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Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 10/4/78.

In the Chair: Comm. Matthew Loughnane, Chairman.
Members Present: Comms. Sean Kelly, James McDonnell, Francis O'Brien, Brendan Donnellan, Patrick J. Duane, Norman Morgan.

In attendance: Messers K. Doyle A/Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, Town Clerk.
Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 13/3/78, 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:

I. A letter from the Chairman of Tuam Town Commissioners, asking for support for the people of Tuam in their fight to save the railway and potato plant, was read to the meeting. The meeting was unanimous in its support for Tuam in its effort to save not alone the future of Tuam but also the future of the west of Ireland. With regard to the three people on hunger strike in Tuam, the Loughrea Town Commissioners were unanimous in their admiration and support for these people, but added that these three people, now having made their point, should be urged to consider giving up their hunger strike.

Environmental Grants: Comm. Morgan referred to the amount of money which is available to the Loughrea Engineering District £12,500 and the problem was to decide where this should be spent. Comm. Morgan added that he would like to propose a vote of thanks to Mr. O'Gorman, Hort. Instructor and Mr. Malone, Town Engineer for their help in assisting with the planting of trees by the Tidy Towns Committee.

Tidy Towns Competition: On the proposition of Comm. O'Brien seconded by Comm. Kelly it was decided to enter Loughrea in the 1978 Tidy Towns Competition. The Town Clerk informed the meeting in order to qualify for a special draw for early entries, he had already entered Loughrea in the competition. Comm. Morgan proposed that in future the Tidy Towns Committee should enter Loughrea in this competition. Comm. O'Brien stated that he thought that the Statuary Body should look after the entry and by so doing they made sure that Loughrea was entered. Comm. Morgan accepted this but proposed that the Secretary of the Tidy Towns Committee, Mr. Michael Dervan Abbey St., should get a copy of any literature referring to Tidy Towns. It was decided to have a full discussion on the Tidy Towns Competition at the next meeting. Comm. Morgan agreed to supply copies of last year's report.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that a special meeting and film show on Tidy Towns will be held in Aras Failte, Galway on the 12/4/78. This special meeting is organised by The Western Regional Tourism Organisation. Comm. Morgan informed the meeting that the Tidy Town Committee will be represented at this meeting.

Abstract of Accounts, 1977: Mr. Doyle in presenting the Abstract of Accounts for 1977 year, stated that expenditure was up by £1982 on the estimate while receipts were up by £4161. Mr. Doyle complimented the Rent Collector on his excellent work during the year. Mr. Doyle referred to the Capital balance and advised that this balance should be left until the Consultants report on Loughrea is prepared. In reply to queries, Mr. Doyle stated that the proposed plan for Loughrea will be presented to the Commissioners when it is ready but he could not say if the consultant would present the report himself or not. On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. McDonnell, the over-expenditure of £1982 was approved.

Long Point: Comm. Morgan asked if some large rock within the swimming area at the Long Point could be removed. The Town Clerk stated that he would refer the matter to the Town Engineer.

Road Signs: Comm. Loughnane asked if it might be possible to have an advance direction sign for Athenry provided at Hanley's Cross, Caverlavine. The Town Clerk stated that he would bring the matter to the attention of the Town Engineer.

Speed Limits: Comms. Morgan, Donnellan and Kelly referred to the position of the speed limit signs around Lougrea. Mr. Doyle informed the meeting that the speed limits were reviewed recently and recommendations will be made to the Garda Authorities. Mr. Doyle stated that he would try to establish what recommendations were made and to have the information for the next meeting. It was agreed to defer any further discussion to the next meeting.

The Walk: Comm. Morgan referred to the practise of greyhound owners bringing their dogs to exercise on The Walk. These dogs Comm. Morgan stated are causing an annoyance and nuisance to other people using The Walk and he appealed to the greyhound owners to stop using 'The Walk' for this purpose.

Votes of Sympathy: On the proposition of Comm. Duane the sympathy of the Board was extended to the relatives of the following on their recent bereavements:

Mrs. Mary Tierney, Galway Road, Lougrea.

Mr. Tom Moylan, Main St., Lougrea.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 8th day of May, 1978.

Matthew Loughane
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Lougrea Town Commissioners held on the 8/5/78.

In the Chair: Comm. Matthew Loughane, Chairman.
Members Present: Comms. James Barrett, Francis O'Brien, Sean Kelly, Brendan Donnellan, Norman Morgan, Patrick J. Duane, James McDonnell.

In Attendance: Messrs K. Doyle Acting Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion T/Clerk.
Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 10/4/78, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct - proposed by Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Kelly.

Matters arising from the minutes:-

1. Comm. Barrett referred to the planting which had taken place recently in the town and asked if some trees might be planted in 'The Walk'. Comm. Morgan stated that trees were planted in 'The Walk' and approximately 21,000 worth of trees were planted by the Tidy Towns Committee with the help of the Asst. County Engineer and the local Horticultural Instructor. The Town Clerk stated that 24 of the 25 trees planted at the Long Point were taken over the week-end.

2. Trespass at Fair Green: Comm. Morgan stated that action must be taken to stop the trespass on the fair green and suggested that the Town Sergeant impound any stock found on the green.

3. Speed Limits: Mr. Doyle informed the meeting of the proposed changes in the location of some of the speed limits in town. It was decided to defer discussion on the speed limits to enable the members to review the overall speed limit situation.

Correspondence: - Resolution from the following Authorities were read:

1. From Kinsale U.D.C.: "That the Minister for the Environment be requested when re-organising Local Government, to ensure that staff continuity in the smaller Urban District Councils be encouraged and maintained."
On the suggestion of Comm. O'Brien this resolution was marked read.

2. From Carrickmacross U.D.C.: a. "That this Council calls upon the Minister of Justice to introduce legislation to alter the age of criminality from 7 years to 15 years."

It was decided not to support this motion - proposed by Comm. O'Brien, seconded by Comm. Morgan.

b. "That this Council views with concern to the erection of a juvenile prison at Blacglion, Co. Cavan and request that the detention of juvenile offenders be approached from a psychiatric point of view, staffed by people specifically trained in child psychology and sited in a location to facilitate easy access by parents and guardians."
On the proposition of Comm. O'Brien, seconded by Comm. Morgan it was decided to support the Minister in the action he has taken.

3. From Killarney U.D.C. "That we, the members of Killarney U.D.C. condemn the Dept. of the Environment for increasing fixed rents on local authority houses and urgently request them to revert to the old fixed rent charges, which will enable Local Authority Tenants to benefit fully from the Scheme of Abolition of Rates on private dwellings."
On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Kelly it was decided to take no action on this motion.

National Wage Agreement, 1978. On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. O'Brien, the 1978 National Wage Agreement was unanimously approved for all employees of the Board.

Tidy Towns Competition: The following points were raised regarding the forthcoming Tidy Towns competition.

a. Comm. Duane referred to the footpath promised last year for Cross Street.
b. Comm. O'Brien referred to abandoned cars and was informed by Mr. Doyle, that the Council would, with the owners consent, remove these cars free of charge.

Litter: Comm. Morgan asked that litter bins be provided out the lake Road and at 'The Walk'. Comm. Morgan stated that he would like to take this opportunity to thank Sister Rose and Mr. O'Grady for allowing the use of the Secondary and Vocational Schools for the showing of a film entitled 'Litter Bug'

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Comm. Morgan asked that the weighbridge at the fair green be removed.

Mr. Doyle stated that he would have the matter investigated.

e) Parks: That the parks at Garrybreedia be levelled and rolled.
f) The Town Clerk was instructed to draw to the attention of the respective owners, the following properties which received unfavourable comment from the adjudicator in the 1977 competition

Irish Base Metals property at Pigott's Street, the I.D.A. for the factory premises at Athenry Road., The E.S.B. for the switch house at the Station Road, the door of the Fire Station, the painting of the town fountains.

Comm. Morgan asked if a person could be put on full time looking after the parks etc. for the next few months. The Asst. Co. Manager pointed out that this could not be done but that the Engineer could be asked to pay extra attention to these places for the next few months.

Vote of Thanks: Comm. Barrett proposed a vote of thanks to the press representative, Mr. J.B. Donohue for the recent excellent talk on Loughrea, which he had delivered to the I.C.A. All present associated themselves with the sentiments expressed by Comm. Barrett.

Motions submitted by Comm. Morgan:

a. "That the E.S.B. be requested to remove their pole which was remained standing, but unused, at the footpath outside Eugene Spelman's house, Lake Road.

This motion was seconded by Comm. O'Brien.

b. "That the single yellow line outside Mr. Morgan's house, Bride St., Loughrea, be changed to a double yellow line and the double yellow line on the opposite side be changed to a single yellow line."

This motion was seconded by Comm. Donnellan.

c. "That the Co. Council be asked to remove the cleanings of the river from the river bank, from the bridge at Hill's Bride St., to Jim O'Dea's bridge - approx. 100 yards."

This motion was seconded by Comm. McDonnell.

Gardaí: Comm. Kelly referred to the fact that no gardaí are available after 2 am and he proposed that the local Superintendent be requested to provide additional gardaí to rectify this. Comm. Morgan seconded.

St. Brendan's Home: Comm. Kelly referred to the disturbances which late arrivals at St. Brendan's home are causing and he proposed that a recommendation be sent to the Western Health Board requesting that people be refused admission to St. Brendan's after a certain hour except on the recommendation of the local gardaí. This proposal was seconded by Comm. O'Brien.

Refuse Collection: On the proposition of Comm. McDonnell seconded by Comm. Kelly it was decided to ask that the refuse collection service, provided by Galway County Council, be extended to serve Masonbrook, Loughrea. It was also decided on the proposition of Comm. McDonnell seconded by Comm. Morgan, to request that the town dump be open on Saturdays.

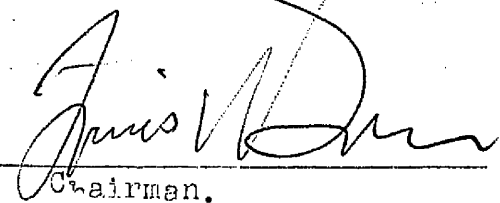
Long Point: Comm. McDonnell asked Mr. Doyle if a temporary toilet could be provided at the Long Point.

Vote of Congratulations: On the proposition of Comm. Loughnane, seconded by Comm. Barrett a vote of congratulations was passed to Messrs Garry Scully, and Eamon Rabbitte on their winning of five County Handball Championships. On the proposition of Comm. O'Brien a vote of congratulations was passed to the St. Raphael's hurlers on reaching the All-Ireland final.

Votes of Sympathy: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Duane, a minute's silence was observed and a vote of sympathy passed with the Shields family, Knockanima, on the death of Vincent P. Shields, a former Chairman of the Board. On the proposition of Comm. Barrett a vote of sympathy was passed to the relatives of the late John Coughlan, Castle St.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 17 day of June, 1978.


Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 12/6/78.

In the Chair: Comm. Matthew Loughnane, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. Norman Morgan, Sean Kelly, Francis O'Brien, Brendan Donnellan, James McDonnell.

In Attendance: Messrs Tom Kavanagh, Acting Co. Sec. a. Marnion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers,

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 8/5/78, copies of which were previously circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Kelly.

Correspondence: The following correspondence was read to the meeting:

B. Parking Areas: The County Council in its letter of the 12/5/78, stated that in view of the limited area, accommodation for about 12 cars, it is not proposed to develop the southern end of the old Boys' School, as it is not capable of expansion at a economic cost.

Comm. Kelly stated that he could not accept this reply and he proposed that the County Council be again asked to investigate the matter and to give an estimate of the cost involved. Comm. Morgan seconded this proposition. The County Council also stated that the narrowing of footpaths in the town is not an answer to the parking problems. This reply was not acceptable to the meeting and it was unanimously decided on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Donnellan, to request the County Council to have the footpath on the north side of Dunkellin Street narrowed and also the footpath opposite the Cathedral at Barrack St.

2. St. Brendan's Home: The Western Health Board in its letter of the 25/5/78, stated that there is an obligation on them to provide accommodation for vagrants, nevertheless the Western Health Board agreed with the sentiments expressed and stated that they will look into the possibility of having late night vagrants admitted to St. Brendan's on Garda certification only.

3. E.S.B. Property: The E.S.B. informed the meeting that the un-used pole at Woodford Road will be removed and that the Transformer Kiosk at Station Road painted. The meeting welcomed this information.

Tidy Towns: The Board was informed by Bord Failte that adjudication had commenced on the 1978 Tidy Towns Competition, and if the Board so wished, any special issue could be brought to the attention of the Adjudicator's attention. Comm. Morgan proposed that the planting of 250 trees around the town should be pointed out to Bord Failte. Comm. Morgan also asked that P.M.P.A. Garage be asked to tidy its premises at Pigott's St., To mark the occasion of the 21st year of the Tidy Towns Competition, Bord Failte presented a commemorative scroll to each town and village competing. It was unanimously decided to have the Loughrea scroll framed and displayed at the local County Council office.

Speed Limits: It was decided to recommend the following adjustments in the existing speed limits:

Ballinasloe Road: 40 M.P.H. sign at existing town name sign.

Cosmona: 30 MPH sign just north of entrance to the 27 houses at Cosmona.

Athenry Road: 30 M.P.H. sign at house owned by Mr. W?, Collins.

Port Road: 30 M.P.H. at the town boundary

Woodford Road: 40 M.P.H. at entrance to car-park at the Long Point,

30 M.P.H. 100 yards south of entrance to St. Brendan's Home.

Tynagh Road: 40 M.P.H. at east wall of the new cemetery,

30 M.P.H. 200 yards on the town side of the new cemetery.

Javeronaun Road: 30 M.P.H. north of house owned by Mr. John Quinn.

Comm. Morgan proposed that the County Council be asked to examine with a view to providing, the use of speed ramps on roads through housing estates.

Comm. O'Brien referred to the speed at which the Fire Brigade is driven when it is going to and returning from fires and added that while he appreciated the need for urgency in going to a fire, he felt that the driver of the

Fire Brigade should not abuse his privilege when he is returning to base. Comm. Morgan stated that they appreciated that Loughrea was the best fire fighting unit in the country, however he felt that it would be a pity to spoil their good record by maiming or killing some child while rushing in their private cars to the fire station. The other members present agreed with the sentiments expressed by Comm. Morgan and O'Brien. Mr. Kavanagh stated that the fire engine answering a call is exempt from speed limits, but he did not think that cars driven by firemen were exempt. Mr. Kavanagh said he would mention the matter to the Asst. County Manager.

Pedestrian Crossing: On the proposition of Comm. Donnellan, seconded by Comm. Kelly, it was decided to request the Gardai to recommend a pedestrian crossing in the vicinity of the Post Office at Main Street.

Corner at Athenry Road: On the suggestion of Comm. Morgan it was decided to request the County Council to have a 'Black Spot' and Dangerous Bend sign erected covering the dangerous bent at the junction of Mount Carmel Crescent with Athenry Road, the scene of a number of fatal accidents.

Date of Annual Meeting: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. McDonnell it was decided to hold the Annual Meeting on July 10th next, in conjunction with the monthly meeting of the Board.

Entrance to Green: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Kelly it was decided to request another entrance to the Green opposite 'Ma's Booreen'. Municipal Authorities: It was decided to increase the annual subscription to the Association of Municipal Authorities to £30 per annum as requested, on the proposition of Comm. O'Brien seconded by Comm. Kelly.

Draft Plan: The Town Clerk stated that the draft plan for Loughrea is available for inspection at the local County Council Office. Mr. Kavanagh informed the meeting that copies of the plan can be obtained at £1.50 for the town plans and £3.00 for the County plan. Mr. Kavanagh agreed to make one copy of the plan available for the use of the members.

Loughrea Regional Water Supply Scheme: The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the Town Commissioners were informed by the County Council that it is proposed to use the lake as the source of supply for the aforementioned water scheme and it is proposed to take a maximum of 2.7 million gallons of water per day from the lake. Objections to the scheme can be made up to the 14th July next. On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. O'Brien it was decided that the Town Commissioners would raise no objection to the proposed scheme.

La Salle Brothers: Comm. Loughnane referred to the fact that Brother Declan was the first Brother to teach in the national school was now retired and returned to Loughrea. Comm. Loughnane suggested that the occasion be fittingly honoured. It was decided to defer the matter.

Letter Box at Westbridge: Comm. Donnellan proposed that letter box at the West Bridge be replaced.

Town Crest: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Donnellan it was decided to allow the Loughrea Rugby Club to use the Town Crest on their letter heads and in future any other club wishing to use this crest could apply for permission to do so.

Long Point: Comm. McDonnell asked when are the temporary toilets going to be provided at the Long Point. Mr. Kavanagh stated that he would mention the matter to the Asst. County Manager.

Parking Signs: It was decided on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Kelly to request that the 'No-Parking' signs at the junction of Bride St./Moore St. be removed as they are causing an obstruction. It was also pointed out that the 'Trout Fishing' sign at Moore St/Barrack St. junction is obscured.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 10th day of July, 1978.

James O'Donnell
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the Annual Meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 10/7/78.

In the Chair: Comm. Matthew Loughnane, Chairman, (Outgoing)
Members Present: Comms. James Barrett, James McDonnell, Francis O'Brien, Sean Kelly, Norman Morgan, Brendan Donnellan, Patrick O'Loughlin.

In Attendance: Messers John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion Town Clerk

Election of Chairman: The outgoing Chairman, Comm. Loughnane stated that he was honoured to have held the position of Chairman for the past year and he would like to express his thanks to everyone who had helped and co-operated with him during the year. Comm. Loughnane added that he would like to take the opportunity to welcome back Mr. John Howlett as Asst. County Manager. All present associated themselves with Comm. Loughnane's remarks.
Comm. Loughnane then invited propositions for the position of Chairman: Comm. Francis O'Brien was proposed by Comm. Loughnane and seconded by Comm. Morgan. As there were no other proposals, Comm. O'Brien was declared elected. Comm. O'Brien stated that he was proud to accept the position as Chairman of the Loughrea Town Commissioners as the Commissioners are the democratic voice of the people of Loughrea. Comm. O'Brien in thanking his proposer, his seconder and the members for accepting him, appealed for the co-operation of everybody for the coming year.

Election of Vice-Chairman: Comm. Barrett was proposed by Comm. Morgan but got no seconder. Comm. O'Loughlin was proposed by Comm. O'Brien and seconded by Comm. Kelly. Comm. O'Loughlin was then declared elected. Comm. O'Loughlin thanked his proposer and seconder. Comm. Barrett thanked Comm. Morgan for proposing him.

Election of Delegate to Fire Brigades Advisory Committee: On the proposition of Comm. Kelly seconded by Comm. Donnellan, Comm. O'Loughlin was unanimously re-elected as delegate to the Fire Brigades Advisory Committee.

Comm. Morgan referred to the recent retirement of Mr. Thomas Holland, Cosmona, as Chief Fire Officer in Loughrea. Comm. Morgan in paying tribute to Mr. Holland, referred to the wonderful service which Mr. Holland had given in the fire service in Loughrea and to the many successes which the Loughrea Civil Defence team had under Mr. Holland's leadership. The members and officials present joined with Comm. Morgan in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Holland many years of happiness in retirement.

This concluded the business of the Annual Meeting.

Signed this the 10th day of September, 1978.

Chairman.

James McDonnell

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Minutes of proceedings at the Monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 10/7/78.

In the Chair: Comm. Francis O'Brien, Chairman.
Members Present: Comms. Matthew Loughnane, Sean Kelly, James McDonnell, Patrick O'Loughlin, Brendan Donnellan, Norman Morgan and James Barrett.
In Attendance: Messers J. Howlett Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Tidy Towns Competition: The meeting was pleased to learn that Loughrea has been included in the short list of towns from which the winners in this year's Competition will be decided. Comm. Loughnane made a special appeal to the people to maintain their efforts.

Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland: The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland will be held in Sligo on September 19th, 20th and 21st and that motions for same should be submitted not later than 16th August next.

It was decided to send the following motions:

1. "That members of all local authorities including Town Commissioners, Urban District Councillors and Corporation Members, be granted a Senate vote."

Above proposed by Comm. Loughnane, seconded by Comm. Donnellan

2. "That the income tax allowances for widows and widowers be increased to equal the amount allowed to a married person."

Above proposed by Comm. O'Brien and seconded by Comm. Barrett.

3. "That the means test for old age pensions be abolished"

This motion was proposed by Comm. Kelly and seconded by Comm. O'Brien.

A motion proposed by Comm. Morgan - "That Old Age Pension Committees be abolished" got no seconder.

Comm. Loughnane asked that the meeting go into 'Committee' and proceeded to relate to the meeting that some employers are deducting the amount of the social welfare pension from the pension of retired employees. This was a trend which Comm. Loughnane thought should not be encouraged.

Vagrants at St. Brendan's Home: Comm. O'Brien referred to a discussion that had taken place at a previous meeting and pointed out that he may have given the impression that he was speaking about people from Loughrea who were collecting social assistance in other towns. In fact Comm. O'Brien was referring to people from other towns who collected assistance in these towns, come to Loughrea, spend the money, get stranded and finish up spending the night in St. Brendan's.

Tennis Club: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan, a vote of congratulations was unanimously passed with the Loughrea Tennis Club on the re-opening of their tennis grounds.

Long Point: In reply to Comm. Morgan, the Town Clerk stated that the planks are being provided at the Long Point.

In reply to Comm. McDonnell, Mr. Howlett said that he will investigate the possibility of having toilets provided at the Long Point and report back to the next meeting

The meeting then terminated.

Signed this the 10th day of September, 1978.

Chairman.

J. McDonnell

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Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 18/9/78.
Present: Comms. James McDonnell, Brendan Donnellan, Norman Morgan, Patrick J. Duane and later Patrick O'Loughlin.

Chairman: In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Comm. McDonnell was moved to the Chair on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Donnellan. The Vice-Chairman later arrived but did not take the Chair.
In Attendance: Messers John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, T/Clerk.
Apology: The Town Clerk informed the meeting that Comm. O'Brien was attending the Annual Meeting of the Assoc. of Municipal Authorities and that Comm. Barrett had also asked to be excused from to-nights meeting.

Minutes: The minutes of the Annual Meeting and the Monthly Meeting, both of which were held on the 10/7/78, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Donnellan.

Public Toilet at Long Point: Arising from the minutes, Mr. Howlett stated that he had investigated the possibility of having toilets provided at the Long Point. The Directors of Tynagh were not favourably disposed to making land available for a septic tank in this area. The engineering officials are not anxious to have effluent discharged into the lake but support the idea of having the sewage pumped back to the public sewer at St. Brendan's and will consider same in next year's estimates. Comm. Morgan considered this reply satisfactory while Comm. McDonnell and Donnellan thought that a septic tank emptied occasionally during the season, would suffice. Mr. Howlett added that he would pursue the matter.

Parking: The County Council in its letter of the 18/7/78, confirmed that it was not favourably disposed to the removal of mature trees at Barraek Street to develop a car-park to accommodate 12 cars at an estimated cost of £900, nor was it favourably disposed to reducing the width of the footpath at Dunkellin Street. With regard to Barraek Street, between Church St. and Figott St., an estimate will be prepared for the narrowing of this path and will be considered at the preparation of the 1979 Estimates.
Comm. McDonnell referred to the number of motorist who were summoned for parking illegally while attending matches in the G.A.A. pitch last Sunday and added that he considered it unfair to have the law enforced in such a rigid manner. Comm. Donnellan agreed with Comm. McDonnell. Comm. Morgan in agreeing added that the people responsible were the people who had this field divided, without giving any thought to the problem of parking.
Comm. O'Loughlin stated that there was room for more cars in the Snow Field.

People of the Year Awards: The Rehabilitation Institute informed the meeting that their 'People of the Year' Award Presentation will take place on the 30th November and that nominations will be received up to the 31st October. It was agreed that if any nomination was forthcoming it could be made at the next meeting.

The following resolution from Ballyswannon T.C. was considered:
"That we the Ballyswannon Town Commissioners agree that all Town Commissioners in Ireland should be asked for their comments if it would be possible or practicable to convene a meeting to discuss common problems and adopt a common approach in overcoming them."

It was the opinion of the meeting that such a gathering could prove no benefit at the present time.

Tennis Club: A letter from Mr. Vincent Barber of the Loughrea Tennis Club seeking additional ground for the further development of the Tennis Club was read. The area of ground sought by the Tennis Club was the parcel of ground between the tennis courts and the playing area adjoining the Green. While all of the members present were generous in their praise of the work carried out by the Tennis Club in the past season, it was however the feeling of the meeting that the parcel of ground now sought by the Tennis Club, should be retained for further development of the Playground.
On the proposition of Comm. Morgan Seconded by Comm. Donnellan, it was agreed

to offer the parcel of land on the west end of the tennis grounds to the Tennis Club for further development. It was also agreed to get the Town Engineer to have a look at this ground.

Wage Increase - Relativity Claim: In conjunction with the recent award to wage earners employed in Local Authorities, it was decided on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. McDonnell to grant an increase of 7.28% to the Sewool Warden with effect from the 1/3/78.

Purchase Scheme for Houses Owned by Loughrea Town Commissioners: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. McDonnell, the following house purchase scheme was adopted:

Henry Road 1 house, Gross Price £3841: Nett Price £1389.
Lakeside 2 houses, Gross Price £8465: Nett Price £4625.
Galway Road: 1 house, Gross Price £7890: Nett Price £4223.
Blam Mellows Terrace: 3 houses. Gross Price £9316 Nett Price £5221.
Mount Carmel Crescent: 5 houses. Gross Price £8143. Nett Price £4400.

Tidy Towns Competition: On the suggestion of Comm. Morgan it was agreed to refer discussion on the Adjudicator's Report on the 1978 Tidy Towns Competition.

Gravestones from St. Brendan's Home: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Donnellan, it was decided to request the Western Health Board and Galway County Council, to have the individual graves of inmates of St. Brendan's Home, who are buried in Mount Pleasant, clearly marked, so that relatives and friends could in later years visit the graves.

Road through the Green: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. McDonnell, it was decided to request the County Council to close the road from Mahoney's Bridge through the Fair Green.

Housing: In reply to Comm. O'Loughlin, Mr. Howlett stated that it is hoped to have the 24 houses at Pollroebuck completed within the next few weeks. On the proposition of Comm. Morgan, seconded by Comm. McDonnell it was decided to request the County Council not to build any more houses on the Pollroebuck Housing Estate.

Loughrea Group Water Scheme: Comm. Morgan stated that the proposed water scheme is held up at present as a result of objectors, which include Loughrea Anglers. Comm. Morgan added that he considered it wrong that people are denied their basic right to water by part-time fishermen. Comm. O'Loughlin agreed with the sentiments expressed by Comm. Morgan.

Town Crest: The Town Crest was on display for the members. It was agreed that the Town Clerk could make the crest available to clubs and organisations within the town, but that any application which the Town Clerk considers controversial should be considered by a meeting of the Board.

Note of Sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended to the O'Rourke family, Arca Bar, Loughrea, on the tragic death of their son.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 9th day of October, 1978.

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In the Chair: Comm. Francis O'Brien, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. James Barrett, Matthew Loughane, James-McDonnell, Patrick J. Duane, Brendan Donnellan and Norman Morgan.

In Attendance: Messers John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 8/9/78, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. McDonnell, seconded by Comm. Donnellan.

Tidy Towns Report: The 1978 Tidy Towns report was considered by the meeting. Loughrea having increased its markings by 5 marks, finished 3rd in its group. Litter again proved a problem and it was agreed that pre emphasis be placed in an anti-litter campaign next year. Comm. Morgan referred to the showing of an anti-litter film in the schools last year and on his suggestion, it was agreed that a copy of the Adjudicator's Report be sent to each of the schools.

Loughrea Group Water Scheme: Comm. O'Brien referred to the minutes of the last meeting and commented on Comm. Morgan's reference to the Loughrea Anglers as part-time fishermen. Comm. O'Brien stated that this was most unfair of Comm. Morgan as it gave the impression that the anglers were making money from the lake where in fact the anglers put more into the lake than they get back out. Comm. O'Brien asked Comm. Morgan to withdraw his remarks regarding the anglers. Comm. Barrett stated that he had read on the Tribune that the Anglers Association had objected to the proposed water scheme and he had got the impression that the anglers were the only objectors, he now saw from the minutes that the Loughrea Anglers Association were one of the objectors. Comm. Barrett added that the Anglers Association had no objection to the whole country getting water provided that the amenities which the lake provided for the community are safeguarded. Comm. Morgan stated that he would not withdraw his remarks, he had no recollection of using the term 'part-time fishermen' but accepted the minutes as correct. Comm. Morgan added that we are all proud of the development of the lake but if we were forced to choose between the provision of sport or the provision of the basic rights of the people we would have to choose the latter. Comm. Donnellan thought that a public enquiry should be held at which the County Council could explain the position. Mr. Howlett explained that the proposal is going through the normal channels, there are quite a number of objectors and if these objectors cannot be satisfied locally, then the Minister will have to hold a public enquiry at which all objectors can be represented.

Decentralisation of Government Departments: Comm. Loughane referred to the decentralisation of some Government Departments and added that he thought that Loughrea should be making moves to secure a Department or a section of a Department. Comm. Morgan referred to the moving of part of the Land Project office from Loughrea to Galway and he thought that this should not be accepted. On the proposition of Comm. Loughane seconded by Comm. O'Brien it was decided to write to Mr. Tom. Hussey, T.D. Minister for State, conveying the feelings of the meeting to him.

County Committee of Agriculture: Comm. Morgan referred to the fact that the local County Committee of Agriculture office hours are 9/30 am to 10/15 a.m. He proposed that the County Committee of Agriculture be requested to provide some clerical assistant during normal working hours. Comm. O'Brien seconded this proposition.

Tennis Grounds: In reply to Comm. Donnellan, the Town Clerk stated that he had written to the Tennis Club regarding the acquisition by them of additional land, but so far he had not got a reply.

Lakeside Plan: Mr. Howlett in reply to Comm. Morgan, stated that Consultants are appointed for the proposed lakeside plan for Loughrea.

Street Name Plates: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. O'Brien, it was decided to request the County Council to erect street name plates in Loughrea.

Toilets at Long Point: In reply to Comm. Barrett, Mr. Howlett stated that he has nothing further to say regarding the provision of toilets at the Long Point until after the County Estimates Meeting. It was pointed out to Mr. Howlett that the members were in favour of making Commissioners funds available if necessary.

Road Race: Comm. O'Brien congratulated the local athletic club on the outstanding success of the International Road Race but deplored the fact that R.T.E. saw fit not to send a television camera to Loughrea. Comm. Morgan in agreeing with Comm. O'Brien also praised the appearance of the Minister for Defence, Mr. Robert Molloy, T.D. in the Fun Race.

All Ireland Championship: On the proposition of Comm. Barrett, Messers Samon Rabbitte and Gerry Scully were congratulated on winning their All-Ireland Handball Championship.

2nd. Channel R.T.E.: Comm. Donnellan condemned R.T.E. for leaving the west of Ireland without a second channel.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 13th day of November, 1978.

B Donnellan
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 13/11/78.

In the Chair: At the commencement of the meeting both the Chairman and Vice-Chairman were absent. Comm. Donnellan was moved to the Chair on the proposition of Comm. Barrett seconded by Comm. Duane.

Members Present: Comms. James Barrett, Patrick J. Duane and subsequently Comms. Sean Kelly, Matthew Loughnane, Patrick O'Loughlin, James McDonnell, and Norman Morgan.

In Attendance: Messrs Kevin Doyle, Acting Asst. Co. Manager, Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk and Mr. Vincent Barber, Chairman, Loughrea Tennis Club.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Tennis Club: The meeting decided to wear Mr. Barber's request for additional ground on the eastern end of the existing tennis courts, before proceeding with the rest of the meeting.

Mr. Barber in thanking the Board for receiving him and for the help and encouragement it had given over the past year, stated that the ground on the eastern end was more suitable and would not require as much filling, the main advantages being: (a) the court would cost approximately £1,000 less to provide on the east end than on the west end and (b) if the ground on the east end was made available to the tennis club, an additional court would be available to the children of the town in the coming season, whereas if the ground on the western end was used, due to costs and additional work, the extra court would not be ready for the coming season.

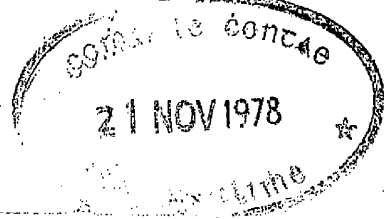
Mr. Barber after thanking the meeting for wearing him, left the meeting. The matter was discussed later at the meeting and Mr. Doyle stated that he would check with the overall plan for the lake shore and report back to the Board. In view of the area of land required 25' by 43', Comm. McDonnell felt that the tennis club should be accommodated and he proposed that the land be given, the proposition was seconded by Comm. Barrett.

Apology: The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the Chairman, Comm. O'Brien, was attending another meeting in Galway and could not be present.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 9/10/78, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Loughnane, seconded by Comm. McDonnell. Initially Comm. Barrett objected to the signing of the minutes asking why there was no reference to his allegation that Comm. Morgan had told Mr. Sean Sweeney, Chairman of the Loughrea Anglers Association, that he Comm. Morgan had told people to object to the proposed Group Water Scheme, which allegation Comm. Morgan had denied. Comm. Barrett added that in the press report of the meeting he was quoted as accusing Comm. Morgan of telling Mr. Sweeney to object to the proposed scheme. The Town Clerk in reply to Comm. Barrett stated that he was obliged to record decisions taken by the Board and as the accusation or denial referred to had no bearing on any decision taken by the meeting he had chosen to omit both from the minutes. In reply to Comm. Barrett, the Town Clerk stated that the minutes are copied in Galway. Mr. Doyle stated that while not wishing to stop the Commissioners from discussing anything effecting Loughrea, he thought the proposed water scheme had got a good hearing and he suggested that the matter be dropped and allowed to proceed through normal channels. In reply to Comm. O'Loughlin, Mr. Doyle stated that the scheme is a County Council scheme. The minutes were then signed as correct.

County Committee of Agriculture: The Chief Agricultural Officer in his letter of the 20/10/78, stated that the Dept. of Agriculture have refused to sanction the appointment of a Clerical Assistant in any sub office.

Government Decentralisation: The Board's request to Mr. Tom. Hussey, T.D. Minister of State, for the resiting of a Government Department in Loughrea was acknowledge.



Toilets at Long Point: Mr. Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, informed the meeting by letter dated 13/10/78, that he had made further investigations about the construction of toilets at the Long Point. Mr. Howlett pointed out that he would be absent from the November meeting due to annual leave but he hoped to have information for the December meeting.

Travelling Expenses: Travelling Expenses for Officers of the Board, as set out in Circular Letter E.L.22/78 was approved by the Board on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Loughnane.

Estimates Meeting: It was unanimously decided to hold the Annual Estimates Meeting on Monday 27th November, 1978 at 7 p.m.

C.I.E. Service: Comm. Donnellan referred to the change in the schedule in buses going from Loughrea to Dublin and stated that it is not now possible to make the return journey from Loughrea to Dublin in the one day using the public transport. The meeting was unanimous in its condemnation of this arrangement especially in view of the assurances given when the Loughrea branch line was closed. It was unanimously decided to demand a meeting with the Area Manager of C.I.E. to discuss the matter.

Public Lighting: On the proposition of Comm. Duane, seconded by Comm. Morgan it was decided to recommend that two additional public lights be provided at Bowercom, Loughrea.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 11 day of December, 1978.

Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the Estimates Meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 27/II/78.

In the Chair: Comm. Francis O'Brien, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. James McDonnell, Brendan Donnellan, James Barrett, Patrick O'Loughlin, Norman Morgan.

In Attendance: Messers J. Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, Town Clerk.
Meeting opened with prayers.

In accordance with Sections 9 and 10 of the County and City Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Mr. Howlett submitted the Estimate for the 1979 Financial Year, copies of the Estimate were previously distributed to each member. Mr. Howlett pointed out that Local Authorities had not received any directives from the Government regarding increased expenditure but proposed increase of 10% should be within the new guide lines. With regard to the expenditure on Parks and Playgrounds, Mr. Howlett informed Comm. McDonnell that the overall plan for the lake shore is not prepared, however with regard to the provision of toilets at the Long Point, Mr. Howlett said that he saw prefab structures that are suitable if the problem of sewage disposal can be overcome. Mr. Howlett added that he had taken up this matter with the County Engineer and had stressed that the toilets are urgently needed. Comm. Morgan asked if the car-park at the Long Point could be marked out, a suggestion that received a mixed reaction. Comm. Barrett suggested a second entrance to the car-park. It was agreed to ask the Town Engineer to report on the matter.

Comm. Barrett asked if the County Council could be requested to give more attention to 'The Walk' and Comm. Morgan asked that the tress broken in the various areas around the town be replaced.

This concluded the discussion on the Estimates and on the proposition of Comm. McDonnell seconded by Comm. Donnellan the following were resolved:

1. That the Estimate of Expenses of the Loughrea Town Commissioners for the Financial Year ending 31/12/79, 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 £702 for the Financial Year ending 31/12/79 and that the Form of Demand be signed by the Chairman and Town Clerk.

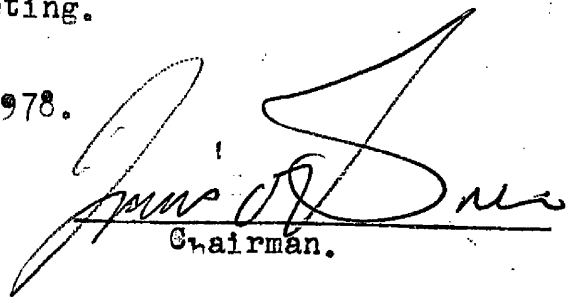
The Form of Estimate and the Form of Demand were then signed by the Chairman and Town Clerk.

Comm. O'Brien said that he would like to take this opportunity to thank the Town Clerk for the efficient manner in which he handles the affairs of the Board for a very small financial award. Mr. Howlett and members present associated themselves with the Chairman's remarks.

Congratulations: On the proposition of Comm. Donnellan, seconded by Comm. Barrett, the Loughrea Choral and Dramatic Society was congratulated on its outstanding presentation of 'Anne Get Your Gun.'

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the *14* day of December, 1978.


Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 11/12/78.

In the Chair: Comm. Francis O'Brien, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. Patrick O'Loughlin, Sean Kelly, James Barrett, Patrick J. Duane, Brendan Donnellan, Norman Morgan.

In Attendance: Messers John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, Alexis Marmion, T/Clerk.
Meeting opened with prayers;

Minutes: The minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 13/II/78 and the Estimates Meeting held on the 27/II/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.
Matters arising from the minutes:

Tennis Club: The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the additional ground required by the Tennis Club is 25 yards by 40 yards and not 25' by 40' as stated by the tennis club representative at the last meeting. It was decided to defer the matter pending the outcome of the tennis club's planning application.

Comprehensive School: Mr. Howlett informed the meeting that he could not trace planning permission for a comprehensive school which allowed use of a septic tank. Mr. Howlett pointed out that if the work is going to be carried out directly by the Dept. of Education it would be ~~an~~ exempt from planning permission. The matter was deferred to see if Comm. McDonnell could add any further information.

Government Decentralization: A letter from Mr. R. McSharry, T.D. Minister of State at the Department of the Public Services to Mr. Tom Hussey T.D. Minister of State at the Dept. of Agriculture, regarding the Loughrea Town Commissioners representation about decentralization of Government Departments, was read to the meeting.

C.I.E. Services: The Town Clerk informed the meeting that he had arranged for Mr. MacGiolla Ri, Area Manager, C.I.E. Galway to attend a special meeting on the 18/12/78 at 8 p.m. for the purpose of discussing C.I.E. services in the Loughrea district. It was agreed to invite representatives from the Chamber of Commerce and from St. Raphael's secondary school and Loughrea Vocational School to the meeting.

Parking Regulations: Comm. O'Brien referred to the regulation prohibiting angle parking at Main Street and added that he was approached by a local trader who was summoned for parking at a slight angle to the footpath because the entrance to his yard was blocked, this was the 6th occasion that this person had got a ~~xxx~~ parking ticket. It was decided to write to the local Garda Superintendent to find out what the objection is to angle parking.

Sale of Houses: In reply to Comm. Morgan, the Town Clerk stated that he had not to date received a written application for house purchase under the present scheme. Mr. Howlett in reply to Comm. Morgan, stated that people wishing to purchase their houses over a short period could be accommodated.

Mount Pleasant Burial Ground: Comm. O'Brien informed the meeting that he was informed by Mr. W. Gately, caretaker Mount Pleasant Burial Ground that graves are ~~indist~~ identifiable by numbers and can now be traced. Comm. O'Brien added that Mr. Gately is to be complimented for clearing up this matter.

County Committee of Agriculture; On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. O'Brien it was decided to call on the Minister for Agriculture to provide a Clerical Assistant in the Co. Committee of Agriculture Office in Loughrea.

Disposal of former Town Dump: Mr. Howlett informed the meeting that the County Council is prepared to acquire the site of the old town dump for housing. The County Council had the land valued and the price of £4,570 was recommended by the valuer. Mr. Howlett pointed out that in accordance with the Local Government Act, 1946 it is necessary to give members 10 days notice of the proposed sale and therefore a decision could not be taken on the matter until the January meeting. Comms Barrett and O'Loughlin thought that the price offered was not realistic. Comms. Morgan and O'Brien thought that as the land was proposed to be used for housing needs in Lougrea, the price was not important. Mr. Howlett pointed out that the Tuam Town Commissioners had made prime building land available to the County Council at a low price.

Houses at Pollroebuck: Mr. Howlett referred to the objections raised by the members to the housing density at Pollroebuck and the County Council's proposal to erect more houses there. Mr. Howlett stated that the open spaces and house density conformed with the Department guide lines. Mr. Howlett stated that the County Council propose to build a further 20 houses on the site and produced the drawings of same. Comm. Morgan proposed and Comm. O'Brien seconded that the two blocks of 4 houses be constructed as houses for the elderly. Comm. Morgan assured Mr. Howlett that no other objections would be raised and that the plans could proceed to the contract stage.

Serviced Sites: In reply to Comm. Morgan, Mr. Howlett stated that he would enquire as to when serviced sites might be available at O'Connors land in St. Laurencesfields.

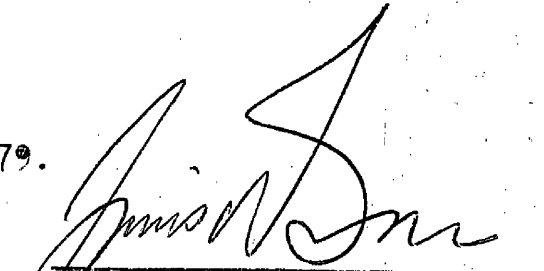
Overall Plan for Lougrea: Mr. Howlett stated that the overall plan for Lougrea was with the consultants and he would enquire to see what the position is for the next night.

Monument: Comm. Barrett referred to the excellent show just finished in Lougrea and to the badminton tournament at present taking place in the Temperance Hall, events made possible by the work of one man, the late Fr. O'Callaghan. Comm. Barrett added that he was saddened that the only monument to the memory of the late Fr. O'Callaghan was at his grave in the Cathedral Grounds.

Thanks: Comm. Duane thank the local clergy for looking after the people and wished them a very happy Christmas.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 8th day of January, 1979.


Chairman.

minutes of special meeting held on the 18/12/78 to discuss C.I.E. services in Lougrea.

In the Chair: Comm. Francis O'Brien, Chairman Lougrea Town Commissioners.
Present: Comms. James McDonnell, Sean Kelly, Patrick O'Loughlin, James Barrett, Brendan Donnellan, Norman Morgan and Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.
Chamber of Commerce Members: Messers Gerard McInerney, Gerard Dervan, Mrs. T.J. Beatty and J.E. Donohue.

School Representatives: Messers Seamus O'Grady, Patrick Donohue and Sisters Aiden and Imelda.

C.I.E. Messers G. MacGiolla Ri, Area Manager, L. Tierney Road Passenger Manager. At the outset Comm. O'Brien welcomed everybody to the meeting and stated that the reason for the meeting was that Lougrea is not satisfied with the services at present provided by C.I.E.

Lougrea/Dublin Service: Comm. Donnellan stated that due to recent changes in the Lougrea/Dublin service it is not now possible to make the return trip to Dublin on the same day. Mr. MacGiolla Ri stated that economics necessiated a change and as there was no demand for the service that was in existance, C.I.E. had decided to change the schedule. It was pointed out to Mr. MacGiolla Ri that the reason there was no demand was because of the difficulties experienced on the return trip in getting a connection to Lougrea. Comm. O'Brien gave details of C.I.E. having to provide a taxi from Athlone for himself and another passenger, while a letter from Sister Declan giving details of her frustration was also read. The problem was discussed at length and it was the general opinion of the meeting that C.I.E. should provide a direct service to Lougrea from the 8/25 p.m. train in Ballinasloe.

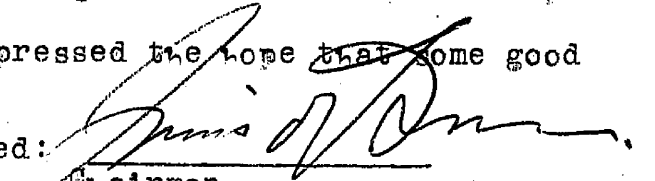
School Buses: The Chairman pointed out that complaints were made by residents in the area where students are collected each evening and asked if anything could be done about it. Mr. MacGiolla Ri stated that C.I.E. would be only too glad to fall in with any suggestion acceptable to the local community. However after much discussion no other acceptable pick up point could be agreed on. The cause of the problem was that buses had to make two trips and one load had to wait around while the bus was away. Mr. O'Grady suggested that the larger group of students be brought home first. Mr. Tierney pointed out that it would take longer to deliver the larger group but that he would look into the suggestion. Mr. O'Grady also referred to students from the unsandle area and was invited by Mr. MacGiolla Ri to contact them if he had any specific case in mind.

Freight Service: Mr. McInerney and Comm. Morgan expressed dissatisfaction with the length of time it takes to get goods per C.I.E. freight service. Mr. MacGiolla Ri stated that all freight goes through the depot in Dublin, C.I.E. is very much aware of the difficulties in this area and are at present working on them.

Morning Bus to Galway: Comm. Morgan suggested that C.I.E. should provide a bus on week mornings to convey the workers to Galway and was supported by Comm. Donnellan. Mr. Tierney stated that an effort was previously made to organise such a bus but it failed. The Town Clerk stated that despite announcements in the local churches and in the local paper, there was a very poor response, the greatest difficulty being the proposed time of the bus.

Mr. MacGiolla Ri thanked the members for meeting him and said he will report back early in the new year. Comm. O'Brien thanked all for coming and expressed the hope that some good would come from this meeting.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed: 
Chairman.

Date: 8/1/79

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Lougrea Town Commissioners held on the 8/1/79.

In the Chair: Comm. Francis O'Brien, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. James Barrett, Sean Kelly, Norman Morgan, Brendan Donnellan, James McDonnell, Matthew Loughane, Patrick J. Duane, and Patrick O'Loughlin.

In Attendance: Messers John Howlett Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, Town Clerk. Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the meetings held on the 11/12/78 and 18/12/78, copies of which were previously circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Kelly.

County Committee of Agriculture: The meeting was informed by the Dept. of Agriculture that the employment of clerical staff at Committees' sub-offices is not considered an economic proposition at present and regrets that it cannot sanction the employment of a clerical assistant in Lougrea. On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. O'Brien it was decided to request the Chief Agricultural Officer to ensure that somebody is present in the Lougrea Office for the full day on Mondays and Thursdays, i.e. the day in which the mart is held in Lougrea.

Parking: The meeting was informed by the local Garda Superintendent that angle parking is not considered suitable for Main Street as it would involve vehicles having to reverse out onto the Main Street. Comms. Morgan and O'Brien felt that if it is safe to have this type of parking in Ballinasloe it should be safe to have it also in Lougrea. Comm. Morgan wondered if this type of parking is legal in Ballinasloe. Comm. Donnellan stated that he agreed that it is very dangerous to reverse out onto the Main Street and unless people drove out, accidents were bound to happen.

Housing: Mr. Howlett referred to the plans for additional houses at Pollroebuck Estate and stated that since the last meeting residents of Athenry Road had met the Council Officials and had objected to the proposed additional houses. The Architect was present and had heard the objections and as a result, was having another look at the plans. Comm. Morgan stressed the need to have the houses for the old people as near to town as possible and asked Mr. Howlett to keep this in mind. Further discussion was deferred pending receipt of the Architect's plans. Comm. Barrett asked if any provision was made for a telephone kiosk in the area. Comm. Morgan stated that the County Council had done all in its power to get a kiosk but the Dept. for Post & Telegraphs is not prepared to sanction a kiosk unless the Council guarantees a minimum revenue. The Town Clerk was instructed to enquire from the County Secretary what the minimum revenue is.

Sale of Old Town Dump Site: Mr. Howlett informed the meeting that he had got a County Council Engineer to inspect the site of the old town dump, i.e. 3.047 acres situated at St. Laurences Fields, Lougrea. The site in question was partially filled ground, not prime building ground but nevertheless suitable for housing. The value put on the site by the County Council Engineer was £4,570. Comm. Loughane wondered if the County Council could give a guarantee that only people from the town would be housed there. Comm. O'Brien stated that the County Council could hardly give such a guarantee but usually the vast majority of the people housed are from the town. Comm. Morgan suggested that the site be used to provide serviced sites. On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Kelly it was decided to sell the land in question to Galway County Council for £4,570 for housing purposes.

Flooding at Old Galway Road: On the suggestion of Comm. Duane, the Town Clerk undertook to take up the question of flooding on the Old Galway Road, with the Town Engineer.

Auditor's Report: Mr. Howlett presented the Auditor's report for the 4 years ended 31/12/77 to the meeting. In reply to Comm. Loughane, Mr. Howlett stated that the capital project referred to in the report was the proposed toilets at the Long Point. Mr. Howlett added that he had got agreement from the County Manager and the County Engineer to have this item included in the 1979 Estimates, whether it is approved or not is a matter for the County Council.

Voting Register: Comm. Morgan stated that he wish to protest in the strongest manner against the mis-leading television add covering peoples' right to vote. The add states that people 18 years and over have a right to vote whereas people who are 18 on or before the 15th April, 1979 have the right to vote. It was agreed to bring this matter to the attention of the Minister for the Environment.

Vote of Sympathy: On the proposition of Comm. Loughane, a vote of sympathy was unanimously passed with the Bantry Town Commissioners on the recent tragedy at Whiddy Island.

Transfer of Government Departments: Comm. Loughane stated that he had read recently of the proposed decentralisation of 3 Government Departments and he thought that Lougrea should press ahead with its plans to get one of them to come to Lougrea. It was decided to invite the Chamber of Commerce to the next meeting to discuss the matter.

Vote of Congratulations: Comm. Barrett stated that he would like to congratulate the members of the O'Loughlin School of Dancing who had appeared on Telefis Eireann to-day, Ciaran Fitzgerald on being selected as a reserve on the Irish Rugby team and Gerry Scully on being selected Sportsstar of the year in handball.

Lougrea Group Water Scheme: Comm. Morgan stated that the County Manager should be requested to ask the Minister for the Environment to proceed with the public enquiry into the proposed Lougrea Group Water Scheme. Mr. Howlett explained to the meeting that it is the intention to proceed with the enquiry but before they do so they wish to meet local groups they had promised to meet to clarify some matters. Comm. Barrett stated that he knew of one party who only sought guarantees concerning the amenities of the lake. Comm. Morgan added that he knows of one objection that will not be withdrawn.

Indiscriminate Dumping: Comm. Morgan referred to the indiscriminate dumping taking place around the town, especially on the Cavernaun Road and he asked if the County Council might clean it up.

Finances: Comm. Loughane asked if a recent front page comment on the Connacht Tribune regarding the funds raised by local authorities being spent by central government was correct. Mr. Howlett stated that he was not familiar with this situation.

E.S.B. in Pollroebuck housing Estate: Comm. Donnellan stated that the E.S.B. is not installed in the new houses at Pollroebuck yet. Mr. Howlett stated that the County Council was in touch with the E.S.B. on the matter.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 12th day of February, 1979.

P. O'Loughlin
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 12/2/79.

In the Chair: Comm. Patrick O'Loughlin, Vice-Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. James McDonnell, Brendan Donnellan, Norman Morgan, Sean Kelly, Matthew Loughnane, Patrick J. Duane.

In Attendance: Messrs John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, Alexis Marmion, T/C.

Apology: Town Clerk apologised on behalf of the Chairman, Comm. Francis O'Brien who was unavoidably absent.

In addition to the above, the following members of the Chamber of Commerce were present: Miss Mary Killian, Messrs Gerard Dervan and Gerard-McInerney. Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 8/1/79, copies of which were previously circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Loughnane.

Government Decentralisation:- The Chairman in welcoming the members of the Chamber of Commerce to the meeting pointed out that the purpose of their visit was to discuss what could be done to secure a government section for Loughrea. Comm. Loughnane, who first mooted the idea, explained that 8 departments or sections are under consideration for decentralisation, the Town Commissioners are of the opinion that Loughrea is well capable of catering for a Section and so they decided to enlist the aid of the business people of the town. The Chamber of Commerce members present were very enthusiastic about the idea and stressed the importance of presenting Loughrea in the best manner possible. Some members present expressed concern regarding the capacity of the services to deal with any added influx of people to the area. Mr. Howlett informed the meeting that he had worked in Castlebar during the period in which the Dept. of Lands had moved their, most of the staff concerned were natives of the County and they usually resided within the county and consequently no undue claims were made on the services.

It was unanimously agreed to form a joint committee of the Chamber and Commissioners, who would enlist the help of Mr. Charles Lynch the County Development Officer, in presenting Loughrea's case. This Committee to meet on 14/2/79 to draw up plans. The following three members were selected to represent the Commissioners; Comms. O'Brien, Kelly, and Loughnane.

The following correspondence arising from the minutes was dealt with.

1. Voting Register: The Dept. of the Environment in its letter of the 6/2/79, stated that it had noted the Commissioners representation regarding the television publicity for the draft register of electors 1979/80.

2. County Committee of Agriculture: The Chief Agricultural Officer stated in his letter of the 15/1/79, that he doubted very much if it would be in the best interest of the farmers to tie Advisers to the office for two days each week, however he will discuss the matter with the Advisers.

3. Telephone Kiosks: The meeting was informed by Galway County Council that in March 1977 it cost approximately £800 to provide a kiosk and an annual income of £250/£300 for it to be a viable proposition

4. Telephone Service: A copy of a letter from Mr. A. G. Moylan, Solc. addressed to the Chamber of Commerce, complaining about the telephone service in Loughrea, was read to the meeting. The members present agreed with the sentiments expressed in Mr. Moylan's letter. Comm. Morgan pointed out that the post office is not to blame as the facilities are not available in the west of Ireland. Comm. McDonnell stated that the Chamber had decided to inform the Minister and Galway that unless the position improved the people of Loughrea would take similar action as was taken in Tuam, i.e. the withholding of payments. The meeting decided to support the action taken by the Chamber of Commerce on the matter.

Parking: In reply to Comm. Morgan, the Town Clerk stated that he did not enquire why angle parking is allowed in Ballinasloe and not allowed in Loughrea. On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin, it was agreed to query the local Garda Superintendent on this matter.

Sale of Houses: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Loughnane the sale of the following houses was approved:

No. 8 Athenny Road to Matthew Barrett for the sum of £2195

No. 2 Liam Mellows Terrace to Owen Comer for the sum of £5221.

No. 12 Mount Carmel Crescent for the sum of £4400 to Patrick Morgan.

No. 16 Mount Carmel Crescent to John Reilly for the sum of £6843.

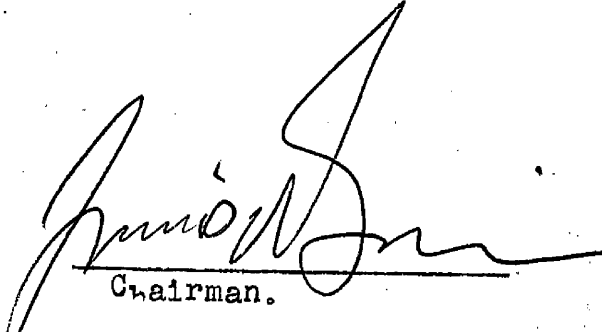
Loughrea Group Water Scheme: Comm. Morgan referred to the unnecessary holdup in the Loughrea Group Water Scheme and pointed out that a large section of the farming community and especially the people from Kilnadeemna who adjoin the lake, are deprived of water for their basic needs. Comm. Morgan added that the scheme is held up due to objectors - the principal objector being Loughrea Anglers Association, this Association Comm. Morgan added was only 50 members resident in Loughrea and he considered it a shame that these people who use the lake facilities as a past-time could deprive others of much needed water. Comm. Morgan proposed that the Commissioners write to the Anglers' Association calling on them to withdraw their objections. Comm. McDonnell reminded Comm. Morgan that at the last meeting, Comm. Barrett who is also a prominent angler, stated that the Anglers would willingly withdraw their objection if they are assured that their amenities are not interfered with. Comm. Duane objected to writing to the Anglers. The Chairman pointed out that it is a matter for the County Council. Mr. Howlett reiterated that the matter is going through normal channels and if the objections cannot be met, a public enquiry will be held by the Minister for the Environment.

Gritting of Streets: Comm. Donnellan referred to the fact that during the cold spell, County Council workers were using barrows to spread clippings and he thought that this method was very much outdated and suggested something such as a muck spreader.

Itinerants: Comm. McDonnell stated that he will raise at the next meeting of the Board, the conditions of the Tigeens at Gortbride, the Raturuddy Road and the Tullagh Upper road as a result of itinerants camping there.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 12th day of March, 1979.


Chairman.

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Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Lougrea Town Commissioners held on the 12/3/79.

In the Chair: Comm. Francis O'Brien, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. Matthew Loughnane, Patrick J. Duane, James Barrett, Patrick O'Loughlin, Norman Morgan, Brendan Donnellan.

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

Apology: The Town Clerk apologised on behalf of Comms. Sean Kelly and James McDonnell who were unavoidably absent.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 12/2/79, copies of which were previously circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. O'Loughlin, seconded by Comm. Morgan.

Matters arising from the minutes:-

1. Condition of the Tigeens at Gortbride, the Rat, ruddy Road and the Tullagh Upper Road. Due to the absence of Comm. McDonnell, this matter was deferred.

2. Lougrea Group Water Scheme: Comm. Barrett referred to statements made by Comm. Morgan at the last meeting and added that he wished to reiterate that the Anglers only sought assurances regarding facilities in the lake. Comm. Morgan stated that the Anglers had through their solicitor, stated publicly that they had objected to the proposed scheme. In reply to Comm. Loughnane Mr. Howlett stated that the scheme is not held up solely as a result of this objection - the question of fish passes is presently under consideration and these will be considered by the Dept. of Fisheries.

Comm. Morgan stated that if the need arose, water could be provided for 500 additional houses in Lougrea but yet as a result of objections, 250 houses in Kilnadeemna are deprived of water. Comm. Morgan asked Mr. Howlett if we could let him know at the next meeting if Galway County Council have the right to take water out of the lake for the people of Kilnadeemna.

Comm. O'Loughlin stated that some years ago when efforts were made to organise a group scheme for Cuscarrick, the County Council had stated that it had no authority and it could not assist a group scheme which proposed to use the lake as its source of supply. Mr. Howlett stated that the Council could only take water under a Water Rights Order and this is what they propose to do under the Lougrea Group Water Scheme.

The Chairman ruled that the matter had received sufficient discussion and called next business.

Angle Parking At Main St: The local Garda Superintendent stated in his letter of the 1/3/79 that he is not prepared to recommend angle parking at Main St., as it would prohibit the free flow of traffic through the town.

County Committee of Agriculture: The meeting was informed by the Chief Agricultural Officer that we could not possibly guarantee to have an Instructor in the Lougrea Office for a full day on Monday and Thursday. On the proposition of the Chairman seconded by Comm. Morgan, it was decided to request the Minister for Agriculture to provide a full-time Clerical Assistant in the Lougrea Office.

Rent Scheme: The meeting was advised of the new national rent scheme as set out in the Dept. of the Environment Circular Letter H 3/79 of 1st February, 1979.

1979 Tenant Purchase Scheme: The meeting was advised of the new national tenant purchase scheme as set out in Dept. of the Environment Circular Letter H. 4/79 of 1st February

Urban Status: Comm. O'Brien asked Mr. Howlett if we could prepare for the next meeting, a memorandum on the procedure and cost involved for Lougrea to become an Urban Authority.

Comm. Loughnane enquired as to the procedure for extending the town boundary.

Public Lighting: Comm. Loughnane referred to the proposed new factories at Greeneenagh and requested that public lighting be extended to the east of this site.

Playing Facilities: Comm. O'Loughlin referred to the lack of playing facilities in Lougrea for field sports and proposed that the Dept. of Agriculture be requested to accommodate the Lougrea Rugby Club in the O'Connell Estate at Ballygasty, Lougrea.

Housing Sites: Comm. Morgan asked Mr. Howlett to provide serviced sites in Lougrea as quickly as possible.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the *9th* day of April, 1979.

Assistant County Manager.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Lougrea Town Commissioners held on the 9/4/79.

In the Chair: Comm. Francis O'Brien, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. Brendan Donnellan, Matthew Loughane, Norman Morgan, Patrick O'Loughlin, P.J. Duane, Sean Kelly and James Barrett.

In Attendance: Messrs J. Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, 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 Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Donnellan.

Matters arising from the minutes:

Group Water Scheme: In reply to Comm. Morgan, Mr. Howlett stated that if the Lougrea Group Scheme is to go ahead it is essential that an Extraction Order be granted and he was of the opinion that if a Group Scheme in Kilnadeemna wanted to use the lake as a source of supply it would require some authority.

Urbanisation: In reply to Comm. O'Brien, Mr. Howlett stated that he had made no research since the last meeting, into the pros. and cons. of raising the status of the Town to an Urban Authority. The Minister for the Environment had indicated that he will review the position of local authorities after the local elections and in view of this, Mr. Howlett added that it was better to wait.

Domestic Refuse: In reply to Comm. Loughane, the Town Clerk stated that people outside the town area should apply to the County Council to have their refuse collected, but pointed out that it is not the County Council's policy to collect from individual houses in rural areas. Comm. Loughane sought and was informed of the official opening hours of the dump.

Serviced Sites: In reply to Comm. Loughane, Mr. Howlett stated that he had no further information regarding the provision of serviced sites in Lougrea, the land in question is not yet transferred. Comm. Morgan asked if permission might be given for a car-rally to be held on this land, and asked if Mr. Howlett might enquire.

Tidy Towns Competition: Comm. Morgan proposed and Comm. Loughane seconded that Lougrea again take part in the Tidy Towns Competition. Comm. Duane referred to the rubbish left by the contractor at Fairy Gardens. The Chairman stated that Ireland West are sponsoring a clean community and gave correspondence re same to the Press Officer. Comm. Donnellan referred to the appalling condition of the main approach to Galway City and added that a prize should be given for the best Main Road approach to a town. Comm. Morgan referred to the tree planting undertaking by the Tidy Towns Committee last year and appealed for the same co-operation this year. Comm. Morgan also proposed that 'The Walks' would not be opened to traffic this year. Comm. Barrett stated the 'The Walks' is a beautiful place and should be kept that way. Comm. Donnellan stated that the Board's view on 'The Walks' is well known and he thought it was a pity that the matter was raised at the meeting especially in view of the one day on which The Walks was opened to traffic last year.

Motions submitted by Comm. Morgan:

- a) "That Lougrea Town Commissioners inform C.I.E. and the Minister for Transport and Power that the Commissioners wish to release C.I.E. from their undertaking to maintain Lougrea railway line from Railway Road to Cosmona Level Crossing, in order that Galway County Council may be in a position to provide, as quickly as possible, the urgently required relief road from Bride St, Lougrea to connect with the north-bound road at Cosmona Railway crossing; and in order that Lougrea Mart may be able to cross over to their recently acquired railway buildings, without having to travel via Railway Road."

This motion was seconded by Comm. O'Brien. A direct negative was proposed by Comm. O'Loughlin and seconded by Comm. Barrett. The following was the result of the voting:

For Amendment: Comms. O'Loughlin, Barrett, Kelly, Donnellan, Duane, Loughane
For Motion: Comms O'Brien and Morgan.

The motion was declared lost. The amendment was then carried by the same vote

- b) "That the Childrens' Playground be extended towards the tennis grounds; that a Junglegym be provided therein and two gaps be made in the west wall to allow greater freedom of movement thereat."

This motion was seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin and passed unanimously.

- c) "That Galway County Council be asked to give priority to the provision of a street light at the entrance of Pollroebuck Estate, Lougrea, plus lights on the opposite side of the poles which already have lamp standards."

This motion was seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin and passed unanimously.

Funeral Arrangements at Regional Hospital: Comm. Morgan referred to the difficulty in travelling out with a funeral and suggested that the Western Health Board be request that for funerals travelling towards Oranmore, arrangements be made to have the remains transferred from the Regional Hospital to Merlin Park. This suggestion was unanimously accepted by the meeting.

Payment of Pensions during Postal Strike: Comm. Loughane asked if pensions could be paid from the ground floor of the Social Centre during the postal strike. Comm. O'Brien explained that the downstairs premises are regrettably unavailable due to other commitments.

Votes of Congratulations: Comm. O'Brien proposed a vote of congratulations to Captain Kieran Fitzgerald on his selection on the Irish Rugby Touring team.

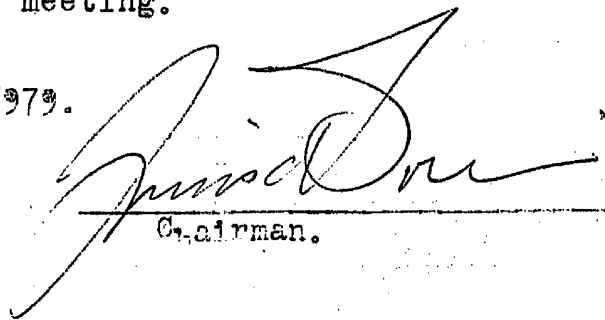
Comm. Donnellan proposed a vote of thanks and congratulations to the organisers of the Junior Band. With reference to the band Comm. O'Brien appealed to anybody that may have an uniform since the old band to hand up same.

Youth Club: Comm. Loughane complimented the Youth Club on its achievements to date and wished it every success on its proposed Soccer Marathon.

Votes of Sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended to the relatives of the late Maurice Sweeney and the late Michael Robinson who died recently.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 17th day of May, 1979.


Chairman.

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Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Lougrea Town Commissioners held on the 14/5/79.

In the Chair: Comm. Francis O'Brien, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. James Barrett, Norman Morgan, Sean Kelly, James McDonnell, Matthew Loughane, Brendan Donnellan, Patrick O'Loughlin and Patrick J. Duane.

In attendance: Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.

Apology: The Town Clerk apologised on behalf of Mr. John Howlett, Asst. County Manager, who was unable to attend.

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. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Kelly.

Matters arising from the minutes:-

1. Urbanisation: Comm. Barrett stated that before any decision was taken, he would like that the people would get an opportunity to express their views on this matter.

2. Domestic Refuse: Comm. Loughane asked if it might be possible to have the site of the former town dump cleaned up. It was decided to request the County Council to have this done.

3. Pension Payments: Comm. O'Brien informed the meeting that thanks to the co-operation of the Health Board, pensions are now paid on the ground floor at the Social Service Centre.

Correspondence:

Abortion: A copy of a letter which Comm. Barrett had recently published in the Connacht Tribune was read to the meeting. The letter which referred to a report in the Evening Herald giving details of the death in a Liverpool hospital, of an aborted baby which had lived for two hours after the operation. Comm. Barrett stated that he was stunned when he had read this report and he asked that the members support in his condemnation of this practise. All the members were unanimous in their support of Comm. Barrett.

Bus Service: C.I.E. in its letter of the 8/5/79 gave details of the revised bus timetable between Lougrea and Ballinasloe, which will operate on an experimental basis until 27th October, 1979. Comm. Donnellan welcomed this news and added that it required as much publicity and support as possible. Copies of the revised timetable were handed around to the members for display around the town. Comm. Barrett suggested that the respective times should be expressed in the normal way.

Cinematograph Licence: A cinematograph licence in respect of Lougrea Town Hall Ltd., was granted subject to the approval of the Fire Officer, on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. McDonnell.

Abstract of Accounts: The Town Clerk presented the Abstract of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1978. In giving details of receipts, the Town Clerk explained that a sum of £5,200 shown as receipts in the Revenue Account really referred to receipts due in previous years and actually received in 1978. With regard to particulars of rent collection the Town Clerk informed the meeting that there was a full percentage collection. The Chairman congratulated the Town Clerk, the Rent Collector and the tenants for the manner in which they had looked after the affairs of the Board. Comm. Morgan referred to the healthy state of the Board's finances and added that he is organising a special employment scheme and asked that the Board make funds available for materials to be used on the Board's property. The Town Clerk pointed out that local authorities were instructed to adhere strictly to the Estimates adopted and asked that the matter be deferred until such time as the Asst. County Manager is present. The Abstract as submitted was approved on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. McDonnell.

Playground at Pollroebuck Estate: Comm. Duane referred to the amount of debris left lying around the Pollroebuck Estate. It was decided to refer this matter to Galway County Council.

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Motions submitted by Comm. Brendan Donnellan:

a. "That Galway County Council be asked to provide two extra lights at Dolwin Street."
This motion was seconded by Comm. Morgan and passed unanimously.

b. "That the tarmacadam footpath on the Gort Road be replaced with a concrete path."
Motion seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin and passed unanimously.

c. "That the money for the sale of the dump field at Tulla will, be used to provide water and toilet facilities at Long Point."
The Town Clerk explained that the Asst. Co. Manager had informed him that Galway County Council will carry out this work in the present year. The motion was therefore not put to the meeting.

Motion submitted by Comm. Loughane:-

"That steps be taken to alleviate flooding opposite Mount Pleasant graveyard. Comm. Loughane stated that he understood that this problem is now resolved.

Motions submitted by Comm. Norman Morgan:-

a. "I will object to Galway County Council closing the Housing Office at Lougrea and propose that the Council be called upon to appoint a permanent Officer immediately and that clerical staff be provided also."
Comm. Morgan in proposing the motion added that even though he was aware that and delighted that a local person, Mr. Ronnie Green was recently appointed as a temporary engineer, he still wished to let the motion stand. Motion was seconded by Comm. Donnellan and passed unanimously.

b. "I will propose that the present entrance to Pollroebuck Estate be closed and replaced by two new entrances at the east and west ends of the estate. After some of the members had expressed the view that this might create a traffic hazard, it was agreed to refer the matter to the engineers for their comment."

Motions submitted by Comm. Sean Kelly:-

a. "I will propose that pedestrian crossings be provided at West Bridge, Main Street and at Bride Street."

Motion seconded by Comm. O'Brien and passed unanimously.

b. "Request Galway County Council to build more houses and to acquire more land. Motion seconded by Comm. Loughane and passed unanimously.

c. "Request Galway County Council to develop the land they have acquired for developed sites so that people can build their own houses immediately."
Motion seconded by Comm. McDonnell and passed unanimously.

Vote of Sympathy: On the proposition of Comm. Barrett the sympathy of the Board was extended to the relatives of the late Henry Smyth, Masonbrook.

Social Service Information Centre: Comm. Morgan asked the press representative to publicise that the Centre is now open on the 5 days of the week.

Pollroebuck Estate: Comm. Morgan referred to the fact that one or two of the itinerants house at Pollroebuck are abusing the rules and he proposed that Galway County Council be asked to enforce the bye-laws relating to the keeping of animals. This was seconded by Comm. McDonnell.

Custody of Records: Comm. Donnellan referred to the custody of the minute books dating back to 1909 dealing with the affairs of the Board and he thought that perhaps locked away in a press is not the best place to keep them, he thought perhaps that these records might be passed on to the County Librarian. The matter was deferred in order to establish if any regulation exists regarding the custody of the minutes.

Vote of thanks: Comm. Barrett stated that as this is the last meeting of the present Board and as he would not be seeking re-election, he would like to take this opportunity to thank the people who had elected him over the years, the various members he had served with, the Town Clerks and press representative and he appealed to the incoming Board to leave politics outside the Board room and to work for the good of the town. The Chairman in thanking Comm. Barrett for the unstinted service he had given, wished him well in his retirement and added that he would like to thank all the members for the support and co-operation he had received during the year. All the members present and the Town Clerk associated themselves with the Chairman's tributes to Comm. Barrett.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 9th day of July, 1979.

Sean Kelly
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the Annual Meeting of the Lougrea Town Commissioners held on the 18/6/79.
Members Present: Comms. Sean Kelly, Matthew Loughane, Brendan Donnellan, Patrick O'Loughlin, Oliver Barrett, Gerald Reilly, Norman Morgan, Patrick Hynes. Comm. Patrick J. Duane arrived after the Chairman and Vice-Chairman were elected.

Attendance: A. Marmion, Town Clerk.
Apology: The Town Clerk apologised on behalf of Mr. John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, who was unable to attend.

Election of Chairman: The Town Clerk presided over the election of the Chairman.

Propositions: Comm. Morgan who was proposed by Comm. Barrett, seconded by Comm. Reilly.

Comm. Kelly, who was proposed by Comm. Loughane, seconded by Comm. Donnellan.

Voting: For Comm. Morgan. Comms. Morgan, Barrett and Reilly. (3)

or Comm. Kelly: Comms. Kelly, Loughane, Donnellan, O'Loughlin, Hynes. (5)

Comm. Kelly was declared elected.

Comm. Kelly thanked his proposer and seconder and added that he hoped that he could be an impartial Chairman. The Chairman added that he would like to welcome the new members and he paid tribute to the out-going Board which, Comm. Kelly added was the finest he had worked with in his 20 years in office. After the Chairman was elected, Comm. Hynes said that on a conciliatory note, he suggested that the position of Chairman should rotate each year.

Election of Vice-Chairman: -

Propositions:- Comm. Morgan, proposed by Comm. Reilly, seconded by Comm. Barrett and Comm. Loughane who was proposed by Comm. O'Loughlin, seconded by Comm. Donnellan.

Voting: For Comm. Morgan - Comms. Morgan, Reilly, Barrett, Hynes. (4)

or Comm. Loughane. - Comms. Loughane, Kelly, O'Loughlin and Donnellan. (4)

On the casting vote of the Chairman, Comm. Loughane was declared elected. Comm. Loughane thanked his proposer and seconder and the people who had elected him.

Election of one delegate to the Fire Brigades Advisory Committee:-

Propositions:- Comm. Morgan - proposed by Comm. Barrett, seconded by Comm. Reilly, and Comm. Hynes who was proposed by Comm. O'Loughlin seconded by Comm. Kelly.

Voting: For Comm. Morgan - Comms. Morgan, Reilly and Barrett. (3)

or Comm. Hynes - Comms. Hynes, O'Loughlin, Kelly, Donnellan, Loughane and Duane. (6)

Comm. Hynes was declared elected.

Election of two delegates to the Association of Municipal Authorities:

Propositions:- Comm. Donnellan, proposed by Comm. Loughane, seconded by Kelly. Comm. Morgan proposed by Comm. Barrett seconded by Comm. Reilly.

Voting:- For Comm. Morgan, Comms. Morgan, Barrett, Reilly, Hynes. (4)

For Comm. Donnellan, Comms. Donnellan, Kelly, O'Loughlin and Loughane, (4) with Comm. Duane abstaining. On the casting vote of the Chairman, Comm. Donnellan was elected as the first delegate.

Second Delegate: Comm. O'Loughlin, proposed by Comm. Donnellan, seconded by Comm. Loughane and Comm. Barrett, proposed by Comm. Reilly, seconded by Comm. Morgan.

Voting: For Comm. O'Loughlin, Comms. O'Loughlin, Donnellan, Kelly, Loughane and Hynes (5)

For Comm. Barrett, Comms. Barrett, Reilly and Morgan (3)

Comm. Duane abstained.

Comm. O'Loughlin was declared elected.

Date of Monthly Meeting: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Barrett it was agreed to hold the Monthly Meeting on the second Monday of each month at 7/30 p.m.

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Comm. Loughnane referred to the Seven Springs Festival and said that it was a pity that the Commissioners had not met earlier so that a Chairman would be available to speak at the parade. The Town Clerk pointed out that under the Local Elections Regulations, the first meeting of a new Board must take place on the 10th day after the election.

Stoney Brennan Night: Comm. O'Loughlin referred to the fracas which took place on 'Stoney Brennan' night, which Comm. O'Loughlin said was a disgrace and should not be tolerated any longer. Comm. Hynes stated that if the Gardai were present in the area this would not have happened. Comm. Morgan stated that if the bystanders cared enough, they could have stopped it as we had done on a previous occasion. Comm. Donnellan stated that there were at least four Gardai on duty on that night. The Chairman ruled out any further discussion as the matter is sub-judice.

Comm. Hynes stated that we would like to thank the people of Lougurea for electing him. He is the first Sine Fein person to be elected to the Lougurea Town Commissioners. We would also like to pay tribute to the outgoing members, especially James Barrett, for the long and dedicated service they had given. We also wished to thank the Town Clerk and his staff for their courtesy during the count.

Comm. Loughnane welcomed the new members to the Board and added that as Lougurea has not got a County Councillor, it is now up to the Commissioners to press even harder for the betterment of Lougurea. Comm. Morgan pointed out that the Lougurea people did not deliberately set out to leave themselves without a Councillor but that is what happened.

Land for housing at Ballygasty: Comm. Morgan stated that he was previously informed that the land at Ballygasty was allocated to the local farmers, but since then the local rugby club has got some land in this estate. In view of this change of attitude he proposed that Galway County Council re-apply to the Land Commission for some of this land for housing, but this application should under no circumstance alter the decision to give the land to the rugby club. This was seconded by Comm. Barrett and passed unanimously.

Old Folk Homes: Comm. Morgan suggested that Galway County Council be requested to provide a communal dining room recreational building at Pollroebuck, Lougurea.

Long Point: Comm. Loughnane referred to the proposed overall plan for the lake shore and the toilets at the Long Point. The Town Clerk stated that provision was made in the County Council estimates for the toilet this year.

The Chairman then terminated the meeting.

Signed this the 9th day of July 1979.

Sean Kelly
Chairman.

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minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Lougurea Town Commissioners held on the 9/7/79.
Members Present:- Comms. Patrick Hynes, Gerald Reilly, Brendan Donnellan, Patrick O'Loughlin, Matthew Loughnane, Norman Morgan, Oliver Barrett and Patrick J. Duane.

The Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly, Chairman.
Attendance: Messrs K. Doyle, County Secretary, A. Marmion, Town Clerk. Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 14/5/79 and the Annual Meeting held on the 18/6/79, copies of which were previously circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the opposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Donnellan.

Urbanisation: Arising from the minutes Comm. Loughnane asked if there was any information regarding urbanisation in Lougurea. Mr. Doyle pointed out that before any decision is taken the question of finance, boundaries etc. must be considered and as Local Government is at present under review by the Minister no decision should be taken. Comm. Morgan pointed out that the matter is at present under review in Tuam and he proposed no further action until the findings are known. Comm. Duane seconded this.

Motion submitted by Comm. Pat Hynes:-
"That a casualty receiving unit be provided in the near future at St. Brendan's Hospital, Lougurea."
This motion was seconded by Comm. Donnellan and passed unanimously. In addition to the above motion, Comm. O'Loughlin proposed that a Psychiatric Unit be also provided at St. Brendan's, this was seconded by Comm. Morgan and passed unanimously. Both motions to be submitted to the Western Health Board.

Arterial Route Lighting: Comm. Loughnane proposed that arterial route lighting on the Athlery Road be extended to the town boundary.

Long Point: Comm. Donnellan suggested that the kiddies bathing area at the Long Point be cleared of rock etc. and that some fine sand be provided here. The Town Clerk stated that he would take the matter up with the Town Engineer.

Matters for discussion at Board Meetings: Comm. Loughnane asked what are the functions of the Board and what matters could be discussed having particular reference to matters that are sub-judice. Mr. Doyle pointed out that if members discuss matters and that there is a possibility of court charges arising from the matter under discussion, members are not privileged and can be charged with contempt of court or with slander. Mr. Doyle added that that Town Commission Boards have limited responsibilities but could and should act more or less as an advisory board to the County Council. Comm. Morgan referred to the fact that there is no County Councillor living in the town and therefore there is a greater responsibility on the Board members to place matters before the County Council.

Playground at Pollroebuck Estate: Comm. Reilly informed the meeting that the general feeling of the residents at Pollroebuck is that swings are not required in the proposed playground, the swings being readily available in the nearby playground. Comm. Reilly also suggested a ramp on the roadway through the estate to reduce the speed of cars through the estate. Mr. Doyle noted the suggestion regarding the playground.

Speed Limits: Comm. Morgan referred to an accident on the Ballinasloe road and asked if the 30 m.p.h. speed limit could be extended to the town boundary. Comm. Loughnane pointed out that this recommendation was already made. Comm. Morgan referred to the excessive speed at which some of the members of the fire brigade travel at when they are coming to the fire station in answer to a fire call and added that should some child or old person be knocked down by one of these people, the good name of the Lougurea fire service will be ruined for ever. Comm. Duane objected to Comm. Morgan remarks. Comm. Duane

Comm. Donnellan added that some of the fire brigade members travel to the fire station on bicycles and are there just as soon as the people who drive madly in their cars.

Lakeshore Plan: Comm. Loughane asked Mr. Doyle if some information on the lakeshore plan for Lougrea could be made available for the next meeting Mr. Doyle promised to look into the matter.

Regional Water Scheme: Comm. Morgan asked if the Water Rights order was submitted to the Minister yet. Mr. Doyle stated that he was not too familiar with this but added that the up-to-date report could be made at the next meeting.

Local Government Re-Organisation: Many of the members present expressed the view that local government will be re-organised before the next local election and in view of this it was decided to submit the following resolutions to the Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland.

1. Proposed by Comm. O'Loughlin and seconded by Comm. Kelly:-
"That the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland request the Minister for the Environment, to inform them if he intends to re-organise local government before the next local elections and that any reply received should be circulated immediately to member bodies."

2. Proposed by Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Barrett:-
"That Lougrea Town Commissioners wish to state that if the Minister for the Environment is considering changing the constitution of local authorities Boards, that all members of such Boards are elected through the ballot box and not nominated by organisations."

Youth Employment Scheme: Comm. Morgan informed the meeting that he was 35 people employed under Youth Employment Schemes and he requests permission from the Board to erect volley ball nets in portion of the childrens playground. Comm. Morgan proposed that the land be made available and was seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin. It was agreed subject to the approval of the Town Engineer, to make the land available.

Housing: Comm. Donnellan referred to the proposed new industries opening up in Lougrea and stressed upon Mr. Doyle the urgent need for houses and serviced sites in Lougrea.

Date of next meeting:- Monday September 3rd was fixed as the date for the next meeting.

This concluded the business of the Board.

Dated this the 3rd day of September, 1979.

Sean Kelly
Chairman.

minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Lougrea Town Commissioners held on the 3/9/79.

In the Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly, Chairman.
Members Present: Comms. Matthew Loughane, Brendan Donnellan, Oliver Barrett, Pat Hynes and Norman Morgan.
In Attendance: Messers F. Howlett, Asst. CO. Manager, A. Marmion, Town Clerk.
Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 9/7/79 were adopted and signed as correct. Proposed by Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Loughane.

Lakeside Plan: Arising from the minutes, Comm. Loughane asked if any further information is available regarding the Lakeside Plan for Lougrea. Mr. Howlett explained that this is a matter for the planning section and consequently not under his control, he would endeavour to have some information for the next meeting. Comm. Morgan said that it was a pity this plan was not available, as he had 90 young people employed on employment schemes for the past 14 weeks.

Western Health Board: Acknowledgements of recommendations to have a psychiatric Unit and a Casualty Receiving Unit provided at St. Brendan's Home, Lougrea was received from the Western Health Board with a promise that further communication will follow.

It is noted that the recommendation that all funerals leaving Galway via Ranmore, should leave from Merlin Park, the Western Health Board stated in its letter of the 3/8/79, that it had investigated the matter thoroughly and after much deliberation, due to the delicacy of the subject, it was decided to leave matters as they are, but not to allow any funerals to leave the region during peak traffic hours. The meeting was in full approval with the policy as set out in the letter and the Town Clerk was instructed to convey the thanks and support of the Board to the Western Health Board.

Land at Ballygasty: Galway County Council informed the Board that the information it had received from the Irish Land Commission was that the division of land at Ballygasty did not include land for either the Rugby Club or the Co. Council. Comm. Morgan proposed that the appropriate Minister be asked to make land available to Galway Co. Council for the purpose of housing itinerants within the vicinity of Lougrea.

Mr. Howlett stated that it is general Co. Council practise to apply to the Land Commission when land is divided and that the Co. Council usually get a fair consideration.

Comm. Loughane asked if serviced sites are being provided in O'Connors land. Mr. Howlett in reply stated that title to this land is not yet complete, the housing programme for Lougrea is to complete the Pollroebuck Estate and then other plans could be considered and usually serviced sites are considered. The proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Barrett, Mr. Howlett was assured that the meeting was unanimous that serviced sites be provided.

Clerical Assistant at Co. Committee of Agriculture sub office: The Dept. of Agriculture in its letter of the 13/7/79 regretted that it could not provide clerical assistance in Lougrea. It was decided to ask the Minister to reconsider the matter. Comm. Kelly undertook to make representation on the matter.

Government Decentralisation: The meeting was informed by Mr. Tom Mussey, T.D. Minister of State, that the Government has decided in principle for the transfer of at least 2,000 officers in the civil service from Dublin. When a decision is being taken on the centres to which offices will be transferred, the claim of Lougrea will be borne in mind, the letter added. Comm. Loughane felt that it is now up to the Lougrea Town Commissioners to press for Lougrea. Comm. Donnellan said that every political pressure should be brought to bear. It was decided that the Chairman would enquire as to when the Taoiseach might meet a deputation. It was also agreed that the Chamber of Commerce would get a copy of Mr. MacSherry's letter to Mr. Mussey.

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National Understanding for Economic and Social Development: The proposals for an agreement on pay policy between employer organisations and the Irish Congress of Trade Unions were approved in so far as they relate to employees of Loughrea Town Commissioners on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Kelly.

Subsistence Allowances: Allowances as set out in Circular Letters L.A.(P) 6/79 and L.A.(p) 7/79 in so far as they relate to Officers of the Loughrea Town Commissioners were approved on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Kelly.

Gaming and Lotteries Licence: Notice of intention to make application for a Gaming and Lotteries Licence on behalf of James Costello, Church Street, Loughrea, at Loughrea District Court on 12th September 1979 was received from A. Gerard Moylan & Co. Mr. Howlett informed the meeting that the Commissioners had adopted the Gaming and Lotteries Act and consequently application must be made through the courts by people seeking a gaming licence. If this act was not adopted then a licence could not be granted. If the resolution adopting the act was rescinded, then licences could not be granted in the future but existing licences would remain. Comm. Morgan referred to a planning application for a similar premises in Main Street. It was decided to take no action on the matter until it was first seen how these premises operate.

Regional Water Scheme: Comm. Morgan asked if the Water Rights Order in respect of the Loughrea Regional Water Scheme was submitted to the Minister. Mr. Howlett stated that it was not yet submitted to the Minister, other suggestions were considered and he will report back to the next meeting.

Postal Service: Comm. Kelly referred to the fact that Donnellan Drive has not got a second postal delivery service. Comm. Morgan stated that all new housing estates in the town have only one delivery. It was decided to recommend to the Minister for Posts & Telegraphs that all areas within the town boundary. Comm. Kelly also referred to the non availability of stamps after 5/30. The Town Clerk undertook to take this matter up with the Post Master.

Bishop Elect: Comm. Kelly referred to the appointment of Right Rev. Joseph Cassidy as bishop elect of Clonfert and stated how delighted he was that one who had lived and worked with us here in Loughrea is now about to be appointed bishop elect. Comm. Kelly that he wished to congratulate Fr. Cassidy and wish him every blessing for the future. All members and officials present associated themselves with the Chairman's remarks. The Town Clerk stated that he had already conveyed the good wishes of the Commissioners to Fr. Cassidy. Comm. Morgan stated that he resented the fact that Fr. Cassidy after his appointment will reside in Ballinasloe.

Address of Welcome to be read to Bishop

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 1st day of October, 1979.

Sean Kelly
Chairman.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

TO/
HIS LORDSHIP MOST REVEREND DR. JOSEPH CASSIDY, COADJUTOR BISHOP OF CLONFERT.
ON THE OCCASION OF HIS EPISCOPAL ORDINATION IN ST. BRENDAN'S CATHEDRAL, LOUGHREA.
on SEPTEMBER 23rd, 1979.

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR LORDSHIP:
On BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS OF LOUGHREA, CATHEDRAL CITY OF THE DIOCESES OF CLONFERT AND MENSAL PARISH, WE, THE LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS, RESPECTFULLY TENDER TO YOUR LORDSHIP, OUR DEEP RESPECT AND WARM CONGRATULATIONS ON THE HISTORIC OCCASION OF YOUR EPISCOPAL ORDINATION.

IT IS A VERY GREAT HONOUR AND JOY TO US TO HAVE SUCH A DISTINGUISHED PRIEST AND SCHOLAR APPOINTED BY THE HOLY SEE AS COADJUTOR BISHOP TO OUR WELL BELOVED BISHOP OF CLONFERT, MOST REVEREND DR. THOMAS RYAN.

OUR JOY IS ALL THE GREATER BECAUSE OF THE CLOSE TIES AND LONG ASSOCIATION BETWEEN YOUR LORDSHIP AND THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH.

IT IS THEN, WITH FULL HEARTS THAT WE EXTEND TO YOUR LORDSHIP:
"FAILTE UI CEALLAIGH".

IT IS OUR EARNEST GOOD WISH AND PRAYER THAT GOD MAY GRANT YOUR LORDSHIP, LENGTH OF DAYS AND VIGOROUS HEALTH TO ENABLE YOU TO FULFILL THE DUTIES OF YOUR EXALTED OFFICE.

GO RAIB BRATH MUIRE ORT.

SIGNED: ON BEHALF OF THE LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS:

- Sean Kelly - Chairman
- ~~MATTHEW LOUGHNAME~~ Vice Chairman
- Oliver Barrett
- Brendan Donnellan
- Patrick J. Duane
- ~~PATRICK HYNES~~
- Norman Morgan
- Patrick O'Loughlin
- Gerard Reilly

Alexis Marmion - Town Clerk.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Lougrea Town Commissioners held on the 1/10/79.

In the Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly, Chairman.
Members Present: Comms. Gerald Reilly, Oliver Barrett, Patrick Hynes, Patrick O'Loughlin, Patrick J. Duane, Norman Morgan, Matthew Loughnane, Brendan Donnellan.

In Attendance: Messers K. Doyle A/Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, Town Clerk.
Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 3/9/79, 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:

1. Address of Welcome. On the suggestion of Comm. Loughnane, the Town Clerk undertook to attach to the Minute Book, a copy of the Address of Welcome read to His Lordship, Most Rev. Dr. Joseph Cassidy on the occasion of his ordination as Coadjutor Bishop of Clonfert.

2. Lakeside Plan: In reply to Comm. Loughnane, Mr. Doyle informed the meeting that the Planning Officer was with the Architect recently and it is hoped to bring a preliminary plan before the meeting shortly, at which stage the Board can make suggestions on the plan. Comm. Morgan stated that he was disappointed with the long delay especially as he had 90 young people employed on special schemes during the year. Mr. Doyle pointed out that the Co. Council is the Authority dealing with the plan and also hinted that land might become available on the lake shore in the near future.

3. Lougrea Group Water Scheme: In reply to Comm. Loughnane, Mr. Doyle informed the meeting that an Water Rights Order was sent to the Minister on the 14/9/79. Comm. Loughnane asked if an up-to-date cost of the scheme is available. Mr. Doyle pointed out that detailed costs are not available at this stage, but the position is that irrespective of the cost, if the scheme is necessary, the obligation is on the Co. Council to provide a source. Comm. Loughnane stated that he supported the scheme. Comm. Morgan welcome Comm. Loughnane's support and appealed for the support of all the Commissioners for the scheme.

4. Gaming & Lotteries Act: Comm. Morgan referred to applications being made under the Gaming & Lotteries Act for permission to use 'One Armed Bandits' Comm. Morgan stated that he proposed to object to these. Comm. Donnellan stated that at a previous meeting a decision was taken to defer action for 6 months to see how these places worked. Mr. Doyle pointed out that the Commissioners by adopting the Gaming & Lotteries Act had opened the door for the granting of these licences. If any Commissioner so wished he could submit a motion rescinding the resolution which adopted the Act.

Motions submitted by Comm. Patrick J. Hynes:
"That Comm. Norman Morgan withdraw his remark made at a recent meeting of the Lougrea Town Commissioners where he described unnamed members of Lougrea Fire Brigade as madmen and that his call for the Fire Members dismissal is and was without substance."
Comm. Hynes in moving the motion stated that he was approached by members of the Lougrea Fire Brigade who felt aggrieved at remarks made by Comm. Morgan regarding members of the Lougrea Fire Brigade, Comm. Hynes pointed out that the good name of the Lougrea Fire Brigade was in question and he called on Comm. Morgan to withdraw his remarks. Comm. Morgan in reply stated that he had the highest regard for the Lougrea Brigade as an efficient fire fighting unit, his objection was to the manner in which one or two members drive when answering a fire call, in fact he Comm. Morgan is aware that the Gardai had spoken to some members re same. Comm. Morgan argued that his remarks did not mean that the members of Lougrea Fire Brigade were insane and he could not take back one thing he had said. Comm. Donnellan stated that he had spoken to two members of the Brigade and they had not taken Comm. Morgan's Remarks to mean that they were insane. The Chairman said that he was also approached by members of the fire brigade and he felt that Comm. Morgan should withdraw his remarks. Comm. Morgan stated that he could not withdraw anything he had said and added that if the cap fits then let them wear it.

Mr. Doyle stated that the Asst. Co. Manager attends meetings of the Lougrea Town Commissioners as their Manager over matters that are under the control of the Lougrea Town Commissioners, the Fire Service is a function of the Galway County Council, the control of staff is the responsibility of the County Manager. Mr. Doyle, felt that this matter should not be discussed here, but he would like to place on record that the County Council hold the Lougrea Fire Brigade in the highest regard and that the Lougrea Brigade was the first brigade in the county to guarantee a 24 hour service within the county. Having said that, Mr. Doyle said that he would like to remind members that he is not aware of any protection under the Defamation Act to members of Local Authorities making allegations that could be pinpointed. At this point the Chairman ruled out any further discussion on the matter.

Motion 2.
That a vote of confidence be passed in the sanity, efficiency and integrity of all the members of the Lougrea Fire Brigade service."
Motion seconded by Comm. Kelly and passed.

Motion 3.
That a member of the Lougrea Fire Brigade reside permanently in the Lougrea Fire Station and perform the necessary duties."

The Chairman ruled this motion out of order. When questioned by Comm. Morgan, Mr. Doyle stated that the Chairman has the right to rule out of order anything not relating to the Lougrea Town Commissioners.

Tidy Town: On the suggestion of Comm. Donnellan discussion on the Tidy Town report was deferred to the next meeting.

The Walk: Comm. Barrett referred to the un-tidy state of the Walk. He was assured that this matter would receive attention.
Comm. Morgan appealed to the community regarding the breaking of trees. In reply to Comm. Loughnane, the Town Clerk stated that planting of trees and shrubs is done under the direction of the local horticultural Officer.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 12th day of November, 1979.

Sean Kelly
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Lougarea Town Commissioners held on the 12/11/79.

In the Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. Patrick O'Loughlin, Patrick Hynes, Gerald Reilly, Matthew Lougane, Norman Morgan, Patrick J. Duane and Oliver Barrett

In attendance: Messrs John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, 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 Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Reilly.

Correspondence:

1. Second postal delivery within town boundary: The Dept. of Posts & Telegraphs stated that it could not accede to the request for a second postal delivery service to all area within the town boundary, in fact the Dept. added that the trend is, in view of the cost involved, to withdraw the second delivery as the opportunity arises.

2. Land at Ballygasty: The Minister for the Environment in his letter of the 30/10/79 pointed out that the purchase of land for housing is a matter for the local authority, however the Minister did enclose a reply which we had received from Galway County Council on the matter. The County Council in its letter pointed out that it had sent an enquiry to the Land Commission on the 14/11/79 and were informed that a resale scheme was already prepared. The County Council pointed out that it had always received the willing co-operation from officials of the Land Commission and suggested that the matter might be left in the hands of the County Council.

Comms. Lougane and Morgan considered the reply most unsatisfactory. Comm. Hynes stated that the County Council's letter underlined the fact that we are a powerless body and suggested that the Chairman of Ballinasloe U.D.C. be invited to the next meeting. It was decided to defer further discussion on the matter until the Asst. County Manager arrives.

3. The following resolution from Monaghan U.D.C. was unanimously supported: "That this Council requests the Minister for Health & Social Welfare to make a bonus payment at Christmas to recipients of O.A.P. and Social Welfare Allowances and that the number of free electricity units presently allowed to Old Age Pensioners be doubled."

4. Request for a Casualty Receiving Unit at St. Brendan's Hospital, Lougarea: The Western Health Board in its letter of the 15/10/79 stated that after full investigation and careful consideration the provision of a Casualty Centre at Lougarea would not be justified for the following reasons: 24 hour service at Galway, expense involved to equip and man the service, Ambulance Station at Lougarea on a 24 hour basis. Regional hospital is staffed at Consultant level with all specialities and is capable of dealing with any type of emergency. Comm. Hynes stated that as the proposer of the motion he was very disappointed, his feedback was that there is a need for this unit irrespective of the cost and he asked that a copy of the original motion be sent to the Minister for Health & Social Welfare.

5. Request for a Psychiatric Unit at St. Brendan's Home Lougarea. The Western Health Board in its letter dated 10/8/79 pointed out that its proposals for the next 5 years does not include the provision of a Psychiatric Unit at St. Brendan's Home. It did point out that there are out-patient clinics in Lougarea on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month.

Travelling Expenses: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Lougane, Travelling and Subsistence Allowances for both Members and Officers as set out in Circular Letters L.A. (P) 8/79 and G. 4/79 were unanimously adopted.

226 Motions submitted by Comm. Patrick Hynes:

1. That a traffic warning sign be provided in the vicinity of the Children's Playground.

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

A further discussion took place regarding making this area safer. Comm. Morgan proposed that the road bisecting the Green be closed and was seconded by Comm. Reilly. This motion was carried by 5 votes to 3, Comms. Morgan, Reilly, Hynes, O'Loughlin and Kelly voting for the motion. Comm. Lougane, Barrett and Duane voting against.

Comm. Lougane proposed that the Park be made safer and was seconded by Comm. Barrett. This motion was passed unanimously.

2. That toilet facilities be provided as a matter of urgency at the Long Point Lougarea.

This motion was passed unanimously.

Mr. Howlett informed the meeting that it was proposed to do this work this year but the amount included in the Estimate was not adequate. However the pipes are ordered and it is hoped to commence the work before the end of the year.

Tidy Town Report: The Adjudicator's report on the 1979 Tidy Towns Competition was noted. Comm. Lougane stated that points raised in the report should be brought to mind when next year's entry is considered.

Housing: All the members present brought to the notice of the Asst. Co. Manager the great need there is for more houses and serviced sites in Lougarea.

The Asst. Co. Manager in reply stated that the Co. Council first step is to complete its program at Pollroebuck and then commence the development of Connors land. If there is a demand for serviced sites, then they will be provided in O'Connors. Mr. Howlett added that it would be a great help if names of genuinely interested people were forwarded to the County Council. Comm. Morgan asked if the provision of serviced sites could be hurried up. Mr. Howlett said that he would try to give it priority. It was decided to invite some members of the Chamber of Commerce to come along on the evening of our next meeting at 7 p.m. to discuss matters relating to housing. Comm. Hynes undertook to see the Chamber of Commerce.

Urbanisation: Mr. Howlett informed the meeting that as an Urban Council you could accept responsibility for all the services. The trend at the moment is for urban rates to be higher than county. While the Government are reviewing the matter the trend seems to be for larger units of local government.

Kiosks: Comm. Lougane proposed that the Dept. of Posts & Telegraphs be requested to use anti-vandal telephones in all public kiosks.

Town Plan: Comm. Lougane asked that a copy of the Town Plan be made available to all the members. Mr. Howlett agreed to arrange this.

Public Seats: Comm. Lougane asked if a seat or two could be provided, recessed into the wall of Garrybreedia wood.

Telephone Service at St. Brigid's Hospital, Ballinasloe: Comm. Morgan stated that there is no telephonist employed at St. Brigid's after 8 p.m. and he considered it unfair to nurses to have to answer the phone. Comm. Morgan proposed that a recommendation to have a telephonist employed at all times be sent to the Western Health Board.

Motion of Sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following relatives of the late Paddy Brogan, Main Street, Lougarea. The relatives of the late Patrick Callanan, Ballynagran, Kilcreest.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 10th day of December, 1979.

Sean Kelly
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Lougrea Town Commissioners held on the 10/12/79.

In the Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. Gerald Reilly, Matthew Loughane, Brendan Donnellan Patrick Hynes and Norman Morgan.

In Attendance: Messers John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, Town Clerk. Meeting opened with prayers.

Housing: The meeting convened at 7 p.m. so that the housing position in Lougrea could be discussed. Members of the Chamber of Commerce were invited. Mr. Howlett informed the meeting that the County Council had invited tenders for 6 old folk homes and for 6 houses. In addition to this, the County Council has 17 acres at St. Laurencesfield. The Architect is instructed to draw up plans for this area incorporating council houses and serviced sites. The number of serviced sites will depend on the demand, people who qualify for Co. Council loans £4,000 per annum, bracket will get preference but income will not debar anybody from getting a site. Comm. Reilly gave Mr. Howlett the names of 7 people interested in serviced sites. Mr. Donal MacDonaill from the Chamber of Commerce stated that he is manager of SCHAEFFEL and at the moment they are experiencing difficulty in getting key workers to take employment in Lougrea due to the shortage of houses. Mr. MacDonaill added that he thought he could get 6 people to build houses and he was advised to submit the names to Galway County Council. Comm. Donnellan asked if there are any plans for the site of the old town dump. Mr. Howlett stated that while there are no definite plans for this site, it could possibly be used retained for I.D.A. personnel.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 12/11/79, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Donnellan, seconded by Comm. Reilly.

Arising from the minutes, Comm. Loughane asked if there was any information regarding the proposed seats near Garrybteedia Park. The Town Clerk stated that he had discussed the matter with the Town Engineer and it is intended to consider the matter for the 1980 estimates. Comm. Morgan stated that he would not like to see an open space whereby children could run onto the public road. It was decided to defer the matter pending the Engineer's report.

Public Kiosks: The Dept. of Posts & Telegraphs informed the meeting that a new anti-theft and anti-vandalism coin-box is at present on trial in major centres of population and consideration is being given to extending these to other areas.

Motions submitted by Comm. Brendan Donnellan:-

"I wish to raise the proposed withdrawal of the bus service between Lougrea and Ballinasloe."

Comm. Donnellan stated that it is now proposed to withdraw the Lougrea/Ballinasloe bus service from the 6th January, 1980. This Comm. Donnellan stated was most unfair to Lougrea, C.I.E. had given an undertaking when the Lougrea branch line was closed, to provide Lougrea with an adequate service. The present bus service was introduced last May, it had received very little publicity, and bills were distributed last September and the service is now being withdrawn. All members supported Comm. Donnellan and the following proposals were made.

a. Proposed by Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Morgan, that the present bus service be re-directed to meet the Dublin train in Athenry and the bus could continue on to Galway with any passengers wishing to go to Galway."

b. "Proposed by Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Donnellan: "That to enable the present service to get a fair trial, an extension of 3 months be allowed."

It was decided to allow the Town Clerk to discuss the matter with Mr. Looney, Area Road Passenger Manager, C.I.E. and then allow the Town Clerk to take appropriate action.

b. "I propose to ask the Asst. County Manager what is the position regarding the proposed link road north of the town."

Mr. Howlett stated that the proposed road is marked in the Town Plan and this route will be preserved, some further surveys will be carried out and there might be some slight alteration in the route. The time given in the National Road Plan for the proposed road is 1985/87. A general discussion took regarding the proposed new road.

c. "That we ask the County Vocational Educational Officer to hold fly-tying classes in the Vocational School."

This motion was seconded by Comm. Morgan.

Votes at 18 Years: Comm. Morgan proposed that a letter be sent to the Dept. of the Environment, pointing out that its television add regarding new voters is wrong insofar as it states that people who have reached the age of 18 years are entitled to vote, when in fact people who reach 18 years next April are entitled to vote.

Pat. at Dunkellin Street: Comm. Brendan Donnellan referred to the broken manhole cover on the pat. at Dunkellin Street. The Town Clerk was instructed to take same up with the Dept. of Posts & Telegraphs.

Estimates: On the proposition of Comm. Loughane seconded by Comm. Morgan, the following over expenditure was approved for 1979, £150 on Town Engineer's salary and £100 on Election Expenses.

Constituency Boundaries: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Kelly, it was decided to recommend that constituency boundaries be confined within the respective counties.

Mount Carmel Crescent/Athenry Road Junction: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Reilly, it was decided to request Galway County Council to improve the Mt. Carmel Crescent/Athenry Road junction.

Notes of congratulations:-

To St. Brendan's Choral and Dramatic Society on its most successful presentation of 'The Fajama Game' - proposed by Comm. Kelly seconded by Comm. Donnellan.

To Mr. C. Paughey T.D. on his appointment as Taoiseach.

Le of house: An application from Mr. A.G. Moylan Solic. on behalf of Mr. Gerard McLoughlin, seeking permission to resell house No.1 Convent Site Lougrea to his aunt, Mrs. Boland was approved on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Kelly.

It is concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 11th day of January, 1980

Sean Kelly
Chairman.

Minutes of special meeting held on the 17/12/79 to discuss proposed withdrawal of Lougrea/Ballinasloe bus service.

In the Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly, Chairman.
Members Present: Comms. Gerald Reilly, Norman Morgan, Brendan Donnellan and Matthew Loughnane.

Also in attendance: Messers Michael Burke and Gerard Dervan, Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Looney and Mr. Browne of C.I.E. and Alexis Marmion Town Clerk.

Mr. Kelly welcomed everybody to the meeting and pointed out that the purpose of the meeting was to stop the proposed withdrawal of the Lougrea/Ballinasloe bus service.

Mr. Looney stated that the Lougrea/Ballinasloe bus had come about as a result of the last meeting with the Commissioners in May, 1979. The bus was advertised twice in the Tribune and hand bills were also distributed. Despite this people are not using the service, the average number per run on the Lougrea/Ballyfa bus being 8 with an average of 2 people using the Lougrea/Ballinasloe/Dublin bus train. Mr. Looney stated that there is no pleasure in making unpopular decisions, however the figures show that the service is not availed of and it is proposed to withdraw it from the 6/1/80.

Mr. Burke Chamber of Commerce stated that up to 300 people from the Woodlawn/Ballyfa/Bullaun area ~~each~~ use this bus each week and he handed to Mr. Looney a list containing the names of 74 Old Age Pensioners who use this service each week and who want it retained. Mr. Burke stressed that there is a social obligation on C.I.E. to maintain this service. Mr. Burke stressed the loss to the business of Lougrea that would follow if this service is withdrawn. Comm. Loughnane stressed that apart from all other aspects of the matter he considered it strange and wrong that a person could not make a return trip to Dublin on the one day from a town the size of Lougrea and located on a national primary route. Comm. Morgan stated that he agreed with Comm. Loughnane and he felt that Mr. Looney was not serious when he said that he proposed to withdraw this service completely and he asked him to consider running the bus on a few days each week. Comm. Donnellan stated that apart from the Lougrea bus, most services provided by C.I.E. are losing money, people supplied with free travel vouchers are entitled to a service and the onus is on C.I.E. to give it to them, it now appears that C.I.E. are backing out of the guarantee given when the Lougrea station was closed and he felt very strongly about this. Comm. Reilly stated that if as stated by Mr. Burke, 300 people are using this service in a week, then if the service is withdrawn these people are being denied and he objected to this. Comm. Kelly stated that C.I.E. had given guarantees when it closed down Lougrea's station, he felt that this guarantees should be honoured he proposed going further about the proposed withdrawal and he would do all in his power to see that the service is retained. Comm. Kelly asked Mr. Looney to look into the possibility of providing an early morning bus to Galway and perhaps this bus could meet the Galway/Dublin train at Athenry.

Comm. Morgan proposed a direct service to Galway

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 14th day of January, 1980

Sean Kelly
Chairman.

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In the Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly, Chairman.
Members Present: Comms. Patrick J. Duane, Oliver Barrett, Brendan Donnellan, Patrick O'Loughlin and Patrick Wynes.
Attendance: M/S. J. Howlett Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, Town Clerk.
Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on the 10/12/79, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Barrett.
Minutes of special meeting held on the 17/12/79 were read to the meeting. Comm. Morgan stated that he had proposed a direct bus service to Galway and asked that this be recorded in the minutes. The minutes were then signed correct on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Donnellan.

Services: C.I.E. in its letter of the 1st December, set out the bus services now available in Lougrea and asked for suggestions regarding timing etc. of an early morning bus to Galway. On the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Morgan it was agreed to suggest 8 a.m. as a suitable time for the bus to leave Lougrea. With regard to the withdrawal of the Lougrea/Ballinasloe bus service, Comm. Donnellan stated that the Commissioners had done all in their power to get and retain this service. Comm. Kelly stated that he had contacted Mr. J. Callanan T.D. who has made representation to C.I.E. on the matter, it was also stated that the Chamber of Commerce was contacted other representatives and is awaiting developments. It was the unanimous opinion of the meeting that C.I.E. is obliged to provide an adequate service in the area and on the proposition of Comm. Wynes, seconded by Comm. Kelly, it was unanimously decided to call C.I.E. to restore the bus services that were in operation at Lougrea prior to the 6/1/80.

Item at 18: Acknowledgement of representation made regarding television advertisement covering votes at 18 was read to the meeting.

System: On the proposition of Comm. Kelly seconded by Comm. Barrett, it was unanimously decided to support the Irish Congress of Trade Unions in its efforts to obtain a fairer tax system.

Fire Service: Comm. Duane stated that a new fire engine was purchased for Lougrea but the people in Galway are trying to keep the new engine at the Galway Fire Station. It was decided to request Galway Co. Council to send a new fire engine to Lougrea.

Itinerant Committee: Mr. Howlett explained that a new committee is being set up for each area and the Lougrea Town Commissioners are invited to nominate two members to act on the committee. The following were appointed: Comm. N. Morgan, proposed by Comm. Barrett seconded by Comm. Donnellan. Comm. S. Kelly, proposed by Comm. O'Loughlin, seconded by Comm. Donnellan. Comm. P. Wynes was appointed as substitute delegate on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Kelly.
Comm. Donnellan referred to the condition of the road at Tullagh Upper, where a number of itinerant vans are parked. Comm. Donnellan stated that the road is in an appalling condition and the people residing in the area are getting very annoyed with the conditions in which the area is left. Comm. Donnellan, who had the support of all the members present asked Mr. Howlett if he would try to have something done about this. Mr. Howlett undertook to have the problem investigated. In reply to Comm. Morgan, Mr. Howlett stated that he is not aware of any moves to have a hard stand provided for these people.

Regional Water Scheme: In reply to Comm. Morgan, Mr. Howlett stated that there is no news yet regarding the Ministerial Order covering the extraction of water from Loughrea lake. Comm. Morgan proposed that a letter be sent to the Minister for the Environment requesting him to expedite the matter.

Long Point: In reply to Comm. Donnellan, Mr. Howlett stated that some material was purchased for the proposed toilets at the Long Point.

Votes of congratulations: On the proposition of Comm. Barrett, votes of congratulations were passed with Col. Dan Corry on his selection to the Hall of Fame and to Kieran Fitzgerald on his selection as Connacht rugby player of the year and also on being selected to represent his country.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 18th day of February, 1980.

Sean Kelly
Chairman.

minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 18/2/80.

The Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly, Chairman.
Members Present: Comms. Oliver Barrett, Patrick J. Duane, Patrick O'Loughlin, Brian Morgan, Brendan Donnellan, Matthew Loughnane, Patrick Hynes.
Attendance: Messrs John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.

Apologies: The Town Clerk apologised on behalf of Comm. Gerald Reilly and William Malone, Town Engineer, who were unavoidably absent. The meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 14/1/80, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct. The proposition of Comm. O'Loughlin seconded by Comm. Barrett.

Correspondence:
Motion from Cobh U.D.C. :- "That the Council call on the Minister for Agriculture to outlaw enclosed live hare coursing."

This motion was marked read.

Motion from Fermoy U.D.C.: "That this Council call on the Minister to review immediately the income tax system with the view to alleviate the massive burden now being placed on the P.A.Y.E. workers."

This motion was unanimously supported.

I.T. Service: C.I.E. in its letter of the 5/2/80 acknowledged receipt of the request to have the Ballinasloe bus service restored. C.I.E. referred to the disruption of services in Loughrea on the 30th January and added that a further meeting with local interests is being held in Loughrea on 22/2/80.

Brigid's Hospital, Ballinasloe - Night Telephone Service: The Western Health Board in its letter of the 17/1/80 stated that from a survey carried out, the number of calls received at night in the hospital, do not warrant the employment of a full-time telephonist. Comm. Morgan said he could not accept that nurses should be employed in this capacity. Comm. Donnellan stated that he was surprised to hear that nurses acted as telephonists and was surprised that the unions did not object. Comm. Morgan proposed and it was unanimously accepted that the following solution be sent to the Western Health Board; "It was not considered relevant the number of calls received at night in the hospital, nurses are employed to look after the patients and should not be asked to answer a telephone."

Casualty Unit at St. Brendan's: The Minister for Health, in his letter of the 30/1/80, stated that it is accepted medical practice that casualty cases, requiring hospital treatment, should be brought as quickly as possible to a general hospital where all of the necessary facilities are available. The Minister pointed out that St. Brendan's is a geriatric hospital and is not equipped to deal with casualty cases and in view of this, he hoped that the Commissioners will understand why the Health Board had decided that the provision of such a unit would not be justified. Comm. Hynes stated that the feedback which he is receiving from the public is that the motion requesting a casualty unit at St. Brendan's is a good one and he will continue to raise this matter while he remains a member of this Board.

Agreement on Pay Policy - Employer Organisations/Irish Congress of Trade Unions: In accordance with Circular Letter EL 1/80, the Second Phase of this agreement was unanimously approved insofar as it relates to employees of Loughrea Town Commissioners, on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin.

1980 Tidy Towns Competition; On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Kelly it was unanimously decided to enter the 1980 Tidy Towns Competition. Comm. Morgan stated that the Tidy Towns Committee is in debt and may not be very active and he suggested requesting the I.C.A. to take over the Tidy Towns entry. Comm. Hynes suggested that both the I.C.A. and the Chamber of Commerce be asked to give a hand. It was finally agreed that

The Board would continue to make the entry and leave the enlisting of help to the present Tidy Towns Committee. The Town Clerk also stated that the Western Regional Tourism Organisation Ltd. is holding a number of Tidy Towns Lectures and Film Shows in Ballina, Castlebar, Ballinasloe, Galway and Clifden from the 26/2/80 to the 6/3/80 and as many as possible are invited to attend. Comm. Morgan proposed that Ireland/West be asked to hold one of these lectures in Lougrea and was seconded by Comm. Loughnane.

Estimates: In accordance with Sections 9 and 10 of the County and City Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Mr. Howlett submitted the Estimate for 1980 Financial Year, copies of the Estimate having been previously circulated to each member. Mr. Howlett explained that the maximum increase allowed in the 1980 Estimate is 10% and he had increased expenditure by this amount. A discussion on the actual improvement to be carried out was deferred until such time as the Town Engineer was present but the Town Clerk explained that the Engineer had discussed the improvement of Garrybreedia Park with the local horticultural instructor. Comm. Barrett proposed and Comm. Morgan seconded that qualified painters be employed on the painting of the Town Commissioners houses. On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Donnellan the following were resolved:

1. That the Estimate of Expenses of the Lougrea Town Commissioners for the Financial Year ending 31/12/80, 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 £783 for the Financial Year ending 31/12/80 and that the Form of Demand be signed by the Chairman and Town Clerk.

St. Bridget's Well and St. Bridget's Church: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Kelly, it was decided to request Galway County Council to tar the road leading to St. Bridget's Well and also to carry out some repairs to St. Bridget's Church in Garrybreedia burial ground.

Lighting/Traffic hazard at Cawerwalter: Comm. Loughnane referred to the number of accidents that have occurred at Cawerwalter and he wondered if the lighting system contributed to these accidents. Comm. Donnellan supported Comm. Loughnane in this matter and referred to what appeared to be exceptionally bright lights at the Sculegel factory which might give a wrong impression to motorists approaching the town. It was decided to refer the matter to Galway County Council.

Adult Education Office: Comm. Morgan welcomed the opening of an Adult Education Office in the Co. Committee of Agriculture Office in Lougrea. Comm. Morgan congratulated the Co. Vocational Educational Committee on making this appointment and welcomed Mr. Patrick Haverly as Adult Education Organiser.

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

- Mrs. Gilcreest, Dunkellin St., on the death of her husband Joe.
- Peter Gunter, Mt. Carmel Road, on the death of his sister.
- Mrs. Lohan, Athenny Road on the death of her husband Jim.
- Mrs. Rabitte, Dunkellin Street, on the death of her mother.
- The relatives of the late Jim Coy, Barrack Street.
- The relatives of the late Joe Keller, Galway Road.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 10th day of March, 1980.

Sean Kelly
Chairman.

minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Lougrea Town Commissioners held on the 10/3/80.

In the Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. Gerald Kelly, Brendan Donnellan, Norman Morgan, Patrick Hynes, Matthew Loughnane, Oliver Barrett.

Attendance: Messrs John Howlett Asst. Co. Manager, William Malone, Town Engineer, Alexis Marmion Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 18/2/80, 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:

Adult Education Service: Mr. Patrick Haverly, Adult Education Organiser, thanked the Commissioners for their letter of welcome and added that he will organise a 'Fly Tying' class next autumn. Comm. Donnellan thanked Mr. Haverly on promising to arrange this class.

Tidy Towns: The Western Regional Tourism Organisation Ltd. stated in its letter of the 25/2/80 that it regretted that it could not hold a discussion on Tidy Towns in Lougrea, it was limited to the number of venues and selected venues that suited the greatest number of Tidy Towns Committees. Comm. Loughnane informed the meeting that he was unable to attend the meeting in Ballinasloe.

Night Telephone Service at St. Brigid's Hospital, Ballinasloe: The Western Health Board informed the meeting that it had noted the Commissioners' complaint re nurses answering telephones at St. Brigid's Hospital. Comm. Morgan stated that he was disappointed that the matter had not received publicity in the press. On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Kelly, it was decided to lodge a protest with the Minister for Health regarding nurses answering telephones.

St. Bridget's Well and St. Bridget's Church: The County Council acknowledged receipt of requests for improvements to roadway leading to St. Bridget's Well and to the ruins of St. Bridget's Church at Garrybreedia.

Bus Service: C.I.E. in its letter of the 29/2/80 set out its proposals to run a bus on Fridays serving the Lougrea/New Inn/Ballinasloe area. Comm. Morgan remarked that a bus service on one day was some improvement. Comm. Loughnane stated that discussions are taking place regarding the over-all bus service in Lougrea.

The Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland referred to a motion from the Annual Conference: That a Special Committee be set up to consider the recent working of local authorities and to analyse the effectiveness of local government particularly in the light of recent legislative and financial changes.

The Association now invite submissions from member Councils under the following headings:— (1) Structures and Powers, (2) Finance. It was decided to put the matter on the agenda for the next meeting.

Lighting at the Premises of Sculegel Ireland Ltd.:—Mr. McDonnell, General Manager, Sculegel Ireland Ltd., stated in his letter of the 6/3/80, that the lights in the car park at their factory were installed by the I.D.A. Sculegel are aware of the problem caused by the glare from the lights and are investigating the possibility of replacing them with sodium lights. Mr. MacDonnell added that he will personally be available to discuss any problems relating to Sculegel Ireland Ltd. Comm. Loughnane proposed that Sculegel Ireland Ltd. be thanked for their prompt reply.

Motions submitted by Comm. Patrick Hynes:

That the Children's playground at Coscorrigan Crescent, Lougrea be fenced in by Galway County Council to ensure the safety of the children playing there.

The motion was seconded by Comm. Morgan.

Howlett asked Mr. Malone if he might report on the matter.

Motion 2:

As the closure of Tynagh Mine is now imminent, the Industrial Development Authority should be asked to enter into negotiations with Iris. Base Metals Ltd., with a view to utilising the land and existing buildings at Tynagh for alternative industrial use."

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

In reply to Comm. Morgan, Mr. Howlett stated that negotiations are taking place with Iris. Base Metals concerning lands adjoining the Long Point Housing Schemes: Comm. Loughane referred to a circular letter issued by the Minister for the Environment regarding work in housing schemes. Mr. Howlett said he would make a copy available for the next meeting.

Electoral Divisions: Comm. Loughane referred to the fact that there are North and South Wards in Lougrea and he often wondered why there are not East and West Wards as well.

Town Parks: Comm. Morgan thanked Mr. Malone for attending the meeting and brought the following places to his notice:

North Mound, Pat. near Kiddies Paddle Pool, Extensions to playground, cutting of green and playground. In reply Mr. Malone stated that he had inspected the North Mound, while there was no great evidence of litter he would provide more litter bins in the area, Mr. Malone undertook to have a look at the Kiddies Paddle Pool and added that it is proposed to enlarge the playground. In reply to Comm. Loughane, Mr. Malone stated that he had discussions with the local horticultural instructor and plans are drawn up to improve the rockery at Garrybreedia.

In reply to Comm. Reilly, Mr. Malone stated that the play area at Pollroebuck Estate is a matter for the housing Section of Galway Co. Council.

1980 Olympics: Comm. Morgan wished Lord Killanin and the organising Committee every success with the 1980 Olympics and was seconded by Comm. Donnellan. Comm. Hynes stated that Lord Killanin did not interest himself in the occupation of the G.A.A. grounds in South Armagh and he would not wish to be associated with the wishes to Lord Killanin.

Conditions in Northern Prisons: Comm. Morgan wished the best of luck to Cardinal O'Flaherty in his efforts to slow up the conditions that exist in the Blocks section of the northern prisons. Comm. Sean Kelly seconded Comm. Morgan good wishes.

This concluded the business of the meeting

Signed this the 14th day of April, 1980

Sean Kelly

Chairman.

minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Lougrea Town Commissioners held on the 14/4/80.

In the Chair: Commissioner Sean Kelly, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. Patrick J. D'ane, Gerald Reilly, Patrick Hynes, Matthew Loughane, Brendan Donnellan, Oliver Barrett, Norman Morgan.

In attendance: Messrs John Howlett, Asst. CO. Manager, A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting, held on the 10/3/80, copies of which were circulated to each member were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Donnellan, seconded by Comm. Loughane.

Public Lighting: The County Council in its letter of the 31/3/80 stated that it understood that the Sc. Legal Company is planning to improve the lighting at its factory. The County Council also stated that there is no money available to extend the public lighting system at Lougrea this year.

Pending Closure at Tynagh: The Town Clerk informed the meeting that Mr. Thomas Wyland, Regional Manager I.D.A. had called on him re the proposed closure of Tynagh. Mr. Wyland had indicated that the I.D.A. are in contact with Iris. Base Metals and discussions are ongoing. Comm. Hynes stated that there was too much silence from people in authority concerning profits made at Tynagh and he hoped that Iris. Base Metals will not be allowed to slip away quietly.

Discussion on Local Government - Arising from the Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland, a special Committee was set up to consider the recent working of local authorities and to analyse the effectiveness of local government particularly in the light of recent legislative and financial changes. This Special Committee now invites submissions under the following headings:- (1) Structures and Powers and (2) Finance.

Comm. Donnellan in opening the discussion stated that the Assoc. of Municipal Authorities each year passed resolutions but it did not appear to have the power to implement them, Comm. Donnellan added that he thought that there should be some law to compel the Minister to implement these resolutions. The matter was discussed at length during which various structures were suggested, Comm. Morgan suggested health Board areas, Comms. Hynes and Comm. Loughane suggested something on a regional basis based on the population. Comm. Donnellan favoured the retention of Town Commission Boards and was supported by Comm. Morgan.

It was decided to defer the matter to the next meeting, from which suggestions can be forwarded to the Special Committee.

Housing Accommodation: Comm. Hynes referred to a three-bedroomed Commissioners' house with a family of 10 living in it and he asked if an extension could be provided. Comm. Hynes undertook to give the particulars to Mr. Howlett who promised to look into the matter.

Civil Defence: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Loughane it was agreed to invite the Executive Officer, Galway Civil Defence to address the next meeting of the Board.

Plot at Cuscarrick: Comm. Hynes asked if there was any information regarding pending the plot at Cuscarrick Estate. Mr. Howlett pointed out that we are waiting the Town Engineer's report. The Town Clerk was instructed to contact the Town Engineer re same.

Garrybreedia Park: Comm. Loughane proposed a vote of thanks to the Town Engineer, his staff and the local horticultural instructor for the work carried out at Garrybreedia Park.

Housing Accommodation: Comm. Hynes asked Mr. Howlett what is the position regarding the provision of County Council houses in Loughrea. In reply Mr. Howlett stated that the Pollroebuck Scheme is ready and awaiting government funds, plans for serviced sites have been prepared by the architect, they have to get planning approval and after that work can commence provided that government funds are made available.

Rural Drama Festival: Comm. Morgan proposed a vote of congratulations to the group responsible for bringing the All Ireland Rural Drama Festival back to Loughrea and welcomed all the participating groups to Loughrea, this was seconded by Comm. Donnellan.

Town Dump: Comm. Donnellan asked if it possible to have the town dump open on Saturdays and was supported by Comm. Kelly. The Town Clerk in reply stated that when the dump was left open before it was abused and he doubted very much if the Town Engineer would favour opening it again. Comm. Morgan stated that Mr. Cronin the adjoining landowner is prepared to lease some additional land for use as a dump and proposed that the Co. Council be asked to investigate the possibility. The Town Clerk pointed out that this land was found to be unsuitable before. It was decided to forward the recommendations to the County Council.

Old Town Dump: Comm. Morgan asked Mr. Howlett about the two caravans now located in the old town dump. Mr. Howlett informed the meeting that the two caravans were parked in the old town dump as a temporary arrangement, the families in question have handicapped children and it is proposed to house them as soon as houses are available. Mr. Howlett added that a deputation had visited the Co. Council regarding the removal of these caravans but as yet no decision was reached.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 12th day of May, 1980

Sean Kelly

Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 12/5/80.

In the Chair: Commissioner Sean Kelly, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. Norman Morgan, Oliver Barrett, Brendan Donnellan, Patrick J. Duane, Patrick O'Loughlin, Matthew Loughnane.

In Attendance: Messers John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk and Captain P.B. Sugrue, Chief Fire Officer.

Apologies were received from Comms. Gerald Reilly and Patrick Hynes.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 14/4/80, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Barrett.

Civil Defence: Capt. Sugrue informed the meeting that he welcomed the invitation to speak on civil defence - a very important and urgent matter. The possibility of a crisis exists at all times and so people must be trained to protect people and property. Civil Defence exists on a voluntary basis and is divided into different services. Capt. Sugrue went on to outline the different services, Warden Service, Auxillary Fire Service, Rescue Service, Casualty Service, Welfare Service, and outline the work carried out by each section. Capt. Sugrue added that Loughrea is fairly well cared for with these services and made special mention of the Auxillary Fire Service, which in former years under the leadership of Mr. Tommy Holland had brought All - Ireland titles back to Loughrea. Capt. Sugrue also paid tribute to the Loughrea Fire Unit which, which Capt. Sugrue added is one of the premier units in the County. A general discussion took place during which Capt. Sugrue answered questions relating to civil defence and in answer as to how the Commissioners could assist the services in Loughrea, Capt. Sugrue replied by attending and getting others to attend the recruiting drives that will take place next autumn. Capt. Sugrue thanked the meeting for inviting him adding that they were the first local authority to do so and added that he was delighted to see local authorities taking an interest. The Chairman in thanking Captain Sugrue for his most interesting talk expressed the hope that more talks and film shows will follow.

Motion submitted from Mallow U.D.C.:

"That representation be made to the Minister for Justice to amend the existing legislation so as to provide greater penalties for owners of wandering animals within Urban areas where untold damage is being done by way of trespass and nuisance."

It was unanimously decided to support this motion on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Barrett.

Motion submitted by Westport U.D.C.:-

"That Westport U.D.C. call on the Government to introduce legislation to change the law with regard to the status and rights of illegitimate children, for the purpose of effecting equality before the law with legitimate children."

In the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin it was unanimously decided to support this motion.

Tennis Club: The Loughrea Tennis Club in its letter of the 9th May, informed the meeting that the Senior Open will take place on Sat. & Sun. 24th/25th May. The members were invited to attend the finals on Sunday 25th. The members were also invited to take part in a fund raising Golf Competition on Saturday 7th June.

Travelling Expenses: Travelling Expenses as set out in Circular Letter L.A. P) 10/80 of the 23rd April, 1980 was approved for officers of the Board on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Kelly.

Petrol Stations: Comm. Morgan referred to the hours on which petrol stations are open on Sundays pointing out that there are hours during which no petrol station is open and suggested asking the petrol station owners to arrange a rota which would ensure that some station would remain open at all times. It was the general feeling of the meeting that this is a matter best left to the petrol station owners themselves or to the Chamber of Commerce.

Rating System:-Comm. Morgan referred to the present system of rating buildings used jointly as a dwelling cum business premises and added that the rates should be based on proportion to the respective areas used. It was agreed to defer the matter to the next meeting to enable Mr. Howlett to investigate the proposal.

Suggestions on Local Government Re-Organisation: Comm. Loughnane stated that in his opinion Town Commissioners are devoid of any power or functions. Comm. Donnellan stated that he would have to disagree completely with Comm. Loughnane remarks. Comm. Kelly stated that if we were to become an Urban Authority, financial responsibilities would become far greater. Mr. Howlett stated that smaller authorities are finding it very difficult financially and if the Board withdrew some of its investment it would place a far greater burden on the rates. Comm. Morgan proposed that the Structures and Powers remain unchanged and this was seconded by Comm. Donnellan.

Housing: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Kelly it was decided that a protest be made to the Minister for the Environment, that adequate state grants, to complete the Pollroebuck Housing Estate, was not made available to Galway County Council.

Serviced Sites: Mr. Howlett informed the meeting that discussions are taking place between the Architect and the Planning Section. The plans are well advanced and when they are finalised it will be a question of availability of money.

Water Rights Extraction Order: Comm. Morgan stated that pressure should be brought to bear on the Minister to have the enquiry into the Extraction Order for the Loughrea Regional Water Scheme carried out without any further delay.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 16th day of June, 1980. Norman Morgan
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the Annual Meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 16/6/80.
Members Present: Comms. Sean Kelly, Brendan Donnellan, Patrick O'Loughlin, Matthew Loughnane, Gerald Reilly, Oliver Barrett, Norman Morgan, Patrick J. Duane and Patrick Hynes.
In Attendance: Messers John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, Alexis Marmion, T/Clerk

Before the business of the meeting was dealt with, the members were addressed by Mr. John Devine a former member of the Board. Mr. Devine referred to the Government's call to conserve energy and called on the Board to have the lake known as Lough Beal Sragh investigated as a possible source of energy. Mr. Devine was commended for his foresight by the Members and it was agreed to forward Mr. Devine's suggestion to the County Council and to the Minister for Energy.

Election of Chairman: Comm. Kelly informed the meeting that he was not seeking re-election and he invited proposals for the position of Chairman. Comm. Morgan was proposed by Comm. Barrett and seconded by Comm. Duane. Comm. O'Loughlin was proposed by Comm. Kelly and seconded by Comm. Donnellan. Comms. Morgan and O'Loughlin's names were put before the meeting and the voting resulted as follows:
For Comm. Morgan: Comms. Morgan, Barrett, Duane, Reilly and Hynes. 5No.
For Comm. O'Loughlin: Comms. O'Loughlin, Kelly, Donnellan and Loughnane. 4No.
Comm. Morgan was declared elected.

Comm. Morgan thanked the members for electing him and said his was proud to be Chairman and hoped to be just and fair in the position, he paid special thanks to his proposer and seconder. All present congratulated Comm. Morgan on his election and wished him well in his office, Comm. O'h-Eidhin ag abairt tre gaeilge.

Election of Vice-Chairman: The following were proposed for the position of Vice-Chairman:
Comm. O'Reilly, proposed by Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Barrett.
Comm. O'Loughlin, proposed by Comm. Kelly.
Comm. Loughnane, proposed by Comm. O'Loughlin seconded by Comm. Donnellan.
Comm. O'Loughlin withdrew his name.

The names of Comms. Reilly and Loughnane were put to the meeting and the voting resulted as follows.
For Comm. Reilly: Comms. Reilly, Morgan, Barrett, Hynes and Duane. 5 No.
For Comm. Loughnane: Comms. Loughnane, O'Loughlin, Kelly and Donnellan. 4No.
Comm. Reilly was declared elected.
Comm. Reilly thanked his proposer and seconder and the members for electing him. Comm. Loughnane thanked his proposer and seconder and congratulated Comm. Reilly on his election. All present again congratulated Comm Reilly on his election, Comm. O'h-Eidhin ag labairt tre gaeilge arist.

Election of Delegate to Fire Brigades Advisory Committee: Comm. Duane was proposed by Comm. Morgan and seconded by Comm. Hynes. As there was no other proposal, Comm. Duane was declared elected. In reply to Comm. Donnellan, Comm. Hynes the outgoing delegate, stated that he was not notified of any meeting last year.

Delegates to Association of Municipal Authorities: The Chairman stated that while he was aware that delegates were appointed to the Association of Municipal Authorities for the full term of the Board, he felt that the meeting should appoint a substitute delegate to attend these meetings in the event of one of the appointed delegates being unable to attend. Comm. Kelly aimed that the appointment of a substitute is a matter for the delegate concerned. The matter was deferred to the next meeting and in the meantime the Town Clerk was asked to get a ruling from the Association of Municipal Authorities on the matter.

This concluded the business of the Annual Meeting.

Signed this the 14th day of July, 1980. Norman Morgan
Chairman

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 16/6/80.

In the Chair: Comm. Norman Morgan, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. Sean Kelly, Brendan Donnellan, Patrick O'Loughlin, Matthew Loughnane, Gerald Keilly, Oliver Barrett, Patrick J. Duane and Patrick Hynes.

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

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 12/5/80, copies of which were previously circulated to each member, were taken as read, adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Kelly, seconded by Comm. Reilly.

Duties of Nursing Staff on night duty at St. Brigids Hospital, Ballinasloe: The Minister for Health in his letter of the 28/5/80 informed the meeting that he had brought to the attention of the Chief Executive Officer of the Western Health Board, Loughrea Town Commissioners complaint that nursing staff are expected to answer telephone calls while on night duty at St. Brigids Hospital, Ballinasloe.

Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland: Notice of date and place of the Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland was read to the meeting. (Kinsale Sept. 16th, 17th, & 18th.) Members were informed that motions must be submitted not later than 15th August next.

Land adjoining Long Point: A notice of intention to hold a public meeting in the Temperance Hall on the 17th June at 8.30 p.m. to discuss Irish Base Metals proposal to hand over its land which adjoins the Long Point to the people of Loughrea was read to the meeting. It was the unanimous opinion of the meeting that that this should not become a controversial issue. On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Barrett it was unanimously decided to support the suggestion that the land in question be vested in Galway County Council.

Seamus O'Kelly Centenary Committee: A letter from Sister M. Austin, Sec. Seamus O'Kelly Centenary Committee was read to the meeting. The letter sought the support of the Commissioners, both financial and otherwise to help commemorate the literary works of one of Loughrea's most famous sons. Mr. Howlett stated that the Commissioners could not make funds available for a project like this, the County Council have a fund for the development of the Arts, the fund for this year is fully allocated, but if there is any withdrawl, this project could be considered. The committee was assured of the full help and co-operation of the Commissioners and as a token of the Commissioners sincerity it was decided to appoint two members of the Board to act on the Committee. On the proposition of Comm. Morgan, seconded by Comm. Kelly, Commissioners Barrett and Donnellan were appointed to represent the Board on the Committee.

Loughrea Regional Water Scheme: The meeting was informed by the Dept. of the Environment that procedure is developing along normal lines, where objection and compulsory purchase orders are concerned, it is normal practise to have both enquiries together.

Travelling Expenses: Travelling Expenses as set out in Circular Letter L.A. (P) 12/80 was approved for Officers of the Board on the proposition Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Barrett.

Abstract of Accounts: The Abstract of Accounts for the financial year ending 31/12/79 was presented by the Asst. County Manager. On the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Hynes, the following over-expenditure was approved: Salaries £260. Printing & Advertising £67.

1980 Tenant Purchase Scheme: The 1980 Tenant Purchase Scheme in accordance with the terms of Circular Letter H 8/80 for houses the property of the Board was adopted on the proposition of Comm. Loughnane seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin.

Additional Accommodation to Town Commissioners House: Comm. Hynes referred to a request he had made to have additional rooms provided at a particular house and asked if his request might be acknowledged in writing. Mr. Howlett agreed to do this.

Meeting of Fire Brigades Advisory Committee: On the proposition of Comm. Hynes seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin it was agreed to express dis-satisfaction at the failure of the Fire Brigades Advisory Committee to hold regular meeting last year and to request that meetings be held on a regular basis this year.

Housing Grants: Comm. Loughnane gave notice that he will propose at the next meeting that a motion be submitted to the Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland, that the grant for new houses be increased from £1000 to £5000.

Music Festival: Comm. Hynes stated that he would like to commend St. Brendan's A.A. club for organising such a successful Music Festival and he would also like to compliment the people who came from all over Ireland, this was seconded by Comm. Duane.

Festival Week: Comm. Loughnane proposed that the Chamber of Commerce, through its secretary, Miss Mary Killian, be thanked for inviting the Commissioners to review the recent industrial parade. Comm. Morgan, Chairman supported Comm. Loughnane adding that he thought it was a pity that the then Chairman, Comm. Kelly did not have a Chain of Office to wear on occasions such as this. Comm. Morgan suggested that some company such as the Bank of Ireland should be approached to donate a Chain of Office. On the proposition of Comm. Hynes seconded by Comm. Donnellan it was decided to approach the Bank of Ireland on the matter.

Attendance at Meetings: The Chairman stated that while he has the utmost respect and confidence in the ability of the Asst. Co. Manager, Mr. Howlett he thought that it would be nice if the County Manager, Mr. Keating attended just one meeting of the Board during the year. Mr. Howlett stated that he would have no objection to this. On the proposition of the Chairman seconded by Comm. Kelly it was decided to convey these sentiments to the County Manager.

Toilets at the Long Point: In reply to the Chairman, Mr. Howlett stated that due to lack of funds, the provision of a toilet at the Long Point was deferred but this does not mean that it is losing its place on the list.

Carmelite Nuns: Comm. Donnellan informed the meeting that this year is the 12-centenary year of the coming of the Mount Carmel nuns to Loughrea and he proposed a vote of congratulations to them on this joyous occasion, this was seconded by Comm. Loughnane. The Town Clerk was instructed to investigate the possibility of having a scroll prepared in honour of the occasion.

Industry: Comm. Hynes proposed and Comm. Loughnane seconded that Mr. Tom Hyland be invited to the next meeting to give the up to date position regarding Tynagh. (Mr. T. Hyland, I.D.A. Regional Manager).

Road Junction: Comm. Donnellan proposed that the white line at the junction of Cross St./Barrack St., be replaced as soon as possible. This was seconded by Comm. Barrett.

This concluded the meeting of the Board.

Signed this the 14th day of July, 1980.

Norman Morgan
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 14/7/80.

In the Chair: Comm. Norman Morgan, Chairman.

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Members Present: Comms. Gerald Reilly, Brendan Donnellan, Sean Kelly, Oliver Barrett, Patrick Hynes, Matthew Loughnane.

In attendance: Messers. John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk and Tom Hyland, Regional Manager, I.D.A.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on the 16/6/80 and the Monthly meeting held on the same date, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct. The minutes of the Annual meeting were proposed by Comm. Reilly, seconded by Comm. Kelly, the minutes of the monthly meeting were proposed by Comm. Barrett seconded by Comm. Donnellan. Before the business of the meeting was discussed, Comm. Donnellan proposed a minutes silence as a mark of respect to the memory of Gardai Morley and Byrne who were killed by bank robbers at Castleroe, this was seconded by Comm. Morgan and passed unanimously.

Industrial Outlook: Mr. Tom Hyland, Regional Manager I.D.A. addressed the meeting and made the following points regarding the proposed closure of Tynagh.

- a) The I.D.A. had several meetings with both the management and workers.
- b) The expertise of the I.D.A. is readily available to any worker wishing to open up their own business.
- c) Irish Base Metals are considering the possibility of processing the silver ore waste at Tynagh, this would employ 40/50 men.
- d) The I.D.A. will consider every possibility for the future use of the site, which could be very useful for certain types of industry.
- e) The I.D.A. expect to provide 1000 new jobs in the Ballinasloe/Loughrea/Portumna/Gort area by 1982.
- f) The I.D.A. still have 13 acres of land available for industrial development in Loughrea.
- g) The I.D.A. are committed to the provision of a further advance factory in Loughrea.
- h) The I.D.A. will work closely with Galway Co. Council regarding the acquisition of additional land in Loughrea, if there is a need for same.
- i) I.D.A. will consider providing 'Cluster Units' if there is a genuine demand for same.
- j) I.D.A. Grants available: Capital Grant 60%; Rent Subsidy Grant 60%; Training Grant 100%.

The Chairman and members present thanked Mr. Hyland for attending and giving such a comprehensive report. Mr. Howlett stated that Mr. Hyland was very frank with the meeting and added that it was obvious that the I.D.A. had its home-work done. Mr. Hyland thanked the meeting for receiving and expressed the hope that a satisfactory solution would emerge.

Minutes: Arising from the minutes, Comm. Donnellan referred to a report of the Annual Meeting which appeared in the Tuam Herald, accusing Fianna Fail of treachery in not supporting Comm. Hynes for the Chair. Comm. Hynes stated that this was the agreement last year, a statement which Comm. Kelly denied. Comm. Donnellan stated that the point at issue is how did the Tuam Herald get the report? The Chairman stated that the Commissioners have not the power to query the press. The Town Clerk stated that he was not in contact with the Tuam Herald.

Comm. Donnellan also referred to a member of the public walking in and addressing the last meeting. It was agreed that in future, a deputation wishing to attend a meeting must get the prior permission of the Chairman.

Correspondence: The following correspondence was read to the meeting:

- i. Mr. S. Keating, County Manager, stated that he will be happy to accompany Mr. Howlett to a meeting at the end of the holiday period.
- ii. Sister M. Austin thanked the Board for its help and good wishes with the Seamus O'Kelly project.
- iii. The Town Clerk read the proposed Address to the Rev. Mother Prioress and Community, St. Joseph's, Mount Carmel, on the occasion of the Tercentenary

the establishment of the Carmelite Nuns in Loughrea, the Town Clerk added that he hoped to have the Address printed by the nuns in Tuam. The press reporter, Mr. Donohoe was thanked for his help in compiling the Address.

Housing at Pollroebuck: The Minister for the Environment stated that an application for a capital allocation for new housing by Galway County Council is presently under consideration and must be considered in the context of capital available and priority of the scheme. This application includes a further phase of 12 houses at Loughrea. The meeting considered this news as disappointing.

Chain-of-Office: Mr. D. Solan, Manager, Bank of Ireland, Loughrea in his letter of the 3/7/80 stated that while his bank is not prepared to sponsor the Chain-of-Office in full, it will contribute to any public subscription for this purpose. The meeting expressed its disappointment at the bank's refusal to sponsor this project. Comm. Morgan stated that he had received offer of subscriptions from other firms. It was agreed that Comm. Morgan would look for further subscriptions. The Town Clerk was instructed to write former Chairmen or their relatives inviting them to subscribe towards the cost of having name links supplied with the Chain. The meeting agreed in principle with acquiring a Chain-of-Office but felt that it should not be entered until the cost of same was collected.

Assoc. of Municipal Authorities of Ireland: The meeting was informed that the dates of the Annual Conference were changed to Sept. 23rd, 24th, 25th. The meeting was also informed that a delegate unable to attend, has the right to nominate his substitute, which must be done in writing. Comm. Loughnane submitted the following motion for the Annual Conference:

That the Minister for the Environment be called on to increase to £5,000 the £1,000 grant for new house construction, in order to reduce the number of people seeking local authority housing."

On the proposition of Comm. Morgan, seconded by Comm. Donnellan it was decided to reject the following motion from Nenagh U.D.C. that the Minister for the Environment be requested to revise the Local Authority National Rents Scheme, 1980, to provide for 'income splitting' in the case of Social Welfare Payment recipients so that only that portion of payment which relates to the head of the household be taken as principal earner's income, the balance of the Social Welfare Payment being split among the dependants - they being regarded as subsidiary earners."

Motions submitted by Comm. Patrick Hynes:

"That Loughrea Town Commissioners support the five basic demands of the protesting prisoners in H-Block, Long Kesh and Armagh Jail; the demands are:

- The right not to wear prison uniform.
- The right not to do prison work.
- Full freedom of association among political prisoners.
- The right to organise recreational and educational facilities, to have one weekly visit, to receive and send out one letter per week.
- Restoration of full remission.

The above motion was seconded by Comm. Morgan and passed unanimously. The Town Clerk was instructed to send copies of same to the Governors of Armagh Jail, Long Kesh and Mr. H. Atkins, Sec. of State for Northern Ireland.

Motion 2:

That a physiotherapist be provided for St. Brendan's Hospital, Loughrea." Motion was seconded by Comm. Morgan and passed unanimously.

Motion 3:

That a thirty mile an hour speed limit be introduced and enforced at the Pollroebuck Housing Estate, Loughrea."

This motion was amended to read "enforce at Pollroebuck Housing Estate, Loughrea. The amended motion was seconded by Comm. Reilly and passed unanimously. It was also decided to request the erection of 'Children Playing' signs at Pollroebuck.

Tidy Towns: The Chairman, Comm. Morgan referred to the forthcoming events such as the Seamus O'Kelly Anniversary, Carmelite Nuns Tercentenary etc. and he appealed to the people to co-operate with the Tidy Towns Committee in keeping the town clean. Comm. Morgan thanked the Town Engineer, Mr. Malone and his staff on their efforts and made special reference to the Comm. Donnellan agreed saying there is a vast improvement on the green. Comm. Donnellan also referred to political party posters left at chapel gates and other indiscriminate bill posting.

Public Toilets at Westbridge: Comm. Donnellan referred to the number of buses stopping at the Westbridge on Sunday mornings and asked if the public toilets might be left open on Saturday nights. The Town Clerk stated that he had discussed this matter with the Town Engineer and it was decided that it would be unwise to leave the toilets open all night, however an undertaking was given that the toilets will open early on Sunday mornings.

Arus na nGael: Comm. Morgan referred to the opening of Arus na nGael in Loughrea during the month and he welcomed the decision of the G.A.A. to do so.

Date of September Meeting: The date of the September meeting was left to the discretion of the Town Clerk.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 15th day of September, 1980.

Norman Morgan
Chairman.

Address to The Rev. Mother Prioress and Community St. Joseph's Monastery, Mount Carmel, Loughrea, on the occasion of the Tercentenary of the establishment of the Carmelite Nuns in Loughrea.

Dear Reverend Mother Prioress and Sisters, we the Town Commissioners of Loughrea, on behalf of the people of the town beg to congratulate you on the celebration of the Tercentenary of the foundation of your Community in Loughrea.

It is scarcely necessary to dwell on the many ties that have bound the people of the town to you over the three centuries, since your arrival amongst ^{us} them in 1680. You have in turn taught the children of Loughrea, been friends of the poor and comforters of the sick and troubled. You have lived lives of prayer and practical work for us and it would be remiss of us not to avail of this rare opportunity of acknowledging in words what we owe to you in deeds of goodness and mercy.

We assure you that the people of Loughrea have the warmest feelings of reverence and love towards you who have been their constant friends in sorrow and trouble and are confident that you have brought blessings to them all.

We pray that God may Bless you in this world and hereafter that He may fill you with His Grace, the Gift you prize the most.

We pray that God may spare all the Sisters for very many years to continue to work for His Glory and our good.

Signed by us the Town Commissioners of Loughrea in this year of Our Lord, 1980:-

Norman Morgan, T.C. Chairman,
Gerald Reilly, T.C. Vice-Chairman.
Sean Kelly, T.C. Brendan Donnellan, T.C.
Matthew Loughnane, T.C. Patrick O'Loughlin, T.C.
Oliver Barrett, T.C. Patrick J. Duane, T.C.
Patrick Hynes, T.C.

Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.
John B. Donohoe, Recorder.

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Minutes of special meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 11/8/80.

In the Chair: Comm. Norman Morgan, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. Patrick Hynes, Oliver Barrett, Patrick O'Loughlin, Sean Kelly, Brendan Donnellan, Matthew Loughnane. Comm. Patrick J. Duane who was present, left before the meeting commenced.

In Attendance: A. Marmion, Town Clerk, J.B. Donohoe, Press Reporter and former Commissioner James Barrett who was present on the Chairman's permission.

The Chairman stated that the purpose of the meeting was to make arrangements for the blessing and presentation of the Chain of Office.

The Chairman pointed out that it is proposed to have mass for the deceased members of the Board on August 27th next at 8 p.m. The Town Clerk could have the Chain of Office blessed during this mass. The County Manager, Mr. Seamus Keating, has agreed to formally present the Chain of Office to the Chairman and it is proposed to have this done in the Temperance Hall after mass that evening. The Chairman added that he proposes to have a reception in the Olde Mill Weir that night, to which he will invite some guests. Tickets for this function can be purchased by the Members and the general public at £4.50 each.

The arrangements as set out by the Chairman were approved by the meeting, it was however suggested that the Chairman, would discuss with Fr. Stankard, the possibility of inviting Bishop Ryan or Bishop Cassidy to the ceremonies. It was also suggested that Abbey Prior and the Rev. Mother of the Convent of Mercy might be invited. *Superior De la Belle Orla*

The Chain of Office, which was available for inspection at the meeting, cost £850. The Town Clerk read the names of the list of subscribers to date, which amounted to £684. The Chairman stated that he had no doubt but that the fund will oversubscribe. It was the unanimous decision of the Board that all subscriptions should be accepted and if the funds are available, the cost of the invited guests to the function, would be met from this fund.

The Chain of Office, which bore the names of all the Chairmen, with two exceptions, since 1909, was much admired by all present. The Town Clerk stated that he thought it was a pity that two past Chairmen had refused to be associated with the Chain of Office and he felt that they should be given the opportunity to re-consider. This was agreed by the meeting and the Town Clerk was authorised to interview the two people concerned. It was however, the unanimous decision of the meeting, that if the people concerned did not contribute to the fund, their names should not be put on the Chain.

The meeting then terminated.

Dated this the 15th day of September, 1980.)

Norman Morgan
Chairman.

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Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 15/9/80.

In the Chair: Comm. Norman Morgan, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. Patrick Hynes, Gerald Reilly, Oliver Barrett, Patrick O'Loughlin, Brendan Donnellan and Matthew Loughnane.

In Attendance: Messrs Kevin Doyle Acting Asst. Co. Manager and Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.

Apology for non-attendance: Comm. Sean Kelly.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: Minutes of meetings held on the 14/7/80 and 11/8/80 were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Barrett.

Chain-of Office Fund; The Town Clerk gave details of the receipts and expenditure of the Chain of Office fund. The fund has a credit balance of £56.28. The Chairman referred to an article in the September 11th issue of the Connacht Tribune giving an account of a dinner held in honour of the Loughrea Town Commissioners in 1851. The Chairman added that an effort should be made to establish the names of the Chairmen from that date and he thought that the Chain of Office fund should remain open to enable this to be done. The Chairman undertook to carry out the research and it was agreed to continue the fund for another short period.

Correspondence: The following correspondence was read to the meeting:

1. Letter of thanks from the Chamber of Commerce for support in making the Seven Springs Festival a success.

2. Letter of thanks from Sister M. Sebastian, Convent of Mercy, Tuam, for gift token given as a token of the Board's thanks for her work on the address given to the Mount Carmel nuns on the occasion of the tercentary of their coming to Loughrea.

3. Letter of thanks from Sister M. Theiese, Prioress, Mount Carmel, Loughrea for address presented on the occasion of the Tercentary of their coming to Loughrea.

4. Letter from the Dept. of Energy, stating that investigations have shown that Lough Belsrah is not suitable as a source of energy. On the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Reilly, it was decided to send a copy of this letter to Mr. John Devine, Westbridge, who originally made the suggestion.

5. Letter from Mrs. Vera Reidy dated 1/8/80 seeking support for the setting up of a dog control Unit in Galway. The meeting decided that while it could not give the project financial aid it nevertheless supported the idea.

6. Motion from Westport U.D.C.:

"That Westport U.D.C. call on the Government to take steps to ensure the equality of viewing opportunities for all television licences in the State and where inequality exists to measure the licence fee payable in such areas accordingly."

On the proposition of the Chairman seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin it was agreed to support this motion.

7. Motion from Mullingar Town Commissioners:

"That Mullingar Town Commissioners ask the Minister for the Environment to apply the £1,000 grant to people on the housing list who wish to purchase second hand houses."

On the proposition of Comm. O'Loughlin seconded by Comm. Reilly, it was agreed to support this motion.

8. Motion from Cobh U.D.C.:

"That this Council write to Cardinal O'Fiaich expressing support for his efforts towards a settlement of the H-Block impasse."

It was decided to support this motion on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Hynes.

Subsistence Allowances: On the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by

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Comm. Barrett, subsistence allowances as set out in Circular Letter EL/I3/80 of the 1/8/80 were approved by the Board.

General Operatives Wage Increase: The General Operatives Wage Increase as set out in Circular Letter EL 7/80 was approved by the Board insofar as it relates to the School Warden, on the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin.

Coat of Arms: An application from Mr. Martin Ward, Main Street for permission to use the Loughrea Coat of Arms on crests, badges etc. was deferred to the next meeting of the Board.

Demands made by prisoners at Maze and Armagh Jails: Mr. L.C.W. Figg the British Ambassador, set out in his letter dated 14/8/80, the reasons why certain demands are refused to a special category of prisoner in the Maze and Armagh jails. Comm. Donnellan proposed that the letter be marked read and put in the waste paper basket, this was seconded by Comm. Barrett. The Chairman made the point that the Ambassador paid the Board the courtesy of a detailed reply. Comm. Hynes and Reilly were given permission to get a copy of the reply. Comm. Loughnane stated that all the letter tried to do was to put the Board into a pen with a small section of the community and he proposed that a note of dissatisfaction be attached to the letter before it was filed, this was seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin.

Motions submitted by Comm. Oliver Barrett:

a. "It has been brought to my attention that the exercising of greyhounds on the Walks is a bad practise. I would ask the Board's support to have it banned."

Comm. Barrett in moving this motion stated that a person had complained to him that two greyhounds had attacked her dog while exercising in the Walks. The Town Clerk stated that when this arose previously it transpired that the control of dogs is a matter for the Gardai. On the proposition of Comm. Morgan it was agreed to refer the matter to the Gardai. The Town Clerk undertook to discuss with the Town Engineer, the possibility of having something done with the North Mound, that would prevent the galloping of greyhounds there.

b. "Gallop and swimming of horses at the Long Point should be stopped and those who disobey this order would be prosecuted by the Board." This motion was seconded by Comm. Morgan and passed unanimously, although in the opinion of most of the members it was felt that the problem was isolated.

On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin it was decided to appeal to the anglers not to take boats into the swimming area.

All Ireland Victory: A vote of congratulations was passed to the Galway hurling team on the occasion of their wonderful All Ireland victory, proposed by the Chairman. The Chairman also stated that he felt strongly that the Mayor of Galway appeared to be the guest of honour when in fact he thought the Chairman of the Co. Council, as the first citizen in the County, should represent the people of the County and he proposed that a protest be sent to the G.A.A. this was seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin.

Pollroebuck Housing: Comm. O'Reilly proposed that the Co. Council be informed that the open space at Pollroebuck is becoming a caravan park this was seconded by Comm. Morgan. Comm. O'Reilly also complained about the resiting of a fountain at Galway Road.

Title of Mayor: Comm. Morgan stated that he was approached by Comm. M. Kelly of Tuam to support a motion he has before the Annual Conference of Municipal Authorities, that Chairmen of Urban Councils and Town Commissioners be called Mayors. The motion received a mixed reception from the members.

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Comm. Donnellan informed the meeting that he is not in a position to attend the Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities. He was reminded by the Town Clerk that the question of appointing a substitute is a matter for himself.

Site at Mount Carmel Crescent: Comm. Morgan stated that he wanted to propose that the Board would acquire from the Mount Carmel nuns, a site at Mt. Carmel Crescent for development as a park. It was agreed that Comm. Morgan would submit a motion for the next meeting and in the meantime the Town Engineer would be asked to report on the proposal.

Submission on Taxation: On the proposition of Comm. Loughnane seconded by Comm. Morgan it was agreed to submit the following motion on taxation:

"That no adjustment be made on the tax structure that would be detrimental to house building, that is that interest paid on mortgage be allowed in full for tax remission."

The meeting then terminated.

Signed this the 13th day of October, 1980:

Morgan Morgan
Chairman.

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

In the Chair: Comm. Norman Morgan Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. Sean Kelly, Brendan Donnellan, Patrick O'Loughlin, Patrick Hynes, Patrick J. Duane, Cliver Barrett and Gerald Reilly.

In Attendance: Mr. Alexis Marmion Town Clerk.

The purpose of the meeting was to make arrangements to meet the Galway Hurling Team, 1980 ALL Ireland Champions who proposed visiting the Town on Sunday September 21st.

The Chairman stated that he was informed by Mr. Jack Cahalan, Chairman of the local G.A.A. club, that the Galway Hurling team will be in Loughrea at 11 p.m. on Sunday night. The Chairman, Com. Morgan informed the meeting that he had arranged for an illuminated dress to be prepared for the occasion.

It was decided that the Chairman and Town Clerk would appear on stage with the team, the Chairman to address the public and the Town Clerk to read the 'Illuminated Address.' It was so agreed that the other members of the Board would attend the function.

The Chairman also informed the meeting that all are invited for light refreshments by the local G.A.A. club after the presentation.

The meeting then terminated.

Signed this the 13th day of October, 1980.

Norman Morgan
Chairman.

Address To The Captain and Members of the Galway Senior Hurling Team, Winners of the All-Ireland Championship, 1980

By the Town Commissioners of Loughrea on behalf of the people of the Town on ^{the} occasion of your victory over Limerick in the Final of the All-Ireland Championship at Croke Park on 7th. September, 1980

Dear Captain and Members, we the Town Commissioners of Loughrea, on behalf of the people of the Town, beg to congratulate you on your great victory in the All-Ireland Senior Hurling Championship of 1980. While we are proud of your great achievement in bringing the highest honour in Gaelic Games to our beloved County, we are more proud of the manner in which you gained this great honour.

By the discipline and self-sacrifice which you displayed throughout the arduous preparation for the Championship tests and your sportsmanship and manliness on the field of play and perhaps above all your exemplary modesty in your historic triumph, you have shown yourselves to be admirable standard-bearers of our County's Colours and we are confident that you will prove to be worthy Ambassadors of your County and of all that is best in Irish manhood, during your forthcoming tour of the United States of America.

We assure you that you will carry with you into all your games and journeyings, the warmest feelings and good wishes for continued success ^{from} the people of Loughrea which is the geographical centre of Hurling in County Galway.

Signed by us the Town Commissioners of Loughrea, in this year of Our Lord, 1980: -

Norman Morgan, T.C., Chairman; Gerard Reilly, T.C., Vice Chairman

Sean Kelly, T.C.

Patrick J. Duane, T.C.

Patrick O'Loughlin T.C.

Patrick Hynes, T.C.

Brendan Donnellan T.C.
Matthew Loughnan T.C.
Cliver Barrett T.C.

Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk

John B. Donohue, Recorder.

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Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 13/10/80.

In the Chair: Comm. Norman Morgan, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. Gerald Reilly, Oliver Barrett, Patrick J. Duane, Brendan Donnellan, Sean Kelly, Matthew Loughnane, Patrick Hynes and Patrick O'Loughlin.

In Attendance: Messers John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Mamion, T/Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayer.

Minutes: Minutes of meetings held on the 15/9/80 and 20/9/80, copies of which were previously circulated to each member were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Barrett.

Town Crest: On the proposition of Comm. Duane seconded by Comm. Loughnane, Mr. Martin Ward, Athenry Road, Loughrea was given permission to use the Town Arms for crests and badges.

Tidy Towns Report: Discussion on the Adjudicator's report on Loughrea in the 1980 Tidy Towns competition was deferred to the next meeting.

Motions submitted by Comm. Norman Morgan:-

a. "That Galway County Council be requested to have the road through the Green public park closed to traffic."
Motion seconded by Comm. Hynes and passed.

b. "That every assistance be given to the residents of Cuscarrick Crescent towards the speedy purchase of their houses."
This motion was seconded by Comm. Donnellan and passed unanimously.

Deputation from Cuscarrick Crescent: On the invitation of the Chairman, Messers Luke McDermott and Pat Graham on behalf of the residents of Cuscarrick Crescent, addressed the meeting. Mr. McDermott informed the meeting that the residents of Cuscarrick Crescent are negotiating the purchase of their houses from the N.B.A. The sale is almost complete and the only matter holding up the sale is written notification from Galway Co. Council that the roads, water and sewers are taken in charge by the Council. Despite several attempts, their solicitor, Mr. McDermott added, was unable to get this certificate. The Chairman assured Mr. McDermott that he has the full support of the Town Commissioners on the matter and they appealed to Mr. Howlett to expedite the matter. Mr. Howlett stated ~~that~~ that the Co. Council had received the query from the solicitor, the matter is being investigated fully and will be replied to. The members appealed to Mr. Howlett to expedite the matter if possible. The deputation thanked the meeting for receiving them.

Playground Equipment: The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Convent of Mercy for donating some playground equipment to the Board.

Co. Council Workers: On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Comm. Barrett, it was decided to send a letter of protest to the Minister for the Environment, over the proposal to place some Co. Council workers on a 3 day week.

Proposed New Vocational School: Comm. Loughnane referred to the proposal to have a new vocational school built at Cross Street, a move which Comm. Loughnane welcome. Comm. Loughnane stated that he would now like to see something done about the traffic congestion in this area and he proposed that the Co. Council be asked to investigate the possibility of providing a throughway traffic system, this was seconded by Comm. Morgan.

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Dressing Facilities at Green: Comm. Morgan proposed that the County Council be asked for permission to provide toilets, showers dressing rooms in the area now used as the Pound, in the event of a number of clubs expressing an interest in such a project. Comm. Loughnane seconded Comm. Morgan's proposal.

Vote of Thanks: Sister Philomena of Mount Carmel was thanked for preparing the Scrool presented to the Galway Hurling team, on the occasion of their visit as All-Ireland Champions to Loughrea. All present donated £1 as a token of their appreciation.

Bon Voyage: On the proposition of Comm. Sean Kelly, Fr. Iggy Clarke and the Galway hurling team and officials were wished a pleasant tour of America.

Vote of Sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended to former Chairman James McDonnell, on the death of his sister Peggy, in America.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 10th day of November, 1980.

Norman Morgan
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town

Commissioners held on the 10/11/80.

In the Chair: Comm. Norman Morgan, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. Patrick Hynes, Matthew Loughnane, Patrick J. Duane, Brendan Donnellan.

In Attendance: Messers John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, Alexis Marmion, /Clerk.
Apologies: The following sent apologies: Comms. Gerald Reilly, Oliver Brrett, Sean Kelly.

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. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Hynes. Meeting held on the 13/10/80.

Cinematograph Licence: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Duane, it was decided to grant a Cinematograph Licence to Loughrea Town Hall Ltd. subject to the approval of the Chief Fire Officer.

Tidy Towns Report, 1980: On the proposition of Comm. Loughnane seconded by Comm. Hynes it was decided to defer discussion on the Tidy Towns Report, 1980 until next April, when preparations are being made for the 1981 Competition. On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Duane, it was decided to enter for the 1981 competition now so as to avail of the free draw for £200.

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Norman Morgan
Chairman.

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Commissioners held on the 10/11/80.

In the Chair: Comm. Norman Morgan, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. Patrick Hynes, Matthew Loughnane, Patrick J. Duane, Brendan Donnellan.

In Attendance: Messers John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, Alexis Marmion, /Clerk.

Apologies: The following sent apologies: Comms. Gerald Reilly, Oliver Brrett, Sean Kelly.

Meeting opened with prayers.

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Norman Morgan
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 15/12/80.

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In the Chair: Comm. Norman Morgan, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. Oliver Barrett, Patrick O'Loughlin, Brendan Donnellan, ~~Patrick O'Loughlin~~, Patrick J. Duane, Matthew Loughnane.

In Attendance: Messers John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, T/Clerk.

On the proposition of Comm. Barrett, seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin, Comm. Donnellan was moved to the Chair, as he was about to commence the meeting the Chairman, Comm. Morgan arrived and took the Chair.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting, held on the 10/11/80, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Barrett, seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin. Matters arising from the minutes:

1. Pedestrian Crossing: The Town Clerk stated that the local Garda Superintendent had informed him since the last meeting that the roads authority are now responsible for taking traffic counts for pedestrian crossings. As a result the Town Clerk had re-directed the request for a pedestrian crossing to Galway County Council.

2. Closing of road through Green: The Town Clerk stated that he was informed by the Engineering section, that the Development Plan for Loughrea Town suggests the examination of the closing of this road. Comm. Duane said that he would object to the closing of this road. The suggestion got a mixed reception from the members and on the proposition of Comm. O'Loughlin seconded by Comm. Barrett the matter was deferred pending the County Council report.

3. Dressing Facilities at Green: Town Clerk stated that he had no information on this request. Comm. Morgan asked Mr. Howlett if he might try to have some information for the next meeting.

Second National Understanding for Economic & Social Development: In accordance with Circular Letter EL 22/80, revised remuneration ~~xx~~ for employees of the Loughrea Town Commissioners, as set out in the Second National Understanding, was approved by the Board on the proposition of Comm. Donnellan, seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin.

Comm. Loughnane stated that not all union members are afforded the opportunity to vote on National Understandings, especially members of British based unions and he proposed that the I.C.T.U. be asked to ensure that all members be given an opportunity to vote on matters such as this. Comm. Morgan seconded this proposal.

Travelling Expenses & Subsistence Allowances of Members of Local Authorities: Travelling expenses and subsistence allowances for members of Local Authorities as set out in Circular Letter G. 5/80 was approved by the Board on the proposition of Comm. Barrett seconded by Comm. Donnellan. Comm. Morgan referred to claims being made for the payment of Co. Councillors. Comm. Morgan stated that as a rate payer he agreed with this proposal, provided that the Councillors earned their money. Comm. Morgan went on to say that while he was a member of Galway Co. Council he had known Councillors to sign the attendance book although they were not present at the meeting. Comm. Morgan proposed that a recommendation be sent to the Minister requesting that a ~~xxx~~ check be kept on the time spent at meetings and that Councillors be paid accordingly. Comm. Donnellan stated that this is a serious allegation and Comm. Morgan had also made this allegation when he was a member of Galway Co. Council. Comm. O'Loughlin stated that it is his experience that delegates are usually out of pocket as a result of attending conferences and he did not wish to be associated with Comm. Morgan's suggestions. Comm. Loughnane referred to a report in an Evening Paper that delegates to a conference at Brighton were absent from this conference and this report was not contradicted. Comm. Loughnane added that the delegates concerned were not from Galway Co. Council.

Housing Sites: In reply to Comm. Morgan, Mr. Howlett stated that site development is usually tied up with Co. Council schemes and it is not feasible for individuals to develop their own site at St. Laurencesfields. With regard to the old town dump site, Mr. Howlett stated that this was more or less left as an I.D.A. site, but he would investigate the possibility of providing housing sites there and report back to the next meeting.

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Housing Development at Knockanima: Comm. Donnellan stated that he was pleased to read of the proposed housing development at Knockanima but he hoped that the Co. Council would ensure that the services are adequate for same.

National Dump at Tynagh: Comm. Donnellan stated that rumour had it that officials from the Dept. of the Environment had inspected Tynagh as a possible site for a toxic waste dump. It was the unanimous opinion of the meeting that this would be a most undesirable development. On the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Loughnane it was decided to write to the Minister for the Environment and to enquire if there is any truth in the rumour.

Trading at King's Street: Comm. Barrett referred to the difficulty in trying to drive through King's Street on Thursdays while street traders are trading. Comm. Barrett stated that he felt that traders should not be allowed to block up the street like they do and he proposed that no more trading be allowed on this street. The proposal was seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin and the Town Clerk was instructed to forward the proposal to Galway Co. Council.

One-Way Traffic: On the proposition of Comm. Barrett seconded by Comm. Morgan it was decided to request the Gardai to make King's Street a one-way street for traffic purposes ~~xxx~~ with traffic travelling from Main Street towards Barrack Street.

Right to Vote: Comm. Morgan again referred to the notice on Telefis Eireann informing people who are 18 years or over that they have a right to vote and that they should check the voting register to ensure that their names are on it. Comm. Morgan pointed out that this is wrong information as people who will be 18 years or over on or before April 1981 have a right to a vote. The Town Clerk was instructed to write to the Minister for the Environment re same.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 12th day of January, 1981

Norman Morgan
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea
Commissioners held on the 12/1/81. 259

In the Chair: Comm. Norman Morgan, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. Gerald Reilly, Oliver Barrett, Patrick O'Loughlin,
Matthew Loughnane, Brendan Donnellan, Patrick J. Duane.

In Attendance: Messers John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, Alexis Marmion,
Town Clerk.

Apologies were made on behalf of Comm. Sean Kelly and Patrick J. Hynes.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 15/12/80, copies having
been previously sent to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on
the proposition of Comm. Barrett seconded by Comm. Reilly.

Correspondence: The following correspondence was read to the meeting:

1. Television Advertisement re Draft Register: The Minister for the
Environment, Mr. Raphael P. Burke, T.D. in his letter dated 5/1/81,
acknowledged receipt of the Board's complaint regarding the text of the
television advertisement relating to the draft register of electors adding
that the contents were noted. The meeting was not satisfied with the reply
and on the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Comm. Barrett, the Town
Clerk was instructed to send a telegram to the Minister demanding immediate
action. The Town Clerk was further instructed to phone the Dept. of the
Environment and to seek a postponement of the last day for checking the
draft register which is the 15/1/81.

2. Bus Depot at Loughrea: C.I.E. in its letter of the 15/12/80 stated that
the Bus Agency sign is on display at Mrs. Beatty's shop. With regard to
the request to have shelters erected, C.I.E. pointed out that they do not
carry out this work at their own expense but added that it had forwarded
the request to Maiden Posters Sites who do this work on a commercial basis
in Galway. This reply was favourably received by the Members.

3. Pay Awards: The Irish Congress of Trade Unions informed the Board that
decisions on pay awards are left to the Unions themselves and that they are
not aware of any distinction between English and Irish based unions.

4. Pedestrian Crossings: Supt. J.F. Carty in his letter of the 30/12/80,
informed the meeting that the Gardai have no objection to a pedestrian
crossing in Loughrea provided it complies with current Regulations. A copy
of the Guide Lines were submitted by Supt. Carty. Comm. Morgan asked that
each member get a copy of the guide lines. Supt. Carty referred to some
'Yellow Lines' which are obliterated and requested that it be brought to the
notice of the people concerned.

The Town Clerk was instructed to send a copy of the letter to the Co. Council.

Estimates: Mr. Howlett informed the meeting that the Estimates Meeting may
be held in conjunction with the next meeting of the Board.

Year of the Disabled: Comm. Morgan pointed out that 1981 is designated as
the year of the Disabled and he appealed to the members to make every effort
to help these less fortunate people. Comm. Morgan proposed that Galway
County Council be requested to provide a safety rail on the steps leading
to the County Library in the Temperance Hall, this was seconded by
Comm. Loughnane and passed unanimously.

Historic Photographs: Comm. Loughnane referred to the photo and caption
which appeared in a recent copy of the Connacht Tribune. The photo showed
the blessing of the foundation stone for the Loughrea Cathedral. Comm.
Loughnane proposed that the appropriate authority be asked to have a copy
of this photo displayed in the County Library in Loughrea, Comm. Donnellan
in seconding the motion said that he would also like to see some of the
Seamus O'Kelly photos on display.

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Temperance Hall: Comm. Morgan proposed that the Temperance Hall Committee
asked to lower the railings and pillard outside the Temperance Hall
the purpose of providing a better view of the building. This motion
seconded by Comm. Donnellan. Comm. Duane proposed that the railings
left as they are but got no seconder.
Town Clerk was instructed to write to the Temperance Hall Committee.

Public Lighting at the Cathedral: Comm. Loughnane asked if more lights
could be provided outside the Cathedral. Mr. Howlett stated that no money
was provided in the 1980 Estimates for new lights and he did not yet know
what the position would be in 1981.

Comm. Duane proposed that the Church Authority be asked to provide lights
inside in the church grounds and was seconded by Comm. Morgan.
The Town Clerk was instructed to write to the local Administrator.

The Walk: Comm. Barrett referred to the beautiful work that was carried
out in The Walk, the Town Engineer and staff on a job well done. Comm.
Barrett added that it is a shame to see some young trees broken by vandals.
Comm. Duane thanked the Bishop, The Gardai and all who work for the good
of the town.

Car Park: Comm. Donnellan referred to the abuses taking place in the car-
park at Barrack Street and added that better lighting might prove effective

Christmas Lighting: Comm. O'Loughlin stated that he was very disappointed
with the feeble effort made to provide lights in the town over the
Christmas period and added that Loughrea compared poorly with other towns.
Comm. Donnellan stated that he and another trader Joseph Grace had collected
money to light the tree at the Westbridge but he was informed that the
Chamber of Commerce were lighting the tree and both he and Mr. Grace had
to return the money they had collected.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 9th day of February, 1981.

Norman Morgan
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 9/2/81.

In the Chair: Comm. Norman Morgan, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. Patrick O'Loughlin, Gerald Reilly, Oliver Barrett, Brendan Donnellan, Patrick Hynes, Matthew Loughnane.

In attendance: Messers John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, William Malone, Town Engineer and Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.

Apology: Comm. Sean Kelly not available to attend.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: Minutes of the last meeting held on the 12/1/81, copies of which were circulated to each member were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Donnellan, seconded by Comm. Reilly.

Bus Shelters: Comm. Hynes stated that the Board should keep in touch with Maiden Posters re provision of bus shelters in Loughrea and he proposed that the Town Clerk write to them. Comm. Barrett seconded this proposition.

Pedestrian Crossing: In reply to Comms. Hynes and Donnellan, Mr. Malone stated that one traffic count was taken, this count was promising but further counts would have to be taken.

'The Walk': Comm. Barrett referred to a report of a Chamber of Commerce meeting which appeared in the Connacht Tribune - issue of the 23/1/81. At this meeting the 'Walk' was referred to as a 'Sacred Cow' and it was suggested that 'The Walk' should be opened up to vehicular traffic so as to relieve traffic congestion on the main street. Comm. Barrett stated that in this day and age, whentowns all over Ireland are crying out for parks and playgrounds, he was dismayed that anybody should even suggest that 'The Walk' ~~should~~ be opened to vehicular traffic and he would do all in his power to prevent this happening. The members present assured Comm. Barrett of their full support and Comm. Donnellan added that he would like to see the gate on the west end replaced by a wall. On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Donnellan it was decided to request Galway County Council to have 'The Walk' declared a public park and to have all vehicular traffic excluded from it. On the suggestion of Comm. Hynes, ~~Mr.~~ Howlett agreed to look up the by-laws governing same.

Re-structuring of Local Authority Engineering Services: Galway County Council in its letter of the 20/1/81 informed the Board that as a result of the re-structuring of Local Authority Engineering services, there will be no change in the provision of existing engineering services in Loughrea.

Parking at The Cathedral: Rev. E. Stankard, Adm. in his letter of the 21/1/81, stated that they are conscious of the dangers and inconvenience caused by people parking their cars in the Cathedral Grounds during mass times. Fr. Stankard added that when the tarmacadam is being replaced in front of the Cathedral, consideration will be given to extending the tarmacadam on the river side of the Cathedral. Comm. Morgan stated that he was disgusted with the reply and with the suggestion that more sacred ground should be tarmacadamed. Comm. Donnellan stated that he would not like to see more cars going in on the Cathedral grounds. Comm. Hynes stated that he had sympathy for Fr. Stankard as there is a parking problem, however if the grounds are being tarmacadamed he would propose that railings be erected around the graves of the three priests, Frs. Griffin, O'Callaghan and Marron who are buried in the grounds. All members agreed that a parking problem exists and the following resolutions were passed:

- proposed by Comm. Donnellan and seconded by Comm. Morgan that no more of the Cathedral Grounds be tarmacadamed,
- Proposed by Comm. Morgan and seconded by Comm. Reilly that the gardai be requested to regulate traffic during mass times.
- Proposed by Comm. Reilly and seconded by Comm. Donnellan that Galway County Council be requested to acquire part of the old boys' school for development as a car-park.

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County Library: The County Librarian, Mr. Thomas Sharkey, stated in his letter of the 21/1/81 that he had written to Mr. J.B. Donohoe, Press Reporter regarding the purchase of the photograph of the Blessing of the Foundation Stone of Loughrea Cathedral and other photographs in connection with the James O'Kelly Centenary year for display in the Loughrea library.

Draft Register of Electors: In a letter from the Dept. of the Environment dated 5/2/81, it was stated that the suggestion made by Loughrea Town Commissioners regarding the television advertisement on the Draft Register of Electors will be borne in mind when an opportunity for revising the advertisement occurs. A copy of the press release issued by the Government Information Services regarding the revision of the Register of Electors was enclosed.

Revision of Yellow Lines: The Board was informed by Galway Co. Council that the yellow lines in the Loughrea area will be renewed during the year when the contractor is working in the area.

Tynagh Mine - National Dump: The Dept. of the Environment, in its letter of the 23/1/81 informed the Board that Tynagh Mine was looked at as part of a general survey of possible sites for toxic waste disposal, the Dept. added that no final decision was made in the matter and that the Board will be kept informed of developments.

Estimates: In accordance with Sections 9 & 10 of the County & City Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Mr. Howlett submitted the Estimate for 1981 Financial Year, copies of the Estimate were previously circulated to each member. Mr. Howlett explained that the maximum increase allowed is 12% and he had increased expenditure accordingly. The Estimate was discussed in detail and on the proposition of Comm. Barrett seconded by Comm. Donnellan the following were resolved:

- That the Estimate of Expenses of the Loughrea Town Commissioners for the Financial Year ending 31/12/81, 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.
- That the demand be made on Galway County Council by the Loughrea Town Commissioners for the sum of £898 for the Financial Year ending 31/12/81 and that the Form of Demand be signed by the Chairman and Town Clerk.

Comm. Morgan thanked the Town Engineer for the work he had carried out in the parks and he also thanked the people concerned with the preparation of the Estimates.

Comm. Donnellan ^{propose} and Comm. Morgan seconded that the Minister for the Environment be requested to allow Town Commissioners to ~~suggest~~ spend an extra 1% each on projects of their choice, each year.

Public Lighting: Comm. Morgan proposed and Comm. Loughnane seconded that a public light be provided on the laneway leading from Barrack Street to Maim Street between O'Malleys and Glyns.

Motions submitted by Comm. Patrick Hynes:

- "That Galway County Council speed up the building of it's present housing scheme at Fahy Gardens, Loughrea. This motion was seconded by Comm. Morgan. Mr. Howlett ~~stated~~ that the contract period for the houses under construction is 46 weeks. The lay-out for O'Connor's land sites are approved and the architect is instructed to draw up the plans, further progress will depend on the availability of money. In reply to Comm. Reilly, Mr. Howlett stated that the scheme provided for approx. 20/25 serviced sites. Comm. O'Loughlin referred to people coming into town and using the system to qualify for houses. Comm. Morgan requested Mr. Howlett to have the caravans which are parked in O'Loebuck removed.

Motion 2. "That the work on the proposed new Vocational School for Loughrea be commenced immediately" This motion was seconded by Comm. Morgan and passed unanimously. The Town Clerk as instructed to invite Mr. O. Hynes, Chief Ex. Officer, Co. Galway Voc. Educational Committee, to its next meeting. Signed this the 9th day of March, 1981

Norman Morgan
CHAIRMAN

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 9/3/81.

In the Chair: Comm. Norman Morgan, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. Gerald Reilly, Sean Kelly, Patrick O'Loughlin, Patrick J. Duane, Matthew Loughnane, Oliver Barrett, Patrick J. Hynes and Brendan Donnellan.

In Attendance: Messers John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.

Before the business of the meeting commenced, Comm. Duane asked the Chairman Comm. Morgan, to leave the Chair as the Chairman had insulted the Catholic Religion, the local clergy and the Loughrea Credit Union on the occasion of the official opening of the Credit Union offices. After Comm. Duane had refused to sit down, the Chairman adjourned the meeting for five minutes while he consulted the gardai.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Barrett seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin.

Parking at the Cathedral: Arising from the minutes, Comm. Hynes asked how did this matter arise in the first instance after the Town Clerk had read extracts from the minutes of the January meeting concerning resolutions adopted regarding this matter, Comm. Hynes stated that the grounds inside the Cathedral railings are private property and it is not the business of the Commissioners to say what should or should not be done with it. Comm. Donnellan stated that he would not agree with Comm. Hynes statement that the grounds are private property, the grounds are the property of the people of the parish and no way would he, Comm. Donnellan agree to more of the grounds being tarmacadamed. During most of this discussion, Comm. Duane was on his feet, interrupting the speakers and despite several appeals from the Chairman and other members, Comm. Duane would not sit down. This led to a proposal from Comm. Barrett that the meeting adjourn. Comm. Reilly seconded Comm. Barrett's proposal. A direct negative was proposed by Comm. Loughnane and seconded by Comm. Hynes. After some more appeals to Comm. Duane, the Town Clerk proceeded to read the following correspondence:

Bus Shelters: Messers Maiden Poster Sites in their letter of 16/2/81, stated that they are not interested in erecting bus shelters in Loughrea. It was decided on the proposition of Comm. Hynes seconded by Comm. Morgan to request Galway Co. Council to erect bus shelters in Loughrea.

New Vocational School: Mr. O.P. Hynes, Chief Executive Officer, Co. Galway Vocational Education Committee, regretted that he was not available to attend to-night's meeting. Mr. Hynes set out the various difficulties that had arisen regarding the appointment of a contractor and added that the matter is now in the hands of the Dept. of Education. On the proposition of Comm. P. Hynes, seconded by Comm. N. Morgan, it was agreed to request the Department of Education to expedite the provision of the new vocational school in Loughrea.

At this stage of the meeting a deputation from Cuscarrick arrived at the meeting door. This led to a protest from some of the members, Comm. Loughnane pointing out that the Chairman had not informed the meeting that a deputation wanted to attend. Comm. Duane stated that he would not agree to a deputation coming like that. Comm. Barrett again proposed that the meeting adjourn and was seconded by Comm. Reilly. The Chairman ask if there was any amendment to Comm. Barrett proposal. As there was no other proposal, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Signed this the 13th day of April, 1981.

Norman Morgan
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 13/4/81.

In the Chair: Comm. Norman Morgan, Chairman.

Members present: Comms. Patrick J. Hynes, Gerald Reilly, Brendan Donnellan, Patrick J. Duane, Oliver Barrett, Patrick O'Loughlin, Matthew Loughnane.

In Attendance: Messers John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, T/Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting, copies of which were previously circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Donnellan, seconded by Comm. Barrett.

Folk Festival: The Chairman welcomed the following deputation to the meeting to discuss the forthcoming Folk Festival:-

G.A.A. Club: Messers Jack Cahalan, Jackie Burke, Paul McNamee, J.P. Cusack. Chamber of Commerce: Messers Ted McDonnell and Tony Leahy.

The Chairman in welcoming the deputation to the meeting referred to the success of last year's festival and added that from a business point of view it was a tremendous boost to Loughrea. The Chairman stated that there were a few objectors to the festival and that in an effort to improve on last year's venture he had invited the G.A.A. and the Chamber of Commerce along in an effort to sort out any problems. Mr. Cahalan thanked the Board for inviting them along and stated that the G.A.A. would appreciate any help it would get. Mr. Cusack stated that last year's festival cost £13,500 to stage and resulted in a profit of £3,000 to the G.A.A. Club. Mr. Cusack added that moral support is very important. Mr. McDonnell stated that he endorsed everything said by Messers Cahalan and Cusack but added that the Chamber is few in number and could offer little support. Both the Chairman and Mr. Cahalan felt that if the County Council could provide the following services they would prove a great help to the Festival:

(a) Street Cleaning service over the week-end, (b) allow temporary toilet facilities at the Green, (c) allow drinking water facilities at the Green, (d) provide more litter barrells around the town and on the Green. Mr. Howlett stated that these matters could be referred to the Town Engineer for his attention. The Town Clerk stated that he had discussed this matter briefly with the Town Engineer who is prepared to discuss any reasonable request with the G.A.A. provided he has prior notice of facilities requested. The G.A.A. undertook to submit their requests in writing. The Deputation was assured by the members that it had the full support of the Board. The Deputation then left the meeting.

Naomh Brendain Credit Union Ltd: Margaret King, Sec. Board of Directors, Naomh Brendain Credit Union Ltd., in her letter of the 1/3/81 referred to the opening of the Credit Union's new offices at Bride St., on the 22/2/81. Mrs. King stated that in his capacity as Chairman of the Loughrea Town Commissioners, Comm. Morgan was asked to speak and during the course of his address, Comm Morgan made comments about the relationship between the Credit Union and the Catholic Church regarding the Temperance Hall, these comments were untrue, Mrs. King added and caused embarrassment to the Board of Directors and to the representatives of the Catholic Church present. The Credit Union letter went on to say that the Board of Directors now insist that Loughrea Town Commissioners apologise to Dr. Joseph Cassidy, Rev. E. Stankard, Adm. and the Board of Directors of Naomh Brendain Credit Union Ltd. All of the members present stated that Comm. Morgan did not express their opinion on the matter. When some members asked Comm. Morgan if he was prepared to apologise, Comm. Morgan stated that he would not agree that he had insulted anyone. Comm. Donnellan then proposed that the Town Commissioners as a body, apologise to Bishop Cassidy, Fr. Stankard and the Credit Union, the motion was seconded by Comm. Kelly. Comm. Morgan stated that he had never intentionally insulted or hurt anybody, least of all the Bishop, Fr. Stankard or the Credit Union and if he did he now apologised for it. Comm. O'Loughlin proposed that in future, when the Chairman is invited to a function, a script be prepared for him. Comm. Hynes stated that he strongly objects to any form of censorship within the Board.

Motion from Cobh U.D.C.

"That Cobh U.D.C. request the Government to remove XX V.A.T. from soft drinks that an inquiry by the Prices Commission be held into the cost of soft drinks and that this motion be circulated to all Local Authorities for their consideration."

Above motion marked read.

Motion from Dun Laoghaire Corporation:

"That this Council, in view of the number of planning permissions being granted in the Borough of Dun Laoghaire by An Bord Pleanala to applicants whose proposals are in direct contravention of zoning, density or other provision of the Development Plan for the Borough, urges the Government to introduce amending legislation withdrawing from An Bord Pleanala the power to grant planning permissions which contravens any provision of the development Plan of a local authority."

On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Donnellan it was decided to support this motion.

New Vocational School: The Dept. of Education acknowledged receipt of representation made by the Board regarding the proposed new vocational school. On the proposition of Comm. Reilly seconded by Comm. Donnellan it was decided to request the County Vocational Education Committee to have the old vocational school kept in public ownership. It was also decided on the proposition of Comm. O'Loughlin seconded by Comm. Kelly to request the Dept. of Education to donate the old vocational school to the people of Loughrea, when the new school is ready.

Bus Shelters: The Board was informed by the County Council that no monies were provided in the 1981 Estimates for the provision of bus shelters.

Loughrea Traffic and Parking Bye-Laws, 1971: Amendments as set out in the Garda Commissioner's letters of the 25/3/81 and the 1/4/81 were noted.

Auditor's Report: The Auditor's Report for the 2 years ended 31/3/79 was noted on the proposition of Comm. O'Loughlin seconded by Comm. Donnellan. Mr. Howlett explained that there was nothing out of the ordinary in the report.

Loughrea Youth Club: It was agreed that the members as individuals, would act as sponsors in the Soccer Marathon Session being organised by the Loughrea Youth Club to send a disabled person and helper to Lourdes, all present subscribed £1.

Tidy Towns Competition: The meeting was informed that adjudication begins on June 1st. The Chairman complimented the Town Engineer and his staff for the early start made this year on the parks. Comm. Donnellan stated that representation was made to him regarding the re-siting of the 30 M.P.H. speed limit sign on the Cosmona road and a suggestion that the grass margin on the east side of this road be cleaned and planted and that some seats be provided. Comm. Loughnane referred to the damage that some trees are causing to pathways. The Town Clerk undertook to bring these matters to the attention of the Town Engineer.

Motions submitted by Comm. Hynes:

(i) "Is the Chief Fire for this (Loughrea) area satisfied with the existing fire safety arrangements obtaining at the Town Hall and the Temperance Hall, Loughrea."

Mr. Howlett stated that he had discussed this matter with the Chief Fire Officer who is reasonably satisfied with the fire safety arrangement in the halls mentioned.

The Chairman stated that he would like to take this opportunity to welcome the appointment of Mr. Martin Ward as Fire Prevention Officer in the area. On the proposition of Comm. O'Loughlin seconded by Comm. Morgan the local fire brigade was congratulated on its efficient handling of a recent fire at one of the local petrol filling stations.

Motion (ii)

At what stage is the proposed transfer of lands, property of Irish Base Metals Ltd., at Knockanima, Loughrea, to the local authority?" In reply, Mr. Howlett stated that the matter is in the hands of the Council's solicitor.

Comm. Hynes stated that he was pleased to hear this as rumour had it that Irish Base Metals are using the hand over of this land as a lever to get planning permission and that the sailing club facilities are being abolished. Comm. Morgan stated that he had discussed this matter with Mr. Dave Fitzgerald of Irish Base Metals and he had in fact got a plan from Mr. Fitzgerald of the proposed development. Comm. Morgan showed the plan to the meeting. Comm. Morgan proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Fitzgerald and to the County Council for their offer. This motion was deferred pending transfer of land. On the proposition of Comm. Loughnane seconded by Comm. Donnellan it was agreed to request Galway County Council to improve the entrance at the car-park in the Long Point.

Motion (iii):

Because of the recent closure of The Wrangler factory in Loughrea, that a replacement industry be provided as soon as possible so as to provide employment for the fifty women who've lost their jobs because of this closure."

This motion was seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin and it was decided to refer this motion to the I.D.A.

Comm. Hynes submitted a letter from the County Development Officer in reply to representation which Comm. Hynes had made on the matter.

Comm. O'Loughlin proposed that a letter of thanks be sent to Schegal Ltd. for employing 10 of the people let go at Wrangler.

Oilroebuck Housing Estate: Comm. Donnellan asked Mr. Howlett if something could be done to improve the deplorable condition of the playground at Oilroebuck Housing Estate.

Serviced Sites: Comm. Donnellan stated that he had a number of enquiries regarding the proposed serviced sites at St. Laurencesfield and he wondered what the position is regarding them. Mr. Howlett stated that he had a number of discussions with a local group regarding these sites but the position might now be revised in light of the recent government announcement.

The Walk: In reply to Comm. Donnellan, Mr. Howlett stated that there is very little correspondence available regarding 'The Walk' and he thought that it might be best to leave things as they are.

Redundant Workers: Comm. Loughnane referred to workers in some areas, not local, who were made redundant and subsequently discovered that their Social Welfare, P.A.Y.E. and in some cases house repayments had not been passed on by their employer to the respective authority.

Note of Sympathy: A vote of sympathy was passed with the wife and family of the late Frank Maguire, M.P. for South Tyrone, on the proposition of Comm. Hynes seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin.

Car-Park at Barrack Street: Comm. Morgan referred to the abuses taking place due to caravans parking for long periods in the carpark. Comm. Morgan proposed that a 5' barrier be erected across the entrance to prohibit caravans entering this carpark, this motion was seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 11th day of May, 1981.

Norman Morgan
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 11/5/81.

In the Chair: Comm. Norman Morgan, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. Patrick Hynes, Patrick O'Loughlin, Sean Kelly, Brendan Donnellan, Patrick J. Duane, Matthew Loughnane.

In Attendance: M/s. John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, Alexis Marmion, T/Clerk.
Apologies: Comms. Oliver Barrett and Gerald Reilly.
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. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Kelly.

Industry: Arising from the minutes, Comm. Hynes stated that he was in contact with the I.D.A. and he was informed that Farrah, the clothing company that had taken over Wrangler in Galway and Castlebar are not interested in coming to Loughrea. The I.D.A. stated in its letter of the 1/5/81 that it is doing everything possible to secure a replacement industry for Loughrea. It was decided on the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Loughnane to seek a meeting with the Minister for Industry & Commerce. Comm. Kelly was also instructed to request Deputy Callanan to arrange for the Minister to meet a deputation. Comm. Loughnane proposed that the full Board should travel on the Deputation.

Serviced Sites: Comm. Hynes thanked Mr. Howlett and his staff for the progress made with the houses at Fahy Gardens. In reply to a query re serviced sites, Mr. Howlett stated that there is no problem regarding altering the site to cater for serviced sites but a money problem does exist. It was proposed by Comm. Hynes that the Board exhort the Minister for the Environment to get more money from the Minister for Finance or the European Investment Bank for the development of serviced sites in Loughrea.

Votes of Sympathy: Comm. Hynes proposed that the meeting would observe one minute silence as a mark of respect to the late Bobby Sands who died while on hunger strike in the H BLOCK. Comm. Morgan in seconding Comm. Hynes proposal included all the people who had died as a result of the Northern situation. A minutes silence was observed all present standing.

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Resolution from Tuam Town Commissioners: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Kelly it was decided to support the following resolution: "That a request be made to the Government for a Beet Incentive Scheme."

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"That this Council voice its' strong condemnation of the projected tour of the I.R.F.U."

All of the members present agreed with the resolution with the exception of Comm. Morgan who stated that he believed in people being allowed to do as they wish.

The resolution was adopted on the proposition of Comm. Kelly seconded by Comm. Donnellan.

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That this Council recommend to Mr. Charles Haughey that he strongly recommends to the British Government to implement the 5 humanitarian demands of the prisoners in Long Kesh and Armagh Jail forthwith."

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i) This concluded the business of the meeting.

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Chairman.

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Sean Kelly
Chairman.

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In the Chair: Comm. Norman Morgan.

Members Present: Comms. Patrick O'Loughlin, Brendan Donnellan, Matthew Loughnane, Sean Kelly, Patrick Hynes, Gerard Reilly, Oliver Barrett and Patrick J. Duane.

In Attendance: Messers John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, Town Clerk. Meeting opened with prayers.

Election of Chairman: Before inviting propositions for the Chair, the outgoing Chairman, Comm. Morgan stated that he would like to thank the members and officials for their help and co-operation during the year, especially Comm. Duane who had made it possible for him, Comm. Morgan, to be elected Chairman. Comm. Morgan pledged his support to the incoming Chairman. Comm. Hynes stated that he had voted for Comm. Morgan last year as he, Comm. Hynes believed in the principle of rotation and power sharing, a principle which Comm. Morgan had practised during the year by allowing other members to represent the Board at various functions. Comm. O'Loughlin stated that as far as the Fianna Fail members were concerned, there was no evidence of power sharing. Comm. Duane stated that he had supported Comm. Morgan last year and as a result he had received 11 poisonous letters from Fine Gael and other supporters. Comm. Duane added that the letters were anonymous. All the members condemned the practise of poisonous letters being sent. Comm. Reilly stated that as the letters were anonymous, Comm. Duane should withdraw the allegation that they were sent by Fine Gael people.

Propositions for the position of Chairman:-

Comm. Sean Kelly, proposed by Comm. Donnellan, seconded by Comm. Duane.

Comm. Oliver Barrett, proposed by Comm. G. Reilly, seconded by Comm. Morgan.

Voting: For Comm. Kelly: Comms. Kelly, Donnellan, Loughnane, O'Loughlin and Duane. 5 Votes.

For. Comm. Barrett: Comms. Barrett, Reilly, Morgan and Hynes. 4 Votes. Comm. Kelly was declared elected. and was congratulated by all present. Comm. Kelly thanked his proposer and seconder and added that he was delighted to be elected Chairman in this his twenty first year on the Board. Comm. Barrett thanked his proposer and seconder and the members who had supported him.

Vice-Chairman: -

Comm. Patrick O'Loughlin, proposed by Comm. Duane, seconded by Comm. Donnellan. Comm. Patrick Hynes, proposed by Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Barrett.

Voting: For Comm. O'Loughlin: Comms. O'Loughlin, Kelly, Donnellan, Loughnane and Duane. 5 Votes.

For. Comm. Hynes. Comms. Hynes, Morgan, Barrett and Reilly. 4 votes. Comm. O'Loughlin was declared elected. Comm. O'Loughlin thanked his proposer and seconder and the members who had voted for him.

Comm. Hynes congratulated Comm. O'Loughlin on his election and said he would like to thank the people who had voted for him, a vote which appeared to be very much a party vote and had made a mockery of power sharing. These remarks led to a heated exchange of words between Comms. Hynes and Donnellan, during which Comm. Hynes referred to Comm. Donnellan as a scoundrel, a liar and a former member of Fine Gael. Comm. Donnellan stated that these allegations were unfounded and asked the Chairman to have them withdrawn.

Election of Delegate to Fire Brigades Advisory Committee: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin, Comm. Patrick J. Duane was unanimously appointed as delegate to the Fire Brigades Advisory Committee.

This concluded the business of the Annual Meeting.

Signed this the 13th day of July, 1981.

Paddy O'Loughlin
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 8/6/81.

In the Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. Patrick O'Loughlin, Matthew Loughnane, Brendan Donnellan, Oliver Barrett, Gerald Reilly, Norman Morgan, Patrick Hynes and Patrick J. Duane.

In Attendance: Messers John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 11/5/81, copies of which were previously circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct. The proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Donnellan.

Even Springs Festival: The Town Clerk read an invitation from the Chamber of Commerce, inviting the Town Commissioners and Town Clerk to attend at the Parade Stand at the Westbridge on Sunday June 14th at 3 p.m.

Resolution from Ballyshannon Town Commissioners: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Barrett it was unanimously decided to support the following resolution submitted by Ballyshannon T.C. That we, the Ballyshannon Town Commissioners, call on the Government to abolish all Ground Rents and that this motion be circulated to all Local Authorities for their consideration."

Meeting with Minister for Industry, Commerce and Tourism: Mr. Niall Scolard, Private Secretary to Mr. D. O'Malley, Minister for Industry, Commerce and Tourism informed the meeting in his letter of the 27/5/81 stated that the Minister had asked him to convey his regrets that, owing to other pressing commitments, he will not be in a position to meet a delegation but he had arranged that officials of his Department would be available. It was the unanimous feeling of the meeting that the matter be deferred until after the election when the matter can be raised with the next Minister.

Agreement on Pay Policy between Employer Organisations and the Irish Congress of Trade Unions: The Second Phase of the Agreement in so far as it relates to employees of the Board was unanimously approved on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Reilly. Circular Letter EL 9/81 refers.

Travelling Expenses: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Kelly, travelling expenses as set out in Circular Letter E.L. 7/81 were unanimously approved for Officers of the Board.

High Bridge on Green: On the proposition of Comm. Loughnane seconded by Comm. Morgan it was decided to request Galway Co. Council to have the old high house on the Green removed.

Town Dump: Comm. Morgan stated that Mr. John Cronin the adjoining land owner of the town dump is prepared to lease additional land for the purpose of enlarging the Town Dump. On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Reilly it was decided to request Galway Co. Council to enlarge the town dump and to have the eastern side of the existing dump planted.

Proposed Legislation re Dumping: On the proposition of Comm. Loughnane, seconded by Comm. Morgan it was decided to inform the Dept. of the Environment that Loughrea Town Commissioners welcome the legislation which is proposed for ending the litter problem on our streets.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 13th day of July, 1981.

Paddy O'Loughlin
Chairman.

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In the Chair: Comm. Patrick O'Loughlin, Vice-Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. Patrick Hynes, Oliver Bartt, Matthew Loughnane, Brendan Donnellan and Norman Morgan.

In Attendance: M/s John Howlett, Assistant Co. Mgr, Alexis Marmion, T/Clerk

Apology: Apology from Comm. Gerald Reilly.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Before the business of the meeting was discussed minutes silence was observed as a mark of respect to the late Martinrson who died while on hunger strike at the Maze Prison. This was proposed by Comm. Hynes and seconded by Comm. Morgan. In seconding the proposition Comm. Morgan complimented the various groups who are trying to find a solution to the H-BLOCK crisis and suggested that a letter of support be sent to the Government and to the Irish Commission for Justice and Peace, this was seconded by Comm. Donnellan.

Minutes: Minutes of the Annual Meeting and the monthly meeting held on the 8/6/81, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Barrett.

Chair of Office: Comm. Morgan remarked that the Chair of Office was missing adding that he considered that it should be available for all meetings. Comm. O'Loughlin explained that the Chairman was at a meeting of the Galway/Mayo R?D.G. and had hoped to be back for the meeting.

Pedestrian Crossing: Galway Co. Council in its letter of the 6/7/81 informed the Board that counts are being undertaken to determine if the number of pedestrians crossing meet the warrants recommended by An Foras Forbartha.

Speed Limits: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Donnellan it was agreed to request the Gardai to ensure that the speed limits are enforced especially in the Bride Street area.

New Vocational School: The Dept. of Education in its letter dated 18/6/81 stated that the formal letter of approval will be issued shortly to the Chief Executive Officer, Co. Galway Vocational Education Committee. The Chairman, Comm. Sean Kelly arrived and took the Chair. The Co. Galway Vocational Education Committee informed the Board that they had noted the Board's recommendation that the new Vocational School be kept in public ownership. This reply was not acceptable to the Board. It was unanimously decided to defer the matter to a later meeting when all interested parties could be invited to attend a special meeting.

Finance for Housing: The Dept. of the Environment in its letter of the 9/6/81 gave details of Galway Co. Council's housing program for Loughrea and land availability but regretted being unable to make additional funds available. In reply to Comm. Hynes, Mr. Howlett stated that the Board required its present investments to fund its current expenditure and even if this money could be made available it would make little impact on the housing needs. Mr. Howlett referred to a deputation from Galway County Council meeting the Minister for the Environment re housing in the county. On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Kelly, Mr. Howlett was requested to bring to the notice of the Deputation the needs of Loughrea.

Planning Permission Irish Base Metals: On the suggestion of Comm. Morgan it was agreed to request Galway County Council assist Irish Base Metals in every way with its planning application at Kshanima.

Motion from Westport U.D.C.: It was unanimously decided to support the following resolution from Westport U.D.C.

"That this Council calls on the Minister for Health and all Regional Health Boards to make available finances to allow adequate research be carried out into all aspects of cot deaths with a view providing an understanding of this issue."

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

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This concluded the business of the meeting.

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In the Chair: Comm. Patrick O'Loughlin, Vice-Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. Patrick Hynes, Oliver Barrett, Matthew Loughnane, Brendan Donnellan and Norman Morgan.

In Attendance: M/s John Howlett, Assistant Co. Manager, Alexis Marmion, T/Clerk

Apology: Apology from Comm. Gerald Reilly.

Meeting opened with prayers.
Before the business of the meeting was discussed, a minutes silence was observed as a mark of respect to the late Mar Hurson who died while on hunger strike at the Maze Prison. This was presided by Comm. Hynes and seconded by Comm. Morgan. In seconding the proposition Comm. Morgan complimented the various groups who are trying to find a solution to the H-BLOCK crisis and suggested that a letter of support be sent to the Government and to the Irish Commission for Justice and Peace, this was seconded by Comm. Donnellan.

Minutes: Minutes of the Annual Meeting and the monthly meeting held on the 8/6/81, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Barrett.

Chain of Office: Comm. Morgan remarked that Chain of Office was missing adding that he considered that it should be available for all meetings. Comm. O'Loughlin explained that the Chairman was at a meeting of the Galway/Mayo R?D.G. and had hoped to be back for the meeting.

Pedestrian Crossing: Galway Co. Council in a letter of the 6/7/81 informed the Board that counts are being undertaken to determine if the number of pedestrians crossing meet the warrants recorded by An Foras Forbartha.

Speed Limits: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Donnellan it was agreed to request the Gardai to ensure that the speed limits are enforced especially in the Bride Street area.

New Vocational School: The Dept. of Education in its letter dated 18/6/81 stated that the formal letter of approval will be issued shortly to the Chief Executive Officer, Co. Galway Vocational Education Committee.
The Chairman, Comm. Sean Kelly arrived and took the Chair.
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Members Present: Comms. Brendan Donnellan, Patrick O'Loughlin, Patrick J. Hynes, Norman Morgan, Oliver Barrett, Matthew Loughnane.

In attendance: Messers John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, T/Clerk.

Apologies submitted on behalf of Comm. Gerald Reilly and J. B. Donohoe, Press. Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 13/7/81 were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin.

Housing: Arising from the minutes, Comm. Donnellan asked if the deputation that met the Minister regarding the provision of more money for housing, had any success. Mr. Howlett in reply stated that some extra money was provided and that this money will be allocated by the Co. Council. In reply to Comm. Hynes, Mr. Howlett agreed that the additional houses at Fahy Gardens are nearing completion and will be let in accordance with the Scheme of Letting Priorities. With regard to the provision of developed sites, Mr. Howlett stated that the ~~sk~~ plans are available if the money is available. Comm. Morgan referred to the land which the Commissioners had sold to the Council at Tullagh Upper and he proposed that Mr. Howlett make this land available for serviced sites - the proposal was seconded by Comm. Kelly. Mr. Howlett stated that he would consider the proposal.

Irish Base Metals Planning Application at Knockanima: Galway Co. Council informed the Board that I.B.M. were refused Outline Permission for 180 houses at Knockanima for the following reason:-

"The proposed residential development would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area because it is located outside of the Planning Area Boundary of Loughrea on a site which is not zoned for comprehensive residential development and the existing public water and sewerage services are not adequate to deal with a proposal of this type." The meeting was disappointed with the decision and on the proposal of Comm. Morgan sec. by Comm. Hynes it was agreed to inform the County Council that the Board disagreed with the decision to refuse planning permission on the grounds of lack of services, in fact the Board considers that permission should be given if the applicant provides the necessary services. It was further decided on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Hynes to request the planning authority to designate this area for housing.

Town Engineer: Comm. Hynes stated that he felt that the Town Engineer should attend every second or third meeting. Comm. Morgan stated that he did not consider it necessary for the Town Engineer to attend every meeting but if something arose on the Agenda that required the Engineer's present he could always be requested to attend.

Cuscarrick Houses: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Donnellan it was decided to ask Galway County Council why the sewerage line servicing the N.B.A. houses at Cuscarrick is not taken over by the Council.

Turoe Stone: Bord Failte in its letter of the 10/9/81 informed the Board that it will supply a direction sign for the Turoe Stone. The meeting agreed to have this sign erected at the Westbridge.

Roadway over the Railway Line - Loughrea Mart: The Board was informed by C.I.E. in its letter of the 5/8/81 that what the Mart is doing at Loughrea Station is by way of Licence only.

Comm. Morgan stated that he was delighted with this reply.

H-Block Issue: The following correspondence was read on the H-Block Issue.

a) From Listowel U.D.C. :

"That we call on members of Local Authorities throughout Ireland, North and South to join with the Taoiseach and Cardinal O'Flaich and other peace loving

ple, North and South in protesting against continuing deaths of prisoners in H-Block and that we support them in their efforts in seeking immediate and proper solution." the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Barrett it was decided support this motion.

Notification from Ennis U.D.C. that it had adjourned its July Monthly Meeting as a mark of respect to the men who have died on Hunger-Strike in Northern Ireland was noted.

Motion from Cobh U.D.C.

at Cobh U.D.C. write to the Taoiseach requesting that he demand an end to the dreadful situation in Northern Ireland." the meeting agreed that this motion was similar to a motion passed at a previous meeting.

Motion from Donegal County Council

at this Council call on the Taoiseach, Dr. Garret Fitzgerald, to withdraw the Irish Ambassador from London and request the withdrawal of the British Ambassador from Dublin until the present Hunger Strike in Long Kesh is ended."

Comm. O'Loughlin proposed that the motion be adopted and was seconded by Comm. Kelly. Comm. Morgan stated that the motion would serve no purpose if he proposed that it not be adopted and was seconded by Comm. Barrett. Comm. Hynes stated that he thought that the motion was weak and he thought it should have called for the British to get out of our Country. Comm. Donnellan stated that he considered that all the motions on this subject were late.

Chairman put the motion to the meeting and the voting resulted as follows:-

Comms. O'Loughlin, Kelly, Hynes and Loughnane.

Abst: Comms. Morgan and Barrett.

Chairman ~~sk~~ declared the motion carried.

Comm. Donnellan stated that he had abstained as he considered that it is too late for these motions.

Subsistence Allowances as set out in Circular Letter EL20/81 approved for Officers of the Board on the proposition of Comm. Loughnane seconded by Comm. Morgan.

Transfer of Cottage Plot: Mr. Howlett explained to the meeting that he had received an application to have possession of a cottage plot registered in the name of Loughrea Town Commissioners transferred to Ferdinand Whelan. The cottage was formally owned by the late Mrs. Margaret O'Toole. Mr. Howlett stated that he proposed to write to the solicitor concerned asking why the Commissioners should relinquish their right. Mr. Howlett was asked that the Board would raise no objection to the transfer of the said

Towns Competition: The Adjudicator's Report on Loughrea, copies of which were circulated to each member, was considered by the meeting. The Clerk explained that Loughrea had finished joint 3rd in its category and had improved its total marks by 3 on last year. The meeting considered the report satisfactory and on the proposition of Comm. Morgan a vote of congratulations was passed with the Town Engineer and his staff on a job well done. On the suggestion of Comm. Donnellan it was agreed to thank the owners of the business premises who had received favourable mention in the report.

From Gorteenapheebra to Moanmore West: On the proposition of Comm. Loughnane seconded by Comm. Morgan it was decided to request Galway Co. Council to have the grass margin removed from the Gorteenapheebra/Moanmore West road, thereby increasing the width of this road.

History of Loughrea Town Commissioners: Comm. Morgan informed the meeting that he hoped at some time to write a history of the Loughrea Town Commissioners and he asked if it would be in order for him to look up the Minute Books. It was agreed that Comm. Morgan could peruse the Minute Book in the office ~~xxxx~~ rather than be allowed to take them away.

History of Carmelite Abbey: Rev. Fr. Phelim O.D.C. was congratulated on the launching of his book 350 Years History of The Abbey, Loughrea. This was proposed by Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Kelly.

Railway Station: On the suggestion of Comm. Morgan, it was decided to write to C.I.E. to enquire if they would place on permanent display at Loughrea station, an old C.I.E. Engine. On the proposition of Comm. Donnellan it was also decided to request C.I.E. to preserve the old water house and engine shed at Loughrea.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 12th day of October, 1981.

Sean Kelly
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 12/10/81.

In the Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly, Chairman.
Members Present: Comms. Gerald Reilly, Brendan Donnellan, Norman Morgan, Patrick J. Duane and Matthew Loughnane.
Attendance: Mr. Kevin Doyle, Acting Asst. Co. Manager and Alexis Gammion, Town Clerk.
Apology: Comm. Patrick J. Hynes.
Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 14/9/81, copies of which were previously circulated to each member, were adopted and signed correct on the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Morgan.

Correspondence:
Letter of thanks from Fr. Phelim, O.D.C. on good wishes conveyed on the launching of his book.

Letter from Co. Council re road margins on Gorteenapheebera/Moanmore West road.

Letter from the Dept. of the Taoiseach acknowledging receipt of support of Loughrea Town Commissioners for resolution adopted by Donegal Co. Council relating to hunger strike in Long Kesh.

Resolution from Longford U.D.C.
That all Local Authorities call on the Government, the Opposition Party and the Hierarchy to state publicly where they stand on the provision of the five demands for the prisoners in Long Kesh."
The suggestion of Comm. Morgan this resolution was noted.

Resolution from Killarney U.D.C.
That we condemn the recent savage increases granted to Motor Insurances Companies which range from 25% to 40%. The increases granted by the Prices Commission and sanctioned by the Minister were given on the basis of maintaining and increasing profit margins and not because any of these companies were in danger of liquidation. Because of their enormity and the reasons for the increases, the credibility and future role of the Prices Commission and the Minister has been seriously eroded. A copy of this motion to be sent to the Minister, the Prices Commission and all Local Authorities."
On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Donnellan it was decided to support this resolution.

Scout Group Visitors: Mr. J. O'Brien, Group Sec. 8th Cork (Bantry) Scout Group, wrote informing the Board that his Group had stayed in Loughrea during the summer. Mr. O'Brien stated that he would like to thank the people of Loughrea for the welcome they had received and he paid a special word of thanks to the two Co. Council workers who had looked after the Long Point area. The meeting welcomed Mr. O'Brien's letter and were unanimous that it is nice to hear of people enjoying themselves when they visit our town.
Comm. Donnellan stated that this might be an opportune time to mention the pressing need for toilet facilities at the Long Point.

Irish of Ireland Steam Railway Association: Mr. Martin Hewitt, Sec, W.I.R.A. Rackernagh, Ballinasloe wrote requesting that a meeting be called between the Commissioners, Chamber of Commerce and any people interested in having the Attymon to Loughrea branch line re-opened as a tourist attraction.
It was agreed that Mr. Hewitt's Association together with representatives of the Chamber of Commerce be invited to the next meeting.

Cinematograph Licence: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Donnellan it was decided to grant a Cinematograph Licence to Loughrea Town Ltd. subject to the approval of the Chief Fire Officer.

Telephone Service: On the suggestion of Comm. Morgan it was agreed to explain to the Minister for Post & Telegraphs about the very poor telephone service in Loughrea.

Public Lighting: Comm. Duane complained that a number of public lights are not working on the old Galway Road. Comm. Loughnane suggested that an additional light be provided in the vicinity of Miss Carney's shop at Bride Street.

County Library - Loughrea Branch: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Loughnane it was decided to request the County Manager to appoint an assistant to Mrs. Joynt in the County Library at Loughrea. On Comm. Morgan's suggestion it was also decided to request that a sign be erected outside the Temperance Hall indicating the hours during which the library is open to the public.

Speed Limits: On the suggestion of Comm. Morgan it was decided to write to the local Garda Superintendent requesting that the speed limit be enforced along the Gort Road.

Telefis Eireann: Comm. Morgan referred to the program 'Ryan's Hope' which is shown at 6/30 p.m. on R.T.E.2. Comm. Morgan stated that this program is not suitable for a young audience and suggested that R.T.E. be requested to change the program to a later time. Comm. Donnellan stated that if a person did not wish to watch this particular program he could always change channels.

Mount Pleasant Burial Ground: Comm. Loughnane suggested that the grass margin be replaced with a hard shoulder outside Mount Pleasant Burial Ground. Comm. Morgan referred to the unkept condition of the grass in this burial ground.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 9th day of November, 1981

Sean Kelly
Chairman.

This concluded the

minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 9/11/81.

The Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly, Chairman.
Members Present: Comms. Gerald Reilly, Oliver Barrett, Brendan Donnellan, Patrick J. Duane, Matthew Loughnane, Patrick O'Loughlin and Norman Morgan.
Attendance: Messers John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, A.Marmion, T/Clerk.
Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 12/10/81, copies of which were circulated to each member were adopted and signed as correct on the motion of Comm. Reilly, seconded by Comm. Donnellan.

Tennis Club: The following members of the tennis club attended the meeting and gave details of the proposed improvements for the tennis club house. Messers Paul O'Toole, Chairman, Michael Kennedy, Treasurer and Sean Kenney, P.R.O. Mr. Kennedy stated that the proposed improvements will cost £10,000 and to qualify for a grant the club must obtain a 99 year lease, which they hoped the Commissioners would grant them. A Deputation was assured of the co-operation of the Board and Comm. Donnellan stated that he would like to congratulate the Officers of the Club on the amount of work they had done for the town. It was decided that the Asst. County Manager and the Town Clerk would meet the Officers of the Tennis Club at a later date to discuss the terms of the lease.

Restoration of Loughrea/Attymon Branch Line; Members of the West of Ireland Steam Railway Association together with Miss N. Deegan, Messer Martin Ward and Anthony Leahy of the Chamber of Commerce attended the meeting. Martin Hewitt, Secretary of the West of Ireland Steam Railway Association addressed the meeting and outlined in great detail the plans which his Association has to re-open the Loughrea/Attymon Branch Line as a tourist attraction. Hewitt gave details of his Association to date and pointed out that a number of similar projects are operating with great success in England. Hewitt stated that his Association now sought the support of the Town Commissioners, Chamber of Commerce and indeed every person interested in the restoration of Steam Railways. Mr. Hewitt stated that they hoped that the first train would run in about 5 years time and the project could cost something in the region of £1/2 million. The Chairman thanked the members of the West of Ireland Steam Railway Association for attending the meeting and complimented them on the enormous amount of work they have achieved to date, Comm. Kelly also assured them whatever support the Commissioners could give them.

Findings at Former C.I.E. Station in Loughrea: C.I.E. stated in its letter of the 9/10/81 that as the former station buildings were subject to vandalism over a period following the withdrawal of services from the branch line, it was decided to dispose of these buildings by public auction in 1979. The water tower and engine shed were included and as they are not now in the ownership of C.I.E., they are not in a position to undertake their preservation. Comm. Donnellan stated that the engine shed was destroyed by hurricane 'Debbie' some 16 years prior to their sale and asked that this be pointed out to C.I.E. who had blamed its decline on vandalism.

Portumna Tidy Town Committee: Two complimentary tickets for a fashion show organised by Portumna Tidy Towns Committee were presented to the Board. On the suggestion of Comm. Barrett it was agreed to pass these tickets on to the Tidy Towns Committee per Comm. Morgan.

Motions submitted by Comm. Oliver Barrett:-
Motion to call on the Minister for Justice to replace the existing Court Clerk, Mr. Canning when he retires as it would cause much inconvenience to the people of Loughrea if he were not replaced.
This motion was seconded by Comm. Morgan and passed unanimously. The Town Clerk was also instructed to send a telegram protesting in the strongest possible manner, to the Minister for Justice. It was also decided to call

a special meeting on Monday November 16th at 7.30 p.m. to discuss this matter. The Town Clerk was instructed to invite the following to the meeting Messres John Callanan, Michael Kitt and Paul O'Naughton, Dail Representatives, Senators Ulick Burke and Tom Hussey, Messers Shields, Moylan and MacCarthy, Solicitors and Superintendent J.F. Carty, Gaa Barracks, Loughrea.

Motion b. "To ask the Superintendent of the Garda to stop the hooliganism on the streets of our town which were always creditable up to now." Comm. Barrett in moving this motion stated that he did not mean this motion to cast a reflection on the Garda but rather an appeal to the public to be more co-operative with the Garda. The motion was seconded by Comm. Morgan. Comm. Donnellan stated that he would not accept that there is any great amount of hooliganism and he hoped that the motion would be withdrawn. A direct negative to the motion was proposed by Comm. O'Loughlin and seconded by Comm. Donnellan. On a vote the motion was carried by 3 votes 2. Comms. Barrett, Morgan and Reilly voting for and Comm. O'Loughlin and Donnellan voting against with Comm. Kelly, Duane and Loughnane abstaining.

Local Government Organisation and Finance: Letter from the Minister for the Environment inviting suggestions on L.G. Organisation and Finance was read to the meeting. It was decided to defer this matter to the next meeting and on the suggestion of Comm. Barrett it was agreed that each member would get a copy of the letter.

Votes of Congratulations: Votes of congratulations were passed with the Loughrea G.A.A. club on the success of its Intermediate Hurlers in the County Championship and with the Athletic Club on the success of its 16 members in completing the National Marathon.

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Minutes of proceedings at a special Meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 16/11/81.

The Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly.

Members Present: Comms. Gerald Reilly, Patrick O'Loughlin, Brendan Donnellan, new Loughnane, Oliver Barrett.

Attendance: Messers John Callanan, T.D. Michael Kitt, T.D. Senator Ulick Burke, Councillor Francis Fahy, Daniel Shields Solc. J.B. Donohue, Press Representative and Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.

Proposals were submitted by the Town Clerk on behalf of F.G. MacCarthy Solc. Superintendent J.F. Carty.

Meeting opened with prayers.

The Chairman in welcoming the people to the meeting stated that the purpose of the meeting is to discuss the proposed closure of the District Court Office in Loughrea. The Chairman informed the meeting that the Loughrea Town Commissioners had informed the Minister for Justice by telegram that they oppose the closure of this office. The Chairman then invited Mr. Shields to address the meeting. Mr. Shields informed the meeting that since the formation of the State, Loughrea had enjoyed the benefits of a District Court Office, manned by two highly efficient District Court Clerks, the late A.M. O'Toole and in later years Dennis Canning. Mr. Canning has now retired and it is not proposed to replace him. The Loughrea District Court serves a large area, added Mr. Shields, stretching close to Henry, Gort, Ballinasloe, Portumna and Woodford. Loughrea is one of the Courthouses that has all the facilities. The abolition of the post of District Court Clerk in Loughrea will create tremendous disadvantages for not only the people within the Loughrea District Court area but for the legal aid and members of the legal profession as well. A new legal Act comes into force next May, this new Act will generate a lot more work for the District Courts. If the office in Loughrea is closed, the work will be transferred to another centre, this will increase the cost which will be passed onto the man in the street. Mr. Shields went on to say that the abolition of this post could have far reaching effects for the future of District and Circuit courts in Loughrea and should be resisted. He would suggest that Mr. Canning be kept on until a new District Court Clerk is appointed.

Deputy Callanan stated that he had got a letter about the abolition of this post from Mr. MacCarthy, Solc. he had sent this letter together with the letter he had received from the Town Clerk to the Minister for Justice, Mr. J. Mitchell but he could not have had a reply to these letters yet. However from what he had heard here to-night, he felt that the position could not be abolished. Senator Burke stated that he was in touch with the Dept. of Justice on the Matter. A decision will be made shortly on the letter and from what he had heard he felt that the decision will be favourable in keeping the position in Loughrea. As he, Senator Burke understood it, the decision to abolish the post in Loughrea had come from within the Court Clerks Association as a result of some earlier agreement between the Court Clerks Association and the Department of Justice.

Deputy Kitt and Councillor Fahy agreed that the post should be retained. It was agreed that Senator Burke would arrange for a deputation of elected representatives to meet the Minister and further action was deferred pending the outcome of this meeting.

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Commissioners held on the 16/11/81.

The Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly.

Members Present: Comms. Gerald Reilly, Patrick O'Loughlin, Brendan Donnellan,
John Loughnane, Oliver Barrett.

Attendance: Messrs John Callanan, T.D. Michael Kitt, T.D. Senator Ulick
Burke, Councillor Francis Fahy, Daniel Shields Solc. J.B. Donohue, Press
Representative and Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.

Proposals were submitted by the Town Clerk on behalf of P.G. MacCarthy Solc.
Superintendent J.F. Carty.

The meeting was opened with prayers.

The Chairman in welcoming the people to the meeting stated that the
purpose of the meeting is to discuss the proposed closure of the District
Court Office in Loughrea. The Chairman informed the meeting that the
Loughrea Town Commissioners had informed the Minister for Justice by
telegram that they oppose the closure of this office. The Chairman then
invited Mr. Shields to address the meeting. Mr. Shields informed the
meeting that since the formation of the State, Loughrea had enjoyed the
benefits of a District Court Office, manned by two highly efficient District
Court Clerks, the late A.M. O'Toole and in later years Dennis Canning. Mr.
Canning has now retired and it is not proposed to replace him. The Loughrea
District Court serves a large area, added Mr. Shields, stretching close to
Henry, Gort, Ballinasloe, Portumna and Woodford. Loughrea is one of the
best Courthouses that has all the facilities. The abolition of the post of
District Court Clerk in Loughrea will create tremendous disadvantages for
not only the people within the Loughrea District Court area but for the
people and members of the legal profession as well. A new legal Act comes
into force next May, this new Act will generate a lot more work for the
District Courts. If the office in Loughrea is closed, the work will be
transferred to another centre, this will increase the cost which will be
passed onto the man in the street. Mr. Shields went on to say that the
abolition of this post could have far reaching effects for the future of
District and Circuit courts in Loughrea and should be resisted. He would
suggest that Mr. Canning be kept on until a new District Court Clerk is
appointed.

Deputy Callanan stated that he had got a letter about the abolition of this
post from Mr. MacCarthy, Solc. he had sent this letter together with the
letter he had received from the Town Clerk to the Minister for Justice,
Mr. J. Mitchell but he could not have had a reply to these letters yet.
Never from what he had heard here to-night, he felt that the position
could not be abolished. Senator Burke stated that he was in touch with
the Dept. of Justice on the matter. A decision will be made shortly on the
letter and from what he had heard he felt that the decision will be favourable
in keeping the position in Loughrea. As he, Senator Burke understood it, the
decision to abolish the post in Loughrea had come from within the Court Clerks
Association as a result of some earlier agreement between the Court Clerks
Association and the Department of Justice.

Deputy Kitt and Councillor Fahy agreed that the post should be retained.
It was agreed that Senator Burke would arrange for a deputation of elected
representatives to meet the Minister and further action was deferred
pending the outcome of this meeting.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 16th day of December, 1981.

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 In Attendance: Mr. Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.
 Apologies: The Town Clerk apologised on behalf of the Asst. Co. Manager, Mr. Howlett and on behalf of Mr. Woods of the I.D.A. who were unable to attend the meeting due to road conditions: Mr. Woods has indicated that he or Mr. Hyland will attend the next meeting.
 Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 14/12/81, copies of which were circulated to each member were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Barrett.

Court Clerk: The meeting was pleased to learn that Mr. Jim Mitchell, T.D. Minister for Justice, has decided not to abolish the position of Loughrea District Court Clerkship. Comm. Morgan proposed a vote of thanks to Senator Burke, the Chairman, Comm. Loughnane and the Town Clerk for meeting the Minister.

Title of Mayor: In reply to a recommendation made at the last meeting, the Minister for the Environment stated that the extension of the title of mayor to Chairpersons of U.D.C. and Town Commission Boards would involve amending legislation. The matter will be kept in mind during the current review of local government.

Description to Assoc. of Municipal Authorities: As sanctioned by the Minister for the Environment in his letter of the 15/9/81 to the Association, the meeting on the proposition of Comm. Barrett seconded by Comm. Donnellan, decided to increase its annual subscription to the Assoc. of Mun. Authorities to £60 per annum.

Date of Estimate Meeting: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Barrett, it was agreed that if possible the Estimates Meeting be held in conjunction with the monthly meeting.

Bus Service: Comm. Morgan proposed that C.I.E. be requested to base the bus which reaches Loughrea at 9/30 a.m. in Loughrea. This bus could leave Loughrea earlier in the morning taking workers to Galway and return via Athenry arriving in Loughrea at the same time at which it is now arriving.

Closure of Westfalian Factory: Comm. Hynes asked what the present position is. The Chairman in reply stated that the Liquidator and the I.D.A. have circulated about 50 firms trying to get a new client. Comm. Hynes stated that Loughrea should be heard to say in one voice that its patience is running out.

Comm. Morgan referred to the hardship suffered by traders in Loughrea as a result of Westfalian not meeting its commitments and he proposed that the Minister for Finance be asked to ensure that these people will not suffer any loss. This was seconded by Comm. Kelly.

Vote of Thanks: Comm. Donnellan proposed a vote of thanks to the Co. Co. workers for their efforts in keeping the roads passable.

Vote of Congratulations: On the proposition of Comm. Barrett a vote of congratulations was passed to Ciaran Fitzgerald on his appointment as captain of the Irish rugby team.

Meeting concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 8th day of February, 1982.

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Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 8/2/82.
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 Members Present: Comms. Matthew Loughnane, Patrick J. Duane, Patrick Hynes, Patrick O'Loughlin, Oliver Barrett, Norman Morgan.
 In attendance: M/s. John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, Alexis Marmion, T/Clerk.
 Apologies: Comms. Brendan Donnellan and Gerald Reilly.
 Meeting opened with prayers.

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Industry: The Chairman explained to the meeting that Mr. Tom Hyland, Regional Manager of the I.D.A. had contacted him and informed him that it is not I.D.A. policy to attend public meetings while an election is pending and for that reason Mr. Hyland will not attend this meeting. The meeting accepted Mr. Hyland's explanation and agreed to meet him at the March meeting.

Estimates: Mr. Howlett informed the meeting that as a result of the forthcoming General Election a Ministerial Order was made prescribing new dates for the preparation of the estimates and the holding of estimates meetings and consequently the estimates could not be considered at to-nights meeting. It was agreed to hold the next meeting on March the 22nd. Mr. Hyland of the I.D.A. will be invited to this meeting and it was further agreed to consider the estimates at this meeting.

Car Rally: Comm. Duane thanked Mr. Martin Ward, Main Street, for the work he had put into organising the Galway Car Rally.

West of Ireland Steam Railway Association: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Barrett it was decided to send the following letter to Mr. P. Cooney, T.D. Minister for Transport, and Communications. "We, the Town Commissioners of Loughrea, have met with representatives of the above Association and we would like to inform you of our total support for this project."

It was pointed out by some members that the Board did not wish to get involved in any controversy between the Mart and West of Ireland Steam Railway Assoc.

Road Flooding: Comm. Hynes referred to road flooding at Boggypark which he would like to bring to the attention of Mr. Howlett.

Town Plan: Comm. Loughnane asked if there is any proposal to change the proposed by-pass road or to provide any other new road. In reply Mr. Howlett stated that while he did not deal with planning he had heard this matter raised at a recent County Council meeting but he was not sure if any decision was taken to change the proposed plan.

Housing: In reply to Comm. Hynes, Mr. Howlett informed the meeting that the new houses at Pollroebuck will be taken over and allotted in the very near future.

Bus Service: Comm. Morgan stated that Loughrea is getting an early morning bus service to Galway which will facilitate very early morning workers. Comm. Morgan said that a second bus should not be sought. It was agreed to defer any discussion on a second bus until confirmation of the first bus is received.

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Also present during discussion on industrial prospects for Loughrea were:
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I.D.A.: Mr. Raymond O'Connor.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Vote of sympathy: Before the business of the meeting was discussed a vote of sympathy was passed with Fr. Stankard, Adm. on the death of his father, Mr. Comm. the Chairman and seconded by Comm. Barrett. On the suggestion request for a minutes silence was observed and it was also decided to request Lordship, Bishop Cassidy to offer mass some day in Loughrea.

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Town Plan: Arian development from the minutes, Comm. Loughnane asked if there was any on the agenda from the proposed Town Plan. Mr. Howlett stated that it was he had left. The Co. Council meeting to-day but was not reached before from the County Sec. Clerk was instructed to get a copy of the draft plan traffic going through. Comm. Morgan stated that he would like to see the views of the Chamber of Commerce be invited.

Housing: In reply to Comm. Hynes, Mr. Howlett stated that all houses at Pollroebuck were allocated and additional land is available and new houses will be provided as money becomes available.

Industry: Mr. O'Connor informed the meeting that the I.D.A. is doing all in its power to get a client for the factory. They have a few enquiries 3 or 4 about Westphalian and they are hopeful of the outcome. In reply to queries from the Members, Mr. O'Connor stated that the Receiver is not in charge of the factory, he is looking after the maintenance of the machinery and has the final say as to when efforts to have the factory re-opened will be made. Mr. Cullen stated that he had visited the factory recently, he is not satisfied that it is being properly maintained and added that the machinery should be coated with grease, the I.D.A. had not come out and said who are interested - it is imperative that the factory is re-opened immediately. Comm. Morgan stated that the I.D.A. should protect the machinery, the state had intervened to protect the Clondalkin Paper Mills and Tuam beet factory and he proposed that the appropriate Minister be asked to ensure that the machinery be protected - even with a small staff. Mr. McDonnell asked if the I.D.A. has fixed a date by which discussions will end and if there were any plans for an alternative factory. Mr. O'Connor in reply stated that if the Receiver fails to get a customer the next step would be to dispose of the machinery and premises. Mr. O'Connor stated that at present Schegal is using the advance factory as a ware house but if a client is found this arrangement could be terminated immediately. Comm. O'Loughlin stated that it is poor consolation to the un-employed to see such a fine premises used as a warehouse. The Chairman stated that he had requested Deputy Callanan to arrange a meeting with the Minister and he hoped that this would materialise soon. It was decided to ask Mr. Charles Lynch, County Development Officer to prepare a brochure setting the reasons why Loughrea require new industry. It was agreed that as many as possible would make the deputation. In reply to Comm. Hynes, Mr. O'Connor stated that the I.D.A. has land available

and would sell same to people interested in providing small industry. Mr. O'Connor also felt that the I.D.A. would provide 'cluster type' industries if the need for them arose in Loughrea. Comm. Morgan proposed a vote of thanks to the I.D.A. and to Mr. O'Connor for coming to the meeting and also Mr. McDonnell, Chamber of Commerce and Mr. Cullen and Mr. Broderick of the works committee of Westphalian Ltd. Mr. McDonnell in reply seconded the vote of thanks to Mr. O'Connor and thanked the Commissioners for inviting him.

Estimates: In accordance with Sections 9 & 10 of the County & City Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Mr. Howlett submitted the Estimate for the 1982 Financial Year, copies of the Estimate were previously circulated to each member. Mr. Howlett explained that as per government guide lines, the maximum increase allowed is 15% and expenditure was increased in the Estimate by this percentage. On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Donnellan the following were resolved:-

- 1. That the Estimate of Expenses of the Loughrea Town Commissioners for the Financial Year ending 31/12/82, 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 Galway County Council by the Loughrea Town Commissioners for the sum of £1090 for the Financial Year ending 31/12/82 and that the Form of Demand be signed by the Chairman and Town Clerk.

Pay Agreement in Public Service: In accordance with the pay agreement in the Public Service between the Public Services Committee of the Irish Congress of Trade Unions and the Minister for the Public Service, increases in accordance with Circular Letter EL 4/82 were approved for the Town Clerk, Rent Collector and School Warden on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Barrett.

Overnight Parking at Lakeside: Comm. Morgan referred to the opening to the lake at Cuscarrick and stated that large trucks are parking there overnight hereby causing a nuisance. It was decided to refer the matter to Galway Co. Co.

Danger at Hanleys' Cross: Comm. Loughnane referred to the danger facing motorists turning for Athenry at Hanleys' Cross, Caherlavine. Comm. Loughnane stated that the County Council should be asked again to extend the public lighting up to this point and to have the grass area clearly indicated.

Abandoned Car: Comm. Donnellan referred to the car abandoned on the roadside between Craughwell and Derrydonnel. The Town Clerk stated that this is in the Athenry Engineering area and undertook to refer the matter to the Athenry engineer.

Morning Bus Service to Galway: Comm. Morgan referred to the poor response which the early morning bus service to Galway had received, only 5 people had availed of the service. Comm. Morgan requested the Town Clerk to contact the press representative re again advertising the service.

Public Lighting at Lakeside Park: Comm. Loughnane asked if some thing could be done to have public lighting provided at Lakeside Park, Loughrea. It was decided to refer the matter to Galway County Council.

Meeting concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 19th day of April, 1982.

Sean Kelly
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 19/4/82. 287

In the Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. Oliver Barrett, Brendan Donnellan, Norman Morgan, Matthew Loughnane.

In Attendance: Messers Kevin Doyle, Acting Asst. Co. Manager, Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers

Before the business of the meeting was discussed, it was unanimously agreed on the suggestion of the Chairman, to adjourn the meeting for 5 minutes as a mark of respect to the late P.J. Forde who had died while assisting the Loughrea rugby team in the Connacht Junior final the previous day.

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. Barrett.

Arising from the minutes, Mr. Doyle informed Comm. Barrett that the proposed plan for Loughrea bye-pass is not ready yet, it should be ready about next September. When the plan is prepared it will be put on display and members of the public can then raise any queries or objections. In reply to Comm. Morgan, Mr. Doyle stated that he expected that the Planning Officer might attend a meeting of the Commissioners when the plan is prepared.

Correspondence:

1. Letter of Thanks: Fr. Stankard in his letter of the 29/3/82, thanked the Commissioners for their letter of sympathy on the death of his father.

2. Gaming & Lotteries Licence: The Town Clerk read a letter from A.G. Moylan & Co. Solicitors stating that James Costelloe of Church Street, Loughrea will apply to the District Court Sitting at Loughrea on the 28/4/82 for a Certificate under Section 15 of the Gaming & Lotteries Act, 1956 authorising the issue of a Licence permitting gaming at the Golden Grill, Church Street. In reply to Comm. Morgan, Mr. Doyle stated that the Gardai consider the suitability of the Applicant while the County Council inspect the premises. The Commissioners are informed of the application because they adopted the Act in the first instance.

Tidy Towns Competition: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Barrett it was unanimously decided to enter for the 1982 Tidy Towns Competition. Comm. Morgan stated that the improvements to 'The Walk' and to Pigott's St. should help this year. In reply to the Town Clerk, Comm. Morgan stated that the Tidy Town Committee is not active this year.

Auditor's Report 1980 Year: The Town Clerk presented the Auditor's Report for 1980. The Report was noted.

Irish Council of European Local Authorities: A copy of a letter from the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland dated 12/3/82 together with the proposed Constitution for an Irish Council of European Local Authorities was considered by the meeting, copies of both the letter and the Constitution were previously circulated to each member. Mr. Doyle pointed out that most if not all of the E.E.C. countries have similar type associations and this works to their advantage as they have a voice at Brussels where they can influence decision making. Mr. Doyle added that he considered this a worthwhile effort and deserving of the support of Local Authorities. On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Barrett it was unanimously decided to join the proposed Council.

Old Town Dump: Comm. Barrett referred to the number of caravans which have parked on the site of the Old Town Dump and asked if the County Council had allowed this. Mr. Doyle stated that he is not familiar with the position, but he understands that there is a problem and he will take it up with Mr. Howlett. Comm. Morgan suggested selling this land as serviced sites but Mr. Doyle pointed out that the sites would have to be fully serviced before this could be done.

Speech Therapist: On the proposition of Comm. Loughnane seconded by 288 Comm. Barrett it was decided to request the Western Health Board to provide a Speech Therapist in the Health ~~Centre~~ Centre, Main Street, Loughrea.

Industry: The Chairman informed the meeting that he had arranged through the good offices of Mr. John Callanan, T.D. for a deputation to meet the Minister for Industry & Energy Mr. Reynolds on Wednesday 28th April and that Mr. Charles Lynch, County Development Officer is preparing a brochure which will set out the needs of Loughrea. Comm. Kelly added that it is proposed that the Commissioners, Chamber of Commerce, Works Committee of Westfalian Carpet Yarn Spinning Co. Ltd will be represented on the deputation together with the three local Dail Representatives. Comm. Morgan proposed that Comms. Kelly, Barrett and the Town Clerk should represent the Commissioners. Comm. Donnellan stated that the deputation should be open to all the Commissioners if they were available to go. Comm. Donnellan suggestion was accepted.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 10th day of May, 1982.

Sean Kelly
Chairman

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 10/5/82.

In the Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. Oliver Barrett, Patrick J. Duane, Patrick O'Loughlin, Brendan Donnellan, Patrick Hynes, Matthew Loughnane and Norman Morgan.

In Attendance: Messers John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, Alexis Marmion, T/Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: Minutes of the ~~last~~ last meeting held on the 19/4/82, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Barrett.

Matters arising from the minutes.

1. Site of old town dump: In reply to Comm. Barrett, Mr. Howlett stated that the names of the people squatting on the old town dump site are being taken and the problem will be discussed with the County Council Solicitor. Mr.

Howlett in reply to Comm. Donnellan stated that he did not believe that the County Council had given written permission to anyone to park on this site.

In reply to Comm. Morgan, Mr. Howlett stated that people had not shown any great interest in this land when it was previously offered as building sites.

The Chairman stated that the people residing in the area are objecting and action should be taken quickly.

2. Speech Therapist at Loughrea: The Western Health Board in its letter of the 29/4/82 stated that it proposes to provide a Speech Therapy Service in Loughrea when staffing permits but it is not possible at the moment.

Industry: The Minister for Industry & Energy, Mr. Albert Reynolds, T.D. in his letter of the 26/4/82 stated that the I.D.A. is co-operating with the Liquidator in seeking a takeover of Westfalia Carpet Yarn Spinning Co. Ltd and in such circumstances the question of making funds available to the Liquidator does not arise. The Chairman informed the meeting that a deputation which included Comms O'Loughlin, Reilly, Town Clerk and himself had met the Minister and had got a firm promise of a new industry for Loughrea. The Chairman stated that he would like to express a sincere word of thanks to the County Development Officer, Mr. Charles Lynch for the manner in which he had prepared and presented Loughrea's case to the Minister. Comm. Morgan proposed a vote of thanks to the members who had travelled on the deputation. Comm. Donnellan seconded this vote of thanks. The Chairman also produced a letter from the Minister for Industry & Energy to Deputy John Callanan, stating that Loughrea is on the priority list for industry.

West of Ireland Steam Railway Association: A letter from Mr. Martin Hewitt, Secretary of WISRA was read to the meeting. A copy of the Associations Proposal, an updated Brochure and Membership Form was handed to each member present. The letter also invited the members to view a steam train which will stop at Attymon on Saturday, 15th May from about 13.40 to 14.20

Association of Municipal Authorities: The Association informed the meeting that a deputation from the Executive Committee is meeting the Minister for the Environment to discuss the financial difficulties as well as the proposal to impose new charges for services and requested member councils not to impose charges for services pending discussions with the Minister. The meeting agreed with this request. Comms. O'Loughlin and Loughnane informed the meeting that one of the recommendations made by the Executive Committee is that money collected by means of fines etc. should be spent in the locality in which they are collected. Mr. Howlett informed the meeting that the proposal to charge for services require new legislation.

Abstract of Accounts: The Abstract of Accounts for 1981 Year was presented by Mr. Howlett. On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin the Abstract was approved.

Date of Annual Meeting: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Barrett, it was decided to hold the Annual Meeting on the 14/6/82 in conjunction with the normal monthly meeting.

Footpaths: Comm. Morgan proposed and Comm. Loughnane seconded that the County Council be requested to extend the footpath at The Hill ~~as far~~ as far as the house owned by Mr. Joe Morgan. 289

Telephone Service: Comm. Morgan said that he would like to thank Mr. Gay for his Late Late Show dealing with P & T bills. Mr. Morgan added that the system of issuing bills required immediate investigation and gave details of his own experience whereby he had given a wrong number when booking a call. Comm. Morgan proposed that the Minister be requested to instruct the operator to bring back the number from which calls are booked. This was seconded by Comm. Barrett. Comm. Loughnane proposed that the number called should also be stated on the telephone account and was supported by Comm. Donnellan.

Pedestrian Crossings: On the proposition of Comm. Hynes seconded by Comm. Morgan it was decided to request the County Council to provide the following: a Pedestrian Crossing at Main Street, Loughrea.

Traffic Lights at the West Bridge, Loughrea.

Fair Green: On the suggestion of Comm. Donnellan it was decided to request the County Council to have the old dis-used weighhouse on the Fair Green removed.

Bord Failte: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Kelly it was decided to request Bord Failte to open a tourist information office at Kennedy's Travel Agency on similar lines as Kellers of Ballinasloe.

Loughrea Historical & Literary Society: Comm. Morgan informed the meeting that the Chairman will open an exhibition of first editions by Lady Gregory on Wednesday 19th May at 8/30 p.m. in the Library and he invited all the members along.

Tennis Club: A letter from Loughrea Tennis Club, inviting all the members to the official opening by Ciaran Fitzgerald of the new clubhouse on Sunday 14th May at 3 p.m., was read to the meeting.

Meeting concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 14th day of June, 1982.

Sean Kelly
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the Annual Meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 14/6/82.

Present: Comms. Sean Kelly, Gerald Reilly, Norman Morgan, Patrick O'Loughlin, Oliver Barrett, Patrick Hynes, Matthew Loughnane, P.J. Duane, B. Donnellan
In Attendance: Messers J. Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, Alexis Marmion, T/Clerk

Meeting opened with prayers.

The outgoing Chairman, Comm. Sean Kelly thanked the Asst. Co. Manager, the Town Clerk and all the members for their help and co-operation during the year and assured the incoming Chairman of his co-operation in the coming year. Comm. Kelly then vacated the Chair. Mr. Howlett acted as Chairman for the election of the new Chairman.

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

- Comm. Sean Kelly was proposed by Comm. O'Loughlin seconded by Comm. Loughnane.
- Comm. Oliver Barrett was proposed by Comm. Morgan and seconded by Comm. Reilly.

A vote was taken and resulted as follows:

For Comm. Kelly: Comms. Kelly, O'Loughlin, Loughnane and Donnellan. 4 Votes.
For Comm. Barrett: Comms. Barrett, Morgan, Reilly and Hynes. 4 Votes.
Comm. Duane abstained.

Both Comms. Kelly and Comms. Barrett names were placed in a box and Comm. Kelly's name was drawn out. Comm. Kelly was then declared elected.

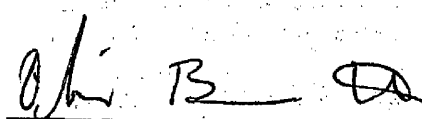
Election of Vice-Chairman: Comm. Oliver Barrett was unanimously elected Vice-Chairman on the proposition of Comm. Loughnane seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin.

Both the Chairman and Vice-Chairman thanked their proposers and seconders and the members for voting for them.

Election of Delegate to the Fire Brigades Advisory Committee: Comm. P.J. Duane was unanimously elected to the Fire Brigades Advisory Committee on the proposition of Comm. Loughnane seconded by Comm. Morgan.

This concluded the business of the Annual Meeting.

Signed this the 12th day of July, 1982.


Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 14/6/82.

In the Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. Gerald Reilly, Norman Morgan, Patrick O'Loughlin, Oliver Barrett, Patrick Hynes, ~~Matthew Loughnane~~ P. J. Duane, B. Donnellan.
In Attendance: M/s. John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Apology: Comm. Matthew Loughnane.

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.

Industry: Arising from the minutes Comm. Reilly proposed that the Board write to the Minister for Industry regarding the promised industry for Loughrea. This was seconded by Comm. Barrett. It was also decided on the suggestion of Comm. Donnellan to write to the I.D.A. regarding the proposed industry.

Weighhouse on Fair Green: On the proposal of Comm. Donnellan it was decided to press Galway Co. Council to remove the old weighhouse at the Fairgreen.

Association of Municipal Authorities: Notice of intention to hold the Annual Conference of the Association in Wexford on September 21st, 22nd, and 23rd. It was decided that motions should be submitted on or before July 16th. and that motions be limited to three.

Letter from the Association dated the 2/6/82 set out the replies received from the Minister for the Environment regarding the imposition of charges for services provided by rating authorities.

Resolution from Cobh U.D.C. On the proposition of Comm. Barrett seconded by Comm. Morgan it was unanimously decided to support the following motion submitted by Cobh U.D.C. provided that the proposed increases are in line with the cost of living increases.

That Cobh U.D.C. calls on the Minister for Health to increase the free electricity allowance for pensioners. From 300 units in Winter time to 400 units, from 200 units in Summer time to 300 units. The purpose of the motion to compensate for increase in the fuel variation charge."

Tullira Castle: Comm. Morgan referred to the fact that Edward Martyn who was born in Masonbrook in 1859 and was mainly responsible for the Irish Literary Revival had his home at Tullira. Comm. Morgan proposed that the Taoiseach be asked to have Tullira Castle purchased by the State and preserved as a national monument, this was seconded by Comm. Barrett. Comm. Donnellan supported the proposal and added that the members could show their interest by supporting a proposed tour to Tullira which Sister Austin is arranging.

Travelling and Subsistence Allowances: Travelling and subsistence allowances set out in Circular Letters EL 9/82, EL 11/82 and EL 12/82 were approved on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Kelly.

Sale of House No. 4 Mount Carmel Crescent: The sale of House No. 4 Mount Carmel Crescent to Mrs. Margaret Davis was unanimously approved on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Donnellan.

Memorial Ceremony: On the proposition of Comm. Hynes seconded by Comm. Kelly it was agreed to hold a memorial ceremony in memory of the late Rev. Father Coffin who is buried in the Cathedral grounds. The Town Clerk was instructed to discuss the arrangements with the local clergy.

Disrespect to Church of Ireland Property: Comm. Morgan condemned the recent disrespect carried out at the Church of Ireland recently. It was agreed to sympathise with the Rev. Mr. Haworth on the inconvenience and anguish caused. Comm. Morgan also appealed to anyone who may have information on the matter to co-operate with the local gardai. Comm. Barrett agreed saying that he had recently reported a group of people who were going around causing annoyance.

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Votes of Congratulations: Votes of congratulations were passed with the following:

- a) The under 14 hurling team on their winning of the County Championship proposed by Comm. Duane.
- b) Seven Springs Festival: The Chamber of Commerce was congratulated on the success of the Seven Springs festival on the proposition of Comm. Barrett seconded by Comm. Kelly.
- c) On the proposition of Comm. Barrett Mr. Mike Sweeney formerly of Loughrea was congratulated on his success in the International Fly Fishing Championship.

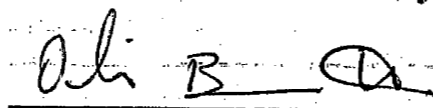
Comm. Hynes congratulated the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman and Comm. Duane on their election and added that he like to see positions rotating.

Lighting in Lakeside Park: In reply to Comm. O'Loughlin, Mr. Howlett stated that there is no money provided in the Estimates for additional lighting this year except in Traffic Route Lighting.

New Library: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Kelly it was agreed to request Galway County Council to give Loughrea priority for a new library.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 17th day of July, 1982.


Chairman.

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Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 12/7/82.

In the Chair: Comm. Oliver Barrett, Vice-Chairman and Sean Kelly, Chairman.
Members Present: Comms. Brendan Donnellan, Patrick Hynes, Matthew Loughnane, Norman Morgan, Patrick O'Loughlin.
In attendance: Messers John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, T/Clerk.
Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the Annual Meeting and of the Monthly Meeting held on the 14/6/82, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Morgan.

Weighbridge: Arising from the minutes Comm. Donnellan asked if there was any information regarding the removal of the old weighbridge from the Fairgreen. Mr. Howlett in reply stated that the local engineer was asked to report on the matter.

Tourist Information Office: Ireland-West in its letter of the 2/7/82 set out the areas which have Tourist Information offices and added that they are currently investigating the concept of voluntary offices. It was the unanimous opinion of the meeting that Loughrea should have an Information Office and that the manager of this office should be compensated on similar lines to Ballinasloe. On the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin and supported by Comm. Hynes, it was decided to press Ireland-West to provide an office at Mr. Maurice Sweeney's, Travel Agent.

Industry: The I.D.A. in its letter dated 1/7/82 stated that it is engaged in negotiations with a U.S. Company regarding an industry for the advance factory in Loughrea. Comm. Kelly, who had arrived and taken over as Chairman, stated that his information is that an industry is signed, sealed and delivered for Loughrea and will be in operation by September. Comm. Morgan stated that the Chairman's statement is surprising insofar as none of the leading politicians were prepared to make this statement while electioneering over the week-end. Comm. Donnellan remarked that it might be best not to discuss this matter while an election is in progress. Comm. Hynes stated that he accepted and welcomed the Chairman's statement.

New Library: The County Librarian, in his letter of the 21/6/82 to the County Secretary stated that he is reasonably satisfied with the Library Premises in the Temperance Hall, however if a better premises became available he would be interested in providing a new Branch Library in Loughrea if funds are available. The County Librarian requested the Town Commissioners to inform him of any suitable premises. Comm. Morgan stated that he was not satisfied with this reply adding that the Temperance Hall is not suitable. After discussion it was agreed that the present Vocational School is suitable and will be vacated when the new school is open. It was unanimously decided to request the County Vocational Education Committee to donate the existing Vocational School premises to the town. It was also decided on the proposition of Comm. Morgan to request the County Librarian to have the micro films of old newspapers, manuscripts etc. which are presently available in the Library Headquarters of the Courthouse transferred to the new library in Hynes Buildings thereby ensuring that these micro-films are available to the public during existing library opening hours.

Tulira Castle: The Taoiseach, Mr. Charles J. Haughey T.D. informed the meeting that the Government is giving consideration to the acquisition of Tulira Castle by the State. Comm. Morgan welcomed the letter and added that he did not share the views of Barry Desmond T.D. who opposed the proposal. Comm. Donnellan said that the reserve price at the auction was doubled since it became known that the State is interested in the estate.

Memorial Ceremony: The Town Clerk was instructed to write to the local Administrator, Fr. Stankard regarding a memorial service for the late Father Griffin

Phone Service: The Town Clerk informed the meeting that a Miss Siobhan Murphy from the Dept. of Posts & Telegraphs had called regarding the Commissioners recommendation that every trunk call, made through the operator should be checked. Miss Murphy explained that this is not practical but that all complaints of overcharging are checked out.

On the proposition of Comm. Loughnane it was decided to ask Galway County Council to have Loughrea Town Commissioners listed under the same number in the telephone directory.

It was also decided to request the Dept. for Posts & Telegraphs to provide a telephone kiosk to serve the lower area of Old Galway Road.

Association of Municipal Authorities: It was decided to submit the following three motion for discussion at the Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities:-

Motions proposed by Comm. Morgan:

- a) "That the Office of Chairman of Town Commissioners be changed to that of Mayor
- b) "That the relevant Minister ensure that the public receive an acknowledgement of letters to the various Departments within seven days and a full reply within fourteen days."

Proposed by Comm. Loughnane:

That the Association of Municipal Authorities seek the right to nominate at least two candidates for Seanad Eireann and that such candidates be selected by the Association on a P.R. basis."

Minutes Silence: At this stage Comm. Hynes proposed a minutes silence as a mark of respect to the late Johnny Callanan, T.D. who had died since the last meeting. This was seconded by Comm. Barrett. Both Members and Officials present paid tribute to the late Deputy Callanan and the Town Clerk was instructed to have a mass offering made.

Sale of Houses: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan Seconded by Comm. Kelly it was unanimously decided to approve of the sale of the following houses:-

House No.1 Mount Carmel Crescent, Loughrea, to Mrs. Barbara Daniels.

House No.8 Mount Carmel Crescent, Loughrea, to Mr. James Connolly.

County Vocational Education Committee: On the proposition of Comm. Loughnane seconded by Comm. Barrett it was decided to request the County Vocational Education Committee to provide the following courses in the coming year:

A Flower Arrangement Course.

A Fishing Fly Tying Course.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 13th day of September, 1982.

Sean Kelly
Chairman.

Minutes of special meeting held on the 4/10/82.

In the Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. Oliver Barrett, Patrick O'Loughlin, Gerald Reilly, Patrick J. Duane, Brendan Donnellan, Matthew Loughnane, Patrick Hynes and Norman Morgan.

In attendance: Mr. Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.

The Chairman stated that he had called this special meeting to discuss the withdrawal of the night ambulance from St. Brendan's Home. The ambulance was withdrawn as a result of the Western Health Board's cut back on expenditure, the withdrawal to take effect from 1 a.m. on the 4/10/82.

The meeting unanimously decided to send a telegram to Mr. Eamon Hannon, Chief Executive Officer of the Western Health Board protesting in the strongest possible manner over the withdrawal and to follow up the telegram with a letter of protest. If a satisfactory solution is not reached a further meeting will be held and the public representatives invited to this meeting.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 11th day of October, 1982.

Sean Kelly
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 13/9/82.

In the Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly, Chairman.
Members Present: Comms. Patrick J Duane; Patrick O'Loughlin, Oliver Barrett, Patrick Hynes, Norman Morgan, Brendan Donnellan, Matthew Loughnane.
In attendance: Messrs. Kevin Doyle, Acting Asst. Co. Manager and Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.
Meeting opened with prayers.
Before the business of the meeting was discussed, votes of sympathy were passed with the Chairman, Comm. Sean Kelly on the death of his mother, Mr. Joe Greene, a former Chairman of the Board, on the death of his mother, The Flynn family, Donnellan Driv on the death of Larry Flynn, the Lohan family, Lake View on the death of Patrick Lohan, the Skerry family, Cosmona on the death of Pakie Skerry, the Fitzpatrick family, Galway Road on the death of Mollie Fitzpatrick and the Darcy family, Ballinakill on the death of Josie Darcy.

Minutes: The Minutes of the last meeting held on the 12/7/82 were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Barrett.

Correspondence arising from the minutes:
Industry: The Minister for Industry & Energy, Mr. Albert Reynolds T.D. set out in his letter dated 13/7/82 the steps taken by the IDA to attract industry to Loughrea. The Minister also stated that negotiation with a U.S. Company with a view to getting them to locate in the advance have only recently been finalised and the company expect to be in a position to go into production. Comms. Hynes and Morgan took the Chairman to task for stating at the last meeting, just prior to the Bye-Election, that Loughrea would have a factory by September. The Chairman stated that he did not say that Loughrea would have a factory by September, but that the company would move in in September and all be in operation by January, 1983. Comm. Morgan stated that what he had said was recorded in the Minutes, which he had signed as correct, as the Chairman now saying that the Town Clerk had not written the minutes correctly. The Town Clerk stated that in his opinion the Minutes are correct. Comm. Loughnane stated that aspersions are not now or never have been cast on the Town Clerk, Loughrea should go out and market itself. Comm. Morgan stated that the problem is that Tuam have the representation and so get whatever is going.

Tourist Information Office: Ireland West in its letter dated 27/7/82 set out the terms under which a Tourist Office will be opened in an area. on the suggestion of Comm. Morgan it was decided to ask Ireland West the number of members required in an area to qualify.

New Library: Mr. Sharkey in his letter dated 11/8/82 gave his opinion on the possible future use of the Vocational School as a library. Mr. Sharkey also gave his reasons for keeping the microfilms in Headquarters as having greater control over them. Comm. Morgan stated that because the microfilms are kept in Headquarters people could only view them during working hours which Comm. Morgan considered unfair. Mr. Doyle stated that he would report back on the matter.

Group Personal Accident Insurance - Members of Local Authorities: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Barrett it was decided to accept Scheme A.

People of the Year Awards: It was agreed to defer nominations for the People of the Year Awards to the next meeting and documentation of the reasons for any nomination be submitted with each nomination.

Fr. Griffin Memorial: In reply to Comm. Hynes, the Town Clerk stated that he had not yet received a written reply from the Presbytery concerning the proposed memorial service for the late Fr. Griffin.

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ing of Speed Limits: The following were appointed to the Committee for setting speed limits, Comm. Barrett who was proposed by Comm. Morgan and Kelly who was proposed by Comm. O'Loughlin. Both Comm. Barrett and Kelly nominations were seconded by Comm. Loughnane.

ar in Dun Laoghaire: The meeting was informed of a proposed seminar led "The Crisis in Local Government: Charting the way ahead." being led by the Irish Council of the European Movement on Oct. 12th and 13th. Morgan and Loughnane spoke against sending a delegate. The Chairman expressed the opinion that Loughrea Town Commissioners should be represented. O'Loughlin proposed that a delegate be sent but got no seconder. Loughnane decided not to send a delegate. Loughnane also proposed that the appropriate authority be asked to ensure not more than 10 delegates represent the Country at international conferences. This was seconded by Comm. Morgan.

s for Annual Conference of the Assoc. of Mun. Authorities: It was agreed that delegates will oppose the following motions Nos. 48, 56-58, 81, 86 and the Annual Conference.

action: Comm. Morgan stated that he welcomed the fact that the hallway Convent School was kept clear of personating agents during the Bye-Election and he hoped that the footpath could be kept clear as well. Comm. Loughnane also referred to the annoyance caused by a Dublin T.D. Comm. Loughnane stated that he would like to compliment the Gardaí on the impartial exemplary in which they carried out their duties on that occasion.

Town Report: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin it was agreed to defer the Tidy Town Report to the next meeting.

ns submitted by Comm. Kelly: "That the footpaths around the town be replaced immediately" Motion was seconded by Comm. Loughnane. "That Galway County Council provide toilet facilities at the Long Point." Motion was passed unanimously. Mr. Doyle stated that the County Council was willing to provide facilities at all bathing places.

ns submitted by Comm. Loughnane: "That Galway County Council be called on to provide waste disposal facilities to replace those withdrawn with the closing of the dump at Ballygasty." Motion seconded by Comm. Kelly. Mr. Doyle stated that if anybody could provide a suitable dump, the County Council will buy it.

Comm. Loughnane withdrew his motion on election counts in Loughrea.

ic Signs: Comm. Donnellan referred to the siting of a new traffic sign on Henry Road and asked if it could not be resited somewhere else. The Town Clerk stated that he will refer the matter to the Engineer concerned.

al Grounds: Comm. Morgan stated that it is a shame that funds are not available to keep our two graveyards in a better condition. An Annual Cemetery Day was suggested.

al Society: Comm. Morgan stated that the Musical Society are ~~having~~ ^{providing} a live concert in Loughrea on October 26th and he appealed to the people to support it. Comm. Morgan also regretted that the Musical Society are not putting on a concert this year and said it would be appropriate if a letter of appreciation was sent to the Musical Society thanking them for the enjoyment which they have given over the years and expressing the hope that they will return with a concert next year.

alism: The members condemned the vandals who had broken the ornamental benches around the town and instructed the Town Clerk to bring this matter to the attention of the Gardaí. The meeting concluded the business of the meeting.

ed this the 11th day of October, 1982

Sean Kelly
Chairman

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 11/10/82.
 In the Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly, Chairman.
 Members Present: Comms. Oliver Barrett, Patrick J. Duane, Brendan Donnellan, Patrick O'Loughlin, Norman Morgan and Matthew Loughnane.
 In Attendance: Messers Kevin Doyle, Acting Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion T/Clerk.
 Meeting opened with prayers.
 Minutes: The minutes of the last held on the 13/9/82, copies of which were circulated to each member were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Barrett seconded by Comm. Kelly.

Correspondence: The following correspondence was read to the meeting.

1. Gardai: Letter from Supt. J.F. Carty, Garda Barracks, Loughrea thanking the Commissioners for their expression of appreciation for the Gardai during the recent Bye-Election.

2. Library Premises: The County Voc. Education Committee in its letter dated 28/9/82 stated that it would like to help the Commissioners in every way possible, however their financial position could not allow them to donate the existing school premises to public ownership. Comm. Donnellan stated that we would have to accept the point made and asked Mr. Doyle if the County Council could do anything. Mr. Doyle stated that while the County Council would like to do something for Loughrea, they also have money problems and it might be better to wait to see what the Estimates bring.

3. Fr. Griffin Memorial: Fr. Stankard in his letter dated 14/9/82 stated that he had discussed the question of a memorial service for the late Fr. Griffin with Bishop Cassidy and they suggested that the ceremony might take the following format: the 11/30 mass of a Sunday to be offered for the repose of Fr. Griffin, after mass a wreath to be laid at the Memorial by the Town Commissioners, a decade of the Rosary could be recited by the Town Clerk or Chairman. The Commissioners considered the suggestion favourably and the Town Clerk was instructed to try to arrange the Mass for the 14/11/82.

Night Ambulance Service at St. Brendan's: The Chairman informed the meeting that he and Deputy Noel Tracy has met Mr. Crowley, Programme Manager, Western Health Board. The withdrawal of the night ambulance from St. Brendan's will result in a savings of approximately £3,000. The service was only required 19 times in the previous 9 months. This is one of the necessary cut backs in the Health Boards. Mr. Crowley had informed Comm. Kelly that if the money became available the service will be restored. The Town Clerk was instructed to ask the Health Board that if the money was provided by the people from the Loughrea area would the Health Board restore the service. Comm. Morgan proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman for the initiative he had shown in the matter. Comm. Barrett seconded the vote of thanks.

Housing: Comm. Donnellan asked if the County Council had signed the contract for the erection of more houses in Loughrea. Mr. Doyle stated that contracts are prepared but are not yet signed.

Television Viewing: Comm. Morgan proposed a vote of thanks to the people who have arranged for a choice of television viewing in the Loughrea area.

Tidy Town Report: It was decided to defer the Tidy Town Report to a later meeting.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 8th day of November, 1982. *Oliver Barrett*
 Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 8/11/82.
 In the Chair: Comm. Oliver Barrett, Vice-Chairman.
 Members Present: Comms. Norman Morgan, Gerald Reilly, Patrick J. Duane, Patrick O'Loughlin, Matthew Loughnane, Brendan Donnellan. Comm. Sean Kelly did not attend while the meeting was in progress.
 In Attendance: Messers John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, T/Clerk.
 Meeting opened with prayers.
 Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 11/10/82, 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: Representation by Local Authorities at Conferences Abroad: A letter from Mr. R. Burke, T.D. Minister for the Environment, dated 22/10/82, requesting Local Authorities to consider the likely benefits which would accrue from such conferences before deciding to send delegates. The meeting accepted the spirit of the letter.

Motion from Dungarvan U.D.C.: The following resolution from Dungarvan U.D.C. was rejected by 4 votes to 3. The vote was as follows: Comm. Reilly, O'Loughlin and Loughnane. Against, Comms. Duane, Morgan, Donnellan and Barrett. The resolution was that Dungarvan U.D.C. propose that the Local Authority loan income limit be raised to £13,000 as soon as possible. They feel that £7,000 is an income which most people, who actually qualify for the loan, would feel unable to repay, without great difficulty.

The meeting unanimously adopted the following resolution from Dungarvan U.D.C. views with the greatest concern the uncontrolled dumping of Nuclear Waste adjacent to Irish National Waters, and calls on the Irish Government to join with the Spanish Government in protesting against this most undesirable practice.

Letter from Galway County Council dated 28/10/82 stating that: Restoration of Footpaths: Work had commenced on the 4th of October on the restoration. Comm. Duane suggested a complete shut down of all County Council work because of the short time introduced for some of the workers. In reply to Comm. Morgan, Mr. Howlett stated that the lay-offs will make no material difference to the mens' service or holidays. In reply to Comm. Donnellan, the Town Clerk stated that the lay-offs will not effect the continuation of the restoration of the paths.

Toilet facilities at the Long Point: There is provision in an Amenity Scheme proposal for the Long Point for the erection of Toilets, but there is no finance available to the Council to carry out this work at present. Comm. Morgan pointed out that under the Loughrea Group Water Scheme, piped water will be passing the Long Point this year. The presence of this water would facilitate the provision of toilet facilities. The Town Clerk was instructed to point this out to the County Council.

The present Domestic Refuse Collection caters for all domestic refuse in the town, five bags of trade waste is taken from each Commercial Premises. A levy system also operates whereby trade waste in excess of five bags will be collected on the payment of £30 per quarter for any commercial premises. Comm. Donnellan referred to dumping which had taken place over the week-end. The Town Clerk stated that the local Council Office was aware of this happening and assured the Members that if the culprits are discovered that they will be prosecuted.

Night Ambulance Service at St. Brendan's Home; In reply to the Board's query as to whether the Western Health Board would provide a night ambulance service at St. Brendan's Home if the sum of £3,000 was provided by the people of the area, the Western Health Board in its letter of the 3/11/82 stated that if the Commissioners are prepared to provide this sum for the period

commencing 1st October, 1982 and if necessary for subsequent years. Comm. Kelly stated that he understood that this matter is still under consideration. The meeting decided to defer the matter until the next meeting.

Tidy Town Report: The meeting decided to defer consideration of the 1982 Tidy Towns Report to the meeting that will consider the 1983 entry.

Local Librarian: Comm. Morgan stated that the local librarian, Mrs. Joynt will on the 18/12/82 *HAVE COMPLETED* 50 years service as librarian. Comm. Morgan stated that a function will be held in her honour and he proposed that the Commissioners should present Mrs. Joynt with a scroll to mark the occasion. This was seconded by Comm. Duane and passed unanimously..

Housing: Comm. Morgan referred to a meeting held by a group of Engineers on the site which the County Council propose to develop for housing, as an election gimmick. The Town Clerk stated that he had arranged for County Council Officials to meet one of the land owners concerned some time before an election was announced. Mr. Howlett stated that the contract is cleared by the Department and they are now waiting on the contractor to secure a bond, the contract is for the erection of local authority houses only.

Public Lighting: On the proposition of Comm. Donnellan it was agreed to request Galway County Council to provide additional public lighting on the Masonbrook Road and the Old Galway Road/Tulla Hill area.

New Factories: Comm. Morgan stated that in view of the forthcoming election, he would appeal to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to pressurise the two main political parties to secure tenants for the advance factory. Comm. Kelly stated that his information is that grants are approved but that the firm concerned is not prepared to make any move at this time.

Pedestrian Crossing: Comm. Loughnane asked if there was any further information with regard to the provision of a pedestrian crossing in Loughrea. It was agreed to write to the County Council on the matter.

Sewerage Works: Comm. Morgan stated that he was delighted to see that Athenry had secure grants for their sewerage works and he hoped that Loughrea would get a proper purification system as the County Council was fined for polluting the river on a few occasions.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 13th day of December, 1982.

Sean Kelly
Chairman.

GOLDEN JUBILEE

Mrs. Florence Joynt, Librarian, Loughrea.
1932 - 1982.

To mark the Golden Jubilee of your service as Librarian in Loughrea, we the members of the Loughrea Town Commissioners, on behalf of the people of the town, present this Parchment to you.

During your 50 years of unbroken service as Librarian, you have shown dedication to your work and both kindness and courtesy to the very many people who have enjoyed the facilities provided at the Library.

Due to your devoted care and unfailing attention, the Library Service in Loughrea has developed and extended to reach the high standard of perfection which it now enjoys.

On behalf of all our grateful townspeople, we wish you continued success and happiness.

Sean Kelly, Chairman. Patrick O'Loughlin.
Brendan Donnellan. Matthew Loughnane.
Gerald Reilly. Oliver Barrett.
Norman Morgan. Patrick J. Duane. Patrick Hynes.
Loughrea Town Commissioners.

Alexis Marmion. Loughrea Town Clerk.

Dated this the 8th day of December, 1982.

utes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 13/12/82.

the Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly, Chairman.
 Members Present: Comms. Patrick O'Loughlin, Brendan Donnellan, Norman Morgan, Patrick J. Duane, Oliver Barrett, Matthew Loughnane.
 Attendance: Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.

Apology: The Town Clerk apologised on behalf of Messers J. Howlett and Doyle who were unable to attend the meeting.
 Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 8/11/82, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct. The proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin.

Tourist Office: The Western Regional Tourism Organisation in its letter of the 11/12/82 stated that it does not envisage the provision of a Tourist Office in Loughrea in the near future. On the proposition of Comm. Morgan the contents of the letter were noted.

Public Lighting: Galway County Council informed the meeting that an order for the supply and erection of lights at Lakeside Park Loughrea has been placed with the E.S.B. It was decided to request the County Council to provide additional lights at Moore St. near Tooheys' house, at Cross St. at the entrance to the Convent National School and at Dolphin Street.

By-Pass Road: The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the By-Pass road was approved by a sub-committee of local County Councillors and will be presented to the County Council in the near future, after which it will be put on display in the local County Council office. On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Barrett it was decided to request Galway County Council to send a Planning Officer to the next meeting to discuss the proposed plan.

Land at Knockanima: On the proposition of Comm. Barrett seconded by Comm. Donnellan it was decided to request Galway County Council to submit the plans which Galway County Council has for the development of the lands donated by Irish Base Metals, at Knockanima.

Subsistence Allowance: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin, subsistence allowances as set out in Circular Letter EL 16/82 was approved for Officers of the Board.

Local Librarian: Comm. Duane stated that he was very disappointed at the poor turn out of Town Commissioners at the function in honour of Mrs. Joynt's Golden Jubilee as Librarian in the local library.

Restoration of Railway: Comm. Morgan stated that the W.I.S.R.A. hope to have the Attymon/Loughrea branch line open by November 1990 as a tourist attraction, carriages are becoming available and Comm. Morgan suggested that the Commissioners as individuals, might donate a carriage at a cost of £94.

Boundary Wall at Mount Carmel: Comm. Donnellan referred to the danger of the boundary wall at Mount Carmel falling onto Mount Carmel Crescent. Comm. Morgan proposed that the County Council be asked to proceed with the development of the park at the Athenry Road/Mount Carmel Crescent Junction, at which time the Council might also have a look at the wall.

Flooding: Comm. O'Loughlin referred to the flooding which takes place on the Gort Road every time it rains. Comm. Morgan referred to the irregular cleaning of gullies in the town. It was decided to bring these matters to the attention of the County Council.

Voting Procedure: Comm. proposed that the County Registrar be asked why there is a space left in the screen surrounding voting desks at polling booths.

Voting Register: Comm. Morgan referred to the advertisement on television advising people who are 18 years or over to make sure that their name is on the voting register. Comm. Morgan again objected to this and stated that people who are 18 or over on the 15/4/83 are entitled to have their name on the register and he proposed that this matter be again brought to the attention of the Minister. The members felt that too many errors are appearing on the voting register and it was the unanimous opinion that more attention should be taken in compiling the register.

Time of Elections: On the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin it was decided to recommend to the Minister that elections should be held on week-ends.

Vote of Congratulations: On the proposition of Comm. Kelly seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin, Comm. Loughnane was congratulated on breeding the Greyhound of the Year - Supreme Tiger.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 10th day of January, 1983.

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Sean Kelly
 Chairman.

Minutes of monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 10/1/83.

In the Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. Patrick Hynes, Brendan Donnellan, Norman Morgan, Patrick J Duane, Matthew Loughnane.

In attendance: Messers John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Also present were Messers Brian Callegy and Joe Kinneen members of Galway County Council Engineering Staff.

Apology submitted by Town Clerk on behalf of Mr. W. Malone, Town Engineer who was absent on leave.

Meeting opened with prayer.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 13/12/82, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Morgan.

Relief Road: The Chairman welcomed Messers Callegy and Kinneen to the meeting and invited them to outline the proposals for the new relief road.

Mr. Callegy stated that he dealt with the road from a planning aspect. The proposed road which is north of the town opens up more land than is required to cater for the proposed development and expansion of Loughrea under the County Development Plan. All of the land south of the proposed road can be drained into the public services, Mr. Callegy added.

Mr. Kinneen stated that he had dealt with the proposed road from a final design aspect. The Road is proposed as a dual-carriageway with a Class II interim stage, i.e. 24ft. carriageway with 26' hard shoulder and margin.

Traffic counts had indicated a growth of 4% and taking this as the growth factor, the traffic flow requirements should come into the dual-carriageway requirements within the next 25 years. It is proposed to construct the road to a Class II standard initially but land acquisition will provide for a dual-carriageway. As a safety measure the road will have limited access points with Roundabouts at Caherlavine and Greeneragh. The length of the proposed road will be 2.31 miles as against 2.37 miles at present, a difference of approximately 87 metres. The proposed road will require the acquisition of 42.44 acres of land and the demolition of two houses. The proposal will conflict with one or two planning applications and the proposed restoration of the Loughrea/Attymon railway line. Mr. Kinneen dealt with various questions raised by the members. Mr. Howlett stated that the maps are on display at the local County Council Office and it is proposed to consider the proposal at the February meeting of Galway County Council.

The Chairman thanked Messers Callegy and Kinneen for addressing the meeting and complimented them on the proposed plan.

Public Lighting: The Council informed the meeting that if funds are made available for the provision of additional public lighting, Moore St., Cross St. and Dolphin St. will be considered in conjunction with other areas within the County for additional public lights.

Tidy Towns: The meeting was informed that Loughrea had won £100 in a Tidy Town competition run by Galway County Council.

Pay in the Public Service: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Donnellan, the Third Phase of the Public Pay Agreement, as set out in Circular Letter EE 17/82 was approved for employees of Loughrea Town Commissioners.

Estimates Meeting: It was agreed that if possible the Estimates Meeting be held in conjunction with the February Meeting of the Board.

Housing: In reply to Comm. Duane, Mr. Howlett stated that the entrance to the new houses at Pollroebuck will be from the Old Galway Road.

Railway: A suggestion from Comm. Morgan that the Members present a carriage to W.I.S.R.A. was deferred to a later meeting.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 14th day of February, 1983.

John B. Kelly
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 14/2/83.

In the Chair: Comm. Oliver Barrett, Vice-Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. Patrick Hynes, Norman Morgan, Brendan Donnellan, Patrick O'Loughlin, Matthew Loughnane.

In attendance: Messers John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, Alexis Marmion, T/Clerk.

Apologies: Comm. Sean Kelly, Patrick J. Duane.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 10/1/83, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Loughnane.

Estimates: Arising from the minutes, Mr. Howlett stated that Local Authorities had not yet received instructions regarding Estimates. Comm. Loughnane expressed reservations regarding the £65 million which local authorities are expected to raise and thought that L.A. should be instructed to adopt an informed approach towards the collection of this money. Comm. Donnellan stated that he understood that the Minister will meet the L.A. on this matter.

Comm. Morgan stated that he hoped that L.A. will be allowed to raise and spend this money themselves and thereby regain some of their lost powers.

Comm. Hynes made the point that it is costing £650 M. to maintain the Border, this type of money Comm. Hynes added would build a lot of houses and jobs.

Planning: In reply to Comm. Hynes, Mr. Howlett stated that 26 houses are being built at Pollroebuck and that applicants will be assessed just prior to the siting of these houses.

Polling Stations: The County Registrar in his letter of the 11/1/83 acknowledged complaint made by Loughrea Town Commissioners regarding screens provided at Polling Stations during the General Election. The letter pointed out that the complaint should have been made on the relevant date.

Comm. Morgan pointed out that this is not the first time that a complaint was made regarding this matter. It was decided to inform the County Registrar that all the screens provided in the Loughrea area are faulty.

Resolution from Dun Laoghaire Corporation: The following motion was read to the meeting: That this Council endorses the resolution of the Conference 'Crisis in Local Government' Organised by the Irish Council of the European Movement, October 12th and 13th, calling for an immediate and independent commission to review the financial problems in local government today."

Comm. O'Loughlin proposed that the motion be supported, seconded by Comm. Loughnane, Comm. Donnellan proposed that the motion be marked read and was seconded by Comm. Morgan. On the casting vote of the Chairman it was decided to support the motion. Comms. O'Loughlin, Loughnane and Barrett voting for and Comm. Donnellan, Morgan and Hynes voting against.

Toilet Facilities at Long Point: The meeting was informed by the County Council that consideration is being given to include a sum in the 1983 Estimates for the provision of a public toilet at Long Point, Loughrea. Comm. Morgan pointed out that money was in fact provided in 1979 and later withdrawn. It was decided to write to the County Council and request them to ensure that the money is left in the Estimates this year.

Itinerants: A letter from the Chamber of Commerce inviting the members to attend a meeting to discuss the itinerant problem in Loughrea was read to the meeting. It was proposed that the Chamber of Commerce, Town Commissioners and the Residence Association in Coscorrig and Tulla Hill would attend this meeting. The meeting decided to attend this meeting and on the suggestion of Comm. Loughnane it was agreed that all the members of the Commissioners should be invited to attend. Comm. Donnellan suggested that this meeting should be avoided of to discuss the industrial development in Loughrea.

Comm. Morgan suggested that this should be left for another meeting.

Comm. Hynes proposed that the Co. Dev. Officer and the Manager of I.D.A. should also be invited to the meeting at which the industrial prospects are discussed.

Comm. Morgan referred to the conditions in which former itinerants are keeping their houses at Fahy Gardens and he proposed that unless these people remove their stray animals and temporary dwellings from the estate and abide by their tenancy agreements, the County Council be asked to have these offenders removed from the Estate. Comm. Morgan also proposed that the County Council take immediate action to have the itinerants removed from the site of the former town dump, this was seconded by Comm. Loughnane.

Milage Allowance: Comm. Loughnane proposed that milage allowance paid to Members and Officials should be averaged and not paid according to the horse power of the car. Comm. Morgan seconded this proposal. It was agreed to submit this motion to the Annual Conference of the Assoc. of Municipal Authorities.

Road from Greeneenagh to Monemore West: Comm. Loughnane proposed that the road leading from Greeneenagh to Monemore West be widened by removing the roadside banks, this was seconded by Comm. Morgan.

Fire Station: In reply to Comm. Barrett, Mr. Howlett stated that he had no information regarding the appointment of a caretaker for the Fire Station. Both Comm. Barrett and Comm. Morgan referred to recent difficulties in contacting the Fire Brigade. Mr. Howlett stated that he would enquire into the matter.

Certificate of Merit: Comm. Morgan proposed that a certificate of merit be drawn up that would be presented to deserving people in the town, this was seconded by Comm. Morgan. *LOUGHNANE*

Free Postage: Comm. Hynes asked if free postage is to be made available to Councillors and Commissioners. Mr. Howlett stated that this matter was raised by a member of the County Council but he had not heard of any result.

Vote of Congratulations: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Barrett a vote of congratulations was passed with the pupils and staff of St. Raphaels College on its wonderful presentation of the musical 'Joseph'

Vote of Sympathy: A vote of sympathy was passed with the Tully and Connaughton families on the death of Mrs. Tully.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the *11th* day of March, 1983.

Sean Kelly
Chairman

minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 14/3/83.

The Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly, Chairman.
Members Present: Comm. Patrick O'Loughlin, Patrick Hynes, Gerald Reilly, Peter Barrett, Brendan Donnellan, Norman Morgan and Matthew Loughnane.
Members of Chamber of Commerce present: Messers Maurice Sweeney, Anthony Kelly, Ted McDonnell, Eddie Haverty, -Co. Councillor.
Attendance. Messers John Howlett Asst. County Manager, Charles Lynch, Dev. Officer, Thomas Hyland & Raymond O'Connor of the I.D.A. and Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.
Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 14/2/83, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Barrett seconded by Comm. Hynes.

Industry: The Chairman in welcoming the representatives of the I.D.A., the County Development Team and the Chamber of Commerce to the meeting stated that the reason for their presence was to see what if anything could be done to improve the employment situation in Loughrea, a very serious situation with close on 1,000 people un-employed.
Mr. Hyland, Regional Manager of the I.D.A. agreed with the Chairman's comments regarding the unemployment and added that over the months he had received representation from most of the elected representatives, the Chamber of Commerce, Town Commissioners and the Bishop regarding employment in Loughrea. He wanted to assure the meeting that the IDA is doing all in its power to secure industry for Loughrea. With regard to Westfalian, the IDA had approached every company of any size up to 80 in all and they have at present one Northern company interested in looking at the place. The IDA are aware that they have a fine premises and machinery with a first class workforce, nevertheless there is a severe recession and firms are just not available at the moment. With regard to the Advance Factory, an American firm is interested, a firm that was to provide over 90 male jobs, but they are not prepared to go ahead right now. The IDA was in touch with this firm recently and informed them that they could not keep the premises indefinitely and would now have to make it available to the first good prospect that might become available. Mr. Hyland also informed the meeting that the Westfalian premises are still in the hands of the Receiver, that there are a few enquiries from industrialists, that Loughrea is very high on the IDA's priority list and that it will not be found wanting where Loughrea is concerned. Mr. Leahy suggested the provision of 'Cluster Units' in Loughrea where centralisation of small industries could take place.
Mr. Lynch, Co. Dev. Officer, outlined some of the benefits and services provided by the Co. Dev. Officer and added that an Officer from the County Development Team will attend in Loughrea on the second Wednesday of each month. Comm. Donnellan stated that something else was needed as taxation has now become a major barrier to the person trying to start or maintain small industry. Comm. Morgan stated that the politicians are not doing their duty and are only making life unbearable for the people trying to get something going. Mr. McDonnell stated that what is needed now is to get somebody into Westfalian and to get the advance factory occupied.
Comm. Hynes gave his account of how he and a partner set up an industry in 1979 and of his experience and failure to get all of his grants from the IDA despite the best efforts of the Chamber of Commerce and some of the public representatives. Mr. Hyland took exception to Comm. Hynes discussing meetings which took place between Comm. Hynes and a representative of the IDA. Comm. Hynes stated that the matter is now public. as a result of not receiving all the grants, his company had failed to open with a loss of 10 jobs to the people of the area. Comm. Hynes stated that his company received the orders, their books showed this, but they could not get help or the co-operation of the IDA. Comm. Hynes informed the meeting that his company had applied to the state rescue agency, Foir Teoranta for assistance without success and he now appealed to the bodies present to bring pressure to bear, as a matter of urgency, on Foir Teoranta to provide necessary money. Mr. Lynch agreed that Mr. Hynes is having problems and he assured Comm. Hynes that the Co. Dev. Team had done all in its power to help him, this Comm. Hynes accepted without reservation. Comm. Morgan

stated that he had sympathy for Comm. Hynes as he himself had a similar experience when trying to get assistance with his own business and added that if they were foreigners they would have got greater concession from the IDA. Both Messers Hyland and Lynch assured the meeting that where grants are concerned the balance is weighed in favour of the Irish companies. Mr Lynch pointed out that the IDA have a sensitive list which is a bone of contention, this list was reduced. Councillor Haverty stated that he did not like the trend that this discussion had taken and on his suggestion it was agreed that the Commissioners, the Chamber of Commerce and himself would take the matter up with Foir Teoranta. The Chairman stated that it was obvious to everybody that what Loughrea needs is a major industry to relieve the unemployment and he asked how were we to achieve this. The Chairman suggested a deputation to the Minister. It was the consensus of opinion that a deputation would serve little or no purpose. Mr. Lynch referred to the brochure which he had prepared when the last Deputation had met the Minister and referred to his suggestion to set up a Special Task Force under the aegis of the County Development Team. This Task Force would comprise of representatives of the Town Commissioners Chamber of Commerce, Co. Dev. Team and the I.D.A. and could carry out a detailed assessment of the potential of the area under various headings. On the proposition of Councillor Haverty seconded by Comm. Loughnane it was agreed to set up this Task Force. On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Kelly it was agreed to request the Minister for Industry to instruct the I.D.A. to provide as a Pilot Scheme, Cluster Units at a nominal rent to people drawing state assistance and benefits. The Chairman thanked the people for attending the meeting and expressed the hope that Loughrea will benefit from the meeting.

Telephone Kiosk: The Dept. of Posts & Telegraphs in its letter of the 25/2/83 stated that it will provide a telephone kiosk to serve the lower area of Old Malway Road as soon as the necessary consent to a suitable site is obtained.

Estimates Meeting: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Loughlin it was agreed to hold the Estimates Meeting on the 11/4/83 in conjunction with the monthly meeting.

is concluded the meeting.

signed this the 11th day of April, 1983.

Sean Kelly
Chairman.

minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 11/4/83.
the Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly, Chairman.
Members Present: Comms. Brendan Donnellan, Oliver Barrett, Gerald Reilly, Patrick Hynes, Norman Morgan, Patrick J. Duane, Patrick O'Loughlin and Matthew Loughnane.
Attendance: Messers John Howlett, 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. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Barrett.
 arising from the minutes Comm. Hynes stated that as a sequel to the last meeting a deputation consisting of the Chairmen of the Commissioners, the Chamber of Commerce, the County Council, Deputy Noel Treacy, Senator Ulick Burke and himself had met the I.D.A. with a view to getting the I.D.A. to purchase from Loughrea Precision Engineering, 7 sites at Caherlavine, the money received from this sale would, Comm. Hynes added go towards getting Loughrea Precision Engineering off the ground. The deputation recommended the deal. Mr. Hyland of the I.D.A. had conveyed the offer to his superiors and had reported back that the I.D.A. is not interested in the proposition. Comm. Hynes added that it appears that the I.D.A. is not interested in buying Loughrea and that he could only reiterate what he had stated at a previous meeting that as far as the I.D.A. is concerned, it appears that a foreigner gets preference over the native.

Cinematograph Licence: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Kelly it was decided to grant a Cinematograph Licence to Loughrea Town Cinema Ltd. subject to the approval of the Chief Fire Officer.

Gaming & Lotteries Act, 1965: Letters from A. Gerard Moylan & Co. Solicitors stating that James Costello, Church Street, and Frank Conway, Main Street intend to apply to the District Court for a Licence permitting gaming at Golden Grill, Church St. and Little Chef, Main Street, Loughrea. On the proposition of Comm. Morgan the notifications were noted.

Resolution from Castlebar U.D.C.: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Kelly, the meeting unanimously decided to support the following resolution from Castlebar U.D.C. "That Castlebar U.D.C. protest at the recent decision in the High Court where five men were allowed to go free after beating a man to death."

Estimates: In accordance with Sections 9 & 10 of the County & City Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Mr. Howlett submitted the Estimate for the 1983 Financial Year. Copies of the Estimates were previously circulated to each member. Mr. Howlett explained that the Government had not imposed a limit on the increase this year, nevertheless the increase was within reason and in his opinion the proposed Estimate which would give a rate of 10.42p in the £ is a fair one. On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Barrett the following were resolved:

That the Estimate of Expenses of the Loughrea Town Commissioners for the Financial Year ending 31/12/83, 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.
That the demand be made on Galway County Council by the Loughrea Town Commissioners for the sum of £1,270 for the Financial Year ending 31/12/83 and that the Form of Demand be signed by the Chairman and Town Clerk.
On suggestion from Comm. Morgan that £100 be provided for the Loughrea Drama Festival was deferred pending further information.
On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Kelly it was agreed to commend to the Arts Council that it would provide a grant of £100 towards the Loughrea Drama Festival.

Town Competition 1983: On the proposition of Comm. Loughnane seconded by Comm. Morgan it was decided to enter Loughrea in the 1983 Tidy Towns Competition.

A suggestion from Comm. Morgan that handbills be distributed to each household was deferred. as Mr. Howlett stated that it is proposed to hold some meetings on a county basis on environmental matters and he suggested that some of the members should attend this meeting.

Distinguished Persons Award: Comm. Morgan referred to his proposal at an earlier meeting that a Distinguished Persons Award be provided. He asked that this be implemented as soon as possible and he proposed that Ciaran Fitzgerald get the first award on his appointment as captain of the Lions rugby team. The proposition was seconded by Comm. Barrett and passed unanimously.

Comm. Donnellan referred to the fact that he had not seen a photo of Ciaran Fitzgerald in his officers uniform in any Irish paper while he had appeared in uniform on one of the English papers.

Ambulance Service: Comm. Reilly stated that an accident had occurred at Cosmona on Tuesday last, April 5th at 2 a.m. The doctor was called to the scene and at 2/15 a.m. he rang for an ambulance, the ambulance did not arrive on the scene until 3/30 a.m. The victim of the accident had a broken hip and could not be removed from the roadside for this length of time. If bleeding had occurred the victim could have bled to death on the roadside. The Chairman stated that he understood that the union had instructed its members not to do the Loughrea run which was previously covered by the Loughrea drivers.

On the proposition of Comm. Reilly seconded by Comm. Morgan it was decided to request the Western Health Board to enquire as to why there was a delay of over an hour in getting the ambulance to the scene and to ask when is it envisaged to have the night ambulance service restored in Loughrea.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 9th day of May, 1983

Sean Kelly
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 9/5/83. 311

The Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. Oliver Barrett, Patrick Hynes, Gerald Reilly, Brendan Donnellan, Patrick O'Loughlin, Norman Morgan and Matthew Loughnane. Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 11/4/83, 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.

Vote of sympathy: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Donnellan a vote of sympathy was passed with Comm. Loughnane and his family on the death of their mother. The meeting observed a minute's silence as a mark of respect.

Tidy Town Competition: Arising from the minutes Comm. Donnellan referred to the forthcoming Tidy Town Competition and stated that the area around some of the houses at Fahy Gardens is most untidy, also the area around the old Dump. Mr. Howlett informed the meeting that the County Council is holding meetings around the County on environmental matters and that it is proposed to have a meeting in Loughrea on May 24th at the Acott Offices.

Industry: The Minister for Industry & Energy in his letter of the 22/4/83 stated that he has no plans to provide small industry units in Loughrea. Comm. Morgan stated that he was not satisfied with the reply and added that he was aware of the need of such units. Comm. Hynes agreed that there is a need for such units and stated that it appeared that the I.D.A. has too much power in such matters. Comm. Hynes referred to the setting up of a task force to promote industry in Loughrea and he proposed that the Chamber of Commerce and their Development Officer be invited to the next meeting. Comm. Reilly seconded this proposal.

Grants: The Galway/Mayo R.D.O. in its letter of the 19/4/83 stated that the issue of a grant is a matter for Galway County Council. Mr. Howlett stated that no grants were made to any group in the Loughrea area last year, the amount of money provided in the coming year will be very small but applications could be made. It was agreed to send a copy of the letter to A. Dervan, Secretary Loughrea Drama Festival.

Night Ambulance Service in Loughrea: Mr. C.M. Crowley, Programme Manager Western Health Board replied to a complaint made regarding the night ambulance service in Loughrea on the 5/4/83. As there was a discrepancy in the times of arrival of the ambulance it was agreed to defer the matter to enable Comm. Reilly to get a letter from the doctor who attended the accident, confirming the times.

Disposal of Old Vocational School: The County Vocational Education Committee informed the Board that as its new school is nearing completion, it now proposes to dispose of the old building and it asked if the Commissioners have any interest in the property. Comm. Morgan proposed that the County Council be asked to purchase the property as it is ideal for use as a municipal building and the grounds could be used as sites for old folk homes. This was seconded by Comm. Hynes. Mr. Howlett stated that he doubted if the Council would be interested but he would have the site examined.

The following resolution from Skibbereen U.D.C. was noted. That the Government make financial aid available in the form of loans or grants to enable business premises to comply with the new Fire Safety Regulations. These regulations are at present placing heavy financial burdens on business people who are experiencing financial difficulties and many of whom may have to cease business if such aid is not forthcoming."

Auditor's Report: The Auditor's Report for the 1981 year was presented to the meeting. The Report was adopted on the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Loughnane.

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Abstract of Accounts: The Abstract of Accounts for 1982 was presented to the meeting. On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Reilly, the Abstract of Accounts were approved. Comm. Kelly asked Mr. Howlett to query the interest rate being paid by the A.C.C.

Date of Annual Meeting: on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin it was agreed to hold the Annual Meeting on Monday 13th June.

Vote of Congratulations: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan a vote of congratulations was passed with the Brideog Band on its recent All Ireland success in the U/21 Ceili Band competition at Slogadh '83.

Fair Green: Comm. Morgan referred to the amount of damage caused by Circuses using the Green and he proposed that they would not be allowed use it anymore. Comm. Donnellan disagreed with Comm. Morgan saying that little or no damage was done by the last circus and it would be a pity if the people were denied an opportunity to see the remaining few circuses on the road. The Town Clerk pointed out that Circuses are request not to fly-post or take heavy vehicles onto the Green during unsuitable weather.

County Council Workers: Comm. Morgan referred to the fact that Co. Co. roadworkers were layed off last year. Comm. Morgan proposed that if the Council propose to lay off workers this year, all workers should be let off and not just the roadworkers. Comm. Kelly seconded this proposal.

Charges for Services: Comm. Hynes referred to the proposal to re-introduce rates by charging people for services and he objected strongly to the proposal. He was supported in this by Comms. Kelly and O'Loughlin. Comm. Morgan said that he could not agree and that services had to be paid for by someone and therefore they should be paid for by the people who receive them. Mr. Howlett stated that while a Bill was introduced in the Dail providing for these charges, the matter was not yet discussed by the Council.

Voting Register: In reply to Comm. Loughnane, Mr. Howlett stated that a person's name must be on the register before one can vote.

Grave Yards: Comm. Morgan asked if the grass in the grave yards could be cut more than once in a year.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 13th day of June, 1983.

Sean Kelly
Chairman.

Minutes of Annual Meeting held on the 13/6/83.

the Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly, Outgoing Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. Oliver Barrett, Patrick Hynes, Norman Morgan, Gerard Kelly, Patrick J. Duane, Matthew Loughnane, Brendan Donnellan, Patrick O'Loughlin.

Attendance: Messers John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, Alexis Marmion, T/Clerk. Meeting opened with prayers.

On opening the meeting the Chairman said that he would like to thank the Assistant Co. Manager, the Town Clerk, the Press Representative and all the members for their help and co-operation during the past year.

Nomination for Chairman:

Comm. Kelly, proposed by Comm. O'Loughlin seconded by Comm. Duane.

Comm. Hynes, proposed by Comm. Reilly seconded by Comm. Morgan.

A vote was taken and resulted as follows:

For Comm. Kelly; Comms. Kelly, O'Loughlin, Donnellan, Loughnane and Duane. 5 No.

For Comm. Hynes: Comms. Hynes, Reilly and Morgan. 3 No.

Comm. Barrett abstained.

Comm. Kelly was declared elected.

Election of Vice-Chairman: Nominations:-

Comm. O'Loughlin, proposed by Comm. Loughnane seconded by Comm. Duane.

Comm. Reilly, proposed by Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Hynes

A vote resulted as follows:

For Comm. O'Loughlin, Comms. O'Loughlin, Kelly, Donnellan, Loughnane and Duane. 5 No.

For Comm. Reilly, Comms. Reilly, Morgan, Hynes and Barrett. 4 No.

Comm. O'Loughlin was declared elected.

Comms. Kelly and O'Loughlin thanked their proposers and seconders and the

meeting for electing them. Comms. Hynes and Reilly congratulated the

successful candidates on their election and thanked their proposers and

members who had voted for them.

Delegate to the Fire Brigades Advisory Committee: Comm. Duane was unanimously

electd as delegate to the Fire Bridages Advisory Committe on the

opposition of Comms. Morgan and Loughnane, seconded by Comm. Kelly.

This concluded the business of the Annual Meeting.

Signed this the 11th day of July, 1983.

Sean Kelly
Chairman.

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Morgan and complimented the Co. Co. workers on the manner in which they carry out their duty. Comm. Loughnane referred to the cleaning of the town on the Sunday of the Eucharistic Procession and he proposed a vote of thanks to the workers for the manner in which they had done their job. Comm. Barrett seconded this proposal.

Industry: The Chairman welcomed the representatives of the Chamber of Commerce to the meeting and said the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the possibility of setting up a 'Task Force' to promote industry in Loughrea. Mr. Leahy on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce thanked the Board for inviting them and added that it was imperative that the Commissioners and the Chamber work in harmony to secure industry for Loughrea. Mr. Leahy added that the I.D.A. are providing 3 cluster units initially of 1000 sq. ft and it is hoped that this will prove an incentive for further industry. Mr. McFadden, Development Officer with the Chamber of Commerce stated that he is in Loughrea for the past 6 weeks. He is carrying out a survey of the area under various headings such as industry, Tourism ect. and he felt that Loughrea should do well from a Tourism front. Mr. McFadden added that he will soon have the survey completed and he will then be in a better position to assess the matter. Various matters such as the recruitment of labour at Schegal, the sale of Westfalian factory and the provision of further small industry in Loughrea were discussed. It was decided to invite the Chamber of Commerce to the next meeting on July 11th at which time it is hoped that Mr. McFadden will have his survey completed. It was also agreed that Mr. T. Hyland, Regional Manager I.D.A. and Mr. C. Lynch, Co. Dev. Officer be invited to this meeting, when the setting up of a 'Task Force' be again discussed. It was the unanimous opinion of the meeting that after the July meeting another meeting would be held to which the public representatives for the area would be invited.

Water and Sewerage Works: On the proposition of Comm. Loughnane seconded by Comm. Morgan it was decided to enquire from Galway County Council what plans it has for the expansion of Loughrea Water and Sewerage plants.

Vocational School: The members of the Chamber of Commerce were informed that the Co. Council has ruled out the purchase of the Vocational School premises at Abbey Street, Loughrea. The meeting was unanimous in its opinion that these premises should be kept in public ownership and it was decided to convey this opinion to the County Vocational Education Committee and to enquire that if a suitable tenant is found would the County Vocational Education Committee agree to lease the premises.

Tourist Attraction: Comm. Morgan informed the meeting that Edward Martyn, Playwright, Founder of the Irish Literary Theatre and First President of Sein Fein, who was born at Masonbrook, Loughrea, will be 60 years dead on the 5/12/83. Comm. Morgan added that a commemoration ceremony will be held on that day and he thought that every effort should be made to promote this from a tourist point of view.

Tullira Castle: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Kelly it was decided to request the Taoiseach to reconsider the Governments decision not to buy Tullira Castle.

Ban Garda: On the proposition of Comm. Duane, Miss Marie Burke, Cross St., Loughrea was congratulated on being the first person to become a Ban Garda from Loughrea.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 10th day of July, 1983.

Sean Kelly
Chairman.

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Minutes of meeting held on the 13/6/83. Monthly Meeting. 7/4

In the Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly, Chairman.
Members Present: Comms. Brendan Donnellan, Matthew Loughnane, Patrick Loughlin, Gerard Reilly, Oliver Barrett, Norman Morgan, Patrick Hynes and Patrick J. Duane.
Attendance: Messers J. Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, A.-Marmion, Town Clerk. Members of Chamber of Commerce present: Messers Anthony Leahy, Maurice Weeney and Adrian McFadden Chamber of Commerce Development Officer.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 9/5/83, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Barrett.

Vocational School: Arising from the minutes, Mr. Howlett stated that he had the lands surrounding the old vocational school inspected for suitability for housing but found that it is not suitable. The purchase of the school premises was ruled out by the County Council. Comm. Donnellan stated that the Chamber of Commerce representatives are anxious to discuss this matter also and it was agreed to defer discussion until later in the meeting.

Notes of Sympathy: Comm. Loughnane thanked the Members and Officials for their expression of sympathy on the death of his mother. Comm. Duane proposed a vote of sympathy to the family of the late Willie Gately and was seconded by Comm. Kelly. Comm. Morgan reminded the meeting that the late Mr. Gately was a Council employee and on Comm. Morgan's suggestion a minutes silence was observed.

Seven Springs Festival: The Chamber of Commerce invited the Town Commissioners to review the Parade during the Seven Springs Festival on Sunday 19th June, from the Official Platform. Comms. Kelly, Barrett and Morgan appealed to all the members to attend.

Assoc. of Municipal Authorities: The meeting was informed that the Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland will be held in Castlebar on September 20th, 21st and 22nd next and that all Motions must be submitted by July 19th. It was agreed that motions should be considered at the next meeting. Comms. Morgan, Loughnane and Hynes gave notice of their intention to submit Motions.

People of the Year Awards: On the proposition of Comm. Barrett seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin it was unanimously decided to nominate Captain Ciaran Fitzgerald for the People of the Year Awards.

Street Trading: Comm. Donnellan asked Mr. Howlett what the position is regarding street trading. In reply Mr. Howlett stated that the Co. Council is taking an easy approach on the Street Trading Act but if the matter got out of hand certain areas would have to be designated as trading areas. Traffic is being obstructed then that is a matter for the Gardai. The proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Morgan it was agreed to ask the Gardai to have a look at the matter.

Teacher's Retirement: Comm. Morgan informed the meeting that Mr. Anthony Dervan is retiring from the teaching staff of the Boys' National School on the 30th and he would like to propose a vote of congratulations to him. Comm. Morgan pointed out that Mr. Dervan was a former Chairman of the Board and that the School Management Board are holding a function on July 1st and he appealed to the members to support it. Comm. Kelly seconded the vote of congratulations.

Street Cleaning: Comm. Morgan proposed that the Co. Co. provide the workers with the refuse lorry with a shovel and brush to sweep up the refuse which according to Comm. Morgan, is spilled by the workers. Comm. Morgan also said that these workers should leave the bins back by the wall when they are emptied. Comms. Donnellan, Duane, O'Loughlin and Kelly disagreed with Comm.

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Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 11/7/83.

In the Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. Patrick Hynes, Brendan Donnellan, Norman Morgan, Patrick O'Loughlin.

In attendance: Messers. J. Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, Town Clerk. Apology submitted from Comm. M. Loughnane.

Also present were:

Chamber of Commerce members - Messers Ted McDonnell, Maurice Sweeney and John Regan. Mr. C.P. Lynch, Co. Dev. Officer and Mr. Barry Condron from the IDA were also present.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the Annual Meeting and the Monthly Meeting both held on the 13/6/83, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Donnellan.

Industrial Task Force: The Chairman welcomed the members of the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Lynch the Co. Dev. Officer and Mr. Condron from the IDA to the meeting, to purpose of which is to try to set up a Task Force that will promote Loughrea for industrial purposes. Comm. Hynes who had submitted a motion on the matter stated that what he envisaged was that this Task Force would carry out a detailed assessment of the area under the following headings; Industry, Tourism and Agricultural development for the production of vegetables for the surrounding district. The Task Force should be representative of all organisations in the town and that it should have power to co-opt outside help. Mr. Lynch stated that it is difficult to define the workings of a 'Task Force', he had first mentioned the idea when a Deputation from Loughrea had met the Minister for Industry & Energy and he had requested that a 'Task Force' for Loughrea be set up on a pilot basis. What he had in mind is a small group of people who would get things off the ground. Comm. Morgan stated that Loughrea is a depressing town and he blamed the County Council for this referring to the delay in restoring the footpaths, not giving proper attention to the parks and delaying the start of the Loughrea Regional Water Scheme. Comm. Donnellan stated that what Loughrea is really lacking is a community leader. Mr. McDonnell referred to a brochure which Mr. Lynch had presented to the Minister for Industry & Energy in April 1982, the occasion in which the idea of a 'Task Force' was first mentioned. Mr. McDonnell added that the Chamber of Commerce, under the direction of its Development Officer Mr. McFadden, is producing a brochure on Loughrea and this brochure will deal with Loughrea under the headings mentioned. Mr. Condron thanked the meeting for inviting him and assured the full support of the IDA for any effort that is for the good of Loughrea. It was decided to form a steering committee that would act in liaison with the Co. Dev. Officer and the IDA. The function of the Steering Committee would be to invite members from all clubs and associations to a meeting to form the 'Task Force'. Comms. Kelly, Morgan and Hynes were appointed to represent the Town Commissioners on the steering committee and the Chamber of Commerce are to nominate their representatives at a later date.

Tullira Castle: Comm. Morgan appealed to the County Development Officer and to the IDA to add their voices to that of the Town Commissioners in trying to get the state to acquire Tullira Castle. Both Mr. Lynch and Mr. Condron stated that they would look into the matter. The Town Commissioners were informed by the Taoiseach that he had referred their recommendation to Mr. Dukes, T.D. Minister for Finance whose Department is primarily concerned with the matter.

Industry: In reply to Comm. O'Loughlin, Mr. Condron stated that the promotion of Loughrea for new industry is ongoing and of high priority with the IDA. With regard to the Westfalian plant and premises, these are not yet disposed of and should no suitable project become available perhaps then the Liquidator might have no choice but to dispose of the plant and/or premises.

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Old Vocational School Premises: The Co. Voc. Education Committee in its letter of the 20/6/83 stated that it had offered the old school premises to as many public bodies as it could think of but none expressed any interest in buying or leasing the premises. Comm. Morgan stated that Anco had offered more machinery to assist the work classes at the Community Centre but these were refused due to lack of space. It was decided to bring this to the notice of the Co. Voc. Education Committee. (Lack of Space)

Association of Mun. Authorities of Ireland: It was decided to forward the following motions for discussion at the Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland which will be held in Castlebar on 20th 21st and 22nd September next.

1. Proposed by Comm. Hynes and seconded by Comm. Kelly.
That the British Government declare their intention to make a phased and orderly withdrawal from Ireland and recognise the right of the Irish people to self determination."

2. "That Town Commissioners be represented on Boards of County Vocational Education Committees, Local Pension Committees and other sub-committees of the County Councils and Health Boards."
This resolution was moved by Comm. Donnellan on behalf of Comm. Loughnane and seconded by Comm. Kelly.

Footpaths: On the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Kelly it was decided to forward the following resolution to Galway County Council:

That Galway County Council be requested to extend the footpath on the Masonbrook road to Peter Forde's house."

Toilet at Long Point: In reply to Comm. Donnellan, Mr. Howlett stated that the provision of a toilet at the Long Point is incorporated in a Youth Employment Scheme which is with the Government for sanction.

Recommendations to the Government:

It was decided to forward the following recommendations to the Government:

1. "That County Galway be declared a severely handicapped area."
Proposed by Comm. Hynes seconded by Comm. Kelly.

2. "That the Government be requested to keep the Tuam Sugar factory open"
Proposed by Comm. Hynes seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 12th day of September, 1983.

Sean Kelly
Chairman.

Minutes of special meeting held on the 22nd Aug, 1983.

In the Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly, Chairman.
Members Present: Comms. Patrick O'Loughlin, Maew Loughnane, Oliver Barrett, Gerald Reilly, Patrick J. Hynes, Norman Morgan, Brendan Donnellan, Patrick J. Duane.

In attendance: Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.

The Chairman informed the meeting that the purpose of the meeting was to express the townspeople's sympathy on the death of Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Ryan, Bishop of Clonfert. The Chairman added that Dr. Ryan's death was not only a loss to his family and relatives but also to the clergy and the people of the dioceses of Clonfert. All present associated themselves with the sentiments expressed by the Chairman and made particular reference to the esteem in which the late Dr. Ryan held the clergy of the Dioceses. The Town Clerk was instructed to convey the sympathy of the Board to the Ryan family and to the Bishop of Clonfert, Most Rev. Dr. J. Cassidy.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 17th day of September, 1983.

Sean Kelly
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 12/9/83.

In the Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly, Chairman.
Members Present: Comms. Patrick Hynes, Patrick J. Duane, Norman Morgan, Brendan Donnellan, Oliver Barrett, Patrick O'Loughlin, Matthew Loughnane.
Attendance: Messrs John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, T/Clerk.
Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 11/7/83, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Donnellan.
Matters arising from the minutes.

Task Force: In reply to Comm. Barrett, Comm. Kelly stated that nothing had happened since the last meeting regarding the setting up of a 'Task Force' on the suggestion of Comm. Hynes it was agreed that the Town Clerk would write to the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce requesting that some action be taken.

Path on Masonbrook Road: In reply to Comms. Barrett and Loughnane, the Town Clerk stated that the County Council has not the funds to extend the path on the Masonbrook Road as far as Peter Forde's house. On the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Morgan it was decided to request the County Council to extend the path from Edward Kenny's house at Cross St. to the new National School when funds are available.

Correspondence:

Bishop Cassidy in his letter of the 25/8/83 thanked the Commissioners for their message of sympathy on the death of Bishop Ryan.

International Conferences and Meetings: The Tanaiste and Minister for the Environment in his letter of the 2/9/83 requested local authorities to help their representation at International Conferences within reason.

Travelling Expenses: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Kelly, the Travelling Expenses for Local Government Officers as set out in Circular Letter EL 9/83 was approved by the meeting.

Tidy Town Report: The meeting considered the 1983 Tidy Town Report copies of which were circulated to each member. The town had increased its marks from 128 to 130. Comm. Morgan congratulated the people of the town, the Town Engineer and his staff for the improvement. Comm. Donnellan suggested that the Manager of the Mart be informed of the poor report this area got. Comm. Loughnane referred to the number of trees that have the Dutch Elm disease in the Walk and he requested that the Horticultural Instructor look at the area with a view to planting more trees. Comm. Donnellan seconded this. Comm. Morgan referred to the bon-fires which were lit in Garrybreedia Park on the Green when the victorious Galway Minor and U/21 hurling teams returned home after winning the All-Irelands. These fires had damaged the grassed areas and he thought that the Gardai should be asked to make sure that on occasions such as these fires would not be lit in public parks. The Chairman stated that this is the traditional way of welcoming home victorious teams and he would not direct that these happenings be referred to the Gardai.

Motions submitted by Comm. Oliver Barrett:

a. "Why have the Galway County Council not erected the Speed Limit signs as agreed 11th February, 1983."
Mr. Howlett stated that speed limit reviews are done on a national basis and that they are awaiting a Ministerial Order to implement the proposed changes. Comm. Morgan stated that he could not accept this explanation when in fact the people responsible are not doing their work.

b. "Newly acquired lands at Long Point Prom - Irish Base Metals Ltd to Galway County Council as amenity area for Loughrea.
I do hereby formally request that the plans and members of the Galway County Council looking after this matter attend our next monthly meeting to discuss future development of same."

Mr. Howlett explained that he was not sure whether the proposer meant this meeting or the next one, while he had the plans with him he was not too far from it. Mr. Howlett explained that there is £100,000 provided for this development over three years. It was agreed to defer this matter to the next meeting and the Town Clerk was instructed to forward the motion to the County Council.

Sewerage Extension: In reply to Comm. Morgan, Mr. Howlett stated that the extension of Loughrea Sewerage Scheme is at the planning stage but it is not on the priority list.

Motions submitted by Comm. Hynes:

a. "Will the Asst. Co. Manager please state the number of applicants for houses still on the waiting list in Loughrea."

In reply Mr. Howlett stated that at present there are 114 applicants. Mr. Howlett further explained that as houses become available for letting, applications are invited and assessed in accordance with the Scheme of Letting Priorities which was adopted by the Co. Council. Comm. Hynes stated that he thought that applicants from Loughrea should get preference. Mr. Howlett explained that under the regulations that this is not possible but by and large Loughrea people were well treated in past schemes, this was accepted by the meeting. In reply to Comm. Barrett, Mr. Howlett stated that he could not say whether some itinerants will be housed in the new scheme.

Comm. Morgan referred to the fact that caravans are now parked in the front lawns of houses at Fahy Gardens and that two cars are abandoned at a grassed area and he proposed that the Co. Council be asked to remove same, this was seconded by Comm. Barrett.

b. "Will the Asst. Co. Manager or Town Engineer give some indication as to when sidewalks broken up throughout the town by the P. & T. Dept. be restored to safe standards."

Mr. Howlett explained that there is difficulty about agreement on restoration costs between the Co. Council and the P. & T. Comm. Donnellan stated that the path from Dr. Dyar's out towards Athenry Road was particularly dangerous. The Town Clerk was instructed to write to the P. & T.

c. "Will the Asst. Co. Manager or Town Engineer state if any progress has been made towards the provision of a refuse tip or dumping place since advertisements were published seeking one."

Mr. Howlett stated that there were a number of replies being investigated but no decision was taken.

On the proposition of Comm. Barrett it was decided to inform Galway County Council of the unauthorised dumping at Earlsparke.

Playground: Comm. Loughnane referred to an accident that occurred at the Playground and he felt that the present slide should be modified and also a smaller slide provided. The Town Clerk stated that he would bring this to the attention of the Town Engineer.

Refuse Collection: Comm. Morgan stated that the refuse collection service at present in operation in the town is very poor and he urged Mr. Howlett to have this service handed over to private enterprise.

White Lines: Comm. Donnellan proposed that the Co. Council be asked to restore the white lines in the Town especially at the Westbridge. Comm. O'Loughlin seconded this proposal.

Vote of Congratulations: On the proposition of Comm. Loughnane seconded by Comm. Morgan the Minor and U/21 county hurling teams were congratulated on their All-Ireland success.

Vote of sympathy: The Chairman proposed a vote of sympathy to Asst. Co. Manager, Mr. Peter Kearns and family on the death of his son. The Members and Officials present associated themselves with the sentiments expressed by the Chairman.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 10th day of October, 1983.

Sean Kelly
Chairman.

minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 10/10/83.

the Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. Patrick Hynes, Brendan Donnellan, Oliver Barrett, Matthew Loughnane and Norman Morgan.

Attendance: Messers Kevin Doyle, Acting Asst. Co. Manager, John Crotty, B.E. Deputy Co. Engineer and Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.

ologies: Comm. Patrick O'Loughlin.

minutes: The minutes of the last meeting, copies of which were previously circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Hynes.

Restoration of Footpaths: The Engineering Department of the P & T in their letter of the 16/9/83 stated that the reinstatement of the footpaths is formally undertaken by the County Council and they understand that this work will commence shortly. Comm. Hynes stated that he was glad to see that the work had commenced and is progressing satisfactorily. Comm. Morgan stated that he is not satisfied with the progress of the work, too much of the pathway has opened up and it is not replaced quickly enough. The Town Clerk in reply stated that it is necessary to open up enough pathway to make it a worthwhile proposition to use machinery etc. and he would not agree with Comm. Morgan regarding the progress being made. The Town Clerk agreed that perhaps a admix might speed up the work but perhaps this would result in people being let off work, something which Comm. Morgan was objecting to some months back. Comm. Morgan stated that he never wanted roadworkers let off instead he advocated the letting off of all Council employees. Mr. Doyle stated that he was tired listening to this argument from Comm. Morgan and while this is a County Council problem and as a rule he does not discuss Council business outside the Council, he would like to say that discussions had taken place with the Unions concerned and the unions had agreed that across the board layoffs could not take place.

Rent and Purchase Schemes: The Town Clerk gave details of the New National Rents and Purchase Schemes as set out in Circular Letters H.R.T. 8/83 and H.R.T. 9/83 which will come into effect from the 22/10/83.

Long Point Development: Mr. Doyle informed the meeting that the Deputy Co. Engineer, Mr. John Crotty had attended the meeting to outline the proposals for the Long Point area. Mr. Doyle added that the lands had not yet come into the ownership of the County Council but this is at present being dealt with by the legal department. Mr. Crotty produced a draft plan of the proposed development and stated that the project is being done through the Youth Employment at an estimated cost of £134,000. In the present year it is proposed to spend £29,000 while it is hoped that the project will be completed in three years. The first stage involves the laying of water and sewer mains. The Commissioners welcomed the proposed plan and the Chairman thanked Mr. Crotty for attending the meeting and for being so helpful.

Refuse Collection: Comm. Morgan complained about the service being provided by the refuse collection gang, they do not empty bins properly, replace the empty bin back against the wall or sweep up any refuse which they spill, complained Comm. Morgan and he considered that this is not good enough for a service which is paid for. Mr. Crotty said he would have a word with the people concerned but pointed out that these people were employed to collect refuse and not to sweep up, something that the unions would be very quick to point out.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 11th day of November, 1983.

Sean Kelly
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 14/11/83.

In the Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. Patrick J. Duane, Brendan Donnellan, Matthew Loughnane, Norman Morgan, Patrick Hynes.

In attendance: Messers John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, Town Clerk
Apology: Comm. Patrick O'Loughlin.

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. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Morgan.

Correspondence: The following correspondence was read to the meeting.

Vehicles at Fahy Gardens: The County Council in its letter of the 19/10/83 stated that it is in contact with the owners of the vehicles parked or abandoned in the County Council Estate at Pollroebuck and every effort is being made to have them moved.

Entrance to new Vocational School: The County Council stated that the completion of the entrance to the new vocational school is a matter for the school authorities. Comm. Morgan pointed out that what was requested was for the County Council to extend the concrete footpath as far as the entrance to the new school and he proposed that the County Council be again asked to do this, the proposal was seconded by Comm. Kelly.

Unauthorised Dump: The County Council informed the meeting that the unauthorised dump at Earlsparck is being dealt with by the Planning Section.

White Lining: The County Council stated that the white lining at the Westbridge will be carried out when the contractor is in the area.

Employment Task Force: Mr. Tom Hyland, Regional Manager of the I.D.A. informed the Board that he would be most happy to participate in the formation of a 'Task Force' to promote industry in Loughrea. It was decided to defer discussion on this matter until January as it was felt that the Christmas period would not be suitable for the Chamber of Commerce members. The Chairman stated that he proposes to see the Chamber of Commerce members in the near future.

Release of Nicky Kelly: Comm. Hynes referred to what he considered the unjust internment of Nicky Kelly and he, Comm. Hynes demanded that the Minister for Justice release Mr. Kelly forthwith. After some discussion it was decided on the proposition of Comm. Hynes seconded by Comm. Morgan to send the following resolution to the Minister for Justice:
"That the Loughrea Town Commissioners request the Minister for Justice to review the Nicky Kelly case with the view to having Mr. Kelly released and should the Minister refuse this request, he, the Minister should outline his reasons for such refusal to the Loughrea Town Commissioners."

Quincentenary of Galway City: Comm. Morgan stated that Galway City will celebrate its quincentenary during 1984 and he thought that the Board should wish them well on this historic occasion. Comm. Donnellan supported Comm. Morgan.

Commission on Taxation: Comm. Loughnane stated that the Minister for Finance should be call on to implement the findings of the Commission set up to review the taxation system. Comm. Donnellan remarked that the Minister had already given this undertaking on television.

Charges for Refuse Collection: Comm. Morgan stated that as he is already paying rates he will not pay any other charge for refuse collection. Comm. Donnellan stated that he agreed with Comm. Morgan and will support him on this matter.

ees at Mount Carmel Convent: Comm. Donnellan referred to the cutting down the trees along Mount Carmel Crescent and stated that it is a shame that these fine trees were removed. The Town Clerk pointed out that the trees, which are the property of the Mount Carmel nuns are being removed by the nuns so that they can replace the dangerous wall which runs along Mount Carmel Crescent.

Resolutions: On the proposition of Comm. Loughnane an unanimous vote of congratulations was passed with the Loughrea Choral and Dramatic Society for its outstanding presentation of 'Jesus Christ Superstar.'

Motion of Sympathy: On the proposition of Comm. Duane a vote of sympathy was passed with the Maher family of Mount Camel Road on the death of Michael Maher.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 12th day of December, 1983.

Sean Kelly
Chairman.

minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 12/12/83. 324

the Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly, Chairman.

Members Present: Patrick Hynes, Brendan Donnellan, Norman Morgan, Patrick J. Lane and Oliver Barrett.

Attendance: Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.

Agendas: Messers Patrick O'Loughlin, T.C. John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager. Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting copies of which ~~xxx~~ were circulated to each member were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Donnellan.

Task Force: Arising from the minutes, Comm. Donnellan asked what progress was made with regard to the establishing of a 'Task Force' to promote industry in Loughrea. The Chairman stated that he proposed having a meeting with the representatives of the Chamber of Commerce in the coming week. Comm. Donnellan stated that he felt that the meeting should be more representative. Comm. Hynes stated that the matter is urgent and should be treated as such. It was decided that the meeting to set up the 'Task Force' would be held on January 9th after the next meeting of the Board. It was decided to invite Charles Lynch, Co. Dev. Officer, Mr. T. Hyland, Regional Manager of the S.A. and the Chamber of Commerce per Mr. M. Sweeney.

Correspondence: The following correspondence was read to the meeting:

Resolution from Dungarvan U.D.C.:
That the Dungarvan U.D.C. views with concern the proposal of the Minister for the Environment to review the rents of Local Authority houses as and from October 21st 1983, and would propose that no further increase in any Local Authority charges be implemented until such time as an equitable taxation system is introduced to relieve the already over-burdened P.A.Y.E. Sector." The suggestion of Comm. Morgan the resolution was marked read.

Resolution from Sligo County Council condemning Coras Iompair Eireann for the introduction of "Cut Price Excursion Fares" which had the effect of discouraging shoppers to travel to Dublin. On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Barrett it was decided to support this resolution.

Resolution from Mullingar Town Commissioners:
That Mullingar Town Commissioners call on the Irish Lawn Tennis Association to promote Irish made tennis balls and desist from adopting foreign made tennis balls for inter club matches and in this way make a positive contribution to maintaining employment in Irish factories." It was unanimously decided to support this motion.

Revision of Remuneration: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Kelly it was unanimously agreed to approve of the revision of remuneration in accordance with Circular Letter EL 12/83, insofar as it relates to employees of the Loughrea Town Commissioners.

Planning Application at the Walks: Comm. Morgan referred to a planning application seeking permission for two dwelling houses with access onto the walks. The meeting was unanimous in its opposition to this application and on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Donnellan, the Town Clerk was instructed to write to Galway County Council formally objecting to the granting of permission to this application.

Rising: Comm. Hynes stated that he had read in the Connacht Tribune that a family from Gort will be housed in Loughrea as the house they reside in at present is rat infested. Comm. Hynes felt that Loughrea people should get priority in houses in Loughrea and he asked the Town Clerk if it is a fact that this family is coming from Gort to Loughrea. The Town Clerk in reply stated that he had not any information on this particular case but that the County Council provide houses for people residing within the County and are at liberty to house people from any area within its jurisdiction.

Sanitary Services Charges: Comm. Hynes asked if water supplies are cut off when people fail to pay their water rates and also if people who do not avail of the refuse collection service are expected to pay the charge for this service? The Town Clerk in reply stated that while the County Council are entitled to disconnect water services that are not paid for, nevertheless he had not any knowledge of this happening in Loughrea. With regard to the refuse collection fees and the taking of people to court for non-payment of same, the Town Clerk pointed out that the Act provide for the enforcement of same on the basis that if a service is provided it must be paid for. The Town Clerk pointed that where hardship exists, people could apply for relief from these charges and each application would be considered on merit. On the proposition of Comm. Hynes seconded by Comm. Morgan it was decided to object to the imposition of any charge for a service which is not availed of. It was also decided to ask the County Council to have application forms for the relief of charges made available through the Water Rate Collector.

Restoration of footpaths: In reply to Comm. Hynes the Town Clerk stated that work will resume on the completion of the footpaths in the town, in the New Year.

Public Lighting: On the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Kelly it was decided to request Galway County Council to improve the public lighting in Loughrea with particular reference to Barrack Street.

Edward Martyn Celebrations: Comm. Hynes proposed a vote of congratulations to the Loughrea Literary & Historical Society on the outstanding success it had made of the Edward Martyn Commemoration celebrations. Comm. Hynes made special reference to Comm. Morgan who is Chairman of the Society and thanked him in particular for bringing the Palestrina Choir from Dublin. The Chairman in seconding Comm. Hynes stated that the Choir together with Father Sebastian Wolff's organ recital were the highlights of the Commemoration events and he also wished to congratulate all concerned. Comm. Morgan stated that as Chairman of the Loughrea Literary & Historical Society, he would like to thank the members for their kind remarks and he would like to add that the Palestrina Choir were delighted with the reception which they got. Comm. Morgan stated that he would also like to thank the people who had accommodated the members of the choir in their homes.

It was concluded the business of the meeting.

Donegal this the 9th day of January, 1984.

Sean Kelly
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 9/1/84.
 In the Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly, Chairman.
 Members Present: Comms. Brendan Donnellan, Patrick Hynes, Oliver Barrett, Norman Morgan, Patrick O'Loughlin and Matthew Loughnane.
 In attendance: M/s. John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, Town Clerk.
 Meeting opened with prayers.
 Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 12/12/83, copies of which were previously circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Barrett.
 Matters arising from the minutes:
 1. Planning Application: In reply to Comm. Donnellan, Mr. Howlett stated that the County Council could not trace an application seeking permission to build houses with access onto the 'Walk'.
 2. Housing: Mr. Howlett informed the meeting that no promise was given regarding the housing of a family from Gort in Loughrea. Application for the new houses in Loughrea were not yet considered.
 3. Task Force: Comm. Hynes stated that while he did not wish to cut across the workings of the 'Task Force' recently set up, a suggestion was made to whom to have the 'Motor Tax' office transferred to Loughrea. Comm. Hynes proposed that the suggestion be sent to the County Council and this was seconded by Comm. Morgan.
 Loughrea Regional Water Supply Scheme: The Town Clerk read a notice of intention to hold a public Local Inquiry into the application of Galway Co. Council to the taking of a supply of water from Lough Rea for the purpose of the Loughrea Regional Water Supply Scheme.
 Travelling & Subsistence Allowances of Members of Local Authorities: The travelling and subsistence allowances of members of local authorities as set out in Circular Letter G.2/83 of the 12/12/83 were approved on the proposition Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Morgan.
 Sale of House: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Kelly it was decided to sell House No.7 Liam Mellows Terrace, Loughrea to Mrs. Maureen Newell of No.7 Liam Mellows Terrace, Loughrea.
 Development at Long Point: In reply to Comm. Morgan the Town Clerk stated that it is proposed to continue with the development at the Long Point. Comm. Donnellan stated that he would like to compliment the workers on their progress to date.
 'The Walks' Comm. Morgan referred to the recent suggestion that houses were to be built on the 'Walks'. Comm. Morgan pointed out that the 'Walks' never were and never were intended to be used as a public road. The Town Clerk pointed out that 'The Walks' is on the County Galway Road Schedule for over twenty years. Comm. Morgan stated that a public notice never appeared declaring 'The Walks' as a public road and he asked Mr. Howlett to find out when and why was it so declared.
 Mount Carmel Crescent/Athenry Road Corner. Comm. Loughnane referred to the removal of the wall at this corner and suggested that this might cause a traffic hazard there. The Town Clerk stated that he would discuss the matter with the Town Engineer.
 Notes of Sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended to the families of Garda Recruit Sheehan and Private Kelly who were killed in an ambush at Carrada Wood, Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim.
 This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 13th day of February, 1984.

Sean Kelly
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 13/2/84.
 In the Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly, Chairman.
 Members Present: Comms. Patrick Hynes, Norman Morgan, Brendan Donnellan, Oliver Barrett, Matthew Loughnane and Patrick J. Duane.
 Attendance: Messers T. Kavanagh, Acting Asst. Co. Manager and Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.
 Meeting opened with prayers.
 Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting, copies of which were previously circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Barrett.
 'Task Force': Comm. Loughnane referred to the last meeting and stated that he presented the fact that four members of the Board were asked to leave the Board when a meeting with members of the 'Task Force' was about to take place. Comm. Loughnane added that as he understood it, this meeting was to reorganise the 'Task Force' and that all the members of the Board would be on the 'Task Force'. Comms. Barrett, Donnellan and Duane supported Comm. Loughnane. Comm. Morgan made the point that the Commissioners' meeting had finished when the four people were requested to leave.
 Comm. Kelly explained that the meeting referred to was in fact a meeting of the 'Task Force'. The Steering Committee had met prior to this meeting and had formed the 'Task Force' which consists of 3 members each of the Town Commissioners and the Chamber of Commerce; the County Development Officer, the Regional Manager of the I.D.A. and the Town Clerk. There was a difference of opinion between the Chairman and some of the members as to the constitution of the 'Task Force'. Comm. Loughnane asked if the Chairman was not re-elected Chairman next June would he still be a member of the 'Task Force'. The Chairman stated that the 'Task Force' is now set up and its personnel will not change. Comm. Morgan stated that for personal reasons he wished to resign and he wished to propose that Comm. Barrett would replace him. This proposal was deferred until such time as the 'Task Force' first discussed the matter.
 The Town Clerk stated that the 'Task Force' had met once since its formation, and two suggestions are at present under investigation and it is hoped that these suggestions will prove beneficial to Loughrea. The 'Task Force' is prepared to disclose these suggestions for the present, however a further meeting of the 'Task Force' will take place in March and it is expected that some information will be forthcoming from that meeting.
 Carmel/Athenry Road Junction: In reply to Comm. Barrett, the Town Clerk stated that he had discussed the demarkation of this junction with the Town Engineer.
 Resolution from Tramore Town Commissioners: On the proposition of Comm. Barrett seconded by Comm. Morgan it was agreed to support the following resolution from Tramore Town Commissioners.
 That we, the Tramore Town Commissioners emphatically state that subversives who perpetrate acts of violence do not speak for this Council in a National, Religious or indeed any dimension."
 Revision of Remuneration: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Kelly, the meeting unanimously adopted the revision of remuneration set out in Circular Letter EL 3/84 insofar as it relates to employees of the Loughrea Town Commissioners.
 Estimates Meeting: It was unanimously agreed to hold the Estimates Meeting on the 12/3/84 in conjunction with the next meeting of the Board.
 Organisation of Local Government: The meeting deferred discussion on the Commission made by the Association of Town Clerks of Ireland on the Organisation of Local Government.
 Minister Rights Order: In reply to Comm. Morgan, Mr. Kavanagh stated that the Minister had not yet issued his decision on the Public Inquiry into the taking of Lough Rea as the source for Loughrea Regional Water Supply Scheme.

On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Barrett it was decided to request the Minister to expedite his decision on the Enquiry.

Site of the Old Town Dump: Comm. Loughnane stated that the site of the old town dump, which the Commissioners had sold to the County Council as a housing site, is a disgrace and something should be done about having it cleaned up immediately. All members present agreed with Comm. Loughnane and requested Mr. Kavanagh to try to have the problem resolved.

New Houses: In reply to Comm. Donnellan, Mr. Kavanagh stated that he is not in a position to say when the new houses will be completed.

Industry: Comm. Loughnane referred to the fact that Schegel Ireland Ltd. have moved into the advance factory and he felt that Loughrea should be looking for ~~xxxx~~ another advance factory. Comm. Barrett stated that the Hohner premises will soon be coming on the market and he proposed that the I.D.A. be asked to purchase these premises and also to provide another advance factory for Loughrea. This motion was seconded by Comm. Loughnane.

Redundancies with Co. Council: Comm. Kelly asked if it is proposed to make any of the workers in Loughrea redundant. Mr. Kavanagh in reply stated that present plans do not include redundancies for the Loughrea area, initially it is proposed to let 70 go, 60 of whom are selected and it is hoped that the other 10 will volunteer. Mr. Kavanagh also pointed out that this matter will not be finalised until the money allocation is known for 1984.

Planning application at the 'Walk': Comm. Loughnane referred to the notice which had appeared regarding the erection of two houses on the 'Walks' and he stated that there should be some method whereby people could not send out feelers like this. It was pointed out to Comm. Loughnane that as the law stands there is nothing to prevent people from publishing planning notices and not going ahead with their application.

Congratulations: Comm. Donnellan congratulated Comm. Duane on reaching retirement from his work with Galway County Council and wished him and his wife many years of health and happiness in their retirement. All present associated themselves with the sentiments expressed by Comm. Donnellan. Comm. Duane thanked the members and officials for their good wishes.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 12th day of March, 1984.

Sean Kelly
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 12/3/84.

In the Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. Patrick Hynes, Brendan Donnellan, Norman Morgan, Matthew Loughnane, Patrick J. Duane and Oliver Barrett.

In attendance: Messers J. Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, T/Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting, 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.

Matters arising from the minutes:-

1. Loughrea Regional Water Supply: Comm. Hynes referred to disclosures made at the recent Public Enquiry on Loughrea Regional Water Supply and added that some of the revelations made at the enquiry were frightening regarding fire hazards etc. and he hoped that the Minister would act quickly on the matter. The Town Clerk stated that the Board had already written to the Minister requesting him to expedite his decision on the enquiry. Mr. Howlett explained that all relevant points were put to the Enquiry, if a favourable decision is received, the plans will be completed and the scheme advertised. In reply to Comm. Loughnane, Mr. Howlett stated that he had no reason to believe that the proposed scheme would be held up due to lack of finance.

2. The Walks: Comm. Hynes referred to the cutting of trees in the 'Walks' and he thought that the tree stumps should also be removed. The Town Clerk explained that due to the 'Dutch Elm' disease, most of the trees in the Walks had to be cut down, replacement trees are on order and will be planted within the next week or two. Comm. Morgan agreed that the tree stumps should be cut level with the ground, however he would like to compliment the County Council for undertaking this work which was done on the advice of the Horticultural Adviser. Comm. Loughnane welcomed the scheme and asked that one tree which fell into the drain between the North Mound and the Mart property be removed as it allows stock to get from the mart into the Walks and vis-a-versa. Comm. Loughnane also thought that it might be a good idea to plant twice the amount of trees as is required in order to counteract failures, breakages etc and as he understood that U.C.G. and Galway Corporation have some scheme going whereby trees might be purchased at a lower cost. Comm. Morgan referred to abuses arising from the fact that the gate on the west end of the Walk ~~being~~ left open. This gave rise to some discussion and it was finally agreed to write to Mr. Michael Dervan seeking his co-operation in keeping this end of the Walks clear and if this fails to have the desired results then the Commissioners could ask the Co. Council to close up the large gate on this end.

3. Site of Old Dump: Comm. Hynes referred to the unsightly condition of the former town dump at Tulla Hill and added that a lot of damage is being done by some of the people parked out there. The Chairman stated that the Co. Council had received a deputation on this problem recently and the matter will be put on the agenda for the next Co. Council meeting. Comm. Morgan stated that action should have been taken by the Co. Council regarding camping on this site and also in relation to abuses with regard to Co. Council houses, tenancy agreements should be enforced with these people the same as with settled people. Comm. Morgan added that the Co. Council has land at Rathruddy and the people at Tulla Hill should be moved down there. Mr. Howlett stated that the Co. Council solicitor had considered both cases and was of the opinion that the Council would not get a conviction. Comm. Donnellan referred to one family which had come into the Loughrea area within the last few months. This family is now camped at Tulla Hill and are alleged to be the source of much unrest in the area. Comm. Donnellan hoped that the Co. Council would not consider this family suitable for the new houses when they are allotting same.

Industry: An acknowledgement by the I.D.A. of a request for an advance factory and for the I.D.A. to acquire the Hohner factory was read to the meeting. Comm. Hynes stated that he was disappointed with this stereotype reply. Comm. Morgan welcomed the announcement by the Co. Dev. Office that they are opening an office in Loughrea on every second Thursday of the month and he proposed that a letter be sent to them thanking them for their efforts to promote Loughrea, this was seconded by Comm. Kelly.

Estimates: Mr. Howlett, in accordance with Sections 9 & 10 of the County & City Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, submitted the Estimate for the 1984 Financial Year. The Estimate showed a slight increase in revenue and expenditure on last year and the proposed ~~Town~~ Town Rate of II.46p in the £ showed an increase of approximately 10% which is in line with the proposed increase in the Co. Council rate. The Estimate was examined and after discussion, the following were resolved on the proposition of Comm. Loughnane seconded by Comm. Barrett:-

a) That the Estimate of Expenses of the Loughrea Town Commissioner for the Financial Year ending 31/12/84, 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.

b) That the Demand be made on Galway County Council by the Loughrea Town Commissioners for the sum of £1,418 for the Financial Year ending 31/12/84 and that the Form of Demand be signed by the Chairman and Town Clerk.

The Form of Demand and the Form of Estimate were then signed by the Chairman and Town Clerk.

No Dumping Sign: Comm. Loughnane asked if a No Dumping sign could be erected at St. Bridget's Well. The Town Clerk stated that he would discuss the matter with the Town Engineer.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 9th day of April, 1984.

Sean Kelly
Chairman.

Minutes of meeting of Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 9/4/84.

In the Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly, Chairman.
Members Present: Comms. Patrick Hynes, Norman Morgan, Brendan Donnellan Patrick O'Loughlin, Oliver Barrett and Matthew Loughnane.
In attendance: M/s Kevin Doyle, Co. Sec., Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.
Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting 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.

Vote of sympathy: Before the business of the meeting was discussed, a vote of sympathy was passed and one minute's silence observed as a mark of respect to Patricia Blake, a young child who had tragically lost her life in a car accident on last Friday evening.

Itinerants: In reply to Comm. Hynes and Donnellan, Mr. Doyle stated that the County Council will probably meet at the end of the month to discuss the itinerant problem for all the county, but at this stage there is no suggestion of the County Council providing a hard-stand in Loughrea to serve the entire County.

Comm. Morgan proposed that as there is at present nine families housed in the Rathruddy area, the County Council should not consider this area as a suitable site for the Loughrea area, this was seconded by Comm. Kelly.

Industry: Comm. Hynes expressed the hope that the I.D.A. would interest itself in the acquisition of the Hohner factory and not let it fall into the hands of some wheeler-dealer. Comm. Hynes also referred to the fact that new management had taken over at Schlegel (Ireland) Ltd. and he hoped that this would result in more locals getting employment there. Comm. Barrett stated that he had made discreet enquiries re Schlegel and his information was that the people let go recently were temporary employees. Comm. Barrett added that he understood that after tests, employees were taken on on merit. Comm. Donnellan pointed out that Schlegel had recently got a grant of £900,000 to boost employment and he thought that 26 local employees out of a total of 150 was a poor enough return.

Comm. Morgan stated that the previous Manager of Schlegel, Mr. Domhnall MacDomhnaill is leaving town to take up employment in Cork. Comm. Morgan paid tribute to Mr. MacDomhnaill for his contribution to the progress made by Schlegel in Loughrea and also to various activities in the town and he proposed a vote of congratulations to Mr. MacDomhnaill. Comm. Loughnane proposed that the new manager, Mr. Beck should also be welcomed to Loughrea. Both propositions were seconded by Comm. Kelly. Comm. O'Loughlin proposed that the Chairman should meet the new Manager and try to impress on him the need to employ local labour, this was seconded by Comm. Hynes. It was agreed that the Town Clerk should accompany the Chairman.

Motion received from Tipperary U.D.C.: The following resolution from Tipperary U.D.C. was read to the meeting.
"That this Council earnestly requests the Department of the Environment to allow Local Authorities to insert a "Local Labour Clause in future contracts for public buildings."

Comm. Loughnane proposed that this motion be supported and was seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin. Comm. Morgan proposed that the motion not be supported and was seconded by Comm. Donnellan. On a vote it was agreed to support the motion, Comms. Loughnane, O'Loughlin, Hynes, Barrett and Kelly voting for and Comms. Morgan and Donnellan voting against.

Local Environment Campaign: Correspondance from the County Council on the 1984 Local Environment Campaign was read to the meeting. It was decided to pass this correspondance onto Comm. Morgan, Chairman of the Tidy Towns Committee.

Footpaths In the Town: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Kelly it was decided to request the County Council to restore the footpaths in the town with particular reference to the footpath at Moore Street.

Abstract of Accounts, 1983 Year: The Abstract of Accounts for 1983 were presented to the meeting. On the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Kelly the Abstract was approved. Comm. O'Loughlin complimented the Rent Collector on 100% rent collection.

Fatal Accident: Comm. Hynes referred to a fatal accident which had taken place recently near the Childrens' Playground. Comm. Hynes stated that the area was not adequately sign posted, sight distance could be improved etc. It was agreed to request the County Council to erect signs in the area and to have the area surveyed from a safety point of view.

Car-park at Barrack Street: Comm. Loughnane referred to the fact that the car-park at Barrack Street is cluttered up with derelict cars and debris. Comm. Loughnane proposed that the County Council be request to clear up the car-park and to have an overhead barrier erected that would restrict the type of vehicles using it.

Sailing Club: Comm. Hynes asked if there was any truth in the rumour that that the sailing club premises at the Long Point is being demolished, something which he would not like to see happening. Mr. Doyle stated that discussions are taking place between the County Council and the Sailing Club re this area at present.

Toilet at Long Point: Comm. Barrett asked if the toilets will be ready this summer. Mr. Doyle stated that he would have the matter checked out.

Mayor Elect: Comm. Donnellan read an extract from a newspaper cutting that the next mayor of the London borough of Hounslow will be a Mr. Jim Kenna, a London Transport worker, who was born in Loughrea and reared in Kiltoom near Athlone. Comm. Donnellan proposed that a letter of congratulations should be sent to Mr. Kenna, this proposal had the unanimous support of the Board.

Votes of Congratulations: Votes of congratulations were passed with the following:

1. Mr. John Joe Forde, Kilmeen, on his retirement as Town Foreman, after Close on 40 years service with the County Council.
2. St. Raphaels College on its success in the All-Ireland Junior Camogie and Basketball Finals.

Vote of Sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended to the Kelly family, Caheronaun on the death of Jacko Kelly.

Equal Rights for Spouses: Comm. Loughnane referred to legislation promised by Nuala Fenning. It was agreed that Comm. Loughnane would submit a motion on same for the next meeting.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 14th day of May, 1984.

Sean Kelly
Chairman.

minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 14/5/84.

the Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. Patrick Hynes, Norman Morgan, Patrick O'Loughlin, Brendan Donnellan, Oliver Barrett.

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

Meeting opened with prayers.

Before the business of the meeting was discussed, a vote of sympathy was passed and one minutes silence observed as a mark of respect to the late Patrick Morrissey, a former member of the Board.

The Chairman in welcoming Mr. Kearns to the meeting stated that he was delighted to welcome Mr. Kearns back but regretted the circumstances surrounding his return. Comm. Kelly expressed the hope that Mr. Howlett could make a speedy and complete recovery to health. All present associated themselves with the sentiments expressed by the Chairman.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 9/4/84, having being previously circulated, were taken as read. The minutes were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Morgan, seconded by Comm. Hynes.

Matters arising from the minutes:

Childrens' Playground: Comm. Hynes stated that he regretted that no action was taken to alleviate the dangers which exist at the Childrens' Playground, such as erecting signs, removing the ditch etc. Comm. Donnellan requested that the gap on the western end be closed. The Town Clerk in reply stated that the County Council was asked and are surveying the area, signs are in order and the western gap was closed with chain-link wire. The proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Hynes it was decided to request Galway County Council to have the road bisecting the green closed to vehicular traffic. Both Comms. Donnellan and O'Loughlin expressed reservations about the closing of this road.

Latimer Corner: On the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Morgan it was decided to request Galway County Council to have a Stop Sign or a Yield Sign erected on the Woodford Road at Latimer Corner.

Toilets at Long Point: Comm. Hynes asked why the County Council is not completing the toilets at the Long Point as a matter of urgency. The Town Clerk explained that this work is being carried out as a Youth Employment Project over a three year period and progress is dependent on monies available each year. Comm. Donnellan complimented the people responsible for the work done to date.

Car-park at Barrack Street: In reply to Comm. Morgan, the Town Clerk stated that the car-park at Barrack Street was cleaned up but that the concrete mixer is left there pending the recommencement of the restoration of the footpaths.

Hardstand for Itinerants: The County Council in its letter of the 4/5/84 stated that the provision of housing and serviced sites for travellers will be considered at an early date by the County Council and that the views of the Loughrea Town Commissioners in this matter was noted.

Mr. Kearns stated that he is to prepare a report for the next meeting of the County Council. Comm. Morgan made the point that with 9 tigeens at present in Rathruddy the Council should not consider this area for a hardstand. Comm. Hynes asked what the up to-date position is at Tulla Hill. Mr. Kearns stated that he proposes to visit both sites in the near future to review the position. Comm. O'Loughlin made the point that a hardstand should be provided somewhere and there will be objections no matter where it is put. Comm. Morgan suggested a site up the mountain.

Twinning: The meeting was informed by the United Towns Organisation that a conference on town-twinning will be held in Galway on 19th and 20th October, 1984. It was agreed that the Town Clerk should seek further information on the question of town-twinning.

Reference on Regional Development Strategy: The meeting was informed by Galway/Mayo R.D.O. that a conference on the Regional Development Strategy to 2004, for the Galway/Mayo Region will be held at the Great Northern Hotel, Galway on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 29th. & 30th and

the fee for same is £70 per person. Comm. Morgan said that he disagreed with the idea of members attending these seminars at a cost of up to £100 to the rate payers. Comm. Donnellan said that he agreed in principle with the sentiments expressed by Comm. Morgan. The Town Clerk in reply to Comm. Morgan stated that provision is made in the Estimates for expenses such as these.

On the proposition of Comm. O'Loughlin seconded by Comm. Donnellan it was agreed to send the Chairman to this Conference.

Date of Annual Meeting: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Kelly, it was decided to hold the Annual Meeting in conjunction with the next meeting of the Board on the II/6/84.

Workers' Bus: The Chairman informed the meeting that C.I.E. is taking off the early morning bus to Galway. The Chairman stated that there are 17 people travelling on this bus and if the bus waited for a further 15 minutes in the morning 4 more people would avail of the service. It was decided to lodge a protest with C.I.E. over the withdrawal of this service.

Allocation of New Houses: Comm. O'Loughlin referred to the proposed allocation of the 26 new houses at Pollroebuck and he appealed to Mr. Kearns to accommodate the people from Loughrea when he is allocating these houses. Comm. Barrett supported Comm. O'Loughlin's plea.

Old Vocational School: Comm. Donnellan expressed the hope that the maintenance of the old vocational school will not be neglected now that the new school is in operation. Comm. Barrett agreed to bring the matter to the attention of Senator Ulick Burke, Chairman of the Co. Voc. Educational Committee.

Vote of Congratulations: Comm. Morgan proposed a vote of congratulations to the members of the Loughrea ~~Yakk~~ Youth Club's volleyball team on its success in the All Ireland competitions.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the ¹¹ day of June, 1984.

Sean Kelly
Chairman.

minutes of proceedings at the Annual Meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the II/6/84.

the Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly, Outgoing Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. Norman Morgan, Matthew Loughnane, Brendan Donnellan, Patrick Hynes, Gerard Reilly, Patrick O'Loughlin, Patrick J. Duane and Peter Barrett.

Attendance: M/s. Peter Kearns, Asst. Co. Manager, Alexis Marmion, T/Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Before the business of the meeting was discussed, Mr. Kearns explained to the meeting that as Comm. Reilly was absent from over 6 consecutive meetings he had disqualified himself as a Town Commissioner and as a result Comm. Reilly's seat is now vacant and is in fact vacant since last March. Comm. Hynes stated that Comm. Reilly was elected by the people and he could have been informed of the legal position and as he was not informed he was unaware of this regulation, Comm. Reilly should be entitled to vote. Comm. Hynes also stated that there was something sinister about the matter when it was just raised to-night. Mr. Kearns assured the meeting that there was nothing sinister about the matter, he was informed of the position last week by the Town Clerk and under an Act of 1898, the Commissioners have no option but to declare the seat vacant and consequently Comm. Reilly cannot be allowed to vote. The Town Clerk stated that he had brought the matter to the attention of the Asst. Co. Manager to ensure that at the Annual Meeting be properly conducted and that only people entitled to vote be allowed to vote.

Comm. O'Loughlin stated that it was a pity that this should have occurred and he felt that the Commissioners should be unanimous in co-opting Peter Reilly back onto the Board. Mr. Kearns stated that this could be done on the agenda for the next meeting.

The proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Barrett it was agreed by the Board that should a Commissioner at any time in the future miss 5 consecutive meetings, then the Town Clerk should write and inform him of the necessity to attend a meeting within 6 months unless that member is excused by the Board.

Election of Chairman: Comm. Sean Kelly was proposed by Comm. Duane and seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin. As there was no other proposal for the Chair, Comm. Kelly declared himself elected. Comm. Kelly thanked his proposer and seconder and the members for having him again as Chairman.

Election of Vice-Chairman: Comm. Patrick O'Loughlin was proposed by Comm. Kelly and seconded by Comm. Donnellan.

Comm. Norman Morgan was proposed by Comm. Barrett. Comm. Morgan thanked Comm. Barrett for proposing him but withdrew his name as he did not wish to contest the position.

Comm. O'Loughlin was declared elected.

Comm. O'Loughlin thanked his proposer and seconder.

Delegate to the Fire Brigades Advisory Committee: Comm. P.J. Dunane was unanimously elected as delegate to the Fire Brigades Advisory Committee. The proposition of Comm. Loughnane seconded by Comm. Kelly.

This concluded the business of the Annual Meeting.

9/7/84

Sean Kelly

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In the Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. Norman Morgan, Matthew Loughnane, Brendan Donnellan, Patrick Hynes, Patrick O'Loughlin, Patrick J. Dunae and Oliver Barrett.

Minutes: The minutes of meeting held on the 14/5/84, 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.

Matters arising from the minutes.

Roadway at Playground: Comm. Hynes referred to recommendations made to Galway County Council arising from a fatal accident near the Childrens' Playground and deplored the fact that nothing appeared to have been done to improve the safety of the area in the meantime. The Town Clerk in reply stated that the County Council is the authority responsible for roads in this area and it is examining the suggestions made. Signs are on order and will be erected as soon as they are received.

Employment at Schegel: Comm. Hynes asked if the Chairman and Town Clerk had met the new manager at Schegel and had they discussed the employment situation at Schegel with him. The Chairman in reply stated that discussion had taken place with the new manager, Mr. Beck. Mr. Beck had pointed out that industry is going through a lean period at present and Schegel is no exception to this situation. Mr. Beck was optimistic but would give no commitment for the future. Comm. Morgan stated that Schegel is the best employer Loughrea ever had and he did not think it right that anyone should try to tell the Management who to employ. Comm. O'Loughlin did not accept what Comm. Morgan had said as he, Comm. O'Loughlin felt that the un-employed in Loughrea should get first reference. Comm. Donnellan stated that he felt that the less said about Schegel at the moment the better.

New Houses: In reply to Comm. O'Loughlin Mr. Kearns stated that he expects to get the keys of the new house from the builder within the next week and if he does he would expect to allocate the houses within the next two weeks.

Invitation: The Town Clerk informed the members that an invitation had come through Comm. Morgan from Mrs. Gloter, Ballingarry, Kilchrees, for the Commissioners to attend the installation of the Rev. Mr. Sullivan as Rector of the parish of Loughrea. The ceremony is arranged for St. John's Church, Ballinasloe on Monday June 18th at 7/30 p.m.

Seminar on Local Government Reform: The meeting was informed that the Assoc. of Municipal Authorities of Ireland is holding a series of regional seminars on Local Government Reform in Ireland. The seminar for this region will be held at the Southern Hotel, Sligo, on Saturday 23rd June 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. with a conference fee of £15 per delegate. It was agreed that the Chairman should attend.

Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland: The meeting was informed that the 1984 Annual Conference of the Association will be held in Skibbereen on 18th, 19th, and 20th September next. Motions are limited to three per Local Authority and must be submitted before July 17th next. It was agreed that motions should be submitted for the next meeting of the Board.

Cinematograph Licence: On the proposition of Comm. Barrett seconded by Comm. Kelly, a cinematograph licence was granted to Loughrea Town Hall Ltd., subject to the approval of the Chief Fire Officer.

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President Reagan: Comm. Morgan referred to the recent visit of the President of the United States, Ronald Reagan, to Galway and stated that he was disappointed that the County Manager, Mr. Keating had read the Address of Welcome. Comm. Morgan added that he felt the Chairman of the County Council, as the elected representative, should have read the Address on behalf of the people of the county.

Mr. Kearns in reply stated that the precedent set on the occasion of the visit of President Kennedy was adhered to on this occasion and no offence was intended to anybody. Mr. Kearns said that he also wished to state that he had worked as hard as Mr. Keating had to make this occasion a success. Chairman ruled that this was a matter for the County Council.

Playground: Comm. Donnellan stated that he was informed that the new slides at the Playground are dangerous. The Town Clerk stated that he understood that the new slide was an improvement on the old one, but that it would bring the matter to the notice of the Town Engineer.

Loughrea Sewerage Works: Comm. Loughnane referred to the recent reports of the adequacy of the Loughrea Sewerage works and he asked Mr. Kearns if he could give any information on the matter. Mr. Kearns stated that he was not familiar with the matter but he thought that there are proposals with the Department at the moment. Mr. Kearns did however assure the meeting that water after treatment at the Craughwell waterworks, was perfect at all times. Mr. Kearns undertook to have further information for the next meeting.

Chairman concluded the business of the meeting.

Meeting closed this the 9th day of July, 1984.

Sean Kelly
Chairman.

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Members Present: Comms. Matthew Loughnane, Oliver Barrett, Patrick Hynes, Norman Morgan, Patrick O'Loughlin, Brendan Donnellan.

In Attendance: Messers J. Gavin, Acting Asst. Co. Manager and Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.

Minutes: The minutes of the Annual Meeting and of the Monthly Meeting held on the 11/6/84, copies of which were previously circulated to each member were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Barrett.

Deputation: The Chairman stated that a Deputation from Loughrea Sailing Club was waiting on the meeting and he proposed to take the Deputation before dealing with the remaining business. The Deputation consisted of Messers Gerard McInerney and Dave Dixon. Mr. McInerney in putting the case for the sailing club stated that the club was previously accommodated by Irish Base Metals on their property at Knockanima, from 1965 to 1975 the sailing club had exclusive use of this area and had in fact erected a club house on the grounds. The rates on this club house is costing the club £190 and insurance is costing a further £220. The sailing club is a small club with limited resources and its aims are to provide facilities and to make greater use of the wonderful amenity which Loughrea lake is. The sailing club place particular emphasis on the safety element and for this reason rescue boats are on duty at all times while sailing is taking place. Irish Base Metals had handed over the land in question to Galway County Council for the purpose of developing it as a much needed amenity area. Discussions had taken place between the sailing club and the County Council but no assurances were given to the sailing club about its future. Mr. McInerney stated that the matter had now passed into the hands of their respective solicitors. Mr. McInerney went on to say that there must be some common ground for agreement and it is the sailing club's hope to re-open discussion with some of the County Council Officials. Comm. Morgan made the point that the property should remain in public ownership and that the sailing club should be facilitated similar to the manner in which the Town Commissioners facilitated the tennis club. Mr. Gavin stated that he saw no reason why this matter could not be resolved amicably and he agreed to try to arrange a meeting between some members of the sailing club and some appropriate Co. Council officials. Comm. Morgan proposed that the existing club house be retained and that an arrangement similar to the arrangement that exists between the tennis club and the Town Commissioners be agreed upon. This was seconded by Comm. Barrett. The Deputation then thanked the meeting for receiving them and left the meeting.

Matters arising from the minutes:

I. Vacant Seat: Comm. Hynes referred to the removal of Gerry Reilly as a member of the Board. Comm. Hynes asked the Town Clerk was he aware of the Act and if so why had he not advised Mr. Reilly accordingly. The Town Clerk stated that he was aware of the Act but was not conscious of the length of time Mr. Reilly was absent until the matter was queried. In reply to a question, the Chairman stated that he had queried the position regarding Mr. Reilly. Comm. Hynes stated that if this is the case the Chairman should resign and he proposed that Comm. Loughnane be elected Chairman. Comm. Barrett made the point that conditions under Section 10 of the Enactments Order, 1898 were not adhered to and consequently he argued that Mr. Reilly is still a member of the Board. Mr. Gavin pointed out that once a person is absent from meetings for six months consecutively without approval, then his seat becomes vacant and any action of vote taken by such a person is null and void, Mr. Gavin added that absence of notification to the member of such consequences did not alter the position.

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Co-optation of Member to the Board; When the question of co-opting a person to replace Mr. Gerry Reilly was raised, Comm. Barrett again queried the validity of the matter and argued that Mr. Reilly is in fact still a member of the Board. Mr. Gavin stated that as Mr. Reilly was absent for over consecutive months from meetings, his seat had become vacant. As some doubt exists regarding the declaration of the vacancy, Mr. Gavin suggested that the office now be declared vacant, that the vacancy notice be signed by three members and countersigned by the Town Clerk and that the vacancy be filled at the next meeting. This was agreed by the meeting. Comm. Barrett asked that each member be supplied with a copy of the Enactments Order, 1898, Mr. Gavin agreed to supply the relevant section.

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Sewerage Works: In reply to Comm. Loughnane, Mr. Gavin stated that he understood that proposals for the development of Loughrea Sewerage Works are with the Department of the Environment.

Housing: In reply to Comm. Barrett, Mr. Gavin stated that he is not aware of tenders are out for the erection of additional houses in Loughrea. Comm. O'Loughlin stated that local people should be considered and was supported by Comm. Kelly. In reply to Comm. Loughnane, Mr. Gavin stated that the acceptance of tenders is a function of the County Manager. Comm. O'Loughlin stated that two houses were not accepted by the proposed tenants at St. Laurencesfield and he expressed the opinion that these houses should go to local people.

Industrial Sites: The meeting agreed on the proposition of Comm. Kelly seconded by Comm. Morgan, that the Board would if required, make a loan of £30,000 available to Galway Co. Council for the purpose of acquiring industrial sites at Caherlavine, Loughrea. The loan to be made subject to the Co. Council offering the same facilities as the A.C.C.

Old Town Dump Site: Comm. Kelly informed the meeting that the County Manager had met a Deputation from the residents at Tullagh Hill regarding the future of the old town dump site. The Deputation was informed that it is proposed to make a hardstand for itinerants on this site. Comm. Kelly stated that the people of this area were extremely tolerant in the past but that they propose to resist this new development in everyway. Comm. Kelly appealed to Mr. Gavin to ensure that this does not happen and he asked that the site be closed and sealed off immediately. The members were unanimous in their support for Comm. Kelly's request.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 10th day of September, 1984.

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Housing: In reply to Comm. Barrett, Mr. Gavin stated that he is not aware if tenders are out for the erection of additional houses in Loughrea. Comm. O'Loughlin stated that local people should be considered and was supported by Comm. Kelly. In reply to Comm. Loughnane, Mr. Gavin stated that the acceptance of tenders is a function of the County Manager. Comm. O'Loughlin stated that two houses were not accepted by the proposed tenants at St. Laurencesfield and he expressed the opinion that these houses should go to local people.

Industrial Sites: The meeting agreed on the proposition of Comm. Kelly seconded by Comm. Morgan, that the Board would if required, make a loan of £30,000 available to Galway Co. Council for the purpose of acquiring industrial sites at Caherlavine, Loughrea. The loan to be made subject to the Co. Council offering the same facilities as the A.C.C.

Town Dump Site: Comm. Kelly informed the meeting that the County Manager had met a Deputation from the residents at Tullagh Hill regarding the future of the old town dump site. The Deputation was informed that it was proposed to make a hardstand for itinerants on this site. Comm. Kelly stated that the people of this area were extremely tolerant in the past but that they propose to resist this new development in everyway. Comm. Kelly appealed to Mr. Gavin to ensure that this does not happen and he requested that the site be closed and sealed off immediately. The members were unanimous in their support for Comm. Kelly's request.

The meeting concluded the business of the meeting.

Resolved this the 10th day of September, 1984.

Sean Kelly
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 9/7/84.

In the Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly, Chairman.
Members Present: Comms. Matthew Loughnane, Oliver Barrett, Patrick Hynes, Norman Morgan, Patrick O'Loughlin, Brendan Donnellan.
In Attendance: Messers J. Gavin, Acting Asst. Co. Manager and Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.

Minutes: The minutes of the Annual Meeting and of the Monthly Meeting held on the 11/6/84, copies of which were previously circulated to each member were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Barrett.

Deputation: The Chairman stated that a Deputation from Loughrea Sailing Club was waiting on the meeting and he proposed to take the Deputation before dealing with the remaining business. The Deputation consisted of Messers Gerard McInerney and Dave Dixon. Mr. McInerney in putting the case for the sailing club stated that the club was previously accommodated by Irish Base Metals on their property at Knockanima, from 1965 to 1975 the sailing club had exclusive use of this area and had in fact erected a club house on the grounds. The rates on this club house is costing the club £190 and insurance is costing a further £220. The sailing club is a small club with limited resources and its aims are to provide facilities and to make greater use of the wonderful amenity which Loughrea lake is. The sailing club place particular emphasis on the safety element and for this reason rescue boats are on duty at all times while sailing is taking place. Irish Base Metals had handed over the land in question to Galway County Council for the purpose of developing it as a much needed amenity area. Discussions had taken place between the sailing club and the County Council but no assurances were given to the sailing club about its future. Mr. McInerney stated that the matter had now passed into the hands of their respective solicitors. Mr. McInerney went on to say that there must be some common ground for agreement and it is the sailing club's hope to re-open discussion with some of the County Council Officials. Comm. Morgan made the point that the property should remain in public ownership and that the sailing club should be facilitated similar to the manner in which the Town Commissioners facilitated the tennis club. Mr. Gavin stated that he saw no reason why this matter could not be resolved amicably and he agreed to try to arrange a meeting between some members of the sailing club and some appropriate Co. Council officials. Comm. Morgan proposed that the existing club house be retained and that an arrangement similar to the arrangement that exists between the tennis club and the Town Commissioners be agreed upon. This was seconded by Comm. Barrett. The Deputation then thanked the meeting for receiving them and left the meeting.

Matters arising from the minutes:

I. Vacant Seat: Comm. Hynes referred to the removal of Gerry Reilly as a member of the Board. Comm. Hynes asked the Town Clerk was he aware of the Act and if so why had he not advised Mr. Reilly accordingly. The Town Clerk stated that he was aware of the Act but was not conscious of the length of time Mr. Reilly was absent until the matter was queried. In reply to a question, the Chairman stated that he had queried the position regarding Mr. Reilly. Comm. Hynes stated that if this is the case the Chairman should resign and he proposed that Comm. Loughnane be elected Chairman. Comm. Barrett made the point that conditions under Section 10 of the Enactments Order, 1898 were not adhered to and consequently he argued that Mr. Reilly is still a member of the Board. Mr. Gavin pointed out that once a person is absent from meetings for six months consecutively without approval, then his seat becomes vacant and any action of vote taken by such a person is null and void, Mr. Gavin added that absence of notification to the member of such consequences did not alter the position.

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Option of Member to Board: When the question of co-opting a person to replace Mr. Gerry Reilly was raised, Comm. Barrett again queried the validity of the matter and argued that Mr. Reilly is in fact still a member of the Board. Mr. Gavin stated that as Mr. Reilly was absent for six consecutive months for meetings he had automatically disqualified himself. As some doubt exists regarding the declaration of the vacancy, Gavin suggested that the office now be declared vacant, that the vacancy notice be signed by three members and countersigned by the Town Clerk and that the vacancy be filled at the next meeting. This was agreed by the meeting.

Enactments Order, 1898, Mr. Gavin agreed to supply the relevant section.

Gaming & Lotteries Act: Copy of Notice of Application for Gaming and Lottery Licence on behalf of 'The Golden Grill', Church Street, Loughrea noted.

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Sewerage Works: In reply to Comm. Loughnane, Mr. Gavin stated that he understood that proposals for the development of Loughrea Sewerage Works were with the Department of the Environment.

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The meeting concluded the business of the meeting.

Resolved this the _____ day of September, 1984.

Sean Kelly
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 10/9/84.

In the Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. Patrick Hynes, Oliver Barrett, Brendan Donnellan, Norman Morgan, Matthew Loughnane and Patrick O'Loughlin.

In attendance: Ms. John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, Alexis Marmion, T/Clerk.

Apology: Comm. Patrick J. Duane.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Deputation: Before discussing the business of the meeting, the Members agreed to meet a deputation from the Mount Pleasant Residents Association regarding the taking over of the roads and services at Mount Pleasant.

The Deputation consisted of Mrs. E. Chmilar and M/rs. D. Morris & M.

Lawless. Mr. Morris as spokesman for the group stated that there are 12 houses at Mount Pleasant, the County Council has refused to take over the roads and services to the estate because the builder had not complied with a condition of Planning, namely the removal of the gateway into the estate.

This gateway does not meet the minimum width or height required for a public roadway. The Residents Association are of the opinion that this historical archway is a very pleasant feature and should be retained, its height and width are both very close to the minimum requirements and to-date no difficulty has arisen because of it. The Deputation now sought

the support of the Commissioners in trying to get the County Council to reconsider its decision not to take over the roads and services.

The meeting was unanimous in its decision to support the Deputation and the Town Clerk was instructed to contact the Co. Council on the matter.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 9/7/84, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Donnellan.

Sailing Club: Arising from the minutes, Comm. Barrett asked if anything had happened regarding the meeting between the County Council and the Sailing Club. The Chairman informed the meeting that members of the sailing club had met Co. Council Officials and discussion had taken place.

Erection of Houses: In reply to Comm. Barrett, Mr. Howlett stated that a contractor was asked to furnish bonds to the Co. Council and when this is done the contract can be signed straight away.

vacant Seat: Comm. Barrett asked what the present position is regarding the seat which was held by Gerry Reilly. Mr. Howlett stated that the position is the same as at the last meeting, Mr. O'Reilly had vacated his seat by reason of the fact that he was absent without excuse from meetings for over six months, the meeting on the 9/7/84 had agreed to declare the vacancy, but the Town Clerk was unable to get three members to sign the vacancy notice. Mr. Howlett added that in his opinion there is an obligation on the members to sign the vacancy notice. Comm. Hynes questioned the legality of Mr. Reilly's removal stating that Mr. Reilly was not informed of this law and that Mr. Reilly was not informed forthwith as required by the

Enactments Order, 1898. Comm. Hynes proposed that the matter be referred to the Attorney General. Mr. Howlett stated that the Attorney General has no function in the matter, if further legal advice is required this can be obtained from the Co. Council Law Agent. Mr. Howlett also pointed out that as soon as the matter came to light immediate action was taken.

Comm. Morgan made the point that nobody in the room wished to remove Mr. Reilly from his seat and he suggested that all members present sign the vacancy notice on the understanding that they would co-opt Mr. Reilly onto the Board at the next meeting. Comm. Barrett and Hynes agreed to this.

The Chairman stated that Mr. Reilly had removed himself from office by being absent from meetings for over six months, had Mr. Reilly taken part in a vote or in striking a rate since the six months had elapsed, he would have rendered the action illegal, the position now is that if the members wish to declare the vacancy they can do so by signing the vacancy notice. The Town Clerk stated that any member wishing to sign the vacancy notice can do so by calling to his office.

Employment at Schlegel: Comm. Hynes stated that he wish to read a Sinn Féin statement on employment at Schlegel, the Chairman stated that he would not allow any discussion on Schlegel. When Comm. Hynes persisted in reading the statement, the Chairman adjourned the meeting.

The meeting then terminated.

Signed this the 8 day of October, 1984.

Sean Kelly
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 8/10/84.

In the Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. Norman Morgan, Patrick Hynes, Brendan Donnellan, Patrick O'Loughlin, Oliver Barrett.

In attendance: Messers. John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Apology: Comm. Matthew Loughnane was unable to attend and was excused.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Before the business of the meeting was discussed, an adjournment of 5 minutes was observed as a mark of respect to the late James Barrett and Patrick

Morrissey both former members of the Board, proposed by Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Kelly. All present associated themselves with the votes of sympathy.

Votes of sympathy were also passed with the following:- Gerry Reilly on the death of his mother, Reverend Mother, Convent of Mercy on the death of

Miss Gertrude, (formerly Smyth of Masonbrook) and the County Manager, Seamus Keating on the death of his father.

The meeting then adjourned for 5 minutes.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 10/9/84, 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.

Arising from the minutes, Mr. Howlett in reply to Comm. Hynes, stated that the Co. Council is going ahead with the erection of approximately 22 houses in Loughrea. Comm. Hynes complimented the Co. Council on its provision of houses in Loughrea.

Mount Pleasant Estate: In reply to Comm. Morgan, Mr. Howlett stated that he had discussed the possibility of having the roads and services in the Mount Pleasant Estate taken in charge by the Co. Council with the Deputy Engineer but had not received a decision on the matter as yet.

Loughrea Regional Water Supply Scheme: A copy of the Provisional Order for this Scheme was read to the meeting. Mr. Howlett explained that the next step is for the consultants to prepare a plan and then the scheme will be put up for tender.

Road Grant Allocations: The Minister for the Environment in his letter dated 11/7/84 informed the meeting that there are no additional funds available in the current year. Comm. Donnellan stated that it is a sad state of affairs when there are just two Co. Council workmen left to clean the town of Loughrea and he appealed to Mr. Howlett to try to get the complete gang back working. Comm. Morgan agreed with Comm. Donnellan and added that it saddened him when young men opted for redundancies rather than continue in employment. Mr. Howlett stated that the matter is outside his control.

Galway/Mayo R.D.O.: on the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Morgan it was decided not to send a delegate to the Galway/Mayo R.D.O. Conference arranged for Westport on November 23rd and 24th next.

County of Galway Traffic and Parking Bye-Laws: The meeting approved of the County of Galway Traffic and Parking Bye-Laws insofar as they relate to Loughrea, on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Donnellan. Comm. O'Loughlin stated that he would have to oppose the Bye-Laws but he had no seconder.

On the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Morgan it was decided to request that Abbey Street be made a one-way street with traffic travelling northwards off Main Street.

Motions submitted by Comm. Patrick Hynes:

"That this elected Body congratulate the G.A.A. on the celebration of its first centenary."

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

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B) "That County Galway be divided into two regions for motor taxation purposes."

This motion was seconded by Comm. Kelly and passed unanimously. Comm. Donnellan proposed that in addition to the above he would like to propose that the motor tax office remain open late on two nights per week. This was seconded by Comm. Morgan and the Town Clerk was instructed to send this recommendation to the Minister for the Environment.

c) "That the town reservoir be fenced properly and all other hazards to children be rendered safe. Comm. Hynes stated that since he had put down this motion the fence at the reservoir was repaired, he would now like to appeal to the public to make known to the Co. Council any other hazards that exist in the locality. Comm. Hynes also appealed to Mr. Howlett to have the footpaths around the town repaired and to have the roadside hedges cut.

Tidy Towns: Discussion on the 1984 Tidy Town Report was deferred to a later date.

Funeral Routes: Comm. Morgan referred to the routes taken by funerals in Loughrea and stated that it is ridiculous that funerals go around the town. Comm. Morgan suggested that an effort should be made to get funerals to take the shortest route. The consensus of opinion was against interfering with the present custom.

Street Lighting: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin it was decided to request Galway Co. Council to have additional lights provided on the pole opposite Touhey's house at Moore St. and along the Gort road.

Dangerous Trees: Comm. Morgan proposed and Comm. Kelly seconded that the Co. Council be asked to remove the dangerous tree in the 'Walk'.

Good Will: Comm. Hynes stated that a former member Maxie McDonnell had gone under a serious operation this day and he suggest a letter of good will to cheer him up. All present joined with Comm. Hynes in wishing Mr. McDonnell a speedy recovery.

Urban Authority: The Chairman stated that a reporter from the Tuam Herald had contacted him regarding a recommendation to up-grade Loughrea and Tuam to Urban status and he asked Mr. Howlett if he could enlighten the members. Mr. Howlett stated that a sub-committee of the County Council was formed to submit proposals on local government and he suggested that he would get a copy of the sub-committee submissions for the members.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 17th day of November, 1984.

Paddy O'Loughlin
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 12/11/84.
The Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly, Chairman.
Members Present: Comms. Norman Morgan, Patrick O'Loughlin, Brendan Donnellan, Rick Hynes, Matthew Loughnane.

Attendance: Messers Peter Kearns, Asst. Co. Manager, Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.

Apologies: Apologies were accepted on behalf of Comms. Oliver Barrett and Rick J. Duane who were unable to attend.
Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 8/10/84, copies of which were previously circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct. The proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Morgan.

Telephone Kiosk: Comm. Hynes stated that the telephone kiosk at Cuscorrig is out of order due to vandalism. The kiosk services two housing estates and Comm. Hynes stated that every effort should be made to have the kiosk repaired as soon as possible. Comm. Donnellan agreed adding that in his opinion the kiosk was poorly sited as if it was sited 100yds. further on it would be in a better lit area. Comm. Loughnane made the point that vandalism is caused by vandals, the Board was long enough looking for this kiosk and it should now condemn this vandalism. Comm. Morgan agreed with Comm. Loughnane but stated that he could not agree that the kiosk was badly sited as it is equal distance from both housing estates.

Mount Pleasant Housing Estate: In reply to Comm. Hynes, Mr. Kearns stated that he had not received an official report on the taking over of the Mount Pleasant Housing Estate but the indications are not good. Mr. Kearns added that he would have a report for the next meeting.

Loughrea Regional Water Scheme: Mr. Kearns, in reply to Comm. Hynes, informed the meeting that the next step with regard to the Loughrea Regional Water Scheme was for the consultants to prepare a plan and then to invite tenders.

Traffic via Abbey Street: Comm. Hynes stated that as a follow-up to the proposal to have Abbey Street declared an one-way street he would now like to propose that large vehicles approaching the town from the Cosmona area be diverted via Mt. Carmel Crescent and not by Abbey Terrace as it is at present. Comm. Morgan in disagreeing with Comm. Hynes made the point that the eastern approach from Mt. Carmel Crescent was not widened and that it is impossible for articulated trucks to use this route, large vehicles will have to continue on the present route until such time as the bye-pass road is provided. Comm. Donnellan agreed with Comm. Morgan and asked Mr. Kearns if there was any information with regard to the proposed bye-pass. Mr. Kearns stated that he had no new information regarding this proposed bye-pass but its commencement will depend on the availability of Government Grants.

Minutes of Congratulations were passed with the following:

Ciaran Fitzgerald on his reappointment as Captain of the Irish Rugby Team and also on his appointment as Aide-de-Camp to President Hillary proposed by Comm. Hynes seconded by Comm. Morgan. Comm. Loughnane in associating himself with the proposal added that a letter be sent to Comdt. Fitzgerald's family.

Musical: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Kelly, Brendan's Choral & Dramatic Society was congratulated on its presentation of the musical 'Sweet Charity'.

Motor Taxation: Both the Dept. of the Environment and Galway County Council proposed the Boards request to have motor taxation facilities provided in Loughrea. The Dept. of the Environment did point out that it is looking at the possibility of having selected post offices in the Dublin area to deal with motor tax renewals on a trial basis and if this is considered feasible the

question of its extension to the rest of the country could be considered.
Comm. Donnellan welcomed this possibility and said all we could do was to await developments.

In regard to the proposal that the Motor Taxation Office remain open late one or two nights per week, the meeting did not accept that this proposal was not feasible and on the proposition of Comm. Hynes seconded by Comm. Morgan it was again decided to request Galway County Council to have this office open until 9 p.m. on Friday nights.

Resolution from Naas U.D.C. : On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Donnellan the following resolution from Naas U.D.C. was marked read.

That Naas U.D.C. calls on the Minister for the Environment to ensure, that proper consultations be held with Local Authorities and their representative associations before any Bill is drafted regarding the reform of Local Government."

Conference: The meeting agreed not to send a representative to the 1st Annual Conference of the Council of Irish & European Local Authorities for elected members of local authorities to be held on Friday/Saturday, November 23rd & 24th, 1984 in the Clonmel Arms Hotel, Clonmel, because of the cost involved.

School Warden: Comm. Donnellan referred to the fact that the School Warden is paid only for actual days worked and he was of the opinion that when the school is closed for a day or two during the school term the School Warden should be paid for those days. The members were in agreement with the sentiments expressed by Comm. Donnellan and it was agreed on the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Morgan to investigate the possibility of paying the School Warden during the school year.

Sailing Club: Comm. Morgan stated that he understood that some difficulties still exist between the Sailing Club and the County Council at the Long Point. The Chairman stated that he had discussed this matter with some of the County Council officials to-day in Galway and they hope to have further discussion with the Sailing Club.

Highway at Bride Street: Comm. Morgan referred to an opening in the road which the County Council had made to relieve flooding at Bride Street and he asked if this hole could be repaired. The Town Clerk undertook to take the matter up with the Town Engineer.

The meeting concluded the meeting.

Resolved this the 10th day of December, 1984.

Sean Kelly
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 10/12/84.

In the Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly, Chairman.
Members Present: Comms. Matthew Loughnane, Brendan Donnellan, Patrick O'Loughlin, Patrick Hynes and Oliver Barrett.

In attendance: M/s John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, Alexis Marmion, T/Clerk
Apology: Comm. Morgan was unavoidably absent and was excused.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 12/11/84, copies of which were previously circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin.

Welcome: Comm. Loughnane welcomed Mr. Howlett back after his term of absence on sick leave.

School Warden: In reply to Comm. Donnellan, Mr. Howlett stated that the employment of a School Warden is a part-time employment and recognition was taken of this when the rate of remuneration was fixed. The School Warden in Loughrea is paid on par with other School Wardens within the county and cannot be paid during holiday period, School Wardens are paid for Bank and Church Holidays within the school term but are not paid for special days leave. On the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Hynes it was agreed to request the Minister for the Environment to have School Wardens paid a salary throughout the year on the same basis as teachers are paid. Comm. O'Loughlin asked if some type of shelter could be provided for the School Warden. The Town Clerk was asked to enquire if the School Warden could avail of some shelter within the school.

Mount Pleasant Estate: In reply to Comm. Hynes, Mr. Howlett stated that he had no further information on the Mount Pleasant Estate but that he would take the matter up with the County Engineer.

One-Way Streets: In reply to Comm. Donnellan, the Town Clerk stated that the Gardai have agreed to make Abbey Street a one-way street and the relevant signs are on order by the County Council. On the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin it was decided to request the County Council to have the words 'No Entry' written on the roadway at the exit from one-way streets.

Motor Tax Office: The Co. Council in its letter of the 20/11/84 stated that for security and other reasons it cannot comply with the Board's request for late opening of the motor taxation office at Galway. Comm. Hynes stated that he was disappointed with this reply but that he would continue his campaign to have late opening provided at this office. Comm. Donnellan gave his experience of having to queue outside for 1 1/2 hours in the cold and wet while waiting to tax his car and he felt that the County Council should be able to do better than that.

Telephone Kiosk at Cuscorrig: Telecom Eireann stated in its letter of the 19th instant that the kiosk at Cuscorrig is now repaired, they did however express concern at the number of times they had to repair this kiosk and added that if such vandalism continued it may be necessary to remove the kiosk to some other location. Comm. Loughnane complimented Telecom Eireann on their prompt reply. Comm. Donnellan stated that the letter should be published in full.

Unauthorised Parking in Scenic Areas: A letter from the Western Regional Fisheries Board condemning unauthorised dumping and parking in scenic areas was read to the meeting. The meeting agreed with the spirit of the letter.

Itinerants: Comm. Kelly stated that the people of the area are concerned about the number of travelling people coming into the area and terrorising the locals. Comm. Kelly added that these people are attracted to the area because of the number of itinerants already houses in Loughrea. Comm. Kelly went on to say that each locality should take care of its fair share of itinerants and in his opinion Galway County Council should not house any itinerants in their next housing scheme in Loughrea.

Gaming & Lotteries Licence: The Chairman read a letter headed 'Concerned Parents Action Committee' seeking support for objections to a Gaming & Lotteries Licence being granted to a Mr. Pat McDonagh in respect of a premises at Main Street, Loughrea. On the proposition of Comm. Kelly seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin it was decided to support this group. Comm. Kelly agreed to attend the court and the Town Clerk was instructed to convey the sentiments of the Board to the Court Clerk and Garda Superintendent. It was also decided on the proposition of Comm. Loughnane seconded by Comm. Kelly to ask the appropriate Minister prohibit all gaming machines which require money to operate.

Long Point: Comm. Hynes moved the following motion: "Would the Assistant County Manager please produce the Development Plan for the Long Point area so that the Town Commissioners may discuss it with reference to the amenities already located there, i.e. Loughrea Sailing Club, Scouting Field and Swimming Facilities." Mr. Howlett produced the drawing and stated that the work done to date was mostly the car-park and toilets. It was agreed to invite the Deputy Co. Engineer, Mr. Crotty, and some members of the Sailing Club to the next meeting of the Board.

Major Work Proposals: Comm. Loughnane referred to the major local authority work proposals listed for the Loughrea area, i.e. Bye-pass Road and the Regional Water Scheme and he proposed that the Minister for the Environment be asked to meet a deputation from the Loughrea Town Commissioners to discuss the provision of funds for these works. Comm. Kelly seconded the proposal.

Rating System: Comm. Hynes referred to the fact that people who pay rates on business premises are also asked by the Co. Council to pay a fee for services listed on the back of the demand note, these business people are objection to pay these charges and he agreed with them, Comm. Hynes added. Mr. Howlett pointed out that legislation allows the County Council to make these charges. Comm. Kelly stated that he had attended a meeting of the Loughrea Traders recently, dis-satisfaction was expressed at that meeting about the variation of charges between Galway, Ballinasloe and Loughrea. The Traders has sought a meeting with the County Manager without success, Comm. Kelly now proposed that the Town Commissioners request the County Manager to meet a deputation from the traders, this was seconded by Comm. Donnellan. Comm. Donnellan also proposed that the Minister for the Environment rescind the legislation whereby County Managers are entitled to make charges for services without getting the Consent of the elected members.

Flooding at Athenry Road: Comm. Donnellan referred to flooding which occurs on Athenry Road near Liam Mellows Terrace. The Town Clerk undertook to take the matter up with the Town Engineer.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 11th day of January, 1985.

Sean Kelly
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 10/12/84.

In the Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. Matthew Loughnane, Brendan Donnellan, Patrick O'Loughlin, Patrick Hynes and Oliver Barrett.

In attendance: M/s John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, Alexis Marmion, T/Clerk.
Apology: Comm. Morgan was unavoidably absent and was excused.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 12/11/84, copies of which were previously circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin.

Welcome: Comm. Loughnane welcomed Mr. Howlett back after his term of absence on sick leave.

School Warden: In reply to Comm. Donnellan, Mr. Howlett stated that the employment of a School Warden is a part-time employment and recognition was taken of this when the rate of remuneration was fixed. The School Warden in Loughrea is paid on par with other School Wardens within the county and cannot be paid during holiday period, School Wardens are paid for Bank and Church Holidays within the school term but are not paid for special days leave. On the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Hynes it was agreed to request the Minister for the Environment to have School Wardens paid a salary throughout the year on the same basis as teachers are paid. Comm. O'Loughlin asked if some type of shelter could be provided for the School Warden. The Town Clerk was asked to enquire if the School Warden could avail of some shelter within the school.

Mount Pleasant Estate: In reply to Comm. Hynes, Mr. Howlett stated that he had no further information on the Mount Pleasant Estate but that he would take the matter up with the County Engineer.

One-Way Streets: In reply to Comm. Donnellan, the Town Clerk stated that the Gardai have agreed to make Abbey Street a one-way street and the relevant signs are on order by the County Council. On the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin it was decided to request the County Council to have the words 'No Entry' written on the roadway at the exit from one-way streets.

Motor Tax Office: The Co. Council in its letter of the 20/11/84 stated that for security and other reasons it cannot comply with the Board's request for late opening of the motor taxation office at Galway. Comm. Hynes stated that he was disappointed with this reply but that he would continue his campaign to have late opening provided at this office. Comm. Donnellan gave his experience of having to queue outside for 1½ hours in the cold and wet while waiting to tax his car and he felt that the County Council should be able to do better than that.

Telephone Kiosk at Cuscorrig: Telecom Eireann stated in its letter of the 19th instant that the kiosk at Cuscorrig is now repaired, they did however express concern at the number of times they had to repair this kiosk and added that if such vandalism continued it may be necessary to remove the kiosk to some other location. Comm. Loughnane complimented Telecom Eireann on their prompt reply. Comm. Donnellan stated that the letter should be published in full.

Unauthorised Parking in Scenic Areas: A letter from the Western Regional Fisheries Board condemning unauthorised dumping and parking in scenic areas was read to the meeting. The meeting agreed with the spirit of the letter.

Itinerants: Comm. Kelly stated that the people of the area are concerned about the number of travelling people coming into the area and terrorising the locals. Comm. Kelly added that these people are attracted to the area because of the number of itinerants already houses in Loughrea. Comm. Kelly went on to say that each locality should take care of its fair share of itinerants and in his opinion Galway County Council should not house any itinerants in their next housing scheme in Loughrea.

Gaming & Lotteries Licence: The Chairman read a letter headed 'Concerned Parents Action Committee' seeking support for objections to a Gaming & Lotteries Licence being granted to a Mr. Pat McDonagh in respect of a premises at Main Street, Loughrea. On the proposition of Comm. Kelly seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin it was decided to support this group. Comm. Kelly agreed to attend the court and the Town Clerk was instructed to convey the sentiments of the Board to the Court Clerk and Garda Superintendent. It was also decided on the proposition of Comm. Loughnane seconded by Comm. Kelly to ask the appropriate Minister prohibit all gaming machines which require money to operate.

Long Point: Comm. Hynes moved the following motion: "Would the Assistant County Manager please produce the Development Plan for the Long Point area so that the Town Commissioners may discuss it with reference to the amenities already located there, i.e. Loughrea Sailing Club, Scouting Field and Swimming Facilities."

Howlett produced the drawing and stated that the work done to date was mostly the car-park and toilets. It was agreed to invite the Deputy Co. Engineer, Mr. Crotty, and some members of the Sailing Club to the next meeting of the Board.

Major Work Proposals: Comm. Loughnane referred to the major local authority work proposals listed for the Loughrea area, i.e. Bye-pass Road and the Regional Water Scheme and he proposed that the Minister for the Environment be asked to meet a deputation from the Loughrea Town Commissioners to discuss the provision of funds for these works. Comm. Kelly seconded the proposal.

Rating System: Comm. Hynes referred to the fact that people who pay rates on business premises are also asked by the Co. Council to pay a fee for services listed on the back of the demand note, these business people are objecting to pay these charges and he agreed with them, Comm. Hynes added. Mr. Howlett pointed out that legislation allows the County Council to make these charges. Comm. Kelly stated that he had attended a meeting of the Loughrea Traders recently, dis-satisfaction was expressed at that meeting about the variation of charges between Galway, Ballinasloe and Loughrea. The Traders has sought a meeting with the County Manager without success, Comm. Kelly now proposed that the Town Commissioners request the County Manager to meet a deputation from the traders, this was seconded by Comm. Donnellan. Comm. Donnellan also proposed that the Minister for the Environment rescind the legislation whereby County Managers are entitled to make charges for services without getting the Consent of the elected members.

Flooding at Athenry Road: Comm. Donnellan referred to flooding which occurs on Athenry Road near Liam Mellows Terrace. The Town Clerk undertook to take the matter up with the Town Engineer.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 11th day of January, 1985.

Sean Kelly
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at a special Meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 17/12/84.

In the Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. Patrick Hynes, Brendan Donnellan, Patrick O'Loughlin, Norman Morgan, Oliver Barrett and Matthew Loughnane.

In Attendance: M/s John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

The Chairman in opening the meeting stated that recently an application for a Gaming & Lotteries Licence in respect of a premises in Loughrea had come before the Courts. The application was deferred as the required notice was not given to the Town Commissioners. The Chairman had attended the court in question as the Town Commissioners had previously decided to object to the application. The Chairman went on to say that since the court, representations were made to him regarding the rescinding of the Resolution which had adopted Part 3 of the Gaming & Lotteries Act, 1956 for the administrative area of the Loughrea Town Commissioners. The Chairman added that in order to have the matter discussed in full he had instructed the Town Clerk to call this special meeting. Mr. Howlett explained that the Commissioners could if they so wished, rescind the Resolution which had adopted Part 3 of Gaming & Lotteries Act, 1956. If the Commissioners decided to take this course of action, they could then re-adopt Part 3 of the Act for specific streets or premises within the Town area or the Commissioners could leave matters as they are at present and let the Courts decide on the suitability of the applicants. Mr. Howlett went on to say that if the Commissioners are considering rescinding the Resolution by which the relevant part of the Act was adopted in the first instant, it is necessary for each member to get one month's written notice and to have it published in two papers circulating in the area. The matter was discussed in full by the meeting, during the course of discussion both Mr. Howlett and the Town Clerk stated that legal opinion had indicated that 'Bingo' would not be effected if the Act was rescinded. The possibility of existing licensees looking for compensation was raised, Mr. Howlett agreed to have this matter clarified for the next meeting.

Comm. O'Loughlin proposed that the Town Clerk should have notice of the Commissioners intention to rescind the Resolution whereby Part 3 of the Gaming & Lotteries Act, 1956 was adopted for the Town of Loughrea. This proposal was seconded by Comm. Morgan. As there was no amendment, the proposal was passed unanimously and the Town Clerk was instructed to have the necessary notices circulated as quickly as possible.

Comm. Loughnane stated that while the Town Commissioners are responsible for the area within the town boundary, some protection should be sought for the outlying areas and he proposed that a similar recommendation be sent to the County Council, this proposal was seconded by Comm. Morgan.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 17th day of January, 1985.

Sean Kelly
Chairman

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 14/1/85.

In the Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. Patrick Hynes, Norman Morgan, Matthew Loughnane, Brendan Donnellan, Patrick J. Duane and Oliver Barrett.

In Attendance: Messers John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, John Crotty, Deputy Co. Engineer and Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.

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Point: The meeting received a deputation to discuss development at Long Point. The Deputation consisted of the following:

Sailing Club: Messers Gerard McInerney, Dr. M. O'Beirne and Dave Dixon. Sailing Club Association: Messers Richard Reilly and Coleman Shaughnessy. McInerney thanked the meeting for receiving them, he went on to outline the hopes of the sailing club and asked Mr. Crotty if sailing figured in the County Council's plans for this area. Mr. Crotty outlined the development to date and added that it is proposed to provide a slipway and another jetty for the benefit of the general public, the County Council is most anxious that the lake and this amenity area be used to the best advantage to the general public. Mr. Crotty also stated that the County Council does not intend to interfere with the existing jetty or clubhouse which are the property of the sailing club. Mr. Reilly made the point that anglers are opposed to speed boats using the lake and he asked who would control this. Mr. Crotty stated that a notice could be erected. Mr. Morgan asked Mr. Howlett if he could enquire as to whether a Bye-Law could be adopted zoning a particular area for swimming. Comm. Hynes stated that he welcomed the fact that the County Council does not propose to demolish the existing clubhouse. Mr. Crotty told the meeting that the overall estimate for the work at the Long Point was £155,000 over a three year period and it is hoped to have the work completed in May or June of this year. It was agreed that Mr. Crotty would meet the sailing club members on the 15th and discuss the matter further with them. It was also decided on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Hynes that the Town Commissioners would request the County Council to lease an area of ground to the sailing club for use as a boat compound.

Minutes: The minutes of the meetings held on the 10/12/84 and 17/12/84 were adopted and signed as correct. The minutes of the meeting held on the 10/12/84 were proposed by Comm. Donnellan, seconded by Comm. Barrett. The minutes of the 17/12/84 were proposed by Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Barrett.

Gaming & Lotteries Act: Mr. F.G. McCarthy, Solc. in his letter dated 17/12/84 informed the meeting that Mr. Patrick McDonagh intends to apply for a Gaming Licence in respect a premises at Main Street, Loughrea. Mr. Howlett informed the meeting that the notices regarding the proposal to rescind the Resolution which had adopted Part III of the Gaming & Lotteries Act were published, the Board's Solicitor had informed us that there can be no discrimination against the Board and that 'Bingo' will not be affected. The matter was deferred to the next meeting.

Association of Municipal Authorities: The meeting agreed that it should be presented at a meeting scheduled for the 17th January, 1985. The purpose of the meeting is to submit recommendations regarding recruitment of local authority employees.

Loughrea Regional Water Supply: Following representation made by Mr. Paul Naughton, T.D. Minister of State, the following was received from Mr. Liam Kavanagh, T.D. Minister for the Environment. Mr. Kavanagh indicated that it is now up to the County Council to submit contract documents to his Department for approval. Mr. Howlett confirmed this and added that the Consultants are at present working on the proposal, which was only confirmed last month.

Loughrea Bye-Pass: Mr. Kavanagh indicated that this scheme is included for construction in the medium term but that a number of matters remain to be solved at local level. Mr. Howlett stated that the Loughrea Bye-Pass is included in the 10 year Plan, priority is given the bridge over the Corrik

and the Oranmore Bye-Pass, it is proposed that the Loughrea Scheme will start in 1987. Comm. Loughnane stated that he understood that these schemes were held up by the Department, it now transpires that the initiatives rests with Galway Co. Council. Comm. Morgan stated that he is satisfied that the Regional Water Scheme is progressing satisfactorily and he is in no hurry with the proposed bye-pass.

Service Charges: The County Manager, Mr. Keating, in his letter of the 18th December, 1984, stated that the level of service charges for 1984 is fix and is not open to discussion with any group from any part of Co. Galway.

Motions submitted by Comm. Hynes:

a) "How much money has been spent on the development at Long Point in 1983; in 1984; and how much was allocated for 1985
Mr. Crotty had dealt with this motion during discussion on the Long Point.

b) "What are the County Council plans re provision of dumping site in Loughrea."

Mr. Crotty stated that there is an on-going effort to get a dumping site to serve the Loughrea/Athenry area.
Comm. Morgan asked if the Co. Council was aware that the landowner adjoining the sewerage works had indicated that he was prepared to lease some land to the County Council. Mr. Crotty stated that he would investigate the matter but he thought that this land was deemed unsuitable for dumping previously. In reply to Comm. Hynes, Mr. Crotty stated that a dumping site would need to be 3 or 4 acres in size.

Vote of Congratulations: Comm. Morgan proposed a vote of congratulations to Bishop Cassidy on his proposal to set up a 3rd World Farm at Coorheen, the proposal was seconded by Comm. Hynes.

Estimates: In accordance with Sect. 9 & 10 of the County & City Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Mr. Howlett submitted the Estimate for 1985 Year. Copies of the Estimates were previously circulated to each member. The proposed Estimate provided for a Town Rate of 12.61p in the £ an increase of 10% on last year.

On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Kelly the following were resolved:

That the Estimate of Expenses of the Loughrea Town Commissioners for the Financial Year ending 31/12/85, 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 Galway County Council by the Loughrea Town Commissioners for the sum of £1,595 for the Financial Year ending 31/12/85, 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.

Invitation to Lord Mayor: Comm. Morgan proposed that Mr. O'Halloran, Lord Mayor of Dublin be invited to visit Loughrea during his term of office, Mr. O'Halloran's father having been born in Loughrea. Comm. Donnellan made the point that Mrs. Flaherty who was born in Loughrea, was never officially invited to visit Loughrea during her term as Mayoress of Galway. As there was no seconder, the proposal was deferred.

Vote of Sympathy: On the proposition of Comm. Hynes, the sympathy of the Board was extended to Gannon family and the Carmelite Community on the death of Bro. Christy Gannon.

Prevention of Terrorism Act: Comm. Loughnane referred to the number of Irish people being apprehended recently by the British Authorities and the subsequent few convictions and he proposed that a protest be sent to the Embassy re same, this was seconded by Comm. Kelly.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 11th day of February, 1985.

Sean Kelly
Chairman

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 11/2/85.

The Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. Norman Morgan, Brendan Donnellan, Patrick Hynes, New Loughnane, Oliver Barrett, Patrick O'Loughlin and Patrick J. Duane.
Attendance: Messers John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, T/Clerk.
Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 14/1/85, copies of which were previously circulated to each member, 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.

Long Point: Letters from Galway Co. Council and from Loughrea Sailing Club regarding the development of amenities at the Long Point were read. Contents of these letters were noted.

Third World Farm: Bishop Cassidy in his letter dated the 18/1/85, thanked Town Commissioners for their support for the Clonfert Third World Project. Comm. Loughnane made the point that the present Board is due to complete its term of office and he proposed that Bishop Cassidy be invited to attend one of the remaining meetings. Comm. Hynes seconded the proposal. Comm. Morgan suggested that Bishop Cassidy be asked to say a prayer for the deceased members of the Board, after which the Chairman should convene a special meeting and then if the members so wished, they should invite the Bishop to dinner. The meeting accepted Comm. Morgan's suggestion and the Chairman and Town Clerk were instructed to make the necessary arrangements.

Prevention of Terrorism Act: The British Embassy informed the Board that their protest against the Prevention of Terrorism Act was noted. Comm. Hynes stated that he objected to the harassment of Irish people. He was delighted that the protest was made by the Town Commissioners. Comm. Morgan made the point that Mr. Peter Barry, T.D. Minister for Foreign Affairs, had made the protest on behalf of the Irish people.

Loughrea Regional Water Supply Scheme: The meeting was informed that the Minister for the Environment has made a Confirmation Order entitled "Galway County Council (Loughrea Regional Water Supply Scheme) Provisional Confirmation Order, 1984." The proposal will come into force on the 1st February, 1985 and that people have one year from the expiry of that date, to apply to the Secretary, Galway County Council, for compensation in respect of damage which has been or will be caused by the laying of a supply of water under the said Proposal.

Motion from Dungarvan U.D.C.

That we, the Members of Dungarvan U.D.C. request that application be made to the Fire Authorities to the Insurance Companies for adequate contributions to help defray the recently imposed Fire Service Charges of these Authorities."

Comm. Donnellan proposed that the Board support the Motion and was seconded by Comm. Kelly. Comm. Loughnane made the point that any increase incurred by the Insurance Companies is usually passed onto the public and for that reason he proposed that the Board should not support the Motion, Comm. Morgan seconded Comm. Loughnane's proposal. A vote was taken and resulted as follows:

For: Comms. Donnellan, Kelly, O'Loughlin and Duane.

Against: Comms. Loughnane, Morgan, Barrett and Hynes.

On the casting vote of the Chairman it was decided to support the motion.

Motion from Castlebar U.D.C.

That Castlebar U.D.C. call on the Minister for Justice to prohibit all persons under 18 from using amusement machines."
The proposition of Comm. Loughnane seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin it was unanimously agreed to support this Motion.

Resolution from Athlone U.D.C.

That we hereby request the Minister for the Environment to establish a Commission forthwith to revise and extend the existing outmoded urban boundaries to provide the electors in the environs of towns with adequate representation on town Councils and also adequate land for development purposes within the towns revised boundaries."

Comm. Morgan stated that this Commission is already set up and he proposed that this Resolution be marked read.

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b. "That we hereby request the Minister for Health to provide all urban authorities with statutory representation on their Regional Health Boards."

On the proposition of Comm. Loughnane seconded by Comm. Kelly it was agreed to support this Resolution.

Gaming & Lotteries Act, 1956: Mr. Seamus Costello, who has a gaming licence in respect of his premises at Church Street and Mr. Pat McDonagh who has made an application for a gaming licence in respect of a premises at Main Street, both sought permission to address the meeting. The meeting agreed to allow both of these gentlemen to state their cases but decided not to enter into discussion with them.

Mr. Costello stated that owned a restaurant in which he had a machine, he asked the Members to consider doing as other places had done, i.e. adopting the Act for existing licences.

Mr. McDonagh outlined the build up to his application and stated that he was of the opinion that there was a bias towards him and his application. He asked the Members not to be swayed by public opinion but to let their conscience guide them as to how they should vote with regard to rescinding Part III of the Gaming & Lotteries Act, 1956.

Both Mr. Costello and Mr. McDonagh thanked the meeting for allowing them to speak and left the meeting.

Comm. Morgan stated that the Members had had over a month to consider this matter, the necessary notices had been published and he proposed that having regard to the provisions of Section 13 of the Gaming & Lotteries Act, 1956, we hereby rescind the application of Part III of the said Act in respect of the whole of the Town of Loughrea."

The proposal was seconded by Comm. Barrett. As there was no further proposals the Chairman put Comm. Morgan's proposal to the meeting. The proposal was passed unanimously all Members voting in favour of same.

On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Barrett, the Town Clerk was instructed to inform the Superintendent, Garda Barracks Loughrea and the District Court Clerk, Loughrea of the decision taken.

Hedge near Waterworks: Comm. Morgan stated that the hedge at the Waterworks is overgrown and is causing people to have to walk on the roadway. The Town Clerk stated that the hedge in question is private property but that he would have the matter investigated.

Itinerants at Cosmona: On the ^{write} proposition of Comm. O'Loughlin seconded by Comm. Morgan it was decided to the local Garda Superintendent to solicit the aid of the Gardai in getting the itinerants to move from Cosmona.

Transport of Flammable Substances: In reply to Comm. Loughnane, Mr. Howlett stated that companies are not obliged to notify the County Council when they are transporting known flammable substances into the County.

Votes of Congratulations: The following votes of congratulations were passed

1. To Mr. Dan Shields, Lake Road, Loughrea on his appointment as District Justice. Proposed by Comm. Barrett seconded by Comm. Donnellan.
2. To Mr. Seamus Connerney, Fahy Gardens on his appointment as a Workers Representative on the Board of the E.S.B. Proposed by Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin.
3. The Quiz Team from the Loughrea Youth Club on its success in the National Youth Club Quiz. Proposed by Comm. Loughnane seconded by Comm. Kelly.

Votes of sympathy: Votes of sympathy were passed with the following:

1. The relatives of the late Dr. Thomas Moloney.
2. The Connolly family, Mt. Carmel Crescent on the death of Jimmy Connolly.
3. Leo Gannon, Kelly's Street, on the death of his wife.
4. The relatives of the late Michael Joe Fahy.
5. The Town Clerk on the death of his uncle.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Dated this the 11th day of March, 1985.

Sean Kelly
Chairman.

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In the Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. Sean Kelly, Oliver Barrett, Brendan Donnellan, Patrick O'Loughlin, Patrick Hynes, Norman Morgan, Matthew Loughnane and Patrick J. Duane.

Attendance: Messrs John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, T/Clerk. Meeting opened with prayers.

Deputation: Before the business of the meeting was discussed, a deputation from the Cosmona Residents Association addressed the meeting. The Deputation consisted of Messrs Barry Horgan, Patrick Stubbs, John Kelly, Sean Kelly, Martin Aharne, John Dervan. The purpose of the Deputation was to protest about the itinerants parked near the level crossing at Cosmona. Mr. Stubbs made the point that apart from the nuisance and filth caused by these people they are also terrifying the residents of the area. The Deputation asked that the County Council enforce the laws relating to Planning and Control. The Deputation also requested that the speed limits be extended on this road.

The Town Clerk was instructed to inform the County Council of the objections to these people being camped at Cosmona and to request the assistance of the Gardai in trying to have the itinerants moved. Mr. Howlett undertook to inform the appropriate Sections within the County Council while the Chairman undertook to call personally on the Gardai.

The Town Clerk was instructed to write to an Bord Telecom re unfenced site to C.I.E. re repairing the gates on the level crossing.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 11/2/85 were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Donnellan.

Rising from the minutes Comm. Hynes proposed that the Dublin Government be called on to withdraw its army and police force from the British created border and that:

The finance expended to maintain that border be used for job creating, housing, health services, education and social welfare.

That the manpower presently utilised on the border be utilised to protect all Irish people from criminal activity.

Comm. O'Loughlin seconded Comm. Hynes proposal.

Comm. Donnellan stated that he had reservations regarding the proposal that he would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Dr. Duffy, Bishop of Clogher, on the statement he made regarding the Border on a recent radio programme.

Comm. Morgan opposed Comm. Hynes proposal and he proposed that the troops should not be withdrawn from the Border. Comm. Barrett seconded this proposal. A vote Comm. Hynes's proposal was carried, Comms. Hynes, O'Loughlin and Kelly voting in favour, Comm. Morgan and Barrett voting for Comms. Morgan's proposal with Comms. Donnellan and Loughnane abstaining.

Attacks on Elderly People: All Members present condemned the recent outbreaks on attacks on elderly people and on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Donnellan it was agreed to support the Taoiseach on whatever action he deems necessary to protect old people.

Refreshment Area Regional Hospital: Comm. Morgan stated that recently he visited the Regional Hospital in Galway and he was disgusted at the unhygienic condition of the refreshment area.

On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Kelly it was agreed to bring the matter to the attention of the Western Health Board.

French Visitors: The meeting was informed that a group of French visitors will be in Loughrea on July 20. The group will consist of 20 children and adults on bikes who will require camping accommodation for one night. It was decided to recommend the Long Point area to this group.

National Tree Week: It was agreed that the Chairman would assist at a tree planting ceremony during National Tree Week 16-24th March, when the trees broken by vandals during 1984 will be replaced.

A vote of Sympathy was extended to the relatives of the late Jack Staunton, Fore Street.

This concluded the business of the meeting. : Sean Kelly, Chairman.

Date: 15-4-85

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Minutes of proceedings at special meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 18/3/85, in O'Dea's Hotel, Loughrea.

In the Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly, Chairman.
Members Present: Comm. Patrick O'Loughlin, Brendan Donnellan, Matthew Loughnane, Patrick Hynes, Oliver Barrett and Norman Morgan.

In attendance: Most Rev. Dr. Joseph Cassidy, Bishop of Clonfert, John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk and J.B. Donohoe, Press Representative.

The meeting was preceded by mass in the Cathedral and a meal in O'Dea's Hotel. The mass which was said by Bishop Cassidy was offer for the deceased Town Commissioners.

The Chairman in welcoming Bishop Cassidy stated that tonight's meeting was historic insofar as it was the first time that a Bishop of Clonfert had attended a meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners. The Chairman stated that he did not wish to prolong the meeting but that he would like to thank Bishop Cassidy for coming to the meeting and also for the interest he takes in the affairs of the town. All Members, Officials and Press Representative present spoke. All were unanimous in their admiration of Bishop Cassidy and the concern he has for the town of Loughrea. All were unanimous in their praise of the success of the events of the night and Comm. O'Loughlin suggested that it should be continued on an annual basis.

Bishop Cassidy in reply thanked the Board for inviting him, he was touched he added when he had received the letter of invitation to attend tonight's happenings and he thanked the Board for bringing it to birth. Bishop Cassidy stated that a Bishop's life is a difficult one and at times they do not have the support of the community, he felt that his presence here tonight would be a further bond between himself and the people of the town through their elected representatives. Bishop Cassidy reminded the Commissioners of the important role they have in the town and added that he was concerned with the level of unemployment and lack of job opportunity in the town which are vital to keep our young people at home. In conclusion, Bishop Cassidy assured the Members that he has no ambition to leave Clonfert and that he hoped to offer a mass similar to tonight's every year.

The Chairman, thanked Bishop Cassidy, the Assistant County Manager, the Press Representative, the Town Clerk and the Management and Staff of the hotel for helping to make the night as successful as it was.

The meeting then terminated.

Dates this the 15th day of April, 1985.

Sean Kelly
Chairman.

minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 15/4/85.
In the Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly, Chairman.
Members Present: Comms. Oliver Barrett, B. Donnellan, N. Morgan, M. Loughnane, P.J. Duane, P. Hynes and P. O'Loughlin.
In Attendance: Messers J. Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, T/Clerk.
Meeting opened with prayers.
Minutes: The minutes of meetings held on the 11/3/85 and 18/3/85, which were previously circulated, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Morgan Seconded by Comm. Donnellan.

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Press Representative: Before the business of the meeting was discussed, a letter from John B. 'Bertie' Donohoe, Press Reporter was read to the meeting. During the course of his letter, Mr. Donohoe pointed out that he had consistently reported in the Press, the affairs of the Loughrea Town Commissioners for an unbroken term of 45 years. Mr. Donohoe stated in his letter, that following his report of a discussion that took place at the March meeting relating to a nuisance being caused by an encampment of itinerants at Cosmona, the Gardaí considered it necessary to pursue certain investigations. Subsequently, some matter in the said Report was complained of by Mr. Shields, Solicitor, acting on behalf of Comm. Brendan Donnellan saying that he had said the words attributed to him and demanding a retraction and a published apology on his behalf. In light of such development, Mr. Donohoe added that the whole situation with regard to the future reporting of meetings is under review.
Comm. Morgan stated that he would like to express his appreciation and thanks to Mr. Donohoe for his reporting down the years and he would like to propose that Mr. Donohoe be invited back to report on future meetings, this proposition was seconded by Comm. Donnellan. Comm. Hynes stated that he considered that Mr. Donohoe was wronged and he proposed that an apology be published in the Connacht Tribune, this proposal got no seconder.
The Town Clerk was instructed to write to Mr. Donohoe in accordance with Comm. Morgan's proposal.
Comm. Duane stated that he wished to leave the meeting and as he is not seeking re-election he would like to thank all who had supported him. Comm. Duane then left the meeting.

Correspondence: The following correspondence was read to the meeting

1. Letter from Private Secretary to the Taoiseach dated the 15/3/85, acknowledging receipt of Resolutions adopted at March meeting concerning (a) the withdrawal of troops from the border and (b) the protection of the elderly.
2. Letter from the Department of Health dated 14/3/85. This letter set out the categories of persons entitled to membership of health boards and added that representation from all urban authorities on Health Boards would render the Boards unwieldy and cumbersome.
3. Letter from Western Health Board dated 20/3/85 re complaints made at March meeting concerning refreshment facilities at the Regional Hospital, were noted and will be attended to.
4. Itinerant Encampment at Cosmona: Arising from complaints made at the March meeting the following replies were received and read.
 - a) From C.I.E. Letter dated the 26/3/85 stating that the old gates at Cosmona Level Crossing will be fenced with a rail fence to prevent access to the railway line.
 - b) Letter from Galway County Council stating that the matter was referred to its Law Agent for his advice.
 - c) Letter from Garda Síochána, Loughrea, dated the 15/3/85, stating that they had carried out investigations in this area but no offences had come to light. The Gardaí also expressed concern about an article which had appeared in the Connacht Tribune and a letter which Comm. Sean Kelly had received signed by Patrick Stubbs, both the article and the letter implied threats against the itinerants.
5. Letter from the Pastoral Care sub-committee of St. Brendans' Pastoral Council dated 9/4/85, commending the Commissioners for rescinding Part III of the Gaming & Lotteries Act.

6. Sailing Club: The Sailing Club in its letter dated 14/4/85, pointed out that the County Council had not as yet produced its plan for Development at Long Point and that the Deputy Co. Engineer, Mr. Crotty had verbally informed the Sailing Club that their clubhouse and boat park facilities must go. The Sailing Club sought the aid of the Town Commissioners in trying to obtain their proposals. Mr. Howlett informed the meeting that he had discussed the matter with the County Manager, Mr. Keating. Mr. Keating had indicated to Mr. Howlett that he, Mr. Keating is prepared to meet a deputation from the Sailing Club after Mr. Crotty has put certain proposals to the Sailing Club. It was decided to convey this information to the Sailing Club and to await further developments.

Motion submitted by Comm. Patrick Hynes: Comm. Hynes proposed the following: "That the Loughrea Town Commissioners arrange to set up a programme of Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation for the benefit of the people in Loughrea and its hinterland."

Mr. Howlett stated that the Commissioners would not have the authority to set up such a programme and added that this is something that might be done in conjunction with the Western Health Board. Comm. Barrett stated that the Lions Club have a similar project under consideration and he undertook to look up their progress and to report back to the next meeting. In view of the points made, Comm. Hynes agreed to amend his proposal to read "That the Loughrea Town Commissioners support the setting up of a programme of Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation for the benefit of the people in Loughrea and hinterland." This was seconded by Comm. Morgan and the Town Clerk was instructed to forward a copy of the resolution to the Loughrea Lions Club.

Mount Pleasant Burial Ground: Comm. Loughnane proposed that the County Council be requested to extend the hardstand at Mount Pleasant burial ground.

Tidy Towns Competition: On the proposition of Comm. Barrett seconded by Comm. Morgan it was decided to enter Loughrea in the 1985 Tidy Towns Competition.

Abstract of Accounts, 1984: The Town Clerk presented the 1984 Abstract of Accounts to the meeting. On the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Barrett the Abstract was approved.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 13th day of May, 1985.

Sean Kelly
Chairman

"St. Bride's",
Loughrea,
15th. April, 1985.

To the Loughrea Town Clerk and Loughrea Town Commissioners:-

Gentlemen, of the five statutory bodies in Co. Galway viz. The Co. Council, Galway Corporation, Ballinasloe U.D.C., Tuam T.C. and Loughrea T.C. the public proceedings of only the latter, have been reported consistently, in the Press, over the years. This situation with regard to the Loughrea Town Commissioners, is due to my deep commitment to and personal interest in the welfare of Loughrea and my resolution to promote it's interests in all and every way open to me. I have pursued steadfastly such course for an unbroken and perhaps unprecedented term of 45 years - although it is not incumbent on me to do so no more than it is on my journalistic colleagues elsewhere who apparently do not deem the affairs of their local bodies to be worthy of recording.

My undertaking in this regards was not rendered any easier since the withdrawal of your Board's statutory powers through the implementation of the Managerial Act. I have in fact, as you Gentlemen may also have had, to endure and ignore the jibes and slurs of certain people who choose to refer to your Boardroom as a 'Talking Shop' and to you yourselves as 'Parafin-Oil Politicians'. Such slights however, never deterred me from reporting your meetings nor in the task of drafting a number of Addresses to various persons and bodies, read by the Town Clerk, on your behalves, down through the years.

Following publication of my report of a discussion which took place at your March meeting relating to a nuisance being caused by an encampment of itinerants, the Garda authorities considered it necessary to pursue certain investigations. Subsequently some matter contained in said report was complained of by Messrs Shields, Solicitors acting on the instructions of Commissioner Brendan Donnellan, denying that he had uttered the words attributed to him and demanding on his behalf, a retraction and a published apology. In connection with the matter my Editor informed me that Mr. Shields had suggested that two other members of the Town Commissioners (not named) were prepared to testify that Commissioner Donnellan did not utter the words concerned.

In light of such development, the whole situation with regard to the future reporting of your Meetings is under review.

In those circumstances, I would request, with respect, that you, Mr. Town Clerk, would have the contents of this letter recorded in the official minutes of the Commissioners.

In the event of the reporting of your Board's meetings being discontinued or suspended, a permanent record of the surrounding circumstances of such suspension will be available for perusal by interested parties in the generations to come.

Although I have never sought nor claimed any kudos or distinction for the records of your affairs which I have thus compiled, during what Mr. John Howlett, Assistant Co. Manager, has kindly referred to as my unique association with your Board and it's members, an Historian of repute has assured me that the reports constitute an important social document covering as they do the life and times of Loughrea and it's people over almost two generations - from 1940 to 1985.

Yours faithfully,
B. Donohoe
John B. 'Bertie' Donohoe,
Reporter.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 13/5/85.

In the Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. Patrick O'Loughlin, Patrick Hynes, Oliver Barrett, Brendan Donnellan, Norman Morgan and Matthew Loughnane.

In attendance: Messers John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 15/4/85, having been previously circulated, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin,

Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation Programme: Arising from the minutes it was agreed on the suggestion of Comm. Hynes to request the Western Health Board to interest itself in the setting up of a Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation programme for the benefit of the people of Loughrea area.

County Council Service: Comm. Loughnane stated that he would like to thank the Co. Council Engineer and staff for the speed in which they provided a hardstand at the Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Comm. Barrett added that he would also like to compliment the Co. Council on the manner in which they carried out the repairs to the paths at Moore Street. Comm. Morgan in associating himself with these remarks referred to the practise of the binmen in leaving the bins out in the middle of the paths after emptying them and asked if they could be left in at the side. Comm. O'Loughlin made the point that time would be a factor in this matter. Comm. Donnellan stated that it is disgraceful to expect the men to handle some of the bins that are left out.

Reporting of Meetings: Mr. J.B. Donohoe, Press Reporter, stated in his letter of the 30th April last, "that he did not deem it prudent, at this remove, to resume the reporting of meetings."

After some discussion, it was unanimously agreed, on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Hynes that the Chairman and Town Clerk would approach Mr. Donohoe with a view to enticing him back to report on the meetings.

Loughrea Sailing Club: The Sailing Club in its letter of the 13th instant, informed the Meeting that they had met the Deputy Co. Engineer, Mr. Crotty and they were in general agreement with his proposals, however the County Manager was not in agreement and at a meeting on 1st May, the County Manager informed the Sailing Club that he had absolutely nothing to offer. The letter went on to say that the County Council had ordered the Sailing Club off the Long Point. The letter went on to say that the Sailing Club is to host the Provincial Championships in two weeks time.

On the proposition of Comm. Barrett it was agreed to invite the County Manager to the next meeting and if he is agreeable, two members of the Sailing Club would also be invited. The Town Clerk was also instructed to request the Co. Council to allow the Sailing Club to proceed with the Provincial Championship.

The following resolution from Ballina U.D.C. was considered by the meeting:-

"That Ballina U.D.C. call on the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Commerce to introduce legislation to regulate the closing hours of Take-Aways and Fast Food Shops."

Comm. O'Loughlin proposed that the resolution be supported and was seconded by Comm. Donnellan. Comm. Morgan proposed not to support the motion and was seconded by Comm. Barrett. On a vote it was decided to support the motion - Comms. O'Loughlin, Donnellan, Kelly and Loughnane voting for with Comms. Morgan, Barrett and Hynes voting against.

Revision of Remuneration - 24th Pay Round: The 24th Pay Round insofar as it relates to employees of the Loughrea Town Commissioners was approved. The Arbitration Report No. 103 dated 1/10/84 was approved insofar as it relates to the Town Clerk.

The above increases were approved on the proposition of Comm. Morgan, seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin.

Radio: Mr. Howlett informed the meeting that R.T.E. had invited the County Manager to submit suggestions regarding the operation of Local Radio. The County Manager had suggested the system which was used recently in Limerick, i.e. a broadcasting station in Limerick City with link ups to outlying towns. The meeting approved of this suggestion.

Proposition submitted by Comm. Loughnane:-

"That Loughrea Town Commissioners paint the concrete railings around the Fairgreen."

Comm. Hynes pointed out that this is County Council property.

Comm. Morgan seconded the proposal and it was decided to forward it to County Council.

Comm. Donnellan referred to all the development taking place at the Long Point and he added that the time is now opportune to commence development in the Fairgreen area as this is the area of the town that has the highest young population.

I will be asking the Assistant County Manager what plans he has for the old unused weighbridge on the Fairgreen."

Howlett stated that this matter was raised at a recent meeting of County Council and its removal is under consideration. The meeting was unanimous in its approval.

Propositions submitted by Comm. Patrick Hynes.

"As 1985 is designated International Youth Year and as Loughrea has now absolutely no job prospects for the 1000 students attending local schools and colleges, I move that we as the Town's elected body give the lead needed in seeking a solution to this pressing problem." Moving this motion, Comm. Hynes made reference to the possibility of a heat processing plant and some type of timber industry as being a deal with a full supply of raw material available in the area. His motion was seconded by Comm. Kelly.

"I move that as Summer is now here that we press for the immediate completion of the toilet and additional facilities so long left undone at the Long Point"

Howlett informed the meeting that this work is in progress at present and will be completed during the summer.

"That we the Town Commissioners congratulate the members of the Loughrea Handball Club on their recent All-Ireland success and that we congratulate also the pupils of the St. Raphael's College on their quite remarkable series of All-Ireland and Provincial success in sports championships." His motion was passed unanimously.

Election Candidates: Comms. Morgan and Loughnane were wished every success in their quest for election to Galway County Council.

Black Spots: The Town Clerk was instructed to bring the following to the attention of the Town Engineer:-

The danger of emerging from Coy's Boreen onto the Gort Road.
The dangerous state of the roadside wall at Mount Pleasant Housing Estate.

i. The dangerous state of the wall at Mattie Quinn's at Masonbrook.

Vandalism: In view of the amount of vandalism which occurs in the town at night or early morning, it was decided on the proposition of Comm. Barrett seconded by Comm. O'Loughlin to request the Minister for Justice to provide a 24 hour garda service.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Resolved this the 10th day of May, 1985.

Sean Kelly
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 10/6/85.

In the Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. Matt Loughnane, Patrick Hynes, Cliver Barrett, Brendan Donnellan, Patrick O'Loughlin and Norman Morgan.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting, copies of which were previously circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Barrett seconded by Comm. Hynes.

Meat Processing Plant: Arising from the minutes, Comm. Hynes proposed that the Town Clerk write to the management of the Loughrea Livestock Mart enquiring about the possibility of having a meat processing plant provided in Loughrea.

Forestry Development: Comm. Hynes proposed that the Town Clerk write to the Forestry Division at Galway regarding the development of the forestry industry in the Loughrea area.

Long Point: The Town Clerk informed the meeting that work on the dressing rooms and toilets at the Long Point is ongoing and it is hoped to have them completed in the near future.

Comm. Donnellan stated that he had received a number of complaints regarding people cycling on the promenade. The Town Clerk pointed out that notices prohibiting cycling are erected at the Long Point. Comm. Morgan stated that he is considering availing of the Social Employment Scheme whereby a grant of £70 per week is available, under this scheme park attendants could be provided for all the parks in Loughrea.

Fair Green: Comm. Donnellan stated that the development of the Fair Green as a park should be pursued. Comm. Morgan pointed out that the green is not safe and that the road which bisects it should be closed. In reply to Comm. Hynes, the Town Clerk stated that the County Council has this area under review for improvement.

Reporting of Meetings: The Chairman informed the meeting that the Town Clerk and himself had called on the press representative, Mr. Bertie Donohoe and had endeavoured to impress on Mr. Donohoe that it was the unanimous wish of the Members that he would resume attending their meetings. Both the Chairman and the Town Clerk were confident that Mr. Donohoe will in the not too distant future, return to the meetings.

Garda Service: The Department of Justice in its letter dated 29/5/85 pointed out that the arrangements for the policing of particular areas are a matter for the Garda authorities and consequently they had referred the Town Commissioners request for a 24 hour Garda service in Loughrea to them.

Sailing Club: The County Manager in his letter dated 23/5/85 informed the meeting that he had recently received representatives of the Loughrea Sailing Club. This meeting had taken place in the context of the County Manager understanding that the Sailing Club had no legal rights or title in respect of the land at the Long Point. At the commencement of the meeting the Sailing Club claimed an interest at which point the Sailing Club were informed that discussions would proceed no further. The matter of the club's claim is now in the hands of the Council's Solicitors. The Chairman informed the meeting that he had recent discussions with the County Manager and as a result of these discussions he had called on Mr. Gerard McInerney, President of the Sailing Club. As a result of these discussions the Chairman added that he has every confidence that this matter will be resolved.

Comm. Loughnane excused himself from the meeting.

Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation Programme: The Western Health Board acknowledged receipt of the Board's request for a Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation Programme for the Loughrea District.

DOUAI Boys' Choir: The meeting was informed that the Douai Boys' Choir is planning to tour the south of Ireland in July 86 and they are investigating the possibility of performing in Loughrea. Comm. Morgan stated that he hopes to bring the Palestrina Choir to Loughrea around the same time and he felt that if both choirs were in Loughrea in or around the same time that they would detract from each other. Comm. Barrett stated that he would like to discuss the matter with the Choral Society and promised to keep Comm. Morgan informed of any developments.

Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland: The meeting was informed that the Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland will take place in Kilrush on 17th, 18th and 19th of September next that Motions must be submitted by the 16th July next. The proposition of Comm. Hynes seconded by Comm. Kelly it was decided to submit the following motion: "That the British Government withdraw its army from Northern Ireland and recognise the right of the Irish people to self determination."

Meeting with Bishop: The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the bishop, Rev. Dr. Joseph Cassidy had issued an invitation to the Members and Officials to visit him in Curheen on Thursday next at 8/30 p.m. Some of the Members and Officials were not available on that date, it was agreed to defer the visit for the present.

Nuisance at Bride Street: Comm. Kelly referred to a nuisance being caused at Bride Street by a sewerage overflowing. The sewerage serves the house occupied by Mr. Gerard Corben. The Town Clerk stated that the Town Engineer had reported on the matter to the County Council. Comm. Kelly had Mr. Howlett to investigate the matter and to get whoever is responsible to repair the problem.

Complaint at Donnellan Drive: Comm. Kelly stated that he had received a complaint from Mrs. Mary Conlon that Co. Council employees had cut some of her trees at Donnellan Drive. The Town Clerk stated that complaints were received in the local Co. Council office re low branches on trees at Donnellan Drive, in cutting the Co. Council trees the workers had mistakenly felled some trees the property of Mrs. Conlon. The Town Clerk added that he had sought the advice of the Horticultural Adviser and was assured that permanent damage was done.

Comm. Hynes brought the following matters to the attention of Mr. Howlett:

The unsightly state of the vacant site at Donnellan Drive. The Town Clerk was instructed to write to Mrs. Carty, Gort Road, who is the owner of this site.
Speed Limit at Cosmona: That the speed limit at Cosmona be moved out to the level crossing. Comm. Barrett pointed out that this was approved in 1982 but was not yet done.
That walls be provided around the front of all the houses at Fahy Gardens, Loughrea.
That extra lighting be provided at Bohercom.

Thanks: Mr. Howlett stated that as this is the last meeting of the existing Board, he wished to avail of the opportunity to thank the Chairman and Members for their help and co-operation during their term of office and wished them every success in the forthcoming election. The Chairman thanked the Members for their co-operation during his term of office and a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the Assistant County Manager, Town Clerk, Town Engineer and County Council Staff, Mr. Bertie Donohoe, Press Representative, the I.D.A. and Co. Dev. Team and anyone who had helped to further the interest of Loughrea during the past 6 years. On the suggestion of Comm. Morgan the Town Clerk was instructed to convey the Board's thanks to Mr. Donohoe. The Chairman stated that he would like to pay special tribute to Comm. O'Loughlin who is not seeking re-election. Comm. O'Loughlin was a dedicated Member of the Board and he wished him well in his retirement. Comm. O'Loughlin stated that he had enjoyed his term on the Board, however he has other commitments and cannot devote the time to the Commissioners, he wished the Board well and thanked the Members and Officials for their help and co-operation during his term of office. The Town Clerk thanked all of the Members for their kind remarks and wished them well in the forthcoming election.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 8th day of July, 1985.

Norman Morgan
Chairman.