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Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 20/9/71.

Chairman: Mr. John Devine.

Members Present: Messrs Norman Morgan, Dermot Sweeney, Joseph Greene and James McDonnell.

Attendance: Messrs J. Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager and A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last monthly meeting, held on the 9/8/71 were read. The minutes were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Devine.

Unauthorized Camping: The question of unauthorized camping on the fair ground was again raised. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that he had notified the Co. Council that caravans are at present parked on the fair ground. On the suggestion of Mr. McDonnell it was decided to request the Minister for Local Government to introduce legislation, whereby the Minister would have power to remove caravans and camps from property owned by Local Authorities.

Correspondence arising from the Minutes: The following arising from the minutes was submitted to the meeting.

Letter from Dept. of Posts & Telegraphs dated 30/8/71 stating that it is not proposed to issue a stamp commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the death of Michael Collins.

Letter from Dept. of Posts & Telegraphs dated 15/9/71 stating that it is not prepared to erect a telephone kiosk to serve the Cuscarrick/Old Galway Road area.

Letter from Galway Co. Council dated 23/8/71 stating that there are no plans at present for the provision of additional public toilet accommodation in Loughrea. It was decided to request the local Co. Councillor to submit a N.O.M. to Galway Co. Council requesting additional public toilets in Loughrea.

Letter from Galway Co. Council dated 3/9/71 stating that as the present car park at Barrack St. is under-utilised at present, the Co. Council is not prepared for the present, to purchase the site owned by Mr. Michael Fitzgerald at Westbridge, Loughrea. It was stated in the letter that this particular site is listed for a possible future car park. On the suggestion of Mr. Greene it was decided to request the Co. Council to have direction signs, indicating where the present car park is located, erected in the town. It was also decided to request the co-operation of the local gardai in stopping the local children from using the present car park as a football pitch.

Letter from Robert Usher & Co. Ltd. setting out the reasons why redundancies must materialize at their local factory. On the proposition of Mr. McDonnell it was decided to request the Minister for Industry and the County Development Team to use their influence in providing a second industry in Loughrea,

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Path at Dunkellin St; The following residents of Dunkellin St. addressed the meeting. Messers Kieran Kelly, Stan Hynes and Thomas Fahy. The deputation requested that the foot-path on the northern side of Dunkellin St. be narrowed and that the camber of the roadway be lowered. On the proposition of Mr. Greene seconded by Mr. Morgan, it was decided to forward the recommendation to Galway Co. Council.

Garden Competition: The Town Clerk announced the result of the front garden competition held for houses provided by the Loughrea Town Commissioners. The following were the winners:

1st Prize. Mr. John Davis, No.4 Mount Carmel Crescent, Loughrea.

2nd. Prize: Mr. Albert Daly, No.2 Mount Carmel Crescent, Loughrea.

3rd. Prize: Mr. Thomas Heavey, No.8 Abbey Terrace, Loughrea.

On the proposition of Mr. Sweeney, seconded by Mr. McDonnell, the winners were congratulated and a vote of thanks passed to the adjudicator, Mr. Frank Rushe, Hort.Inst. Mountbellew.

Sale of House: The sale of No.II house, Mount Carmel Crescent to Mr. Sean Maher was unanimously approved on the proposition of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. McDonnell.

Cinematograph Licence: The granting of a Cinematograph Licence to Loughrea Town Hall Ltd. was unanimously approved subject to the approval of the County Chief Fire Officer.

N.O.M's: Mr. Morgan moved the following motions:

(1) "That a recommendation be sent to Galway County Council to erect pre-cast concrete railing on the public road side of the Childrens' Playground, that facilities therein be painted as soon as possible, and that the same facilities be made available throughout the year."
This motion was seconded by Mr. Devine and carried.

(2) "That Loughrea Town Commissioners erect 5 seats in their property on either side of the Tennis Club."
This motion was referred to the Town Engineer, requesting him to provide as many seats as possible out of current monies.

(3) "That a recommendation be sent to Galway County Council, calling on the same body to take over and maintain, without delay, the road which joins the Gort Road with Galway Road, via Cuscorrig Crescent."
This motion was seconded by Mr. Sweeney and resolved.

Tynagh Lorries: Mr. Devine stated that recently some of the lorries conveying ore from Tynagh to Galway had spilled some of its ore at the Westbridge, Loughrea. Mr. Devine stated that greater care should be taken with this material as it could prove injurious to peoples health. The Town Clerk was instructed to write to the Minister for Health, the County Medical Officer and Irish Base Metals in connection with the matter.

Town Park: Mr. Devine stated that he understood that the Land Commission are selling the Town Park to local sporting bodies. Mr. Devine appealed to these sporting bodies not to pay the Land Commission for this land, as when the Land Commission first acquired this land, it received it free of charge.

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Mount Carmel Road: On the proposition of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Sweeney, it was decided to request the Galway County Council to provide a number of seats on the east side of the road between Mount Carmel and Cosmona.

Tidy Street Competition: Mr. Morgan sought and was granted permission to have the result of the Tidy Street Competition considered at the next meeting. Mr. Morgan promised to supply to the members, through the Town Clerk, 9 copies of the result.

Votes of sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following on their recent bereavements:

(1) Mrs. Cusack, Liam Mellows Road, on the death of her parents.

(2) The Keane Family, Dunkellin St., on the death of their aunt.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 11th day of October, 1971.

J. Devine
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at special meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 4/10/71.

Chairman: Mr. John Devine.

Present:

Town Commissioners: Messers Norman Morgan, Sean Kelly, Dermot Sweeney, Joseph Kilboy, James Barrett, John Devine, James McDonnell.

Chamber of Commerce: Messers H. Nebe, F. Donnellan.

N.F.A. : Messers Sean Cunningham and Gus Egan.

Others: Messers J.B. Donohue, Press, Bernard Dervan, Traders, D. Fitzgerald Irish Ease Metals, H. Melvin, C.C. and A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

The Chairman in opening the meeting, stated that he had called this special meeting as a result of the McKinsey Report on the Loughrea/Attymon branch line. This report has proposed that the Loughrea branch line be closed. A general discussion took place on the proposal and it was the unanimous decision of all present, that under no circumstances is the Loughrea Branch Line to be closed. It was decided to write to the Minister of Transport & Power protesting in the strongest possible manner about the proposal to close the Loughrea/Attymon branch line. The following Committee was ~~xxx~~ appointed to draft the protest letter and it was decided to send a copy of the protest to public representatives in the area. Mr. H. Melvin C.C. promised to put down a N.O.M. to the next Co. Council meeting on the matter.

The following is a copy of a letter sent to the Minister of Transport & Power, Mr. M. Carty, T.D., Dr. W. Loughnane, T.D. Mrs. Hogan O'Higgins, T.D. Mr. H. Melvin, C.C. and the Co. Development Officer.

J. Devine 11/10/71

Comhairleoiri Baile Locha Riach

Loughrea Town Commissioners.

BAILE LOCHA RIACH
Loughrea

4th October, 1971.

Mr. B. Lenihan T.D.
Minister for Transport & Power,
Dail Eireann,
Dublin.

re: McKinsey Report on C.I.E. Loughrea/Attymon Branch Line

Dear Mr. Minister,

At a special meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners at which the Loughrea Chamber of Commerce, the Loughrea N.F.A. and other local interests were represented, it was unanimously decided to lodge a strong protest with you regarding the threatened close down of the Loughrea/Attymon branch rail line. The protest is based on the following points:

- (1) That the economic growth of the entire area of South-East Galway would be seriously damaged by any reduction in the service provided by this branch line.
- (2) That with the establishment of a co-operative livestock mart at a cost of £40,000, on a site adjoining C.I.E's. livestock loading banks, it is vitally important that the freight service be at least maintained.
- (3) That with the co-operation of the Co. Galway Development Team and the I.D.A. in conjunction with the Loughrea Chamber of Commerce, land is currently being acquired for industrial sites by Galway County Council adjacent to the Loughrea rail head. The termination of the rail service would be fatal to any future industrial development in the town, a town which has recently suffered a serious loss through the redundancy of 40% of the male labour force in its main industry, i.e. Loughrea Cottons.
- (4) That the existing passenger service is of the utmost importance to school attenders who use it daily to get to primary, secondary and vocational schools in the town.
- (5) That in view of the possible change from road to rail haulage of bulk ore from Tynagh Mine to the proposed smelter in Cork, it is of the utmost importance that the rail service be retained.
- (6) As Loughrea is the established distribution centre for an area of 10 miles radius, the loss of the freight service for goods would be serious in the extreme.
- (7) Contrary to the general trend, business on the Loughrea branch line has not diminished since the previous examination of C.I.E's. economic position.

In light of the above facts, Mr. Minister, I am to lodge with you a protest in the strongest terms, against the implications of the McKinsey report with specific reference to the Loughrea/Attymon branch line.

Yours faithfully,

A. Marmion
Town Clerk.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 11/10/71.

In the Chair: Mr. John Devine, Chairman.

Members present: Messers Joseph Greene, Norman Morgan, James Barrett and James McDonnell.

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 20/9/71 and the minutes of a special meeting held on the 4/10/71, 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 arising from the minutes was dealt with:

- (1) Letter from the Minister of Industry & Commerce dated 24/9/71 acknowledging receipt of request from Loughrea Town Commissioners for an alternative industry for Loughrea.
- (2) Letter from the Minister for Health dated the 4/10/71 re spillage of ores from Tynagh Lorries at Westbridge. This letter pointed out that this is a matter for the Dept. of Local Government and that the Loughrea Town Commissioners' letter of the 23/9/71 was transmitted to the Dept. of Local Government for attention.
- (3) Letter from Irish Base Metals dated the 8/10/71 re spillage of ores from Tynagh lorries. This letter pointed out that the haulage is undertaken by a private contractor and that Irish Base Metals cannot accept responsibility for any spillage. Irish Base Metals stated that as a matter of courtesy they had given the contractor a copy of Loughrea Town Commissioners letter of the 23/9/71. The Chairman stated that he could not accept this reply. On the proposition of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Barrett, it was decided to take no further action until such time as the Co. Medical Officer submitted a report on the matter.

N.O.M. The following N.O.M. from Macroom U.D.C. was unanimously adopted

"That we, Macroom U.D.C., protest in the strongest possible manner at the recent increases in transport costs with particular reference to small parcels which formerly cost 20p and are now 40p thereby representing a 100% transport cost increase."

Tidy Towns 1971: The Town Clerk read the Adjudicator's report on Loughrea's entry in the 1971 Tidy Towns Competition. Loughrea was placed 4th in its category. On the suggestion of Mr. Morgan, Mr. Howlett agreed to provide nine copies of the report for the members.

Tidy Streets Competition: Mr. Morgan distributed copies of the report on Loughrea Tidy Streets competition, 1971. Mr. Morgan congratulated the residents of the winning street, Athenry Road and passed a special vote of thanks to Miss Barry of Bord Failte, the local press representative and to everybody who had contributed to the competition. Mr. Greene took the opportunity to congratulate Mr. Mullen on winning a prize for Ballinasloe's railway station in the Tidy Towns competition this year. Mr. Mullen had also won this prize last year while stationed in Loughrea.

Copies of Minutes: On the proposition of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Greene it was agreed that the members should get copies of the minutes of every meeting.

Late Late Show: On the proposition of Mr. Devine seconded by Mr. Morgan, a vote of congratulations was passed to Mr. Vincent Manning on his new proposals for providing monies for state expenditure. Mr. Gay Byrne was also congratulated for presenting the Late Late programme of the 9/10/71 dealing with this matter. It was decided to request Mr. Byrne to have another programme on Mr. Mannings proposals.

Rate Collectors: It was proposed by Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Greene and resolved that Galway County Council be requested to abolish the position of rate collectors.

Transport of School Children: On the proposition of Mr. McDonnell, seconded by Mr. Morgan it was decided to request C.I.E. to have the children returning from school by bus collected at the car-park in Barrack St. It was also decided to request ~~XX~~ C.I.E. to erect a shelter for the children in this car-park.

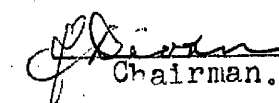
Housing: In reply to Mr. Barrett it was stated there are approximately 63 applicants for the 16 new houses in Loughrea as against 40 applicants before work commenced on the houses. Mr. Howlett stated that the 16 houses would probably be allotted together.

Votes of sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following on their recent bereavements:

- (1) The Dervan Family, Abbey St. on the death of Mrs. Dervan.
- (2) The Conlan Family Galway Road, on the death of Miss L. Greene.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 8th day of November, 1971.


Chairman.

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Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 8/II/71.

In the Chair: Mr. John Devine, Chairman.

Members Present: Messers Sean Kelly, Joseph Kilboy, James Barrett, Dermott Sweeney, Norman Morgan and Joseph Greene.

In Attendance: Messers P. Kearns, Asst. Co. Manager, H. Fannon, A.C.E. and A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last monthly meeting held on the II/IO/71, copies of which were circulated to each member, were taken as read. The minutes were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Mr. Devine seconded by Mr. Barrett.

Correspondance: The following correspondance was dealt with:

- (1) Letter from Mr. Howlett, former Acting Asst. Co. Manager, thanking the Chairman and members for their help and co-operation while he was acting as Asst. Manager. The Chairman and all present expressed their appreciation of Mr. Howlett's co-operation while acting as Asst. Manager and wished him every success for the future. The Chairman welcomed Mr. Kearns as Asst. Manager for Galway and assured him of every help and co-operation from the Board. All present associated themselves with the Chairman's remarks. Mr. Kearns replied in a suitable manner.
- (2) McKinsey Report on C.I.E. The Town Clerk read letters from Mrs. Hogan-O'Higgins, T.D. and Dr. W. Loughnane, T.D. assuring the Board that they would do all in their power to keep the Loughrea/Attymon Branch line open.
- (3) Tynagh Lorries: The Town Clerk read a letter from the Dept. of Local Government, dated 2/IO/71, stating that Article 96 of the Road Traffic (Construction, Equipment and Use of Vehicles) Regulations, 1963, contains provisions which prohibit the carriage of loads which are likely to cause damage or danger to any person, or to a road. The enforcement of the regulations is a matter for the Garda Siochana, the letter added. The Chairman stated that he was not prepared to accept this type of reply and he referred to the concession which the Government had made to foreign mining companies. Mr. Sweeney objected to the Chairman's remarks and left the meeting, after a heated exchange of words with the Chairman. On the proposition of Mr. Kilboy seconded by Mr. Kelly it was decided to request the mining authorities to have the empty lorries return to Tynagh via Barrack Street. It was also decided on Mr. Devine's proposition, seconded by Mr. Kelly, to send a copy of the letter from the Dept. of Local Government to the local Garda Siochana.
- (4) The following Resolution from the Planning and General Purpose Committee of Limerick Corporation was unanimously approved:
"That the Planning and General Purpose Committee of Limerick Corporation express abhorrence at the recent bloodshed in Northern Ireland and the apparent indiscriminate shooting of civilians by British Soldiers. That an expression of sympathy and condolence be conveyed to the relatives of the three men who were the victims of shooting recently in Newry."

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That the members of the Planning and General Purpose Committee also express support and thanks to Senator Edward Kennedy for the stand he has taken in relation to the situation in Northern Ireland.

That the Planning and General Purpose Committee further express the view that the present escalation of violence in Northern Ireland arises as a result of the policy of the British Government in trying to impose a military solution rather than seek a political solution."

(5) The following Resolution from Clare County Council was unanimously approved:

"That, in view of the established position of Shannon Airport and because of the vital importance of the Airport as an economic generator in the West of Ireland, Clare County Council fully support the Government's position regarding the status of the Airport. The Council calls on the Government to ensure that, in any negotiations, the special position of Shannon is regarded as fundamental and not open to compromise."

Sale of House: On the proposition of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Kelly, the sale of No.3 house, Lake View, Loughrea, to Mr. Patrick Lohan was unanimously approved. In reply to Mr. Barrett, Mr. Kearns stated that it is normal procedure to sell or lease a house for a period of ninety-nine years.

Mr. Morgan's N.O.M.: Mr. Morgan moved the following motion:

- "I will propose that a letter go to the Western Health Board and to the Minister for Health calling for an enquiry as to :
- (1) Why on Sunday, 29 August, 1971, Mr. John Keller, Galway Road, Loughrea, lay for over half an hour on the footpath at Main St. waiting for an ambulance which never came?
 - (2) Why Mr. William Connerney, Tooloobaun, having suffered a heart attack at Main St., Loughrea, could not be removed by ambulance on Saturday night, 30 October, 1971.

It was decided to leave the above over to enable Mr. Kearns to investigate the position regarding the availability of ambulances at week-ends, at St. Brendan's Home. Mr. Kearns promised to report back to the next meeting

Motion 2.: Mr. Morgan moved the following motion:

"I will propose that a letter go to the Minister for Health and to the Minister for Lands calling for an enquiry into the pollution of Loughrea river by insufficiently treated matter from Loughrea Town Sewerage."

Mr. Fannon B.E. Asst. Co. Engineer, assured the meeting that there is no immediate crisis at Loughrea Sewerage Works. Mr. Fannon also stated that the County Council is aware of the future requirements at Loughrea Sewerage Works.

Roadside fence at Childrens Playground: Mr. Morgan asked Mr. Fannon if it might be possible to have a fence erected at the Childrens Playground. Mr. Fannon promised to look into the matter and stated that if it is not possible to do the work this year he would submit an estimate for next year.

Gort Road: Mr. Devine asked if some widening could be done on the Gort road. Mr. Fannon stated that this work would depend on the availability of money in the coming year.

National Government: Mr. Barrett proposed that the Taoiseach, Mr. Lynch, Fine Gael leader Mr. Cosgrave and Labour leader Mr. Corrish, be called on to form a National Government. This was seconded by Mr. Greene. Mr. Kelly proposed a direct negative but got no seconder. Mr. Kilboy proposed that all the members of the Dail be requested to resign and was seconded by Mr. Devine. On a vote, Mr Barrett's proposition was carried by 3 votes to 2. Messers Barrett, Greene and Morgan voting for the proposition, Messers Kilboy and Devine voting against and Mr. Kelly abstaining.

Meeting re Redundancy at Local Factory: Mr. Kelly referred to a press report of a meeting held in the Temperance Hall in connection with the recent redundancy at Loughrea Cottons. Mr. Kelly stated that the report of this meeting had gave the impression that Mr. H. Melvin C.C. had attended the meeting without an invitation. Mr. Kelly stated that he had called this meeting and he had invited Mr. Melvin, C.C. to attend. Mr. Morgan stated that the meeting he was referring to when he asked if Mr. Melvin C.C. WAS INVITED to attend, was a special meeting, called by the Chairman, to discuss the McKinsey Report on C.I.E.

Weekly Pay for Roadworkers: Mr. Barrett stated that he would like to compliment Mr. Morgan for the efforts he had made with regard to obtaining weekly pay for Co. Council roadworkers.

Votes of Sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following on their recent bereavements:

- (1) The Barrett Family, Barrack St., on the death of Mrs.K. Barrett.
- (2) Mrs. M. Raftery, Masonbrook, on the death of her aunt.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 13th day of December, 1971

J. Devine
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 13/12/71.

In the Chair: Mr. John Devine, Chairman.

Members present: Messers Joseph Greene, Norman Morgan, James McDonnell and Sean Kelly.

In attendance: Messers P. Kearns, Asst. Co. Manager and A. Marmion, Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 8/11/71, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Kelly.

Arising from the minutes, Mr. Morgan asked what the position is with regard to the McKinsey Report on C.I.E. Mr. Kelly stated that the Government has not as yet adopted this report.

Ambulance Service: Mr. Kearns informed the meeting that the Western Health Board is examining the position and he hoped to have more information available for the next meeting.

Correspondance: The following correspondance was submitted to the meeting:

- (1) Spillage of Ore off Tynagh Lorries: The Gardai stated that the matter is receiving attention.
- (2) Re-routing of Tynagh Trucks: Irish Base Metals in their letter of the 11/11/71 stated that they had passed on to the haulage contractors, Loughrea Town Commissioners request to have the trucks returning to Tynagh, return via Barrack Street.
- (3) School Transport at Loughrea: Mr. L. Tierney, District Manager, C.I.E. in his letter of the 25/11/71 stated that the present collection point in Loughrea has proved satisfactory for four years and in his opinion is the most suitable point. The meeting was not satisfied with this reply and the Town Clerk was instructed to again request the provision of a shelter in the car park at Barrack St., Loughrea.

National Government: The following acknowledged receipt of Resolution calling for the formation of a National Government: An Taoiseach, Mr. B. Corish, T.D. and Mr. L. Cosgrave T.D.

Estimates Meeting: It was proposed by Mr. J. McDonnell, seconded by Mr. S. Kelly and resolved, that the Estimates Meeting be held on the 10/1/72 in conjunction with the monthly meeting of the Board.

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Sale of Houses: On the proposition of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was agreed to approve of the sale of the following houses:

- (1) Sale of No.13 house, Mount Carmel Crescent, Loughrea, to Mrs. Mary McLoughlin.
- (2) Sale of No.14 house, Mount Carmel Crescent, Loughrea, to Mr. Michael Tierney.

Amenity Grants Scheme: Circular letter P.D. 139/1 of the 16/11/71 from the Dept. of Local Government, setting out details of the revised amenity grants scheme, was marked read. A copy of the letter was sent to each member.

Notice of Motions: Mr. Morgan moved the following motions:

- (a) "That a recommendation be sent to Galway County Council, calling on them to acquire the presently unused portion of ground on the South side of the Old Boys' National School property, Pigotts Street, Loughrea. The aforesaid to be developed as a car park." This was seconded by Mr. Greene and resolved.
- (b) "That a recommendation be sent to the Western Health Board, suggesting that a canopy be erected at the Casualty and Admission Ambulance entrances, so as to avoid Patients, Nurses and Attendants having to get wet with rain while admitting patients to the Regional Hospital, Galway." This motion was seconded by Mr. McDonnell and resolved.
- (c) "That a recommendation be sent to the Minister for Social Welfare, calling on him to abolish the degrading, unjust Means Test for Old Age Pensioners." This motion was seconded by Mr. McDonnell and resolved.

Old Aged Pensions: On the proposition of Mr. Devine, seconded by Mr. Morgan, it was decided to call on the Minister for Social Welfare to grant Old Age Pensions to all people who attain the age of 65 years.

New Houses: Mr. Kearns informed the meeting that the applicants for the 16 new houses at Galway Road, Loughrea are under review and the houses will be allotted as soon as possible. On the proposition of Mr. Devine, seconded by Mr. Morgan, it was decided to request Galway County Council to provide approximately 6 smaller type houses for old people and newly weds.

Itinerants at Tullagh Upper: Mr. Greene stated that itinerants are camped at Tullagh Upper for a considerable time and he felt that some action should be taken on the matter. It was decided to write to Galway County Council re same.

Stove in meeting room: Mr. Devine asked the Asst. Co. Manager to investigate the possibility of having the stove in the meeting room repaired or replaced.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 10th day of January, 1972.

Chairman *John Devine*

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Minutes of proceedings at the Estimates Meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 10th January, 1972.

In the Chair: Mr. John Devine, Chairman.

Members Present: Messers Norman Morgan, Sean Kelly, James Barrett, Joseph Greene and James McDonnell.

In Attendance: Messers P. Kearns 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, copies of which were circulated to each member were taken as read. The minutes were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Sean Kelly, seconded by John Devine.

Correspondance: The following correspondance was submitted to the meeting:-

- (1) Old Age Pensions: The Minister for Social Welfare by his letter of the 30/12/71, acknowledged receipt of Resolutions passed at December meeting.
- (2) Spillage of Tynagh Ore: The Gardai in their letter of the 3/1/72, informed the meeting that the matter had been brought to the attention of The Mine Personnel at Tynagh, the Director of the Overland Transport Co., Mr. Joseph Nestor, Annagh, Tuam and the Sec. of the Company, Mr. Barra O'Flynn Solc. Athlone. The forementioned have undertaken that there will not be a repetition of this matter. The meeting accepted this letter.
- (3) Fatal Accident: A letter from Dr. O'Connor, Coroner for West Galway, was submitted to the meeting. This letter gave the facts concerning a fatal road-accident at Shantallow/Derrydonnell Beg, Oranmore on the night of December 8/9th, 1971. This letter also stated that ambulances are equipped and staffed to serve the living and therefore, it is not the practice to use ambulances to carry dead bodies.
- (4) Entrance to Regional Hospital, Galway: The meeting was informed by the Western Health Board that provision was made in the Estimates for the erection of a canopy as recommended by the Loughrea Town Commissioners and that it will be provided in the current financial year.

Estimates: In accordance with Sections 9 and 10 of the County and City Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Mr. Kearns submitted the estimate for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1973, copies of which were circulated to each member. It was proposed by Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Kelly and resolved; "That the Estimate of Expenses of the Loughrea Town Commissioners for the year ending 31st March, 1973, 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 Town Clerk.

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It was also proposed by Mr. Morgan, 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, 1973 and that the form of demand be signed by the Chairman and Town Clerk."

The form of Demand and the form of Estimates were signed by the Chairman and Town Clerk.

Sale of Houses: On the proposition of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. McDonnell it was decided to approve of the sale of the following houses:-

- (1) No. 1 Liam Mellows Tce., Loughrea. to Mr. John O'Dea, 1 Liam Mellows Tce.
- (2) 2 Mt. Carmel Crescent, Loughrea to Mr. Albert Daly, 2 Mt. Carmel Crescent.
- (3) 7 Mt. Carmel Crescent, Loughrea to Peter Finnerty, 7 Mt. Carmel Crescent.
- (4) 2 Galway Road, Loughrea, to Mr. Richard Reilly, 2 Galway Road, Loughrea.

Recommendations to County Council: It was decided to write to Galway County Council regarding the following:-

- (1) Paddle Pool: On the suggestion of Mr. Morgan it was decided to request Galway Co. Council to draw up plans and submit an estimate for the provision of a kiddies paddle pool in the lake opposite the Childrens' Playground, Loughrea.
- (2) Gort Road: It was decided to again request Galway Co. Council to have road widening work carried out on the Loughrea/Gort road in the coming financial year.
- (3) New Road: It was decided to enquire from Galway Co. Council as to the present position of the proposed new road and development of the fairgreen as proposed under the County Development Plan.
- (4) Toilets: It was decided to again request Galway Co. Council to provide additional ladies and gents toilet facilities at Loughrea. It was also decided to request that the promised improvements to the existing gents toilet be carried out.
- (5) Public Lighting: It was decided to request Galway Co. Council to have the requested additional public lighting for Loughrea provided in the coming financial year.
- (6) P. Robinson's Cottage: On the proposition of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Barrett, it was decided to request Galway County Council to provide a right-of-way on the eastern side of the County Council cottage occupied by Mr. Patrick Robinson, The Hill, Loughrea. This right-of-way to serve Mr. Robinson's cottage.

Lighting on Railway Road: It was proposed by Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. McDonnell and resolved that the Area Manager, C.I.E. be requested to have lighting provided on the private roadway leading to the local C.I.E. station.

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New Industries: On the proposition of Mr. Greene, seconded by Mr. Kelly it was decided to invite the County Development Officer to the next meeting of the Board to discuss the possibility of providing additional industries in Loughrea.

Bon Voyage: On the proposition of Mr. Barrett it was unanimously agreed to convey the good wishes of the Board to Cannon I. Kirkpatrick on his transfer to Ennis.

Congratulations: A vote of congratulations was passed to Mr. Tadh McLoughlin on the publishing of his book on Ballinasloe.

On the proposition of Mr. Greene

Votes of Sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following on their recent bereavements:

- (1) The Maher family, Kincullia, Loughrea on the death of Mr. John Maher.
- (2) The Murray family, Cross St., on the death of Mrs. Murray.
- (3) The Reilly family, Courthouse, Loughrea on the death Francis Reilly.
- (4) Mrs. Maher, Mt. Carmel Road, on the death of her brother.
- (5) Mr. J. Burke, Cross St., on the death of his mother.
- (6) Mrs. Spelman, Clostoken on the death of her brother, Mr. W. Power.

This concluded the meeting.

Dated this the 14th day of February, 1972.

John Devine
Chairman.

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Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 14/2/72.

Chairman: Mr. John Devine.

Members Present: Messers Joseph Kilboy, James McDonnell, James Barrett, Joseph Greene, Norman Morgan and Sean Kelly.

In Attendance: Messers P. Kearns, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last monthly meeting, copies of which were circulated to each member, were read. The minutes were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Mr. McDonnell, seconded by Mr. Barrett.

Correspondance: The following correspondance was submitted to the meeting:

- (1) Letter of thanks from Mr. Tadh MacLochlainn for resolution of Congratulation passed with him on his "Book on Ballinasloe". It was agreed that Mr. MacLochlainn's book be passed around among the members starting with Mr. Greene.
- (2) Public Toilets: The County Council in its letter of the 28/1/72, stated it had no plans at present to provide additional toilets in Loughrea and the question of improvements to the existing facilities are referred to the County Engineer for his attention. The meeting was not satisfied with this reply and it was decided to request the County Council to re-consider its decision not to provide additional toilets and to carry out the promised improvements to the existing toilets in the current year.

Recommendations to County Council: The following were recommended to the County Council:

- (1) That the road through Cuscarrick Crescent be taken over and maintained by Galway County Council.
- (2) That additional public lights be provided in "The Walks" Loughrea

It was also decided to write again to Galway Co. Council concerning the proposed new road through Loughrea.

Discussion with Co. Development Officer: The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the Co. Development Officer had informed him that he was unable to attend to-nights meeting. The Town Clerk was instructed to invite the Co. Development Officer to the next meeting.

Local Government Reorganisation: The following resolution from Youghal U.D.C. was unanimously approved by the meeting:

"That the Youghal Urban District Council reiterate their objection in principle to the White Paper on Local Government Re-Organisation and call on all local authorities in agreement to renew their objection at this stage. That copies of the resolution be forwarded to all local authorities and to the Minister for Local Government."

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Sale of House: On the proposition of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Greene, the sale of No. 9 house, Liam Mellows Tce., Loughrea, to Miss Kathleen Mulkerns, was unanimously approved.
The Town Clerk stated that there are 36 houses now sold.

New Houses: Mr. Kearns informed the meeting that it is hoped to allot the 16 new houses at Pollroebuck in approximately two weeks time and that he has requested that tenders be invited for the erection of 10 more houses. Mr. Kearns requested the members to suggest a name for this terrace of houses and it was agreed to have the suggestions for the next meeting. Mr. Kilboy requested the Asst. Co. Manager to give careful consideration to the application of Mr. H. Brady, Athenry, for the next vacant house. Mr. Morgan stated that an applicant, whose name is on the list for 6 years, was not interviewed when the present houses were allotted. Mr. Morgan stated that this applicant is Mr. D. Lusted. Mr. Kearns promised to investigate the matter.

Mr. Morgan moved the following motions:

- (1) "That a recommendation be sent to the Minister for Social Welfare calling on him to reorganise the Dole, so that those in receipt of same would be compelled to give two or three days per week in the service of the state, i.e. street sweeping, draining land, planting trees, widening roads or other productive work."
This motion had no seconder.
- (2) "That a letter be sent to the Minister for Education and to the Chief Inspector C.I.E. demanding that the post primary students availing of the free transport to and from Loughrea's three post primary schools would be given a genuine school bus service, instead of the present dumping of students, in bulk, long distances from their schools. Also that students would be collected at their respective schools and that they would not be expected to walk, often in the rain, to the present pick-up point at the Fire Station."
This motion had no seconder.
- (3) "That a recommendation be sent to Galway County Council, calling on them to acquire building land at Tullahill, Loughrea, for the purpose of providing a maximum of two houses for itinerants."
Mr. Barrett stated that Loughrea had done more for itinerants than many other towns and he felt that it was now up to these other towns to do their share, for this reason he proposed a direct negative to Mr. Morgan's Motion. Mr. Kelly seconded Mr. Barrett's amendment, &
There was no seconder for Mr. Morgan's Motion.

Employer-Labour Conference National Agreement: On the proposition of Mr. Kilboy, seconded by Mr. Kelly, the meeting unanimously ~~agreed~~ approved of the National Pay Agreement as sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government in circular letter E.L. 1/72 of the 13/1/72.

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Recommendations to C.I.E.: The following recommendations were made to C.I.E.

- (1) Bus Service: On the proposition of Mr. Kilboy seconded by Mr. Kelly it was unanimously decided to request C.I.E. to provide a bus service on Sundays to either Attymon or Ballinasloe, to enable people from Loughrea district to catch the Galway/Dublin train.
- (2) Special C.I.E Rate: It was proposed by Mr. Morgan and unanimously adopted that C.I.E. be requested to charge a special rate of £12. per waggon for stock leaving the Loughrea Mart.

Aer Lingus Rates: On the proposition of Mr. McDonnell seconded by Mr. Morgan it was decided to request the Minister for Transport & Power to have air fares between Ireland/England reduced.

Telephone Kiosk: On the suggestion of Mr. Devine it was decided to again request the Minister for Post & Telegraphs to provide a telephone kiosk at Cuscarrick.

Vote of Thanks: Mr. Morgan stated that he would like to thank the Town engineer, through the Town Clerk, for having the roadside fence erected at the childrens' playground.

Vote of Congratulations: Mr. Barrett proposed a vote of congratulation to the Irish rugby team on their great victory over England. Mr. Kelly stated that he could not associate himself with these sentiments in view of the recent happenings in Derry and he felt that people should not have attended this game.

Votes of Sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following on the recent bereavements:

- (1) The relatives of the Derry victims.
- (2) The Cunniffe family, Galway Road, on the death of Patrick Cunniffe.
- (3) Edward Kenny, Cross St., on the death of his mother.
- (4) The Grace family, Dunkellin St., on the death of Mrs. Grace.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 13th day of March, 1972.

John Devine
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 13/3/72.

Chairman: Mr. John Devine.

Members Present: Messers Sean Kelly, Norman Morgan, Joseph Kilboy, and James Barrett.

In Attendance: Messers P. Kearns, Asst. CO. Manager, A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last monthly meeting, 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 submitted to the meeting.

(1) Letter from County Development Officer dated 9/3/72, stating that he is not prepared to attend a meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners but that he is prepared to meet the Chairman and Town Clerk to discuss any items regarding the development of Loughrea.

(2) Resolution from Cobh Urban District Council:

"That, in view of the concern common to all denominations in this part of the country about the widening and increasingly bitter differences between the Protestant and Catholic Communities in the Northern part of our country, as a demonstration of the common Christianity and Irishness of all the people, an interdenominational religious ceremony be held in each town on St. Patrick's Day for the bringing of peace, with justice, to Northern Ireland."

The meeting unanimously agreed with the spirit of the resolution, but felt that in view of good relations which always existed between the different denominations in this area, it was not necessary to hold any special ceremony.

Motions: Mr Morgan moved the following motions:

(1) "That a recommendation be sent to Galway County Council requesting that the entrance gates to the County Buildings be widened so as to allow 'In' and 'Out' traffic at the same time and that a large sign be erected thereat with "County Buildings" and a list of Departments and Office Hours thereon."

This motion was seconded by Mr. Devine and carried.

(2) "That a recommendation be sent to the Minister for Local Government calling fir a Public Enquiry into the present "Scheme of Priorities To Be Accorded In The Letting Of Dwellings Provided By Galway County Council and Loughrea Town Commissioners."

This motion had no seconder.

(3) "That alterations be made in the "Scheme of Priorities to be Accorded in the Letting of Dwellings provided by the Loughrea Town Commissioners so as to give points for:
(a) Length of Time on Waiting List.
(b) Number of Children.
(c) Income.

This motion had no seconder.

Serviced Sites: Mr. Kearns informed the meeting that negotiations are taking place with a view to forming a co-operative housing group in Loughrea.

Houses for Old People: Mr. Barrett proposed that Loughrea Town Commissioners would build by direct labour, 3 or 4 houses suitable for housing old people and that the youth of the town be employed on the erection of these houses. This proposal was seconded by Mr. Morgan

New Houses: Mr. Devine referred to cracks which had appeared in the walls of the new houses at Galway Road. Mr. Kearns stated that he had brought this to the notice of the engineers in charge of these houses.

Closure of Schools: Mr. Barrett proposed that a protest be sent to the Minister for Education regarding the proposal to have some rural national schools closed. This was seconded by Mr. Morgan.

Name for New Houses: Mr Kearns asked if any of the members had suggested a name for the new terrace of houses at Galway Road. It was agreed that any suggestions would be submitted to the Town Clerk within the next few days.

The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following:

- (1) The Flynn family, Mt. Carmel on the death of their son.
(2) Thr Ryan family, Cuscarrick on the death of Dr. Ita Ryan and her sister.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 10th day of April, 1972.

J. Devine
Chairman.

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Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 10/4/72.

In the Chair: Mr. John Devine, Chairman.

Members Present: Messers Joseph Kilboy, James Barrett, Sean Kelly and Norman Morgan.

In Attendance: Messers Peter Kearns, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes; Copies of the minutes of the last meeting, held on the 13/3/72 were circulated to each member. The minutes were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Kelly.

Correspondance: The following correspondance was dealt with.

(1) Cuscarrick Road: The meeting was informed by Galway County Council that the roads and footpaths serving the N.B.A. houses at Cuscarrick are now up to a suitable standard for adoption. The County Council also stated that improvements to the Gort Road, the Proposed New Road and development of the Fair Green is an objective in the Loughrea Development Plan but no monies have been allocated for same to date. The Chairman stressed the importance of this road and requested the Assistant County Manager to try to have improvements carried out to this road as soon as possible.

(2) Telephone Kiosk at Cuscarrick: The meeting was again informed by the Dept. of Posts and Telegraphs, letter of the 5/4/72, that the Dept. could not accede to the request to have a telephone kiosk erected to serve the Cuscarrick area. It was the unanimous decision of the meeting that a kiosk should be erected in this area and the Town Clerk was instructed to request the Dept. to reconsider its decision.

(3) C.I.E. Service: The meeting was informed by Mr. L. Tierney, District Manager, C.I.E., letter of the 23/3/72, that C.I.E. have investigated the advantages of providing a bus service on Sunday evenings to cater for passengers from Loughrea who may wish to connect with the Galway/Dublin train at Attymon. The investigations have revealed that the revenue from this service would not offset the cost of providing the service. The meeting was not satisfied with this reply and it was decided to request C.I.E. to re-consider its decision. C.I.E. also stated that the rates for livestock traffic is being actively examined on a national basis and until this study is completed it is not feasible to make any special arrangements in particular cases.

Housing: Mr Kearns informed the meeting that the new houses at Pollroebeck will be allotted on the 11/4/72.

Tidy Towns Competition: On the proposition of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Devine, it was decided to again enter for the 1972 Tidy Towns Competition. It was also decided that the Commissioners would get out circulars giving details of the 1971 Competition and that these circulars be distributed through the Tidy Towns Committee.

Motions: Mr. Morgan moved the following motions:

(a) That the field on the east side of the Loughrea Town Dump, which is the property of Loughrea Town Commissioners, would be offered to Galway County Council for development as a serviced site, similar to the Donnellan Drive, Cosmona, developed site."
There was no seconder for this motion.

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(b) "That a recommendation be sent to Galway County Council to have some seats erected in Knockanima Public Wooded Park, situated on the lake shore opposite St. Brendan's Home."

This motion was seconded by Mr. Barrett and passed unanimously.

(c) "That the new County Council housing estate at Galway Road be named "Roebuck".

Mr. Kearns stated that he understood that a member of the Galway County Council will propose a name for this housing estate at the next County Council meeting. Mr. Kilboy stated that he was going to propose that this estate be named "Clonfert Estate" but in view of what Mr. Kearns had stated he was prepared to wait until after the Council meeting. Mr. Barrett stated that he supported Mr. Kilboy's proposal.

Vote of Thanks: Mr. Devine stated he would like to thank publicly, through the press, Mr. Hussey, T.D. for making representation on behalf of the ratepayers of Ireland, recently in the Dail. Mr. Barrett seconded Mr. Devine's proposal.

E.S.B. Strike; Mr. Kilboy proposed that a protest be sent to the Government and to the E.S.B. concerning the proposed unofficial strike by some E.S.B. workers. This was seconded by Mr. Devine.

Votes of Sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following on their recent bereavements:

- (1) The Flood Family, Cosmona, Loughrea.
- (1A) THE CONNAUGHTON FAMILY THE HILL, LOUGHREA
- (2) Mr. Michael Darcy, Bullaun, Loughrea.
- (3) The Keller Family, formerly of Barrack St., Loughrea.
- (4) The Willwood Family, Bride St., Loughrea.
- (5) Mr. L. Connaughton, Racecourse, Loughrea.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 8th day of May, 1972

J. Devine
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 8/5/72.

Chairman: Mr. John Devine.

Members Present: Messers James Barrett, Dermott Sweeney, Joseph Kilboy, Norman Morgan and Joseph Greene. *JAMES Mc DONNELL*

In Attendance: Messers P. Kearns, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 10/4/72, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct, on the proposition of Mr. McDonnell seconded by Mr. Kilboy.

E.S.B. Dispute: Acknowledgement of resolution passed concerning the recent unofficial strike by some E.S.B. workers, was received from the E.S.B. and the Dept. of Transport & Power. Mr. Barrett congratulated the E.S.B. on the manner in which it had provided Loughrea with current during the crisis.

Kiddies Paddle Pool: The County Council informed the meeting that this work could only be done under an Amenity Scheme Grant and as the expected allocation under this grant for the present year is fully committed, the matter must be deferred.

Public Lighting: The meeting was informed by the County Council that lights on the Gort Road are under consideration by the Council. All other areas must be left in abeyance until such time as the present list which is before the Council has been disposed of. The meeting decided to have the other areas considered next year.

Appointment of School Warden: The following letter from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Galway was read to the meeting:

"I wish to state that the Gardai have examined the position as regards the appointment of a School Warden at the Convent National School Cross, Loughrea and they consider that a school warden at this junction would serve a useful purpose in the safety of schoolchildren attending this School. Accordingly I recommend that a School Warden be appointed there. If your Council considers it necessary to have a School Warden appointed as recommended, it is assumed that the consent of the Commissioner of the Garda Siochana will be sought in course by you, in accordance with the provisions of Section 96 (1) of the Road Traffic Act, 1961."

Mr. Kearns informed the meeting that the cost of providing a School Warden would fall on the Town Rate. The cost would be in the region of £300 to £400 and this would mean 3p to 4p on the Rates.

Mr. Morgan proposed that the Warden be appointed and was seconded by Mr. Sweeney.
Mr. Devine proposed a direct negative and was seconded by Mr. Kilboy.

A vote was taken on the matter and resulted as follows:
For the Amendment: Messers Devine, Kilboy and Barrett.
For the Proposal: Messers Morgan, Sweeney and McDonnell.
On the casting vote of the Chairman the amendment was carried.

Mr. Devine proposed and Mr. Kilboy seconded that a request be made to have a "Zebra Crossing" provided as the Convent Cross.

Housing Estate at Pollroebeck: Mr. Kearns informed the meeting that the County Council had named the new housing estate at Pollroebeck "Fahy Gardens" in memory of the late Ceann Comhairle, Frank Fahy.

Mr. Greene now arrived to the meeting.

Town Dump: Mr. Kearns informed the meeting that he had no information regarding the proposed new dump. Mr. Devine suggested a site at the Yellow Bog and it was also stated that a Mr. Martin Monaghan might be prepared to provide a dumping site in the Carra area. Mr. Morgan proposed that the present dump be fenced with close mesh wire to prevent papers from blowing around. This proposition had no seconder.

New Houses: In reply to Mr. Barrett, Mr. Kearns informed the meeting that the lay out of the proposed 10 new houses at Pollroebeck was received by the County Council, ~~and that they are now awaiting tenders from contractors.~~

Houses for Old: Mr. Kearns informed the meeting that if it was established that there is a need for houses to accommodate old people he would investigate the possibility of erecting suitable houses. Mr. Barrett undertook to supply names of suitable applicants.

Accommodation at Gort Brighde: Mr. Kilboy proposed that a caravan be provided by Galway Co. Council for Mrs. Mary Ward, of Gort Brighde, Loughrea, as this woman is residing with a family of 10 in her two roomed house. It was the feeling of the meeting that several of the families residing at Gort Brighde are in need of additional accommodation and it was decided to defer a decision with regard to providing a caravan until such time as the possibility of adding another room to these houses is investigated by the Assistant County Manager.

Votes of Sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended to:
Miss E. Sweeney, Moore St., on the death of her brother, Patrick.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 12th day of June, 1972.

J. Devine
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 12/6/72.

Chairman: Mr. John Devine.

Members Present: Messers Dermott Sweeney, Norman Morgan and James McDonnell.

In Attendance: Messers P. Kearns, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last monthly meeting held on the 8/5/72, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. McDonnell.

Kiddies Paddle Pool: Mr. Morgan asked if it might be possible to get an assurance from the County Council that work on the Kiddies Paddle Pool would get underway in the 1973/74 year. Mr. Kearns stated that until such time as the Estimates are prepared no guarantee could be given but he would see what could be done.

Pier at Long Point: Mr. Kearns informed the meeting that money is available but the engineering staff are waiting for suitable weather.

Telephone Kiosk: The Dept. of Posts & Telegraphs by letter of the 26/5/72 stated that it is not feasible to erect a telephone kiosk at Coscorrigh. On the proposition of Mr. Sweeney seconded by Mr. Morgan it was decided to request the Dept. of Posts & Telegraphs to resite the existing kiosk in Dunkellin St. at a more central location on the Galway Road, between Dunkellin St. and Coscorrigh.

Playground: It was decided to request the Town Engineer to have the swings etc. at the playground repaired. A suggestion to write to the local schools re vandalism in the playground until September.

Annual Meeting: On the proposition of Mr. Morgan seconded by Mr. McDonnell it was decided to hold the Annual Meeting in conjunction with the next meeting of the Board on the 10/7/72.

School Warden: Mr. Kearns referred to the decision taken at the last meeting not to appoint a School Warden. Mr. Kearns pointed out that it is possible to finance this appointment out of the Board's credit bank balance and if this was done no increase would arise in the Town Rate in the present financial year. In view of this Mr. Kearns told the Board he intended to apply to the Garda Commissioner for the appointment of a School Warden. Mr. Morgan proposed and Mr. McDonnell seconded, that a School Warden be appointed. The Chairman refused to accept the proposal stating that in view of the small meeting, the members present were trying to take an advantage. After a heated exchange Mr. Morgan and Mr. McDonnell left the meeting. Due to the fact that there was not now a quorum present the meeting terminated.

Signed this the 10th July, 1972.

J. McDonnell
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the Annual Meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 10/7/72.

Present: Commissioners John Devine, Joseph Kilboy, Sean Kelly, James McDonnell, Dermot Sweeney, James Barrett, Joseph Greene and Norman Morgan.

In Attendance: Mr. P. Kearns, Asst. Co. Manager and A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Election of Chairman: There were two nominations for the position of Chairman:

- (a) Commissioner McDonnell, proposed by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Sweeney.
- (b) Commissioner Morgan, proposed by Commissioner Greene, seconded by Commissioner Morgan.

A vote was taken on the matter and the following voted in favour of Commissioner McDonnell:-

Commissioners Kelly, McDonnell and Sweeney (3)

Those voting in favour of Commissioner Morgan were:-

Commissioners Morgan and Greene. (2)

Commissioners Barrett, Devine and Kilboy abstained.

Commissioner McDonnell was declared elected.

(2) Election of Vice-Chairman: Two proposals were submitted for the position of Vice-Chairman.

Commissioner Greene was proposed by Commissioner Barrett and seconded by Commissioner Morgan. Commissioner Kelly was proposed by Commissioner McDonnell and seconded by Commissioner Sweeney. When a vote was taken on the matter, Commissioners Barrett, Morgan, Devine, Greene and Kilboy voted in favour of Commissioner Greene and Commissioners Kelly, McDonnell and Sweeney voted in favour of Commissioner Kelly. Commissioner Greene was declared elected.

(3) Election of delegates to the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland:

Commissioners Devine and Kelly were nominated as delegates to the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland. On the proposition of Commissioner Morgan, it was agreed that should either of the delegates be unable to attend that they would notify the Chairman, who should then try to find a substitute.

(4) Delegate to the Fire Brigades Advisory Committee: Commissioner Devine was nominated as a delegate to the Fire Brigades Advisory Committee.

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Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 12/6/72.

Chairman: Mr. John Devine.

Members Present: Messers Dermott Sweeney, Norman Morgan and James McDonnell.

In Attendance: Messers P. Kearns, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, Town Clerk

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last monthly meeting held on the 8/5/72, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. McDonnell.

Kiddies Paddle Pool: Mr. Morgan asked if it might be possible to get an assurance from the County Council that work on the Kiddies Paddle Pool would get underway in the 1973/74 year. Mr. Kearns stated that until such time as the Estimates are prepared no guarantee could be given but he would see what could be done.

Pier at Long Point: Mr. Kearns informed the meeting that money is available but the engineering staff are waiting for suitable weather.

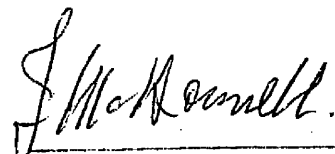
Telephone Kiosk: The Dept. of Posts & Telegraphs by letter of the 26/5/72 stated that it is not feasible to erect a telephone kiosk at Coscorrigh. On the proposition of Mr. Sweeney seconded by Mr. Morgan it was decided to request the Dept. of Posts & Telegraphs to resite the existing kiosk in Dunkellin St. at a more central location on the Galway Road, between Dunkellin St. and Coscorrigh.

Playground: It was decided to request the Town Engineer to have the swings etc. at the playground repaired. A suggestion to write to the local schools re vandalism in the playground until September.

Annual Meeting: On the proposition of Mr. Morgan seconded by Mr. McDonnell it was decided to hold the Annual Meeting in conjunction with the next meeting of the Board on the 10/7/72.

School Warden: Mr. Kearns referred to the decision taken at the last meeting not to appoint a School Warden. Mr. Kearns pointed out that it is possible to finance this appointment out of the Board's credit bank balance and if this was done no increase would arise in the Town Rate in the present financial year. In view of this Mr. Kearns told the Board he intended to apply to the Garda Commissioner for the appointment of a School Warden. Mr. Morgan proposed and Mr. McDonnell seconded, that a School Warden be appointed. The Chairman refused to accept the proposal stating that in view of the small meeting, the members present were trying to take an advantage. After a heated exchange Mr. Morgan and Mr. McDonnell left the meeting. Due to the fact that there was not now a quorum present the meeting terminated.

Signed this the 10th July, 1972.


Chairman.

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Minutes of proceedings at the Annual Meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 10/7/72.

Present: Commissioners John Devine, Joseph Kilboy, Sean Kelly, James McDonnell, Dermot Sweeney, James Barrett, Joseph Greene and Norman Morgan.

In Attendance: Mr. P. Kearns, Asst. Co. Manager and A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Election of Chairman: There were two nominations for the position of Chairman:

(a) Commissioner McDonnell, proposed by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Sweeney.

(b) Commissioner Morgan, proposed by Commissioner Greene, seconded by Commissioner Morgan.

A vote was taken on the matter and the following voted in favour of Commissioner McDonnell:-

Commissioners Kelly, McDonnell and Sweeney (3)

Those voting in favour of Commissioner Morgan were:-

Commissioners Morgan and Greene. (2)

Commissioners Barrett, Devine and Kilboy abstained.

Commissioner McDonnell was declared elected.

(2) Election of Vice-Chairman: Two proposals were submitted for the position of Vice-Chairman.

Commissioner Greene was proposed by Commissioner Barrett and seconded by Commissioner Morgan. Commissioner Kelly was proposed by Commissioner McDonnell and seconded by Commissioner Sweeney. When a vote was taken on the matter, Commissioners Barrett, Morgan, Devine, Greene and Kilboy voted in favour of Commissioner Greene and Commissioners Kelly, McDonnell and Sweeney voted in favour of Commissioner Kelly. Commissioner Greene was declared elected.

(3) Election of delegates to the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland:

Commissioners Devine and Kelly were nominated as delegates to the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland. On the proposition of Commissioner Morgan, it was agreed that should either of the delegates be unable to attend that they would notify the Chairman, who should then try to find a substitute.

(4) Delegate to the Fire Brigades Advisory Committee: Commissioner Devine was nominated as a delegate to the Fire Brigades Advisory Committee.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 12/6/72 were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Mr. Morgan seconded by Mr. Greene.

- (6) Abstract of Accounts 1971/72 Year: It was proposed by Commissioner Morgan, seconded by Commissioner Barrett and resolved, that the Abstract of Accounts 1971/72 year be noted.
- (7) Circular Letter E.L. 20/72 from the Minister for Local Government re: "Strengthening of Local Government Services."

This Circular Letter together with the report were handed to each member. It was agreed to defer discussion on this matter to the next meeting.

- (8) Investment in the Agricultural Credit Corporation: On the proposition of Commissioner Barrett seconded by Commissioner Kelly, it was agreed to invest a further £3000. with the Agricultural Credit Corporation.

- (9) Mr. Morgan's N.O.M.'s of the 4/7/72:

- (a) "That the Loughrea Town Commissioners appoint a School Warden to do duty at the Convent of Mercy Infants and National School; as per recommendation of the Garda Authority and the Asst. County Manager, Mr. Kearns."

This proposal was seconded by Commissioner Sweeney. A direct negative was proposed by Commissioner Devine and seconded by Commissioner Kilboy. A vote was taken on the matter and resulted as follows; For the amendment:- Commissioners Kilboy, Devine and Greene. For proposal:- Commissioners Morgan, Kelly, Sweeney, Barrett and McDonnell. The proposal was declared carried and the Asst. County Manager was given permission to meet the expenditure.

The Town Clerk was instructed to write to the Minister for Local Government requesting the Minister to make grant available to pay School Wardens.

- (b) "That a recommendation be sent to the Western Health Board and to the Minister for Health calling for the erection of a new institution on Merlin Park Hospital grounds, Galway, and to provide therein the necessary facilities required to satisfy the needs of County Galway's Mentally Handicapped Children."

This proposal was seconded by the Chairman and passed unanimously.

- (c) "That the present Scheme for the Allocation of Loughrea Town Commissioners Houses be abandoned and that the Scheme proposed by the undersigned Norman Morgan, T.C. be adopted, copy enclosed." This proposal was deferred to enable the Asst. County Manager to make observations on Commissioner Morgan's proposed scheme.

10) Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland: The meeting was informed that the Annual Conference of the Association will be held at onaghan on 19th, 20th and 21st September, 1972 and that all motions should be submitted not later than 19th August, 1972.

11) I.P.B. Mutual Insurances Ltd.: Notice of an extraordinary General Meeting to be held at Jury's Hotel Dublin, on 27/7/72 was read to the meeting.

12) Speeding Traffic: It was agreed to draw the attention of the Garda to the manner in which vehicles are driven at Church St., Loughrea.

13) Playground: Commissioner Devine requested that the weeds be cut and that the swings be repaired at the Childrens' Playground.

14) Unauthorized Caravan Parking on the Green: It was decided to request the County Council to erect a ~~small~~ low wall or bollards around the Green to prevent unauthorized parking there. - Prop by Mr. Greene, seconded by Mr. Mc'Donnell.

15) Public Toilets: It was decided to request the County Council to have the proposed improvements carried out to the public toilet immediately.

16) Dressing Shelters: The Town Clerk was instructed to write to Mrs. G. Ryan, to seek permission from her, to have dressing rooms erected on her land on the lakeside at Cuscarrick.

17) Votes of Sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following:

- a) The relatives of the late John Kerins, Athenny Road, Loughrea.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 14th day of August, 1972.

James Mc'Donnell
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 14/8/72.

Chairman: Mr. James McDonnell.

Members Present: Messrs Norman Morgan, Joseph Greene, Sean Kelly, James Barrett, Joseph Kilboy and John Devine.

In Attendance: A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Apology for non-attendance was submitted on behalf of Mr. P. Kearns, Asst. County Manager.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: On the proposition of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Kelly, the minutes of the last meeting held on the 10/7/72 were adopted and signed as correct.

2. Unauthorized Caravan Parking: It was decided to request the County Council to take immediate steps to have a fence erected around the Fair Green to prevent unauthorized caravan parking there.
3. Itinerants: On the proposition of Mr. Greene, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was decided to request the County Medical Officer to inspect the site where the itinerants are camped at Tullagh Upper, Loughrea.
4. Correspondance: The following correspondance was submitted:
 - (a) School Wardens: The Dept. of Local Government in its letter of the 21/7/72 stated that the matter of the warden scheme is at present under review but that ~~xxx~~ it is not yet possible to say whether this will affect the financing of the scheme.
 - (b) Robinson's Cottage: The County Council in its letter of the 26/7/72 stated that it is not possible to provide an alternative right-of-way to serve the cottage of Mr. Patrick Robinson, The Hill, Loughrea.
 - (5) Scheme of Letting Priorities: The Town Clerk distributed the Asst. Co. Manager's report on Mr. Morgan's proposed Scheme of Letting Priorities. On the proposition of Mr. Morgan it was agreed not to discuss this matter until the Asst. County Manager is present.
 - (6) Local Government Reorganisation: On the proposition of Mr. Greene seconded by Mr. Morgan, it was decided to enquire from the Minister for Local Government as to when he expects to make a decision on Local Government Reorganisation.
 - (7) Western Development Conference: Notice of intention to hold a Western Development Conference at the Great Southern Hotel Galway on October 5th, 6th and 7th next. It is hoped that the Loughrea Town Commissioners will be represented.

(8) Mr. Morgan's N.O.M. of the 8/8/72:

- a) "That a recommendation be sent to Galway County Council and Bord Failte to provide a Caravan Park at Loughrea or to offer encouragement and assistance to a private developer of such facilities."

This motion was seconded by Mr. Barrett and resolved. On the suggestion of the Chairman it was also decided to send a copy of the motion to the County Development Team.

- b) "That the Loughrea Town Commissioners provide a Kiddies Sand Pool and a concrete footpath along the wall on the lake side of Loughrea's Childrens Playground."

This motion was seconded by Mr. Barrett and resolved. It was decided to request the Town Engineer to submit an estimate of the cost of this work for the next meeting.

- c) "That a recommendation be sent to Galway County Council to carry out negotiations with Loughrea Co-op Mart Ltd. with a view to said Council taking over and maintaining as a Public Road, the new mart road which connects the Mount Carmel/Bullaun Road to the Railway Road, Bride Street, Loughrea."

The Chairman deferred this motion to the next meeting to enable Mr. Morgan to produce in writing, approval from Loughrea Co-op Mart Ltd. to have this road declared a public road.

- (9) Town Dump: Mr. Devine stated that Mr. Seamus Callinan, Knockauncoura, Loughrea, is prepared to provide a site for a new Town Dump at Knockauncoura, Loughrea. It was decided to forward this information to the County Council.

- (10) Public Toilets: On the proposition of Mr. Devine, seconded by Mr. Morgan it was decided to request the County Council to alter the public toilet at the Westbridge so that it could cater for both ladies and gents. It was also decided to request that the improvements and painting of the outside of the ~~xxx~~ toilets be carried out immediately. It was also proposed by Mr. Kilboy, seconded by Mr. Barrett and resolved that the County Council be requested to provide a ladies and a gents toilets over the river at Station Road, Loughrea.

- II) Development Plan - Loughrea Town: Mr. Barrett stated that there are a number of building sites in Loughrea which cannot be availed of due to the proposed Development Plan for Loughrea. It was decided to request the County Council to make a decision with regard to the implementation of this plan. It was also decided to invite the Chief Planning Officer to the next meeting of the Board.

(12) Footpath at Moore St; On the proposition of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. McDonnell it was decided to request the County Council to have the wall between Stauntons and McDonnells at Moore St., Loughrea moved in and to provide a footpath along this area.

Lights on Railway Road: On the suggestion of Mr. Morgan, it was decided to request C.I.E. to provide lights on the private road leading to the railway station.

Votes of Sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following on their recent bereavements.

- (1) Daly Family, Bookeen, Loughrea.
- (2) Murphy Family, 125 Mount Tallant Avenue, Dublin.
- (3) Miss A. McArdle, Athenry Road, Loughrea.
- (4) Wellwood Family, Bride St., Loughrea.
- (5) John Coughlan, Castle St., Loughrea.
- (6) Relatives of the late Ben Grady, Loughrea.
- (7) James Fitzpatrick, Barrack St., Loughrea.
- (8) Mrs. McInerney, Cosmona, Loughrea.
- (9) Mc Cormack Family, The Hill, Loughrea.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 18th day of September, 1972.

James Mc Donnell
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 18/9/72.

Chairman: Mr. James McDonnell.

Members Present: Messers Joseph Kilboy, Norman Morgan, James Barrett, Sean Kelly, Joseph Greene. Apology was made on behalf of Mr. Dermot Sweeney.

In Attendance: Mr. P. Kearns, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: Minutes of the last meeting held on the 14/8/72, 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 read:

- 1) Lighting on Station Road: C.I.E. in its letter of the 29/8/72 stated that the matter is under active consideration.
- 2) Local Government Reorganisation: The Minister for Local Government in his letter of the 18/8/72 stated that legislation on Local Government Reorganisation is being prepared but that it is not possible to say when final decisions in the matter will be taken.
- 3) Caravan Park: The County Council in its letter dated 22nd August, 1972, stated that there are no plans to provide a Caravan Park in Loughrea, The Co. Council pointed out that privately owned Caravan Parks are allowed. Mr. Morgan asked what grants are available and on the suggestion of Mr. Kearns it was agreed to discuss at the next meeting, Circular Letter P.D. 139/I on Amenity Grants Scheme.
- 4) Development Plan for Loughrea Town: The County Council by letter dated 4/9/72 stated that the County Development Plan is at present under review and any changes envisaged will be open to public inspection and comment before any changes are made.

Western Development Conference: Messers McDonnell and Green's names were drawn from a hat, to represent the Loughrea Town Commissioners at the Western Development Conference to be held at the Great Southern Hotel, Galway, on October 5,6,7th, 1972. Messers Carty and Morgan were selected as substitute delegates. It was agreed to send the delegates as non-residents.

Tidy Towns Competition: The Town Clerk read the Adjudicator's Report on the 1972 Tidy Towns Competition. Mr. Morgan received permission to have copies of the report made for the Tidy Towns Committee. The Town Clerk was instructed to request the Town Engineer to provide proper litter barrows.

Parking Regulations: Mr. Kilboy requested that the Gardai be asked to enforce the Parking Regulations at the Station Road, Loughrea.

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- (7) James Fitzpatrick, Barrack St., Loughrea.
- (8) Mrs. McInerney, Cosmona, Loughrea.
- (9) Mc Cormack Family, The Hill, Loughrea.

This concluded the meeting.

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Chairman.

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Chairman: Mr. James McDonnell.

Members Present: Messers Joseph Kilboy, Norman Morgan, James Barrett, Sean Kelly, Joseph Greene. Apology was made on behalf of Mr. Dermot Sweeney.

In Attendance: Mr. P. Kearns, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

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Parking Regulations: Mr. Kilboy requested that the Gardai be asked to enforce the Parking Regulations at the Station Road, Loughrea.

Loughrea Lake: On the proposition of Mr. Morgan Seconded by Mr. McDonnell it was decided to request Galway County Council to have signs erected at openings to the lake on the Gort Road and at Barrack Street, prohibiting the washing of cars, lorries etc. at these points.

Road Boundry Wall opposite Garrybreedia Wood: Mr. Morgan asked that the County Council be requested to declare the road boundry wall on the south side of the road opposite Garrybreedia Wood. derelict and that notice be served on the owner of the wall to have it repaired.

Mr. Morgan moved the following motions:

(a) "That a recommendation be sent to the Western Regional Health Board requesting that the Visiting Hours to the Childrens' Unit, Regional Hospital, Galway, which does not allow visitors after 7 p.m. be changed so as to allow parents or guardians to visit their children up to 8.30 p.m. But that the present Visiting Hours remain for other than parents or guardians."

This motion was seconded by Mr. Barrett and passed unanimously.

(b) "That Loughrea Town Commissioners provide three sets of double swings at Garrybreedia Public Park"

It was decided to request the Town Engineer to comment on the proposal and to submit an estimate for the work.

(c) "That a recommendation be sent to Galway County Council to have, without any further delay, Street Lighting erected along the Gort Road, from Loughrea Town to the end of the town boundry; that the Assistant County Manager, Mr. Peter Kearns, be asked to travel this road, after this meeting; and that a deputation of Town Commissioners meet the Co. Manager, Mr. A. Sharkey in connection with this matter."

This motion was seconded by Mr. McDonnell. Mr. Kearns stated that he was not in a position to travel this road to-night but that he would do so someother time. Mr. Kearns stated that he would enquire as to the Co. Council Public Lighting programe and if necessary, try to arrange for a meeting with the County Manager.

Changes in Constitution: Mr. Barrett referred to pressure at present being used to have Article 37 of our Constitution deleted, thereby allowing divorce in this State. Mr. Barrett proposed that the Government be requested to do all in its power to have Article 37 of the Constitution retained and was seconded by Mr. Kilboy. A direct negative was proposed by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Greene. On a show of hands the proposal was carried on the casting vote of the Chairman. Messers Barrett, Kilboy and McDonnell voting for the proposal and Messers Morgan, Greene and Kelly voting for the amendment.

Public Toilets: Mr. McDonnell appealed to Mr. Kearns to have the provision of a ladies toilet in Loughrea, provided as soon as possible.

Housing: Mr. Kearns informed the meeting that it is expected to have tenders from the contractors for the provision of the proposed new houses at Pollroebuck in the near future.

Votes of Congratulation: Votes of congratulation were passed to:-

(a) The Show Society on its very successful two day show.

(b) The Juvenile Hurling team on its recent victory.

Next Meeting: It was agreed to have the following included on the Agenda for the next meeting:

(1) Scheme of Letting Priorities.

(2) Circular on Amenity Grant Scheme.

Votes of Sympathy: A vote of sympathy was passed with the family of the late Thomas Duggan, Rathruddy, Loughrea.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 9th day of October, 1972.

James McDonnell
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 9/10/72.

Chairman: Mr. James McDonnell.

Members Present: Messers Joseph Kilboy, Sean Kelly, James Barrett, Norman Morgan and John Devine.

In Attendance: Messers P. Kearns, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes; The minutes of the last meeting held on the 18/9/72, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Mr. Morgan seconded by Mr. Kilboy.

Arising from the minutes, Mr. Kelly stated that Article 37 of our Constitution does not refer to divorce but Article 41 does.

Correspondance: The following correspondance was read:-

- (a) Parking Regulations: The meeting was informed by the Garda Síochána, Loughrea that the matter of cars parked at Station Road, Loughrea is receiving attention and that the Board will be informed in due course on the up to date position in this regard.
- (b) Tidy Towns Committee: A letter from the Loughrea Tidy Town Committee making application for the Childrens Playground Field for the purpose of providing a putting green, a childrens' paddle pool and a shelter with ladies' and Gents' toilets close by, was read to the meeting. It was decided to defer discussion on this letter until such time as more information is obtained from the Tidy Town Committee.

U.D.T. Endeavour Awards for Tourism 1972: On the proposition of Mr. Morgan seconded by Mr. McDonnell it was decided to nominate Loughrea Anglers Association for one of the U.D.T. Endeavour Awards For Tourism.

Amenity Grants Scheme: Mr. Kearns explained that under the Amenity Grants Scheme £12,000 was available to County Galway in 1972/73 of which £2,000 was allocated to the Loughrea Electoral area. It was agreed to defer this matter as it was the feeling of the meeting that the amounts available to the Loughrea area is of no great assistance towards the provision of a caravan park.

Letting Priorities: A general discussion took place on the scheme of Letting Priorities governing the allocation of Loughrea Town Commissioners' houses. On the suggestion of Mr. Morgan it was decided to request the Minister for Local Government to change Section 63 (a) of the Housing Act, 1966, relating to Overcrowded and Unfit Houses to read:
"are such that any two persons, one of whom is ten years or over, of opposite sex and not being persons living together as husband and wife, must sleep in the same room."

Mr. Morgan moved the following motions:

- (a) "That the letting, for grazing purposes, of the Loughrea Town Commissioners field west of Loughrea Tennis Club cease, and that the said field be made available to Loughrea Tidy Town Committee for development as a putting green."
This motion was deferred pending a reply from Loughrea Tidy Town Committee.
- (b) "That a recommendation be sent to Galway County Council to purchase part of the field next to the Water Works Pump House, on the west side of the Woodford Road, for the purpose of providing a car park for St. Brendan's Cathedral, Loughrea and that a pedestrian bridge be built over the river thereat to provide direct access to said Cathedral."
This motion was seconded by Mr. McDonnell.
- (c) "That a recommendation be sent to Galway County Council to have Loughrea Town Dump open at all times to the public so as to minimise the indiscriminate dumping of all types of matter onto our road sides, into private property and outside the dump itself. That no further burning be allowed in said town dump."

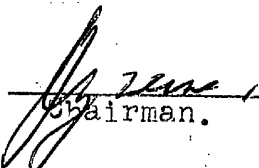
There was no seconder for this motion but it was decided to request through the Town Engineer, to have the dump open during certain hours. It was also decided to write to Galway Co. Council regarding the proposal to have a new dump provided for Loughrea.

Payment of Rates: Mr. Devine proposed that the County Manager be requested to instruct Rate Collectors to accept the 1st moiety of rates due whenever people are in a position to pay them, even after the 1st day of October. This was seconded by Mr. McDonnell.

Vote of Sympathy: A vote of sympathy was passed with the Carty Family, The Hill, Loughrea on the death of Albert Carty.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 13th day of November, 1972.


Chairman.

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Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 13th November, 1972.

In the Chair: Mr. Joseph Greene, Vice-Chairman.

Members Present: Messers James Barrett, Dermot Sweeney, Joseph Kilboy, Norman Morgan, John Devine.

In Attendance: A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Town Clerk stated that he was requested by Mr. Kearns, Asst. Co. Manager and by Mr. McDonnell to apologise for their absence. Mr. Morgan stated that the Asst. Co. Manager should be represented at the meeting.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 9/10/72, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Mr Morgan Seconded by Mr. Kilboy.

Correspondance: The following correspondance was read to the meeting:

Overcrowded Houses: The Minister for Local Government in his letter of the 20/10/72 stated that the suggested amendment of section 63 of the Housing Act, 1966, will be taken into consideration in connection with the drafting of any future housing legislation.

Visiting Hours at Galway Regional Hospital: Mr. T. Keyes, Programme Manager, Western Health Board, in his letter of the 20/10/72 explained in detail, how the present arrangements for visiting of children in the Paediatric Department at Galway Regional Hospital are quite flexible. Mr. Keyes stated that any change in the existing arrangements would not be in the general interest of the patients. The meeting considered the reply satisfactory.

County Development Plan: Mr. Barrett asked if there was any further information regarding the County Development Plan in relation to the proposed new road through Loughrea and the holding up of certain housing site development resulting from same. As there was no information available, the Town Clerk was instructed to write again to Galway Co. Council in connection with the matter.

Development of Loughrea Childrens' Playground Field: Mr. Morgan submitted to the meeting, Loughrea Tidy Town Committee's overall plan for the proposed development of the Childrens' Playground and estimate of cost. While Mr. Morgan was assured that the Board approved in principle of the proposed development, the meeting decided to defer a decision on the matter until such time as the Asst. County Manager had an opportunity to submit a report to the Board.

Mr. Morgan's Motions; Mr. Morgan moved the following motions:

(a) "That a recommendation be sent to the Western Regional Health Board, calling on same to extend, immediately, to double its present size, the Maternity Department of the Regional Hospital, Galway, with medical and nursing staff and mother and child facilities increased accordingly." Mr. Morgan agreed to omit the words "to double its present size". The motion was then seconded by Mr. Barrett and carried unanimously.

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Motion (b):

"That a recommendation be sent to Galway County Council to have the remainder of the New Council Estate at Pollroebeck, Loughrea, developed immediately and that sites other than those to be allocated for the proposed additional IO Council Houses and I2 Co-operative Houses, be made available, for purchase, to persons within the appropriate income group."

This motion was seconded by Mr. Barrett and carried.

Motion (c):

"That a recommendation be sent to Galway County Council calling for an end to the appalling neglect of County Council, Urban Council, and Town Commissioners Housing Estates."

This motion was withdrawn and on the proposition of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Barrett it was decided that a recommendation be sent to Galway County Council calling for an end to the neglect of County Council housing estates in Loughrea and that an emergency crash programme be instituted to carry out housing repairs, provide water and sewerage facilities where none exists, provide adequate street lighting, to provide concrete footpaths where none exists and to repair paths that are in need of repair, and to have the roads in all such estates swept at least once per week and more often if necessary.

Footpaths: Mr. Devine proposed that no further improvement be carried out to the footpaths on Main Street until such time as a footpath is provided on the Gort Road. This was seconded by Mr. Barrett. The Town Clerk was instructed to forward the recommendation to Galway County Council.

Fire Service: Mr. Kilboy proposed and Mr. Barrett seconded that the 6 members of Loughrea Fire Brigade who have not at present got a night bell in their house be provided with a night bell.

Mr. Devine proposed and Mr. Greene seconded that all fire services be provided with complete and efficient equipment. It was decided to forward both of the above recommendations to Galway Co. Council. On the proposition of Mr. Morgan seconded by Mr. Sweeney it was also decided to ask the County Council where the responsibility lies with regard to releasing a person trapped in a vehicle as a result of a road accident.

Loughrea Choral Society: Mr. Greene proposed a vote of congratulations to the Loughrea Choral Society on its wonderful production of "My Fair Lady."

A vote of sympathy was passed to the Leonard family, Ballymana, on their recent sad bereavement.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 11th day of December, 1972,

James Barrett
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 11/12/72.

Members Present: Messers James Barrett, Norman Morgan and John Devine.

In Attendance: Messers J. Howlett, Deputy Asst. County Manager and A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Chairman: In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Mr. James Barrett was moved to the Chair on the proposition of Mr. Morgan seconded by Mr. Devine.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 13/11/72, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Mr. Morgan seconded by Mr. Devine.

Correspondance: The following correspondance was submitted to the meeting:

- (a) Galway Regional Hospital: The Western Health Board in its letter of the 23/11/72 acknowledged receipt of resolution in connection with the Maternity Department, Galway Regional Hospital and stated that the matter is receiving attention.
- (b) Public Convenience: The County Council by letter of the 27/11/72 stated that it had approved the carrying out of improvements to the public convenience at the Westbridge and that facilities will be provided therein for ladies.
- (c) Telephone Kiosk: The Dept. of Posts & Telegraphs in its letter of the 27/11/72 stated that it is not prepared to accede to Loughrea Town Commissioners request to have the telephone kiosk at Dunkellin St. resited along Old Galway Road, Loughrea. On Mr. Morgan's suggestion, the Town Clerk was instructed to enquire from the Dept. of Posts & Telegraphs, how many houses is required for an area to qualify for a telephone kiosk.

Estimates Meeting: It was proposed by Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Devine and resolved, that the Estimate Meeting be held in conjunction with the next meeting of the Board, i.e. 8/1/73.

Mr. Morgan moved the following motions:

- (1) "That a recommendation be sent to Galway County Council to replace the tarmac footpath with a concrete one from the junction of Cross Street & Lake Road to St. Brendan's Hospital."
There was no seconder for this proposition. On the proposition of Mr. Barrett seconded by Mr. Devine it was decided to request the Town Engineer to report on the condition of this footpath.
- (2) "That Loughrea Town Commissioners add three sets of overhead exercise bars to the present facilities at the Childrens' Playground."
This motion was seconded by Mr. Barrett and resolved.

(3) "That Loughrea Town Commissioners or Galway County Council pass a bye-law prohibiting caravans, tents and all vehicles from parking on the Fair Green and Childrens' Playground."

The Asst. County Manager stated that people ~~expressing~~ trespassing can be prosecuted. Mr. Morgan stated that this process is too slow. The Asst. County Manager stated that he would investigate the matter and report back to the next meeting.

Childrens' Playground: On the suggestion of Mr. Morgan it was decided to request the Town Engineer to submit an estimate for fencing the east side of the Childrens' Playground.

Housing: In reply to Mr. Morgan, the Asst. County Manager stated that negotiations are in progress with the contractor for the erection of the proposed new houses at Pollroebuck and that everything is being done to expedite proposed work.

Industry: On the proposition of Mr. Devine seconded by Mr. Barrett it was decided to write to the County Development Authority enquiring as to why Loughrea is not receiving an industry.

Paddle Pool: Mr. Morgan asked if a decision could be taken with regard to Loughrea Town Commissioners providing a site for Loughrea Tidy Town Committee's proposed amenities at the Childrens' Playground. The matter was deferred pending a report from the Town Engineer on the proposals.

Ownership of House: Mr. Devine produces to the meeting proof that he had purchased No.2 house, Galway Road, Loughrea from Mr. Patrick Burke.

Town Park: It was proposed by Mr. Devine, seconded by Mr. Barrett and resolved that a letter of protest be sent to Loughrea G.A.A. Club and Loughrea Show Society, protesting against the fact that people from the town are now prevented from playing the game of their choice in the field known as Loughrea Sportsfield.

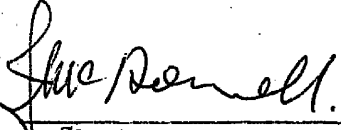
Chairman's Indisposition: It was proposed by Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Barrett that a letter be sent to our Chairman, Mr. James McDonnell, wishing him a speedy recovery to health. All present associated themselves with this motion.

Votes of Sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following on their recent bereavments:

- (1) Mr. & Mrs James McDonnell, Barrack Street.
- (2) Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Kilboy, Bride Street.
- (3) The Corcoran family, Kelly's Street.
- (4) The Fallon family, Bride Street.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 8th day of January, 1973.


Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the Estimates Meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 8th January, 1973.

In the Chair: Mr. James McDonnell, Chairman.

Members Present: Messrs Joseph Greene, Norman Morgan, Sean Kelly, James Barrett, Joseph Kilboy, John Devine.

In Attendance: Messrs J. Howlett, Acting Asst. Co. Manager, H.F. Fannon, Town Engineer 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. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Barrett.

Correspondence: The following correspondence was read:

(a) Fire Service: The Chief Fire Officer in his letter of the 12/12/72, stated that fire stations throughout the county are provided with up-to-date equipment. An Foras Forbartha has formulated a report with regard to persons involved in road accidents and it is hoped to implement the recommendations of this report as far as possible.

(b) Development Plan: The County Council in its letter of the 1/1/73 stated that no decision has yet been made on the route reserved for examination and study as set out in the development plan for Loughrea Town.

Estimates: In accordance with Sections 9 and 10 of the County and City Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Mr. Howlett submitted the Estimate for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1974, copies of which were circulated to each member. The Estimates were discussed at length and it was agreed that expenditure on the General Account relating to Garrybreedia Park be increased by £345. This increased expenditure to be provided out of credit balance and to be spent on the provision of a path and fencing at the Childrens' Playground and seating at the Long Point. It was proposed by Mr. Morgan seconded by Mr. Barrett and resolved: "That the Amended Estimate of Expenses of the Loughrea Town Commissioners for the year ending 31st March, 1974, 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 Town Clerk.

It was also proposed by Mr. Morgan seconded by Mr. Barrett and resolved: "That the demand be made on the Galway County Council by the Loughrea Town Commissioners for the sum of £431 for the year ending 31st March, 1974 and that the form of demand be signed by the Chairman and Town Clerk."

Thanks: Mr. Morgan proposed a vote of thanks to the Town Engineer for the interest he has taken in the various parks of the town.

Mr. Morgan moved the following motions:

(a) "That a recommendation be sent to Galway County Council requesting that Loughrea Town Dump be closed immediately, and that Loughrea town refuse be deposited in the new Council Dump off the Craughwell-Athenry Road forthwith and until such time as a new dump is provided for Loughrea town."

This motion was seconded by Mr. McDonnell and resolved.

Mr. Devine asked if there was any development with regard to the site offered by Mr. Callanan at Cahernagormuck. The Town Clerk was instructed to write again to the County Council with regard to this site.

(b) "That Galway County Council be requested to provide a concrete footpath on the Old Galway Road, Loughrea; from John Coen's on the North Side and Miss Molly Fitzpatrick's on the South Side, westwards to and including Tullahill."

This was seconded by Mr. McDonnell and resolved.

Mr. Fannon, Town Engineer, stated that there are a number of areas in the town which require concrete footpaths and he proposes to draw up a list of priorities. The work will be done as money becomes available.

(c) "That the strongest possible recommendation be sent to Galway County Council, or the Main Roads Section of the Department of Local Government calling for the removal of the three-storey house occupied by Mrs. Ellen Treacy and family, Main St., Loughrea, and also the derelict house next door, the property of Brittain Motors (Loughrea) Ltd., so as to facilitate the widening of the main Dublin-Galway road thereat. Present width of road is 18½ feet."

This motion was seconded by Mr. ~~Barrett~~ McDonnell.

A direct negative was proposed by Mr. Kilboy and seconded by Mr. Devine. A vote was taken and the amendment was carried by 5 votes to 2. Messrs Kilboy, Devine, Greene, Kelly and Barrett voting for the amendment.

Mr. Devine proposed that any further road widening done to suit foreign magnates should be financed by these people, this was seconded by Mr. Barrett.

Housing: Mr Howlett informed the meeting that tenders for site development and erection of houses at Pollroebeck is still under consideration. A proposal from Mr. Morgan to look for 25 houses was deferred pending an examination of the Housing List for Loughrea. Mr. Howlett stated that he would try to have the list for the next meeting.

Purchase Scheme: Mr Morgan proposed that a purchase scheme be drawn up for the remaining houses owned by Loughrea Town Commissioners. Mr. Howlett stated that a purchase scheme is under review.

Public Toilets: On the suggestion of Mr. Morgan it was decided to enquire as to when the County Council intend to carry out the proposed improvements to the public toilet at the Westbridge.

Industrial Sites: On the proposition of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Devine it was decided to request Galway County Council to provide an industrial site in Loughrea.

Welcome: Mr. Greene complimented and welcomed Rev. Dean Champ to Loughrea.

Former County Manager: Mr. Devine referred to the enormous amount of work which the former County Manager, Mr. Sharkey had done for the county and he wished him well on his new appointment.

Votes of Sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following on their recent breavements:

- Skelly family, Barrack Street, Loughrea.
- Lynskey family, Cosmona, Loughrea
- Clarke family, Moyleen, Loughrea.
- Flynn family, Racecourse, Loughrea.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 12th day of February, 1973.

James McDonnell

Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 12/2/73.

Chairman: Mr. James McDonnell.

Members Present: Messers James Barrett, Joseph Greene, Joseph Kilboy, Norman Morgan, and John Devine.

Apology made on behalf of Mr. D. Sweeney.

In Attendance: Messers J. Howlett, Acting Asst. Co. Manager and A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 8/1/73, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Devine.

Correspondance: The following correspondance was read:

Telephone Kiosk at Cuscarrick: The Dept. of Posts & Telegraphs in its letter of the 17/1/73, stated that it would be misleading to state that a specific number of houses in an area would justify the provision of a telephone kiosk as other factors would be taken into account.

Rail Service: The meeting decided to support the action of the Mullingar and District Chamber of Commerce & Industry in sending a deputation to meet the Minister for Transport & Power concerning the re-routing of rail traffic away from Mullingar.

Local Government Re-organisation: The meeting approved of the following resolution submitted by Tipperary U.D.C.

"That the Minister for Local Government be earnestly requested to retain the existing Urban Councils and Town Commissioners in the interest of local administration, and that each Local Authority ask local T.D.'s and Senators to support this resolution in Dail Eireann."

L.A. Engineers' Salary Claim: The meeting decided to support the following resolution adopted by the Finance & General Purpose Committee of Dublin County Council:

"That this Council strongly condemns the decision of the Minister for Local Government to employ a further delaying tactic in the Local Authority engineers salary claim, by asking the Labour Court to re-investigate the Arbitrators award so as to 'establish' whether or not ~~xxx~~ it is in accord with the National Pay Agreement, and urges that this overdue award, back ~~and~~ dated to 18 months and longer, ago be now immediately granted, so as to bring local authority engineers salary scales into line with others in the public service, and also to prevent crippling possible withdrawal of service on their part."

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Motions: Mr. Greene moved the following motion:

"That as soon as the new plans for Loughrea are completed that they be made known to the towns people at a public meeting."

This motion was seconded by Mr. Morgan and passed unanimously.

Mr. Greene withdrew the following motion when it was agreed that the Childrens' Playground field would not be let in the coming year.

The motion read:

"That a fence be erected at the back of the seats in the Childrens' Playground and a second gate be placed opposite the watering place."

Mr. Morgan moved the following motions:

(a) "That a recommendation be sent to Galway County Councillors and Management; that persons applying for Planning Permission to carry out any work which requires the sanction of the Planning Authority should be compelled to give notice in the newspaper as per regulations, and at the site, and that the newspaper notice be in the language most commonly spoken in the area of the site."
It was agreed to send this motion to the Minister for Local Government.

(b) "That a recommendation be sent to C.I.E. Galway to provide even on a three months trial period a Bus Service to take students and workers from Loughrea to Galway and back. To leave Loughrea 8 a.m. each week day; to leave Galway 6.30 p.m. on the return journey to Loughrea."

This motion was seconded by Mr. Barrett and passed unanimously.

(c) "That a recommendation be sent to Galway County Council to acquire half of the property of each of the thirty three council cottages at Cosmona, Loughrea; and that sites be developed thereat and offered at a reasonable price to persons under the appropriate income group."

Mr. Howlett pointed out that this would involve negotiations with the occupants of each cottage and that tenants who have not vested their cottages could receive no compensation. Mr. Morgan deferred the motion to the next meeting to enable him to carry out a survey among the tenants."

Amenities at Childrens' Playground: The Town Clerk informed the meeting that Bord Failte require written consent from the Loughrea Town Commissioners, for the amenities proposed by the Tidy Towns Committee at the Childrens' Playground field. The meeting approved of the request. Mr. Howlett informed the meeting that the Planning Authority is not keen to approved of works for the Childrens Playground area as the grounds at the back of the Temperance Hall are ear-marked for such amenities. The meeting unanimously decided to request the County Council to approve of the plan proposes by the Tidy Towns Committee for the Fair Green and Childrens' Playground area.

Itinerant Settlement: Mr. Howlett was requested to use his influence to have an additional room and seperate toilet facilities provided at the itinerant houses at Cosmona. Mr. Howlett was also asked to have the itinerant encampment at Tullagh Upper inspected.

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Housing List: Mr. Howlett informed the meeting that the existing housing list is not up to date but that when the proposed 10 new houses are near completion a notice inviting applicants for houses will be put on the paper.

Votes at 18: Mr. Morgan stated that he wished to protest strongly at the action of the Taoiseach in depriving the 18 year olds the opportunity to vote at the forthcoming General Election.

Mr. Devine referred to the fact that people who have not reached the age of 21 years do not qualify for a loan and grant for house building purposes and he considered this a great injustice.

Roadboundary Wall opposite Garrybreedia Wood: Mr. Devine stated that the coping of the wall on the southside of the Road opposite Garrybreedia Park was destroyed by vandals. It was decided to request the County Council to have the coping repaired.

Litter Bins: Mr. Morgan produced a leaflet from Irish Aluminium Co. Ltd., giving details of Pavement Type and Pole Type litter bins. It was decided to sent the leaflet to Galway County Council with a request that some of these bins be provided in Loughrea.

Vote of sympathy: A vote of sympathy was passed with the relatives of the late Bridget Halloran.

This concluded the meeting

Signed this the 12th day of March, 1973.

James McKeown
Chairman.

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Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 12/3/73.

In the Chair: Mr. James McDonnell, Chairman.

Members Present: Messers Joseph Kilboy, James Barrett, Norman Morgan, Sean Kelly and John Devine.

In Attendance: Messers J. Howlett, Acting 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. Morgan seconded by Mr. Kilboy.

Before the business of the meeting was discussed, a two minutes silence was observed as a mark of respect to the late Sean Mannion and the late Paddy Fahey.

Correspondance: The following correspondance was dealt with:

- (1) Loughrea/Galway Bus Service: C.I.E. in its letter of the 19/2/73 stated that the request for an early morning bus service from Loughrea to Galway is receiving attention.
- (2) Planning Notices: The Dept. of Local Government in its letter of the 22/2/73 stated that the recommendation to have planning notices published in the language most commonly used in the area of the application, has been noted.
- (3) Boundary Wall: Galway County Council in its letter of the 7/3/73 stated that the land owner is responsible for the maintenance of the road boundary wall opposite Garrybreedia Wood, Loughrea. Mr. Morgan proposed that the County Council repair the wall and bill the land owner with the cost. This was seconded by Mr. McDonnell. On the suggestion of Mr. McDonnell it was also agreed to sent a copy of the County Council's letter to the land owner Mr. W.J. Kelly.

Tidy Towns Competition 1973: On the proposition of Mr. Morgan seconded by Mr. Barrett it was decided to enter for the 1973 Tidy Towns Competition. Mr. Devine appealed to all political parties to remove all posters ect. erected for the recent General Election.

National Wage Agreement: In accordance with the National Wage Agreement, it was unanimously agreed to approve of the 4% increase for the Board's employees, i.e. Rent Collector, School Warden and Town Clerk from the 1/1/73.

Motions: Mr. Morgan moved the following motions:

- (a) "That Galway County Council be requested to produce without any further delay, an overall and detailed plan for the development of the perimeter of Loughrea LAKE."

This motion was seconded by Mr. McDonnell and carried.

Mr. Devine produced a letter dated November, 1949 which he had sent to

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the then Minister for Local Government, Mr. Keyes, protesting against the proposed sale of the Childrens' Playground Field. Mr. Morgan thanked Mr. Devine for preventing the sale of this field. Mr. Devine proposed that Lord Clanrickard and Lord Clancarty should be invited to contribute towards the cost of amenities around the lake.

(b) "That two additional main telephone lines be installed at St. Brendan's Home, Loughrea, as the present single main telephone line is inadequate to satisfy the hospital and ambulance service needs." There was no seconder for this motion.

(c) "That Galway County Council be requested to purchase immediately, for an Industrial Estate, at least all of the land between the railway line and the lake's outlet river, from the point at the entrance to Loughrea Railway Station northwards to and including the field east of the Engine Shed. The area of the said land is 11.087 acres. That buildings be built thereon and offered for sale or rent not only to foreign industrialists but also to Irish Firms large and small; to include heavy and light engineering, joinery, garages etc."

When it was pointed out that I.D.A. are the responsible authority for industrial sites it was agreed by Mr. Morgan that the recommendation be sent to I.D.A.

Industries: Mr. Barrett proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded that the three local T.D.'s and the Taoiseach be requested to have additional industries provided in Loughrea. The Town Clerk was instructed to write to the people concerned and to stress the fact that redundancies are about to take place at Tynagh.

Employment at Tynagh: Mr. Devine proposed that a recommendation be sent to the management at Tynagh, requesting that when redundancies are taking place, preference of work be given to people who are solely dependant on their employment at Tynagh for their livelihood.

Housing: Mr. Howlett informed the meeting that the contract is now finalized and work can now start on the houses at Pellroebuck. Mr. Howlett was requested to have the housing list brought up-to-date.

Telephone Kiosk: It was proposed by Mr. Kilboy and seconded by Mr. Devine, that the new Minister for Posts & Telegraphs be requested to have a telephone kiosk provided at Cuscarrick.

Parking of Caravans: Mr. McDonnell stated that recently a number of caravans had moved into a site at Dolphins Terrace, Loughrea. The person who owned these caravans had not sought permission for this site and the site has no sanitary services. It was decided to refer the matter to Galway County Council.

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Planning Regulations: It was proposed by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. McDonnell that the Planning Authority be requested to have the Planning Regulations strictly enforced in Loughrea.

Public Toilets: On the proposition of Mr. Devine it was agreed to write again to Galway County Council regarding the promised improvements to the public toilet at Westbridge, Loughrea.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 9th day of April, 1973.

James McDonnell

Chairman.

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Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 9/4/73.

In the Chair: Mr. James McDonnell, Chairman.

Members Present: Messers Dermot Sweeney, Joseph Kilboy, John Devine, James Barrett, Norman Morgan, Joseph Greene.

In Attendance: Messers Kevin Doyle, Acting Co. Sec. A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: Minutes of the last meeting, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Mr. Morgan seconded by Mr. Devine.

Correspondance: The following correspondance was dealt with:

(1) Industries: The three-local Dail representatives and the Taoiseach informed the Board that they had made representation to the Minister for Industry & Commerce regarding the provision of additional industry in Loughrea.

(2) Lakeshore Development: Lord Harewood informed the meeting that Lord Clanricarde died in 1917, at which point the title died out. Lord Harewood stated that he could not assist in the development of the lakeshore at Loughrea.

(3) Regional Industrial Plans: Notice of a meeting, called by the County Development Team for Ballinasloe on the 10/4/73 was read. The purpose of the meeting is to invite comments, criticism and suggestions on the I.D.A.'s Regional Industrial Plans for the period 1973-77. Messers McDonnell & Barrett were appointed to attend this meeting on behalf of the Loughrea Town Commissioners. Mr. Kilboy referred to an article on the Evening Herald of 7/4/73, which stated that industries were not coming to towns west of the Shannon because these towns are untidy. Mr. Kilboy stated that this matter should be raised at the meeting in Ballinasloe.

(4) Resolution from Dublin County Council: The meeting approved of the following resolution from Dublin County Council:

"That Dublin County Council calls upon the appropriate Minister to make grants available to Local Authorities for the modification of Council telephone switchboards to facilitate the employment of blind telephonists."

Parking at Pigott's Street: It was decided to ~~refer~~ draw the attention of the Gardai to the number of cars and vehicles parked continuously at Pigott's Street, Loughrea.

Sewerage & Water Supply: The Chairman stated that the I.D.A. in a recent report stated that Loughrea's sewerage works and water supplies are at present taxed to capacity. It was pointed out that this report could be detrimental to Loughrea's prospect of attracting additional industry. It was decided to request the County Council to report on the I.D.A.'s statement and should the statement be correct, to ask the County Council what plans are on hands for the improvement of the sewerage and water works at Loughrea.

Caravan Parking: On the proposition of Mr. Kilboy, seconded by Mr. Greene it was decided to request the County Medical Officer to inspect the Fair Green, Loughrea and Tullagh Upper Loughrea, as there are a large number of itinerants parked there.

Housing Sites: Mr. McDonnell referred to the high cost of the housing sites developed by the County Council at Pollroebuck. Mr. Morgan asked if grants are available for these sites. Mr. Doyle stated that these sites qualify for grants of up to £300. but that he is not in a position to say at the moment if the price mentioned £920 included grants.

Work at Fair Green: Mr. McDonnell asked who is carrying out the work at present at the Fair Green, Loughrea. Mr. Morgan stated that the Tidy Town Committee are doing the work with the help of a Bord Failte grant. Mr. McDonnell asked if the County Council is aware of the work and he requested Mr. Doyle to have a report for the next meeting. Mr. Devine congratulated Mr. Morgan on the project.

Motions: Mr. Morgan moved the following motions:

- (a) "That Loughrea Town Commissioners erect a concrete Rail and Post fence along the roadside of the Childrens' Playground and around the triangler wooded area north of the said Childrens' Playground, both being the property of Loughrea Town Commissioners."

This motion was deferred until an estimate for the work is obtained from the Town Engineer. The Town Clerk was instructed to try to have the estimate for the next meeting.

- (b) "That a recommendation be sent to Galway County Council to have a footpath provided along the roadside on the Northside of the North section of the Fair Green together with a chain and bollard fence, around the total perimeter of said Fair Green, similar to that already provided by Loughrea Tidy Town Committee on the Southside of said Fair Green."

This motion was seconded by Mr. Barrett and carried.

- (c) "That a recommendation be sent to Galway County Council to remove the concrete Loading Bank and Weighing House from the north section of Loughrea Fair Green."

This motion was seconded by Mr. Barrett and carried.

Town Dump: It was decided to write to the County Council regarding the present position of the proposed new dump for Loughrea. It was also decided to request the Medical Officer to inspect the present dump.

Votes of Sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended to: Murray Family, Athenry Road, Murphy Family, Lake Road, Dunne Family, Earlsparck, and the relatives of the late A.J. Fahey.

This concluded the meeting:

Signed this the 11th day of May, 1973.

James McDonnell
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings of monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 14/5/73.

Chairman: Mr. James McDonnell.

Members Present: Messers Norman Morgan, James Barrett, Joseph Kilboy, John Devine and Joseph Greene.

In Attendance: Messers J. Howlett, Acting Asst. Co. Manager and A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: Minutes of meeting held on the 9/4/73, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Barrett.

Correspondance: The following correspondance was dealt with:

- (1) Cars at Pigott's St., Loughrea. The following letter was received from Insp. T.P. Griffin Loughrea. "I have directed the Sergt i/c at Loughrea Station to notify owners to remove these cars and if same are not removed that action will be taken to have same removed."

Mr. Morgan undertook to approach Portobello Motors re cleaning their property in this area.

- (2) Public Toilets: The meeting was informed that the improvements to the public convenience at Westbridge, Loughrea is under way. The Town Clerk was instructed to request that tiles and washhand basin be provided.

- (3) Industry: Letters were received from the local Dail Representatives and the Minister for Industry & Commerce stating that the I.D.A. are very much aware of the industrial needs of Loughrea and that at least one firm is considering Loughrea as a location. Mr. Barrett stated that he was informed that ID.A. had stated that there are no sites available in Loughrea. Mr. McDonnell stated that he had informed the I.D.A. within the last few days of at least 3 available sites with an area of up to 20 acres. The Town Clerk was instructed to convey this information to I.D.A.

- (4) Kiosk at Cuscarrick: The Minister for Posts & Telegraphs through Mrs. Hogan-O'Higgins T.D. and Dr.W. Loughnane T.D. stated that it is not possible to accede to Loughrea Town Commissioners request to provide a kiosk at Cuscarrick, Loughrea.

- (5) Improvements at Childrens' Playground and Plantation: The Town Engineer's estimate for providing a concrete rail and post fence around the plantation and at the Northside of the Playground, of £590 was considered too high. On the proposition of Mr. Morgan seconded by Mr. McDonnell it was agreed to request the Town Engineer to submit an Estimate for having this work done with chain and bollards.

Fair Green: Mr. Devine stated that the County Council be requested to have the Northside of the Fair Green fenced immediately. Mr. Morgan stated that the Tidy Town Committee are also in touch with the County Council about this matter.

Mr. Kilboy proposed that the County Medical Officer be asked if he had inspected the Loughrea Fair Green, the Itinerant Camp at Tullagh Upper and Loughrea Town Dump. It was also decided to request the Medical Officer to inspect the site formerly owned by Mr. Michael Fitzgerald at Westbridge, Loughrea.

Tolls: Mr. Morgan asked if the collector of tolls has authority to collect from people using the Fair Green for camping, caravan parking, amusements ect. Mr. Howlett stated that he would report back to the next meeting

Mr. Morgan also asked if the Town Commissioners could make a bye-law preventing traders etc. from parking on the Fair Green. Mr. Howlett stated that as the Green is Co. Council property the Commissioners have no judistriction over it.

Town Dump: The Town Clerk was instructed to request the Town Engineer to have the Town Dump cleaned and kept tidy.

Playground: Mr. Morgan asked that the proposed improvements for the playground be carried out as soon as possible.

Swimming Pool: Mr. McDonnell asked Mr. Howlett to enquire into the position of the swimming pool at Long Point, Loughrea.

L.G. Re-Organisation: The meeting approved of the summary of the views on Local Government re-organisation submitted by the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland.

Motions: Mr. Morgan moved the following motions:

(a) That a recommendation be sent to Galway County Council to have Loughrea Town Pound, which is presently situated beside Loughrea Court House, and is in the centre of a general play area, removed therefrom, and that an alternative Town Pound be provided on the Loughrea Town Commissioners Field, east of Loughrea Town Dump.
This motion was seconded by Mr. Greene and carried.

(b) That a recommendation be sent to Galway County Council th have standard Hospital Sign Posts erected on the North and South approaches to St. Brendan's Home, together with a 30 m.p.h. speed limit sign on the South approach.
This motion was seconded by Mr. Barrett and carried.

(c) That a recommendation be sent to the Western Regional Health Board to have the services of the Physiotherapy Unit at St. Brendan's Home, Loughrea made available to persons living in the Loughrea area, who require such services, so as to reduce the time and hardship of the 40 miles round trip to the Galway Regional Hospital.
This motion was seconded by Mr. Barrett and carried.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 11 day of June, 1973.

James McDonnell
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 11/6/73.

In the Chair: Mr. James McDonnell, Chairman.

Members Present: Messers Dermot Sweeney, James Barrett, Joseph Kilboy, Norman Morgan, John Devine.

In Attendance: A. Marmion Town Clerk.
Town Clerk apologised on behalf of Asst. Co. Manager, Mr. Howlett.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: Minutes of meeting held on the 14/5/73, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Mr. Barrett seconded by Mr. Kilboy.

Correspondance: The following correspondance was dealt with:

(1) Galway County Council in its letter of the 24/5/73 stated that our request to have certain sites in Loughrea inspected by the Chief Medical Officer is receiving attention.

(2) Industries: The I.D.A. in its letter of the 18/5/73 stated that it is now advised that there are five sites available for industrial development in Loughrea. Detailed technical investigations are being carried out on these sites to determine which is the most suitable for industry and it is hoped that an advance industrial site will be available in Loughrea to show to prospective industrialists.
The Chairman informed the meeting that the Chamber of Commerce propose to have a meeting with the County Manager, The I.D.A. and the County Dev. Team and the Chairman asked that Board members attend this meeting. On the suggestion of Mr. Sweeney it was agreed that the County Councillors and Dail Members for the area be also asked to attend this meeting.

Cinematograph Licence: On the proposition of Mr. Morgan seconded by Mr. Sweeney it was agreed to grant a Cinematograph Licence to the Directors of Loughrea Town Hall Ltd., subject to the approval of the Chief Fire Officer.

Tidy Towns: A deputation from the Tidy Towns Committee, consisting of Sisters Concillio & Austin and Miss Mary Burke, was received by the meeting. The members of the deputation thanked the Asst. Co. Manager, the County Council and the Town Commissioners for their help in providing amenities at the Fair Green and Childrens' Playground. The Deputation was assured of the help and co-operation of the Board at all times. A general discussion took place with regard to improving the litter problem ect. in Loughrea and it was agreed to request the Town Engineer to provide additional litter bins in Loughrea.

Scavenging Service: Mr. Devine stated that the new system of scavenging is not too acceptable to the people of Loughrea. The Town Clerk stated that when a Bank or Church Holiday falls on a Monday, there will be no scavenging collection in Loughrea that week. It was decided to request the County Council to provide an alternative service for any week in which the new scavenging lorry did not service Loughrea.

The Walks: Mr. Barrett stated that he would like to see the Tidy Towns Committee take a greater interest in the "Walks". The Tidy Towns Committee members present and all the Board members agreed with Mr. Barrett's sentiments. Mr. Morgan stated that recently a gate entrance from the Walks to private property was enlarged. The Town Clerk was instructed to enquire if the County Council had given permission for this work. It was the general opinion of the Board that the Walks be preserved in its present position and on the proposition of Mr. Morgan seconded by Mr. Sweeney it was agreed to request the County Council to have The Walks declared a public park.

Motions: Mr. Morgan moved the following motions:

(a) "That a recommendation be sent to the Garda Siochana to stop street traders parking and selling their wares in the No Parking section of King Street - namely from Main Street to Costellos, where presently a double yellow line exists."

This motion was seconded by Mr. Barrett and passed.

(b) "That a recommendation be sent to Galway County Council to acquire and purchase all the open space and free and available land on the lake side of Barrack Street, Loughrea, namely Sean Hannons; the Brewery Site; and the field east of St. Brendan's Secondary School. That same be developed and held in trust as a public amenity for all the people."

This motion was seconded By Mr. Devine and passed.

(c) "That a recommendation be sent to An Taoiseach calling for an end to Irish, written and oral, for examinations to the Garda, Post Office, Civil Service and all Departments, with the exception of the Department of the Gaeltacht."

This motion was seconded by Mr. Kilboy.

It was proposed by Mr. Barrett and seconded by Mr. Sweeney that this motion not be accepted. The amendment was put to the meeting and was carried by 4 votes to 2. Messers Barrett, Sweeney, Devine and McDonnell voting for the amendment.

Tennis Club; Mr. Morgan stated that recently an effort was made to revive the Loughrea Tennis Club, lack of funds, Mr. Morgan stated is their main problem and he requested that the rent charged to the Tennis Club be reduced for a year or so. The Town Clerk stated that the Tennis Club had not paid their rent for the last two years. Mr. Morgan was asked to get the Tennis Club to apply through the Town Clerk.

Swimming Area; On the suggestion of Mr. McDonnell it was agreed to request the County Council to have the work completed at the swimming area of the Long Point as soon as possible.

Attendance at Meeting: The Town Clerk was instructed to convey to Mr. Carty that the Board Members feel that he has a lot to offer to the Board and to the people of the district and that it is the unanimous wish of the meeting that Mr. Carty attend more often, the Board meetings.

Annual Meeting: It was proposed by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. McDonnell that the Annual Meeting be held in conjunction with the next meeting.

Votes of Sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended to the Madden Family and Connoll Family on their recent bereavements.

Signed this the 11th day of July, 1973.

James McDonnell
Chairman.

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Minutes of proceedings at the Annual Meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 9/7/73.

Chairman: Mr. James McDonnell.

Members present: Messers Sean Kelly, Joseph Kilboy, Dermot Sweeney, Joseph Greene, Norman Morgan and John Devine.

In Attendance: Messers K. Doyle Acting Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Election of Chairman: There were two nominations for the position of Chairman:

Mr. Greene was proposed by Mr. Kilboy and seconded by Mr. Morgan

Mr. McDonnell was proposed by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mr. Sweeney.

A vote was taken and resulted as follows:

For Mr. Greene: Messers Greene, Morgan, Kilboy and Devine.

For Mr. McDonnell: Messers McDonnell, Kelly and Sweeney.

Mr. Greene was declared elected.

Mr. Greene thanked the meeting for electing him.

Mr. Morgan proposed a vote of thanks to the outgoing Chairman, Mr. McDonnell for the manner in which he had attended and conducted the meetings during his term of office. This was seconded by Mr. Greene.

Election of Vice-Chairman: Two proposals were made for the position of Vice-Chairman:

Mr. Morgan was proposed by Mr. Greene and seconded by Mr. Devine.
Mr. McDonnell was proposed by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mr. Sweeney.

A vote was taken and resulted as follows:

For Mr. Morgan; Messers Morgan, Greene and Devine.
For Mr. McDonnell; Messers McDonnell, Kelly, Sweeney and Kilboy.
Mr. McDonnell was declared elected and he thanked the meeting.

Election of delegates to the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland:

Messers Greene and Sweeney were appointed as delegates to the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland. It was agreed that should the delegates be unable to attend at meetings, that they would appoint a substitute in their place.

Delegate to the Fire Brigades Advisory Committee: Mr. Morgan was elected as delegate to the Fire Brigades Advisory Committee on the proposition of Mr. Greene seconded by Mr. Devine.

This concluded the business of the Annual Meeting.

Signed this the 13th day of August, 1973.

Joe Greene
Chairman.

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Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 9/7/73.

In the Chair; Mr. Joseph Greene, Chairman.

Members Present: Messers James McDonnell, Sean Kelly, Joseph Kilboy, Dermot Sweeney, Norman Morgan and John Devine.

In Attendance: Mr. K. Doyle Acting Asst. Co. Manager and A. Marmion, Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes; Minutes of the last meeting, held on the 11/6/73, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Mr. Morgan seconded by Mr. McDonnell.

Correspondence: The following correspondence was dealt with:

(1) Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland: Notice of intention to hold Annual Conference at Enniscorthy on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 18th 19th and 20th September, 1973. Members were informed that motions must be submitted before the 18th August next.

(2) Itinerant Trading: Supt. P.A. O'Driscoll, Garda Barracks, Loughrea, in his letter of the 20/6/73 informed the meeting that he had instructed the Sergeant at Loughrea to take action in so far as possible in relation to the parking of vehicles for the purpose of selling of wares at King Street, Loughrea.

Mr. Kilboy stated that the ratepayers of the town would not pay rates if the itinerant traders returned to the Green. A discussion took place with regard to means of prohibiting these traders from using the green in future and Mr. Doyle was requested to report back to the next meeting on any Bye-Laws which may govern this matter.

Mr. Morgan proposed that the Minister for Justice be requested to introduce legislation prohibiting itinerant trading in Public Parks and other areas not designated for this purpose. This was seconded by Mr. ~~Morgan~~ McDonnell on 18/8/73

Mr. McDonnell proposed that the County Council be requested to declare the Fair Green a public park, this was seconded by Mr. Morgan.

(3) Physiotherapy Services; The Western Health Board in its letter of the 12/6/73 stated that it agreed with the proposal to have the services of the Physiotherapy Units at St. Brendan's Home, Loughrea made available to persons living in the Loughrea area. However, the present facilities are totally inadequate, the Health Board added that they would consider devoting some funds in the future to the enlarging of this Department, but that it might be some time before they could provide the money. Mr. Morgan proposed that a copy of the letter be sent to the Minister for Health with a request that a special grant be made available to the Western Health Board towards the cost of this work. Mr. Greene seconded this proposal.

(4) The Walks: The County Council in its letter of the 3/7/73 stated that they were unable to trace any application for permission received from Mr. Martin Fahy to enlarge the entrance to the rear of his premises off "The Walks" Loughrea. A general discussion took place with regard to the use - ownership etc. of The Walks. Mr. Doyle undertook to investigate the matter and to report back to the Board.

Abstract of Accounts: On the proposition of Mr. Greene seconded by Mr. Morgan, the Abstract of Accounts, 1972/73 year, were adopted. On the suggestion of Mr. McDonnell the meeting decided in principle to invest some of the credit balance.

Industrial Site: Mr. Devine asked if any progress was made with regard to arranging a meeting with the County Manager, the I.D.A. and the public representatives of the area, to discuss the provision of industries or a industrial site in the area. Mr. McDonnell stated that they were having some difficulty with regard to arranging a suitable date but that when arrangements are made the public representatives will be notified. Mr. Devine stated that he felt that the Town Commissioners should arrange this meeting and he proposed that the Town Clerk contact the people involved, this was seconded by Mr. Kelly. Mr. McDonnell stated that the Chamber of Commerce are arranging this meeting and he proposed that the matter be left in their hands, this was seconded by Mr. Sweeney.

A vote was taken on the matter and resulted as follows:

For Mr. McDonnell's amendment: Messers McDonnell, Sweeney, Morgan, Kilboy and Greene.

For Mr. Devine's proposal: Messers Devine and Kelly.

Mr. McDonnell's amendment was carried.

Playground: Mr. Devine and Mr. Morgan asked that the Town Engineer be requested to have the proposed improvements carried out at the Childrens' Playground. Mr. Morgan also requested that the estimate for the provision of a chain and bollard fence around the plantation on the north side of Gort Road.

On the suggestion of Mr. Sweeney the Town Clerk was instructed to inform the I.P.B. Mutual Insurance Company of the existance of swings, paddle pool etc. at the Childrens' Playground and to confirm that the Board is covered against any claim which may arise as a result of any accident.

Lake Shore: Mr. McDonnell asked the Asst. Co. Manager if there was any progress with regard to the drawing up of an overall plan for the lake shore. Mr. McDonnell also asked when is it proposed to complete the work on the swimming facilities at the Long Point. Mr. Doyle promised to look into the matter.

Direction Sign at Westbridge: Mr. Sweeney stated that the direction sign for Dublin, at the Westbridge, is in a bad condition and asked if anything could be done about it. The Town Clerk stated that he would take the matter up with the Town Engineer.

Employer-Labour Conference National Agreement, 1972: In accordance with Circular Letters E.L.23/73 of the 29/5/73 and E.L.26/73 of the 5/7/73, the Board, on the proposition of Mr. Morgan seconded by Mr. Kelly, approved of the following rates of pay for its employees:

Town Clerk: £393. P.A. from the 1/6/73.
 School Warden: £9.36 per week from 1/1/73 and £10.47 p.w. from 1/6/73.
 Rent Collector:

Ist October, 1970	£1.769 per house per annum.
Ist January, 1971	£1.928 per house per annum.
Ist April, 1971	£2.006 per house per annum.
Ist January, 1972	£2.223 per house per annum.
Ist January, 1973	£2.38 per house per annum.
Ist April, 1973	£2.482 per house per annum.
Ist June, 1973	£2.765 per house per annum.

Motions: Mr. Morgan moved the following motions:

(a) "That a recommendation be sent to the Western Regional Health Board to have lifts, together with fire-proof passages provided at St. Brendan's Home, Loughrea, so as to facilitate the safe movement of patients from floor to floor; to accommodate wheelchair and other patients who would benefit by being taken to the ground floor and out into the fresh air; to help eliminate the dreadful danger in which bed-patients would find themselves should a serious fire occur."

This motion was seconded by Mr. McDonnell and carried.

(b) "That a recommendation be sent to Galway County Council to have the east to west road at Cosmona Housing Estate tarmacadamed."

This motion was seconded by Mr. Kelly and carried.

(c) "That a recommendation be sent to Galway County Council to widen the road from "The Casket" to Mrs. Mary Kennedy's on the south side of Cross St., Loughrea, by moving the present footpath to run directly in front of the late Dr. Ita Ryan's house, so as to help to eliminate the thrice daily traffic hold-ups thereat and to reduce the danger to the 400 Infant and National School pupils whose school is situated at this same position."

This motion was seconded by Mr. Sweeney and carried.

Votes of Sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following on their recent bereavements:

- (1) Reynolds family, Abbey Street, on the death of their mother.
- (2) Kelleher family, Knockanima, on the death of their father.
- (3) Killian family, Main Street, on the death of their father.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 13th day of August, 1973.

Joe Greene
 Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 13/8/73.

In the Chair: Mr. Joseph Greene, Chairman.

Members Present: Messers Norman Morgan, Joseph Kilboy, James Barrett and John Devine.

In Attendance: Messers K. Doyle Acting Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, Clerk

Meeting opened with prayers.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for two minutes as a mark of respect to the late Very Rev. H.C. O'Callaghan Adm. all present standing.

Minutes: The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on the 9/7/73 were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Mr. Morgan seconded by Mr. Kilboy.

Minutes of monthly meeting held on 9/7/73: Mr. Morgan pointed out that a proposal on the first page of the minutes, referring to legislation on itinerant trading, according to the minutes was proposed and seconded by him, when in fact this proposal was seconded by Mr. McDonnell. This error was corrected and the minutes were signed as correct on the proposal of Mr. Morgan seconded by Mr. Kilboy.

Matters arising from Minutes: Mr. Morgan asked that favourable consideration be given to the School Warden should any position become available, as this person is unemployed for 3 months of the year.

Delegates: Mr. Devine stated that he is of the opinion that any delegate appointed to represent the Board, is appointed for the duration of the Board. Mr. Doyle was asked to check on this matter.

'The Walks': The County Council in its letter of the 23/7/73 stated that Mr. Martin Fahy had not applied for permission to enlarge his entrance to the rear of his premises off "The Walks", Loughrea. On the proposition of Mr. Morgan seconded by Mr. Barrett it was decided by the meeting to ask the County Council if permission is required and if it is required, what action will the County Council take.

The question of preserving "The Walks" as a public park was discussed and on the proposition of Mr. Morgan seconded by Mr. Greene it was agreed to request the County Council to have "The Walks" abandoned as a public road, to have the Right-of-Way for vehicular traffic extinguished and to have "The Walks" preserved for pedestrian traffic and amenity purposes.

September Meeting: Due to Galway Race meeting on the 10th September it was agreed on the proposition of Mr. Morgan seconded by Mr. Barrett to hold the September meeting on the 17/9/73.

Sailing Club: Mr. Barrett proposed a vote of congratulations to the Loughrea Sailing Club on its display over the weekend. This was seconded by Mr. Devine.

Public Toilets: Mr. Devine requested the Asst. County Manager to have the improvements to the public toilet at the Westbridge completed as soon as possible.

Mr. Barrett excused himself from the meeting.

Motions: Mr. Morgan moved the following motions:

(a) That a recommendation be sent to Galway County Council to employ, on a full-time basis, two persons to maintain Loughrea's six Public Parks namely, 'The Walks', 'The Green', 'Childrens Playground', 'Garrybreeda Park', Knockanima Park, and the Long Point. Maintenance suggested - planting of shrubs and trees, trimming of grass, painting etc.

There was no seconder for this motion but it was agreed to sent the motion to the Town Engineer with a recommendation that special attention be given to these parks during the summer months.

Motion (b):

That a recommendation be sent to the Minister for Social Welfare calling for an end to the "First Three Days Without Benefit Period" for persons entitled to Health Benefit, Unemployment Benefit, Unemployment Assistance, etc. i.e. that benefit be granted for the first three days.

This motion was seconded by Mr. Devine and passed.

Motion (c):

That a recommendation be sent to Galway County Council to have all Roadworkers' and other Council Employees' Pay Cheques posted so as to arrive at the homes of such employees by the Friday of the week, so as to give rights equal to those of all other employees who receive their wages on or before the final day of their working week. This motion was seconded by Mr. Greene and passed.

Long Point: Mr. Morgan produced letters from two young ladies complaining of health hazards while bathing at the Long Point. Mr. Doyle took the two letters and promised to take up the matter with the County Medical Officer.

Rates: Mr. Devine stated that he was very disappointed with the Government's failure to reduce the rates especially in view of the fact that Government Members voted themselves a large increase of salary.

"Stoney Brennan Night" Mr. Morgan suggested that the organ people responsible for "Stoney Brennan Night" be requested not to light any fires on this night. Mr. Doyle agreed to get the County Council to write to Mr. Martin Fergus, Secretary of the Committee regarding the matter.

Fair Green: Mr. Kilboy stated that he would not pay his rates if the itinerant traders are allowed to continue to trade at the Fair Green without having to pay any fee. Mr. Morgan stated that the Toll Collector might be receiving 'presents' from the different people who use the green from time to time. Mr. Doyle stated that it is not proper procedure. Mr. Doyle stated that people using Council property are compelled to have a public liability insurance protecting the Council against any claim. On the suggestion of Mr. Morgan, Mr. Doyle agreed to get the County Council to write to the Toll Collector to explain the situation to him.

Town Development: Mr. Devine referred to the press report of the last meeting which gave the impression that the Board had agreed to leave all matters relating to industrial development etc. to the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Devine stated that the Board should be abolished if this was the case. The Chairman pointed out that this was not the position and he suggested that Mr. Devine bring the press report to the next meeting of the Board. The Town Clerk was instructed to write to the Chamber of Commerce regarding the proposed meeting of the I.D.A., County Development Team and the County Manager re industries and industrial sites for Loughrea.

Town Scavenging: The Town Clerk was instructed to enquire from the County Council, as to the arrangement, if any, made for the collection of refuse in Loughrea on Bank Holiday Mondays.

Votes of Sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following on their recent bereavements:
 Monahan Family, Coorheen.
 McNamee Family, Moore Street,
 Joynt Family, Church Street,

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 17th day of August, 1973.

Joe Greene
 Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the ~~17/9/73~~ 17/9/73.

Chairman: Mr. Joseph Greene.

Members present: Messers Sean Kelly, Joseph Kilboy, James McDonnell, James Barrett, Norman Morgan and John Devine.

In Attendance: Messers Peter Kearns, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Apology made on behalf of Mr. Dermot Sweeney by Mr. McDonnell.

Minutes: Minutes of meeting held on the 13/8/73, copies of which were circulated to each member were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Mr. Morgan seconded by Mr. Barrett.

Correspondance: The following correspondance was read:

(1) Entrance to rear of premises off "Walks": The County Council in its letter of the 23/8/73 stated that they had written to Mr. Martin Fahy re entrance which he had made to the rear of his premises off "The Walks" and that there will be further communication on the matter.

(2) Industries: The Loughrea Chamber of Commerce in its letter of the 14/9/73 stated that as yet it was not successful with regard to arranging a meeting with the County Manager, I.D.A. etc. for the purpose of discussing the possibility of securing further industries and providing an industrial site for Loughrea. The Chamber also stated that Mr. Seamus McDonnell, T.C. was deputed to contact the Co. Manager re proposed meeting and that the Town Commissioners will be advised of arrangements when they come to hand.

(3) Fair Green: The County Council in its letter of the 24/8/73 stated:
 (a) That work on the provision of a footpath and surround to the fair green will commence this year.
 (b) The loading bank and weighing house cannot be removed until fair rights are abolished.

The Town Clerk also read a copy of a letter sent to the Toll Collector regarding use of fairgreen. This letter stated that the only people entitled to use the fairgreen are people who resort to the fairgreen for the purpose of purchase or sale of livestock or goods during the approved times for Fairs and markets.

Parking at Fairgreen: The following deputation was received by the meeting re itinerant camping etc. on fairgreen and plantation: Messers Anthony Leahy, John B. Callanan, Michael Ryan. The Deputation pointed out that these itinerants are parked for some weeks now and that they are making a nuisance generally in the area. The Deputation was assured that the Board would do all in its power to have this area cleared. A general discussion took place and the Asst. Co. Manager stated that it is very difficult to have these itinerants moved quickly. It was agreed that the Asst. Co. Manager would get the Welfare Officer to call on these people with a view to getting them to move. Messers Kilboy and McDonnell left the meeting in protest against the manner in which the meeting was conducted.

Plantation: On the proposition of Mr. Greene seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was decided to erect a chain link fence around the Plantation when the itinerants move from there.

Motions: Mr. Greene moved the following motions:

(a) "I request the Garda Authority to re-examine the provision of pedestrian crossings on Main Street, to facilitate the crossing of same by old and infirm persons together with young children."

This motion was seconded by Mr. Morgan and carried unanimously.

(b) "I request Galway County Council to lay pedestrian footpaths at Cuscarrick."

This motion was seconded by Mr. Morgan and passed unanimously.

(c) "I request Galway County Council to examine the possibility of having sanitary facilities provided at Long Point, Loughrea."

This motion was seconded by Mr. Morgan and passed unanimously.

Mr. Morgan moved the following motions:

(a) "That a recommendation be sent to Galway County Council to widen the road at Piggott St., Loughrea by moving the present footpath eastwards to run directly in front of the I.B.M. Laboratory so as to provide off street parking from the junction of Piggott St. and Barrack St. to Treacy's shed, Piggott Street, to accommodate shoppers to Main St. east and Bride St. west, Loughrea."

This motion was seconded by Mr. Kelly and passed unanimously.

(b) "That Loughrea Town Commissioners purchase the lakeside fields, popularly known as the Coorheen Bathing Fields, the property of Mrs. Brian Ryan, Coorheen. Said fields to be the 2.099 acre field and the 3.533 acre field S.W. of same together with the 1.015 acres adjoining S.W. of same 2nd field. Mrs. Ryan has indicated to me her willingness to sell said fields."

This motion was seconded by Mr. Kelly and passed unanimously. The Asst. Co. Manager undertook to investigate the proposition and to report back to the Commissioners.

(c) "That a recommendation be sent to Galway County Council to provide at Loughrea Town Water Works a standby Diesel Pump so as to eliminate a repeat of the water shortage and therefore fire hazard experienced at Loughrea some weeks ago."

This motion was seconded by Mr. Greene and passed unanimously.

Municipal Authorities: Mr. Devine stated that the delegates appointed to attend the Municipal Authorities Conference are now unable to attend and he asked Mr. Morgan if he would attend. Mr. Morgan declined the invitation. Mr. Devine said that he would not go as he claimed that Mr. Kelly and himself who were appointed at the first meeting of the Board were the official representatives of the Board. The Town Clerk was instructed to write to the Secretary of the Municipal Authorities to enquire if it is in order for the Board to appoint delegates annually.

Lake Shore: On the proposition of Mr. Morgan seconded by Mr. Kelly it was decided to request Galway County Council not to give planning permission for any structure in the area between the lake shore and the road which runs around the lake.

Housing: The Asst. Co Manager stated that he hoped that the new Council houses would be ready late this year. In reply to Mr. Kelly, the Asst. Co. Manager promised to look into the position of the co-operative sites.

Show: Mr. Greene congratulated the Show Society on its recent show and he wished the G.A.A. club success on its pitch developments.

The sympathy of the Board was extended to the Glynn family, Bride St., on the death of the late Frank Glynn. This concluded the meeting

Signed this the 8th day of October, 1973. *John Lyell*

This minute is amended for the minutes of meeting 8/10/73

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 8/10/73.

Chairman: Mr. Joseph Greene.

Members Present: Messers John Devine, Dermot Sweeney, Sean Kelly, Joseph Kilboy, James Barrett, Norman Morgan.

In Attendance: Messers Peter Kearns, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on the 17/9/73, copies of which were circulated to each member, were taken as read. Mr. Morgan proposed their adoption. Mr. Kelly stated that he did not second the recommendation regarding planning permission between the lake shore and the circular road. It was agreed to defer this minute to this meeting (8/10/73.) The minutes were then signed as correct.

Correspondance: The following correspondence was read to the meeting:

(a) Pedestrian Crossings: Supt. P.A. O'Driscoll stated in his letter of the 27/9/73 that the request to have pedestrian crossings provided at Main St. Loughrea is receiving attention.

(b) St. Vincent De Paul Society: Mr. Fergus Benson former chairman of the Itinerant Settlement Committee, referred to a report of the last meeting which appeared in the Connacht Tribune. This report stated that Mr. Devine alleged that the Itinerant Settlement Committee advised the itinerants to camp on the Fairgreen, Loughrea so that they would be housed by the County Council. Mr. Benson stated that this statement is not correct and he pointed out that this Itinerant Settlement Committee was disbanded about 2 years ago. Mr. Devine stated that his statement was that some members of this Committee had advised the itinerants to camp on the Fairgreen and he stood over this statement. Mr. Devine stated that this committee had disbanded and they had left all the work to some of the nuns. Mr. Benson also stated in his letter that the St. Vincent De Paul Society had requested the Galway County Council to provide further accommodation for the families housed at Gort Bridighe and he appealed to the Board to support this request. Mr. Kearns stated that he has requested the engineering staff to submit estimates for improvements to these houses and when he receives these estimates he will submit to the Dept. of Local Government for approval.

(c) Tidy Street Competition: Mr. Morgan submitted a letter from the Western Regional Tourism Organisation Ltd, setting out the result of the Tidy Street Competition run by the Tidy Town Committee. The results were:
 Best overall Street: Athenry Road, Loughrea.
 Most litter-free Street: The Hill, Loughrea
 Best Local Authority house and garden: Mrs T. Heavy, 8 Dolphin St.
 Best Terraced House - not Local Authority: Mr. & Mrs. Graham
 40 Cuscarrick Crescent, Loughrea.
 Best detached house and garden; Mr. F.G. McCarthy, Cuscarrick, Loughrea.
 Best House without a front garden: Mr. Fintan Sweeney, Main St., Loughrea.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Morgan and the Tidy Town Committee for running the competition and proposed a vote of congratulations to the various winners, this was seconded by Mr. Barrett.

Tidy Town Competition 1973: The Town Clerk read the Adjudicator's report for the 1973 Tidy Towns Competition. The meeting considered the report satisfactory. Mr. Sweeney thanked the people of the town for their effort and he hoped that they would make a bigger effort next year. On the proposition of Mr. Devine seconded by Mr. Greene it was decided to request the Town Engineer to replace any trees which fall around the town and to plant some more trees on the Fairgreen and Plantation. Mr. Morgan got permission to make copies of the Adjudicator's report.

Motions: Mr. Morgan moved the following motions:

(a) "That a recommendation be sent to the Western Regional Health Board to have special accommodation provided for patients who are married couples at St. Brendan's Home, Loughrea, i.e. to put an end to the segregation of husbands from their wives."

Mr. Barrett seconded this motion.

Mr. Sweeney stated that he felt that St. Brendan's is well represented on the Western Health Board and for this reason he proposed that the motion not be sent to the Western Health Board, this was seconded by Mr. Kelly. A vote was taken and on the casting vote of the Chairman the motion was carried. Messers Morgan, Barrett and Greene voting for the motion and Messers Sweeney, Kelly and Kilboy for the amendment. Mr. Devine abstained from voting but said he wished to congratulate the Authority responsible for the pleasant conditions at St. Brendan's Home.

(b) "That a recommendation be sent to the Western Regional Health Board to provide in the shortest possible time additional accommodation in the form of chalets or two-storey accommodation at St. Brendan's Home, Loughrea, so that the present extreme overcrowding may be eliminated."

This motion was seconded by Mr. Devine and passed unanimously.

(c) "That a recommendation be sent to Galway County Council to purchase and develop similar to Donnellan Drive, the 3.080 acre field, the ~~proper~~ property of Mrs. Helen Glynn together with the remainder of the 3.069 acre field the property of Mr. John Coen. Said fields are situated at Cuscarrick, Loughrea and have entrances from both the Old Galway Road and Gort Road, Loughrea."

There was no seconder for this motion.

Mr. Kearns advised the meeting that should land be available in future, the best approach is to advise the County Council quite as it is not in the best interest of all concerned to have matters like this made public.

Lake Shore Planning Permission: Mr. Morgan referred to the minutes of the previous meeting and he now proposed that a recommendation be sent to the Planning Authority not to give planning permission for any structure between the Lake shore and the circular road, this was seconded by Mr. Devine. A direct negative was proposed by Mr. Barrett and seconded by Mr. Kilboy, it being pointed out that this was ~~an~~ a matter solely for the Planning Officer. A vote was taken and the amendment was carried, Messers Barrett, Kilboy, Kelly, Sweeney and Greene voting for the amendment and Messers Morgan and Devine voting for the proposition.

New Road: In reply to Mr. Barrett, Mr. Kearns stated that the 5 year plan for Loughrea is under revision but that no decision has yet being taken regarding the new road. Mr Kearns stated that he would try to have some information for the next meeting.

Under Aged Drinking: On the proposition of Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Morgan, it was decided to request the Garda Authority to keep a closer eye on the possibility of some few publicans serving drink to people under age.

Votes of Sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following:
 (I) Relatives of the late Mrs. M. Kennedy and the relatives of the late

Rev. Fr. Marron

Signed this the 12th day of November, 1973

J. Greene
 Chairman

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 12/11/73.

In the Chair: Mr. Joseph Greene, Chairman.

Members Present: Messers Norman Morgan, Sean Kelly, James Barrett and John Devine.

In Attendance: Messers Peter Kearns, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, Clerk

Apology: Apology made by Town Clerk on behalf of Mr. Dermot Sweeney.

Minutes: Minutes of last meeting held on the 8/10/73, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Mr. Morgan seconded by Mr. Devine.

Correspondence: The following correspondence was read to the meeting:

- (a) The County Council in its letter of the 30/10/73 stated that:
- (i) That the road at Cosmona Housing Estate is tarred and that it is not considered necessary to treat it with tarmac at present.
 - (ii) That the recommendation to have the road widened at Cross St., Loughrea, from the "Casket" to Mrs. Mary Kennedy's will be kept in mind and may be included in next year's scheme.
- (b) Under Age Drinking: The Gardai at Loughrea stated in their letter of the 12/10/73 stated that this problem will be brought to the notice of the local Gardai and that action will be taken in the event of any breach of the Regulations.

(c) The meeting decided to support the following motions from Carrickmacross U.D.C. :-

"That the Ministers for Finance and Justice organise a Motor Vehicle Insurance Department to provide Insurance Cover for all road using vehicles and that a tax to cover the expense be levied on all fuels at point of entry."

"That the Carrickmacross Council request the Minister for Finance to cease the present system of motor road taxation and substitute therefor a tax on all types of motor fuel. That all other Councils, Corporations and Town Commissioners be asked to support the proposal."

(d) Town Twinning: The Town Clerk read a letter from the United Towns Organisation inviting Loughrea to join the organisation. The Town Clerk was instructed to write for further information on the organisation before any decision be taken on the matter.

New Scheme for Sale of Local Authority Houses: The Asst. County Manager stated that in accordance with Circular Letter H. 14/73 of the 30/7/73, he had prepared a new Scheme for the Sale of Local Authorities houses. The Asst. County Manager explained the new scheme in detail to the meeting. He also stated that he was concerned about the increase in price the proposed new scheme would cause in one instance i.e. at Mount Carmel Crescent, to overcome this problem he suggested asking the Minister for Local Government to extend the last purchase scheme to the 31/1/74. On the proposition of Mr. Morgan seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was unanimously decided to approve the new scheme and to request the Minister for Local Government to extend the old scheme to the 31/1/74.

New Houses: Mr. Kearns informed the meeting that he expected the houses at Pollroebuck to be ready within the next 6 months and that a further 20 houses would then be built. Mr. Morgan suggested that a footpath should be provided from these houses out to the Athenry Road and he asked Mr. Kearns to look into the matter.

Motions: Mr. Morgan moved the following motions:-

(a) That the Australian Gates at Barrack Street Car Park be removed, so as to eliminate the noise from same, suffered by the residents thereat, and as they are no longer required due to stock now being sold at Loughrea Mart. This motion was seconded by Mr. Devine and passed unanimously.

(b) That all Barrack Street surface water which at present flows into the lake with all its oil and other contaminating ingredients, be directed into the town sewer similar to same other such surface water. This motion was seconded by Mr. Greene and passed unanimously.

(c) That there be no further delay in removing the illegally trespassing itinerants from Loughrea Town Commissioners property west of the Fair Green by erecting a temporary wire fence around said property- a permanent chain and bollards fence to be erected thereat as soon as possible thereafter.

This motion was seconded by Mr. Kelly and passed. The Town Clerk was asked to get the Town Engineer to submit for the next meeting, an estimate for the erection of a fence around the Plantation. It was also proposed by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Kelly that the Town Commissioners take legal action against the itinerants trespassing on their property and that the County Council be requested to do likewise. Mr. Kearns stated that he would get legal advice on the matter.

Pedestrian Crossings: On the suggestion of the Chairman it was decided to enquire from the Gardai if any further information is available with regard to providing pedestrian crossings at Main Street, Loughrea.

Public Lighting: Mr. Kelly proposed and Mr. Devine seconded that the County Council be requested to provide public lighting along the Gort Road, Loughrea and to extend the public lighting at Cottage Hill, Loughrea.

Public Toilets: Mr. Devine asked Mr. Kearns to try to get the work on the public toilets at Westbridge, Loughrea completed.

Engineering Dispute: On the proposition of Mr. Morgan seconded by Mr. Greene, it was decided to request the Minister for Local Government to intervene in the Local Authority Engineers dispute.

The Chairman congratulated the Loughrea Coursing Club on its excellent coursing meeting and wished the Loughrea Musical Society every success with its forthcoming musical show.

Votes of sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following on their recent bereavements:-

- 1) The relatives of the late Mrs. Wolfe.
- 2) The relatives of the late Martin Fahy.
- 3) John Callanan T.D. on the death of his brother.
- 4) The relatives of the late Sister M. Teresa.

This concluded the meeting

Signed this the 10th day of December, 1973.

James Norman Morgan
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the Monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 10/12/73.

In the Chair: Mr. James McDonnell, Vice-Chairman.

Members Present: Messers Sean Kelly, James Barrett, Joseph Kilboy Norman Morgan and John Devine.

In Attendance: A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Apology: Apology was made by the Town Clerk on behalf of the Assistant County Manager, Mr. Kearns, who was unavoidably absent.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 12/11/73, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Mr. Morgan seconded by Mr. Kelly.

Itinerants: The Town Clerk stated that the Assistant County Manager was waiting on a decision of the Galway courts in connection with itinerants camping on public property, before he proceeds to take legal action against itinerants parked at the Fairgreen, Loughrea. Mr. Kilboy stated that recently a person was injured when he fell on scrap which these itinerants had dumped on the footpath. Mr. Morgan stated that he proposed to take this matter up with the Gardai. Mr. Morgan further stated that he proposed to block the main Galway/Dublin road for one hour each day at the Westbridge, Loughrea, if these itinerants are not gone from the Fairgreen by the 31/1/74. Mr. Kilboy called on the people of Loughrea to withhold their rates if these itinerants are not moved.

Summer Time: The meeting approved of the following motion from Clonakilty Urban District Council:-

"That we the members of Clonakilty U.D.C. request the Minister for Justice that for the future "Summer Time" only should prevail right through the year."

Estimates Meeting: On the proposition of Mr. Morgan seconded by Mr. McDonnell it was unanimously decided to hold the Estimates Meeting in conjunction with the next meeting of the Board on the 14/1/74. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that on the order of the Minister for Local Government the financial year will in future end on the 31st of December.

Motions: Mr. Morgan moved the following motions:

(a) "That a recommendation be sent to An Taoiseach, Mr. Liam Cosgrave, T.D. and to An Tanaiste, Mr. Brendan Corish, T.D. calling for legislation for a 90 days freeze or cooling-off period for all trade union disputes and that it be necessary for the Congress of Trade Unions to give sanction to all trade union claims so that any one group of workers may not be allowed to adversely affect the jobs of other groups of workers and that those old age pensioners and others who have been granted free electricity and transport may have same, according to the Social Welfare Acts."

This motion was seconded by Mr. McDonnell and passed unanimously.

(b) "That a recommendation be sent to Mr. Peter Kearns, Assistant County Manager, to have a rear entrance provided for the 16 houses already built, the 10 houses under construction and all other houses under to be constructed at Pollroebuck, Loughrea, so as to eliminate the present system under which householders, except those with end houses, are compelled to carry their turf, coal, bicycles etc. through the hall and kitchen (3 doors) on their way to their back yards and sheds."

This motion was seconded by Mr. McDonnell and passed unanimously.

(c) "That a recommendation be sent to Galway County Council to have all firemen provided with asbestos gloves." This motion was seconded by Mr. McDonnell and passed unanimously.

Flooding: Mr. Devine referred to the recent flooding at Cross St. and he proposed that all gullies should be cleaned in the Autumn of the year. Mr. Morgan seconded this proposal. Mr. Barrett stated that the Town Engineer had inspected this flooding and is investigating the matter.

Water and Sewerage Services: Mr. Devine proposed and Mr. Morgan seconded that Galway County Council be requested to take over the internal sewerage and water mains serving the N.B.A. houses at Cuscarrick, thus enabling the County Council cottages at Tullagh Upper, Loughrea, to avail of these services.

St. Brendan's Home: Mr. Morgan proposed that the iron fire escape at St. Brendan's Home, Loughrea be replaced. There was no seconder for this proposal.

New Council of Ireland: Mr. Devine proposed that all Public Bodies be requested to support the New Council of Ireland and wish it success. Mr. Morgan seconded the proposition and in doing so he proposed a vote of congratulations to the Taoiseach and the other delegates who had made the Council of Ireland a reality.

Choral Society: Mr. Barrett congratulated the Loughrea Choral Society on its recent outstanding performance and wished it every success for the future. Mr. McDonnell thanked Mr. Barrett and the members present for their kind remarks.

Votes of Sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended to the relatives of the late Mrs. Barry, Main Street.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 14th day of January, 1974.

J. J. Devine
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the Estimates Meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 14/1/74.

In the Chair: Mr. Joseph Greene, Chairman.
Members Present; Messers John Devine, Sean Kelly, James Barrett, James McDonnell, Norman Morgan.

In Attendance: Messers Peter Kearns, Asst. Co. Manager, Henry F. Fannon, Town Engineer, Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.

Apology: Town Clerk apologised on behalf of Mr. D. Sweeney who was unavoidably absent.
Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 10/12/73, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Mr. Morgan seconded by Mr. McDonnell.

Correspondence: The Town Clerk read the following correspondence:

(i) Council of Ireland: Taoiseach's letter of thanks for vote of congratulations on the outcome of the tripartite talks at Sunningdale.

(ii) Motion from Midleton U.D.C.: The meeting unanimously decided to support the following resolution from Midleton U.D.C.

"That this council request the Minister for Local Government to introduce legislation making it obligatory on the owners of hotels, places of entertainment and of private accommodation, particularly houses converted to flats, to have such places properly protected against fire, or equipped with the means of escaping if fires occur."

Estimates: In accordance with Sections 9 and 10 of the County and City Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Mr. Kearns submitted the Estimate for the Financial 9 months ending 31/12/74, copies of which were circulated to each member. The estimates were discussed in detail and Mr. Kearns informed the meeting that the Board could at any time make a supplementary estimate if it was agreed that money was required for any works before the 31/12/74.

It was proposed by Mr. McDonnell seconded by Mr. Kelly and resolved that the Estimate of Expenses of the Loughrea Town Commissioners for the nine months ending 31/12/74, 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 Town Clerk.

It was also proposed by Mr. McDonnell 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 £264 for the nine months ending 31st December, 1974 and that the form of demand be signed by the Chairman and Town Clerk."

The form of Demand and the form of Estimates were signed by the Chairman and Town Clerk.

Local Government Reorganisation: The Minister for Local Government proposals for Local Government Reorganisation, copies of which were circulated to each member, were put to the meeting. After a short discussion it was decided on the suggestion of Mr. McDonnell to defer this matter until the next meeting to enable the members to study the proposals more carefully.

Motions: Mr. Morgan moved the following motions:

(a) "That a recommendation be sent to the Western Health Board to allow the patients of St. Brendan's Home, Loughrea, who are ~~Old~~ Old Age Pension receiptants, a weekly allowance of at least £3.00 instead of the present £2.00 per week."
This motion was seconded by Mr. Greene and passed unanimously.

(b) "That a recommendation be sent to the National Coalition Government to bring in legislation forbidding persons to own animals unless they have sufficient land on which to feed them, and to put an end to stray animals on the public roads."
This motion was seconded by Mr. McDonnell and passed unanimously.

(c) "That a recommendation be sent to the National Coalition Government to bring in legislation forbidding the parking of caravans and other temporary dwellings on the roadsides and parks within the urban areas, and that County Councils provide caravan sites with sewerage and water where caravans may park for a maximum of seven consecutive days for a nightly fee."
This motion was seconded by Mr. Devine and passed unanimously.

Public Toilet: Mr. Devine referred to the present condition of the public toilet in Loughrea and asked that something be done immediately about it. Mr. Kearns stated that he would have the matter investigated.

Vote of Congratulations: Mr. Barrett congratulated Lt. Col. Dan Corry on being awarded the Texaco Hall of Fame Award. Mr. Corry being a native of Loughrea.
Mr. Greene congratulated Mr. J.B. Donohue on the recent marriage of his daughter.

Housing: Mr. Morgan asked Mr. Kearns if there were any developments with regard to the recommendation that rear entrances be provided to the houses at Pollroebuck. Mr. Kearns replied that this is a matter of finance and that the Dept. of Local Government would have to approve same.

Mr. Morgan asked if it was possible to know the number of applicants for the 10 new houses at Pollroebuck. Mr. Kearns said that this list is not available.

Co-operative Housing Sites: Mr. Kelly asked what the position is with regard to the co-operative housing sites. Mr. Kearns stated that he was speaking recently to the contractor and that ~~xxx~~ he is pressing on with the development of same.

Differential Rent: Mr. Morgan asked if the new differential rent system is in operation for the Loughrea Town Commissioners houses and if it is possible for a tenant to have a rent of 5p per week under this system. Mr. Kearns replied that the new differential system is in operation in Loughrea and that depending on income, it is possible that a person may be on a rent of 5p per week.

Sale of Houses: Mr. Morgan asked what the position is with regard to the new purchase scheme for Loughrea Town Commissioners houses. Mr. Kearns stated that he may have details for the next meeting.

County Development Plan: Mr. Barrett asked if there is any progress made with regard the revision of the County Development Plan in so far as it refers to the proposed new road through Loughrea. Mr. Kearns replied that the plan is still under revision and that its adoption will be a matter for the County Council.

Pedestrian Crossings: Mr. Greene asked if there is any information on the recommendation to have pedestrian crossings provided at Main Street, Loughrea. The Town Clerk stated that the local gardai were in touch with ~~him~~ recently and that the matter is still under consideration.

School Transport: Mr. Devine stated that due to the petrol shortage, the person who brings the school children from Cuscarrack to school, is no longer in a position to do this run. Mr. Devine proposed that the Minister for Transport & Power be requested to make petrol available to this man. Mr. Morgan seconded this proposal.

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Itinerants on Fair Green: The following deputation attended the meeting to protest about the itinerants parked on the fairgreen, Loughrea. Messers John B. Callanan, Sean Cleary, Anthony Leahy and Kevin McCormack. The deputation pointed out that there are itinerants parked on the fairgreen for some months. These itinerants are causing a public nuisance and health hazard in the area. The deputation asked for immediate action to be taken to have these itinerants moved. The Chairman informed the deputation that the Board had requested that legal action be taken against these people, and he asked Mr. Kearns what the present position is. Mr. Kearns stated that he had waited for a decision on a similar case in Galway and that this decision was given to-day. The action was taken under the Planning Act and the decision was given against the itinerants. Mr. Kearns stated that he now proposes to take immediate legal action against the itinerants parked on the fairgreen. Mr. McDonnell stated that these itinerants should be prosecuted for the destruction of County Council and Town Commissioners property. Mr. Devine stated that he is very concerned about the health hazard which these itinerants are causing and he proposed that the Minister for Health be requested to get an inspector to inspect this area. This was seconded by Mr. Greene. The deputation thanked the meeting for receiving them, and left the meeting. Mr. McDonnell stated that provision should be made for the immediate fencing of the area. Mr. Fannon stated that he is prepared to put up a temporary fence around the Commissioners property should the itinerants move from same.

Votes of Sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended to the relatives of the late Laurence Flynn, Donnellan Drive, Loughrea.

This concluded the meeting.

Joe Greene
Signed this the 11th day of February, 1974.

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Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 11/2/74.

In the Chair: Mr. Joseph Greene, Chairman.

Members Present: Messers Joseph Kilboy, James Barrett, Dermot Sweeney, Norman Morgan, James McDonnell and John Devine.

In Attendance: Mr. Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.

Apology: Town Clerk apologised on behalf of Mr. P. Kearns, Asst. County Manager, who was unavoidably absent.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 14/1/74, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Mr. Morgan seconded by Mr. Greene.

Correspondence: The following correspondence was read to the meeting:

- (1) Letter from Lt. Col. Dan Corry thanking the Commissioners for their vote of congratulations on his ~~appointment~~ selection for the Texaco Hall of Fame Award.
- (2) Acknowledgement from the Minister for Labour for recommendation for the introduction of "Cooling Off Period" with regard to industrial disputes.
- (3) Letter from the County Council dated 24/1/74 stating that an estimate of cost is being prepared for the provision of rear entrances to the 16 houses already built at Pollroebeck, the 10 houses under construction and all other houses to be constructed at Pollroebeck, Loughrea.
- (4) Asbestos Gloves for Firemen: The County Council in its letter of the 15/1/74 stated that it is not general practice to supply asbestos gloves to firemen, but if considered necessary, one or two pairs of gloves can be made available for special situations.

Local Government Reorganisation: The meeting considered the Minister for Local Government proposals on Local Government Reorganisation. The question as to what would happen the Commissioners money if all housing functions of the Commissioners were handed over to the County Council, was raised. It was decided to seek this information from the Minister for Local Government and when this information is available, to hold a special meeting to discuss the proposals.

Motions: Mr. Morgan moved the following motions:

- (a) "That in future whenever a Commissioner uses a Loughrea Town Commissioners Meeting for the purpose of making an attack on any other Town C Commissioner regarding his personal or private life and such other personal matters which do not come under the jurisdiction of Loughrea Town Commissioners; that the Chairman adjourn the meeting for ten minutes and call in the gardai; and if after the meeting has reconvened the Commissioner in question continues his attack or obstructs same meeting, that the Chairman call on the gardai to remove the offender."

A discussion took place on this motion during which Mr. Barrett pointed out that the Chairman has the power to take such action as he considers necessary to conduct the meeting properly. As there was no seconder for the motion, the Chairman ruled the motion lost.

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- (b) "That Loughrea Town Commissioners install kitchen doors in three of their houses at Liam Mellows Terrace, thereby eliminating the present route i.e. via front door, through sittingroom and back hall to kitchen."

This motion was seconded by Mr. Kilboy. The Town Clerk stated that he was not too sure if this type of work could be undertaken by the Commissioners and he suggested that an estimate for the proposed work be got from the Town Engineer and the matter could be then considered at the next meeting. This suggestion was accepted.

- (c) "That a recommendation be sent to C.I.E. to provide a Sunday evening rail service from Loughrea to meet the Galway 19.00 hours train to Dublin; a week-day service to meet the Galway 8.35 to Dublin; a main connection from Loughrea C.I.E. station to Loughrea Town Sewer instead of the present french drain system to Loughrea river."

Mr. Greene seconded the first portion of this motion. The Chairman then ruled that Mr. Morgan had exceeded his quota of three motions per meeting and refused to allow Mr. Morgan to speak on parts two and three of the motion. The Chairman did however give permission to Mr. Morgan to raise these matters under "Any Other Business."

C.I.E. Service: Mr. Morgan proposed that C.I.E. be requested to provide a week-day service to meet the Galway 8.35 train to Dublin. This was seconded by Mr. Greene and passed unanimously.

Sewerage Service at C.I.E. Station: Mr. Morgan proposed that C.I.E. be requested to provide a main connection from Loughrea C.I.E. station to Loughrea Town Sewer instead of the present french drain system to Loughrea river. This was seconded by Mr. McDonnell and passed unanimously.

Votes of Sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following on their recent bereavements:

- (1) The Kelly family, Caheronaun on the death of Mrs. Kelly.
- (2) The O'Dea family, Athenry Road, on the death of Mr. John O'Dea.
- (3) Mr. John Joe Fahy, Athenry Road on the death of his wife.
- (4) The Davis Family, Mount Carmel Crescent on the death of their daughter.
- (5) The relatives of the late John Patrick Spillane formerly of Cross St.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 11th day of March, 1974.

Joe Greene
Chairman.

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In the Chair: Mr. Joseph Greene, Chairman.

Members Present: Messers Norman Morgan, Sean Kelly, James Barrett, James McDonnell, John Devine.

In Attendance: Messers Kevin Doyle, Acting Co. Sec., A. Marmion, Clerk.

Apology: Town Clerk apologised on behalf of Mr. D. Sweeney who was unavoidably absent.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 11/2/74, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Mr. Morgan seconded by Mr. McDonnell.

Correspondance: The following correspondence was read to the meeting;

(a) Letter from Dept. of Local Government dated 31/1/74 stating that the abatement of public health nuisance caused by itinerants camped on the Fair Green, Loughrea, is a matter for the Sanitary Authority. This letter led to a general discussion on itinerants during which, Mr. Devine suggested that the authorities should develop some stretch of bog and give the itinerants employment on these bogs. Mr. Morgan suggested taking people from the dole offices and getting them to work for a few days each week. Mr. Morgan asked if Mr. Doyle might get some information for the next meeting with regard to the proposed extensions for the houses at Gort Brighde

(b) L.G. Re-organisation: The Minister for Local Government stated in his letter of the 22/2/74 that since it is not proposed to abolish Town Commissioners there is no question of disposal of the general assets of Town Commissioners.

Motions: -

Mr. Greene moved the following motions:

(a) "That Main Street Loughrea be re-named Patrick's Street, to commemorate our National Saint."

There was no seconder for this motion which was declared lost.

(b) "That a beaker of water and glasses be provided at all future meetings"

(c) "That ash trays be made available for the convenience of the members."

Motions (b) and (c) above were seconded by Mr. Morgan and passed.

Mr. Morgan moved the following motions:

(a) "That a recommendation be sent to Mr. James Tully, T.D., Minister for Local Government and to Mr. Seamus Keating, County Manager, Galway County Council, that all letters addressed to Galway County Council and all its various departments be granted an acknowledgement within seven days and a full reply within thirty days."

This motion was seconded by Mr. Barrett and passed.

Mr. Morgan in moving the motion stated that while some departments within the County Council dealt with correspondence quickly, there are other departments with which he can make no progress and he felt that corruption exists in these latter departments. Mr. Doyle denied the allegation of corruption within any section of the County Council and added that he had attended a County Council meeting this very day and had heard no allegation of corruption from any County Councillor. Mr. Doyle also stated that it is unusual for Town Commissioners to get involved with County Council business.

(b) "That a recommendation be sent to Galway County Council to extend Loughrea town sewer inwards to the town from the pump house on the Gort Road to the property west of the Town Commissioners houses at Lake View, Gort Road, Loughrea."

This motion was seconded by Mr. Devine and passed.

(c) "That Galway County Council be asked to keep the grass in Garrybreedia and the New Cemetary graveyards trimmed, and that the present system of using Loughrea's public graveyards as meadows, where one can get wet up to their knees from high grass in wet weather, be ended."

This motion was seconded by Mr. Barrett and passed.

Parochial Mission: Rev. Fr. Moore was welcomed to the meeting by the Chairman. A discussion took place regarding the format of the forthcoming mission. Fr. Moore thanked the meeting for having him.

Congratulations: The Chairman congratulated Mr. Barrett on his appointment as Peace Commissioner.

Long Point: Mr. McDonnell referred to the long delay in having the swimming facilities completed at the Long Point and he proposed that the County Council be asked to complete this work immediately.

Public Toilets: Mr. Devine proposed that the County Council be asked to complete the work on the public toilets at Loughrea.

Playground: Mr. Morgan asked that the proposed amenities be provided at the playground.

Water Source: Mr. Morgan congratulated the County Council on the appointment of consultants to carry out a survey of the water works.

Pedestrian Crossings: Mr. Devine proposed that the gardai be asked if there is any progress with regard to the pedestrian crossings requested at Main Street, Loughrea.

Sites at Pollroebuck: Mr. Morgan asked Mr. Doyle to convey to the County Council the request that if the proposed serviced sites at Pollroebuck are not developed within the next two months, that the County Council re-possess them.

See minutes 8/4/74

Speed Limit at Cuscarrick: Mr. Morgan referred to the 40 m.p.h. speed limit at Cuscarrick and stated that he felt that the speed limit in this area should be 30 m.p.h. It was decided to recommend the reduction of the speed limit to the Dept. of Local Government.

Votes of Sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended to the McCormack family, The Hill on the death of Christy Mc Cormack.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 8th day of April, 1974.

Joseph Greene
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 8/4/74.

In the Chair: Mr. Joseph Greene, Chairman.

Members Present: Messers James McDonnell, Norman Morgan, Sean Kelly, John Devine and Dermot Sweeney.

In Attendance: Messers Peter Kearns, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, Clerk

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 11/3/74, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Mr. Morgan seconded by Mr. McDonnell.

Serviced Sites at Pollroebuck: Mr. Morgan referred to an entry in the minutes regarding these sites and stated that what he intended was for the County Council to get another contractor to prepare these sites if the present contractor does not commence work on them within a few months

Correspondence: The following correspondence was read to the meeting:

(1) Loughrea Pound: With regard to the request to have the town pound resited, the County Council in its letter of the 14/3/74 requested that this matter be deferred as the fair green is under consideration for development and the town dumping ground is being cleaned up with a view to closing same.

(2) The County Council also acknowledge request for improvements to Swimming Facilities at Long Point, Public Toilet at Westbridge, Sewer extension on Gort Road and cutting of grass in burial grounds. Mr. Kearns stated that the swimming facilities and public toilets will be completed within the next few months.

(3) Pedestrian Crossings: The Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Galway, stated in his letter of the 29/3/74, that it is felt that the volume of Pedestrians crossing the street does not warrant the provision of a Pedestrian Crossing. Mr. Devine stated that he was not satisfied with that reply. On the suggestion of Mr. Kearns it was agreed to ask the Gardai for particulars of the traffic counts taken and Mr. Kearns agreed to get a copy of "Pedestrian Crossing Facilities" (R.T.36), issued by An Foras Forbartha in October, 1970.

(4) Speed Limits: The Dept. of Local Government in its letter of the 25/3/74 stated that the request to have the speed limits changed at Cuscarrick will be fully considered in the course of the next review of speed limits for Co. Galway.

(5) Rail Service: C.I.E. in its letter of the 11/3/74 stated:
(a) With regard to request for a Sunday evening rail connection from Loughrea to Attymon, that a survey was taken on the evening train from Dublin on Friday and Saturday, 1st & 2nd March. The result of this survey did not warrant a special service from Loughrea on Sundays.

(b) The request for a week-day service to meet the 08.35 train from Galway was declined.

(c) With regard to the present sewerage system at Loughrea Station, proposals are in hand for connecting to the town sewer.

Mr. Morgan stated that C.I.E. should be thanked for the reply received, but that it should be also pointed out to C.I.E. that many people are not now using the week-end rail service from Dublindue to the fact that there is no return service from Loughrea on Sunday evenings.

Tidy Towns Competition, 1974. It was proposed by Mr. Morgan, Seconded by Mr. McDonnell and passed unanimously, that Loughrea enter for the 1974 Tidy Towns Competition.

Street Cleaning: On the proposition of Mr. McDonnell seconded by Mr. Morgan, it was decided to ask the County Council to provide a street cleaning service in Loughrea on Saturdays.

Motions: Mr. Morgan moved the following motions:

(a) "That a recommendation be sent to the Western Health Board to provide a Psychiatric Out-patients Clinic at St. Brendan's Home, Loughrea, to serve the needs of Loughrea and district."

This motion was seconded by Mr. Greene and passed.

(b) "That a recommendation be sent to Galway County Council to provide a County Crusher for derelict cars and other vehicles, so as to discourage the dumping and abandoning of derelict vehicles in the towns and countryside of our beautiful county, that the site for same be purchased on the east of and beside Loughrea Railway Station so as to give the very necessary additional employment to Loughrea and at the same time help maintain Loughrea Railway by using same for the transportation of vehicles to and from the proposed crusher."

Mr. Morgan amended this motion so that the recommendation be sent to the Dept. of Local Government and the amendment was seconded by Mr. McDonnell. There was no seconded for the original motion.

(c) "That the present Loughrea Parking Regulations be amended so as to include the roadside through and around the green as a No Parking area, and that roads thereat be yellow lined accordingly."

There was no seconder for this motion which was declared lost.

Improvements at Playground: Mr. Morgan thanked the Town Engineer and workmen for the improvements carried out at the Playground.

Haulage from Tynagh: Mr. Devine referred to the fact that "Milchem Minerals Ltd." had negotiated with C.I.E. for the transport of their products per rail, but later changed to C.I.E. road service. Mr. Devine stated that this was a great disappointment to the local C.I.E. station and he appealed to the County Council not to make any road improvements grants available to C.I.E.

Housing: Mr. Kearns stated that the new houses should be ready in a few weeks. In reply to Mr. Morgan, Mr. Kearns stated that he had not allocated a house in Cosmona to an itinerant.

Serviced Sites: Mr. Sean Kelly produced a letter addressed to Mr. M. Kitt T.D. from the Minister for Local Government stating that 5 people have accepted sites at Bollarobuck. The overall cost of the sites is £990 of which a grant of £300 will be available from the Dept. of Local Government.

Derelict Sites: On the proposition of Mr. Morgan seconded by Mr. Greene it was decided to request the County Council to have a Derelict Site noticed served on the owners of the "Brewery Yard" site at Barrack St., Loughrea.

Town Commissioners Houses: It was proposed by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. McDonnell that wash hands basins be provided in Loughrea Town Commissioners houses situated at Liam Mellows Terrace, Loughrea.

"The Walks" : It was proposed by Mr. Devine and seconded by Mr. Kelly that Galway County Council be requested to tarmacadem The Walks, Loughrea.

Loughrea Lake: On the proposition of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. McDonnell, it was agreed to request the County Council, to have erected at the openings to the lake along Barrack Street and the Gort Road, notices prohibiting the washing of cars.

Vote of Sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended to the relatives of the late Dan Murray formerly of Galway Road, Loughrea.

This concluded the meeting.

J. McDonnell

Signed this the 13th day of May, 1974.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 13/5/74.

In the Chair: Mr. James McDonnell, Vice-Chairman.
Members Present: Messers Norman Morgan, Sean Kelly, Joseph Kilboy, Dermot Sweeney, James Barrett, John Devine.

In Attendance: Messers Peter Kearns, Asst. County Manager and Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

The meeting adjourned for five minutes as a mark of respect to the late Michael Kilboy, brother of Commissioner Joseph Kilboy.

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. Morgan seconded by Mr. Kelly.

Correspondence: Galway County Council informed the meeting of the following decisions made on recommendations made by Loughrea Town Commissioners:

- (1) The Australian Gates at Barrack Street have been removed.
- (2) It is not recommended to let surface water into the town sewer.
- (3) Public lighting on Gort Road and additional lights at Cottage Hill, is being attended to.
- (4) Grass in burial grounds at Loughrea will be cut.
- (5) There is no provision for a public convenience at the Long Point, but that this location will be kept in mind when a new priority list is being prepared.

Rail Service: C.I.E. in its letter of the 11/4/74 stated that it does not propose to provide a Sunday Evening Rail Service to Dublin.

Pedestrian Crossings: The Garda stated in their letter of the 22/4/74 that they are not prepared to make known the result of the traffic count taken in Loughrea with regard to the provision of Pedestrian Crossings.

Seven Springs Festival: An application from Mr. Martin J. Ward, Secretary Seven Springs Festival Committee, for permission to hold a Test Trial at the Long Point on Saturday 29th June between the hours of 1 to 5 p.m. was considered.

On the proposition of Mr. Morgan seconded by Mr. Kelly it was decided to grant the necessary permission subject to the Seven Springs Festival Committee making good any damage that might occur and also securing a Public Liability Insurance indemnifying the Loughrea Town Commissioners from any claim.

Motions: Mr. Morgan moved the following motions:-

- (a) "That the roadside wall of the Town Commissioners' Fields east and west of the tennis club be repaired and a gate erected to serve said west field."

It was decided to refer this motion to the Town Engineer for his opinion and an estimate of the cost.

- (b) That a recommendation be sent to Galway County Council to close to motor traffic the Gort Road entrance to Cuscarrick Crescent by erecting a concrete block wall across the road, east to west at that junction, but leaving the footpaths free for pedestrian and pram use. There was no seconder for this motion.

- (c) That a recommendation be sent to the Galway County Manager that under no circumstances should roadworkers, presently employed by Galway County Council be laid off - that should the roads money run short that roadworkers be employed to maintain our graveyards and carry out Council river cleaning, etc., until roads money becomes available.

Mr. Kearns pointed out that there is no immediate danger of roadworkers being laid off and should the occasion arise it is just as easy to raise money for roadworks as for any other work. There was no seconder for this motion.

Town Plan: Mr. Kelly asked for information on the New Town Plan. Mr. Kearns assured the meeting that the staff are at present working full time on the revision of this plan.

Dangerous Corner; Mr. Sweeney referred to the number of accidents and near misses that occur at the bend near his house and he felt that something should be done to highlight the danger that exists at this corner as you approach from Galway. On the suggestion of Mr. Morgan it was decided to request Galway County Council to have a 'Black Spot' sign erected on the approach from Galway.

Housing: Mr. Kilboy asked when are the houses at Pollroebuck going to be allocated. Mr. Kearns stated that the houses have not been handed over to the County Council yet but he expects that this will be done within the next week or so. The houses will then be allocated.

Long Point; Mr. Kearns stated that he ~~would~~ expected that work would be completed at the Long Point before the 16th June next. Mr. McDonnell stated that he would prefer if the work did not commence on this job if there was any danger of it not being completed before the 16th of June as there will be a swimming gala on that day.

Youth Club: Mr. McDonnell stated that he was approached by a member of the Youth Club who requested that the Loughrea Town Commissioners make a grant available for the purchase of some equipment. Mr. Kearns stated that the Commissioners have not the authority to make such a grant available.


Mr. McDonnell proposed that application be made to the Minister for Local Government for permission to give a grant to the Youth Club. This was seconded by Mr. Kelly. Mr. Sweeney stated that he felt that this was not the purpose for which the Commissioners funds were accumulated and for this reason he proposed that application not be made to the Minister for permission to make a grant to the Youth Club. This was seconded by Mr. Kilboy. The Chairman put the amendment to the meeting and the following members supported it: Messers Sweeney, Kilboy, Barrett and Morgan. The Chairman declared the amendment carried and it was decided not to make application to the Minister.

Votes of Sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended following:

- (1) Kilboy family, Barrack Street on the death of Michael Kilboy.
- (2) Morgan family, The Hill on the death of Mrs. Morgan, Bride Street.
- (3) Corry family, Barrack Street on the death of Joseph Corry.

The meeting then terminated.

Signed this the 10th day of June, 1974.


Chairman.

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Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 10/6/74.

In the Chair: Mr. Joseph Greene, Chairman.
Members present: Messers Joseph Kilboy, James Barrett, James McDonnell Norman Morgan.

In Attendance: Messers Peter Kearns, Asst. Co. Manager, Henry Fannon, B.E. Town Engineer and Alexis 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. Morgan seconded by Mr. Greene.

Correspondence:

Seven Springs Festival Committee in its letter of the 23/5/74 stated that it is prepared to abide by the conditions set out by the Loughrea Town Commissioners, for the use of the car-park at Long Point, Loughrea, as venue for Test Trials on the 29/6/74. It was decided that before the necessary order was made covering same, that the Seven Springs Festival Committee present to the Asst. Co. Manager, the Public Liability Policy indemnifying the Loughrea Town Commissioners.

Abstract of Accounts: The Town Clerk presented the Abstract of Accounts for year ended 31/3/74. The Accounts were noted and the Town Clerk was commended on the manner in which he had presented them, on the proposition of Mr. Greene seconded by Mr. McDonnell.

Motions: -

Mr. Greene moved his N.O.M. of the 1/6/74:

"Ba maith liom ainm Dunkellin a scriu amach agus ainm nua a cur ar an sraid sin, se an ainm nua Sraid Colmcille."

Mr. Kearns stated that in order for the Commissioners to change a street name, it must be ascertained that there is a demand from the rate payers of a particular street to have the name of that street changed. If it is established that there is a demand from the rate payers of a particular street to have the name of a street changed, the Commissioners can then decide to hold a plebiscite of the rate payers of the street wishing to change its name and should four-sevenths of the rate payers vote for a change, the name can then be changed.

The motion was referred back to Mr. Greene to establish if this demand exists.

Mr. Morgan moved the following motions:

(a) "That a new gate be installed at the L.T.C. house occupied by Mrs. Connolly, Athenry Road."

The Town Clerk pointed out that according to the letting agreement, the tenant is responsible for boundary fences and gates.
It was agreed to leave the matter with Mr. Kearns for his attention.

(b) "That Galway Co. Co. be requested to erect some seats on the east side of the road between Mount Carmel and Cosmona."

(c) "That the Galway Co. Co. be requested to have the materials, i.e. barrells etc. removed from the south side of Galway Road West, i.e. adjacent to Lake View Park."

Mr. Fannon, Town Engineer stated that these motions are tied up with proposed housing development in the particular areas and he thought it better not to undertake any major development in these areas for the present. It was decided to leave the matter with Mr. Fannon who agreed to have another look at the areas.

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Votes of Congratulations: The following votes of congratulations were passed:

Cival Defence: To the local Cival Defence group on winning the All-Ireland title.

Fishing: To Mr. Michael Sweeney on his recent success in the fishing competition held in Westport.

Tributes: The Chairman and members present thanked the officials and staff for their work and co-operation during the past seven years, the Asst. Co. Manager, the Town Engineer and the Town Clerk suitably replied.

Votes of sympathy, The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following on their recent bereavements:

The family of Mrs. M. Mcquaid, Abbey Tee., Loughrea.

The relatives of the late Joseph Mannion, The Hill, Loughrea

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 8th day of July, 1974.

James Mc Donnell
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the Annual Meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 28/6/74.

Members Present: Messers Francis O'Brien, Norman Morgan, James McDonnell, Sean Kelly, Patrick Joseph Duane, Brendan Donnellan, Patrick O'Loughlin and James Barrett.

In Attendance: - A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Apology: The Town Clerk apologised on behalf of Commissioner Matthew Loughnane and Mr. Peter Kearns, Asst. Co. Manager, who were unavoidably absent.

Election of Chairman: There was only one member proposed for the position of Chairman, Mr. James McDonnell, who was proposed by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mr. O'Brien. Mr. McDonnell was declared elected. Mr. McDonnell thanked his proposer and seconder. ~~and the~~ He welcomed the new members of the Board and paid tribute to the outgoing members who for one reason or another are no longer with the Board. Mr. McDonnell appealed to the members to leave politics outside the Boardroom, to work for the good of Loughrea and to restore the dignity of the Board. Mr. Barrett in associating himself with the Chairman's sentiments appealed to the members to obey the ruling of the Chairman at all times.

Election of Vice-Chairman: There were two propositions for the position of Vice-Chairman. Mr. Donnellan was proposed by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mr. O'Loughlin, and Mr. Morgan who was proposed by Mr. Barrett and seconded by Mr. Duane. A vote was taken and resulted as follows:-
For Mr. Donnellan: Messers Kelly, O'Loughlin, O'Brien, Donnellan and McDonnell, 5 votes.
For Mr. Morgan: Messers Barrett, Duane, Morgan, 3 votes
Mr. Donnellan was declared elected. Mr. Donnellan thanked his proposer and seconder.

Election of two delegates to the Association of Municipal Authorities: The following were proposed as delegates to the Association of Municipal Authorities:- Mr. O'Brien was proposed by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mr. Donnellan. Mr. Kelly was proposed by Mr. O'Loughlin and seconded by Mr. O'Brien. Mr. Morgan was proposed by Mr. Barrett but withdrew. Messers O'Brien and Kelly were declared elected. The Town Clerk read a letter from the Assoc. of Municipal Authorities which stated that delegates appointed, are appointed for the duration of the Board.

Appointment of One delegate to the Fire Brigades Advisory Committee:- There were two proposals for this position, Mr. Morgan was proposed by Mr. Barrett and seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. O'Loughlin was proposed by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mr. Donnellan. A vote was taken which resulted as follows:-
For Mr. Morgan, Messers Morgan, Barrett, Duane, 3 votes
For Mr. O'Loughlin, Messers Kelly, Donnellan, O'Brien, O'Loughlin, 4 votes
Mr. O'Loughlin was declared elected

Date of Monthly Meeting: It was agreed that the monthly meeting of the Board be held on the second Monday of the month at 7/30 p.m.

Congratulations: The Chairman congratulated Mr. Morgan on his success in the County Council election and wished him every success, all members present associated themselves with the Chairman's remarks. Mr. O'Brien congratulated the Town Clerk and his staff on the manner in which they had conducted the recent local election count.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 8th day of July, 1974.

James McDonnell
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 8/7/74.

In the Chair: Mr. James McDonnell, Chairman.

Members Present: Messers Sean Kelly, Matthew Loughnane, Patrick O'Loughlin, Brendan Donnellan, Francis O'Brien, James Barrett, Patrick Joseph Duane and Norman Morgan.

In Attendance: Messers John Howlett, Acting Asst. County Manager, Henry Fannon, Town Engineer and A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Minutes: Minutes of meetings held on the 10/6/74 and 28/6/74, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct, proposed by Mr. O'Brien seconded by Mr. Barrett.

Correspondence: The following correspondence was read to the meeting:

(a) Notice of intention to hold the Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland at Galway on 10th, 11th. and 12 of September, 1974.

(b) Reply from County Council dated 12/6/74 stating:-

- (1) "The Walk": No improvements required at the present time.
- (2) The Lake:- washing of vehicles should be prohibited if possible.
- (3) The County Council workshop at Barrack Street will receive attention in due course.
- (4) The Brewery Yard site at Barrack Street, does not constitute a derelict site.

Mr. Barrett referred to the condition of "The Walk" and stated that some more seats should be provided there. Mr. Morgan referred to a motion he had submitted some time ago requesting that two men be employed solely on parks around the town during the summer months, this was supported by Mr. Donnellan. It was decided to recommend to Mr. Fannon that additional seats be provided and that a notice prohibiting the running of dogs on the North Mound, be erected.

House Purchase Scheme: Mr. Howlett submitted proposals for a new house purchase scheme. The proposed scheme which was based on the original cost of the house converted to current day value, fixed the price of the houses at:- Athenry Road houses £1994, Abbey Terrace houses £2133, Mt. Carmel Crescent houses £4212, Liam Mellows Tce. houses £4810, Barrack Street house £5128, Lake Side houses £4371, Galway Road houses £4074. These prices are reduced by £900 grant plus a discount of 3% of gross cost of the houses, for each year of tenancy up to a maximum discount of 30%. The scheme would provide for repayments to be made over a 20 to 35 year periods and the annuity repayments will be something in the region of £10 to £11 per £100. The scheme was adopted on the proposition of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Duane.

Motions: Mr. Morgan moved the following motions:-

- ~~xxx~~ "I will recommend that recommendations be sent to Galway Co. Council
- (a) to provide as a matter of urgency, a concrete footpath instead of the present tarmac one, from the Casket to St. Brendan's Home, Loughrea.
 - (b) that work on the Long Point swimming area be completed this summer.
 - (c) that Loughrea Town Sewer be extended to Cuscarrick West and to Tullahill, Loughrea.

Mr. O'Brien referred to motion (a) and stated that he understood that work on this footpath is already proposed by Galway Co. Council. Mr. Fannon stated that the provision and replacement of footpaths around the town depends on finance available, all could not be done in one year and each area must be taken in order of its priority. It was decided to recommend to Galway County Council, that footpaths be provided on Woodford Road, Cuscarrick, Cosmona and Cross Street.

Motion (b) was seconded by Mr. Donnellan and passed unanimously.

Motion (c) Was seconded by Mr. O'Loughlin and passed unanimously.

Mr. Barrett moved the following motions:-

- (1) "That we the Loughrea Town Commissioners recommend that the appropriate authority, appoint a full-time Youth Officer for town."
- (2) "That we the Loughrea Town Commissioners recommend to Galway Co. Council, that the 10 ft. wide footpath opposite St. Brendan's Cathedral, be narrowed to 5 ft. so as to create some badly needed additional parking space there."
- (3) "That we the Loughrea Town Commissioners recommend that playing pitch facilities be provided in the town out of State funds available for such purposes."

Motions (1) and (3) above were deferred to the next meeting to enable the Asst. Co. Manager to make some enquiries re assistance available for provision of same.

Motion (2) above:- Mr. Fannon, Town Engineer, stated that he could recommend same for 1975 "Minor Improvement" scheme. This was agreed to and the narrowing of footpaths in Church St. and Dunkellin St. was also recommended to the Town Engineer.

Youth Club: It was decided on the proposition of Mr. McDonnell, seconded by Mr. Morgan, to apply to the Minister for Local Government, for permission to make a grant available to the Loughrea Youth Club, for the provision of equipment in their club.

Letting of Houses: Mr. Barrett referred to the recent letting of houses in Loughrea and ask under what system were these houses let. Mr. Morgan stated that the houses were let by the Asst. Co. Manager on the recommendation of the County Medical Officer. Mr. Howlett confirmed Mr. Morgan's statement but added that he was not prepared to discuss the letting of County Council houses at a Town Commissioners meeting. A general discussion took place on the merits of the tenants selected for the houses and it was decided on the proposition of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. McDonnell, to inform the Minister for Local Government that the Loughrea Town Commissioners do not agree with the present Scheme of Letting Priorities in operation for Loughrea Town Commissioners and Galway County Council houses. It was also decided to inform the Galway County Council, that the Loughrea Town Commissioners are not satisfied with the letting of the 10 houses at Pollroebuck, Loughrea.

Votes of Sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following on their recent bereavements: Gately family, Dunkellin St., Moran family Cosmona, Burke family, Galway Road and the Tormey family, Cuscarrick.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 12th day of August, 1974.

James McDonnell
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 12/8/74.

In the Chair: Mr. James McDonnell, Chairman.

Members Present: Messers Norman Morgan, Brendan Donnellan, James Barrett, Francis O'Brien, Matthew Loughnane and Patrick J. Duane.

In Attendance: Messers John Howlett, Deputy Asst. Co. Manager and A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 8/7/74, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Mr. Morgan seconded by Mr. Loughnane.

Playing Facilities: Mr. Howlett informed the meeting that as far as he could ascertain, the only grant available for the provision of playing facilities, is a grant of 1% of the capital cost of the provision of these facilities and that this grant must go towards the provision of equipment.

Correspondence: The following correspondence from Galway County Council was read to the meeting:

Mt. Carmel Crescent/Athlery Road Junction: The County Council stated that as this junction is within a 30 m.p.h. speed limit it is not recommended to erect a "Black Spot" sign thereat, however a "Road Narrowing" sign will be erected.

It was decided to wait and see how effective this sign will be.

Loughrea Water Supply: The County Council informed the meeting that the provision of a standby diesel pump at Loughrea Water Works is not considered necessary having regard to the number of emergencies which have arisen in the town in the past seven years.

Scavenging Service: The County Council stated in its letter of the 24/7/74, that it will provide a scavenging service in Loughrea on Mondays which are Bank Holidays.

Mr. Donnellan stated that a word of thanks is due to the workers who had worked on the street cleaning during the holiday period.

Mr. Morgan referred to the lighting of a fire on "Stoney Brennan" night and he felt that this practise should stop. It was decided to take no action in this matter as the residents of the area had not objected.

Byelaws in relation to the Letting of Houses: Mr. Howlett explained to the meeting that the Minister for Local Government proposed making ~~the~~ byelaws governing the letting of houses and the Byelaws under consideration by the meeting are models for the country. Mr. Howlett stated that the proposed Byelaws now require the approval of the Board and at a later date the Board will be asked to pass them. The Byelaws were discussed in detail and on the proposition of Mr. O'Brien seconded by Mr. Barrett, it was decided to approve of them subject to the following amendments being made:- Page 8 Par. 2, Sec (a) Sub. Sec (i) That the word Tenant be substituted for every 5 persons, and that Sec. (a) Sub. Sec. (ii) and (iii) be deleted, that the same amendments be made for Sect. (b) as were made for Sec. (a). Page 9, Par. 3, Sec. (f), that the words "Where Practicable" be deleted.

It was also decided on the proposition of Mr. Donnellan seconded by Mr. Morgan, that regulations governing fire precautions be inserted in the Byelaws.

Motions: Mr. Morgan moved the following motions:-

- (a) "That a recommendation be sent to Galway County Council to provide at a convenient place in Loughrea, a two to three inch hose from Loughrea town water supply, to facilitate farmers and others who wish to fill barrells, tanks, etc.; that a meter with a cash slot be thereat so that water may be charged per 1000 gallons at the current rate."

- (b) "That a recommendation be sent to Galway County Council to erect bollards one Car's length from the road's edge and parallel to same at the watering place opposite Carty's Gort Road, Loughrea, so as to stop cars, vans, lorries, etc. from driving into the lake for washing and cleaning."

- (c) "That Loughrea Town Commissioners erect a volley ball/basket ball (outdoor) court in the Town Commissioners field west of the Children's Playground."

Motion (a) was seconded by Mr. McDonnell and passed, there was no seconder for motion (b) and it was agreed to refer motion (c) to the Town Engineer for an estimate of the cost.

Election Estimate: The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the cost of the Local Election held in June will be approximately £260 where as the amount provided in the Estimate for elections was £150. On the proposition of Mr. Morgan seconded by Mr. O'Brien it was agreed to approve of an expenditure of £260.

Dates of September and October Meetings: As the Galway Races will be held on the second Monday in September and October, it was unanimously agreed to hold the Commissioners meetings on the first Monday of these months.

E.S.B. Dispute: Mr. Morgan proposed and Mr. McDonnell seconded, that the Minister for Labour be asked to intercede in the internal dispute within the E.S.B which is preventing people from getting electricity into houses.

Mr. McDonnell proposed that the Minister for Transport & Power be requested to have a public sworn enquiry into the working of the E.S.B, this was seconded by Mr. Morgan and passed unanimously.

Social Welfare: Mr. Barrett referred to the system whereby people are receiving Social Welfare benefits to such an extent that some people have no incentive to work. Mr. Barrett stated that he felt that this is bad for the country and he proposed that the Minister for Social Welfare be requested to examine the position, this proposition was seconded by Mr. O'Brien and passed unanimously.

Housing: The meeting was informed that Mr. Anthony Blake, Galway Road, Loughrea was allocated the tenancy of No.4 house, Abbey Tce., Loughrea.

Industrial Site: Mr. Barrett asked what the position is with regard to the provision of the services to the industrial site at Loughrea. Mr. Howlett stated that he would make enquiries before the next meeting.

C.I.E. :- Mr. Loughnane stated that he was informed that it is proposed to replace the existing engine at Loughrea C.I.E. station with an older type engine that is at present being used for 'shunting' wagons. It was decided to write to the Area Manager of C.I.E protesting against the proposed change.

Long Point: Mr. McDonnell asked Mr. Howlett to try to have the work completed on the swimming facilities at the Long Point.

Votes of Sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following on their recent bereavements:-
The O'Neill family, Graigue, Loughrea.
O'Dea family, Railway Hotel, Loughrea
O'Neill family, Lake Road, Loughrea.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 2nd day of September, 1974.

James McDonnell
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 2/9/74.

In the Chair:- Mr. James McDonnell, Chairman.
Members Present: Messers Norman Morgan, James Barrett, Matthew Loughnane, Brendan Donnellan, Sean Kelly, Patrick O'Loughlin and Francis O'Brien.
In Attendance: Messers John Howlett, Deputy Asst. County Manager and Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 12/8/74, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Mr. Morgan seconded by Mr. Kelly.
Arising from the minutes, Mr. Morgan referred to a motion which he had submitted calling for the erection of bollards at the opening to the lake off the Gort Road - a motion which had failed to get the support of the Board. Mr. Morgan stated that there is a caravan now parked in this place and that there is also a caravan parked in the small car-park near the Long Point and he wondered where the nuisance from these caravans is being dumped. The Chairman pointed out that modern caravans are usually fitted with convenience and that there is no visual evidence of abuses from the caravans mentioned.
On the proposition of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Morgan it was decided to request the County Council to provide a caravan park in Loughrea.

Correspondence: The following correspondence was read to the meeting:-

- (1) The County Council in its letter of the 12/8/74 stated that Consultants are, at the present time, preparing a sewerage scheme for Loughrea and a copy of the Board's letter of the 11/7/74 was forwarded to them so that cognisance can be taken of the Board's request to have the sewerage scheme extended to Cuscarrick West and to Tullahill.
- (2) Acknowledgement by the Minister for Transport & Power of request to hold a public sworn enquiry into the workings of the E.S.B.
- (3) Acknowledgement by the Minister for Social Welfare of receipt of the Board's letter stating that the present Social Welfare payments are such that for some people there is no incentive for them to work.
- (4) Acknowledgement by the Minister for Labour of receipt of the Board's request for his intervention in the dispute within the E.S.B. which is preventing people from getting electric current for new houses. The meeting considered it most un-satisfactory that the new local authority houses are still without current and on the proposition of Mr. Morgan seconded by Mr. Kelly it was decided to send a telegram to the Minister for Labour requesting him again to intervene in the dispute.

National Wage Agreement, 1974:- On the proposition of Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Mr. Morgan, it was unanimously agreed to implement the 1974 National Wage Agreement in so far as it relates to the Town Clerk and School Warden.

Motions: Mr. Morgan moved the following motions:-

- (a) "That Loughrea Town Commissioners provide swings, a slide and climbing bars, in Garrybreedia Public Park for the children of the east side of Loughrea town."
- (b) "That Loughrea Town Commissioners provide sea-sand or its equivalent in the Children's Playground, Gort Road."
- (c) "That a recommendation be sent to Galway County Council to have provided, without delay, a public road and street lighting in the Lake View Park Estate, Cuscarrick, Loughrea."

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general discussion took place on Motion (a) during which Mr. Morgan as asked to withdraw his motion in favour of the following motion proposed by Mr. Loughnane and seconded by Mr. Donnellan:-
That the Town Engineer draw up as a matter of urgency, an overall plan for Garrybreedia Park, with special emphasis on the provision of playing facilities such as swings, slided climbing bars etc."
Mr. Morgan stated that he was not prepared to withdraw his motion but that he would agree to both motions being put forward. Mr. McDonnell stated that he would seconded Mr. Morgan's motion on the understanding that both motions would go to the Town Engineer for his opinion and for an estimate of the costs. This was agreed by the meeting.

Motion (b) was seconded by Mr. McDonnell and referred to the Town Engineer for his opinion and an estimate of the cost.

Motion (c) was seconded by Mr. Loughnane.

Public Lighting: Mr. O'Loughlin said it was unfair that the public lights were not provide on the Gort Road and he felt that this road should get priority with regard to the provision of public lights. It was decided to write to Galway Co. Council regarding the provision of lights on the Gort Road.

Town Plan: Mr. Kelly asked what the present position is with regard to the proposed Town Plan. Mr. Howlett stated that the County Plan is still being reviewed.

Mr. Donnellan referred to a building which was erected recently at Piggotts Street and stated that it was a shame that such a building was allowed to be erected in this area.

Mr. Morgan referred to the granting of planning permission for a garage at Barrack Street, between the Temperance Hall and the Cathedral and he proposed that the Board object to it. Mr. Morgan's proposal did not get a seconder.

Parking of Derelict Cars: It was decided to bring to the Garda's attention, the fact that derelict cars are parked continuously on Piggotts St., Castle St. and opposite the Town Hall on Barrack Street. Mr. Morgan stated that one hour parking on the East side of Piggotts St. would eliminate the problem and he proposed that the Garda be requested to have one hour parking introduced for the east side of Piggotts St., this was seconded by Mr. Donnellan. A direct negative proposed by Mr. Kelly got no seconder.

School Warden: The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the School Warden had resigned. Mr. Howlett stated that they have a similar difficulty in Tuam and there is difficulty in getting someone to take the job. Mr. Howlett added that the job in Loughrea will be advertised. It was agreed that if a suitable applicant is available in the meantime they could be appointed in a temporary capacity. Mr. Donnellan stated that this might be a recurring problem and he proposed that a pedestrian crossing be provided near the school, this was seconded by Mr. Kelly.

Votes of Sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following on their recent bereavements:

- (1) The Blake family, Abbey Terrace.
- (2) Connaire family, Church Street.
- (3) Kenny family, Athenry Road.
- (4) Finnegan family, Barrack Street.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the ^{4th} day of October, 1974.

Brendan Donnellan
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly Estimates Meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 7/10/74.

In the Chair: Mr. Brendan Donnellan, Vice-Chairman.
Members Present: Messers Sean Kelly, Patrick O'Loughlin, James Barrett, Francis O'Brien, Norman Morgan, Patrick J. Duane.
In Attendance: Messers Peter Kearns, Asst. Co. Manager, Henry F. Fannon, Town Engineer, and A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes; The minutes of the last meeting held on the 2/9/74, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. O'Brien.

Correspondence: The following correspondence was read to the meeting:-

(1) Letter from Galway Co. Council dated 23/9/74 which stated:

(a) That due to the car-park at Barrack Street being under utilizes, it is not proposed to reduce the width of the footpaths at Barrack St., Church St. and Dunkellin St. The meeting was not satisfied with this reply and it was decided to discuss this matter later in the meeting, when Motions relating to car-parks are being discussed.

(b) Footpaths: The County Council also stated in its letter of the 23/9/74, that concrete footpaths will soon be started at the Gort Road and from The Casket towards St. Brendan's Home, however, due to limited funds it is not proposed to do any footpaths at Cosmona or Cross St.

(2) Parking, Pedestrian Crossings etc.: Supt. P.A. O'Driscoll, Garda Barracks, Loughrea, stated in his letter of the 17/9/74, that the recommendations re parking of derelict cars at Pigott St., Castle St. and Barrack St., the question of hourly parking in Pigott St. and the provision of a pedestrian crossing at Moore St., are being examined and recommendations will be sent in due course.

(3) Bye-Laws for Private Rented Accommodation: The Minister for Local Government in his letter of the 9/9/74 referred to the recommendations made by Loughrea Town Commissioners on the 14/8/74 concerning the model bye-laws for private rented accommodation. The Minister stated that the amendments suggested were considered desirable but, in the short term, could well be an impracticable proposition particularly in relation to existing rented dwellings. Mr. Kearns stated that the proposed bye-laws can be reviewed at any time and he suggested that the model bye-laws be adopted now and they can be reviewed at a later stage when the needs of Loughrea are known. On the proposition of Mr. O'Brien seconded by Mr. Barrett it was decided to adopt the model bye-laws as they stand.

(4) Rail Service at Loughrea: The Town Clerk informed the meeting that Mr. Looney, District Manager, C.I.E. called on him for the purpose of discussing the rail service at Loughrea. The Town Clerk was informed by Mr. Looney that C.I.E. stations all over the country are at present under review and when the overall picture is known, each station will be equipped to cater for its own particular needs. It was also stated by Mr. Looney that the engine is being changed at Loughrea but that this change of engine should not disrupt the present services at Loughrea station. Mr. Barrett referred to correspondence which the Chamber of Commerce have received concerning Loughrea station and he felt that the Board should be more concerned about keeping the station open.

Estimates, 1975 Year: In accordance with Sections 9 and 10 of the County and City Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Mr. Kearns submitted the Estimate for 1975 Financial Year. Copies of the Estimates had previously been circulated to the members. The Estimates were discussed in detail and Mr. Morgan suggested additional expenditure on the provision of wash hand basins and doorways in some of the Liam Mellows Terrace houses and also additional expenditure on Parks and Playgrounds. The meeting decided that before any additional expenditure be made, that a survey of the houses be carried out and that a report be submitted for the next meeting. With regard to the suggestion for additional expenditure on Parks and Playgrounds, it was decided on the proposition of Mr. Barrett seconded by Mr. Donnellan, that Galway County Council be asked to prepare an overall plan for the Parks etc. in Loughrea so that a long term plan could be worked to.

It was proposed by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Mr. Kelly and resolved that the Estimate of Expenses of the Loughrea Town Commissioners for the Financial Year ending 31/12/75, 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 Town Clerk.

It was also proposed by Mr. O'Brien 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 £602 for the Financial Year ending 31st December, 1975 and that the form of demand be signed by the Chairman and Town Clerk.

The form of Demand and the Form of Estimates were signed by the Chairman and Town Clerk.

Tidy Towns Competition, 1974: The Town Clerk informed the meeting that Loughrea had finished 4th in its group with 119 marks in the 1974 Tidy Towns Competition. i.e. 3 marks behind the winning town, Listowel. This compared very favourably with last year when Loughrea was 7th with 109 marks. It was agreed that the Asst. County Manager would get copies of the adjudicator's report and have them circulated to the members and to the press.

Speed Limits: Mr. Kearns in outlining circular letter RTG 3/74 of the 19/9/74 from the Dept. of Local Government dealing with the revision of speed limits, stated that heretofore revisions were carried out by the Department and that now it is proposed that revisions be carried out by the local authorities. It is proposed that local technical committee be set up comprising of local authority engineering staff and Gardaí. Mr. Kearns stated that county councils have responsibility for roads in Town Commissioners' areas and that the Board should consider the appointment of elected members to act on technical committees if and when they are set up.

It was decided that this matter be put on the agenda for the next meeting and that the Board appoint two members to act on these committees.

Cinematograph Licence: On the proposition of Mr. Morgan seconded by Mr. Kelly it was decided to grant a Cinematograph Licence to Loughrea Town Hall Ltd. subject to the approval of the Fire Officer.

Motions:-

Mr. Kelly moved the following N.O.M. :-

(a) That Galway County Council be requested to erect a wall or barrier in front of the bridge on the roadway leading to Mr. John Barrett's house, off Moore St., Loughrea, as a protection to children in this area.
This motion was seconded by Mr. Morgan and passed unanimously.

(b) That Galway County Council be requested to purchase the site owned by Mr. Michael Fitzgerald at Westbridge, Loughrea. The said site to be developed as a car-park or market place.
This motion was seconded by Mr. Morgan and passed unanimously.

(c) That Galway County Council acquire the the ground on the south side of the Old Boys' National School at Pigott's Street and develop this ground as a car-park.
This motion was seconded by Mr. Morgan and passed unanimously.

Mr. Donnellan moved the following N.O.M. :-

(a) That a recommendation be sent to Galway County Council to provide 6 new lights at Athenry Road, (3 at Cottage Hill & 3 at Rathruddy Road)
(b) That a recommendation be sent to Galway County Council to purchase the plot of ground at Westbridge (behind the toilets). This plot to be developed as a Market Place or Car Park.
The above two motions were seconded by Mr. Morgan and passed unanimously.

(c) That Loughrea Town Commissioners purchase a copy of the Book of Kells (now on sale) to be displayed at the local library and schools.
Mr. Kearns pointed out that the Commissioners are not permitted to purchase this ~~book~~ book and he suggested that the motion be changed to request the County Council to purchase this book.
Mr. Donnellan amended his motion to read:-
"That Galway County Council be requested to purchase a copy of the Book of Kells for display at the Loughrea library and schools."
The amended motion was seconded by Mr. Morgan and passed unanimously.

Mr. Morgan moved the following N.O.M. :-

(a) That a recommendation be sent to Galway County Council to appoint a full-time Fire Officer, with assistants, at Loughrea.
After discussion, Mr. Morgan agreed to delete the "with assistants" from the motion. The amended motion was seconded by Mr. Donnellan and passed.

(b) That a recommendation be sent to Galway County Council to purchase land and make sites, similar to those of Donnellan Drive, available at Loughrea.
This motion was seconded by Mr. Kelly and passed unanimously.

(c) That a recommendation be sent to Galway County Council to have erected on Loughrea Green, a fountain similar to the one in Fr. Griffin Road Park, Galway.
There was no seconder for this motion.

Brendan Donnellan Memorial Committee: Mr. Barrett asked what had become of this committee. Mr. Kelly stated that a meeting of this committee will be held within the next few weeks.

Public Toilets: Mr. Donnellan asked if a separate sign could be erected over the ladies toilet. Mr. Fannon, Town Engineer said he would examine this matter.

Arch at Mt. Pleasant: Mr. Donnellan stated that one of the supports to the arch leading to Mt. Pleasant houses is in a dangerous condition. Mr. Fannon stated that he would look at this arch.

Gort Brighde Houses: In reply to Mr. O'Loughlin, Mr. Kearns stated that plans are progressing favourable for the provision of 2 additional bedrooms and bathroom to the tigeens at Gort Brighde.

Votes of Sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended to the relatives of the late Patrick Farrell, Galway Road and Thomas Curley, Laurencetown.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 11th day of November, 1974.

James McDonnell

Minutes of proceedings at the ²⁶ ⁷ monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 11/11/74.

In the Chair:- Commissioner James McDonnell, Chairman.
Members Present: Commissioners Brendan Donnellan, Francis O'Brien, James Barrett, Sean Kelly, Norman Morgan, Patrick O'Loughlin and Matthew Loughane
In Attendance: Messers Peter Kearns, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 7/10/74, copies of which were circulated to each member were adopted and signed as correct, proposed by Mr. Morgan, Seconded by Mr. Kelly.

Brendan Donnellan Memorial: Arising from the minutes, Mr. Morgan asked if any information was received regarding the Brendan Donnellan Memorial project. Mr. Kelly stated that the proposed meeting had not taken place. It was decided to write to Mr. J.J. Fanning, Bride St., Loughrea, a Committee member of the Brendan Donnellan Memorial Committee, enquiring as to the plans of the Committee.

C.I.E. Station: Mr. Donnellan stated that he was delighted to see that C.I.E. have again provided a modern engine at Loughrea station. Mr. McDonnell stated that the Chamber of Commerce had got an assurance from C.I.E. that existing rail services at Loughrea will be maintained. Mr. Donnellan referred to statements made at the last meeting regarding the return of the juvenile hurling team from Mosney. Mr. Donnellan stated that this team had to leave Mosney at a certain hour and that it was not possible for them to get a train direct to Loughrea and for this reason the team had to be met in Ballinasloe. Mr. Morgan stated that he had got wrong information and he apologised to the Committee responsible for this team.

Correspondence: The following correspondence was read to the meeting:

Book of Kells: The County Council in its letter of the 16/10/74 stated that the County Librarian has ordered one copy of the Book of Kells for Loughrea Branch Library. The letter stressed that this book must be used in the Branch Library only.

Loughrea Fire Station: The County Council in its letter of the 5/11/74 stated that it would be difficult to justify the appointment of a full-time Fire Officer at Loughrea without making similar appointments for the seven other Fire Stations within the County. The possibility of appointing District Officers is being kept under review. The letter also stated that the Loughrea Fire Brigade is one of the most efficient in the County.

Pedestrian Crossing: The Chief Superintendent, Garda Siobhanna, Galway, in his letter of the 24/10/74, stated that the volume of pedestrians crossing the road at Moore St. near the Convent National School, does not warrant a pedestrian crossing.

Revision of Speed Limits: Mr. Kearns informed the meeting that the County Council has not yet considered the Circular Letter dealing with the proposals for reviewing speed limits. Mr. Kearns added that he had asked the County Council to consider the appointment of two members of the Town Commissioners, to the committee appointed for the revision of speed limits in the Loughrea area. The meeting appointed the following members to act on the committee dealing with the Loughrea area:-
(1) Mr. McDonnell who was proposed by Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. O'Brien.
(2) Mr. Loughane who was proposed by Mr. Donnellan sec. by Mr. O'Loughlin.

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Motions:- Mr. Morgan moved the following motions:-

(a) "That Loughrea Town Dump be closed immediately and that a concrete structure with 3 side walls and floor, similar to a silage pit be provided, wherein persons may deposit additional household refuse, which should be removed to a central dump, at intervals."

Mr. Kearns stated that he had given instructions for a refuse container to be provided in Loughrea and he hoped that this might solve the dumping problem in Loughrea. A discussion took place regarding the siting of these containers and it was agreed that this was a matter for the Town Engineer.

(b) "That a further recommendation be sent to C.I.E., Galway to have a special bus made available for workers and students who travel to Galway daily. Proposed bus to leave Loughrea at 8.15a.m. and to leave Galway on return journey at 6.30p.m."

This motion was seconded by Mr. Donnellan.

Mr. McDonnell referred to a previous survey carried out by C.I.E. some months ago and this survey did not provide evidence for the implementation of a bus service. Mr. McDonnell added that there may be a need for this service but without proof of the need for the service being submitted, he felt that C.I.E. would refuse to provide the service. For this reason Mr. McDonnell proposed that the motion would not be sent to C.I.E. until such time as a list of names of people who are prepared to avail of the service is handed in to the Town Clerk. Mr. McDonnell amendment was seconded by Mr. O'Brien.

The Chairman put the amendment to the meeting. The amendment was carried, Messrs Loughnane, Kelly, O'Brien, Barrett and McDonnell voting for it.

(c) "I will ask how the Assistant County Manager arrives at the figure of £583 for Engineer's Salary for 1975 Estimates, and does this amount be paid in full to the Town Commissioners' Engineer from Loughrea Town Commissioners Account, or from the Galway County Council Account."

Mr. Kearns stated that the County Council make a charge to the Town Commissioners for the Engineer's service and that the figure of £583 is based on the most recent information to hand. This amount is paid by the Town Commissioners to the County Council. Mr. Kearns added that the Town Engineer is paid his normal salary plus a small allowance for his work with the Town Commissioners, this additional allowance is much less than the figure of £583 provided in the Estimates. Mr. Kearns pointed out that the County Council provide many services for the Town Commissioners for which no charge is made.

Mr. Brendan Donnellan moved the following motions:-

(1) "That Galway County Council be requested to close the section of Mount Pleasant Cemetery known as the County Home Plot and that all future burials from St. Brendan's Home be in the main part of the cemetery."

(2) "That the Western Health Board provide a decent coffin for all burials that they are responsible for."

Mr. Donnellan in moving the above motions referred to a funeral he had attended recently of a person who was in employment for over 40 years, this person was buried in a "contract coffin" and a "pauper's grave". This Mr. Donnellan stated was an indictment on our Social Welfare system. Mr. O'Brien stated that this was as a very isolated occurrence and if any relative had claimed the corpse a plot would have been provided and a state grant towards the cost of the funeral, applied for. Mr. O'Brien added that the County Council is most generous in looking after these matters. Mr. Kearns pointed out that the closing of burial grounds is a complicated matter and he suggested that Mr. Donnellan alter his motion to request the Western Health Board to cease using the plot known as the County Home plot. Mr. Donnellan agreed to alter the motion. The motions were then seconded by Mr. Barrett and passed unanimously.

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Motion (3) from Mr. Donnellan

A recommendation be sent to the Department of Education and C.I.E. to provide a School Bus to collect the children from:-

(a) Cuscarrick houses on the Gort Road, Cuscarrick Estate, Tullahill and Galway Road.

(b) Cottage Hill, Athenry Road and Cosmona.

This motion was seconded by Mr. O'Loughlin and passed unanimously.

Fair Green: Mr. Donnellan referred to the condition of the fair green and he asked if something could be done with it. Mr. McDonnell stated that it is unfair that circuses can come along and damage the green and leave without repairing it when local clubs, such as the G.A.A. club leave it in perfect condition after using it. It was agreed to ask the Town Engineer to have a look at it.

Co-operative Housing Sites:- In reply to Mr. Kelly, Mr. Kearns stated that these sites are now available for allocation. Mr. Kearns also added that he was expecting Mr. Lusted, Secretary Co-operative Housing Committee to provide a list of names of people requiring sites, if this is not done in the near future the County Council will have to advertise the sites. The Town Clerk was instructed to write to Mr. Lusted and advise him of the position.

Long Point: Mr. McDonnell asked when is it proposed to complete the work at the Long Point. Mr. Kearns stated that he would look into the matter.

New Road: In reply to Mr. Barrett, Mr. Kearns stated that there is no information available on the proposed new road through Loughrea.

Turkey Market: Mr. Kelly asked what arrangements are being made for providing weighing facilities at turkey markets this year. Mr. Kearns stated that he would enquire into the matter.

Votes of Sympathy: A vote of sympathy was passed with the relatives of the late John Keane, Ballinakill.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 9th day of December, 1974.

James McDonnell
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at Special Meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 19/II/74.

In the Chair: Commissioner Brendan Donnellan, Vice-Chairman.

Members Present: Commissioners Sean Kelly, James Barrett, Francis O'Brien Patrick Joseph Duane, Norman Morgan, Patrick O'Loughlin

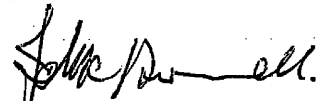
In Attendance: A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

At this special meeting the sympathy of the Board was extended to Mrs. Childers and family and to the Taoiseach on the death of President Childers. The Town Clerk was instructed to send a telegram to Mrs. Childers and to the Taoiseach.

It was also agreed that as many Commissioners as possible would attend the special mass to be held at 12 noon in St. Brendan's Cathedral, Loughrea and any service that might be held in the Protestant Church, Loughrea.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 9th day of December, 1974


Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 9/12/74.

In the Chair: Commissioner James McDonnell, Chairman.

Members Present: Commissioners Norman Morgan, Sean Kelly, Brendan Donnellan, Francis O'Brien, Matthew Loughnane, Patrick O'Loughlin and Patrick Joseph Duane.

In Attendance: A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Apology was submitted on behalf of Mr. P. Kearns, Assistant County Manager, who was unable to attend.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes; The minutes of the meetings held on the 11/II/74 and 19/II/74 were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Commissioner Morgan seconded by Commissioner O'Brien.

Brendan Donnellan Memorial: The Chairman welcomed Mr. J.J. Fanning Chairman of the Brendan Donnellan Memorial Committee to the meeting and invited Mr. Fanning to outline to the meeting the plans of the Donnellan Memorial Committee. Mr. Fanning stated that the Brendan Donnellan Memorial Committee was formed in 1968 for the purpose of erecting a memorial to the late Brendan Donnellan. The site for the memorial at the junction of Mt. Carmel Road and Athenry Road was given free of charge by the Carmelite Nuns and all work done in connection with the project was done voluntarily. The Committee had accrued a fund of approximately £1000 and the County Council had undertaken to give a grant of £250 towards the work. Planning permission was also granted for the works. Mr. Fanning pointed out that due to the death of some of the members of the original Committee, the plans were shelved for some time but he assured the meeting that the Committee, which is now re-organised, will carry out his plans. Mr. Morgan informed Mr. Fanning that if the Commissioners could help in any way they would be delighted to do so. Mr. Donnellan congratulated the Committee on its achievements to date and added that for personal reasons his family had not got involved in this project but that he assured the Committee of his support and co-operation. The Chairman thanked Mr. Fanning for attending the meeting and clearing up any mis-understanding which may have arose.

Correspondence:

1) Death of President Childers: An acknowledgement from the Taoiseach of the Board's expression of sympathy on the death of President Childers was read to the meeting.

2) Granard Town Commissioners: The following resolution from Granard Town Commissioners was marked read on the proposition of Mr. Morgan seconded by Mr. Donnellan:

"That we, the Granard Town Commissioners, in view of the grave sugar scarcity being experienced by retailers and householders alike, hereby request the Minister for Industry and Commerce to take immediate and urgent steps to arrange a quota of sugar to retail distributors and to ensure that this is strictly adhered to by the wholesalers."

3) Resolution from Dublin City Council:

"That the Dublin City Council recommends to all Local Authorities to request the Minister for Finance and the Minister for Local Government to enter into negotiations with Assurance Companies operation in the Republic of Ireland with a view to using the premiums available each year to Assurance Companies as a source of long term, fixed interest finance for the provision of housing. Such finance to be made available without limits to house purchasers on the basis of an insurance scheme administered through the housing departments of Local Authorities."

This resolution was approved on the proposition of Mr. Morgan seconded by Mr. McDonnell.

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(4) Resolution from Castlebar U.D.C.:

"That this Council condemn the present campaign of murders and executions without trial presently being waged by subversive organisations and the security forces in Northern Ireland"

The above resolution was unanimously approved.

(5) Resolution from Mallow U.D.C. :-

"That we request the Minister for Local Government to make provision, including the introduction of legislation, if necessary, to provide that Council tenants who purchased their houses under the 1972/73 Purchase Scheme and signed their Transfer Orders prior to 1st July, 1973, get credit for the amount of Government Grant, Supplementary Grant and Rates Remission which now applies to tenants who had opted to purchase under the 1972/73 Scheme but did not sign their Transfer Orders until after 1st July, 1973, and subsequently opted for the new Scheme.

This resolution was adopted on the proposition of Mr. Donnellan seconded by Mr. Kelly.

National Wage Agreement, 1974: On the proposition of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. O'Brien, it was unanimously agreed to implement the 1974 National Wage Agreement in so far as it relates to the Town Clerk, Rent Collector and the School Warden.

Commissioner Matthew Loughnane's N.O.M. of the 1/12/74:

(a) "That a recommendation be sent to Galway County Council to provide a more adequate warning system on the Ballinasloe road where an open trench exists."

Mr. Loughnane stated that since he had submitted this motion, the warning system had improved considerably at these works and in view of these improvements, he now withdrew the motion.

(b) "I will seek the views of the other Town Commissioners on the present location of speed limit signs on approach roads to Loughrea town." Mr. Loughnane referred to the appointment of a special Committee to review speed limits in Loughrea and he felt that the views of all the members should be made known to the two members of the Board who were appointed to the committee. It was agreed that all the members should send their views in writing to the Town Clerk and that the Town Clerk would pass on the recommendations to the delegates Messers Loughnane and McDonnell.

Commissioner Norman Morgan's N.O.M. of the 4/12/74:

(a) "That a recommendation be sent to Galway County Council to have provided at the North Mound, The Green, Knockanima and Long Point Public Parks, public lights similar to those at Mount Pleasant and Cuscarrick Estates."

This motion was seconded by Mr. McDonnell. Mr. Donnellan stated that he felt that areas in and around the town should be properly lit before any lights are erected in parks. Mr. O'Loughlin stated that they are waiting for years for public lighting on the Gort Road and he proposed that this motion be deferred until the Gort Road, Galway Road, Barrack St. and other areas within the town get proper lighting. Mr. O'Loughlin's amendment was seconded by Mr. Kelly.

The Chairman put the amendment and the proposal to the meeting. The proposal was carried by 3 votes to 2, Messers Morgan, O'Brien and McDonnell voting for the proposal and Messers O'Loughlin and Kelly voting for the amendment.

(B) "That a recommendation be sent to Galway County Council to continue the footpath westwards on the north side of the Fair Green to meet the footpath on the south side of said Green."

This motion was seconded by Mr. Donnellan and passed unanimously.

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c) "That a recommendation be sent to Galway County Council to have provided at the entrance of Loughrea Boys' National School a Public Street Light and east of same a concealed entrance sign, on the standard pole already there."

This motion was seconded by Mr. Loughnane and passed unanimously.

At this point the Chairman excused himself from the meeting and Mr. Donnellan, Vice-Chairman took the Chair.

Bus Service to Galway: Mr. O'Brien asked if there was any response for seats on the proposed bus to Galway. The Town Clerk stated that he had no enquiries. Mr. O'Loughlin pointed out that the proposal had received no publicity. It was agreed to have announcements made at masses on Sunday, December 22nd inviting people to give their names to the Town Clerk.

School Bus: Mr. Duane stated that he had got word that a bus will be provided to bring the school children from Cuscarrick, Cottage Hill, Cosmona and the Hill to school. The Town Clerk stated that he had not received confirmation of this from C.I.E. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that Mr. Looney, District Manager, C.I.E. called to the Town Clerk to-day enquiring as to where the areas are and that Mr. Looney stated that C.I.E. will forward a report in due course.

Housing: On the proposition of Mr. Morgan seconded by Mr. Donnellan it was decided to request the County Council to provide some houses for newly wed and for elderly people in Loughrea.

Domestic Refuse: In reply to Mr. O'Loughlin, the Town Clerk stated that he had no information regarding the siting of refuse containers in Loughrea.

Choral Society: On the proposition of Mr. O'Brien seconded by Mr. O'Loughlin, a vote of congratulations was passed to the Loughrea Choral Society on its production of "Mandax" "Paint Your Wagon".

Notes of Sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following on their recent bereavements:-

- (1) The relatives of the late William O'Toole, Galway Road, Loughrea.
- (2) The relatives of the late Mrs. Carter, Galway Road, Loughrea.
- (3) The relatives of the late Miss Monaghan, formerly of Church St., Loughrea.
- (4) The relatives of the late Joseph O'Loughlin, Main St., Loughrea.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this 13 day of January, 1975.

James McDonnell
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 13/1/75.

In the Chair: Commissioner James McDonnell, Chairman.
Members Present: Commissioners James Barrett, Sean Kelly, Norman Morgan Brendan Donnellan, Patrick O'Loughlin, Francis O'Brien.
In Attendance: Messers J. Howlett, Deputy Asst. Co. Manager and A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes; The minutes of the last meeting held on the 9/12/74, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Kelly.

Correspondence: The following reply was received from Galway County Council regarding recommendations made by Loughrea Town Commissioners:-

(a) Overall Plan for Parks in Loughrea: In reply to a request to have an overall plan drawn up for the Parks in Loughrea, the County Council stated that this will be dealt with in the revised County Development Plan. Comm. Morgan stated that he was informed that the County Development Plan will be ready by April, 1975 and he suggested that if the Plan was not ready by that time, the Board should form a deputation to meet the County Manager on the matter. Comm. Barrett stated that the revision of this Plan is held up for too long and he proposed that the Minister for Local Government be asked to intercede in the matter. This was seconded by Comm. Morgan.

(b) In reply to a request to have the bridge over the river on the roadway leading to John Barrett's house, off Moore St., Loughrea, made safe, the County Council replied that the bridge and roadway are in private property. Comm. Morgan stated that he would try to have this roadway declared public and as a County Councillor, he would allocate some of his N.O.M. money for this purpose. The Chairman stated that he felt that this roadway was not private and it was decided that the County Council be asked who the owner is.

(c) Car Parks: The County Council stated that it does not recommend car parks at Fitzgerald's site near the Westbridge or in part of the old Boys National School grounds at Barrack Street. The need for parking facilities in these areas was stressed by all members present and it was unanimously decided to request the County Council to re-consider its decision not to acquire these sites.

(d) Public Lighting: In reply to a request to have additional lights provided at Cottage Hill and on the Rathruddy Road, The County Council stated that new lights will be provided on the Gort road and that the other locations will be considered in the 1975 expenditure. Mr. Howlett stated that he would enquire as to when the lights will be erected on the Gort road.

Resolutions submitted by Midleton U.D.C.; The following resolutions submitted by Midleton U.D.C. were approved by the Board
"That this Council request the Minister for Local Government to amend present regulations to allow Doctors carry an emergency siren or light on their cars when on call,"

"That we the members of the Midleton U.D.C. believe that the Irish Government should be the majority shareholders in any major development (i.e. mining or oil resources) within its jurisdiction.

"The wealth of Ireland for the people of Ireland".

Loughrea/Galway Bus Service: The Town Clerk informed the meeting that as a result of the survey carried out, 50 people had expressed an interest in availing of a Loughrea/Galway bus service that would facilitate workers, however the workers do not commence work in Galway at the same hour and this might prove to be a problem. Comm. O'Brien stated that the Board should now request C.I.E. to provide the service and that C.I.E. could carry out further enquiries. This was agreed by the meeting.

Sale or Lease of Houses: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. O'Brien, the following applications for Sale or Lease of dwellings owned by Loughrea Town Commissioners were approved:

- (1) No.1 Abbey Terrace Loughrea to Mrs. Carmel O'Shea.
- (2) No.4 house Abbey Terrace, Loughrea to Mr. Anthony Blake.
- (3) No.4 house Athenry Road, Loughrea to Mr. John A. Greally.
- (4) No.5 house Athenry Road, Loughrea to Miss Elizabeth Burke.
- (5) No.6 house Athenry Road, Loughrea to Mrs. Bridie Connolly.
- (6) No.9 house Athenry Road, Loughrea to Mr. Patrick Barrett.
- (7) No.3 house Liam Mellows Terrace, Loughrea to Mrs. Annie Gannon.
- (8) No.2 house Barrack Street, Loughrea to Mr. Andrew Cryan.
- (9) No.1 house Lakeside Loughrea to Mr. Michael Shaughnessy.
- (10) No.9 house Mount Carmel Crescent, Loughrea to Mr. James McLoughlin.
- (11) No.10 house Mount Carmel Crescent, Loughrea to Mr. Martin Fergus.
- (12) No.15 house Mount Carmel Crescent, Loughrea to Mr. Patrick Finnerty.

An application from Mrs. Kate Toole to purchase No.8 house, Athenry Road, Loughrea was deferred until such time as it was ascertained if Mrs. Toole would resume to reside in the house. Mrs. Toole is at present in hospital.

Comm. O'Loughlin proposed that a decision on the sale of No.2 house Barrack Street, Loughrea be deferred but got no seconder. All of the above mentioned applicants are tenants of the respective houses.

Motions; Comm. Morgan moved the following motions:-
"That additional street lighting be provided at Piggott Street, King Street, east of the Museum at Barrack Street and opposite Kevin McCormack's at Galway Road, Loughrea."

This motion was seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin.
Comm. McDonnell proposed that a survey be carried out to access the need for further public lighting in Loughrea and Comm. O'Brien seconded this proposition.

(b) "That Loughrea town sewer and water mains be extended eastwards from Cross Street along side the Baunoge stream to Tonarcasty boundary, so as to allow the natural development east of our schools and in an area most suitable for residential development."
This motion was seconded by Comm. McDonnell and passed.

(c) "That one-hour parking be implemented at Piggott Street, Loughrea."
This motion was seconded by Comm. Donnellan.

Comm. Donnellan moved the following motions:-
(a) "That a copy of all correspondence in reply to motions passed at meetings of the Commissioners be sent with the Agenda to the member who proposes the motion."

Comm. Donnellan withdrew this motion when it was pointed out that the Town Clerk has not the facilities to make copies of correspondence and that it would be unfair for a member to receive correspondence before it was considered by a meeting of the Board.

(b) "That a recommendation be sent to Galway County Council to have the wall on the bridge over the river at Mountpleasant moved back in line with the pillars of the gates at the School and Mr. Devine's garden. Also to do away with the drinking trough which is no longer needed."
This motion was seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin and passed.

(C) "That concealed entrance signs be provided at the back entrance to the Mart and the road leading into the 26 houses at Cosmona."
 Mr. Howlett pointed out that the County Council do not provide "Concealed Entrance Signs". Comm. Donnellan then amended the motion to read:
 "That the back entrance to the Mart and the road leading into the 26 houses at Cosmona be signposted."
 The amendment was seconded by Mr. Morgan and passed.

Co-operative Houses: Comm. O'Loughlin asked Mr. Howlett if he had any information on the co-operative housing scheme at Pollroebuck. Comm. Morgan stated that he is secretary of this group and that a list of names were submitted to the County Council to see if the people involved are eligible for County Council loans. Comm. Morgan added that the group are going to go ahead even if there are some site not availed of.

Housing: Comm. Morgan stressed the need for houses suitable for newly weds and for elderly people and he asked Mr. Howlett to impress on Mr. Kearns, Asst. County Manager, the need of this type of house in Loughrea, even if it meant erecting them at Pollroebuck.

Town Dump: Comm. O'Loughlin stated that the town dump is rat infested. The Town Clerk undertook to have the matter investigated. In reply to the Chairman, the Town Clerk stated that he had no information on the proposed waste disposal bins for Loughrea.

Sites at Donnellan Drive: Comm. Donnellan stated that a number of people are about to erect houses in the field north of Donnellan Drive and he asked if the County Council would extend the services to cater for these sites. Mr. Howlett stated that it is not the practise of the County Council to do this type of work and he suggested that the people involved might call to see the local engineer.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 10th day of February, 1975

James McDonnell
 Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 10/2/75.

In the Chair: Commissioner James McDonnell, Chairman.
 Members Present: Commissioners James Barrett, Francis O'Brien, Brendan Donnellan, Norman Morgan, Patrick O'Loughlin, Matthew Loughnane, Sean Kelly and Patrick J. Duane.
 In Attendance: Messers Peter Kearns, Asst. County Manager and Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 13/1/75, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. O'Brien.

Correspondence: The following reply was received from Galway County Council referring to recommendations made by the Board:-

(a) That the provision of lights at North Mound, The Green, Knockanima and Long Point Public Parks and at the entrance of Loughrea Boys National School is under consideration and will be provided if funds are available.

(b) That it is hoped to continue work on the footpath westwards on the north side of the Fair Green to meet the footpath on the south side of said Green in the coming year.

The meeting accepted this reply and on the suggestion of the Chairman, the Town Clerk agreed to bring the following matters to the attention of the Town Engineer:-

(1) The replacement of the footpaths along the Woodford Road and from the Museum to Lattimor Corner.

(2) The resiting of the Hospital sign on the town side of St. Brendan's Home.

Tidy Towns Competition: The meeting agreed to the suggestion from Bord Failte, that instead of a single outright winner there should in future be three equal national winners of the Tidy Towns Competition. The meeting suggested that the first population group should cover from 0 to 1000 instead of 0 to 500 as suggested by Bord Failte.

Travelling and Subsistence Allowances for Members of Local Authorities:- On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Donnellan, the meeting unanimously approved the travelling and subsistence allowances as set out in Circular Letter G.21/74 of the 3/12/74.

Motions: The following motions were moved by Comm. O'Loughlin

(1) "I will recommend to Galway County Council for extension to the sewerage system to Cuscarrick and Tulla Hill."
 This motion was seconded by Comm. McDonnell and passed unanimously. Mr. Kearns pointed out that a survey is at present being carried out in Loughrea and it is hoped to have the result of the survey by April.

(2) "I will ask the Western Health Board to provide for Loughrea a X Ray Unit and a Psychiatric Unit."
 This motion was seconded by Comm. Donnellan and it was agreed to forward the motion to the Western Health Board for its observations.

(3) "I will ask the Board to send a resolution to the Minister for Justice regarding the release of all Political Prisoners now serving sentences in the 26 Counties."
 This motion was discussed at length by the meeting. It was the general feeling of the Board that the time is not right to send a motion of this nature in view of the truce recently declared in the 6 Counties. Comm. O'Loughlin agreed to defer the motion to the next meeting.

The following motions were moved by Comm. Loughnane:-

(1) "That a recommendation be sent to Galway County Council to extend the street lighting to the site of the proposed new factory on the Ballinasloe road."

This motion was seconded by Comm. McDonnell and passed unanimously.

(2) "I will ask the Town Clerk if there is in existence an official crest or coat of arms of Loughrea town and if such does not already exist, I will seek the views of the Board on the provision of same."

The Town Clerk in reply stated that no official crest or coat of arms of Loughrea town exists. The meeting felt that the possibility of providing such a crest should be investigated and Mr. Kearns agreed to make enquiries regarding the rights of the Commissioners to provide a crest and into the cost of same. The Town Clerk stated that this matter was discussed by the previous Board and at that time the advice of Very Rev. Dr. P.K. Egan, P.P. was sought. Very Rev. Dr. Egan's views were at that time submitted to the three post primary schools in Loughrea with a request that pupils might submit ideas for a final design. Comm. Barrett suggested that Rev. Fr. F. O'Shaughnessy, C.C. Loughrea be contacted and it was agreed that the Chairman would see Fr. O'Shaughnessy.

Commissioner Morgan's N.O.M. :-

(1) "That Loughrea Town Commissioners take a decision to pay for the cost of the electricity for Loughrea Town Christmas Street Lighting for 1975, and that in future this item be included in the Annual Estimates and voted on."

Mr. Kearns stated that he would enquire if the Board could undertake an expenditure of this nature and if it could it will be necessary for the Board to vote a sum of money to meet this expense. The Town Clerk undertook to try and find out how much the electricity had cost in 1973, which was the last time these lights were erected. The motion was deferred pending the outcome of these enquiries.

(2) "That a recommendation be sent to the Minister for Finance that the £200 tax free allowance given to working wives, who work outside their homes, be given also to wives who work only in the home."

This motion was seconded by Comm. McDonnell and passed.

(3) "That the Assistant County Manager be asked to give the County Council's intention and state progress in regard to the provision of flatlets or 2-roomed accommodation for elderly couples and single persons in need of such accommodation in Loughrea town."

Mr. Kearns informed the meeting that he is investigating sites around the town that might be suitable for this type of accommodation and that recently it was suggested that the Pollroebuck site be used. Mr. Kearns assured the meeting that this suggestion would be examined and that it is his wish to have some of his houses provided within a matter of months. Comm. Morgan stated that he thought that the Pollroebuck sites would be very suitable. Comm. Kelly suggested that there might be land available at Boher Com. Comm. Barrett stated that they all welcomed Mr. Kearns statement.

New Lights on Gort Road: In reply to Comm. O'Loughlin, Mr. Kearns stated that he understood that the request to have the lights provided along the Gort Road was with the E.S.B.

Housing: Comm. Barrett asked if the County Council invite tenders for the erection of new housing estates. Mr. Kearns informed the meeting that the usual practise was to invite tenders at the commencement of the scheme and usually after that a price is negotiated if more houses are to be built

Long Point: Comm. McDonnell referred to the completion of the work on the Long Point. Mr. Kearns undertook to try to have the work completed as soon as possible.

Abstract of Accounts: Mr. Kearns informed the meeting that it is normal practise when the Abstract of Accounts are presented each year, to inform the members of any over expenditure that occurred during the year and that it is necessary to get the approval of the Board for any excess expenditure. In the 1970/71 year there was an over expenditure on housing of £592 and the Minute of the meeting did not specifically state that the Board had approved of this over expenditure. On the proposition of Comm. Morgan, seconded by Comm. McDonnell, an over expenditure of £592 on housing in 1970/71 was unanimously approved.

Domestic Refuse Bins: Mr. Kearns informed the meeting that the proposed disposal bins for domestic refuse were not yet provided as it is necessary to have the need assessed, however Mr. Kearns promised the meeting that the bins will be provided without delay.

Itinerants at Tulla Upper: Comm. McDonnell referred to the condition of the area where the itinerants are camped at Tulla Upper and he proposed that the County Medical Officer be asked to have the encampment inspected, this proposition was seconded by Comm. Morgan and passed

Votes of sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended to the relatives of the following:

- (1) William J. Hickey, Gort Road, Loughrea.
- (2) Mrs. Kate Toole, Athenry Road, Loughrea.
- (3) Sean Healy, Cahercrea, Loughrea.
- (4) Seamus Kyne, Clonbur. (ex County Councillor.)

Signed this 10th day of March 1975

Chairman James McDonnell

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 10/3/75.

In the Chair: Commissioner James McDonnell, Chairman.
Members Present: Commissioners James Barrett, Patrick O'Loughlin, Francis O'Brien, Brendan Donnellan, Sean Kelly, Norman Morgan and Matthew Loughnane.

In Attendance: Messers Peter Kearns, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Before the business of the meeting was discussed, the Chairman proposed and Comm. Morgan seconded, that the meeting would adjourn for five minutes as a mark of respect to Comm. O'Loughlin on the recent death of his mother.

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 Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. O'Brien.

Correspondence: The following correspondence was read to the meeting:

(1) Loughrea/Galway Bus Service: C.I.E. in its letter dated 14/2/75 stated that it could not visualise any more than 25 people from Loughrea availing of a bus service that would arrive in Galway at 08.45 and that the operation of a daily service with 25 people would not be viable. C.I.E added that a further examination of the position is being carried out and that they will let the Commissioners know in due course of their final decision. The meeting was of the opinion that the only way to find out whether the service would be viable or not was to put on the service for a trial period and it was decided on the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin to request C.I.E. to provide the service for a trial period.

(2) Transport of School Children: The Dept. of Education in its letter of the 21/2/75 set out the conditions under which children qualify for free school transport. The letter also pointed out that where accommodation is available on school buses, children who do not qualify for free transport, can avail of the transport on a fare-paying basis. Comm. Morgan stated that he got 8 children accommodated recently. Comm. Donnellan pointed out that there are approximately 72 children to be accommodated in the Cuscarrick/Tully Hill/Galway Road/ Cottage Hill/Athenry Road and Cosmona areas. Mr. Kearns pointed out that the Minister for Education had recently decided that existing school buses can be used for school outings and in view of this decision the meeting decided to request the Minister to make the existing school buses available on a fare-paying basis to the children in the above mentioned areas.

(3) Tax Free Allowance- Working Wives: The Minister for Finance acknowledged receipt of resolution concerning the extension of the £200 tax free allowance to wives who work in their own homes.

(4) Services at St. Brendan's Home: The Western Health Board acknowledged receipt of request to have an X Ray Unit and a Psychiatric Unit at St. Brendan's Home, Loughrea. The meeting was not satisfied with this reply and it was decided on the suggestion of Comm. Donnellan to write back to the Western Health Board and ask if they are investigating the matter.

(5) Resolution from Fermoy Urban District Council:-
"That we request the Minister for Finance to withdraw the recent increases in salaries to Dail Deputies, Senators, Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in order to show an example to all and that a copy of this resolution be sent to all Local Authorities."

On the suggestion of Comm. O'Brien this resolution was marked read.

(6) Resolution from Granard Town Commissioners:-

"That we, The Granard Town Commissioners, hereby request the Minister for Local Government to take urgent steps to ensure that consumers, seeking a supply of electricity to new houses, are not charged exorbitant prices by the E.S.B. and to direct the E.S.B. that in any event the charge should not exceed £100 in any case."

Comm. Morgan proposed that this resolution be marked read and stated that he will submit a motion to the next meeting covering this matter.

National Wage Agreement, 1974: In accordance with Circular Letter E.L.9/75, the "Threshold" provision, (10% increase), of the National Wage Agreement, 1974, insofar as it relates to the Rent Collector and School Warden, was unanimously approved on the proposition of Comm. O'Brien seconded by Comm. Morgan. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the implementation of the 10% increase would cost the Commissioners £40 in the present year and £52 in a full year for the School Warden and £14 in the present year and £16 in a full year for the Rent Collector. The Town Clerk added that his own salary is under review and that he is not in a position to give figures in relation to his own salary at present.

Abstract of Accounts, Period Ended 31/12/74. The Asst. County Manager presented the Abstract of Accounts for P/E 31/12/74. The Asst. Co. Manager pointed out that there was an overexpenditure of £268 on Housing and £19 on General A/C. making a total over-expenditure of £287 in the 9 months. The excess expenditure was sanctioned and the Abstract was approved on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. McDonnell.

Title to Houses: Comm. Donnellan stated that he was approached by a person who had purchased one of the Commissioners' houses nearly 5 years ago and who had not yet received a Title of Deeds for same. The Asst. County Manager explained that there is difficulty regarding registration of title but that it is hoped to have the matter cleared up in the near future.

Comm. Matthew Loughnane's motion of the 27/2/75:-
"I will ask the Town Clerk to outline the extent of the Board's cash assets and to give details of where same is invested."
In reply the Asst. County Manager stated that the Board has £10,500 invested with the Agricultural Credit Corporation at 14% and £4,063 in the bank at current interest rates. In reply to Comm. Loughnane's query, re liability for income tax on the interest brought in by these monies, the Asst. Co. Manager stated that he is meeting the Tax Inspector on Wednesday next the 12th instant.

Grant to Community Centre: On the suggestion of Comm. McDonnell, the meeting decided to again request the Minister for Local Government to allow the Board to make a grant available towards the provision of equipment to the Youth Centre.

Commissioner Brendan Donnellan's motions of the 4/3/75:-

(1) "That we request the Government to inform all Local Authorities as to what grants or loans are available to them from E.E.C. Regional Development Fund."

This motion was seconded by Comm. Loughnane and passed unanimously.

(2) "That we ask the Department of Post and Telegraphs to provide two new telephone kiosks for Loughrea. One at Lower Galway Road and one between the Town Hall and the Mercy Convent."

This motion was seconded by Comm. McDonnell and passed unanimously.

(3) "That a recommendation be sent to Galway County Council that all fire brigades and ambulances in the county be equipped with two-tone sirens"

This motion was seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin and passed unanimously.

On the suggestion of Mr. Kearns, it was agreed that a copy of this motion be sent to the Western Health Board as it is responsible for ambulances.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 14/4/75.

In the Chair: Commissioner James McDonnell, Chairman.
Members Present: Commissioners Brendan Donnellan, Patrick O'Loughlin, Francis O'Brien, James Barrett, Sean Kelly, Norman Morgan and Matthew Loughnane.

In Attendance; Messers John Howlett, Deputy Assistant County Manager and Alexis 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 Comm. Barrett seconded by Comm. O'Brien.

Correspondence; The following correspondence was read to the meeting:-

(a) The Western Health Board stated in its letter of the 21/3/75 that the provision of an X Ray Unit and a Psychiatric Unit at St. Brendan's Home is not included in the Development Plan 1973 to 1978 but that consideration will be given to the provision of these units in the next Development Plan. The Western Health Board also stated in its letter of the 8/4/75, that all of their ambulances are equipped with two-tone sirens.

(b) Loughrea Town Hall Ltd. The Secretary of Loughrea Town Hall Ltd. acknowledged receipt of request to have the films used in Loughrea Town Hall transported by C.I.E. and added that the request will be presented at the next meeting of the directors.

(c) E.E.C. Regional Development Fund: The Dept. of Local Government in its letter of ~~the~~ March, 1975, acknowledged receipt of resolution submitted by Loughrea Town Commissioners on the E.E.C. Regional Development Fund.

(d) Galway County Council in its letter of the 11/3/75 dealt with the

(1) Street Lighting: The matter of additional street lighting in Loughrea will be attended to as money allocations permit each year. Lights on the Gort Road are proposed and will be provided shortly by E.S.B. The survey to access the need for further street lighting in Loughrea is hardly necessary as the actual requirements are known.

(2) Wall on Bridge at Mount Pleasant: The question of moving back this wall and removal of a water trough near the school entrance at Cross Street will be attended to soon.

(3) Road Signs Loughrea/New Inn Road: It is hoped to have a junction sign at approaches to Loughrea Mart erected. Such signs are already being erected at approaches to Cosmona Cottages.

Resolution from Tramore Town Commissioners: On the proposition of Comm. McDonnell seconded by Comm. Morgan, the meeting unanimously decided to support the following resolution submitted by Tramore Town Commissioners:-
That we, the Tramore Town Commissioners, recognising the importance of Tourism as our second largest industry and the vital importance of preserving our environment, urge the Government to create a Minister for Tourism and Environment and seek the support of all Local Authorities in having this proposal implemented."

Temperance Hall: Comm. O'Brien referred to allegations made by Comm. O'Loughlin, after he Comm. O'Brien had left the previous meeting, regarding the fee charged to clubs for using the Temperance Hall. Comm. O'Brien stated that the matter was considered at a recent meeting of the Temperance Hall Committee and while the Temperance Hall Committee felt that this is not a matter that should be discussed at a meeting of a local authority, they nevertheless wished to set the record straight. The Temperance Hall charge a fee of £40 to a club running a dance in the hall and should a club wish to run a second dance within a 12 months period a fee of £60 is charged for the second dance. Comm. O'Brien added that the hall is subsidising these dance anything up to £20. due to the cost of light, heat etc. Comm. O'Brien pointed out that there is not a charge of

Loughrea Town Hall Ltd.; Comm. Donnellan referred to the fact that the Directors of Loughrea Town Hall Ltd. has recently decided to dis-continue the practise of having their films brought to Loughrea by rail. Mr. Donnellan stated that at the present time the local C.I.E. station requires all the support it can get and he suggested that the Directors of the Town Hall be requested to re-consider their decision.

Christmas Lighting: Mr. Kearns informed the meeting that the Board could provide the produce of 3d. in the £. for festival lighting, this Mr. Kearns added would be the approximate produce of 1p in current value, which is £93. The Town Clerk stated that the cost of the electricity for lighting in 1972 was £62.

On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Barrett, it was agreed that this money be made available towards the cost of the electricity for Christmas lighting in the current year.

Temperance Hall Charges: Comm. O'Loughlin stated that there is a certain amount of disquiet within local clubs regarding the fee charged for using the Temperance Hall for functions. The Town Clerk was instructed to write to the Secretary of the Temperance Hall to ascertain what the present fees are for the use of the Temperance Hall.

Votes of Sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following on their recent bereavements:-

- (1) The O'Loughlin family, Cuscarrick.
- (2) The Ryan family, Galway Road.
- (3) The Healy family, Racecourse, Loughrea.
- (4) The Lahiffe family, Cloon Hse., Gort.
- (5) The relatives of the late Mrs. O'Brien, nee McMahon, a native of Loughrea, who was killed in the London train crash.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 14th day of April, 1975.

James McDonnell
Chairman.

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£60 for using the hall for 2 hours as alleged by Comm. O'Loughlin and he now called on Comm. O'Loughlin to withdraw his allegation. Comm. O'Loughlin stated that the allegation he made was true and he refused to withdraw it. Comm. Barrett stated that he is aware of a charitable organisation which gets free use of the hall for its dance. Comm. Morgan referred to the facilities which are available to all local clubs and societies and he now felt that in view of Comm. O'Brien's statement, the Board should ~~withdraw~~ disassociate itself from the remarks made at the previous meeting. The Chairman stated that he had allowed this matter to be discussed at the previous meeting as he felt that there was a certain amount of disquiet about the matter, he now felt that the meeting must accept the statement made by Comm. O'Brien, who is a member of the Temperance Hall Committee. This concluded the discussion.

Tidy Towns Competition, 1975: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Kelly it was decided to enter in the 1975 Tidy Towns Competition.

Comm. Patrick O'Loughlin's N.O.M. of the 3/4/75:

(a) "That a recommendation be sent to the Dept. of Education, that school meals be provided for pupils attending schools in Loughrea."
On the suggestion of Mr. Howlett, it was decided to request the Principals of the local schools to submit their views on this motion.

(b) "That a recommendation be sent to the Dept. of Health, that a programme of health education be introduced into all primary schools, so that young people may be fully informed on such health hazards as tobacco, alcohol and drugs."
This motion was seconded by Comm. Morgan and passed unanimously.

(c) "That a recommendation be sent to Galway County Council that Council houses now being built in Loughrea would only be let to people living in Loughrea in need of houses

This motion was seconded by Comm. Barrett.
Comm. Morgan stated that he must oppose this motion as he considered it too binding and unjust. After discussion it was decided to forward the recommendation to Galway County Council and to further recommend that in future, when houses are being erected, that 75% of the tenants be selected and notified accordingly, before building commences.

Comm. Norman Morgan's N.O.M. of the 9/4/75:

(a) "That Loughrea Town Commissioners provide three 15 foot Public Lights in the Childrens' Playground Fields and four 15 foot Public Lights in Garrybreedia Public Park."

This motion was seconded by Comm. O'Brien. On the suggestion of Mr. Howlett it was decided to enquire if Galway County Council would pay for the current used by these lights before any action be taken.

(b) "That Loughrea Town Commissioners have examined the possibility of providing legislation which would prohibit the parking of vehicles, etc., in front of public and private entrances in Loughrea Town."
Comm. O'Brien seconded this motion and referred to problems he had experienced in trying to park near the banks. After some discussion, it was decided to recommend to the Gardai, that No Parking notices be erected at public and private entrances and that the possibility of having the road marked, to allow for angle parking on the Main Street from the Post Office to Church Street, be examined.

(c) "That Galway County Council be requested to remove the ivy from the church ruin in Garrybreedia Cemetary."
This motion was seconded by Comm. Loughnane and it was decided to forward it to the County Council with a further recommendation that the walls be pointed where necessary.

Long Point: In reply to Comm. McDonnell, Mr. Howlett stated that work is in progress at the Long Point.

Playground Field: Comm. O'Loughlin referred to the condition of the Playground Field area and to the amount of trespass that is taking place there. The Town Clerk stated that he would discuss the problem with the Town Engineer.

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Late Late Show, Saturday 12th April, 1975: Comm. Donnellan referred to the appearance on the Late Late Show on the 12/4/75 of one Sir Oswald Mosley. Comm. Donnellan stated he considered it a disgrace, that a person who held such beliefs as this person holds, should be given an opportunity of appearing on the public media, especially in view of the policy that exists at present regarding the appearance of certain organisations on the public media. It was proposed by Comm. Donnellan and seconded by Comm. McDonnell, that the strongest possible protest be sent to the Minister of Posts & Telegraphs and to the Director General of R.T.E.

Town Dump: The Town Clerk was instructed to write to the County Council regarding the provision of waste disposal bins in Loughrea. Comm. O'Loughlin referred to the presence of rats in the existing dump. The Town Clerk stated that the dump was treated recently but that he would bring the matter again to the notice of the Town Engineer. Comm. O'Brien stated that Rentokil, a pest control firm, have a contract with St. Brendan's Home and he suggested that the County Council be requested to have this firm treat the town dump.

Votes of Sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following on their recent bereavements:

- (1) The Reilly family, Barrack Street.
- (2) Patrick Sheridan, Cosmona.
- (3) The Finnegan family, Dunkellin Street.
- (4) The Kelly family, Cuscarrick Crescent.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 9th day of May, 1975.

James McDonnell
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 12/5/75.

In the Chair: Commissioner James McDonnell, Chairman.
Members Present: Commissioners Sean Kelly, James Barrett, Francis O'Brien, Brendan Donnellan, Patrick O'Loughlin, Norman Morgan and Patrick J. Duane.

In Attendance: Messers John Howlett, Acting Asst. County Manager and Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

The Chairman proposed that the May meeting be adjourned as a mark of respect to the late Michael Carty, a former member of the Loughrea Town Commissioners, Galway County Council and Dail Eireann. The Chairman referred to the late Mr. Carty as a Loughrea man who had played a major role in the public affairs of South-East Galway and he sympathised with the Carty family on the tragedies it had suffered due to their commitment to the public affairs of Loughrea and district. Commissioner Barrett in seconding the proposal stated that he wished to be associated with the Chairman's remarks. All the members and officials present associated themselves with the sentiments expressed by the Chairman.

The Chairman stated that he would like to take this opportunity to extend the sympathy of the Board to the family of the late Syl Marmion, a man who had done much for the improvement of various clubs and associations in Loughrea. Commissioner O'Brien in seconding the Chairman, stated that when he came to Loughrea over 30 years ago, Syl Marmion was the hub around which much of the activity of Loughrea revolved. All present associated themselves with the sentiments expressed by Comm. McDonnell and O'Brien. The Town Clerk thanked all present for the kind remarks made regarding his late father.

The meeting then adjourned.

Signed this the 9th day of June, 1975.

James McDonnell

Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 9/6/75.

In the Chair: Commissioner James McDonnell, Chairman.
Present: Commissioners Patrick O'Loughlin, Sean Kelly, James Barrett, Patrick J. Duane, Brendan Donnellan, Norman Morgan, Matthew Loughnane.
In Attendance: Messers J. Howlett, Acting Asst. Co. Manager and A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Apology: The Town Clerk apologised on behalf of Comm. Francis O'Brien who was unable to attend.
Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: Minutes of meetings held on the 14/4/75 and 12/5/75, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Kelly seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin.

Arising from the minutes, it was agreed on the suggestion of Comm. Kelly that a mass be said for the repose of the soul of the late Michael Carty.

Correspondence: The following correspondence was read to the meeting

(I) Notice of intention to hold the next Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland in Clonakilty on 16th 17th and 18th of September and that all motions to be discussed thereat must be submitted before the 16th August next.

Grant to Youth Club; The Board was informed by the Dept. of Local Government that there is no provisions for Town Commissioners to make a grant available towards the provision of Youth Clubs.

Parking at Piggott Street: Supt. O'Driscoll, Garda Barracks, Loughrea stated in his letter of the 20/5/75, that having studied the matter fully, he is not prepared to recommend one hour parking at Piggott St.

School Transport: The Dept. of Education in its letter of the 21/4/75 referred to a recommendation made on the 26/3/75 regarding the transport of school children from Cuscarrick Estate, Tulla Hill, Galway Road, Cottage Hill, Atherry Road and Cosmona areas of Loughrea. The Dept. again pointed out that under the present schemes the children from these areas are ineligible for free school transport and that the only way that these children could avail of this transport is on a fare-paying basis and then only if there is room available for them. The meeting felt that the Dept. had mis-understood their suggestion and the Town Clerk was instructed to re-draft a letter setting out the position.

School Meals: The Town Clerk read letters from St. Ita's National School, St. Raphael's Secondary School, St. Brendan's N.S. and St. Brigid's Vocational School, all approving in principle of a recommendation to have school meals provided in Loughrea. The meeting agreed to forward the following motion which was submitted by Comm. O'Loughlin :-
"That a recommendation be sent to the Dept. of ~~XXXXXX~~ Education that school meals be provided for pupils attending schools in Loughrea."

Resolutions submitted by other Local Authorities: The following resolutions were adopted by the meeting:

- (a) From Listowel U.D.C.
That we call on the Minister for Social Welfare to devise a scheme whereby selfemployed people earning less than £2,500 per annum would be brought within the scope of ~~this motion~~ the Social Welfare Insurance Code and that this motion be circulated to all local authorities for their support."
proposed by Comm. Morgan, seconded by Comm. McDonnell with the recommendation that the figure of £2,500 be increased.
- (b) From Middleton U.D.C. :
That this Council, due to the many complaints from gas consumers, request the Minister for Industry and Commerce, to introduce legislation immediately, making it compulsory on all Gas Companies to fit a gage indicating contents on all gas cylinders."
proposed by Comm. Loughnane seconded by Comm. Kelly.

(c) From Kinsale U.D.C. :

"That Kinsale U.D.C. request the Minister for Local Government to immediately increase the S.D.A. loan, now £4,500 to a realistic level and that all local Authorities be requested to support this motion."

"That the Minister for Local Government be requested to devise a scheme whereby the S.D.A. loan automatically increases with the House Building cost Index and that all Local Authorities be requested to support this motion."

The above were proposed by Comm. Morgan, seconded by Comm. Donnellan.

Motions submitted by members:

(1) Submitted by Comm. Loughnane:

"That a recommendation be sent to the Minister for Finance, advising that fire attendance fees, as distinct from retaining fee, received by part-time firemen, be exempt from income tax."

Motion seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin and passed.

(2) Submitted by Comm. O'Loughlin:

"That a recommendation be sent to the Dept. of Industry and Commerce, that immediate attention be given to the introduction of a new industry through I.D.A. for Loughrea."

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The motion was seconded by Comm. Morgan. It was also decided to send the recommendation to the I.D.A. and to enquire as to the present position regarding the provision of factories in Loughrea, and the possibility of having an advance building erected on the existing industrial site.

"I will recommend to the Co. Council that the town refuse collection be extended to serve houses at Tulla Hill." Comm. Morgan in seconding this motion said that he understood that this service is already being provided, but is not being availed of. The Town Clerk confirmed Comm. Morgan's statement.

"That a recommendation be sent to the Co. Council that the road be re-surfaced at Cosmona." This motion was seconded by Comm. Morgan and passed unanimously.

(3) Submitted by Comm. Donnellan:

"That a recommendation be sent to Galway Co. Council to provide toilet facilities and drinking water at Long Point." Comm. Morgan stated that these very necessary facilities should be provided as soon as possible but he felt that the County Council might not be prepared to meet the cost. Comm. Morgan pointed out that the Commissioners own this ground and they could vote some money towards the cost of this work. On the suggestion of Comm. Morgan it was agreed to ask the Town Engineer to prepare an estimate for the provision of (a) toilet facilities and (b) drinking water facilities and when this information is received the Board could decide on its line of action.

The Chairman excused himself from the meeting at this point and was replaced in the Chair by Comm. Donnellan, Vice-Chairman. The meeting then proceeded with Comm. Donnellan motions.

"That concrete footpaths be provided on each side of the road at Cosmona." This motion was seconded by Comm. Kelly and passed unanimously.

"That pedestrian crossings be provided at the following points:- (a) On the Main St. between Castle St. and Abbey St.

(b) At Galway Road between West Bridge and Haverty's Supermarket." This motion was seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin and it was decided to refer same to the Garda.

Date of Annual Meeting: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Kelly it was decided to hold the Annual Meeting on Monday, July 7th and to bring forward to that date the July monthly meeting.

National Wage Agreement: The 1975 Employer-Trade Union National Agreement, in so far as it relates to the School Warden was approved on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Loughnane

Rent Collector Fee per Cottage: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Loughnane, the meeting unanimously agreed approved the following revised fee per cottage as set out in the Department of Local Government Circular Letter of the 1st May, 1975. The fees are as follows: I/4/72 £2.54, I/1/73 £2.710, I/6/73 £2.994, I/7/73 £3.004, I/6/74 £3.365, I/12/74 £3.635, I/3/75 £4.000

County Development Plan; Comm. Morgan stated that the County Council will shortly be discussing the County Dev. Plan, Comm. Morgan stated that the proposed new road through Loughrea will be understood be going north of Loughrea and he wished to let the members know that he will be supporting this proposal.

Seven Springs Festival: Comm. Morgan praised the Chamber of Commerce for the amount of work it has put into the forthcoming Festival and he would like to wish the Chamber the best of luck in the coming weeks.

Vote of Congratulations: Comm. Loughnane proposed a vote of congratulations to the County Senior Hurling team on its great victory in the National League. Comm. Duane referred to the fact that he was the only member present when the team passed through the town on its victory parade. Comm. Morgan stated that the Chairman he felt should have been present to meet the team when it had come to town. Comm. Donnellan stated that he understood that a local club was looking after arrangements and he felt that it was unfair to criticise the Chairman for not being present if he was not invited. The Town Clerk stated that as far as he knew the local G.A.A. club was not involved in the arrangements.

Parks: Comm. Barrett asked if something could be done regarding the cleaning up of the flower garden at Latimor Corner and 'The Walks' Comm. Morgan stated that he is in contact with the County Comm. of Agriculture and he will have an adviser to look at all the parks in the town, a plan will then be drawn up which he will take along to the Commissioners for their approval.

Votes of sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following on their recent bereavements:

- 1) The relatives of the late Patrick Maloney, Galway Road.
- 2) The relatives of the late Miss Tighe, Knockanima.
- 3) The relatives of the late Mrs. Lyons, Cloonoo.
- 4) The relatives of the late Miss Halloran, Kellys Street.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 7 day of July, 1975.

B. Donnellan
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the Annual Meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 7/7/75.

In the Chair: Commissioner James McDonnell, Chairman.
Members Present: Commissioners Patrick O'Loughlin, Matthew Loughnane, Brendan Donnellan, Sean Kelly, Norman Morgan, Francis O'Brien, James Barrett

In Attendance: Mr. J. Howlett, Acting Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Election of Chairman: The outgoing Chairman, Comm. McDonnell, stated that before taking proposition for the Chair, he would like to thank the Members and Officials for their help and co-operation during the year. Comm. Brendan Donnellan was proposed by Comm. Morgan and seconded by Comm. O'Brien for the position of Chairman, As there was no other proposal Comm. Donnellan was declared elected. Comm. Donnellan thanked the members for electing him and he expressed the wish that the members work in harmony for the good of the town for the coming 12 months. Comm. Barrett appealed to the members to leave politics outside the Board room.

Election of Vice-Chairman: Comm. Barrett was proposed by Comm. Morgan but failed to get a seconder. Comm. Kelly was proposed by Comm. Donnellan and seconded by Comm. Loughnane. Comm. Kelly was declared elected. Comm. Kelly thanked the members for electing him.

Election of Delegate to the Fire Brigades Advisory Committee: On the proposition of Comm. Kelly seconded by Comm. Loughnane, Comm. O'Loughlin was elected delegate to the Fire Brigades Advisory Committee.

This concluded the business of the Annual Meeting.

Signed this the 11th day of August, 1975.

B. Donnellan
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 7/7/75.

In the Chair: Comm. Brendan Donnellan, Chairman.
Members Present: Comm. James McDonnell, Patrick O'Loughlin, Matthew Loughnane, Sean Kelly, Norman Morgan, Francis O'Brien and James Barrett.

In Attendance: Mr. J. Howlett, Acting Asst. Co. Manager and A. Marmion, Town Clerk.
Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 9/6/75, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. McDonnell. Arising from the Minutes, Comm. Barrett enquired if there was any report from the Horticultural Advisor regarding the improvement of the Walks. Comm. Morgan stated that he had not yet received the plans. A discussion took place regarding the ownership of 'The Walk' and it was proposed by Comm. Barrett seconded by Comm. McDonnell and passed unanimously that the Town Clerk enquire from the Boards Solicitor, if the Loughrea Town Commissioners own 'The Walk'.

Mass: The Town Clerk informed the meeting that he had arranged for a Mass to be said for the repose of the soul of the late Michael Carty on Monday the 14th instant.

Correspondence: The following correspondence was read to the meeting:

(1) Telephone Kiosks: The Dept of Posts & Telegraphs in its letter of the 23/6/75 stated that as the telephone kiosks at Dunkellin St. and Bride St. are not used to an extent that would warrant the provision of additional kiosks, they could not accede to the request to have kiosks provided at Barrack St. and Lower Galway Road. It was decided to inform the Dept. of Posts & Telegraphs that the Board is not prepared to accept this reply.

(2) School Transport: In reply to a request to have school transport provided for ineligible children in the Cuscarrick Estate, Galway Road, Cottage Hill, Athenry Road and Cosmona areas of Loughrea, the Dept. of Education, in its letter of the 26/6/75, stated that it is not open to the Department to sanction extra trips of the vehicles operating in Loughrea, at additional cost, to cater for ineligible children. On the suggestion of Comm. O'Brien, it was decided to ask C.I.E. if it would provide a bus to transport these children and to give an estimate of the cost of providing such a bus.

Water and Sewerage Extensions: In reply to the request to have the water and sewer mains extended eastwards from Cross St. along the Baunoge stream to Tonarocasty boundary, the Galway Co. Council stated in its letter of the 26/6/75 that the Preliminary Report on Loughrea Water and Sewerage is expected shortly and that this report will include for this type of extension.

Motions submitted by Comm. Kelly:-

(1) "That this Board recommend to the Road Traffic Committee to revert the Speed Signs to their original positions."

This motion was seconded by Comm. Morgan and passed unanimously.

(2) "That a recommendation be made to have a Pedestrian Crossing or Garda at Moore St./Bride St. Corner."

This motion was seconded by Comm. Morgan and passed unanimously.

(3) "That representation be made to the I.D.A. to have an advance building erected on the Industrial Site."

This motion was seconded by Comm. Morgan and passed unanimously.

Comm. Loughnane Motions:

(1) "I will ask the County Secretary for his observations on the pollution of the lake warning given by Comm. Morgan at the last meeting." Comm. Loughnane in moving the motion stated that first he would like to apologise to Mr. Howlett for referring to him as County Secretary. Comm. Loughnane referred to the statement made by Comm. Morgan during a discussion on the Long Point at the last meeting. Comm. Morgan's statement added Comm. Loughnane had received a lot of publicity and had caused a certain amount of concern among the people. Comm. Loughnane now invited Mr. Howlett to comment regarding the possible hazards to fishing and health as a result of bathing at the Long Point. Comm. Barrett stated that as far as fishing is concerned there is no problem and he felt that the water treatment unit eliminated the health hazard. Mr. Howlett stated that he had discussed the matter with a senior County Council engineer and he was assured that there is no problem. It was decided to request the County Medical Officer to report on the matter and to try to have this report for the next meeting.

(2) "That the Town Commissioners have a map of the town area displayed in the Boardroom." This motion was seconded by Comm. Donnellan and it was decided to ask the Town Engineer to provide a 6" map.

National Wage Agreement, 1975: In accordance with the National Wage Agreement, 1975, the meeting approved of the following rates of pay for their employees and the resultant increase in the Estimates:-
School Warden: Additional increase of 30p per week from 1/6/75.

Rent Collector: £4.391 per house plus 2½% commission from 1/6/75.

Town Clerk: 1/4/70 £290 p.a. 1/1/71 £317 p.a., 1/1/73 £330 p.a.
1/6/73 £355 p.a., 1/6/74 £377 p.a., 1/12/74 £396 p.a.
1/3/75 £436 p.a. 1/6/75 £471 p.a.

It was pointed out to the meeting that the Town Clerk's salary is still subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government.

The above increases were proposed by Comm. O'Brien and seconded by Comm. Morgan.

Living Vans at Barrack Street: Comm. O'Brien referred to people living in vans at the car-park in Barrack St and he felt that these people are causing a health hazard in the area. Comm. O'Brien stated that these people may have moved their living vans into the car-park in order to strengthen their claim for the new houses in Loughrea. It was decided to report the matter to the County Council.

Votes of Sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following on their recent bereavements:
Peter McGrath, Cuscarrick on the death of his brother.
W. Clinton on the death of his sister.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 11th day of August, 1975.

B. Donnellan
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 11/8/75.

In the Chair: Commissioner Brendan Donnellan, Chairman.
Members Present: Commissioners Patrick O'Loughlin, James Barrett, James McDonnell, Norman Morgan, Matthew Loughnane, Patrick J. Duane, Sean Kelly.
In Attendance: Messrs Kevin Doyle, Acting Asst. Co. Manager and A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.
Before the business of the meeting was discussed, Comm. Duane proposed that the meeting adjourn as a mark of respect to the late John Scully. This proposal got no seconder. Comm. Duane left the meeting.

Minutes: The minutes of the Annual Meeting and Monthly Meeting held on the 7/7/75 were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Barrett.

Correspondence: The following correspondence was read to the meeting:

School Meals: The Dept. of Education in its letter of the 28/7/75, pointed out that the provision of school meals is the responsibility of the local authority with the assistance of the Dept. of Social Welfare. It was decided to write to the Dept. of Social Welfare requesting information on the scheme.

Parking: The local gardai stated in their letter of the 15/7/75, that the question of illegal parking across public and private entrances is under investigation and that a further communication will be given in due course.

"The Walks" A.D. Comyn & Co, Solicitors in reply to the query raised at the last meeting regarding the ownership of "The Walks", stated that there is no simple way of finding out who owns "The Walks" and that unless it is considered of importance to solve the problem, the fee which would be charged to try to determine ownership would be substantial and would not be justified. A discussion on the matter followed and it was agreed to write to Mr. Shields Solc., who acted for the Earl of Harewood, in the ~~xxxx~~ sale of the town to the people,

Industries: The Dept. of Industry & Commerce in its letter of the 4/7/75, stated that the I.D.A. have indicated that they have approved grants for new projects on the 9½ acre industrial site owned by I.D.A. in Loughrea. These projects, Elora Werk and Joyce Cridland, with a potential employment of 60 and 30 respectively, were scheduled to commence production this year but due to the economic situation, both companies have informed I.D.A. that they have postponed plans to go ahead until the economic situation recovers. The letter also stated that I.D.A. will continue to promote Loughrea for industry and will assist any suitable project wishing to set up in the immediate future in Loughrea. Comm. Morgan stated that he was happy to hear that grants were made available to these industries and that everything is being done to provide new industries in Loughrea.

The following resolution from Midleton U.D.C. was marked read on the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Loughnane:
"That we the members of Midleton U.D.C. request the Minister for Defence to allow the army to attend the Michael Collins Commemoration at Beal Na Blaith."

Supplementary Estimate: Mr. Doyle explained to the meeting that due to the heavy pre-sale repairs a further £3,000 would be required to carry out repairs to the number of houses that have applied to lease. Mr. Doyle added that as most of the cost on housing is now met from State Grants, it is necessary to get the prior consent of the Dept. of Local Government so that the total cost would not have to be met by the Commissioners. The amount sought now by the Town Engineer is £3,000. Comm. O'Loughlin proposed and Comm. Loughnane seconded that, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, the sum of £3,000 be approved. This was agreed by the meeting.

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Auditor's Report: The Town Clerk read the Auditor's report for the 4 years ending 31/3/74. On the suggestion of Comm. Morgan it was agreed that each member get a copy of the Auditor's report. Arising from the Auditor's report, Mr. Doyle stated that there was some difficulty regarding the registration of Transfer Orders for houses sold but that this matter is at present in hands and will be soon cleared up.

Tidy Town Anti-Litter Week: The Town Clerk read correspondence from Bord Failte setting out guide lines for a proposed anti-litter week. Comm. Morgan stated that the local Tidy Town Committee are holding their tidy street competition towards the end of the month and a member of Bord Failte will act as judge for this competition. In view of this competition it was decided not to take part in the anti-litter week competition. Comm. Donnellan proposed that the Minister for Industry & Commerce be asked to prohibit the use of disposal bottles and containers as these caused most litter on the streets. This was seconded by Comm. Morgan.

Motions submitted by Comm. Matthew Loughnane:-

(1) "That Loughrea Town Commissioners examine the feasibility and desirability of implementing a system of angle parking in the Main Street."

This motion was seconded by Comm. Donnellan and passed unanimously. A discussion then took place regarding the possibility of having voluntary one-way traffic in the vicinity of the Cathedral at mass time on Sundays but it was agreed to take no action on this matter for the present.

(2) "That adequate litter bin facilities be provided in the Cross St./Mt. Pleasant area."

This motion was seconded by Comm. Morgan and it was agreed that the Town Clerk would take up the problem with the Town Engineer with a view to having adequate bin facilities provided at the schools and at the "Casket".

(3) "I will ask the County Secretary when the houses under construction at Galway Road will be available for habitation."

Mr. Doyle stated that it is hoped to have these houses ready by the end of September. In reply to Comm. Barrett, Mr. Doyle stated that the County Council is aware of the recommendation made by the Commissioners that some of the proposed new tenants be advised in advance of the houses being ready so that they might acquire furniture etc.

Motions submitted by Comm. Norman Morgan:

(1) "That a recommendation be sent to the Minister for Posts & Telegraphs to provide a letter posting box at the County Council site, Latimer Lodge, at the junction of Barrack St./Cross St. with Moore St./Woodford Road, Loughrea."

This motion was seconded by Comm. Loughnane and passed unanimously.

(2) "That a letter be sent to Mr. Pat Hughes, President of Irish Base Metals Ltd., suggesting that Irish Base Metals Ltd. lands on the lake side of the road and south of the Long Point, be donated to Loughrea Town Commissioners or to Galway County Council, as an extension to the Long Point and as additional public amenity area."

This motion was seconded by Comm. Loughnane and passed unanimously.

(3) "That Loughrea Town Commissioners, through the Assistant County Manager, negotiate with Mr. J.B. Donohue, Auctioneer, Loughrea, with a view to purchasing for a public park for the people of Loughrea and district the lands offered for sale, and which are situated opposite the Rectory Cross St., Loughrea; particularly that portion which contains the four beautiful trees."

Mr. Donohue, press officer, who was present at the meeting stated that the land in question was sold for £8,600

Motion submitted in the names of Comm. B. Donnellan, S. Kelly, M. Loughnane, J. McDonnell, P. O'Loughlin and F. O'Brien:

"That in view of the great need for further industry in the Loughrea area, the County Development Officer be asked to attend the next meeting of the Town Commissioners to discuss the matter."

This motion was proposed by Comm. Loughnane and seconded by Comm. Donnellan and passed unanimously.

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Railway Station: Comm. Kelly stated that he saw a circular recently which indicated that the local C.I.E. station will be closed by the end of next November. As a result of this he had contacted Mr. J. Callanan, T.D. who in turn had contacted Mrs. Hogan-O'Higgins T.D. and that these Deputies are trying to arrange for the Minister for Transport & Power to meet a deputation to discuss the matter. All of the members expressed concern at the proposed closure of the station. The matter was discussed at length and on the suggestion of Comm. Morgan, the Chairman undertook to contact the President of the local Chamber of Commerce with a view to holding a public meeting to discuss the matter. It was suggested that in the event of a deputation going to meet the Minister, Comm. Donnellan and Barrett should represent the Board on the deputation and should there be room for another member that Comm. Kelly would go.

Playground: Comm. McDonnell stated that there is tarmac around the base of the slide in the playground and as a result there could be a serious accident there. He suggested that grass or fine sand would make a more suitable base. The Town Clerk undertook to take the matter up with the Town Engineer.

Garda Over-time: Comm. McDonnell referred to the recent decision taken by the Minister for Justice cutting back on the amount of over-time worked by members of the gardai. Comm. McDonnell stated that as a result gardai were not available to investigate some serious crimes which were committed. Comm. McDonnell proposed that the Minister be asked to reconsider his decision to cut back on the amount of over-time worked by the gardai. This was seconded by Comm. Kelly and passed unanimously.

Lights on Gort Road: In reply to Comm. O'Loughlin, the Town Clerk stated that an Official Order was recently issued to the E.S.B. covering the provision of public lighting along the Gort Road.

Date of September Meeting: The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the date of the September meeting would clash again this year with the Galway Races. It was unanimously agreed to adjourn the September meeting for one week. Comm. Donnellan referred to the August meetings clashing with the established holiday period and he felt that this was not fair to the Town Clerk. ~~Mr. Doyle~~ Mr. Doyle informed the meeting that Ballinasloe U.D.C. hold no meeting during the month of August. Comm. Donnellan proposed that in future the August meeting of the Board would not be held, this was seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin and passed unanimously.

Votes of Congratulations: On the proposition of Comm. McDonnell, votes of congratulations were unanimously passed with:

(1) Miss Mary Callanan the Festival Queen, on her success in the Queen of the County Competition. The Board wished her every success in the forthcoming Rose of Tralee contest, in which she will represent the county.

(2) Supt. P.O'Driscoll, Loughrea on his promotion to Dublin.

Votes of sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following on their recent bereavements:-

(1) The Scully family, Barrack St., on the death of John Scully.

(2) The Ward family, Gort Bridghe, on the death of Larry Ward.

This concluded the meeting

Signed this the 15 day of September, 1975.

B. Donnellan : Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at special meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 23/8/75.

In the Chair: Commissioner Brendan Donnellan, Chairman.
Members Present: Commissioners James Barrett, Matthew Loughnane, Sean Kelly, Patrick O'Loughlin, Norman Morgan, Patrick J. Duane and James McDonnell.
In Attendance: A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Others in attendance: Very Rev. Fr. Stankard, Adm. Mr. J.B. Donohue, Press. Chamber of Commerce: Messers Denis McCarthy, Hans Nebe.
Traders: Messers Gerard McInerney and Sean Connaire.

The Chairman in welcoming the delegates to the meeting stated that C.I.E. has decided to close the Loughrea branch line and he felt that the people should do all in their power to keep the branch line in Loughrea open. The Chairman referred to the fact that the Commissioners were informed by the Dept. of Industry & Commerce that grants were made available to two industries to set up in Loughrea. These industries, due to the present economic situation, are not at present going ahead. What, asked the Chairman, will these ^{industries} say when they return and find the branch line closed. The Chairman pointed out that the purpose of this meeting is to decide on what action should be taken to keep the line open. Fr. Stankard stated that the first question to be asked is - do the people need the railway and if they do what support are they prepared to give it, because if the meeting decide to sent a deputation to meet the Minister, it will be necessary to quote facts and figures to substantiate their case. Mr. Nebe stated that he had discussed the matter with the local Station Master and his information is that an additional revenue of £300 per week is required to make the branch line viable. Mr. Nebe added that he had also discussed the matter with local traders etc. and they had indicated that if C.I.E. were more efficient and was able to compete more favourably with road transport, they would support C.I.E. but at the moment C.I.E. compares unfavourably with road transport.

Mr. McInerney stated that now C.I.E. play no part in the distribution of goods to his business but that he could remember a short time ago when they had a donkey and cart hauling full-time from the station. He referred to the figure of £300 per week stated by Mr. Nebe to be the amount required to make the branch line viable and added that if the 11 people at present employed on the branch line were made redundant, it should require a figure of close on £300 per week to cover redundancies and dole payments.

Mr. Donohue stated that he would like to remind the meeting that Loughrea is the last remaining branch line in the British Isles and was in fact for one time closed for four years. With regard to the question of finding the £300 extra revenue per week, Mr. Donohue stated that he thought that this was a considerable sum in view of the fact that only a percentage of the charge made on goods etc. is credited to the Loughrea station.

Comm. Barrett proposed that a deputation consisting of two members of each of the following, Commissioners, Traders, Chamber of Commerce together with Fr. Stankard and Mrs. Hogan-O'Higgins T.D. and John Callanan, T.D. go to meet the Minister. This was seconded by Comm. Donnellan.

Comm. Kelly and Barrett undertook to contact the T.D.s. It was pointed out that a deputation of this size might be too large and it was agreed to let the deputation meet when it is finalised and let them decide themselves. It was agreed that an effort should be made to have facts and figures compiled on the branch line. The Chairman undertook to contact C.I.E. re same.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 16 day of September, 1975.

B. Donnellan
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at Special Meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 3rd September, 1975.

In the Chair; Commissioner Brendan Donnellan, Chairman.

Members Present: Commissioners Sean Kelly, Francis O'Brien, Norman Morgan, and Patrick O'Loughlin.

In Attendance: Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.

At this special meeting the sympathy of the Board was extended to the family and relatives of our former President, Mr. Eamon De Valera. Commissioner Donnellan in proposing the vote of sympathy, paid tribute to the late Mr. De Valera for the work he had done for the country and referred to Mr. De Valera's early association with Loughrea adding that the late Mr. De Valera had addressed one of his first, if not his first public meeting, at Loughrea in 1917. Commissioner O'Brien in seconding the vote of sympathy said that the late Mr. De Valera may have appeared to be a controversial figure to his opponents but he had, as indeed had many of his colleagues and made an enormous contribution towards the wealth of the Irish nation. Comm. O'Brien added that he hoped that the death of Mr. De Valera might help to bring the country back to its Christian ideas and Irish Culture.

Comm. Kelly stated that he would like to be associated with the vote of sympathy and he referred to the neutrality stand taken by the late Mr. De Valera during the last world war.

Comm. Morgan in associating himself with the vote of sympathy, stated that he did so not in the political sence, but in the sence that the late Mr. De Valera did what he thought was right. Comm Morgan added that he took exception to the neutrality issue raised by Comm. Kelly, because he, Comm. Morgan felt that this stand could be considered a shame on the Irish people,

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 11 day of September, 1975.

B. Donnellan
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the Monthly Meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 15/9/75.

In the Chair: Commissioner Brendan Donnellan, Chairman. Members Present: Commissioners James Barrett, Norman Morgan, Patrick J. Duane.

In Attendance: Messers John Howlett, Acting Asst. County Manager and Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.

Apologies: Town Clerk apologised on behalf of the Town Engineer. The Chairman apologised on behalf of Comm. Matthew Loughnane and Patrick O'Loughlin. Comm. Sean Kelly and Francis O'Brien were excused as there were attending the Annual Conference of the Assoc. of Municipal Authorities.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: Minutes of meeting held on the 11/8/75 were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Barrett. Minutes of meetings held on the 23/8/75 and 3/9/75 were read to the meeting. These minutes were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Donnellan.

Matters arising from the minutes.

(1) Loughrea Branch Line: The Town Clerk stated that Mrs. Hogan-O'Higgins T.D. stated that the Minister for Transport & Power is not prepared to meet a deputation regarding the closure of Loughrea Branch Line. Mrs. Hogan-O'Higgins stated that she has written to General Manager, C.I.E. requesting him to meet a deputation. The Town Clerk also read a letter which Mr. John Callanan T.D. had received from the Area Manager, C.I.E. Galway. This letter referred to rationalisation within C.I.E. with the resultant closure of Loughrea branch line.

Comm. Morgan thanked Mrs. Hogan-O'Higgins for her trouble but stated that he was disappointed that the Minister had refused to meet the deputation. On the proposition of Comm. Donnellan it was decided to write directly to the Minister requesting him to meet a deputation. Comm. Barrett complimentary Mr. Denis McCarthy of the Chamber of Commerce for the manner in which he had spoken in a recent television programme. On the proposition of Comm. Barrett seconded by Comm. Donnellan it was also decided to write to the Area Manager of C.I.E. enquiring as to the financial saving C.I.E. will benefit as a result of the closing of Loughrea branch line.

(2) County Development Officer: Mr. C.P. Lynch, County Dev. Officer stated that due to a prior engagement he was unable to attend to-night's meeting but that he will be pleased to attend a future meeting. It was decided to invite Mr. Lynch to the next meeting of the Board.

(3) Advance Factory: Mr. D.F. McCarthy, Regional Manager, IDA stated in his letter of the 12/9/75 that Loughrea will receive every consideration when IDA are reviewing its advance factory programme.

(4) Telephone Kiosks: The Dept. of Posts & Telegraphs in its letter of the 20/8/75 stated that it could not accede to the Commissioners' request to have telephone kiosks provided at lower Galway Road or at Barrack St.

(5) Loughrea Water Supply; The County Medical Officer in his letter of the 11/8/75 stated that there are no grounds for the opinion that Loughrea water supply might be polluted due to people bathing in the lake and added that sample will be taken from the lake on a regular basis in future. Comm. Morgan welcomed this reply and proposed that a sample be taken from the lake at the Long Point. This was seconded by Comm. Donnellan.

(6) The Walk: M/s V.P. Shields & Son. Solicitors stated in their letter of the 18/8/75 that they would like it clearly understood that they did not at any time act for the Earl of Harewood but had acted for a large number of the tenant purchasers. With regard to ownership of The Walk, M/s Shields added that they may be able to assist as they have town schedules in respect of tenancy. These would take a considerable time to peruse and then may not be of any assistance. On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Morgan, the Town Clerk was instructed to contact M/s Shields re possible costs involved.

School Meals Scheme: The Dept. of Social Welfare in its letter of the 23/8/75 gave details of the School Meals Scheme. It was pointed out by the Department that a grant of 50% of the food costs is the only grant available.

Comm. Morgan proposed and Comm. Donnellan seconded that this information be passed on to the new School Management Board, when same is elected.

Housing Repairs: The meeting was informed that in order to carry out essential repairs to houses for vesting, an over-expenditure of £3,000 is required in the current year. This over-expenditure was approved on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Donnellan.

Sale Scheme: Comm. Morgan stated that he is aware of three tenants who are prepared to purchase their houses but due to the fact that the purchase scheme has expired they are unable to do so. Comm. Morgan asked if anything could be done to expedite the new purchase scheme. The Asst. County Manager stated that purchase schemes are now a national matter and that we are now awaiting for a new national purchase scheme. He promised to look into the matter.

Estimates 1976 Year: In accordance with Sections 9 and 10 of the County and City Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Mr. Howlett submitted the Estimate for 1976 Financial Year. Copies of the Estimates were previously circulated to each member. The Estimates were discussed in detail. On the proposition of Comm. Donnellan, seconded by Comm. Morgan the following were resolved:

(1) That the Estimate of Expenses of the Loughrea Town Commissioners for the Financial Year ending 31/12/76, 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 Town Clerk.

(2) That the Demand be made on the Galway County Council by the Loughrea Town Commissioners for the sum of £953 for the Financial Year ending 31/12/76 and that the form of Demand be signed by the Chairman and the Town Clerk. The Form of Demand and the Form of Estimates were signed by the Chairman and Town Clerk.

Parks: Comm. Morgan and Duane referred to trespass taking place on County Council and Town Commissioners property in the vicinity of the Fair Green. Comm. Morgan also asked if the exercise bars etc. which he proposed for the Playground will be erected. Comm. Donnellan stated that he would like to see an overall plan for the parks in Loughrea. The Town Clerk was instructed to get the Town Engineer to investigate these matters and it was also decided to invite the Town Engineer to the next meeting.

National Wage Agreement, 1975; The second phase of the National Wage Agreement, 1975, i.e. 5% increase was approved in respect of the Town Clerk, School Warden and Rent Collector, on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Donnellan.

Motions; The following motions were moved by Comm. Morgan:

(1) "That a letter be sent to the Stoney Brennan Committee recommending that the Annual Stoney Brennan Night Commemoration be made part of the Seven Springs Festival." This motion was seconded by Comm. Donnellan and passed. Comm. Duane opposed this motion.

(2) "That the Gardai be asked to enforce the Double Yellow Line No Parking outside and opposite the Convent National School." This motion was seconded by Comm. Donnellan and passed.

- (3) "That Loughrea Town Commissioners purchase, by C.P.O. if necessary, the Rectory Field which stands opposite the Rectory and adjacent to the Boys' National School, for the purpose of providing therein a Public Park and to allow a widening of the road thereat to facilitate provision of a bus stop and car stop facilities for the school.

There was no seconder for this motion.

Telephone Service: Comm. Morgan referred to the proposal to have the Loughrea telephone exchange converted to automatic working shortly. Comm. Morgan stated that it is the intention to have completely new numbers for existing telephones when this takes place and he now wished to propose that the Minister for Posts & Telegraphs be requested to allow existing subscribers to retain their present number with the addition of the necessary code required for automatic working. This was seconded by Comm. Donnellan.

Town Engineer: Comm. Morgan referred to the recent transfer of Mr. Henry Fannon, B.E. Town Engineer, to Athenry. Comm. Morgan stated that he would like to thank Mr. Fannon for the work he had carried out during his stay in Loughrea and for the helpful manner he had shown during his term in Loughrea. All the members and officials present associated themselves with the sentiments expressed by Comm. Morgan.

Votes of Sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following on their recent bereavements:

- (1) The relatives of the late Mrs. Monaghan, Athenry Road.
- (2) The relatives of the late Michael Mannion, Cloonoo.
- (3) The relatives of the late Stephen Gordon, ex T.D. Athenry.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 13th day of October, 1975

B. Donnellan
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 13/10/75.

In the Chair: Comm. Brendan Donnellan, Chairman.

Members Present: Commissioners Sean Kelly, Francis O'Brien, James Barrett, Patrick O'Loughlin, Norman Morgan, Matthew Loughnane.

In Attendance: Messers John Howlett, Acting Asst. County Manager, William Malone, Town Engineer, Charles Lynch, County Dev. Officer, F. Burke, I.D.A. and A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Minutes; The minutes of the meeting held on the 15/9/75 were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Loughnane.

Deputation to C.I.E. The Chairman informed the meeting that together with Mr. Stankard, Mr. Denis McCarthy from the Chamber of Commerce and Deputies Mrs. Hogan-O'Higgins and John Callanan, he had met the General Manager of C.I.E. regarding the proposed close down of the local branch line. The Chairman thanked the people who had travelled on the deputation but regretted having to report that the deputation had failed to get C.I.E. to change its mind on closing Loughrea Station. C.I.E. were able to quote figures to defeat every point raised by the deputation with the exception of the point raised concerning people finishing work in Galway after 6 p.m. having no public transport available to take them to Loughrea.

The only assurance given by C.I.E. were that the branch line will not be removed for a period of 10 to 12 years and that in the event of a major industry coming to Loughrea which would justify the re-opening of the line, then the line could be re-opened. In reply to Comm. Barrett, Mr. Lynch stated that while an existing rail service is an attraction for industry, the fact that a rail service is not available need not prove to be a major dis-advantage.

On the proposition of Comm. Donnellan it was decided to make a last appeal to the Taoiseach for the retention of the railway. Comm. Kelly seconded this proposal.

Industry: The Chairman welcomed Messers Lynch and Burke to the meeting and stressed that Loughrea is entering a crucial period regarding the provision of new industry. Mr. Lynch stated that Loughrea's position is well known to both the County Development Team and to the I.D.A. and he assured the meeting that any help required will be forthcoming for any worthwhile project. Mr. Lynch added that the emphasis is now on the development of the small industry. Mr. Burke stated that the I.D.A. together with Galway County Council have provided a 9½ acre industrial site in Loughrea. Two firms had indicated their willingness to come to Loughrea, one of these firms is now very doubtful but the second is still interested but have postponed their plans due to the present economic climate. Comm. Loughnane asked what could be done by way of advance buildings, hotel etc that might entice industrialists to Loughrea.

Mr. Burke in reply stated that building can be erected within 6 months and as it usually takes in or about this time to have machinery etc. provided, he felt that it is a better proposition to wait until the exact type of building is known before erecting it. Mr. Burke also stated that a first class hotel is definitely a decided advantage. Comm. Barrett stated that it is up to the people of the town to come together to see what could be done in this matter. Comm. O'Loughlin asked if the I.D.A. had ever approached the existing industries in Loughrea with the view of getting them to extend their present industry. In reply, Mr. Burke stated that they have had discussion with the existing industries. Mr. Lynch assured the meeting that they would do everything possible to provide further industry in Loughrea and added that both himself and Mr. Burke are available 7 days of the week to anyone who felt that they have a worthwhile idea.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Lynch and Mr. Burke for attending the meeting.

Correspondence: The following correspondence was read to the meeting:

(1) Loughrea Telephone Exchange: The Dept. of Posts & Telegraphs in its letter of the 29/9/75, stated that it would not be practicable for technical reasons to retain the old number as part of the new automatic number on the conversion of Loughrea Telephone Exchange to automatic working.

(2) The following resolution from Sligo County Council was marked read "That we the members of Sligo County Council protest in the strongest possible manner against the decision of C.I.E. to close down the Railway Stations at Ballisodare, Tubbercurry, and Charlestown and the abandonment of freight services at Ballymote and other stations in Connaught and we direct that the General Manager of C.I.E., Dublin be asked to meet, as a matter of extreme urgency, the members of Sligo Co. Council to hear their views on the Company's proposal. It was further resolved that a copy of the resolution be furnished to all County and Urban Councils in Connaught and to request their support in what must be regarded as a matter of vital importance for the Province of Connaught."

(3) Offshore Oil: The meeting was informed by MR. C.P. Lynch, Co. Dev. Officer, that a Conference on Offshore Oil will be held in Galway on the 29th and 30th October, 1975. The cost for delegates attending same is £12. It was decided to send two delegates, Comm. Donnellan and Kelly. Comm. Donnellan proposed by Comm. Barrett seconded by Comm. Kelly. Comm. Kelly proposed by Comm. Loughnane seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin.

Cinematograph Licence: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Loughnane, it was decided to grant a Cinematograph Licence to the Directors of Loughrea Town Hall Ltd. for the year ending 31/12/75, subject to the approval of the County Fire Officer.

Tidy Towns Report, 1975: On the suggestion of the Chairman, discussion on the Tidy Towns Report was deferred until such time as the Adjudicator's Report is circulated to each member.

Motions submitted by Comm. Matthew Loughnane:

(a) "That the Board communicate with the Chamber of Commerce to explore the possibility of having R.T.E. operate a 'Community Radio' in Loughrea during the 1976 Seven Springs Festival."

This motion was seconded by Comm. Morgan.

(b) "That the Board send a recommendation to the Minister for Finance that he provide the £12 employment premium for local authorities under the same terms as apply in private industry."

This motion was seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin.

Motions submitted by Comm. Norman Morgan:

(a) "That Loughrea Town Commissioners insist that Galway County Council provide a rear entrance road, measuring eleven feet wide, to serve the 16 council houses, which are facing southwards, at Pollroebuck, Loughrea."

This motion was seconded by Comm. Donnellan.

Mr. Howlett pointed out that it may not be feasible to do this as it was not in the original plan.

(b) "That Loughrea Town Commissioners repair their roadside wall west of the Childrens' Playground."

Mr. Malone stated that he had inspected this wall and agreed that it needs repair. Repairs will be carried out if money is available.

Comm. Morgan also asked if some exercise bars could be provided in the Playground. It was agreed that quotations be got for same.

(c) "That Galway County Council be requested to clean, to its original bed level, the presently choked lake river, from O'Dea's Bridge, Railway Road towards the White Mills, Loughrea."

Comm. Donnellan seconded this motion

Mr. Malone stated that due to lack of funds it is not possible to put a machine on this section of the river this year but that he will have some cleaning by hand carried out there.

New Houses: In reply to Comm. Barrett, Mr. Howlett stated that it is hoped that the ~~new~~ new houses at Pollroebuck will be ready within the next two months.

Public Lighting: It was decided to request the County Council to provide additional lights at Museum in Barrack Street and at Cottage Hill.

Drinking Trough: Comm. Morgan asked if the cattle trough near the Boys' National School could be removed as it is causing an nuisance in the area. Mr. Malone undertook to inspect same.

Flooding: Comm. O'Loughlin referred to flooding which occurs on the Gort Road and on the Lower Galway Road during periods of rain and he asked if something could be done to relieve this problem. Mr. Malone stated that he will inspect these areas.

Investments: Mr. Howlett informed the meeting that the Board had received £4,500 approximately for the sale of two houses during the year and that he proposed to have this money invested with the Agricultural Credit Corporation.

This concluded the meeting.

Dated this the 10th day of November, 1975.

B. Donnellan
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 10/11/75.

In the Chair: Comm. Brendan Donnellan, Chairman.
Members Present: Comm. Sean Kelly, Norman Morgan, Matthew Loughnane, Francis O'Brien, Patrick O'Loughlin, Patrick J. Duane.

In Attendance: Messers John Howlett, Acting Asst. Co. Manager and Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.

The Town Clerk apologised on behalf of Comm. James Barrett who is at present indisposed. The members present wished Comm. Barrett a speedy recovery.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: Comm. Morgan asked that the name "Mr. J. Burke" be amended to read Mr. Frank Burke. in the minutes. This was done. The minutes were then adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Kelly.

Arising from the minutes, Comm. Morgan proposed that the resolution from Sligo Co. Council referring to the closure of railway stations in Connaught, which was marked read at the previous meeting, be adopted now. This proposal was seconded by Comm. Kelly and passed unanimously.

Correspondence: The following correspondence was read to the meeting:

- (a) New Houses: The Co. Council stated in its letter of the 4/11/75 that a 10 ft. carriage-way is being provided at the rear of the Pollroebuck houses to serve rear entrances.
- (b) Postal Facilities: The Dept. of Posts & Telegraphs stated in its letter of the 15/10/75 that it does not propose to provide a letterbox at Lattimer Lodge as it is not an unreasonable distance from the existing letterboxes in Loughrea.
- (b) Long Point: Irish Base Metals Ltd. stated in its letter of the 22/10/75 stated that they could not accede to the request to have the field adjoining the Long Point donated to the Commissioners or to the Co. Council as they have already made commitments in respect of this land.
- (d) Premium Employment Programme: The Dept. of Labour stated in its letter of the 24/10/75 that the recommendation to have the £12. Employment Premium extended to local authorities will be kept in mind in connection with any future extension of the Premium Employment Programme.
- (e) Rail Service: The Dept. of the Taoiseach stated in its letter of the 20/10/75 that the Commissioners request to the Taoiseach, Mr. Liam Cosgrave, to intercede with C.I.E. regarding the closure of Loughrea Branch Line, has been brought to the attention of the Minister of Transport and Power for consideration.
Comm. Donnellan proposed and Comm. Kelly seconded that C.I.E. be asked to provide a bus service that would connect with the evening train from Galway.

Tidy Town Report: The meeting consider the Adjudicator's Report on Loughrea for the 1975 Tidy Towns Competition, copies of the Report having been previously circulated to each member. On the suggestion of Comm. Morgan it was decided to write to Hibernian Inns Ltd. re site at Barrack Street and P.M.P.A. re site at Pigott's Street pointing out that these sites had received un-favourable comments in the Report.
Comm. Donnellan stated that a recommendation should be made regarding selection of the best new shop front in town.

Bye-Laws Relating to Houses Let For Rent or Other Valuable Consideration: Mr. Howlett stated that these Bye-Laws were previously approved and that it is now necessary to have them formally adopted, sealed and placed on deposit for one month from date of publishing. The Bye-Laws will be sent to the Minister for signing.
On the proposition of Comm. O'Brien, seconded by Comm. Donnellan, the Bye-Laws were unanimously adopted.

Trespass at Childrens Playground: On the proposition of Comm. O'Loughlin seconded by Comm. Loughnane, it was decided to request the assistance of the local gardai in trying to have trespass on the Childrens Playground stopped.

Motions submitted by Comm. Norman Morgan:

- (1) "That the unsightly butts of trees left lying in Knockanima Public Park be removed."
The Town Clerk informed the meeting that this work is already in progress.
- (2) "That the two small fields, which stand east and west of the tennis club, be dug up, levelled and reseeded, with the advice of the local Horticultural Officer, so as to be ready for use in Summer, 1976."
This motion was seconded by Comm. Loughnane.
A discussion took place regarding trespass on the Childrens' Playground. On the proposition of Comm. O'Loughlin seconded by Comm. Loughnane it was decided to seek the assistance of the local gardai in the matter.

(3) "That Galway County Council be requested to purchase the residence and garden of the De La Salle Brothers, Barrack St., Loughrea, which is for sale, for the purpose of providing thereon two-roomed accommodation for the large number of elderly persons living alone in flats which are unsuitable for their needs. Note: Galway County Council has completely ignored this section of our community when providing new houses in Loughrea."
This motion was seconded by Comm. Loughnane.
Mr. Howlett pointed out that this would be a very expensive way of providing such houses and added that the Co. Council has already got land in Loughrea on which these houses could be provided.

Motions submitted by Comm. Patrick O'Loughlin:

- (1) "That a recommendation be sent to the Minister for Social Welfare, that concessions already granted to old age and other pensioners in respect of free electricity be extended immediately to those in receipt of Disability Benefits and of Widows and Orphans Contributory Pensions."
This motion was seconded by Comm. Kelly and passed unanimously.
- (2) "That a recommendation be sent to Galway County Council that a further twenty houses be built in Loughrea immediately."
This motion was seconded by Comm. Donnellan and passed unanimously.
- (3) "I will ask the Assistant County Manager, Mr. Howlett re findings of survey on Loughrea Sewerage System."
Mr. Howlett stated that the Consultants are still working on the survey and it is hoped to have the preliminary report by the end of February.

Notes of Thanks and Congratulations: Comm. Loughnane proposed:

- (a) A vote of thanks to the Loughrea Choral Society for its wonderful production of "The Music Man"
 - (b) A vote of congratulations to the Loughrea Coursing Club on its successful running of the Connacht Cup Meeting and to the two locals - Noel Carty and Messers John Coen and Gerard Kenny on winning stakes at same.
 - (c) A vote of congratulations to the local Athletic Club on winning the Connacht Novice Championship and wished them luck in future competition.
- All of the above were seconded by Comm. Morgan.

Date of next Meeting: As the next meeting of the Board coincides with a Church Holiday - December 8th, it was decided to hold the meeting on the 15th.

New Houses: Mr. Howlett informed Comm. O'Loughlin that the remaining new houses at Pollroebuck will be given out within the next 10 days.

Draft Plan: Mr. Howlett stated that he hoped to have the new Draft Plan available for discussion at the next meeting.

Notes of Sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended to the relatives of the late Edward Morgan and the late John Ward.

This concluded the meeting

Signed this the 15th day of December, 1975.

B. Donnellan
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 15th December, 1975.

In the Chair: Commissioner Brendan Donnellan, Chairman.
Members Present: Commissioners Francis O'Brien, Patrick O'Loughlin, James Barrett, Sean Kelly, Matthew Loughnane, Norman Morgan, Patrick J. Duane.

In Attendance: Messers John Howlett, Acting Asst. County Manager and Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayer.

Before the business of the meeting was discussed, Mr. Howlett stated that the County Manager was to attend to-night's meeting in order to discuss the Draft Plan for Loughrea, but due to urgent Corporation business the Manager is unable to attend. Mr. Howlett informed the meeting that Mr. Lee, Chief Planning Officer will attend the meeting at 8/30 to discuss the Draft Plan.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Morgan, seconded by Comm. Kelly.

Housing: Arising from the minutes, Comm. Morgan asked if the Bye-Laws relating to rented houses are now in force. Mr. Howlett stated that the Bye-Laws will again be considered at the next meeting and will then have to go to the Minister for ~~xxxx~~ sanction. Comm. O'Brien congratulated the County Council on the number of houses provided in Loughrea and added that this might be an opportune time to ensure that flats vacated by people who had got new houses, be brought up to the required standard. Comm. O'Loughlin stated that he would like to express his thanks to the County Council, that 19 of the 20 people who had got houses resided in Loughrea.

Correspondence: The following correspondence was read to the meeting:

Tidy Towns Competition: Bord Fáilte stated that the recommendation that a best "Shop Front" competition be included in the 1976 Tidy Towns Competition will be borne in mind.

Seven Springs Festival: Mr. D. McCarthy, Sec. Loughrea Chamber of Commerce stated that the suggestion to have R. T. E. operate a Community Radio during the Seven Springs Festival, is a suggestion that he thinks will be considered favourable by the Chamber.

Rail Service: Mr. C. MacGiolla Ri, Area Manager of C.I.E. stated in his letter of the 26/11/75 ~~that~~ that as already pointed out during the course of a meeting with the General Manager of C.I.E. a reprieve cannot be offered for the Loughrea Branch Line. Mr. MacGiolla Ri stated in his letter that the amount of freight and ~~passenger~~ passenger business available can be dealt with by one lorry and the existing and substitute bus service. Comm. O'Brien stated a person getting a return ticket from Attymon/Dublin is required to pay bus fare from Loughrea to Attymon and if this person wishes to get the bus from Athlone to Loughrea on the return journey he was again to pay for this bus. Comm. Barrett referred to allegations made by two members of the Chamber of Commerce regarding the freight service and added that the service provided now is disgraceful. Comm. Barrett proposed that a letter be sent to C.I.E. pointing out that the services now provided are dis-satisfactory, this was seconded by Comm. Donnellan. Comm. Donnellan also proposed that a C.I.E. depot be provided in Loughrea. This was seconded by Comm. Morgan.

Trespass on Childrens' Playground: Supt. J.F. Carty, Loughrea pointed out in his letter of the 4/12/75 that the Gardai are only empowered to prosecute owners of animals found wandering on the public road and that trespass on the Playground can be dealt with only by Civil Process. It was decided to refer the matter back to the Town Engineer for his observations.

Motions submitted by Comm. O'Loughlin:

- (1) That a recommendation be sent to the Minister for Social Welfare, that the means test on old age pensions be reviewed and the qualifying age be sixty five (65).
Comm. O'Loughlin amended this motion to read that the means test on old age pensions be abolished.
The amended motion was seconded by Comm. O'Brien and passed unanimously.

- (2) "That a recommendation be sent to Galway County Council to provide playing facilities and recreational facilities in public and private housing development in Loughrea."
This motion was seconded by Comm. Donnellan.

- (3) "That a recommendation be sent to the Western Health Board, that people in need of hospitalisation due to alcohol be sent to the new unit at the Regional Hospital, Galway."
This motion was seconded by Comm. Donnellan.

Motions submitted by Comm. Morgan:

- (1) "That a recommendation be sent to Galway County Council to provide concrete steps to the right and to the left inside Mount Pleasant Cemetary gate, where the grassed area is three to four feet above the level of the roadway."
This motion was seconded by Comm. Barrett.

Comm. Donnellan stated the 'Calvary' in Mount Pleasant Cemetary is broken and could be dangerous, and he suggested that it be repaired. Mr. Howlett pointed out that this is not County Council property. On the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Morgan it was decided to bring this matter to the attention of the Administrator.

Comm. Duane stated that the east wall of this burial ground is in need of repair. It was decided to bring this to the notice of the local engineer.

- (2) "That a recommendation be sent to the Dept. of Local Government to have road Motor Tax included in the price of petrol."

Comm. Barrett seconded this motion. Comm. Loughnane stated that he would have to oppose this motion as the one time that car insurance must be produced is when it is being taxed and he therefore proposed a direct negative, this was seconded by Comm. O'Brien.

The amendment was put to the meeting and was carried. Comm. Loughnane, O'Brien, O'Loughlin, Duane and Donnellan voting for the amendment.

- (3) "That a recommendation be sent to the Minister for Health to have Income Tax disregarded as income when considering the eligibility of persons for Medical Cards."

This motion was seconded by Comm. Kelly.

Water Supply: Comm. O'Brien referred to the town water supply be knocked off recently and asked, if possible, some warning be given to the householders in the areas effected. The Town Clerk stated that an emergency had arisen when a water main had broken.

House Vesting: Comm. O'Brien asked if any developments had taken place with regard to houses that were approved for vesting. The Town Clerk stated that the applicants will be notified within the next week.

St. Brendan's Home: Comm. Loughnane referred to the recent publicity regarding the reduction of the numbers of papers being provided for the patients in St. Brendan's Home and also to the withdrawal of punch. Comm. O'Brien pointed out that he was not speaking as an official of St. Brendan's, but he felt that if there is a demand for more papers in St. Brendan's, then this should be treated as a commercial venture. At present there is a limited number of papers provided for each ward and if patients are not satisfied then they have their own funds to purchase some more. The punch is not withdrawn but there is a limited supply of free whiskey.

Christmas Lights: Comm. Loughnane asked if Christmas Lights are being provided this year. It was pointed out to Comm. Loughnane that the traders look after this lighting.

Public Lighting on Gort Road; Comm. O'Loughlin asked what the position is regarding the provision of the public lighting along the Gort Road. The Town Clerk stated he was informed by the local E.S.B. office that they are awaiting some fittings. Comm. O'Loughlin stated that the E.S.B. had informed Deputy Tom Hussey that some objection was raised to the siting of the poles on the lake side. Mr. Howlett stated that there was an objection but the engineers concerned have approved the present position of the poles. Comm. Morgan stated that he had objected to the poles going on the lake side.
Comm. O'Loughlin appealed to Mr. Howlett to have the lights provided as soon as possible.

National Wage Agreement: The Town Clerk stated that under the terms of the National Wage Agreement, the Town Clerk, Rent Collector and School Warden are due an increase. The increases involved were: Town Clerk, £3.60 per annum, Rent Collector, house fee of £4.682 per annum, School Warden increase of 49p. per week. The above increases were approved on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin.

Draft Plan for Loughrea: Mr. Lee in introducing the Draft Plan for Loughrea stated that the plan has yet to be approved by the County Council. His purpose in coming to the meeting was to outline the Plan to the members and to listen to any suggestion which the members might like to make. Mr. Lee distributed some copies of the Plan to the members. Mr. Lee gave a detailed account of the Plan, the different zoning areas, population trend, employment, services, housing, roads and amenities. The Plan was then discussed in general and it was agreed that the members would need a better opportunity to study the Plan. It was agreed that as there were not enough copies of the Draft Plan for each member to receive one, the members would return the copies which are available to the Town Clerk, who could pass them on to some of the other members. The Chairman thanked Mr. Lee for coming to the meeting and for the detailed account of the Draft Plan which he had given.

Votes of Sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following on the recent bereavements:

The Murray family, formerly of Galway Road, on the death of Cyril Murray.
Michael Kennedy, Barrack St., on the death of his father.
The relatives of the late Michael Whelan, Dunkellin Street.
The family of the late Christopher Daniels, Cosmona.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 12th day of January, 1976.

B. Donnellan
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the Monthly Meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 12/1/76.
In the Chair: Comm. Brendan Donnellan, Chairman.
Members Present: Commissioners Ewan Norman Morgan, Patrick O'Loughlin, James Barrett, Sean Kelly and Patrick J. Duane.
Attendance: Messrs John Howlett, Acting Asst. County Manager and Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.
Apology: The Town Clerk apologised on behalf of Comm. Francis O'Brien.
Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of meeting held on the 15/12/75 were adopted and signed as correct, proposed by Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Kelly.

Correspondence:

Gaming and Lotteries Act 1956: Notice of intention to apply on behalf of Joseph Malocca, Kingston, Galway, for a Certificate under Section 15 of the Gaming and Lotteries Act 1956, authorising the issue of a Licence permitting gaming at an amusement hall or fun fair, namely Genoa Enterprises situated at Bride Street, Loughrea. The application to be made at the District Court Sittings at Loughrea on the 11/2/76.
Mr. Howlett stated that the Gaming and Lotteries Act, 1956 was adopted by the Loughrea Town Commissioners and therefore people have the right to apply to the Courts for Gaming Licences. The County Council are having the premises inspected for fire and health hazards. A suggestion from Comm. Morgan that the Gaming and Lotteries Act be rescinded was discussed. The Asst. Co. Manager pointed out that this could not be done in time for the Court hearing. It was agreed on the proposition of Comm. Morgan, seconded by Comm. Donnellan that the Asst. Co. Manager would on behalf of the Loughrea Town Commissioners, notify the Court Clerk, that the Gaming and Lotteries Act and that the Commissioners request that the case be adjourned to allow the Commissioners to arrive at a decision.

C.I.E.: C.I.E. in its letter of the 17th December stated that they are examining the late bus service from Galway and they hoped to let the Commissioners know the outcome within the next few weeks.
Letter from Sister M. Declan, Convent of Mercy, Loughrea, complaining about the alternative rail service provided by C.I.E. from Loughrea to Dublin. On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Kelly, it was decided to send a copy of Sister Declan's letter to C.I.E.

Bye-Laws in relation to houses let for rent or other valuable consideration: Mr. Howlett stated that notice of intention to make these bye-laws was published and that the month of deposit had expired. It is now necessary to make application to the Minister for Local Government for confirmation of the bye-laws.
It was proposed by Comm. Morgan, seconded by Comm. Donnellan and resolved that application be made to the Minister for Local Government for confirmation of the bye-laws made by the Loughrea Town Commissioners in relation to houses let for rent or other valuable consideration.

Street Traders: Comm. Barrett referred to the number of Street Traders vending Loughrea on market days and asked if anything could be done about same. A discussion took place during which it was suggested that the Commissioners at one time owned stalls at ~~Kerry~~ King's Street, which were rented to Traders. It was decided to ask the Board's solicitor if any record exists regarding the sale or ownership by the Commissioners of these stalls.

Travelling Expenses: Travelling expenses as set out in Circular Letter 62/75 of the 22/12/75 in respect of Officers were approved by the Board on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Donnellan.

Following motions were submitted to the meeting:
Motions submitted by Comm. O'Loughlin:-

(1) "That a recommendation be sent to Galway County Council that bathing facilities be provided at Cuscarrick."
Comm. Morgan pointed out that the previous Asst. Co. Manager had approached the land owner in question and suggested that no action be taken until Mr. Howlett finds out what the previous approach was achieved. This was agreed by the meeting.

On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin, the meeting passed a vote of thanks to the Ryan family, Cuscaeeick and to the Corry family, Lake Road, for allowing people to use their land at Cuscarrick for bathing purposes.

Motion No.2: "That a recommendation be sent to the Dept. of Post and Telegraphs for the immediate provision of a Public Telephone Kiosk to be sited between Old Galway Road and Cuscarrick."

Motion seconded by Comm. Morgan and passed unanimously.

Motion No.3: "That a recommendation be sent to the Dept. of Justice, requesting the strict enforcement of the law regarding wandering animals on the roads."

Comm. O'Loughlin amended this motion to include 'stray dogs'. The amended motion was seconded by Comm. Morgan and passed unanimously.

Motions submitted by Comm. Morgan:

Motion No.1 "That a recommendation be sent to Galway County Council that three additional street lights be added to those which I have already recommended, one light at John Dervan's, Gort Road; one at Abbey Terrace; and one in the centre of Bill Coy's Boorheen, off Gort Road, Loughrea." Motion seconded by Comm. Donnellan and passed unanimously.

Motion No.2 "That a recommendation be sent to Galway County Council, to clear, level and sow proper grass seed in the open space provided in front of the 16 council houses at Pollroebuck, Loughrea." Motion seconded by Comm. Barrett and passed unanimously.

Motion No.3: "That Galway County Council be requested to bulldoze the grassed margin of muck, dumping, stacks, abandoned Thames Van and all other rubbish on the Tullahill to Bween Road and to tar same from wall to wall in connection with this, I will ask the Asst. County Manager if the occupant of a temporary dwelling thereat, who has been allocated a new council house, will be allowed to leave said temporary dwelling thereat, to be occupied by another family." Motion seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin and passed unanimously.

Mr. Howlett stated that the tenant in question was written to regarding the cleaning of the site. Comm. Morgan stated that this tenant was allotted one of the end houses at Pollroebuck and some of the other tenants feared that he might use the area at the side of the house for storing caravans, scrap ect. Comm. Morgan suggested changing this tenant from an end house. Mr. Howlett stated that he would look into the matter.

Town Dump: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan, seconded by Comm. Donnellan it was decided to request the County Council to erect a fence on top of the road boundary wall at the old town dump and to have a notice re new dumping arrangements erected at the site of the old dump.

Knockanima Park: Comm. Morgan asked if the tree stumps could now be removed from Knockanima Park. The Town Clerk undertook to bring the matter to the attention of the Town Engineer.

Vote of sympathy was passed with the Abbey Fathers on the death of Rev. Brother Gabriel.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 9th day of February, 1976.

B. Donnellan
Chairman.

minutes of proceedings at special meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 26/1/76.

In the Chair: Comm. Brendan Donnellan, Chairman.
Members Present: Comm. Patrick O'Loughlin, James Barrett, Norman Morgan and Francis O'Brien.

In Attendance: Messers John Howlett, Acting Asst. County Manager and Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.

Before the business of the meeting commenced, Comm. O'Brien excused himself, stating that he had a prior engagement.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss notice received from Sandys & Co. solicitors, stating that one Joseph Malocca of Kingston, Galway will apply to the District Court Sittings at Loughrea on the 11th day of February, 1976, for a Certificate under Section 15 of the Gaming and Lotteries Act, 1956 authorising the issue of a Licence permitting gaming at an amusement hall or fun fair, namely Genoa Enterprises, situated at Bride Street, Loughrea.

Mr. Howlett informed the meeting that the matter was referred to Mr. Crowley the Board's Solc. Mr. Crowley had replied that rescinding the Resolution which had adopted the Gaming and Lotteries Act in the first instant, would not prevent Mr. Malocca from obtaining his Licence as the Resolution would have to be rescinded prior to Mr. Malocca's application. Mr. Crowley also stated that he felt that licences for Bingo etc. would not be effected by rescinding the Resolution.

Mr. Howlett stated that the position is more or less as he had stated at the previous meeting and added that the premises are being inspected for suitability by the Fire Officer and by the Medical Officer.

On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Barrett, it was decided to instruct the Board's Solc. to oppose in the Courts, the granting of this licence on the grounds that facilities of this nature, adequately catered for by the Social Centre, Youth Club and by the number of pool tables provided in licenced premises in the town. It was also pointed out that the area in question is mainly a residential area. It was suggested that should the licence be granted by the Courts, a clause should be provided in the Licence, prohibiting the admittance of people under the age of 18 years to these premises.

The Town Clerk was instructed to forward to the Board's Solc. any letters which he might receive objecting to the granting of this licence.

This concluded the meeting.

B. Donnellan : ~~Assistant County Manager~~

9/2/76

Minutes of proceedings at the Monthly Meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 9/2/76.

In the Chair: Comm. Brendan Donnellan, Chairman.

Members Present: Comm. James Barrett, Matthew Loughnane, Patrick O'Loughlin, and Norman Morgan.

In Attendance: Messers J. Howlett, Acting Asst. County Manager and A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: Minutes of meeting held on the 12/1/76, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Morgan, seconded by Comm. Loughnane. Minutes of special meeting held on the 26/1/76 were read to the meeting. On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin, the minutes of this special meeting were adopted and signed as correct.

Correspondence:

- (a) "Stalls" at Kings Entry: The Board's solicitor, A.D. Comyn & Co. informed the Board that he has no records to indicate that the Board were at any time the owners of the "Stalls" at Kings Entry.
- (b) Pedestrian Crossings: Supt. Carty stated that from surveys carried out, he could not recommend the provision of Pedestrian Crossings in Loughrea. It was decided to ask the Gardai to investigate the possibility of having traffic lights erected as the Westbridge, proposed by Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Morgan. It was also decided on the proposition of Comm. Barrett seconded by Comm. Donnellan to ask the Gardai to consider the possibility of having one of the streets leading from the Westbridge to Dolphin Street made an one-way street.
- (c) Telephone Kiosk: The Dept of Post & Telegraphs again stated that it could not justify the provision of a telephone kiosk to serve the Galway Road/Cuscarrick area as the kiosk at Dunkellin Street is not used to its full extent. On the proposition of Comm. Barrett seconded by Comm. Morgan it was decided to request the Dept of Posts & Telegraphs to re-site the kiosk at Dunkellin Street in the Galway Road/Cuscarrick area.
- (d) Medical Cards: The Dept. of Health stated that it could not accede to the request for income tax to be disregarded in the assessment of income for the granting of medical cards.
- (e) C.I.E. Service: The Area Manager of C.I.E. apologised for any mis-understandings which may have arisen with regard to the services now provided by C.I.E. A stenciled copy of the passenger service now in operation in Loughrea was distributed to the members. C.I.E. pointed out that Mrs. E. Beatty, Main St. is now a depot for goods for the people who cannot avail of the door to door service.

National Wage Agreement 1975-4th Phase: The 4th Phase of the National Wage Agreement, 1975 i.e. 2.8% increase from the 1/3/76 was approved for employees of the Board on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Loughnane.

Motions submitted by Comm. Matthew Loughnane:

(a) "That Loughrea Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Social Welfare to reduce the Old Age Pension age to 65 years." Motion seconded by Comm. Morgan and passed unanimously.

(b) "That the Northern Ireland situation be discussed regularly at Town Commissioners Meetings."

After some discussion, Comm. Loughnane amended this motion to read "That the Board aim in future to have a greater interchange of views on the Northern situation."

This amendment was seconded by Comm. Barrett and passed unanimously.

(c) "That Loughrea Town Commissioners call on the appropriate Minister to order the fitting of 'laminated' windscreens in all new cars." Motion seconded by Comm. Morgan and passed unanimously.

Motions submitted by Comm. Patrick O'Loughlin:

(a) "That a recommendation be sent to the Minister for Industry and Commerce, that price increases on different commodities would be granted only once on a yearly basis." Motion seconded by Comm. Loughnane and passed unanimously.

(b) "That a recommendation be sent to the Minister for Finance that income received from Retirement and Old Age Pensions be exempt from payment of Tax." Motion seconded by Comm. Donnellan and passed unanimously.

(c) "I will ask the Assistant County Manager, Mr. Howlett re extension of speed limits for Loughrea and recommend a twenty mile Speed Limit at Irish Building Agency Estate at Cuscarrick." Mr. Howlett stated that the Speed Limits Committee have considered the re-siting of the 30 M.P.H. Speed Limits in Loughrea and he understood that these will be changed out to the town boundaries. As matters of this nature are now considered on a County and National basis it will take some time to have changes implemented.

Comm. Morgan thanked the Town Engineer for having the steps provided at Mount Pleasant Cemetery and also for purchasing the 'Climbing Bars' for the Playground.

County Council Premises at Barrack St: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Barrett, it was decided to ask the County Council to have the premises which they now use for a workshop at Barrack St., plastered.

Houses at Pollroebuck: Comm. O'Loughlin asked Mr. Howlett if he could say when the keys for the new houses would be given out. Mr. Howlett stated that some minor works are being carried out and when these and the E.S.B. are finished the keys will be given out. Comm. Morgan asked if the Council had decided on what house they were giving to Charlie Ward. Mr. Howlett stated that he is not aware of the final arrangement as he also had representation to have Mr. Ward houses in an end house.

Itinerants: Mr. Morgan asked if the County Council intend to erect more houses for itinerants at Loughrea. Mr. Howlett stated that the Council had not made any final decision with regard to the provision of additional houses for itinerants in Loughrea.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this 8th day of March, 1976.

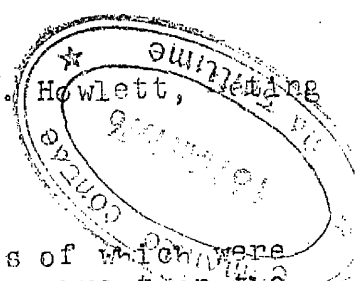
B. Donnellan
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 8/3/76.

In the Chair: Comm. Brendan Donnellan, Chairman.
Members Present: Comm. Norman Morgan, Matthew Loughnane, Francis O'Brien, Patrick O'Loughlin, Patrick J. Duane, James Barrett.

In Attendance: A. Marnion, Town Clerk.

Apology: The Town Clerk apologised on behalf of Mr. J. Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager who was unable to attend.



Meeting opened with prayers:

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 9/2/76, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin.

Correspondence: The following correspondence was read to the meeting:

(I) Laminated Windscreens: The Dept. of Local Government in its letter of the 13/2/76 stated that proposals for the mandatory fitting of laminated windscreens in new cars are under negotiations in Brussels and when adopted, ~~the matter~~ the matter will be borne in mind in the next review of the vehicle Regulations.

Public Lighting: The Co. Council stated that Loughrea Town is being surveyed for improved lighting. Comm. Morgan stated that he had the Co. Council pass a motion approving 98 additional lights in Loughrea.

Pollroebuck Housing Scheme: The Co. Council stated in its letter of the 1/3/76, that the planting of shrubs and trees at Pollroebuck will be considered on the termination of building operations on the site. Comm. Morgan informed the meeting that he had to-day got the Council to approve the erection of 4 houses for elderly people in Loughrea.

Tidy Towns Competition, 1976: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan, seconded by Comm. Loughnane it was decided to enter for the 1976 Tidy Towns Competition. It was also decided on the proposition of Comm. Loughnane seconded by Comm. Morgan, that if possible the Commissioners would present a plaque for the best overall shop front in Loughrea.

Motions submitted by Comm. Morgan:

(a) "I will propose that a new Tenant Purchase Scheme be provided for the Town Commissioners houses which remain unsold, and that the Minister for Local Government be advised without delay."
This motion was seconded by Comm. Donnellan and passed.

(b) "That the footpath at Mount Carmel Crescent be extended eastwards, at least to the rear of Mickey Flynn's shed."
This motion was seconded by Comm. Donnellan and passed unanimously.

(c) "That a recommendation be sent to the County Manager, Mr. Seamus Keating, to have the E.S.B. poles on the lake side of the Gort Road, Loughrea, removed to the North side of same road and that it be done before the wires are erected."

There was no seconder for this motion.

Motions submitted by Comm. O'Loughlin:

(a) "That Galway County Council take possession of vacant houses which are in danger of becoming derelict, with a view to housing people in need of housing."

There was no seconder for this motion.

(b) "That the Commissioners discuss the finance of the Board with the view to seeking permission from the Minister for Local Government to spend some of the Authorities money on a project that would be of benefit to the town."

This motion was deferred to the next meeting of the Board at which the Asst. County Manager will be present.

(c) "I will recommend to the Co. Council that the footpath at Cross St. be re-surfaced."

This motion was seconded by Comm. Barrett and passed unanimously

School Buses: On the proposition of Comm. Duane seconded by Comm. Morgan it was decided to request C.I.E. to transfer the collection point for school children from the Fire Station at Barrack St. to the Railway Road.

Parking at Main Street: Comm. O'Brien referred to the indiscriminate parking of E.S.B. vehicles outside the E.S.B. offices at Main St. and stated that the parking of these vans is causing traffic congestion in this area. Comm. O'Brien proposed that a strong protest be made to the E.S.B. about the parking of these vans. Comm. Donnellan in seconding the proposal stated that the E.S.B. should be asked to try to secure storage facilities at the C.I.E. station.

Dangerous Bridge at Moore St: Comm. Duane referred to the dangerous bridge leading to Barrett's house off Moore St. and asked why something was not done about it. The Town Clerk in reply stated that this matter was referred to the County Council but the Council could not carry out any work on this road as it is private property.

Vote of Congratulations: Comm. Loughnane proposed a vote of congratulations to the runners from St. Raphael's Secondary School on their winning of the Connacht Championship. Comm. O'Brien seconded this proposal.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 12th day of April, 1976.

B. Donnellan
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 12/4/76.

In the Chair: Comm. Brendan Donnellan, Chairman.

Members Present: Comm. Francis O'Brien, James McDonnell, Patrick O'Loughlin, Sean Kelly, Norman Morgan, Matthew Loughnane.

In Attendance: Messrs John Howlett, Acting Asst. County Manager and A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Apology received from Comm. P.J. Duane.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 8/3/76, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. O'Loughlin seconded by Comm. O'Brien.

Correspondence: The following correspondence was read:-

(1) Ex Galway County Council dated 1/4/76 re:

(a) Additional street lights on Gort Road: The E.S.B. are surveying Loughrea re public lighting and these lights will be considered when the report is received.

(b) The grass margins at Tullavill will be restored and cleaned up but it is not recommended to tar these margins as this would only provide a hard stand for itinerants to park and dump there. It was decided to ask the Co. Council to reconsider the request to have these margins tarred.

(c) Old Town Dump: It is not intended to erect a mesh wire fence on top of the wall of the old town dump as this would lead to roadside dumping.

On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. O'Brien it was decided to request the County Council to have a sign erected at the old dump informing the public that an alternative dump is available at the sewerage works.

(2) Parking of E.S.B. vehicles at Main St: The E.S.B. in its letter of the 16/3/76 stated that due to the nature of their work, the parking of their vans etc. are necessary at Main St. but that they would impress on the Loughrea staff the necessity to be as careful as possible regarding parking.

The meeting decided to defer the matter for the present

(3) Removal of kiosk at Dunkellin St: The Dept. of Posts & Telegraphs in reply to a request to have the kiosk at Dunkellin St. transferred to Galway Road, stated that the kiosk is used sufficiently to make its removal undesirable.

Tidy Towns Competition: Bord Failte stated in its letter of the 29/3/76 stated that it is delighted that the Commissioners have decided to award a prize for the 'best shop front' in Loughrea and that they will instruct their adjudicator to select the best three shop fronts in the order of choice.

(5) Coat of Arms: The Chief Herald stated in his letter of the 11/2/76 stated that they have no official record of a coat of arms for Loughrea, but if so desired, he would be happy to assist in the design of appropriate arms and to record such arms in the Genealogical Office. The fee payable would be £40 and if two preliminary illustrations of the proposed arms were required a further fee of £5 would be payable. Mr. Howlett pointed out that there might be some doubt as to whether the Commissioners could have an expenditure on something of this nature. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that he had previously got the views of Very Rev. Patrick K. Egan on a crest for Loughrea, and he informed the meeting of Fr. Egan's suggestions.

On the suggestion of the Chairman it was agreed that the members would give the matter some thought and suggest some ideas for the next meeting.

National Wage Agreement: In accordance with Circular Letter E.L. 8/76, a roundage of £4.813 per house with effect from 1/3/76 was approved for the Rent Collector, Proposed by Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. O'Brien.

Association of Municipal Authorities: On the proposition of Comm. O'Brien seconded by Comm. McDonnell it was decided to increase the Board's subscription to the Assoc. of Municipal Authorities of Ireland to £15 per annum.

The following motion submitted by Longford U.D.C through the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland was unanimously adopted on the proposition of Comm. Loughnane seconded by Comm. O'Brien:

"That because of the continuing violence in Ireland, in every form, in the North, on the roads, in families and as so called entertainment in cinemas and on television, conditioning our minds to accept violence in every shape and form as the order of the day, we should ask all Local Authorities to request that at the beginning of each school year, Ireland should designate a day as a National Day of Prayer for Peace, in our homes and in our country."

Abstract of Accounts: The Abstract of Accounts for the year ended 31/12/76 was presented to the meeting. The meeting considered the Abstract and the particulars of rent collection to be very satisfactory. An over-expenditure of £2,662 on Housing Account and £160 on General A/C. details of which was given by the Town Clerk, was approved on the proposition of Comm. O'Brien seconded by Comm. McDonnell.

Housing Repairs: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. O'Brien, the Town Clerk was instructed to request the Town Engineer to have the necessary electrical repairs carried out to Commissioners houses.

Motions submitted by Comm. Loughnane:

"That Loughrea Town Commissioners obtain the aid of the Horticultural Advisory Service to draft and implement a development plan for the town's open spaces and parks." This motion was seconded by Comm. Morgan and passed unanimously.

Motions submitted by Comm. Morgan:

(1) "That Galway County Council be requested to complete their street lighting in their council housing estate at Pollroebuck, Loughrea, by erecting the necessary number of 15 foot street lamps to serve the 16 houses facing southwards and the 6 houses facing westwards." This motion was seconded by Comm. Donnellan and passed unanimously.

(2) I will require to know exactly what our solicitor has done regarding the title to the lands on which the 3 Town Commissioners houses are built at Barrack St. Loughrea, which are occupied by Michael Kennedy Andrew Cryan and Mrs. Pavey, why the delay of several years and when can we hope to have the matter settled? same with regard to Mount Carmel Crescent houses." The Town Clerk informed the meeting that it appears that when the Commissioners acquired this land ownership was not registered. The matter is now in the hands of the Board's solicitor and that it is not possible to say when the matter might be settled.

(3) "That a 30 m.p.h. sign be erected at the Cul de Sac entrance to the 27 council houses at Cosmona, Loughrea, or alternatively that the present position of the 30 m.p.h. sign be moved away from town to include said 27 houses." This motion was seconded by Comm. Loughnane and passed unanimously.

Playground: Comm. Morgan thanked the Engineer and staff for carrying out the repairs to the playground wall.

Purchase Scheme: In reply to Comm. Morgan, Mr. Howlett stated that there is no reply from the Dept. of Local Government regarding new purchase scheme for the remaining Commissioners houses.

This concluded the meeting:

Signed this 18th day of May, 1976:

Sean Kelly

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Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 10/5/76.

In the Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly, Vice-Chairman.

Members Present: Comm. Matthew Loughnane, Norman Morgan, Patrick O'Loughlin, James McDonnell, Francis O'Brien and James Barrett.

In attendance: A. Harmon, Town Clerk.

Apologies: The Town Clerk apologised on behalf of the Chairman, Comm. Brendan Donnellan and Mr. John Howlett, Acting Asst. County Manager, who were unable to be present.

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 Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Loughnane.

Departure of Acting Asst. Co. Manager: Comm. O'Brien referred to the departure of Mr. John Howlett on promotion as Asst. County Manager for Mayo, said that he had known Mr. Howlett for many years and had always found him most capable and courteous. Comm. O'Brien added that he would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mr. Howlett and to wish him and his family every success for the future. Comm. Barrett in seconding Comm. O'Brien's proposal, stated that he felt that Comm. O'Brien had expressed the sentiments of the entire Board. All the members present, the Town Clerk and Mr. J.B. Donoghue, Press Representative, associated themselves with the sentiments expressed.

Matters arising from the Minutes:

1. Town Parks: The Town Clerk informed the meeting that two officers from the County Committee of Agriculture, Messrs King and Quinn, had visited the parks in the town. These people will in due course submit proposals for the parks.
It was decided to defer this matter until such time as the proposals are submitted.

2. Coat of Arms: The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the Dept. of Local Government had indicated that no objection will be raised to the payment of a reasonable fee for the preparation of a Coat of Arms for Loughrea.
It was decided on the proposition of Comm. O'Brien, seconded by Comm. McDonnell, to forward to the Chief Herald the suggestions made by Very Rev. P.K. Egan and to request that a preliminary illustration of the proposed arms be requested.
On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Loughnane it was also decided to get a copy of the De Burgo clan.

Motions submitted by Comm. Norman Morgan:-

1. That Galway County Council be asked to install underground field drainage pipes in the Green Public Park, where winter games are badly affected.
This motion was seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin and passed unanimously
2. That Galway County Council be asked to move the entrance to Bowercom, via W.J. Kelly's, Bride Street, further eastwards so that same be made safer and more convenient - the owner of the land has agreed.
This motion was seconded by Comm. McDonnell and passed unanimously
3. That Galway County Council be asked to straighten the Caweronaun Road from its junction with Bride St. to John Quinn's house, i.e. by removing the bend on the east side of the road just north of Jacko Kelly's and the bend on the west side of the road just south of John Quinn's house.
This motion was seconded by Comm. Loughnane and passed unanimously.

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Town Engineer: Comm. O'Loughlin referred to the previous motions discussed stated that he felt that the Town Engineer could have discussed these motions with the Board if he were present and he thought that the Engineer should attend the meetings. The Town Clerk pointed out that the motions referred to County Council business and that he felt sure that the Engineer would not be prepared to discuss County Council business with the Town Commission Board.

Parking: Comm. O'Brien referring to his recent criticism of the parking of E.S.B. vehicles at Main Street, stated that he would like to congratulate the E.S.B. staff for the improvement in this matter. Comm. O'Brien added that he would like to see the same co-operation forthcoming from the business people and office staff who continuously park their cars on the Main Street.
In reply to Comm. Loughnane, the Town Clerk stated that he had not yet received a report on the recommendation for angle parking at Main Street.

Vocational School: Comm. Morgan referring to the delay in providing a new vocational school in Loughrea pointed out that the present school is very confined for space and facilities.
On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Loughnane, it was decided to request the County Vocational Education Committee and the Minister for Education to have proper facilities provided with all haste.

Street Traders: Comm. McDonnell stated that he wish to protest in the strongest possible manner about the way street traders are allowed to operate in the country. The Town Clerk pointed out that legislation is now under consideration for the control of this type of trading. Comm. Morgan stated that under bye-laws, traders can operate at Kings St., but that if the parking laws were enforced it should be possible for traffic to pass through King St., on market days.
On the proposition of Comm. McDonnell seconded by Comm. Morgan it was decided to request the Garda to enforce parking regulations at Kings St.,

Pollution: In reply to Comm. Loughnane, the Town Clerk stated that Galway Co. Council as the Sanitary Authority, is responsible for the prevention of pollution.

Association of Municipal Authorities: Comm. Loughnane asked should Loughrea consider holding the Annual Conference of the Assoc. of Municipal Authorities. Comms. Kelly and O'Brien expressed the opinion that due to lack of hotel accommodation, Loughrea could not consider holding such a conference.

'Stoney Brennan': Comm. Morgan stated that he considered that 'Stoney Brennan' should be removed from its present site at the West Bridge, as it now looks unsightly in front of a new building. Comm. McDonnell stated that it is proposed to re-site 'Stoney Brennan' near the existing site.

Votes of Sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following on their recent bereavements:

1. The relatives of the late Pat O'Brien, formerly of the Labour Exchange, Loughrea.
2. The relatives of the late Paddy Donoghue, Kilmeen, Loughrea.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 11th day of June, 1976.

B. Donnellan
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the Monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 14/6/76.

In the Chair: Comm. Brendan Donnellan, Chairman.
Members Present: Comm. Patrick O'Loughlin, Sean Kelly, James McDonnell, Francis O'Brien, James Barrett, Norman Morgan, P.J. Duane, Matthew Loughnane.

In Attendance: Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.
Apology: The Town Clerk apologised on behalf of Mr. P. Kearns, Asst. Co. Manager who was unable to attend.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 10/5/76, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Morgan, seconded by Comm. McDonnell.

Correspondence: The following correspondence was read to the meeting:

1. Former Acting Asst. Co. Manager, Mr. J. Howlett, in a letter to the Chairman, thanked the members and staff for their co-operation during his term of office and wished the town every prosperity in the future. The Chairman stated that he was not present at the last meeting of the Board but that he would like to be associated with the sentiments conveyed to Mr. Howlett.
2. School Transport: C.I.E. in its letter of the 1/6/76, stated that after consultation with the C.E.O. and the 'School Heads' concerned, it is not prepared to change the pick-up point for post primary school students from Barrack Street to the Station Road. This reply was not acceptable to the Members and on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Loughnane it was decided to request C.I.E. to collect the Vocational School students at the Vocational School and the Secondary School students at the Cathedral.
3. Educational Facilities: The County Vocational Education Committee in its letter of the 14/5/76 stated that a new school has been sanctioned by the Dept. of Education and the Committee have appointed an architect and design team for the project, but due to financial difficulties, it is not making progress. On the suggestion of Comm. Morgan it was decided to enquire as to when it is hoped to have the plans prepared.
4. The following replies were received from the County Council relating to:
 - a. Workshop at Barrack Street: Money is not available to plaster this building in the current year but the request will be kept in mind.
 - b. Speed Limit at Cosmona: This request will be considered by the Speed Limits Committee at its next meeting.
 - c. Tullahill to Raheen Road: The tarring of this margin is not recommended.
 - d. Old Town Dump: There is already a "No Dumping" sign at this dump. It is well known locally that a temporary dump is available at the Sewerage.
5. Assoc. of Municipal Authorities: The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the Annual Conference of the Assoc. of Municipal Authorities of Ireland will be held in Buncrana, Co. Donegal on 21st, 22nd and 23rd September and that any motions which the Board may wish to submit for consideration thereat should be submitted before the 20th August next. It was agreed that any member wishing to submit a motion should have same prepared for consideration at the next meeting of the Board.

Resolutions from other Local Authorities: The following resolutions were read

- a. From Listowel U.D.C. :
"That the Minister concerned be asked to consider giving the same tax allowance to widows as in the case of a married man and that a copy of this motion be sent to other local authorities."

- b. From Cobh U.D.C. :
"That the Council seeks the support of all Local Authorities to press the Dept. of Education to standardise the curriculum in all schools in the country, as parents are being exploited by the annual introduction of new issues of books on the various subjects. Standardisation of the curricula would be an enormous saving to the parents of this country."
- c. "From Passage West Town Commissioners:
"That we, the Passage West Town Commissioners, request the Minister for Health to introduce without delay, legislation prohibiting the sale from any source whatsoever tablets in bottles or other containers, which amount in such bottle or container, would if consumed all together be a fatal dose."
- d. "From Killarney U.D.C.
"That we, the Killarney U.D.C., call on the Government and Minister for External Affairs to urgently set up a suitable Emigration Help and Advisory Service for our young boys and girls who are now forced to emigrate to Britain through lack of opportunity for young people at home. We also associate ourselves with and support the recent call from the Bishop of Kerry, Most Rev. Dr. Eamonn Casey, that the voluntary organisations in Britain who are doing such trojan work helping and aiding our emigrants should be provided with every financial assistance and aid by the Government and this to be considered a matter of urgency."
- e. From Midleton U.D.C.
"That we the members of Midleton U.D.C. request the National Coalition Government to retain the Christian principles of the 1937 Constitution in all areas relating to amending the said Constitution."

The meeting agreed to support all of the foregoing resolutions with the exception of resolution (a) from Listowel U.D.C., this resolution the meeting was prepared to support if the resolution was amended to read all widowed people.

1972 National Wage Agreement: On the proposition of Comm. Donnellan, seconded by Comm. Morgan, the meeting unanimously approved payment of the final instalment of the 1972 National Wage Agreement in so far as it relates to the Town Clerk, Rent Collector and School Warden. The Town Clerk gave details of the increases involved.

Date of Annual Meeting: The meeting decided on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Loughnane to hold the Annual Meeting of the Board on the 12th July next in conjunction with the next meeting of the Board.

Motions submitted by Comm. Matthew Loughnane:-

- a. "That a recommendation be sent to Galway County Council to set up a Dept. of Amenity & Recreation staffed to deal with such aspects as provision & maintenance of playing facilities and other facilities such as park seating, shrubs, flowers etc."
This motion seconded by Comm. Donnellan and passed unanimously.
- b. "That Galway County Council be requested to have street lighting extended to the town boundaries."
This motion was seconded by Comm. Morgan and passed unanimously.
- c. "I will raise formally the question of street trading, (which was discussed in a somewhat ad hoc manner last month) and will seek an explanation of the present law in relation to same. The Town Clerk stated that Galway County Council had made Byelaws with respect to markets in Loughrea. These Byelaws set out the days and times on which markets are held. A general discussion took place regarding street trading and it was agreed that Comm. Loughnane would submit a motion for the Annual Conference of the Assoc. of Municipal Authorities of Ireland. Comm. McDonnell stated that he was accused of getting the Garda to move cars on a market day from the Westbridge. Comm. McDonnell added that he would like to make it quite clear that he did not at any time request the Garda to move cars from the Westbridge."

Motions submitted by Comm. Norman Morgan:

- a. "That Galway County Council be asked to provide seats on the broad grass margin on the east side of the road between Mount Carmel & Cosmona." This motion was seconded by Comm. Loughnane and passed unanimously.
- b. "That Galway County Council be asked to remove section of the lakeside wall westwards from the boathouse and replace them with 3" tubing to increase the view of the lake from the Westbridge." This motion was seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin and passed unanimously.
- c. "That Galway County Council be asked to inform Loughrea Town Commissioners regarding the present condition of Loughrea Town Sewerage Purification Works and if the Council has plans to up-date the present works and when." This motion was seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin and passed unanimously.

Votes of Congratulations:-

- 1. Choral Society: On the proposition of Comm. McDonnell the Loughrea Choral Society was congratulated on the National Awards won by its members as a result of its production of the Music Man.
- 2. Seven Springs Festival: The Chamber of Commerce was congratulated by the Chairman on the success of its festival.
- 3. Athletic Club: Comm. Morgan congratulated the Loughrea Athletic Club on its achievement in getting an English club to come to Loughrea next September and he added that the Chairman should meet and welcome this team.

Votes of Sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following on their recent bereavements:

- 1. Relatives of the Matty Monaghan, Bury, Lancashire, a native of Loughrea.
- 2. Mrs. N. Fanning, Cross St. on the death of her husband John.
- 3. Price family, Cosmona, on the death of William Price.
- 4. Relatives of the late Tom Joseph, Bride Street.
- 5. Wife and family of the late Joe Monaghan, Kilrickle.
- 6. Relatives of the late William Gunter.
- 7. Sisters M. Austin & M. Finbar, Convent of Mercy, Loughrea on the death of their sister.

Attendance at Meetings: Comm. O'Loughlin referred to the absence of some Council representative at meetings of the Board and he felt that this should not be. The Town Clerk pointed out that the Council Officials were absent due to circumstances outside their control but that the new Asst. County Manager will probably be present at the next meeting.

This concluded the meeting;

Signed this day 12th day of July, 1976.

Chairman. Sean Kelly

minutes of proceedings at the Annual Meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 12th July, 1976.

In the Chair: Commissioner Brendan Donnellan, Chairman. Members Present: Messrs Patrick O'Loughlin, Francis O'Brien, Sean Kelly, Matthew Loughnane, James Barrett, Patrick J. Duane and Norman Morgan.

In Attendance: Messrs John Stewart, Asst. County Manager, Kevin Doyle, Acting County Secretary, Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Adjournment: On the proposition of Comm. Donnellan, seconded by Comm. O'Brien, it was unanimously decided to adjourn the meeting for 5 minutes as a mark of respect to the late William McDonnell, father of Board member, James McDonnell.

Election of Chairman: The out-going Chairman, Comm. Donnellan, informed the meeting that he was not going forward for re-election and that he would like to take this opportunity to thank the members and staff for the co-operation which he had received during the year. Comm. Donnellan welcomed Mr. Stewart as Asst. County Manager and wished him success in his appointment. Mr. Stewart thanked the Chairman and members for their good wishes. Comm. Donnellan invited propositions for the position of Chairman.

Comm. Sean Kelly was proposed by Comm. Loughnane and seconded by Comm. O'Brien.

Comm. James McDonnell was proposed by Comm. Morgan and seconded by Comm. Duane.

The two names were put to the meeting and the voting resulted as follows: For Comm. Kelly: Comms. Kelly, O'Loughlin, O'Brien, Loughnane and Donnellan. For Comm. McDonnell: Comms. Morgan, Duane and Barrett.

Comm. Kelly was declared elected. Comm. Kelly thanked his proposer and seconder and members for electing him and he appealed for the help and co-operation of the members for the coming year.

Election of Vice-Chairman: Comm. Loughnane was proposed by Comm. O'Loughlin and seconded by Comm. Donnellan.

Comm. McDonnell was proposed by Comm. Morgan and seconded by Comm. Duane. A vote was taken and resulted as follows:

For Comm. Loughnane: Comms. Loughnane, Kelly, O'Loughlin, O'Brien and Donnellan.

For Comm. McDonnell: Comms. Morgan, Duane and Barrett.

Comm. Loughnane was declared elected and he thanked his proposer, seconder and the meeting for electing.

Election of Delegate to Fire Brigades Advisory Committee: Comm. O'Loughlin was proposed by Comm. Loughnane and seconded by Comm. Kelly.

Comm. Duane was proposed by Comm. Morgan and seconded by himself.

A vote was taken and resulted as follows:

For Comm. O'Loughlin: Comms O'Loughlin, Kelly, O'Brien, Loughnane and Donnellan.

For Comm. Duane: Comms. Morgan and Duane.

Comm. O'Loughlin was declared elected. Comm. O'Loughlin in thanking his proposer, seconder and meeting for electing him added that he was not called to a meeting of this Committee in two years.

This concluded the business of the Annual Meeting.

Dated this the 13 day of September, 1976.

Sean Kelly
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the Monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 12/7/76.

In the Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly, Chairman.
Members Present: Comms. Brendan Donnellan, Patrick O'Loughlin, Francis O'Brien, Matthew Loughnane, James Barrett, Patrick J. Duane, Norman Morgan.
In Attendance: Messrs John Stewart, Asst. Co. Manager, Kevin Doyle Acting County Secretary, Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 8/6/76, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Loughnane.

Matters arising from the minutes:

Comm. Morgan referred to the refusal of the County Council to have the Tullaill/Raheen road tarred from wall to wall and added that the Gardaí had stated that itinerants could be prosecuted for camping or parking on hard shoulders.

Mr. Stewart stated that there might be some problems with regard to having the margins tarred but that he would ask the Engineers to have another look at it.

Correspondence: The following correspondence was read to the meeting:-

1. Educational Facilities in Loughrea: The Co. Galway Voc. Education Committee in its letter of the 18/6/76 stated that it had submitted proposals to the Dept. of Education outlining the future organisation of Loughrea School and accommodation required but it is still awaiting the Department's approval, and until such time as approval is given, no progress can be made.
Comm. Morgan remarked that the letter was disappointing but that there was no alternative but to accept it.

2. Galway/Mayo Regional Development Group: Recommendations made by the Galway/Mayo Regional Development Group to the Government re enquiry into the appropriate organisation and structures for the planning, co-ordination and discharge of the functions of Government at sub-national level were read to the meeting.

It was decided to defer making a decision on the recommendations until the Board Members had an opportunity to study them. It was also decided that copies of the recommendations be circulated to each member.

Motions submitted by Comm. Matthew Loughnane:-

a. "That Loughrea Town Commissioners seek representation on the Western Health Board."

Comm. O'Brien suggested that this motion be sent to the Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities. Comm. Loughnane agreed with Comm. O'Brien and amended the motion to read:-

"That Town Commission Boards and Urban District Councils get representation on Health Boards."

The amendment was seconded by Comm. Morgan and it was unanimously decided to forward the amendment to the Municipal Authorities Annual Conference.

b. "That the General Council of Municipal Authorities call for the introduction of legislation to control street trading."

Comm. O'Brien pointed out that there were nine motions dealing with this matter at the last Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities and he suggested deferring this motion until after this year's Annual Conference. Comm. Loughnane while agreeing with Comm. O'Brien, stated that he thought that this legislation should be introduced within a ~~certain~~ certain time and he amended his motion to read as follows:-

"That the General Council of Municipal Authorities call for the introduction of legislation to control street trading and that this legislation be introduced within 12 Months."

The amendment was seconded by Comm. Morgan and passed unanimously.

Motion submitted by Comm. Francis O'Brien for the 6th Annual Conference of Municipal Authorities to be held in Buncrana in September next:

"That the Government be asked to abolish the means test for the award of Higher Education Grants. That educational merit alone be the only qualification required. Some, if not all of the extra cost involved may be recouped by disallowing Children's Allowance in Tax Relief for parents of the children awarded Grants. This method will ensure less discrimination against salaried and P.A.Y.E. payers"

Motion seconded by Comm. Morgan and passed unanimously.

a. "That kerbing be provided at the Long Point dividing the grassed area from the car-park - so as to stop cars from being driven onto the grassed area; and that the surfaced area be lined so that cars may be parked in an orderly fashion, thereby reducing waste of space and hold-ups;

This motion was seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin and it was decided to refer it to the Town Engineer for his report and an estimate of the cost.

b. "That Galway County Council be requested to provide seating accommodation at the ~~at the~~ council's public garden at the junction of Moore Street and Woodford Road by placing timber planks on top of the garden's low wall."

This motion was seconded by Comm. Donnellan.

c. "That Galway County Council be requested to include with their street cleaning the raking up daily during the summer season of papers and other items in the green, childrens' playground and Long Point; and that a number of drinking fountains be provided there."

The Town Clerk stated that these areas are cleaned when necessary at present.

It was agreed that this motion be sent to Galway County Council.

Red Cross: Comm. Morgan referred to the facilities being provided by the Red Cross Society at the Long Point and asked that the appreciation of the Board be conveyed to the Red Cross Society through its organiser Mr. Gerry Allision.

This was agreed by the meeting.

Group Water Schemes: Comm. O'Brien referred to a notice which appeared in the Connacht Tribune of the 8/7/76 relating to a group water scheme and he asked Mr. Stewart if the County Council had approved of this scheme. Mr. Stewart in reply stated that as far as he was aware the Co. Council had not discussed this scheme. Mr. Stewart explained that group schemes are submitted to the Dept. of Local Government which carries out the necessary investigations and if satisfied, the Dept. then contact the Co. Council.

Comm. Morgan agreed that the procedure is as stated by Mr. Stewart but that the Co. Council have no function in the matter as the matter rests between the Department and the County Manager.

Mr. Doyle stated that usually in large schemes, the County Council will, if it has the money available, provide the water head and mains and that the people concerned then arrange for branch lines to serve their own area.

Date of next meeting: The Town Clerk pointed out that no meeting will be held in August. It was agreed that the Town Clerk arrange the date of the September meeting so that it will not coincide with the September Races. This terminated the business of the meeting.

Resolved this 13th day of September, 1976.

Sean Kelly
Chairman.

Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 13/9/76.

In the Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly, Chairman.
Members Present: Comms. Norman Morgan, Brendan Donnellan, Patrick O'Loughlin, Francis O'Brien, James McDonnell, James Barrett and Matthew Loughnane.

In Attendance: Mr. John Stewart, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, Town Clerk.
Apology: Town Clerk apologised for Mr. W. Malone, Town Engineer, who was unavoidably absent.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes of Annual Meeting held on 12/7/76: Comm. Donnellan pointed out that a member had wrongfully stated at the last meeting that Comm. McDonnell was agreeable to allow his name go forward for the position of Chairman and Comm. Donnellan now felt that this member should apologise to the Board. Comm. Donnellan added that the proposing of Comm. McDonnell, under the circumstances, was most unsincere and was a deliberate attempt to split the Fianna Fail members. Comm. McDonnell stated that due to a family bereavement he was not present at the Annual Meeting, he was not consulted about allowing his name to go forward for the position of Chairman and he felt it was most un-sincere of the person who had proposed him. Comm. Morgan stated that he was sincere regarding his remarks on Comm. McDonnell and he considered that Comm. Donnellan was the one being un-sincere when he brought politics into the meeting.

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 12/7/76: Comm. Morgan stated that he wished to have the words County Councillors substituted for the words "County Council" in the second last paragraph of page 154 regarding Group Water Schemes. This was acceptable to the meeting. The minutes of the Annual Meeting and the Monthly Meeting held on the 12/7/76 were then adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Donnellan.

Comm. Loughnane proposed that in future, if a member is not present, written permission of the absent member's ~~permission~~ must be available to the meeting before his name be allowed to go forward for any position. This was seconded by Comm. Kelly.

Correspondence: The following correspondence was read to the meeting:

1. Tidy Towns: The Town Clerk stated that he and another representative were invited by the Western Regional Tourism Organisation to the presentation of the Tidy Town Award in Adare on Sunday 19th September. Due to the International Road Race in Loughrea on that date, the Town Clerk or any of the members were not available to go. It was decided to invite two members of the Tidy Towns Committee to go.

2. Result of competition for Best Shop Front in Loughrea: The following is the result of Bord Failte's adjudication on the best shop front:-
1st. Fintan Sweeney, 2nd. Maddens, 3rd. E & C. Kelly. Others Commended - Beatty, Harrison, Brogan, Hill, and the National Bank.

3. Insurance for Members: I.P.B. Mutual Insurances Ltd. in its letter of the 28/7/76 gave details of personal accident cover for members attending meetings of Local Authorities. Mr. Stewart stated that unfortunately the Board could not pay this premium of £1 per member but the members could if they wished pay the premium themselves. The members considered this type of cover very desirable and undertook to contact the Town Clerk regarding arranging the matter.

4. Board's Solicitor: Mr. Crowley the Board's solicitor informed the Board by letter of 26/8/76, that he is leaving the town and he enquired if the Board might wish to make alternative arrangements. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would interview the solicitor before any decision be made on the matter.

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Parking: Supt. J.F. Carty in his letter of the 10/9/76, stated that he is not prepared to recommend angle parking at Main Street and he added that the Parking Bye-laws have been enforced as far as possible. Comm. O'Loughlin stated that this was not acceptable to him. The Town Clerk stated that Supt. Carty had told him that he had previous experience of angle parking and that he was not too pleased with it. Comm. Morgan and Donnellan agreed that the recommendations were investigated and that the reply should be accepted. Comm. O'Brien added that if the private cars were parked off the Main Street there would be no problem.

Estimates 1977 Year: In accordance with Sections 9 and 10 of the County and City Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Mr. Stewart submitted the estimate for 1977 Financial Year. Copies of the Estimates were previously circulated to each member. The Estimate were discussed in detail and it was unanimously agreed to increase the Estimate regarding expenditure on Parks and Playgrounds by £300 and to make provision for the expenditure of £100 on the provision of decorative street lighting during the Christmas period.

On the proposition of Comm. Morgan, seconded by Comm. Loughnane the following were resolved:-

1. That the amended Estimate of Expenses of the Loughrea Town Commissioners for the Financial Year ending 31/12/77 as set forth at XX A, B & C on the form of Estimate be adopted and that the Form of Estimate be signed by the Chairman and Town Clerk.

2. That the Demand be made on the Galway County Council by the Loughrea Town Commissioners for the sum of £1,367 for the Financial Year ending 31/12/77 and that the Form of Demand be signed by the Chairman and the Town Clerk.

The Form of Estimates and the Form of Demand were signed by the Chairman and Town Clerk.

Resolutions:

Resolution submitted by Galway/Mayo Regional Development Group on Government functions at sub-national levels was deferred to the next meeting.

Resolution submitted by Comm. Sean Kelly:

That the Board condemns in the strongest possible terms the recent practise of the Western Health Board in demanding a fee of £5 from applicants seeking a position under their control. I think it is most unfair and is discriminating against the young person who has not got the money. The country is in a sorry state when a young person is asked to pay £5 for the privilege of joining the queue for non-existing jobs." Comm. Kelly agreed to delete the words 'non-existing' from the resolution. Comm. Loughnane seconded the resolution which was passed unanimously.

Resolutions submitted by Comm. Brendan Donnellan:

"That dust carts be provided for the cleaning of the ~~xxxx~~ streets instead of the wheelbarrows in use at present."

This motion was seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin and passed unanimously.

"That Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann be invited to hold the 1977 or 1978 All Ireland Fleadh Cheoil in Loughrea."

It was agreed that this motion be sent to the Local branch of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri so that their view could be had on the matter.

"That the Minister for Local Government be asked to make an order compelling the owners of lorries used for conveying offal from abattoirs or other such places to use containers that can be sealed." This motion was seconded by Comm. Morgan and passed unanimously.

Using Estates: In reply to Comms. Donnellan and Kelly, Mr. Stewart undertook to investigate the condition of the roadway at Pollroebuck estate and the delay in having the roadway etc. provided at Cuscarrick.
Average Caretaker: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Loughlin it was decided to ask the Co. Council to allow the retiring Average Caretaker, Mr. Holland, to continue working for at least 3 months with his successor, so that new caretaker could familiarise himself with the works.

Town Engineer: Comm. Morgan welcomed the Town Engineer, Mr. Malone and his family on their taking up residence in Loughrea.

This concluded the meeting. Sean Kelly

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Minutes of proceedings at the Monthly Meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 11/10/76.

In the Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly, Chairman.
Members Present: Comms. Matthew Loughnane, Francis O'Brien, James Barrett, Patrick O'Loughlin, Brendan Donnellan, James McDonnell, Norman Morgan.
In Attendance: Messers John Stewart, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, T/Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Best Shopfront: Before the business of the meeting was discussed, the Chairman presented the prize for the best shopfront competition, which was ran in conjunction with the 1976 Tidy Towns Competition, to Mrs. S. Sweeney, who accepted the prize on behalf of Fintan Sweeney Ltd. The Chairman in presenting the prize, congratulated Mrs. Sweeney on their success. All the members present associated themselves with the Chairman's remarks. Mrs. Sweeney thanked the Commissioners for their kind gesture and said that they were delighted to be the first winners of this competition.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 13/9/76, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. O'Brien, seconded by Comm. Loughnane.

Board's Solicitor: The Town Clerk informed the meeting that he had interviewed Mr. Crowley who acts as solicitor to the Board and Mr. Crowley had indicated that if the Board so wished, he is quite happy to continue as solicitor to the Board, despite the fact that he is moving his offices to Galway. On the proposition of Comm. O'Brien seconded by Comm. Donnellan, it was decided to retain Mr. Crowley as the Board's solicitor. The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr. Crowley and thank him for his services over the years.

Travelling & Subsistence Allowances for Members and Officials of Local Authorities: On the proposition of Comm. Donnellan, seconded by Comm. Barrett, subsistence & travelling allowances as set out in Circular Letters E.L. 26/76, G. 8/76, E.L. 30/76 were approved.

Interim Employer-Trade Union National Agreement, 1976.: The Town Clerk informed the meeting that under the terms of Interim Employer-Trade Union National Agreement, 1976, the increase in labour costs in respect of the Town Clerk, School Warden and Rent Collector for 1976 would amount to £35. The Interim Agreement was approved on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Kelly.

1976 Tidy Towns Competition: The Adjudicator's report on Loughrea's entry in the 1976 Competition was considered by the meeting. The Town Clerk stated that Loughrea had increased its marks by 2 since 1975 and had improved its position in its section from joint 5th last year to 3rd. this year. The meeting discussed the report in detail and the Town Clerk was instructed to write to the Dept. of Posts & Telegraphs and to Tynagh Mine regarding their property which had received unfavourable comment in the report. As litter appears to be Loughrea's greatest problem, it was decided on the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Morgan to request Bord Failte to appoint a Promotional Officer who would visit schools etc. lecturing on the problems of litter. The meeting also decided to sent a copy of the Adjudicator's Report to the schools and to the Tidy Towns Committee. Comm. Morgan suggested to the meeting that the Tidy Towns Committee be allowed to enter Loughrea for the 1977 competition.

Motions submitted by Comm. Sean Kelly:-

1. "That Galway County Council be asked to pipe the river from the Westbridge to the Abbey and to close in over it in the interest of hygiene."

Motion seconded by Comm. Morgan and passed unanimously.

2. "That larger and longer litter bins with flip tops be provided in the vicinity of shops that sell ice cream and crisps, especially in the Main St. and schools be asked to co-operate by appealing to the children to use them."

Motion seconded by Comm. Morgan and passed unanimously.

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Motions submitted by Comm. Norman Morgan:

1. "That two additional sets of steps, similar to those opposite the ladies dressing rooms, be provided between said steps and the pool section." Motion seconded by Comm. McDonnell and passed unanimously.

2. "That boats be requested not to enter the swimming area from the diving platform to the roadside carpark, at the Long Point, and that marker buoys be placed to cordon off this section." There was no seconder for this motion.

Wall opposite Garrybreedia Wood: Comm. Morgan referred to the dangerous condition of sections of this wall and asked if anything could be done about it. The Town Clerk stated that the County Engineer had previously stated that this wall is not the responsibility of the County Council.

Schools for Retarded Children: Comm. Barrett stated that it had recently come to his attention that there is a grave danger of the St. John of God's schools having to close some of the schools due to lack of finance. Comm. Barrett added that this would be a very sad thing to happen and he requested that the appropriate Minister be asked to look into the matter. Comm. Barrett had the unanimous support of the meeting with regards to his request.

Athletic Club: Comm. Morgan in proposing a vote of congratulations to the Loughrea Athletic Club on the success of its 'Round the Houses' race which was held in Loughrea on the 19/9/76, said that no words of his could adequately thank the Loughrea Athletic Club for giving the people of the area an opportunity of watching world class athletes in action and he wished the Athletic Club every success in its future ventures. Comm. McDonnell in seconding the vote of congratulations said that he felt sure that the Athletic Club will be delighted to hear that they will have the assistance of one of Ireland's best known and successful athletes, Mr. McDonagh, who is returning from America to reside in the vicinity of Loughrea. Comm. Morgan stated that the Athletic Club had asked him to convey the club's thanks to the Commissioners for the 'Address of Welcome' which was read to the visiting athletes prior to the road race.

This concluded the meeting.

Sean Kelly

Signed this the 8th day of November, 1976.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 8/II/76.

In the Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. James Barrett, James McDonnell, Brendan Donnellan, Patrick O'Loughlin, Norman Morgan, Patrick J. Duane.

In Attendance: Messers J. Stewart, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion Town Clerk.

Apology: The Chairman apologised on behalf of Comm. Matthew Loughnane, who was unable to attend.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the II/IO/76, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. McDonnell seconded by Comm. Barrett.

Correspondence: The following correspondence was read to the meeting:

1. Letter from Irish Base Metals stating that the exterior of the houses at Guscarrick were painted during the month of September.
2. Letter from Bord Failte stating that they are considering broadening the scope of their Anti-Litter promotions and that they will forward details when plans are completed.
3. Mentally Handicapped Schools: The Dept. of Health in its letter of the 29/IO/76 stated that sufficient extra monies were provided to ensure that existing services be maintained but because of the economic limitations an expansion of services could not be provided for in the current year.
Comm. Barrett said that he was concerned about the hardship that might be caused in home if mentally retarded people over 18 years had to be sent home from these schools to make room for younger pupils.
In reply to Comm. Morgan, Mr. Stewart stated that grants are ~~xxx~~ available for the provision of facilities in homes in which there are retarded children.
4. Board's Solicitor: Mr. Crowley in his letter of the I/II/76, thanked the members for retaining him as their solicitor and added that if at any time the Commissioners wish to transfer their business to an office in Loughrea, they should have no hesitation about letting him know.
5. Motion from Midleton U.D.C. : The following motion was received from Midleton U.D.C.
"That this council convey its disapproval of the change in times of the R.T.E. programme "Match of the Day" to the R.T.E. Authorities and the Minister."
On the proposition of Comm. Morgan it was agreed to support this motion.

Coat-of-Arms: An illustration of the proposed coat of arms for Loughrea was submitted by the Chief Herald. The meeting considered the proposal and were of the opinion that it was suitable. The Chief Herald pointed out in his letter that it is usual for a motto to accompany a coat of arms and he invited suggestions from the Commissioners in this connection. On the suggestion of the Town Clerk it was agreed to defer any suggestions on this matter to the next meeting in order to give the members an opportunity to consider the matter.

Motions submitted by Comm. Matthew Loughnane:

In the absence of Comm. Loughnane, Comm. Kelly moved the following motions:

- a. "That the Town Commissioners offer congratulations to the Under 16 hurling team and officials on winning the county championship."
- b. "That the Town Commissioners thank the Coursing Club for their splendid efforts in staging a very successful Connacht Cup meeting which attracted visitors to the town from all over the country north and south and from abroad as well."

Both of the above motions were seconded by Comm. Morgan and passed unanimously.

Motions submitted by Comm. Norman Morgan:

"I will propose that recommendations be sent to Galway County Council:

- a. To either concrete or tarmac the public areas immediately outside Mrs. Connaughton's Caverwaller and from Fallon's to Carney's shops at Bride Street, Loughrea.
- b. To pipe the river from the junction of Bride Street and Railway Road northwards to where it meets the Walks' river and to provide thereon off street parking which is essential to the narrow west end of Bride Street, Loughrea, which has very limited parking space.
- c. That the tarmac footpath on the south side of Atheny Road, Loughrea be replaced by a concrete footpath as soon as possible."

Motions (a) and (b) were seconded by Comm. Kelly, motion (c) was seconded by Comm. Donnellan and all three were passed unanimously.

Peace March: Comm. Morgan informed the meeting that he understood that the I.C.A. are organising a peace march in Loughrea and he appealed to the members to support it. Comm. Barrett stated that he was of the opinion that all the members are in agreement with such an effort.

Housing: Comm. O'Loughlin asked when it is proposed to commence work on the proposed 16 new houses in Loughrea. Mr. Stewart stated that he expects work to commence before the end of the year.
Comm. Morgan stated that he had a proposal to the Council that serviced sites be provided in Loughrea. Mr. Stewart stated that the County Council is acquiring land in Loughrea for housing and added that if there is a demand for ~~xx~~ serviced sites in Loughrea the Council would consider providing them. Comm. McDonnell stated that the Co. Council should vary the design of their houses. Mr. Stewart stated that in his opinion the present design of local authority housing schemes compare favourably with any housing schemes. Comm. McDonnell asked if it is the Co. Council's intention to house more itinerants in Loughrea. Mr. Stewart stated that it is the policy of the Council to ~~xxxx~~ allocate one house in ten to an itinerant family. Comm. McDonnell stated that Loughrea had accepted its share of itinerants and that it is unfair to bring more itinerants into houses in Loughrea. Comm. McDonnell also added that the roadway to the houses at Gort Bridge is a disgrace.

Public Lighting: Comm. Barrett asked Mr. Stewart if he could have something done about providing a light opposite the museum in Barrack St.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 13 day ~~xxx~~ of December, 1976.

Sean Kelly
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 13/12/76.

In the Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly, Chairman.
Members Present: Comms. Brendan Donnellan, Norman Morgan, James McDonnell, Patrick O'Loughlin, Matthew Loughnane.
In Attendance: Messers J. Stewart, Asst. County Manager, A. Marmion, T/Clerk

Pollroebuck Housing Estate: The meeting received a deputation from the Pollroebuck Tenants Association, consisting of Messers Anthony Casey, Chairman, P.J. Greene, Secretary and Raymond Reilly. The deputation informed the meeting that the purpose of their visit was to bring to the attention of the Asst. County Manager the various complaints they have regarding the Estate, namely boundary wall, public lighting, doors, ranges, roads ect. Mr. Casey referred to the housing of itinerants in the estate and stated that the tenants have no objection to the itinerants that are housed in the estate provided that these people obey the regulations set down for all the tenants. Mr. Casey also referred to a report in the Connacht Tribune of a recent Commissioners meeting at which Comm. Morgan is reported to have said that some of the people housed were bigger tinkers than the tinkers themselves. Mr. Casey asked Comm. Morgan to clarify this remark or apologise to the Pollroebuck Tenants. Comm. Morgan stated that the statement referred to was made when he was supporting the County Council's policy regarding the housing of itinerants within the County and he was not referring specifically to the Pollroebuck Housing Estate. Mr. Stewart thanked the deputation for the manner in which they had put their case and also for accepting the itinerants housed in Pollroebuck. Mr. Stewart informed the deputation that he had listed the complaints but that he was not prepared to discuss these complaints with the members of the deputation but rather with the Commissioners.

The Chairman advised the deputation that they could remain for the rest of the meeting but that they could not take part in the meeting. Mr. Stewart informed the meeting that he will personally inspect with the engineer concerned, this estate and report back to the Commissioners. With regard to the boundary walls, Mr. Stewart said that the Dept. of Local Government had indicated the type of boundary fences to be provided in these houses and these fences are now proving to be a bone of contention. Comm. Morgan stated that after the public meeting he had contacted the County Council and the E.S.B. re matters raised at that meeting and as a result, some of the complaints were rectified. Comm. Kelly stated that he had contacted the E.S.B. and the County Council and not Comm. Morgan. In reply to Comm. Morgan, Mr. Stewart stated that a number of people, including Comm. Morgan, had got in touch with the County Council.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 8/11/76, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. O'Loughlin seconded by Comm. Morgan.

Motion submitted by Clonmel Corporation:-

"That Clonmel Corporation call on all local authorities to request their Oireachtas members to get the Minister for Transport and Power to issue a direction to C.I.E. preventing them from closing any further railway lines."

On the proposition of Comm. McDonnell, seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin, it was decided to support this motion.

Motions submitted by Tipperary U.D.C.:-

"That we request the N.U.I. and the Minister for Education to resolve the dispute involving the four Galway Hotel and Catering students and to grant them the degrees they have so richly earned and that this resolution be circulated to all local authorities."

It was decided to support this motion on the proposition of Comm. Kelly, seconded by Comm. Donnellan.

"That this Council call upon the Ministers for Health and Transport & Power to introduce free travel vouchers to near relatives of persons detained in hospitals and that visiting hours in hospitals be reviewed and adjusted to accommodate such persons."

On the proposition of Comm. Kelly seconded by Comm. McDonnell it was decided to support this motion.

Motions submitted by Comm. Norman Morgan:-

a. "That the Minister for Education be requested to provide as a matter of urgency a full time Remedial Teacher at St. Brendan's Boys N.S. Loughrea"

There was no seconder for this motion. On the proposition of Comm. O'Loughlin seconded by Comm. Donnellan it was decided to refer the motion to the Principal of St. Brendan's Boys N.S. for his consideration.

b. "That Galway County Council be requested that when next the Council needs concrete stake and rail fencing for road widening, that they take away the present concrete stake and rail fencing from the Green Public Park, Loughrea and replace it with a concrete bollard and chain fence, or concrete bollards close enough to stop cars going on to the green."

This motion got no seconder.

c. "That Galway County Council be requested to have the area which is designated as open space, at the rear of Pollroebuck Council Estate, marked out in the near future and made available as a Playing Area for the children resident there."

This motion was seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin and passed unanimously

Coat of Arms: It was agreed to leave discussion on the proposed Coat of Arms for Loughrea over until the next meeting.

Peace March: Comm. Morgan referred to the Peace March which was held recently in Loughrea and stated that with Comm. McDonnell he had looked for the other Commissioners in the parade and was disgusted to discover that no other members were present. Comm. Donnellan stated that he had reservations about these parades as he felt people might use them for their own political ends and he passed no apology for not taking part in this particular parade. Comm. Kelly stated that he felt the same way as Comm. Donnellan on this matter. Comm. McDonnell stated that in his opinion anything that might lead to peace in the country should be supported irrespective of who organises it. The Town Clerk stated that a member of the local branch of the I.C.A. had notified him about the march and he had passed on word to as many members as possible.

Robert Ushers Ltd: Comm. Kelly referred to the proposed closure of the local factory and said that the matter was of such importance to the town, that he felt a special meeting should be convened and that all public representatives and the Chamber of Commerce should be invited. Comm. McDonnell stated that Mr. Keating, Minister for Industry & Commerce, Mr. M. Killeen, I.D.A. and Mr. McCarthy I.D.A. should be invited to this meeting.

The Town Clerk was instructed to write to these people and to enquire if and when they might be available to attend such a meeting.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 10th day of January, 1977.

Sean Kelly

Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 10/1/77.

In the Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly, Chairman.
Members Present: Comms. Francis O'Brien, Brendan Donnellan, Patrick J. Duane James Barrett, Norman Morgan, James McDonnell, Patrick O'Loughlin.

In Attendance: Messers John Stewart, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, T/Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: Minutes of meeting held on the 13/12/76, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Kelly.
Comm. Morgan referred to the quality of the typewriter used for typing the minutes and asked Mr. Stewart to consider having this typewriter replaced.

Peace March: Comm. O'Brien stated that he saw from the minutes that Comm. Morgan was concerned by the poor turn out of the Commissioners for the peace march held in Loughrea. Comm. O'Brien informed the meeting that due to prior commitments he was unable to be present. Comm. Barrett also said that he was interested but that he felt that politics should be kept out of matters such as this.

Investment with A.C.C.: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Barrett it was decided to re-invest the sum of £19,000 with the A.C.C. for a further 12 months at an interest rate of $13\frac{3}{4}\%$.

Registration of Houses: Mr. John Callanan T.D. in a letter addressed to the Chairman, stated that he was informed by the Land Registry that registration has been completed for some of the houses leased by the Commissioners.

Galway/Mayo Regional Development Group: The following were appointed to attend a seminar which the Galway/Mayo Regional Development Group have arranged for the 27/1/77 for the purpose of discussing employment of school leavers:
Comm. James McDonnell proposed by Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. O'Brien.
Comm. O'Brien, proposed by Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Donnellan.

Remedial Teacher at St. Brendan's N.S. Rev. Bro. Leander, Principal of St. Brendan's N.S. stated in his letter of the 21/12/76, stated that he did not request the Commissioners to press for the appointment of a full time remedial teacher at St. Brendan's N.S. Bro. Leander pointed out that the matter is being attended to adequately at a higher national level.

Industry: Correspondence regarding the proposed closure of the local R. Usher & Co. factory, from the Dept. of Industry & Commerce, The Industrial Development Authority and the Loughrea Chamber of Commerce was read to the meeting. Each of these bodies stated that they are aware of the unrest in Loughrea about the proposed closure and assured the Commissioners of their full co-operation in trying to secure adequate employment in Loughrea. The Chamber of Commerce informed the meeting that it had got a local T.D. to arrange for senior officials of the Dept. of Industry & Commerce to meet a deputation from Loughrea to discuss the matter and it invited the Commissioners to join them on this deputation. The Commissioners were unanimous in accepting this invitation. The matter was discussed at length and it was decided to arrange a special meeting to be held in the Temperance Hall on Monday next the 17th instant at 8/30 p.m. The Town Clerk was instructed to invite the following to this meeting. Loughrea Chamber of Commerce, Representatives of the I.D.A., Mr. C. Lynch County Development Officer, Mrs. Hogan-O'Higgins, T.D. John Callanan, T.D. Mr. Tom Hussey, T.D., Chairman Galway County Council, Mr. J.P. Cusack and Mr. G. Nallan from R. Usher & Co., Ltd.
Comm. McDonnell undertook to convey this message to the Chamber of Commerce who are holding a meeting later in the evening.

Travelling Expenses: On the proposition of Comm. Barrett seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin, travelling expenses, as set out in Dept. of Local Government letter E.L. 37/76, was approved with effect from the 1/1/76, for officers employed by the Board.

Coat of Arms: The meeting decided to invite suggestions from Very Rev. Fr. Egan, P.P. Portumna, regarding a suitable motto for the proposed Coat of Arms for Loughrea.

Tenancy Agreements: Comm. Morgan asked if it is a condition of the letting agreement in regard to houses owned by Loughrea Town Commissioners, that successful applicants must either work or reside in Loughrea. Mr. Stewart informed Comm. Morgan that this is correct but should any exceptional case arise the County Manager would acquaint the Commissioners.

Caretaker at Gort Bridge: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. McDonnell it was decided to request Galway County Council to appoint a full-time caretaker at Gort Bridge.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 14th day of February, 1977

Sean Kelly
Chairman.

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Minutes of proceedings at the Monthly Meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 14/2/77.

In the Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly, Chairman.
Members Present: Comm. Matthew Loughnane, Patrick O'Loughlin, Norman Morgan, Francis O'Brien, Brendan Donnellan, James Barrett, Patrick J. Duane, James McDonnell.

In Attendance: Messers J. Stewart, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion T/Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Before the business of the meeting was discussed, it was decided on the proposition of the Chairman to adjourn the meeting for 30 minutes as a mark of respect to the late William Conlon, a former member of the Board and to the late Mrs. Kiely a former Town Clerk of Loughrea. Tributes to the late Mr. Conlon and to the late Mrs. Kiely were paid by all present. With regard to the late Mr. Conlon, Comm. Donnellan referred to the effort the late Mr. Conlon had made to ensure that the Fair Green would remain a Town Park for Loughrea and Mr. Donnellan added that at some later date the possibility of having the Green re-named the William Conlon Park ~~should be examined~~. On the proposition of Comm. Loughnane seconded by Comm. Morgan, it was unanimously decided to have a Special Mass offered for the late Mr. Conlon and the late Mrs. Kiely on Monday 28th February, 1977.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 10/1/77, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. O'Loughlin seconded by Comm. Morgan.

Deputation to Dept. of Industry & Commerce: The Town Clerk informed the meeting that a deputation consisting of Comm. Sean Kelly and James McDonnell, Messrs J. Stewart Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, Town Clerk, C. Lynch, Co. Dev. Officer, P. Powell, Branch Sec. I.T.G.W.U., M. Bruton, Works Committee Robert Usher & Co. Ltd., Denis McCarthy and Hans Nebe from the Loughrea Chamber of Commerce and Dail Representatives Mrs. Hogan-O'Higgins and Messrs John Donnellan, Tom Hussey, John Callanan and Michael Kitt had met Mr. O'Hara and Miss Fahy from the Dept. of Industry & Commerce and Messrs T. Hyland and Coyle from I.D.A. regarding the industrial outlook for Loughrea. Mr. Stewart stated that the case was very well presented by Mr. Lynch and well supported by the other speakers and added that the Dept. acknowledged that there is a urgent need for a major industry in Loughrea. Comm. Morgan proposed a vote of thanks to the members of the deputation which was seconded by Comm. Donnellan.

All Ireland Fleadh Ceoil: A letter from Miss Anne O'Loughlin, Sec. of the Loughrea Branch of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann, stating that Loughrea will stage the County Fleadh on May 21st & 22nd next, but added that the possibility of Loughrea being granted the All Ireland Fleadh is very dim as the town would not be able to cater for the crowds that attend an All Ireland Fleadh. Comm. O'Loughlin pointed out that Loughrea had already catered for a highly successful All Ireland Fleadh. Comm. O'Brien stated that he acted as Secretary to the All Ireland Fleadh that was held in Loughrea and the facts are that Loughrea over catered for the crowds on that occasion. Comm. Donnellan added that it was disappointing to see that it is the local branch that is turning down the application. It was decided to wish the Loughrea Branch every success with the County Fleadh and to await the staging of the County Fleadh before taking any decision regarding making application for an All Ireland Fleadh.

Chain of Office: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Loughnane, it was decided to make enquiries regarding the provision of a Chain of Office for the Chairman of the Board.

Seminar on Youth Education: Comms. O'Brien and McDonnell referred to a highly successful seminar which they had attended in Ballina on attitudes of school leavers, which was organised by the Galway/Mayo Regional Dev. Group. The consensus of opinion of the speakers at that seminar was that children were not being properly educated for the jobs available. Comm. McDonnell proposed and Comm. O'Brien seconded that Mr. T.A. Smyth of the Galway/Mayo Regional Development Group be asked to investigate

the possibility of holding a somewhat similar seminar in the Loughrea area.

Motion submitted by Tuam Town Commissioners: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan ~~seconded~~ seconded by Comm. O'Brien it was decided to support the motion submitted by Tuam Town Commissioners:

"That Tuam Town Commissioners call on the Government to remove V.A.T. from provincial newspapers."

Motion submitted by Comm. ~~Morgan~~ Matthew Loughnane:

"I will ask the Town Clerk for the up-to-date position regarding the Coat-of-Arms"

The Town Clerk in reply stated that the Board had accepted a crest or design and all that remained to be done was to adopt a motto to go with it. With regard to the motto, the Town Clerk added that he had received some suggestion, one from Fr. Egan, P.P. Portumna which read 'God Steers' and one from Brother Vincent which read 'For so much what can we give in return'. The meeting decided to refer these back to Fr. Egan for his final comments.

Pollroebuck Housing Association: Mr. Stewart referred to a deputation from the Pollroebuck Tenants Association which had attended a recent meeting of the Board and added that he intends to reply directly to the Tenants Association.

Comm. Morgan referred to a statement he had made at a previous meeting regarding the County Council's allocation of houses to the itinerants. Comm. Morgan stated that he was speaking of the Councils overall policy and that he was not referring to the Pollroebuck houses in particular. Comm. Morgan had said, he wish to apologise and he asked the Press Reporter to report same in the local press. Comm. O'Loughlin stated that he has relatives living in Pollroebuck and he had taken exception to what Comm. Morgan had said as he felt that Comm. Morgan was referring directly to the Pollroebuck Estate

New Houses: In reply to Comm. O'Loughlin, Mr. Stewart stated that the contract for the erection of more house at Pollroebuck is given out and he hopes work will start on the erection of same in the near future. Comm. Morgan stated that he would like to congratulate the County Council on its housing progress to date in Loughrea.

Note of Congratulations: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan, a vote of congratulations was unanimously passed to the Loughrea Rugby Club on its success to date in the Connacht Rugby League and the club was wished every success for its future games.

Meeting concluded the meeting.

Meeting held this the 14th day of March, 1977.

Sean Kelly
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the Monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 14/3/77.

In the Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. James Barrett, Patrick O'Loughlin, Brendan Donnellan, Patrick J. Duane, Francis O'Brien, Matthew Loughnane and Norman Morgan.

In Attendance: Messres J. Stewart, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 14/2/77, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Donnellan, seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin.

Chain-of-Office: A letter from Mr. Michael Cullen, Acting Town Clerk, Tramore, stating how Tramore had acquired its Chain-of-Office, was read to the meeting. This letter pointed out that public funds may not be used for acquiring a Chain-of-Office. It was decided on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. O'Brien to defer discussion on the matter until such time as we hear from Tuam.

Place Names: Conrad na Gaelge in its letter of the 18/2/77, complained about the selection of English based place-names for new housing estates. Comm. Morgan stated that the local residents should select the names for new estates. A discussion took place on the selection of the name 'Fairy's Garden' for the housing estate at Pollroebuck. Comm. Barrett stated that he would like to take this opportunity to thank the press representative, Mr. J.B. Donohue, for the amount of local knowledge he so willingly makes available to the members. Comm. Donnellan seconded Comm. Barrett's sentiments.

Attendance at Conferences etc: Circular Letter G 2/77 of the 25/2/77, referred to attendance at Conferences, Seminars etc and pointed out that ~~expenses~~ regard should be had to the cost involved before deciding whether it would be advantageous to be represented at the Conferences. The letter was noted.

Advance Factory: Comm. Morgan referred to a recent special meeting that was held in the Temperance Hall regarding the industrial outlook for the town. At this meeting Comm. Morgan added that he had proposed that the I.D.A. be asked to provide an advance factory in Loughrea but failed to get a seconder. Comm. Morgan continued that he was now glad to see that the I.D.A. propose to build an advance factory in Loughrea. Mr. Stewart said that perhaps Comm. Morgan was mis-understood at that meeting as people may have thought that Comm. Morgan was referring to a small building. Mr. Stewart added that he had no official information but that he had read that Loughrea is to get an advance factory of 24,000 sq. ft. plus.

Convention of Local Authorities: The draft Constitution for the Convention of Local Authorities was approved in principal on the proposition of Comm. ~~Morgan~~ Morgan seconded by Comm. Barrett. It was decided to forward the following recommendations to the Assoc. of Municipal Authorities:-

1. That Municipal Authorities be entitled to more representation than the other Constituent Bodies. proposed by Comm. Donnellan, sec. by Comm. O'Brien
2. That the Municipal Authorities representatives be selected on a regional basis each year at the Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities. Proposed by Comm. O'Brien seconded by Comm. Kelly.
3. Special Meetings: That under clause 7 (b), Town Commissioners should have the right to call special meetings. Proposed by Comm. M. Loughnane, seconded by Comm. O'Brien.
4. Executive Committee: The Executive Committee be selected on a regional basis.

Tidy Towns Competition: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Kelly, it was decided to enter for the 1977 Tidy Towns Competition.

Letter of Congratulations: The Loughrea Choral and Dramatic Society was congratulated on its success at Roscommon Festival. Proposed by Comm. Barrett seconded by Comm. Donnellan.

Market Place at Westbridge: Comm. Morgan referred to the lack of facilities at the Westbridge for a market place and said that if this is a market area proper provision should be made there. Comm. Morgan requested Mr. Stewart to look into the matter.

Water Rights Order: Comm. Morgan asked Mr. Stewart if the Water Rights Order for Loughrea could be speeded up in any way. Comm. Barrett assured the meeting that the Anglers Association was only too anxious to help in this matter but they would have to protect the fishing rights. Stewart stated that the preliminary report had gone to the Department for approval and when this is approved the Water Rights Order would be made. Mr. Stewart added that he had no doubts but that the fishing interests will be protected.

Resolving of Itinerants: Mr. Stewart assured the meeting that unless itinerants were suitable and had come through the system, they will not be housed by the County Council. Mr. Stewart informed the meeting that the people who had left the tighreens at Gort Brigade were informed that unless they returned to Gort Brigade they would not be considered for housing by the County Council. Comm. Donnellan made representation on behalf of Mr. Mick Furey. Mr. Stewart stated that he was aware of Furey's position and would if possible like to help him.

Meeting concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 18th day of April, 1977.

Sean Kelly
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 18/4/77.

In the Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly, Chairman.
Members Present. Comms. Patrick O'Loughlin, Matthew Loughnane, Brendan Donnellan, James Barrett, Patrick J. Duane, James McDonnell and Norman Morgan.

In Attendance: Messers J. Stewart, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, T/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 Comm. O'Loughlin seconded by Comm. Loughnane.

Adjournment: On the proposition of the Chairman, it was unanimously decided to adjourn the meeting for 15 minutes as a mark of respect to the late Cardinal Conway.

Correspondence:

1. Comhaltas Ceoltoiri: The meeting was informed that the local branch of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri are holding a meeting ~~at~~ at 9 p.m. on the 18/4/77 and that they would be pleased if a member of the Commissioners could attend. Comm. P.O'Loughlin was selected to attend, proposed by Comm. Kelly, seconded by Comm. Donnellan.

2. Loughrea Sailing Club: An application from Loughrea Sailing Club, to use the facilities at the Long Point for the forthcoming Connacht Laser Championship on May 7th & 8th next was approved on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Duane, subject to the Commissioners and the County Council being indemnified against any claim that might arise from any accident. Comm. Barrett on behalf of the Sailing Club thanked the Board.

Coat-of-Arms: On the proposition of Comm. Loughnane seconded by Comm. Kelly it was decided to adopt the following 'Motto' to go with the proposed coat-of-arms, 'Dia d'ár stiurú' i.e. 'God steers'. The thanks of the Board was extended to Very. Rev. P.K. Egan, P.P. Portumna and to the De La Salle Brothers for the help they had given in the matter.

Cinematograph Licence: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Duane, it was decided to grant a Cinematograph licence to the Directors of Loughrea Town Hall Ltd. for the year ending 31/12/77, subject to the approval of the County Fire Officer.

Scheme for Sale or Lease of Dwellings: The Asst. County Manager stated that in accordance with Circular Letter H.33/76, he had prepared a new purchase scheme for houses owned by Loughrea Town Commissioners and he now sought approval from the Board for this scheme. The scheme was discussed in detail and some of the members expresses surprise at the cost of some of the houses. The scheme was approved on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Kelly.

Abstract of Accounts: The Abstract of Accounts for the year ended 31/12/76 was presented to the meeting. The Asst. County Manager gave details of ~~xxxxxx~~ the financial position of the Board. The Abstract was considered very satisfactory and the rent collector was complimented on the efficient manner in which he had collected the rents.

The following over-expenditure was approved on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Barrett:

Housing A/c. Insurance £37, Contingencies £98.
General A/c. Insurance £23, School Warden £89.

Long Point: In reply to an appeal from Comm. Morgan, Mr. Stewart stated that everything possible will be done to provide toilet facilities at the Long Point. Comm. Duane proposed and Comm. Morgan seconded that repairs be carried out to the dressing rooms at the Long Point.

Employer - Trade Union National Agreement, 1977 In accordance with Circular Letter E.L. 8/77, the first phase of the 1977 Employer - Trade Union National Agreement was approved insofar as it relates to the Town Clerk, School Warden and the ~~Rent~~ Rent Collector, proposed by Comm. Kelly, seconded by Comm. Morgan.

Motions submitted by Comm. Norman Morgan:-

a. "That Galway County Council be asked to remove the very dangerous bent at the junction of Mount Carmel Crescent with Athenry Road, Loughrea; by moving back the wall on Mount Carmel Monastery side of the road." On the suggestion of the Chairman, this motion was deferred to the next meeting to enable the Asst. County Manager investigate the present position regarding the proposed monument to the late Brendan Donnellan.

b. "That the Gardai be asked why shoppers who double park in Loughrea's shopping area are moved while others are allowed to park their cars all day long in 'One Hour' and 'No Parking' zones. Comm. Morgan withdrew this motion.

c. "I will ask the Asst. County Manager for details regarding 'The Pound' Loughrea: (i) does the owner of the animals have to pay a fine per animal impounded, (ii) How much per animal? (iii) how much money was collected in fines during 1976 and to 31st March, 1977? (iv) when the owner of animals is continuously having animals impounded, is the owner brought to court? (v) who is responsible for impounding animals which are found trespassing on County Council or Town Commissioner property?" Mr. Stewart in reply stated that owners of animals impounded have to pay a fee which is set out by the Minister for Local Government. Mr. Stewart added that the gardai are responsible for taking people to court and he had not the information regarding the amount collected in fine last year. Comm. Morgan asked if the County Council employees would impound animals trespassing on County Council or Town Commissioner property. It was decided to interview the owners of the stock in question before taking any action.

Public Lighting: Comm. Barrett asked if there was any hope of getting a public light at the museum. Mr. Stewart stated that this was recommended and he hoped it will come in the current year.

Parking Sign: Comm. Duane proposed and Comm. Morgan seconded that the pole for the parking sign be removed from King's Corner, Moore St.

Sewerage Extensions: In reply to Comm. O'Loughlin, Mr. Stewart stated that the proposed sewerage extension at Cuscarrack and Bullagh Upper will be carried out in the present year.

'The Walk': Comm. Barrett asked Mr. Stewart if he might have a look at the 'Walk' with a view to having some improvements carried out there.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 9th day of May, 1977.

Sean Kelly : XXX Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 9/5/77.

In the Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly, Chairman.
Members Present: Comms. Norman Morgan, Matthew Loughnane, James McDonnell, James Barrett, Patrick J. Duane and Brendan Donnellan.

The Chairman informed the meeting at the outset that the Town Clerk was ill and that he (Chairman) was in contact by telephone earlier in the day with Mr. Doyle, Acting Asst. Co. Manager. They both agreed to postpone the meeting. Members present disagreed with this arrangement and since they constituted a quorum, judged it to be within their rights to hold a meeting. Chairman then proposed that Comm. Loughnane should take minutes. This was seconded by Comm. Morgan. ~~Comm. Loughnane asked if this would be in order, Comm. Barrett cited the precedent of Mr. Frank O'Brien taking minutes during the illness of a late Town Clerk.~~ Comm. Loughnane then consented to take minutes.

as Town Clerk as he was at the time appointed by Co. Manager
Adoption of and signing of minutes of meeting of 18/4/77 was proposed by Comm. Morgan and seconded by Comm. Duane, the same minutes having already been circulated to members.

Motions submitted by Comm. Morgan:-

"I will propose recommendations be sent to Galway County Council:

a. to provide proper canteen facilities for its workers at Loughrea and change the present situation whereby workers must sit on planks in a store which contains weedkillers and where rat poison has been set.

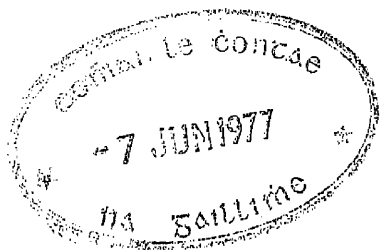
After Comm. Kelly stated that the mens' union was making representation to the County Council in this regard, he seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

(b) to widen the road and ease the bends from the Children's Playground to Ryan's Cuscarrick, Loughrea.
Referring to this motion, Comm. McDonnell stated that Co. Council matters should be brought up at such a meeting. He was supported in this by Comm. Barrett who eventually seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

(c) to remove the shed and weighing equipment from the Green Public Park, Loughrea, as it has not been used for years, and similar equipment is available beside the Fire Station, Loughrea."
Comm. Barrett asked for the inclusion of the words "if not in use" as referring to the equipment. Comm. Morgan agreed. Comm. Barrett then seconded the motion and it was passed.

Chairman read a letter addressed to Deputy John Callanan confirming the closure of the Cotton Factory. Comm. Morgan asked if the I.D.A. would take over the factory. Chairman informed him that Courtaulds are prepared to negotiate with I.D.A. on the matter.

Chairman mentioned a proposal by a Mr. Smithwick to call a meeting of the Board together with other public representatives. As the purpose of such a meeting appeared vague, it was agreed that Mr. Smithwick should ring the Town Clerk on the matter, who should, in turn, keep the Board fully informed of any developments.



*Sean Kelly
Chairman*

13/6/77

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 13/6/77.

In the Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly, Chairman.
Members Present: Comms. Matthew Loughnane, Patrick O'Loughlin, Brendan Donnellan, Francis O'Brien, James Barrett.

Minutes: Comm. O'Brien referred to the meeting held on the 9/5/77 from which the Town Clerk was unavoidably absent. Comm. O'Brien pointed out that the Board have not the authority to appoint a Town Clerk, mention was made in the minutes of the meeting held on the 9/5/77 of the, Comm. O'Brien having previously acted as Town Clerk, this was correct but he was at that time appointed Acting Town Clerk by the then County Manager, and the Comm. O'Brien asked that the reference to his acting as Town Clerk be deleted from the minutes. The Chairman stated that he did not wish the meeting to go ahead the last night but that some of the members had insisted. Mr. Stewart confirmed that the appointment of a Town Clerk is a managerial function. Mr. Stewart added that he wish to apologise on behalf of the officials for the confusion caused but assured the meeting that a genuine misunderstanding had arisen.
On the proposition of Comm. Loughnane, seconded by Comm. O'Brien it was agreed to delete the reference to Comm. O'Brien acting as Town Clerk, from the minutes and provided that a precedent was not established, that the minutes be signed as correct. The minutes were then signed.

Coat of Arms: The Chief Herald in his letter of the 29/4/77 sought a fee of £50 to cover the cost of the certificate and illustrations of the proposed Coat of Arms. Comm. O'Brien proposed, Comm. Loughnane seconded and it was unanimously agreed to pay this fee.

Notice of intention to hold the Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities in Dundalk on September 20th, 21st and 22nd was read to the meeting. It was also pointed out that motions for this Conference should be with Association's secretary not later than 19/8/77.

Industry: Town Clerk read correspondence from the I.D.A. and the Dept. of Industry & Commerce stressing that every effort is being made to secure a replacement industry for the Robert Usher factory in Loughrea. Concern was expressed by the members that the Usher premises at Atwenry Road might be allowed to fall into a state of dis-repair when it closes. On the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. O'Brien it was decided to request the I.D.A. to appoint a caretaker for the premises when it closes.
Comm. Loughnane suggested that C.I.E. be approached with a view to having its premises made a little more presentable.

Annual Meeting: It was decided unanimously to hold the Annual Meeting on the 11/7/77 in conjunction with the next meeting of the Board.

Sewerage Extension at Tulla Hill: In reply to Comm. O'Loughlin, Mr. Stewart stated that he would enquire as to the reason for the stoppage of work on the Tulla Hill Sewerage extension.
Comm. O'Brien stated that there appears to be a smell occasionally from the Sewer line on the Woodford Road and asked if same could be investigated.

Dangerous Bridge off Moore Street: In reply to Comm. Donnellan the Town Clerk stated that the County Council had previously pointed out that it is not responsible for this bridge.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 11 day of July, 1977.

Matthew Loughnane
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the Annual Meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 11/7/77.

In the Chair: Commissioner Sean Kelly, Chairman.
Members Present: Commissioners Matthew Loughnane, Brendan Donnellan, Francis O'Brien, Norman Morgan, James Barrett, Patrick O'Loughlin, Patrick J. Duane, James McDonnell.

In Attendance: Messers S. Keating, County Manager, A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Election of Chairman: The out-going Chairman, Comm. Kelly, thanked the officials and members for their co-operation during the year and added that he was not seeking re-election. Comm. Kelly took the opportunity to welcome the County Manager to the meeting.

Comm. Kelly invited proposition for the position of Chairman. Comm. Matthew Loughnane was proposed by Comm. Kelly and seconded by Comm. Morgan, as there was no other proposals, Comm. Loughnane was declared elected. Comm. Loughnane thanked his proposer and seconded and the meeting for accepting him.

Election of Vice-Chairman: Comm. Francis O'Brien was unanimously elected Vice-Chairman on the proposition of Comm. Duane seconded by Comm. McDonnell. Comm. O'Brien thanked the members for the honour they had placed on him.

Election of Delegate to Fire Brigades Advisory Committee: On the proposition of Comm. Donnellan, seconded by Comm. Kelly, Comm. O'Loughlin was unanimously re-elected as delegate to the Fire Brigades Advisory Committee. Mr. Keating, County Manager, advised the meeting that a meeting of the Fire Brigades Advisory Committee is arranged for Thursday next.

This concluded the business of the Annual Meeting.

Signed this the 12th day of September, 1977.

Matthew Loughnane

Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 11/7/77.

In the Chair: Comm. Matthew Loughnane, Chairman.
Members Present: Comms. Sean Kelly, Brendan Donnellan, Francis O'Brien, James McDonnell, Patrick O'Loughlin, Norman Morgan, James Barrett and Patrick J. Duane.

In attendance: Messers S. Keating, County Manager, A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Minutes: Adoption of and signing of minutes of meeting held on the 13/6/77, copies of which were circulated to each member, was proposed by Comm. Kelly seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin.

Industry: The I.D.A. in its letter of the 22/6/77 stated that Courtaulds Ltd. intend to appoint somebody to look after the Robert Usher premises at Athenry Road until it is sold to another party. Comm. Kelly stated that we should now write to the new Minister for Industry & Commerce requesting that every effort be made to secure a new factory. Comm. Morgan seconded Comm. Kelly's suggestion.

Motions submitted by Comm. Morgan:

a. "That Galway County Council be asked to remove the dangerous bends from the town boundary at Johnny Raftery's, Tullahill to the junction at the west end of Cuscarrick Crescent, Loughrea."

This motion was seconded by Comm. Loughnane and passed unanimously.

b. "That the Minister for Local Government be asked to reduce the purchase price of the Mount Carmel Crescent houses, Loughrea, which were built 25 years ago, because the same price is being charged for houses at Pollroebeck, which were built only six years ago."

The Town Clerk stated that the cost of these houses was based on the original cost converted to present day values as set out by Department Circular. The Town Clerk pointed out that the purchase scheme had now expired and suggested to Comm. Morgan to defer the motion until such time as a new purchase scheme is prepared. The County Manager added that the system of converting the original cost to present day value had on occasions resulted in arriving at peculiar results. The County Manager stated that this will be taken into consideration when the new scheme is drawn up. Comm. Morgan stated that he was happy that the matter will be investigated.

"I will protest at conditions and improper behaviour at Polling Stations in Loughrea on election day, 16th June, 1977; and I will ask for an assurance that such will not be allowed to happen at the next Town Commissioners Election."

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for a few minutes to discuss the motion with the County Manager and the Town Clerk. On the resumption of the meeting, the Chairman ruled out any discussion on the motion, pointing out that the matter is not the business of the Loughrea Town Commissioners and that there are proper channels for the investigation of these complaints. The County Manager pointed out that there is a long established procedure for dealing with election irregularities. The County Council will be responsible for the local elections and the County Secretary, as returning Officer, can assure that polling will be conducted in a proper manner.

Comm. Morgan stated that in future he would insure that only matters relating to the Commissioners will be discussed at Commissioners meetings.

The meeting then terminated.

Signed this the 12th day of September, 1977

Matthew Loughnane

Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Lougrea Town Commissioners held on the 12/9/77.

In the Chair: Comm. Matthew Loughnane, Chairman.

Members Present: Commissioners Brendan Donnellan, Francis O'Brien, Norman Morgan, Sean Kelly and Patrick O'Loughlin.

In Attendance: Messers John Stewart, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, T/Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the Annual General meeting held on the 11/7/77, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. O'Brien, Morgan seconded by Comm. Donnellan.

Minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 11/7/77 were adopted and signed, proposed by Comm. O'Brien, seconded by Comm. Kelly.

Arising from the minutes, Comm. Morgan stated that he was not happy with the minute covering his motion on the purchase price of the Mount Carmel Crescent houses and he asked what action was taken on the matter. In reply the Town Clerk stated that no action was taken as the purchase scheme in question had expired on the 30/6/77 and as from that date no purchase scheme existed. The Asst. Co. Manager informed the meeting that the previous Minister had refused to back date a purchase scheme within his own constituency, but added that when a new purchase scheme is prepared, the Commissioners, if they are not satisfied with it, could take the matter up with the Minister. Comm. O'Brien proposed and Comm. Kelly seconded that the Asst. Co. Manager's advice be accepted.

Sailing Club: The Lougrea Sailing Club in its letter of the 18/7/77, thanked the Commissioners for allowing them to use the facilities at the Long Point for the Laser Championship and added that all the visitors were very impressed with the lake.

Industry: The Dept. of Industry & Commerce in its letter of the 2/8/77, pointed out that Lougrea continues to be accorded top priority in the I.D.A.'s promotional activities and added that a new 24,000 sq.ft. advance factory in Lougrea is planned to begin in September or October next. Comm. Kelly stated that he has correspondence from Deputy Callanan regarding industry in Lougrea and he asked that same be read to the meeting. Comm. Morgan objected to Deputy Callanan's correspondence being read on the grounds that it was not Commissioners business. The Chairman ruled that the correspondence was further information regarding the provision of industry in Lougrea and read the letter to the meeting. The letter stated that discussions were taking place between the I.D.A. and Gaeltarra Eireann regarding the accommodation of an industry that will provide 30 jobs, at the Robert Usher premises in Lougrea and that a decision will be made before the end of the month. Members present welcomed the news and Comm. O'Loughlin congratulated Comm. Kelly on the effort he is making to secure an industry for Lougrea. Comm. Kelly added that Deputy Callanan should also be thanked.

Personal Accident Insurance: The Town Clerk informed the meeting that it was decided to avail of the personal accident insurance scheme for the benefit of members attending official meetings.

Tidy Town Competition: It was decided to defer discussion on the Adjudicators Report on Lougrea's entry in the 1977 Tidy Towns Competition to the next meeting, to enable the members to study the report.

Galway/Mayo Regional Development Group: Comm. Loughnane informed the meeting that at a recent meeting of the Galway/Mayo Reg. Dev. Group, the question of EEC Aid for specific projects was discussed. It was decided at that meeting to draw up a list of applicants and then to invite 'Desk Officers' of the various EEC Funds to adjudicate on the applications. It was decided to send an application form to the Temperance Hall Committee and to St. Brendan's G.A.A. Club.

Estimates: The Asst. County Manager informed the meeting that the Annual Estimates are usually considered at the September meeting each year but this year the Department had asked that the meeting be deferred until such time as the financial position is clarified.

Fire Brigades Advisory Meeting: Comm. O'Loughlin informed the meeting that at the last meeting of the Fire Brigades Advisory Committee, it was agreed to provide additional equipment at Lougrea and to extend the present fire station.

Comm. Donnellan stated that he had heard some complaints about the siren going off during the night and he wondered if it was necessary. Mr. Stewart stated that he would take up the matter with the Chief Fire Officer.

International Road Race: Comm. Morgan asked that the organising committee be given every help and co-operation with the forthcoming International Road Race on September 18th. The Town Clerk undertook to have the streets cleaned for the event.

Railway Station: Comm. Donnellan stated that rumour was it that C.I.E. propose to dispose of its property in Lougrea and he asked that C.I.E. be asked to give favourable consideration to Lougrea Mart who are anxious to purchase it. Comm. Morgan while agreeing with the views expressed by Comm. Donnellan added that he would like to see a roadway from the level crossing at Monearmore to Bride Street. It was however pointed out that C.I.E. had given an undertaking not to remove the main line for 10 years from the date of the closure of the station. The Asst. County Manager pointed out that while everybody appeared to be sympathetic towards the Mart Committee, the fact remained that the first move must be made by the Mart people themselves.

Road Signs: Comm. Donnellan asked that a 'Yield' sign be erected at Galway Road/Westbridge Junction, while the main Gort road remains closed to traffic. Comm. Kelly asked that School Signs be erected on the Masonbrook road. The Town Clerk undertook to take these matters up with the Town Engineer.

Pedestrian Crossing: On the proposition of Comm. O'Loughlin seconded by Comm. Kelly, it was again decided to request the Garda to recommend the provision of a pedestrian crossing at the Westbridge, Lougrea.

Vote of sympathy: A vote of sympathy was passed, all present standing for one minute silence as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. Nora Niland. The late Mrs. Niland was a sister of Mr. Martin Tierney, the Board's Rent Collector.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 10th day of October, 1977.


Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 10/10/77.

In the Chair: Comm. Matthew Loughnane, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. Brendan Donnellan, Sean Kelly, James Barrett and Norman Morgan.

In attendance: Messers John Stewart, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, T/Clerk. Meeting opened with prayers.

In declaring the meeting open, the Chairman welcomed Mr. Stewart to this the last meeting of the Board that Mr. Stewart will be present at.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 12/9/77, copies of which were previously circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Donnellan.

Presentation of Tidy Towns Awards: The meeting was informed by the Town Clerk that Loughrea was represented by Mrs. Devine of the Tidy Towns Committee and Mrs. Kilboy of the I.C.A., at the presentation of the Tidy Towns award in Multyfarnham on Sunday 9th October. The Town Clerk was instructed to thank the ladies for attending.

Local Review of the Fire Service: It was decided to defer to the next meeting, the consideration of the Local Fire Service Review.

Assistant County Manager: The meeting was informed that Mr. Kevin Doyle was appointed as Acting Asst. Co. Manager with effect from the 19/10/77. The Chairman in wishing Mr. Stewart every success in his new appointment as County Engineer in Sligo, added that he was very sorry to see Mr. Stewart leave as he had made an outstanding contribution during his all too short stay in Galway. The Chairman added that if he had to pinpoint Mr. Stewart's virtues, courtesy, efficiency and respect for democracy came very much to mind. All the members present, the Town Clerk and Mr. Donohue, Press Rep. associated themselves with the Chairman's good wishes. Mr. Stewart in reply thanked the Members, the Town Clerk and the press for the help and co-operation which he had received during his short stay in Galway. He regretted that it was during his term of office that Loughrea lost its major industry but he had no doubt that a replacement will come as Loughrea is a town with ample amenities and he looked forward to reading of Loughrea's progress in the future.

National Wage Agreement, 1977: The second phase of the 1977 National Wage Agreement in respect of the Town Clerk and the School Warden was approved on the proposition of Comm. Morgan, seconded by Comm. Kelly with effect from the 1/11/77.

Tidy Town Report 1977: The Tidy Town Report 1977, copies of which were previously circulated to each member was discussed in detail. It was evident from the Report that litter is a major problem and on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Loughnane it was decided to request the County Council to provide a larger type litter bin. Comm. Morgan also suggested that the Tidy Towns Committee be given the responsibility of entering Loughrea in next years competition. It was agreed on the suggestion of the Town Clerk to defer any decision on the matter until next March.

Regional Hospital: Comm. Barrett referred to a statement in the Connacht Tribune in which members of the Western Health Board had stated that facilities essential to the people of the area, are not available in the Regional Hospital. On the proposition of Comm. Barrett seconded by Comm. Morgan it was decided to request the Minister for Health to provide the facilities requested by the Western Health Board at the Regional Hospital forthwith.

Footpath at Lake Shore: In reply to Comm. Donnellan, Mr. Stewart stated that he was not sure as to where the footpath at the Fair Green is going, i.e. inside or outside the lake shore wall. This path is provided by money provided by the Government to relieve un-employment, Comm. Donnellan expressed the view that he would like to see the path going inside the wall. Comm. Morgan stated that he has a motion before the County Council asking that the roadway from Maoney's Bridge to the Playground be closed to traffic and he asked Mr. Stewart, to convey to the County Council, the Town Commissioners support for this motion. This led to a discussion as to how one would gain access to the Courthouse. Comm. Donnellan stated that he would like to see the Pound being removed from beside the Courthouse.

Loughrea Waterworks Pumphouse: Comm. Morgan referred to the clash of colour between the Pumphouse and the Cathedral and he asked that the County Council be requested to change the colour of the pumphouse to grey.

ousing: In reply to Comm. Barrett, Mr. Stewart stated that it is hoped that 8 old folks houses will be completed by April next and it is proposed to continue house building in Loughrea as there is a great demand for houses in the area.

Night Classes in Vocational School: On the suggestion of Comm. Morgan it was decided to inform Mr. O'Grady that the Loughrea Town Commissioners welcome the provision of night classes in Loughrea and assured Mr. O'Grady of the support of the Board.

International Road Race: On the proposition of Comm. Barrett seconded by Comm. Kelly the Loughrea Athletic Club was congratulated on once again staging a highly successful International Road Race in Loughrea on the 18th September last. Comm. Morgan referred to the very poor T.V. coverage given to the event and suggested that a letter of protest be sent to the Head of Sports in R.T.E. about the matter. On the suggestion of the Town Clerk it was decided to inform the Athletic Club of the proposal and to get their views on the matter.

Parks: In reply to Comm. Morgan, the Town Clerk stated that the Town Engineer arranges his work program to link up with the availability of his work gang and that it is proposed to carry out the work in the Long Point in the very near future.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 16th day of November, 1977.

Matthew Loughnane
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 14/11/77.

In the Chair: Comm. Matthew Loughnane, Chairman.
Members Present: Comms. Norman Morgan, Francis O'Brien, Brendan Donnellan, James Barrett, James McDonnell, Patrick J. Duane. Sean Kelly.
In Attendance: Messrs K. Doyle Acting Asst. County Manager and A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Before the business of the meeting was discussed, The Chairman proposed a vote of sympathy to Comm. Barrett on the death of his brother Matthew. This was passed unanimously.

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 Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Donnellan.

Correspondence: The following correspondence was read to the meeting:

I. Regional Hospital Facilities: The Minister for Health in his letter of the 26/10/77, stated that he had noted the terms of the resolution submitted by Loughrea Town Commissioners concerning facilities at Regional Hospital, Galway.

Galway County Traffic and Parking Bye-Laws: The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the Commissioner, Gardai Siocana, intends revoking the Loughrea Parking Bye-Laws and replacing them with Galway County Traffic and Parking Bye-Laws. Mr. Doyle stated that at present the position regarding the proposed bye-laws is not clear and it was agreed to defer discussion on the matter until the next meeting. Mr. Doyle agreed to have a copy of a circular letter from the Garda Commissioner circulated to each member. The Town Clerk stated that it is expected that the local Superintendent and the Commissioners would agree on the business hours. The Town Clerk added that he was in contact with members of the Traders Association and he had established that the business hours at present in operation in Loughrea are Monday to Friday, 9/30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday 9/30 a.m. to 8/30 p.m. Wednesday closed day.

Comm. Morgan proposed that the Gardai be asked to stop the ball play in the car-park at Barrack Street. This was seconded by Comm. O'Brien. Comm. Morgan asked the Asst. County Manager to investigate the possibility of having parking in the car-park limited to 20 hours per day.

National Wage Agreement, 1977: In accordance with Circular Letter E.L. 31/77 the national wage agreement insofar as it relates to Rent Collectors, was approved on the proposition of Comm. Morgan, seconded by Comm. Donnellan.

Estimates Meeting: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. O'Brien, it was unanimously agreed to hold the Annual Estimates Meeting on the 12/12/77 in conjunction with the next meeting of the Board.

Local Fire Service Review: The local fire service review, copies of which were previously circulated to each member, was discussed at length. It was generally accented that Loughrea was well served by existing service and the proposals to have the Fire Station at Loughrea extended and a new water tender provided were welcomed by the members. It was decided on the proposition of Comm. Duane seconded by Comm. Morgan to request Galway County Council to try to have the depot for school buses in Loughrea changed from the area of the Fire Station. It was also decided on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. McDonnell to request Galway County Council to provide at Loughrea Fire Station, proper cutting equipment and a hydraulic pump, for use in the many road accidents that occur in the Loughrea area.

The Walk: Comm. McDonnell stated that the Western Health Board will soon open a Social Centre at Main Street, Loughrea. As parking facilities at the Main Street are very limited, Comm. McDonnell asked if the Town Commissioners would support a request from the Western Health Board, to have 'The Walk' opened to traffic going to the rear of the Western Health Board's premises. Comms. O'Brien and Duane supported Comm. McDonnell. Comm. Barrett referred to the fact that 'The Walk' has always remained closed to traffic and pointed out that it is now the only safe place in town for old folks to use. For these reasons Comm. Barrett said that he would never agree to having 'The Walk' opened to traffic. Comms. Donnellan and Morgan supported Comm. Barrett. It was agreed to defer the matter to see if in fact the Western Health Board had made application to use 'The Walk.'

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Red Cross Society: Comm. Morgan referred to the service the local branch of the Red Cross Society provide each year at the Long Point and as a token of appreciation, he proposed that if possible, the Loughrea Town Commissioners should give the local branch a grant of £50. Comm. Donnellan seconded this proposal. Mr. Doyle stated that he will enquire if the Loughrea Town Commissioners are entitled to make a grant of this nature.

Garrybreedia Wood: Comm. Morgan stated that money was provided in the estimates for improvements to Garrybreedia Park and he proposed that the eastern end of this park be cleaned and play swings provided. This was seconded by Comm. Loughnane.

Wiring of Commissioners' Houses: Comm. Morgan asked if the wiring of the Commissioners' houses is in a safe condition. The Town Clerk was instructed to get the Town Engineer to report on the matter.

Water Supply: Comm. Donnellan stated that houses in the Athenry Road area are from time-to-time without water and he asked if anything can be done about it. The Town Clerk stated that he was aware of this problem and added that levels had something to do with the problem. Mr. Doyle stated that the proposed new scheme appears to be the only answer to the problem.

Industry: Comm. Morgan asked if there was any news about a new industry. Comm. Kelly stated that he was recently informed that the Usher factory will re-open ~~soon~~ in the near future. Comm. Morgan stated that as an incentive to small industrialists, he proposed that the I.D.A. be asked to provide at a reasonable rent, floor space in the new industrial site, to any local industrialist who might make application for same. This was seconded by Comm. Loughnane.

Schools: On the suggestion of Comm. Donnellan, it was decided to request the Town Engineer to investigate the possibility of having a barrier erected outside the convent school door leading onto Moore Street. On the suggestion of Comm. Duane, it was decided that Mr. Doyle would investigate the possibility of having a School Warden provided at the Boys' National School.

Public Lighting: Comm. Morgan expressed disappointment that ~~xxxx~~ as new lights are at present under erection, no light is being provided at the Museum and at St. Brendan's Home. The Town Clerk stated that the County Council are providing 10 new lights and he thought that the lights mentioned by Comm. Morgan are included.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 5th day of December, 1977.

Matthew Loughnane

Assistant County Manager.

Chairman

Minutes of proceedings at the Monthly meeting of the Lougrea Town Commissioners held on the 12/12/77.

In the Chair: Commissioner Matthew Loughnane, Chairman.
Members Present: Comms. Patrick O'Loughlin, Brendan Donnellan, James Barrett, Francis O'Brien, Patrick J. Duane, James McDonnell, Norman Morgan, S. Kelly.
In Attendance: Messers Kevin Doyle, Acting Asst. County Manager, William Malone, E.E. Town Engineer, Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 14/11/77, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Morgan, seconded by Comm. McDonnell.

Matters arising from the minutes:

1. Car-Park at Barrack St. The Commissioners were assured by the local Gardai, that the car-park at Barrack Street will not be allowed to be used for ball playing.
2. Grant to Red Cross: Mr. Doyle informed the meeting that the Commissioners have not the authority to make a grant available to the local branch of the Red Cross Society. Comm. Morgan asked if a store room could be provided for these people at the Long Point. Mr. Malone stated that this could be done when he is repairing the dressing rooms.
3. The Walks: Comm. Morgan asked if the Western Health Board had made any application to use the Walks and was informed by Mr. Doyle that no application was made. Comm. McDonnell stated that he had not suggested that The Walks be used as a car-park as was mentioned in a letter to the Connacht Tribune, but he still maintained that The Walks is a public road. Comms. Barrett, Donnellan and Morgan disputed Comm. McDonnell's statement. Comm. Morgan proposed that The Walks be preserved as a public park and was seconded by Comm. Donnellan.

Long Point: Comm. Morgan proposed that the roadway leading from the car-park over to the Long Point be tarmacaded. Comm. McDonnell stated that the provision of a toilet in this area was far more important. Comm. Donnellan proposed that the roadway in question be replaced by a grassed area and was seconded by Comm. McDonnell. Comm. Morgan withdrew his proposal in favour of Comm. Donnellan's proposal.

Galway (County) Traffic and Parking Bye-Laws: Mr. Doyle informed the meeting that talks will be held with the Gardai on these proposed bye-laws and that he will then report back to the members.

Flooding on the Gort Road: Comm. O'Loughlin referred to flooding which takes on the Gort Road. Mr. Malone stated that he would investigate the matter.

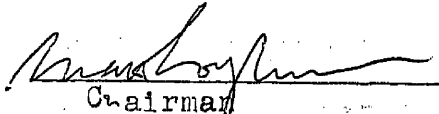
Traffic through Abbey Street: Comm. Morgan referred to the difficulty which long vehicles encounter in trying to travel through Abbey St. onto Main St. and he suggested that a suitable sign, diverting long vehicles be erected at the Abbey. Mr. Malone promised to investigate the matter.

Land for Housing: Comm. Morgan suggested that the land at the old town dump, be disposed of to the County Council if the land was suitable for housing. Mr. Doyle stated that he would look into the matter.

Musical: The Lougrea Choral and Dramatic Society was congratulated on the outstanding success of its musical 'South Pacific'. Comm. McDonnell thanked the members for their kind remarks. The vote of congratulations was proposed by Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Kelly.

Town Engineer: A vote of thanks to the Town Engineer, Mr. Malone, for the work which he had carried out in the town was proposed by Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 9th day of January, 1978: 
Chairman

Minutes of proceedings at the Estimates Meeting of the Lougrea Town Commissioners held on the 12/12/77.

In the Chair: Commissioner Matthew Loughnane, Chairman.
Members Present: Commissioners Patrick O'Loughlin, Brendan Donnellan, James Barrett, Francis O'Brien, Patrick J. Duane, James McDonnell, Norman Morgan, Sean Kelly,
In Attendance: Messers Kevin Doyle, Acting Asst. County Manager, William Malone, Town Engineer, Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.
Meeting opened with prayers.

In accordance with Sections 9 and 10 of the County and City Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Mr. Doyle submitted the Estimate for the 1978 Financial Year, copies of the Estimate were previously submitted to each member. Mr. Doyle at the outset informed the meeting that the rates for the coming year could not exceed 11% more than the current year and that the bill in respect of private dwellings will be met by the Minister. The Estimate were discussed in detail. Comm. McDonnell referred to the long awaited overall plan for the lake shore and added that he did not agree with piecemeal work being carried out. The possibility of having toilets provided at the Long Point was discussed and was supported by all present. Mr. Doyle promised to enquire about the lake shore plan and to see what could be done about a toilet at the Long Point. Comm. Morgan stated that he did not agree with the rate being reduced and he proposed that the amount provided for Parks & Playgrounds be increased to £1200, i.e. the same as was provided in 1977. This proposal did not receive a seconder. Mr. Doyle informed the meeting that due to the improved financial position of the Commissioners, the rate this year could be approximately 5.730 in the £, a reduction of 9.59p on last year. Mr. Doyle did however point out that the Commissioners could if they so wished during the year, vote money for any works which they might like to carry out and this money could be spent out of the credit balance.

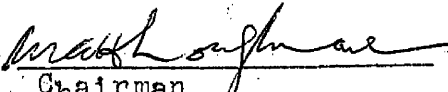
On the proposition of Comm. O'Brien seconded by Comm. Kelly the following were resolved:

1. That the Estimate of Expenses of the Lougrea Town Commissioners for the financial year ending 31/12/78, 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 Town Clerk.
2. That the demand be made on the Galway County Council by the Lougrea Town Commissioners for the sum of £597 for the financial year ending 31/12/78 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.

This concluded the business of the Estimates Meeting.

Signed this the 9th day of January, 1978.


Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Lourea Town Commissioners held on the 9/1/78.

In the Chair: Comm. Matthew Loughnane, Chairman.
Members Present: Comms. Norman Morgan, Patrick J. Duane, Brendan Donnellan.

In Attendance: Messers Kevin Doyle, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, T/Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the Estimates Meeting and the Monthly Meetings both of which were held on the 12/12/77, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Donnellan.

Tragic Deaths: Comm. Duane referred to the number of tragic deaths that occurred in Lougrea over the Christmas period and proposed a vote of sympathy to the following on their tragic bereavements:-
The Ward Family, Athenry Road, The Daniels Family Athenry Road, The Niland Family, Galway Road and the Dolan Family, Ballydogan.

Travelling Expenses and Subsistence Allowances: Travelling Expenses and Subsistence Allowances for members as set out in Circular letter G.8/77 of the 15/12/77 and Travelling Expenses for Officers as set out in Circular Letter E.L.40/77, were approved on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Donnellan.

Motion submitted by Comm. Norman Morgan:
"That the two acres of land offered for sale by Mr. William Joynt, Cross St. Lougrea, be purchased by Lougrea Town Commissioners for a public park"
Comm. Morgan stated that he was prepared to amend the motion so as the Manager could, if he thought that the site was suitable, negotiate a price. Mr. Doyle informed the meeting that it is normal practice for the Manager to negotiate the purchase of land. The other members present stated that they agreed in principle with the purchase of suitable land but were not in favour of giving a blank cheque to the Manager. It was agreed to defer the matter to the next meeting.

It was decided to forward the following recommendations to Galway Co. Council

1. That the possibility of having the front wall of the property of the late John Fanning at Cross St., Lougrea moved back. Proposed by Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Duane.
2. That the County Council investigate the possibility of having the railings at the old Rectory, Cross St. removed. Proposed by Comm. Duane seconded by Comm. Donnellan.

The following votes of congratulations were passed:

1. To Comms. Patrick O'Loughlin on his recent engagement, proposed by Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Donnellan.
2. To Kieran Fitzgerald on his selection as captain of the junior Irish Rugby Team, proposed by Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Loughnane.

Grazing on Public Parks: Comm. Morgan referred to the illegal grazing which is taking place at the Green and Playground and he asked that if necessary, legal action be taken to stop it. Mr. Doyle said he would examine the matter.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 13th day of February, 1978.

Matthew Loughnane
13.2.78

Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Lougrea Town Commissioners held on the 13/2/78

In the Chair: Commissioner Francis O'Brien, Vice-Chairman.
Members Present: Comms. James Barrett, Patrick J. Duane, Norman Morgan, Sean Kelly, Brendan Donnellan.

In Attendance: Messers Kevin Doyle Acting Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Before the business of the meeting was discussed, a vote of sympathy was passed with the relatives of the late Tony Carney on the proposition of Comm. Duane, seconded by Comm. Morgan.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 9/1/78, copies of which were previously circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Morgan, seconded by Comm. Donnellan.

Industry: The I.D.A. in its letter of the 30/1/78, stated that it is most anxious to attract any size of industry to Lougrea and requested the Commissioners to refer any enterprise to them. The Town Clerk stated that Mr. McCarthy, Regional Manager of I.D.A. had called on him and emphasised that the I.D.A. is acutely aware of the need for industry in Lougrea and will do all in its power to attract some industry to Lougrea.

Comm. Duane remarked that he was very disappointed that Lougrea is not attracting an industry and added that the Commissioners should unite in their efforts. Comm. Morgan assured Comm. Duane that the Commissioners are united in their efforts to get industry for Lougrea. Comm. Morgan assured the meeting that the I.D.A. charge a rent for a site based on the cost of providing the site and he proposed that the I.D.A. be requested to subsidise this rent. The proposition was seconded by Comm. Barrett and resolved.

Traffic and Parking Bye-Laws: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Donnellan, it was unanimously agreed that the "business hours" in respect of Lougrea for the purpose of the proposed Galway (County) Traffic and Parking Bye-Laws are as follows: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8.30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday 9.30 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. with Wednesday a closed day.

Legal Costs 1977: An over expenditure of £854.43 in respect of Legal Expenses, 1977 was unanimously approved on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Kelly. Mr. Doyle explained to the meeting that a Bill of Costs was not furnished since 1969 and that the fees charged are well within the prescribed fees.

Water Supply: Comms. Donnellan and Kelly referred to the lack of water in the Athenry Road area of the town. Mr. Doyle undertook to investigate the matter.

Teenage Drinking: Comm. Barrett referred to a recent article on the Sunday papers re unmarried mothers. The reason given in this article for the increase in this problem, Mr. Barrett stated was teenage drinking. Comm. Barrett stated that the advent of the "Pool Tables" in the pubs are proving a great attraction to the youth and he suggested that the Social Service Council could consider providing some of these tables in its premises, as a counteraction to the public house. Comm. O'Brien stated that he is a member of the Temperance Hall Committee and undertook to have the proposition considered. Comm. O'Brien added that he thought the publicity of this meeting in the local paper would prove a great help in making people aware of teenage drinking. Comm. Morgan complimented Comm. Barrett for raising this matter and added that he had on numerous occasions, saw second level students going into public houses to play pool. Comm. Morgan proposed that the local Superintendent of the Gardai be written to regarding the matter on youth frequenting public houses. Comm. Duane proposed that no action be made. It was the unanimous feeling of the meeting that only a very limited number of the publicans serve underage drinkers.

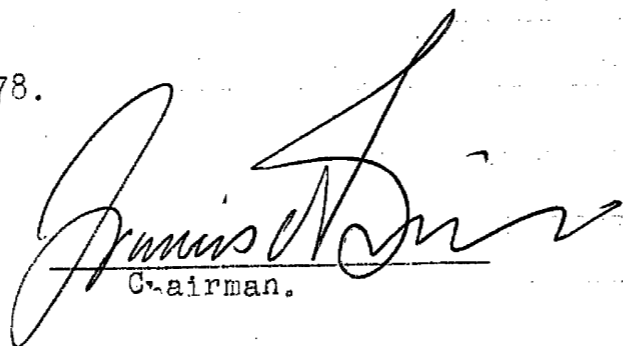
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 Car-parking Facilities: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan, seconded by Comm. O'Brien it was decided to forward the following recommendations to the County Council.

1. That the County Council negotiate with Irish Base Metals for the purchase of the piece of ground between the old boys' school at Figotts Street and Barrack Street.
2. That where possible, footpaths in the town be narrowed, so as to provide more parking space in the town.

Public Lighting: Comm. Barrett thanked the County Council for providing the public light at the museum, Barrack Street.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 13th day of March, 1978.


 Chairman.

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In the Chair: Comm. Francis O'Brien, Vice-Chairman.
 Members Present: Comms. Norman Morgan, James McDonnell, Sean Kelly, Patrick J. Duane, Brendan Donnellan.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Before the business of the meeting was discussed, the sympathy of the Board was extended to Mr. W. Malone, Town Engineer, on the death of his father - proposed by Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Duane.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 13/2/78 were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Morgan, seconded by Comm. Kelly.

Way (County) Traffic and Parking Bye-Laws: The Commissioner, Garda McCavana, stated in his letter of the 3/3/78 that there was no objection to the "business hours" decided on by the Board at its meeting on the 13/2/78.

rent of IDA site at Lougrea: The IDA in its letter of the 28/2/78 informed the meeting that the economic rent for factory space at IDA site in Lougrea is £1.15 per square foot and if the industry qualified for grant assistance, the buildings will be provided at a subsidised rent. Comm. Donnellan commented that he considered this rent reasonable, a feeling shared by the members present. Comm. Morgan sought and was granted permission to get a copy of the IDA letter.

Motions submitted by Comm. Morgan: I will propose that Lougrea Town Commissioners:-

"Plant trees, shrubs and flowers in the Public Parks in its care, namely Garrybreedia Park, Long Point, Childrens' Playground, fields east and west of the Tennis Club and the Triangular Park north of the Childrens' Playground."

"Replace the wall on the east side of Garrybreedia Park with an iron railing, so as to further enhance the entrance to Lougrea town."

"Replace the rotted planks on the diving board at Long Point and extend the concrete footpath along the west shore to same diving board."

Motions (a) and (b) were seconded by Comm. O'Brien. Mr. Doyle informed the meeting that estimates for these works will be prepared.

Motion (c) was seconded by Comm. O'Brien. Mr. Doyle stated that he would refer the matter to the County Council to investigate this as it was the County Council that provided this amenity in the first instance.

Traffic at Abbey Street: Comm. Donnellan referred to the difficulty that large vehicles have in trying to approach Main St. via Abbey St. and asked that a diversion sign be provided at Mount Carmel Road. Comm. Donnellan added that the bus drivers find Abbey Terrace the easiest street to travel. Comm. Morgan pointed out that these signs were requested before.

Railway Premises: The proposed sale of part of the old C.I.E. premises at Lougrea was discussed. Comm. Morgan stated that the County Council is investigating the possibility of providing a roadway along the line from Smona to Bride St. and suggested that the Commissioners send a letter to C.I.E. stating that the Commissioners would not try to compel C.I.E. to stand by its undertaking of keeping its option open with regard to the total closure of the Lougrea branch line. Comm. O'Brien pointed out, that with regard to the possibility of providing industry in Lougrea, it would be unfair to relieve C.I.E. from its responsibility.

Complaint: Comm. Donnellan stated that that the farmers are complaining about the number of dogs at Gort Brigade which are alleged to be worrying sheep in the area. Mr. Doyle promised to investigate the matter.

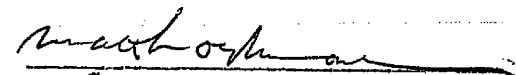
Public Lighting: Comm. Duane stated that he wants 6 more lights at Cosmona and 8 more lights at Galway Road.
Comm. Duane also stated that the coping on one of the pillars at Mount Pleasant burial ground is damaged and he requested that it be repaired. The Town Clerk stated that he would bring the matter to the attention of the Town Engineer.

Tidy Town Competition; Comm. Morgan stated that Lougrea is going to make an all out effort to improve its position in this years Tidy Towns Competition. Comm. Morgan referred to the weighbridge at the Fair Green, pointing out that this weighbridge is now never used and he asked Mr. Doyle to try to have this weigh bridge removed.

Town Pound: Comm. Morgan referred to the location of the town pound, a location which Comm. Morgan considered most unsuitable. Comm. Morgan suggested to Mr. Doyle, that if the County Council find that the site of the old town dump is unsuitable for houses, perhaps the possibility of having the town pound moved to this site might be considered.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 10th day of April, 1978.


Chairman.