerk read a letter from Mr W.R. Allen, General Manager of Loughrea Cottons Ltd. in connection with employment in and expansion of Loughrea Cottons Ltd. The meeting decided to wait until a full report is received from the Directors of Loughrea Cottons Ltd.

Postal Delivery in Loughrea. A letter from Mr. P. Lalor, T.D. Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Posts & Telegraphs, stating that the mid-day postal delivery in Loughrea is being investigated was read by the Acting Town Clerk.

Derelict Sites: A reply from the Secretary Galway Co. Co. in connection with derelict sites in Loughrea was read by the Acting Town Clerk. The Acting Town Clerk was instructed to write to the Galway Co. Co. asking for immediate action to be taken with regard to the derelict site at Main St. Loughrea. Known as Ryans Hotel.

N.O.M. MR D. Sweeney moved his N.O.M. of the 6/12/66. "That the Dept. of Posts & Telegraphs be requested to give a mid-day delivery of letters to the following parts of the town:- The Hill, Caheronaun Road, Cosmona, Athenry Road (beyond the factories) Cuscarrick.

After Mr. Sweeney had changed his N.O.M. to read "That the Dept. of Posts & Telegraphs be requested to give the same delivery services to The Hill, Caheronaun Road, Cosmona, Athenry Road (beyond the factories and Cuscarrick as the other parts of the town are receiving" it was seconded by Mr. James Barrett and unanimously adopted.

Loughrea Parking Bye-Laws:- The Acting Town Clerk was instructed to write to the Commissioner, Garda Síochána, enquiring to the present position of the proposed parking bye-laws for Loughrea.

Domestic Scavenging:- Mr. T.R. Kelly referred to the use of old boxes etc. as bins for domestic refuse and he, Mr Kelly asked if the people who are using unsuitable containers could be requested to provide proper bins.

Speed Limits:- Mr T.R. Kelly referred to the moving of the speed limit sign from outside the Sportsfield in nearer to the town. Mr. Kelly thought that some speed limit should exist between the present position of the speed limit sign and the Sportsfield.

Resolution as resolved by the Tramore Town Commissioners at their monthly meeting of the 15/II/66 was read by the Acting Town Clerk. It was unanimously agreed that this resolution would be supported by the Loughrea Town Commissioners.

Cuscarrick Sewerage Scheme:- All the members present expressed their dissatisfaction that the overflow from the Cuscarrick Sewerage Scheme is being piped into the lake. It was proposed by Mr. D Sweeney, seconded by Mr. S Kelly and passed unanimously, that the Minister for Local Government be asked to investigate the construction of a pipe line from the Cuscarrick Sewerage Scheme into the lake at Loughrea, for the purpose of conveying untreated sewerage into the lake in the event of the pumps at the Cuscarrick Sewerage Scheme breaking down.

Estimates Meeting:- It was unanimously agreed to hold the Annual estimates meeting on the 9/I/67 in conjunction with the next monthly meeting of the Board.

Vote of Congratulations:- A vote of congratulations was unanimously passed with the Loughrea branch of Muintir na Tire on publishing its first book on Loughrea.

Votes of sympathy:- The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following, in their recent bereavements:-
(1) The Duane family on the death of their mother.
(2) Mrs. Healy, Main St. Loughrea on the death of her husband.

SIGNED: 

CHAIRMAN.

DATE

9/1/

JANUARY, 1967.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 9th. day of January, 1967.

In the Chair:- Mr. D Sweeney, Vice-Chairman.

Members present:- Messers Joseph Kilboy, Sean Kelly, John Devine, James Barrett, Thomas R Kelly, and Anthony Dervan, N.T.

In attendance:- Mr. C Walsh, Asst. County Manager, Mr. H Fannon, B.E. A.C.E., Mr. K Doyle, County Council Official, Mr. M Tierney, Rent Collector and A Marmion Acting Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes:- The minutes of the last monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners, held on the 12/12/66 were read and signed as correct.

Arising out of the minutes Mr. James Barrett expressed his dissatisfaction with the Galway County Council's attitude with regard to the erection of a safety barrier outside the Convent national school. The Asst. County Manager stated that if the school authority considered a safety barrier necessary they could apply for permission from the Galway County Council to erect one.

Mr. J. Devine referred to the unsafe and unsightly condition of the roads in the areas where recent sewerage works had been carried out. Mr. Fannon, B.E. A.C.E. stated that he had reported on the condition of these roads on a few occasions without much result. The Town Clerk was instructed to write to the Galway ~~County~~ County Council asking that these roads be restored as quickly as possible.

Estimates 1967/68 year:- In accordance with sections 9 & 10 of the County and City Management Act of 1955 Mr. Walsh Asst. County Manager submitted Estimates and details of expense for Financial Year ending on the 31st. of March, 1968, copies of which together with Asst. County Manager's covering letter of the 5/1/67 and a copy of Circular Letter H. 3/66 of the 30/3/66 from the Dept. of Local Government were circulated to each member. Asst. County Manager explained in detail the proposed review of rents and on the proposition of Mr. D. Sweeney seconded by Mr. J. Kilboy the Deficit Rent Principle was passed unanimously.

Asst. County Manager informed the meeting that according to the proposed estimate a Town Rate of 1/6d. in the £ (pound) will be required. A lengthy discussion then took place during which the Asst. County Manager gave detailed accounts of receipts and expenses.

The adoption of the Estimates as submitted by the Asst. County Manager was proposed by Mr. J. Kilboy seconded by Mr. S. Kelly and passed.

Traffic and Parking Bye-Laws:- The Town Clerk read a letter from the Commissioner of the Garda Síochána stating that the proposed Traffic and Parking Bye-Laws for Loughrea could in fact be in force by the 10/1/67. The Town Clerk was instructed to write to the Galway ~~County~~ County Council asking them to commence with the erection of poles for the signs etc.

Derelict Sites:- A letter from the Galway County Council dated the 16/12/66 was read by the Town Clerk. The letter stated that the Galway County Council will take action with regard to the derelict site known as Ryans Hotel.

Postal Service:- The Town Clerk read a letter from Mr. P. Lalor T.D.

Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Posts & Telegraphs stating that a full examination of the postal service in Loughrea was in hands.

Public Lighting :- The Town Clerk was instructed to write to the Galway County Council requesting the provision of Public Lighting at Cuscarrick, at the Promenade on the Woodford Road and the re-positioning of some of the existing lights in the Athenry Road area.

Cuscarrick Sewerage :- A letter from the Minister for Local Government acknowledging receipt of complaint ~~of~~ by the Loughrea Town Commissioners of the existence of an overflow pipe from the Cuscarrick Sewerage Scheme into the lake was read by the Town Clerk.

Notes of Sympathy:- The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following on their recent bereavements:-

- (1) The Cunnane family, on the death of their mother, Mrs. Cunnane.
- (2) Mrs. John Jennings, on the death of her mother, Mrs. Hynes.
- (3) The Benson family, on the death of their mother Mrs. Benson.
- (4) The Morgan family Abbey St., on the death of their mother Mrs. Morgan.
- (5) The Brogan family, Main St., on the death of Raymond Brogan.

Signed: W. C. C. C.

Chairman.

Date 13th February, 1967.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 13th. day of February, 1967.

In the chair:- Mr. William Conlan, Chairman.

Members present:- Messers Michael Carty, T.D. Parliamentary Secretary, Sean Kelly, Anthony Dervan, N.T. John Devine, James Barrett, Thomas R. Kelly, Dermot Sweeney, Joseph Kilboy.

In attendance:- A Marmion, Acting Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes:- The minutes of the last monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 9/1/67 were read and signed as correct. Mr. J Devine referred to the fact that the County Manager, Mr. Sharkey had not attended any meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners since he came to the county. It was pointed out to Mr. Devine, that the ~~Asst.~~ Asst. County Manager, Mr. Walsh is assigned by the County Manager to carry out all managerial functions in connection with the Loughrea Town Commissioners.

Loughrea Traffic and Parking Bye-Laws:- A letter dated the 11/2/67 from the Commissioner, Garda Siochana stating that the Loughrea Traffic and Parking Bye-Laws would come into force on the 17/2/67 was read by the Acting Town Clerk. A lengthy discussion took place and on the proposition of Mr. M Carty, T.D. Parliamentary Secretary it was agreed that the present Traffic and Parking Bye-Laws should be revised after two months.

Loughrea Sewerage Extension:- The Acting Town Clerk read a letter from the Minister for Local Government dated the 11/1/67, which stated that the approved scheme for the extension of the Loughrea sewerage to Cuscarrick provided for an overflow into the lake.

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Signed:- W Conlan
Chairman.

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(2) The Fahy family, Ballygasty, on the death of their mother.
(3) Sean Hynes, Creggaturough, on the death of his wife.

Signed:- W Conlan
Chairman.
Date: 13th March, 1967.

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Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 13/3/67.

In the Chair- Mr. William Conlan, Chairman.

Members present:- Messers Dermot Sweeney, James Barrett, Sean Kelly, Joseph Kilboy, Thomas R. Kelly, John Devine, Anthony Dervan, N.T.

In attendance:- Mr. C. Walsh, Assistant County Manager, A Marmion, Acting Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes:- The minutes of the last monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 13/2/67 were read. On the proposition of Mr. T. Kelly, seconded by Mr. James Barrett the minutes were adopted and signed as correct.

Deputation re Parking Bye-Laws:- A deputation consisting of Mrs. McGloin representing the Loughrea Guild of the I.C.A. and Messers G. Raftery, J. Greene, T. Fahy, M. Fahy, M. Garrett, W.J. Hickey and M. Hynes representing the Loughrea Town Traders was met by the Board. The Chairman Mr. Conlan informed the deputation that the meeting would hear their view on the Parking Bye-Laws and afterwards the Board would convey the views on the deputation to the Garda Authority who are the Authority on the Parking Bye-Laws. A lengthy discussion took place during which the deputation expressed the opinion that the Parking Bye-Laws were detrimental to the business of the town and they, the deputation asked that the Parking Bye-Laws be abolished. After the deputation had left the meeting, Supt. Brennan attended the meeting and the views of the deputation were conveyed to him. The bye-Laws were discussed with the Supt. T.F. Brennan and the meeting decided to adhere to the motion which was passed at the February meeting of the Board, I.E. that the Parking Bye-Laws be reviewed at the April meeting of the Board. Supt. T.F. Brennan agreed to attend the next meeting.

N.O.M.:- Mr. A Dervan's ~~NO~~ N.O.M. of the 13/3/67 "That the town be ~~de-~~ de-commissioned and be replaced by a Junior Chamber of Commerce" was read by the Acting Town Clerk. A discussion took place during which the Asst. County Manager informed the meeting that if for any reason the Town Commissioners were abolished then the Galway County Council would act as Commissioners for Loughrea. As there was no seconder for the N.O.M. Mr. Dervan withdrew it. At this stage Mr. D. Sweeney produced an extract from the Loughrea Journal dated the 1/5/1861 setting out how the Loughrea Town Commissioners were formed and stating the names of the first members of the Loughrea Town Commission Board.

Cuscarrick Sewerage Scheme:- The Asst. County Manager referred to the allegations made against the County Council Engineers at the last meeting of the Board in connection with the overflow from Cuscarrick Sewerage. He read the following letter which he hoped would get the same publicity as the allegations had got.

Loughrea

TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Estimate of Expenses and Demand by the Commissioners of a Town of Rates in the Pound

FOR THE LOCAL FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING ON THE 31st DAY OF MARCH, 1967

TABLE A.—EXPENDITURE

NATURE OF EXPENDITURE (1)	AMOUNT ESTIMATED	
	Estimated by Manager (2)	Adopted by Commissioners (3)
Housing of the Working Classes	5205 0 0	5205 0 0
Tourist Development		
School Meals		
Allotment Schemes		
Other Expenses	665 0 0	665 0 0
TOTALS ...	5870 0 0	5870 0 0

TABLE B.—RECEIPTS

NATURE OF RECEIPT (1)	AMOUNT ESTIMATED	
	Estimated by Manager (2)	Adopted by Commissioners (3)
Housing of the Working Classes	4518 0 0	4518 0 0
School Meals		
Allotment Schemes		
Other Receipts	107 0 0	107 0 0
TOTALS	4625 0 0	4625 0 0

TABLE C.—CALCULATION OF THE SUM TO BE DEMANDED

Estimated Expenditure (1)	Estimated Receipts (2)	Net Estimated Expenditure (3)	Estimated Debit Balance (if any) (4)	Estimated Credit Balance (if any) (5)	Amount to be Demanded (6)	Rate in the Pound (7)		
						£	s.	d.
5870 0 0	4625 0 0	1245 0 0		5810 0 0	664 0 0		2	0

CERTIFICATE

I hereby Certify that at (an adjournment of) the Estimates Meeting of the *Loughrea* Town Commissioners held this *21st* day of *January* 19*66*, the Commissioners did by resolution adopt the estimate of expenses set forth in Tables A. B. and C. and did also by resolution determine in accordance with the said estimate the sum set forth in Column (6) of Table C. to be the Sum to be demanded for the financial year ending on the 31st day of March, 19*67*.

Dated this *21st* day of *January* 19*66*
Signed Chairman.
Countersigned Town Clerk.

DEMAND

Loughrea To the Council of the County of *Galway*
The *Loughrea* Town Commissioners hereby transmit to the above-named Council the annexed estimate of expenses and calculation of the sum to be demanded for the ensuing financial year ending on the 31st day of March, 19*67*. The Commissioners hereby demand that the sum of £ *664-0-0* shall be supplied to them by the said Council.

Dated this *21st* day of *January* 19*66*
Signed Chairman.
Countersigned Town Clerk.

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Loughrea Sewerage Extension at Cuscarrig - Emergency Overflow

Due to the low level of the Lake Road area in relation to the existing sewerage system in Loughrea, a pumped system was essential in order to provide for the drainage of this part of the town environs. In any such pumping scheme an emergency overflow from the pump sump must be provided in order that if a breakdown in the electricity supply occurred, or for any other reason the pumps fail, sewage would not flow back into private houses.

Experience shows that the incidence of such failures is no more than once a year and usually for very short periods. In the case of the Cuscarrig pumphouse the only discharge for the emergency overflow was into the lake. Before deciding on this, a full investigation was carried out and an assurance was received from the E.S.B. regarding the reliability of the electricity supply.

The Loughrea water supply is taken from this lake but is fully treated and chlorinated and the County Medical Officer was satisfied that the emergency overflow would not cause any danger whatsoever to the water supply scheme. He approved of the proposal and subsequently the Department of Local Government approved.

Some months ago representations were received from the National Building Agency that they should be allowed to erect a temporary sewage pump near the new pumphouse site in order that the 52 house scheme at Cuscarrig could be tenanted in advance of the completion of the permanent pumping system by the County Council. Subject to certain guarantees regarding the maintenance of this temporary arrangement having been given the County Council agreed to allow the N.B.A. to proceed.

The temporary pump was installed and the houses tenanted and the arrangement worked satisfactorily except for a short period when the maintenance arrangements broke down and the emergency overflow worked for a period. The N.B.A. made immediate arrangements for better supervision as soon as the matter was brought to their attention and the pump is since working satisfactorily.

Analyses have been taken constantly of the Loughrea water supply

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and have always shown perfect results which prove that any pollution of the lake is properly treated at the water works and that there is no danger whatsoever to the health of the water consumers.

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The first of the month of the year 1847
was a day of great interest to the
people of the town of New York
as it was the day on which the
celebration of the centennial of the
city of New York was held.

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Mr. D. Sweeney said that he could not accept that it is right to convey untreated sewerage into the lake and he still felt that a septic tank should be provided. Mr. Devine said that in his opinion the sewerage should be continued to meet the existing sewerage scheme. Mr. Devine referred to the dangerous condition the roads were left in, in the areas in which sewerage works were carried out. The Acting Town Clerk informed the meeting that the restoration of some of these roads will commence in the near future.

Flooding at Cross Street:- Mr. James Barrett referred to the recent flooding which took place at Cross Street and he expressed the opinion that this was due to some recent work which was carried out at the Mount Pleasant houses. The Acting Town Clerk was asked to take the matter up with the Asst. County Engineer.

Commissioners Houses:- Mr. Sean Kelly referred to a letter received recently by tenants who had applied to vest their houses. The letter stated that repairs would not be carried out to these houses and Mr. Kelly thought this very strange in view of the fact that tenants in the same neighbourhood who had vested their houses had got repairs. The Asst. County Manager informed the meeting that under the new Housing Act, which came into force on the 31/12/66 the Commissioners were not obliged to carry out any repairs to houses for vesting and in view of the low cost of these houses a chance was giving to tenants to purchase their houses before a new purchase scheme was drawn up.

As this was the last meeting of the Board that Mr. Walsh would be at he expressed his thanks to all the members of the Board that he had associate with. Mr. Conlan on behalf of the Board Members wished Mr. Walsh every success on his new appointment in Cork.

Vote of Congratulations:- Mr. J Devine proposed a vote of congratulations to the Galway Junior Chamber of Commerce for calling on the Government to stabilise rents

Votes of Sympathy:- The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following on their recent bereavements.
(1) J.J. Monahan, Athenry Road, on the death of his wife.
(2) Mrs. Kelly, Moore St., on the death of her sister.
(3) Mrs. Burke, Bride St., on the death of her brother.

Signed:- W. Conlan
Chairman.

Date. 10th April, 1967.

13th May 1967.

Editorial in "LOUGHREA JOURNAL" May 1st. 1861.

On Friday next an opportunity will be afforded the inhabitants of Loughrea of securing to themselves the benefits to be derived from the establishment of a Body of Town Commissioners under the Provisions of the Town Improvements Act 1854.

We have so often called attention to the extreme disadvantages under which we laboured owing to the want of such a Body, and to the vast amount of good to be derived from their existence, that we trust the subject is now thoroughly known by every intelligent citizen amongst us, and that each and all will act well their parts on that occasion, and show by their unanimity and good order that they possess the spirit and the will to adopt all necessary measures for the promotion of their general interests."

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1861

Parliamentary procedures were completed between May and July for the establishment of Town Commissioners in Loughrea.

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The first members of Loughrea Town Commissioners were :-

John Henry Blake, Chairman., Jeremiah O'Leary., Robert Burke., Thomas D.O'Farrell., Edward Skerrett., John Fahy., Thomas Macklin., Thomas Kelly., Patrick McCarthy., William Stratton., Joseph O'Brien., and Thomas O'Brien.

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As this year we celebrate the Centenary of the Fenian Rising of 1867, it is interesting to recall, that Jeremiah O'Leary one of the first Town Commissioners was Manager of the National Bank, Loughrea, and uncle of the celebrated Fenian John O'Leary. He died in 1871 and is buried in Garrybreeda Cemetary. A fine memorial marks his grave.

P. P. Sweeney
13/3/67

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 10/4/67.

In the Chair:- Mr. William Conlan, Chairman.

Members Present:- Messers Sean Kelly, Joseph Kilboy, Dermot Sweeney, James Barrett, Michael Carty, T.D. Parliamentary Secretary, Thomas R. Kelly, John Devine, Anthony Dervan.

In Attendance:- Mr. L O'Luanaigh. Temporary Assistant County Manager, Mr. H. Fannon, B.E. ASst. County Engineer, A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes:- The minutes of the last monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 13/3/67 were read. Mr. D. Sweeney referred to the minute in connection with the sewerage extension at Cuscarrick which Mr. Sweeney said was not correct. Mr. Sweeney stated that the minute should read as follows, "That a tank should be provided to hold any sewerage which should overflow as a result of a breakdown in the pumping system but that he could not agree under any circumstances to sewerage being conveyed to the lake". Mr. John Devine stated that he still thought that the Cuscarrick Sewerage Scheme should be connected to the existing sewerage scheme and that he wished to dis-associate himself from the present arrangements. Mr. T.R. Kelly referred to the danger of people swimming in the lake contacting Typhoid Fever. Mr. M Carty, T.D. Parliamentary Secretary stated that this was not so, that an assurance had been received from the Medical Officer and that we must accept this assurance. Both Mr. Carty and Mr. Barrett agreed that Mr. Sweeney's suggestion of ~~axkaxkx~~ the provision of a tank to hold the overflow sewerage was a good one.

The Chairman now signed the minutes as correct.

Mr. J. Devine referred to the bad state of the roads where the sewerage is at present being layed and Mr. Devine asked Mr. Luanaigh to inspect the roads in the area of Abbey Street.

Correspondance:- The Town Clerk read the following correspondance to the meeting

- (1) M.O. No. I7797 appointing Mr. O'Luanaigh as Temporary Assistant County Manager.
- (2) M.O. No. I7795 :- delegating the duties of the Loughrea Town Commissioners to Mr. O'Luanaigh.
- (3) M.O. No. II98 :- Appointing Cyril A. Marmion as Town Clerk.
- (4) Letter from Mrs. K. MacGloinn thanking the Board for receiving her at the March meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners.
- (5) Letter from Dept. of Local Government approving of Differential Rent System as set out by M.O. No. II95.
- (7) Resolution as resolved by the Cork Co. Council on the 20/3/67 calling for the abolishment of the means test for Old Age Pensions.

Both ^{Messrs} O'Luanaigh and Marmion were welcomed by the members of the Board.

Loughrea Parking Bye-Laws :- Due to the absence of Supt. T.F. Brennan was not possible to proceed as planned with the review of the existing Parking Bye-Laws in Loughrea. The meeting agreed to meet a deputation from the Town Traders who were present outside the meeting. Mr. Carty, T.D. Parliamentary Secretary proposed that any suggestions which the Deputation had in writing should be accepted but that no discussion should take place on the Parking Bye-Laws at this meeting but that a further meeting should be called when Supt. Brennan would be available at which the Parking Bye-Laws would be discussed in Committee. This Proposition was seconded by Mr. James Barrett and carried.

The Deputation consisting of, Messers Martin Fahy, Joseph Keene, William J. Hickey and A.G. Moylan, Solicitor was then received. The Deputation submitted its proposals in writing to the meeting and requested that the Town Traders be consulted before any amendments to the Parking Bye-Laws should be passed as law. Mr. Carty assured the Deputation that they would be informed of any recommendations made to the Parking Bye-Laws.

Tidy Towns Competition:- Loughrea's entry into the 1967 Tidy Towns Competition was considered. Mr. John Devine proposed that Loughrea should not enter for the 1967 Tidy Towns Competition in view of the number of derelict sites in Loughrea. There was no seconder for Mr. Devine's proposition. Mr. Joseph Kilboy proposed that Loughrea enter for the Tidy Town Competition and Mr. D. Sweeney seconded this proposition which was carried.

Mr. O'Luanaigh promised to find out what the position is with regard to the derelict site known as Ryan's Hotel and the Old Bridewell.

Mr. James Barrett asked if the Commissioners houses at Athenry Road could be coloured. Mr. Fannon, B.E. A.C.E. promised to look into the matter.

Mr. James Barrett expressed his regret that the Chairman, Mr. Conlan was not going forward for re election in June, all the Board members associated themselves with Mr. Barrett's remarks and appealed to Mr. Conlan to reconsider his decision. Mr. Conlan thanked the members for their kind remarks but stated that after 22 years he felt he had served his term.

Mr. Thomas R. Kelly referred to the recent flooding at Cross Street and asked Mr. Fannon, B.E. A.C.E. to look into the matter.

Mr. John Devine referred to the fact that the Renmore Daries had got the contract to supply milk to St. Brendans Home at a considerable increase to the ratepayers. Mr. T.R. Kelly stated that when the local milk suppliers were put out of business it would not be long before the people will have to pay 1/- per point for milk.

Mr. J. Devine proposed a vote of congratulations to the Castlebar Urban Council on its protest against rising of rates. Mr. T.R. Kelly seconded this proposition.

The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following.

Mrs. Newell Liam Mellows Terrace, on the death of her husband.
The Connaire Family Galway Road, on the death of their father.
John Connell Church St., on the death of his sister.

The Kenny Family Newtowndaly, on the death of their father.

Signed:-

D. Sweeney

Chairman.

Date.

25 May, 1967.

Minutes of proceedings at a special meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 17/4/67 to discuss the Traffic and Parking Bye-Laws at present in force in Loughrea.

In the Chair:- Mr. Dermot Sweeney, Vice-Chairman.

Members Present:- Messers John Devine, Michael Carty, T.D. Parliamentary Secretary, James Barrett, Joseph Kilboy, Anthony Dervan, Thomas R. Kelly, Sean Kelly.

In Attendance:- Supt. T.F. Brennan, Garda Barracks, Loughrea, A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers. Before the business of the meeting was discussed the Town Clerk informed the meeting that the Chairman, Mr. William Conlan had asked him to convey to the meeting his reasons for not being present which were, that as Mr. Conlan had decided not to contest the forthcoming election he, Mr. Conlan felt that it would be unfair of him to impose on the meeting his views on the Parking Bye-Laws.

The Chairman, Mr. Sweeney explained to the meeting the purpose of the meeting which was to review the Parking Bye-Laws at present in operation in Loughrea. Mr. M. Carty, T.D. Parliamentary Secretary stated that he felt that Parking regulations were necessary for Loughrea. Mr. Carty's statement received the full support of the meeting. The Parking situation was discussed in detail and the following recommendations were made.

- (1) At Bride Street on the south side:- That Parking be allowed for 1. hour from Shalveys to Butler- Mannions Public house.
- (2) From Piggotts Street corner to Church Street corner:- That parking be allowed for 1 hour.
- (3) Main Street on the south side:- That parking for 1 hour be extended from where the No Parking sign at present exists opposite the National Bank to as near as possible to John Stauntons shop.
- (4) Main Street on the north side:- That parking be allowed for 1 hour from Thomas MacGuire's shop to the entrance to Bernard Moylan's yard. (for a trial period)
- (5) Dunkellin Street on the south side:- That parking be allowed for 1 hour from John Coughlan's showrooms to as near as possible to Michael Hynes shop.
- (6) Church Street:- That Church Street be made an one way street with the traffic going from Main Street towards Barrack Street with parking for 1 hour on the west side of Church Street.
- (7) Kellys Street:- The No Parking signs at present on the southern entrance be moved up to the Parking signs in this street.
- (8) Castle Street:- That the No Parking signs at present on the northern entrance be moved down to the Parking signs in this street.

- (9) Abbey Street:- That Abbey Street be made an one way street with going from Main Street towards Bullaun and that parking for 1 hour be allowed on the east side.
- (10) That the Galway County Council be requested to acquire the plot of ground belong to Mr. Michael Fitzgerald at the Westbridge, Loughrea for developement as a car park.
- (11) That the Galway County Council be requested to provide a Zebra Crossing at Moore Street for the protection of the children attending school.

Mr John Devine dis-associated himself from the decision taken on Abbey Street until such time as the people living in Abbey Street had an chance to study the proposal. Mr. M. Carty proposed and Mr. A. Dervan seconded that it should be made known to the traders that while the meeting had decided on the direction of traffic in the one way streets any suggestions made by the Traders on the direction of traffic in these streets or on the making of these streets two way streets without parking on them, would get every consideration.

Mr. B. Sweeney, Chairman thanked Supt. T.F. Brennan for attending the meeting.

Signed:- *D. Sweeney*
8th May 1967
Vice Chairman

Minutes of proceedings at the Monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 8/5/67.

In the Chair:- Mr. Dermot Sweeney, Vice-Chairman.

Members present:- Messers Sean Kelly, Joseph Kilboy, James Barrett, Anthony Dervan, John Devine, Thomas R. Kelly, Michael Carty, T.D. Parl. Sec.

In Attendance:- Messers L O'Luanagh, Asst. Co. Manager and A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes:- The minutes of the meetings held on the 10/4/67 and 17/4/67 were read and on the proposition of Mr. M Carty seconded by Mr. S. Kelly the minutes were signed as correct.

Arising out of the minutes, Mr. James Barrett asked that the Minister for Local Government be requested to have no further increase in the rents of the Loughrea Town Commissioners houses. It was agreed that Mr. Barrett would submit a N.O.M. on the matter for the next meeting.

Deputation:- The Town Clerk informed the meeting that he had received a request from the Loughrea Town Traders for permission to send a deputation to the meeting for the purpose of discussing the Parking Bye-Laws in Loughrea. The Town Clerk had referred the application to the Chairman, Mr. W. Conlan who had agreed to meet the deputation. The deputation, consisting of Messers Gerard Raftery, William J. Hickey and Joseph Greene was received by the meeting. The deputation expressed their opinion that the existing Parking Regulations were detrimental to the business of Loughrea and they stated that their Association had agreed to stay with the petition submitted to the Minister for Local Government. The Chairman, Mr. Sweeney informed the deputation that a special meeting was held to discuss the Bye-Laws and at that meeting a number of recommendations were made. The Town Traders had received a copy of these recommendations and a copy would be forwarded to the Garda Authority. After the deputation had left the meeting the Town Clerk was instructed to send a copy of the recommendations to the Garda Authority on the proposition of Mr. J. Kilboy seconded by Mr. M. Carty.

Cuscarrick Sewerage:- A deputation consisting of Messers William O'Leary O'Loughlin and Michael Bruton was received by the meeting. The deputation asked the Loughrea Town Commissioners to request the Galway County Council to extend the Cuscarrick Sewerage Scheme to the remaining 4 Cottages on the Gort Road and the 6 Cottages on the Old Galway Road. The deputation also asked that a water fountain be erected at the 4 Cottages on the Gort Road. The meeting decided to make the recommendations to the Galway County Council.

Letter from Loughrea Guild of Muintir Na Tire:- The Town Clerk read a letter from the Loughrea Guild of Muintir Na Tire requesting an opportunity to discuss the Draft Plan for Loughrea and District with the people who are preparing it. The meeting decided to send the letter to the Galway Co. Council.

Postal Service:- A letter from the Dept. of Posts & Telegraphs was read by the Town Clerk. The letter stated that an auxiliary post was created and under the new arrangements the second delivery would be completed by 4/30 P.M. It was also stated that it was found unadvisable to extend the second delivery to the Hill, Caheronaun Road, Cosmonaa Athenry Road, (beyond the factories) and Cuscarrick. The meeting considered the reply satisfactory.

Special Employment Schemes:- Correspondance from Mr. C. Haughey, Minister for Finance to Mr. M. Carty, T.D. Parliamentary Secretary which said that money for Special Employment Schemes was raised from £5000 last year to £25000 in the current year was read by the Town Clerk. It was also stated that Loughrea would get due consideration when this money is allotted.

Smelting Plant:- Mr. T.R. Kelly stated that now when a smelting plant was going to be erected in Ireland, he felt that Loughrea should get prior consideration in view of its proximity to Tynagh. Mr. M. Carty said that it was not quite correct to say that a smelting plant would be erected in Ireland but that the matter was being investigated. He also said that it would cost in the region of £20000000 to erect a smelting plant. Mr. A. Dervan stated that about 5 years ago Northgate had informed the Town Commissioners that they would not erect a smelting plant.

Auxiliary Firemen:- Mr. J. Devine proposed that the Galway County Council be asked to recommend to the Minister for Local Government that each part time fireman who had reached retiring age should get an gratuity of £10 for each years service he had given, Mr. T.R. Kelly seconded this proposition which was carried.

Overcrowding in Commissioners Houses:- Mr. James Barret produced a letter from Dr. Dyar which stated that a tenant, who was an ex-patient of Merlin Park is now living in overcrowded conditions with his wife and family in a Loughrea Town Commissioners house. Dr. Dyar suggested that an additional room should be built to the house of this man. The Town Clerk was instructed to forward Dr. Dyar's letter to the Galway County Council.

Mr. James Barrett referred to the dangerous state of the boundry wall of St. Brendan's home and he suggested that the County Council be asked to replace this wall. The Town Clerk was instructed to write to the County Council in connection with the matter. It was also decided on the suggestion of Mr. Barrett to request the County Council to tar the road at Cosmona when the sewerage work is completed there.

Mr. T.R. Kelly condemned the action of C.I.E. on leaving the people who had traveled by rail to the football league final ~~xxx~~ waiting for hours in Attymon. Mr. J. Kilboy referred to the blackguardism which took place on the same train and he expressed the wish that the Garda Authority would take the proper action with the person who had caused the trouble.

Mr. T.R. Kelly proposed the following votes of Congratulations:-
1) With the Loughrea Auxiliary fire service who had won the Connacht Championship.
2) With the

- (2) With the Loughrea Guild of Muintir Na Tire who had won the County Championship.

Votes of Sympathy:-

The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following in their recent bereavements.

- (1) James MacLoughlin, Moore street on the death of his son.
- (2) Patrick Coy, Moore Street, on the death of his sister.
- (3) The Cloone family. Dublin on the death of Michael Cloone.
- (4) The Callanan family. Cloonoo, on the death of Michael Callanan.
- (5) The Mitchell family, Woodlawn on the death of Thomas Mitchell.
- (6) Mrs. N. Dowling, Barrack St. on the death of her uncle, Brendan Higgins.

Signed:-

P. P. P. P.
Vice-Chairman.

Date. 12th June, 1967.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 12/6/67.

In the Chair:- Mr. Dermott Sweeney, Vice-Chairman.

Members Present.- Messers John Devine, Sean Kelly, Joseph Kilboy, James Barrett, Anthony Dervan N.T. & Michael Carty, T.D. Parliamentary Secretary.

In Attendance:- Messers L. O'Luanaigh, Asst. Co. Manager, H. Fannon, B.E. A.C.E.? Supt. Sloyan of Garda Headquarters, Supt. T.F. Brennan, Sergeants Moorehead and Ryle, A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes:- The minutes of the last monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 8/5/67 were read. It was decided to adjourn discussion on the minutes until after the Parking Regulations were discussed.

Parking Regulations:- The Town Clerk read correspondence from the Commissioner, Garda Siochana arranging for an expert from the Road Traffic Section of the Garda Siochana to meet the Commissioners for the purpose of discussing the Parking Regulations in Loughrea. Supt. Sloyan from the Garda Headquarters informed the meeting that he had made a study of the Parking Regulations in Loughrea and that as a result of this study he was prepared to make certain recommendations to the Commissioner of the Garda Siochana. These recommendations would provide more parking facilities especially on the main thoroughfare. Supt. Sloyan gave details of his recommendations to the meeting and he asked the members to express their views on the Parking Regulations in Abbey Street and also their views on limited parking. It was agreed by the meeting that Abbey Street should be a two way street without parking and that parking in all areas should be confined to 1 hour.

Mr. Carty, Parliamentary Secretary, stated that there was a mis-conception with regard to who had power to instigate and ~~xxxx~~ implement parking regulations and he asked Supt. Sloyan to explain to the meeting the procedure with regard to making Parking Regulations. Supt. Sloyan stated that the Commissioner of the Garda Siochana made Parking Regulations but that he was obliged to consult the Local Authority., Supt. Sloyan stated that the Local Authority or the Local Garda Authority could instigate the making of Parking Regulations. Mr. Carty stated that the Town Commissioners had acted in good faith in this matter and that their aim was to have Parking Regulations which were for the general advantage of all the community.

Mr. Barrett referred to the necessity of a Zebra Crossing at Moore Street. Mr. Carty stated that the Galway County Council could be asked to provide a Traffic Warden at this street.

The Chairman, Mr. Sweeney thanked Supts. Sloyan and Brennan and Sergeants Moorehead and Ryle for attending the meeting. Supt. Sloyan thanked the meeting for receiving him and impressed on the meeting the importance of the Local Authority acquiring parking sites in congested areas. Mr. John Devine stated that the derelict sites ^{at} (known as Ryans Hotel and) Corcorans would make ideal parking sites. ^{and Supt. Sloyan stated that Ryans Hotel would make a suitable site} The discussion then terminated and the Garda Personnel, ^{and} together with Messers Carty and Dervan left the meeting.

Minutes :- Mr. Sweeney, Chairman now signed the minutes as correct. Arising out of the minutes Mr. Barrett stated that he could see no reason why the Minister should not be asked to have no further ~~ix~~ increase in the tents of the Commissioners Houses. Mr. Barrett also referred to the fact that ^{there is} no further development on the part of the Galway County Council in providing extra houses in Loughrea.

Correspondance:- The Town Clerk read a letter dated the 30/5/67 from the Galway County Council in reply to the recommendations which were made at the last meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners.

Abstract of Accounts:- The Town Clerk submitted the Abstract of Accounts for the year ending the 31/3/67 to the meeting.

Vote of Thanks:- Mr. Devine proposed a vote of thanks to the people of the town and the local committee for the provision of bathing facilities in Loughrea. Mr. Devine produced a cutting from the Connacht Tribune of May, 1954 in which Mr. Devine had asked for improvements to be carried out at the Promenade. The Chairman, Mr. Sweeney also thanked the Galway County Council ~~ix~~ for providing money for this work.

Telephone Kiosk:- The Town Clerk was instructed to write to the Dept. of Post and Telegraphs asking for the provision of a telephone kiosk at the 52 houses in Cuscarrick, Loughrea.

Votes of Sympathy:- The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following in their recent bereavements.

- (1) Mrs. Duffy Piggotts Street on the death of her husband Patrick.
- (2) The Keller family Galway Road on the death of Joseph Keller.
- (3) The Devine family Loughrea on the death of Francis Devine a former member and Chairman of the Board.

Signed:-

Sean Kelly
Chairman.

Date:-

8/7/67

Minutes of proceedings at the Annual Meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on Saturday, the 8th of July, 1967.

Members Present:- Messers John Devine, James Barrett, Joseph Kilboy, Norman Morgan, Joseph Greene, Thomas J. Guy, Sean Kelly, James McDonnell and Michael Carty, T.D. Parliamentary Secretary.

In attendance:- Messers L. O'Luanaigh, Asst, Co. Manager and A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Election of Chairman:- The Asst. Co. Manager, Mr. O'Luanaigh took the chair for the election of Chairman.

The following were proposed for the position of Chairman:-

- (1) Mr. Sean Kelly, proposed by Mr. M. Carty, seconded by Mr. J. McDonnell.
- (2) Mr. James Barrett, proposed by Mr. J. Kilboy, seconded by Mr. J. Greene.
- (3) Mr. Joseph Greene, proposed by Mr. N. Morgan, seconded by Mr. J. Devine.

Mr. John Devine was also proposed by Mr. Morgan but received no seconder. The acting Chairman, Mr. O'Luanaigh put the names of Messers Kelly,

Barrett and Greene to the meeting and the voting resulted as follows:-

For Mr. Kelly:- Messers McDonnell, Kelly, Guy and Carty. 4No.

For Mr. Barrett:- Messers Kilboy and Barrett. 2No.

For Mr. Greene:- Messers Devine, Morgan and Greene. 3No.

Mr. Barrett was then eliminated and the names of Messers Kelly and Greene were put to the meeting. The voting resulted as follows:-

For Mr. Kelly:- Messers McDonnell, Kelly, Guy and Carty. 4No.

For Mr. Greene:- Messers Devine, Morgan and Greene. 3No.

Messers Barrett and Kilboy abstained from voting.

Mr. Kelly was declared elected.

Election of Vice-Chairman:- The following were proposed for the position of Vice-Chairman:-

Mr. James McDonnell, proposed by Mr. M. Carty, seconded by Mr. S. Kelly.

Mr. John Devine, proposed by Mr. J. Greene, seconded by Mr. N. Morgan.

The Chairman put the names of Messers McDonnell and Devine to the meeting and the voting resulted as follows:-

For Mr. McDonnell:- Messers Carty, Guy Kelly and McDonnell. 4No.

For Mr. Devine:- Messers Morgan, Greene and Devine. 3No.

Messers Barrett and Kilboy abstained from voting.

Mr. McDonnell was declared elected.

Both Mr. Kelly and Mr. McDonnell thanked the members for supporting them.

Election of Delegates to Municipal Conference:-

Mr. Carty proposed that Messers Kelly and Devine be selected as delegates to the Municipal Conference. Mr. Kilboy proposed and Mr. Barrett seconded that delegates should not be selected. Mr. Carty withdrew his proposition pending a decision on Mr. Kilboy's Proposition.

The Chairman put Mr. Kilboy's proposition to the meeting and the voting resulted as follows:-

Against ~~the~~ Messers McDonnell, Devine, Morgan, Greene, Guy, Carty and Kelly. 7No.

For:- Messers Kilboy and Barrett. 2No.

Mr. Kilboy's proposition was declared lost and the meeting proceeded to select the delegated.

Mr. Carty now proposed that Messers Kelly and Devine be appointed as

the delegates and was seconded by Mr. McDonnell.

Mr. Kilboy proposed and Mr. Barrett seconded that the Town Clerk be appointed as one of the delegates. The Town Clerk after thanking his proposer and seconder withdrew his name in favour of Messers Kelly and Devine. Messers Kelly and Devine were then declared elected.

Election of Delegate on Fire Brigade Committee:-

Mr. Devine was proposed by Mr. Greene, seconded by Mr. Morgan.

Mr. Kelly was proposed by Mr. Kilboy, seconded by Mr. Carty.

Mr. Kelly withdrew his name in favour of Mr. Devine, who was declared elected.

Date of Monthly Meeting:- The meeting decided to continue to hold the monthly meeting on the second Monday of the month at 7/30p.m.

The Town Clerk explained to the meeting that in view of the proximity of the second Monday to the date of the Annual Meeting he had decided to hold both meetings on the same date.

Minutes:- The minutes of the last monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 12/6/67 were read and signed as correct.

Mr. Carty stated that he would like to take this opportunity in the presents of the Asst. Co. Manager to publicly congratulate the Town Clerk and his staff for the manner in which they had conducted the counting of the votes in the recent election. Mr. Barrett endorsing Mr. Carty's remarks stated that it was especially gratifying to see Loughrea people succeeding so well. All the members present associated themselves with Messers ~~Mr.~~ Carty's and Barrett's remarks. The Asst. Co. Manager, Mr. O'Luanaigh associating himself with the vote of congratulation stated that he was delighted that the count was carried out so well, as indeed he had every confidence that it would.

The Town Clerk returned thanks to the Asst. Co. Manager and the members for their kind remarks.

Mr. Carty excused himself and left the meeting.

A vote of congratulations to the people who had come out to vote was proposed by Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Greene and passed unanimously.

Correspondence:- The Town Clerk read the following correspondence

(1) Letter from the Galway Co. ~~Co.~~ Co. dated the 22/6/67 which stated that consideration will be given in the coming financial year for the alteration of the boundry wall and gates at St. Brendan's home.

(2) Notification from the Municipal Authorities that this year's conference will be held in Tralee, on September the 19th, 20th, and 21st. The meeting agreed to acced to the request that all motions be submitted before the 19th of August, 1967.

(3) Seminar in Thurles on the Community and Tourism:- The Town Clerk informed the meeting that Bord Failte and Muintir na Tire are sponsoring a Seminar on the Community and Tourism. This Seminar will be held in Thurles on August the 16th, 17th, and 18th. The Asst. Co. Manager informed the meeting that expenses could not be allowed for attendance at this Seminar. A discussion took place on the advantages to be gained by attending this Seminar. Mr. Devine undertook to discuss the matter with some members of the local guild of Muintir na Tire and inform the Town Clerk at a later date if he should decide to attend the Seminar.

Telephone Kiosks:- Mr. Greene proposed and Mr. Morgan Seconded that the Minister for Posts & Telegraphs be asked to provide two telephone kiosks, one at The Hill and one at Cosmona. The Town Clerk was instructed to forward this request to the Minister.

Collection of Water Rate:- Mr. Devine referred to the fact that the water rate is being collected for the third time in twelve months and he, Mr. Devine thought this most unfair. Mr. Greene stated that he thought that this was a matter for the Galway Co. Co. The Asst. Co. Manager, Mr. O'Luanaigh agreed that this was a matter for the Galway Co. Co. and that it was very difficult for one Local Authority to collect a rate when it is crossed by another Local Authority. In reply to a question from Mr. Guy, Mr. O'Luanaigh stated that it is possible that the water rate is being collected three times in twelve months, this is due to the possibility that arrears had accumulated.

Parking:- Mr. Greene asked if anything had been done to provide parking facilities in congested areas. The Town Clerk in reply stated that this was a matter for the Galway Co. Co. who are dealing with the matter.

Derelict Sites:- Mr. Kilboy asked what action, if any was being taken with regard to the derelict site known as Ryan's Hotel, which Mr. Kilboy stated was a danger to the public. Mr. Guy associated himself with Mr. Kilboy's remarks. In reply to Mr. Kilboy's question The Asst. Co. Manager stated that they had some difficulty in establishing who the owners of Ryans Hotel were. The Co. Co. had written to the agent in connection with the matter. Mr. Donohue, Press Reporter informed the meeting that he acted as agent for Ryans Hotel but that he could not get a contractor to carry out the repairs. Mr. Greene asked if any action is being taken with regards to Corcorans of Main Street. Mr. O'Luanaigh promised to investigate the matter.

Ladies Toilets:- Mr. Barrett asked if anything could be done to provide a ladies toilet in the town. Mr. O'Luanaigh promised to investigate the matter. Mr. McDonnell expressed the hope that if a ladies toilet is provided it would be better located than the existing gents toilet.

Tidy Towns Competition:- Mr. Morgan asked if Loughrea had entered for this years tidy towns competition and if it had he, Mr. Morgan thought that more litter bins should be provided to clear the litter of the Main Street. Mr. Guy disagreed, stating that he thought that Loughrea compared most favourably with towns of its size with regard to the absence of litter on the streets. The Town Clerk stated that Loughrea was entered for this year's tidy towns competition and that 4 additional litter bins had been provided.

Dumping Ground:- Mr. Guy referred to the unsightly and unhealthy state of the dumping ground and asked if anything could be done about it. The Town Clerk promised to take the matter up with the Local A.C.E.

Votes of Sympathy:- the sympathy of the Board was extended to the following in their recent bereavements
 (1) Mrs. Patrick Morrissey, Dunkellin St., on the death of her mother.
 (2) Miss Mary Milmo, Athenry Road, on the death of her mother.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed:-

Sean Kelly
 Chairman.

Dated this the 14th day of August, 1967.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 14/8/67.

In the chair:- Mr. Sean Kelly, Chairman.

Members present:- Messers John Devine, James Barrett, Joseph Kilboy, James McDonnell, Joseph Greene, Norman Morgan, Thomas J. Guy and Michael Carty, T.D. Parliamentary Secretary.

In attendance:- Messers L. O'Luanaigh, Asst. County Manager, R. Lee, and A Smyth, Planning Officers Galway County Council and A. Marmion. Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes:- The minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners, held on the 8/7/67 were read and signed as correct.

Arising out of the minutes, Mr. Barrett asked ~~as to~~ what year the water rent is at present being collected for. Mr. O'Luanaigh Asst. Co. Manager stated that the water rent is being collected for the 1967/68 year. The first moiety being due on the 1/4/67. ^{1/4/67}

Mr. Carty stated that in view of the Tidy Towns Competition he, Mr. Carty thought it would be a good idea if the Ice Cream manufacturers were asked to design a litter container that would entice children to keep the streets clean. Mr. Guy stated that he wished to withdraw the statement which he made at the last meeting as during the month he had noticed that the streets were most untidy. Mr. Guy stated that he thought that more litter bins should be provided in the Main St. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the County Council workers were on holidays for the past two weeks with the result that the streets were not cleaned during that time. Mr. Devine referred to the derelict sites in the west end of the town and he, Mr. Devine thought it was pointless entering for a tidy town competition while these derelict sites existed. Mr. Guy asked if any progress had been achieved with regard to Ryan's Hotel and Corcorans. Mr. O'Luanaigh in reply stated that the agent for Ryans had stated that he could not get a contractor but that the County Council could move in and do the work. Mr. Kilboy stated that something should be done before the winter. Several members referred to the fact that sheep pens were left on the streets from one fair day to another. Mr. O'Luanaigh promised to look into the matter.

Mr. Morgan proposed and Mr. Greene seconded that a tidy towns committee be set up. Mr. Carty stated that in view of the importance of the proposition a N.O.M. should be put down for the next meeting. It was agreed that Mr. Morgan should submit a N.O.M. for the next meeting.

Draft Plan for Loughrea:- Mr. Carty welcomed the Planning Officers, Messers Lee and Smyth to Loughrea. In reply to a question from Mr. Carty, Mr. O'Luanaigh stated that objections to the Draft Plan can be made up to the ~~23/9/67~~ ^{23/9/67} ^{am. 15/8/67}. Mr. Lee explained in detail the Draft Plan for Loughrea under the following headings, (a) Traffic, (b) Housing, (c) Zoning. After explaining the objects of the plan under the foregoing headings Mr. Lee invited questions on the plan from the members.

A discussion took place as to the best way of informing the public

of the existence of the plan. Mr. Carty Proposed and Mr. Barrett seconded that notices be displayed in business premises stating that the plan can be seen by the public at the County Council Office, Loughrea. This was agreed too. Mr. Lee also agreed to send the written statement on the plan to each Commissioner.

N.O.M. Mr. Greene's N.O.M. of the 24/7/67 was put to the meeting. After it was pointed out that it was not practical to open the office one night a month for the commissioners to meet the electorate Mr. Greene withdrew the first part of his N.O.M. Mr. O'Luanaigh explained to the meeting that the minutes ~~were~~ are only available to the Commissioners and to people who had lent money to the local authority. This ruled the second part of Mr. Greene's N.O.M. out of order.

Allowance for Caretaker:- Mr. Barrett asked if some gratuity could be made to the caretaker for providing fires and cleaning the room after the meetings. Mr. O'Luanaigh promised to investigate the matter. Housing Sites at Athenry Road:- Mr. Guy referred to the unsightly state of the entrance to the housing sites at Athenry Road. Mr. Carty informed the meeting that a N.O.M. on this matter will be before the next meeting of the Galway County Council. Free Fishing:- Mr. Devine stated that he thought that the fishing on the lake was free but that recently he had heard that £1 was demanded from two visitors to the town. Mr. Barrett in reply stated that fishing on the lake was free but that the local angling club had spent a lot of time and money in the development of the lake and it is expected that any person fishing the lake will ~~may~~ become a member of the angling club the fee for which is £1.

Time of monthly meeting:- Mr. Devine asked if the time of the monthly meeting could be changed to 6/30 p.m. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the time was fixed at the Annual General meeting and it could not be changed now.

Public Lighting:- Mr. Greene asked if public lights could be provided on the Garrybreedia road. Mr. O'Luanaigh promised to investigate the matter.

Direction Sign at the Westbridge:- Mr. Guy asked if anything could be done with the direction sign for Galway at the Westbridge as a lot of people get confused at this point. The Town Clerk stated that he would take the matter up with the local A.C.E.

Votes of sympathy:- The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following on their recent bereavements.

- (1) The Raftery family Abbey Street, on the death of Michael Raftery
- (2) The Shaughnessy family, Lake View, on the death of Mrs. Shaughnessy
- (3) Mrs. Glynn, Bride St. on the death of her mother Mrs. Nannon.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed:-
Chairman.

Dated this the 11TH day of September, 1967.

Sean Kelly

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 11/9/67.

In the Chair:- Mr. Sean Kelly, Chairman.

Members Present:- Messers James McDonnell, Joseph Greene, Norman Morgan, Thomas J. Guy, Joseph Kilboy, John Devine.

In Attendance:- Messers L. O'Luanaigh, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes:- The minutes of the last monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 14/8/67 were read and signed as correct. Arising out of the minutes the Town Clerk read a letter dated the 21/8/67 from Lucan Daries Ltd. The letter stated that they would consider using advertising litter bins for the 1968 season. The Asst. Co. Manager, Mr. O'Luanaigh informed the meeting of the position with regard to the following which appeared in the minutes.

- (1) Public Lighting at Garrybreedia:- This is being considered and the Asst. Co. Engineer was asked to report on the matter.
- (2) Sheep pens on the streets:- The County Solicitor was asked for his opinion on the matter.
- (3) Ryans Hotel derelict site:- The Co. Council will go ahead with the repairs as soon as the question of the grant is cleared up with the Dept. of Local Government.
- (4) Payment of Caretaker for cleaning and heating room:- Under the agreement undertaken by the caretaker, remuneration could not be paid.
- (5) Water extension to Caher and Cloonoo:- This extension which is sanctioned by the Galway Co. Co. is being held up by the Dept of Local Government until such time as a waste water survey of Loughrea is carried out. The pumping system at Loughrea is at present working 24 hours a day to keep up the existing supply. Mr. Morgan proposed that the water and sewerage be extended to all the Cuscarrick houses. Mr. O'Luanaigh promised to investigate the matter.

Tidy Towns Competition:- The Town Clerk read the adjudicator's remarks on Loughrea's entry in the 1967 Tidy Towns Competition. Mr. Kilboy referred to the fact that derelict sites had cost Loughrea many marks in the competition and he, Mr. Kilboy proposed that Mr. John Callanan, Glenbourne Hotel, Lisdoonvarna be asked to prohibit any further dumping on his sites at the Lake Road. Mr. O'Luanaigh agreed to deal with the matter. Mr. Morgan asked for permission to have the Bridewell demolished by voluntary labour, which Mr. Morgan stated he could organise. Mr. McDonnell stated that membership is being collected for a Tidy Towns Committee. The membership card of this committee stated that it had to approval of the Loughrea Town Commissioners. Mr. McDonnell stated that the Commissioners had not given their approval to this committee. Mr. Morgan stated that he had got the permission of the Chairman at the last meeting. The Chairman, Mr. Kelly stated that he had approved the forming of a Tidy Towns Committee but there was no mention of a membership fee and that Mr. Morgan was asked to submit a N.O.M. on the matter for the September meeting. Mr. Guy stated that permission was not given by the Loughrea Town Commissioners to this Tidy Towns Committee, and he asked for the minutes to be read. After the minutes were read by the Town Clerk, Mr. Guy asked Mr. Morgan if the minutes were correct. Mr. Morgan stated that the minutes were correct but not complete. The Town Clerk stated that the minutes were correct and that they had been adopted as correct by this meeting. Mr. Kilboy proposed that Mr. Morgan withdraw the membership cards and refund the membership fee to the people concerned. Mr. Guy seconded this proposition. Mr. Greene proposed that the matter be left over until the matter is discussed at the next meeting. This proposition had no seconder.

Mr. Morgan proposed that he, Mr. Morgan be allowed to carry on with the Tidy Towns Committee. Mr. Greene seconded this proposition. Mr. Morgan's proposition was put to the meeting and the voting was For:- Messers Morgan, Greene, and Devine. 3No.
Against:- Messers Kilboy, Guy, McDonnell and Kelly. 4No.
Mr. Morgans proposition was declared lost.
Mr. Kilboy's proposition was then put to the meeting & the voting was For:- Messers Kilboy, Guy, McDonnell and Kelly. 4No.
Against:- Messers Morgan, Greene and Devine. 3No.
Mr. Kilboy's proposition was carried.

Traffic and Parking (Bye-Laws) Bye-Laws:- The Town Clerk read the amended Traffic and Parking Bye-Laws for Loughrea. Mr. Morgan stated that the Bye-Laws could not be understood and should be re-written. Mr. Green stated that a map should be available and the parking areas explained. The Town Clerk stated that the amended Bye-Laws would in due course be available for inspection at the Garda Barracks and any questions would be answered there. In reply to a query from Mr. Morgan the Town Clerk stated that the Garda Commissioner has the authority to make Traffic and Parking regulations. On the proposition of Mr. McDonnell seconded by Mr. Kilboy the amended Traffic and Parking Bye-Laws were adopted.

Mr. Greene's Notice of Motion of the 3/9/67 was put to the meeting.
(a) Draft Plan For Loughrea:- Mr. Greene felt that the Commissioners should express their views on the Draft Plan for Loughrea. Mr. Kilboy stated that he considered that the Plan for Loughrea was well discussed at the last meeting of the Commissioners and at the recent Public Meeting. In Mr. Kilboy's opinion the Plan was for the good of Loughrea. Mr. Devine agreed with Mr. Kilboy as did Messers Kelly, McDonnell & Guy

The second part of Mr. Greene's N.O.M. on housing was put to the meeting. Mr. Greene asked what number of houses were needed at present for Loughrea. In reply Mr. O'Luanaigh said that from the number of applications at present to hand 10 extra houses should do. Mr. O'Luanaigh stated that land is being acquired between Athenry Road and the Old Galway Road for the erection of Working Class houses. In reply to a question from Mr. Kilboy, Mr. O'Luanaigh stated the sale of the sites on the Athenry Road was held up pending confirmation of the grant by the Dept. for Local Government.

The Walk:- Mr. Guy stated that he had received complaints about uncontrolled greyhounds being exercised in the Walk. The Town Clerk was instructed to write to the Garda Authority on the matter.

Dumping Ground:- Mr. Guy asked for the provision of a new dumping ground in a more remote area.

Litter Bins :- Mr. Morgan proposed that 12 additional open litter bins be erected. Mr. Guy seconded this proposition.

Mr. Greene proposed that a trolley type litter bin be provided for Loughrea. Mr. Morgan seconded this proposition.

Mr. McDonnell asked if it was a fact that domestic refuse is only collected every three weeks at the Cuscarrick houses and that the service road is not swept. The Town Clerk stated that the refuse from these houses should be collected weekly but due to the holiday period they may have being missed out. With regard to sweeping the service road, this road is not yet a public road and therefore cannot be maintained by the County Council.

Mr. Morgan proposed that a gate be erected at both ends of the path at the Children's playground field and that public lights be provided at Cuscarrick and outside No.16 house Mount Carmel Crescent.

The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following:-

- (1) The Tierney family Abbey Terrace on the death of John Tierney.
- (2) Mrs. Murphy, Main St., Loughrea on the death of Martin Kennedy.

This Concluded the meeting.

Signed:- *Sean Kelly*
Chairman.

Dated this the 9 day of October, 1967

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 9/10/67.

In the Chair:- Mr. Sean Kelly, Chairman.

Members present:- Messers Joseph Kilboy, James Barrett, Joseph Greene, Norman Morgan, James McDonnell, John Devine and Michael Carty T.D.

In attendance:- Messers L. O'Luanaigh, Asst. Co. Manager and A. Marmion Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Before the business of the meeting was discussed the Chairman, Mr. Kelly proposed that the meeting would adjourn for 10 minutes as a mark of respect to His Lordship the Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. Ryan and the McDonnell family of Moore St. Mr. Morgan seconded this proposition which was passed unamanously.

Minutes:- The minutes of the last monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 11/9/67 were read and signed as correct. Mr. O'Luanaigh dealt with the following matters which arose in the minutes.

(a) Extension of Public Lighting System In Loughrea:- No further extensions will be made until the new Public Lighting System in Loughrea is in full operation.

(b) Extension of Water and Sewerage at Cuscarrick:- The water will be extended to serve all the cottages at Cuscarrick but the sewerage service cannot be extended at present.

(c) Sites at Athenry Road:- Mr. O'Luanaigh informed the meeting that the sites are now on sale.

(d) Dumping Ground:- Mr. O'Luanaigh stated that with a little more attention the present dumping ground should be adequate for the present. In reply to a query from Mr. McDonnell, Mr. O'Luanaigh stated that the County Council is obliged to provide a dumping ground for domestic refuse but the Co. Council could not be expected to provide a dumping ground for building rubble ect. Mr. Devine stated that it would be a good idea to stockpile building rubble ect. at the Fair Greene. This material could be used in connection with Lake side development under the Draft Plan for Loughrea. Mr. Carty agreed with Mr. Devine but stressed that only suitable material should be used as the lake is the source of the towns water supply. Mr. Morgan thought that it would not be a good plan to stockpile material at the Fair Greene as it may be left there too long. The meeting agreed that breaches should be made in the lakeside wall and suitable material be allowed into the lake. Mr. O'Luanaigh promised to take the matter up with the County Council Engineers.

(e) The Town Clerk read a letter from the A.C.E. dealing with litter problems. This letter stated that daily cleaning was recommended by the A.C.E. for Loughrea and pending a reply from the Chief Asst. Co. Engineer P.H. no action will be taken with regard to the litter bins.

(f) Parking Regulations:- The Commissioner Garda Sióchana in his letter of the 6/10/67 informed the meeting that the new parking regulations will be explained to any member of the public who calls to the Local Garda Station.

Letter from Town Traders re Parking Bye-Laws:- The Town Clerk informed the meeting that he had received a letter from the Traders Association in connection with the parking regulations. Mr. Kilboy proposed that this letter should not be read as the matter had been fully dealt with. Mr. Carty seconded Mr. Kilboy's proposition. Mr. Morgan proposed that the letter be read and was seconded by Mr. Devine. The Chairman put Mr. Morgan's amendment to the meeting and the voting resulted as follows:-

For. Messers Morgan, Devine, Greene and McDonnell 4votes.

Against:- Messers Kilboy, Carty, Barrett and Kelly 4 votes.

On the casting vote of the Chairman, Mr. Kelly the amendment was declared lost and the letter was not read.

Resolution

A copy of the Resolution passed at the Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland dealing with the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963 was marked read on the proposition of Mr. Carty.

Flooding at the County Home Road was referred to by Mr. Barrett. Mr. Barrett stated that this flooding was due to the fact that the Mount Pleasant stream was not cleaned in recent years. The Town Clerk stated that the County Council do not maintain this stream but that he would discuss the matter with the Local A.C.E.

Mr. Devine referred to the plight of the ~~Irish~~ Itinerants and asked if something could be done to help them. It was agreed to refer the matter to the Galway County Council.

Mr. Devine informed the meeting that one of the topics at the recent Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland was the problem of rates and valuation. Mr. Devine asked the Town Clerk to read a passage from the report of last years conference which was held in Tuam. The passage referred to a statement made by Mr. Devine on the matter of rates and valuations.

Cosmona Houses:- Mr. Barrett asked if there is a purchase scheme in operation for the County Council houses in Cosmona as he knew of a tenant who had applied to purchase his house but got no reply. Mr. Morgan referred to a tenant who had sought permission to provide a toilet in his house but was refused permission. Mr. O'Luanaigh stated that a purchase scheme is in operation for these houses and he would investigate the matter.

Swimming Gala:- Mr. Carty referred to the recent swimming gala held at the Long Point. Mr. Carty asked on who's authority this gala was held. An Admission charge was made at this gala and as the Long Point is Public property, the public could not be charged to go into it. Mr. Carty stated that while he had no objections to the swimming gala being held he thought it could have been dealt with in a more satisfactory manner. Messers Devine, Kilboy and Kelly associated themselves with Mr. Carty's remarks.

Vote of Congratulations:- Mr. Kilboy proposed a vote of congratulations to the Prior and Community at the Abbey on their recent centenary and that the members of the Board subscribe £1 towards the Golden Book. Mr. Carty seconded this proposition.

Mr. Carty ~~proposed~~ referred to the recent illness of the former Town Clerk and asked that the good wishes of the Board be conveyed to her.

The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following on their recent bereavements.

- (1) His Lordship the Bishop, Most. Rev. Dr. Ryan
- (2) The McDonnell family, Moore St.
- (3) Mrs. Regan, Main St.
- (4) The Murray family formerly of Galway Road.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the ¹³ day of November, 1967

Sean Kelly
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 13/11/67.

In the Chair:- Mr. Sean Kelly, Chairman.

Members Present:- Messers Joseph Kilboy, James Barrett, James McDonnell, Thomas J. Guy, John Devine, Joseph Greene, Norman Morgan.

In Attendance:- Messers L. O'Luanaigh, Asst. Co. Manager; A. Marmion Town Clerk.

A letter of apology from Michael Carty, Parliamentary Secretary, was read by the Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Before the business of the meeting was discussed Mr. S. Kelly, Chairman congratulated Mr. O'Luanaigh on his appointment as Assistant County Manager and wished him many years of happiness in his new position. All the members present associated themselves with Mr. Kelly's remarks. Mr. O'Luanaigh thanked the members for their kind remarks and good wishes.

Minutes:- The minutes of the last meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners, held on the 9/10/67 were read and signed as correct.

Rising out of the minutes Mr. Devine stated that at the last meeting he had congratulated the people of the town for subscribing towards the cost of the swimming gala and he had thanked Messers J. Cranny and Molloy, T.D. for helping to make the swimming gala the success that it was. This Mr. Devine stated was not reported in the Connacht Tribune and he, Mr. Devine hoped that this would be rectified.

Mr. Barrett referred to the cleaning of the stream at Mount Pleasant. The Town Clerk stated that he had discussed the matter with the local A.C.E. but as this stream is not part of a drainage scheme it could not be cleaned. It was pointed out that if this stream causes the road to flood it maybe cleaned then.

Town Dump:- Mr. Guy referred to the Town Dump which he considered to be a menace to health. A discussion took place during which Mr. Morgan asked if the County Council would consider an alternative site for the dump. Alternative sites were mentioned and Mr. O'Luanaigh promised to investigate the matter. Mr. Devine asked if any progress was made with regard to the dumping of building rubble at the fair green.

Mr. O'Luanaigh in reply stated that the Draft Plan is not yet adopted but that he did not think that the Draft Plan provided for a promenade at the Fair Green.

The Town Clerk read a letter from the Prior of the Carmelite Abbey thanking the Town Commissioners for their good wishes and generous donation.

Cosmona Houses:- Several members expressed concern with the length of the delay in having the Council Cottages at Cosmona vested. Mr. O'Luanaigh stated that this is a matter for the Galway Co. Council but that if he got details he would investigate the matter. Mr. McDonnell stated that if the houses were handed over to the tenants as they are it would speed matters. Some allowance could be made to the tenants towards the repair of these houses. Mr. O'Luanaigh promised to investigate this possibility.

Tidy Towns Competition:- A letter from the Loughrea Tidy Towns Committee was read by the Town Clerk. This letter promised the full support of the Tidy Towns committee for any schemes which would help Loughrea in the 1968 Competition. Mr. Barrett thought this was a very good suggestion.

Mr. Devine stated that it is pointless entering for a tidy towns competition while there were so many derelict sites in town. Mr. Greene proposed submitting a list of the derelict sites in Loughrea to the Galway Co. Co. The following sites were mentioned, Ryan's Hotel, McDonnell's and O'Loughlins sites at Bride Street, Corcoran's at Main St.,

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The Bridewell and the site at the County Home Road. Mr. O'Luanaigh noted the sites mentioned.

Diving Board:- Mr. Greene asked if it is intended to erect a diving board for the 1968 season as the existing one is being washed away Mr. O'Luanaigh promised to look into the matter.

Parking Regulations :- Mr. Kilboy proposed that the Gardai be asked to have the parked vehicles removed from the Railway Road and Piggotts St. Mr. Kelly seconded this proposition. Mr. Guy referred to the siting of the stop signs at Lattimor Corner. The Town Clerk was instructed to write to the Gardai in connection with the matter.

Mr. Greene referred to the removing of the Turoe Stone for the Rose exhibition. Mr. Greene thought that the Commissioners should have been consulted in the matter.

Mr. Devine congratulated all the parties concerned on the manner in which the recent Bye Elections were contested. Mr. Kilboy disagreed stating that he thought Mr. Eoin O'Mahony should be allowed to have held a public meeting in Cork.

The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following in their recent bereavements:-

The O'shea family, the Hill,
Brogan family, Main St.,
Dowling family, Barrack St.,
Ryan family, Moore St.,
McDonnell family, Moore St.,
Raftery family, Abbey St.,
The relatives of the Late Very Rev Fr. Dunne.
Sister Gertrude Convent of Mercy, Loughrea.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed:-

Sean Kelly
Chairman.

Dated this the 11th day of December, 1967.

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Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 11/12/67.

In the Chair:- Mr. Sean Kelly, Chairman.

Members Present:- Messers Joseph Kilboy, James Barrett, Thomas J Guy, Norman Morgan, Joseph Greene, John Devine, James McDonnell.

In Attendance:- Messers L O'Luanaigh, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes:- The minutes of the last monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 13/11/67 were read and signed as correct. Mr. O'Luanaigh informed the meeting of the present position of the following items which appeared in the minutes.

(1) Town Dump:- The possibility of providing a new dump is ~~xxx~~ under consideration by the County Council.

(2) Cosmona Cottages:- These houses are on the list for repairs and they will be done as soon as possible.

(3) Derelict Sites:- The list of ~~the~~ derelict sites mentioned at the last meeting were passed on to the County Council, who will deal with them.

Auditor's Report:- The Town Clerk submitted the Auditor's report for the two years ending on the 31/3/67. This report showed a credit balance on the 31/3/67 of £1109. A discussion took place on the finances of the Board during which Mr. Barrett asked if it was possible to state the number of Tenants who are paying the Maximum Rent. The Town Clerk stated that he would have the information for the next meeting.

Itinerants:- Mr. Guy referred to the deplorable conditions under which the itinerants are living. Mr. Guy stated that he had witnessed a funeral recently of an itinerant child who had died from exposure and he asked what could the Loughrea Town Commissioners do about this. Mr. O'Luanaigh stated that a house was offered recently to an itinerant family but they had refused it. Mr. Kilboy stated that it was good to know that the Galway County Council were offering houses to the Itinerants. Mr. Kilboy proposed that the County Council be requested to develop the Itinerant site as soon as possible. Mr. Kelly seconded this proposition. Mr. O'Luanaigh informed the meeting that the site is acquired and will be developed in due course.

Estimates Meeting:- Mr. Devine proposed that the Annual Estimates Meeting be held in conjunction with the next monthly meeting of the Board. Mr. Kelly seconded this proposition.

Housing Priority Letting Scheme:- Mr. O'Luanaigh informed the meeting that the Minister of Local Government ~~xxxxxx~~ had ordered that a housing priority letting scheme be drawn up before the 31/12/67. Mr. O'Luanaigh stated that due to circumstances outside his control he was not in a position to give prior notice ~~xxxxxxmembers~~ of the scheme to the members. A draft scheme which Mr. O'Luanaigh had prepared was put to the meeting. Mr. O'Luanaigh explained in detail the order of priorities in this scheme. On the proposition of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Kilboy the scheme was adopted.

Sites at Athenry Road:- Mr. Morgan stated that he was informed that a person who had applied for a site at Athenry Road did not receive any reply. Mr. O'Luanaigh promised to look into the matter.

Gort Road:- Mr. Devine proposed that the Galway County Council be requested to repair and widen the Gort Road between Coorheen Cross and Loughrea.

Smelting Plant:- Mr. Devine proposed that the Government be asked to consider erecting a smelting plant in Ireland. Mr Morgan seconded Mr Devine's proposition. Mr. McDonnell stated that discussions were at present taking place between the Government and Irish Base Metals and that in fact a site is in view. Mr. O'Luanaigh stated that the Government had informed the Galway County Council that the erection of a smelting plant is a matter for some private concern.

Telephone Kiosks:- Mr Kilboy proposed that the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs be again requested to provide telephone kiosks at Cuscarrick and Cosmona. Mr. Kelly seconded this proposition.

Dump on the Woodford Road:- Mr. Kilboy proposed that the owner of the site on the Woodford Road be requested to erect a wall at this site. Mr. O'Luanaigh stated that this is one of the sites mentioned to the Galway County Council.

Mr. Guy referred to the number of derelict cars which are left on the streets. The Town Clerk stated that he had written to the Gardai in connection with this and also in connection with the placing of the Stop Signs at Lattimor Corner. Mr. Kilboy proposed that the Garda be contacted again in connect with this.

Mr. Morgan referred to the stands which are left outside the Dispensary after fair days. Mr Morgan asked if these stands could be moved into the yard.

Foot & Mouth Disease:- Mr. Kilboy stated that he would like to see greater care taken with people coming into the country. A discussion took place during which the difficulties were pointed out.

The Sympathy of the Board was extended to the following in their recent berevements:-

- (1) The Dowling Family, Barrack Street.
- (2) The relatives of the late Rev. Fr. Farrell.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed:-

James McDonnell
Chairman.

Dated this the 8th day of January, 1968.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 8th of January, 1968.

In the Chair:- Mr. James McDonnell, Vice-Chairman.

Members Present:- Messers Joseph Kilboy, James Barrett, Thomas J. Guy, Joseph Greene, Norman Morgan.

In Attendance:- Messers L.O'Luanaigh, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes:- The minutes of the last meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 11/12/67 were read. Arising out of the minutes Mr. Barrett referred to Mr. Guy's statement about the death of an itinerant child which Mr. Barrett stated had caused considerable embarrassment to certain charitable organisations. Mr. Guy stated that while he accepted the minutes as being correct he thought that he had stated that he presumed that the child had died from exposure. Mr. Guy stated that he was well aware of the good work which ~~certain~~ charitable organisations are doing for itinerants and that it was not his intention to embarrass these organisations in any way. Mr. Morgan proposed that Mr. Guy's explanation be accepted. Mr. Kilboy referred to the numerous ~~collected~~ collections which were held for the itinerants for the past month and he thought that the Garda should be asked to stop these itinerants from street begging. Mr. Barrett stated that some of the Carol Groups had collected for the Handicapped Children and not for the itinerants. It was proposed by Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Greene and resolved "That the Minister for Education be requested to provide special school classes for the itinerant children" The minutes were now signed as correct. Arising out of the minutes the Town Clerk informed the meeting of the variations which arose in the rents of the Commissioners houses as a result of the differential rent system.

Parking of Vehicles and Traffic Signs:- The Town Clerk read a letter from Supt. Brennan, dated the 1/1/68 which stated that the vehicles ~~XXX~~ were now removed from Station Road and Piggotts Street. Supt. Brennan stated in his letter that it was not his intention to re-site the Stop Signs at Lattimor Corner.

Public Lighting:- A letter from Mr. N. Hennigan requesting an additional light in Liam Mellows Terrace ^{was read} It was decided to request the Galway County Council to provide additional public lights at Liam Mellows Terrace, Barrack Street, Cross St., and Moore St.

Estimates:- In accordance with Sections 9 and 10 of the County & City Management (Amendment) Act, 1955 Mr. O'Luanaigh, Asst. Co. Manager submitted the Estimate for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1969, copies of which were circulated to each member. It was proposed by Mr. Kilboy, seconded by Mr. Guy and resolved "That the Estimate of Expenses of the Loughrea Town Commissioner for the year ending on the 31st. March, 1969, as set forth at A. B. and C on the form of estimate submitted be adopted and that the form of estimate be signed by the Chairman and Town Clerk." It was also proposed by Mr. Kilboy, seconded by Mr. Guy and resolved "That the demand be made on the Galway County Council by the Loughrea Town Commissioners for the sum of £606 for the year ending 31st. March, 1969 and that the form of demand be signed by the Chairman and Town Clerk."

The form of Estimate and the form of Demand were then signed by the Chairman and Town Clerk

Mr. O'Luanaigh thanked the Town Clerk for his assistant throughout the year.

Vote of Congratulations:- Mr. Guy proposed a vote of congratulations to the Galway County Council for the work it had done on Ryans Hotel. Mr. Kiboy in seconding Mr. Guy's proposition said that he would like to see all the other derelict sites cleared as effectively as Ryans.

House Purchase Scheme:- Mr. O'Luanaigh explained in detail the conditions of the proposed house purchase scheme, copies of which were circulated to each member. It was proposed by Mr. Guy seconded by Mr. Greene and resolved "That the house purchase scheme as submitted by the Assistant County Manager be adopted"

Sites in Athenry Road:- Mr. Morgan proposed that the Galway County Council be requested to publish in the Connacht Tribune a notice stating that sites are available in the Athenry Road Scheme. Mr. Greene seconded this proposition.

Itinerants:- A discussion took place on ways and means of helping the itinerants. Mr. O'Luanaigh informed Mr. Guy that the proposed Itinerant Site is progressing through the normal channels.

Votes of Sympathy:- The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following on their recent bereavements. The Donnellan family, Athenry Road, on the death of Patrick Donnellan. William Toole, Galway Road, on the death of Mrs. Toole. The Casey family, Cosmona, on the death of Michael Casey. Mrs. Sweeney, Cuscarrick, on the death of Henry Sweeney.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed:- Sean Kelly
Chairman.

Dated this the 12th day, of February, 1968.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 12th of February, 1968.

In the Chair:- Mr. Sean Kelly, Chairman.
Members Present:- Messers James Barrett, Joseph Kilboy, John Devine, Norman Morgan, Joseph Greene, James McDonnell and Thomas J. Guy.

In Attendance:- Messers L. O'Luanaigh, Asst. Co. Manager and A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes:- The minutes of the last monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 8/1/68 were read and signed as correct.

Arising out of the minutes, Mr. Guy referred to Supt. Brennan's decision not to alter the position of the Stop Signs at Lattinor Corner. The Town Clerk was instructed to request Supt. Brennan to ~~also~~ reconsider his decision not to alter the signs.

Education of Itinerants:- A letter from the Dept. of Education informing the meeting of the progress made to-date with regard to the education of itinerant children was read. It was decided to request the Dept. of Education to provide a special class in National Schools for itinerants who are commencing school.

Deputation:- The meeting met a deputation consisting of Masters H. O'Neill and J. Harrison. The deputation asked for the roadway to St. Bridget's well to be improved. It was decided to refer the matter to the Galway County Council.

Housing position in Loughrea:- The Town Clerk read a letter from the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland requesting the Commissioners to submit to them their views on the housing position in Loughrea. On the suggestion of Mr. Morgan it was decided to leave the matter over until the next meeting and in the meantime to have a notice inserted in the Connacht Tribune requesting applicants for houses to submit their applications without delay.

Public Conveniences:- Mr. Morgan's N.O.M. of the 5/2/68 was submitted to the meeting. The meeting decided to ask the Galway County Council to demolish the existing toilet and to erect in a more suitable location a toilet, which would provide facilities for Ladies and Gents.

Painting of Commissioners Houses:- In reply to a question from Mr. Morgan, the Assistant County Manager stated that tenants will be allowed to paint their own houses provided that the colour scheme is approved by the Assistant County Engineer.

Footpath at Mount Carmel Crescent:- Mr. Morgan proposed that the Galway County Council be asked to continue the footpath at Mount Carmel Crescent to meet the footpath in Athenry Road. It was decided to refer the matter to the Galway County Council.

Development of Fair Green and Childrens' Playground:- Mr. Morgan put forward plans for the development of the Fair Green and Childrens' Playground. Mr. Morgan suggested that the Town Commissioners contribute £1 per month to help towards the cost of the suggested improvements. Mr. Barrett suggested that Mr. Morgan would submit his recommendations to the Town Clerk, who would then forward the recommendations to the Galway County Council.

Loss of Revenue:- Mr. Devine referred to the restrictions which were

recently imposed on American Tourists. This Mr. Devine stated would result in a great loss to the Irish economy and he, Mr. Devine wished to protest at the failure of the Irish Government to have a smelting plant erected in this country. This smelting plant, Mr. Devine stated would help to provide employment and would be a great source of income to the country. Mr. Morgan supported Mr. Devine's statement.

Strike by Post Office Workers:- Mr Barrett referred to the recent strike by Post Office Officials. Mr. Barrett stated that these people had taken strike action because the Minister of Posts & Telegraphs had refused to meet them despite the fact that they were granted a negotiation licence. Mr. Kilboy stated that he wished to protest against mail being left at the railway station for 2 days during the ~~strike~~ strike.

Tidy Towns Competition:- The Town Clerk informed the meeting that he had received entry forms for the 1968 Tidy Towns Competition. Mr. Morgan proposed that Loughrea would enter for the 1968 competition. This proposition was seconded by Mr. Greene. Mr. Devine proposed that Loughrea should not enter for any Tidy Town Competition until the Bridewell is demolished. As there was no seconder for Mr. Devine's proposition, Mr. Morgan's proposition was carried.

Rates:- Mr. Devine stated that he wished to protest in the strongest way possible to the annual increase in rates which have now to borne by the people in towns and cities as the vast majority of farmers are now free of rates. Mr. O'Luanaigh stated that the rates must continue to rise to meet the increase in costs of commodities. Mr. Morgan stated that he agreed with what Mr. O'Luanaigh had said and this was the reason why he wanted to get as much voluntary work done as possible.

Vote of Congratulations:- Mr. Devine proposed a vote of congratulations to Rev. Kirkpatrick for the work which he had done at the protestant church. Mr. Morgan in seconding Mr. Devine's proposition ask for a letter of congratulations to be sent to Rev. Kirkpatrick.

The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following on their recent bereavements.

- (1) The Hannon Family, Barrack St., Loughrea.
- (2) The Donnellan Family, Ballygasty, Loughrea.
- (3) The O'Dea Family, Railway Hotel, Loughrea.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed:-

Sean Kelly
Chairman.

Dated this the 13th day of March, 1968.

Minutes of proceedings at the Monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 13/3/68.
This meeting was adjourned from the 11/3/68 as a mark of respect to the late Donough O'Malley, T.D. Minister for Education.
In the Chair:- Mr. Sean Kelly, Chairman.
Members Present:- Messers Joseph Kilboy, James Barrett, Thomas J. Guy, John Devine, Joseph Greene, James McDonnell, Norman Morgan.
In Attendance:- A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Before the business of the meeting was discussed the Chairman proposed a vote of sympathy to the relatives of the late Donough O'Malley, T.D. Minister for Education and to Mr. A. Sharkey, County Manager on the death of his son. This was passed unanimously.

Minutes:- The minutes of the last Monthly Meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 12/2/68 were read and signed as correct.

Building Site at Lake Road:- Letters from the following ~~residents~~ residents in the Lake Road, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Allen, Messers Conway and Donohue were read protesting about the dumping which is taking place on the building site there. On the proposition of Mr. Kilboy seconded by Mr. McDonnell it was decided to refer the matter to the Galway County Council and to request the County Council to fence in and level the site.

Housing needs in Loughrea:- In reply to a query from the Association of Municipal Authorities the housing needs of Loughrea was reviewed. On the proposition of Mr. Kilboy seconded by Mr. McDonnell it was decided to inform the Association that there is a need for 40 houses in Loughrea. It was also decided to protest about the delay in having sites acquired and in getting planning permission.

P.O. Strike:- A letter from the Loughrea Branch of the I.P.C.O.A. contradicting the statement made by Mr. Kilboy at the last meeting of the Board was submitted. Mr. Kilboy stated that there may have been a guard on the mail at the Loughrea station for one night but apart from that he, Mr. Kilboy was prepared to stand over the statement he had made at the last meeting. The letter was marked read.

Resolution from Midleton U.D.C. was unanimously adopted on the proposition of Mr. Guy seconded by Mr. Barrett.
"That we recommend, to the Minister for Justice, the introduction of legislation to make compulsory the use of crash helmets by all motor cycle users."

Mr. Morgan's N.C. Motions of the 6/3/68 were put to the meeting:-
(a) "That the County Council be asked to investigate the possibilities of eliminating the bottle-necks at Mob Hill, Tracy's Bride St., and Morgan's Bride St. by demolishing and replacing further in off the road the said houses."

In support of his N.C.M. Mr Morgan submitted to the meeting signed letters from the householders concerned agreeing to the demolishing of their houses at Bride St. provided that the said householders were provided with alternative houses.

Mr. Morgan proposed that his motion be approved by the meeting and was seconded by Mr. Devine. A direct negative to Mr. Morgan's proposition was proposed by Mr. Kilboy and seconded by Mr. McDonnell.

The Chairman put the two propositions to the meeting and the voting was as follows:-

For Mr. Kilboy's proposition:- Messers Kilboy, McDonnell, Barrett, Guy and Kelly.

For Mr. Morgan's proposition:- Messers Morgan, Devine and Greene.
The Chairman declared Mr. Morgan's proposition lost.

The second of Mr. Morgan's N.O.M. was then submitted to the meeting:-
 "That portion of the land on the west side of the Railway Line opposite Cosmona Housing, on the Bullaun Road, be acquired as a site for a new Fair Green."
 This was discussed at length by the meeting and it was decided on the proposition of Mr. Kilboy seconded by Mr. Guy that the Galway County Council be asked to investigate the possibility of combining a fair green with the proposed new mart.

The third of Mr. Morgan's N.O.M. was then put to the meeting:-
 "That the present no-parking system in Loughrea be discussed and reviewed. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that he written to the Commissioner, Garda Siochana enquiring about the amended Parking Bye-Laws and that he had not received a reply to-date.
 The Town Clerk was instructed to write to the Garda Commissioner again in connection with the matter.

Hotel Charges:- It was proposed by Mr. McDonnell, seconded by Mr. Guy and unanimously agreed by the meeting that a protest be made to Bord Failte about the exorbitant ~~charges~~ prices which some hotels are charging and that a copy of this protest be sent to all Local Authorities. It was pointed out that these exorbitant prices are detrimental to the Tourist Industry in this country.

Proposed Hotel for Loughrea:- The Town Clerk was instructed to write to Hibernian Inns Ltd. to ascertain if it is their intention to proceed with their plans for a new hotel in Loughrea.

Housing:- Mr. Morgan proposed that in future Loughrea Town Commissioners Houses be allotted to tenants by the Loughrea Town Commissioners. Mr. Morgan agreed to submit a N.O.M. to that effect for the next meeting.

Mr. Devine referred to the damage which was done recently to an itinerant caravan in Menlough and he, Mr. Devine wished to protest in the strongest manner possible, to this type of blackguardism. Mr. Barrett assured Mr. Devine that he had the full support of the Board in this matter. The Town Clerk was instructed to write to the Galway County Council to ~~ascertain~~ enquire as to the present position of the proposed itinerant site for Loughrea.

The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following on their recent bereavements:-

- (1) The Sweeney Family, Abbey St., on the death of Brendan Sweeney.
- (2) Mr. Liam Smyth, Main St., on the death of his brother.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed:-

Sean Kelly

Chairman.

Dated this the 2nd day of April, 1968.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 8/4/68.

In the Chair:- Mr. Sean Kelly, Chairman.

Members present:- Messers James McDonnell, Thomas J. Guy, Michael Carty, T.D. Parliamentary Sec. Joseph Kilboy, James Barrett, John Devine, Norman Morgan, Joseph Greene.

In Attendance:- Mr. L. O'Luanaigh, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion T/Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes:- The minutes of the last monthly meeting held on the 13/3/68 were read and signed as correct.

The following matters which appeared in the minutes were discussed:-
 Fair Green:- Mr. Morgan stated that what he had intended was for the County Council to survey an area in Cosmona which might be suitable for a fair green. Mr. Carty stated that legislation would not allow a fair green and cattle mart on the same site and that it was ridiculous for people to be making suggestions which would make unnecessary demands on the rate payers.

Site at Lake Road:- Mr. Kilboy and the Town Clerk stated that Mr. Callanan had informed them that he was about to clean this site. Mr. O'Luanaigh informed the meeting that the County Council are treating this site as derelict. The Town Clerk was instructed to request Mr. Callanan to go ahead with the cleaning of the site.

Housing:- Mr. Carty stated that the power of allotting houses is vested in the County Council. Mr. Devine stated that he was sorry that the Town Commissioners had relinquished their rights in the matter. Mr. Carty stated that legislation gave the Commissioners no option in the matter. Mr. O'Luanaigh informed Mr. Morgan that the Tuam Town Commissioners do not allot their houses. Mr. Barrett ~~stated~~ asked Mr. O'Luanaigh to keep in mind Mr. Michael Burke when the next house is vacant. Mr. Devine stated that there were other people who needed housing and he mentioned Mr. Tony Carney.

Protest:- Mr. Barrett stated that he wish to protest against the amount of the increase which is proposed for Ministers, T.Ds etc. Mr. Carty stated that the claim did not come from the Government and that he felt sure that if the opposition opposed the increase the matter would be re-investigated. Mr. Kilboy stated that they should start with the badly paid worker and he proposed that the Co. Council worker get an increase of £3 per week. Mr. Morgan seconded this proposition.

The following correspondence was submitted to the meeting:-

- (1) Bord Failte:- Acknowledgement of protest made at the last meeting.
- (2) Toilets:- Letter from Co. Council dated 12/3/68 informing the meeting that a Priority list of towns requiring public conveniences was prepared and that Loughrea is not on that list. When the list is revised Loughrea will be kept in mind.
- (3) Hotels:- Confirmation from Mr. Farmer that it is intended to proceed with the proposed hotel in Loughrea. dated 24/3/68.
- (4) Parking Bye-Laws:- The Commissioner, Garda Siochana confirmed that the proposed amendments to the Parking Bye-Laws will be introduced in May, 1968. dated 15th and 23rd of March, 1968.

Annual Meeting:- The date of the Annual Meeting was fixed for the 8/7/68.

Cinematograph Licence:- ON the proposition of Mr. Carty Seconded by Mr. Keely a Cineamograph Licence was granted to the Directors Town Hall, Loughrea for 1968, as recommended by the Chief Fire Officer.

As listed below

Mr Morgan's Notice of Motions of the 3/4/68, were put to the meeting.

- (1) "That the derelict site behind the public toilet at the Westbridge and owner by Mr. Michael Fitzgerald of Athenry Road, be purchased and developed as a car park, by the fund set aside for the provision of car parks."

Mr. Devine supported Mr. Morgan's motion. Mr. Guy stated that he understood that the County Council are not interested in this site and that the site is considered derelict. Mr. Carty stated that this site could not be considered adequate for a car park and that the County Council have no intention of acquiring it. Mr. Carty proposed that the motion be marked read.

(2) "That the Town water supply be extended without any further delay to the four houses at Cuscorrig which are still without this service." This motion was not moved as the work is in progress.

(3) "That Galway County Council be asked to clear the blockage from under the bridge (which takes the water from Sruthan Stream) which is situated near Mulcair's, Lake Road." Mr. Devine supported this motion and stated that a grate should be placed at the mouth of the bridge to stop any debris ~~xxxx~~ from getting through. The Town Clerk stated that the A.C.E. is prepared to clear any blockage under the bridge.

(4) "That Galway County Council be asked to lower the wall over the river at the junction of Dolphin St. and Dunkellin St. thereby making the said junction safer for both pedestrian and motorist." The Town Clerk stated that with the A.C.E. he had inspected this junction. It was the opinion of the A.C.E. that the lowering of the wall would make little or no improvement to the view at this junction. Mr. Devine seconded Mr. Morgan's motion. A direct negative was proposed by Mr. Carty and seconded by Mr. Kilboy. Mr. Carty's amendment was put to the meeting and the voting was :- For:- Messers Carty, Kilboy, Guy, McDonnell, Barrett, and Kelly. Against:- Messers Morgan, Devine and Greene. The Chairman declared Mr. Carty's amendment carried.

(5) "That the Galway County Council be asked to put into service in the town a special handcart and that streets be swept and litter bins emptied daily especially in the shopping areas; very especially during June, July and August."

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the A.C.E. had recommended a similar service to his chiefs in Galway. The meeting adopted the motion.

(6) "That should Loughrea win a prize in the tidy town competition that it should be left to the Loughrea Tidy Towns Committee to decide on what the money should be spent."

Mr. Carty stated that the Loughrea Town Commissioners as a Statutory Body were responsible for Loughrea's entry in the Tidy Town Competition and as such they should decide on what any prize money should be spent. Mr. Kilboy agreed with Mr. Carty.

(7) "That at least four seats be erected beside the concrete path in the Children's Playground. I further propose that a gate, wide enough to allow a gram to pass through, be erected on each end of said concrete path." This was deferred until the next meeting so that an estimate could be submitted by the A.C.E. Mr. Morgan sought permission to erect seats himself and was supported by Mr. Devine. On Mr. Carty's suggestion it was agreed that no action should be taken without Town Planning permission.

Abbey Players:- Mr. Carty welcomed the Abbey Players back to Loughrea after an absence of 65 years and he appealed to the people of Loughrea to support them. Mr. Barrett associated himself with Mr. Carty's remarks.

Naming of Fire Station:- Mr. Carty stated that it is proposed to name the Loughrea Fire Station after the late Eamon Slattery, a native of Derrybrien who had lost his life while serving as a fire man in Boston. Mr. Carty proposed that the Loughrea Town Commissioners support this proposal and was seconded by Mr. Barrett. The proposition was unanimously carried. Mr. Guy stated that he understood that about 120 firemen from Boston are coming to Loughrea in connection with the matter and he thought it would be a good idea if a plaque was erected for the occasion. Mr. O'Luanagh agreed to look into the matter.

Employment by C.I.E.:- ^{Proposed} Mr. Kilboy that the C.I.E. authorities in Galway be asked to give local applicants preference in ~~any~~ any vacancies which may arise at the local C.I.E. station. This proposition was seconded by Mr. Kelly.

E.S.B. Strike:- Mr. Morgan proposed that the Minister for Transport and Power be requested to settle the E.S.B. strike. Mr. Carty stated that the Labour Court is dealing with the matter and that it would be foolish for any Minister to interfere. No decision was taken on this matter.

Mr. Morgan's N.O.M.: Mr. Morgan again raised his N.O.M. on the derelict site at the Westbridge and proposed that the matter be referred to the Galway County Council, this was seconded by Mr. Devine. A direct negative was proposed by Mr. Carty and seconded by Mr. Kilboy. Mr. Carty's amendment was put to the meeting and the result of the voting was:-

For the amendment:- Messers Carty, Kilboy, Barrett, Guy, McDonnell, Kelly
Against:- Messers Morgan, Devine and Greene.

The Chairman declared Mr. Carty's amendment carried.

Protest re Gort Road:- Mr. McDonnell referred to the excavation which is taking place at the Gort Road in connection with the laying of water pipes in Coscorrig. Mr. McDonnell stated that this work should have been carried out when this road was excavated for the sewerage a short time ago and he wished to protest at the lack of co-ordination which the County Council had shown in this matter. Mr. Devine supported Mr. McDonnell's statement.

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The sympathy of the Board was extended to the Broderick family, Cuscorrig on their recent bereavement.

Mr. Carty proposed that the meeting adjourn and was seconded by Mr. Guy. The meeting then adjourned.

Signed this 13th day of May, 1968.

Sean Kelly

Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the Monthly Meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 13th May, 1968.
In the Chair:- Mr. Sean Kelly, Chairman.

Members Present:- Messers Thomas J. Guy, James McDonnell, James Barrett, Joseph Kilboy, John Devine and Joseph Greene.

In Attendance:- L. O'Lunaigh, Asst. Co. Manager and A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Before the business of the meeting was discussed a deputation from the Tidy Towns Committee was received. The Deputation consisted of; Sister Austin, Sister Consillia, Mrs. Downes and Miss M. Burke. Sister Austin on behalf of the deputation thanked the Commissioners for meeting them and stated that all they sought was the blessing of the Town Commissioners. The Chairman on behalf of the Commissioners, welcome the Deputation and assured them of the support and full co-operation of the Board. A discussion took place on how to improve the appearance of Loughrea and it was decided that the Tidy Town Committee should list any proposals which they might have and submit them to the Town Clerk.

Minutes:- The minutes of the last meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 8/4/68 were read and signed as correct.

Arising from the minutes the following was discussed:-

Dump at Lake Road:- Mr. McDonnell referred to the dumping which is again taking place on this site. Mr. McDonnell asked if there is any possibility of stopping this. It was pointed out that this site is private property and that the County Council could not interfere with people dumping there. It was decided that should any Commissioner see anybody dumping on this site, they would inform Mr. Kilboy, who agreed to inform the owner of the site - Mr. Callanan.

Employment by C.I.E. The Town Clerk read a letter dated 16/4/68 from C.I.E. acknowledging receipt of Town Commissioners' letter re employment at Loughrea.

Tourist Information:- It was decided that all advertising ect. in connection with any events which might take place in Loughrea should be submitted by the local press representative.

Loughrea Cowkeepers:- It was decided to refer to the Galway County Council a letter from the Loughrea Cowkeepers protesting about the removal of a public pump from Cross Street.

Wages of Road Workers:- A letter signed by the road workers in Loughrea was submitted to the meeting. The letter requested the support of the Loughrea Town Commissioners in obtaining a wage increase for road workers. The meeting unanimously decided to support the claim.

10th Round Increase:- The meeting unanimously agreed to grant the 10th Round Increase to Officials of the Board from the 1st to the 31st of May, 1966.

Temporary Parking Regulations:- The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the 1st June, 1968 was the proposed date on which the Temporary Parking Regulations should come into force.

Capital Receipts:- The Asst. Co. Manager outlined the contents of a letter from the Dept. of Local Government, which requested that a percentage of Capital Receipts be set aside for future Capital Expenditure. It was decided to request the Minister to defer this matter until the 1/4/69 so that provision could be made in the Estimates.

N.O.M. Passage West:- The following Resolution which was adopted by the Passage West Town Commissioners was put to the meeting:-
"That we strongly protest against the proposed exorbitant increases of salaries to Ministers, Senators and members of Dail Eireann until a more opportune time arises."
On the proposition of Mr. Devine, seconded by Mr. Barrett the Resolution was adopted.

Mentally Handicapped Children:- Mr. Barrett informed the meeting that the committee for the mentally handicapped children were recently informed that state transport could not be provided to carry the mentally handicapped children from Loughrea to a special school in Galway. It was unanimously decided to request the Minister for Education to re-consider his decision.

Abstract of Accounts:- The Town Clerk presented the Abstract of Accounts for year ending ~~31/3/68~~ 31/3/68 to the meeting. The Abstract was adopted on the proposition of Mr. Guy, seconded by Mr. Kelly.

The Walks:- Mr. McDonnell referred to the dangerous state of the embankment of the river in the walks and he asked if something could be done to eliminate this danger. It was decided to request the Galway County Council to have a fence or some type of protection provided. Mr. Kilboy stated that recently some ivy was ~~xxx~~ taken down from the boundary wall of at the Walks. This work Mr. Kilboy stated had left these walls in a dangerous state. Mr. Kilboy further stated that he understood that the people who had carried out this work had got the permission of the Galway County Council and that he, Mr. Kilboy was contemplating taking action against the County Council. The Town Clerk stated that the A.C.E. had informed Mr. Morgan that he would clear away any debris from the river. This was done some time ago but the A.C.E. had given no undertaking to clear the debris which is now left in the Walks. Mr. O'Lunaigh suggested asking Mr. Fannon, A.C.E. to clean the Walks as quickly as possible.

The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following:-
① The Broderick Family, Masonbrook.
② The Lynch Family, Guscarrick.
③ The Kennedy Family, Bride Street.
④ The Forde family, formerly of Moylans hotel.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed:-

Sean Kelly
Chairman.

Dated this the ¹⁰th day of June, 1968.

Minutes of proceedings at the Monthly Meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 10th. June, 1968.

In the Chair:- Mr. Sean Kelly, Chairman.

Members Present:- Messers Thomas J. Guy, James McDonnell, James Barrett Joseph Kilboy, Norman Morgan and John Devine.

In Attendance:- L. O'Luanaigh Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, Town Clerk

The meeting adjourned for a $\frac{1}{2}$ hour as a mark of respect to the late Senator Robert Kennedy.

The meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes:- The minutes of the last meeting, held on the 13/5/68 were read. On the proposition of Mr. Guy, seconded by Mr. Barrett the minutes were signed as correct.

Correspondence:- The following correspondence was dealt with.

(1) Parking Regulations:- The meeting was informed by the Garda Commissioner that the Temporary Parking Rules will come into force on the 11/6/68.

(2) Capital Receipts:- The meeting was informed that the Minister for Local Government was prepared to defer until the 1/4/69, his request to set aside Capital Receipts for use on future Capital Expenditure.

(3) Tidy Town Committee:- The Town Clerk submitted a letter of thanks, together with a list of recommendations from the Tidy Town Committee. The meeting decided to refer the recommendations to the A.C.E.

(4) Cuscorrig Water Supply:- A letter from Mr. Silke, C.A.C.E. informing Mr. Carty that water will be provided to the end row of cottages at Cuscorrig was read. Mr. McDonnell stated that he was informed that the tenants at Cuscorrig were not allowed to connect to the water main when the road was opened. Mr. O'Luanaigh promised to investigate the matter.

Mr. Morgan proposed that the sewerage be extended to all the cottages in Cuscorrig and on the old Galway Road and that the public lighting be extended to serve the Cuscorrig houses. This was seconded by Mr. Kelly.

(5) Mentally Handicapped Children:- The meeting was informed by the Minister for Education that he was considering their request to provide free transport for the mentally handicapped children in Loughrea to a special school in Galway. Mr. O'Luanaigh informed the meeting that the local committee should start the scheme and then approach the Minister.

Bathing Facilities:- The meeting was informed that the Galway Co. Co. will erect a concrete pier at the Long Point and it is hoped to extend a wall from that pier to provide an enclosed swimming area. It was further stated that it is proposed to lower the wall at St. Brendans Home and to widen the road in that area. Mr. McDonnell congratulated the County Council and its workers on the work they had carried out at the prom and he asked if it was possible to see the plans for the proposed improvements. Mr. Morgan proposed that the gate at the Long Point be locked. It was decided that due to parking difficulties, that this gate should be left open but that an effort should be made to keep cars and cyclists off the path.

Notice of Motions:- A N.C.M. adopted by the Athlone U.D.C on the 13/5/68 protesting against the Late Late Show presented on Saturday, May the 10th. was marked read on the proposition of Mr. Guy seconded by Mr. Kelly.

N.O.M. from Tralee U.D.C. on Social Welfare Benefits was submitted. This N.O.M. was marked read on the proposition of Mr. Kilboy seconded by Mr. McDonnell.

Path at Childrens Playground:- It was unanimously decided to provide a path with Australian Fence at the Childrens' Playground at a cost of £50.

Sewerage Overflow:- On the proposition of Mr. Morgan it was agreed to request the Galway County Council to extend the overflow pipe from the Cuscarrick Sewerage further out into the lake.

Vote of Congratulations:- A vote of congratulations was unanimously passed with the Loughrea Civil Defence team which won the All Ireland Championship.

The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following on their recent bereavements:-

- (1) The Connolly family, Athenry Road.
- (2) Mrs. Cole, Lake Road.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 8th day of July, 1968.

Sean Kelly
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the Annual Meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 8th July, 1968.

Members Present:- Messers Sean Kelly, Michael Carty, John Devine, James McDonnell, Joseph Kilboy, Norman Morgan, James Barrett, Thomas J. Guy.

In Attendance:- Messers L. O'Luanaigh, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion Town Clerk, Captain Surgue, Chief Fire Officer was also present.

Election of Chairman:- Mr. Sean Kelly was elected Chairman on the proposition of John Devine, seconded by Mr. Carty.

Election of Vice-Chairman:- Mr. James McDonnell was elected Vice-Chairman on the proposition of Mr. Carty seconded by Mr. Kelly.

Mr. Devine was also proposed for Vice-Chairman by Mr. Morgan, but Mr. Devine did not allow his name to go forward.

Mr. Kelly and Mr. McDonnell thanked the meeting for their election.

Delegates to Municipal Authorities:- Messers Kelly and Devine were appointed as delegates to the Municipal Authorities of Ireland on the proposition of Mr. Guy seconded by Mr. Carty.

Delegate to Fire Brigades Fire Advisory Committee:- It was unanimously agreed that Mr. Devine should represent the Loughrea Town Commissioners on the Fire Brigades Advisory Committee for the full term of office.

Dedication of Loughrea Fire Station:- Captain Surgue thanked the Chairman for giving him the opportunity of speaking to the meeting.

Capt. Surgue gave a brief history of the life of the late Thomas Slattery. Capt. Surgue outline the arrangements for the dedication

sermony arranged for Sunday, July 14th, 1968. It was agreed that the Chairman and Town Clerk should issue the local invitations.

Mr. Carty appealed to the people of the town, through the press, to have the town suitably decorated.

Gratuity to Ex-Firemen:- Mr. Devine stated that he wished to protest against the miserable gratuity which is paid to firemen on retirement. Mr. Kilboy stated that Mr. Devine should take this matter up with the Fire Brigades Advisory Committee.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 10/6/68 were read. Arising from the minutes Mr. McDonnell asked if he was correct in his statement about the Cuscarrick Water extension. Mr. O'Luanaigh stated that he had not received the required information from the engineering department. Mr. McDonnell stated that it is impossible to get fittings to suit the water main at the Athenry Housing sites.

Mr. Barrett referred to the transport of the mentally handicapped children which also appeared in the Minutes. Mr. Barrett stated that he would like to take this opportunity to thank the people who have provided cars and also the Minister for Education for allowing the Gort bus to collect the children from Loughrea at ~~Moynilla~~ Derry Donnell. The minutes were then signed as correct on the proposition of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Guy.

Telephone Kiosks:- It was unanimously decided to write to the Minister for Posts & Telegraphs requesting two telephone kiosks, one at Cuscarrick and one at Cosmona.

Association of Municipal Authorities:- The meeting was informed that the 5th Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland will be held in Letterkenny on the 17th 18th and 19th September and that all motions should be submitted before the 17th Aug. It was agreed that the matter of submitting motions would be considered at the next meeting of the Board.

Sites at Athenry Road:- Mr. McDonnell stated that the people who had purchased sites in Athenry Road are having great difficulty in obtaining their titles. Mr. O'Luanaigh promised to look into the matter.

Bleeding Roads:- Mr. McDonnell stated that he wished to protest about the condition of the main route through the town during the recent spell of fine weather.

Lattimor Corner:- It was proposed by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Kelly that the Garda Siochana be requested to provide a Garda at Lattimor Corner between the hours of 12/30 to 1/30 and 2/30 to 3/30 for the protection of the school children.

Barrier at School Entrance:- Mr. Barrett referred to the danger of school children rushing out the school door. Mr. Kilboy proposed that the Galway County Council be asked to provide a barrier on the path. Mr. Barrett seconded this proposition.

Water Supply at Bohercom:- An application to have the town water supply extended to the Co. Co. Cottages at Bohercom. This application was referred to the Galway County Council.

Dumping:- Mr. Kilboy mentioned that there is unsightly and unhealthy dumping again taking place on the building site at the lake road. Mr. Kilboy proposed that the Health Inspector be asked to inspect this site. Mr. O'Luanaigh pointed out that this site is private property and that the owner could take action to have the dumping stopped.

Town River:- Mr. Morgan referred to the unsightly condition of the town river. It was decided to ask the A.C.E. to have the river cleaned. Nationalisation of Lakes:- Mr. Devine stated that he wished to protest against the move to have the lakes and fishing of the country nationalised and that he would like to congratulate the Minister for refusing to do so. Mr. Devine further stated that the people who are trying to have the lakes nationalised would be better employed if they sought to have the banks and insurance companies of the country nationalised.

The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following on their recent bereavements:-

- (1) The Raftery family, Abbey Street.
- (2) The Carty family, Moore St.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 12th day of August, 1968.

Sean Kelly
Chairman.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON THE 12/8/'68.

In the CHAIR:- Mr. Sean Kelly, Chairman.

Members present:- Messers. Thomas J. Guy, James Barrett, Joseph Kilboy, John Devine, James McDonnell, Norman Morgan.

In Attendance:- Messers L. O Luanaigh, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

The minutes of the last monthly meeting, held on the 8/7/'68 were read and signed as correct.

Arising from the minutes Mr. Barrett stated that he was proud of the honour conferred on an Irishman - the late THOMAS SLATTERY, but that he was sorry that the memory of a heroic Loughrea man - the late Brendan Donnellan was forgotten. Mr. Kelly and Mr. Devine associated themselves with Mr. Barrett's remarks. It was decided that the Town Clerk should write to the Secretary of the Brendan Donnellan memorial committee in connection with the matter.

Minutes:- On the proposition of Mr. Morgan it was decided that a copy of the minutes be sent to each member. Mr. Morgan agreed to print copies of the minutes free of charge.

Correspondence:- The following correspondence was submitted to the meeting.

1. Notification from the local garda authority that the question of control of traffic, for the protection of school children is under consideration.
2. Barrier on Path at Convent School:- The Galway Co. Co. stated that this is a matter for the SCHOOL AUTHORITIES. It was decided that a copy of the Co. Co. letter be sent to the Convent of Mercy.
3. Sewerage facilities at Cuscorrick:- The Co. Co. stated that the provision of sewerage facilities is a matter for the tenants themselves. It is necessary to extent the public sewer for some houses but this is deferred until the sewers of the National Building Agency Scheme is taken over by the County Council.
4. Public Lighting:- The Board was informed that all available funds are allocated for the current year but that consideration will be given to Loughrea next year.
5. A letter from Capt. Surgue, Chief Fire Officer thanking the Town Commissioners and the people of Loughrea for the reception given the the Boston firemen on their recent visit to Loughrea was read. Mr. Morgan stated that this letter should be returned to Captain Surgue. Mr. Morgan stated that Captain Surgue, as chief organiser must accept the blame for not choosing the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Loughrea Town Commissioners to welcome the visitors. Mr. Devine agreed with Mr. Morgan but stated that he did not place all the blame with Captain Surgue. Mr. Kilboy dis-associated himself with Mr. Morgan's remarks and stated that a committee was formed to organise the reception.
6. Transport of Mentally Handicapped Children:- Mr. Lenihan, T.D. Minister for Education informed the Loughrea Town Commissioners that he is prepared to carry on with temporary arrangements pending a review of the position.
7. Gala at Long Point:- Permission was given the the Loughrea Swimming Club to charge an admission to a gala at the Long Point on the 25/8/'68 on the condition that the Loughrea Swimming Club take out a Public

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liability which indemnify the Loughrea Town Commissioners.

Sale of Town Commissioners Houses:- A letter from A.G. Moylan & Co. requesting permission for Garda Peador Lynch to sell No. 10 house, Abbey Terrace Loughrea to Michael Donohue, Larchill Loughrea was read. Mr. Morgan stated that it is a disgrace that people could buy these houses for £200-£300 and re-sell for £1500 to a person who had recently sold a house and farm for £5000. Mr. Devine agreed with Mr. Morgan and stated that people had received Town Commissioners houses that should never have got them and now re-sell them at a large profit. Mr. O Luanaigh stated that under the old purchase scheme this could happen.

Refused sites at Athenry Road:- Mr. Kilboy stated that he knew people who were refused sites at Athenry Road. Mr. O Luanaigh promised to investigate the matter.

Derelict Sites:- Mr Kilboy proposed that the Sanitary Officer be asked to inspect the following derelict sites:- Brownes, Main St. Smyths, Bride St. (O'Loughlins house and the old building between Kings garage and Fahys Bridge Street.)

Resolution for Annual Conference of Municipal Authorities:- It was decided to submit the following motion "That the Minister for Local Government speed up the procedure for the compulsory acquisition of Land for housing."

Repairing Houses:- Mr. Morgan stated that broken glass in windows should be repaired and where the tenant was responsible for the breakage, the tenant should be made pay the cost. Mr. Barrett stated that the build up of rust on windows causes glass to break and that the Town Commissioners should repair or replace the glass. Mr. Barrett further stated that windows were recently painted without the rust being removed. This Mr. Barrett stated was not due to the fault of the painter as the specification did not state that rust should be removed.

Sanitary Accommodation at Long Point:- It was decided to ask the Galway County Council to provide Sanitary Accommodation at the Long Point.

Cleaning of Streets:- It was decided to request the Galway County Council to provide a skeleton staff to clean the streets of Loughrea during the Annual Holidays.

Ladies Toilets:- Mr. Devine proposed that a ladies toilet be provided in Loughrea.

Bridewell Wall:- Mr. Morgan proposed that the Bridewell wall be demolished.

Link Road:- It was decided to ask the Galway Co. Co. to take over the road which links Bohercom with Bride St.

Notes of Sympathy:- The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following on their recent breavements:-

the O Farrell family on the death of Mrs O'Farrell.
Fannon B.E. on the death of his mother.

Sean Kelly
Chairman
9/9/68

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 9/9/'68.

Mr. Sean Kelly, Chairman presided.

Members present:- Messers Michael Carty, Thomas Guy, Joseph Greene, Joseph Kilboy, Norman Morgan, James Barrett and James McDonnell.

In Attendance:- A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Messers A. Sharky County Manager, L. O'Luanaigh, Asst. Co. Manager and John Devine.

The meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes:- The minutes of the last meeting, copies of which were sent to each member, were signed as correct on the proposition of Mr. Carty, seconded by Mr. Guy.

Arising from the minutes Mr. Morgan asked if any reply was received from the Brendan Donnellan Memorial Committee. Mr. Carty explained that before the work could commence a local contribution was required. The total amount received to date towards this contribution was £15. 10. Od, which consisted of 4 contributions, Mr. Carty stated that this fund is still open and if anybody wished to contribute their contribution will be gratefully accepted. Mr. Carty also stated that the Carmelite Convent had given the site for the memorial and that the County Council is prepared to contribute up to £900 towards the cost.

Safety of School Children crossing streets:- The meeting was informed by Supt. T.F. Brennan that he was not in a position to provide a Garda to supervise the children crossing the roadway at Lattimor Corner. However Supt. Brennan stated that the Garda will, as far as possible, supervise all junctions to ensure the safety of children crossing.

On the proposition of Mr. Guy, seconded by Mr. Kelly the meeting decided to request the Dept. of Local Government to provide a Pedestrian Crossing at Moore Street, Loughrea.

1968 Tidy Towns Competition:- The Adjudicators report on Loughrea's entry in the 1968 Tidy Towns Competition was considered by the meeting. The number of marks received (103) showed an increase of 18 marks since last year. Overall the meeting consider the report as fair but some members expressed dissatisfaction that Loughrea had not improved its marks under colour, colour harmony and general appearance. On the suggestion of Mr. Carty it was decided to send a copy of the Adjudicator's report to the Galway County Council. Mr. Morgan proposed a vote of congratulations to the people of the town for their help during the year. This was seconded by Mr. Kelly. Mr. Kilboy stated that he thought that the Tidy Towns Competition was a racket with Bord Failte as the people of Ballintubber can verify.

Fair Green:-Mr. Kilboy proposed that, as the proposed cattle mart was refused planning permission, the ratepayers of Loughrea should withhold the moiety of the rates until such time as the Galway County Council state when they will provide a fair green for Loughrea. Mr. Carty appealed to Mr. Kilboy to withdraw his proposition until such time as the planning appeal is heard by the Minister for Local Government. Mr. Kilboy agreed to this. Mr. Carty then proposed to request the Minister to expedite his decision on the appeal, this was seconded by Mr. Guy.

Dumping at Cuscorrig:- Mr. McDonnell referred to the dumping which is taking place at the opening to the lake at Cuscorrig. Mr. McDonnell

proposed that the Galway County Council be asked to have this dumping stopped and that a Lay-Bye be developed there. This was seconded by Mr. Kelly.

Procedure at Meetings:- Mr. Carty stated that he was informed that at the last meeting of this Board. documents were produced and read which held people up to ridicule and contempt. Mr. Carty stated that he strongly objects to this and should it happen again he will propose that the meeting go into committee. Mr. McDonnell seconded this. Mr. Morgan stated that he is not capable of using his position as a member of the Loughrea Town Commissioners to insult any person but that he will criticise any system which allows any person to make a profit at the ratepayers expense.

Dedication of Loughrea Fire Station:- Mr. Carty referred to allegations which were made at the last meeting. He, Mr. Carty would like to point out that the County Council are the fire authority and as he is the only member of the Galway County Council living in Loughrea he was invited to preside at the ceremony. Mr. Carty further stated that it was never intended to show contempt towards the Chairman of the Loughrea Town Commissioners and that the Chairman, Mr. Kelly had in fact proposed that he Mr. Carty should preside at the dedication ceremony. Both Mr. Kelly and Mr. Barrett confirmed this statement.

Mr. Kilboy stated that he would like to take this opportunity to condemn the Connacht Tribune for the manner in which it had reported the attack which was made on the organising committee. This paper, Mr. Kilboy said was read widely in America and it was a pity that they had to read such a report on a solemnly organised in memory of a Boston Fireman.

Notes of Sympathy:- The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following on their recent breavements:-

- 1 The Casey Family, Ballygasty on the death of Miss B. Casey.
- 2 P.J. Killian, Loughrea, on the death of his father.
- 3 The Farrell Family, Seefin, on the death of M. Farrell.

This concluded the meetin.

Signed the 11th day of October, 1968.

Sean Kelly

Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 14/10/'68.

In the Chair:- Mr. Sean Kelly, Chairman.

Members Present:- Messers James McDonnell, Joseph Kilboy, James Barrett, Thomas J. Guy, Norman Morgan, Michael Carty T.D. and Joseph Greene.

In Attendance:- Messers L. O'Luanaigh, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion Town Clerk.

Minutes:- The minutes of the last meeting, held on the 9/9/'68 were signed as correct.

Arising from the minutes Mr. Carty stated that he would like to refer to the report which appeared in the Connacht Tribune in connection with the Brendan Donnellan Memorial and the Old I.R.A. Mr. Carty outlined how the project started with the formation of a committee to honour the late Seamus O'Kelly. This committee decided to honour the memory of Brendan Donnellan in conjunction with O'Kelly by providing a park at Athenry Road Loughrea, and a fund was opened for this purpose. The Old I.R.A. had not taken an active part when this project was first started and it was in conjunction with this that he, Mr. Carty had referred to the Old I.R.A. as "Johnny Come Lately". He, Mr. Carty would make no apology to the Old I.R.A. and his record showed that he has no animosity towards the Old I.R.A. Mr. Carty stated that he would be delighted if the Old I.R.A. took over the project and he would give them every assistance. Mr. Barrett asked if the statement "Johnny Come Lately" referred to him. Mr. Barrett stated that he is not a member of the Old I.R.A. but that many of his relations were connected with it and rightly so. Mr. Kilboy stated that when some members of the Old I.R.A. died, young people in the area had subscribed towards the funeral costs, and this proved that the local people have respect for the Old I.R.A. Mr. Kilboy suggested that the people of the town should be encouraged to subscribe towards the fund.

Deputation:- The meeting met a deputation consisting of people residing in Loughrea who are seeking local authority houses. The question of providing houses in Loughrea was discussed. Mr. O'Luanaigh stated that the result of the enquiry into the compulsory purchase of land for building sites was not yet known. On the suggestion of Mr. Carty it was agreed to meet a deputation at the next meeting and in the meantime Mr. O'Luanaigh might get some definite information about the sites.

Telephone Kiosks:- The meeting was informed by the Dept. of Posts and Telegraphs that the Department was not in a position to provide additional telephone kiosks at Cuscorrick and Cosmona. On the proposition of Mr. Kilboy seconded by Mr. Kelly it was decided to request the Dept. of Posts and Telegraphs to resite the telephone kiosk in Bride Street in either Cuscorrick or Cosmona.

Pedestrian Crossing:- The meeting was informed by the Dept. of Local Government that it had referred the request to provide a pedestrian crossing at the junction of Moore St., with Barrack St., to the Garda Commissioner and Galway Co. Council. Mr. Guy proposed that the local Garda Superintendent be requested to recommend the provision of the pedestrian crossing. This was seconded by Mr. Kilboy. Mr. Morgan referred to the danger to school children when the new road is provided. The Chairman ruled Mr. Morgan out of order.

Cattle Mart:- Mr. Carty asked if any reply was received from the Minister for Local Government in connection with the appeal against the refusal of planning permission for the Loughrea Cattle Mart. The Town Clerk stated that no reply was received. Mr. Kilboy proposed that the people of Loughrea should withhold the 2nd. moiety of rates until a decision was made. Mr. Morgan seconded this.

A letter from the Loughrea Tidy Town Committee asking what the position is in regard to providing a Fair Green was referred to the Galway Co. Council.

Camping of the Fair Green:- Mr. Kilboy referred to the people who are camped on the Fair Green for the past two months. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that notice to quit was served by the Galway Co. Council, on the person who owns the vans.

Bridewell Store:- Mr. Morgan asked if the roof on the Bridewell store would be replaced. The Town Clerk stated that the roof will be repaired as the store is required until such time as a new store is provided.

own Dump:- Mr. Carty stated that he was informed that rats from the town dump are invading the 52 houses in Cuscorrick. Mr. Carty asked if there was any proposal for a new dump. The Town Clerk stated that he understood that the provision of a new dump is under consideration by the Galway Co. Council.

Cosmona Houses:- Mr. Guy referred to the poor state of repair of some of the Cosmona houses and Mr. Guy asked if anything is being done about them. Mr. Carty agreed with Mr. Guy and stated that the non-vested houses in Cosmona should be inspected. Mr. O'Luanaigh agreed to look into the matter.

Notes of Sympathy:- The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following for their recent bereavements.

V. Langley, Church St. on the death of his brother Joseph.
The Doyle Family, Cromara, Co. Down on the death of their son William (Tynagh)

The Kelly Family, Cross St. on the death of Patrick Kelly.
Mrs. Leahy, Barrack St., on the death of her mother.
James Clancy, St. Brendan's Terrace on the death of his brother in law.
Vincent Murray on the death of his father.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the ...th...day of November, 1968.

...*Sean Kelly*.....
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 11/11/68.

In the Chair:- Mr. Sean Kelly, Chairman.

Members present:- Messers James Barrett, Thomas J. Guy, Joseph Kilboy, Norman Morgan, Joseph Greene, Mr. John Devine arrived towards the end of the meeting.

In Attendance:- Messers L. O'Luanaigh Asst. Co. Manager, and A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

The meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes:- The minutes of the last meeting, held on the 14/10/68. copies of which were circulated to the members, were adopted and signed as correct.

Arising from the minutes Mr. Kilboy referred to the fact that the Old I.R.A. had contradicted in the Connacht Tribune, Mr. Kilboy's statement that the Old I.R.A. did not provide for the funeral expenses of a member of the Old I.R.A. Mr. Kilboy stated that he is prepared to substantiate his statement anytime the Old I.R.A. wish. Mr. Kilboy added that he hoped his statement would get as much publicity as the Old I.R.A. had got with their denial.

Mr. Morgan referred to the fact that he was ruled out of order at the last meeting when he had tried to point out the danger the new South Circular road would create for school children. The Chairman, Mr. Kelly pointed out that the plan had the approval of the Loughrea Town Commissioners and that the time for objecting to the plan was before it was adopted. Mr. Kilboy produced a cutting from a paper which stated that Mr. Morgan was the only official objector to the proposed plan.

TELEPHONE KIOSK:- A letter from the Dept. of Posts & Telegraphs dated 1/11/68 stating that the question of transferring the Telephone Kiosk from Bride Street to either Cuscorrick or Cosmona is under consideration was read. The meeting was not satisfied by this reply and on the proposition of Mr. Kilboy, seconded by Mr. Kelly it was decided to ask the Dept. of P.&T. to have the Kiosk resited before Christmas.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING:- The meeting was informed by Supt. T.F. Brennan that the matter of providing a Pedestrian Crossing at Loughrea is receiving attention.

SALE OF HOUSES:- Mr. O'Luanaigh informed the meeting that the Minister for Local Government was not prepared to sanction the proposed purchase scheme and that he Mr. O'Luanaigh had prepared a new scheme to coincide with the Minister's requirements. On the proposition of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Kilboy the amended scheme as outlined by Mr. O'Luanaigh was adopted.

PUBLIC LIGHTING:- On the proposition of Mr. Morgan seconded by Mr. Guy it was decided to draw the attention of the Galway County Council to the inadequate street lighting in Loughrea and the complete absence of lighting on the Cuscorrick road.

FLOODING ON THE OLD GALWAY ROAD:- The matter of flooding at the Old Galway Road near the Cuscorrick housing estate was raised by Mr. Morgan and Mr. Guy. It was decided to ask the Galway County Council to have this road properly drained.

TOWN DUMP:- Mr. Morgan asked if there was any development with regard to the provision of the new town dump. Mr. O'Luanaigh informed the meeting that the engineering branch are considering the matter.

PROVISION OF HOUSES:- The meeting met a deputation consisting of Messers T. Maloney, A. Carney and G. O'Loughlin. Mr. O'Luanaigh informed the meeting that there was still not word from the Dept. of Local Government with regard to the Compulsary Purchase Order. The present waiting list was presented by Mr. O'Luanaigh. It was decided to write to the Minister for Local Government requesting him to expedite the Compulsary Purchase Order sought by the Galway County Council for the lands at Pollroebuck. Mr. O'Luanaigh agreed to notify the local housing committee as soon as any news is available.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN:- Mr. Morgan proposed that the proposed circular road for Loughrea be cancelled. This was seconded by Mr. Greene. Mr. Kilboy proposed that there would be no further discussions on the Development Plan for Loughrea and was seconded by Mr. Devine. Mr. Kilboy's amendment was put to the meeting.

The following supported Mr. Kilboy's amendment:- Messers Kilboy, Devine, Barrett, Guy and Kelly. The Chairment declared Mr. Kilboy's amendment carried.

WEIGHING SCALES:- On the suggestion of Mr. Kilboy it was decided to refer the matter of the provision of a weighing scale in Loughrea to the Galway County Council.

CAMPING AT FAIR GREEN:- Mr. Kilboy asked if any action was taken against the persons who are camped at the Fair Green. Mr. O'Luanaigh informed the meeting that the person concerned will be before the next court in Loughrea on the 13th. instant. Mr. Devine stated that he was delighted to hear this as he knew of some locals who were persecuted over animals trespassing on the Fair Green.

BOTTLENECK AT MAIN ST.:- On the suggestion of Mr. Morgan the meeting agreed to submit to the Galway County Council the following recommendation "That the Galway County Council investigate the possibility of eliminating the bottleneck at Tracy's of Main Street, Loughrea and that a report of their findings be sent to the Loughrea Town Commissioners".

WALL OPPOSITE GARRYBREEDIA WOOD:- It was decided to ask the Galway County Council to have the stone replaced on the wall opposite Garrybreedia Wood.

NOTES OF SYMPATHY:- The sympathy of the Board was extended to the Costello Family Ballybroder on the death of John Costelloe.

T. L. O BRIEN Main St. LOUGHREA on the death of his mother

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the ...^{9th}... day of December, 1968.

Sean Kelly
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 9/12/68.

In the Chair:- Mr. Sean Kelly, Chairman.

Members present:- Messers James McDonnell, Joseph Kilboy, Thomas J. Guy, James Barrett, Joseph Greene. Mr. Norman Morgan arrived while the meeting was in progress.

In Attendance:- Messers L.O'Lunaigh Asst. Co. Manager and A. Marmion Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Before the business of the meeting was discussed, it was decided on the proposition of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. McDonnell, that this meeting would go into committee. Mr. Barrett stated that while he did not agree with the reports in the Connacht Tribune, he was not too sure if it was a good idea to exclude the press from the meeting. Mr. Kilboy produced a paper cutting which stated that there were 50 applicants for houses in Loughrea. Mr. Kilboy stated that this is not correct and he resented this type of reporting. Mr. Guy stated that Loughrea had received quite an amount of publicity which was unwarranted and did not do justice to Loughrea. This type of publicity Mr. Guy felt must stop. The Chairman then declared his proposition carried and requested the press representative to leave the meeting. The press representative left the meeting when he was informed by the Assistant County Manager that a proposition to exclude the press call for the press representatives to leave the meeting.

Minutes:- The minutes of the last meeting held on the 11/11/68, copies of which were circulated to the members, were signed as correct on the proposition of Mr. Guy seconded by Mr. Kilboy.

Correspondence:- The following correspondence was submitted to the meeting:

(a) Repair of wall opposite Garrybreedia Wood:- The meeting was informed by the Galway County Council, that as this wall is the boundary wall between the public road and private property, its repair is the responsibility of the property owner. Mr. McDonnell stated that this wall is a retaining wall and he felt that the County Council should have some responsibility towards it. Mr. Kilboy asked who would be responsible if stones from this wall fell out on the path and thereby caused an accident. Mr. O'Lunaigh promised to look into the matter.

(b) Bottleneck at Tracy's, Main St.:- The meeting was informed by the Galway County Council that it is unlikely that there will be any clearance of bottlenecks on the Main Street for some considerable time. Mr. Kilboy stated that where petrol pumps are situated at bottlenecks their owners should be requested to move the pumps back when they are renewing their petrol licences.

(c) Weighing Machine:- The meeting was informed by the Galway County Council that the question of weighing machines in Loughrea was receiving attention. Mr. Kilboy stated that the type of weighing machine he had in mind was a portable one which could be used for weighing potatoes and fowl. Mr. O'Lunaigh agreed to look into the matter.

(d) Compulsary Purchase Order for land at Pollroebuck:- The meeting was informed by the Minister of Local Government that he would make every effort to expedite this matter. Mr. O'Lunaigh informed the meeting that the C.P.O. for these lands was made and that every effort would be made to have houses erected in Loughrea as soon as possible.

Letter from Loughrea Housing Association:- A letter from the Chairman, Loughrea Housing Association was submitted to the meeting. This letter stated that Mr. N. Morgan had stated indirectly in the local press that members of the Housing Association would take part in a protest march in Loughrea on the 9/12/68. The Chairman of the Housing Association in the course of his letter stated that the Association had decided at a meeting not to take part in the proposed Protest March. The letter pointed out that the main concern of the Housing Association was the provision of houses in Loughrea and that they intended to work as an independent association to achieve their aims.

N.O.M. from Mr. Kilboy:- Mr. Kilboy's N.O.M. were put to the meeting. (a) "at the next meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners I shall propose that the Co. Council be asked to request the owner of the Brewery yard property to sell same to the Co. Council for a housing site, if he does not intend to use it for the purpose he purchased it for". Mr. Kilboy in

giving his motion stated that this site is derelict and something should be done to have it cleaned up. The Town Clerk read a letter from Mr. Farmer dated 3/10/68 which stated that they were going ahead with their plans for the proposed hotel. On the suggestion of Mr. O'Lunaigh it was decided to have a derelict site notice served on the owners. Mr. O'Lunaigh agreed to deal with the matter.

Mr. Morgan now arrived and asked if the meeting would meet a deputation from the Traders Association. Mr. Morgan proposed that the deputation be met. Mr. Kilboy proposed that the deputation would not be received until proper application be made. This was seconded by Mr. Kelly. Mr. Morgan's proposition did not have a seconder and the deputation was not met.

The second of Mr. Kilboy's N.O.M. was then put to the meeting:- I shall propose that the B.O.W. be requested to start the Dunkellin Drainage Scheme as soon as possible and in that connection an investigation be carried out with a view to having the Walks river piped and the existing river covered in"

Mr. Kilboy stated that he felt that the covering in of the Walks river would improve the appearance of the Walks and make it a safer place for children. Mr. Barrett stated that he had no objection to the proposal provided that it did not interfere with the run of fish. It was decided to forward the proposal to the B.O.W. and that a copy should also be sent to the Dept. of Fisheries.

State of Estimates Meeting:- On the proposition of Mr. Kilboy seconded by Mr. McDonnell it was agreed to hold the Annual Estimates Meeting in conjunction with the next meeting of the Board on the 13/1/69.

Mr. Morgan asked what the position was with regard to the housing site at Railway Road. Mr. Morgan was informed that this was discussed earlier at the meeting and that there would be no further discussion on the matter. Mr. Kilboy proposed that the meeting should now adjourn and was seconded by Mr. McDonnell.

Mr. Barrett stated that before the meeting would adjourn he would like to appeal to the people of Loughrea and district to do their Christmas shopping locally and as far as possible to purchase "Irish Goods". The meeting decided to send a copy of this appeal to the Loughrea Traders Association.

Votes of Sympathy:- The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following on their recent breavements:- Patrick Shaughnessy, Bohercam, Loughrea. Mrs. Carth, The Hill, Loughrea. Michael Reilly, Lake Road, Loughrea.

This concluded the meeting. Signed this the 13th day of January, 1969.

..... Sean Kelly
Chairman.

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In the chair:- Mr. Sean Kelly, Chairman.

Members present:- Messers Joseph Kilboy, Thomas J. Guy, James Barrett, James McDonnell, Norman Morgan, Joseph Greene, John Devine.

In attendance:- Messers L.O'Luanaigh, Asst. Co. Manager, H. Fannon, B.E. A.C.E., A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

The meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes:- Mr. Morgan referred to the fact that the press was excluded from the last meeting. Mr. Morgan asked Mr. O'Luanaigh how many applicants were on the housing list at the last meeting. Mr. O'Luanaigh stated that he had explained at the last meeting that there were 48 applicants, 12 of whom were deserving of houses with 2 possible applicants and 34 who were either not deserving of houses or had died.

Mr. McDonnell stated that he was a party to having the press excluded from the last meeting and he still held that view. Mr. McDonnell referred to the protest march which was held on the date of the last meeting and he asked the Town Clerk to read the letter which was received from the Housing Association. When the Town Clerk read the letter there was a heated exchange between Mr. Morgan and Mr. Guy as a result of the remarks made by Mr. Morgan about the Chairman of the Housing Association.

The Chairman signed the minutes as correct and proceeded with the next meeting of the Board.

Estimates:- In accordance with Sections 9 and 10 of the County and City Management (amendment) Act, 1955. Mr. O'Luanaigh submitted the estimate for the Financial year ending 31st. March, 1970, copies of which were circulated to each member.

It was proposed by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Devine that the money which is provided for Garrabreedia Wood be expended on the children's playground. A direct negative was proposed by Mr. Kilboy, and seconded by Mr. McDonnell. On a show of hands Mr. Kilboy's proposition was carried by 5 votes to 3. Messers Kilboy, McDonnell, Barrett, Guy and Kelly voting for Mr. Kilboy's proposition. It was proposed by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Kilboy and resolved:- "that the Estimate of Expense of the Loughrea Town Commissioner's for the year ending 31st. March, 1970, as set forth at A, B & C on the form of estimate submitted be adopted and that the form of estimate be signed by the Chairman and Town Clerk.

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Public Lighting:- It was unanimously agreed to ask the E.S.B. to carry out a survey on the public lighting in Loughrea and to request the Galway County Council to improve and extend the public lighting system in Loughrea especially on the Gort Road and Woodford Road.

Increase in Salaries:- On the proposition of Mr. N. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Kelly it was unanimously agreed to approve of an increase of 9% in the Town Clerk's salary and to grant an increase of 2/5 per house to the Rent Collector.

Scheme of Priorities for letting of houses:- On the proposition of Mr. Morgan seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was unanimously agreed to approve of the Scheme of Priorities for the letting of houses submitted by Mr. O'Luanaigh copies of which were circulated to each member.

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James M. McDonnell

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This concluded the meeting.

Signed this 10/.... day of February, 1969.

James McDonnell

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 10/2/'69.

In the Chair:- Mr. James McDonnell, Vice-Chairman.

Members present:- Messers James Barrett, Thomas Guy, Norman Morgan, Joseph Kilboy, Joseph Greene, John Devine.

In attendance:- Messers L. O'Luanaigh, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes:- On the proposition of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Greene the minutes of the last meeting held on the 13/1/'69 were signed as correct.

Mr. Guy's N.O.M. of the 17/12/'68:- "I propose that the resolution authorising the printing of the minutes of the Loughrea Town Commissioners for distribution to the members be rescinded". The town clerk read a letter from A.D. Comyn & Co., Solicitors dated the 20/1/'69 which stated that in their opinion there is no legal obligation on the Commissioners to circulate the minutes to the members. Mr. Guy put his N.O.M. to the meeting. Mr. Kilboy seconded Mr. Guy's N.O.M. A discussion took place during which Mr. O'Luanaigh pointed out that the minutes are available for inspection by the members at any reasonable hour. Mr. Morgan proposed that any member who requested a copy of the minutes should get one. This was seconded by Mr. Devine.

Letter from Tuam Herald dated 17/1/'69:- A letter from the Tuam Herald referring to a report of a meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners which had appeared in the Connacht Tribune on the 24/1/'69. The Tuam Herald stated that according to the report, Mr. Guy stated that the Tuam Herald published "what were obviously extracts from the minutes" and that Mr. Kilboy felt that a copy of the minutes was supplied to the Tuam Herald by Mr. Morgan. The Tuam Herald stated that these allegations are not correct and requested an unreserved withdrawal of these allegations. Mr. Guy stated that he did not specify that the Tuam Herald had mis-used the minutes and he wondered where the Tuam Herald had got its information. The letter was marked read.

Mr. Kilboy stated that he would like to refer to a report that a deputation from the Loughrea Traders was met by the County Manager and that the deputation was told, contrary to what the traders were told by the Loughrea Town Commissioners, that the new road through Loughrea is not yet sanctioned. Mr. Kilboy stated that all the Town Commissioners had done was to approve the Draft Plan, as submitted by the Galway Co. Council and that this plan had provided for a new road through Loughrea. Mr. Devine associated himself with Mr. Kilboy's remarks and stated that all this was explained at a public meeting held in the Temperance Hall.

Auditor's Report:- The Auditor's Report for the year ended 31/1/'68 was submitted to the meeting. The meeting considered the report very satisfactory and complimented the Town Clerk on it.

Children's Playground:- Mr. Morgan asked if some of the money provided for Garrybreedia Wood could be expended on some swings for the children at the Fair Green or Children's Playground. It was decided to leave the matter over in order to see if Mr. O'Luanaigh could get the County Council to provide the swings. It was also decided to let the Children's Playground field on the condition that the letting could be terminated with one month's notice.

Postal Service:- On the proposition of Mr. Morgan seconded by Mr. Greene it was decided to request the Minister for Posts & Telegraphs to provide a mid-day postal service to the following areas:- Cosmona, Caheronaun, The Hill, Athenry Road, Cottage Hill, Cuscorrick and Tulla Hill.

Pedestrian Crossing:- The meeting was informed by the Dept. of Local Government (letter 22/1/'69) that a traffic census taken at Lattimor corner did not indicate the need of a pedestrian crossing there. The meeting decided to invite the Superintendent of the Garda Síochána to the next meeting of the Board.

Public Lighting:- The meeting was informed by the E.S.B. that it would carry out a survey with a view to improving and extending the public lighting in Loughrea. The meeting was also informed by the County Council that there is no provision for additional lights in Loughrea at the

moment.

The meeting decided to take no action until the E.S.B. proposals are received.

Mystery Tours:- A request from C.I.E. for information on "Attractions" which will be held on Sundays in Loughrea during the period May to August was submitted to the meeting. The information was required for the purpose of extending "Mystery Tours". The meeting decided to refer the matter to the Town Traders and the Town Development Association.

Walks River:- The meeting was informed by the office of Public Works (letter 3/2/'69) that the river at the Walks, is not included in the investigation work so far carried out in connection with the Dunkellin attachment.

A discussion took place with regard to the improvement of the Walks.

Garryduff Bog Action Committee:- A letter from the Garryduff Bog Action Committee was marked read.

Facilities for Road Works:- Mr. Morgan asked for proper facilities for road works to eat when they come in for street cleaning on fair days. The Town Clerk stated that the workers could use the Bridewell store on fair days.

Houses for Army Personnel:- It was decided on the proposition of Mr. Devine seconded by Mr. Barrett to request the Minister for Defence to provide 4 houses for the Army personnel living in Loughrea.

Industrial Dispute:- On the proposition of Mr. Kilboy seconded by Mr. Guy, it was decided to request the Minister for Labour to intercede in the present labour dispute. In making the proposition Mr. Kilboy referred to the fact that one individual had prevented 95 workers from working in the local Cotton Factory. Mr. McDonnell stated that he would like to take this opportunity to compliment Mr. James Dunne in the effort he had made to settle the dispute.

Town Dump:- In reply to Mr. Morgan, Mr. O'Luanaigh stated that he had informed the engineers that there may be a suitable site for a town dump at Rathruddy.

Mr. Greene asked why the streets were not sanded on Saturday last. In reply the Town Clerk stated that the streets were sanded on Friday.

Notes of Sympathy:- The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following in their recent bereavements:-

- Ms Ryan, Bride Street, Loughrea.
- Messers P & A Broderick, Bride Street, Loughrea.
- Ms Murray, The Square, Loughrea.
- Ms. Donnelly, Lake Road, Loughrea.
- Mr. J.J. Fahey, Athenry Road, Loughrea.
- Mr. Muldoon, Cuscorrig, Loughrea.
- Mr. S. Crofton, Mr. Carmel Crescent, Loughrea.

Mr. Kilboy concluded the meeting.

Resolved this 10th day of March, 1969.

..... Sean Kelly
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 10/3/'69.

In the Chair:- Mr. Sean Kelly, Chairman.

Members present:- Messers N. Morgan, T.J. Guy, J. Kilboy, J. Barrett, J. Greene, J. Devine, J. McDonnell.

In Attendance:- Messers L.O'Lunaigh, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes:- The minutes of the last meeting held on the 10/2/'69 copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Mr. Morgan seconded by Mr. Kelly.

Houses for Army Personnel:- A letter from the Dept. of Defence, dated 27/2/'69 was submitted to the meeting. This letter pointed out that Soldiers have the same right to Local Authority houses as any member of the community in the same income group, but the policy of the Dept. of Defence was to supplement the efforts of the local authority where needs are greatest. The Dept. of Defence is not in a position to state when or where a further quota of houses will be provided, but that each centre will receive full consideration. This letter was read later for Mr. Devine Mr. Devine expressed the view that the Minister would be better employed if he provided for the housing needs of his own personnel rather than spend £20 million on Mig fighters.

Safety of School Children:- The Chairman, welcomed Supt. P. Flaherty to Loughrea on behalf of the Town Commissioners. Supt. Flaherty and Sergeant Ryle were present at the meeting for the purpose of discussing the safety of school children at the junction of Barrack Street with Moore Street. It was pointed out to Supt. Flaherty that the Town Commissioners had sought and were refused a pedestrian crossing at this junction. Supt. Flaherty stated that there were two types of pedestrian crossings - a push button and an Zebra, neither of which he felt was the answer to the problem. The answer to the problem, Supt. Flaherty felt was a Traffic Warden. Mr. Morgan felt that a Garda for two hours each day would solve the problem. Supt. Flaherty pointed out that he had not the personnel to provide a Garda to do duty there. Sergeant Ryle stated that a Garda would have to do 4 hours duty per day. The matter was discussed in detail by the meeting and on the proposition of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. McDonnell it was decided to request the Garda Authorities to move the "Stop Sign" from Moore Street to Barrack Street. Mr. Barrett stated that the idea of a Traffic Warden should not be dismissed completely. Mr. Morgan proposed that we would find out the cost of a Traffic Warden. This was seconded by Mr. McDonnell. Mr. Devine stated that he would oppose the appointment of a Traffic Warden due to the increase it would entail on the rates. Mr. Devine referred to the need of a pedestrian crossing at the West Bridge. Mr. Morgan asked Supt. Flaherty if he would consider changing the direction of traffic in Kelly Street. Mr. Morgan also referred to the fact that No Parking signs are erected at the head of each side street. Supt. Flaherty stated that he did not consider that there is a traffic problem in Loughrea and pointed out that you could not park within 30 feet of a junction.

The Chairman thanked Supt. Flaherty for attending the meeting. Supt. Flaherty & Sergeant Ryle then left the meeting.

1969 Tidy Towns Competition:- Mr. Morgan stated that the Tidy Town Committees should be responsible for entering Loughrea in the Tidy Town Competition. The meeting did not accept Mr. Morgan's suggestion and on the proposition of Mr. McDonnell, seconded by Mr. Guy it was decided to enter Loughrea in the 1969 Tidy Towns Competition

Car Park at Lakeside:- The Town Clerk informed the meeting that Bord Failte had made a grant for the provision of a car park at the Lont Point. Work has commenced as the job must be completed by the 31st. March.

Swimming facilities:- Mr. McDonnell asked if it is intended to repair and improve the "Jetty" at the Long Point. Mr. O'Lunaigh promised to look into the matter.

Childrens Swings:- Mr. O'Lunaigh informed the meeting that the Galway Co. Co. will provide swings etc. for the children in the vicinity of the Fairgreen/Childrens Playground. Mr. Morgan referred to the fact that workers were called out to work at the Long Point and were let go after a few days, thereby losing the benefit claim. The Town Clerk in reply

stated that due to weather conditions the Engineer had to close down this job and was left with no alternative but to let these men go.

Rates Increase:- Mr. Devine stated that he would like to take this opportunity through the press, to call on the people of Ireland to protest in the strongest manner possible against the increase in rates which are now making property a liability rather than an asset. This was seconded by Mr. Barrett. Mr. Morgan stated that as a member of the Labour Party he wished to state that the present rating system is outdated.

Footpath on Gort Road:- On the proposition of Mr. Greene, seconded by Mr. Kilboy it was decided to request the Galway County Council to extend the footpath on the Gort Road, from Mr. F.Carty's house to the Cuscorrick Cottages.

Walks River:- Mr. Kilboy proposed that the Board of Works be requested to speed up its survey on the Dunkellin Drainage, in the hope that they might cover the Walks River. Mr. Barrett stated that an Engineer from the Dept. of Fisheries had inspected the river and had made certain recommendations to the Bord of Works.

Refuse Collection:- Mr. Morgan asked if rubber gloves could be provided for the scavenging workers. It was decided to ask the Co. Council to provide gloves.

Derelict Site at Westbridge:- Mr. Morgan asked what the present position is with regard to the derelict site at the Westbridge. Mr. O'Lunaigh promised to look into the matter.

Town Dump:- In reply to Mr. Morgan the Town Clerk stated that the A.C.E. is negotiating with a land owner in the Rathruddy area.

Itinerant Houses:- In reply to Mr. Guy, Mr. O'Lunaigh stated that the Co. Council will allot the itinerant houses.

Provision of Houses:- In reply to Mr. Barrett, Mr. O'Lunaigh stated that an Architect is at present drawing up a scheme for houses in Loughrea. It would take some time before all matters are cleared with the Dept. of Local Government but Mr. O'Lunaigh assured the meeting that he would make every effort to expediate the matter.

The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following on their recent bereavements:-

Devine Family, Abbey Street on the death of Andrew Devine. Mrs. Peter Finnerty, Mount Carmel Crescent on the death of her mother.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the ... day of April, 1969.

Chairman. *James M. Donnell*

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 14/4/'69.

In the Chair:- Mr. James McDonnell, Vice-Chairman.

Members present:- Messers Norman Morgan, Joseph Greene, James Barrett, Thomas J. Guy, Joseph Kilboy, John Devine.

In Attendance:- Messers L. O'Luanaigh, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes:- The minutes of the last meeting held on the 10/3/'69, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct.

Mr. Kilboy referred to a report in a local paper attributed to Supt. Glaherty, which stated that there is no traffic problem in Loughrea. Mr. Kilboy disagreed with this report and stated that he sees several traffic hazards in Loughrea every day.

Public Lighting:- The meeting was informed by the E.S.B. that a survey showed a need of 55 additional lights for adequate public lighting. This did not include the Main Dublin-Galway route as the E.S.B. are preparing a scheme for this route similar to the scheme in Ballinasloe. The contribution required for the proposed E.S.B. scheme would be £398 and the annual charges £481-5-0. The meeting decided to refer the E.S.B. letter to the Galway County Council and recommend its adoption.

Postal Service:- The meeting was informed by the Dept. of Posts & Telegraphs that due to the additional expense it is not practicable to provide a second postal service to Cosmona, Caheronaun, The Hill, Athenry Road, Cottage Hill and Tulla Hill. On the proposition of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. McDonnell it was decided to request the Dept. of Posts and Telegraphs to give these areas a second delivery on Saturdays. On the suggestion of Mr. Kilboy it was decided to enquire as to the present position with regard to the provision of two additional Telephone Kiosks in Loughrea.

Service at St. Brendan's Home:- A suggestion from Messers Barrett & McDonnell that the Galway Co. Council be requested to provide a unit in St. Brendan's Home for people who are prepared to pay for services received was put to the meeting. Mr. O'Luanaigh stated that St. Brendan's Home is full at the moment and pointed out that St. Brendan's did not provide for this type of people but that there are other nursing homes which do. It was decided to forward the recommendation to the Minister for Health.

Old Aged Pensions:- Mr. Morgan proposed that the Minister for Social Welfare be requested to lower the old aged pension age from 70 years to 65 years. Mr. Devine seconded this proposition. The proposition was carried unanimously with the recommendation that the O.A.P. be increased by the same percentage as the T.D.'s ~~WAGE~~ SALARIES ~~WERE~~.

Derelict Sites:- Mr. O'Luanaigh informed Mr. Morgan that work will commence shortly on the derelict site at the Westbridge. The following derelict sites were mentioned:- Bridewell, Brewery Yard, Cuscorrick, Lake Road, Smyths Garage. It was pointed out by Mr. O'Luanaigh that the Bridewell will be demolished in conjunction with a major road scheme at the 'Yellow Bog'. Mr. O'Luanaigh also promised to take up the Brewery Yard site with the owners.

Car Park & Lakeside:- Mr. McDonnell complimented all concerned with the provision of the carpark at the Long Point. Mr. McDonnell asked if any provision is under way for the improvement of the pier for bathing. Mr. O'Luanaigh assured Mr. McDonnell that work will be carried out during the coming months. A discussion took place with regard to the provision of toilets in this area. The town clerk informed the meeting that this problem is under consideration but that disposal is creating a problem.

Cattle Mart:- Mr. Kilboy proposed that the Galway Co. Council be asked to give planning permission to the proposed Cattle Mart in Loughrea. It was agreed to leave the matter over until the next meeting to give Mr. O'Luanaigh an opportunity to investigate the matter.

Tulla Hill & Carna Plots:- Mr. Devine stated that he wished to protest against the farmers of Cloonoo attempting to take over plots in Tulla Hill & Carna owned by people in Loughrea.

Path on the Gort Road:- The Town Clerk informed Mr. Greene that the Asst.

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Co. Engineer proposed to submit a proposal to have this path extended, as a minor improvement during the current year.

Sign Posting:- Mr. Greene referred to a direction sign at Earlsparck which is pointing in the wrong direction. The Town Clerk stated that he would take up the matter with the A.C.E.

Medical Cards:- Mr. Guy asked if it is possible that the possession of a T.V. set would deprive a person from holding a medical card. A general discussion took place on medical cards during which Mr. O'Luanaigh pointed out that he had the sole authority for issuing medical cards. Mr. O'Luanaigh stated that the fact that a person owned a T.V. set would not deprive a person of a medical card and that each case was considered on its merits.

The sympathy of the Board was extended to the relatives of the following on their recent bereavements:-

The late John Corry, Barrack Street, James Monahan, Main Street, Marty Morgan, Mt. Pleasant and Martin Coy, Galway Road.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 12th May '69 day of May, 1969.

CHAIRMAN

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 12/5/69.

Members present:- Messers Joseph Kilboy, Joseph Greene, Thomas J. Guy, Norman Morgan, John Devine.

In the chair:- Mr. James McDonnell, Vice-Chairman.

In attendance:- Messers L. O'Luanaigh, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

As the Chairman and Vice-Chairman were absent at the start of the meeting, Mr. Greene was moved to the chair.

Minutes:- The Minutes of the last meeting held on the 14/4/69, copies of which were circulated to each member were adapted and signed as correct on the proposition of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Kilboy. Mr. McDonnell, Vice-Chairman now arrived and took the chair.

Correspondence:- The following correspondence was dealt with:-

(a) Walks River:- The office of Public Works informed the meeting by letter dated 7/5/69 that they are prepared to examine the Walks River with a view to including it in a scheme for the Dunkellin Catchment.

(b) Postal Service:- The meeting was informed by the Dept. of Post and Telegraphs that the Department is not prepared to give a second postal delivery service to the Athenry Road area on Saturdays. The meeting was not satisfied with this reply and it was decided to request the Dept. of Post & Telegraphs to reconsider their decision in view of the small number of houses involved.

Association of Municipal Authorities:- A list of motions submitted to the 1968 Annual Conference was submitted to the meeting. The meeting decided not to take any action until such time as the minutes of the last conference is to hand.

Derelict Sites:- Mr. Morgan thanked Mr. O'Luanaigh for having the derelict site at the Westbridge cleared. Mr. Devine stated that he considered this work a waste of money as he felt that this site should be purchased as a car park. Mr. Kilboy referred to the derelict site on the Woodford Road and also the Smiths Garage. It was decided to write to Mr. Callanan & Dr. Cleary re site on the Woodford Road.

Bridewell Wall:- Mr. Morgan asked if anything was done about demolishing the Bridewell Wall. Mr. O'Luanaigh informed the meeting that this work will be carried out in conjunction with a road widening scheme. Mr. Morgan proposed that the Bridewell site, be converted to a car park when it is cleared by the Galway Co. Council. Mr. Greene seconded this proposition.

Children's Playground:- Mr. O'Luanaigh informed Mr. Morgan that the equipment for the Children's Playground is on order.

Town Dump:- Mr. O'Luanaigh informed the meeting that the site for the proposed new town dump is receiving attention.

Housing:- A discussion took place with regard to the provision of new houses for Loughrea. Mr. O'Luanaigh informed the meeting that the lay-out plans are being prepared. Mr. McDonnell asked if the members could see the plans before they are accepted. Mr. Greene suggested that a special meeting be held to consider the plans.

Rates:- Mr. Devine referred to the rising cost of rates and he produced a cutting from a paper which gave details of a malicious injury claim of £6000 which is at present before the Galway Co. Council. Mr. Devine stated that he deplored the fact that insurance companies do not accept liability in these claims. Mr. Morgan supported Mr. Devine's statement.

Tennis Club:- The meeting met a deputation from the Loughrea Tennis Club, consisting of Messers James Staunton & Jackie Burke. Mr. Burke informed the meeting that the tennis club was not active for some years and that an effort is now being made to revive the club. Mr. Burke stated that the rent of £10 for last year is outstanding and he appealed to the meeting to give the tennis club whatever assistance it could. The meeting decided to request the tennis club to clear the arrears of £10 and that the Board would fix the rent for this year and next year at the nominal sum of £1 per year to enable the club to get on its feet. Mr. Burke on behalf of the tennis club accepted the terms offered and thanked the Board for meeting them.

Cattle Mart:- A deputation for the Loughrea Cattle Mart Committee, consisting of Mr. Gallagher, Chairman, Mr. Connaughton, Secretary and Mr. McDonnell manager of the Galway Marts was met by the Board. The deputation stated that the purpose of their visit was to explore the help of the Loughrea Town Commissioners in obtaining planning permission for the proposed Mart. The deputation was assured by the meeting that they had the full support of the Loughrea Town Commissioners in their effort to secure a Mart for Loughrea. Mr. Morgan also informed the deputation that the Loughrea Traders were 100% in support of a mart. On the suggestion of the Chairman it was decided that a deputation should meet the Minister for Local Government to discuss the matter. On the proposition of Mr. Kilboy seconded by Mr. Guy, it was decided to request Mr. Carty T.D. Parliamentary Secretary to try to arrange a meeting with the Minister for Local Government and the deputation should consist of the following:-
Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Loughrea Town Commissioners.
Three members of the Loughrea Mart Committee.
Three members of the Loughrea Traders Association.
The Three local T.D.'s.

Industry in Loughrea:- Mr. Devine stated that it was about time that an effort was made to get another industry in Loughrea. The suggestion was discussed by the meeting and it was decided to invite Mr. McCarthy, County Development Office to the next meeting of the Board.

Smelting Plant:- Mr. Devine stated that he thought the time had come for erecting a smelting plant in Ireland. The Chairman pointed out that the question of erecting a smelting plant is at present under consideration.

The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following on their recent bereavements:-

Rev. Fr. Cassidy, Athenry Road, Loughrea.

Mrs. McNamara, Galway Road, Loughrea.

McDonnell Family, Moore Street, Loughrea.

The meeting then terminated.

Signed this the day of June, 1969.

..... Sean Kelly
CHAIRMAN

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 9/6/'69.

In the chair:- Mr. Sean Kelly, Chairman.

Members present:- Messers James McDonnell, Thomas Guy, John Devine, James Barrett and Norman Morgan.

In attendance:- Messers L. O'Lunaigh, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes:- The minutes of the last meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Mr. Devine, seconded by Mr. Kilboy.

The meeting then met Mr. McCarthy, County Development Office, who was accompanied by Mr. Millar & Mr. Ekpang. Mr. Mann, Manager of Robert Usher & Co. (Loughrea) was also present.

Mr. Kelly, chairman, welcomed the members of the County Development Committee and Mr. Mann to the meeting and stated that the purpose of this meeting was to entice further industry to Loughrea. Mr. McCarthy stated that the aims of the County Development Committee was to promote development and industry in the county and he explained in detail the incentives which are available to industry. Mr. McCarthy stated that the main requirements for industry are (1) Labour (2) Sites & (3) Water. Mr. McCarthy then invited questions from the meeting and answered each question. Mr. Mann stated that he found the standard of labour in Loughrea very high and that there was no difficulty in training labour. Mr. McCarthy left a questionnaire with Mr. O'Lunaigh who promised to deal with it as far as possible. Both the Chairman and Mr. O'Lunaigh thanked the members of the Development and Mr. Mann for attending the meeting.

Correspondence:- The following correspondence was read to the meeting.

(1) Letter from Mr. McCarthy Solc. re. Mr. Callanan's sites at Woodford Rd. Loughrea. The meeting decided to write to Mr. Callanan, requesting him to fence his sites. It was also decided to ask the A.C.E. to inspect the stream which borders these sites. (2) Stop signs at Lattimor Corner:- The meeting was informed by Supt. P. Laherty that the stop signs at Lattimor Corner are more conducive to the safety of school children in their present position than if they were re-sited as suggested by the Loughrea Town Commissioners.

(3) Postal Service:- The meeting was informed by the Dept. of Post & Telegraphs (Letter 5/6/'69) that they could not accede to the request to have a second postal delivery service in part of the Athenry Road area due to the cost entailed. On the proposition of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. McDonnell the meeting decided to request the Dept. of Post & Telegraphs to state what the additional cost would be.

Loughrea Parking Temporary Rules, 1969:- The meeting was informed by the Commissioner, Garda Síochána (letter 3/6/'69) that the Loughrea Parking Temporary Rules, 1969 will come into operation on the 11/6/'69.

Date of Annual Meeting:- On the proposition of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Devine it was decided to hold the Annual meeting of the Board in conjunction with the July meeting.

Abstract of Accounts:- The abstract of Accounts for the year ending 31/3/'69 was presented to the meeting by the Town Clerk.

Housing:- Mr. O'Lunaigh informed the meeting that he hoped to be in a position to forward the plans for 16 houses to the Dept. of Local Government within the next two weeks.

Rates:- Mr. Devine called on the people to remember the people who had passed the rate of 101/- in the £, when the people are voting on the 18/6/'69.

Lakeside:- Mr. Morgan asked if any work will be carried out at the Long Point. Mr. O'Lunaigh promised to take the matter up with Mr. Silke. Mr. Barrett referred to the fact that people are driving cars on the footpath at the Long Point. It was decided to get notices erected to prohibit motoring and cycling on the paths at the Long Point. Mr. Devine referred to the fact that £20,000 was handed back to the Government last year by the County Council and that a fleet of new lorries were purchased while men were let off, due to shortage of work. Mr. O'Lunaigh stated that it was

most unfair for one Local Authority to run down another Local Authority without knowing the full facts. The money which was not used by the County Council was money provided for improvement schemes which were originally done by the Bord of Works, a department had to be set up in the County Council to deal with these schemes and the County Council did not get enough time to carry out all the works. The unused money was not lost as it will be available in the coming years.

Cattle Mart:- Mr. Morgan asked if there was any development with regard to meeting the Minister for Local Government in connection with the proposed cattle mart in Loughrea. Mr. Kelly informed the meeting that Mr. Carty and himself had discussed the matter with the Partimentary Secretary to the Minister for Local Government and had pointed out the proposed site to him.

Votes of sympathy:- The sympathy of the Board was extended to the McNamara family, Galway Road on their recent breavement.

The meeting then terminated.

Signed this the 21st day of July, 1969.

James Mc Donnell
CHAIRMAN

Minutes of proceedings at the Annual Meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 14/7/69.

In the Chair:- Mr. Sean Kelly, Chairman.

Members Present:- Messers Joseph Kilboy, James Barrett, Joseph Greene, John Devine and James McDonnell.

In Attendance:- Mr. A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

On the proposition of the Chairman it was unanimously decided to adjourn the meeting to the 21st instant as a mark of respect to the late Thomas Guy, a former member of the Board, and to ~~Frank Carty~~, the late Frank Carty brother of Board member, Michael Carty.

The sympathy of the Board was extended to the relatives of the two men, on their tragic loss.

The meeting then adjourned.

James McDonnell

Signed this the 11 day, of August, 1969.

James McDonnell
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the Annual Meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 21/7/'69. This meeting was adjourned from the 14/7/'69 as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Tom Guy a former member and the late Mr. Frank Carty, brother of Board Member, Mr. Michael Carty.

Members present:- Messers James Barrett, Joseph Kilboy, Norman Morgan, Michael Carty, James McDonnell, Sean Kelly, John Devine & Joseph Greene.
In attendance:- A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Election of Chairman:- There were two propositions for the position of chairman. (1) Mr. James McDonnell proposed by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Carty and (2) Mr. James Barrett proposed by Mr. Kilboy, seconded by Mr. Morgan. A proposition from Mr. Greene which was seconded by Mr. Devine, that the position of Chairman should rotate was not put to the meeting until after the election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman. The names of Messers McDonnell & Barrett were put to the meeting and the voting resulted as follows.

For Mr. McDonnell:- Messers Carty, Kelly, Devine and McDonnell - 4 votes
For Mr. Barrett:- Messers Kilboy, Morgan & Barrett - 3 votes

Mr. McDonnell was declared elected and took the Chair. Mr. McDonnell thanked his proposer and seconder and Mr. Devine for supporting him and assured the meeting that he would conduct the meetings to the best of his ability. Mr. McDonnell expressed the wish that party politics would be kept out of the meetings.

Election of Vice-Chairman:- On the proposition of Mr. Carty, seconded by Mr. Kelly, Mr. Barrett was unanimously elected Vice-Chairman. Mr. Barrett thanked the meeting for electing him and stated that he wished to fully endorse Mr. McDonnell's remarks.

Election of delegates to Municipal Authorities:- It was unanimously decided that the out-going delegates, Messers Kelly & Devine should represent the Board for the duration of the Board.

Delegate on Fire Brigades Fire Advisory Committee:- The Town Clerk informed the meeting that it was previously agreed that Mr. Devine should represent the Board for the full term of office. Mr. Greene's proposition, which was seconded by Mr. Devine, that the position of Chairman should rotate was put to the meeting. A direct negative, that an election should take place each year was proposed by Mr. Kilboy and seconded by Mr. Carty. On a show of hands Messers Greene, Devine and Morgan voted for Mr. Greene's proposition, while Messers Kilboy, Carty, Barrett, Kelly & McDonnell voted for Mr. Kilboy's amendment. Mr. Greene's proposition was declared lost. Mr. Carty thanked the meeting for their messages of sympathy and asked to be excused from the meeting.

Minutes:- The minutes of the last meeting held on the 9/6/'69 were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Mr. Greene seconded by Mr. Kilboy.

Annual Swimming Gala:- It was unanimously decided to grant permission to the Loughrea Swimming Club to charge an admission fee, for their Annual Gala at the Long Point on August 3rd, 1969 on the condition that the Loughrea Swimming Club should take out a Public Liability Insurance which would indemnify the Loughrea Town Commissioners.

Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland:- The meeting was informed that the 56th. Annual Conference of the Association will be held in Nenagh on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 16, 17, 18 September and that all motions should be submitted by the 16th. August. It was decided that any member that wished to submit a motion would hand in same at the next meeting of the Board.

Mass for Messers Tom Guy & Frank Carty:- The meeting decided that the Town Clerk should make arrangements to have Mass said for the repose of the souls of the late Thomas Guy & Frank Carty on Monday next the 28th. instant. All present subscribed towards cost of same.

Mr. Morgan apologised for his absence from the last meeting. Mr. Morgan paid tribute to the work which the late Tom Guy had done while he was a member of the Board. The Chairman assured Mr. Morgan that every member of the Board agreed with Mr. Morgan's remarks.

Smelting Plant:- On the proposition of Mr. Devine seconded by Mr. Barrett it was unanimously decided to request all the T.D.'s in Galway to do all in their power to have the proposed smelting plant erected within the

County.

Fleadh Ceoil:- Mr. Kilboy stated that recently a few traders in Loughrea had made an effort to get the 1970 Fleadh Ceoil for Loughrea. Mr. Kilboy stated that as a result of the controversy which had arisen from recent Fleadh, he had no wish to see a certain section of the people who patronise these fleadh coming to Loughrea. Mr. Morgan stated that the Local branch had made application to Comhaltas Ceoltaire Eireann to hold the 1970 Fleadh Ceoil in Loughrea. The traders of Loughrea were asked if they would cater for this event and 95% of them were in favour of holding the Fleadh in Loughrea. Mr. Kilboy proposed that Comhaltas Ceoltaire Eireann be requested not to consider Loughrea as a venue for the 1970 Fleadh. This was seconded by Mr. McDonnell.

Mr. Morgan stated that the incidents last year were grossly exaggerated and he proposed that the President of Comhaltas Ceoltaire Eireann and Very Rev. Fr. O'Callaghan Adm be invited to the next meeting to discuss the matter. This was seconded by Mr. Devine. The two propositions were put to the meeting and the voting resulted as follows:-

For Mr. Kilboy's Proposition:- Messers Kilboy, Barrett, Kelly & McDonnell
Against Mr. Kilboy's " Messers Morgan, Devine & Greene
The Chairman declared Mr. Kilboy's proposition carried
For Mr. Morgan's Proposition:- Messers Morgan, Devine & Greene
Against Mr. Morgan's " Messers Kilboy, Barrett, Kelly & McDonnell
The Chairman declared Mr. Morgan's proposition lost.
The Town Clerk was instructed to forward Mr. Kilboy's resolution to Comhaltas Ceoltaire Eireann.

Recommendations to Town Engineer:- The Town Clerk was instructed to make the following recommendations to the Town Engineer:-

- a) To have the Walks River cleaned
- b) To have the footpath at Leahy's corner repaired
- c) To have a concrete path laid from Mt. Carmel Crescent to Liam Mellows Tce. by Dr. Dyar's house.
- d) To have the seats at the Fairgreen painted.
- e) To have the gate at the children's playground painted

Recommendations to Galway County Council:- The Town Clerk was instructed to forward the following recommendations to the Galway County Council

- a) To try to improve the concrete slabs which form a pathway into the lake at the Long Point. It was pointed out that these slabs had got very slippery
- b) To have the railings at St. Brendan's Home painted
- c) To have the roadside wall at Dr. Dyar's brightened

Toilets:- On the proposition of Mr. Kilboy, seconded by Mr. Morgan it was decided to request the Galway County Council to provide three additional toilets in Loughrea. A Ladies & Gents near Kilboy's in Bride Street, and a Ladies at the Westbridge.

Hotels:- On the proposition of Mr. Barrett seconded by Mr. Kelly it was decided to write to Bord Failte with a view to obtaining a hotel for Loughrea.

Railway Station:- Mr. Morgan referred to the fact that the Loughrea line is the only branch line left in the country and he felt that it would be nice if an old Steam Engine was put on display in Loughrea. It was decided to write to C.I.E. & Bord Failte in connection with the matter.

Cattle Mart:- A letter from Mr. Boland, Minister for Local Government to Mr. Sean Kelly was read to the meeting. Mr. Boland stated in his letter that he could not allow planning permission for the Loughrea Cattle Mart in the site proposed for it at present. The meeting expressed its dismay with the decision of the Minister and criticised the fact that it had taken so long to get a decision from the Minister on the matter. It was decided to invite the secretary of the Loughrea Mart Committee to the next meeting of the Board and to request him to bring along a copy of the Minister's decision with him.

The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following on their recent bereavement.

1. The relatives of the late Rev. Fr. John Fahy C.C., Abbey
 2. The Mannion family, Masonbrook on the death of their father.
- This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the day of August 1969.
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Chairman

minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 11/8/'69.

the chair:- Mr. James McDonnell, Chairman.

Members present:- Messers Sean Kelly, Joseph Kilboy, James Barrett, Chairman Morgan, Joseph Greene and John Devine.

Attendance:- Messers J. Howlette, Acting Assistant Co. Manager and Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes:- The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on the 21/7/'69, copies which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct the proposition of Mr. Kilboy, seconded by Mr. Kelly.

Correspondence:-

Letters:- The Town Clerk read a letter from Bord Failte stating that Bord Failte are conscious of the Tourist potential of Loughrea. Bord Failte assured the Board that they would give every assistance to any interested party in establishing an Hotel in the area but pointed out that this is a matter for private developers. Mr. Greene felt that some of the hotel groups should be contacted. Mr. Barrett stated that publicity in the local press would help. Mr. Devine stated that Bord Failte should give better grants to areas like Loughrea.

Smelting Plant:- The Town Clerk submitted replies which he had received from some of the Local T.D.'s in connection with the erection of a smelting plant within the county. The matter was discussed at length by the Board and it was decided to write to the Minister for Industry & Commerce in connection with the matter. It was also decided to write to Mr. Fitzgerald Northgate Exploration Ltd., seeking an interview with the company involved with the erection of the smelter.

Postal Delivery Service:- A letter from the Dept. of Posts & Telegraphs setting out the reasons why a second postal delivery service is not provided in certain area in Loughrea was submitted to the meeting. Mr. Greene stated that as a mark of respect to the late Tom Guy, the Board would not accept No for an answer in this matter. Mr. Kilboy stated that the Dept. of Posts & Telegraphs send an inspector to Loughrea to time a postman on his delivery. Mr. Kilboy proposed that the Dept. of Posts and Telegraphs be requested to forward a report from this inspector on (a) the present second postal delivery service (b) The length of time it would take to provide the houses in the Athenry Road area, which are not at present getting a second delivery, with a second delivery. (c) The length of time it would take to provide the remaining houses, within the town boundary, which are not at present receiving a second postal delivery, with a second delivery. The Town Clerk was also instructed to inform the Dept. of Post & Telegraphs that the Loughrea Town Commissioners are not prepared to accept no for an answer with regard to the second postal delivery service in the Athenry Road area.

Cinematograph Licence:- On the proposition of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Kelly a cinematograph licence was granted to the directors of Loughrea Town Hall Ltd., subject to the approval of the Chief Fire Officer.

Loughrea Cattle Mart:- Mr. L. Connaughton, Sec., Loughrea Cattle Mart informed the meeting that the Minister for Local Government had refused planning permission for the Loughrea Cattle Mart on its proposed present site. The Minister advised the Loughrea Cattle Mart Committee to seek the assistance of the Planning Officers in choosing an alternative site. The matter was discussed at length and it was agreed that every assistance could be made available to the Mart Committee. Mr. Howlette promised to arrange a meeting with the planning Officers whenever the Mart Committee require such a meeting.

Casual Vacancy caused by the death of the late Thomas Guy. There were two candidates for the vacancy.

Mr. Dermott Sweeney proposed by Mr. Kilboy, seconded by Mr. Kelly.

Mr. Thomas McGuire, proposed by Mr. Greene, seconded by Mr. Morgan.

The names of the candidates were put to the meeting and voting was as follows:-

For Mr. Sweeney:- Messers Kelly, Kilboy & McDonnell 3 votes

For Mr. McGuire:- Messers Greene, Morgan & Devine 3 votes

The casting vote of the Chairman, Mr. Sweeney was declared elected.

Mr. Barrett who did not vote on the matter, said he did not wish to vote

as when he contested the position of Chairman one of the members who voted for Mr. McGuire did not vote on the election for chairman.

Fleadh:- The question of holding the 1970 Fleadh was again raised by Mr. Morgan. This caused some heated exchanges between Messers Morgan & Kilboy. Mr. Kilboy produced a paper cutting, giving details of disturbance at a Mini-Fleadh in Trim.

Road Signs:- Mr. Greene referred to the "Black Spot" on the Loughrea Ballinasloe road and asked if it was proposed to carry out any improvement in the area. It was pointed out that a 50. m.p.h. speed limit sign is now erected there.

On the suggestion of Mr. Kelly it was decided to write to the Dept. of Local Government requesting them to replace the 30m.p.h. sign at the Sports Field, Loughrea.

The Assistant County Manager was asked to enquire as to the present position of:-

- a) The proposed new houses for Loughrea
 - b) The proposed new dumping ground for Loughrea
- Recommendations to Town Engineer:- The Town Clerk was instructed to bring the following items to the attention of the Town Engineer.
- a) Continuation of path from Mt. Carmel Crescent to Athenry Road.
 - b) Continuation of path on Gort road, from Carty's house to Cuscornig Crescent.
 - c) To have Bridewell wall demolished
 - d) To provide better eating facilities for roadworkers who come into town on fairdays.

Roadworkers Pay:- On the proposition of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. McDonnell it was decided to request the Galway County Council to pay their roadworkers weekly.

Vote of thanks:- Mr. Greene proposed a vote of thanks to the Loughrea Festival Committee. This was seconded by Mr. Morgan.

Loughrea Lake:- Mr. Morgan produced a written statement in connection with the recent leasing of the Loughrea lake by the Loughrea Anglers Association from Lord Harewood. The statement was signed N.W.R.L. Mr. Barrett stated that his answer to that statement was that the Loughrea Anglers Association now owned the lake and that any person who wished to dispute this could do so in the courts. Mr. Barrett's statement was hotly disputed by Messers Devine, Greene & Morgan. In reply to Mr. Kilboy, Mr. Barrett stated that any person may use the lake for pleasure purposes but that if they wished to fish the lake they must first join the Anglers' Association

The meeting then terminated. *James Mc Donnell*

Signed this the 15th day of September 1969.

CHAIRMAN.

minutes of proceedings at a special meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 18/8/69.

The Chair:- Mr. James McDonnell, Chairman.

Members Present:- Messers Sean Kelly, James Barrett, Dermott Sweeney, A. Devine, Norman Morgan, Joseph Greene.

Attendance:- A. Marnion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers. The business of the meeting was discussed, Mr. Sweeney stated that he was delighted to be back on the board. The Chairman assured Mr. Sweeney that the board was delighted to have him back as a member.

The Chairman explained to the meeting that he had called this special meeting for the purpose of deciding what help the people of Loughrea could offer to the people of the Six Counties in their present difficulties. The matter was discussed in detail by the meeting and it was decided that a meeting should be held in the Temperance Hall on Wednesday 20th instant at 8/30 p.m. It was further decided that following should be asked to send a representative to the meeting on Wednesday night.

- Reading Club, Swimming Club, Sailing Club, Tennis Club, Golf Club, Lawn Society, Coursing Club, Muntire na Tire, Development Association, G.A., Traders, G.A.A., Civil Defence, Legion of Mary, Children of Mary, Mentally Handicapped, St. Vincent De Paul, Boxing Club, Badminton Club, Temperance Hall Committee, Athletic Club, Robert Usher Works Committee, W.T.C. Macra na Feirme, Credit Union, Comhaltas Ceoltaire, Cattle Mart, Scouts, Foresters, Old I.R.A., Brendan Donnellan Memorial, Town Hall Ltd., Mother Cliver Convent of Mercy, Very Rev. Fr. O'Callaghan, Rev. Prior Carmelite Abbey, Brother James of De La Salle, Rev. I. Kirkpatrick, Mr. J. Flaherty, Mr. James Lenihan Tynagh Mine and Mr. S. O'Grady Voc. School.

The meeting then terminated.

Signed this the 15th day of September, 1969.

James Mc Donnell
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at a special meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 3/9/69.

In the Chair:- Mr. James McDonnell, Chairman.

Members Present:- Messers Michael Carty, Sean Kelly, Joseph Kilboy, Joseph Greene, James Barrett, John Devine and Norman Morgan.

In attendance:- A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

The Chairman explained to the meeting that the Fianna Fail members had asked for this meeting to see if it was possible to have the labour dispute at the Tynagh Mine resolved. The Chairman stressed that he would not allow any discussion on the merits of the dispute as the full facts were not known to the members.

Mr. Carty stated that the dispute was now in its 9th week and had caused much hardship to the workers and indeed to the neighbourhood in general. Mr. Carty thought that the Minister for Labour should be requested to use all the machinery at his disposal to have the dispute resolved.

When Mr. Devine attempted to discuss the merits of the dispute, he was ruled out of order by the Chairman.

The Town Clerk was instructed to request the Minister for Labour to use the machinery at his disposal to have the dispute resolved as quickly as possible.

The meeting agreed to hold the September meeting of the Board on Monday the 15th instant.

The meeting then terminated,

Dated this 15th day of September, 1969.

James Mc Donnell

Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 15/9/'69.

In the chair:- Mr. James McDonnell, Chairman.

Members present; Messers Norman Morgan, John Devine, James Barrett, Dermott Sweeney, Joseph Kilboy, Joseph Greene.

In attendance:- L. O'Luanaigh, Assistant Co. Manager and A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes:- On the proposition of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Barrett the minutes of the last meeting held on the 11/8/'69 and of the two special meetings held on the 18/8/'69 and 3/9/'69 were adopted and signed as correct.

Mr. Greene stated that there was a slight omission from the minutes with regard to "Concealed Entrance" signs at Mount Pleasant. The Town Clerk stated that the Town Engineer had not received an application to have these signs erected. It was felt that if an application was made, permission would be given but that the County Council would not erect these signs.

Hotel: Mr. Campbell, who was present at the meeting stated that he had applied for planning permission for a Hotel last April and had not yet received a decision. The Chairman assured Mr. Campbell of the wholehearted support of the Commissioners and appealed to Mr. O'Luanaigh to speed up the decision if possible. Mr. O'Luanaigh promised to look into the matter.

Correspondance: The following correspondence was dealt with:

1. Letter from Dept. of Labour 10/9/'69 acknowledging request to have the labour dispute at Tynagh Mine resolved.
2. Letter from Galway Co. Council 13/8/'69 re:
 - (a) Facilities at Long Point
 - (b) Railings outside St. Brendan's Home.
 - (c) Dr. Dyar's House (Painting of roadside wall)
 - (d) Public Toilets in Loughrea

The meeting was not satisfied with regard to the reply in connection with the provision of additional toilets in Loughrea. On the proposition of Mr. Devine seconded by Mr. Morgan it was decided to request the Galway Co. Council to tile and provide washing facilities in the existing toilet and to provide at least one more toilet in Loughrea.

Smelting Plant: Correspondance was submitted from Irish Base Metals Ltd., Minister for Industry and Commerce, M/s W. Loughnane T.D., R. Molloy, T.D., M. Kitt, T.D. assuring the Loughrea Town Commissioners that every consideration will be given to Galway Before a site is decided on. It was pointed out however, that the location of the proposed smelting plant will be decided by the Promoters Smelter Corporation of Ireland Ltd.

Sale of No. 3 House Mount Carmel Crescent: On the proposition of Mr. Morgan seconded by Mr. Greene it was decided to sell the house at No. 3 Mount Carmel Crescent to Mr. Stephen Crofton. Mr. Morgan referred to the high price of the Barrack Street houses. Mr. O'Luanaigh stated that the cost of the houses was gone into when the purchase scheme was adopted.

Tidy Town's Competition: The Town Clerk read the Adjudicators report on Loughrea in the 1968 Tidy Towns Competition, in which Loughrea was highly commended. Overall, the meeting considered the report very fair. Mr. Morgan got permission to distribute copies of the Adjudicator's Report. It was decided to make an effort to have the following derelict sites cleared. Brewery Yard, Corcoran's of Main Street and the site on the Woodford Road. Mr. O'Luanaigh promised to get the County Council to deal with the matter. Mr. Greene asked what had happened with the suggestion to have a handcart for street cleaning in the town.

Weekly pay for Roadworkers: Mr. Morgan asked if there was any development with regard to having the roadworkers paid weekly. The Town Clerk stated that he had forwarded the recommendation to the County Council. Mr. O'Luanaigh said that this was raised before in the County Council and that there was not a great demand for weekly pay. It would increase the cost considerably to implement the scheme.

E.S.B. Lines: Mr. Greene asked if the E.S.B. could be requested to have

the E.S.B. lines in Loughrea put underground. The Chairman stated that all new E.S.B. schemes are underground lines. Mr. O'Luanaigh stated that the E.S.B. would put the lines underground immediately but that the rates would have to pay for it. There was no decision made on the matter.

Itinerant Houses: Mr. Devine asked who would allot the houses for the itinerants. Mr. O'Luanaigh stated that the County Council would be dealing with the matter. The meeting requested that the local itinerants get preference with regard to the houses. Mr. O'Luanaigh stated that this was the intention of the County Council. Mr. Devine asked that the itinerants would not be allowed to keep dogs when they get into the site so that the landowners in the area would not have to worry about their stock.

Housing Scheme: The chairman asked Mr. O'Luanaigh what the present position is with regard to the proposed 16 houses for Loughrea. Mr. O'Luanaigh stated that the layout plans were changed by the Department and that an Inspector from the Department is to meet Mr. Silke to finalize the matter. It was agreed that the plan for the houses would be available for inspection by the members at the County Council office Loughrea on Wed., 17th. September at 2 p.m. Mr. Morgan proposed that the County Council be requested to continue the roadway through the site onto the Athenry Road. This was seconded by Mr. Greene.

Bord Failte Office: Mr. Greene stated that Bord Failte have offices in Port, Portumna and Ballinasloe and he felt that Loughrea should also have one. It was decided to write to Bord Failte in connection with the matter.

Path at Mount Carmel Road: Mr. Morgan asked if there was any progress with regard to the confirmation of the pathway from Mount Carmel Crescent to Athenry Road. The Town Clerk stated that the Town Engineer will, if the money is available, do the work in the present financial year.

Found: Mr. Greene stated that there was no grass or water in the pound. The meeting decided not to take any action on the matter.

Development Plan: Mr. Devine asked if there was any progress with regard to the new road. No information was available.

Mr. Morgan asked if some money was supplied to the County Council for the provision of a path at the lakeside in the fair green would the County Council do the work? Mr. O'Luanaigh stated that it would be better to wait for the overall plan.

Dumping Ground: Mr. Morgan asked what the position is with regard to the new dumping ground. Mr. O'Luanaigh stated that the owner of the proposed site was not now prepared to give the site and that a new site will have to be found.

Ownership of Lake: A discussion took place with regard to the leasing of the lake by the Anglers' Association. Mr. Devine stated that a Mr. McCooke, who owned some land in the Grange area could claim some title to part of the lake. Mr. Sweeney stated that the people who had purchased their houses from the Harewood Estate had acknowledged the title of the Harewoods to these houses and he thought that it was unfair to criticise the Anglers' Association for the action they had taken. Both Mr. Morgan and Mr. Greene assured Mr. Sweeney that they had not criticised the Anglers' Association. Mr. Kilboy stated that Mr. Devine had said he would put a boat on the lake. Mr. Kilboy stated that he admired Mr. Devine for this statement and he would encourage him to do, so that the case might be brought to the courts. On the proposition of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Morgan it was decided to request the Boards Solicitor to obtain from the solicitor of the Anglers' Association a copy of the lease which the Anglers received to see if the rights of any individual is being interfered with.

Votes of Congratulations: Mr. Greene proposed a vote of congratulations to the Show Society on their successful show and to the people who were married recently in the town.

Votes of Sympathy: The Sympathy of the Board was extended to the following on their recent breavements:

The Glynn Family, Barrack Street,
The Mulkern Family, Liam Mellows Terrace.
The Burke Family, Galway Road.

Signed this the 13th day of October, 1969

James McDonnell
CHAIRMAN

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 13/10/'69.

In the Chair: Mr. James McDonnell, Chairman.

Members Present: Messers Dermott Sweeney, Joseph Kilboy, James Barrett, Messers Joseph Greene, Norman Morgan and John Devine arrived during the course of the meeting.

In attendance: Messers L. O'Luanaigh, Assistant Co. Manager, and A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 15/9/'69 were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Mr. Kilboy, seconded by Mr. Sweeney.

Strike at Tynagh Mine: The meeting was informed by the Minister for Labour of the arguments as presented by the parties involved in the Tynagh Mine strike. The meeting decided to take no further action as the strike is now settled.

Ownership of Lake: Mr. Shields, Solicitor for the Loughrea Anglers' Association, informed Mr. Crowley, Solicitor for the Board, that as a result of allegations and slanderous statements made at previous Board meetings, he Mr. Shields, was not prepared to give any information on the lease obtained by the Loughrea Anglers' Association on Loughrea Lake. Mr. Kilboy stated that he had objected to writing to the Board's Solicitor in the first instance and he thought Mr. Devine should go ahead with his proposal to fish the lake. The Chairman stated that he was disappointed with the reply received from Mr. Shields but that he was prepared to accept the letter as it stood and he declared the discussion on the lake closed. Messers Devine, Morgan and Greene, who were not present when the letter was read, requested that the letter be read at a later stage of the meeting. The letter was re-read by the Town Clerk. There was a further discussion on the matter during which it was suggested writing to the Minister for Local Government and the Minister for Lands and Fisheries. Mr. O'Luanaigh pointed out that in all probability the Ministers would refer the Board to their own legal advisor. On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Morgan, it was decided to request the Board's Solicitor to make enquiries as to whether any title or lease to the lake are registered in the Registry of Deeds and if there are to obtain a copy of them and advise the Board as to whether the rights of any individual are interfered with.

Derelict Sites: The Chairman informed the meeting that the old Brewery Yard site is about to be demolished. It was also mentioned that Mr. Callanan is to commence building on the derelict site in the Woodford Road. Mr. O'Luanaigh promised to check up on Corcoran's site.

Decimal Currency: The Chairman informed the meeting that a public meeting will be held in the Temperance Hall on November 10th. and he appealed to the public to attend this meeting.

Fleadh Ceoil: Mr. Kilboy asked the Town Clerk if a recommendation made at a previous meeting, not to consider Loughrea as a venue for the 1970 Fleadh was sent to Comhaltas Ceoiltoire Eireann. The Town Clerk replied that he had sent the recommendation. Mr. Morgan stated that the recommendation should not have been sent and that a letter contradicting the first letter should now be sent. Mr. Kilboy produced a paper cutting giving accounts of court proceedings after the fleadh in Cashel, which the Town Clerk read. Mr. Morgan made reference to Fr. O'Callaghan at which stage the Chairman called for order and stated that he would not allow personal abuse to enter the meeting. The Chairman went on to say that the Commissioners as a body had come to a decision and it was now up to the people of Loughrea to decide whether they wanted the 1970 Fleadh or not.

Swimming facilities: Mr. Sweeney appealed to Mr. O'Luanaigh to try to have the proposed improvement at the Long Point got under way.

Housing: Mr. Morgan asked if it was possible to have a Purchase Scheme for the proposed 16 new houses. Mr. O'Luanaigh stated that he felt that the proposal was a bit premature and it was decided to leave the matter over. Mr. Morgan stated that there are two Co. Council cottages in need of repair and he asked Mr. O'Luanaigh to look into the matter. The Cottages in question are Burkes of Galway Road and P. Casey, Cosmona.

S.B. Cables: Mr. Greene again raised the question of having the existing S.B. cables put underground. A discussion took place during which it was pointed out by Mr. O'Luanaigh that the cost of doing this work would be very high.

Cuscorrick Road: On the suggestion of Mr. Devine, it was decided to request the Galway Co. Council to carry out improvement to the Cuscorrick Road.

Itinerant Houses: Mr. Devine asked that the Galway County Council be requested to allot one of the itinerant houses to the Donoghue Brothers.

Town Dump: In reply to Mr. Morgan, Mr. O'Luanaigh stated that the County Council had failed to get a site for the proposed Town Dump at Rathruddy. Mr. Morgan stated that the site he had in mind was the Rathruddy Bog and not the site which the Co. Council were after.

Street Cleaning: The Town Clerk was asked to request the Town Engineer to purchase a mobile litter bin for street cleaning.

The meeting then terminated.

Signed this the 10th day of November, 1969.

James Mc Donnell

CHAIRMAN.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 10/11/'69.

In the chair: Mr. James McDonnell, Chairman.

Members present: Messers James Barrett, Dermott Sweeney, John Devine, Joseph Kilboy, Michael Carty, Joseph Greene, Norman Morgan and Sean Kelly.

In attendance: Mr. L. O'Luanaigh, Asst. Co. Manager and A. Marmion Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 13/10/'69 were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Mr. Sweeney, seconded by Mr. Barrett.

Loughrea Lake: The meeting was informed in writing by the Board's Solicitor that a search for title to the lake, as envisaged by the Board could prove very expensive and he awaited further instructions before he commenced the search. Mr. Devine stated that he considered this letter very confusing in view of the fact that the County Council have for years taken water from the lake without paying a fee to anybody. Mr. Morgan stated that he was concerned about amenities being taken from the people and he referred to right ways to the lake and to the walks being closed to the people. Mr. Carty stated that to his knowledge the Anglers Association had not deprived any person from using the lake as a amenity. Mr. Morgan stated that he thought that the Anglers as a gesture of goodwill, should make a copy of the lease available to the Town Commissioners, Mr. O'Luanaigh referred to earlier statements made by some members of the Board, which the Anglers thought their solicitor had resented. Mr. O'Luanaigh stated that if these statements were withdrawn it might be a step in the right direction.

Reference was made to an earlier statement by Mr. Barrett re ownership of the lake. Mr. Barrett stated that the Anglers have the full fishing rights of the lake. Mr. Barrett referred to an allegation made by Mr. Morgan about children who were terrified on the lake by a member of the Anglers Association. Mr. Barrett asked Mr. Morgan to name the people who were involved in the alleged incident. Mr. Morgan gave the names of three of the people in the boat ~~Mr. D. Nolan~~ and two of his sons, but refused to name in public the angler involved. Mr. Morgan stated that he would give the name of the name of the angler to Mr. Barrett after the meeting.

Loughrea Mart: A deputation from the Loughrea Mart Committee consisting of Messers L. Connaughton, P. Forde, M. Gallagher and A. Egan was received by the meeting. The deputation informed the meeting that the Abbey Fathers are prepared to give a rightaway from the Bullaun road to their proposed Mart site. In view of this development the Mart Committee are submitting a planning application for their site. The Mart Committee appealed to the Loughrea Town Commissioners to give their support to the new proposal. Mr. Carty proposed and Mr. Devine seconded that the Loughrea Town Commissioners strongly recommend the Galway County Council to give favourable consideration to the new proposal. A proposal from Mr. Morgan that a deputation should meet the Galway County Council on the matter had no second.

Postal Delivery Service: The meeting was informed by the Dept. of Post & Telegraphs that the department was not prepared to extend its service outside the present limits. It was pointed out that the Loughrea Town Commissioners only requested that every house within the present limits get a second postal delivery. It was agreed that the Town Clerk should meet the local Post Master with the view to discussing same.

Salary Increase: On the proposition of Mr. Sweeney seconded by Mr. Carty was agreed to grant the increase in salaries to the Town Clerk and rent collector, as sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government.

Pedestrian Crossing: Mr. Carty's N.O.M. of the 25/10/'69 "That this Board strongly recommends the provision of suitable positioned pedestrian crossing on the main street of Loughrea and that this work be undertaken as soon as possible".

The meeting decided to make the recommendation to the Galway County Council and suggest the following locations: 1. Westbridge, 2. near the junction of Moy Street with Main Street 3. near the junction of Church Street with Main Street 4. at the junction of Moore Street with Barrack Street.

Roadworkers Wages: Mr. Morgan referred to a recent statement that Galway could have the second highest rate in the country due to the proposed increase in wages for the roadworkers. He, Mr. Morgan did not object to paying this rate if the roadworkers were paid a living wage. Mr. Carty stated that since he became a member of the Galway County Council the roadworkers had on 16 occasions received an increase in salary and he resented Mr. Morgan's statement that these roadworkers are living on charity. Mr. Morgan referred to the delay in paying these workers and he would not rest until they were paid weekly.

The Chairman ruled any further discussion on the matter out of order.

Work on Long Point: Mr. Barrett asked if there was any development on the work at the Long Point. Mr. O'Luanaigh stated that he was informed by the engineer that work would commence within a few days. Mr. Carty stated that he had received the same reply some weeks ago.

Planning: In reply to Mr. McDonnell, Mr. O'Luanaigh stated that the revised plans are now with the Dept. of Local Government.

Industries for Loughrea: Mr. Devine asked if there was any development with regard to providing some industry in Loughrea. Mr. Donohue, Press Representative, informed the meeting that recently he had a group who are interested in getting a site for an industry. This group were very impressed with the sites and amenities that Loughrea had to offer and had promised to return to Loughrea for further discussion. Mr. Donohue added that two difficulties which arise in the matter are: availability of labour and lack of an hotel.

Mr. Greene asked if there was any development with regard to the provision of a footpath on the Gort road. It was pointed out to Mr. Greene that this was recommended to the Galway County Council.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 8th day of December, 1969.

X Mr Nolan owned the boat & two of his sons were in it AM 8/12/69

James Mc Donnell
CHAIRMAN

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 8/12/69.

In the chair: Mr. James McDonnell, Chairman.

Members present: Messers Joseph Kilboy, James Barrett, Norman Morgan, John Devine, Joseph Greene.

In attendance: A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting of the Board, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Mr. Morgan seconded by Mr. Greene.

Postal Service: The Town Clerk informed the meeting that he had interviewed the Post Master with a view to discussing the extension of the postal delivery service in the Athenry Road area. The Post Master stated that present policy is not to extend present delivery areas and the extension to even one house would give other areas grounds to look for a second delivery. Mr. Kilboy stated that under the old delivery system, Caheronaun, Garrybreedia and the Hill areas received their post at 9.30a.m. Under the present system, despite the use of delivery vans etc., these areas do not get their post until 1.30p.m. - 3p.m.

It was decided to write to the Post Master about the matter.

Galway/Mayo Regional Planning Group: The meeting decided to leave this matter over until the Asst. Co. Manager is present.

Voting Age: On the proposition of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Barrett, it was decided to forward the following resolution to the Minister for Local Government.

"That a recommendation be sent to the Minister for Local Government requesting that persons who are 21 or over on the day of an election may be allowed to vote at that election and that the Registration of Electors - Claim Form R.F.A. be amended accordingly, or it can be done by supplying a separate Registration Form for those who will become 21 between the 16th. April of one year and the 15th. April of the next year"

Vocational Schools: Mr. Morgan stated that he felt that the Vocational School should be kept as an office for Local Authorities and Government Bodies, when the Regional school is erected.

Date of Estimate Meeting: On the proposition of Mr. Greene, seconded by Mr. Morgan it was decided to hold the Annual Estimate Meeting on the 12th. January 1970, in conjunction with the next meeting of the Board.

Telephone Kiosks: It was decided on the proposition of Mr. Greene seconded by Mr. Morgan, to write again to the Dept. of Posts and Telegraphs about Telephone Kiosks at the Hill and Cuscarrick.

Housing: Mr. Barrett referred to the speed with which the Itinerants houses were erected and it was unanimously agreed by the meeting to congratulate all concerned with the project. Mr. Barrett stated that there were other people in the town in need of housing and he, Mr. Barrett felt that there was undue delay in getting these houses erected. It was decided to request the Minister for Local Government to expedite the proposal to have the 16 houses erected at Cuscarrick. On the proposition of Mr. Kilboy, seconded by Mr. Greene it was decided to request the Galway County Council to submit to the Loughrea Town Commissioners the list of applicants it was proposed to give these houses to before the tenants were finally decided. On the suggestion of Mr. Devine it was decided to request the Galway Co. Council to provide a clause in the contract for these houses, whereby local labour where available would be employed.

Bord Failte Office: It was decided to send a reminder to Bord Failte about the provision of a Bord Failte office in Loughrea.

Industry: Mr. Devine proposed a vote of congratulations to Fr. O'Connor on securing an industry for Kilchreest.

Loughrea Chamber of Commerce: A discussion took place on the Loughrea Chamber of Commerce and the Loughrea Development Association. Mr. Morgan referred to the closing hours which had appeared in a local paper. The Chairman stated that there was a mistake over the publishing of these times and he expected that this will be corrected.

Street Lighting: Mr. Greene proposed a vote of thanks to the people who had provided street lighting in Loughrea for the Christmas. This was

seconded by Mr. Morgan.

Rural Electrification: On the proposition of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Greene it was decided to recommend to the Chief Supt. E.S.B. Tuam, that rural electrification be installed at Dalystown, Loughrea without further delay.

E.S.B. Cables: It was proposed by Mr. Greene and seconded by Mr. Morgan to request Galway Co. Council to provide underground cables when they are providing arterial route lighting in Loughrea.

Dunkellin Drainage: It was unanimously decided to forward the following recommendation to the appropriate Minister "That priority be given to the drainage of the Dunkellin Catchment Area".

It was also agreed to assure the Dunkellin Drainage Committee of the unanimous support of the Loughrea Town Commissioners, in their efforts to have the Dunkellin Catchment drained.

Hotels: On the suggestion of the Chairman it was decided to invite Mr. Flannery of Flannery Hotels to provide a hotel in Loughrea.

Notes of Sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following on their recent bereavements.

James Coy, Barrack Street on the death of his wife.
Mrs. Kinsella, Main Street on the death of her husband.
The Flaherty Family, Cosmona, on the death of their father.
Mrs. Nancy Morgan, Bride Street on the death of her husband.
Michael Reilly, Lake Road on the death of his brother.
The Murray Family Main Street on the death of their father.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 12th day of January, 1970.

James Mc Donnell
CHAIRMAN

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 12/1/70.

In the Chair: Mr. James McDonnell, Chairman.

Members present: Messers Sean Kelly, James Barrett, Norman Morgan, Joseph Greene, John Devine.

In Attendance: Messers L. O'Luanaigh, Asst. Co. Manager and A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Apology for non-attendance was made on behalf of Messers D. Sweeney, J. Kilboy and M. Carty who were unavoidably absent.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Before the business of the meeting was discussed, Mr. Kelly proposed that the meeting adjourn for one hour as a mark of respect to the late Martin O'Regan, a former member and Chairman of the Board. This proposition was seconded by Mr. Morgan and carried unanimously.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting of the Board, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Mr. Morgan seconded by Mr. Kelly.

Correspondance: The following correspondance was dealt with (a) Public Lightings: The Board was informed by the E.S.B. that the feasibility of putting E.S.B. mains in Loughrea underground is under investigation. Mr. Morgan stated that the E.S.B. cables are causing an obstruction outside his house at Bride Street. It was decided to write to the E.S.B. about this matter. It was also decided to request the Galway Co. Council to provide additional lights in the following areas:

Barrack Street - two lights, one at the Arch Bar and one at The Square.

Moore Street - at Finleys and at Treastons.

Cross Street - at the Convent Gate.

Mt. Carmel Crescent - at Daniels and Hallorans.

Abbey Street - at Cartys.

New Car Park: It was also decided to request adequate lighting in the new Car-Park at Barrack Street.

It was added that in most of the above areas existing poles are already there.

Rural Electrification: The Board was informed by the E.S.B. that it is hoped to quote terms for supply to the residents in Dalystown early next summer.

Proposed Houses at Pollroebuck: The Board was informed by Galway County Council that these houses will be let in accordance with the scheme of letting priorities. The meeting was informed that it is not practice to stipulate in contracts that local labour should be employed. Mr. Devine stated that it should be normal practice. In reply to queries about these proposed houses, Mr. O'Luanaigh stated that the plans were again returned for alteration. It was decided to write again to the Dept. of Local Government and stress the urgent need of houses in Loughrea.

Postal Delivery Service: The Board was informed by the Dept. of Post & Telegraphs at Galway that there is no change in the delivery times at Caheronaun or The Hill, but owing to the recent abnormal staff position it was not possible recently, to have delivery at the normal time of 7/30 - 8 a.m.

Estimates: In accordance with Sections 9 and 10 of the County and City Management (amendment) Act, 1955, Mr. O'Luanaigh submitted the estimate for the Financial Year ending 31st. March 1971, copies of which were circulated to each member.

On the proposition of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. McDonnell it was unanimously decided to increase by £50 the amount of expenditure proposed under Contingencies and that this increase of £50 be put to the provision of seats at the Childrens Playground. It was proposed by Mr. Greene, seconded by Mr. Kelly and resolved "That the Estimate of Expenses of the Loughrea Town Commissioners for the year ending 31st. March 1971, as set forth at A, B, & C on the form of estimate be adopted and that the form of estimate be signed by the Chairman and the Town Clerk. It was also proposed by Mr. Greene, seconded by Mr. Kelly and resolved "That the demand be made on the Galway County Council by the Loughrea Town Commissioners for the sum of £309 for the year ending 31st. March, 1971, and that the form of demand be signed by the Chairman and Town Clerk. The form of Estimate and the form of Demand were signed by the Chairman and Town Clerk.

Galway/Mayo Regional Planning Group: Mr. O'Luanaigh informed the meeting that all that is required from the Loughrea Town Commissioners under this group is that it be represented by the Chairman or his deputy. The main function of this group was to co-ordination between both counties in policy. Mr. Devine stated that his experience of advisory committees was that little or nothing was ever heard of them.

Public Toilets: It was unanimously decided to request the Galway County Council to

provide a ladies toilet in Loughrea.

Medical Services: Mr. Morgan complimented Doctors Ryan, Dyar and Powell on their service to the community. Mr. Morgan stated there was a need of more doctors in Loughrea. Mr. Morgan was informed that there are two new doctors in Loughrea.

Parish Council: Mr. Greene proposed a vote of congratulations to the people who were elected to the Parish Council.

Fire Fighting: Mr. Devine referred to reports which had appeared recently in the papers with regard to fires in the Athenry/Loughrea area. Credit was given in these reports to a Mr. McCurtain. Mr. Devine stated that these reports were false and he appealed to the press to ascertain the facts before publishing any report.

Labour Dispute at Local C.I.E. station: Mr. Morgan referred to a dispute which had arisen at the local C.I.E. Station. Mr. Morgan stated that he wished to congratulate the people of the town who had refused to accept goods while the dispute was on.

Long Point: Mr. Barrett asked what the position was with regard to the work at the Long Point. Mr. O'Luanaigh promised to look into the matter.

New Car Park: Concern was expressed that the new car-park at Barrack Street might be used for holding stock on fair days. Mr. O'Luanaigh stated that the Gardai could prevent this as the car-park was not a public place when the market areas were set out. Mr. O'Luanaigh stated that he would raise the matter with the County Council.

Industry: On the suggestion of Mr. Kelly it was unanimously decided to invite the County Development Officer to the next meeting of the Board.

Votes of Sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following on their recent bereavements.

Corry Family, Dunkellin St., on the death of Nora Corry.

Hannon Family, Barrack St., on the death of their mother.

O'Regan Family, Moore St., on the death of their father.

Mrs. C. Daniels, Cosmona on the death of her brother, Timothy Casey.

Finnerty Family, Mt. Carmel Crescent on the death of their father.

Gunter Family, Earlsparke on the death of Mrs. Gunter.

Gately Family, Dunkellin St., on the death of Mrs. Gately.

Connors Family, Oranmore, on the death of Sonny Connors.

D. Cunnane, Main Street on the death of his father.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 9th day of February, 1970

James McDonnell
CHAIRMAN

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 9/2/'70.

In the Chair: Mr. James McDonnell, Chairman.

Members present: Messers Sean Kelly, Dermot Sweeney, Joseph Kilboy, James Barrett, Joseph Greene, Norman Morgan.

In attendance: Messers L. O'Lunaigh, Asst. Co. Manager and A. Marmion Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Greene.

Correspondance: The following correspondance was submitted to the meeting
County Development Officer: The County Development Officer informed the meeting that due to prior committments he was unable to be present at to-nights meeting but would be free to attend the next meeting. The meeting decided to invite the Development Officer to its next meeting.
Mr. O'Lunaigh agreed to contact the Development Officer for the next meeting.

Proposed 16 Houses: The meeting was informed by the Dept. of Local government that the Galway County Council was informed that tenders could be sought for the erection of these houses, subject to certain conditions. Mr. O'Lunaigh informed the meeting that due to these conditions, the plans are again with the Architects for modification.

Tourist Information Office: The meeting was informed by the Western Regional Tourism Organisation Ltd., that due to its heavy financial commitments, it was unable to provide a Tourist Information Office in Loughrea. The meeting was most disappointed with this reply in view of the fact that most of the towns around Loughrea were provided with a Tourist Office. The Town Clerk was instructed to request Bord Failte to have brochures on Loughrea more readily available and to supply some "FISHING" signs for Loughrea.

Provision of Ladies' Toilet: The meeting was informed by the Galway County Council that it was not in a position to provide a Ladies' Toilet in Loughrea. The Town Clerk was instructed to inform the Galway County Council that the meeting was not satisfied with this reply and to request that immediate steps be taken to provide a ladies toilet in Loughrea.

N.O.M. from Carrickmacross U.D.C.: The following N.O.M. from the Carrickmacross U.D.C. was put to the meeting:-
"It is proposed that the Government be asked to take the necessary steps to have Dail membership reduced from 144 to 55 members and that the Constitution be amended accordingly"
On the proposition of Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Kelly this N.O.M. was marked read.

Public Lighting: A request from the residents of Cosmona to have the public lighting in the Cosmona area changed was referred to the Galway County Council with a recommendation that the request be granted.

Rural Electrification: Mr. Morgan stated that he would like to know when light would be available in the Dalystown Area if the terms were accepted by the people and what groundrent will be demanded. Mr. Morgan gave an instance of a person being asked to pay two vastly different rates for light to the same house. Mr. Sweeney stated that he felt this did not come within the area covered by the Loughrea Town Commissioners and he felt that the Board should take no action in the matter. The meeting decided to take no action in this matter. Mr. Barrett stated that he was asked recently what the Loughrea Town Commissioners had done for Loughrea. He referred to the number of requests which were refused at to-night's meeting. Mr. Barrett submitted a letter to the meeting setting out the lack of success Loughrea has had with regard to the provision of (a) Hotels (b) Housing (c) Industries (d) Cattle Mart. Mr. Barrett proposed that a copy of the letter be sent to the Taoiseach, this was seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Sweeney proposed that the letter be marked read, this was seconded by Mr. McDonnell.

The two propositions were put to the meeting and the voting was for Mr. Barretts proposal: Messers Barrett and Morgan.
For Mr. Sweeney's " : Messers Sweeney, McDonnell, Kelly & Greene.
The Chairman declared Mr. Barrett's proposal lost and Mr. Sweeney's

carried.

Parking Signs: On the proposition of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Kelly was decided to request the resiting of the Parking Signs on the North-end of Moore Street so that the use of prams would not be impeded.

Town Dump: Mr. Morgan stated that the site he had in mind for the Town Dump was Rathruddy bog. The Town Clerk stated that objections were lodged by land owners in this area on the grounds that a dump would contaminate the water.

Sites at Donnellan Drive: In reply to Mr. Morgan, Mr. O'Lunaigh stated that there are 3 sites available at Donnellan Drive. Mr. O'Lunaigh added that there were more than three applicants for these sites. On the suggestion of Mr. Morgan it was decided to request the Galway Council to carry out the following work:

Ham Mellows Tce.: To remove the pole on the eastern side of the roadway and to provide a path.

Carmel Cres.: To continue the path onto Athenry Road.

Walls: To tarmacam the walk around the north mound.

Core Street: To have the road boundry walls of Sweeney's vacant site and of Stauntons garden demolished and re-erected in line with adjacent buildings. To continue the path from Stauntons to McDonnells.

Park: To cover the river at the Railway Road and to use this area as a car-park.

Bridewell: Mr. Morgan thanked Mr. O'Lunaigh for having the old Bridewell demolished.

Labour Dispute at C.I.E. Station: Mr. Kilboy thanked the people of the town for the action which they had taken during the recent labour dispute at the local C.I.E. station. Mr. Kilboy also thanked Mr. Morgan for having raised the matter at the last meeting.

Notes of Sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following on their recent breavements.

Keane Family, Dunkellin St., on the death of their father.

Donley Family, Barrack St., on the death of Henry Gormley.

Doyle Family, Galway Road on the death of Mrs. Doyle.

The relatives of Sister Mary Ethna.

Meeting concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 9th day of March 1970.

James Mc Donnell
CHAIRMAN.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of Commissioners held on the 9/2/'70.

In the Chair: Mr. James McDonnell, Chairman

Members present: Messers Sean Kelly, Dermot Barrett, Joseph Greene, Norman Morgan.

In attendance: Messers L. O'Luanaigh, Asst Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting, to each member, were adopted and signed as Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Greene.

Correspondance: The following correspondance County Development Officer: The County Development Officer stated that due to prior commitments he was unable to attend the meeting but would be free to attend the next meeting. He decided to invite the Development Officer to the meeting. Mr. O'Luanaigh agreed to contact the Development Officer.

Proposed 16 Houses: The meeting was informed that the Galway County Council was in favour of the erection of these houses, subject to Mr. O'Luanaigh informed the meeting that due to cost plans are again with the Architects for modification.

Tourist Information Office: The meeting was informed that the Regional Tourism Organisation Ltd., that due to cost commitments, it was unable to provide a Tourist Information Office. The meeting was most disappointed with this. The meeting was most disappointed with this. Most of the towns around Loughrea were provided with Tourist Information Offices. The Town Clerk was instructed to request Bord Fáilte to request Bord Fáilte to make Loughrea more readily available and to supply Tourist Information Offices.

Provision of Ladies' Toilet: The meeting was informed that it was not in a position to provide a Ladies' Toilet in Loughrea. The Town Clerk was instructed to inform the meeting that the meeting was not satisfied with this. Immediate steps be taken to provide a Ladies' Toilet.

N.O.M. from Carrickmacross U.D.C.: The following letter from Carrickmacross U.D.C. was put to the meeting: "It is proposed that the Government be asked to have Dail membership reduced from 114 to 100 and the Constitution be amended accordingly." On the proposition of Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Sweeney, marked read.

Public Lighting: A request from the residents of the Cosmona area changed by the County Council with a recommendation that the residents should pay for the lighting.

Rural Electrification: Mr. Morgan stated that the light would be available in the Dalystown Area by the people and what groundrent will be demanded. In the instance of a person being asked to pay two guineas for light to the same house. Mr. Sweeney stated that the Board should take no action in the matter. Mr. Barrett stated that the Loughrea Town Commissioners had done nothing. He submitted a letter to the meeting setting out the number of requests which were refused at Loughrea. Mr. Barrett submitted a letter to the meeting setting out the number of requests which were refused at Loughrea with regard to the provision of (c) Industries (d) Cattle Mart. Mr. Barrett proposed that the letter be marked read. Mr. Sweeney proposed that the letter be marked read. Mr. McDonnell.

The two propositions were put to the meeting. Mr. Barrett's proposal: Messers Barrett and Sweeney. For Mr. Sweeney's " : Messers Sweeney, McDonnell and Mr. Morgan. The Chairman declared Mr. Barrett's proposal

carried.

Parking Signs: On the proposition of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Kelly it was decided to request the resiting of the Parking Signs on the Northern end of Moore Street so that the use of prams would not be impeded.

Town Dump: Mr. Morgan stated that the site he had in mind for the Town Dump was Rathruddy bog. The Town Clerk stated that objections were lodged by land owners in this area on the grounds that a dump would contaminate the water.

Sites at Donnellan Drive: In reply to Mr. Morgan, Mr. O'Luanaigh stated that there are 3 sites available at Donnellan Drive. Mr. O'Luanaigh added that there were more than three applicants for these sites. On the suggestion of Mr. Morgan it was decided to request the Galway Council to carry out the following work:

Drum Mellows Tce.: To remove the pole on the eastern side of the roadway and to provide a path.

St. Carmel Cres.: To continue the path onto Athenry Road.

The Walks: To tarmac the walk around the north mound.

Moore Street: To have the road boundary walls of Sweeney's vacant site and of Stauntons garden demolished and re-erected in line with adjacent buildings. To continue the path from Stauntons to McDonnells.

Car Park: To cover the river at the Railway Road and to use this area as a car-park.

Old Bridewell: Mr. Morgan thanked Mr. O'Luanaigh for having the old Bridewell demolished.

Labour Dispute at C.I.E. Station: Mr. Kilboy thanked the people of the town for the action which they had taken during the recent labour dispute at the local C.I.E. station. Mr. Kilboy also thanked Mr. Morgan for having raised the matter at the last meeting.

Notes of Sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following in their recent bereavements.

Keane Family, Dunkellin St., on the death of their father.

Gormley Family, Barrack St., on the death of Henry Gormley.

Masey Family, Galway Road on the death of Mrs. Doyle.

On the relatives of Sister Mary Ethna.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 9th day of March 1970.

James Mc Donnell
CHAIRMAN.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 9/3/70.

In the chair: Mr. James McDonnell, Chairman.

Members present: Messers Joseph Greene, Sean Kelly, Joseph Kilboy, James Barrett, Norman Morgan, John Devine.

In attendance: Messers L.O'Lunaigh, Asst. Co. Manager, D. McCarthy, Co. Development Officer, A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Mr. Sean Kelly, seconded by Mr. Greene.

Correspondance: E.S.B. Mains at Bride St.: The meeting was informed by the E.S.B. that because of the angle on the street, the E.S.B. mains are closer than usual to Mr. Morgan's house. An assurance was given that the local E.S.B. office would facilitate Mr. Morgan whenever he was working on the outside of his house.

Public Lighting: The meeting was informed by the E.S.B. that a contribution of £10,000 would be required to put E.S.B. mains underground along the Main Street, Loughrea and a further contribution of £1,500 would be required towards the cost of erection of standards etc. for the Traffic Route Lighting. The meeting decided to take no further action in the matter.

Car Park at Barrack Street.: The meeting was informed by the County Council that it is intended to provide a frontage wall with "Australian Gates" at the Car Park in Barrack Street.

Bord Failte: The meeting was informed by Mr. J.J.Lally, Regional Tourism Manager, Bord Failte that Bord Failte had provided 20,000 copies of a Holiday Information Folder on Loughrea in 1968 and that a further 20,000 copies will be printed this year, despite the fact that they had got very little support from Loughrea by way of membership. Mr. Lally also stated that Bord Failte would provide Fishing signs for Loughrea.

Parking Regulations: A request from Messers O'Shea and Loughnane of Kelly Street, Loughrea to have the present full time parking at Kelly St., changed to part time parking was received by the meeting. It was decided to forward the request to the local Gardai with a recommendation that the request be granted.

Annual Report of Chief Fire Officer: The Annual Report of the Chief Fire Officer was read to the meeting by the Town Clerk. Mr. Devine stated that the scarcity of part-time firemen was due to the fact that remuneration was not consistent as it related to the number of fires attended with the result that when part-time firemen got other employment they moved to some other area and were lost to the service. Mr. Devine also stated that a widow of a former fireman was refused a gratuity recently. Mr. O'Lunaigh stated that he felt that this matter would be rectified.

Industries for Loughrea: The Chairman welcomed Mr. McCarthy, County Development Officer to the meeting and he requested Mr. McCarthy to address the meeting. Mr. McCarthy stated that he had brought a number of industrialists to Loughrea but apart from that there was very little that he could do as the final decision of location rested with the industrialists. Mr. McCarthy stated that Loughrea has one serious handicap with regard to attracting industry and that is the lack of a first class hotel. Mr. McCarthy stated that it is obvious to him that with regard to attracting industry there are three major factors (a) a first class Hotel, (b) a good labour pool and (c) existing buildings suitable for industry. A general discussion took place with regard to how Loughrea could go about attracting industry. In the course of discussion Mr. McCarthy stated that Loughrea had many attractions but the hotel problem was one that needed attention. A vote of thanks to Mr. McCarthy for addressing the meeting was proposed by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mr. McDonnell.

Employees at St. Brendan's Home: On the proposition of Mr. Morgan seconded by Mr. Barrett it was decided to request Galway Co. Council to pay the employee's at St. Brendan's Home, weekly.

Housing Estates: Mr. Greene suggested that in future housing estates should be provided with a communal television ariel. The meeting decided to take no immediate action in the matter.

Service in Co. Hospital at Galway: Mr. Morgan stated that he felt that the M.S. of the County Hospital in Galway should be provided with more assistance as recently it had taken one month to get an appointment to have one of his children treated. Mr. O'Lunaigh stated that usually cases are taken in order of urgency.

Anti Blood Sports Group: Mr. Devine referred to a recent personal attack which was made on Mr. John Huston as a result of a television programme on the "Galway Blazers". Mr. Devine stated that hunting is a great tourist attraction and he objected to any group of people objecting to hunts etc. Mr. Morgan objected to Mr. Devine's remarks as he, Mr. Morgan felt that if any person or group felt they should object they had every right to do so.

Notes of Sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following on their recent breavements:

Lynn family, Dunkellin Street.
Kennedy family, Bride Street.
Maher family, Galway Road.
Ryan family, Abbey Street.
Donohane family, Coorheen.
Rev. Bro. James, De La Salle School.

signed this the 13th day of April, 1970.

James McDonnell

CHAIRMAN.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 13/4/'70.

In the Chair:- Mr. James McDonnell, Chairman.

Members Present:- Messers Sean Kelly, Joseph Kilboy, John Devine, Joseph Greene, Norman Morgan.

In Attendance:- Messers L. O'Luanaigh, Asst. Co. Manager and A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Apology for non-attendance of Mr. Barrett, was made by the Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes:- The minutes of the last meeting, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Morgan. Before the business of the meeting was discussed Mr. Kelly proposed a vote of sympathy to the widow and family of the late Garda Fallon. Mr. Kelly referred to the brutal murder of Garda Fallon and condemned the brutal action of the people responsible for his death. All the members present associated themselves with Mr. Kelly's remarks. On the proposition of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. McDonnell, it was decided to request the Minister for Justice to ensure that in future Banks provide their own security officers.

Correspondance:- The meeting was informed by the Dept. of Posts & Telegraphs that the necessary enquiries with regard to the provision of telephone kiosks at Cuscorrick & Cosmona, are not yet completed.

Attendance at St. Brendan's Home:- The meeting was informed by the Galway Co. Council that the recommendation to have the attendance at St. Brendan's Home paid weekly is receiving attention. The meeting received the following report from the Galway Co. Council with regard to recommendations made to them:-

- a) The provision of footpaths at Liam Mellow's Tce. and Mt. Carmel Crescent is held up by the cement strike.
- b) The E.S.B. pole at Liam Mellow's Tce. will be removed.
- c) The walk at the North Mound will be blacktopped.
- d) The suggestion for Moore Street (removal of Staunton's wall) will be examined.
- e) The Co. Council do not consider the covering-in of the river at Railway Road to provide Car space, to be justified.

The meeting decided to request the County Council to re-consider their decision with regard to the covering in of the river at Railway Road.

Sale of House at Liam Mellow's Tce.:- On the proposition of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Kelly it was unanimously decided to approve of the application of Mrs. Ruth Powell to purchase No. 10 house Liam Mellow's Tce.

Traffic and Parking Bye-Laws, 1970:- The Traffic and Parking Bye-Laws 1970 were considered by the Meeting. The meeting decided to make the following recommendations:-

1. Kelly Street:- Limited parking on East side of roadway between E.S.B. standard No. 88 and the junction with Barrack Street.
2. That the link road from Westbridge to Dolphin Street be made a one-way street from south to north, i.e. from Westbridge to Dolphin Street.

Pedestrian Crossings:- It was decided to write to the Galway Co. Council enquiring as to the present position of the proposed pedestrian crossings for Loughrea.

Tidy Town 1970:- On the proposition of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Kelly it was decided to enter for the 1970 Tidy Town Competition. The recent writing on the pound wall was condemned by the meeting.

Car-Parks:- Mr. Morgan proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded that the Galway Co. Council be requested to provide a car-park at Mount Carmel Road on the site recently cleared by the Carmelite Abbey.

Housing:- Mr. Morgan proposed that the Town Commissioners houses be handed over to the Co. Council as the Town Commissioners have no say with regard to letting of them. Mr. O'Luanaigh stated that this is not correct as he as Assistant Co. Manager allots the houses. Mr. Morgan's proposition was not put to the meeting as it was the general feeling of the meeting that under the present system the Commissioners had some say as to who should get the house if a vacancy arose.

Itinerant Sites:- Mr. McDonnell stated that when the itinerant houses were

built, an undertaking was given by the County Council to the land owners in that area that no further camping of itinerants would be allowed on the Rathruddy Road. This undertaking was not carried out. Mr. Kilboy stated that there are only one or two families camping in that area. On the proposition of Mr. Devine, seconded by Mr. Kilboy it was decided to request Galway Co. Council to provide two additional houses for Mr. Ml. Furey and the Donohue brothers.

Disability Allowance:- Mr. Morgan proposed that the Disability allowance should be paid weekly. Mr. McDonnell seconded this.

Housing:- On the proposition of Mr. Devine, seconded by Mr. Kilboy it was decided to request the Minister for Local Government to use the money which is provided for Roads on Housing for a year or two.

Old People's Home:- Mr. McDonnell referred to a recent television programme on Old Peoples Homes and he complimented the Galway Co. Council for providing such a modern home at Loughrea.

Non Payment of Rates:- Mr. Devine referred to a letter which some members of the Board had received from the Galway Co. Council stating that if they had not paid their rates by the 31/3/'70 they would be struck off the Town Commission Board. Mr. Devine resented this letter and states that he felt that it was unfair that he or any member could be struck off the Commission Board while a non-rate payer could be elected to the Board. Mr. O'Luanaigh stated that the County Secretary, out of courtesy to the members, had informed them of this regulation and it was unfair to criticise him for doing so.

Transport of School Children:- Mr. Morgan stated that the school children in the Kylebrack area are collected at a very dangerous point near Daniels shop, Kylebrack and that recently one of the children was caught in the door of the bus. It was decided to request the Area Manager of C.I.E. to investigate the matter.

Sewerage Water Schemes:- Mr. Morgan stated that he felt the existing sewerage & Water Schemes in the town are overloaded and he felt now is the time to have these schemes improved. Mr. McDonnell stated that he felt the Co. Council would have these matters under review.

Votes of Sympathy:- The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following on their recent bereavements:-

Manning Family, Barrack Street.
J.J. Gurhy, Main Street.
Mrs. Maloney, Atherry Road.
Morgan Family, Abbey Street.
Clarke Family, Cosmona.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the ...^{11th} day of May 1970.

James McDonnell
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CHAIRMAN.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 11/5/'70.

In the Chair: Mr. James McDonnell, Chairman.

Members Present: Messers James Barrett, Joseph Kilboy, Sean Kelly, Dermott Sweeney, Norman Morgan, Joseph Greene.

In Attendance: Messers L. O'Lunaigh, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Apology for non-attendance of Mr. Carty was read to the meeting.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting, copies of which were circulated to each member were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Morgan.

Correspondance: The following correspondance was submitted to the meeting
a) Letter from District Manager, C.I.E. Galway re alleged accident on the school bus in the Kylebrack area. Further information was requested and Mr. Morgan undertook to supply same.

b) Acknowledgement of message of sympathy to the Dept. of Justice on the murder of Garda Fallon.

c) Acknowledgement of recommendations to the Commissioner, Garda Siochana on Loughrea Traffic and Parking Bye-Law, 1970.

d) Acknowledgement of recommendation to the Galway Co. Council for the provision of a car-park at Mount Carmel Road and pedestrian crossing in Loughrea.

New Housing Scheme: In reply to a written query from Mr. M. Carty, the Assistant County Manager informed the meeting that a tender for the erection of these houses was accepted and is at present awaiting sanction from the Dept. of Local Government. Mr. O'Lunaigh also stated that it is hoped to have the houses completed within 30 weeks of commencement of work.

Development at Long Point: The Assistant County Manager informed the meeting that due to the cement strike, it is not possible to complete the work at the Long Point. The Chairman suggested that the Co. Council might consider purchasing "Black Market" cement to complete this work.

Constitution of the Galway/Mayo Regional Development Group:
The constitution of the Galway/Mayo Regional Development Group was unanimously approved.

Resolution from Carrickmacross U.D.C.:

The following resolution from the Carrickmacross U.D.C. was unanimously approved "That this Council requests the release of the six Irish Political Prisoners in English jails and that this resolution be forwarded to the British Prime Minister, British Home Secretary, and all local aughorities in the 32 counties requesting them to do likewise".

Service at Regional Hospital: Mr. Morgan referred to the delay in obtaining service at the Regional Hospital Galway. The Assistant Co. Manager stated that if Mr. Morgan made his complaints in writing to the responsible Authority, the Galway Co. Council, his complaints will receive attention.

Itinerant Sites: Mr. Kilboy again appealed to the Galway Co. Council to provide two additional houses at the itinerant site on the Rathruddy Road. Mr. O'Lunaigh stated that he would look into the matter.

Lecture on the Future of Provincial Towns:
Mr. Greene informed the meeting that a lecture on the future of Provincial Towns will take place on the 12/5/'70 in the Temperance Hall and he appealed to the members to attend this lecture.

Charity Walk: Mr. Barrett appealed for support for the proposed Charity Walk to be held on the 17/5/'70.

Parking Poles: Mr. Kilboy referred to the position of the parking poles at Kings Corner. The Town Clerk was instructed to enquire as to the possibility of having parking poles and signs replaced by "yellow lines"

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the day of June, 1970.
James McDonnell CHAIRMAN.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 8/6/'70.

In the chair:- Mr. James McDonnell, Chairman.

Members present:- Messers Dermot Sweeney, John Devine, Sean Kelly, Michael Carty, T.D., Norman Morgan, James Barrett, Joseph Greene.

In attendance:- Messers L. O'Luanaigh, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes:- The minutes of the last meeting held on the 11/5/'70, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Mr. Sweeney, Seconded by Mr. Kelly.

Correspondance:- The following correspondance was submitted to the meeting.

a) Telephone Kiosks:- The meeting was informed by the Dept. of Posts and Telegraphs that in the absence of an substantial housing development the provision of Kiosks at Cuscorrig and Cosmona is not considered warranted. On the proposition of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Sweeney it was decided to enquire from the Dept. of Posts and Telegraphs what they consider a substantial housing development.

b) Car-Park and Pedestrian Crossing:- The meeting was informed by the Galway county council that for the present it is not proposed to provide further carparks in Loughrea. A decision will be made regarding the pedestrian crossings when the Gardai are consulted.

Parking Signs:- On the proposition of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Kelly it was decided to request the Galway County Council to replace the existing "Parking Signs" with Yellow Line signs. It was also decided to request that the "Parking Signs" on the North end of Moore Street be resited as they are causing an obstruction to pedestrians and especially to prams.

Sale of Houses:- On the proposition of Mr. Morgan seconded by Mr. Sweeney it was decided to sell the following houses:- No. 1 Barrack St. to Mr. Michael Kennedy and No. 3 Mt. Carmel Crescent to Mr. Stephen Crofton.

Abstract of Accounts:- The abstract of Accounts for the year ended 31/3/'70 was presented to the meeting. An over expenditure of £539 on housing was approved on the proposition of Mr. McDonnell seconded by Mr. Kelly.

Date of Annual Meeting:- On the proposition of Mr. Morgan seconded by Mr. Barrett, it was decided to hold the Annual Meeting in conjunction with the July meeting.

Resolutions:- The following resolutions were approved.

a) From Killarney U.D.C. "That the Minister for Finance and the Governor of the Central Bank be requested to bring in a regulation that lodgements made in any Bank on Monday Mornings be credited to the customer's account as from the previous Saturday morning"

b) From Clonakilty U.D.C. "That the Minister for Finance be requested to instruct the Banks not to back date interest on uncashed cheques during the period from 1/4/'70 to the actual debit of the cheque to the customers account in the Bank".

Repairs to No. 2 House, Barrack St.:- The Chairman referred to the poor state of repair No. 2 house, Barrack Street is in, especially the windows. Mr. O'Luanaigh pointed out that windows usually were the responsibility of the tenant but he would look into the matter.

Garrybreedia Wood:- Mr. Morgan and Mr. Kelly stated that they were approached regarding the provision of some swings in Garrybreedia Wood. It was decided to investigate the matter.

Long Point:- It was decided to request the Galway Co, Council to erect a sign at the Long Point prohibiting the dumping of bottles and glass in the lake at the Long Point.

Signposting at Westbridge:- Mr. Sweeney referred to the vast number of people who mistake the road to Galway at the Westbridge. A discussion took place on this problem and it was decided to refer the matter to the Galway Co. Council.

Housing:- In reply to Mr. Kelly, Mr. O'Luanaigh informed the meeting that the tender for the erection of the proposed 16 houses at Pollroebuck is

yet sanctioned and in fact the Dept. of Local Government had requested that an estimate be submitted for the full development of this site.

Itinerant Houses:- In reply to Mr. Kelly, Mr. O'Luanaigh stated that the County Council is not anxious to provide any more itinerant houses on the existing site but the possibility of getting some other site is under review.

Relict Site at Brewert Yard:- Mr. Morgan asked what the position is with regard to the completion of the work at the Brewery yard. Mr. O'Luanaigh promised to look into the matter.

Path at Woodford Road:- It was decided to request the Galway Co. Council to have the creophelt path from Latimor Corner to St. Brendan's Home replaced by a concrete path.

Road Widening:- On the suggestion of Mr. Devine it was decided to request the Galway Co. Council to widen the section of the Gort Road that is within the town boundary.

Toilets:- The meeting decided to request the Galway Co. Council to provide ladies and gents toilet in Loughrea.

Public Lighting:- It was decided to write to the E.S.B., protesting over the undue delay in providing Traffic Route Lighting in Loughrea.

Notes of Sympathy:- The sympathy of the Board was extended to the relatives of the late Mrs. Finley of Moore Street, Loughrea.

The meeting then terminated.

Signed this the 13th day of July, 1970.

CHAIRMAN.

Minutes of proceedings at the Annual Meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the ~~13th~~ 13th July, 1970.

In the Chair: Mr. James McDonnell, Chairman.

Members Present: Messers Dermott Sweeney, James Barrett, Norman Morgan, Michael Carty, T.D. John Devine, Sean Kelly, and Joseph Kilboy and Joseph Greene.

In attendance: Messers J. Howlett, Acting Asst. Co. Manager and A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Election of Chairman: There were two nominations for the position of Chairman, one Mr. Devine, proposed by Mr. Kilboy, seconded by Mr. Greene and Mr. Sweeney proposed by Mr. Carty, seconded by Mr. McDonnell.

Result of voting: For Mr. Devine, Messers Devine, Kilboy, Greene, Morgan and Kelly. i.s. 5 votes

For Mr. Sweeney, Messers Sweeney, Carty and McDonnell, 3 votes
Mr. Barrett did not vote.
Mr. Devine was declared elected.

Election of Vice-Chairman: Again there were two nominations for the position of Vice-Chairman, Mr. Sweeney, proposed by Mr. Carty and seconded by Mr. McDonnell and Mr. Kelly, proposed by Mr. Greene seconded by Mr. Kilboy. Mr. Kilboy was also proposed by Mr. Morgan but Mr. Kilboy would not allow his name to go forward.

Result of voting:-

For Mr. Sweeney: Messers Sweeney, Carty and McDonnell 3 votes.
For Mr. Kelly: Messers Kelly, Greene, Kilboy, Morgan and Devine, 5 votes.
Mr. Barrett did not vote.
Mr. Kelly was declared elected.

Election of Delegates to the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland: On the proposition of Mr. Carty seconded by Mr. Kilboy, Messers Devine and Kelly were unanimously elected as delegates to the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland.

Election of Delegate to the Fire Brigades Fire Advisory Committee: As previously agreed Mr. Devine's appointment as delegate to the Fire Brigades Fire Advisory Committee was unanimously approved.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting of the Board, held on the 8/6/70, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Mr. Greene, seconded by Mr. Kilboy.

Sale of No. 8 Liam Mellows Tce. On the proposition of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Greene it was unanimously decided to approve of the sale of No. 8 house, Liam Mellows Tce. to Mr. Martin Carty.

Loughrea Public Lighting: The meeting was informed by the E.S.B. that the delay in having improvements carried out to the Loughrea Public lighting is due to a demarcation dispute within the E.S.B.

The meeting was also informed that the County Council is providing additional lights at Cosmona, Barrack St., Moore St., Cross St.,

Mount Carmel Crescent, Abbey Street and at the Car Park in Barrack St., it was decided to ~~write~~ request the County Council to provide additional lights on the Woodford Road and on the Gort Road.

Loughrea Parking Temporary Rules, 1970: The meeting was informed by the Commissioner, Garda Síochána that the Loughrea Parking Temporary Rules, 1970 had come into effect on the 11/6/70.

It was decided to enquire from the Galway County Council as to the present position of the proposed Zebra Crossings for Loughrea
It was decided to get the Asst. Co. Engineer's opinion on the position of the Stop Lines at the side streets in Loughrea.

Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities: The meeting was informed that the Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities will be held in Westport on Sept. 15th, 16th and 17th. It was agreed that motions for same would be ~~xxx~~ considered at the next meeting of the Board.

Housing: Mr. Howlett informed the meeting that the contract for the proposed 16 houses at Pollroebuck is ~~signed~~. *ready for signing*

Permits: On the proposition of Mr. Greene seconded by Mr. Morgan it was decided to write to the Galway Co. Council regarding the provision of Permits in Loughrea and also at the Long Point Loughrea.

Itinerant Houses: It was decided to request the Galway County Council to provide two additional Itinerant houses in Loughrea. It was also decided to request the Co. Council to replace the clear glass in the wash room at the existing site, with obscure glass.

Letter re alleged dismissal of Nurse at St. Brendan's: On the proposition of Mr. Carty seconded by Mr. Kilboy it was decided to enquire from the Connacht Tribune as to where they had received the letter which had appeared on the Connacht Tribune of the 12/6/70 re alleged dismissal of temporary nurse from St. Brendan's Home, Loughrea.

No. 2 House Barrack St. It was decided to get the Asst. Co. Engineer to inspect the windows of No. 2 house, Barrack St.

Resolution from Tullamore U.D.C.: The following Resolution from the Tullamore U.D.C. was unanimously adopted by the meeting.
"That this Council requests the Minister for Local Government to raise the income ceiling for Local Authority Loans from the present £1200 P.A. to £1500 p.a. and that in considering each application, Net Income only be taken into account"

Minutes of Meetings: Mr. Kilboy proposed that the practise of circulating the minutes to each member cease and that in future the minutes be read by the Town Clerk before each meeting. Mr. Kelly seconded this proposition direct negative was proposed by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Sweeney on a show of hands Mr. Kilboy's proposition was carried by 5 votes to 2 votes for the amendment.

For Mr. Kilboy's proposition: Messers Kilboy, Kelly, Carty, Barrett and McDonnell.

For Mr. Morgan's amendment: Messers Morgan, Sweeney and Greene.

Noise from Tynagh Lorries: Mr. Devine referred to the amount of noise the Tynagh Lorries make when they return empty from Galway. Mr. Devine stated that he understood an undertaking was given that these lorries would return empty per Barrack Street. Mr. Howlett promised to investigate the matter.

Proposed New Vocational Technical Leaving Cert. School:
The meeting unanimously decided to request the Minister for Education to expedite the provision of the proposed new Vocational Technical Leaving Cert. school for Loughrea.

Sewerage Extension: On the proposition of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Greene it was decided to request the Galway County Council to extend the public sewer along the Ballinasloe road as far as the Sports Field.

Votes of Sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following on their recent bereavements

Mrs. M. Kennedy, Corofin, Co. Clare on the death of her husband.

Mr. M.J. Fahy, Abbey Street, on the death of his wife.

Mr. Thomas Fahy, Dunkellin St, on the death of his *father*

The meeting then terminated.

Signed this the *10th* day of August, 1970

John Devine
~~John Devine~~. CHAIRMAN

Minutes of proceedings at the Monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 10/8/70

In the Chair: Mr. John Devine, Chairman.

Members Present: Messers Sean Kelly, Norman Morgan, Joseph Greene and James McDonnell.

In attendance: Messers J. Howlett Acting Asst. Co. Manager and A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Apology for non-attendance was received from Messers M. Carty and J. Kilboy. Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 13/7/70 were read by the Town Clerk. The minutes were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Morgan.

Tynagh Lorries: On the proposition of Mr. Devine seconded by Mr. Kelly it was decided to request Irish Base Metals to get the lorries drawing from Tynagh to travel by Barrack St. when they are returning empty from Galway.

Letter In Connacht Tribune: In reply to a query from the Loughrea Town Commissioners re letter which appeared in the Connacht Tribune (12/6/70) regarding the alleged dismissal of a temporary nurse from St. Brendan's Home, the Connacht Tribune stated that it is not their practise to disclose their source of information. The Tribune did however state that the report had not come from their local staff reporter.

Sale of House: On the proposition of Mr. Morgan, Seconded by Mr. Greene it was decided to approve of the sale of No. 3 house, Barrack St., Loughrea, to Mr. Patrick J. Fahey.

Car-park at Carmelite Abbey: It was unanimously decided to request the Galway County Council to blacktop the new car-park which the Carmelite Fathers are providing at Abbey Street.

Sale of Old Boys National School: Mr. Morgan produced a notice from the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests for Ireland. This notice proposed to appoint Most Rev. Dr. Ryan, Very Rev. Fr. O'Callaghan and Rev. Fr. Gordon as Trustees of the old national school. Mr. Morgan proposed that the Loughrea Town Commissioners enquire as to for what purpose this old school could be resold. Mr. Greene seconded this proposition. Mr. McDonnell proposed a direct negative to Mr. Morgan's proposition and was seconded by Mr. Kelly. Mr. McDonnell's amendment was carried by three votes to two, Messers McDonnell, Kelly and Devine voting for the amendment.

Parking: The Town Clerk promised to take up the Matter of Hourly Parking on Kelly's St., with the Town Engineer.

Speed Limit Signs: On the proposition of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Morgan it was decided to request the Minister for Local Government to have the 40 miles speed limit signs on the following roads replaced by 30 miles speed limit signs. On the Ballinasloe road, on the Gort road, on the Athenry Road and on the Woodford road at the Long Point.

Association of Municipal Authorities: It was decided to forward the following Motions to the Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland:

- (1) That legislation be introduced whereby Malicious Injury claims would be met by insurance companies and that malicious Injury claims would not be levied on Local or County rates.
- (2) That insurance companies be requested to contribute towards the cost of providing local fire fighting services.
- (3) That we call on the Minister for Agriculture to reduce the price of creamery butter and sell it at 2/6 per lb. to the Irish people who are asked to subsidise it on the English market.
- (4) That we call on the Minister for Local Government to allow money from the Roads Fund to be used on the provision of sewer and water schemes.

Votes of Sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following on the recent bereavements:

- (1) Mrs. Kiely, former Town Clerk, on the death of her husband.
- (2) Mrs. Monahan Abbey St., on the death of her husband.
- (3) The Mitchell family, Gurtymadden, on the death of Seamus Mitchell.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 14th day of September, 1970.

John Devine
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 14/9/70.

In the Chair: Mr. John Devine, Chairman.

~~IN ATTENDANCE~~ ^{PRESENT}: Messers James Barrett, Sean Kelly, Norman Morgan, Joseph Greene, James McDonnell.

In Attendance: Messers L.O'Luanaigh Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Apology for non-attendance was received from Mr. D. Sweeney.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Town Clerk. The minutes were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Mr. Morgan seconded by Mr. Devine.

Speed Limit Signs: The meeting was informed by the Dept. of Local Government that the siting of the speed limit signs in Loughrea will be reviewed when speed limits in Co. Galway are next being reviewed.

Public Toilets: The meeting was informed by the Galway Co. Co. that the improvements to the existing public toilet will be carried out within the next two months. The County Council also stated that Loughrea is in need of further toilet accommodation and will be included in the next Priority List to be drawn up. It was decided to request the County Council to make provision in the Estimates next year for a toilet for Loughrea.

Pedestrian Crossings: The Galway Co. Co. informed the meeting that following consultations with the Garda Síochána, they had decided that at present there is no need for Pedestrian Crossings in Loughrea. The meeting did not accept this decision and on the proposition of Mr. McDonnell, seconded by Mr. Devine it was decided to invite the local Garda Superintendent to the next meeting of the Board.

Sale of House: The sale of No. 6 house, Mount Carmel Crescent Loughrea to Mr. Patrick J. Fahey was approved on the proposition of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Kelly.

Cinematograph Licence: An application for the renewal of a Cinematograph Licence for the Town Hall, Loughrea was ~~unanimously approved~~ granted subject to the approval of the Chief Fire Officer.

Revision of Remuneration: On the proposition of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Kelly the General Round 1970 pay increase as approved by the Minister for Local Government in his letter of the 17/8/70, was unanimously approved.

Tidy Towns Report 1970: The Town Clerk read the adjudicator's report on Loughrea's entry in the 1970 Tidy Towns Competition. The report was well received by the meeting. It was unanimously decided that a copy of the Adjudicator's report be circulated through the schools next year.

Swimming Pool: The following N.O.M. was submitted by Mr. Kelly "That the Town Clerk would write to the Dept. of Local Government to find out what grants and particulars are available for the erection of a swimming pool." The meeting unanimously decided that the Town Clerk should make the above mentioned enquiries.

Caher Water Supply: Mr. Kelly submitted the following N.O.M. with regard to the Caher water supply. "That the Commissioners receive a deputation from the residents of Caher in connection with the extension of the town water supply" The deputation was not present. On the proposition of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Morgan it was unanimously decided to request the Galway County Council to extend the water supply as far as the town boundary on the Loughrea/Craughwell road.

Long Point: On the proposition of Mr. McDonnell seconded by Mr. Barrett, it was decided to request the Galway County Council to complete the work at the Long Point. It was also decided to request the County Council to forward a copy of the plan of the proposed scheme to the Loughrea Town Commissioners.

N.O.M. The following N.O.M. was submitted from the Bantry Town Comm. "That we, the Bantry Town Commissioners protest in the strongest possible manner to the proposed increase in travelling expenses to Teachtaí Dála who are more than adequately paid." Mr. Devine proposed and Mr. Barrett seconded that the N.O.M. be adopted. Mr. McDonnell proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded that the N.O.M. be marked read. On a show of hands Mr. McDonnell amendment was lost. Messers Devine, Morgan Barrett and Greene voting against it.

Housing: Mr. O'Luanaigh informed the meeting that the delay in having work commenced on the erection of the 16 houses was due to the delay in the contractor submitting signed bonds to the County Council. Mr. O'Luanaigh promised that the housing list would be available at the next meeting.

Votes of Congratulations were passed with the following:
(1) Mr. Robert Molloy on his appointment as Minister for Local Government.
(2) The Loughrea Show Society on its successful two day show.
(3) Local young dancers who recently won World Championships.

Hotels: Mr. McDonnell stated that recently a person had shown a very definite interest in erecting a hotel in Loughrea. With Mr. Lally and this person, Mr. McDonnell had approached Bord Fáilte with a view to obtaining a grant. Bord Fáilte had stated that it was unable to assist this man as it had commitments for the next three years. The meeting decided to protest in the strongest possible manner to the Minister for Transport and Power in connection with this matter.

Notes of sympathy: A vote of sympathy was passed with the Tierney Family Abbey Terrace, on the death of their mother. This concluded the meeting

Signed this the 12th day of October, 1970

John Devine
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 12/10/70.

In the Chair: Mr. John Devine, Chairman.

Members Present: Messers James Barrett, Sean Kelly, Norman Morgan, Joseph Greene and Joseph Kilboy.

In Attendance: Messers L.O'Lunaigh Asst. CO. Manager, A. Marmion Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Deputations: The meeting ~~xxx~~ received the following deputations:

(I) Parent, Teacher, Manager Association: Messers E. McDonnell B.E. and John Raleigh representing the Parent, Teacher, Manager Association addressed the meeting. Their main requirements were as follows:

(a) A pedestrian Crossing (Zebra Type) at Moore St. corner.
(b) A Barrier on the footpath outside the Convent and Boys' national schools.

(c) The resiting of the school sign on the Tynagh approach road.

The deputation was informed that the Board had already made recommendations with regard to the provision of Pedestrians Crossings and Barriers. It was also pointed out that the local Garda Superintendent was invited to this meeting to discuss the matter but had declined the invitation.

The meeting decided to take the following action:

(a) It was decided that the Parent/Teacher/Manager Association would seek an interview with the local Garda Superintendent and that two members of the Board would attend the interview.

(b) Barriers: It was unanimously decided to request the Galway County Council to erect the protection barriers.

(c) Resiting of School Sign on Tynagh road: The Town Clerk promised to take the matter up with the Town Engineer.

Caher Water Supply: The meeting received a deputation consisting of Messers Seamus Skehill, Michael Kelly and Sean Cussack with regard to the extension of the town water supply to Caher. The deputation pointed out that the extension was approved by the County Council in 1967 but was shelved due to lack of funds. The deputation pointed out that they were paying Town Rates and felt that they were entitled to this extension. The meeting unanimously decided to strongly recommend to the County Council the completion of this work and it was felt that if this work was carried out while the Dept. of P&T. are laying the underground cable it would reduce the cost of this work.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 14/9/70 were read by the Town Clerk. The minutes were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Mr. Morgan seconded by Mr. Greene.

Correspondence: The following correspondence was dealt with:

(a) Long Point: Mr. O'Lunaigh had with him a copy of the plans of the proposed swimming pool at the Long Point. The members were quite pleased with the plans.

Swimming Pool: The Town Clerk read the reply which he had received from the Dept. of Local Government regarding the provision of swimming pools. On the proposition of Mr. Morgan it was decided to make the reply available to Mr. Kelly and any other interested party.

Public Convenience: The meeting was informed by the Galway County Council that it will not be possible to make provision in the Estimates for the coming year for the erection of a ladies toilet in Loughrea. The meeting decided to request the Galway County Council, that when a Ladies Toilet is provided in Loughrea, that it should be located beside the existing Gents Toilet.

Loughrea Sewerage Scheme: The Galway County Council informed the meeting that the extension of the sewerage scheme along the Ballinasloe road could not be considered at present.

Auditor's Report: The Town Clerk presented the Auditor's Report for the two years ended the 31/3/70 to the meeting. The meeting considered the report very satisfactory.

Mentally Handicapped Children: Mr. Barrett Stated that he understood a new building for the care of mentally handicapped children was completed at St. Bridget's Hospital, Ballinasloe. Mr. Barrett deplored the fact that due to some labour dispute, this building is not at the disposal of these children. The meeting decided to forward a recommendation to Mr. Thomas Boyle, Branch Secretary, I.T. & G.W. union Ballinasloe, requesting that this unit be opened as soon as possible.

Dublin City Council: On the proposition of Mr. Devine, seconded by Mr. Morgan, it was decided to call on Mr. Molloy, Minister for Local Government to reconvene the Dublin City Council as soon as possible.

Public Lighting: The meeting decided to request the E.S.B. to have the Arterial Route Lighting and additional lights, as requested by the Galway County Council, provided in Loughrea immediately.

The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following on their recent bereavements:

The Hehir Family, Abbey Tce. on the death of Mrs. Maloney.
Benny Hynes, Athenry Road, on the death of his mother.
Dermot Nolan, Main St. on the death of his brother.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 9th day of November, 1970

John Devine
Chairman

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 9/11/70.

In the Chair: Mr. John Devine, Chairman.
Members Present: Messers James McDonnell, Joseph Kilboy, Sean Kelly, James Barrett, Norman Morgan, Joseph Greene

In attendance: Messers L.O'Luanaigh, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion Town Clerk.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Messers Michael Carty and Dermott Sweeney.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting, held on the 12/10/70 were read by the Town Clerk. The minutes were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. McDonnell.

Correspondance: The following correspondance relating to the minutes was dealt with:

(1) Public Lighting: The meeting was informed by the E.S.B. that the improvements to the Loughrea Public Lighting would be dealt with an an early date. The meeting decided to press the E.S.B. for a definate date. The meeting also decided to request the Galway County Council to improve and extend the Public Lighting on the Woodford Road and the Old Galway Road and to provide Public Lighting on the Gort Road.

(2) Caher Water Extension: The meeting was informed by the Galway Co. Council that due to lack of funds it is not possible to extend the water supply to Caher and Caherlavine. On the proposition of Mr. McDonnell seconded by Mr. Kelly it was decided to request the Galway Co. Council to make provision in the Estimates for the coming year, for the completion of this work.

(3) Car Park at Carmelite Church: The meeting was informed that the County Council is prepared to take over and blacktop this car park provided:
(a) The area is dedicated free to the Council.
(b) All necessary fencing is completed.
(c) The area is properly prepared and ready for surfacing.
It was decided to send the County Council letter to the Carmelite Fathers.

Co-operative Housing: The Town Clerk read a letter from the Dept. of Local Government on Co-operative housing. This letter led to a general discussion on housing and the provision of serviced sites. With a view to providing more serviced sites within the town boundary, it was decided to request the Galway County Council to:

- (1) Make sites available on the land acquired by the County Council for housing at ~~St~~ Pollroe buck.
- (2) Try to acquire land adjoining the existingsites off the Athenny Road.
- (3) To have the proposed new road linking the Athenny Road and the Gort road constructed without any further delay.

Travelling Expenses: The meeting was informed that a body sending a delegate to a meeting of the Galway/Mayo Regional Development Group would be responsible for the payment of expenses to that delegate.

N.O.M. from Clonakilty U.D.C. On the proposition of Mr. Devine seconded by Mr. McDonnell it was unanimously decided to support the following N.O.M. received from the Clonakilty U.D.C.
"That we protest strongly at the establishment of Regional Health Boards. Bearing in mind the maximum of no taxation without representation we ask the Minister for Health to remove the entire cost of health services from Local Authority Rates, and if this is not possible, the freezing of health charges at the 1970/71 level borne by local Rates."

Provision of Industrial Sites: On the proposition of Mr. McDonnell, seconded by Mr. Kelly it was decided to ask the Galway County Council if it had changed its attitude with regard to providing serviced industrial sites.

Fonies collected for the relief of the North: On the suggestion of Mr. Kilboy it was decided to enquire from the Irish Red Cross Society as to what had become of the money collected in Loughrea for the relief of the distressed people in the Six Counties.

Recommendations to County Council: It was decided to forward the following recommendations to the Galway County Council:

- (a) That portion of Stauntons and Sweeney's garden be acquired and that the pathway be continued along this area.
- (b) That seating be provided on the wall surrounding the Rose Garden at Lattimer Corner.

Note of Congratulations: The Loughrea Choral Society was congratulated on their production of the Sound of Music

Notes of Sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following on their recent bereavements

- 1) The Ryan family, Abbey St., on the death of Mrs. Ryan.
- 2) The Daly family? Moore St., on the death of Mrs. Daly.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 14th day of December, 1970

John Devine
Chairman

Minutes of proceedings at the Monthly Meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 14th December, 1970.

In the Chair: Mr. John Devine, Chairman.

Members present: Messers Joseph Kilboy, James Barrett, James McDonnell, Joseph Greene, Norman Morgan and Dermot Sweeney.

In attendance: Messers L. O'Luanaigh, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Apologies for non-attendance were made on behalf of Messers Michael Carty and Sean Kelly.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Town Clerk. The minutes were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Mr. Morgan seconded by Mr. Kilboy.

The following correspondence arising from the minutes was dealt with:

- (1) Services Sites: The meeting was informed by the Galway County Council that it was not possible to allot portion of the land purchased for housing at Pollroebuck, as serviced sites. The County Council did state that they are looking for an alternative site for this purpose.
- (2) Car-park at Carmelite Abbey: The Carmelite Fathers informed the meeting that they could not dedicate free to the Council, the area of land on which they wish to provide a car-park. The meeting decided to inform the Carmelite Fathers that they might qualify for an Amenity Grant.
- (3) The meeting was informed by the Irish Red Cross Society that the money subscribed by the people of Loughrea was used for the relief of distressed people in Northern Ireland.
- (4) Paediatric Unit at St. Bridget's Hospital: The meeting was informed by Mr. T. Boyle, Sec. I.T. & G.W. Union, Ballinasloe branch that the dispute which had held up the opening of this unit is now settled. Mr. Boyle stated that a previous report of a Loughrea Town Commissioners meeting had given a mistaken impression as to what caused the delay and he asked that this letter get the same publicity as the previous report.
- (5) Hotels: The meeting was informed by the Dept. of Transport & Power that they had made enquiries from Bord Failte with regard to the provision of a hotel in Loughrea, but for various reasons Bord Failte is not in a position to assist in the provision of hotels. At this stage Mr. Kilboy complimented Mr. Connolly on his proposals to erect a hotel in Loughrea.
- (6) Arterial Route Lighting: The meeting was informed by the E.S.B. that work would commence on the Arterial Route Lighting and other extensions in Loughrea by the end of November and be completed by mid January. A motion from Mrs Carty and Kilboy on the above was not moved in view of the information supplied by the E.S.B.
It was decided that where possible brackets or suspended lights should be used
- (7) Bridewell Wall: The Loughrea Chamber of Commerce requested the co-operation of the Board in having the unsightly writing removed from the wall at the Bridewell. This work had since being done by the Galway County Council.
- (8) Zebra Crossings: The meeting received a request from the Loughrea Parish Council to have a Zebra Crossing provided at ~~Lattinax~~ Cross St./Moore St./Barrack St./Lake Road junction. This request had the unanimous support of the Board and on the proposition of Mr. Morgan seconded by Mr. Greene it was decided to forward the recommendation to the local Gardai.

N.O.M. from Cashel U.D.C. The following N.O.M from the Cashel U.D.C was adopted on the proposition of Mr. Morgan seconded by Mr. Devine. "That as Telefis Eireann have announced they intend to discontinue the weekly programme of Irish Traditional Music, this Council supports the demand of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann to have regular programmes of genuine Irish Traditional Music on Television at least once per week.

(c) Bank Closure: A N.O.M. from the Killarney U.D.C. calling for an enquiry into the entire operation of the Commercial Banks of Ireland was marked read.

Estimates Meeting: On the proposition of Mr. Morgan seconded by Mr. McDonnell it was unanimously decided to hold the Estimates in conjunction with the next meeting of the Board on the 11/1/71.

Notice of Motions: Mr. Morgan moved the following motions:

- 1) That a recommendation be sent to the Dept. of Local Government to open an office in Loughrea on one day in each month where this community may obtain motor tax and licences" This motion was seconded by Mr. Greene and carried unanimously.
- 2) "That a recommendation be sent to the Galway County Council that Road Workers, who are presently denied pay for Church Holidays, would be paid for same as all other non-workink County Council Officials are paid for Church Holidays". This motion was seconded by Mr. Sweeney and carried unanimously.

I.E. Service: On the proposition of Mr. Kilboy it was unanimously agreed that a protest should be lodged with C.I.E. about the unsatisfactory rail service which prevailed in Loughrea recently.

Christmas Lighting: Mr. Greene complimented the people responsible for the Christmas Lighting in Loughrea.

Crest for Loughrea: Mr. Sweeney raised the question of providing a crest for Loughrea. The suggestion had the full support of the Board and the Town Clerk was instructed to write to Very Rev K.Egan P.P. Lusmagh, Banagher in connection with the matter.

Connaught Rangers: On the proposition of Mr. Barrett it was unanimously decided to request the Minister for Defence to have a plaque erected in Renmore Barracks to the memory of the Connaught Rangers.

Postcards of Loughrea: The Town Clerk was instructed to write to Mr. John Hinde Ltd., Fine Art Publisher, Cabinteely, Co. Dublin with a view to getting him to take some postcards snaps of Loughrea when there is a regatta on the lake.

Sewerage and Water Extensions: On the proposition of Mr. Morgan seconded by Mr. Sweeney it was decided to request the Galway County Council to have the water and sewerage mains extended to service the six County Council cottages on the Tullagh Upper/Raheen Oughter road.

Planning Permission: On the proposition of Mr. McDonnell it was unanimously decided to request the Galway County Council to grant planning permission to people wishing to build houses at Finnegan's Field on the Gort Road as Mr. Finnegan had given an undertaking through his solicitor that all roads and footpaths will be completed by him.

Poteen Distillery: On the proposition of Mr. Devine seconded by Mr. Kilboy it was decided to request the Minister for Industry and Commerce to erect a Poteen Distillery in Connamara and to licence the people in that area to make poteen.

Town Dump: In reply to a question from Mr. Morgan, Mr. O'Luanaigh promised to enquire as to ~~the~~ what progress is made with regard to providing a new dump.

BANK Closure: *It was decided to request the BANK to open for some period on 11th Feb. 1971*

Rugby Team: Mr. Barrett wished success to the young rugby team for the forthcoming game.

Votes of sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following on their recent bereavements:

- (1) The Sweeney Family, Moore St., on the death of their brother.
- (2) The McNamara Family, Galway Road on the death of their mother.
- (3) The Shea Family, the Hill, on the death of their brother.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 11th day of January, 1971.

John Devine
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the Estimates Meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 11th January, 1971.

In the Chair: Mr. John Devine, Chairman.
Members Present: Messers James Barrett, Joseph Kilboy, Norman Morgan, Joseph Greene, James McDonnell
In Attendance: Messers L.O'Lunaigh, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes; The minutes of the last meeting held on the 14/12/70 were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Mr. Morgan seconded by Mr. McDonnell.

Business arising from Minutes:

(1) Mr. McDonnell referred to the publicity which was given after the last meeting, to the granting of planning permission for a motel in Loughrea. Mr. McDonnell stated that a decision was not yet made on this planning application and the person concerned was annoyed over the amount of publicity the matter had received. It was decided to request the Minister for Local Government to expedite his decision on this application.

(2) Mr. McDonnell referred to allegations which he had made at the last meeting concerning refusal to grant planning permission to applicants in the site known as Finnegan's Field. Mr. McDonnell stated that the information which he had received before the last meeting was wrong and he now appreciated that the planning authority was not at fault in refusing permission.

(3) Safety of School Children: The meeting was informed by the Galway County Council that it is not intended to provide a pedestrian crossing at Moore St. It was decided to suggest to the Parent/Teacher organisation that junior wardens might be provided.

(4) Acknowledgment re Plaque to Connaught Rangers: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
Mr. Devine proposed that a letter of protest be sent to the Dept. of Defence, protesting that a acknowledgment was not dealt with bilingually. This was seconded by Mr. Morgan. A Direct negative was proposed by Mr. McDonnell and seconded by Mr. Kilboy. The Matter was put to the meeting and on the casting vote of the Chairman the proposition was carried. The voting was as follows:
For Proposition: Messers Devine, Morgan, Barrett,
For Amendment: Messers McDonnell, Kilboy, Greene.

(5) EX C.I.E. Service: A letter from the Area Manager, C.I.E. explaining the unsatisfactory service which prevailed recently at Loughrea. and that the fault is now remedied. Mr. Kilboy stated that recently the brakes had failed on the regular engine and that the matter should be taken up again with the area manager. The Town Clerk was instructed to write to the Area Manager in connection with the matter.

(6) Closing of Banks -- "D Day": The meeting was informed by the Bank of Ireland Group that it is not possible to have the banks opened in Loughrea on the 11/2/71 (Fair Day) but arrangement could be made for paying -in. The Town Clerk was instructed to find out what was meant by paying-in.

(7) The meeting received suggestions from Very Rev. K. Egan, P.P. Lusmagh with regard to the provision of a Coat-of-Arms for Loughrea. It was decided to invite suggestions from the three local schools on the matter.

Estimates: In accordance with Sections 9 and 10 of the County and City Management (amendment) Act, 1955, Mr. O'Lunaigh submitted the estimate for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1972, copies of which were circulated to each member. The Estimates were explained in detail by Mr. O'Lunaigh. It was proposed by Mr. McDonnell, seconded by Mr. Kilboy and resolved "That the Estimate of Expenses of the Loughrea Town Commissioners for the year ending 31st March, 1972, as set forth at A, B, & C on the form of Estimate be adopted and that the form of estimate be signed by the Chairman and the Town Clerk. It was also proposed by Mr. McDonnell, seconded by Mr. Kilboy and resolved "That the demand be made on the Galway County Council by the Loughrea Town Commissioners for the sum of £256 for the year ending 31st March, 1972 and that the form of demand be signed by the Chairman and the Town Clerk. The form of Demand and the form of Estimate were signed by the Chairman and Town Clerk.

Loughrea Sewerage Works: On the suggestion of Mr. Morgan it was decided to seek an assurance from the Galway County Council, that the Loughrea Sewerage plant is capable of dealing with the demands made on it.

Accidents: On the proposition of Mr. Morgan seconded by Mr. Barrett it was decided to recommend to the Galway County Council that all fire brigades etc. be equipped with modern equipment for dealing with all types of accidents.

North Mound: On the proposition of Mr. Morgan seconded by Mr. Greene it was decided to request the Galway County Council to tarmacadam the North Mound at the Walks, Loughrea..

Votes of sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following on their recent bereavements:
The Kilackey family, Moore St.
(2) The Finnerty family? Dunkellin St.
(3) The Walsh Family, Galway Road.
(4) The Kerins Family, Masonbrook.
(5) The Regan Family, Abbey Terrace.
(6) The Ruane Family, Church St.
(7) Mrs. F. Carty, Gort Road.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 8th day of February, 1971.

John Devine
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 8th of February, 1971.

In the Chair: Mr. John Devine, Chairman.

Members Present: Messers Sean Kelly, Joseph Kilboy, Michael Carty T.D. James Barrett, Norman Morgan, James McDonnell and Joseph Greene.

In Attendance: Messers L.O'Lunaigh, Asst. Co. Manager and A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Apology for non-attendance was received from Mr. Dermot Sweeney. Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting was read by the Town Clerk. The minutes were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. McDonnell.

Correspondance arising from the minutes:

- (1) The meeting was informed by the Galway County Council that the North Mound will be re-surfaced in the coming financial year.
- (2) Connaught Rangers: The meeting was informed by the Dept. of Defence that due to lack of finance, it is not possible to erect a plaque in memory of the Connaught Rangers, at Liam Mellows Barracks.
- (3) Poteen Distillery at Connemara: The meeting was informed by the Dept. of Industry and Commerce that poteen could only be distilled under licence. Further particulars could be had at Custom House, Galway.
- (4) Drowning Tragedy off Moore St; A request from Dr.P.F. Joyce, Coroner for East Galway, for protection railing or fence at the scene of a drowning tragedy off Moore St., Loughrea was referred to the Galway County Council.
- (5) Resolution from Cork County Council: On the proposition of Mr. Kilboy, seconded by Mr. McDonnell the following resolution, submitted by the Cork Co. Council was adopted:
"That this council view with concern the policy of the Minister and Dept. of Justice of closing so many and in reducing the strength of so many other rural Garda Stations and that we request an immediate reversal of this policy."

Rent Collector's Salary: On the proposition of Mr. McDonnell, seconded by Mr. Kilboy it was agreed to approve of the proposed increase in the Rent Collector's salary as set out in the Dept. of Local Government circular letter E.L.2/71 of the 13/1/71.

Notice of Motions: Mr. Kilboy proposed that in future members should be allowed to submit no more than three Notice of Motions. This was seconded by Mr. Kelly. Mr. Morgan proposed that members be allowed to submit six motions. As Mr. Morgan did not receive a seconder for his proposition, Mr. Kilboy's proposition was adopted.

Mr. Morgan moved the following N.C.M.'s

- (1) That a recommendation be made to the Galway County Council to reopen the public right-of-way to the lake between the house occupied by Mr. James Fitzpatrick and the Garda Barracks, Barrack St. Loughrea, also that this right-of-way be tarmaced. Mr. Morgan had no seconder for this motion. A direct negative was proposed by Mr. Kilboy and seconded by Mr. Kelly. The Chairman suggested referring the matter to the Board's legal advisor but was informed by Mr. O'Lunaigh that the Board has no right to expend money on matters dealing with right-of-ways.
- (2) I will propose that the Galway County Council tarmac the public right-of-way to the lake on the east side of St. Brendan's Secondary School, Loughrea. This motion was seconded by Mr. Greene and resolved.

- (3) I will propose that the Galway County Council declare "The Walks" Loughrea as a public park and prohibit all motor vehicles from using same, also unleached dogs, that signs to that effect be erected at both entrances. This motion was seconded by Mr. Carty and resolved.
- (4) I will propose that members of Loughrea Town Commissioners so desiring it, be supplied with a copy of each monthly meeting. This motion was seconded by Mr. Greene. A Direct negative was proposed by Mr. McDonnell and seconded by Mr. Barrett. The matter was put to the meeting and the voting was:
For amendment: Messers McDonnell, Barrett, Kelly, Kilboy and Carty.
For motion: Messers Morgan and Greene.
The amendment was carried and the motion was declared lost.
- (5) I will propose that the town water supply be extended to all the cottages at Tullahill. Extension from present supply approximately 150 feet. This motion was seconded by Mr. Barrett and resolved.
- (6) I will recommend to Galway County Council that street lighting be erected on the Gort Road to IC Cuscorrig, at Tullyhill, to Hohner factory, at Sundrive Park (presently without any street lighting) and at the Vocational School, Loughrea. It was pointed out to Mr. Morgan that with the exception of the Hohner factory, lights were recommended for the other areas and in fact are about to be erected in some areas. It was decided to recommend some lights to the Hohner factory.
- (7) I will propose that a letter be sent to the Dept. of Social Welfare deploring the situation in which a man severely handicapped with rheumatism or some such ailment is compelled to drag himself to the dole office each morning. This motion was withdrawn by Mr. Morgan.
- (8) I will ask that rent and rates of Town Commissioners tenants be read out. There was no seconder for this motion.
- (9) I will inform the meeting about the effect of housing shortage in Loughrea. Mr. Morgan informed the meeting that he had ~~naught~~ tried without success to get a caravan from Galway County Council for Mr. and Mrs. Gerard O'Loughlin. It was decided to request the Galway County Council to give favourable consideration to Mr. O'Loughlin's application when the new Co. Council houses in Loughrea are allotted.
- (10) I will propose that Galway County Council erect notices in all Rate Collectors' offices giving information in connection with derating for widows and old aged pensioners ect. This motion was seconded by Mr. McDonnell and resolved.
- (11) I will propose that Galway County Council grant a place, for the daughter of MR. and Mrs. Brendan Maloney, West Bridge, in the Mentally handicapped Childrens' Unit of St. Bridgets Hospital Ballinasloe. Mr. Maloney was present while this motion was discussed and he produced letters from various representatives who had tried to have the child placed in a suitable home. It was decided to leave the matter with Mr. O'Lunaigh, who promise to make enquiries as soon as possible and to convey his findings through the Town Clerk to Mr Maloney.

Malicious Injury: It was proposed by Mr. McDonnell, seconded by Mr. Kelly and resolved:

"That ~~xxxxxxx~~ where Local Authorities would not have to provide for malicious injury claims in rates. That a copy of this resolution be sent to each local authority."

Malicious Injury Claims: It was proposed by Mr. McDonnell seconded by Mr. Kelly and resolved:

"That the Minister for Local Government be requested to introduce legislation, ~~xxxxxxx~~ whereby Local Authorities would not have to provide for malicious injury claims in rates. That a copy of this resolution be sent to each local authority."

Public Lighting: On the proposition of Mr. Devine seconded by Mr. McDonnell it was decided to query the E.S.B. about the changing of the Public Light outside the house of Mr. C. Kelleher, Galway Road.

Parking Regulations: On the proposition of Mr. McDonnell, seconded by Mr. Morgan it was decided to request the Galway Co. Council to have information plates erected, where required, on Parking Signs.

Bank Balance: The members present gave permission for the investment of a portion of the Board's credit bank balance in some loan or society which would pay a higher interest rate than the Banks are paying at present.

Swimming Pool: Mr. McDonnell asked what the position is with regard to work at the Long Point. Mr. C'Luanaigh promised to look into the matter.

Pollution of Loughrea River: On the proposition of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. McDonnell it was decided to request the Galway County Council to take steps to have pollution of the Loughrea River investigated.

Votes of sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following on the recent bereavements:

- (1) The Kelly family, West Bridge, on the death of Joseph Kelly.
- (2) John Horgan, 36 Kincora Park, Clontarf, Dublin, on the death of his wife, May.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 8th day of March, 1971

Chairman *John Devine*

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 8th March, 1971.

In the Chair: Mr. John Devine, Chairman.
Members Present: Messers Sean Kelly, Joseph Kilboy, James Barrett, Norman Morgan, Joseph Greene and James McDonnell.

In Attendance: Messers L.O'Luanaigh Asst. Co. Manager, and A. Marmion Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Town Clerk. The minutes were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Kelly.

Plaque to Memory of Connaught Rangers: Arising from the minutes, Mr. Barrett proposed that the Minister for Defence be requested to erect a plaque to the memory of the Connaught Rangers at Liam Mellows Barracks, Renmore, during the coming financial year. This was seconded by Mr. Devine.

Correspondance: The following correspondance arising from the minutes was submitted to the meeting.

(1) Right of Way to lake: The meeting was informed by the Galway County Council that the right of way to the lake near St. Brendan's Secondary School is not the responsibility of the County Council. The Council asked should this right of way be taken over for maintenance as a right of way to a Bathing Place; It was decided to point out to the County Council that it would be most desirable to have this right of way taken over and maintained.

(2) The Walks: With regard to the Walks the following resolution proposed by Mr. Morgan, and seconded by Mr. Barrett was carried "That the Walks be removed from the list of Public Roads and that it be maintained as a Public Park by Galway County Council." A direct negative proposed by Mr. McDonnell had no seconder.

(3) Public Lighting at Galway Road: The meeting was informed by the E.S.B. that while replacing poles in Loughrea, the light near Mr. Kelleher's house was moved nearer Town. The E.S.B. stated that if this is not satisfactory the light could be changed to a pole near the paint factory. The Chairman promised to look into the matter.

Credit Bank Balance: It was unanimously agreed that a some of £5000 (five thousand pounds) of the Board's credit bank balance, be invested in the Agricultural Credit Corporation Ltd. at an interest rate of 8%

Sale of House: On the proposition of Mr. Morgan Seconded by Mr. Barrett it was unanimously agreed to approve of the sale of No.5 house. Liam Mellows Tee., Loughrea to tenant, Mr. Christopher O'Loughlin.

1971 Tidy Towns Competition: On the proposition of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Barrett it was decided to enter in the 1971 Tidy Towns competition. In an effort to improve Loughrea's position in the competition it was agreed to carry out the following:

- (1) Write to the Roads Authority re number of derelict vehicles permantely parked on the following roads, Station Road, Piggotts St., Barrack St., Castle St. and new carpark.
- (2) Give a prize for the best kept front garden in houses provided by the local authority. *1st Prize £5, 2nd Prize £3 3rd Prize £2*
- (3) Distribute brochures through the school children, pointing out where Loughrea had lost marks in previous competitions.

Repair of No.2 House, Barrack St.: The Town Clerk was instructed to write to Mr. Cryan, tenant of No.2 house, Barrack St. and request him to have his windows repaired.

N.O.M. : Mr. Morgan moved the following N.O.M.

- (1) "I will propose that a strong recommendation be sent to the Minister for Local Government condemning the Local Government White Paper's proposal to abolish Loughrea Town Commissioners." This was seconded by Mr. Barrett. The following amendment was proposed by Mr. McDonnell and seconded by Mr. Kilboy: "That no action be taken on the matter until such time as a special meeting of the Board discussed the proposals. The amendment was put to the meeting and was carried by four votes to three. Messers McDonnell, Kilboy, Kelly and Devine voting for the amendment. It was decided to hold the special meeting on Monday 15th inst.
- (2) "I will propose that Galway County Council declare an emergency and commence a crash programme to provide institutional facilities for the remaining 36 mentally handicapped children who require institutional care in County Galway." This motion was seconded by Mr. Barrett and passed unanimously.
- (3) "I will propose that Galway County Council instal up-to-date and and more powerful water pumps for Loughrea and also that a buster pump be installed at the Westbridge"

Mr. Morgan in moving this motion referred to the recent fire in the local cotton factory and stated that but for the shottage of water the fire would have being controlled by the workers. The Chairman stated that this was not the case as when the fire brigade arrived there was a full supply of water in the mains. The motion had no seconder.

Fire in Local Cotton Factory: A vote of congratulations was unanimously passed to the County Fire Fighting Service for the manner in which they had dealt with the recent fire at the Loughrea Cotton factory.

Future of Loughrea Cottons: Mr. Barrett proposed and Mr. Morgan seconded that a meeting should be called between the Loughrea Town Commissioners, Loughrea Chamber of Commerce and the management of Robert Usher Ltd to discuss means of safeguarding the future of Robert Usher Ltd. Loughrea. On the suggestion of Mr. McDonnell it was decided to defer calling a meeting until such time as the Town Clerk could ascertain from the factory management if such a meeting could serve any useful purpose.

Housing List: Mr. Kilboy asked that the Town Clerk produce the old housing list at the next meeting.

County Development Plan: The Town Clerk was instructed to enquire from the Galway County Council as to the present position of the County Development Plan, especially in regard to the proposed new road through Loughrea.

News Beat; On the proposition of Mr. McDonnell seconded by Mr. Barrett it was unanimously decided to send a strong letter of protest to the ~~Director~~ *Director* of Telefis Eireann, protesting about the manner in which Mr. Frank Hall had presented a Newsbeat programme dealing with a local Dail representative.

Votes of sympathy: Votes of sympathy were passed with the following:
1) The Robinson family, the Hill, on the death of Mrs. Robinson.
2) The Long family formerly of Main St. on the death of Mr. Thomas Long.

Signed this the 19th April, 1971

John Devine
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at a special meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 15th March, 1971.

In the Chair: Mr. John Devine, Chairman,
Members Present: Messers James Barrett, Joseph Kilboy, Dermott Sweeney,
Norman Morgan, Joseph Greene, James McDonnell, Sean Kelly.

In attendance: A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers

This special meeting was convened for the purpose of discussing the Government's White Paper on Local Government Reorganisation.

It was the unanimous decision of all the members present that the Loughrea Town Commissioners should oppose the proposals contained in the White Paper, to abolish Town Commissioners and Urban Councils. The meeting decided to forward to the Dept. of Local Government and to the Association of Municipal Authorities, the following reasons for their decision:

- (1) That people should have the right to ~~elect~~^{ELECT} their own area representatives.
- (2) That towns, because of their density of population and the necessity to provide sufficient services for the people, require a different representation and administration to that needed for rural areas.
- (3) Representation by County Councilors would not in our opinion be as good as that provided by a Council of people of the town.
- (4) Interest in local affairs can not be expected to be as good if the administration is wholly controlled by non-residents of the town.
- (5) Towns without local representation do not have the service and amenities found in represented towns.
- (6) If these local authorities are abolished, towns would lose their status.
- (7) The Loughrea Town Commissioners ~~has~~ in the past, proved a very efficient body and has, over the years, built up a reserve fund of £5000.

It was also decided to request the Association of Municipal Authorities to go ahead with its proposal to hold a Special General Meeting of the Association to consider the proposals.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 19th day of April, 1971

John Devine
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 19th April, 1971.

In the Chair: Mr. John Devine, Chairman.
Members present: Messers Norman Morgan, James Barrett, James McDonnell, Dermot Sweeney, Sean Kelly, Joseph Greene.

In Attendance: Messers L.O'Luanaigh, Asst. Co. Manager, H. Fannon, B.E. Town Engineer and A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last monthly meeting held on the 8/3/71 and of special meeting held on the 15/3/71 were read by the Town Clerk. The minutes were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Kelly.

Correspondance: The following correspondance arising from the minutes was dealt with:

Extension of Water and Sewerage to cottages at Tulla Hill: The meeting was informed by the County Council that a survey is being carried out to determine the feasibility and cost of providing this service. It was decided to request the County Council to provide the water extension immediately.

Public Lighting on Rathruddy Road: The County Council informed the meeting that as no provision was made in the Estimates for the provision of additional lighting, this matter must be deferred.

- (3) Pollution of Loughrea River: The County Council asked for more particulars of the alleged pollution of the Loughrea River as visual inspection of the river did not show any serious pollution.
- (4) Abandoned Vehicles on Streets: The meeting was informed by the County Council that the County Engineer is arranging with the Gardai to have the abandoned vehicles removed.
- (5) New Road: The meeting was informed by the County Council that there are no plans at present for the commencement of the proposed new road at Loughrea.
- (6) Mentally Handicapped Children: The meeting was informed by the County Council that every effort is being made to provide institutional care for all mentally handicapped children in the County.
- (7) Complaint to Telefis Eireann: The meeting was informed by the Director-General, Telefis Eireann, that he would not agree that ~~refer~~ references made on the Newsbeat programme of the 5th March, to Deputy Hogan-O'Higgins, were uncouth.
- (8) Future of Robert Usher & Co. Ltd: The meeting was ~~informed~~ assured by the Management, that the continuity of production at Robert Usher and Co. Ltd. Loughrea is assured and that in fact it is intended to further increase the storage capacity. It was requested by the management of Robert Usher Ltd. that their letter not get press coverage.

White Paper on Local Government Reorganisation: The meeting was informed by the Minister for Local Government that the latest date for submitting comments on the White Paper was extended to the 30th June, 1971.

N.O.M. The meeting unanimously supported the following N.O.M. submitted by Clonmel Corporation:

"That we call on the Minister for Finance to grant total exemption from income tax on all allowances paid by local authorities to part time Fire Brigade Personnel".

The meeting also approved of the following motion submitted by Castlebar U.D.C.

" The Castlebar U.D.C. request that the Regional Planning Group do not put any final proposals for the overall Regional Planning Area to the Government Dept. or I.D.A. without and until they have the permission and sanction of the respective nominating councils."

Sale of House: On the proposition of Mr. Morgan Seconded by Mr. McDonnell the sale of no.4 house, Liam Mellows Tce., Loughrea to Mr. Thomas Robinson was approved.

Parking and Traffic Bye-Laws, 1971: The meeting unanimously approved of the Traffic and Parking Bye-Laws, 1971 as submitted by the Garda Commissioner in his letter of the 2/4/71.

Direction Signs at Westbridge: It was unanimously decided to request the Galway County Council to have a "Traffic Island" or Bollard erected at the Westbridge, Loughrea.

Tidy Towns: Mr. Sweeney suggested the formation of "Street Committees" or the revival of the Tidy Towns Committee to help improve Loughrea's position in the 1971 Tidy Towns Competition.

Dangerous Places: Mr. Morgan suggested that the Galway County Council be requested to declare the quarry in the field adjoining the Town Dumping Ground, be declared a "Dangerous Place".

Repairs to Co. Co. Cottages: It was decided to request the Galway County Council to have repairs carried out to the following Co. Co. Cottages:
(1) No. 3 Cosmona, occupied by Mr. Moran.
(2) No. 7 Cosmona, occupied by Mr. Martin Daniels.
(3) No. 14 Cosmona, occupied by Mr. Kevin Daniels.

Bogus Fire Calls: The Chairman condemned the making of bogus fire calls which happened recently in Loughrea

Retirement of Mr. O'Luanaigh: The Chairman informed the meeting that Mr. O'Luanaigh is retiring from the position of Asst. Co. Manager at the end of the month. All present complimented Mr. O'Luanaigh on the manner in which he had carried out his duties as Asst. Co. Manager and wished him many happy years of retirement.

Votes of Sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended to the relatives of the late Martin Connolly, Atherry Road, Loughrea.

This concluded the meeting;

Signed this the 18th day of May, 1971.

J. Devine
Chairman.

N.O.M. Mr. Morgan withdrew his N.O.M. seeking an enquiry into an incident which occurred in the Maternity Dept. Regional Hospital, Galway.

Disappearance of Roller: On the proposition of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Barrett it was agreed to request the Gardai to investigate the disappearance of a roller from the Town Park, Loughrea.

Vandalism: Mr. McDonnell referred to the vandalism which is occurring at the Long Point, i.e. the breaking of bottles, windows in dressing room ect. It was decided to request the Gardai to investigate the matter.

Long Point: At the request of Mr. McDonnell, Mr. Howlett undertook to take up the matter of having the work at the Long Point completed as soon as possible.

Telephone Kiosk: On the suggestion of Mr. Devine, it was unanimously decided to request the Dept. of Post & Telegraphs to provide a telephone kiosk to serve the new housing estates in the Cuscarrick/Galway Road area.

New Houses: It was decided to request the County Council, that before the Co. Council finally select tenants for the 16 new houses at Galway Road, the proposed list of tenants be made available to the Board for observation.

Inspections: The Town Clerk undertook to request the Town Engineer to carry out the following inspections:

- (1) Repairs required at No.2 house, Barrack St., Loughrea - Tenant A. Cryan.
- (2) Position with regard to repair of footpath at house occupied by Dr. Maloney, Abbey St., Loughrea.

Votes of Sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following

- (1) Skelly family, Barrack St., on the death of Mrs. Skelly.
- (2) Mr. B. Guinane, ~~Malone St~~ Dunkellin St. on the death of his mother.
- (3) The Devine family, Birrouge, on the death of Patrick Devine.

This concluded the meeting

Signed this the 14th day of June, 1971.

J. Devine
Asst. County Manager.

CLARENCE

Minutes of proceedings at the Monthly Meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 10th May, 1971.

In the Chair: Mr. John Devine, Chairman.

Members Present: Messers James Barrett, Norman Morgan, James McDonnell, and Joseph Greene.

In Attendance: Messers J. Howlett, Acting Asst. Co. Manager and A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last monthly meeting held on the 19th 4/71 were read by the Town Clerk. The minutes were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. McDonnell.

Correspondance: The following correspondance was read to the meeting:

- (1) Letter from Mr. L. O'Lunaigh, former Asst. Co. Manager, thanking the Board for its co-operation over the years and also for presentation which the Board made to him on the occasion of his retirement.
- (2) Local Government Reorganisation: The meeting was informed by the Assoc. of Municipal Authorities that a special General Meeting of the Association will be held in Dublin on the 3rd. June to discuss the proposals contained in the White Paper on Local Government Reorganisation. It was unanimously agreed that the Board's delegates should attend this meeting and convey the Board's opinion on the matter.

Housing: On the proposition of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Barrett, it was decided to forward the following recommendations to the Galway Co. Council re the 16 new houses at Old Galway Road.

- (1) That a purchase scheme be drawn up immediately for these 16 houses.
- (2) That the County Council provide 10 serviced sites for sale to people, who are prepared to provide their own houses. These 10 sites to be provided on the land acquired by the County Council at Galway Road, Loughrea.

Mentally Handicapped Children: Mr. Morgan stated that he would not accept the reply received from Galway Co. Council, stating that every effort is being made to provide institutional care for all mentally handicapped children. Mr. Morgan stated that Unit 7 at Merlin Park, is vacant and he proposed that the Co. Council be requested to make this Unit available for the care of the mentally Handicapped children. This was seconded by Mr. Morgan Barrett.

Tidy Towns: The Town Clerk stated that he now had leaflets setting out where Loughrea had lost points in the 1970 Tidy Towns Competition. Mr. Morgan got permission from the meeting to distribute these leaflets in conjunction with the distribution of leaflets which the Tidy Town Committee are distributing.

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Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 14th day of June, 1971.

In the Chair: Mr. John Devine, Chairman.
Members Present: Messers Joseph Kilboy, James Barrett, Norman Morgan and James McDonnell.

In Attendance: Messers J. Howlett, Acting Asst. Co. Manager and A. Marmion Town Clerk.
Apology for non-attendance of Mr. D. Sweeney, was submitted by the Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting, held on the 10/5/71, were read by the Town Clerk. The minutes were adopted and signed as correct, on the proposition of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. McDonnell.

Correspondance arising from the minutes: The following correspondance was submitted to the meeting:

(1) New Houses: The Galway County Council, by letter dated 9/6/71, informed the meeting that the houses under construction at Pollroebuck are for the present designated for letting only and that the land at Pollroebuck is reserved for Council houses. The County Council also pointed out that it is not the practice for County Council members to examine applications recommended by the County Medical Officer, and therefore it would not be appropriate to have such applications referred to members of another Local Authority. There was a general discussion on this letter and it was the general feeling of the meeting that people who are on the waiting list for a considerable time should get priority when the houses are being allotted. The Chairman asked Mr. Howlett to convey to the appropriate authority that local knowledge should be availed of before the houses are finally allotted.
On the proposition of Mr. McDonnell seconded by Mr. Morgan it was unanimously agreed to request the Co. Council to provide additional houses in Loughrea in the coming year.

(2) Mentally Handicapped Children: The meeting was informed by the Chief Executive Officer of the Western Health Board, by letter dated 9/6/71, that there is no unit vacant at Merlin Park to receive mentally handicapped children.

(3) Proposed Motel: The meeting was informed by the Dept. of Local Government that outline permission with a condition is granted to Patrick Connolly for the erection of a motel at Earls Park.

(4) Connaught Rangers: The meeting was informed by the Dept. of Defence (10/6/71) that there is no funds available for the provision of a plaque at Mellows Barracks to the memory of the Connaught Rangers.

(5) Loughrea Traffic and Parking Bye-Laws, 1971: The Garda Commissioner by letter dated 24/5/71, informed the meeting that he had submitted signed copies of the bye-laws to the Minister for Local Government for his approval and signature.

Travelling Expenses: On the proposition of Mr. Kilboy, seconded by Mr. McDonnell, the meeting unanimously approved of the travelling and subsistence allowances as set out in Par. 3, 4, 7, 8 and 9 of Local Government Circular letter G.I3/68 of the 4/10/68

Itinerants: Mr. Kilboy referred to damage caused by vandalism at Gort Bridge and stated that he hoped that the ratepayers would not be expected to pay for the repairs. A general discussion took place with regard to parking sites for itinerants and it was decided to request the County Medical Officer to inspect the itinerant camp at Tullagh Upper.

own Dump: On the proposition of Mr. Morgan seconded by Mr. Barrett it was decided to request the Galway County Council to have the burning of rubbish in the town dump stopped. On the recommendation of Mr. McDonnell it was unanimously agreed to request the County Council to proceed immediately with the provision of the new town dump.

Sale of House: The sale of No. 5 house, Mount Carmel Crescent, Loughrea to Brendan A. Fahy was approved unanimously on the proposition of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. McDonnell.

Abstract of Accounts: The Abstract of Accounts for year ended 31/3/71 was unanimously approved of on the proposition of Mr. McDonnell, seconded by Mr. Kilboy.

Local Government Reorganisation: The Chairman informed the meeting that he had attended a meeting of the Assoc. of Municipal Authorities at Dublin on the 3rd instant. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the proposals contained in the White Paper on Local Govern. Reorganisation. Mr. Devine stated that it was the unanimous decision of the Association to oppose the abolition of Town Commissioners.

Annual Meeting: On the proposition of Mr. Morgan seconded by Mr. McDonnell it was unanimously agreed to hold the Annual Meeting in conjunction with the next meeting of the Board, i.e. on July 12th.
Markets on Church Holidays: Mr. Devine referred to the congestion which occurs at the West Bridge during market days which fall on Church Holidays. and he suggested requesting the Co. Council to acquire and develop the grounds owned by Mr. Fitzgerald at the Westbridge. The meeting felt that since the Co. Council had already rejected this proposal, there was not any point in again raising the matter.

Public Lighting: Mr. Morgan stated that the additional lights at Cosmona are not working properly. The Town Clerk undertook to bring the matter to the attention of the local E.S.B. staff.

Boy Scouts: The Chairman informed the meeting that a group of French Boy Scouts are planning to come to Loughrea on the 7th of July. Mr. Devine submitted to the meeting a letter from this group seeking information on amenities in Loughrea. Mr. Morgan stated that this group also wrote to him and he is making arrangements with regard to camping sites ect.

Long Point: Mr. Howlett informed the meeting that work is in progress at the Long Point and that it is hoped to have the main work completed within the next few weeks. Mr. McDonnell condemned the progress made to date and stated that if proper equipment was used the job could have been done much cheaper and faster.

Votes of sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following on their recent bereavements:

- (1) Daniels family, Cosmona on the death of Joseph Daniels.
- (2) Laurence Ward, Gort Bridge on the death of his wife.
- (3) Breheny Family, Dublin on the death of Michael Breheny.
- (4) Dennellan Family, Athenry Road, on the death of John Donnellan.
- (5) Miss M. Kelly, Westbridge on the death of her brother Gerard.
- (6) Langley family, Church St., on the death of Kathleen Langley.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 9th day of July, 1971.

J. Devine
Chairman.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT ANNUAL MEETING OF LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON THE 12TH JULY, 1971

CHAIRMAN: Mr. J. Devine

PRESENT: Messrs. J. McDonnell, J. Kilboy, J. Greene, M. Morgan, S. Kelly
and J. Barrett.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. J. Howlett, Acting Assistant County Manager. An
apology for inability to attend was received from
Commissioner Sweeney and it was noted that Mr. A. Marmion,
Town Clerk, was ill.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN: The following nominations were made for the office
of Chairman:

(a) Commissioner J. Greene was proposed by Commissioner Morgan and
seconded by Commissioner Barrett.

(b) Commissioner J. Devine was proposed by Commissioner Kilboy and
seconded by Commissioner Kelly.

Commissioner Barrett who was proposed by Commissioner Greene did not
obtain a seconder.

A vote was taken on the matter and the following voted in favour of
Commissioner Greene:-

Commissioners Greene, Morgan and Barrett (3)

Those voting in favour of Commissioner Devine were:-

Commissioners Kilboy, Kelly, McDonnell and Devine (4).

The Chairman declared that he had been re-elected and he thanked the
members.

2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN: Two proposals were submitted for the filling
of the post of a Vice-Chairman.

(a) Commissioner Kelly was proposed by Commissioner Kilboy and seconded
by the Chairman and Commissioner Barrett was proposed by Commissioner
Greene and seconded by Commissioner Morgan. When a vote was taken
on the matter, Commissioners Greene, Morgan and Barrett voted in
favour of Commissioner Barrett and Commissioners Kilboy, Kelly,
McDonnell and Devine voted in favour of Commissioner Kelly, who
was declared elected and who thanked the members.

3. Election of delegates to the Association of Municipal Authorities of
Ireland:

Commissioners J. Devine and J. Kelly were nominated as delegates to
the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland.

4. DELEGATES TO THE FIRE BRIGADES ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Commissioner J.
Devine was nominated as a delegate to the Fire Brigades Advisory
Committee.

5. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 14TH JUNE, 1971: In view of the
illness of the Town Clerk, the consideration of the minutes of the
above meeting was adjourned until the next meeting.

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6. CORRESPONDENCE: Read letter from the Association of Municipal
Authorities of Ireland stating that the annual conference would be held
in Kinsale on the 14th, 15th and 16th September next and that any
motions to be discussed there should be submitted not later than the
14th August next.

7. OTHER BUSINESS:

(a) Deputation from Coscorrig Crescent Residents:

Mr. Luke McDermott appeared on behalf of the Coscorrig Crescent
Residents and requested the Council -

- Called to
order
to 10/1/71*
- (i) to urge that speed limits be extended in order that the
housing development should be within the 30 m.p.h. limit, and
 - (ii) that the Commissioners would support move by the residents
to have the housing development blocked to vehicular traffic.

The Commissioners unanimously supported proposal (i) and proposal (ii)
was recommended by Commissioner Barrett and supported by the other
members, subject to the reservation that the County Council were
unlikely to take over the maintenance of the road unless it was
opened to traffic.

Mr. McDermott thanked the Commissioners.

The meeting then concluded.

9th August 1971

J. Devine

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 9/8/71.

Chairman: Mr. John Devine.

Present: Messers J. Greene, N. Morgan, J. KILBOY, S. Kelly, J. Barrett, and J. McDonnell.

In Attendance: Mr. K. Doyle and A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of meetings held on the 14/6/71 and 12/7/71 were read by the Town Clerk. The minutes were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. McDonnell.

Matters arising from the minutes:

(a) Housing: Mr. Morgan enquired if County Council houses were allotted solely on the Co. Medical Officers recommendation. Mr. Morgan stated that there is a strong report that six of the new houses at Pollroebuck are earmarked for employees at Tynagh. A general discussion took place on housing during which Mr. Doyle assured the meeting that it is the intention of the Co. Council to provide whatever houses ~~that~~ are required in Loughrea.

(b) Town Dump: ~~Mr. Morgan~~ Mr. Morgan asked if the burning of refuse had stopped at the Town dump. There was a general discussion on the town dump and Mr. McDonnell stated that the only remedy is a new dump. Mr. Doyle stated that he would investigate the matter.

(c) Election of Chairman: Mr. Devine referred to a report in the Connacht Tribune which stated that he was elected chairman on his own casting vote. Mr. Devine stated that this report was not correct as he would not have a casting vote for the position of Chairman.

Correspondance arising from the minutes:

(a) Traffic Island at Westbridge: The meeting was informed by the County Council letter of 23/6/71 that it would be difficult to provide a Traffic Island at the Westbridge without interfering with the flow of traffic and suggested that action be deferred until the effectiveness of the "Galway" signed erected at Kelly's Corner is established. The meeting decided to request the Co. Council to paint the word "Galway" on the roadway and to have an arrow indicating the route.

4. (b) Telephone Kiosk: The Dept. of Posts & Telegraphs (letter of 1/7/71) stated that they are not prepared to provide a telephone kiosk to service the Cuscarrisk/Old Galway Road area. The meeting decided to request the Dept. of Posts & Telegraphs to state what requirements are necessary so that an area would qualify for a kiosk.

5. (c) Resolution from Ballina U.D.C.: The following resolution from Ballina U.D.C. was unanimously adopted by the meeting:
"That Ballina U.D.C. call on the Government to issue a postage stamp in 1972 to commemorate the 50th anniversary on the death of General Michael Collins, First Commander in Chief of Oglaiġ na hEireann."

d) Loughrea Traffic and Parking Bye-Laws, 1971: The Town Clerk read a covering letter from the Garda Commissioner (29/7/71) relative to the Loughrea Traffic and Parking Bye-Laws, 1971. The meeting approved of the Bye-Laws.

c) Local Government Reorganisation: The meeting was informed by letter of 1/8/71 that the Regional Meeting to discuss the White Paper proposals on Local Government Reorganisation will be held in the Great Southern Hotel Galway on 10th September at 11 a.m. and that the Board could be represented by three members. There were three propositions as to how the three members should be selected:

i) Proposed by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. McDonnell, that a member of each political party be selected.

ii) Proposed by Mr. Kilboy, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman should be two of the members.

iii) Proposed by Mr. Greene seconded by Mr. Morgan, that the names of the members present be put into a hat and that three names be drawn.

no. 1 proposal was withdrawn and the other two proposals were put to the meeting. The voting was as follows:

ii) Messers Kilboy, Kelly and Devine (3)

iii) Messers Greene, Morgan, Barrett and McDonnell (4)

no. 3 proposition was declared carried and the names of the seven members present were placed in a hat. The following three names were drawn by Mr. Doyle. Messers J. McDonnell, J. Greene, S. Kelly.

Camping and Caravan Parking on the Fair Green: Mr. Doyle informed the meeting that should camps or caravans be parked on the fair green the best approach would be to notify the County Council who could take action for trespass.

Date of September Meeting: The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the September meeting was scheduled to take place on Sept. 13th the day of the Galway race meeting. The meeting decided to hold the meeting on Sept. 6th if the date was suitable to the Asst. Co. Manager.

Garden Competition: The Town Clerk was instructed to make arrangements for judging the front garden competition for Town Commissioners houses.

Mr. Morgan's N.O.M.s: Mr. Morgan moved the followings motions:

i) "I will propose that the Loughrea Town Commissioners purchase from the successor of the late Brian Ryan, Cuscarrig, Loughrea, the lakeside field nos. 7 to 10 Cuscarrig, also the lakeside field west of the aforesaid field to be developed as an amenity for the convenience of the people living on the west side of the town."

ii) "I will propose that a recommendation be sent to Galway County Council to have the road which serves the 27 council cottages at Cosmona, widened and tarmacked, also that a footpath be erected on both sides of the said road."

iii) "I will propose that a recommendation be sent to Galway County Council to have a number of seats erected on the east side of the road between Mount Carmel and Cosmona."

Motions Nos. 1 and 2 were seconded by Mr. Barrett and resolved. On the suggestion of Mr. Devine it was decided to forward Motion No. 1 to the Galway County Council to see if the proposal would be effected by the Council's proposal for the widening of this road.

Motion no. 3 was seconded by Mr. Greene. A direct negative was proposed by Mr. Kilboy and seconded by Mr. Kelly

The matter was put to the meeting and the voting resulted as follows:

For the Amendment: Messers Kilboy, Kelly, McDonnell and Devine (4)

For the Motion: Messers Morgan, Greene, and Barrett. (3)

The motion was declared lost and the amendment carried.

Finnegan's Site: Mr. McDonnell stated that planning permission was still not forthcoming for the building sites at Finnegan's Field despite the fact that the owner of the site is prepared to lodge a deposit with the Galway County Council to cover the cost of laying roadways and footpaths. Mr. Doyle promised to enquire as to what the present position is.

Dangerous Places: Mr. Morgan asked if any action was taken regarding the recommendation made by the Loughrea Town Commissioners that the quarry in the field near the town dump. Mr. Doyle undertook to look into the matter.

Old wagon parked at Finnegan's Site: The Town Clerk was instructed to request Mr. J.J. Mulcaire to remove the old wagon parked at Finnegan's site, Cuscarrick, Loughrea.

Toilets: On the proposition of Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Devine it was decided to request the Galway County Council to erect a ladies toilet at the Westbridge and two toilets, one ladies, one gents at the Station Road, Loughrea.

Property at Westbridge: On the proposition of Mr. Devine, seconded by Mr. Morgan it was decided to request the Co. Council to purchase the property owned by Mr. Michael Fitzgerald at the Westbridge to be developed as a car-park and market place.

The Town Clerk undertook to bring the following to the notice of the Town Engineer:

- (i) Tennis Field: to have the weeds cut and the stones on lakeside tidied.
- (ii) Mulcaire's Stream: To have the bridge and stream at Mulcaires cleaned.
- (iii) Playground: To have the swings ect at the playground painted and to have some filling spread at the round-about.
- (iv) Paths: To have the paths at Cross Street repaired.

Votes of Sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following on their recent bereavements:

- (i) The McLoughlin Family, Mt. Carmel Cres. on the death of Joseph McLoughlin
The Donohue Family, Gort Bridge, on the death of John Donohue
- (ii) The Kenny Family, Athenry Road, on the death of Frank Kenny.
The Price family, Cosmona, on the death of their mother.
The Ryan family, Cuscarrick on the death of Bryan Ryan.
The Noone family, Barrack St., on the death of Joseph Noone.
The Murray family, on the death of Maureen Murray.
Patrick Coy, Garrybreedia on the death of his son.

5. This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 20th day of September, 1971. *J. Devine*

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(AND AT GALWAY TEL 4308)
20th January 1969

Dear Mr Marmion,

I have to-day received your letter dated 17th January. The point upon which the Commissioners wish to be advised is really one for Opinion of Counsel but as an early reply is required I set out below my own views.

It would appear from your letter that Loughrea Town Commissioners, at some time passed a Resolution authorising or directing that copies of the Minutes of their meetings be printed and circulated to the Commissioners. Notice of Motion has now been given to the effect that the earlier Resolution be rescinded.

Firstly the Commissioners, in my opinion, clearly are at liberty to rescind the earlier Resolution if they so wish, and, of course, if they so vote.

But the real question in issue appears to be as to whether, notwithstanding that the earlier Resolution be rescinded - the effect of which would be to cease circulating copies of the Minutes - individual Members of the Town Commissioners would legally be entitled to receive copies of the Minutes.

Unless there be a statutory obligation on Loughrea Town Commissioners to furnish copies of the Minutes of their meetings to their Members - and I am not aware of any such statutory obligation - no Member, in my opinion, has any right enforceable in Law, to receive a copy.

Faithfully yours,

Mr. A. Marmion,
Town Clerk,
Loughrea Town Commissioners,
Loughrea.



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