

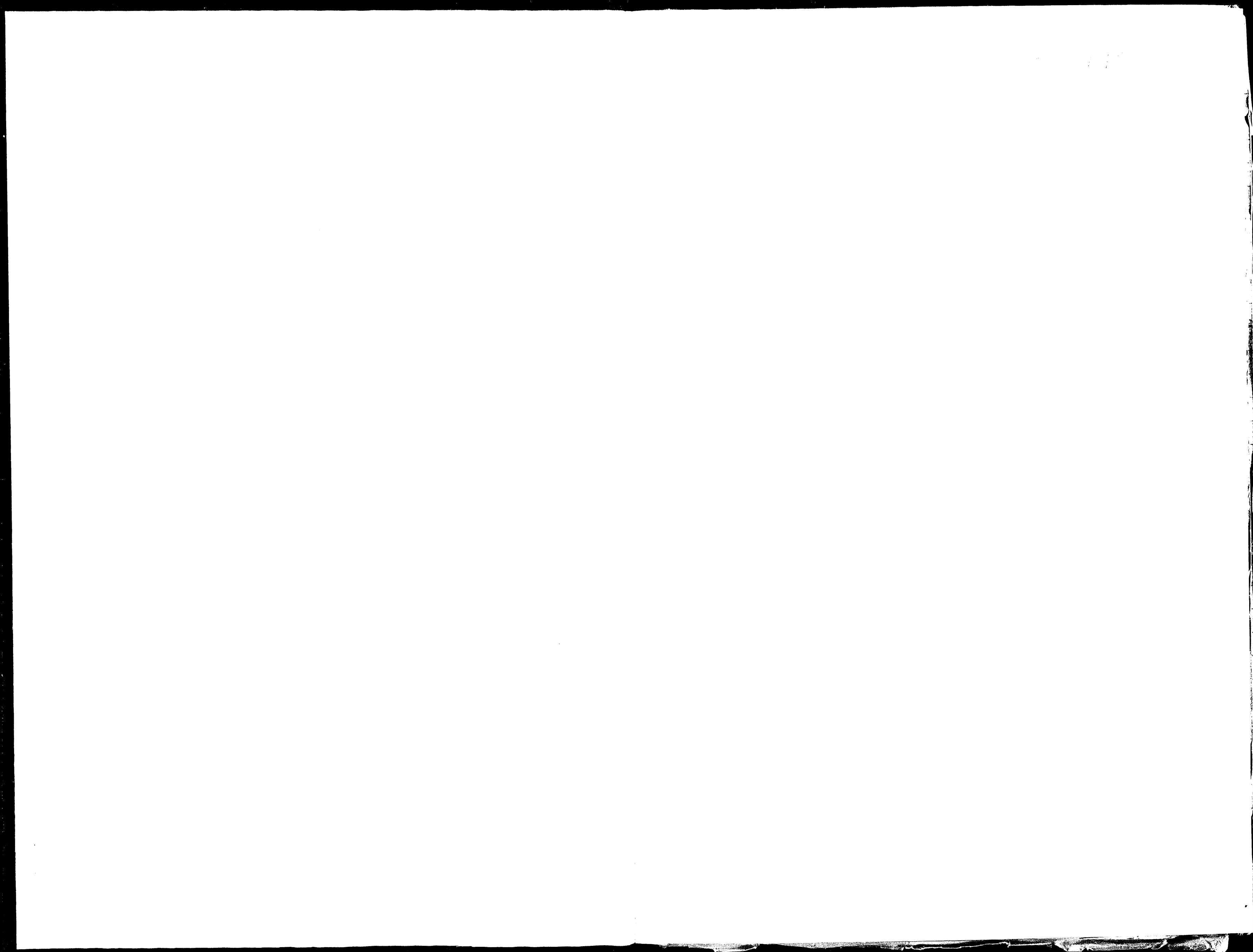


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Minutes of proceedings at the Annual Meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 1/7/85.

Members Present: Comms. Sean Kelly, Pat Hynes Sinn Fein, Mrs. Perlie McNally-Fullard, Norman Morgan, John Reilly, Oliver Barrett, Matt Loughnane, Gabriel Burke and Brendan Donnellan.
In attendance: John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.

The outgoing Chairman, Comm. Kelly opened the meeting by welcoming the new members to the Board, he paid particular tribute to Comm. Mrs. McNally-Fullard on being the first lady elected to the Board.
Comm. Kelly went on to say that before the business of the meeting got underway he would like to propose a vote of sympathy and observe a minute's silence as a mark of respect to Comm. Pat Hynes Sinn Fein on the death of his brother, Comm. Matt Loughnane on the death of his aunt, Mrs. Sweeney and the Heaverty family, Killimor on the death of Eddie Heaverty. Comm. Morgan in seconding the proposal paid tribute to the contribution which these people had made to the people of Loughrea.
All members and officials present associated themselves with the sentiments expressed and one minutes silence was observed.

Election of Chairperson: There were two proposals for the position of Chairperson:
Comm. Morgan was proposed by Comm. Hynes Sinn Fein and seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard.

Comm. Kelly was proposed by Comm. Donnellan and seconded by Comm. Burke.
A vote was taken and resulted as follows:

For Comm. Morgan: Comms. Morgan, Hynes Sinn Fein, McNally-Fullard, Barrett and Reilly. 5 votes.

For Comm. Kelly: Comms. Kelly, Donnellan, Burke and Loughnane. 4 votes.
Comm. Morgan was declared elected.

Comm. Morgan thanked his proposer and seconder and the members who voted for him, he welcomed the new members and added that his wish is for the Board to work in harmony for the good of Loughrea. Comm. Morgan said that he hoped that he would wear the Chain of Office with dignity and respect during the year. He congratulated Comm. Loughnane on his election to the County Council saying that when he himself was not elected he was delighted that Comm. Loughnane was.

Comm. Kelly thanked his proposer and seconder and the members who had voted for him. He assured Comm. Morgan of his help and co-operation for the coming year. Comm. Kelly stated that he wished to be associated with the vote of congratulations to Comm. Loughnane. Comm. Kelly went on to say that he wished to thank the members for their co-operation during his term as Chairman and he also wished to thank the Asst. Co. Manager, the Town Clerk and the Press for their assistance.

Comm. Loughnane thanked the members for their good wishes and said that he wished to acknowledge the help which he had received towards his election on the transfer of Comm. Morgan's votes.

Election of Vice-Chairperson: On the proposition of Comm. Barrett seconded by Comm. Reilly, Comm. McNally-Fullard was unanimously elected Vice-Chairperson. Comm. McNally-Fullard thanked her proposer and seconder and the meeting for electing her.

Delegates to the Association of Municipal Authorities: Mr. Howlett said that he wished to congratulate the members on being elected and he welcomed the new members. With regard to the election of two delegates to the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland, Mr. Howlett pointed out that under new legislation, any group of 5 members could appoint one delegate and the other delegate would be elected by the remaining members, with the Chairman having a deciding vote in the event of a tie vote.

On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Barrett, Comms. Kelly and Hynes Sinn Fein were unanimously appointed as delegates to the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland.

Delegate to the Fire Brigades Advisory Committee: Comms. Donnellan and Hynes Sinn Fein expressed reservations regarding the appointment of a delegate to this Committee, both making the point that the Committee never hold meetings. Mr. Howlett stated that the Tuam Town Commissioners had similar thoughts but made the appointment and also decided to sent a letter of protest to the County Council. Mr. Howlett added that he intends to bring this matter to the attention of the County Manager.

Comm. Kelly made the point that if a delegate is not appointed and

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decision is taken which effects Loughrea, then we might regret not being represented on the Committee. In view of the point made by Comm. Loughnane, both Comms. Donnellan and Hynes Sinn Fein withdrew their objections to making the appointment.
Comm. Loughnane was unanimously appointed as delegate on the proposition of Comm. Barrett seconded by Comm. Hynes Sinn Fein.

Time of Monthly Meeting: On the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Barrett it was unanimously agreed to hold the monthly meeting on the second Monday of every month at 7/30 p.m.

Attendance at Meetings: The Chairman stated that he wished to point out, especially for the benefit of the new members, that should a member be absent without being excused, from six consecutive meetings, they automatically lost their seat.

Motions for Monthly Meetings: The Chairman also informed the meeting that motions for the monthly meetings should be with the Town Clerk on the Monday prior to the meeting and that each member is restricted to three motions per meeting.

Meeting concluded the business of the meeting.

Norman Morgan signed this the 8th day of July, 1985

Norman Morgan
Chairperson.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 8/7/85. 2

In the Chair: Comm. Norman Morgan, Chairman.
Members Present: Comm. Mrs. P. McNally-Fullard, John Reilly, Sean Kelly, Gabriel Burke, Brendan Donnellan, Pat Hynes Sinn Fein, Oliver Barrett and Matthew Loughnane.
In Attendance: Messrs J. Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, Lexis Marmion, T/Clerk.
Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 10/6/85 and the annual Meeting held on the 1/7/85, 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.
Vote of Sympathy: Before the business of the meeting was discussed, Comm. Barrett proposed that a minute silence be observed as a mark of respect to the memory of the late John Burke, father of Comm. Gabriel Burke, this was seconded by Comm. Kelly.
The Chairman, members and officials present all associated themselves with the vote of sympathy and paid tribute to the services which the late Johnnie Burke had rendered to Loughrea during his term with Galway Co. Co.

Matters arising from the minutes:
Meat Processing Plant: In reply to Comm. Hynes, the Town Clerk stated that he had received no communication from the management of Loughrea Livestock Mart regarding the provision of a meat processing plant in Loughrea.
Employment in the Forestry Industry: The Town Clerk informed Comm. Hynes that he had not received a reply from the Forestry Division regarding the development of forestry related industry in Loughrea.

Site at Donnellan Drive: Comm. Hynes referred to the unsightly site at Donnellan Drive and he proposed that the Town Clerk gain contact the owner regarding the cleaning of this site. Comm. Barrett seconded this proposal. Comm. Donnellan stated that he understood that if the footpath was cleaned up the residents would be satisfied. Comm. Burke made the point that the owner of the site was not responsible for dumping that had taken place on the site.

Fahy Garden Houses: Comm. Hynes referred to the senior citizen houses at Fahy Gardens and said that some of these houses have not got dividing walls to the front. Comm. Hynes asked Mr. Howlett to investigate the possibility of having walls provided in these houses.

Public Lighting: Mr. Howlett informed the meeting that money is not available for additional public lighting. The Town Clerk was instructed to request additional public lights at Bohercom.

Garda Patrols: The Department of Justice in its letter dated 2/7/85, stated that the Loughrea Garda station is manned on a 24-hour basis and that arrangements exist to deal with any emergency which might arise. The letter further stated that the local Garda Officers consider that the present patrolling arrangements make the best use of available resources and that it would not be feasible to provide 24 hour patrolling from the local station.

Motions submitted by Comm. Morgan:

- i) "That the road which runs through 'The Green' public park be closed and traffic diverted northwards from the Boathouse."
This motion was seconded by Comm. Hynes Sinn Fein.
Comms. Barrett, Donnellan and Loughnane expressed the opinion that this motion together with Comm. Morgan's motion regarding the development of a car-park should be considered in the context of an overall plan for this area.
- ii) "That the area east of the Pound be developed as a Car park to facilitate those using The Green, the Courthouse and businesses at the West end of Loughrea."
This motion was seconded by Comm. Hynes Sinn Fein.

Motion No. 3.
"That 5 Council Workers be assigned as Park Keepers, one to each of the following: Garrybreed Park and Cemetery; The Walk; The Long Point and Knockanina Park; The Green and Childrens' Playground; Mount Pleasant Cemetery; for the Summer season each year."
Comm. Morgan stated that since he had submitted this proposal he had had discussions with Mr. Dwyer from National Manpower and he is now considering having this work carried out under a National Manpower Scheme. Mr. Howlett stated that this might qualify as a Social Employment Scheme but might be best suited as a County Council scheme.
Comm. Morgan deferred the motion pending further discussions with National Manpower and Galway County Council.

Motions submitted by Comm. McNally-Fullard:

Motion No. 1.
"That an ambulance be provided for emergency calls at night."
Comm. McNally-Fullard in moving this motion explained how recently when a patient from Loughrea had suffered a massive heart attack during the night, the patient was brought to Galway in the front of a car as there was no ambulance available.
The motion was seconded by Comm. Loughnane and passed unanimously.

Motion No. 2.
"Recommend to the Co. Council to have the wall between Fahy Gardens and Anthony Road raised by 2 feet."
Comm. McNally-Fullard stated that the people from Fahy Gardens are constantly crossing into the back of the Anthony Road houses and dumping rubbish over the wall.
This motion was seconded by Comm. Donnellan and passed unanimously.

Motion No. 3.
"That a Pedestrian Crossing be provided on Main Street, Loughrea."
Comm. McNally-Fullard stated that old people are terrified trying to cross the Main Street and agreed that a site near the Post Office would be suitable for a pedestrian crossing.
The motion was seconded by Comm. Loughnane and passed unanimously.
Comm. Donnellan in supporting the motion stated that it is now almost impossible to cross the roadway at the Westbridge and he proposed that traffic lights be erected there, this was seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard and passed unanimously.

Motions submitted by Comm. Barrett:

Motion No. 1.
"That Loughrea Fair Green be developed as an amenity area."
This motion was ~~passed~~ seconded by Comm. Donnellan and passed unanimously.

Motion No. 2.
"That the Speed Limits agreed February 1983 be put into effect."
Mr. Howlett explained that these proposals were submitted to the Department. The Department are now looking for maps and this is being done.

Motion No. 3.
"That the car park at Barrack Street be cleared of derelict cars etc."
This motion was seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard and it was also agreed to request the County Council to remove the sand and concrete mixer from the car-park and to erect a barrier at the regulation height to prevent caravans etc. from parking in the car-park.

Fahy Gardens: The Chairman read a letter which he had received just prior to the meeting requesting the County Council to ensure that the tenants at No. 57 house Fahy Gardens observe the terms of their tenancy agreement just as the other tenants observe their own agreements. The letter went on to outline disturbances which had taken place recently in the estate and alleged that the tenant of house No 57 has absolutely no respect for law or order. Mr. Howlett stated that he is prepared to bring the matter to the attention of the Solicitor, the question of law enforcement Mr. Howlett added is a matter for the Gardai.

Fire Brigades Advisory Committee: Comm. Loughnane informed the meeting that the County Manager had stated recently at a Co. Council meeting that the reason why the Fire Brigades Advisory Committee had not met was because some of the personnel were drafted to hold out in other areas. It is now planned to have more regular meetings and Comm. Loughnane proposed that the County Council be asked to carry out the planned development at the Loughrea Fire Station. Comm. Morgan seconded this proposal.

Vote of Congratulations: Comm. Morgan stated that Supt. J.F. Carty had just retired as Superintendent in the Loughrea area and he proposed a vote of congratulations to him. Comm. Barrett seconded this proposal. The Chairman added that the people of Loughrea appreciated the work which Supt. Carty achieved in Loughrea and wished him and his wife well. The members and officials present associated themselves with the sentiment expressed.

Polling Stations ect.: Comm. Donnellan made the point that a ramp would be desirable at the Convent N.S. to help disabled people overcome the steps inside the school door. This had the unanimous support of the meeting. Comm. Donnellan also stated that he felt that husband and wife, if they so desired, should be allowed to help each other voting. This thought received a mixed reception from the meeting.

Comm. Hynes referred to alleged irregularities at St. Brendan's Home on polling day. A relative of a patient had complained to Comm. Hynes that the patient was taken out in the rain to vote, this patient was dressed only in a pygamas, others were told how to vote. Comm. Morgan stated that he had heard of patients getting marked cards informing them how to vote. The Town Clerk made the point that he had visited this polling station twice during the day, he had not observed any irregularities and had got no complaints, he reminded the members that there is law for dealing with abuses and people should not be making anonymous accusations in view of the implications involved. Comm. Donnellan made the point that the Presiding Officer and a member of the Garda are present at all Polling Stations to ensure that voting is carried out in a proper manner. Comm. Hynes Sinn Fein also complained that names appeared on the Register of Electors that should not be there and names were missing that should be on. Comm. Loughnane agreed that mistakes do occur and he proposed that the Register of Electors be computerised on a national basis thereby ensuring that a persons name will not appear on two registers. Comm. Barrett seconded this proposal.

Toilet Facilities at Court House: Comm. Donnellan stated that there are no toilet facilities, for the general public, at the Courthouse in Loughrea. He proposed that the County Council be asked to provide a separate toilet for the general public. Comm. Morgan seconded this proposal.

Handball Club: Comm. Burke complimented the Handball Club on the completion of its improvements to the local handball alley and he congratulated the club on its achievement. This was seconded by Comm. Loughnane.

Dangerous Trees: Comm. Burke referred to overhanging trees on the property of a Mr. Mitchell at Cross Street, Loughrea. Comm. Burke added that these trees are extremely dangerous and he proposed that the problem be brought to the attention of Galway Co. Council.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Dated this the 9th day of September, 1985.

Mark Loughnane
Chairman.

Minutes of special meeting held in the Fire Station, on the 11/7/85.
In the Chair: Comm. Norman Morgan, Chairman, Loughrea Town Commissioners.
Present: Messrs John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, John Crotty, Deputy County Engineer, William Malone, Town Engineer, Seamus O'Dwyer, National Manpower, Comm. Berlie McNally-Fullard, Oliver Barrett, Sean Kelly, Gabriel Burke, Pat Hynes Sinn Fein, and Alexis Morrison, Town Clerk.

The Chairman in opening the meeting stated that the meeting was called as a result of a motion which he had submitted to a recent meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners requesting that caretakers be appointed to five parks in Loughrea, The Green, Long Point, Garrybreeda Park and Cemetery, The Walk and Mount Pleasant Burial Ground. Comm. Morgan stated that he wished to see an attendant in each of these areas wearing a distinctive badge or uniform and he hoped that this will happen through a Social Employment Scheme whereby a person receives £70 per week for working a 20 week.

Mr. Howlett stated that he had discussed the matter with Mr. Crotty, two schemes for the Loughrea Engineering area are at present awaiting sanction from the Department of Labour. Mr. Howlett added that another scheme could be drawn up incorporating the Chairman's proposals provided that it did not overlap with routine maintenance work.

Mr. Crotty gave details of the schemes which are with the Department. Mr. Crotty went on to say that Social Employment Schemes a best suited towards improvement works, but certain difficulties could arise regarding caretakers or litter wardens.

Mr. Malone explained that in recent times, as a result of redundancies and retirements, approximately 6 workers had left the Town Gang, all work gangs are mobile and as required gangs are moved into town.

Comm. Barrett asked if an overall plan for the Fair Green was drawn up, could it be carried out under a Social Service Scheme. Mr. Crotty said that this could be done and is far more suitable for this type of scheme than Park attendants or litter wardens, which might not be acceptable.

Mr. Dwyer agreed that improvements works are more suitable for this type of scheme, he did however make the point that if the park schemes were submitted, the local trade unions is the group most likely to turn them down especially if it was considered that this work is normally done by County Council employees.

The meeting agreed that the County Council should submit a scheme whereby the five areas namely, The Green, The Long Point, Garrybreedia, The Walk and Mount Pleasant Burial Ground, would each have a caretaker.

Mr. Crotty further agreed to have a plan drawn up for the Fair Green area and to submit it to the Department of Labour for consideration as a Social Employment Scheme.

Comm. Morgan asked Mr. Crotty to bear in mind while the plan for the development of the Fair Green is drawn up, that the Town Commissioners at their last meeting, unanimously passed a resolution calling for the closure of the road through the Green and the development of a car-park on the east end of the Green.

Ballinakill Burial Ground: In reply to a query from Comm. Barrett, Mr. Crotty stated that he is not familiar with any proposal to provide a new burial ground or extend the existing burial ground in Ballinakill.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 9th day of September, 1985.

Mark Loughnane
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 9/9/85.

Members Present: Comms. Pat Hynes-Sinn Fein, John Reilly, Matthew Loughnane, Gabriel Burke. Comm. Oliver Barrett arrived after the Minutes were signed.
In attendance: Messrs Edward Gleeson, Acting Dist. Co. Manager and Denis Sheridan, Town Clerk.

Resolutions were received from the following: Comm. Marie McHally-Fullard, Sean Kelly and Brendan Bonnellan.
Meeting opened with prayers.

Chairperson: In the absence of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, Comm. Loughnane was elected to the Chair on the proposition of Comm. Burke and seconded by himself. Comm. Hynes Sinn Fein was proposed for the Chair by Comm. Reilly but had no seconded. There were four members present at the time.

Minutes: The Minutes of meetings held on the 11/7/85 and the 11/7/85, copies of which were previously circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Burke seconded by Comm. Reilly.

Business arising from the Minutes:

I. Meat processing industry: In reply to Comm. Hynes Sinn Fein, the Town Clerk stated that he had not received any correspondence from Loughrea East regarding the setting up of a meat processing plant in Loughrea.

Correspondence: The following correspondence was read to the meeting.

1. Letter from ex Superintendent J.P. Carty, thanking the Commissioners for their good wishes on his retirement and expressing his thanks to the people of Loughrea and district for their help and assistance over the past 10 years.
2. Timber industry: The Dept. of Fisheries & Forestry in its letter of the 10/7/85 stated that sawmilling capacity is nationally more than adequate vis-a-vis the availability of log supply both currently and for several years ahead. As regards pulpwood processing an ongoing dialogue exists between the Department and the I.D.A. Having regard to the current level of supplies the creation of a new pulpwood processing unit is not envisaged in the immediate future.

Comm. Hynes Sinn Fein commented that this was not a very positive reply and added that people responsible for job creation would want to keep an eye on Loughrea.

3. Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation Programme: Mr. C.F. Crowley, Programme Manager, Western Health Board stated in his letter of the 12/8/85 that he had discussed the setting up of a Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation Programme for the benefit of the people of Loughrea and district with some of the Consultants. Mr. Crowley pointed out in his letter that people requiring cardio pulmonary resuscitation would normally be dealt with initially by G.P. Where such a patient requires hospital attention this would be available at both the Regional Hospital and Merlin Park.
Comm. Hynes stated that what he had in mind was the setting up of a programme commencing at school age, whereby people could have an opportunity of being trained in resuscitation.

4. Night Ambulance Service for Loughrea: The Department of Health in its letter of the 20/8/85 stated that there is an ambulance service in Loughrea from 9 a.m. to 1 a.m. on the following morning. Emergency calls between 1 a.m. and 9 a.m. are dealt with by Galway or Ballinasloe. In 1981 the number of emergencies in Loughrea was 19 and the Health Board feel that having regard to the present financial situation, that there would be no justification for the restoration of the night ambulance service in Loughrea at a cost of approximately £4,000 per annum.

In reply to Comm. Hynes Sinn Fein, the Town Clerk stated that the Board could not pay this money out of its own funds. Comm. Barrett proposed that the Lions Club be asked to try to raise this money and was seconded by Comm. Reilly.

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With regard to the allegation that a patient had to be rushed to hospital in a car as there was no ambulance available, as there was no name or date given the Health Board could not investigate same. On the suggestion of Comm. Barrett this was deferred to the next meeting to enable Comm. McHally-Fullard to be present.

Fahy Garden Houses: The Co. Council informed the meeting that it has no money available to raise the wall between Fahy Garden houses and the houses on Henry Road.

Mr. Gleeson also stated that money is not available to provide walls around the old Galway Water works. All the Commissioners present had appealed to Mr. Gleeson to review this matter, Mr. Gleeson undertook to have another look at the problem but he offered little hope.
Comm. Burke stated that he will submit a motion to the next meeting regarding the tenants of No. 57 house.

Wair Green: In reply to Comm. Barrett the Town Clerk stated that he had received no report on the proposal to close the road through the Wair Green.

Motions submitted by Comm. Loughnane:

I. "That Galway County Council carry out such works as would make safe the road from Cross Street to Mount Pleasant Cemetery."
This motion was seconded by Comm. Reilly and was supported by all of the members present.

2. "That all footpaths in the town unrosted and then roughly filled in by Bord Telecom be replaced forthwith."

Motion seconded by Comm. Reilly and passed unanimously.
Comm. Reilly requested that the Town Engineer inspect the path outside Rafferty's shop at Westbridge.

Motions for Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities: It was agreed that any member wishing to comment on motions submitted for the Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities, should make contact with the Board's delegates.

Well at Cottage Hill: Comm. Hynes asked if the County Council could do anything about a wall that has fallen at Cottage Hill. The wall is the property of Michael Kelly and it has fallen as a result of roadworks in the area. The Town Clerk stated that the Co. Council is investigating the matter. Mr. Gleeson stated that he will enquire into the problem.

Special Pay Award: In accordance with Circular Letter EL 17/85, the special pay award for certain grades of local authority employees was approved in respect of the Town Clerk on the proposition of Comm. Barrett seconded by Comm. Reilly.

Disabled Persons Maintenance Allowance: On the proposition of Comm. Loughnane seconded by Comm. Barrett, it was agreed to call on the Minister for Health to have the Disabled Persons Maintenance Allowance paid on the same principle as Old Age Pensions.

All Ireland Tickets: Comm. Barrett proposed a vote of thanks to the Town Clerk for applying for tickets for the All-Ireland hurling final. Comm. Hynes seconded the proposal.

Vote of Congratulations: A vote of congratulations was passed with the Girls Volleyball team on its success in the Community Games at Mosney. The Galway Junior Football team was also congratulated on its All-Ireland success, proposed by Comm. Burke seconded by Comm. Loughnane.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 14th day of October, 1985.

Norman Morgan
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at a special meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held in the Temperance Hall on Monday 4th November, 1985.

Present:

Town Commissioners: Comms. Norman Morgan, Brendan Donnellan, John Reilly, Pat Hynes-Sinn Fein, Oliver Barrett, Mrs. Perlie McNally, Fullard, Gabriel Burke and Matthew Loughnane.
Public Representatives: Messrs Paul Connaughton, T.D., Minister for State, Noel Treacy, T.D. Michael Kitt, T.D. Sen. Ulick Burke, C.C. Sent Tom Hussey, C.C. Joe Lambert, C.C., Michael Fahy, C.C. Martin Lynch, C.C.
Chamber of Commerce: Gerard McInerney, Tony Leahy.
Officials: John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, Brian Callagy, B.E. Planning Officer, Joe Kinneen, B.E. Road Design, W. Malone, B.E. Town Engineer, Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.

Press Representative: J.B. Donohoe.

Others: Mrs. Mary O'Neill, Mrs. Carmel King, Joe Greene.

The meeting was chaired by Comm. Norman Morgan, Chairman Loughrea Town Commissioners.

The Chairman in welcoming the people to the meeting stated that the purpose of the meeting is to discuss the proposed bye-pass road and also the lack of industry in Loughrea, the Chairman added that he proposed confining discussion to these two matters. Comm. Loughnane made the point that the Plan for Loughrea will be discussed at a County Council meeting on Friday next and he asked that all aspects of the Plan be discussed. This was acceptable to the meeting.

The Chairman called on Mr. Callagy to introduce the Draft Plan.

Mr. Callagy stated that the Plan is divided into three parts.

Part I. Introduction: Which dealt with the back ground to the plan.

Part 2. Survey and Analysis; Dealing with Town Structure, Population, Housing, Water and Sewerage supply, Roads, Education, Amenities and Conservation.

Part 3 Development Policy: Which outlines the General Policy, Strategic Objectives and Detail Objectives of the Draft Plan.

Mr. Howlett stated that the Draft Plan when approved, will be on display for 3 months during which time submissions and objections will be considered

Mr. Kinneen stated that his brief was to produce a final design for the By-Pass road, this he had done, the Bye-Pass was adopted by the County Council in 1983 and it is now with the Department of the Environment awaiting approval.

Comm. Morgan referred to 13 vested Co. Council houses at Cosmona and made the point that an accommodating road should be provided to serve the building sites at the rear of these houses.

Comm. Hynes Sinn-Fein asked if any survey was carried out to determine the effect the bye-pass road will have on the business of the town, Mr. Kinneen in reply stated that this was not part of his brief.

Mr. McInerney stated that as the bye-pass road is already adopted it is now futile to be discussing same. His fears for the business of the town now lies in the danger of businesses springing up along the bye-pass road and he would like some assurance that this would not happen. Mr. Leahy supported Mr. McInerney on this line of thinking. Mr. Kinneen stated that the bye-pass road will be a limited access road and as such, planning applications will have difficulty in succeeding along this route. Clc. Loughnane and Lambert assured the meeting that they will not support any Section 4 that might arise along this route, while Clc. Michael Fahy stated that he would not support any Section 4 that would hinder the people of Loughrea.

Sen. Burke referred to the adoption of the plan for the bye-pass road in 1983 and enquired from the Town Clerk if in fact the plans were put on display at that time and if they were, was there much interest shown in them. The Town Clerk in reply stated that the Plans were on display and approximately 5 or 6 people had called to inspect them.

Clc. Tracy, T.D. complimented the Officials for keeping the bye-pass road as near as possible to the town and suggested that the town and its lake be well signposted along the route.

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Clc. Lambert asked if the bye-pass road will be subject to a special speed limit. Mr. Kinneen in reply stated that the signposting will be taken care of but that it is not envisaged to have a special speed limit in operation. Mr. Kinneen went on to say that the plans for the bye-pass are with the Department, there is 2.3 miles of road involved at an estimated cost of 1.2 million pounds.

Clc. Lynch and Loughnane expressed reservations about the number of junctions at Cosmona, while Comm. Morgan suggested making a roadway out of the old railway line from the level crossing up by the mart. Comm. Hynes Sinn Fein referred to a handout distributed by B. O'Malley & Co. Auctioneers, in which it was suggested that the gardens of premises situated along the Main Street, are available for sale or lease as a car-park, there are three premises involved with a combined area of 75,000 sq.ft. Mr. O'Malley in his hand-out, claims that if this area was developed as a car-park it would eliminate the need for the bye-pass. Comm. Hynes-Sinn-Fein proposed that the County Council examine this proposition and was seconded by Comm. Morgan.

At this point the Public Representatives ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ assured the meeting that they would be available at all reasonable times for further discussion and asked to be excused from the meeting.

The Chairman thanked the people for coming and stated that when the people have had an opportunity to study the plan a further public meeting will be held.

the meeting then terminated.

Signed this the ^{11th} day of November, 1985.

Norman Morgan
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 14/10/85.

In the Chair: Comm. Norman Morgan, Chairman.
Members Present: Comms. P. McNally-Fullard, Gabriel Burke, Pat Hynes-Sinn Fein, John Reilly, Matthew Loughnane, Brendan Donnellan and Oláver Barrett.
In attendance: Messers John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion Town Clerk.
Apology: Comm. Sean Kelly apologised for his absence.
Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 9/9/85 were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Loughnane seconded by Comm. Burke. The minutes were previously circulated to each member.

Arising from the minutes, Comm. Hynes-Sinn Fein stated that he was disappointed that the Mart had not replied to the suggestion that a meat processing plant be provided in Loughrea and he was also disappointed that the Department had refused to set up a timber industry in the area. Comm. Hynes also expressed reservations about the proposed Bye-pass and with regard to the meeting of Municipal Authorities held recently in Kilrush, he considered this a waste of money.

Comm. Loughnane made the point that representatives who go on trips abroad receive the publicity while those who refuse to travel are ignored. He thought that the meat processing idea was a good one but required help at national level. With regard to the proposed Bye-pass, he had attended a Co. Council meeting on same and was dis-satisfied with it. Comm. Loughnane suggested that a full meeting be set aside to discuss it. Comm. Donnellan stated that the town needed employment and that the public representatives should be invited to the next meeting. With regard to the proposed bye-pass, Comm. Donnellan added that something would have to be done about the delivery vans in the town and he suggested that loading bays be provided.

The following decisions were arrived at:

1. Write to the Loughrea Mart requesting them to reply to the suggestion that a meat processing plant be provide in Loughrea. Proposed by Comm. Hynes seconded by Comm. Barrett.
2. Bye-Pass and Industry: On the proposition of Comm. Hynes seconded by Comm. Loughnane it was decided to hold a special meeting on the 1st Monday in November to discuss these matters. i.e. Monday November 4th, 1985.
3. Parking Bays: On the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Barrett it was decided to invite the observation of the local gardai on this problem.

Night Ambulance Service: Comm. Barrett referred to a letter from the Western Health Board regarding the non-availability of an ambulance to take a heart patient to Galway and he asked if Comm. McNally-Fullard would like to take up the matter. Comm. McNally-Fullard stated that she would take up the matter with the family concerned.

Amenity Schemes: In reply to Comm. Barrett, Mr. Howlett stated that he had no further information regarding the proposed amenity schemes for Loughrea. Mr. Howlett added that he will discuss the suggestions with the Deputy Co. Engineer, Mr. Crotty and report back to the next meeting.

Motions submitted by Tuam Town Commissioners;
The meeting unanimously supported the following Motions submitted by the Tuam Town Commissioners:

1. "That the Commissioners request the Government, the E.E.C. and all financial institutions to come to the aid of the farming community in this disastrous year, also all in need in the urban areas."
2. "That the Commissioners call on the E.S.B. to increase the free units available to elderly people, also that the Minister for Health and Social Welfare give a directive to the Health Boards to relax their guidelines in relation to the free fuel scheme in this disastrous year."

Wall at Cross Street: The Co. Council in its letter of the 26/9/85 informed the Board that their Law Agent is advising on same.

Footpaths: Work is in progress on the footpaths around the town.

Tidy Town Report: It was agreed to defer discussion on the Tidy Town Report to the next meeting of the Board.

Motions submitted by Comm. Gabriel Burke:

- a) "That the residents of house No. 57 Fahy Gardens be re-housed away from Fahy Gardens."
Mr. Howlett stated that this house was inspected by an Engineer and no complaints were found. The disturbance of neighbours complaint was referred to the Law Agent and he will advise on this.
Comm. Morgan stated that there is a caravan in the back yard of this house. Mr. Howlett stated that he would have this matter investigated.

- b) "That the open area at the centre of Fahy Gardens be developed as an amenity area for the children of Fahy Gardens."
This was seconded by Comm. Morgan and passed unanimously. It was also agreed that Comms. Morgan and Burke should discuss this proposal with the Secretary of the Residents Association.

Motions submitted by Comm. Hynes-Sinn Fein:

- a) "That a 30 m.p.h. speed limit be immediately implemented at Cosmona Road."
Comm. Barrett pointed out that this was suggested 3 or 4 years ago. It was agreed to request the Co. Council to have the revised speed limits in the Loughrea area implemented as quickly as possible.
- b) "That Galway County Council ensure thay dangerous trees at Cross St., be felled."
This motion was seconded by Comm. Burke.
- c) "That Galway County Council repair the damaged wall which fences Mr. Michael Kelly's lands at Caherlavine."
This motion was seconded by Comm. Burke.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Dated this the 11th day of November, 1985.

Norman Morgan
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 11/11/85.

In the Chair: Comm. Norman Morgan, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. Pat Hynes-Sinn Fein, Oliver Barrett, Gabriel Burke, Brendan Donnellan, John Reilly, Perlie McNally-Fullard, Matt Loughnane.

In Attendance: Messers Edward Gleeson, Acting Asst. Co. Manager and Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Votes of Sympathy: Before the business of the meeting was discussed, the following votes of sympathy were passed:

To Comm. Gabriel Burke and the Burke family on the death of their mother.

To the Chairman and Comm. McNally-Fullard on the death of their aunt.

To the Walsh family, Tullagh Hill on the death of Sean Walsh.

Minutes: The minutes of the meetings held on the 14/10/85 and 4/11/85, 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.

Deputation from Old Folks: The meeting received a deputation representing the residents of the old folks houses at Fahy Gardens. The members of the deputation were Mrs. Mahoney, Bridget Murphy, Margaret King and Mrs. Burke. The Deputation outlined the annoyance they have suffered in their houses, robbery, abuse, 'Peeping Toms', door knocking etc. They attributed much of this annoyance to the fact that they have no front boundary wall. All of the members present supported the Deputation in its effort to get the County Council to provide the necessary wall.

Mr. Gleeson stated that he had visited the area and is aware of the ~~six~~ situation, the houses in question were built under an open plan scheme and the position is that there is no money available to erect this wall, Mr. Gleeson added that he remained to be convinced that a wall would solve the problem. Comm. Reilly asked if the wall could be built on a voluntary basis? It was agreed that Mr. Gleeson would ~~fix~~ get the necessary permission to build the wall, arrange to get a plan and estimate for the work and enquire as to what the County Council would consider a reasonable local contribution towards the cost of the work.

On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard, the Town Clerk was also instructed to request the Gardai to pay special attention to the area.

Matters arising from the minutes:

Employment: Comm. Hynes-Sine Fein stated that he regretted that progress was not made regarding the setting up of a meat processing industry in Loughrea and he proposed that a feasibility study be carried out by the interested parties into the setting up of a meat processing plant in Loughrea, On the proposition of Comm. Hynes-Sine Fein seconded by Comm. Barrett it was decided to invite representatives from the following groups to the next meeting - Chamber of Commerce, Loughrea Livestock Mart, Loughrea Task Force.

Comm. Donnellan stated that he wanted to record his disappointment that the un-employment situation in Loughrea was not discussed with the Public Representatives at the special meeting held on the 4/11/85.

Comm. Loughnane stated that we had the situation of paid public representative leaving the meeting before it was finished, without a commitment being extracted from them.

Bye-Pass Road: Comm. Loughnane again referred to the bye-pass road and said that the proposed junctions near the level crossing at Cosmona will be a death trap, the officials should be made aware of this. Comm. Donnellan mentioned the Rathruddy road and the entrance to Mr. Michael Kelly's house at Caher. The Commissioners agreed that the bye-pass is inevitable but they should endeavour to have a minimum disturbance to the business of the town. Comm. Hynes-Sine Fein and Comm. McNally-Fullard stated that they would prefer jobs before the bye-pass.

Fahy Gardens Estate: Comm. Burke asked if there was any further information regarding the tenant of No. 57 Fahy Gardens. Mr. Gleeson stated that the County Council was advised before going into court there would have to be clear evidence of people not abiding by the tenancy agreement. Play Area: Comm. Burke stated that he had discussed the play area with the Secretary of the Fahy Gardens Tenants Association, Mrs. O'Rourke and they are not anxious to have this area developed at present.

Commemorative Plaque: Comm. Loughnane if a plaque commemorating the East Galway land evictions, could be erected on the Court House wall. Mr. Gleeson agreed to have this checked out.

School Warden: In reply to Comm. Donnellan the Town Clerk stated that ~~xxxx~~ interviews are arranged to ~~try~~ to appoint a school warden.

Dangerous Junction: On the proposition of Comm. McNally-Fullard seconded by Comm. Donnellan, it was decided to request the Co. Council to improve the sight view at the Coy's ~~tree~~/Gort Road junction.

Fire Service: Comm. McNally-Fullard asked if something could be done about the fire siren being used ~~during~~ night-time.

Lights at Cross Street: Comm. McNally-Fullard asked if the public lights at Cross Street are going off earlier than the rest of the town. The Town Clerk was instructed to investigate.

Closing of Railway Station: Comm. Donnellan referred to a film made by Mr. Jim Fahy of R.T.E. of the closing of Loughrea Railway Station 10 Years ago and he enquired if it might be possible to get this film from Mr. Fahy. ~~XXXXXX~~

Comm. Morgan undertook to take the matter up with Mr. Fahy.

Tidy Towns Report: The Tidy Towns Report was deferred to the next meeting.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 9th day of December, 1985.

Norman Morgan
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the Monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 9/12/85.

In the Chair: Comm. Norman Morgan, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. John Reilly, Perlie McNally-Fullard, Matt Loughnane, Gabriel Burke, Brendan Donnellan, Pat Hynes-Sinn Fein.

In Attendance: Messers Gus Egan and John Cronin representing Loughrea Livestock Mart. Gerard McInerney - Loughrea Chamber of Commerce.

Maurice Sweeney, Loughrea Task Force. Barry Condron and Kieran Lane of the I.D.A. Frank Dawson from the Co. Dev. Team.

Edward Gleeson, Acting Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes of meeting held on 11/11/85, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Reilly.

Meat Processing Industry: The Chairman welcomed the representatives of the various bodies, i.e. I.D.A., Co. Dev. Team, Chamber of Commerce, Loughrea Livestock Mart, and Loughrea Task Force. He said the purpose of their visit is to discuss the possibility of carrying out a feasibility study into the setting up of a meat processing plant in Loughrea. He thanked the people for coming and he also thanked Comm. Hynes-Sinn Fein whose idea it was.

Comm. Hynes-Sinn Fein stated that he had visited a number of meat plants around the country and was impressed by what he saw. He thought that Loughrea is an ideal location, that there is vast meat market in the Common Market and in the 3rd World and at home and with the availability of a 50% grant, he proposed that a feasibility study be carried out.

Mr. Condron, Asst. Area Manager of the I.D.A. stated that his colleague Mr. Lane is Manager of the National Resources division in Dublin and an expert in this sector. Mr. Condron added that his main purpose in being present is to introduce Mr. Lane and also to encourage the setting up of small manufacturing units. The I.D.A. had provided 3 small units in Loughrea and these are available for occupation. Mr. Condron stated that there is a 50% grant available for feasibility studies.

Mr. Lane agreed with the idea of a feasibility study as it is important to identify the assets. He favoured the processing rather than the slaughtering element as it is about 10 more expensive for slaughtering. A small processing unit might cost £½ million. Mr. Lane was of the opinion that the edible offal side of the meat processing industry might be the better option.

Mr. Egan made the point that both himself and Mr. Cronin were present without any brief from the Mart as no recent meeting had taken place. The Mart Committee had made some enquiries and were astonished at the costs involved. Mr. Egan also made the point that the existing meat factories are working to a 50% capacity. Mr. Cronin stated that the amount of finished cattle going through the mart - 4,500 per annum would not meet the demand. In reply to Comm. Hynes-Sinn Fein, Mr. Egan stated in his opinion a meat processing plant is not viable and the cost is prohibitive.

Mr. McInerney outline his experience in trying to get beef tongues, ~~which~~ which first were exported from Roscrea, then cooked, sliced and pack before they were imported back into the country. Mr. McInerney went on to say that there are prospects in the meat industry if one could find a person with an idea and prepared to carry it past the post.

The Chairman in thanking the various groups for coming, stated that the discussion was good insofar as it had brought people together to express their views. He made an offer to the I.D.A. that he would publish whatever data the I.D.A. has regarding the setting up of small industry in a paper which he is about to publish in the coming year. The Chairman also ask ~~the~~ Mr. Egan and Mr. Cronin to discuss the matter at Committee level within the Mart. Comm. Loughnane and Hynes-Sinn Fein associated themselves with the vote of thanks.

Paths at Galway Road: Comm. Loughnane asked if the paths at Galway Road could be repaired as soon as possible.

Fahy Garden Estate: Mr. Gleeson produced a drawing of the type of wall that the Co. Council is prepared to accept at Fahy Gardens, the estimated cost of this wall is £4,000. Mr. Gleeson made the point that due to other priorities on housing repairs, that it is unlikely that the Co. Council will provide this money. Comm. Loughnane stated that he will try to have it included in the 1986 Co. Council Estimates.

Comm. Donnellan stated that since the last meeting he was approached by two residents of Fahy Gardens who do not wish to have a wall erected in front of their houses.

Comm. Loughnane referred to stock being annoyed in the adjoining field by some of the people in this area and said that 2 calves had died as a result, he also referred to playing facilities being refused because of hullyboy tactics in the area.

Comm. Burke blames the Co. Council for creating ghettos in this area and not enforcing the conditions of the tenancy agreement or if the tenancy agreement needs changing then it should be changed. Comm. Burke handed in a letter signed by 9 tenants in Fahy Gardens saying that they are prepared to go into court to give evidence against the tenant of house No.57.

Mr. Gleeson stated that he will pass the letter to the Co. Council solicitor. The Tenancy Agreement is a national one and any breach of it will be investigated.

Supt. W.G. Ryan in reply to a request from the last meeting, informed the meeting that he had instructed the Gardai to give special attention to this area.

Pollution Legislation: On the proposition of Comm. Loughnane seconded by Comm. Donnellan it was unanimously decided to support the Loughrea Anglers' Association in its opposition to having the control of pollution transferred from the Fisheries Boards to the Local Authority.

The meeting agreed to support the following resolutions:

1. From Castlebar U.D.C.
"That this Council calls on the Oireachtas to discontinue the pension system at present in operation for members of Dail Eireann"
Proposed by Comm. Burke seconded by Comm. Morgan.
2. From Monaghan U.D.C.
"That this Council condemns the reduction in the Old Age Pensioners Christmas Bonus."
Proposed by Comm. Loughnane seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard.
3. From Kilrush U.D.C.
"That this Council request the wearing of safety arm-bands to be adequately advertised."
Proposed by Comm. McNally-Fullard seconded by Comm. Donnellan.
4. From Listowel U.D.C.
"That this Council requests the Minister for the Environment to urgently introduce legislation enabling local authorities to erect suitable traffic ramps in Housing Estates, where the majority of the residents deem this to be necessary"
Proposed Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard.

Gaming & Lotteries Act: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard it was unanimously decided to refuse a request made by A.G. Moylan & Co. Solicitors on behalf of Seamus Costello, to rescind the Order ~~prohibiting~~ prohibiting Gaming at Church St., Loughrea.

Commissioners present when decision was taken were - Comms. Morgan, McNally-Fullard, Donnellan, Burke and Loughnane.

Comm. McNally-Fullard referred to the poor lighting on Galway Road and to alleged flooding at No.24 Cosmona - Mrs. Casey's. The Town Clerk was instructed to investigate these complaints.

Congratulations: Gerry Reilly was congratulated on coming 3rd in an international cross country race in France. Prop. Comm. Donnellan.

Sec. by Comm. Burke.

SYMPATHY:- THE SYMPATHY OF THE BOARD WAS EXTENDED TO THE FAMILY OF THE LATE Mrs. JOYNT. Church St.

This Concluded the Business of the Board.

Norman Morgan
13-1-85.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 13/1/86.

In the Chair: Comm. Norman Morgan, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. Oliver Barrett, Gabriel Burke, Brendan Donnellan, Sean Kelly, John Reilly, Mrs. McNally-Fullard and Matt Loughnane.

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

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 9/12/85, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Reilly.

Before the business of the meeting was discussed, the Chairman wished the Members and officials present a happy 1986. Comm. Kelly was welcomed back after his visit to America.

Wall at Fahy Gardens Housing Estate: In reply to Comm. Barrett, Mr. Howlett stated that an estimate was sought for the erection of a wall outside the elderly peoples' houses at Fahy Gardens. One builder has mistakenly thought that he was asked to build the wall and had cut the foundations but had since filled them in again. Mr. Howlett added that the Dept. of the Environment is not prepared to provide funds for this work.

Comm. Morgan stated that three of the residents are prepared to provide a wall outside their own houses and he asked Mr. Howlett to supply a design for the wall and also a letter of permission. Mr. Howlett undertook to supply the design but added that the Council would want to know what houses are involved before permission would be given.

Industry: Comm. Donnellan stated on reflection he thought that the Board had passed the buck regarding the carrying out of a feasibility study into the setting up of a meat processing industry in Loughrea. Comm. Donnellan added that this matter should have been taken up by the Task Force. Comm. Kelly agreed with Comm. Donnellan. Comm. Loughnane made the point that the local authority could not finance such a project and the only contribution it could offer was one of encouragement. The Chairman stated that the Board had given every encouragement to the project at the last meeting which was attended by representatives of all interested parties. As the Board could not finance such a study, the Chairman thought it was the proper thing to encourage the Mart to carry out a feasibility study and we must now await their findings.

Mount Pleasant Residents Assoc: Mrs. Allison of the Mount Pleasant Residents Assoc. wrote regarding the request to get Galway County Council to take over the services in their estate. Mr. Howlett stated that ~~xxx~~ he thought that a planning condition concerning the archway entrance is the problem in this matter but that he will enquire into the matter.

Comm. Morgan made the point that the archway is of architectural value and he proposed that a preservation order be put on this archway. Comm. Loughnane seconded this proposal.

Draft Development Plan for Loughrea: The County Council in its letter of the 7/1/86 stated that the Council had at its meeting on the 8/11/85 deferred putting the Draft Development Plan for Loughrea on display until the Town Commissioners had another opportunity to consider it. Comm. Donnellan wondered how this had come about as it was agreed at a previous meeting to put the proposed plan on display. Comm. Loughnane stated that putting the plan on display is another step in approving of it and in his opinion there is no demand for a bye-pass. Comm. Kelly stated that a bye-pass would be detrimental to the town. Mr. Howlett pointed out that the bye-pass and the Plan are two separate issues.

Comm. Loughnane stated that Loughrea had dropped from 9 to 11 in the priority list in sewerage schemes, the Loughrea Regional Water Scheme is dragging on while the Council employs Consultants to draw up contract documents while there are Engineers un-employed throughout the county.

Mr. Howlett informed the meeting that Comm. Loughnane is not accurate in his statement, Loughrea had not lost out in the priority list, the list did not include schemes which qualify for special BEC grants, the contract document for the Loughrea Regional Water Scheme should be completed in 1986.

On the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Barrett it was decided to request Galway County Council to put the Draft Plan on display.

Tidy Town Report; On the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Kelly, it was agreed to question the comment concerning the overgrown state of the approach roads.

Estimates: Mr. Howlett, in accordance with Sect. 9 & 10 of the County & City Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, submitted the Estimate for 1986 Year. The Estimate as submitted provided for a rate of 12.76p in the £.

On the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Reilly the following were resolved:

1. That the Estimate of Expenses of the Loughrea Town Commissioners for the Financial Year ending 31/12/86, 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 £1709 for the Financial Year ending 31/12/86 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.

Motion submitted by Comm. Loughnane: The following resolution was adopted on the proposition of Comm. Loughnane seconded by Comm. Donnellan:

"That the Board object to the veiled suggestion of removing responsibility for the control of public libraries from local authorities, as contained in the following sentence on page 13 of the Green Paper - Partners in Education 'If it were decided to transfer the administration of the Public Library Service to the LECs no additional costs would be involved.'

It was agreed to send a copy of this resolution to the Dept. of Education, Dept. of the Environment and to the Association of Municipal Authorities. Comms. Reilly and Barrett stated that they could not support this motion until such time as they had read the Green Paper 'Partners in Education'

Street Trading: Comm. Donnellan asked if any benefit accrues to the town from the street traders - the Town Clerk replied in the negative. Comm. Donnellan referred to the large number of these traders who converged on the town over the Christmas period and said that some poundage should be put on them.

Comm. Barrett referred to the practise of traders coming in and putting up their stalls overnight thereby causing obstruction on the roadway. Comm. Barrett proposed that this problem be referred to the Gardai and was seconded by Comm. Kelly.

The Town Clerk was asked to try to get a copy of the Trading By-Laws for the next meeting.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 10th day of February, 1986.

Patrick McNally-Fullard
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 13/1/86.

In the Chair: Comm. Norman Morgan, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. Oliver Barrett, Gabriel Burke, Brendan Donnellan, Sean Kelly, John Reilly, Mrs. McNally, Fullard and Matt Loughnane.

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

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 9/12/85, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Reilly.

Before the business of the meeting was discussed, the Chairman wished the Members and officials present a happy 1986. Comm. Kelly was welcomed back after his visit to America.

Wall at Fahy Gardens Housing Estate: In reply to Comm. Barrett, Mr. Howlett stated that an estimate was sought for the erection of a wall outside the elderly peoples' houses at Fahy Gardens. One builder has mistakenly thought that he was asked to build the wall and had cut the foundations but had since filled them in again. Mr. Howlett added that the Dept. of the Environment is not prepared to provide funds for this work.

Comm. Morgan stated that three of the residents are prepared to provide a wall outside their own houses and he asked Mr. Howlett to supply a design for the wall and also a letter of permission. Mr. Howlett undertook to supply the design but added that the Council would want to know what houses are involved before permission would be given.

Industry: Comm. Donnellan stated on reflection he thought that the Board had passed the buck regarding the carrying out of a feasibility study into the setting up of a meat processing industry in Loughrea. Comm. Donnellan added that this matter should have been taken up by the Task Force. Comm. Kelly agreed with Comm. Donnellan. Comm. Loughnane made the point that the local authority could not finance such a project and the only contribution it could offer was one of encouragement. The Chairman stated that the Board had given every encouragement to the project at the last meeting which was attended by representatives of all interested parties. As the Board could not finance such a study, the Chairman thought it was the proper thing to encourage the Mart to carry out a feasibility study and we must now await their findings.

Mount Pleasant Residents Assoc: Mrs. Allison of the Mount Pleasant Residents Assoc. wrote regarding the request to get Galway County Council to take over the services in their estate. Mr. Howlett stated that ~~xxx~~ he thought that a planning condition concerning the archway entrance is the problem in this matter but that he will enquire into the matter. Comm. Morgan made the point that the archway is of architectural value and he proposed that a preservation order be put on this archway. Comm. Loughnane seconded this proposal.

Draft Development Plan for Loughrea: The County Council in its letter of the 7/1/86 stated that the Council had at its meeting on the 8/11/85 deferred putting the Draft Development Plan for Loughrea on display until the Town Commissioners had another opportunity to consider it. Comm. Donnellan wondered how this had come about as it was agreed at a previous meeting to put the proposed plan on display. Comm. Loughnane stated that putting the plan on display is another step in approving of it and in his opinion there is no demand for a bye-pass. Comm. Kelly stated that a bye-pass would be detrimental to the town. Mr. Howlett pointed out that the bye-pass and the Plan are two separate issues. Comm. Loughnane stated that Loughrea had dropped from 9 to 11 in the priority list in sewerage schemes, the Loughrea Regional Water Scheme is dragging on while the Council employs Consultants to draw up contract documents while there are Engineers un-employed throughout the county. Mr. Howlett informed the meeting that Comm. Loughnane is not accurate in his statement, Loughrea had not lost out in the priority list, the list did not include schemes which qualify for special EEC grants, the contract document for the Loughrea Regional Water Scheme should be completed in 1986.

On the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Barrett it was decided to request Galway County Council to put the Draft Plan on display.

Tidy Town Report; On the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Kelly, it was agreed to question the comment concerning the overgrown state of the approach roads.

Estimates: Mr. Howlett, in accordance with Sect. 9 & 10 of the County & City Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, submitted the Estimate for 1986 Year. The Estimate as submitted provided for a rate of 12.76p in the £.

On the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Reilly the following were resolved:

1. That the Estimate of Expenses of the Loughrea Town Commissioners for the Financial Year ending 31/12/86, 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 £1709 for the Financial Year ending 31/12/86 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.

Motion submitted by Comm. Loughnane: The following resolution was adopted on the proposition of Comm. Loughnane seconded by Comm. Donnellan:

"That the Board object to the veiled suggestion of removing responsibility for the control of public libraries from local authorities, as contained in the following sentence on page 13 of the Green Paper - Partners in Education 'If it were decided to transfer the administration of the Public Library Service to the LECs no additional costs would be involved.'"

It was agreed to send a copy of this resolution to the Dept. of Education, Dept. of the Environment and to the Association of Municipal Authorities. Comms. Reilly and Barrett stated that they could not support this motion until such time as they had read the Green Paper 'Partners in Education'.

Street Trading: Comm. Donnellan asked if any benefit accrues to the town from the street traders - the Town Clerk replied in the negative. Comm. Donnellan referred to the large number of these traders who converged on the town over the Christmas period and said that some poundage should be put on them.

Comm. Barrett referred to the practise of traders coming in and putting up their stalls overnight thereby causing obstruction on the roadway. Comm. Barrett proposed that this problem be referred to the Gardai and was seconded by Comm. Kelly.

The Town Clerk was asked to try to get a copy of the Trading By-Laws for the next meeting.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 10th day of February, 1986.

Paul McNally Fullard
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 10/2/86.

In the Chair: Comm. Perlie McNally-Fullard, vice-Chairperson.

Members Present: Comms. John Reilly, Oliver Barrett, Brendan Donnellan, Sean Kelly, Patrick Hynes-Sinn Rein, Norman Morgan, Matthew Loughnane, Gabriel Burke.

In attendance: John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk. Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 13/1/86, copies of which were circulated to members, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Barrett seconded by Comm. Donnellan.

Mountpleasant Housing Estate: In reply to Comm. Barrett, Mr. Howlett stated that the County Engineer had confirmed that the road in Mountpleasant Estate cannot be taken in charge because the entrance is less than 11 ft., the dimensions of the arch are such as to make it difficult for large vehicles to negotiate the entrance safely and that a condition of the Planning Permission regarding the removal of the gate and the layout plans for this junction with the public road was not submitted for approval.

Bord Failte/Tidy Towns: Bord Failte in its letter of the 29/1/86 assured the Board that no offence was intended in its report on Loughrea for the 1985 Tidy Towns Competition. Comm. Donnellan re-affirmed his disapproval of the comments on the condition of the approach roads.

Street Trading: Supt. W.G. Ryan acknowledged receipt of the complain regarding the erecting of street trading stands overnight and added that the matter is receiving attention.

Partners in Education: The Dept. of Education in its letter of the 24/1/86 pointed out that the question of library service is referred to in a very direct way on page 7 relating to the functions which might be appropriate to the LECs. The letter went on to point out that the Minister would wish this matter to be subject of public debate and would welcome opinions on it. Comm. Loughnane stated that he was only making the point that the library service is reasonably well run by the County Council. Comm. Morgan stated that in his opinion the County Council is doing an excellent job with the library service, however all the Minister is doing is inviting suggestions, this is democracy added Comm. Morgan and people should let their views be known.

Assoc. of Municipal Authorities: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Kelly it was agreed to increase the annual subscription to the Assoc. of Municipal Authorities to £84 as approved by the Minister for the Environment in his letter of the 5/2/86.

Conference in Ennis, 4 - 5 April, 1986: The Town Clerk read the notice of the holding of the second annual conference of the Local Authority Members Association in the West County Hotel, Ennis on 4 - 5 April.

Comm. Morgan stated that the topics are not of great benefit to the Commissioners and therefore he thought that the Board should not send a representative. Comm. Morgan added that if any Commissioner wished to attend at his own expense he should be allowed to do so.

Comm. Kelly stated that he thought that the Board should be represented. In reply to Comm. Loughnane, Mr. Howlett stated that he thought that copies of the discussion documents would not be available prior to the conference but that perhaps Clr. James Joyce of Laurencetown might make them available after.

Resolution from Castlebar U.D.C.: On the suggestion of Comm. Morgan the following resolution from Castlebar U.D.C. was marked read:
"That this Council calls on the Minister for Foreign Affairs to continue through whatever channels available to him, calling on the British Government to discontinue the Diplock Courts and Supergrass Trials in the north of Ireland which are so repugnant to all people."

Draft Plan for town of Loughrea and Environs: Copies of the Draft Plan for Loughrea and Environs were distributed to the members. Comm. Morgan asked Mr. Howlett if the County Council would arrange for a public meeting where the public could discuss this plan with the Planning Officials. Mr. Howlett agreed to contact the Planning Officer re suitable date.

Social Employment Schemes: Comm. Morgan made the point that there is no map available for Garrybreedia Cemetery and he suggested that the people employed on the Social Employment Schemes might draw a map of this burial ground.

Closure of Hospitals: Comm. Loughnane referred to the recent decision made by the Minister for Health to close certain hospitals within the Health Board area and he proposed that the Board object to the fact that these hospitals are being closed not withstanding the fact that training programmes are not yet complete. This proposal was seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard.

Comm. Reilly stated that he could not agree with Comm. Loughnane, the proposal to close these hospitals are in existence since 1979 and its about time something was done about them added Comm. Reilly.

Deputation: The meeting received a deputation from the recently formed Combined Residents Association. Comm. Morgan in introducing the Deputation, stated that he had given an assurance the meeting would go into camera while the members of the deputation were present. The Deputation consisted of John Rooney, Chairman, John Raftery Vice-Chairman and Mary Killian, Secretary. Mr. Rooney stated that the Combined Residence Association is representative of all residence within the town and will not discriminate against any section of the community. The main objective of the Deputation tonight is to try to get the County Council to ~~make~~ provide serviced sites at St. Laurencesfields. Mr. Rooney added that the Association had already got the names of up to twenty people who are interested in providing their own homes if they can acquire suitable sites. Mr. Howlett assured the Deputation that the Council is prepared to discuss the question of serviced site if there is a demand for them. However Mr. Howlett added that it is the Council's experience that there is little demand in recent times for these sites. Mr. Howlett added that the 4th phase of the St. Laurencesfields is awaiting sanction from the Dept. of the Environment, he is prepared to withhold the revised plans for one month to give the Combined Residents Association an opportunity to further their enquiries and to report back to him. Comm. Morgan congratulated the Deputation on its initiative and expressed the hope that the Combined Residents Association will not confine its activities solely to housing adding that he would like to see them branching into the tidy towns area. Mr. Rooney thanked the meeting for receiving them and said they would keep Comm. Morgan's suggestion in mind.

Garrybreedia Wood: Comm. Burke stated that some cars had driven into Garrybreedia Wood and parked there last Sunday while the match was in progress in the G.A.A. field. The Town Clerk stated that he will enquire into the matter.

Arus na nGael: On the proposition of Comm. Burke seconded by Comm. Kelly the Town Clerk was instructed to write to the G.A.A. disapproving of the letting of Arus na nGael.

Votes of Congratulations: Votes of congratulations were passed to Eamon Rabbitte and Ciaran Fitzgerald on winning County Sport Star Awards and to Sister Bosco and her volleyball team on its All-Ireland success.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 10th day of March, 1986.

Norman Morgan
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 10/3/86.

In the Chair: Comm. Norman Morgan, Chairperson.

Members Present: Comms. Perlie McNally-Fullard, Pat Hynes, John Reilly, Brendan Donnellan, Oliver Barrett, Gabriel Burke, Sean Kelly, Matt Loughnane. In attendance: Edward Gleeson, Co. Secretary, Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk. Meeting opened with prayers.

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

Draft Development Plan for Loughrea; It was agreed to hold a public meeting to discuss the Draft Development Plan for the Town of Loughrea, on Wednesday March 26th 1986 at 8/30 p.m. The Town Clerk was instructed to arrange for the meeting to be held in the Temperance Hall and to have notice of same published in the Parish Newsletter.

Resolution from other Local Authorities:

On the proposition of Comm. Loughnane seconded by Comm. Donnellan it was decided to support the following resolution from Monaghan U.D.C.

"That this Council pass a resolution calling for the Minister for Finance to exempt anybody who is not liable for the payment of Income Tax from the 35% Retention Tax"

On the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Morgan it was decided to oppose any proposal of applying the 35% Retention Tax to charitable organisations.

Canvassing on Polling Days: A letter from Droichead Nua Town Commissioners regarding canvassing on polling days was marked read on the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Barrett.

Bill of Rights for the Irish Language: A letter from Tadhg Mac Lochlainn of the Ballinasloe Branch of the Gaelic League requestion support for the proposed "Bill of Rights for the Irish Language" was read to the meeting. While the request was favourably received, it was decided on the proposition of Comm. Loughnane seconded by Comm. Donnellan to look for a copy of the Bill, before supporting it.

Motions submitted by Comm. Hynes:

i) "That Galway County Council be asked to carry out the necessary repairs to the heating system at Loughrea Court House which has been out of order for the past 12 months"

This motion was seconded by Comm. Morgan.

Mr. Gleeson informed the meeting that the necessary work is being carried out. Comm. Donnellan stated that he was in the Court House a month ago and the heat was working. Comm. Donnellan stated that the building should be re furnished and he proposed that the Judge's bench and the prisoner's dock be removed, this was seconded by Comm. Barrett.

Comm. Kelly proposed that the Courthouse be demolished and was seconded by Comm. Hynes. A direct negative was proposed by Comm. Morgan and seconded by Comm. Barrett. A vote was taken and the amendment was carried by 6 votes to 2. Comms. Morgan, Barrett, Reilly, McNally-Fullard, Loughnane and Donnellan voting for the amendment with Comms. Kelly and Hynes voting against. Comm. Burke abstained.

ii) "That the Minister for Health be called upon to provide funds to bring the expensive Cat Scan equipment into operation which has been lying idle for the past four years at Galway Regional Hospital".

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

iii) "That Galway County Council erect signs showing clearly the name of each street in the Town of Loughrea."

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

Litter: Comm. Morgan referred to the amount of litter that accumulates in the town over week-ends and produced a photograph to substantiate his claim. On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Barrett, it was decided to request Galway County Council to provide a week-end sweeping service in the town.

Water Charges: Comm. Burke referred to high water charges in the County and he proposed that a letter be sent to the County Manager deploring these charges. Comm. Kelly seconded this proposal.

Mr. Gleeson explained that the charges for domestic purposes are fixed by the elected members.

Fire siren: Comm. McNally-Fullard asked if it is necessary for the fire siren to go off during the night as it can be most upsetting for children etc. Mr. Gleeson stated that he would check the matter with the Fire Officer.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 11th day of April, 1986.

Norman Morgan
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 14/4/86.

2. In the Chair: Comm. Norman Morgan, Chairman.
Members present: Comms. John Reilly, Pat Hynes, Brendan Donnellan, Sean Kelly, Gabriel Burke, Matt Loughnane, Oliver Barrett, Perlle McNally-Fullard.

In attendance: John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.
Meeting opened with prayers.

Before the business of the meeting was discussed, the Chairman proposed that one minutes silence be observed as a mark of respect to the families of the late Norman Dowling and the late John Mitchell who so tragically lost their lives in a boating accident on the lake on St. Patrick's day. The Chairman also proposed a vote of thanks to the following for their help in locating the bodies:

The Minister for Defence for the use of the helicopter, the local Garda, the Garda sub-aqua club and other sub-aqua clubs that assisted, the local Fire Service, Red Cross, Anglers Association and Galway County Council. The members present associated themselves with the Chairman's remarks and Comm. Hynes made the point that perhaps all users of the lake should be requested to wear life jackets.

Minutes: Comm. Burke referred to an entry in the Minutes regarding water charges and stated that what he had objected to was a proposed 5% increase in these charges. The Chairman stated in his opinion the minutes as recorded were correct. The Town Clerk stated he is satisfied that he had accurately recorded Comm. Burke's proposal at the time, however if the meeting so wished, it could amend the proposal to read 'Comm. Burke objected to the proposed 5% increase in the water charges' and amend the minutes accordingly. This was accepted by the meeting. The minutes were then signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. McNally-Fullard seconded by Comm. Reilly.

Service Charges: Arising from the minutes, Comm. Kelly proposed the abolition of all service charges, this proposal was seconded by Comm. Hynes. Comm. Donnellan proposed an amendment that only refuse and fire service charges be abolished and was seconded by Comm. Morgan. A further amendment proposed by Comm. Loughnane calling on the Minister to provide a more equitable form of tax to service these charges had no seconder. The Chairman put the proposals to the meeting and the voting resulted as follows:
For Comm. Kelly's proposal: Comms. Kelly, Hynes, Loughnane and Burke.
For Comm. Donnellan's: Comms. Donnellan, Morgan, Barrett, Reilly and McNally-Fullard.
The Chairman declared Comm. Donnellan's proposal carried by 5 votes to 4.

Cat Scan Machine: In reply to Comm. Hynes, the Town Clerk stated that he had received no reply from the Minister regarding the provision of funds for the Cat Scan machine at Galway Regional Hospital.

Street Names: The Town Clerk informed Comm. Hynes that he had received no reply from Galway Co. Council regarding the erection of street names in Loughrea.

Fire Siren: In reply to Comm. McNally-Fullard, Mr. Howlett stated that he was in touch with the Chief Fire Officer and he was informed that in future the fire siren will not be used after 8 p.m.
Comm. Loughnane proposed that the County Council should be asked for the up to date position with regard to improving and extending the fire ~~service~~ fire fighting service in Loughrea.

'Bill of Rights for the Irish Language': On the proposition of Comm. Loughnane seconded by Comm. Kelly it was unanimously agreed to support the Bill of Rights for the Irish Language as drafted by the Gaelic League and Comhdail Naisiunta na Gaeilge and to convey this decision to the Ballinasloe Branch of the Gaelic League.

Meat Plant: The Loughrea Co-op. Mart Ltd. in its letter of the 18th March stated that from enquiries it had made it had decided that there is no point in pursuing the provision of a meat plant in Loughrea any further. Comm. Hynes stated that in view of the present un-employment position in Loughrea he was most disappointed with the reply.

Comm. Loughnane stated that the meat industry is not in a healthy position right now and if intervention goes the beef industry is in for a raw time. An entrepreneur is needed with an idea is required and all the Commissioners can do is act as intermediary in matters of this nature. Comm. Donnellan stated that this should have been a matter for the Task Force.
Comm. Morgan stated that it is hard to have faith in the Task Force, when it would not facilitate the tenant it has in the Caherlavine premises by selling the premises to him with the result that 8/10 jobs are going to Tynagh. Comm. Kelly stated that as Chairman of St. Brendan's Developments he resented the statement made by Comm. Morgan which is not true.
On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Barrett it was decided to send a letter of thanks to Loughrea Mart.

Tidy Towns Competition: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Kelly it was decided to enter for the 1986 Tidy Towns Competition.
Comm. Donnellan stated that the County Council should be asked to provide at least 6 men for cleaning the town instead of 2 at present.
It was decided to request the Co. Council to have improvements carried out at Cosmona, the Grove at the Fair Green, Bohercam, Car-park at Barrack St.

Roadside drain at the Hill: Comm. Loughnane proposed and Comm. Morgan seconded that the Co. Council pipe the roadside drain outside Joe Morgan's house at The Hill.

Garrybreedia Burial Ground: Comm. Morgan proposed that the Co. Council be requested the crucifix in Garrybreedia Burial Ground.

Road at Fair Green: In reply to Comm. Barrett the Town Clerk stated that in the Draft Plan for Loughrea it is proposed to close the road which bisects the Fair Green.

Teachers Dispute: Comm. Morgan appealed to the teachers to confine their dispute to the Minister and to take whatever steps that are necessary to ensure that the Intermediate and Leaving Cert. exams take place this year. Comm. Donnellan stated that there are two sides to all arguments, an Arbitrator was appointed and his findings were not honoured so all the blame does not rest with the teachers. Comm. Hynes agreed with Comm. Donnellan. Comm. Kelly remarked that the Minister and the teachers will have to sit down and discuss the problem.

Halting Sites: Mr. Howlett informed Comm. Barrett that there is nothing specific planned for Loughrea with regard to halting sites.

Car-parks: Comm. Barrett asked if any progress was made with regard to having the derelict cars removed from the car-park in Barrack Street. It was decided to bring the matter to the attention of the Co. Council and also to request that barriers be erected that would confine the car-park to cars.

Fire Drill: On the suggestion of Comm. Burke it was agreed to suggest to the Chief Fire Officer that a fire drill exercise be carried out at all schools.

Life Belts: In reply to Comm. Barrett the Town Clerk stated that life belts will be provided in the vicinity of the boat house. The Town Clerk also stated that over the week-end a life belt was taken from the Long Point.

Votes of Congratulations: Comm. McNally-Fullard stated that she would like to propose a vote of congratulations to the workers on the Social Employment Scheme on the work they are doing around the town.

Oscar Award: Comm. McNally-Fullard proposed a vote of congratulations to Angelica Huston on receiving an oscar as best supporting actress in Prittizi's Honour - Miss Huston having had her early education in Loughrea.

This concluded the meeting.
Signed this the 14th day of May, 1986. *Norman Morgan* Chairperson.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 12/5/86.
 In the Chair: Comm. Norman Morgan, Chairman.
 Members Present: Comms. Perlie McNally-Fullard, John Reilly, Sean Kelly, Pat Hynes, Gabriel Burke, Brendan Donnellan, Matt Loughnane.
 In attendance: John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.
 Apology: Comm. Oliver Barrett was excused.

Meeting opened with prayers.

vote of sympathy: Before the business of the meeting was discussed, Comm. Kelly proposed a vote of sympathy with the O'Brien family and asked that the meeting adjourn for 5 minutes as a mark of respect to the late Frank O'Brien a former member and Chairman of the Board. Comm. Morgan seconded this proposal. The Chairman in paying tribute to the late Mr. O'Brien referred to Mr. O'Brien's involvement in the public, commercial, social and cultural life of Loughrea and added at one time or another Mr. O'Brien was secretary of most organisations within the town. All members and officials present associated themselves with the tributes to the late Mr. O'Brien and it was agreed that as many members as possible should go in a body to the funeral mass.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on the 14/4/86, copies having been previously circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Kelly.
 Arising from Minutes:-

C.A.T. Scan Machine: In reply to Comm. Hynes, the Town Clerk stated that he had not received a reply from the Dept. of Health regarding to provision of money for the use of the CAT SCAN machine in Galway hospital.

Street Names: Town Clerk informed the meeting that he had no further information from the County Council regarding the provision of Street Names in Loughrea.

Meat Plant: Comm. Hynes stated that he was disgusted with the outcome of his proposal to have a feasibility study carried out into the provision of a meat plant in Loughrea. Comm. Hynes added that when the mart representatives attended at a meeting he had got the impression that a feasibility study would be carried out but this was not done, he now read in the Sunday Press of the development of a meat plant in Co. Wexford with the provision of 60 jobs. Comm. Hynes went on to say that he had spent a lot of time and money in making enquiries and he is satisfied that Loughrea is an ideal location. Comm. Loughnane made the point that Loughrea has not the sanitary facilities to accommodate any large size development, the regional water scheme and sewerage schemes are somewhere between the Consultants and the Co. Council. Comm. Morgan assured Comm. Loughnane that he has the full support of the Members in his efforts to obtain better sanitary facilities in Loughrea and he asked Mr. Howlett what can be done to speed up these facilities. Mr. Howlett stated that Loughrea is nearing the top of the priority list for these improvements but he did not recollect the Mart people using a lack of sanitary facilities as an excuse for not progressing with a meat plant in Loughrea.

Comm. Donnellan stated that he was disappointed with the trend of the discussion nothing but doom and gloom was uttered to-night and he wondered how any industrialist could come into Loughrea if he reads a report of to-nights meeting. Comm. Donnellan also made the point that the Mart is under no obligation to carry out a feasibility study into the setting up of a meat plant. Comm. Reilly stated that as he understood it, the major obstacle to setting up a meat plant was the cost with a figure somewhere between 7 and 10 million pounds being mentioned.

Roadside drain at the Hill: In reply to Comm. Morgan, the Town Clerk stated that he had no further information into the proposal to have the roadside drain outside Joe Morgan's at the Hill piped.

Fire Drill: In reply to Comm. Burke, the Town Clerk stated that he had not yet received a reply from the Chief Fire Officer regarding the proposal to have a fire-fighting drill provided in the schools.

Correspondence: The following correspondence was read to the meeting.
 Drowning Tragedy: Letters of thanks from the Department of Defence and the Loughrea Anglers' Association regarding their participation in the recovery of the bodies of the drowning victims in Loughrea.

Fire Service: The meeting was informed that the Chief Fire Officer will not use the fire siren to alert members of the fire brigade after 8 p.m. Comm. Morgan referred to a recent magazine article in which Comm. McNally-Fullard had expressed reservations about her involvement in local politics. Comm. McNally-Fullard had raised this matter about the fire siren and indeed many other matters which had brought improvement added Comm. Morgan and she should take encouragement from these achievements and continue in local politics. Comm. Morgan complimented Comm. McNally-Fullard and Mrs. Marie Barrett on their magazine article.

Teacher's Pay Dispute: On the suggestion of Comm. Loughnane the following resolution from Monaghan U.D.C. was ~~marked~~ read.
 "That this Council calls on the Government to settle the Teacher's Pay Dispute along the lines suggested by the Government Arbitrator."

Abstract of Accounts, 1985 Year. The Abstract of Accounts for the year ending 31/12/85 were presented to the meeting.

Radiation: Comm. Morgan stated that recently in company with Comm. McNally-Fullard he had attended a lecture on radiation safety in U.C.G. and he invited Comm. McNally-Fullard to give her views on the lecture. Comm. McNally-Fullard stated that she had found the lecture very interesting and she proposed that a public meeting be held in Loughrea at which one of the speakers at U.C.G. be invited to attend. Comm. Morgan seconded this proposal. Comm. Donnellan stated that someone from the other side of the fence should be invited. It was also agreed to invite a member of the civil defence to the proposed meeting.

Repairs to paths: In reply to questions from Comms. Loughnane, Donnellan and Burke the Town Clerk stated that he had discussed the repairs of the paths with the Town Engineer. The position is that when labour becomes available, repairs will be carried out to the paths where the extent of repair is agreed with Bord Telecom.

Vote of Congratulations: On the proposition of Comm. McNally-Fullard seconded by Comm. Burke a vote of congratulations was passed to Comm. Barrett on his recent marriage.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 9th day of June, 1986.

Norman Morgan
 Chairperson.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 9/6/86.

In the Chair: Comm. Norman Morgan, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. Perlie McNally-Fullard, Brendan Donnellan, Sean Kelly, John Reilly, Gabriel Burke, Pat Hynes, Oliver Barrett and Matt Loughnane.

In attendance: Messers 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. Burke seconded by Comm. Reilly.

Tidy Towns: Comm. Hynes referred to the amount of litter on the streets and suggested that the children should be encouraged through the schools to keep Loughrea tidy. Comm. Donnellan stated that Environment Awareness stickers were recently put up in Loughrea and within 48 hours all of these stickers were removed. Comm. Kelly referred to the type of litter bin in use adding that the small type of litter bin is useless and he proposed that all of these bins be replaced by covered bins. The Chairman asked Mr. Howlett if he would like to comment on the letter published on behalf of the Minister, Mr. Boland in the Irish Independent on the 21st May, last. Mr. Howlett stated that the first week in July is designated as Clean Up Ireland Week and it is proposed to carry out special cleaning work that week. Comm. Donnellan referred to the amount of unauthorised dumping taking place on the Cahernagarry road while Comm. Loughnane stated that there is more dumping taking place at the Co. Council dump at New Inn after hours than during working hours. Comm. Loughnane alleged that the irregular dumping causes problems because if this dumping took place during normal hours the machine would cover it in. In reply to Comm. Barrett, Mr. Howlett stated that as far as he was aware, there was never a conviction imposed as a result of action taken by a litter warden in Loughrea.

Control of Dogs in Parks: Comm. Burke asked if anything could be done about the control of dogs in public parks as the excrement from these dogs is a health hazard. Comm. Kelly explained the system in use in America whereby dog owners are prosecuted for allowing dogs to soil the sidewalks. The Town Clerk pointed out that the control of dogs is a matter for the gardai.

C.A.T. Scan Machine: In reply to Comm. Hynes, the Town Clerk stated that there is no further information regarding the provision of funds for the C.A.T. Scan Machine at Galway Regional hospital. Comm. Hynes said it is a disgrace that an expensive machine such as this is left idle.

Fire Drill for National Schools: The County Council in its letter of the 20/5/86 outlined its attitude to fire drill in schools. On the proposition of Comm. Burke seconded by Comm. Barrett it was agreed to send a copy of this letter to all schools in the town. On the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Barrett it was decided to request the County Council to provide two additional breathing apparatus for the Loughrea fire brigade.

Motions from Listowel U.D.C. The meeting unanimously agreed to support the following resolutions submitted by Listowel U.D.C.

1. "That we call for the abolition of Ministerial Pensions to all serving T.D.'s and Senators in this country."
Proposed by Comm. Loughnane seconded by Comm. Morgan.

2. "That we call on the Government to pass necessary legislation to substantially reduce the number of T.D.'s and Senators in this country."
proposed by Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Kelly.

The following resolution was marked read on the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Morgan:
"In view of the danger to our town and country, that we support all efforts to have Sellafield and all other nuclear stations closed."
Comms. Donnellan, Morgan, Hynes, Loughnane, Barrett supported the proposal to mark this proposal read with Comms. McNally-Fullard, Burke and Kelly

Annual Meeting: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Donnellan, it was agreed to hold the Annual Meeting and the July monthly meeting on Monday July 7th.

Toilets at Long Point: In reply to Comm. Morgan the Town Clerk stated that it is proposed to have the toilets opened at all reasonable times during the swimming season.

Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities: The meeting was advised of the time and place of the Annual Conference of the Assoc. of Municipal Authorities; Arklow on September 16th, 17th and 18th and that all motions should be in by the 15th July.

The Walk: It was decided to make the following suggestions to Galway Co. Council regarding 'The Walk'

1. That bollards be erected on the western end to prevent through traffic.
Proposed by Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Morgan.
2. That the gates on both ends of the Walk be locked and that the keys be retained by the County Council.
Proposed by Comm. McNally-Fullard seconded by Comm. Barrett.
3. That a No-Parking sign be erected in front of the small entrance gate on the east entrance gate.
Proposed by Comm. Kelly seconded by Comm. Morgan.

Comm. Donnellan stated that he wished to condemn the destruction of trees in the Athenry Road area and the flowers at Lattimor Corner. The Town Clerk stated that in the past 3 weeks 8 trees were completely destroyed and as many more badly damaged. In reply to Comm. Loughnane the Town Clerk stated that the cost of suitable tree guards is prohibitive and does not prevent the wilful damage to trees. All members present condemned this type of vandalism. Comm. Kelly stated that he wished to compliment the County Council staff on the excellent condition of the parks in the town. Comm. Morgan stated that as instigator of the Social Employment Schemes in Loughrea, he is proud of the work being done by these people and he wished to compliment them on it.

Junction Coy's Boreen/Gort Road: On the proposition of Comm. Hynes seconded by Comm. Donnellan it was agreed to request the Co. Council to lower the walls at the junction of Coy's Boreen with the Gort Road.

Parking: On the proposition of Comm. Barrett seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard, it was agreed to request the Gardai to implement the parking laws near Lattimor Corner and on Cross Street.

Speed Limits: On the proposition of Comm. Kelly seconded by Comm. Morgan it was decided to request the gardai to enforce the speed limit at Bride Street, Loughrea.

Guided Tour: Comm. McNally-Fullard referred to the lack of local employment opportunities and suggested that there might be employment potential in guided tours around the Cathedral, The Abbey, The Museum, Toroe Stone and other places of interest around Loughrea. On the proposition of Comm. Loughnane seconded by Comm. Morgan it was agreed to pursue this matter with Anco.

Street Traders: On the proposition of Comm. Burke seconded by Comm. Morgan it was decided to request the Gardai to ensure a free flow of traffic through King's St and Barrack Street on market days.

School Buses: Comm. McNally-Fullard referred to the annoyance which school children are causing while waiting for the school buses at Barrack Street.

Congratulations: On the proposition of Comm. Burke seconded by Comm. Barrett Mr. Patrick McDaide was congratulated on his retirement as Post Master in Loughrea and Mr. Michael Kennedy was congratulated and welcomed as his successor.

Athletics: On the proposition of Comm. Barrett seconded by Comm. Morgan, the Athletic Club was congratulated on its acquisition of 25 acres of land at Bushfield for a sports complex. All members wished the Athletic Club success with its venture and appealed to the public to support it. Comm. Loughnane paid tribute to Mr. John Hickey who had accommodated the Athletic Club in every way.

This terminated the meeting: Signed Sean Kelly, Chairman.
This the 14th day of July, 1986.

Minutes of proceedings at the Annual Meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 7/7/86.

Present: Comms. Norman Morgan, Perlie McNally-Fullard, John Reilly, Sean Kelly, Brendan Donnellan, Gabriel Burke, Matt Loughnane, Pat Hynes, Oliver Barrett.
Officials: John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.

Before the business of the meeting was discussed, votes of sympathy were passed with the following on their recent bereavements:

Comm. Morgan on the death of his Mother-in-Law.
Comm. Loughnane on the death of his niece.

The McNally Family, Barrack St. on the death of their child.
The Whelan Family, The Hill on the death of Ferdi Whelan.

Election of Chairperson: The out-going Chairman, Comm. Morgan presided over the election of the Chairperson. Comm. Morgan stated that before inviting nominations for the Chair, he would like to express his thanks and appreciation to the members for their help and co-operation during the past year. Comm. Morgan pledged his full support for the incoming Chairperson.
Nominations: The following were proposed for the position of Chairperson.

1. Comm. Oliver Barrett; proposed by Comm. Reilly and seconded by Comm. Barrett.
2. Comm. P. McNally-Fullard; proposed by Comm. Hynes, seconded by Comm. Morgan.
3. Comm. S. Kelly; proposed by Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Loughnane.

voting resulted as follows:

For Comm. Barrett: Comms. Reilly and Barrett. 2 No.
For Comm. McNally-Fullard: Comms. McNally-Fullard, Hynes and Morgan. 3 No.
For Comm. Kelly: Comms. Kelly, Donnellan, Loughnane and Burke. 4 No.
Comm. Barrett was eliminated and a further vote resulted as follows:
For Comm. McNally-Fullard: Comms. McNally-Fullard, Hynes and Morgan. 3 No.
For Comm. Kelly: Comms. Kelly, Donnellan, Loughnane and Burke. 4 No.
Comms. Barrett and Reilly abstained.
Comm. Kelly was then declared elected as Chairperson.
Comms. Kelly, McNally-Fullard and Barrett thanked their proposers, seconders and members who had supported them.

Election of Vice-Chairperson: The following were proposed for the position of Vice-Chairperson:

1. Comm. O. Barrett, proposed by Comm. Reilly seconded by Comm. Barrett.
2. Comm. N. Morgan, proposed by Comm. McNally-Fullard seconded by Comm. Hynes.
3. Comm. B. Donnellan, proposed by Comm. Kelly seconded by Comm. Loughnane.

Comms. Morgan and Donnellan thanked their proposers and seconders and withdrew their names in favour of Comm. Barrett. Comm. Barrett was then declared elected.

Comm. Barrett thanked his proposer and seconder and the members for electing him unanimously. Comm. Barrett expressed his disappointment that the position of Chairperson did not rotate more within the personnel of the Board.
Comm. Morgan agreed with these sentiments.

Election of Delegate to Fire Brigades Advisory Committee: On the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Kelly, Comm. Loughnane was unanimously elected to the Fire Brigades Advisory Committee.

Comm. Loughnane thanked his proposer and seconder and the meeting for electing him. Comm. Loughnane stated that the Advisory Committee had met during the past year, Comm. Loughnane also informed the meeting that a development plan for the fire service had gone before the County Council and that an extension to the Loughrea Station is high on the priority list but unfortunately the plan is depending on the availability of money.

This concluded the business of the Annual Meeting.

Signed this the 8th day of September, 1986.


Chairperson.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 7/7/86.

In the Chair: Comm. Sean Kelly, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. Norman Morgan, Perlie McNally-Fullard, John Reilly, Brendan Donnellan, Gabriel Burke, Matt Loughnane, Pat Hynes, Oliver Barrett.
Officials Present: John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, Alexis Marmion, T/Clerk.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 9/6/86, 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. Speed Limits: On the proposition of Comm. Loughnane seconded by Comm. Kelly it was unanimously decided to write to the Dept. of the Environment inquiring as to the present position of the revised speed limits for Loughrea. It was also decided to inform Galway Co. Council of the proposed letter and to advise them that Comms. Kelly and Barrett were appointed to represent the Town Commissioners in the event of a Speed Limit Committee being formed.
2. Cat. Scan Machine: On the proposition of Comm. Hynes seconded by Comm. Morgan it was decided to write again to the Minister for Health stressing the urgency with regard to the provision of funds for the operation of the CAT Scan machine at Halway Regional hospital.
3. Tour Guides: In reply to Comm. McNally-Fullard the Town Clerk stated that he had contacted National Manpower regarding availability of grants towards the provision of Tour Guides in Loughrea. The only funds available are per the Social Employment Schemes which entails a 12 months scheme or £30 per week grant which would require additional funds
4. Fire Drill: In reply to Comm. Burke, the Town Clerk stated that he had sent a copy of the Co. Councils' letter to all the schools in the town but had not received any replies. Mr. Howlett made the point that it would not be practical to cover all the schools within the county but he was of the opinion that if a request went in from the schools in Loughrea somebody would come out.
5. Coy's Boreen/Gort Road Junction: In reply to Comm. Hynes, the Town Clerk stated that the Town Engineer had included the improvement of this junction in his 1986 proposals but unfortunately funds were not made available.

Paths at Athenry Road: On the proposition of Comm. McNally-Fullard seconded by Comm. Loughnane it was decided to request the County Council to extend the concrete footpath on the south side of Athenry Road westward towards the last house.

Hanley's Cross: On the proposition of Comm. McNally-Fullard seconded by Comm. Loughnane it was agreed to request the Co. Council to endeavour to improve the safety aspect at Hanley's Cross. Comm. Loughnane suggested erecting a safety barrier while Comm. Morgan thought that a public light would improve the matter.

Thanks: Mr. Michael Kennedy thanked the Town Commissioners for their good wishes on his appointment as Post Master and expressed the wish that the co-operation that exist between the employees of An Post and the people of the town will continue.

Church of Ireland Church: In reply to Comm. Loughnane the Town Clerk stated that it is intended to have the grounds of the Church of Ireland in Church Street tidied up under the Social Employment Schemes.
Comm. Reilly stated that he understood that this property was handed over to the Co. Council for conversion to a library. Mr. Howlett stated that negotiations are taking place but the deal is not yet finalised. It was agreed to defer further discussion on the matter.

People of the Year Awards: Nominations for this award was deferred to the next meeting.

Signed this the 8th day of September, 1986.


Chairperson

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 8/9/86.

In the Chair: Comm. Oliver Barrett, Vice-Chairperson.
Members Present: Comms. Brendan Donnellan, Gabriel Burke, John Reilly, Pat Hynes, Matt Loughnane and Perlie McNally-Fullard.
Officials Present: Messrs. E. Gleeson, Acting Asst. Co. Manager and Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.

Apology: Comm. Norman Morgan.
Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the A.G. meeting and of the monthly meeting, both held on the 7/7/86, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Burke.

Coy's Boreen/Gort Road Junction: In reply to Comm. Donnellan the Town Clerk stated that there was no further information on the improvements requested for the Coy's Boreen/Gort Road junction.

All-Ireland Tickets: Comms. Burke and Loughnane thanked the Town Clerk for getting tickets for the All-Ireland hurling final. Comm. Burke also stated that he wished to condemn the violence that occurred on Hill 16.

Excess Butter Stocks: The meeting unanimously agreed to support the following resolution submitted by Tipperary U.D.C.
"That this Council deplores the decision made by the E.E.C. to make excess butter stocks available for calf feeding in Europe and urgently calls on the Government to make a real attempt for the first time to have this butter distributed to those on Social Welfare, the lower paid and the Third World."

Breathing Apparatus for Loughrea Fire Brigade: Galway Co. Council in its letter of the 30th July stated that it proposes to provide additional breathing apparatus for the Loughrea Fire Brigade.

Speed Limits in Loughrea: The meeting was informed by the Dept. of the Environment that draft regulations governing speed limits within the County are at present awaiting Garda concurrence. On receipt of this concurrence the draft regulations will be submitted for the Minister's approval.

C.A.T. Scanner at Galway Regional Hospital: The Dept. of Health informed the meeting that the commissioning of the C.A.T. scanner at Galway Regional Hospital is one element in a set of measures that are designed to rationalise health services in the Western Health Board area and that the Department's contribution towards the running costs of the scanner will be determined in the light of the financial consequence of implementing the entire set of rationalisation measures concerned. The Dept. went on to say that the Western Health Board was asked to submit proposals to implement these measures together with an assessment of their financial implications and the Department is awaiting the Board's proposals in the matter.
Comm. Hynes stated that he was disappointed with the reply, he was waiting for a positive reply and that this letter is much ado about nothing. Comm. Donnellan disagreed with Comm. Hynes pointing out that the Department placed the blame with the Western Health Board.
On the proposition of Comm. Barrett seconded by Comm. Donnellan it was decided to send a copy of the Department's letter to the Western Health Board for its comments.

1986 Tenant Purchase Scheme: Mr. Gleeson outline the proposed new Tenant Purchase Scheme which proposes to be an ongoing scheme with prices reviewed annually. The Scheme was unanimously approved on the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Burke.

Houses at St Laurencesfields: Mr. Gleeson, in reply to Comm. Hynes stated that he will let the members know of the proposed completion date of the houses under construction at present in St. Laurencesfields.

Houses at Gort Brighde: Comm. Donnellan questioned the wisdom of demolishing the tigeens at Gort Brighde and having them replaced with new houses. Mr. Gleeson expressed the opinion that a costings was done on the work value and he would assume that the more beneficial work was done.
Comm. Burke made the point that Loughrea had taken more than its share of itinerants and he felt that no more houses should be built at Gort Brighde.

Pedestrian Crossing: On the proposition of Comm. Hynes seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard it was decided to request Galway Co. Council to provide a pedestrian crossing at Main St., Loughrea.

Telephone Kiosk: The meeting unanimously agreed to request a telephone kiosk at Cosmona. This was proposed by Comm. Hynes seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard.

The Walks: Comm. McNally-Fullard asked why the gates on both ends of The Walk was not locked. ~~Comm~~ The Town Clerk was instructed to refer the matter to the Co. Council.

Railway Station: Comm. Donnellan enquired as to the present position regarding ownership of the railway line. On the proposition of Comm. Burke seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard it was agreed to write to C.I.E. on the matter.

Traffic Lights at the Westbridge: On the proposition of Comm. Hynes seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard it was agreed to request the Co. Council to erect traffic lights at the Westbridge. Comm. Donnellan stated that he has doubts about the benefit of traffic lights at the Westbridge adding that there are very few accidents there.

Improvements at Gort Road: Comm. Loughnane asked that the work which had commenced near the Childrens' Playground on the Gort Road be completed.

Bye-Pass Road: In reply to queries from the meeting, Mr. Gleeson stated that the Co. Council had decided to delete the bye-pass road from the proposed Draft Plan for Loughrea. The plan will now have to be reviewed and put on display again.

Public Lighting: On the proposition of Comm. Burke seconded by Comm. Barrett it was decided to request Galway Co. Council to erect additional public lighting at Bohercam, Loughrea.

Tidyness of the Town: Comm. McNally-Fullard stated that she once again would like to compliment the Council workers on the cleanness of the town and its parks. She added that some additional litter bins of the closed type would add to the tidyness of the town. Comm. Donnellan associated himself with the sentiments expressed by Comm. McNally-Fullard and added that he would like to specially mention the person who cleans the town on Sundays.

Note of Congratulations: On the proposition of Comm. Loughnane seconded by Comm. Burke votes of congratulations were passed with the following:

1. The Loughrea Volleyball team on winning the silver medals at the Community Games at Mosney.
2. Miss Maher on winning a silver medal at the Community Games.
3. The Galway hurling team on their sporting display in the All-Ireland hurling final.

Votes of Sympathy: Votes of sympathy were extended to the following on their recent bereavements:

1. The Broderick family on the death of Peter Broderick, Cosmona.
2. The Carty family, Moore Street on the death of Paddy Carty.
3. The relatives of the late Miss E. Madden, Cosmona.
4. The Hurney family, Turloughmore on the tragic death of Garda Pat Hurney.

Signed this the 13th day of October, 1986. *Perlie McNally, Chairperson.*

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Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 13/10/86.

In the Chair: Comm. Perlie McNally-Fullard.

Members Present: Comms. Pat Hynes, Gabriel Burke, Brendan Donnellan,

Norman Morgan, Oliver Barrett, Matt Loughnane.

In attendance: M/s. John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, Alexis Marmion, T/Clerk.

Apology: Comm. John Reilly.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Vote of sympathy: Before the business of the meeting was discussed, a vote of sympathy was passed and the meeting adjourned for 5 minutes, as a mark of respect to the late Eddie McNally, father of Comm. McNally-Fullard.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 8/9/86, copies of which were previously circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Burke seconded by Comm. Donnellan.

Telephone kiosk: An Bord Telecom in its letter of the 25th September regretted that there is no prospect of a telephone kiosk being provided at Cosmona as its estimated level of use would not justify same. Comm. Hynes remarked that the people of Cosmona will be disappointed with this reply. Comm. Donnellan complimented Bord Telecom on the promptness of its survey and added that Galway Road area was also refused a kiosk in the early stages but had eventually got one and he believed that Cosmona will also get a kiosk in due course.

C.A.T. Scanner: The Western Health Board in its letter of the 24th September stated that the Scanner is installed since April, 1984 but due to the fact of no funds being provided for Staff or running costs, it cannot be opened. It was the unanimous opinion of the meeting that the Scanner should be in operation.

Resolution from Tipperary (N.R.) County Council: The meeting agreed to support the following resolution from Tipperary Co. Council.
"That this Council call on the Government to remove D.I.R.T. and V.A.T. from voluntary organisations funds and the cost of specialised equipment"

Strip Searching of Women Prisoners: The Town Clerk read a letter to the members informing them that a public meeting to discuss the practise of strip searching of women prisoners in Irish and British jails, has been organised for Tuesday 14th October at 8/30 p.m. in the Atlanta Hotel, Dominick St., Galway.

Deputation: The meeting received a deputation from the Traders Bye-Pass Committee. The deputation consisted of Ms. Martin Ward, Thomas Curley, Michael Kelly and Sean Morgan. Mr. Ward acted as spokesman for the Deputation. The subject for discussion was the abandonment of the Loughrea bye-pass and the parking problems in Loughrea. Mr. Ward made the following points and suggestions on behalf of the Deputation.

1. The 1 Hour parking law is not being enforced in Loughrea.
2. Double parking is occurring and is the main source of the traffic problem in Loughrea. Mr. Ward suggested that parking should only be allowed on one side of the Main Street.
3. Delivery trucks are another source of trouble and the suggestion was that traders would not accept deliveries between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. It was also suggested that traders who have back entrances should use these for receiving deliveries.
4. More car-parks are needed in Loughrea.
5. Mr. Ward also suggested a route through Athenry Road/Mount Carmel Crescent/The Mart and rejoining the national primary route at Bride St.

Comm. Barrett agreed that the delivery trucks are the main culprits and he proposed that the parking laws be enforced near 'The Casket'. Comm. Morgan seconded this proposal. Comm. Morgan proposed that the Co. Council be asked to take over the old railway line for possible use as a relief road. Comm. Loughnane stated that this recommendation was already submitted to the Co. Council and he will keep it in mind when the revised Braft Plan is being discussed. Comm. Donnellan stated that he had already suggested special 'Bays' for delivery trucks. Comm. Hynes stated that he meets a lot of the traders and he has had several approaches about the parking problem. Comm. Hynes added that he now thinks that some of the traders are having second thoughts about the deferred bye-pass.

Mr. Howlett pointed out that the Co. Council is at present investigating the possibility of acquiring suitable car-parking space and that the Commissioners have continually requested the Gardai to enforce the parking laws. Comm. Morgan thanked the Deputation for its submissions and added that they are always welcome to approach the Board. Mr. Ward on behalf of the Deputation expressed their thanks for receiving them.

The Walk: Comm. McNally-Fullard stated that recently she saw a lorry working in the 'Walk' and that a clothes line was also erected inside the western gate and she asked why this gate is not locked. The Town Clerk stated that he had referred this matter to the Co. Council from the previous meeting but that he would write again on the matter. Comm. Hynes referred to a right-of-way which people used to get from the Main Street to the Walk via 'Coopers Alley'. Some years back the gateway leading onto 'The Walk' was locked with the result that people could not use the right-of-way. The Town Clerk was instructed to ask the County Council to investigate this complaint.

Hanley's Cross: Comm. McNally-Fullard asked if something could be done to improve the junction at Hanley's Cross.

Motions submitted by Comm. Pat. Hynes:

i) "To discuss Loughrea's motorised traffic and other related problems." Comm. Hynes deferred this motion as a discussion on traffic and parking problems had taken place earlier in the meeting.

ii) "That Galway Co. Council repair a dangerous wall at Old Galway Road." It was agreed to refer this matter to Galway Co. Council.

iii) "That Galway Co. Council completely restore the footpath at Athenry Road."

Comm. Hynes was informed by the Town Clerk that this work is in progress.

1986 Tidy Towns Report: This was deferred to a later meeting.

Notes of Congratulations: It was proposed by Comm. Barrett seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard and passed unanimously that Fr. Iggy Clarke be congratulated on his appointment as Administrator in Loughrea and that Fr. Stankard be congratulated on his appointment as Parish Priest in Cappataggle and that he also be thanked for the work he had done during his 17 years in Loughrea. Members and Officials present associated themselves with these sentiments.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 10th day of November, 1986.


Chairperson.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 10/11/86.

In the Chair: Comm. Oliver Barrett, vice-Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. Perlie McNally-Fullard, Gabriel Burke, Pat Hynes, Norman Morgan, John Reilly, Brendan Donnellan and Matt Loughnane.

Officials: John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 13/10/86, copies of which were previously circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Morgan.

By-Pass Road: Arising from the minutes, Comm. Hynes stated that there is a very strong body of opinion in the town that the elected representatives erred in abandoning the by-pass of Loughrea and that the elected representatives could be accused of submitting to a small pressure group.

Comm. Barrett stated that he was always of the opinion that the by-pass should go ahead. Comm. Donnellan referred to the alternative route suggested via Mount Carmel Crescent and stated that he was approached by several people who are opposed to this alternative route. Comm. Burke stated that he was opposed to the by-pass for the following reasons;

- The traffic through Loughrea did not warrant a pedestrian crossing and
- the roundabout at Caherlavine encroached onto the front lawn of a man's house and the junction in the Cosmona area would become a death trap if the by-pass had gone ahead.

Comm. McNally-Fullard stated that she was of the opinion that the by-pass is inevitable and asked if the by-pass route could be made a toll route. Comm. Morgan agreed that the by-pass is inevitable and stated that this might be Loughrea's last chance to show off the beauty of its town. Comm. Morgan also expressed the fear that the road might take a more direct line from Ballinasloe to Galway via Athenry. Comm. Loughnane stated that there are limits to what he can say about the Draft Plan as it is coming up for discussion at a Co. Council meeting on next Friday. Comm. Loughnane went on to make the following points, the original by-pass was presented as a non-negotiable plan, the plan has since being discussed and alterations made, when a decision is made it will have very far reaching effects, the Councillors are trying to satisfy as many people as possible.

With regard to re-routing the road via Athenry, he was assured at top level that this will not happen. Comm. Donnellan stated that he resented the fact that Galway Chamber of Commerce had interfered in this matter.

Mr. Howlett stated that if there are objections or view points, they should be submitted now at planning stage.

It was decided to request Mr. Howlett to try to arrange for a senior engineer to attend the next meeting of the Town Commissioners and Mr. Howlett was also asked to convey to the Council officials that the Town Commissioners are having second thoughts about the by-pass.

Strip Searching of Women Prisoners: The following resolution, proposed by Comm. Hynes seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard was passed by the meeting:

"That this Body condemn the continued practise of strip searching of women prisoners in Maghaberry prison and we call for its immediate cessation. That a copy of this resolution be circulated to all local authorities for their support."

The Chairman opposed this resolution on the grounds that it was a waste of time and money. An amendment by Comm. Barrett that the resolution not be sent got no seconder.

Diocesan Museum: On the proposition of Comm. Hynes, a vote of congratulations was passed to Bishop Cassidy and Fr. Iggy Clarke on the re-opening of the diocesan museum in Loughrea. Fr. K.P. Egan was also complimented on the publication of his book 'St. Brendan's Cathedral'.

Comm. McNally-Fullard proposed and Comm. Barrett seconded that now that the museum is opened, that additional exhibitions be held in the museum.

On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard it was agreed to request the Bishop to have the museum open to the public under the supervision of the Parochial Council.

'The Walk': In reply to Comm. McNally-Fullard the Town Clerk stated that he had written to the Co. Council regarding the locking of the gate at the western entrance to the 'Walk'. The Town Foreman had also called on the householder regarding the erection of a clothes line on the Walk. Comm. McNally-Fullard stated that one of the Abbey Fathers had spoken to her regarding the possible danger to headstones from the first tree on the left hand side near the Abbey entrance.

Loughrea/Attymon Branch Line: C.I.E. in its letter dated 22/10/86 informed the meeting that in the absence of any foreseeable circumstances which might warrant the re-opening of the Loughrea/Attymon branch line, it has proceeded to make an Abandonment Order. Comm. Morgan stated that he was informed that C.I.E. must now offer the property to the local authority with the second option going to the adjoining land owners. The Town Clerk was instructed to write a letter of thanks to Mr. MacGiolla and to request him to clarify the present position with regard to the disposal of the branch line.

Taoiseach's Itinerary: Comm. Hynes referred to the Tuam Town Commissioners inviting the taoiseach to include Tuam on his itinerary around the country and he thought that both the Taoiseach and Mr. Haughey, T.D. should be invited to Loughrea so that Loughrea's need for further industry could be impressed on them. Comm. Morgan pointed out that it was unlikely that these people could find the time to meet the Commissioners but he was of the opinion that the Commissioners who are attached to political parties should continue to press the needs of Loughrea. Comm. Donnellan thought that it might be a good time to invite the elected representatives to a meeting.

School Books: On the proposition of Comm. Loughnane seconded by Comm. Barrett, the meeting unanimously supported the following resolution from Balbriggan T.C. "That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Education to introduce a book hire system in all second level schools due to the high cost of school books and that a copy of this resolution be sent to all local authorities for their support."

Ceolteoiri Eireann: The meeting, on the proposition of Comm. Barrett seconded by Comm. Loughnane decided to support the following resolution from Listowel Urban District Council:

"That this Council supports the call from Comhaltas Ceolteoiri Eireann for the Government to set up a structure to give employment to young unemployed musicians and artists and to give proper recognition to their contribution to the community."

Revision of Remuneration - 25th Pay Round - General Workers: Increases insofar as they relate to employees of the Loughrea Town Commissioners, as set out in Circular Letter EL 6/86 of the 22/10/86, were approved on the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Reilly.

Bohercom: Comm. Burke asked if there was any news regarding an additional light for Bohercom. Comm. Loughnane stated that for the first time in a few years the Co. Co. had provided some money for additional public lighting and the best that could be hoped for is for the Co. Council to continue this programme. Comm. Loughnane stated that the cost of a light and pole is £1000 approx. On the proposition of Comm. Barrett seconded by Comm. Reilly it was decided to request the Co. Council to re-surface Bohercom.

Expenses: Comm. Hynes stated that while attending a meeting of the Assoc. of Municipal Authorities he discovered that most Town Commissioners are receiving expenses for attending meetings and he requested that the position in Loughrea be reviewed at the next meeting.

Vote of congratulations were passed to Miss Angela Broderick and Miss Ursula Marmion on their recent academic success.

Votes of sympathy were extended to the Watts family, Athenry Road, on the death of Paddy Watts and the Kelly family, Caheronaun on the death of Iggy Kelly.

This concluded the business of the meeting

Dated this the 1st day of December, 1986. *[Signature]*: Chairperson.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 1/12/86. (Date of meeting brought forward because of Church Holiday - Dec. 8th)

In the Chair: Comm. Oliver Barrett, Vice-Chairperson.

Members Present: Comms. Pat Hynes, Matt Loughnane, Perlie McNally-Fullard, Brendan Donnellan, John Reilly, Norman Morgan and Gabriel Burke.

Officials: John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 10/11/86, copies of which were previously circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct. Proposed by Comm. Morgan, seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard.

By-Pass Road: The Chairman informed the meeting that there were members of the public outside who were anxious to attend the meeting, however before the meeting received these people he intended that the members discuss the proposed relief road and car-park. Comm. Morgan stated that he had sought a special meeting to discuss the proposed relief road and he agreed with the Chairman's suggestion. Comm. Loughnane said that he welcomed the opportunity to correct a number of inaccuracies or untruths which had appeared in an article in the Connacht Tribune of the 20th November. With regard to the car-park, it was the Town Commissioners who had recommended the provision of a car-park and it is not true to say that the County Council is going to give £150,000 to £200,000 for the back of two gardens. Neither is it true to say that a funeral parlour will have to be demolished to gain access to the car-park. Comm. Loughnane added that a group of people from Loughrea had lobbied the Councillors at the Council meeting and as a result the relief road was unanimously adopted by the Co. Council. Comms. Morgan, Barrett and Hynes questioned Comm. Loughnane's right to say that the people of Loughrea favoured this relief road. Comm. Hynes accused Comm. Loughnane of misleading the County Council on this matter. The reporter, Mr. J.B. Donohoe stated that the article he wrote on the Connacht Tribune was true and he stood over every word of it. Comm. Loughnane complained that a proposal to pedestrianise The Walk was passed at a recent Council Meeting and was not published in the Tribune.

A deputation consisting of M/s Gus Egan, Joe Callanan and Kieran Flannery from Loughrea Mart, Mrs. C. Kilboy of Kilboy Undertakers and Michael McNamara of 'The Winning Post' was received by the meeting.

Mr. Egan stated that the Mart Committee opposed both the relief road and the car-park and if either came to pass the mart would have to seriously consider moving. The mart Mr. Egan added were offered two alternative sites and grants of up to 2/3 the cost of providing a new mart is available. Mr. Egan also stated that he was in touch with the Prior in the Abbey and neither the Abbey Fathers or the Carmelite Nuns were consulted on the proposals, both strongly oppose them. Mrs. Kilboy expressed her objections to the proposals. Mr. McNamara stated that his name had appeared on a list objecting to the original by-pass road despite the fact that he had not signed any protest. Mr. Howlett stated that he had arranged to ~~have~~ the County Engineer's report supplied to each Town Commissioner. The Co. Engineer stated in his report that he could only recommend the original by-pass to the Council. However, the Councillors had approved of this relief road which is now written into the proposed Plan. This plan will be put on display and the public will have one month to comment on it. With regard to the car-park, this matter is under consideration, obviously people will have to be interviewed before a final decision is taken. During the course of further discussion Comm. Loughnane stated that he had discovered the C.P.O.s are not binding on religious orders. The following proposals were carried by the meeting regarding the by-pass road:

1. Proposed by Comm. Hynes and seconded by Comm. Morgan -
"That the people of Loughrea are definitely not in favour of this so called relief road."
2. Proposed by Comm. Morgan and seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard
"That no by-pass road be built south of the adopted option, which is marked yellow on the map supplied by the County Engineer."

With regard to proposal No.2 the meeting was in agreement that negotiations could have to take place with the people disturbed by the route of the proposed road.

Comm. Loughnane stated that in view of the stand he had taken at the County Council meeting, he now wished to dissent from proposal No.2.

Car-parking: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard, the meeting rejected the proposed entrances to the car-park.

The following propositions from Comm. Morgan did not get a seconder:

"That the Co. Council investigate the possibility of providing a car-park north of the entrance to the private station road."

"That the County Council examine the possibility of providing an entrance and exit onto the Main Street from the proposed car-park."

With regard to the relief road a letter from G. Moylan & Co. Solc. acting on behalf of an anonymous group of people, objection to the proposed relief road was marked read.

Correspondence: The following correspondence was read to the meeting:

- a) Letter from Bishop Cassidy thanking the Commissioners for their congratulations and good wishes on the opening of the Diocesan Museum and the launching of the book on St. Brendan's Cathedral.
- b) Letter from Fr. Stankard thanking the Commissioners for their good wishes on his appointment as Parish Priest of Cappatagle.

Loughrea/Attymon Branch Line: C.I.E. in its letter of the 24th November, stated that it is a matter solely within its discretion as to which permissible method of sale it employs to dispose of the abandoned Loughrea/Attymon branch line.

The meeting decided to send a copy of C.I.E.'s letter to the Co. Council.

Revision of Remuneration: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Burke, the meeting approved of a revision of remuneration for employees of the Town Commissioners as set out in Circular Letter EL 8/86.

Expenses for Town Commissioners attending meetings: The Town Clerk was instructed to place this matter on the agenda for the next meeting.

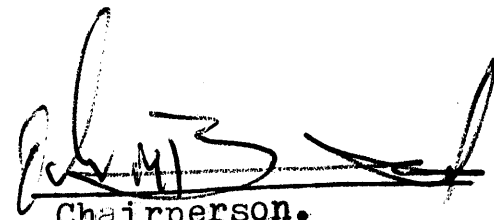
St. Brigid's Vocational School: On the proposition of Comm. Burke seconded by Comm. Barrett, a vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Seamus O'Grady for the work which he had carried out during his time as principal of St. Brigid's Voc. School and he was wished many years of happiness in his new appointment.

Mr. Michael Bond was also congratulated on his appointment as principal of St. Brigid's.

St. Brendan's Training Centre: Comm. McNally-Fullard asked that the Director of St. Brendan's Training Centre be officially thanked for the invitation to the official opening of the Centre.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 12th day of January, 1987.


Chairperson.

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In the Chair: Comm. Oliver Barrett, Vice-Chairman.
Members present: Comms. Pat Hynes, Brendan Donnellan, Perlie McNally-Fullard, Norman Morgan, Matt Loughnane.
In attendance: Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.
Apologies were received from Comm. John Reilly and John Howlett, Asst. Manager.
Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 1/12/86, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct

Birmingham Bombings: On the proposition of Comm. Loughnane seconded by Comm. Donnellan it was unanimously agreed to support the following resolution from Tipperary (North Riding) County Council.

"That this Council urge the Minister for Foreign Affairs to make continued strong representations to the British Home Office for a review of the case involving the six persons imprisoned for the Birmingham Bombings in 1974 and that their case be referred to the Court of appeal."

Revision of Remuneration - Office Grades: Revision of remuneration as set out in Circular Letter EL 16/86, for employees of the Loughrea Town Commissioners, was approved on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Donnellan.

Payment of expenses for Town Commissioners attending meetings: Comm. Hynes informed the meeting that at the Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities he had discovered that most elected members, including Town Commissioners, are in receipt of expenses for attending meetings. The Town Clerk reading from Circular Letter G.2/85 of the 12th December, 1983 set out the conditions under which travelling/subsistence allowances may be paid.

Comm. Loughnane stated that it would be a bad move to start looking for expenses. He made the point that Commissioners could not be compared with Councillors who may be gone all day at meetings. Comm. Donnellan stated the the question of expenses had never arisen and had not entered anybody's head, he proposed that expenses would not be paid to the town Commissioners, the proposal was seconded by Comm. Morgan and passed unanimously.

Town Twinning: The Town Clerk read a letter from the Mayor of Pont-scroff in France seeking to twin with Loughrea. Comm. Loughnane stated that twinning has a lot of advantages and should be pursued but he thought that the local authority should not be the twinning group. Comm. Morgan stated that the Chamber of Commerce is holding a meeting on Tuesday night and he proposed that the correspondence be passed on to them, this was seconded by Comm. Donnellan. Comm. McNally-Fullard agreed to attend the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce on behalf of the Town Commissioners. The correspondence was later handed to Mrs. Dervan, Secretary of the Loughrea Chamber of Commerce, who was a member of a deputation received by the meeting.

Proposed By-Pass or Relief Road: Mr. Gerard McInerney and Mrs. Dervan of Monearmore attended the meeting. Mr. McInerney stated that both himself and Mrs. Dervan are present at the meeting as individuals who reside at Monearmore. They had come to the meeting to express their concern at the suggested relief road which if approved would ~~sever~~ sever the Monearmore/Cosmona area from the town. Mr. McInerney went on to say that there are approximately 48 houses effected if any one of these roads go ahead and he referred to the danger of people walking to town having to cross this proposed road. Mr. McInerney appealed to both the Town Commissioners and County Councillors to let common sense prevail to ensure that the safest possible option is taken. Mr. McInerney also referred to the fact that Cosmona is still without a speed limit. The Town Clerk stated that the Town Plan including the inner relief road is going on display very shortly, representations can be made during this time.

Comm. Morgan reiterated the recommendations already made by the Town Commissioners regarding the By-Pass road. The Chairman pointed out that recommendations for speed limits at Cosmona were with the Department for some considerable time and are still awaiting the Minister's signature. In reply to Mr. McInerney, Comm. Loughnane stated that he and his fellow Councillors will take cognisance of all representations made before a final decision is taken. Both Mr. McInerney and Mrs. Dervan expressed their thanks to the meeting for receiving them.

Motions submitted by Comm. Brendan Donnellan.

a) "That polling in the next general election take place on a Sunday and that the use of public address systems or loudspeakers be banned for electioneering on Polling Day".
This motion was seconded by Comm. Morgan and passed unanimously.

b) "That the repair of the footpaths at Dunkellin Street be finished."
Motion seconded by Comm. Morgan and passed unanimously.

c) "That we ask the County Council to remove the weighbridge at the Fair Green."
Motion seconded by Comm. Morgan and passed unanimously.

Motions submitted by Comm. Pat Hynes:

a) "That Galway County Council provide in their 1987 Estimates funds for the installation of solid fuel cookers where needed in houses at Fahy Gardens, Loughrea."
This motion was seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard.

b) "That Galway County Council provide in their 1987 Estimates, funds for the construction of front garden walls at Fahy Gardens, Loughrea."
This motion was seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard.

c) "That Galway County Council provide in their 1987 Estimates, funds for the alleviation of serious and dangerous flooding at Moanmore, Masonbrook, Loughrea."
This motion was seconded by Comm. Barrett.

All of the above motions were passed unanimously.

Speed Limit at Kilchreest: On the proposition of Comm. McNally-Fullard, seconded by Comm. Donnellan it was decided to request Galway County Council to have 30 m.p.h. speed limit provided at Kilchreest.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 9th day of February, 1987.)))))))

Perlie McNally-Fullard
Chairperson.

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Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 9/2/87. 42
In the Chair: Comm. Perlie McNally-Fullard.
Members Present: Comms. John Reilly, Pat Hynes, Brendan Donnellan, Norman Morgan, Gabriel Burke and Matthew Loughnane.
In Attendance: Mr. John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.
Apologies: Apologies were submitted on behalf of Sean Kelly and Oliver Barrett.
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.
Comm. Morgan stated that he would like to avail of the opportunity to wish former Commissioner Paddy O'Loughlin a speedy recovery to health. All present associated themselves with the sentiment expressed by Comm. Morgan.

Motions from the January Meeting: In reply to Comm. Hynes, Mr. Howlett stated the 1987 Estimates are not yet finalised. With regard to the provision of solid fuel cookers at Fahy Gardens, the Co. Council had submitted a similar request to the Minister for the Environment.
The Town Clerk in reply to Comm. Donnellan stated that his suggestions on the use of public address systems on Polling Days and the holding of elections on Sundays are with the Minister for the Environment.

Weighbridge at Fairgreen: It was decided to suggest to the County Council that they offer ~~xxx~~ for sale, the weighbridge at the Fair Green, Loughrea.

Deputation from Cosmona Residence Association: The meeting received a deputation from Cosmona Residence Association. The deputation consisted of M/s. Patrick Stubbs, Barry Horgan, Oliver Devine, Gerard McInerney, Noel Melia.
The deputation submitted a list of improvement which they sought for the Cosmona area. The improvements sought covered roads, footpaths, lighting, speed limits and amenity areas.
It was agreed to submit the proposals to the various authorities and to inform the deputation per Mr. Stubbs of any replies received.
Mr. Stubbs thanked the meeting for receiving them.

Absence of Comm. Sean Kelly from meetings: Comm. Sean Kelly wrote to the meeting apologising for his absence and expressing his wish to continue as a member of the Board. The Town Clerk stated that Comm. Kelly had rang him from America last week and had stated that he will be returning home sometime during the year and stating that he is most anxious to retain his seat.
The Town Clerk stated that Mr. Kelly last attended at the July meeting, no meeting is held during the month of August so Comm. Kelly is absent from September onwards. Mr. Howlett stated that the law states that if a member is absent from meetings for more than six months, consecutively, except in the case of illness or for some reason approved by the Commissioners his office shall on the expiration of these months become vacant. A discussion took place and it was agreed on the proposition Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Reilly to allow Comm. Kelly to be absent until the next meeting only.
Comm. Loughnane raised the question regarding Comm. Kelly's position as delegate to the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that a previous decision received from the Association had stated that a delegate is appointed for the full term of office and only the delegate can appoint a substitute.
The Town Clerk was instructed to bring these matters to the attention of Comm. Kelly and to the Association of Municipal Authorities.
On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard, it was agreed that should Comm. Kelly relinquish his office, that Comm. Loughnane be appointed as delegate to the Association of Municipal Authorities.

Chairperson: On the proposal of Comm. Morgan it was agreed that Comm. McNally-Fullard should continue to act as Chairperson while the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are away.

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Association of Municipal Authorities: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Burke it was agreed to pay the annual subscription of £84 to the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland. 43

Revision of Remuneration - 25th Pay Round - General Workers: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard the 25th Pay Round for General Workers and related grades as set out in Circular Letter EL 3/87 was approved for employees of the Loughrea Town Commissioners.

Estimates: The Assistant County Manager, Mr. Howlett, in accordance with Sect. 9 & 10 of the County & City Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, submitted ~~xxxxxxx~~ the Estimate for 1987 Year. The Estimate provides for a rate of 12.93p in the £.
On the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard, the following were resolved:

1. That the Estimate of Expenses of the Loughrea Town Commissioners for the Financial Year ending 31/12/87, as set forth at A, B & C on the form of Estimate be adopted and that the Form of Estimate be signed by the Chairperson and by the Town Clerk.

2. That the demand be made on Galway County Council by the Loughrea Town Commissioners for the sum of £1,788 for the Financial Year ending 31/12/87. and that the Form of Demand be signed by the Chairman and by the Town Clerk.


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

Amendment of the Draft of the Proposed Development Plan for Loughrea. In reply to the County Council's query of the 4th February on the amendment of the Draft of the Proposed Development Plan for Loughrea, it was unanimously agreed on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Reilly, that the contents of Town Commissioners' letter of the 3rd. December should be regarded as the representations which the Loughrea Town Commissioners wish to make on the Proposed Amendment of the Draft Development Plan.

Paths: On the proposition of Comm. Burke seconded by Comm. Morgan it was agreed to request the County Council to extend the footpath on the Caheronaun Road from Noel Kelly's house to the Caheronaun Housing Estate.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 9th day of March, 1987.


Chairperson.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 9/3/87.
 Chairperson: In the absence of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, Comm. Hynes was moved to the Chair on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard.
 Members Present: Comms. Perlie McNally-Fullard, John Reilly, Gabriel Burke, Norman Morgan and Brendan Donnellan.
 Officials: John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.
 Apologies were received on behalf of Comms. Oliver Barrett and Matt Loughnane.

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. Morgan.

Vote of Sympathy: Before the business of the meeting was discussed, Comm. Burke proposed a vote of sympathy to the Ward families on the tragic death of Michael Ward, this was seconded by Comm. Reilly. All members and officials present associated themselves with the vote of sympathy.

Weighbridge at Fairgreen: In reply to Comm. Donnellan, the Town Clerk stated that he had conveyed the request, to have the weighbridge at the Fairgreen removed, to the County Council. He had no further information on the matter.

Solid Fuel Cookers: In reply to Comm. Hynes, Mr. Howlett restated that the Co. Council had requested the Minister for the Environment to make financial provision for the installation of solid fuel cookers in house but as yet, no favourable reply was received. Mr. Howlett undertook to produce the correspondence at the next meeting - further discussion was deferred.

Park at Caheronaun Housing Estate: On the proposition of Comm. Burke seconded by Comm. Morgan it was agreed to request the Co. Council to take in charge the open space at the Caheronaun Estate.

Hanley's Cross at Caherlavine: On the proposition of Comm. McNally-Fullard seconded by Comm. Morgan, it was agreed to request the County Council to examine with a view to improving, the junction known as Hanley's Cross, Caherlavine, Loughrea.

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 Comm. McNally-Fullard stated that she would like to compliment the workmen on the excellent service which they are providing.

St. Patrick's Day Parade: A letter of invitation from the Chamber of Commerce to the Town Commissioners inviting them to join the Chamber of Commerce on the Reviewing Stand for the St. Patrick's Day Parade was read. The Chamber was thanked for its invitation and it was agreed that as many as possible would attend.

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Comm. McNally-Fullard proposed that Comm. Kelly be disqualified and was seconded by Comm. Reilly. *Declared Vacant*

Comm. Donnellan proposed that Comm. Kelly be excused from meetings for a period of 12 months and was seconded by Comm. Burke.
 A proposal from Comm. Burke that Comm. Kelly be granted leave of absence for a further month received no seconder.

Comm. Donnellan's proposal was put to the meeting first and resulted thus: For: Comms. Donnellan and Burke. Against: Comms. Reilly, Morgan, McNally-Fullard and Hynes. Proposal lost by 4 vote to two.
 Comm. McNally-Fullard's proposal: For - McNally-Fullard, Reilly, Morgan and Hynes. Against - Donnellan and Burke. Proposal carried by 4 votes to 2.
 The Chairman then declared Comm. Kelly's seat vacant.

Western Health Board: Comm. Burke referred to a report on last week's Connacht Tribune concerning the alleged treatment of a patient, Mrs. Carty at Liam Mellows Terrace, Loughrea at Merlin Park hospital. It was agreed to write to the Western Health Board expressing concern for the patient and seeking clarification on the matter.

Smoking at meetings: Comm. McNally-Fullard proposed that members refrain from smoking during meetings. This proposal was seconded by Comm. Morgan.

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Mr. Howlett stated that it is now up to the Members to decide whether they wished to excuse Comm. Kelly or not, should the meeting decide not to excuse Comm. Kelly then three Members will have to sign a declaration to the effect that his seat is now vacant.

Comm. McNally-Fullard proposed that Comm. Kelly be disqualified and was seconded by Comm. Reilly. *Deborah Dalton*

Comm. Donnellan proposed that Comm. Kelly be excused from meetings for a period of 12 months and was seconded by Comm. Burke.

A proposal from Comm. Burke that Comm. Kelly be granted leave of absence for a further month received no seconder.
 Comm. Donnellan's proposal was put to the meeting first and resulted thus: For; Comms. Donnellan and Burke. Against: Comms. Reilly, Morgan, McNally-Fullard and Hynes. Proposal lost by 4 vote to two.
 Comm. McNally-Fullard's proposal: For - McNally-Fullard, Reilly, Morgan and Hynes. Against - Donnellan and Burke. Proposal carried by 4 votes to 2.
 The Chairman then declared Comm. Kelly's seat vacant.

Western Health Board: Comm. Burke referred to a report on last week's Connacht Tribune concerning the alleged treatment of a patient, Mrs. Carty of Liam Mellows Terrace, Loughrea at Merlin Park hospital. It was agreed to write to the Western Health Board expressing concern for the patient and seeking clarification on the matter.

Smoking at meetings: Comm. McNally-Fullard proposed that members refrain from smoking during meetings. This proposal was seconded by Comm. Morgan.

direct negative was proposed by Comm. Reilly and seconded by Comm. Hynes. The matter was put to the meeting and the voting resulted thus:
 For: Comm. McNally-Fullard, Morgan and Donnellan.
 Against: Comms. Reilly, Hynes and ~~Mary~~ Burke.
 On the casting vote of the Chairman the amendment was carried.

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

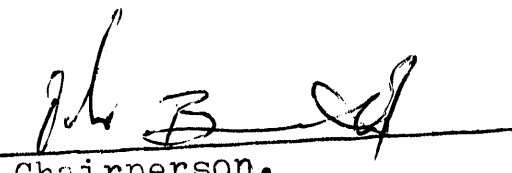
Loughrea Boxing Club on its successful tournament - proposed by Comm. McNally-Fullard seconded by Comm. Morgan.

Dail Representatives: Comm. Morgan congratulated the three successful candidates in the recent general election and he expressed the hope that they would not be foreigners in the town of Loughrea. Comm. McNally-Fullard seconded Comm. Morgan's proposal.

No. 62 St. Laurencesfields: Comm. Reilly stated that he had received numerous complaints regarding noise being made by the tenants at 62 St. Laurencesfields during the hours of darkness as a result of work being carried out. The Town Clerk was asked to convey the complaint to the County Council.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 13th day of April, 1987.


 Chairperson.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 13/4/87.
 In the Chair: Comm. Oliver Barrett, vice-Chairperson.
 Members Present: Comms. Perlie McNally-Fullard, John Reilly, Pat Hynes, Norman Morgan, Brendan Donnellan, Gabriel Burke, Matt Loughnane.
 In attendance; John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, Town Clerk.
 Meeting opened with prayers.
 Comm. Morgan suggested that the first business of the meeting should be to elect a Chairperson to succeed former Commissioner Sean Kelly, this was unanimously accepted by the ~~same~~ meeting.

Election of Chairperson: Comm. Oliver Barrett was unanimously elected Chairperson on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard.
 Election of Vice-Chairperson: Comm. McNally-Fullard was elected Vice-Chairperson on the proposition of Comm. Loughnane seconded by Comm. Hynes.

Both Comms. Barrett and McNally-Fullard thanked their proposers and seconders and the members for electing them unanimously.
 Mr. Howlett explained that arising from the disqualification of former Comm. Sean Kelly, the Board had an obligation to elect a new Chairperson who would hold office until the next Annual Meeting.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 9/3/87, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Reilly.

Vote of Sympathy: On the proposition of Comm. Hynes seconded by Comm. Barrett it was decided to send a letter of sympathy to the clergy and laity of the Archdiocese of Dublin.

Matters arising from the minutes:

1. Comm. Morgan referred to the proposal made by Comm. McNally-Fullard regarding the disqualification of Sean Kelly pointing out that Mr. Kelly had disqualified himself by being absent from more than 6 monthly meetings. It was agreed to amend this minute to read that Comm. McNally-Fullard had proposed that Comm. Kelly's seat be declared vacant.

2. Smoking at meetings: Comm. McNally-Fullard made the point that usually meetings only last for 1½ hours and she appealed to members to refrain from smoking during meetings.

3. Solid Fuel Cookers: In reply to Comm. Hynes, Mr. Howlett stated that the finance was not provided by the Department to install solid fuel cookers in the County Council houses at Fahy Gardens.

4. In reply to Comm. Hynes, the Town Clerk stated that there was no further information regarding the revision of the speed limits.
 The Town Clerk was instructed to write to the Minister concerning the adoption of the revised speed limits.

Draft Development Plan for Loughrea: The meeting received a deputation of consisting of Mrs. T. Corry, Terry Crowe, Martin Ward and Kevin McCormack. The Chairman also pointed out that Comm. Hynes has a motion on the agenda requesting the Asst. Co. Manager to state the up to date position regarding the Loughrea Town Development Plan and in particular the provision of a By-pass Road, and he proposed to take that motion now.
 Mr. Howlett explained that the proposed Development Plan for Loughrea was for discussion at a County Council meeting last Friday. The Council members had decided to defer discussion on the proposed plan for one month.
 In reply to Comm. Hynes, Comm. Loughnane stated that the reason that the County Council meeting had not discussed the proposed plan was because the data consisting of 42 pages was not received until the Wednesday prior to the meeting and in order to give the members an opportunity to consider the matter fully it was decided to defer the matter until the next suitable meeting. Mr. McCormack as spokesman for the group stated that they represented

a committee that was set up as a result of the proposed by-pass of Loughrea. This committee represented all sections of the community, both farming and commercial. The Committee has certain fears that the by-pass will have adverse effects on the town, something similar to Askeaton. Mr. McCormack referred to a report from a previous meeting which carried some adverse comment and they would also like to answer some questions. They wished to make the point that they are not faceless people and they resented being mentioned in the same breath as Cromell. ~~xxx~~ With regard to the person who had stated that his name was on the list of objectors when in fact he had not signed the list, Mr. McCormack went on to say that this man's name was not on the list. Mrs. Corry stated that there was over 120 names on the list which each individual had signed, the decision on the by-pass is a major one for the town and it is a pity that it is causing some bad feelings. Both Mr. Ward and Mr. Crowe referred to Loughrea's dependence on passing trade. Mr. Ward making the point that he had conducted a survey which showed that 82% of his business depended on a passing trade.

Comm. Barrett stated that he had attended the meeting in Galway last Friday, he was disappointed with the number of Councillors who were present in the Chambers while discussions were taking place and he felt that the Councillors took the right decision to defer the matter. He had sought the 42 page document for each Commissioner from Mr. Howlett and he now proposed that the County Council should hold the meeting on the By-Pass in Loughrea.

Comm. Burke proposed that the Commissioners be supplied with the list of objections and was seconded by Comm. Hynes. Mr. Howlett stated that the relevant data should be considered by the governing Authority, the people who had submitted objections had done so under certain laws, it would be wrong if these objections, made under specific laws, to the County Council, were sent to another body. Comm. Morgan agreed with what Mr. Howlett had said and added that the people of Loughrea had left themselves without a County Councillor. Comm. Morgan made the point that 7 of the 8 Commissioners had voted against the inner relief road via Mount Carmel Crescent.

Comm. Loughnane stated that the Town Commissioners had voted against the provision of car-parking facilities being provided at the rear of premises at Main Street. Comm. Morgan pointed out that the Commissioners had not objected to car-parks being provided but had objected to the proposed entrances to these car-parks.

Mr. McCormack thanked the meeting for receiving them and he expressed the hope that their visit might help to clear the air. The Chairman thanked the Deputation for coming and added that he will always be available to meet any deputation from the town.

Western Health Board: The Western Health Board in its letter of 31/3/87 stated that the facts as reported in the press concerning the transfer of Mrs. Mary Carty from the Regional Hospital to Merlin Park are not correct. Comm. Burke stated that he would accept the letter with certain reservations.

Red Cross: It was agreed to invite members of the local Red Cross Branch to the next meeting to discuss the possible purchase of machine to teach Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation.

Tidy Towns: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Barrett it was agreed to enter Loughrea in the 1987 Tidy Towns Competition.

Co-option of Member to replace Sean Kelly: There were two names proposed to fill the vacancy created by the disqualification of Sean Kelly; namely Tomas R. O Ceallaigh proposed by Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Barrett and James Regan proposed by Comm. Loughnane and seconded by Comm. Burke.

In the ensuing vote, Comms. Morgan, Barrett, Reilly and McNally-Fullard voted for O'Ceallaigh and Comms. Loughnane, Burke and Donnellan voted for Regan, with Comm. Hynes abstaining.

Mr. O'Ceallaigh was declared elected to fill the vacancy.

Motion submitted by Comm. Pat Hynes:

"That the CAT Scan Machine at Galway Regional Hospital be put into immediate operation."

This was seconded by Comm. Barrett and passed unanimously.

Signed this the 14 day of May, 1987.

[Signature]: Chairperson.

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In the Chair: Comm. Oliver Barrett, Chairperson.

Present: Comms. John Reilly, Matt Loughnane, Perlie McNally-Fullard, Pat Hynes, Norman Morgan, Thomas R. Kelly, Gabriel Burke and Brendan Donnellan.

In attendance: Edward Gleeson, Acting Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, T/Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 13/4/87, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Hynes seconded by Comm. Reilly.

New Member: The Chairperson, members and officials present welcome Comm. Kelly and congratulated him on being selected to fill the vacancy on the Board. Comm. Kelly in returning thanks stated that he deemed it an honour to be a member of the Board, he will not endeavour to score any political points in the Board room but will work for the good of Loughrea.

Irish Red Cross Society: The following members of the Loughrea Branch of the Irish Red Cross Society, Mrs. Daly, Messers Seamus Treacy and John Carroll were welcomed to the meeting. Mr. Carroll stated that the purpose of their visit was to see if the Town Commissioners could assist in the purchase of a demonstration model for teaching Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation. The model costs £605 plus V.A.T. Mr. Carroll went on to say that the members of the Loughrea Branch attend all sporting activities that they are requested to and as a result the financial position does not allow them to purchase a C.P.R. demonstration model. Mr. Carroll made the point that he is a fully qualified instructor in this method.

Comm. Barrett stated that unfortunately, the Commissioners have not the authority to provide funds for such a project, he did however state that a church gate collection was suggested and if the Red Cross is in agreement, the Commissioners will pursue the idea. Comm. Hynes stated that he is prepared to make a small donation and also to assist in any way possible. Comm. Morgan stated that he will assist in any way he can and in addition he will donate up to £30 free printing to promote the collection. Comm. Morgan also said that he wished to avail of this opportunity to personally express his appreciation for the service which the Red Cross provide locally.

The Chairman assured the Deputation of the full support of the Board and it was agreed that the Chairman will seek the necessary licence to hold a church gate collection.

The Deputation expressed their thanks to the meeting and left.

By-Pass: The following were received by the meeting: Mrs. Duffy, Kelly's St., Coleman Moylan, Patrick Stubbs, John Devine, Leo Gannon together with the Carmeliate Fathers - Fr. Coen, Prior and Fr. Monaghan.

The Chairman in welcoming these people to the meeting stated that the reason the meeting was brought forward one week was to give an opportunity to the Abbey Fathers to express their views on the proposed by-pass.

Fr. Coen stated that he is not against a by-pass it is needed. However the inner relief road would totally disrupt their way of life. He referred to the novitate and stated that the land is essential for the training of these young men and for the provision of their needs. Fr. Coen stated that the Carmeliate nuns are very upset over the proposed relief road which will go through their best field. The noise from this relief road would completely disrupt their way of life and could possibly necessitate the moving of their house. Comm. Morgan informed Fr. Coen that the Commissioners had already passed a resolution opposing the inner relief road and had informed the County Councillors of this fact. Comm. Morgan added that a by-pass is not needed and all the problems are caused by people double parking on the Main Street. Comm. Loughnane informed the meeting that the Draft Plan for Loughrea will now be considered by the County Council on Monday the 18th instant. The Chairman stated that as many people as possible should attend this meeting.

Comm. Kelly stated that the Mart people are also strongly opposed to this inner relief road, while Mr. Stubbs stated that as spokesman for the Cosmana Residents Association, he also objects to the people of Cosmana being cut off from the rest of the town.

In reply to Comm. Burke, Mr. Gleeson gave an outline of the history of the relief road. The Minister has indicated that funds are not available for the inner relief road. The by-pass road is included in the National Roads Plan, while the Councillors will have the final say on the line which the road will take, they also have a statutory obligation to provide a plan for Loughrea and this plan includes roads.

By this time the following had also joined the meeting - Terry Crowe, Tony Leahy, Maurice Sweeney, Eamon Rabbitte, Martin Ward and Kevin McCormack, all representatives of the Loughrea Traders By-Pass Committee. Mr. McCormack stated that they wished to apologise to the Commissioners for not holding a meeting last Friday night arising from the meeting in O'Dea's Hotel, some of their members wished to give an account of their visit to Askeaton. Messrs Ward, Leahy and Crowe stated that they had visited Askeaton and were informed that both business and property values had fallen considerably since the by-pass. Mr. McCormack also made the point that the Traders By-Pass Committee did not initiate or favour the inner relief road. Mr. Rabbitte stated that if parking is the problem, he has property which is available for a car-park and this property adjoins Mr. McDonnell's property on Barrack Street - a property which is also available. Comm. Morgan thanked Mr. Rabbitte for his offer and proposed that it be recommended to the County Council, Comm. Loughnane seconded the proposal. Comm. Donnellan stated that McInerneys propose moving their business from Main Street and this should also help relieve traffic congestion and he thought if the plan was delayed for another 5 years to see what effect additional parking facilities would have. Mr. Gleeson stated that the County Councillors must adopt a plan, car-parks is not the alternative answer, the Councillors should at least preserve a land corridor for a proposed road. Mr. Sweeney wondered if it was futile to look for sites for other car-parks. Comm. Loughnane stated that he will be involved in the decision making on the 18th, he appreciated that the people of the town are greatly concerned, he had taken heed of all the points made which he will consider over the next few days. Mr. Crowe stated that the farmers have great reservations with regard to the land corridor. The Chairman thanked all of the people who had attended the meeting and he expressed the wish that as many people as possible will attend the meeting on the 18th.

Meeting of Galway Co. Council: The County Council in its letter of the 1st instant stated that it proposes to hold a meeting of the Co. Council in Loughrea later this year.

C.A.T. Scanner at Galway Regional Hospital: The Minister for Health in his letter of the 29th April stated that his predecessor has issued a directive to the Western Health Board to have the C.A.T. Scanner commissioned. The Minister understood that the Board was awaiting notification of its allocation for 1987 before responding to this directive. The allocations are now issued and the Minister is expecting a positive response from the Board. The Minister stated that he is not in a position to make additional funds available for this purpose.

Comm. Hynes stated that he was very disappointed with this reply as a pre-election promise was given to put this equipment in operation. On the proposition of Comm. Loughnane seconded by Comm. Morgan it was decided to send a copy of this letter to the Western Health Board for their comments.

25th Pay Round: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard, the 3rd phase of the 25th pay round, as set out in Circular Letter EL 9/87, was approved for employees of the Board.

Service Charges: Comm. Hynes proposed that the service charges for water and refuse be immediately abolished. Comm. Burke in seconding this motion

stated that he hoped that there would be no increase in these charges. Comm. Donnellan stated that he opposed this motion on the grounds that all services coming into a house must be paid for and in his opinion water is the most essential service which one requires.

Pollution: Comm. McNally-Fullard stated that oil is flowing into the lake at Barrack Street. The Town Clerk stated that he would have the matter investigated.

Goods at Castle Street: Comm. McNally-Fullard complained that goods are being displayed on the footpath at Castle Street and as a result the people cannot use the path. It was decided to refer the matter to the County Council.

Path at Dunkellin Street: Comm. McNally-Fullard asked if the County Council would consider narrowing the footpath at Dunkellin Street when they are carrying out repairs after the Bord Telecom repairs. Town Clerk stated that the Council was already requested to do this work but they are not in favour of same.

Votes of Congratulation: Votes of congratulations were passed with the following:

1. Ferdie Whelan on being elected Vice-President of the Galway Boxing Board. Proposed by Comm. McNally-Fullard seconded by Comm. Morgan.
 2. The Galway Senior Hurling Team on winning the National League.
 3. Co. Vocational Hurling team on winning its 8 consecutive All-Ireland Championship.
 4. St. Raphaels Juvenile team on winning the All-Ireland hurling title.
- Nos. 2, 3, and 4 were proposed by Comm. Kelly and passed unanimously

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 8th day of ^{June} ~~May~~, 1987.


Chairperson.

minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 8/6/87.

In the Chair: Comm. Oliver Barrett, Chairperson.
 Members Present: Comms. Perlie McNally-Fullard, John Reilly, Pat Hynes, ~~Oliver Barrett~~, Norman Morgan, Gabriel Burke, Thomas R. Kelly, Matt Loughnane.
 In attendance: Messers John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, Alexis Marmion, T/Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 4/5/87, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Burke.

Town Plan: The Chairman stated that the Town Plan for Loughrea was considered by Galway Co. Council earlier in the day. The Council had adopted the plan after excluding the by-pass road and the inner relief road. The position now is that the County Manager reports back to the Minister for the Environment who has the final say in the matter.

Comm. Hynes stated that he welcomed this decision as the Carmelites can now remain undisturbed in Loughrea, he wished to compliment the committee who had organised the signing of a petition by 2,000 people to keep the Carmelites in Loughrea. Comm. Morgan in seconding Comm. Hynes stated that the inner relief road was not on from the beginning. It was decided to press the Co. Council to provide additional car-parks and it was proposed by Comm. Burke seconded by Comm. Morgan to request the Co. Council to pursue the problem of derelict cars left in the car-park. On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard, the Town Clerk was instructed to write to Telecom Eireann re the large number of vehicles which they park in the car-park.

Red Cross: The Chairman stated that he has applied for a permit to take up a church gate collection for the purpose of purchasing a demonstration model for teaching Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation and he hoped that the permit will be issued for July/August.

Pollution: In reply to Comm. McNally-Fullard, the Town Clerk stated that he had requested the Co. Council to inspect the water at Barrack Street - no pollution was found.

Tidy Town: Comm. Barrett stated that he wished to compliment the Co. Council staff on the manner in which they keep the Long Point. All of the members referred to the small workforce which the Co. Council has at present despite the large number on the dole. On the proposition of Comm. Hynes seconded by Comm. Burke it was decided to request the Co. Council to provide additional staff in Loughrea. In reply to Comm. Morgan, Mr. Howlett agreed that a general embargo is in operation as there is no money available for additional labour.

Employment: Comm. Hynes stated that Loughrea should demand better treatment from its public representatives. The Town Clerk was instructed to invite them to the next meeting.

Goods on sidewalks: On the proposition of Comm. McNally-Fullard seconded by Comm. Burke it was agreed to draw the Gardai's attention to the fact that traders are displaying their goods on the footpaths and thereby denying the public the opportunity of walking along the sidewalks.

Caheronaun Park: Comm. Burke suggested that the Co. Council be requested to take over the play area at Caheronaun Park.

C.A.T. Scan Machine at Galway: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Hynes it was agreed to enquire if the C.A.T. Scan machine at Galway is now out of date with regard to technology.

Association of Municipal Authorities: The meeting was informed that the Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities will be held in Westport on 15th, 16th, and 17th September, 1987. All motions should be submitted not later than 14th July, 1987.

Speed Limits: On the proposition of Comm. Kelly seconded by Comm. Morgan it was agreed to request the Gardai to enforce the speed limits within the town.

On the proposition of Comm. McNally-Fullard seconded by Comm. Morgan it was decided to request the Co. Council to provide ramps to prevent speeding within the residential areas in the town.

Pedestrian Crossing: On the proposition of Comm. McNally-Fullard, seconded by Comm. Morgan it was decided to request the Co. Council to provide a pedestrian crossing in Loughrea.

Motions submitted by Comm. Gabriel Burke:

- i) "Call on the Minister to decentralise a Government Department to Loughrea."
 This motion was seconded by Comm. Morgan and it was agreed to refer it to the Taoiseach.
- ii) "Ask the County Engineer the position as regards the two sites for sale by Galway County Council."

Mr. Howlett stated that this matter is under consideration and a decision will be taken within the next week or two.

Date of Annual Meeting: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Reilly, it was agreed to hold the Annual Meeting on Monday July 13th in conjunction with the monthly meeting.

The meeting then terminated.

Signed this the 13th day of July, 1987.

John Reilly
 Chairperson.

Minutes of proceedings at the Annual Meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 13/7/87.

In the Chair: Comm. Oliver Barrett, Chairperson.
Members Present: Comms. Thomas R. Kelly, John Reilly, Norman Morgan, Pat Hynes, Perlie McNally-Fullard, Brendan Donnellan, Matt Loughnane and Gabriel Burke.
Present: Messers John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.
Meeting opened with prayers.

Election of Chairperson: Comm. Barrett in opening the meeting said that the first business was to elect a Chairperson. Comm. Barrett thanked the Members and Officials for their help and courtesy throughout the year and he invited proposals for the position of Chairperson. The following proposals were made:

Comm. Pat Hynes, proposed by Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard.
Comm. Matt Loughnane, proposed by Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Burke.
Comm. John Reilly, proposed by Comm. Kelly seconded by Comm. Barrett.
Comm. McNally-Fullard was also proposed by Comm. Reilly but withdrew her name. A vote was taken and resulted as follows:
For Comm. Hynes: Comm. Hynes, Morgan and McNally-Fullard. 3 No.
For Comm. Loughnane: Comms. Loughnane, Donnellan and Burke. 3 No.
For Comm. Reilly: Comms. Reilly, Kelly and Barrett. 3 No.

Mr. Howlett explained that as the three candidates have the same vote the meeting should determine by lot who should be eliminated. On the proposition of Comm. Morgan the meeting unanimously agreed that the three names be placed in a hat and whosever name should be drawn would be Chairperson. Comm. Reilly's name was drawn from the hat, Comm. Reilly was then declared elected.

Comm. Morgan stated that he was saddened that agreements were not kept and said that he was now leaving the meeting in protest. Comm. McNally-Fullard stated that she was of the same opinion as Comm. Morgan and she also left the meeting.

Election of Vice-Chairperson: The following were proposed for the position of Vice-Chairperson:

Comm. Gabriel Burke, proposed by Comm. Loughnane seconded by Comm. Donnellan.
Comm. Pat Hynes, proposed by Comm. Barrett seconded by Comm. Kelly.
A vote was taken and resulted as follows:
For Comm. Burke - Comms. Burke, Loughnane and Donnellan. 5 No.
For Comm. Hynes - Comms. Hynes, Barrett, Kelly and Reilly. 4 No.
Comm. Hynes was declared elected.

All candidates thanked their proposers and seconders and the members who had supported them.

Fire Brigade Advisory Committee: The meeting was advised that Comm. Loughnane is appointed to this Committee for a five year period.

This concluded the business of the Annual Meeting.

Signed this the 14th day of September, 1987.

John Reilly
Chairperson.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 13/7/87.

In the Chair: Comm. John Reilly, Chairperson.
Members Present: Comms. Matt Loughnane, Gabriel Burke, Brendan Donnellan, Pat Hynes, Thomas R. Kelly, and Oliver Barrett, Norman Morgan, P. McNally-Fullard.
In attendance: Messers John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, Alexis Marmion, T/Clerk.

Vote of Sympathy: Comm. Loughnane proposed a vote of sympathy to the family of the late Joe Kilboy, a former member of the Board and suggested that the meeting adjourn for five minutes as a mark of respect, this was seconded by Comm. Hynes and passed unanimously. All members and officials present associated themselves with the vote of sympathy. The meeting then adjourned for 5 minutes as a mark of respect.

Minutes: Arising from the minutes, Comm. Kelly referred to the entry made re speed limits in Loughrea. The question he had asked the last night was why had the speed limit being moved nearer town in the Cosmona area, the record in the minutes only carries the tail of his proposal. The Town Clerk in reply stated that the position regarding Cosmona is as previously stated, the Town Commissioners have recommended that the ~~30~~ 30 M.P.H. speed limit be moved out to the level crossing. Comm. Donnellan agreed with Comm. Kelly and said that the Minister should be asked what is delaying the revision of the speed limits.
It was decided to write to the Minister on the matter.

Red Cross: Again arising from the minutes, Comm. Barrett informed Comm. Donnellan that he has now being granted a licence to hold a church gate collection for the purpose of funding the purchase of a demonstration model for teaching Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation. The earliest dates available are November 7th & 8th.
The minutes were then signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Burke seconded by Comm. Barrett.

Correspondence: The following correspondence relating to the minutes was read to the meeting:

1. Obstruction of Sidewalks by Traders: The gardai in their letter of the 18th June stated that they are investigating the Commissioners' complaint regarding the obstruction of the sidewalks by the traders.

2. C.A.T. Scanner: The Western Health Board informed the meeting that the C.A.T. Scanner at the Galway Regional Hospital is not out of date in technology terms.

3. Decentralisation of Government Departments: Mr. Ray MacSharry, T.D., Minister for Finance, stated in his letter of the 3rd July that the Government initially had chosen 4 centres to which certain sections of various Departments will be located. The position of Loughrea in conjunction with other centres will be considered should it be decided to expand the present programme.

People of the Year Awards: The meeting was informed that nominations are being accepted for People of the Year Awards and that it is open to the members to make nominations.

Radio Loughrea: Comm. Kelly referred to a 'Radio Loughrea' programme which was made some years back and he expressed the opinion that it would be a nice gesture if R.T.E. would make the tapes of this program available to Loughrea. Comm. Barrett stated that he was involved in the making of this programme and at that time a number of individuals were give the opportunity to purchase the tapes - he himself had purchased 1 tape, other members had purchased the other tapes. Comm. Barrett agreed to see some of the other people concerned and to investigate the possibility of getting all the tapes.

Auditor's Report: The Auditor's Report in respect of the 5 years ended 31/12/86 was noted - proposed by Comm. Barrett seconded by Comm. Kelly.

Employment in Loughrea: The following attending the meeting for the purpose of discussing employment prospects for Loughrea. M
Messers Noel Treacy, T.D. Minister for State, Michael Kitt, T.D., and Senator Tom Hussey.

The Chairman welcome the public representatives to the meeting and thanked them for coming. He said the purpose of the meeting was to see what could be done to improve the employment prospects in Loughrea.

Comm. Hynes stated that it was he who had proposed that the elected representatives be invited to the meeting. Comm. Hynes added that he felt that Loughrea is being neglected to the benefit of Tuam and Ballinasloe because our representatives are all based in north Galway. When he, Comm. Hynes had suggested the idea of a meat plant he had received very little support, it now transpired that two new meat plants had opened recently and the Minister, Mr. Reynilds, T.D. had stated that the main aim of the Government is to expand the meat industry.

Comm. Loughnane referred to the lack of proper water and sewerage facilities for the development of industry and also made the following points - Loughrea is now placed 2nd on the priority list for sewerage plant, a Social Employment Scheme employing 14 people had commenced in Loughrea and despite the recent cuts, St. Brendan's had escaped any employment cutbacks.

Comm. Barrett commented that he hoped that Comm. Loughnane was not claiming all the credit for the Social Employment Scheme.

Mr. Howlett made the point that he would not like to put out any rumour re lack of water or sewerage, this would depend on the type of industry. Comm. Donnellan appealed to the T.D.'s to do whatever they can to secure employment for Loughrea.

Deputy Treacy thanked the meeting for inviting him and said that he was delighted to be present with the Members and officials, he assured the meeting that Loughrea is not a forgotten land as far as he is concerned. He assured the meeting that any company with a positive programme, coming through the proper channels will get every support. Mr Treacy referring to the comparison between Tuam and Loughrea added that ~~Mr~~ Mr Goodman will receive a 21% state grant when all the targets set down by the various departments are met. Deputy Treacy assured the meeting that he would do all in his power to ensure that Loughrea gets its fair share of the national cake.

Deputy Kitt stated that he wished to be associated with the sentiment expressed by Deputy Treacy, he did however make the point that new industry is very much dependent on private enterprise.

Senator Hussey also associated himself with the comments made by his two colleagues and referred to the excellent workforce available in Loughrea.

On the proposition of Comm. Loughnane seconded by Comm. Barrett it was agreed to prepare a deputation to meet the Taoiseach. It was agreed to request Mr. Charles Lynch, Co. Dev. Officer to prepare a case for Loughrea and to invite both himself and Mr. Tom Hyland of the I.D.A. to the next meeting of the Board, at which time a formal request should go to the Taoiseach to receive a deputation. Mr. Howlett agreed to contact Mr. Lynch. Comm. Hynes stated that he would urge the 5 T.D.'s to meet the Taoiseach as soon as possible to press Loughrea's case.

Comm. Barrett stated that he wish to avail of this opportunity to thank Deputy Treacy for holding the Co. Co. meeting in Loughrea to-day, Deputy Treacy's last meeting as Chairman. Comm. Loughnane stated he would also like to thank Acot for allowing the Co. Co. to use their rooms for the meeting. Comm. Kelly proposed a vote of thanks to the 3 people who had turned up to-night for the meeting, this was passed unanimously.

De La Salle brothers: On the proposition of Comm. Loughnane seconded by Comm. Hynes, a vote of gratitude was expressed to the De La Salle Brothers for their work as a teaching order in Loughrea. The Brothers have now severed their teaching connection with Loughrea but it is the unanimous wish of the Commissioners that the Brothers will keep their house open as a retirement house in Loughrea.

This concluded the business of the meeting

14-9-87

: John Reilly
Chairperson.

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In the Chair: Comm. John Reilly, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. Norman Morgan, Perlie McNally-Fullard, Gabriel Burke, Brendan Donnellan, Matthew Loughnane and Thomas R. Kelly.

In attendance: Messers Tom Hyland, Regional Manager I.D.A., Frank Dawson Asst. Co. Development Officer, Edward Gleeson, A/Asst. Co. Manager and Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.

Apologies: Oliver Barrett, T.C.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the AGM and the monthly meeting held on the 9/7/87, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard.

Industry: The Chairman in welcoming Mr. Hyland and Mr. Dawson to the meeting stated that a previous meeting had decided to send a deputation to meet the Taoiseach to promote employment in Loughrea and it is hoped that the I.D.A. and the Co. Dev. Team will help in the presentation of Loughrea's case. On the suggestion of Comm. Morgan, Mr. Hyland addressed the meeting.

Mr. Hyland stated that the industrial development is going through a tough time. Certain incentives are made available by the I.D.A. but the final choice rests with the industrialist. Mr. Hyland stated that the I.D.A. has 6 acres of land available for industrial as well as 3 small units two of which are now occupied. In addition to this the I.D.A. has a brochure on Loughrea which it proposes to up-date. Mr. Hyland also made the point that the professional business people of Loughrea should be incorporated into the selling of Loughrea.

Mr. Dawson endorsed everything that Mr. Hyland had said and added that St Brendan's Enterprises has a factory unit plus 1 site while the Co. Council has 6 sites available for industrial development.

Various points were made by the members and it was the unanimous decision of the meeting to accept the offer of Messers Hyland and Dawson to up-date the brochure on Loughrea. The Town Clerk was also instructed to request Mr. Noel Treacy, T.D. Minister for State to endeavour to arrange for the Taoiseach, Mr. Charles Haughey, T.D. to receive a deputation from Loughrea. The Chairman thanked Mr. Dawson and Mr. Hyland for their contribution. Mr. Dawson and Mr. Hyland then left the meeting.

Goods on Sidewalks: In reply to Comm. McNally-Fullard, the Town Clerk stated that he had reported the matter of displaying goods on the sidewalks to the gardai.

Carparking: In reply to Comm. Burke, Mr. Gleeson stated that the County Council is at present investigating the suitability of sites for parking in Loughrea. On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard it was decided to request the County Engineer to treat as urgent, the request for the development of carparks in Loughrea.

Estimates: The Asst. Manager informed the meeting that the month of October is set aside for the adoption of estimates by Town Commissioners in 1988. On the suggestion of Comm. Loughnane it was agreed to hold the Estimates meeting on the same date as the October monthly meeting.

Motions being considered by Assoc. of Mun. Authorities: Comm. Burke requested the delegates representing the Board at the Annual Conference of the Assoc. of Mun. Authorities to support the following motions which are down for discussion: Motion No.56 on speed limits and motions Nos 99 & 100 on Casual Trading.

Accident at Mt. Carmel Crescent/Athenry Road Junction: Comm. Donnellan referred to the number of accidents which occur at this junction and he proposed that a barrier be erected there to protect the pedestrians. Comm. McNally-Fullard seconded this proposal.

Votes of Congratulations: Comm. Morgan proposed a vote of congratulations to Most Rev. Dr. Joseph Cassidy, Bishop of Clonfert on his appointment to the Archdiocese of Tuam. The proposal was seconded by Comm. Loughnane. Tribute was paid to the many virtues of Bishop Cassidy and all present associated themselves with the vote of congratulations. It was also agreed that Bishop Cassidy be presented with a scroll.

All-Ireland Hurling Final: Comm. Loughnane proposed a vote of congratulations to the Galway Senior Hurling team on winning the All-Ireland. Comm. Loughnane asked that the vote of congratulations be conveyed to the County Board, to Conor Hayes the team captain and to local penalist Peter Murphy. Comm. Kelly in seconding the proposal said that when he saw the Galway team accept the trophies he thought back to the days when the late Fr. Tom Murphy inaugurated a juvenile league for the players of east and south Galway. 13 players from these areas were on the winning Galway team and the late Fr. Murphy was responsible for this.

Bishop of Clonfert: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard it was decided to recommend with deepest respect, that the Papal Nuncio place before the Holy Father, the name of Fr. Finian Monaghan, O.D.C. former Father General of the Discalced Carmelites, for consideration as Bishop of Clonfert.

Litter: On the proposition of Comm. McNally-Fullard seconded by Comm. Loughnane it was decided to request the Co. Council to provide a litter bin at Michael Ryan's lands at Cottage Hill.

Public Lighting: Comm. McNally-Fullard asked that additional lights be provided at Cottage Hill and Bohercom. Mr. Gleeson stated that due to financial restrictions the prospects of additional lights are very remote.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 11th day of October, 1987.

John Reilly
Chairperson.

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In the Chair: Comm. John Reilly, Chairperson.

Present: Comms. Pat Hynes, Oliver Barrett, Perlie McNally-Fullard, Norman Morgan, Gabriel Burke, Matt Loughnane, Thomas R. Kelly.

In attendance: Messers Edward Gleeson, Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, T/Clerk.

Apology: Comm. Brendan Donnellan.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Before the business of the meeting was discussed the Chairman proposed a vote of sympathy to the Loughnane and Marmion families on their recent bereavements.

Minutes: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Burke, the minutes of the last meeting held on the 14/9/87, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct.

Traders: In reply to Comm. McNally-Fullard, the Town Clerk stated that he had no additional information regarding traders blocking the sidewalks with their goods. During the course of discussion reference was made to this occurring at Mob Hill, Castle St., Church St., King's St., and Barrack Street. Mr. Gleeson undertook to investigate this matter in relation to the Casual Trading Act and to report back to the next meeting.

Bishop Cassidy: Comm. Hynes stated that he was unavoidably absent from the last meeting and he now wished to associate himself with the vote of congratulations to Bishop Cassidy on his appointment to the Archdiocese of Tuam. The Chairman had on display the scroll which it is proposed to present to the Bishop. A vote of ~~thanks~~ thanks was passed to Sister Philomena of the Carmelite Sisters for the work which she had done on the scroll. The Chairman was instructed to try to arrange for the scroll to be present to Archbishop Cassidy on Thursday evening October 15th, Commissioner Morgan was commissioned to acquire some suitable parchment/paper to give to Sister Philomena as a token of gratitude for her work.

Carparking: The Co. Council in its letter of the 2nd of October stated that C.I.E. has been approached with the view of acquiring some land at the disused railway station but it is not expected that funds will be available to develop carparks for some years.

Traffic Barrier: The meeting was informed that a traffic barrier will be erected at the Mount Carmel Crescent/Athenry Road junction.

Litter: The meeting was informed that the Co. Council will not provide a litter bin on Michael Ryan's land at Cottage Hill as this is the landowner's problem.

Public Lighting: The meeting was informed that funds are not available for public lighting.

Bishop of Clonfert: The Commissioners' representation regarding the appointment of a bishop for Clonfert was acknowledged on behalf of Archbishop Aliorandi.

Estimates 1988 year: In accordance with Sections 9 & 10 of the County & City Management (Amendment) Act, 1955 the Acting Asst. Co. Manager, Mr. Gleeson submitted the Estimates in respect of 1988 year. The Estimates as submitted required a rate of 14.25p in the pound. The Estimates were discussed in detail and on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Barrett the following were resolved:

a) That the Estimate of Expenses of the Loughrea Town Commissioners for the Financial Year ending 31/12/88 as set forth at A, B & C on the form of Estimate be adopted and that the Form of Estimate be signed by the Chairperson and by the Town Clerk.

b) That the demand be made on Galway County Council by the Loughrea Town Commissioners for the sum of £1,949 for the Financial Year ending 31/12/88 and that the Form of Demand be signed by the Chairperson and Town Clerk. The Form of Estimate and the Form of Demand were then signed.

Tidy Town Report: The 1987 Tidy Town Report was deferred to a later meeting on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Hynes.

Motions submitted by Comm. Morgan:

a. "That Loughrea Town Commissioners purchase from C.I.E. the Railway Line from Bride Street to the Railway Crossing at Cosmona, so that it may continue to be used as a Public Walk, as it has since the Railway was opened." The motion was seconded by Comm. Barrett and passed unanimously. The Acting Asst. Co. Manager pointed out that this is a matter for the Roads Authority and suggested that the matter be referred to the Co. Council. The Town Clerk was instructed to write to C.I.E. for details so that the proposal could be considered further.

b. "That Galway Co. Council be requested to have the wall at the west end of The Walk, which was knocked down some years ago, rebuilt immediately." This motion was seconded by Comm. Loughnane and passed unanimously.

c. "That Galway County Council be requested to make known to Loughrea Town Commissioners the present position regarding Garrybreeda Cemetery, i.e. are there vacant plots there or have all the graves been allocated; that a layout plan be made available to Loughrea Town Commissioners. This motion was seconded by Comm. Burke and passed unanimously. Comm. Morgan also requested that the inside of the old church would not be interfered with.

Motions submitted by Comm. Pat Hynes:

1. "That Loughrea Town Commissioners call on the Government to repeal the Extradition Act due to come into force on the 1/12/87." This motion was seconded by Comm. Kelly and passed unanimously.

2. "That Galway Co. Council carry out road improvements at Cosmona, Loughrea" Comm. Morgan seconded this motion which was passed unanimously.

3. "That Galway Co. Council repair the footpath at Dunkellin St., Loughrea." Comm. McNally-Fullard seconded this motion which was passed unanimously.

Voting in Northern Ireland: Comm. Loughnane referred to a proposal to disfranchise a certain section of the community in Northern Ireland and he proposed that a protest be lodged with the British Embassy. The proposal was seconded by Comm. Hynes and passed unanimously.

Gardai: Comm. Kelly said that he would like to congratulate the Gardai on the manner in which they controlled the traffic in Loughrea on the occasion of the Co. Hurling Semi-Finals last Sunday.

Deputation: Ms. Nora Kelly and Mr. Patrick Stubbs, both from Cosmona attended the meeting. Mr. Stubbs acted as spokesperson and looked for the following improvements at Cosmona:

- Development of the embankment on the east side of the roadway.
- Repairs and extension of path on west side of the roadway.
- Covering in and piping of roadside drain which runs in front of Ms. Kelly's house.
- Restoration of 30 M.P.H. speed limit and provision of additional public lights.

Comm. Morgan proposed and Comm. McNally-Fullard seconded that a Social Employment Scheme be drawn up for the Cosmona area.

Comm. Hynes proposed that the flooding at Ms. Kelly's house be relieved, this was seconded by Comm. Morgan.

Mr. Gleeson undertook to have the proposals examined. Mr. Gleeson also pointed out that money is not available for public lighting.

Sites on Gort Road: In reply to Comm. Burke, Mr. Gleeson stated that the Council decided not to sell the sites on the Gort Road but are retaining them for development as old folks homes.

This concluded the business of the meeting.
Signed this the 9th day of November, 1987.

John Reilly
Chairperson.

TO

HIS GRACE MOST REV. DR. JOSEPH CASSIDY

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ON THE OCCASION OF HIS INSTALLATION AS

ARCHBISHOP OF TUAM

IN ST. JARLATH'S CATHEDRAL, TUAM

On 18th. October, 1987:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACE:

On behalf of the people of

Loughrea, we, the members of the LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS, respectfully tender our heart-felt congratulations to you on this historic occasion.

It has been a great honour and a joy to us to have had such a distinguished Churchman as our Pastor and friend.

Although we feel proud and happy that you our beloved Bishop, have been so signally honoured by His Holiness Pope John Paul II with your appointment as Archbishop of Tuam, your departure from the Diocese of Clonfert and Loughrea, is also a source of sadness and of deep personal loss to each and every one of us.

We and all who have been privileged and blessed to ^{BE} members of your flock have been enriched and inspired by your great kindness and consideration towards one and all.

IT IS OUR EARNEST GOOD WISH AND PRAYER THAT GOD MAY GRANT YOUR GRACE LENGTH OF DAYS AND VIGOROUS HEALTH TO ENABLE YOU TO FULFILL THE DUTIES OF YOUR EXALTED OFFICE IN THE ANCIENT AND HISTORIC ARCHDIOCESE OF TUAM.

GO RAIBH BRATH ^{MY} MUIRE CRT.

(SIGNED):- John Reilly, Chairperson, Loughrea Town Commissioners
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Oliver Barrett,
Gabriel Burke,
Brendan Donnellan
Patrick Hynes - *Vice Chairperson*
Matthew Loughnane
Norman Morgan,
Tomas R. O Ceallaigh

ALEXIS MARMION, TOWN CLERK.

18th. October, 1987.

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 Members Present: Comms. Norman Morgan, Brendan Donnellan, Pat Hynes, Oliver Barrett, Gabriel Burke and Thomas R. Kelly.
 Officials: Messers John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.
 Apologies: Comms. Perlie McNally, Fullard and Matt Loughnane.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 12/10/87, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Barrett seconded by Comm. Morgan.

Matters arising from the minutes.

Presentation Scroll: The Chairman stated that he had made enquiries regarding the acquisition of some ink, if this ink is suitable for work on parchment it was agreed that the Commissioners would present some to Sister Philomena in appreciation for her work on the scroll which was presented to Archbishop Cassidy.

Traffic Barrier: Comm. Donnellan suggested that when the traffic barrier is being erected at Mount Carmel Crescent/Athenry Road junction that consideration should be given to erecting one outside Morrisseys at the Westbridge.R

Resuscitation Aid: Comm. Barrett informed the meeting that the church gate collection held on Sunday November 8th to help raise funds for the purchase of a resuscitation aid for the local branch of the Red Cross had yielded £439.47 and additional donations had increased this figure to £516. Comm. Barrett thanked the members for their assistance with the collection. Comm. Kelly congratulated the people associated with the collection and added that clubs and business people of the town should be asked to make up any shortfall. Comm. Morgan congratulated Comm. Barrett on spearheading the collection and also complimented the local branch of the Red Cross for the work they are doing in Loughrea. Comm. Barrett presented a bank draft for £516 to John Carroll and Mrs. Daly on behalf of the Loughrea branch of the Red Cross. Mr. Carroll thanked the town Commissioners for their assistance and suggested that perhaps the machine might be launched at a course attended by some of the town Commissioners. Mr. Carroll stated that the amount collected had exceeded his wildest expectation.

Vote of Sympathy: Comm. Morgan referred to brutal murder of 11 people in Enniskellin on Sunday last. Comm. Morgan stated that he like all right thinking people, was sickened by this horrific act. Comm. Morgan proposed that all present stand for one minutes silence as a mark of respect to the people who were so brutally murdered and that the sympathy of the Board be extended to the people of Enniskellin.
 All present stood for one minute in silence.

Correspondence: The following reply was received from Galway Co. Council to recommendations previously made:

- Wall at the west end of The Walk, Loughrea: Work will be done on a gradual basis.
- Road Improvements at Cosmona: No funds available.
- Garrybreeda Cemetary: Some plots available. No layout plan available.
- Footpath at Dunkellin Street: Agreement has to be reached with Bord Telecom

Comm. Kelly stated that he would not like to see plots resold at Garrybreedia. After some discussion it was agreed on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Burke to request the Co. Council to close Garrybreedia cemetary to all except those who already have graves there.

Resolution from Birr U.D.C.: On the proposition of Comm. Barrett seconded by Comm. Kelly the following resolution from Birr U.D.C. was marked read.
 "That this Council calls on the Government to show that they are prepared to share in the cutbacks by taking the following steps.

Reducing the number of T D's from 166 to 100.
 Abolishing the Senate as it serves no useful legislative, economic or social function.
 Stop all junckets for T D's and Councillors.
 Reduce milage and subsistence allowances for T D's and Councillors.
 Stop paying Ministerial Pensions and serving T D's."

Local Government Reform: On the suggestion of Comm. Donnellan it was agreed to instruct the boards delegates to the Association of Municipal Authorities to oppose any proposal that will reduce the effectiveness of Urban Councils or Town Commissioners.

Motion submitted by Comm. T.R. O'Ceallaigh.
 "I or someone on my behalf will at the next meeting of Loughrea Town Commissioners ask the question as to how the charges for water rate and also refuse rate are arrived at. Also arrears for same."
 Comm. O'Ceallaigh stated that he had received demands for both water and refuse rates. These demands contain errors both in name and amounts. With regard to the refuse charges someone told him that people are expected to pay even though they do not avail of the service, if this is the law then it is a bad law and he is prepared to challenge it. Comm. Morgan agreed with Comm. Kelly but said that people who avail of a service should pay for that service. Mr. Howlett stated that a lot of the points raised by Comm. O'Ceallaigh are being discussed at the Co. Co. Estimates meeting to-day and until such time as the Co. Council takes a decision he is not prepared to comment on the points made by Comm. Kelly.
 Comm. Burke asked why some premises are metered while others are not. Mr. Howlett in reply stated that he would not have information of this nature with him but if there is any specific case Comm. Burke requires information on he could do so.

Decisions:- It was proposed by Comm. O'Ceallaigh seconded by Comm. Morgan and resolved that Galway Co. Council be asked to carry out a survey as to who is actually using the refuse service.
 Comm. Burke proposed that the water and refuse charges be abolished and was seconded by Comm. Hynes. A direct negative was proposed by Comm. Morgan and seconded by Comm. O'Ceallaigh. On a show of hands Comms. Morgan's proposal was carried by 5 votes to 2. Comms. Morgan, O'Ceallaigh, Barrett, Donnellan and Reilly voting for and Comms. Burke and Hynes voting against.

Motions submitted by Comm. Pat Hynes:
 1. "Will the Assistant Co. Manager state how many people are on the waiting list for housing in Loughrea."

Mr. Howlett in reply stated that there are 13 families and 18 single or old people seeking housing in Loughrea. In reply to further questions from Comm. Hynes, Mr. Howlett stated that the Co. Council has approximately 9 acres of land suitable for housing in Loughrea. In addition there are 2 sites on the Gort Road which could be used to provide 6 old folk houses. The Co. Council had decided by vote to sell these sites, the sites will probably be sold to the highest bidder. In reply to Comm. Donnellan, Mr. Howlett stated that proposals are with the Department for the provision of more houses in Loughrea but the degree of urgency is not great. Mr. Howlett in reply to Comm. Burke stated that there are a few houses vacant in Loughrea but ofhand he could not say the exact number.
 Comm. Morgan said that there is an obligation on the Co. Council to provide houses, the sites on the Gort Road which are adjacent to public parks, are ideal for old folks houses and he proposed that the Co. Council be call upon to develop these sites immediately. Comm. Barrett seconded this proposal.

2. "That funds be raised to provide a machine for a Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation Training Programme in the Loughrea area."

Comm. Hynes thanked Comm. Barrett for reacting in a very positive manner.

3. "That a pedestrian crossing be provided immediately at Main St., Loughrea."
 This proposal was seconded by Comm. Morgan.

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Members Present: Comms. Perlie McNally-Fullard, Pat Hynes, Brendan Donnellan, Oliver Barrett, Norman Morgan.

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E.S.B. Poles: Comm. Morgan referred to the number of times that an E.S.B. pole opposite Touhey's house at Moore Street was damaged by car accidents. Comm. Morgan proposed that the E.S.B. be requested to provide a light at its own expense on this pole. Comm. Barrett seconded this proposition.

Speedlimits: Comm. Barrett and indeed all the Members welcomed the preparatory work being done for the introduction of the new speed limit laws.

Enniskillen Tragedy: The Chief Executive of Enniskillen District Council wrote thanking the Board for its message of sympathy to the people of Enniskillen on their recent tragedy. On the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Morgan it was agreed to display this letter on the window of the County Council office.

Loughrea Unemployment Action Group: Comm. Hynes complimented the Loughrea Unemployment Action Group on providing an office in Loughrea and getting the politicians to provide some money. Comm. Morgan supported Comm. Hynes but said that he was disappointed at the small number of unemployed people who had attended the two meetings which he was at. Comm. Morgan also referred to a claim made by Mr. Noel Treacy, T.D. Minister of State at the Dept. of Finance, that the Government had provided 100 new jobs in the Loughrea. Comm. Morgan proposed that Mr. Treacy be asked to indicate where these jobs were provided. Comm. Hynes seconded this proposition.

Control of Dogs Act: Comm. McNally-Fullard asked if anything could be done to prevent dogs being exercised on The Walk, Athenry Road etc. Mr. Gleeson stated that under the Control of Dogs Act, bye-laws can be introduced governing these matters.

Council Finances: In reply to Comm. Hynes, Mr. Gleeson stated that the County Council budget for 1988 in respect of provision of houses, maintenance of houses and road upkeep is less than in 1987.

House at Fahy Gardens: Comm. McNally-Fullard referred to a house which the County Council has re possessed at Fahy Gardens and asked if the former tenant could be held responsible for the cost of the repairs. Comm Barrett stated that this former tenant was a member of the travelling community and it appears that there is a separate law for these people. Comm. Morgan stated that he would like to congratulate the Council for evicting this tenant.

Cut Backs: Comm. Morgan referred to the shortage of money within local authorities and added it appears that rates will be introduced. In the meantime Comm. Morgan appealed to each householder to look after the area in front of their own house. Comm. McNally-Fullard made the point that shops should provide their own litter bins.

Town Wall: Comm. Morgan stated that the wall on the Station Road was damaged recently and he asked that it be restored to its original state.

Thanks: Comm. McNally-Fullard informed the Board that Miss Kelly wished to convey her thanks for having the work carried out outside her house at Cosmona.

Vote of Sympathy: The Board's sympathy was extended to Mr. Tony Dervan, a former Chairman of the Board on the death of his wife.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed this the 11th day of January, 1988.

John Reilly
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 11/1/88.

In the Chair: Comm. John Reilly, Chairperson.

Present: Comms. Perlle McNally-Fullard, Pat Hynes, Norman Morgan, Brendan Donnellan, Oliver Barrett, Thomas R. Kelly, Gabriel Burke, Matt Loughnane. Officials: Edward Gleeson, Acting Asst. Co. Manager, Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk. Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 14/12/87, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct.

Garrybreedia Cemetery: Comm. Kelly stated that he had raised the matter of un-marked plots in Garrybreedia Cemetery and it did not appear to be recorded in the minutes. The Chairman said that reference was made to Garrybreedia in previous minutes. The Town Clerk stated that the Co. Council had not sold any plots in this cemetery for over 40 years and agrees with the request that no further sale of plots will be made. In reply to Comm. Hynes, Comm. Kelly confirmed that he knows where the grave of John Oliver, Connaught Ranger, is. Comm. Hynes stated that he was glad to hear this as he had read John Oliver's name on the Roll of Honour and perhaps someday someone might raise the necessary funds to have this grave suitably marked. On the proposition of Comm. Hynes seconded by Comm. Kelly it was decided to request Galway Co. Council to call some new road or housing scheme after the late John Oliver.

Un-employment: Comm. McNally-Fullard asked if there was any developments with regard to the proposed meeting with the Taoiseach. Comm. McNally-Fullard added that there are on average 25 people leaving Loughrea every week and she wondered where the 100 jobs were that Deputy Treacy spoke about. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the Taoiseach had informed Deputy Treacy that due to the Taoiseach's heavy schedule it is not possible to arrange a meeting on this occasion. The Town Clerk also stated that Deputy Treacy had sought a copy of the minute of the meeting at which he stated that 100 jobs were created in Loughrea. Comm. Hynes referred to the fact that at a recent meeting the Commissioners were told that 2 of the 5 units on the industrial estate were occupied, he nows find out that none of these are occupied. Comm. Barrett stated that this is typical of the lies we have to listen to. Comm. Morgan referred to people who are on the dole who would much prefer to be working, making particular reference to people on Social Employment Schemes and he proposed that the Taoiseach be requested to give the people on the dole additional money and let them work for it. Comm. McNally-Fullard seconded this proposition. Comm. Donnellan stated that he endorsed everything that was said. With regard to the Taoiseach not meeting the deputation, Comm. Hynes stated that it was strange that he had time for the farce with the bald eagle but no time to receive a deputation. Comm. Kelly stated that no Loughrea people were employed on work which had commenced in Loughrea within the past few years such as the Vocational School, the Bank etc. On the proposition of Comm. Hynes seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard it was decided to convey to the Taoiseach the displeasure of the Board of the Taoiseach's lack of concern for the people leaving Loughrea as a result of unemployment, as his letter would indicate.

Town Wall: Comm. Hynes thanked the Co. Council for having the Town Wall repaired.

E.S.B. Pole at Moore Street: The Town Clerk stated that the E.S.B. had informed him that it is not the policy of the E.S.B. to provide public lighting. The E.S.B. also pointed out that the pole at Moore Street was damaged at 11 o'clock in the morning and therefore even if there had been a light on this pole it would not have prevented the accident.

Licence Charges for Fishing: The meeting considered a letter submitted by Loughrea Anglers Association condemning the proposed charges for trout and coarse fishing. On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Donnellan, the meeting unanimously adopted the letter. All of the members

paid tribute to the people who through their own voluntary effort had built up the lake over the last fifty years to the stage where it is now one of the best brown trout lakes in the west of Ireland. Comm. Donnellan stated that he felt so strongly about the matter, that if someone provides him with a rod he will fish the lake without paying the licence. Comm. Barrett agreed to supply the rod. Comm. Loughnane welcomed the strong endorsement given to the Loughrea Anglers Association but felt that the protest should be brought outside the walls of the meeting - he mentioned sponsoring a competition but added that he is open to suggestions. On the suggestion of Comm. Barrett and subject to the approval of the Loughrea Anglers Association, it was agreed that all of the Town Commissioners would fish the lake on St. Patrick's Day. Comm. Barrett agreed to discuss this proposal with the Loughrea Anglers Association and report back to the Board.

Street Trading: Comm. Hynes referred to the amount of street trading taking place to-day, all types of new clothing or footwear etc can now be purchased from these traders. These traders are effecting the businesses of the town and the Commissioners must focus attention on them. Comm. Hynes asked if there is any control over these people. Mr. Gleeson stated that under the Casual Trading Act, these people must have a licence and if certain areas are designated as trading areas they must keep to these areas. Comm. Morgan and the Town Clerk were of the opinion that older bye-laws existed which designated certain areas within the town. Mr. Gleeson undertook to investigate this possibility.

Sunday Trading: Comm. McNally-Fullard condemned the practise of certain business opening on Sundays and felt that Sunday trading should be controlled under some bye-law. The Chairman stated that some businesses would want to open 8 days a week to make a living and felt that this is matter for the business people themselves. It was the general feeling of the meeting that this is a matter between the trader and the purchaser.

Farm Development Schemes: Comm. Loughnane stated that since the Loughrea Area was abolished, people residing in the Loughrea Rural Electoral Division have now to go to Hynes Buildings in Galway when dealing with farm development schemes.

On the proposition of Comm. Loughnane seconded by Comm. Morgan it was agreed to request the Minister for Agriculture to arrange for people living in the Loughrea Rural Electoral Division to be served by the Loughrea office.

Postal Service: Comm. Burke stated that on busy days people availing of the services in the post office must queue onto the public street. On the proposition of Comm. Burke seconded by Comm. Donnellan it was agreed to request An Post to enlarge the public office. Comm. Kelly stated that any person winning a large amount of money in the national lottery must go to Bellinasloe to collect same.

Bus Stops: On the proposition of Comm. McNally-Fullard seconded by Comm. Hynes it was decided to request C.I.E. to provide proper bus stops and time tables in Loughrea.

CAT Scan Machine: Comm. Morgan stated that many people are now trying to jump on the band wagon and claim credit for getting the CAT Scan machine operating at Galway Regional Hospital. Comm. Morgan added that he would like to give due credit to Comm. Pat Hynes for his efforts in getting the CAT Scan machine operating in Galway and he is also happy that the CAT Scan machine is technically up to date. Comm. Hynes thanked Comm. Morgan for his complimentary remarks.

Motor Tax: Comm. Loughnane stated that should there be a proposal to decentralise the motor tax office a case should be made for Loughrea as a centre for east Galway. Comm. Hynes supported Comm. Loughnane saying that he had previously submitted a motion to this effect. Comm. Donnellan referred to the postal service now available for taxing cars. Mr. Gleeson stated that it is not proposed to decentralise the motor tax office, the Co. Council

is now sending out reminders and stamped addressed envelopes and they prefer if people avail of this type of service.

26th Pay Round: In accordance with Circular Letter EL 22/87, the 26th pay round was approved for employees of Loughrea Town Commissioners on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard.

Reform of Local Government: Comm. Barrett said that he had read recently in one of the daily papers that it is proposed to abolish Urban Councils and Town Commissioners. Comm. Loughnane stated that due to uncertainty, the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland is taking this up with the Minister for the Environment. Comm. Kelly stated that in his opinion a referendum would be required to abolish Urban Councils or Town Commissioners. The Town Clerk was instructed to write to the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland to enquire if there was any development with regard to the abolition of Urban Councils or Town Commissioners.

Sale of Railway Line: On the suggestion of Comm. Morgan, the Town Clerk was instructed to write to C.I.E. regarding the sale of the old railway line.

Welcome: Comm. Burke welcomed Mr. Pat McWinney as manager of Schlegel (Ireland) Ltd.

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

The family of the late Barry Monaghan, former manager of Schlegel (Ireland) Ltd. Proposed by Comm. Burke seconded by Comm. Reilly.

The family of the late Joe Keohane. Proposed by Comm. Hynes seconded by Comm. Kelly.

Joe Lambert and family, Kilbeacanty on the death of his wife. Proposed by Comm. Loughnane seconded by Comm. Hynes.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 8th day of February, 1988.

John Reilly
Chairperson

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Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 8/2/88.

In the Chair: Comm. John Reilly, Chairman.
Members present: Comms. Perlie McNally-Fullard, Matt Loughnane, Gabriel Burke, Thomas R. Kelly, Brendan Donnellan, Oliver Barrett, Pat Hynes.
Officials: Messers Edward Gleeson, Acting Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.
The minutes of the last meeting held on the 11/1/88, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Barrett seconded by

26th Pay Round: In accordance with Circular Letter EL 22/87, the 26th pay round was approved insofar as it relates to employees of the Loughrea Town Commissioners on the proposition of Comm. Barrett, seconded by Comm. Loughnane.

Filling of casual vacancy: Comm. McNally-Fullard asked that this matter be dealt with as she wished to attend an anniversary mass for her father. Comm. Donnellan stated that he was not happy about this matter as a candidate for the vacancy had informed him that this item would be first on the agenda. Comm. Loughnane confirmed that he also was told that this matter would be first on the agenda. The Chairman stated that he did not give any undertaking about this matter as he felt that it was up to the meeting to decide. Comm. McNally-Fullard then proposed that Norman Morgan be selected to fill the vacancy. Comm. Hynes seconded the proposal. As there were no other proposals the Chairman declared that Norman Morgan was unanimously elected to fill the casual vacancy created by his own disqualification. Mr. Morgan having previously indicated in writing that he was willing to accept the position. In reply to Comm. McNally-Fullard, Mr. Gleeson stated that there is a doubt about Mr. Morgan's right to attend to-nights meeting.

Employment: Comm. Hynes stated that he welcomed the efforts being made by the Chamber of Commerce and the Loughrea Traders to improve the employment situation in Loughrea. Comm. Hynes mentioned the efforts being made by the people of Tuam with particular reference to the meat factory now being provided in Tuam, a project which he had mooted for Loughrea. Comm. Barrett quoted Archbishop Cassidy as saying "whoever shouts the loudest gets the most." Comm. Loughnane stated that at a recent Co. Council meeting dealing with sanitary services, he had spoken on behalf of Loughrea but had received no support while at least 5 people spoke on behalf of Tuam. Loughrea is at present first on the priority list for a new sewerage works, it will be interesting Comm. Loughnane added to see if Loughrea retains this position.

Loughrea Lake: Comm. Barrett informed the meeting that fishing rods will be available for everyone wishing to make the protest on St. Patrick's Day and also that the Anglers are pleased to take up the offer of sponsorship on that day. Comm. Burke stated that he hoped that despite the problems, the Loughrea Anglers would continue to promote the lake. Comm. Loughnane welcomed the word that the lake will not be used as a salmon farm as it is amazing the amount of pollution that can occur, he had attended a seminar organised by Acot recently in Athenry and he urged any member who gets an opportunity to attend these seminars on pollution to do so.
Comm. Burke mentioned the possibility of pollution arising from the dumping of waste on two sites at Earls Park and also from a silage pit near the lake. Mr. Gleeson undertook to have these matters checked out.
Comm. Donnellan wondered if the blockages on the river are causing the flooding.

John Oliver: In reply to Comm. Hynes, Mr. Gleeson stated that the Co. Council had noted the Commissioners request to have a street or housing estate named after the late John Oliver. Comm. Hynes request that the Co. Council acknowledge this request in writing. Comm. Hynes stated that the late Mr. Oliver was a member of the Connaught Rangers who had taken part in the mutiny in India and had returned home to be buried in Loughrea, he is now buried in Garrybreedia cemetery and his grave should be suitably marked.

Comm. Kelly stated that he knew the late John Oliver well and he knows to within a few inches where the late Mr. Oliver's grave is. Comm. Kelly also referred to a survey which the late Fr. Murphy had carried out in Garrybreedia Cemetery and felt that if that map could be located it would be a great help in locating the graves in Garrybreedia. The Town Clerk stated that he would take the matter up with Fr. Clarke.

Farm Development Schemes: The meeting was informed by the Minister for Agriculture that the request to have application for Farm Development Schemes processed by the Acot office in Loughrea has been forwarded to the Director Acot for his attention.

Local Government Reform: The Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland informed the meeting that it has no further information on Local Government Reform. The Association has made a number of submissions to the Minister and have made it quite clear that any proposals to downgrade or abolish the smaller Councils will be vigorously opposed.

Pedestrian Crossing: The County Council in its letter of the 8/1/88 stated that a survey was carried out on Thursday, December 10th. This survey proved that a warrant does not exist for the provision of a pedestrian crossing, though the volumes of pedestrians and traffic is only just short. Comm. Donnellan referred to traffic coming onto the Main Street off Abbey Street and said that 'No Entry' should be written on the carriageway at the entrance to Abbey Street.

Bus Shelters: The meeting was informed by Bus Eireann that it is not its policy to provide bus shelters. Commercial outdoor advertising firms provided these shelters in the past but the present economic climate is not favourable to this type of advertising. Timetable information is available at the designated Bus Agent's premises in Loughrea.

C.I.E. Property in Loughrea: The consideration of acquiring the C.I.E. property in Loughrea was deferred to the next meeting.

Motion: The Chairman moved the following motion on behalf of Comm. P. McNally-Fullard who was previously excused from the meeting.
"That smoking be abolished in the Boardroom during Town Commissioners Meetings"
The motion was seconded by Comm. Donnellan.
A direct negative was proposed by Comm. Barrett and seconded by Comm. Burke.
A vote was taken and the amendment carried by three votes to two.
For the Amendment: Comms. Barrett, Burke and Reilly.
Against the amendment: Comms. Donnellan and Loughnane.
Comms. Kelly and Hynes having previously left the meeting.

Dangerous Buildings: In reply to Comm. Burke, Mr. Gleeson stated that the County Council has a legal responsibility with regard to derelict or dangerous buildings. Comm. Burke requested Mr. Gleeson to have a number of houses and an old shed at Bride Street and a site at Main Street inspected.

Votes of Sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following:
The Barrett family, Athenry Road on the death of Michael Barrett.
The Kelly family, Bride Street on the death of their mother.
The Maloney family, Lakeside Park on the death of Mrs. Marian Maloney.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 10 day of March, 1988.
John Reilly
Chairperson.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea town Commissioners held on the 14/3/88.

In the Chair: Comm. John Reilly, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. Norman Morgan, Pat Hynes, Perlie McNally-Fullard, Brendan Donnellan, Gay Burke, Thomas R. Kelly, Oliver Barrett, Matt Loughnane.

Officials: John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Votes of Sympathy: Before the business of the meeting was discussed, Comm. Hynes proposed that the meeting adjourn for five minutes as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. Kelly, a former employee of the board and wife of Comm. T.R. Kelly. Comm. Morgan in seconding the proposal asked that the vote of sympathy be extended to include the late Dr. Dyer, a man who had worked for over 40 years in the area and who was responsible for many improvements at St. Brendan's hospital. All present associated themselves with the tributes paid to both parties. Comm. Kelly thanked the meeting for their kind remarks.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 8/2/88 were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Barrett.

New Bishop: Comm. Hynes congratulated Fr. Kirby on his appointment as bishop of Clonfert. Comm. Hynes proposed that a letter of welcome be sent to Fr. Kirby and that the usual illuminated address be prepared, Comm. Burke seconded this proposal. Comm. Morgan stated that he had phoned Fr. Kirby and informed him that he disagreed with the practise of an all invitation affair for the ordination. Comm. Donnellan took exception to Comm. Morgan's remarks adding that it is a matter for the church authorities as to who should attend the ordination. Comm. Morgan stated that if the attendance at the ordination is by invitation then he does not wish to have his name associated with the welcome.

Traffic Control: Comm. Hynes proposed that traffic barriers be provided at the following junctions to protect the children coming from school - St. Brendan's Tce./Barrack Street and Church St./Barrack St. Comm. McNally-Fullard seconded this proposition. Comm. Donnellan referred to the danger caused by children cycling on footpaths. A number of accidents had occurred recently and he appealed for an end to this practise.

Fishing Rod Licence Protest: Comm. Barrett again informed the members that rods and if necessary, boats will be available to the Members on St. Patrick's Day. Comm. Barrett also extended an invitation to the Members to attend the weigh-in at Harney's at 4 p.m. on that day when light refreshments will be provided.

St. Patrick's Day Parade: The Members accepted an invitation from Loughrea Chamber of Commerce to review the St. Patrick's Day Parade from the stand at Main Street.

Correspondence: The following correspondence was read to the meeting:

1. An Post: The meeting was informed by An Post that the request to *EXTEND* public office at Loughrea post office is being examined.
2. Acot Services: The meeting was informed by Mr. L. Downey, Director of Acot, that the Galway Districts are currently being re-examined and that the concern of Loughrea Town Commissioners will be considered in any re-organisation.
3. Dole Recipients: The meeting was informed that the Minister for Social Welfare had noted the contents of the resolution passed by Loughrea Town Commissioners calling on dole recipients to carry out community work.
4. One-way Traffic: The Co. Council stated in its letter of the 18/2/88 that a "No Entry" sign will be provided on the Northern entrance to Abbey Street.

Acot Offices: Comm. Donnellan suggested that Acot be requested to clean up and paint the offices at Barrack Street, Loughrea.

C.I.E. Property in Loughrea: Mr. Howlett stated that this matter was previously referred to the Co. Council and negotiations are ongoing with C.I.E. Mr. Howlett also pointed out that the Town Commissioners have not the power to develop roads or footpaths. Comm. Morgan argued that the Commissioners have the power to purchase the property as a park. Comm. Donnellan wondered if it is a good idea to get involved when the Mart is interested. Comm. Donnellan said that he would prefer if the Council continued the development of the prom from St. Brendan's Home back towards town. Comm. Hynes stated that he had discussed this matter with the Mart management and he confirmed that the Mart is interested in this property. Mr. Howlett made the point that the Council is not in competition with the Mart - consultation has taken place and is ongoing. Comm. Loughnane suggested that the matter be left so.

New House Purchase Scheme: In reply to Comm. Hynes, Mr. Howlett stated that all houses will have to be valued and brought before a meeting of the Council, as soon as possible.

Regional Fund Monies: Comm. Loughnane stated that Regional Fund money is being doubled for the next 5 years and the Loughrea area is geared for development.

E.S.B. Charges: Comm. Kelly referred to a recent reduction of 5% in electricity charges which was immediately wiped out by a 7% increase in V.A.T. charges. This reduction was not passed on to the consumer and Comm. Kelly stated that he wanted to protest in the strongest possible manner about this, Comm. McNally-Fullard seconded this.

Litter Bins: Comm. McNally-Fullard thanked the Co. Council for all the litter bins it had provided adding that there is no need now for litter on the streets. Comm. McNally-Fullard asked if the bin at Salters on Main Street might be resited as it obstructs the view of traffic.

Manhole Covers: Comm. Burke drew attention to the number of Bord Telecom manhole covers which are damaged around the town and also to the number of stopcock covers that are broken in the town. It was agreed to bring this matter to the attention of the Co. Council.

Derelict Sites: On the suggestion of Comm. McNally-Fullard it was decided to write to Galway Co. Council regarding the derelict sites in Loughrea.

Gardaí: Comm. Morgan stated that there is only one telephone line to the public phone at the Garda Barracks in Loughrea, he suggested that the Gardaí be asked to provide additional lines.

Cosmona Development: In reply to Comm. Hynes the Town Clerk stated that he has no information regarding improvements at Cosmona.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 11th day of April, 1988.

John Reilly
Chairperson.

TO
 HIS LORDSHIP MOST REV. DR. JOHN KIRBY
 ON THE OCCASION OF HIS ORDINATION AS
 BISHOP OF CLONFERT
 IN ST. BRENDAN'S CATHEDRAL, LOUGHREA
 ON THE 9th. OF APRIL, 1988.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR LORDSHIP

On behalf of the people
 of Loughrea, we, the members of the Loughrea Town Commissioners
 respectfully and joyfully offer our congratulations to you on this
 historic occasion.

We deem it a great honour to have you as successor to so many
 other distinguished Churchmen in the See of Clonfert and as our Parish
 Priest. We pledge to you our loyalty and support. We feel proud and happy
 that you have been so signally honoured by our Holy Father Pope John
 Paul II with your appointment as our bishop.

IT IS OUR EARNEST GOOD WISH AND PRAYER THAT GOD ~~MAY~~ GRANT
 YOU LENGTH OF DAYS AND THE GOOD HEALTH TO ENABLE YOU TO FULFIL
 THE MANY DUTIES OF YOUR EXALTED OFFICE IN THE ANCIENT AND
 HISTORIC DIOCESE OF CLONFERT.

GO RAIBH BRATH MUIRE ORT.
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Signed:- John Reilly, Chairperson, Loughrea Town Commissioners.
 Patrick Hynes.
 Perlie McNally-Fullard.
 Oliver Barrett.
 Gabriel Burke.
 Brendan Donnellan.
 Matthew Loughnane.
 Norman Morgan.
 Tomas R. O'Ceallaigh.

Alexis Marmion,
Town Clerk.

9th. April, 1988.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town
 Commissioners held on the 11/4/88.
 In the Chair: Comm. John Reilly, Chairman.
 Present: Comms. Norman Morgan, Perlie McNally-Fullard, Patrick Hynes,
 Oliver Barrett, Brendan Donnellan, Thomas R. Kelly, Brendan Donnellan,
 Gabriel Burke.
 Officials: Edward Gleeson, Acting Asst. Co. Manager, Alexis Marmion, T/Clerk.
 Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 14/3/88 were adopted
 and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by
 Comm. Hynes.

Matters arising from the minutes.
 New Bishop: The members welcomed Bishop Kirby to Clonfert and Comm. Hynes
 drawing a parallel with Archbishop Cassidy of Tuam with regard to seeking
 industry expressed the hope that Bishop Kirby would liaise with the board.
 A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. J.B. Donohoe for compiling the Address
 of Welcome and to Sister Philomena in Mount Carmel for doing the scroll -
 proposed by Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Hynes.
 Industry: During a discussion on the promotion of industry in Loughrea,
 Comm. McNally-Fullard proposed and Comm. Morgan seconded that Bord Failte
 be request to make a video on Loughrea giving particular reference to the
 attraction which Loughrea has for industrialists.

Fishing Rod Licence: Comm. Barrett stated that as an anti rod licence man
 himself he wished to disassociate himself with the destruction of the
 salmon fry at Cong. Comm. Barrett informed the meeting that he will have
 the receipt for the trophy at the next meeting.

St. Patrick's Day Parade: On the proposition of Comm. McNally-Fullard
 seconded by Comm. Donnellan, the Chamber of Commerce was congratulated on
 the success of the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

School Buses: A proposal to request C.I.E. to change the depot for the
 school buses was deferred to the next meeting to enable the Town Clerk
 to produce previous correspondence on the matter.

Trading Bye Laws: In reply to Comm. Morgan, Mr. Gleeson stated that he
 had not located the old trading bye-laws. Mr. Gleeson stated that he will
 discuss the matter with the law agent but Mr. Gleeson felt that the casual
 Trading Act might be of more help with regard to the control of street
 trading.

Motor Tax: In reply to Comm. Hynes, Mr. Gleeson stated that he was not aware
 of any proposal to use post offices as motor tax centres.

New Tenant Purchase Scheme: In reply to Comm. Hynes, Mr. Gleeson informed
 the meeting that the Council had adopted the new scheme and tenants are at
 present being advised of the details of the scheme.

V.A.T. on E.S.B. Charges: The Minister for Finance in his letter of the
 29th March explained his reason for imposing a 5% rate of VAT on electricity.
 Comm. Kelly commented that this is a ridiculous situation.

Loughrea Unemployed Association: A letter from the Loughrea Unemployed
 Association was read to the meeting. The Association explained how it
 hopes to open an Unemployed Centre in Loughrea and would welcome any
 assistance which it could get. The meeting regretted that it is not in
 a position to make any financial assistance available.

Revision of Speed Limits: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by
 Comm. McNally-Fullard, Comm. Barrett was unanimously appointed to the
 speed limits revision committee. Comm. Barrett requested the members to
 inform him of any proposals which they might have. Comm. Kelly stated

that the speed limit is being abused at Cross Street or Sruthaun and he proposed that the Gardai be asked to ensure that the speed limits are enforced in this area. Comm. Morgan seconded this proposal.

Travelling Expenses: The Town Clerk stated that the Department has confined travelling expenses in 1988 to 80% of the 1987 figure. The Town Clerk went on to point out that a special general meeting of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland is taking place in Tramore next week, if both of the Board's delegates attend this meeting using their own cars, the allocation for 1988 will be over expended and the members will not be able to attend the Annual Conference. It was the wish of the meeting that the Board should be represented at each meeting. Comm. Barrett proposed and Comm. McNally-Fullard seconded that one delegate attend each meeting and as Comm. Hynes is prepared to attend Tramore he should attend at Tramore and Comm. Loughnane could attend the Annual Conference. The Town Clerk was instructed to convey the feeling of the meeting to Comm. Loughnane.

Tidy Town Competition: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard it was agreed to enter Loughrea for the 1988 tidy Towns competition. Comm. Kelly stated that he had observed a man cleaning his car and throwing the cleanings onto the street, he challenged him but got little heed. Mr. Gleeson stated that if Comm. Kelly supplied the number of the car and was prepared to give evidence in court, the Co. Council will prosecute this individual.

Comm. McNally-Fullard suggested writing to Loughrea Mart requesting them to clean up their property.

The Town Clerk made the point that there is no active Tidy Towns Committee and the Council has not the manpower to get around to all the work.

Comms. McNally-Fullard and Comm. Barrett undertook to present a trophy to the tidest area in Loughrea.

Long Point: Comm. Donnellan mentioned that he had seen people riding a motorbike along the promenade at the Long Point. Comm. Donnellan appealed to these people to refrain from this practise.

Path on West Side of Abbey Street: Comm. Morgan claimed that there is a path on the west side of Abbey Street, outside the premises owned by Kennedy-Bowes, which is causing a traffic problem. Comm. Morgan asked if this path could be removed.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the ^{9th} day of May, 1988.

John Reilly
Chairperson.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 9/5/88.

In the Chair: Comm. John Reilly, Chairperson.

Members present: Comms. Thomas R. Kelly, Brendan Donnellan, Oliver Barrett, Norman Morgan, Pat Hynes, Perlie McNally-Fullard, Gabriel Burke, Matt Loughnane.

Officials: Edward Gleeson, Acting Asst. Co. Manager, Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk. Meeting opened with prayers.

Before the business of the meeting was discussed, Comm. Hynes proposed a vote of sympathy to the Town Clerk on the death of two of his uncles, Patrick and Aidan. The proposal was seconded by Comm. Kelly and passed unanimously, all members and officials present associating themselves with same.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 11/4/88 were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Barrett seconded by Comm. Donnellan.

Arising from the minutes the following were discussed:

Speed Limits: Comm. Barrett stated that as he is the Board's representative on the Speed Limits Advisory Committee, he would appreciate it if members informed him of any recommendations which they might wish to make.

Pre-School Playgroups: Comm. Barrett stated that the Western Health Board have demanded repossession of the premises used by the pre-school playgroups at Barrack Street as the premises are now required by the mental health care people. The members were of the opinion that the pre-school group are giving excellent service and on the proposition of Comm. Barrett seconded by Comm. Morgan it was decided to request the W.H.B. to withdraw its demand for re-possession of its premises.

Industry: Comm. Hynes referred to the Government's job target of 57,000 but added that none of them were listed for Loughrea which appears to have been by-passed. Comm. Donnellan made the point that Loughrea does not appear to have some local person with the initiative to start an industry. Comm. Barrett supported Comm. Hynes and proposed that the I.D.A. be asked to secure an industry for their premises which Schegal had recently vacated in Loughrea, Comm. Donnellan seconded this proposal.

Derelict sites: In reply to Comm. McNally-Fullard, the Town Clerk stated that the County Council is pursuing the matter of derelict sites as reported by the Board. Mr. Gleeson stated that he would enquire into the matter.

Tidy Towns: Comm. Hynes referred to the oncoming Tidy Towns Competition and wondered if there is any point in considering the 1987 report, this question did not receive any support. Comm. Kelly made the point that some people and school children in particular are not using the litter bins. Comm. Donnellan stated that he must compliment the man who sweeps the town on Sunday mornings on an excellent job. Comm. McNally-Fullard stated that dogs are spoiling the playgrounds and asked if notices could be erected prohibiting people from taking dogs to parks, the Town Clerk in reply stated that the law allows dogs in public places while they are under proper control. With regard to litter control Comm. McNally-Fullard thought that it might be a nice gesture if a member of the Board visited the schools and spoke to the children regarding the use of litter bins. On the proposition of Comm. Barrett seconded by Comm. Burke, Comm. McNally-Fullard was selected to visit the schools.

Correspondence: The following correspondence was read to the meeting.

- a) Bord Failte in its letter of the 21/4/88 declined the invitation to make a video on Loughrea for the purpose of promoting industry.
- b) The County Council in its letter of the 19/4/88 relating to barriers which were proposed for the junctions of Piggott Street and Church Street with Barrack Street, stated that these barriers could cause more problems than they would solve.

c) /cot Premises: /cot in its letter of the 26/4/88 informed the meeting that they have arranged to paint their premises in Loughrea.

d) Telephone Facilities at Loughrea Garda Station: Supt. W.C. Ryan stated in his letter of the 20th April that he considered that the telephone facilities at Loughrea Garda Station are adequate.

Motions submitted by Comm. Pat Hynes:

a) "Will the Asst. Co. Manager please state who is responsible for the maintenance of Playground/Open Space at Cuscorrig Crescent."

Mr. Gleeson in reply stated that the roads, footpaths and open space at Cuscorrig was taken in charge by Galway Co. Council and the Council is responsible for their maintenance. With regard to ownership, Mr. Gleeson stated that title would have to be checked on that question. Comm. Kelly stated that he is informed that each houseowner owns a plot in the open space and this is shown on their house deeds.

b) "That the Fisheries Amendment Act be repealed in order to resolve the rod licence dispute."
Comm. Barrett seconded this motion which was passed unanimously. Comm. Kelly stated that the Government had passed this law despite the fact notices had been sent abroad advertising free fishing.

c) "What is the Capital Reserve of Galway Co. Council."

Mr. Gleeson in reply stated that local authorities do not have a capital reserve as such, the annual budget is based on a break even situation. Comm. Loughnane stated that there appears to be a huge cut back on Capital programmes and Galway Co. Council is at present seeking approval to bring the proposals for Loughrea water and sewerage schemes a step further at a cost of £82,000. On the proposition of Comm. Loughnane seconded by Comm. Barrett it was agreed to request the Minister for the Environment to expedite approval for same.

Caheroun Estate: On the proposition of Comm. Barrett seconded by Comm. Kelly it was decided to request Galway Co. Co. to take the Caheroun Estate in charge.

Dump Charges: Comm. Donnellan questioned the wisdom of pit head charges saying that illegal dumping could increase as a result. Mr. Gleeson stated that the Co. Council will take a more stringent view on illegal dumping.

Roads: Comm. Burke stated that the footpath at the promenade needs attention. Town Clerk stated that he will bring the matter to the attention of the local Engineer. Mr. Gleeson in reply to Comm. Burke stated that he will check up on the proposal to close the roadway through the Green.

Trading Bye-Laws: In reply to Comm. Donnellan, Mr. Gleeson stated that he had located the 1958 bye laws relating to markets. These bye laws related to agricultural goods mainly.

Vote of Thanks: On the proposition of Comm. McNally-Fullard seconded by Comm. Barrett the Anglers were thanked for their Golden Jubilee social evening.

Congratulations: On the proposition of Comm. Hynes, the Loughrea Youth Club was congratulated on its success in the All Ireland Volleyball series.

On the proposition of Comm. Kelly, St Raphael's College was congratulated on its success in the All Ireland Senior and Junior camogie titles and also on its success in the All Ireland Volleyball.

Sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended to the McNamee family, Moore Street and the Broderick family Bride Street on the recent bereavements. Proposed by Comm. Kelly seconded by Comm. Reilly.

Meeting terminated.
Dated this the 13 day of June, 1988.

John Reilly: Chairperson.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 13th day of June, 1988.

In the Chair: Comm. John Reilly, Chairperson.

Members Present: Comms. Cliver Barrett, Norman Morgan, Gabriel Burke, Perlie McNally-Fullard, Pat Hynes, Thomas R. Kelly and Brendan Donnellan.

Officials: Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.

Apologies: Mr. John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager and Comm. Matthew Loughnane. Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 9/5/88 were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Barrett seconded by Comm.

Matters arising from the minutes:

Pre-School Playgroups: In reply to Comm. Barrett the Town Clerk stated that he had not yet received a reply from the Western Health Board regarding the availability of the premises used by the pre-school playgroups.

Fishing Rod Licence: On the proposition of Comm. Kelly seconded by Comm. Morgan it was agreed to forward to the Taoiseach a copy of the resolution which was adopted at last month's meeting.

Broderick/Touhey Memorial: Comm. Hynes proposed a vote of congratulations to the Peter Broderick/Patsy Touhey Memorial Committee on the unveiling of plaques to these two talented musicians. Comm. Barrett seconded the proposal and complimented the Committee on the quality of the plaques. Comm. Morgan as Chairman of the Committee thanked the meeting for their kind remarks and said that he wished to extend his thanks to the County Manager, the County Engineer and the Town Engineer for their assistance in erecting the plaques. Comm. McNally-Fullard seconded the vote of thanks to the County Council, and also thanked the people of the town for their support.

Advance Factory: The I.D.A. in its letter of the 26th May confirmed that it had repossessed the Advance Factory premises at Loughrea with the single aim of marketing this unit to visiting industrialists. Comm. Barrett welcomed this information. Comm. Donnellan informed the meeting that a Ministerial Order prohibiting the sale of these premises was made by the Minister.

Fahy Gardens: Comm. Hynes asked if there was any information regarding the proposal by the Unemployment Action Group to carry out improvement works at Fahy Gardens. The Town Clerk was directed to enquire from the County Council.

Resolution from Bantry Town Commissioners:

The meeting unanimously agreed to support the following resolution:-

"That Bantry Town Commissioners call on the Government to revise the legislation regarding the removal of wrecks abandoned along the coast so as to impose an obligation on some Government authority to remove them."

Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland: Notification of the Annual Conference to be held in Clonmel on September 20th., 21st., and 22nd was read to the meeting. The members were informed that motions for the Annual Conference must be submitted by the 18th July.

Tidy Towns: The meeting was informed that Bord Fáilte is seeking an entry fee of £100 for the 1988 Tidy Towns Competition. It was the unanimous opinion of the meeting that if possible this fee should be paid. Comm. McNally-Fullard stated that she had visited the schools and she wished to thank the Principals of the schools for their co-operation, she also wished to thank Miss Mary Duffy for her assistance. In the local tidy area competition St. Laurencesfields was adjudged the overall winner. Comm. McNally-Fullard was thanked for her efforts. Comm. Morgan appealed to each householder to tidy outside their own houses. Comm. McNally-Fullard referred to the onnoxious

smell left by lorries collecting offall from butchers etc. Comm. McNally-Fullard undertook to submit a resolution to the Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland.

St. Bridget's Well: Comm. Barrett stated that he wished to compliment and congratulate the people responsible for cleaning up St. Bridget's Well. Comm. McNally-Fullard in seconding Comm. Barrett stated that these people had done an excellent job. Comm. Burke speaking as a member of the group who had tidied this area paid tribute to the people from the Burke Centre who had assisted at the work and also the County Council for the help it had given.

Abstract of Accounts: The Abstract of Accounts in respect of 1987 year was presented to the meeting. On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard the Accounts were noted.

Date of Annual Meeting: Comm. Hynes informed the meeting that he may not be available on July the 11th the probable date of the Annual Meeting. In view of this Comm. Morgan proposed that the Annual Meeting be held on 4th July and that the monthly meeting also be held on this date. This was seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard and passed unanimously.

votes of Sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following:

The family and relatives of the late Batty Mooney, Woodville, Kilchreest.

The family and relatives of the late Luke McDermott, Cuscarrick Crescent, Loughrea.

The meeting then terminated.

Signed this the ^r day of July, 1988.

Peelie McNally-Fullard
Chairperson.

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In the Chair: Comm. John Reilly, Chairman.
Members Present: Comms. Oliver Barrett, Pat Hynes, Thomas R Kelly, Peelie McNally-Fullard, Norman Morgan, Matt Loughnane, Brendan Donnellan and Gabriel Burke.
Officials: Messrs Edward Gleeson, Acting Asst. Co. Manager, Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Election of Chairperson: The outgoing Chairperson, Comm. Reilly in opening the meeting said that the first business is to elect a Chairperson. Before accepting proposals, Comm. Reilly thanked his fellow members and officials for their co-operation and courtesy throughout the year. All members and officials present complimented Comm. Reilly on the manner in which he had conducted the business of the Board during the year. Comm. Morgan stated that it gave him great pleasure to propose Comm. McNally-Fullard as Chairperson, Comm. Hynes seconded this proposal. Comm. McNally-Fullard received the unanimous support of all the members. Comm. McNally-Fullard in thanking her proposer and seconded and the members for giving her their unanimous support, stated that she considered it a privilege and honour that she was the first lady chosen as Chairperson. Comm. McNally-Fullard stated that her ambition is to improve Loughrea's position in the Tidy Towns and she expressed the hope that after her term of office the County Council will be in a position to erect litter free signs at the Loughrea approach signs.

Vice-Chairperson: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard, Comm. Hynes was unanimously elected as Vice-Chairperson. Comm. Hynes thanked his proposer and seconded and the meeting for electing him.

This concluded the business of the Annual Meeting.

Signed this the 12th day of September, 1988.

Peelie McNally-Fullard
Chairperson.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 4th July, 1988.

In the Chair: Comm. Perlle McNally-Fullard, Chairperson.
Members Present: Comms. John Reilly, Oliver Barrett, Pat Hynes, Thomas R. Kelly, Norman Morgan, Matt Loughnane, Brendan Donnellan, Gabriel Burke.
Officials: Messrs Edward Gleeson, Acting Asst. Co. Manager, Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 13/6/88 were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Barrett.

Comm. Loughnane explained to the meeting that he was absent from the last meeting and one other previous meeting due to Council business.

Fishing Rod Licence: The Town Clerk in reply to Comm. Hynes stated that while he had received a reply from the Minister for the Marine, Mr. Daly, T.D., regarding resolution on fishing rod licences, a reply was not yet received from the Taoiseach regarding this matter.

Tidy Town Report: Comm. Hynes referred to the recent local tidy towns competition and stated that some traders resented being named in this report. Comm. Donnellan stated that in his opinion it was unfair to commend one or two premises while ignoring others. Comm. Barrett was of the opinion that it was right to name premises.

Comm. Donnellan referred to an article in the Gay Byrne column of the Sunday World regarding street cleaning in Lisnaskea at 9 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Comm. Donnellan stated that the person cleaning in Loughrea provides an excellent service and this should be conveyed to Mr. Byrne. The Town Clerk was instructed to write to Mr. Byrne.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the Town Commissioners are not in a position to pay the SIOG entry fee for the Tidy Towns Competition and he had informed Bord Fáilte of the position.

Cleaner Community Campaign: The Town Clerk informed the meeting that entry forms are available for the Cleaner Community Campaign if anyone is interested.

Social Employment Schemes: Comm. Loughnane stated that he understood that if the L.I.S. are continued in Loughrea it will include the Cosmona area. Comm. Loughnane proposed that the Minister for Labour be requested to continue the Social Employment Schemes. Comm. Barrett seconded this proposal.

Fahy Gardens: In reply to Comm. Hynes, Mr. Gleeson stated that the County Council has no funds available to carry out improvement works at Fahy Gardens. Mr. Gleeson added that the County Council is prepared to discuss this matter with the unemployment action group.

Play School: Comm. Loughnane stated that the Western Health Board is discussing accommodation for the play school group with the local committee.

Burial Grounds: On the proposition of Comm. McNally-Fullard seconded by Comm. Loughnane it was decided to request the Co. Council to provide piped water in burial grounds for the purpose of watering flowers.

Control of Dogs: Comm. Morgan stated that people are taking dogs up to the Long Point and these dogs are running around loose terrifying young children and he suggested erecting signs prohibiting dogs in this area. The Town Clerk pointed out that dogs under proper control cannot be banned from a public place.

Anti-Extradition: A letter from the Irish Anti-Extradition Committee was circulated to each member. This letter requested the board to call on the Minister for Justice to use his power to stop the extradition of a Mr. Russell. Comm. Hynes proposed that a request be sent to the Minister. This proposal did not receive a seconded. A direct negative was proposed by Comm. Morgan and seconded by Comm. Barrett.

Motions for annual conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities: The meeting unanimously agreed to forward the following motions to the Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland:

1. That convicted violent sex offenders should be seriously considered for sterilisation.
2. That all lorries etc used for transporting animal skins and offal should be sealed.
3. That application forms for motor tax provide for information regarding change of ownership and that a tax credit be allowed to the seller of a vehicle for any un-expired tax period.

Motions Nos. 1 & 2 were submitted by Comm. McNally-Fullard and motion 3 by Comms. Loughnane and Donnellan.

Trading Bye-Laws: Mr. Gleeson produced a copy of the 1958 Trading Bye-Laws relating to Loughrea. These bye-laws were drawn up by Galway Co. Council and were geared mainly to fair days and agricultural products. Mr. Gleeson added that these bye-laws are now probably obsolete and matters of this nature are mainly governed by the Casual Trading Act. The County Council is the authority for the Casual Trading Act and certain areas can be designated for trading. The Council decided against designating areas. Comm. McNally-Fullard referred to traders obstructing the footpaths with particular reference to Sweeneys, Main Street and Halls. Mr. Gleeson in reply stated that obstruction is a matter for the Gardaí. Discussion ended.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Dated this the 12th day of September, 1988.

Perle McNally-Fullard
Chairperson.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 12/9/88.

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In the Chair: Comm. P. McNally-Fullard, Chairperson.

Members present: Comms. John Reilly, Oliver Barrett, Norman Morgan, Pat Hynes, Thomas R. Kelly and Matthew Loughnane.

In attendance: Edward Gleeson, A/Asst. Co. Manager, Alexis Farnion, Town Clerk. Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes Silence: Comm. Morgan proposed that one minute silence be observed as a mark of respect to the late Paddy O'Loughlin, a former member of the Board. Comm. Barrett seconded this proposal. All members and officials present paid tribute to the work done by the late Paddy O'Loughlin. The sympathy of the Board was extended to the various members of the O'Loughlin family.

Minutes: The minutes of the Annual Meeting and the monthly meeting both of which were held on the 4/7/88 were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Barrett seconded by Comm. Morgan.

All-Ireland Victory: Comm. Morgan proposed a vote of congratulations to the Galway hurling team on their All-Ireland victory. This proposal was seconded by the Chairperson. Comm. Morgan also thanked the Chairperson for seeing the team off from Loughrea and meeting them on their triumphant return.

Trading Byelaws: In reply to Comm. Barrett, Mr. Gleeson stated that he had referred the whole question of trading bye-laws to the Law Agent and he hoped to have more information for the next meeting.

Serviced Sites: The Chairperson enquired as to the present position with regard to the provision of serviced sites at St. Laurencesfields. Mr. Gleeson undertook to report back to the next meeting.

Fishing Rod Licence: The Department of the Taoiseach acknowledged having received the resolution requesting that the Fisheries Amendment Act be repealed. The resolution was referred to the Minister for the Marine.

Extradition: Comm. Hynes referred to the extradition of Messers Harte and Russell to Northern Ireland since our last meeting. Comm. Hynes made the point that the Taoiseach, Mr. Haughey when in opposition was totally opposed to extradition but since he became Taoiseach he had done a complete U turn, contrary to the wishes of the vast majority of the people. Comm. Morgan made the point that additional information may now be available to Mr. Haughey and consequently he might now see extradition as the corrected approach. Comm. Morgan stated that Comm. Hynes represents the political wing of the I.R.A. and he, Comm. Morgan totally disagrees with the action of this party, saying that there is no such thing as a political crime. Comm. Hynes stated that the British were lauded by the Town Commissioners for executing the signatories of the 1916 Proclamation. Comm. Kelly stated that such a resolution was passed by the Town Commissioners and was subsequently erased from the minutes. Comm. Loughnane referred to the importance of the Minutes and proposed that every effort should be made to safeguard them even to having copies made, this was seconded by the Chairperson.

Social Employment Schemes: The meeting was informed that the Department of Labor had acknowledged the resolution regarding the release of Social Employment Schemes. Comms. Loughnane and Barrett both made the point that while these recommendations are acknowledged they never appear to be acted on.

Loughrea Water and Sewerage Extensions: A general discussion took place on the inadequacy of Loughrea water and sewerage works. Comm. Loughnane stated that Loughrea was on top of the last priority but he feared that political pressure might change that.

The following decisions were taken:-

- a) That the Minister for the Environment give his approval for the next stage of the proposed new water and sewerage schemes for Loughrea - proposed by Comm. Barrett seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard.

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That the County Manager be invited to attend a ~~xxx~~ meeting of the Board to discuss this matter - proposed by Comm. Loughnane seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard.

Loughrea Bye-Pass: Comm. Barrett stated that the question of the bye-pass should be discussed again, a lot of people had opposed the bye-pass but he had noted he felt that it is time that it was brought before the Council again. In reply to Comm. Hynes, Mr. Gleeson stated that the Roads Authority was set up but its role has yet to be clearly defined. Mr. Gleeson also informed the meeting that the Council Council has been asked to reconsider its decision to exclude the bye-pass from the Development Plan for Loughrea and the matter will be discussed at the next meeting of the Council.

Piped Water in Burial Grounds: The Co. Council in its letter of the 8th August stated that due to lack of funds it is unable to provide piped water to the burial grounds in Loughrea.

Nissan International Classic Race: The Meeting was informed that the Nissan International Classic Cycling Race is scheduled to pass through Loughrea on Friday September 30th between 10/30 and 11/30 a.m. The local organisers appealed to the people to have the town looking as well as possible. The Commissioners supported this appeal.

European Archaeology Day: Mr. Gerard McInerney informed the meeting that the Department of Archaeology in Galway are submitting the moat which surrounds his shop at the Green, Loughrea, as their contribution to European Archaeology Day. Mr. McInerney hopes to unveil a plaque at 2/30 p.m. on Saturday 24th inst to mark the occasion. Mr. McInerney hoped that the Loughrea Town Commissioners would honour the occasion.

Bobby Burke Centre: A letter from the B.B.C. dated the 4/8/88 stating that they are about to form a committee comprising most if not all of the clubs in the town was read to the meeting. Comm. Morgan stated that this Committee had since being set up. It was suggested by Comm. Barrett that the Chairperson might at her convenience call on the Centre. Comm. Morgan stated that he would like to congratulate the Centre on its progress to date and support them in their efforts to create employment in the town.

Car Rally: The Chairperson stated that she had received a letter of thanks for officiating at the car rally on the 27th August. She proposed that the Board should express its thanks to Mr. Dennis Murphy, Clerk of the Course, for holding the rally in Loughrea.

Lottery Funds: Comm. Loughnane expressed his disappointment that the Loughrea Athletic Club had not received its full financial support from the national lottery funds. It was decided to invite the Athletic Club to send representatives to the next meeting of the Board.

On the proposition of Comm. Loughnane seconded by Comm. Reilly it was decided to request the Co. Council to give favourable consideration to an application from the Loughrea Musical Society for financial assistance. On the proposition of Comm. Hynes seconded by Comm. Reilly it was also agreed to support the Loughrea Rugby Club should it seek financial assistance.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 19th day of October, 1988.

Puckie Mc-Nally-Fullard
Chairperson.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea town Commissioners held on the 10/10/88.

In the Chair: Comm. P. McNally-Fullard, Chairperson.

Members Present: Comms. Norman Morgan, Brendan Donnellan, Pat Hynes, Oliver Barrett, Gabriel Burke, Matthew Loughnane, Thomas R. Kelly.
Officials: Mr. John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, Alexis Mermion, Town Clerk.
Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 12/9/88 were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Barrett seconded by Comm. Morgan. Comms. Donnellan and Burke apologised for their absence from the last meeting.

Mr. Howlett informed the meeting that the County Manager, Mr. Keating had intended attending this meeting but he had come down with flu and is unable to attend. Mr. Howlett stated that he has the information on the matters which the meeting wished to discuss with Co. Manager.

Water and Sewerage Schemes: The Contract documents have been with the Department for some time awaiting sanction. While the overall cost of the schemes are expected to be in the region of \$5M for sewerage and \$5M for water, the next stage which is site investigation, will cost \$80,000. Tenders are with the Department and the Council is hopeful of getting approval.

By-Pass: The bypass was discussed at a recent meeting of the County Council and it was decided to review the whole question.

With regard to the water and sewerage, the meeting feared that Tuam, because of its 'political clout' would get the go ahead before Loughrea. Mr. Howlett stated that there is no denying that Loughrea needs both water and sewerage schemes, Tuam he added has a particularly bad water problem and there is also a large industry pending for Tuam.

Comm. Hynes asked would lack of water deprive Loughrea of an industry. Mr. Howlett in reply stated that this would depend on the type of industry. Comm. Donnellan stated that Loughrea has a first class water supply but the filter beds require attention. Comm. Loughnane made the point that the money required for the next stage, \$80,000 was small by comparison with the overall cost. On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Hynes it was decided to ask the Minister for the Environment to provide this money. With regard to the by-pass, in reply to Comm. Hynes, Comm. Kelly made the point that not too many people had called to inspect the last plan while it was on display, there might be objectors but people must accept that the road has to come. Comm. Loughnane stated that people are beginning to assume that the by-pass will come, now is the time to get it right, what was planned was not right - 'Oranmore is a bit of a disaster'. Now is the time for the politicians getting the west its fair share of the funds to do the job properly. Comm. Donnellan made the point that when the by-pass becomes a reality, that traffic will travel too quickly through the town and he proposed that three sets of traffic lights be provided in Loughrea. Comm. Morgan seconded this proposal. The Chairperson stated that she had received a letter from a resident complaining about the difficulty in crossing the main street and she proposed that a pedestrian crossing be provided immediately at Main Street this proposal was seconded by Comm. Donnellan and passed unanimously. It was also decided on the proposition of the Chairperson seconded by Comm. Morgan to request the Gardai to implement the parking regulations in the town and also to ensure that goods are not displayed on the sidewalks thereby causing an obstruction.

Lottery Funds: On the proposition of Comm. Hynes seconded by Comm. Barrett it was unanimously decided to call on Mr. Frank Faney, T.D. Minister for Sport, to provide \$50,000 from the lottery funds, to Loughrea Rugby Club so that they could complete their clubhouse amenities etc. The Town Clerk read a letter from the Loughrea Athletic Club stating that because of ongoing negotiation, the time is not opportune for them to meet the Commissioners.

Fishing Rod Licence: Comm. Kelly called on the Government to grant an amnesty to those people who were fined over the fishing rod licence. In this regard Comm. Kelly referred to the finding of Mike Sweeney - a man who had hurried

for Galway and fished for Ireland. This proposition was seconded by Comm. Pat Hynes.

Fish Farms: Comm. Loughnane referred to the danger of effluent from fish farms to our waters and felt that the Board's views should be made known to the planning authorities, Comms. Kelly and Morgan supported him. Comm. Barrett stated that the anglers have stripped fish for the past fifty years thereby stocking the lake and he felt that the Board should not pass any resolution which might jeopardise this work. The Matter was deferred.

Old Minutes Books: The Town Clerk stated that he had contacted the County Librarian's office and they are prepared to bind and store the old minutes of Board meetings. The Minutes can be stored in the library in Loughrea or Galway and they could be copied as the opportunity arose. It was agreed to defer this matter to the next meeting.

Extradition: Comm. Hynes stated that extradition will have to cease and he called on Mr. Haughey and his Government to put a stop to it.

Serviced Sites: In reply to the Chairperson, Mr. Howlett stated that there was a poor response for serviced sites at St. Laurencesfields.

Service Charges: Comm. Morgan referred to a court case in Clare which decreed water charges illegal and he asked if this is the case. Mr. Howlett stated that he is not familiar with the case. Comm. Kelly stated that he had paid his bill and was billed again. The Chairperson referred to indiscriminate dumping the Town Clerk assured the meeting that the Co. Council would prosecute anybody caught dumping illegally.

Sight at Main Street: The Town Clerk was instructed to write to the Co. Council regarding the unsightly premises at Main St. formerly known as McGraths and also re the dangerous houses at Bride Street.

Road Improvements: The Town Clerk was instructed to write to the County Council regarding the completion of the footpath at Dunkellin Street, improving the footpath on the Masonbrook road and improving the road which links the Masonbrook road with the Ballinasloe road through Knockadickeen.

Estimates: In accordance with Sections 9 & 10 of the County & City Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Mr. Howlett submitted the Estimates in respect of 1989 year. The Estimates as submitted required a rate of 14.26p in the pound. On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard, the following were resolved:

- a) That the Estimate of Expenses of the Loughrea Town Commissioners for the Financial Year ending 31/12/89 as set forth at A, B & C on the form of Estimate be adopted and that the Form of Estimate be signed by the Chairperson and by the Town Clerk.
- b) That the demand be made on Galway County Council by the Loughrea Town Commissioners for the sum of \$1990 for the Financial Year ending 31/12/89 and that the Form of Demand be signed by the Chairperson and the Town Clerk. The Form of Estimate and the Form of Demand were then signed by the Chairperson and Town Clerk.

Thanks: The Town Clerk was instructed to thank the members of the Bobby Burke Centre for assisting in cleaning up the grounds of the Church of Ireland.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 11th day of November, 1988 *Paulie McNally - Fullard*

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 14/11/88.

In the Chair: Comm. P. McNally-Fullard, Chairperson.

Members Present: Comms. Brendan Donnellan, Pat Hynes, John Reilly, Norman Morgan, Gabriel Burke.

Officials: Messrs Edward Gleeson, Acting Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Apologies: Comms. Oliver Barrett and Matthew Loughane were excused due to family bereavements.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes Silence: On the proposition of the Chairperson seconded by Comm. Morgan, a minutes silence was observed as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. Annie Barrett, mother of Comm. Oliver Barrett and widow of the late James Barrett a former member of the Board. Members and Officials present associated themselves with the sentiments expressed.

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.

Loughrea Record: Comm. Morgan stated that he wished to have it recorded that he had presented a copy of the 'Loughrea Record' to the members and officials at the last meeting. Comm. Hynes complimented Comm. Morgan on his production of the 'Loughrea Record' which recalled historical events in Loughrea adding that Comm. Morgan and Mr. J.B. Donohue are doing great work in this regard. Comm. Hynes expressed the hope that Mr. Donohue would record his local knowledge.

Attendance of County Manager: The Chairperson informed the meeting that the County Manager, Mr. Keating had indicated that he was prepared to attend tonight's meeting or the December meeting. She had opted for the December meeting to give all members an opportunity to attend.

Water Charges: Comm. Hynes referred to the recent disconnection of water supplies for non-payment of service charges with particular reference to the cutting off of a person who had made arrangements regarding the payment of his account. Comm. Burke also made reference to a case where people were expected to pay arrears even though they were not residing in the house. Both Comm. Hynes and Burke expressed disappointment with Páinne Feil in not keeping the pre election promise to abolish service charges. Comms. Donnellan and Morgan made the point that if service charges were not paid then rates on business premises will increase making it impossible for businesses to carry on. Mr. Gleeson confirmed that there is a concerted drive on to collect charges, the amount collected in water charges is about 1/3 the cost of providing water within the county, the people being cut off are 1, 2 and 3 years in arrears and appear to be making no effort to pay. Anybody having difficulty in making payments are welcome to meet the County Council where arrangements can be made.

By-Pass Road: Comm. McNally-Fullard stated that she understood that people were interviewed regarding the acquisition of land for carparking off Main Street, the proposed exit from this land was onto the Walk, this she objected to saying that not one inch of 'The Walk' will be given. On the proposition of Comm. McNally-Fullard seconded by Comm. Donnellan it was unanimously decided to inform the County Council of this. Comm. Morgan referred to a breach which Paddy Sweeney had made in the boundary wall at The Walk to facilitate work on his development at Main Street, Mr. Sweeney had got permission to do this. Comm. Morgan now proposed that the County Council should now write to Mr. Sweeney and request him to restore the wall and his entrance to a wicket gate.

Comm. Hynes stated that a lady who resides in Bride Street claims that the traffic has caused structural damage to her house and she has been legally informed that she has a case against the County Council. Mr. Gleeson stated that he has no knowledge of such a claim but if there is one the County

Council will deny all responsibility.

amenity area: On the proposition of Comm. McNally-Fullard seconded by Comm. Morgan it was decided to request the County Council to acquire the land known as Flaggy Meadow on the Lake Road for development as a parking/amenity area.

Robberies In Loughrea: Comm. Morgan referred to some recent robberies which had occurred in Loughrea and he appealed to the public to co-operate with the Garda in protecting houses especially where there are old folk residing alone. Comm. Hynes commented that the detection rate is zero in Loughrea as for as crimes of this nature are concerned but houses that are suspected of being republican houses are getting plenty of police attention and raids. Comm. Burke stated that people reading this type of stuff might get the wrong impression of Loughrea - Loughrea is a great place to live. Comm. Donnellan stated that Loughrea is a safe town and the Garda are doing a great job, people were charged with 3 out of the 4 cases mentioned he added.

Custody of Old Minute Books: Comm. Donnellan proposed that the old Minute Books be handed over to the County Librarian's office for safe keeping. Comm. Burke seconded this proposal. Comm. Morgan offered to photocopy the Minutes at his own expense. Comm. Donnellan stated that he felt that the photocopying should be done officially. Mr. Gleeson stated that he might be able to arrange this and undertook to take the matter up with the County Librarian. Mr. Donnellan said that the Town Clerks should be thanked for maintaining these records.

Correspondence: The following correspondence was read to the meeting:

1. Letter from the Department of the Taoiseach stating that the resolution calling on the Government to grant an amnesty to all people who were fined because of the fishing rod licence was passed on to the Minister for the Marine, Mr. Brendan Daly for his attention.

National Lottery: Mr. Frank E. Healy, T.D. Minister of State stated that all monies have been allocated for this year. He assured the meeting that the Loughrea Rugby Club will receive high priority when further monies become available.

3. Loughrea Sewerage Scheme: Comm. Loughane submitted a letter from Galway County Council confirming that approval has been received from the Dept. of the Environment for the tender of the sub soil investigation.

Public Lighting: In reply to Comm. McNally-Fullard, the Town Clerk stated that if people informed him of any public light that is out of order he will take the matter up with the E.S.B.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 17th day of December, 1988.

Pedie McNally-Fullard
Chairperson.

None .1

agreed to discuss this at the next meeting and the ASB
Gen was asked to

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 12/12/88.

In the Chair: Comm. Perlie McNally-Fullard, Chairperson.
Present: Comms. Brendan Donnellan, Pat Hynes, Gabriel Burke, Norman Morgan, Thomas K. Kelly, Oliver Barrett, Matthew Loughnane.

Officials: Messers S. Keating, County Manager, J. Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.

Apology: Comm. John Reilly, who was unavoidably absent.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 14/11/88, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Donnellan.

Visit by County Manager: The Chairperson welcomed the County Manager, Mr. Keating to the meeting and stated that as Mr. Keating has other appointments she proposed dealing with whatever issues the meeting wished to discuss with Mr. Keating first.

By-Pass: The first matter raised was the proposed by-pass road, which Comm. Morgan stated had the unanimous support of the members provided some slight alterations were made and certain safeguards provided. Comms. Hynes, Donnellan, Barrett and Loughnane supported Comm. Morgan. Comm. Loughnane made the point that it is important to get the plan right first time as there will be no second chance and the road provided will have to cater for the next hundred years, we should learn from previous mistakes. Mr. Keating in reply thanked the members for inviting him and assured them that they are well looked after by Mr. Howlett and the Town Clerk. Mr. Keating explained that the by-pass is at present under review and when it is drawn up the Council and the people of Loughrea will have an opportunity to discuss it, it is in everybody's interest to have the matter resolved locally. The road is part of the national route plan and will come under the National Roads Council. In reply to Comm. Hynes, Mr. Keating stated that he would hope to have a more detailed plan by the Autumn. It will be on the list of proposals going to Brussels and its place on the list of priorities will be considered under the National Plan.

Carparks: Mr. Keating explained to the meeting that the County Council is trying to come up with a proposal for off street parking that might attract some Government funding. The first proposal for use of ground between Main St. and the walks was not suitable from an Engineering point of view, a variation of this scheme was yet to be put to the Council. A third scheme involving land between Barrack St. and Main St. is being investigated and the land owners have been written to.

Water/Sewerage: In reply to Comm. Barrett, Mr. Keating stated that the commencement of Loughrea water/sewerage improvements is purely a question of availability of money. Both are on the 5 year priority list and there would appear to be a very strong case for the sewerage scheme.

Job Creation: Comm. Hynes referred to the high unemployment in the area and he asked Mr. Keating if he would use his influence as a member of the County Development Team to further the chances of Loughrea for a food processing plant and also a wood processing or some other associated industry.

Tourism: Comm. Morgan referred to the possible potential of Loughrea as a tourist centre and shopping centre and he proposes to use his magazine the 'Loughrea Record' to advertise this potential next summer. Comm. Morgan stated that he is taking this course of action as there is no proper guide for the area. Mr. Keating stated that it would be a good idea if some group undertook to develop the tourist potential of the area.

Comm. Barrett thanked Mr. Keating for attending the meeting and he also thanked the County Council officials and staff for the work they do in Loughrea.

Hare Coursing: A resolution from Ceannus Mor U.D.C. calling on the Government to introduce legislation prohibiting hare coursing was read to the meeting. Comm. Kelly stated that Kells had given no reason as to why this resolution should be supported, he has had lifelong association with coursing, the people of Loughrea had always supported coursing and he hoped they always would. He called on the Loughrea Town Commissioners to oppose this motion. On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Barrett the letter was marked read.

Anti-Extradition: A letter from the Irish Anti-Extradition Committee seeking permission for some members of the families of Owen Carron, Jim Clarke, Dermot Finucane and Paul Kane to address a meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners. These four people are facing extradition to the north, the letter stated. On the proposition of Comm. Hynes seconded by Comm. Morgan it was agreed to invite Mr. Des Wilson to address a meeting of the Commissioners.

Water Charges: Comm. Hynes stated that a number of people had received final notices in respect of water charges. These people had applied for waivers and had not as yet received a reply one way or the other. Comm. asked Mr. Howlett if he could ensure that applications for waivers were fully processed and applicants informed of the outcome before final notices were issued.

The Walks: On the proposition of Comm. McNally-Fullard seconded by Comm. Donnellan it was decided to request the County Council to erect bollards on both ends of The Walks to stop traffic on it.

Trading Bye-Laws: Comm. Morgan stated that he had found a copy of the old byelaws in respect of fairs and markets in Loughrea. He asked that the matter be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Resolutions submitted by Comm. Morgan:

"That a carpark be provided on the east end of the Green- to facilitate those using said Green, Anglers, Court Attenders and snoppers." The resolution was seconded by Comm. Hynes. Comm. Donnellan opposed this resolution saying that the west end of the Green would be more suitable and was seconded by Comm. Burke. On a vote Comm. Morgan resolution was lost by three vote to two, Comms. Donnellan, Burke and McNally-Fullard voting against with Comm. Morgan and Hynes voting for, these were the only members present for the vote.

b) "That Loughrea Town Commissioners purchase from C.I.E. the line from Bride Street to Cosmo Railway Crossing." Comm. Donnellan stated that Loughrea Mart has purchased part of this property. There was no seconded for this resolution.

c) "That the Board of Works be requested to take into their care and declare a National Monument, the Mead (river) around Loughrea town." This resolution was seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard and passed unanimously.

26th Pay Round: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard, the 2nd phase of the 26th Pay Round was approved in respect of employees of the Loughrea Town Commissioners.

The meeting then terminated.

Signed this the 9th day of January, 1989.

Pat Hynes
Vice - Chairperson.

agreed to discuss this matter at the next meeting and the Chairperson was asked to

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 9/1/89.

In the Chair: Comm. Pat Hynes, vice-Chairperson.

Members Present: Comm. Norman Morgan, John Reilly, Brendan Donnellan, Oliver Barrett and Gabriel Burke.

Officials: Messers Edward Gleeson, Acting Asst. Co. Manager and Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.

Apologies: Comm. Perlie McNally-Fullard and Comm. Thomas R. 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. Morgan seconded by Comm. Barrett.

Matters arising from the minutes:

Town Moat: Mr. Noel Treacy, T.D. Minister of State, stated in his letter of the 25/12/88 that he had consulted with the Commissioners of Public Works regarding the town moat and that he will be in touch with the Town Commissioners again on the matter.

Anti-Extradition: The Secretary of the Irish Anti-Extradition Committee in his letter of the 6/1/89 stated that he was having difficulty in contacting Mr. Des Wilson at the moment but that he would let us know as soon as possible when Mr. Wilson will be available to attend a meeting of the Town Commissioners. The Town Clerk agreed that if possible he would give prior notice to the members of Mr. Wilson's visit.

The Walk: In reply to Comm. Barrett, the Town Clerk stated that the Town Engineer had agreed in principle to the erection of bollards on each end of The Walk and had sought legal clarification from the County Council. Mr. Gleeson undertook to have the matter investigated for the next meeting.

Employment: Comm. Barrett referred to rumours circulating regarding change of ownership of Schaeffland also regarding new industry. Comms. Morgan, Donnellan and Burke concurred that they also had heard conflicting stories. Comm. Burke proposed that the I.D.A. be asked if there is any specific problem regarding industry not coming to Loughrea and was seconded by Comm. Morgan. Comm. Hynes asked Mr. Gleeson to ensure that the County Manager presses Loughrea's case with the County Development Team.

Water Charges: In reply to Comm. Burke, Mr. Gleeson stated that as far as he is aware all applications for waiver of water charges are now dealt with and applicants are being informed of decisions made.

Resolutions: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Burke it was agreed to support the following resolution received from Kilrush U.D.C. "That this Council calls for priority in the allocation of lottery funds to be given to the Health Services in order to maintain an acceptable standard."

On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Burke it was agreed to support the following resolution submitted by Westport U.D.C.

"That the Council call on the Minister for the Environment to formulate a Scheme whereby individuals or companies who sponsor the financing of Environmental Schemes approved by a Local Authority can obtain full tax relief up to a certain maximum figure."

Trading Bye-Laws: Mr. Gleeson stated that he had discussed the 1958 Bye-Laws with respect to markets in the town of Loughrea with the Law Agent. The Law Agent is of the opinion that these Bye-Laws are obsolete having regard to present day trading and problems in this regard should be looked at under the Casual Trading Act. Mr. Gleeson stated that the Co. Council can designate certain areas as trading areas and if this is done trading cannot take place in any other area. Obstruction of traffic is a matter for the Gardai.

On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Burke it was decided

to request the Co. Council to investigate the possibility of having the carpark at Barrack Street designated as a trading area.

Resolutions submitted by Comm. Norman Morgan:

a. "That Loughrea Town Commissioners purchase from C.I.E. that section from the Mart property to the railway crossing at Cosmona, and develop same as soon as money becomes available as an amenity for the north side of the town" Mr. Gleeson pointed out that provision was not made in the Estimates to purchase this land but that the Co. Council could investigate the possibility of acquiring this land for development under Amenity Schemes. After discussion, it was decided on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Donnellan to request the County Council to acquire this land. Comm. Donnellan also proposed that an effort should be made to acquire the old water tower on the Mart property, this was seconded by Comm. Morgan. The Town Clerk was instructed to write to Loughrea Mart regarding same.

b. "That Galway County Council be requested to widen the junction on the Mount Carmel side of the junction of Mount Carmel Road with Mount Carmel Crescent, so as to discourage traffic joining the Dublin-Galway road from doing so at the very dangerous five-road junction at the Westbridge." This motion was seconded by Comm. Barrett and passed unanimously.

c. "That the following be made one-way streets: King St. from Main Street to Barrack St.; roadway between Morrissey's and Cooney's, Westbridge to Abbey St.; roadway between Raftery's and Garrett's Atherry Road - from Abbey Street." After discussion Comm. Morgan amended his resolution to read: "That the following be made a one-way street: King Street from Main Street to Barrack Street." This was seconded by Comm. Donnellan. It was agreed to forward the recommendation to the Gardai and to the Co. Council for their attention.

Westbridge Junction: Comm. Donnellan referred to the Westbridge as a traffic hazard both for the pedestrian and the motorist and added that something will have to be done to improve it. It was decided to request the County Engineer to inspect this junction with a view to making it safer for both pedestrian and motorist.

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

William Gaffney, Victoria Terrace, on the death of his sister Dolly.

Jan Corry, Lake Road on the death of his sister Mrs. Mary Neylon.

The Kelleher Family, Barrack Street on the death of Jack Kelleher.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 13th day of February, 1989.

Perlie McNally-Fullard
Chairperson.

minutes of proceedings at a special meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 6/2/89.

In the Chair: Comm. Perlie McNally-Fullard, Chairperson.
Members Present: Comms. Pat Hynes, Brendan Donnellan, Norman Morgan, Matthew Loughnane, Thomas R. Kelly.
Officers: Mr. Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.
Apology: Comm. Gabriel Burke.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that as a result of the Town Commissioners invitation to Fr. Des. Wilson to address a meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners, the Irish Anti-Extradition Committee had written to inform the Board that Fr. Wilson will attend the February meeting of the Board. The letter also indicated that Fr. Wilson will probably be accompanied by Gerard Kane (brother of Paul Kane) and/or Martin Finucane (brother of Dermot Finucane). The invitation to Fr. Wilson was issued in the first instance as a result of a request from the Irish Anti-Extradition Committee seeking permission to address a meeting of the Board.

Comm. Hynes stated that he had written to Fr. Wilson offering accommodation to him, Fr. Wilson had replied that he will be in America on Feb. 13th., the date of the next Town Commissioners meeting and that the nearest date on which he will be available is March 13th.

It was the unanimous decision of the meeting that only Fr. Wilson was invited to address a meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners and that the Board will adhere to the original invitation. The Town Clerk was instructed to inform the Irish Anti-Extradition Committee accordingly.

The meeting then terminated.

signed this the 13th day of February, 1989.

Perlie McNally-Fullard
Chairperson.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 15/2/89.

In the Chair: Comm. Perlie McNally-Fullard, Chairperson.
Members Present: Comms. John Reilly, Norman Morgan, Pat Hynes, Gabriel Burke, Oliver Barrett, Matthew Loughnane and Brendan Donnellan.
In attendance: Messers Edward Gleeson, Acting Asst. Co. Manager and Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of meetings held on the 9/1/89 and 6/2/89, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Reilly.

Apology: Comm. Loughnane stated that on the night of the last meeting he was informed at the last moment that he had to accompany members of the Loughrea Athletic Club on a deputation to the Minister for Sport and so was unable to attend the monthly meeting. He asked to be excused.

Town Moat: In reply to the Chairperson, the Town Clerk stated that he had no further correspondence from Mr. Noel Treacy, T.D. regarding funds for improving the town moat.

The Walk: Mr. Gleeson in reply to Comm. Barrett stated that the Co. Council has referred to their Law Agent the question of erecting bollards on the Walk. Comm. Morgan stated that Mr. Paddy Sweeney of Main Street who recently extended his business, had within the last week extended the bridge which leads from his premises onto The Walk and had also enlarged a wicket gate to a bit gate. Comm. Morgan proposed that the County Council take legal action against Paddy Sweeney to remove the bridge and to reduce the gate to wicket size, this was seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard. Comm. Donnellan supported the motion and stated that he had proposed five years ago that bollards be erected on The Walk. Mr. Gleeson explained that The Walk is listed on the road schedule and is thereby causing confusion.

Industry: Mr. Tom Hyland, Regional manager I.D.A. confirmed in his letter of the 18/1/89 that Schlegel Corporation has been taken over by the British Tyre & Rubber Company Ltd and it is planned that operations will continue in Loughrea where approximately 112 people are employed. Mr. Hyland assured the Board that the I.D.A. is vigorously promoting Loughrea and that the Co. Council has specific plans for infrastructural development in Loughrea. On the proposition of Comm. Loughnane seconded by Comm. Barrett it was agreed to take Mr. Hyland up on his offer to attend a Board meeting. Comm. Donnellan proposed that an effort be made to get a break down of the number of people signing at the Loughrea Exchange i.e. the number from within the town and the number from outside, both male and female. Comm. Morgan seconded this proposal.

C.I.E. Property: Mr. Gleeson informed the meeting that the Co. Council is negotiating with C.I.E. regarding the purchase of part of the old railway line. However Loughrea Mart had informed the Co. Council that it is not prepared to give a right-of-way from the station road to the old railway line. Comm. Morgan was of the opinion that the old railway line should be purchased irrespective of whether the right-of-way was given or not. Comm. Reilly felt that it would be ridiculous to acquire the railway line if there was no access from the station road. It was agreed that the Co. Council should pursue the matter further with Loughrea Mart. Loughrea Mart in its letter of the 27th January informed the Commissioners that the old C.I.E. water tower is structurally very sound and that it will not be interfered with.

By-pass Road: In reply to Comm. Hynes, Mr. Gleeson stated that the Dept. of the Environment had requested that the Council reconsider its decision to exclude the by-pass road from the County Development Plan. The matter is at present under consideration and all options will be looked at.

agreed to discuss this matter at the next meeting and the Ass.
was asked to

Trading Areas: Mr. Gleeson stated that the Co. Council had considered the request to have the car-park designated as a trading area and had decided that this area is required for parking.

Obstruction of sidewalks: Comm. McNally-Fullard referred to the danger caused by traders displaying goods on sidewalks and motorists parking cars in such a manner as to necessitate pedestrians having to leave the footpaths to pass by. On the proposition of Comm. McNally-Fullard seconded by Comm. Morgan it was decided to refer this problem to the gardai.

Municipal Authorities: The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the annual subscription to the Municipal Authorities is now due. Comm. Morgan questioned the benefits of paying this subscription of £84 and he proposed that it not be paid and was seconded by Comm. Donnellan. Comm. Barrett proposed that it should be paid and was seconded by Comm. Burke. A vote was taken and it was decided by 6 votes to 2 to pay. Comm. Barrett, Burke, Hynes, Loughnane, Reilly and McNally-Fullard voting for and Comms. Morgan and Donnellan voting against.

Town Twinning: The Town Clerk informed the meeting that he had received correspondence from Gourin, a town in Brittany, regarding the possibility of twinning with an Irish town. Comm. Loughnane stated that there are many advantages to twinning with a French or German town and he felt that a special twinning committee should be set up. Comm. Loughnane stressed the importance of having language teachers in the schools involved in a project such as this. Comm. Loughnane agreed to contact the local schools etc. and to report back to the next meeting. The Town Clerk was instructed to write back to the Gourin Twinning Committee and to inform them that Loughrea is interested and are considering the matter. The Town Clerk undertook to forward a copy of the correspondence received from Gourin to each member.

Auditor's Report: The Auditor's Report in respect of the 1987 year was presented to the meeting. Mr. Gleeson stated that the report raised no queries and showed a 100% rent collection which reflected credit on all concerned. Comm. Loughnane complimented the Town Clerk and staff on the manner in which they carried out their duties.

Local Government Financial Reform: In reply to a questionnaire from the Executive of the Local Authority Members Association (LAMA), the meeting decided that it was not in favour of the re-introduction of a property tax, proposed by Comm. Loughnane seconded by Comm. Burke.

It was decided to recommend to LAMA that road taxation collected locally should be spent in the locality on the improvement of County and Regional roads.

Motions submitted by Comm. Norman Morgan:-

a) "That Galway County Council lease to Loughrea Scouts Association, the ground known as 'The Pound' situated beside the Courthouse, Loughrea, for the purpose of erecting a scout Den thereon, i.e. similar to the lease given by the Loughrea Town Commissioners to Loughrea Tennis Club."

Mr. Gleeson informed the meeting that there is a legal obligation on the Co. Council to provide a pound. There was no seconder for this motion.

Comm. Loughnane suggested to Comm. Morgan that an application from Loughrea Scouts Association for some other piece of ground might be lodged with the Commissioners prior to the next meeting. Comm. Loughnane assured Comm. Morgan that the Board is more than willing to be of assistance to the scouts.

b) "That the footpath at Maria Sweeney's corner, opposite 'The Abbey' be sloped." This motion was seconded by Comm. Loughnane and passed unanimously.

c) "That bollards be erected at the Main St. end of Kings St. and signs erected on the Barrack St. end stating Cul-de-Sac."

It was decided to defer this motion until such time as a reply is received from the Gardai to a request to have this street made an one-way street.

Congratulations: Comm. McNally-Fullard congratulated the Pollroebeck Estate on winning the 'Neighbourhood Watch' award.

Vote of sympathy: On the proposition of Comm. Barrett seconded by Comm. Reilly, the sympathy of the Board was extended to the family of the late Noel Finnegan, Barrack Street.

The meeting then terminated.

signed this the day of February, 1989. *Patricia McKeever Fullard*
Chairperson.

agreed to discuss this matter at the next meeting and the Ass.
was asked to

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON 13TH MARCH, 1989.

IN THE CHAIR: Comm. Perlie McNally-Fullard, Chairperson.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Comms. Norman Morgan, Pat Hynes, Gabriel Burke, Oliver Barrett, Matthew Loughnane, Brendan Donnellan and T.R. Kelly.
An apology was submitted on behalf of Comm. Reilly.

IN ATTENDANCE: Messrs. J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager and T. Coughlan, Acting Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 13/2/1989, a copy of which was circulated to each member, was adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Morgan, seconded by Comm. Barrett.

The Walk: Mr. Howlett stated that this matter has been referred to the Planning Section of the Council and a final report is not yet available. There may be some difficulty if the Walk is not regarded as a public road. Comm. Morgan disputed that a public roadway had ever existed and stated that, as the bridge had been widened without permission, the Council must protect the park. Mr. Howlett informed the meeting that the matter would be fully investigated on receipt of the necessary report.

Extradition - Address by Rev. Fr. Des Wilson.

Following transactions at previous meetings, Rev. Fr. Des Wilson appeared before the Commissioners and addressed them on the question of extradition. He stated that, in his opinion, the Irish Government should not extradite people to the North of Ireland and he alleged that they were injustices caused by the British Government in that area. He gave a lengthy account of various aspects of life in Northern Ireland to exemplify his views on the administration of the area by the British Government.

Fr. Wilson then withdrew from the Meeting having invited members to visit him in the North of Ireland.

Loughrea Town Pipe Band: Correspondence from the Hon. Secretary, Loughrea Town Pipe Band was read to the meeting. Mr. Howlett informed the meeting that no provision was made in the estimate of expenses for such contributions, and it was agreed that the members would contribute privately.

Kings Street: Correspondence from the Garda Superintendent regarding a proposal that Kings Street be declared a one-way street was read to the meeting. Comm. Morgan proposed that bollards be placed at the end of Kings Street and that a cul-de-sac sign be erected. Comm. Loughnane stated that the County Manager had previously indicated that car-parking in Loughrea would be reviewed, and proposed that this matter be dealt with as part of the proposed review. Mr. Howlett agreed that the overall review could incorporate consideration of Comm. Morgan's proposal. It was proposed by Comm. Barrett, and seconded by the Chairperson, that the Gardai be invited to attend a meeting of the Commissioners to discuss parking in the town.

Town Twinning: Comm. Loughnane informed the meeting that £2 Million has been made available by the E.C. for town twinning in peripheral countries. Comm. Loughnane could not contact the person in the I.P.A. who is dealing with the administration of the grant, but suggested that a copy of the video be obtained. Mr. Howlett stated that a committee representative of the different interest groups in the town should be formed. He informed the meeting of the progress to date in

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Ballinasloe and Tuam, and informed the meeting that the twinning offer from Gourin was still available. Mr. Howlett gave details of the town and indicated that other Irish towns may be interested in twinning with Gourin. He suggested that a profile of Loughrea, prepared by the different interest groups in the town, be sent to Gourin. Commissioner ~~BURKE~~ undertook to contact various clubs in Loughrea and to send relevant information to Mr. Howlett.

C.I.E. PROPERTY:

Mr. Howlett informed the members that a reply had not been received regarding the right-of-way, and that if a walk were to be provided by an amenity scheme, a right of way would be necessary. Commissioner Morgan stated that if the Bye-Pass road is developed, land should be purchased for the movement of stock.

The Meeting then terminated.

Signed this the 10th day of April, 1989. Pat Hynes
Vice - Chairperson.

agreed to discuss this matter at the next meeting and the Ass.
ages were asked.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 10/4/89.

In the Chair: Comm. Pat Hynes, vice-Chairperson.
Members Present: Comms. Norman Morgan, John Reilly, Brendan Donnellan, Matthew Loughnane, Thomas K. Kelly and Oliver Barrett, Gabriel Burke.
Apology: An apology was submitted on behalf of Comm. McNally-Fullard

In attendance: Messers Thomas Kavanagh, Acting Co. Sec. A. Marmion Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on the 13/3/89, a copy of which was circulated to each member, was adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Donnellan.

The Walk: In reply to Comm. Morgan, the Town Clerk stated that the development recently carried out on property adjoining The Walk is still under investigation by the County Council. After further discussion it was decided on the suggestion of Comm. Burke to defer any further discussion until such time as the County Council completes its investigation.

Excused: Comm. Loughnane asked to be excused and left the meeting.

Town Twinning: In reply to Comm. Barrett, the Town Clerk stated that Comm. Burke had provided Mr. Howlett with a profile of Loughrea for the benefit of the people of Gourin. The Members thanked Comm. Burke for his endeavours. Comm. Burke agreed to try to form a local committee to pursue the matter and report back to the next meeting.

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Members Present: Comms. Norman Morgan, John Keilly, Brendan Donnellan, Matthew Loughnane, Thomas R. Kelly and Oliver Barrett, Gabriel Burke.
Apology: An apology was submitted on behalf of Comm. McNally-Fullard

In attendance: Messers Thomas Kavanagh, Acting Co. Sec. A. Marmion Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on the 13/3/89, a copy of which was circulated to each member, was adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Donnellan.

The Walk: In reply to Comm. Morgan, the Town Clerk stated that the development recently carried out on property adjoining The Walk is still under investigation by the County Council. After further discussion it was decided on the suggestion of Comm. Burke to defer any further discussion until such time as the County Council completes its investigation.

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In the Chair: Comm. Perlie McNally-Fullard, Chairperson.
Members Present: Comms. Norman Morgan, Matt. Loughnane, Pat Hynes, Gabriel Burke, Thomas R. Kelly, Brendan Donnellan and Oliver Barrett.
An apology was submitted on behalf of Comm. Reilly.

In Attendance: Messrs. E. Gleeson, Acting Asst. Co. Manager and A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on the 10/4/89, a copy of which was circulated to each member, was adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Loughnane.

Matters arising from the minutes.

The Walk: In reply to Comm. Morgan, Mr. Gleeson stated that it is proposed to take action under the Planning Act in relation to the developments carried out to the rear of premises adjoining The Walk.
On the proposition of Comm. McNally-Fullard seconded by Comm. Morgan it was decided to request the Co. Council to repair and make safe the retaining wall between the entrance to the North Mound and the Mart Field.

Loughrea Water Works: In reply to Comm. Hynes, Mr. Gleeson stated that the permanent caretaker of Loughrea Waterworks is acting up in a higher grade. The question of overseers is under review but in the meantime caretaking arrangements will be carried out.
Comm. Loughnane referred to the Preliminary Report carried out by Irish Drilling and he proposed that the result of this Report be available for the next meeting. Comm. Morgan seconded this proposal. Mr. Gleeson agreed to investigate this matter.

Housing: Comm. Donnellan referred to the proposed new industry for Loughrea which should result in a demand for housing sites. It was the unanimous feeling of the meeting that this demand should be tested and on the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Morgan it was decided to request Galway County Council to develop the sites at St. Laurencesfields having an exit onto the Athenry Road.

Industry: The Chairperson thanked Mr. Hyland, Regional Manager IDA, the County Manager, Mr. Keating and everyone who had contributed to the acquisition of the proposed new industry in Loughrea.
Comm. Hynes felt that continued pressure should be kept up for more industry for Loughrea. Comm. Loughnane proposed that Mr. Hyland be invited to the next meeting and was seconded by Comm. Morgan. The Town Clerk stated that he had already invited Mr. Hyland to attend a meeting and had also thanked him for his endeavours on behalf of Loughrea.

Trees in The Walk: In reply to Comm. Kelly, the Town Clerk stated that he had referred the problem of diseased trees in The Walk to the Town Engineer.
Comm. Donnellan referred to the improvement which the trees recently planted had made to The Walk.

Parking: In reply to Comm. Kelly, the Town Clerk stated that he had invited the Superintendent of the Gardai to a meeting to discuss the parking problems in Loughrea. The Superintendent had declined the invitation but stated that if the Commissioners submitted their proposals in advance, that he is prepared to receive a deputation from the Commissioners to discuss the proposals. Comm. Kelly proposed that the speed limit be strictly enforced at Cross Street, Loughrea. This was seconded by Comm. Morgan.

Town Twinning: Comm. Burke informed the meeting that there are a number of people prepared to get involved in the setting up of a town twinning group and he intends to pursue the matter further with Mr. Howlett.

Tourism: Comm. Burke stated that there is an urgent need for a camping site in Loughrea and he suggested that people might be facilitated in the Long Point area. Comm. Loughnane supported Comm. Burke's suggestion. The Town Clerk stated that this was previously discussed and the findings were that this is a matter for private enterprise. Comm. Kelly remarked that he could facilitate anyone seeking a camping site.
Comm. Morgan stated that he wished to propose a vote of thanks to Mr. Maurice Sweeney for setting up a Tourist Information Office.

Tidy Towns: The Town Clerk stated that he had received literature with regard to the 1989 Tidy Towns Competition but as the Town Commissioners are precluded from paying an entry fee he did not see much point in discussing the matter. The Chairperson stated that she felt that Loughrea should partake in the tidy towns competition and she is prepared to try to organise a tidy towns committee. It was decided that a meeting will be held in Glynn's Pub on Wednesday 17th May.

Motion submitted by Comm. Pat Hynes:

"That Loughrea Town Commissioners call on Bord Failte to prepare a Tourism Development Plan for Loughrea in co-operation with local interest groups, with particular emphasis on the lake and associated leisure activities, for inclusion in current EC structural programmes."

Comm. Hynes in proposing the motion added that he also proposed that Mr. Brian Flynn of Bord Failte be invited to attend the next meeting of the Board to discuss this plan. The proposal was seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard.

On a point of information Comm. Loughnane informed the meeting that proposals are already submitted to Brussels for the development of a lakeside promenade; Sports Recreation Park at the Athletic Club; Equestrian Centre. Comm. Loughnane added that all these are seeking EEC funding but competition will arise and there is already a full-time promoter in the Gort area.
Comm. Morgan stated that a sizeable allocation of the lottery funds should be made available to continue development in the Long Point area and he proposed that a request be sent to the relevant Minister for same, this was seconded by Comm. Barrett and passed unanimously.
Comm. Donnellan stated that plans are fine but someone or some group is required to sell Loughrea and added that he wished to compliment Fr. Iggy Clarke on the speech which he made on the occasion of the announcement of the new industry for Loughrea.
Comm. Loughnane made the point that there are individuals who have distributed literature all over the world promoting certain tourist activities in the Loughrea area.

Get Well Messages: The Town Clerk was instructed to send get well messages to Councillors Joe Lambert of Kilbeacanty and Peter Raftery of Ballygar.

Votes of Sympathy: Votes of sympathy were passed with the following:

Padraig Loughnane on the death of his wife Nora.
The Shaughnessy family, Lake View, Gort Road on the death of their mother.
The Daniels family Athenry Road on the death of Josie Daniels.
The Milmoie family Galway Road on the death of their mother.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 12th day of June, 1989.

Perlie McNally-Fullard
Chairperson.

minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 12/6/89.

In the Chair: Comm. Perlie McNally-Fullard, Chairperson.
 Members Present: Comms. John Reilly, Oliver Barrett, Pat Hynes, Brendan Donnellan and Norman Morgan.
 In attendance: Edward Gleeson, Acting Asst. Co. Manager, Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.
 Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 8/5/89, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Barrett seconded by Comm. Donnellan.

Tourism: The Chairperson in welcoming Mr. Martin C. Bradley, Senior Tourism Officer with Ireland West to the meeting, stated that Mr. Bradley was invited as a result of a resolution proposed by Comm. Hynes at the previous meeting of the Board. Comm. Hynes stated that he had proposed that Ireland West prepare a development plan for Loughrea and he wondered what strategy is proposed to develop tourism in the Loughrea area.
 Mr. Bradley thanked the Board for inviting him and stated that Ireland West does not prepare plans for specific areas. Mr. Bradley went on to say that towns like Loughrea on national primary routes do not always gain maximum benefit from passing traffic and he said every effort should be made to make people aware of attractions in the area by advance signposting, local brochures etc. Mr. Bradley outlined the various grants etc, available for the development of tourism and he stressed the importance of local involvement.

On the proposition of Comm. Hynes seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard it was unanimously decided that Loughrea Town Commissioners convene a public meeting with a view to forming a representative group to promote tourist interest in Loughrea. It was arranged to hold the meeting in the Temperance Hall on Monday 26th June at 9 p.m. Mr. Bradley agreed to attend this meeting. The Town Clerk was instructed to write to all local clubs and associations inviting them to the proposed meeting.
 The Chairperson thanked Mr. Bradley for his help and added that she looked forward to his attendance on the 26th.

Matters arising from the minutes:

Housing: Mr. Gleeson in reply to Comm. Hynes stated that he is not aware of any new housing grant proposals from the Dept. of the Environment.

Serviced Sites: Comm. Donnellan asked if there was any development with regard to the provision of serviced sites in Loughrea. Mr. Gleeson stated that the Co. Council has initiated a further examination of the need for serviced sites in Loughrea. Mr. Gleeson added that last time there was no great demand for these sites and he advised that applicants should apply to the County Council.

Tidy Towns: The Chairperson stated that she was very disappointed that more Town Commissioners had not turned up at the meetings of the Tidy Towns Committee, only three other members had attended any of the meetings, however the Chairperson stated that she is delighted with the enthusiasm shown by the people who had turned up. The Chairperson appealed to all members to be present on Tuesday night at 9 p.m. outside the post office for the big sweepup.
 The Chairperson condemned the practise of washing cattle trucks and horses in the lake and she also requested the provision of a litter bin in Donnellan Drive. She also thought that litter free signs should be erected in the town.
 Comm. Donnellan referred to the practise of people bringing litter into the town and dumping it at litter bins. Mr. Gleeson assured the meeting that anyone caught dumping litter will be prosecuted by the Co. Council.
 Comm. Reilly felt that the open type litter bin is poor and they should be replaced.

Comm. Morgan complimented the Chairperson on re-organising the Tidy Towns Committee.
 Tidy Town Trophy: The Chairperson was authorised to run the competition for the Town Commissioners trophy on the same lines as last year.

Play area at St. Laurencesfields: The Chairperson asked if something could be done to provide a play area at St. Laurencesfields. Mr. Gleeson stated that he would have the problem examined.

By-pass Road: In reply to Comm. Barrett, Mr. Gleeson stated that the County Development Plan must be reviewed by the middle of next year and he felt that it is fair to assume that the Loughrea by-pass will also be reviewed in conjunction with the Co. Development Plan.

Association of Municipal Authorities: The meeting was informed that the Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities will be held in Fermoy on the 19th., 20th., and 21st September next and that all motions for same must be submitted by the 16th July.
 The members were informed that motions must be considered at the next meeting of the Board if they wished to have them submitted.

Preservation Order: Comm. Morgan stated that Duffy's Newsagents is about to be sold. This premises has a traditional shop front and he wondered if a Preservation Order could be put on the premises so that the traditional shop front might be retained. Mr. Gleeson in reply stated that if there is no preservation order on the premises under the existing Town Plan then one could not be put on it for the present, however if a planning application is required for restoring the premises then the matter might be examined under the Planning Act.
 On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard, it was decided to request the Co. Council to investigate the possibility of placing a Preservation Order on the trees at Bohercom.

Long Point: The Private Secretary to Mr. Frank Rahey, I.D. Minister of State at the Department of Education, acknowledged receipt of application for funding from the National Lottery to continue development at Long Point.

Town Band: Mr. Sean O'Neill, Chairman of Loughrea Town Pipe Band, acknowledged receipt of donation from Loughrea Town Commissioners to their fund.

Abstract of Accounts: The Abstract of Accounts for 1988 year was presented to the meeting. The Abstract was considered very satisfactory.

Annual Meeting: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Donnellan it was decided to hold the Annual Meeting on July 10th in conjunction with the July Monthly Meeting.

Polling Booths: Comm. Donnellan referred to the fact that the polling booth is changed from the Court House to the Convent, this Comm. Donnellan stated will be most inconvenient for the voters and he proposed that a protest be lodged over the change, this was seconded by the Chairperson.

Environmental Heritage Programme: The Chairperson stated that she was in contact with Ras regarding the possibility of securing an Environmental Heritage Scheme for Loughrea. The scheme caters for the employment of 16 to 25 year olds.

Congratulations: Mr. Patrick Smyth was congratulated on his appointment as a Knight of St. Sylvester by His Holiness The Pope.

This concluded the business of the meeting.
 Signed this the 10th day of July, 1989.

Pat Hynes
 Chairperson.

Agreed to discuss this matter at the next meeting and the Asst. Manager asked to...

Minutes of proceedings at the Annual Meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 10/7/89.

In the Chair: Comm. Perlle McNally-Fullard, Chairperson.

Members Present: Comms. Norman Morgan, Pat Hynes, Brendan Donnellan, John Reilly, Gabriel Burke, Thomas R. Kelly and Oliver Barrett.

Officials Present: Messers Edward Gleeson, Acting Asst. Co. Manager and Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.

Apology for non-attendance: Comm. Matthew Loughnane.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Election of Chairperson: Comm. Morgan in proposing Comm. Pat Hynes for the position of Chairperson stated that he felt that this position should rotate and that next year he will propose Comm. Burke for the Chair to ensure that every member will have served as Chairperson of the board. Comm. Kelly stated that he also felt that the position of Chairperson should rotate and while he does not agree with Comm. Hynes's Sinn Fein policy he was seconding him for the position of Chairperson.

Comm. Donnellan stated that he believed in democracy and he felt that there should be an election for the Chair, he proposed Comm. Gurke for the position of Chairperson. Comm. Burke seconded this proposal.

A vote was taken and resulted as follows:

For Comm. Hynes: Comms. Morgan, Kelly, McNally-Fullard, Barrett and Hynes.

For Comm. Burke: Comms Donnellan and Burke.

Comm. Hynes was elected by 5 votes to 2 with Comm. Reilly abstaining.

Election of vice-Chairperson: Comm. Burke was proposed by Comm. Morgan and seconded by Comm. Donnellan and elected unanimously.

Vote of thanks: Comm. Kelly stated that he wished to propose a vote of thanks to the outgoing Chairperson in a impartial manner in which she had conducted the affairs of the Board. Comm. Morgan in seconding the proposal referred to her initiative in reviving the Tidy Towns Committee and wished her every success in her effort to promote tourism in Loughrea. Members and Officials present associated themselves with the tribute paid to the outgoing Chairperson.

Comms. Hynes and Burke thanked their respective proposers and seconders and pledge to do their best to promote the interests of the town.

This concluded the business of the Annual Meeting.

Signed this the 10th day of September, 1989.

Pat Hynes
Chairperson

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In attendance: Messers. E. Gleeson, Acting Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Apology: Comm. Matt Loughnane.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 12/6/89, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Barrett.

Vote of Sympathy: Before the business of the meeting was discussed, on the proposition of the Chairman, a vote of sympathy was unanimously passed with Comm. Loughnane on the death of his father-in-law.

Tourism: In reply to Comm. Barrett, Comm. McNally-Fullard stated that tourism development is being pursued and the Tourism Committee is meeting later in the night.

Serviced Sites: Comm. Donnellan raised the question of serviced sites at St. Laurencesfields. Mr. Gleeson stated that it would appear that there is no great demand for these sites. The market is tested periodically and whenever a demand arises, then this demand will be met. Mr. Gleeson also informed the meeting that the housing needs of the county is being assessed at present. Comm. Kelly stated that there is a demand for sites in Loughrea and he was asked recently to sell his property.

On the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Morgan it was agreed to request the County Council to develop these sites forthwith.

St. Laurencesfields Housing: In reply to Comm. McNally-Fullard, Mr. Gleeson stated that insurance is a major difficulty with regard to the provision of playgrounds but that he will enquire into the question of open space. Comms. Kelly and Burke referred to houses not being occupied by tenants. Mr. Gleeson stated that if the members gave him particulars of any specific case, he will have the matter investigated.

Tidy Towns: Comm. Hynes stated that he wished to compliment Comm. McNally-Fullard on the leadership qualities which she has shown in organising the Tidy Towns competition. Comm. McNally-Fullard in reply stated that she was delighted with the co-operation and support she had received from all areas, with the exception of Main Street. She paid particular tribute to the members of the Lions Club for their help at the Long Point, the people from Barrack Street for their efforts, the Town Engineer, the Town Clerk and the Council staff for their help and co-operation.

Correspondance: The following correspondance was read and noted:

a) Letter of thanks from Patrick Smith, Dunkellin Street, for vote of congratulations on the occasion of his investiture as a knight of the Pontifical Equestrian Order of St. Sylvester.

b) Polling Booth: Sean O Domhaill, Claraitheoir Condae, in his letter of the 22/6/89 regarding the transfer of the polling booth from the County House stated that his only comment was the irrespective of where Polling Stations are located some individuals will claim to be inconvenienced.

It was agreed to discuss this matter at the next meeting and the Asst. Manager

Carparking In Loughrea: The County Engineer's report to the County Manager dated 9/6/89, was considered by the meeting. The County Engineer's proposal to acquire lands from Joseph Greene and Patrick Connolly adjoining the existing carpark received the full support of the meeting on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Donnellan. On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Kelly it was also decided to request the County Council to investigate the possibility of acquiring land from Cronins, Kennedys and O'Malleys for development for parking. Comm. Burke stated that while he was delighted that further parking is being provided he is still of the opinion that parking must be provided directly off the Main Street.

Town River: Comm. Donnellan referred to the poor condition of the river embankment along the Walk and he wondered if anything could be done about it. Mr. Gleeson stated that he will have the matter considered under the Social Employment scheme section. Comm. Barrett asked if the town river could be cleaned. It was agreed to refer the matter to the Town Engineer.

A.I.B. Bank: Comm. McNally-Fullard stated that she wish to congratulate and compliment the A.I.B. on the improvements to its premises at Main Street, especially on account of their employing three local firms to carryout the work.

Motions for Annual Conference of the Assoc. of Mun. Authorities: It was unanimously decided to forward the following resolutions for consideration at the Annual Conference of the Assoc. of Municipal Authorities:

- a) "That a resolution be passed calling for the complete shutdown of Sellafield and that this resolution be forwarded to the relevant Authority"
- b) "That a resolution be passed calling for a complete ban on the dumping of nuclear waste in the Irish sea and that this resolution be forwarded to the relevant Authority."
- c) "That the Government be called upon to remove the anomalous and unconstitutional regulation which expels a rate paying public Representative from membership of a local authority for non-payment of rates by the end of the financial year, while non-rateable members are not governed by this regulation."

Motions (a) and (b) were proposed by Comm. McNally-Fullard and seconded by Comm. Morgan. Motion (c) was proposed by Comm. Morgan and seconded by Comm. Barrett.

Racecourse: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard it was decided to request the County Council to place a Preservation Order on the Stand House at the Racecourse, Loughrea.

Site at Barrack Street: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard it was agreed to request the County Council to have the site between the weighbridge and the Fire Station tidied.

Burial Grounds: Comm. Burke complained about the untidy condition of the local burial grounds on the occasion of Cemetery Sunday. When the Town Clerk pointed out that there is a shortage of staff, Comm. McNally-Fullard asked if the general public could not be organised to clean up their plots. Comm. Donnellan stated that he remembered when all plot owners gave a day to cleaning the cemeteries.

Abuses: Comm. McNally-Fullard requested that the County Council write to the chip shop owner in Church St. who is pouring grease down the public channel. Mr. Gleeson agreed to investigate the matter.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 11th day of September, 1989.

Pat Hynes
Chairperson

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 11/9/89.

In the Chair: Comm. Pat Hynes, Chairperson.
Members Present: Comms. Perlie McNally-Fullard, Norman Morgan, John Reilly, Oliver Barrett, Thomas R. Kelly and Matthew Loughnane.
In Attendance: Edward Gleeson, Acting Asst. Co. Manager, Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.

Apology: Comm. Gabriel Burke.
Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the meetings held on the 10/7/89 (A.G.M. and Monthly meetings), copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Reilly.

Town Band: Comm. Morgan complimented the press representative, Mr. J.B. Dononue on his report in the Connacht Tribune, of the revival of the Loughrea Town Band. Comm. Morgan complimented the band on its performance and appealed to the public to support the band in its effort to provide instruments and uniforms. All members present associated themselves with the sentiments expressed by Comm. Morgan.

Tourism: In reply to Comm. Barrett, Comm. McNally-Fullard stated that the Committee set up to promote tourism in the town had met on two occasions and are pursuing a number of ideas. Comm. McNally-Fullard stated that the Tourism Committee felt that town twinning is important. Comm. Morgan agreed but said that he would prefer to twin with a town in Germany.

Play Area at St. Laurencesfields: Mr. Gleeson informed Comm. McNally-Fullard that he had referred the idea of a play area at St. Laurencesfields to the Co. Engineer. Mr. Gleeson added that insurance remains a problem.

Loughrea By-Pass: Comm. Hynes asked if the Loughrea By-Pass is included in the 1989/91 National Roads Programme. Mr. Gleeson in reply stated that the by-pass is not specifically mentioned but that it will be considered when the Co. Development Plan is being reviewed. Comm. Morgan stated that the Commissioners support the by-pass, he requested Mr. Gleeson to convey the feeling of the meeting to the County Manager and to report back to the next meeting with the up-to-date position. Comms. Kelly and Barrett referred to the volume of traffic through the town. Comm. Kelly stated that despite complaints, the speed of the traffic through the town had increased and yet the town does not qualify for a pedestrian crossing. The Town Clerk reminded the meeting that the Garda Superintendent had agreed to meet some members of the Commissioners to discuss set proposals. On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Barrett it was decided to submit a list of proposals to the next meeting for examination.

Coy's Borreen: On the proposition of Comm. Hynes seconded by Comm. Morgan it was decided to request the Co. Council to improve the sight distance at the junction of Coy's Borreen and Gort Road.

St. Brendan's Hospital: Comm. Barrett stated that he had read where St. Brigid's Hospital Ballinasloe will be catering for geriatric patients in the future and he wondered about the future of St. Brendan's. On the proposition of Comm. Barrett seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard it was decided to ask the Western Health Board what proposals it has for Loughrea.

Dumping at Earlsparck: Comm. Barrett referred to unauthorised dumping which he alleged is taking place at Earlsparck. Comm. Barrett proposed that this dumping be stopped as it may pollute the lake. Comm. Morgan seconded this proposal. Comm. McNally-Fullard stated that grease is still being dumped in the gully near the Town Hall. Comm. Loughnane asked if the river area near the westbridge could be cleaned while the river is low.

Water and Sewerage Works: Comm. Loughnane raised the question of providing capital for the provision of water and sewerage works in Loughrea. It was agreed to discuss this matter at the next meeting and the Asst. Co. Manager was asked to report on same.

Employment: Comm. Morgan expressed the hope that when Cigna opens its premises in Loughrea it will give jobs to deserving people and that it will not be a case of who you know. Comm. Morgan added that the news conference at which the announcement was made was comprised mostly of known Fianna rail party workers.

Comm. Hynes stated that he agreed with the sentiments expressed by Comm. Morgan and added that when he attempted to raise the question of employment at Schlegel at previous meetings the then Chairman ruled him out of order and adjourned the meetings. Comm. Barrett stated that one cannot dictate to employers as to who they should employ and that it is most unfair to prejudge as to now a company employs people. Comm. Barrett also made the point that special courses are being provided in both post primary schools geared toward employment in Cigna. Comm. Loughnane stated that Cigna is an world renowned successful company and it did not achieve this through favouritism.

Housing: The County Council in its letter of the 1/9/89 informed the meeting that it had submitted proposals to the Dept. of the Environment for the development of a further phase of housing at St. Laurencesfields. Comm. Barrett stated that he welcomed the possibility of more houses in Loughrea, especially housing similar to St. Laurencesfields which is a beautiful estate and a credit to all concerned with it.

Udly Towns: Comm. Hynes complimented Comm. McNally-Fullard on her efforts for a udly town. Comm. McNally-Fullard stated that she had a wonderful Committee in Ursula Mooney, Mairead Flynn, Alice Cunnane, Peggy Marmion, Margaret Malone, Josephine Muldoon. In addition to these she had received tremendous support for the officials and staff of Galway Co. Council. The 'Duck Derby' had made a profit of £1,470 which will be spent on improving the town. Comm. Kelly stated that if every person in Loughrea gather three pieces of litter, then the litter problem would be solved. Comm. McNally-Fullard requested that a litter bin be provided at the school bus depot at Barrack Street.

Knockanima park: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Hynes it was decided to request the Co. Council to inspect the trees at Knockanima Park.

Path at Athenry Road: Comm. McNally-Fullard requested the Co. Council to repair or replace at Athenry Road west of Mrs. Fahy's filling station.

Water Charges: Comm. McNally-Fullard asked Mr. Gleeson to investigate the water charges on John Hynes's premises at Bride Street. Comm. Loughnane expressed the opinion that waiver applications should be dealt with more quickly.

Congratulations: On the proposition of Comm. Kelly seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard the Loughrea underaged hurlers and footballers were congratulated on the success in the County Championships. Comm. Hynes congratulated Mr. Gleeson on Tipperary's success in the All-Ireland. Mr. Gleeson in returning thanks stated that they could look forward to continued sporting rivalry between Galway and Tipperary.

votes of Sympatny: Comm. Loughnane stated that he regretted being absent from the last meeting owing to the death of his father-in-law and he wished to avail of this opportunity to thank the Members for their messages of sympathy.

The sympathy of the Board was extended to the relatives of the following: Richard Mooney, Barrack Street, Eilo Murphy (nee Moynihan) Dulin, Thomas O'Dea, Liam Mellows Tce., Pat Keeley, Masonbrook, Mrs. Connolly, Coorbaun, Paddy Bowes formerly of Main St., Patsy Reynolds (nee Kenny) Galway Road, and Sister Berchmans, Convent of Mercy, Loughrea.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 9th day of October, 1989.

Pat Hynes
Chairperon.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 9/10/89.

In the Chair: Comm. Pat Hynes, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. Norman Morgan, Oliver Barrett, Perlie McNally-Fullard, Matthew Loughnane, Thomas R. Kelly and Gabriel Burke.

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

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 11/9/89, having being previously circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct in the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard.

St. Brendan's Home: The meeting welcomed an assurance from Mr. E. Hannan, M.E.O. of the Western Health Board, that St. Brendan's home, Loughrea will continue its important role in the provision of services for the aged.

By-Pass Road: Mr. Howlett reading from the County Engineer's report, informed the meeting that the Co. Council is holding the present line of the road but that the Department of the Environment has not included it in the 1990-95 proposals. In reply to a query from Comm. Loughnane regarding the availability of fund up to 1995, Mr. Howlett stated that he would have to clarify this matter with the County Engineer.

Comm. Morgan referred to the congestion of traffic during funerals etc. at the Station Road and stated that it was poor planning on the Council's part not to have acquired the old railway line. Comm. Morgan proposed that the Co. Council be asked to acquire that portion of the railway line from the mart property to the proposed by-pass road. Comm. Barrett seconded this proposal.

Parking: Comm. Kelly referred to the probability of the County hurling Final and the Coursing being held in Loughrea on Oct. 22 and he appealed to the people of the town to keep the streets clear for parking on this day. Comm. Kelly's suggestion had the unanimous support of the meeting.

Deputation: Mr. John Devine, a former member of the Board was allowed to address the meeting. Mr. Devine spoke about the harmony that always existed between catholic and protestant in the locality. Mr. Devine referred to the poor state of repair of the protestant church in Loughrea and he thought that something should be done about it. The Chairman thanked Mr. Devine for his contribution. Mr. Devine in return thanked the meeting for receiving him and added that he will seek election to the board next time.

Resolution from Athlone U.D.C.: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Barrett the following resolution from Athlone U.D.C. was marked Read.

"That the promised reform of Local Government be introduced by the Minister of the Environment before the next local elections."

Resolution from Castlebar U.D.C.: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Kelly the meeting unanimously agreed to support the following resolution from Castlebar U.D.C.

"That the members of Castlebar U.D.C. resolve to call on all other Local Authorities within the 26 counties to call on Mayo County Council to ensure the preservation of Croagh Patrick and other High Amenity Areas within Mayo County by way of a Special Amenity Area Order under Section 42 of the 1963 Planning and Development Act."

Dumping at Earlsparck: In reply to Comm. Barrett the Town Clerk stated that he had reported the illegal dumping at Earlsparck to the County Council.

Traffic and Parking Suggestions: On the suggestion of Comm. Morgan this matter was deferred to the next meeting of the Board.

Proposed New Water and Sewerage Schemes: Mr. Howlett outline the present position with regard to the proposed new water and sewerage schemes as follows:
Water Scheme: The proposed water scheme which will cost in excess of £5M. is with the Dept. of the Environment awaiting sanction. The land acquisition and Water Extraction Order are dealt with. The present scheme which caters for Loughrea town only, requires 128l Cm. of water daily while the proposed scheme which will cater for Loughrea and its Environs will require 12,000 Cm. of water daily.

Sewerage Scheme: The proposed sewerage scheme which will cost £3.24M is also with the Department awaiting sanction. The additional lines and new treatment works will cater for 10,000 people.

Comm. Loughnane complimented Mr. Howlett on his comprehensive report and asked if there was any indication as to when they might start. Mr. Howlett replied in the negative. In reply to a request from Comm. Morgan, Mr. Howlett promised to provide a copy of the Report to each member.
Decision: On the proposition of Comm. Barrett seconded by Comm. Morgan it was decided to request Mr. Noel Treacy, T. D. to arrange for the Minister for the Environment to receive a deputation to discuss the proposals.

Estimates: In accordance with Section 9 & 10 of the County & City Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Mr. Howlett submitted the Estimates in respect of 1990 Year. The Estimates as submitted requires a rate of 15.25p in the £. Mr. Howlett explained the Estimates in detail.

On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Barrett the following were resolved:

i) That the Estimate of Expenses of the Loughrea Town Commissioners for the Financial Year ending 31/12/90 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 by the Town Clerk.

ii) That the demand be made on Galway County Council by the Loughrea Town Commissioners for the sum of £2,170 for the Financial Year ending 31/12/90 and that the Form of Demand be signed by the Chairperson and the Town Clerk. The Form of Estimate and the Form of Demand were then signed by the Chairman and Town Clerk.

Municipal Authorities: Comm. Hynes stated that when he was attending the Annual Conference of the Assoc. of Municipal Authorities recently, he had discussed the possibility of holding a meeting of the Municipal Authority Executive in Loughrea. Comm. Hynes stated that he was informed by the Chairperson of the Municipal Authorities, Cllr. Glynn from Mullingar, that the Executive meet about 4 times during the year and that there are approximately 60 people at these meetings. The meeting was of the opinion that it would be a good idea to apply for one of these meetings to be held in Loughrea. On the proposition of Comm. Hynes seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard it was decided to apply for one of these meetings to be held in Loughrea.

Town Twinning: In reply to Comm. McNally-Fullard, Comm. Burke stated that two French towns, Gourin and Chateaugiron are interested in twinning with Loughrea. Comm. Burke promised to invite Comm. McNally-Fullard to the next meeting of the Town Twinning Group.

Tidy Towns: Comm. McNally-Fullard informed the meeting that Cuscorrig Crescent had won the Tidy Area Award. In addition to the trophy, the Tidy Towns Committee are giving £25 for the purchase of flowers etc. in the rear.

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

The Hough Family, Donnellan Drive, Mrs. O'Connor Barrack Street, the Mcamara Family, Galway Road, The Joseph Family Bride Street and the Staunton Family, New Inn.

This concluded the meeting.
Signed this the 13th day of November, 1989.

*Pat Hynes
(CHAIRMAN)*

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 15/11/89.

In the Chair: Comm. Pat Hynes, Chairperson.

Members Present: Comms. Perlle McNally-Fullard, Gabriel Burke, Norman Morgan, Oliver Barrett, John Reilly, Thomas R. Kelly.

Officials: Messrs John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.
Apology: Comm. Matthew Loughnane was excused on account of the death of his uncle.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 9/10/89, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct. The proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Barrett.

Parking Recommendations: Comm. Barrett raised the question of parking in the Bride Street area. It was decided to draw up a list of recommendations, for consideration by the local gardai, at the next meeting of the Board.

Car Parks: In reply to Comm. McNally-Fullard, Mr. Howlett stated that he will enquire as to the present position with regard to the provision of additional car-parks within the town and report back to the next meeting.

Bypass: Mr. Howlett reiterated that the Loughrea bypass is not included in the 1990/93 proposals but the Co. Council is holding the proposed line of the road. On the suggestion of Comm. Hynes it was agreed to request the County Engineer to state any new proposals which he might have with regard to the proposed bypass and to have them considered by the County Council as quickly as possible.

Pedestrian Crossing: Comm. McNally-Fullard again referred to the difficulty in trying to cross the Main Street and she proposed that the County Council be requested to provide a pedestrian crossing at the E.S.B. office on Main Street. This proposal was seconded by Comm. Morgan and passed unanimously.

County Final: Comm. Burke stated that he wished to congratulate the local G.A.A. club on the manner it had catered for the Co. Hurling final. Comm. Barrett while agreeing with the sentiments expressed by Comm. Burke added that should Loughrea get big games in the future, he would like to see better parking arrangements. Both Comms. Burke and Kelly pointed out that the parking areas provided were under utilised.

Comm. Hynes stated that he wished to compliment Comm. Kelly who is a life long member of the G.A.A. for his work behind the scenes in securing the county final for Loughrea which must have been a great asset to the business people of the town.

Comm. Burke congratulated Sarsfields on winning the Co. Championship.

Park at Athenry Road: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard it was decided to request the Co. Council to repair the wall which surrounds the park at Athenry Road.

Flooding at Bride Street: Comm. Morgan referred to recent flooding at Bride St. and suggested that the shores be cleaned every month. The Town Clerk explained that the flooding in question was not caused by blocked shores but by gullies being blocked by falling leaves etc. The gullies are cleaned periodically and the machine for cleaning them is presently on order.

Tidy Towns: In reply to Comm. Hynes, Comm. McNally-Fullard stated that it is proposed to hold a general meeting on tidy towns after the Christmas when suggestions will be sought as to how Loughrea can improve its tidy town image. Comm. McNally-Fullard stated that despite the large number of litter bins provided, Loughrea still has a litter problem especially in the chip shops areas. Comm. Morgan referred to a tree which is growing outside the cathedral and suggested that this tree be taken away as it interferes with the view of the cathedral. Comm. Morgan's suggestion did not receive any support. The Town Clerk stated that it is proposed to replace the trees that were damaged or that had died in the parks and around the town.

Loughrea Pipe Band: Comm. Kelly referred to the wonderful progress which the Loughrea pipe band had made. The band which had received the full support of the people of Loughrea, is endeavouring to provide costumes and instruments and is in urgent need of funds. Comm. Kelly proposed that the Minister in charge of the distribution of lottery funds be requested to allot some of the funds at his disposal to help financially the funding of Loughrea's pipe band. This proposal was seconded by Comm. Barrett and passed unanimously.

Cathedral Windows: Comm. Morgan stated that a sum of £38,000 is required to renovate and preserve the stain glass windows in St. Brendan's Cathedral. As these windows are a work of art and actually belong to the people of the world. Comm. Morgan proposed that the Minister in charge of the lottery funds be asked to provide money to have the necessary repair work carried out on these windows. This was seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard. Comm. Burke asked if any application was made for funding of this work. Comm. Morgan undertook to take this matter up with Fr. I. Clarke Adm. The Town Clerk was instructed not to take any action on this matter or on the funding for the band until such time as he was informed that both parties had made application.

Loughrea Water and Sewerage Schemes: Mr. Noel Treacy, T.D., Minister of State at the Department of Health, informed the meeting that he had made representation to Mr. P. Flynn, T.D. Minister for the Environment, regarding the provision of Loughrea Water and Sewerage Schemes and that he is awaiting further information.

Tourism: In reply to Comm. Barrett, Comm. McNally-Fullard stated that the Loughrea Tourism Group is meeting on Monday next and to date the group was not informed of any specific project that would qualify for a grant. Comm. Barrett stated that it appears that whoever is allotting this money is trying to pull the wool over the peoples' eyes.

Old Railway Line: In reply to Comm. Morgan, Mr. Howlett stated that he is informed that that portion of the old railway line which lies between the Mart property and the Bullaun road is of no use as a walk unless a right-of-way is provided. Comm. Morgan offer to show Mr. Howlett an entrance to this property. Mr. Howlett undertook to have a report for the next meeting. Comm. Burke proposed that the Co. Council acquire part of the property owned by Telecom Eireann at Moneamore for development as a park, this proposal was seconded by Comm. Morgan.

Housing: Mr. Howlett in reply to Comm. Hynes, stated that the Co. Council has carried out a housing survey within the county and will be submitting a proposal in respect of Loughrea to the Department.

Municipal Authorities: In reply to Comm. Barrett, the Town Clerk stated that had no news regarding the holding of an Executive Meeting of the Municipal Authorities in Loughrea. The Town Clerk informed the meeting the Comm. Loughnane is now on the Executive and will continue to press for a meeting to be held in Loughrea.

Town Twinning: Comm. Burke informed the meeting that a Committee under the Chairmanship of Martin Farrell was formed to deal with town twinning proposals and that he is a member of this committee. Comm. Burke was thanked for his efforts in this matter.

Votes of Sympathy: Votes of sympathy were passed with the Loughnane and Devine families on the death of Joe Hickey and to the McGuinness family, Mount Carmel Road on the death of Ms. Katie McGuinness.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

signed this the 11th day of December, 1989.

Pat Hynes
Chairperson.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 11/12/89.

In the Chair: Comm. Pat Hynes, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. Perlie McNally-Fullard, Thomas R. Kelly, Norman Morgan, Gabriel Burke, Matthew Loughnane and Oliver Barrett.

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

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. McNally-Fullard.

Parking Recommendations: Arising from the minutes, Comm. Barrett referred to an earlier proposal to have discussions with Supt. D.G. O'Connor, Garda Barracks, Loughrea regarding parking in Loughrea. It was agreed to submit the following recommendations for discussion:-
Bride Street: No parking on the southside from Mr. B. Donohue's house westwards as far as the passageway west of 'Stoney Brennan' pub. (Comm. Barrett)
Abbey Street: That the existing law be implemented. (Comm. Morgan)
Westbridge: That parking be prohibited on both sides of the road from the Westbridge to the junction for Mount Carmel Crescent.

Car Parks: Mr. Howlett informed the meeting that money is provided in the Estimates for the development of additional car parks in Loughrea and it is hoped to commence work in the new year.

By Pass Road: The meeting was informed by Mr. Howlett that the land owners who are effected by the proposed By Pass are holding a series of meetings with the design engineer who will report back to the County Council. Mr. Howlett also stated that the Co. Engineer is anxious to have a traffic survey carried out in Loughrea and he also suggested that the Co. Council should get a copy of the proposals being sent to the Gardai. In reply to Comm. McNally-Fullard, Mr. Howlett stated that he is not aware of any proposal to have the main Galway/Dublin road via Athenry.

King's St. Comm. Morgan stated that he is still of the opinion that King's Street should be an one way street and he proposed that the County Manager be asked whether the motorist of the pedestrian has the right-of-way at the junction of this street with Main Street.

New Inn Dump: A letter from the New Inn Environmental Group addressed to Comm. McNally-Fullard was read to the meeting. This letter referred to the fact that the New Inn Dump is closed and that people from the Loughrea area are still dumping illegally at the tip-head. The meeting deplored the fact that illegal dumping is still taking place and on the proposition of Comm. Morgan the Town Clerk was instructed to apologise for any dumping done by people from Loughrea. Mr. Howlett stated that if as claimed in the letter, that the New Inn Group could identify some of the culprits, they should report them to the County Council.

Ridgy Towns: Mr. Howlett referred to the fact that St. Laurencesfields had come second in its section in the Regional Tourism Competition and Loughrea had won the best new entry award. Comm. Loughnane issued an open invitation to all the members to attend the prize giving ceremony in the County Buildings on Friday next at 4 p.m. Comm. McNally-Fullard complimented the Town Engineer and his staff on the tree planting that had taken place around the town but that she would strongly condemn whoever was responsible for uprooting one of the trees which was planted in The Walk and firing it into the river. Comm. McNally-Fullard also complimented the traders who had improved their shopfronts and she appealed to the people to shop local. Comm. Morgan congratulated the A.I.B. for encouraging local support.

Loughrea Regional Water Scheme: In reply to Comm. Barrett, Mr. Howlett stated that the planning stage is completed and that the Co. Co. was approached by the Department to allow the Kilnadeemna Group Scheme to go ahead. The Co. Council has indicated that it is anxious that some of the work on the

Regional Scheme be undertaken in conjunction with the Group Scheme and this is at present with the Department. Comm. Loughnane stated that the Co. Council are pressing for the Regional Scheme but in the meantime they will accept whatever grants are made available.

Comm. Morgan accused the Co. Co. of holding up the Kilnadeemna Group Scheme by trying to impose conditions. Mr. Howlett stated that this is not the case and that there is no reason to believe that the Department will not accept the conditions sought by the Co. Council.
In reply to Comm. Loughnane the Town Clerk stated that he had no further information from Mr. Noel Treacy, T.D. regarding a meeting with the Minister. On the proposition of Comm. McNally-Fullard seconded by Comm. Morgan the Town Clerk was instructed to write again to Deputy Treacy.

Tourism: Comm. Kelly referred to a recent announcement by Mr. S. Brennan, T.D. Minister for Tourism setting out all the millions which the Government is going to spend on tourist development. Comm. Kelly stated that they would be better off if they settled the 'Rod Licence' dispute. We are about to witness Comm. Kelly added, the 3rd year for the lake to be without a boat.

A copy of a letter sent by the Loughrea District Tourism Development Assoc. to the Office of Public Works setting out specific projects for the promotion of tourism in Loughrea was read to the meeting. Comm. Morgan stated that while most of the suggestions in the letter were good he would have to oppose any duplication of amenities and for this reason he could not agree with the purchase of land for development as a golf course when there is already a very progressive golf course in Loughrea. Comm. Loughnane made the point that one must be prepared finance one's ideas, then and only then will grants be available. Comm. Loughnane referred to the setting up of a pilot area in the Gort district with the appointment of a Mr. Sean Ryan as Regional Projects Officer and he suggested that the Loughrea group might be well advised to contact him. Comm. McNally-Fullard agreed to take this back to her Committee.

Extradition: A letter from Donegal Co. Council calling for the release of Mr. Jim Clarke, Letterkenny who is at present in Portlaoise prison awaiting extradition to the North, was marked read on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard.

Salary and Wages increases in respect of the Town Clerk and School Warden were approved on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Loughnane. Circular Letter EL 15/89 refers.

Footpaths: On the suggestion of Comm. Burke it was agreed to request the County Council to provide a footpath from Bride Street to Cahernaun Estate.

Public Lighting: On the proposition of Comm. McNally-Fullard seconded by Comm. Barrett it was decided to request the Co. Council to improve the public lighting in Loughrea.

Votes of Congratulations:
Comm. Barrett proposed a vote of congratulation to the Loughrea Golf Club on its decision to develop a 18 golf course in Loughrea.
Comm. McNally-Fullard proposed a vote of congratulations to the Loughrea Dramatic & Choral Society on its very successful presentation of the musical 'My Fair Lady'.

Votes of Sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended to following:
The relatives of the late Tim Moylan, Lakeside Park.
The relatives of the late Mrs. Shiel, Church Street.
The Forde Family, Fany Gardens on the death of their baby.

This concluded the business of the Board.

Signed this the 8th day of January, 1990

Pat Hynes

Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 8/1/90.
In the Chair: Comm. Pat Hynes, Chairman.
Members present: Comms. Perlie McNally-Fullard, John Reilly, Oliver Barrett, Thomas R. Kelly, Brendan Donnellan, Gabriel Burke and Matthew Loughnane.
Officials: Messers John Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.
Apology: Comm. Norman Morgan.
Meeting opened with prayers.

Before the business of the meeting was discussed, the Chairman Comm. Hynes stated that he wished to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Mr. Howlett who is retiring as Assistant County Manager at the end of the month. Comm. Hynes referred to the courtesy and compassion with which Mr. Howlett had carried out his duties especially in his role as Housing Officer in which he had been a particular good friend to Loughrea. Comm. Hynes wished Mr. Howlett, his good wife and family many years of health and happiness in his retirement. The members present, the Town Clerk and Mr. J.B. Donohoe, Press Representative associated themselves with the sentiments expressed by Comm. Hynes. The Town Clerk also stated that Comm. Norman Morgan had requested him to convey his best wishes to Mr. Howlett.
Mr. Howlett in returning thanks, stated that he had a long association with Loughrea and that he had always enjoyed his visits to Loughrea. During his term as Housing Officer within the county he had work with a very good team with an excellent Senior Housing Engineer in Mr. Michael Tierney who had also retired recently. Despite the fact that the housing programme was hit by financial cuts during his term of office, nevertheless he was very pleased with the improvement in conditions of housing within the county since he first started. Mr. Howlett added that while he is retiring without any regrets, he is however going with mixed feelings.
Comm. Loughnane referred to the retirement of Mr. Michael Tierney who was Senior Housing Engineer for the County and to whom Loughrea was much indebted for the improve standard of houses received. He asked that the Town Clerk convey the good wishes of the Town Commissioners to Mr. Tierney.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 11/12/89, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Barrett seconded by Comm. Reilly

Meeting with Garda Superintendent: Supt. D.J. O'Connor, Garda Barracks, Loughrea informed the meeting that he will arrange a date for a meeting early in the New Year to discuss parking problems in Loughrea. The meeting agreed not to select names for the deputation until the date of the meeting is known.

Car-parks: Mr. Howlett informed the meeting that money is provided in the Estimates for parking facilities in Loughrea and that the legalities regarding land acquisition are almost complete.

Refuse Collection: Comm. Barrett complained that it was unfair to charge for a refuse collection service especially when the service was not provided over the Christmas period. The Town Clerk explained that there was no service in Loughrea for Christmas week but that the service was resumed on New Year's Day. The public were advised of the service being provided by means of a notice in the Connacht Tribune. With regard to the charges the Town Clerk explained that since the introduction of the refuse labels, people pay as they avail of the service.

Social Employment Schemes: Comm. Burke referred to his proposal at last month's meeting for a footpath to be provided to Cahernaun and he had since thought that this might be considered under a Social Employment Scheme. Comm. Loughnane supported the idea and suggested that the question of S.E.S. be put on the agenda for the next meeting to enable the Members to give some thought to the matter, this was agreed by the meeting.
Comm. Kelly made the point that if suitable shrubs were planted on the islands on the lake it would enhance the beauty of the lake.

Water Charges: Comm. McNally-Fullard asked what the criteria which necessitates the installation of a water meter in premises. The Town Clerk stated that while this is a matter for the Co. Council he would suggest that meters are fitted in premises likely to use large amounts of water and also where waste water surveys indicate an abnormal usage of water. Comm. Burke stated that he could not agree with this explanation as a meter was fitted in his premises without any consultation. Comm. McNally-Fullard stated that she would like to know how some premises are metered while other premises carrying on the same type of business are not. She would also like to know if people could appeal to the Co. Council against excessive charges. Mr. Howlett replied that the Co. Council is prepared to hear any appeal.

Trading Laws: Comm. McNally-Fullard stated that over the Christmas period a trader had pull up in his van at Main Street and commenced selling boxes of chocolates. She thought that this was most unfair to the traders of the town and asked if there is any law to prevent this type of trading. Mr. Howlett stated that the Trading Laws are very difficult. The matter is down for discussion at the next Co. Council meeting and perhaps discussion should be deferred until the next meeting.

Loughrea Sewerage and Water Schemes: Mr. Noel Treacy T.D., Minister of State, in his letter of the 19th December referred to approaches which he has made to Mr. Padraig Flynn T.D., Minister for the Environment, regarding the Minister meeting a deputation from Loughrea to discuss the provision of new water and sewerage schemes in Loughrea. Mr. Treacy stated that he will be back as soon as he gets a definite date for the proposed meeting.

Resolution from Ceannus Mor U.D.C.: On the proposition of Comm. Barrett, seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard, the meeting agreed to support this Resolution "That the Minister for Defence recognise the new association set up by the permanent Defence Forces and to endeavour to resolve differences that have arisen between the Department of Defence and the Defence Forces."

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This concluded the business of the meeting.
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Members Present: Comms. Perlie McNally-Fullard, John Reilly, Norman Morgan, Matthew Loughnane, Gabriel Burke.
Attendance: Edward Gleeson, Acting Asst. Co. Manager, Alexis Marmion, 1/Clerk.
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S.E. Schemes: Mr. Gleeson informed the meeting that **S.E.S.** are administered by PAs and work normally carried out by Co. Council workers does not qualify for these schemes.

The following works were suggested as suitable for schemes:-
Per Comm. Morgan, the employment of 34 people as park attendants in Loughrea.
Per Comm. Burke, restore footpath leading to Mount Pleasant Cemetery:

Raise centre of Green, provide flower beds.
Comm. McNally-Fullard: Repairs to approach roads to town.
Clean grounds around the Church of Ireland church.

With regard to the acquisition of the Church of Ireland property by Galway County Council, Mr. Gleeson stated that the sale was not as yet finalised. Comm. McNally-Fullard asked if the Town Commissioners could acquire this property, the Town Clerk in reply pointed out that whatever difficulties that are there for the Co. Council will also be there for the Town Commissioners. Comm. Hynes stated that walls were erected outside the old peoples houses in Rahy Gardens by members of the Bobby Burke Centre, gates were not provided on these walls and he wondered if these gates could be provided under a L.I.S. or by the Co. Council. Mr. Gleeson explained that Co. Council housing money is scarce and is totally required for ordinary repairs.

Town Wall: Comm. McNally-Fullard informed the meeting that arising from work being carried out at the rear of certain premises at Main St., rubble is being bulldozed against the town wall and falling into the river at The Walk.

Car Parks: Motion submitted by Comm. Norman Morgan:
"That Galway Co. Council be requested to provide a car park on the east side of The Green, so as to facilitate shoppers, anglers, people attending court and those using the Green and Childrens' Playground, etc."
This motion was seconded by Comm. Hynes and it was agreed to refer it to Galway Co. Council.

By-Pass Road: Comm. Hynes stated that of the £12M. being provided for roads within the state in the coming year, no provision was made for the Loughrea by-pass road. Town Clerk informed the meeting that the previous Asst. County Manager had given this information last October.
Mr. Gleeson was requested to give an up-to-date report at the next meeting.

Cigna Ltd. Comm. Hynes stated that he had heard rumours that several of the jobs at Cigna have gone to spouses of well off people. Comm. Hynes said he hoped that these rumours are false but they are rather disturbing if they are true. Comm. Burke expressed the opinion that the Commissioners should be welcoming Cigna to Loughrea instead of adopting a negative attitude towards them and he proposed that Mr. Thomas Hines of Cigna Ltd., be invited to the next meeting. Comm. Morgan in seconding Comm. Burke proposition reminded the meeting that Cigna was officially welcomed by Comm. McNally-Fullard as Chairperson of the Loughrea Town Commissioners. Comm. Morgan also made the point that it would be foolish for any company not to employ the most suitable person for the job. Comm. Reilly made the point that the Commissioners cannot dictate to Cigna as to who to employ.

Street Shrubs: Comm. McNally-Fullard stated that recently street shrubs were vandalised at Bride Street and at Donnellan Drive and she said it is a shame that people wantonly destroy these shrubs.
Congratulations: Comm. McNally-Fullard congratulated Loughrea Boxing Club on its recent very successful tournament.

Thanks: Comm. Hynes informed the meeting that Mr. John Howlett, who had recently retired as Assistant Co. Manager had asked him to convey Mr. Howlett's sincere thanks to the Commissioners for their good wishes and presentation.

This concluded the business of the meeting.
Signed this the _____ day of March, 1990.

Pat Hynes
Chairperson.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on 12/3/1990.

In the Chair: Commissioner Pat Hynes, Chairman.
Members Present: Commissioners B. Kelly, G. Burke, M. Loughnane, N. Morgan, O. Barrett.

In Attendance: Mr. E. Gleeson, A. Asst. Co. Manager.
Mr. F. Monahan, S.E.E.
Mr. T. Coughlan, A/Town Clerk.

Water & Sewerage Schemes: The Chairman welcomed Mr. F. Monahan, Senior Executive Engineer, Galway County Council to the meeting and Mr. Monahan informed the meeting of the up-to-date position relating to proposed Water & Sewerage Schemes for Loughrea town and environs. It is proposed to undertake the work in three phases. The necessary planning has been completed for phase 1 and the estimated time for completion of this phase is 2 years from the date of approval. The estimated cost of the first phase is six million pounds, and the commencement of the scheme is dependent on the availability of capital funds and approval from the Department of the Environment. The situation regarding the Loughrea Sewerage Scheme was also outlined by Mr. Monahan and discussed by the Commissioners. The estimated cost of the Sewerage Scheme is four and a half million pounds and all planning matters relating to the scheme have been finalised. Contract Documents were sent to the Department of the Environment in 1986 and approval of the Contract Documents is awaited. It was proposed by Commissioner O. Barrett and seconded by Commissioner N. Morgan that a deputation be sent to the Minister for the Environment to seek approval on funding of the Water & Sewerage Schemes for Loughrea, and that the deputation would include officials of Galway County Council.

Refuse Collection: The situation regarding waivers in respect of refuse collection was raised by the Commissioners. Mr. Gleeson informed the meeting that the refuse collection service was no longer being provided by Galway County Council and that the private collectors had indicated that they would deal with hardship cases. The granting of waivers is a matter for the collectors, and the Council cannot waive charges levied by private collectors, as the Council does not make such charges. Mr. Gleeson stated that specific complaints made would be examined.

Car Park: The meeting was informed that funds have been provided for the purchase of a car parking site and that final negotiations are ongoing. It is hoped to commence work on the car park in the current year.

By-Pass Road: A number of matters relating to the proposed By-Pass were raised and the meeting was informed by Mr. Gleeson that the route for the Bypass is presently being re-examined by the Design Section of the County Council. It is

intended that the re-examination will be finalized within the next few months.

Footpaths: Commissioner G. Burke informed the meeting that the footpath from New Line at Garrybride is in need of repair, and Commissioner Matt Loughnane requested that the footpath at Lakeview Park be inspected with a view to improving safety.

Parking: Correspondence dated the 20th February, 1990 from the Gardai Superintendent was read at the meeting. It was agreed that this item would be deferred to a future meeting of the Commissioners.

Cathedral: Correspondence from the Department of the Environment was read to the meeting. It was proposed by Commissioner Loughnane and seconded by Commissioner Burke that a pictorial brochure of the stained glass windows in Loughrea Cathedral be sent to the Department of the Environment.

Resolutions of sympathy were passed by the meeting on the recent death of Sean Gohery and Joe Coady.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this 9th day of April, 1990.

Pat Hynes
Chairperson.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 9/4/90.

In the Chair: Comm. Pat Hynes, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. Norman Morgan, John Reilly, Gabriel Burke, Oliver Barrett, Thomas R. Kelly, Matthew Loughnane and Perlie McNally-Fullard.

Attendance: Mr. E. Gleeson, Acting Asst. Co. Manager, A. Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 12/3/90, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct, on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard.

Sale of House: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard, the meeting agreed to the re-sale of No. 1 Liam Mellows Terrace by Patrick Brendan O'Dea to James Curley.

Loughrea Regional Water Supply Scheme: Mr. Noel Treacy T.D. Minister of State, in his letter dated 28/3/90, informed the meeting that he had secured sanction from the Minister for the Environment, for stage 1 of the Loughrea Regional Water Supply Scheme. Comm. Morgan stated that what the Minister had sanctioned will not provide any additional water in the Loughrea scheme and will only provide for the headworks to facilitate the Kilnadeemna Group Scheme.

Mr. Gleeson explained that the Co. Council had submitted plans to the Department and these plans would also facilitate the Kilnadeemna Group Scheme. Mr. Gleeson stated that these plans which provide for headworks, fishpasses etc., are approved and approximately \$567,000 provided for this work, the Kilnadeemna Group Scheme is getting a special grant of approximately \$400,000 to increase the size of the pipes.

Loughrea Sewerage Scheme: Comm. Hynes referred to the fact that raw sewage is coming via an overflow pipe into the Loughrea river near the old railway. Comms. Morgan, Barrett and McNally-Fullard also referred to this problem. Mr. Gleeson agreed to have the problem investigated. Comm. Morgan stated that the drain around the mart property has become stagnated and he proposed that the mart be requested to clean this drain, Comm. McNally-Fullard seconded this proposal.

Refuse Collection: In reply to Comm. McNally-Fullard, Mr. Gleeson stated with regard to waivers, if he was supplied with details of any specific case, he would have it investigated. Mr. Gerry Woods of Connacht Environmental Control, who was present at the meeting stated that he is in business on a profit making basis. Mr Woods added that he wished to accommodate all people and if there was a single O.A.P in poor circumstances, he would collect a small bag of refuse that O.A.P. free of charge, he also supplied small bins at \$3 per month and if people wished to join together for a bin, he had no objection. The Chairman thanked Mr. Woods for his contribution and complimented him on his fair and efficient service.

Parking Bye-Laws: In reply to correspondence from Supt. D.J. O'Connor Garda Barracks, Loughrea, dated 20/2/90 requesting a resolution calling for further parking restrictions at Bride Street, Loughrea, the meeting on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Kelly passed the following resolution:

That parking be prohibited at Bride Street on the south side thereof from the pillar on the west side of the entrance gate to the yard of the Winning Post property to the lane leading to Bohercom and that double yellow lines be provided at this location.

Pedestrian Crossing: On the proposition of Comm. McNally-Fullard seconded by Comm. Kelly, the meeting unanimously agreed to request Galway Co. Council to carry out a traffic count at Main Street and that this count be taken on a Friday.

Car-Parks: In reply to Comm. Loughnane, Mr. Gleeson stated that his information is that the car-park is listed for the current year and he undertook to have further information for the next meeting.

Abstract of Accounts: The Town Clerk presented the Abstract of Accounts for year ended 31/12/89, which were approved on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard.

On the suggestion of Comm. Loughnane it was agreed to have a discussion on the Board's finances at the next meeting.

Special Pay Award: In accordance with Circular Letter EL 5/90 of the 25/3/90 the second phase of the Special Pay Award in respect of employees of Loughrea Town Commissioners was approved on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Reilly.

Travelling Expenses: Travelling Expenses and Subsistence Allowances as set out in Circular Letter G 2/90 were approved by the meeting on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard.

Congratulations: Comm. Kelly proposed a vote of congratulations to the St. Raphael's College camogie team on winning its 6th consecutive All-Ireland title. This was seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard.

Tidy Towns: Comm. McNally-Fullard congratulated the Town Engineer on the tree planting program which was carried out in the town. Comm. McNally-Fullard deplored the fact that 14 of these trees were damaged since they were planted.

Comm. McNally-Fullard informed the meeting that there is a special prize for the best kept burial ground within the county this year, she felt that it is up to the male members of the Board to organise this project and she called on her fellow members to carry out this work. Comm. Barrett offered to donate some paint to paint the gate leading into the Protestant Church.

Paths: On the suggestion of Comm. McNally-Fullard it was decided to request the County Council to repair or replace the footpaths in the following areas: Lakeside Park; West end of Atnenry Road and Baunoge.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 11th day of May, 1990.

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In the Chair: Comm. Pat Hynes, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. Oliver Barrett, Gabriel Burke, Thomas R. Kelly, Matthew Loughnane, Norman Morgan and Perlie McNally-Fullard.

Attendance: Messers Edward Gleeson, A/Asst Co. Manager, Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 9/4/90, copies of which were previously circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Barrett seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard.

Matters arising from the minutes:

Sewage Overflow: In reply to Comm. Barrett, the town Clerk stated that the overflow pipe into the river near the railway station is part of the original scheme and it comes into play when the town scheme becomes overloaded. The problem is being monitored locally. When Comm. Barrett observed that the remedy to this problem is a new scheme, Mr. Gleeson stated that the contract documents are with the Department awaiting approval.

Footpaths: In reply to Comm. Burke the town Clerk stated that he had submitted a list of footpaths to the Co. Council which require repair or replacement.

Pedestrian Crossing: The town Clerk informed Comm. McNally-Fullard that he was not aware of any recent traffic count in Loughrea.

Loughrea Water & Sewerage Schemes: Mr. Pdraig Flynn, T.D., Minister for the Environment acknowledge the Board's request to receive a deputation regarding the Loughrea Water & Sewerage Schemes.

St. Brendan's Training Centre: On the proposition of Comm. Barrett, seconded by Comm. Burke, Comm. Hynes was selected to accept the invitation to join the Board of Management of St. Brendan's Training Centre.

Financial Position of Board: Mr. Gleeson stated that the Board is in a sound financial position with a credit Capital balance in excess of £92,000. This balance was accrued through the sale of houses and the money is invested through the A.C.C. Mr. Gleeson added that Town Commissioners powers are limited with regard to how they spend money and that all expenditure of a Capital nature requires Departmental approval. Mr. Gleeson also assured the meeting that any worthwhile proposal will be investigated by the Planning Officers of Galway Co. Council.

Mr. Gleeson also made the point that the proposed Local Government Reform might possibly give additional powers to Town Commissioners and if this transpired then a credit balance could prove very useful. Comm. Loughnane made the point that Town Commissioners might also be abolished. It was the unanimous wish of the meeting that the Board's money should be used for the benefit of the town.

Local Government Reform: The Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland had issued an Interim Report by the Ad Hoc Committee on Local Government Reform and Finance, copies of which were circulated to each member. The Association asked that any suggested amendments be submitted before the 19th May, 1990. The Interim Report which called for the retention and strengthening of all existing local authorities was described as an excellent document by Comm. Barrett. Comm. Hynes thought that Town Commission Boards should be upgraded to the status of Urban District Councils.

Comm. Kelly stated that a previous suggestion to seek U.D.C. status was turned down on account of the financial implications.

Paths at Cross Street: Comm. Kelly thanked the Co. Council for carrying out the repairs to the paths at Cross Street.

Car-park sign: Comm. Loughnane asked that the car-park sign at the Westbridge be re-located.

No Smoking: Comm. McNally-Fullard referred to the restrictions on smoking since 1st May and she appealed to all members to refrain from smoking during meetings.

votes of Sympathy: Comm. Hynes inproposing a vote of sympathy to the family and relatives of the late Cardinal Tomas O Fiaich described the late Cardinal O Fiaich as a friend of the people and staunch Irishman. Members and Officials present associated themselves with the tributes paid to the late Cardinal O'Fiaich.

Comm. Kelly proposed a vote of sympathy with the family of the late John 'Tull' Dunne from Ballinasloe, a man which Mr. Kelly said had brought honour in the G.A.A. circles both as a player and administrator and was a good friend to the Loughrea G.A.A. club when it was developing its grounds. All present associated themselves with the tributes paid to the late Mr. Dunne.

Comm. Hynes proposed a vote of sympathy to Mr. Danny Barrett, Staff Officer with Galway Co. Council on the tragic death of his son Thomas. Comm. Loughnane seconded this proposal.

Bishop Kirby: Comm. Hynes informed the meeting that he had recently spoken with Bishop Kirby who had intimated that he wished to meet the Commissioners.

Comm. Hynes referred to a previous meeting with Bishop Cassidy which took place over a meal in the Railway Hotel and he suggested something on similar lines with Bishop Kirby. The Town Clerk was instructed to contact Bishop Kirby and to try to arrange something.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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The Chair: Comm. Pat Hynes, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. Perlie McNally-Fullard, Oliver Barrett, Gabriel Burke and Thomas R. Kelly. *JOHN REILLY*

Attendance: Edward Gleeson, Acting Asst. Co. Manager, Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.

Apology: Comm. Norman Morgan.

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Condition of Roads: Comm. Hynes stated that he was approached by the residents of Abbey Street regarding the condition of this road. Comm. McNally-Fullard stated that she had already discussed this matter with the Town Engineer. The Town Clerk stated that it is intended to surface dress Abbey Street in Liam Mellows Tce. during the current season.

Comm. Barrett asked if something could be done with the road surface at the entrance to Caheronaun Park. Comm. Barrett complimented the Co. Council workers for burning the weeds in the Caheronaun area and he condemned the indiscriminate dumping which is occurring in the area.

Fire Fighting Service: Comm. Hynes proposed that the fire fighting personnel in Loughrea be brought up to its full strength. Comm. Barrett seconded this proposal. Mr. Gleeson informed the meeting that he was confident that all vacancies will be filled.

Church Gate Collections: Comm. McNally-Fullard referred to church gate collections taken up recently by the two largest political parties. Comm. McNally-Fullard made the point that presently a second collection is being taken up to cover the cost of restoring the stained glass windows in the cathedral and she proposed that all church gate collections be stopped for the duration of the second church collection. Comm. Barrett seconded this proposal. Comm. Reilly referred to the many deserving charitable organisations who depend solely on church gate collections for funding and for this reason he could not support a total ban on collections. Comm. Burke supported Comm. Reilly.

Comm. McNally-Fullard's proposal was put to the meeting and was defeated by 3 votes to 2. Comms. McNally-Fullard and Barrett voting for and Comms. Reilly, Burke and Hynes voting against.

House Repairs: Comm. McNally-Fullard asked Mr. Gleeson if he might investigate the possibility of having the windows repaired in the house occupied by Mrs. Margaret King at No. 25 Pany Gardens.

Advance Direction sign: Comm. McNally-Fullard asked if the direction sign outside Garretts of Athery Road could be moved as it is causing an obstruction.

Clean Towns: Comm. McNally-Fullard stated that she wished to avail of this opportunity to thank the people of the town for the effort they have put into improving the appearance of their premises.

Meeting with Bishop Kirby: The Town Clerk stated that he had discussed the possibility of the Town Commissioners meeting Bishop Kirby with his secretary. The Town Clerk had suggested July 9th as a possible date for the meeting. It was decided to await a reply from the bishop before making any arrangements.

Municipal Authorities: The meeting was informed that the Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland will be held in Dundalk on 18th, 19th, and 20th September, 1990. The latest time for submitting motions is 17th July, 1990.

Date of Annual General Meeting: On the proposition of Comm. Barrett seconded by Comm. Reilly it was agreed to hold the A.G.M. on the 9th July in conjunction with the July monthly meeting.

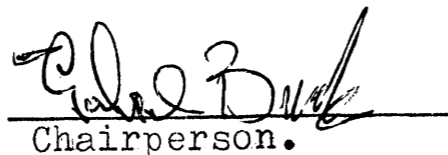
Vote of Congratulations: The Daniels family, Mount Carmel Crescent, Loughrea was congratulated on the ordination of Tomar to the priesthood.

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

- a) The Ryan family, Coorheen on the death of their mother.
- b) The Morley family, Boherduff on the death of Tom Morley.
- c) Thomas Fergus, Barrack St., on the death of his mother.

This concluded the business of the Board.

Signed this the 9th day of July, 1990.


Chairperson.

Minutes of proceedings at the Annual Meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 9th/7/90.

In the Chair: Comm. Pat Hynes, Chairman.
Members Present: Comms. Perlie McNally-Fullard, Norman Morgan, Gabriel Burke, Matthew Loughnane, John Reilly, Brendan Donnellan, and Thomas R. Kelly.

Attendance: Messers Edward Gleeson, Acting Asst. Co. Manager and Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.

Apology for non-attendance: Comm. Oliver Barrett.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Comm. Hynes, the out-going Chairman stated that before proceeding with the business of the meeting, he wished to congratulate Mr. Gleeson on his appointment as Assistant County Manager in Limerick and wished Mr. Gleeson every success and happiness in his new appointment. Comm. Hynes thanked Mr. Gleeson for the courtesy and efficiency with which he had carried out his duties during his stay in Galway adding that in his opinion it is just a matter of time before Mr. Gleeson attains the post of County Manager. Members present and the Town Clerk associated themselves with the sentiments expressed by the Chairman.
Mr. Gleeson replied in a suitable manner.

Comm. Hynes also thanked the members for their help and co-operation during his term as Chairman and he expressed his thanks to the people who had elected him as Chairman of the Loughrea Town Commissioners, to the various committees, thereby recognising the role of the Town Commissioners in local affairs.

Comm. Morgan congratulated Comm. Hynes on the manner in which he had carried out his duties as Chairman.

Asst. Co. Manager: Comm. Loughnane congratulated Mr. Joe Gavin on his appointment as Asst. Co. Manager for Galway and he welcomed him back to the County.

Resolution of Chairperson: There were two proposals for the position of Chairperson:

Comm. Kelly, proposed by Comm. Hynes and seconded by Comm. Reilly and
Comm. Burke, proposed by Comm. Morgan and seconded by Comm. Loughnane.

Vote was taken which resulted as follows:

Comm. Kelly: Comms. Hynes, Reilly and Kelly. 3 No.
Comm. Burke: Comms. Morgan, Loughnane, McNally-Fullard, Donnellan and Burke. 5 No.

Comm. Burke was declared elected.

Comm. Burke thanked his proposer and seconder and the members who had elected him as Chairman and he hoped that he would carry out his duties in a fair and proper manner.

Resolution of Vice-Chairperson: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard, Comm. Kelly was unanimously elected as Vice-Chairperson.

Comm. O'Ceallaigh buíochas le mholtóir agus a chuiditheoir. Thug se ealluint don Chathaoirleach chun a chabhair agus a tocaíocht do agus d'fáilt se go raibh suil aige go mbeadh se rathuil mar Chathaoirleach.

This concluded the business of the Annual General Meeting.

Signed this the 15th day of September, 1990.


Chairperson.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 9/11/90.

In the Chair: Comm. Gabriel Burke, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. Perlle McNally-Fullard, Pat Hynes, Norman Morgan, Matthew Loughnane, John Reilly, Brendan Donnellan and Thomas R. Kelly.

In Attendance: Messers Edward Gleeson, Acting Asst. Co. Manager and Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.

Apology for non-attendance: Comm. Oliver Barrett.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on the 11/6/90, copies having previously being circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard.

Meeting with Bishop Kirby: The Town Clerk informed the meeting that Bishop Kirby is available to attend the next meeting of the board. It was decided that this meeting which will take place on September 10th will be held in the Railway Hotel. It was also agreed that the members invite the bishop to a meal in the hotel on that night.

Resolution from Athlone U.D.C.: On the proposition of Comm. Loughnane seconded by Comm. Morgan the following resolution from Athlone U.D.C. was marked read.

"That we request An Post National Lottery Company to terminate the mid-week lotto game because of its negative impact on the community and we further request the Minister for Finance to allocate prize funds which are not won to charities."

Local Government Reform and Finance: At the request of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland and on the proposition of Comm. Loughnane seconded by Comm. Morgan, the meeting adopted a resolution approving of the terms of Resolution I26 (1981) of the Conference of Local and Regional Authorities of Europe on the subject of Local Autonomy. It was also agreed to request the Minister for the Environment to give effect to this resolution.

Comm. Loughnane reported that at a recent meeting of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland the feeling was that Local Government will undergo radical reform. He felt that the power of Local Authorities is too limited and he felt that boundaries should be extended. Comm. Morgan disagreed saying that local authorities should carry on as they are. Comm. Kelly made the point that the Board of Guardians, who administered the town prior to the Town Commissioners were also responsible for the health services. Comm. Kelly added that if he had his way half of the national lottery would go to charities and the other half to clearing the National Debt.

Motion for Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities: On the proposition of Comm. McNally-Fullard seconded by Comm. Burke it was agreed to forward the following resolution for discussion at the Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland.

"That the Government implement a positive I.D. system to prevent the sale and consumption of intoxicating drink to people under 18 years of age"

Tidy Towns: Comm. McNally-Fullard referred to the 'Welcome to Loughrea' signs which were erected on the national primary route through the town. She thanked the Tidy Towns Committee and the Lions Club for purchasing these signs and she thanked the Town Engineer and his staff for erecting them and indeed for all the help which they so willingly give to the Tidy Towns Committee. Comm. McNally-Fullard asked Mr. Gleeson if he might have the following matters attended to:-

Have rubble left at the entrance to the mart removed.

Arrange to have the Fire station cleaned.

Have the dumping of grease into the channel at the Town Hall corner investigated.

Comm. McNally-Fullard also invited the members to report at 2 p.m. on Saturday next to clean The Walks river.

Paths: Comm. Burke proposed that a footpath be provided outside the houses owned by Mr. Pat Murphy, V.S. at Barrack Street and that this proposed footpath would join up with the footpath outside the Victoria Terrace houses. Comm. Loughnane proposed that the path at the Long Point be extended along the Woodford Road as far as the Earls Park junction.

Road Signs: Comm. Loughnane asked that a direction sign for Ballinakil be erected at O'Dea's hotel.

Public Lighting: On the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Morgan it was decided to request the Co. Council to have the public lighting in Loughrea reviewed.

Traffic: Comm. Morgan proposed and Comm. Burke seconded that the Co. Council be asked to have the traffic through Bohercom/st. Brides Grove slowed.

Congratulations: Comm. Loughnane was congratulated on his election as Vice-Chairman of Galway County Council.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 13th day of September, 1990.

Rebel Burke
Chairperson.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 10/9/90. (Meeting held in O'Dea's Hotel)

In the Chair: Comm. Gabriel Burke, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. Perlle McNally-Fullard, Pat Hynes, Oliver Barrett, Brendan Donnellan, Norman Morgan and Thomas R. Kelly.

Officials Present: Messers Joseph Gavin, Asst. Co. Manager and Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of both the Annual Meeting and Monthly Meeting held on the 9/7/90, copies of which were previously circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard.

Welcome: Before discussing the business of the meeting, the Chairman said that he wished to welcome Mr. Gavin as Asst. Co. Manager and he wished him well on his appointment. All members and officials present associated themselves with the Chairman's remarks. Mr. Gavin replied in a suitable manner.

Matters arising from the minutes:

Fire Station: In reply to Comm. Donnellan the Town Clerk stated that he had no information regarding the cleaning of Loughrea Fire Station.

Cleaning of walk River: On the proposition of Comm. McNally-Fullard seconded by Comm. Burke it was agreed to request the Co. Council to have the river through the walk cleaned.

Public Lighting: In reply to Comm. Hynes, the Town Clerk stated that the Town Engineer is presently seeking a quotation for a limited number of lights within the town boundary.

The following reply was received from Galway Co. Council regarding various requests for improvements in the Loughrea area.

- Sign for Ballinakill: Funds are not available for this level of signposting.
- Improve Public Lighting: No funds provided this year.
- Speed Ramps at Bohercom/St. Brides Grove: These are not recommended as they require a high standard of public lighting which is not available and also the danger of insurance problems should an accident occur.
- Footpaths at Victoria Terrace and Long Point: Funds are not available at present. Should funds become available due consideration will be given to these locations.

On the proposition of Comm. McNally-Fullard seconded by Comm. Burke it was decided to request the Co. Council to erect 'Children at Play' signs on Bohercom.

Parking Restrictions: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Barrett, parking restrictions for the town of Loughrea, which were received under covering letter dated 23/8/90 from Assistant Garda Commissioner, were approved.

Motion submitted by Comm. T.R.O'Ceallaigh:
 "I or someone on my behalf will move at the next meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners that the rumours at present circulating in Loughrea and the rural district of Loughrea, concerning the abolition of the function of holding district and circuit courts at Loughrea Courthouse and eventual closure of said courthouse."
 Comm. Kelly stated that he had it on very good authority that the closure of the Loughrea courthouse is very much in the pipe line and should be opposed. Comms. Donnellan and Burke expressed reservations regarding any proposals to close the Loughrea courthouse.

The members were unanimous in their decision to oppose any proposal to close the courthouse. On the proposition of Comm. Kelly seconded by Comm. Barrett the Town Clerk was instructed to convey the feelings of the Board to the Minister for Justice.

Motions submitted by Comm. Norman Morgan:

"That the Loughrea Town Commissioners declare 1997 as a special year of Celebration and arrange to commemorate the 1206th Anniversary of the Destruction of Loughrea by Máirgins and his followers in the year 797."
 Comm. Morgan stated that this is a great opportunity to arouse historical interest in Loughrea and he appealed to his fellow members to support him. Comm. McNally-Fullard stated that it is a very good idea but made the point that it will entail a lot of work as on a recent visit to Bord Fáilte offices she could not get any data on Loughrea.
 Mr. Gavin felt that this is an excellent idea and should involve the whole town, he did however suggest that Comm. Morgan might have another look at the title as the destruction of a town is not something which one might wish to commemorate.
 Comm. Morgan agreed to give the question of title some more thought and to report back to the next meeting.

b) "Declare the Walk as 'Pedestrianised' and have notices erected prohibiting all vehicles from entering said Walk; that both the east and west gates be kept locked at all times and that bollards be erected where the path from the Abbey meets the Walk."
 This motion was seconded by Comm. Donnellan and passed unanimously.

c) "That the Loughrea Town Commissioners request Fintan Sweeney to remove the girder and restore the walk bridge to its original width of 2' 6" and to Mr. Martin Fahy to restore the opening from his property to the walk to its original width of 2' 6" and his concrete wall to the original stone wall; and to the Bank of Ireland to restore their concrete wall at the walk to the original stone wall; and that all other residents be invited to restore where necessary their section of the 700 years old Town Wall."
 It was decided to defer this motion to the next meeting.

Motion proposed by Comm. Pat Hynes:

"That the recent announcement by the Minister for Energy, Mr. Bobby Molloy, T.D. about the setting up of a Paper Pulp factory in the state by the Swedish company Stora be discussed with a view to bringing the said industry to Loughrea."
 Comm. Hynes stated that he was approached by a number of local people to seek this industry for Loughrea. He had spoken to Mr. Molloy, T.D. Minister for Energy and he had suggested a meeting with Mr. Martin Lowry, C.E.O. Coilte. Comm. Burke stated that he was in contact with Mr. Noel Treacy, T.D. Minister of State who has arranged a meeting with Mr. Lowry for Wednesday next at 4.30 p.m. The meeting felt that this date was too soon and requested Comm. Burke to try to arrange a later date.

votes of sympathy: On the proposition of Comm. Kelly seconded by Comm. Morgan the sympathy of the Board was extended to the following:

The Broderick Family, Bride St. on the tragic death of their son, Seamus.
 The O'Loughlin family, Liam Mellows Rec., on the death of Christy O'Loughlin.
 The family of the late Bridget Keary.

Bishop Kirby: The Chairman welcome Bishop Kirby to the meeting and wished him well on his appointment as Bishop of Clonfert. The members and officials present associated themselves with the sentiments expressed by the Chairman. Bishop Kirby thanked the meeting for having him and pledged his support for the spiritual and temporal well being of the people of Clonfert. Bishop Kirby joined the Members as their Guest at a dinner in O'Dea's Hotel after the meeting.

Signed this the 8th day of October, 1990

G. Burke
 Chairperson.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 8/10/90.

In the Chair: Comm. Gabriel Burke, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. Perlie McNally-Fullard, Norman Morgan, Oliver Barrett, Brendan Donnellan, John Reilly and Matthew Loughnane.

Officials: Messers P.J. Gavin, Asst. Co. Manager, Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 10/9/90, copies of which were circulated, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard.

Vote of sympathy: Before the business of the meeting was discussed the Chairman proposed a vote of sympathy to Comm. Hynes and his family on the death of Comm. Hynes's father. All present associated themselves with the sentiments expressed by the Chairman.

Loughrea Courthouse: Arising from the minutes, a letter from Mr. Ray Burke, T.D. Minister for Justice to Mr. Noel Treacy, T.D. Minister for State was read to the meeting. This letter stated that there is a long standing policy of closing District Court Offices which are staffed by only one person as vacancies arise. While no vacancy exists now in Loughrea there is a likelihood that a vacancy will occur and the possibility of closing will then be looked at. The letter went on to point out that even if the Office closed, sittings of the District Court would continue to be held in Loughrea. Comm. Donnellan stated that the letter confirmed that it is not proposed to close the Court House, it has been the policy for some years to close the smaller courthouses in the same manner as they are closing the smaller garda stations, something which Comm. Donnellan does not agree with. Comm. Barrett made the point that there was some substance in the rumour of the courthouse closing.

Coillte/Stora Pulpwood Mill: Mr. Robert Molloy, T.D. Minister for Energy, in his letter of the 27/9/90 stated that there are a number of factors to be taken into account before deciding on a site for a Pulpwood Mill and these will have to be considered by the investors. In the circumstances the Minister does not believe that a meeting with the Commissioners would be appropriate.

Resolution from Granard Town Commissioners: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Burke, the following resolution from Granard Town Commissioners was marked read.
"That Legislation be introduced, whereby Local Authorities could carry out repairs to their roads and footpaths without being liable for Insurance claims."

Public Lighting: In reply to Comm. Donnellan the Town Clerk stated that the Town Engineer is awaiting a quotation from the E.S.B. for the provision of some additional lights in Loughrea.

Paths at Main Street: On the proposition of Comm. McNally-Fullard seconded by Comm. Morgan it was agreed to request the Co. Council to repair the paths on the northside of the Main Street. It was also agreed to again request paths to Cahernaun and to Mount Pleasant.

Motions submitted by Comm. Morgan:

a) "I will propose that Loughrea Town Commissioners declare 1997 as a Special Year of Celebration and arrange to Commemorate the 1200th Anniversary of the Destruction of Loughrea by Muirgins and his followers in the year 797." Comm. Morgan stated that this event is recorded in the Annals of the Four Masters and it also coincides with the centenary of the laying of the foundation stone for the Cathedral and the 200 anniversary of the trial of Peter Finnerty - a Loughrea man jailed for his defence of the free press and after whom Barrack Street was once called. Comm. Donnellan said that he failed to understand why the destruction of Loughrea should be celebrated. He agreed with laying of the foundation stone and the Peter Finnerty affair and he felt that Barrack St. should be re-named

after him. Comm. McNally-Fullard agreed with Comm. Morgan but added that the people will have to make things happen themselves. She referred to a visit she had made with the Tidy Towns people to Malahide where she was amazed with the public spirit. In this regard Comm. McNally-Fullard asked Mr. Gavin if the Council could liaise with the Tidy Towns Committee with regard to the erection of plastic signs in Loughrea. Mr. Gavin welcomed this interest in the erection of suitable signs as it was something that had worked in other places, he felt that due to the volume of applications it might not be feasible for the Council to inform the Tidy Towns people of applications. With regard to the Commemoration he agreed with the idea and said that from experience he found that the people must be involved, he would however have reservations about a 6 year lead in period. Comm. Loughnane agreed with the proposal but added that all clubs would have to partake to make it a success. He suggested that it be left to the incoming board. The discussion ended on that note.

b) "I will propose that Loughrea Town Commissioners request Messers Rintan Sweeney to remove the girder and restore the walk bridge to its original width and the doorway to its original width of 2'6"; and to Mr. Martin many to restore the opening from his property to the walk to its original width of 2'6" and his concrete wall to the original stone wall; and to the Bank of Ireland to restore their concrete wall at the Walk to the original stone wall; and that all other residents be invited to restore where necessary their section of the 700 years old Town Wall."

After some discussion this matter was deferred pending legal clarification.

Estimates Meeting: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Barrett it was agreed to hold the Estimates Meeting on the 22/10/90.

Parking Regulations: On the proposition of Comm. McNally-Fullard seconded by Comm. Reilly the amended third schedule (Part 1) involving Bride Street was approved by the meeting.

Special Pay Award: The final phase of the Special Pay Award as set out in Circular Letter EL 18/90 was approved for employees of Loughrea Town Commissioners on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Loughnane.

Special Employment Schemes: On the suggestion of Comm. Loughnane it was agreed to request Mr. Crotty, Deputy Co. Engineer to inspect the Walk with a view to having it improved under Fas Schemes.

Revision of Speed Limits: Comm. Loughnane proposed that a request be made to the Minister for the Environment for an annual review of speed limits.

Fair Green: On the proposition of Comm. Burke it was decided to request the County Council to raise the Green on the town side.

Television Receiving System: On the proposition of Comm. Burke seconded by Comm. Reilly it was decided to inform the Minister for Communications that the Loughrea Town Commissioners object strongly to the MMDS Television Receiving System.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 17th day of November, 1990.


Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the Estimates Meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 22/10/90.

In the Chair: Comm. Gabriel Burke, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. Perlie McNally-Fullard and Brendan Donnellan.

Officials: Messers P.J. Gavin, Asst. Co. Manager, Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.

Apologies: Town Clerk informed the meeting that Comm. Morgan wished to be excused.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Estimates: In accordance with Sections 9 & 10 of the County & City Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, the Assistant County Manager, Mr. Gavin submitted the Estimates for the year 1991. Mr. Gavin gave a detailed account of the proposed Estimate. The Estimate as proposed required a town rate of 15.45p. in the £ as compared to 15.25p. in 1990.

On the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard the following were resolved:

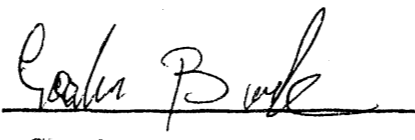
- a) That the Estimate of Expenses of the Loughrea Town Commissioners for the financial year ending 31/12/91 as set forth at A, B & C on the Form of Estimate be adopted and that the Form of Estimate be signed by the Chairman and by the Town Clerk.
- b) That the demand be made on Galway County Council by the Loughrea Town Commissioners for the sum of \$2,340.00 for the financial year ending 31/12/91 and that the Form of Demand be signed by the Chairman and by the Town Clerk.

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

Comm. Donnellan thanked the Town Clerk for his efficiency in looking after the financial affairs of the Board. Mr. Gavin also thanked the Town Clerk for his assistance and assured the meeting that he will always be available to assist in the well being of Loughrea.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 17th day of November, 1990.


Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 12/11/90.

In the Chair: Comm. Gabriel Burke, Chairman.

Present: Comms. Pat Hynes, Thomas R. Kelly, Brendan Donnellan, Norman Morgan, Oliver Barrett, John Reilly.

Officials: Messers P.J. Gavin, Asst. Co. Manager, Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.

Apology: Comm. McNally-Fullard.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Mr. John Devine, Westbridge, Loughrea asked for permission to address the meeting. He spoke about the volume of traffic passing through the town and asked that something be done about it. He also spoke on the cost of road widening.

Comm. Morgan welcomed Mr. Devine's interest in the affairs of the town and informed Mr. Devine that the Town Commissioners fully supported the proposed by-pass of the town. Comm. Morgan also congratulated Mr. Devine on reaching his 85th year.

Comm. Donnellan agreed with the sentiments expressed by Mr. Devine and asked if the Asst. Co. Manager could have the current position of the proposed revised plan for Loughrea at the next meeting.

Presidential Election: The Chairman congratulated Mrs. Mary Robinson on her historic election as President of Ireland. He wished her success and happiness during her term of office. The members unanimously associated themselves with the sentiments expressed by the Chairman.

Thanks: Comm. Hynes thanked the members and indeed the many people who had sympathised with himself and his family on the recent death of his father.

Court House: Comm. Kelly stated that despite what the Minister for Justice, Mr. Ray Burke, T.D. had stated to Minister Noel Treacy, he still believed that the court house in Loughrea will be closed. On the proposition of Comm. Kelly seconded by Comm. Barrett it was decided to write and ask the Minister what his intentions are.

The Walk: Comm. Donnellan raised the question of public lighting in The Walk. Comm. Morgan proposed that the Town Commissioners request the E.S.B. to draw up a plan that would provide for lighting the Walk as a public park, this was seconded by Comm. Donnellan.

Mr. Gavin informed the meeting that The Walk is the responsibility of Galway Co. Council and it is not open to the Commissioners to spend money there.

Mr. Gavin stated that he had discussed this matter with the Council's legal advisor and his information is that the Co. Council is responsible for the Walk which has a public right-of-way for pedestrians.

Comm. Morgan stated that he welcomed this statement from Mr. Gavin and asked that it be recorded in the minutes.

Mr. Gavin also informed the meeting that the deputy Co. Engineer, Mr. Crotty will examine the Walk area with a view to having the area improved under a T&S scheme.

Footpaths: The Co. Council in its letter dated 22/10/90 informed the meeting that it will carry out the necessary repairs to the footpaths at Main St. This letter also stated that funds are not available to provide footpaths to Caheronaun Housing Estate or to Mount Pleasant Burial Ground. Comm. Barrett referred to the extreme danger that exists while walking on the Caheronaun road. He proposed that as a matter of urgency, that the Co. Council be requested to provide a path in this area. Comm. Burke seconded this proposition.

Subsistence Allowances: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Barrett the meeting approved of Subsistence Allowances as set out in Circular Letter EL 19/90 in respect of Local Authority Officers.

The meeting agreed to support the following resolutions from Tipperary (North Riding) County Council:

"That this Council request the Government to re-introduce the house improvement grants to help up-grade the housing stock and to help lower-paid and pensioners, do necessary repairs."

The meeting on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Barrett agreed to support this resolution.

"That the method of assessment for applicants of Higher Education Grants, whose Parents or Guardians are on the P.Y.E. system, be revised, so as to be based on Gross Income less Tax rather than Gross Income as heretofore. Dissatisfaction was also expressed at the delays incurred in the award of grants, a major fact in this is the delay in the Colleges notifying confirmation of registration."
Support proposed by Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Barrett.

Resolution received from Ennis Urban District Council:

"That in view of the fact that 1991 will be the 75th Anniversary of the 1916 Rising that Ennis Urban District Council -

- 1) Make arrangements for an appropriate Commemorative Event in Ennis.
- 2) Ask the other Clare Local Authorities to consider arranging a similar appropriate Commemorative Event and
- 3) Circulate this to the Local Authorities throughout the Country."

Comm. Morgan made the point that he would oppose any celebration that might cause problems for the Government and he felt that it should be left to the government to arrange a national celebration if it saw fit. This was accepted by the meeting.

Loughrea Regional Water Supply Scheme: Mr. Noel Treacy T.D., Minister of State informed the meeting that Mr. Pdraig Flynn T.D. Minister for the Environment has approved the contract documents in respect of the Advance Section, Phase I of this scheme.

Pedestrian Way: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Burke it was decided to request Galway Co. Council to investigate the possibility of providing a pedestrian way from St. Laurencesfields and Fahy Garden Housing Estates onto the Athenny Road.

Visitors book: On the proposition of Comm. Burke seconded by Comm. Barrett it was unanimously decided to acquire a Visitors Book which will be available for signing when distinguished people visit Loughrea.

Office Accommodation: The Chairman referred to the poor decor of the meeting room and he asked if something could be done to improve it. Mr. Gavin agreed with Comm. Burke but suggested waiting until after the proposed Local Government Reform before making any major decisions.

Car Park: Comm. Burke asked the Asst. County Manager if he could have the current position regarding the proposed car park for Loughrea for the next meeting.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 10th day of December, 1990.

Pela Burke
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 10/12/90.

In the Chair: Comm. Gabriel Burke, Chairman.

Present: Comms. Norman Morgan, Brendan Donnellan, Pat Hynes, Thomas R. Kelly, Oliver Barrett and Matthew Loughnane.

Officials: Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.

Apology: The Town Clerk apologised on behalf of the Asst. County Manager, Mr. P.J. Gavin who was unable to attend the meeting.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Motion of sympathy: Before the business of the meeting was discussed, the Chairman proposed a vote of sympathy to the family of the late James (Maxie) McDonnell, a former member of the board, who had died since the last meeting. He present paid tribute to the late Mr. McDonnell for the work he had done for the various clubs and associations in Loughrea. The meeting observed one minutes silence as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Mr. McDonnell.

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.

Loughrea Courthouse: Mr. Donohoe, Press Reporter, informed the meeting that the Court Clerk had contacted the Connacht Tribune regarding the report of the last meeting. Mr. Donlon, Court Clerk had informed the Connacht Tribune that apart from days on which he is away on court business within the district, he is available on a full time basis at the courthouse in Loughrea. Statements made at the last Town Commissioners meeting that the courthouse is only open on a part-time basis are not correct and had caused considerable difficulty for the Court Clerk with the Dept. of Justice. Comm. Donnellan retracted his statement that the office was only open on two days per week and he accepted that a full service is being provided at the courthouse. Comm. Kelly also accepted that this is the position. Both members stressed that they did not wish to embarrass the Court Clerk in any way.

Industry: Comm. Hynes referred to a report in the papers that the business people of Granard had provided capital to promote industry in their town. Comm. Hynes went on to say that while the business people of Loughrea are employers in their own right he felt that they must have some capital that they could use to promote industry in Loughrea. Comm. Morgan pointed out that this had happened in the case of Loughrea Cottons Ltd which was over subscribed. Comm. Donnellan pointed out that this money was handed back to the subscribers and the plant subsequently sold. Comm. Morgan referred to the fact that there is no current brochure on Loughrea. Comm. Burke stated that it was proposed to up-date the last brochure on Loughrea. It was decided to put this matter on the agenda for the next meeting.

Refuse Charges: Comm. Hynes referred to the fact that the Co. Council had employed a firm of debt collectors to collect outstanding refuse charges. This firm had written to many senior citizens causing them much worry. Comm. Hynes added that many of these debts were paid and some of the people were entitled to waivers. The Town Clerk stated that some of these people who are entitled to waivers may not have applied as waivers must be applied for each year. The Town Clerk also pointed out that a previous Asst. Co. Manager had assured the Board that any aggrieved person would get a fair hearing from the Co. Council.

President of Ireland: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Burke, the Town Clerk was instructed to convey the congratulations of the Board to Mrs. Mary Robinson on her election as President of Ireland.

By-Pass Road: The Town Clerk informed the meeting that it is proposed to have further discussion with the effected landowners before deciding the definite line of the proposed by-pass road.
Comm. Kelly informed the meeting that the Loughrea Poetic Society were meeting on the 17/12/90 and the subject for the night is the Loughrea By-Pass.

Car-Park: The Town Clerk stated that the development of the car-park off Barrack Street is held up due to legalities regarding the ground.
Comm. Loughnane stated that this is a pity as money was provided for this work in the current year. Comm. Loughnane informed the meeting that he had seen documents setting out traffic levels on the national primary route which showed that there is no justification for denying a pedestrian crossing in Loughrea. It was unanimously agreed to request the Co. Council to provide a pedestrian crossing at Main Street, Loughrea.

Public Lighting: The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the Co. Council had placed an order with the E.S.B. for the provision of 5 new lights in Loughrea at the following locations; Fahy Garden entrance; Dolphin Street; Cosmona; Bohercom and Mount Pleasant.
On the proposition of Comm. Loughnane seconded by Comm. Morgan it was decided to request the Co. Council to press for the extension of traffic route lighting at Loughrea.

Speed Limits: Mr. Pádraig Flynn T.D. Minister for the Environment in his letter of the 19/11/90 informed the board that he had noted their recommendation for a more frequent review of speed limits.

Travelling Expenses: Travelling expenses for local authority officials as set out in Circular Letter EL 21/90 were approved on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Donnellan.

Municipal Authorities: On the proposition of Comm. Loughnane seconded by Comm. Donnellan it was decided to re issue an invitation to the Municipal Authorities to hold an executive meeting in Loughrea.

Caheronaun Play Area: On the proposition of Comm. Burke seconded by Comm. Morgan it was decided to ask Galway Co. Council what the present position is regarding the taking over of the play area in Caheronaun Housing Estate.

votes of Sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended to the following

Comm. Perlie McNally-Fullard and her family on the death of their mother.

The Sisters of Mercy and the family of the late Sister Frances.

The Touhy family Moore Street on the death of Mrs. Annie Touhy.

The Horgan family, The Hill on the death of their mother.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 14th day of January, 1991.

Perlie McNally-Fullard
Chairperson.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 14/1/91.
Present: Comms. Norman Morgan, Brendan Donnellan, Pat Hynes, Oliver Barrett, Joan Reilly, Thomas R. Kelly and Perlie McNally-Fullard.
Officials: Messers P.J. Gavin, Asst. Co. Manager and Alexis Morrison, Town Clerk.

Apology: Comm. Gabriel Burke, Chairman.

In the absence of the Chairman, Comm. McNally-Fullard was moved to the Chair on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Barrett.

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.

Local Government Reform: Comm. Morgan referred to proposals to abolish Town Commission boards for towns with a population under 5,000 under proposals for reform of local government. Comm. Morgan requested the Town Clerk to read an article which appeared in the Connacht Tribune issue of the 28/12/90 which outlined the history of the Town Commissioners. Comm. Donnellan complimented the press representative, Mr. J.B. Donohoe, on his article and added that the abolition of Town Commissioners should be opposed. Comms. Hynes and Morgan outlined the achievements of the Town Commissioners for the betterment of the town and Comm. Morgan asked if the government has the legal right to abolish Commission Boards.
Mr. Gavin in reply stated that it is the duty of the government to legislate for the country. Mr. Gavin added that while he is not privy to the final proposals, he had read to-days paper a report which suggested that the present 80 Urban and Town Commission Boards be replaced by 140 area councils which would legislate for a greater area and have wider powers.
Comm. Barrett welcomed the new proposals and said that it was only just that areas like Woodford and Portumna have the same representation as Loughrea. Comm. Kelly made the point that all people within the parish boundary should have a vote for members of the Commission Board.
On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Hynes the Town Clerk was instructed to inform the Taoiseach, the Minister for the Environment and the Association of Municipal Authorities that the Loughrea Town Commissioners oppose the abolition of Town Commissioners.
Comm. Morgan proposed that we hold what we have and was seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard. Comm. Donnellan proposed that the board support the idea of Regional Councils and was seconded by Comm. Barrett.

Acknowledgement: The President, Mrs. Mary Robinson thanked the board for its message of congratulations and good wishes on her election as President of Ireland.

Reserve Defence Force: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Barrett it was unanimously agreed to support the following resolution from Athlone Urban District Council.

"That we hereby call on the Minister for Defence to provide proper funding for the R.C.A. to insure that this reserve force which has units nationwide is adequately trained and equipped."

The following resolution from Wexford Corporation was marked read.
"That this Council call on the Minister for Industry & Commerce to immediately compel publicans to retract the increase of 5p on the pint imposed in November 1990."

By-pass Road: In reply to Comm. Donnellan, Mr. Gavin stated that discussion on the line of the proposed by-pass is still taking place with the effected land owners. When the final line is agreed he will advise the Commissioners.

Brochure on Loughrea: Comm. Morgan stated that there is no up-to-date brochure on Loughrea. He produced a number of old brochures and said that he is prepared to help with the up-dating of a brochure.
Comm. McNally-Fullard stated that there is no brochure on Loughrea available at Bord Fáilte but she understood that a number of people are endeavouring to compile one.
Comm. Kelly stated that he had sought to get a book by Seamus O'Kelly in a Galway bookshop, the shop attendant did not know who Seamus O'Kelly was.

Christmas Dinner: Comm. Barrett stated that he wished to compliment the Town Traders on their very successful Christmas Social. Comm. Barrett criticised one of the local banks for not supporting this event and he felt that people should ask why. Comm. Donnellan stated that he also wished to compliment the people who had run this function and he was amazed to learn that two people had organised this function and they had donated the profits to three charities.
Comm. McNally-Fullard stated that she would also like to compliment the Athletic Club on its most successful function.

Sewerage Scheme: Comm. Barrett stated that some time ago he understood that Loughrea had top priority for a new sewerage scheme within the county and consequently he questioned how Duam was recently sanctioned for a new scheme ahead of Loughrea.
Mr. Gavin stated that it is the Councils policy to submit all claims within the county and he will try to ascertain if and why there was any change on the priority list.

Dangerous Trees: Comm. Kelly referred to the fatal accident which had occurred near Portumna during the recent gales, he had travelled approximately 30 miles of road recently and he had observed at least 6 dangerous trees. He proposed that all dangerous roadside trees should be removed and that large trees should not be planted within 40 yards of the road. Comm. Morgan seconded this proposition.

Acquisition of Land: A proposition from Comm. Morgan that the Town Commissioners acquire the field adjoining Knockanima Park got no seconder.

Dangerous Exit: Comm. McNally-Fullard referred to the difficulty for drivers trying to emerge from St. Brendan's Hospital and she proposed that a warning be printed on the roadway. Comm. Morgan seconded this proposal.

Accident Black Spot: On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Donnellan it was decided to request the County Council to have an "Accident Black Spot" sign erected on the western approach road to the town near the dangerous bend at Maurice Sweeney's house.

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

The Connaughton family, Cross Street on the death of Martin Connaughton.
Joe Morgan, The Hill on the death of his sister.
Martin Connolly, Kiltulla on the death of his brother and sister-in-law.
The Gleese family, Ballingarry on the death of Mrs. Gleese.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 11th day of February, 1991.

Gabriel Burke
Chairperson.

minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 11/2/91.

The Chair: Comm. Gabriel Burke, Chairman.

Members Present: Comms. John Reilly, Matthew Loughnane, Brendan Donnellan, T. Hynes and Norman Morgan.

Officials: Messrs P.J. Gavin, Asst. Co. Manager, Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.
Apology: Comm. Donnellan submitted an apology on behalf of Comm. McNally-Fullard.
Mrs. Loughnane and Burke asked to be excused from the January meeting.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 14/1/91, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Reilly.

Local Government Re-Organisation: In reply to Comm. Morgan, Mr. Gavin stated that normally Commissioners remained in office until such time as they are replaced with an election, so that in the event of an election not being held this year one could assume that the present members will hold office until such time as an election is held.
Comm. Loughnane made the point that it would appear that there is no definite commitment at Government level on the proposed changes and that there are serious features to be ironed out.
In reply to Comm. Morgan the Town Clerk stated that the board had already submitted its views on the proposed re-organisation.

Brochure on Loughrea: Comm. Morgan in reply to Comm. Burke stated that he had a number of brochures on Loughrea at the last meeting but nobody had shown any interest in them. Comm. Donnellan stated that what is required is a brochure outlining the history of the town. At Comm. Morgan's request it was agreed to discuss this matter at the next meeting and in the meantime Comm. Burke undertook to contact the local clubs to see what facilities they have to offer.

Trees at Garrybreedia Park: The Town Clerk informed the meeting that some of the trees in Garrybreedia Park are in a dangerous condition and must be cut down. The meeting while of the opinion that it is a tragedy to have to remove these trees nevertheless accepted that they have to be removed.
Comm. Morgan proposed that when these trees are being replaced that they could be replaced with native trees. This was seconded by Comm. Donnellan and passed unanimously.

Abstract of Accounts: The Asst. Co. Manager presented the Auditor's Report for the two years ended 31/12/89. Mr. Gavin stated that the report is an excellent report having a 100% rent collection for the two years. Mr. Gavin complimented the Town Clerk and the Rent Collector on an excellent job.
Comm. Burke stated that he wished to be associated with the remarks made by the Asst. Co. Manager.
The proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Reilly the Auditor's Report was unanimously adopted.

Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland: The meeting was informed by the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland that the annual subscription payable by member Councils for 1991 are as follows:- Town Commissioners, £102; Rough and Urban District Councils, £204; County Borough Councils, £407.
The proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Donnellan is was agreed to pay the appropriate fee which has the approval of the Minister for the Environment.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the Association of Municipal Authorities proposed to hold a sub-committee meeting in Loughrea on Sunday March 3rd at 10 a.m. It was agreed that the Chairman plus the two delegates could meet the sub-committee and welcome them to Loughrea.
It was also agreed that the meeting should be held in O'Dea's Hotel and that the Board should meet the cost of the room.

at Abbey Street: Comm. Donnellan stated that he had received numerous complaints regarding vehicles parking on the footpath on Abbey Street near junction with Main Street. Comm. Donnellan made the point that women selling prams up Abbey Street were unable to use the footpath due to this illegal parking and as a result they had to move out onto the roadway. On the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Morgan it was decided to refer this matter to the gardai.

Water Charges: Comm. Burke raised the question of water charges and asked why meters are fitted to some public houses. The Town Clerk in reply stated that he understood that meters are fitted where there is an apparent excessive use of water. Comm. Burke stated that he thought that a rent of \$15 per quarter for the use of these meters is too much.

votes of Sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended to the relatives of the following:-

Thomas Daly, Moore Street, Loughrea.
Mrs. Newell, Liam Mellows Terrace, Loughrea.
Mrs. Kelly, Lower Galway Road, Loughrea.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 11th day of March, 1991.


Chairperson.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 11th March 1991.

In the Chair: Commissioner Gabriel Burke, Chairman.

Members Present: Commissioners Matthew Loughnane, Brendan Donnellan, Pat Hynes, Norman Morgan, Pernie McNally-Fullard, Oliver Barrett, Thomas R. Kelly.

Officials: Messers P. J. Gavin, Asst. Co. Manager, T. Coughlan, A./Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 11th February 1991, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Commissioner Morgan seconded by Commissioner Barrett.

Longpoint: The Assistant Co. Manager informed the meeting that the Town Commissioners and Co. Council had acted quickly to have the traders at the Longpoint removed, and that the situation is now being examined to determine what arrangements should be made to protect the area and to avoid a recurrence. Commissioner McNally-Fullard expressed concern at the condition of the area following the departure of the travellers, and expressed the hope that no repercussions would result in relation to local travellers. Commissioner Kelly considered that Loughrea people should not trade with the travellers, and the Members of the Board congratulated the Co. Council for the prompt action taken. It was proposed by Councillor McNally-Fullard and seconded by Commissioner Barrett that the travellers be fined for littering, and it was proposed by Commissioner Morgan and seconded by Commissioner Loughnane that barriers be erected to prevent a recurrence of traveller camping. Mr. Gavin informed the meeting that the Engineer would investigate the securing of the Longpoint having regard to the amenities of the area.

Down-grading of Post Office: The Motion submitted by Commissioner Gabriel Burke that Loughrea Town Commissioners reject the down-grading of the Post Office was seconded by Councillor Matt Loughnane. A deputation from An Post employees in Loughrea addressed the meeting, and the Members of the Board expressed unanimous support for the deputation. It was agreed that the Board would write to the Chief Executive of An Post and the Minister for Communications, expressing concern at the down-grading of the Loughrea Post Office, the closure of Sub-Post Offices, and the proposed introduction of post collection boxes in rural areas.

Matters arising from the minutes: It was proposed by Commissioner McNally-Fullard and seconded by Commissioner B. Donnellan that the footpaths at Abbeylane be repaired by the Co. Council, and that the developer be charged for the cost of same. The Asst. Co. Manager informed the Board that the Planning Section of the Co. Council would request the owner of the building to provide eavegutters.

Local Government Reform: Commissioner Hynes expressed concern at the proposed deferral of elections for Town Commissioners, and suggested that Town Commissioners should be replaced by Urban District Councils. Commissioner Morgan also expressed concern regarding the Government's decision.

Brochure on Loughrea: It was agreed that this item would be considered at the next meeting of the Board. Commissioner McNally-Fullard suggested that signs be erected for places of interest, and that maps of Loughrea be prepared.

Association of Municipal Authorities: The Chairman informed the meeting that delegates from the association were welcomed to Loughrea by Members of the Board and the Town Clerk. Dinner was sponsored by the Bank of Ireland, and brochures were distributed to the delegates.

Tree Sponsor Week: Commissioner McNally-Fullard requested that trees be sponsored by the Town Commissioners. It was proposed by Commissioner Morgan and seconded by Commissioner Kelly that Loughrea Town Commissioners provide £100 for sponsorship of trees.

Correspondence: Correspondence from Limerick Corporation and the Garda Síochanna were read to the meeting.

The implementation of the terms of the 27th payround as set out in Circular Letter EL 1/91 was unanimously agreed.

Car Park: It was agreed that the Co. Council be requested to provide a car park as a matter of urgency, and that a report be submitted to the Town Commissioners setting out progress to date.

Payment of Beef-Premium Grants: Commissioner Hynes expressed concern at the non-payment of Beef Premium Headage Grants due to staffing problems in the Department of Agriculture. It was agreed that a recommendation be sent to the Minister for Agriculture requesting sympathetic consideration to the payment of E.C. Beef Premium Grants to farmers who have been deprived due to an internal dispute in the Department of Agriculture in 1990.

Votes of Sympathy: The sympathy of the Board was extended to the relatives of the following:-

Desmond Duffy,
Bill *Malyn*

The meeting then terminated.

Signed this the 8th day of April, 1991

Robert Burke
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 8/4/91.

In the Chair: Comm. Gabriel Burke, Chairman.

Members present: Comms. John Reilly, Oliver Barrett, Brendan Donnellan, Perlie McNally-Fullard, Norman Morgan, Pat Hynes, Matt Loughnane.

Officials: Messrs P.J. Gavin, Asst. Co. Manager, Alexis Marmion, r/Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 8/3/91, copies of which were circulated to each member, were adopted and signed as correct on the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. McNally-Fullard.

The Chairman informed the meeting that a deputation from Loughrea Business Association is coming to the meeting at 7.45 p.m. and as there is a public meeting regarding the down grading of the post office at 8.30 p.m. the Chairman appealed to the members to conduct the business of the meeting as quickly as possible.

Long Point: In reply to Comm. Barrett, Mr. Gavin stated that in addition to locking the gate it is also proposed to erect height restriction barriers at the Long Point.

Comm. Morgan stated that concerned parents had approached him regarding the disposal of condoms and other type litter at the Long Point and he asked if something could be done about this problem.

It was the opinion of the meeting that this problem is outside the control of the Commissioners.

Tidy Towns: Comm. McNally-Fullard stated that the Tidy Towns Committee has commenced the tree planting and she thanked the Commissioners for their donation of \$100 towards the cost of same. She also thanked the pupils from St. Brendan's Training Centre, the Council workers, the Horticultural Advisors for their help with the tree planting. In addition she thanked the pupils from St. Raphael's School for sponsoring a litter bin. Comm. McNally-Fullard also referred to the fact that two Co. Council workers in the town were made redundant and she asked if these two workers could be re-employed during the summer months. Comm. McNally-Fullard also mentioned the possibility of employing a litter warden in Loughrea - this was deferred until the next meeting. Comm. McNally-Fullard condemned the recent breaking of seven trees by vandals in the Walk.

Deputation from Loughrea Traders: Mrs. Mary Murray and Mr. Maurice Sweeney representing the Loughrea Traders attended the meeting for the purpose of discussing the parking problems in Loughrea. Mr. Gavin stated that legalities are holding up the development and expansion of the existing parking area off Barrack Street. Mr. Gavin also referred to the availability of the car-park at the Mart. Mr. Sweeney referred to the proposal in the Draft Plan for Loughrea to close the road which divides the Green and to develop a parking area in portion of the Green.

Comm. Loughnane supported this proposal. Mrs. Murray asked if the Commissioners ever considered disc parking for the Main Street. In reply to Comm. Barrett, Mrs. Murray stated that the Traders are divided on the idea of disc parking.

Mr. Gavin stated that there appears to be 3 approaches to the parking problems in Loughrea - the proposed By-Pass which is the long term solution; additional parking areas and enforcement of parking laws. The Co. Engineer is to meet the Chief Superintendent regarding the latter. Mrs. Murray stated that the law is enforced.

Comm. Morgan proposed the introduction of Disc Parking and was seconded by Comm. Hynes. A direct negative was proposed by Comm. Loughnane and seconded by Comm. Donnellan. On a show of hands Comm. Loughnane's counter proposal was carried by 6 votes to two. Comms. Loughnane, Donnellan, Reilly, Barrett, McNally-Fullard and Burke voting for the counter proposal and Comms Morgan and Hynes voting for the proposal.

Mr. Gavin informed the members of the deputation that he is prepared to have further discussions with them. Mr. Gavin also undertook to enquire into the proposals for the development in the area of the Green.

Junction Athenry Road/ Mount Carmel Crescent: Comm. Barrett asked if the Co. Council might consider erecting a barrier at the junction of Athenry Road and Mount Carmel Crescent, near Sweeney's shop. The Town Clerk stated that he will discuss the matter with the Town Engineer.

Trading Bye-Laws: Mrs. Murray asked if there are designated areas for trading in the town?

Mr. Gavin stated that there are no designated areas in Loughrea and the only requirement for trading is a licence.

The Chairman thanked the Deputation for attending the meeting and the members of the Deputation in return thanked the meeting for receiving them.

Beef Premium Grants: Comm. Hynes informed the meeting that he had received a lot of support from the farming community regarding his comments on the Beef Premium Headage Grants at the last meeting.

The meeting then terminated.

Dated this the 13th day of May, 1991.

Gabriel Burke
Chairperson.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 15/5/91.

In the Chair: Comm. Gabriel Burke, Chairman.

Members present: Commas. Pat Hynes, Oliver Barrett, Norman Morgan, Brendon Donnellan, Thomas R. Kelly.

Officials: Messers P.J. Gavin, Asst. Co. Manager, Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk. Apologies: Commas. Perlie McNally-Fullard, John Reilly.

Meeting opened with prayers.

District Court Clerk: A deputation consisting of Messers M.G. McCarthy and Stephen Shields, representing Loughrea Solicitors, was received by the meeting. Mr. Shields thanked the meeting for receiving them and stressed the importance of maintaining a District Court Clerk in Loughrea. Mr. McCarthy supported Mr. Shields in his plea. The members were unanimous in their support to retain a District Court Clerk in Loughrea. On the proposition of Comm. Hynes seconded by Comm. Barrett it was decided to write to the Minister for Justice and to An Taoiseach requesting that a District Court Clerk be maintained in Loughrea. It was further agreed on the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Burke that Mr. Noel Treacy, T.D., Minister of State at the Department of Justice, be invited to our next meeting.

Tidy Towns: Comm. Hynes stated that he wished to compliment Comm. McNally-Fullard on her efforts with the Tidy Towns Committee and he thanked Mary Duffy for her kind comments in the Connacht Tribune.

Dangerous trees: Comm. Hynes stated that he felt that the felling of roadside trees was overdone and he thought that perhaps some of these trees could be spared. Comm. Morgan referred to the trees in Garrybreedia and said that it is a tragedy if these trees have to be felled. Comm. Morgan stated that he strongly objected to the indiscriminate felling of trees and added that the Co. Council has not the right to denude the countryside of trees. Mr. Gavin stated that it is not the policy of the Co. Council to denude the countryside - trees are being marked by experts, these trees need not be felled - it is up to the landowner to decide on what action is required to ensure the safety of the public. The Co. Council has a responsibility to ensure that roads are free for traffic at all times but especially at times of emergencies. With regard to Garrybreedia Wood, Mr. Gavin stated that an initial report had indicated that a number of trees should be felled. Coillte are carrying out a detailed inspection and we await Coillte's report.

Barrier at Long Point: In reply to Comm. Barrett, the Town Clerk stated that the provision of a height barrier at the Long Point is under consideration by the Town Engineer.

Drugs: Comm. Kelly proposed a vote of congratulations to the local Gardai on their recent handling of the drug trafficking in the area. This was seconded by Comm. Burke. Comm. Morgan made the point that the people involved with the drugs apprehended in Loughrea were not from Loughrea, Comm. Morgan added that if people are aware of drug trafficking they should report it to the Gardai. Comm. Barrett stated that Loughrea has a drug problem and he would recommend to the schools and to the parents that a 'Drug Awareness' seminar should be held. Comm. Donnellan stated that in his opinion Loughrea is a very safe and drug free town.

An Post: Comm. Hynes stated that the Chief Executive Officer of An Post, Mr. Hynes has come under a lot of fire recently regarding his viability Plan for An Post. Comm. Hynes stated that in his opinion the Government has overall responsibility and he proposed that the Government be called upon to take immediate steps to scrap this plan. Comm. Morgan seconded this proposal.

Barrier at Athenry Road: The Town Clerk informed Comm. Barrett that it is proposed to erect a crash barrier at Athenry Road if funds are available.

Town Twinning: A letter from the Institute of Public Administration was read to the meeting. The letter indicated that Chateaugiron is anxious to twin with Loughrea. Comm. Burke agreed to discuss the letter with the Town Twinning Committee.

Loughrea Regional Water supply scheme: Mr. Noel Treacy, T.D., Minister of State in his letter of the 25/4/91, informed the meeting that the tender for the construction of the advanced section of the Loughrea Regional Water supply scheme, i.e. Phase 1 was approved by Mr. P. Flynn, Minister for the Environment. Comm. Hynes stated that he wished to refresh the memory of the public and remind them that the originator of this scheme was Comm. Morgan. Comm. Morgan stated that Deputy Treacy showed a lack of intelligence in sending out this letter after people were kept waiting 8 - 10 years for water. Comm. Donnellan stated that he remembered reading in the Connacht Tribune that Comm. Morgan would have this scheme working in 1975. Only for people like Noel Treacy and the staff of Galway Co. Council, the people of Kilnadeemna would still be waiting for piped water. Comm. Hynes suggested that the Loughrea Regional Water Supply scheme may have being deliberately delayed for political reasons.

Abstract of Accounts 1990 Year: Mr. Gavin presented the Abstract of Accounts for 1990 year to the meeting. On the proposition of Comm. Morgan seconded by Comm. Donnellan the Accounts were approved.

Brochure on Loughrea: Comm. Hynes complimented Mr. Maurice Sweeney and Comm. Morgan on the publication of an information brochure on Loughrea. Comm. Morgan felt that a more detailed brochure is required. Comm. Burke stated that the cost of producing a reasonable type brochure would exceed £2,000. Comm. Donnellan stated that he understood that two pony traps were purchased at a recent auction and it is proposed to have trips around the lake. Mr. Gavin advised that the brochure would first be compiled in draft form and then costed, perhaps with the reform of Local Government, funds might be provided for this type of work, Mr. Gavin added.

Lights at Long Point: Comm. Morgan proposed that public lighting be provided at the Long Point, this was seconded by Comm. Burke.

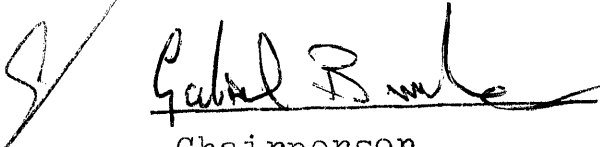
Property Tax: Comm. Hynes asked the Members to oppose Property Tax and was supported by Comm. Morgan.

Congratulations: Votes of congratulations were passed with the following:

- St Raphael's College on its All-Ireland Camogie Success.
- Francis Reilly on winning the National Fly Fishing Championship and on being appointed to captain the Irish Fly Fishing team.
- Galway United on winning the F.A. Cup.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 19th day of June, 1991.


Chairperson.

Minutes of proceedings at the monthly meeting of the Loughrea Town Commissioners held on the 10/6/91.

At the Chair: Comm. Gabriel Burke, Chairperson.
Members Present: Comms. Perlie McNally-Fullard, John Reilly, Brendan Donnellan, Pat Hynes, Thomas R. Kelly, Norman Morgan and Oliver Barrett.
Officials: Messers P.J. Gavin, Asst. Co. Manager, Alexis Marmion, Town Clerk.

Meeting opened with prayers.

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

Planting of Trees: Comm. Morgan stated that he took exception to the manner in which alleged dangerous trees are being marked - by cutting the bark on these trees. Mr. Gavin stated that these trees are being marked by employees of the Gaillte who are experts in their work and he would have no worry about the manner in which these people mark trees.

Public Lighting: On the proposition of Comm. Donnellan seconded by Comm. Morgan it was decided to request the County Council to have the public lighting within the town inspected with a view to having the quality of the lighting improved.

Telephone Kiosk: Comm. McNally-Fullard proposed and Comm. Morgan seconded that a telephone kiosk be provided at the Long Point.

Kilnadeemna G.W.S.: Comm. Hynes speaking about the Kilnadeemna G.W.S. criticised Minister Noel Treacy for claiming credit for this scheme when in fact Comm. Morgan had initiated this scheme. Comm. Morgan stated that he felt offended everytime Noel Treacy claimed that he got this scheme for the people of Kilnadeemna when in fact it was their right to have this scheme. Comm. Donnellan interjected to say that Comm. Morgan had promised to provide this scheme in 1976 adding that Comm. Morgan was not fit to wipe Minister Treacy's boots. After some heated exchanges between Comms. Hynes and Donnellan, Comm. Barrett remarked that the water is coming and that should be the end of the story.

Post: Letter from the Minister for Tourism, Transport and Communications, dated the 25/5/91 and from Mr. John Hynes, Chief Executive of An Post, dated 16/91 regarding the proposed downgrading of Loughrea post office. The Minister in his letter stated that An Post had deferred its proposals to regrade certain offices until full consultation with all interested parties had taken place but made the point that An Post must achieve a self supporting situation.

Comm. Hynes in his letter invited a representative group from the Commissioner together with representatives from Ballinasloe UDC, Ballinasloe Chamber of Commerce and Loughrea Business Association to meet him on the 14/6/91 at 10 a.m. in the Great Southern Hotel, Galway. The following agreed to go on the deputation; Comms. Burke, Hynes, Barrett, Kelly and Morgan. It was also agreed that the deputation should meet with representatives of the Loughrea Business Association on Wed. June 12th to discuss the matter further.

District Court Clerk: The following acknowledged representation made by Loughrea Town Commissioners regarding the continuation of the post of District Court Clerk in Loughrea, An Taoiseach, Mr. C.J. Haughey, the Minister for Justice, Mr. Ray Burke and Mr. Noel Treacy, Minister of State at the Dept. of Justice. Mr. Treacy stated that he was unable to attend tonight's meeting but he will be delighted to attend the July meeting. The meeting agreed to his and in addition on the proposition of Comm. Barrett seconded by Comm. Donnellan it was also decided to invite legal representatives Messers Stephen Shields and Florence MacCarthy to this meeting as well.

Auditors Report: Mr. Gavin presented the Auditor's Report for 1990 year. The report stated that the accounts were kept in a correct and proper manner. Comm. Morgan stated that the surplus money should be spent in Loughrea prior to the Board being abolished. Mr. Gavin stated that we must await the new legislation before the fate of Town Commissioners is known, in the meantime the interest from the surplus money helps to curtail the town rate.

Motion from Fermoy UDC: The following motion from Fermoy UDC had the unanimous support of the meeting:

"That all Local Authorities support retention and licencing of the Reflector system of rebroadcasting British television."

Assoc. of Municipal Authorities of Ireland: The meeting was informed that the Annual Conference of the Association will be held in Dungarvan, Co. Waterford on the 17th, 18th and 19th September, 1991. The meeting did not consider any motions for the Conference.

Motions submitted by Comm. Hynes:

a) "That Galway County Council provide seats and litter bins at Cuscorrig Crescent, Loughrea."

Comm. Morgan seconded this proposal.
Comm. Barrett queried if this is private property.

b) "That Galway County Council lay concrete footpaths at Lakeside Park, Loughrea and at Caheronaun Road, Loughrea."

Motion seconded by Comm. Morgan and passed unanimously.

c) "That Telecom Eireann erect a telephone kiosk at Barrack Street, Loughrea."
Motion seconded by Comm. Morgan and passed unanimously.

On the proposition of Comm. Burke it was decided to request the provision of some litter bins at Atnenry Road, Loughrea.

Date of Annual Meeting: On the proposition of Comm. Reilly seconded by Comm. Barrett it was decided to hold the Annual Meeting on Monday July 8th in conjunction with the July monthly meeting.

Congratulations: Comm. Kelly congratulated the under 14 year old hurlers on winning the County Championship and wished them every success in the forthcoming Feile na nGael competition in Tipperary.

Flower Bed: In reply to Comm. Barrett the Town Clerk stated that he understood that the Tidy Towns Committee are going to plant the flower bed in the fair green during the coming week.

Additional Staff for Loughrea Town: On the proposition of Comm. Burke seconded by Comm. Barrett it was decided to request the Co. Council to provide additional staff for Loughrea town during the summer period.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this the 9 day of July, 1991.


Chairperson.
8/7/91