

Tuesday, 2nd August, 1904.

Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs Michael C Shine, Francis Meagher, Patrick Byrne, John Connelly, Patrick Murphy, Patrick Carroll.

On the motion of Mr Meagher seconded by Mr Byrne, the chair was taken by Mr Michael C Shine and he presided.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

The Treasurer's account submitted showed balance against the Board £

Cheques were ordered and signed for		
John Glynn		£3.6.8
Thomas Dwyer		2.10.0
James Mc Donnell Esq		12.10.0
J Lempfer		2.10.0
Thos M Donogh		7.11.5
"Freeman's Journal"		10.6
John Glynn for		
John Butler	£1.5.0	
B. M. Hugh	1.1.8	
Thos Dwyer	6.0	
D. Crisham	2.6	
J Glynn	10.0	
Michl Shampnessy	5.0.0	
Matthias Jones	17.6	
J Finnetty	7.0	
		£9.9.8
		<u>£38.8.3</u>

The current year's schedule of Tolls and Customs and list of Fairs were submitted for revision and adopted unchanged for the ensuing year.

It was ordered to send the list of fairs for publication in the almanacs for 1905 and have a special advertisement of the fairs in "Old Moore's Almanac", occupying a quarter page, same as last year, at the charge of £1 (one pound).

Ordered that the September Horse Fair be advertised in the "Western People", "Comaught Champion", "Freeman's Journal", "Daily Independent", "Irish Times", and in a Belfast newspaper, and send printed cards of the advertisement to Horse Dealers.

Ordered that the Board's Bank account be transferred from the Galway Branch of the Bank of Ireland to the Tuam Branch of said Bank.

Ordered that the Tolls and Customs for year 1904-5 be advertised for letting on Friday, 2nd September next and that a Contractor be advertised for to supply two Shelter boxes for Enumerators at Fairs according to plan and specification to be got by the Town Clerk.

Ordered that a special meeting of the Board be held on Friday 2nd September next, to receive and consider tenders for the Tolls and Customs, and for supplying two Shelter boxes for Enumerators at Fairs.

Messrs John Murphy and Thomas Dwyer were unanimously appointed to act as Enumerators at the next September and October fairs at the usual remuneration viz: £1 each per day.

It was ordered, if Mr Thomas Egan, Builder, do not within reasonable time repair the stone crossing which he ripped up in Shop Street while carrying out a Contract for Mr Francis Meagher that the repair work be got done at Mr Egan's expense.

Signed on behalf of the Board.

Michael C Shine Chairman

Sept. 6th 1904.

Friday, 2nd September.

Special Meeting.

A special meeting of which due notice had been given was held today for the purpose of considering tenders for the Tolls and Customs and for supplying two Shelter boxes for Enumerators at Fairs.

Commissioners present, Messrs Michael C Shine, Joseph A Glynn, E P O'Hanagan, James J Begley, Patrick Carroll, Patrick Byrne, and Patrick Murphy.

On the motion of Mr Glynn seconded by Mr O'Hanagan the chair was taken by Mr Michael C Shine and he presided.

There was but one tender for the Tolls and Customs, Mr Thomas Nolan's, amount £550.

Mr Begley proposed and Mr Carroll seconded that Mr Nolan's tender be accepted.

Mr Glynn proposed and Mr O'Hanagan seconded that the Tolls and Customs be re-advertised for letting.

There voted for Mr Glynn's proposition - Messrs Murphy, Byrne, O'Hanagan, and Glynn (4); Against - Messrs Carroll and Begley (2)

Mr Glynn's proposition was declared carried by a majority of 2.

It was then ordered to re-advertise the Tolls and Customs for letting and hold a special meeting of the Board on Thursday the 15th inst, to receive and consider tenders for them.

A tender was unanimously accepted from Mr George Geraghty, the only tender received, for supplying according to plan and specification, two Shelter boxes for Enumerators at Fairs, for the sum of £9.15.0.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Michael C Shine Chairman.

Sept 6th 1904.

Tuesday 6th September, 1904.

Monthly Meeting:

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell and subsequently Michael C. Shine in the chair the former having vacated same and left the Board room; Michael Goggin, Patrick Byrne, Patrick Canavan, John Connolly, Francis Keane, J. H. Lynn, Francis Meagher and John MacPhelipi.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed.
Treasurer's account submitted, showed Balance against the Board £

Cheques were ordered and signed for

John Glyn		£3.6.8	
Thos Dwyer		2.10.0	
Das McDonnell		12.10.0	
P. C. Warren		1.0.0	
Proprietor "Connought Champion"		19.6	
"Irish Times,"		5.0	
"Irish Daily Independent,"		5.0	
George Geraghty		9.15.0	
John Glyn for			
D Butler	£1.5.0		
D M. Hugh	1.1.8		
G French	12.6		
John Glyn	1.5.11		
M Jones	1.0.0		
Das Gill	3.0		
Mich. Reilly	3.0		
Mrs Kennedy	8.6		
		£ 5.19.7	
		£36.10.9	

Mr. O'Connell, Agent Bank of Ireland, Tuam came before the Board and requested that a lamp be erected and lighted at the Hall, near his residence, which on the motion of Mr. Shine was unanimously ordered. And Messrs Shine, Keane, and were appointed as Committee to report on the lighting of the Town.

A letter having been read from Mr. Thomas Jones, Barrington Lecturer requesting that due preparation be made for the holding of a series of Lectures which he intended to deliver in the Town Hall, it was decided that the whole Board act as a Committee to see to the matter.

It was unanimously decided that not less than £600 be accepted for the Tolls and Customs which were advertised to let on the 15th inst.

Mr. Richard J. Kelly's tender to do all the advertising and printing (except Ceram Dockets) required by the Board for one year from date of acceptance of same for £25 was unanimously accepted.

Mr. John Harty's tender to supply two gross of Ceram Dockets at 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ per book of 100 dockets was accepted unanimously.

The Chairman (Mr. Shine) gave the following notice:-

"Take notice that for some number on my behalf will, at the next monthly meeting, move that we take into consideration the advisability of improving the Town Hall by enlarging the Board room or in any other way the Board may decide".

(Signed) "Michael C. Shine"

Sept 6th, 1904

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Michael C. Shine

Chairman

Oct 4th, 1904.

Thursday, 15th Sept, 1904.

Special Meeting.

A special meeting was held on above named day to consider tenders for the Tolls and Customs.

Commissioners present, Messrs Michael C. Shine (in the chair) John Connolly, John MacPhelipi, Michael Goggin, Francis Meagher, J. H. Lynn, Patrick Byrne.

Mr. Glyn proposed and the Chairman seconded the following resolution which was unanimously passed:-

"That we, the Tuam Town Commissioners, have heard with deep regret of the death of Mrs. Gibbons, sister of our late illustrious Archbishop, and we tender to her relatives our sincere sympathy in their bereavement."

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Glyn seconded the following resolution which was unanimously passed:-

"That we, the Tuam Town Commissioners have heard with regret of the intended resignation of Mr. P. J. Gannon C.P.S., a gentleman who for so many years filled with credit to himself the important post of Petty Sessions Clerk for Tuam and Derrem District. We have heard with pleasure that his son, Mr. J. P. Gannon is seeking the position and we trust the Magistrate, will unanimously elect him and thus while paying a well-deserved compliment to his father, appoint a man who combines with high educational qualities a thorough experience of the work of a C.P.S. He is well-known to us by his reporting our proceedings for the "Tuam Herald," whose columns he adorns by his writings; Copies of this resolution to be sent to Mr. P. J. Gannon and to all the Magistrates of the District."

There were two tenders for the Tolls and Customs - one from Mr. Thomas McLan, Tuam, at £550, his sureties being Messrs Michael Hamill and John Tierney, Delmonat; the other from Mr. John Murphy, Tuam, at £610, his sureties being Messrs Henry Concanon, J. H. Lynn, and Michael Farrell, both of Tuam.

Mr. Murphy's tender was unanimously accepted.

Mr. John Shine was unanimously appointed Commensator for the Sheep and Cattle fairs of October, in room of Mr. John Murphy, the latter having become Toll Farmer.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr Glynn, seconded by Mr MacPhilbin (and unanimously adopted):-

"That we the Tuam Town Commissioners hereby express our thanks to Mr Thomas Nolan, the late Toll Farmer for the excellent manner in which he conducted his business during the past 16 years he was Toll Farmer; and we regret that he ~~could~~ ^{has} not seen his way to continue as the Toll Farmer. We wish him every success, and trust that the high probity he has shown in his connection with this Board will secure him every advancement in his future enterprises"

Signed on behalf of the Board

Michael C Shue Chairman

October 11th 1904

Monday, 26th Sept, 1904

Meeting by requisition:

Pursuant to the following requisition a meeting was held on the above day a above named day:-

"Tuam, 21st Sept, 1904

To Mr John Glynn, Town Clerk,

"Dear Sir - We the undersigned Town Commissioners hereby request you to convene a special meeting of the Board for Monday next 26th instant at 12 o' to consider resolution adopted by Board of Guardians at their last meeting; also, report of Committee about Town Lighting and repairs to Meat Stalls.

(Signed) "Michael C Shue
" Michael Gaggins
" P. Canavan
" Francis Keane
" P. Byrne."

The following Commissioners attended: Messrs Michael C Shue, Michael Gaggins, Joseph A Glynn, John MacPhilbin, Patrick Byrne, Francis Mcagher and James J. Repley.

The resolution from the Board of Guardians having advocating the establishment of an Agricultural College in Tuam having been read,

Mr Glynn proposed (and Mr Mcagher seconded) the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:-

"That we the Tuam Town Commissioners, hereby wish to bring under the notice of the Department of Agriculture the suitability of Tuam (and its neighbourhood) for the proposed Agricultural College for Connaught.

"(1). There is ample land to be obtained all around the Town either at Gallogh, Rinkippin, Carranogurrane, or Tohor, all within a very short distance of Tuam.

"(2). The Railway facilities are very good as there is thorough communication via Claremorris (and Athlery) with the other Counties of the Province.

"(3). The Town of Tuam now holds the second largest fairs in Ireland, the May and October fairs being of immense proportions, attracting buyers from all parts of the Kingdom.

"(4). Owing to the large transactions in land purchase which have taken place in the locality, and the number of sales pending we think the establishment of an Agricultural College in Tuam would be attended with greater success than elsewhere.

"That this resolution be sent to the Secretary of the Department, His Grace the Archbishop, the representatives of the County Council on the Council of Agriculture, and the Members of Parliament for the County."

Following is Committee's report on the Lighting of the Town, which was unanimously adopted:-

We, the undersigned being Committee appointed by your Board to report on the lighting of the Town, and also to inspect the Meat Stalls, beg to inform you that we have gone through the Town and looked at all the 43 lamps lighted, 8 of which are lighted all night. We recommend that the lamp at Connolly's corner, at Galway road, the lamp at Burke's, Dublin road, and the lamp at Bishop street, near Gurrans road be kept lighted all night, also that the Town Clock lamp at Mr O'N Donnellan's, Dublin road be changed to a site to be selected nearer the Deanery, that the branches near several of the lamps should be cut as they interfere with the lighting. That we engaged Mr Cleary to report on the Meat Stalls but he has not done so yet.

(Signed) "Michael C Shue, T.C.
" Francis Keane, T.C.
" P. Canavan, T.C."

"Sept 26th, 1904"

A letter was read from Mr J. J. Keenan Esq., Dalgin, acknowledging receipt of resolution regarding the retirement of Mr J. J. Gannon from the Tuam Petty-Sessions Clerkship and recommending the candidature of his son, Mr John P. Gannon for the office.

A resolution received from the Tuam Board of Guardians relative to train accommodation for the Tuam October Fair, was adopted and copies of same were ordered to be sent to the Managers of the Railway Company, and C. B. Bernard Esq, a Director of the Gt S & W Ry.

(Signed for behalf of the Board

Michael C Shue Chairman

October 11th 1904.

Tuesday, October 4th, 1904

Only one Commissioner, Mr Michael C Shue, attended, who adjourned to that day week, 11th October inst.,

John Glynn
Town Clerk

Tuesday, 11th October, 1904.

Adjourned Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs Michael C Shine (in the chair), John MacPhilpin, Patrick E Carroll, Francis Meagher, John Connolly

Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed.

Treasurer's Account showed balance against the Board £

Cheques were ordered and signed for

John Glynn	£3.6.8
Thos Dwyer	2.10.0
James McDonnell	12.10.0
E P O Hanagan	21.9.4

John Glynn for—

John Butler	£1.5.0
B McHugh	1.1.8
H McHugh	1.0.0
D Crisham	10.0
Thos Dwyer	2.0
John Glynn	1.2.4
D Crisham	10.0
J Burke	6.0
R J Kelly	17.0
J MacPhilpin	12.0
John Hosty	7.6
W & G Baird	11.0
John Kelleher	2.0
Gas Binnerty	2.0
Dan McBay	2.0
Thos Cleary	1.5.0
G W Bacon & Co	9.0
Collector of Quit Rent	9.6
Proprietor "Western People"	7.6
Michael Dwyer	2.15.0
Patrick Dolan	10.6
M Jones	10.0
M Donnellan	2.0
Patrick Dolan	4.0
Thomas Dwyer	1.0.0
John Murphy	1.0.0

£174.3.0
£56.19.0

Mr Shine's notice of motion was adjourned to next monthly meeting, viz:—"Take notice that I or some member on my behalf will, at the next monthly meeting, move that we take into consideration the advisability of improving the Town Hall by enlarging the Board room or in any other way the Board may decide

(Signed)

"Michael C Shine"

"6th Sept 1904"

The Clerk, in the meantime, to write to the Board of Public Works to ascertain if they would give a loan for improving the Town Hall.

It was unanimously ordered—

That all the street-lamps of the Town be left lighted all night on the Fair nights, 17th and 18th inst and also the Town Hall Clock Dial

That the Contractor for Gas be asked for particulars of his account for the public lighting to date

That Walls of Fair Green be repaired before the next Fair, cost of same to be paid by the responsible party

That two pens formed of hurdles be erected on the Fair Green for the safe-keeping of stray stock on Fair days

That the Dublin daily newspapers be requested to send down "Specials" to report the October Fair.

Mr Thomas Cleary's tender to ventilate the ceiling of the Town Hall Clock room according to specification and to the satisfaction of any man the Board may appoint to inspect the work, for the sum of Three pounds (£3) was unanimously accepted.

Mr William Stockwell's tender for painting the Town Clock Dial, for Twelve Shillings and six pence (12/6) was unanimously accepted.

Mr John MacPhilpin's tender to publish in the "Innismore News" for twelve months all the Board's advertisements in the Irish Language and in the Irish Characters for the sum of Five pounds (£5.0.0) was unanimously accepted.

Mr Thomas Cleary's Specification for repairing Victuallers' stalls at the Meat Market was referred to Committee, Messrs Shine, Keane and Conaway.

Mr John Boyle's application for a Gas Lamp to be erected and lighted at Barrack St was adjourned to next monthly meeting.

Mr Thomas Dwyer, Brewer, having applied for an assistant at the Salubrious Crane to fill docket for six months was ordered £2.10.0 (two pounds ten shillings) for such assistant.

Mr B McHugh reported that John O'Connor, victualler, had paid him 10/0 on account of Meat Stall rent and promised to pay 10/0 more in a few days.

The Clerk was directed to write again to Mr Darby Ford and his sureties for an answer to his letter written to them last month intimating to them that contract would be cancelled if they paid the fees of Engineer and Solicitor incurred in the matter.

(Signed) In behalf of the Board.

10th Dec 1904. Chairman

Nov. 1st, 1904.

Monday, 24th October, 1904.

Special Meeting.

A special meeting was held on above date for the purpose of making arrangements for the fitting reception of the Chairman of the Board, Mr James McDonnell, and Mrs McDonnell on their arrival home from their pleasure trip to the United States.

Commissioners present, Messrs Michael C Shine (in the chair), J A Glynne, W B Doherty, Francis Keane, John Connelly, Francis Meagher, James J Begley, and Patrick Byrne

The following Address was unanimously adopted and agreed to be presented:-

"Address
"from
"The Tuam Town Commissioners
"to
"James McDonnell Esq, C. J. C.,

"Dear Mr McDonnell,
"We, the Tuam Commissioners of Tuam, bid you and Mrs McDonnell a hearty welcome home from your trip to the United States.
"You have now been six years Chairman of our body, and during that time you have earned the respect and sincere regard of all your colleagues on the Board by your unflinching courtesy, and the energy you have shown in managing the affairs of the town.
"In everything that concerned the welfare of Tuam you have shown yourself a generous friend of your fellow-townsmen, and proved yourself, in all respects, worthy of the position you hold as Chief Citizen of our ancient Borough.
"During your period of office you have tried to extend our powers and thus give the people of Tuam the full management of their own affairs. You have spent time and money in an effort to start local industries, and have been instrumental in securing for Tuam a splendid Park which we trust will be a fruitful source of enjoyment and revenue to the town.
"In all your actions you have been ably seconded by Mrs McDonnell who has endeared herself to every one by her kindness and affability.
"We know that in your travels in the New World you have kept our interests before you and we hope that the information you have gained will enable you to carry to a successful issue the projects you have initiated for the benefit of our people.
"Again assuring you on our own behalf and on behalf of the people of Tuam, of our unflinching regard,

"We are

"yours very sincerely, -

- "Michael C Shine, J.C., Patrick C Carroll, J.C.,
"Francis Meagher, J.C., Patrick Conavan, J.C.,
"James J Begley, J.C., Patrick Murphy, J.C.,
"Francis Keane, J.C., John E Dowling, M.D., J.C.,
"John Connelly, J.C., E P O'Hanagham J.C.,
"Michael Gaggins, J.C., Joseph A Glynne J.C.,
"Patrick Byrne, J.C., John MacSheehy J.C.,

"John Glynne, Town Clerk

Signed on behalf of the Board, J. C. Carroll, Chairman

"October, 24th, 1904.
Nov 1st 1904.

Tuesday, 1st November, 1904.

Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell (Chairman of the Board), Michael C Shine, Francis Meagher, James J Begley, P. C. Carroll, John Connelly, Patrick Murphy,

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Treasurer's Account showed balance against the Board £

Cheques were ordered and signed for -

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes John Glynne (£3.6.8), Mrs Dwyer (2.10.0), James McDonnell Esq (12.10.0), Joseph Keegan (2.10.0), Reps of the late Mick Moran (7.10.0), John Shine (2.0.0), Thomas Dwyer (2.0.0), R J Kelly (12.10.0), John MacSheehy (2.10.0), John Glynne for

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes John Butler (£1.5.0), P. C. Hugh (1.1.8), Tho Dwyer (8.0), John Glynne (10.0), Mary Connelly (1.0.0), Michael Dwyer (3.0.0), Tho Dwyer (2.10.0), John Glynne (7.0), M Jones (1.5.0), C Reilly (2.6), T Murphy (7.6), Mrs Kennedy (8.6), Tho Hyland (10.0), John Murphy (2.0.0), William Stockwell (12.6), £15.7.8, £62.14.4

On the motion of Mr Shine seconded by the Chairman the following resolution was unanimously passed - "That we, the Tuam Town Commissioners desire to congratulate Mr J P Gannon on his election as Clerk of Petty Sessions but have to regret his being unable to continue as reporter for the Press. We found his reports at all times most accurate and his assistance to the Board invaluable."

Mr John Boyle's application to have a Gas Lamp erected and lighted at Barrack street was left to the Chairman to deal with as he may think proper.

A letter having been read from Mr T. P. Gill, Secretary Department of Agriculture &c again requiring the Board to erect at the Fair Green a machine for weighing Cattle on Fair days, the Clerk was directed to re-iterate the substance of his reply to Mr Gill's former letter adding that such a machine was unnecessary and useless and as no beast would ever be brought there to be weighed.

Mr Darley Jorde and his sureties having taken no notice of the Clerk's letter informing them that the Board would cancel Mr Jorde's contract to repair roof of Town Hall if they paid the costs incurred (Engineer's and Solicitor's fees), it was ordered to place the matter the hands of the Board's Solr, Mr Concanon.

Mr. Shime's motion to consider the advisability of improving the Town Hall by enlarging the Board room was further adjourned to next monthly meeting, pending reply from the Board of Public Works to letter asking if they would grant a loan for the purpose.

It was ordered that Mr Thomas Egan be required to contribute towards defraying cost of putting down a Cutstone and paved Crossing from Mr Meagher's to Mr. Beply's corner, he having ripped up the original stone set of the Crossing while executing a sewer contract for Mr Meagher, viz

Letters were read from His Grace the Archbishop and Mr John Roche M.P. acknowledging receipt of the Board's resolution advocating the claims of Tuam as site for the projected Agricultural College for Connaught.

Following are the Enumerators' returns of the October Fair :-

Sheep - Sold: Wethers 6019, Ewes 4686, Hogsheads 2604, Lambs 1865, Rams 50 = 15224.
Unsold: " 688, " 442, " 326, " 399, " 59 = 1914.
Total 17138.
Cattle - Sold: Bullocks 5011, Heifers 2534, Calves 85, Cows 68, Bulls 1 = 7699.
Unsold: " 433, " 593, " 57, " 41 " 2 = 1121.
Total 8820

Signed on behalf of the Board

Michael C. Shime Chairman

December 6th 1904

Tuesday, 6th Dec, 1904.

Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs Francis Keane, Joseph A. Glynn, John Cunnelly and Michael Jaggins.

There not being a quorum present, Mr Glynn proposed and Mr Keane seconded that they adjourn to Friday 9th inst.

Adjourned accordingly.

John Glynn,
Town Clerk.

Tuesday, 9th December, 1904.

Adjourned Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs Michael C. Shime (in the Chair), Francis Keane, Michael Jaggins, J. A. Glynn Solr., Francis Meagher, J. C. Carroll, Patrick Byrne Patrick Murphy, and E. P. O'Hanagan.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed.

Treasurer's Account showed balance against the Board £

Cheques were issued and signed for -

John Glynn	£ 3.6.8
Thomas Dwyer	2.10.0
James M. Donnell Esq	12.10.0
Michael Fyneskey Esq	10.7.2
W. H. Bradwell Esq	32.3.8
Thomas Cleary	6.5.0
John Glynn for John Butler	£ 1.5.0
Bill Hugh	1.1.8
Thos Dwyer	8.0
George French	12.6
Inspector of Weights &c	5.11
Michael Burke	5.0
John Quinn	5.0
Michl Dwyer { £ 5.0 } { 2.10.0 }	2.15.0
Stockwell & Sons	12.0
Michl Shaughnessy	1.0.0
Tom Murphy	10.0
Bill Hugh	9.4
M Jones	2.6
J Finneerty	13.6
	£ 101.5.5

£ 77.7.11

Following letter was read :-

"Ballinrobe, 30th Nov, 1904.

"Dear Sir, - yours to hand of the 23rd inst. stating that the amount paid to Shaughnessy was £17.9.3 half of which would be £8.14.7. This was for the wall on the West side of the Green. Now the repairs to the wall on the North side cost me £3.10.0 and same was included in resolution by which the Board agreed to share the expense with me of repairing the walls. Half of £3.10.0 is £1.15.0 and deducting same from £8.14.7 leaves £6.19.7 for which I enclose my cheque. Yours very truly - E. P. O'Hanagan.

"John Glynn Esq, Town Clerk, Tuam."

A letter was read from Mr J Young, Mineral Water Manufacturer, Galway enclosing cheque for £1.10.0, three years' toll on two advertisement boards, exhibited in the Town of Tuam, up to 31st December, 1904.

Ordered that Mr Thomas Higgins J.P., Monivea, President of the North Galway Executive of the United Irish League be applied to for cash of repairing damage caused to forms and windows of the Town Hall by members of that body at a meeting presided over by him, viz: - £2.10.0 for five forms and £.12.0 for windows - total £3.2.0.

Ordered that John O'Connor pay arrears of rent due by him for stall at the Meat Market by instalments of five shillings each quarter year and the rent for the future every week regularly, and that he be served with notice to quit should he at two weeks go by without paying it.

A letter with regard to inquiry whether the Commissioners of Public Works would give a loan for improving the Town Hall was read from the Local Government Board, enclosing a form required to be filled up and forwarded to them as a preliminary to obtaining their sanction for the loan.

The Chairman (Mr Shine) repeated his notice of motion as follows: -

"Take notice that I or some member on my behalf will, at the next monthly meeting move that we take into consideration the advisability of improving the Town Hall by enlarging the Board room or in any other way the Board may decide."

(Signed) "Michael C Shine".

"Dec 9th 1904."

Annexed letter was read and ordered to be recorded in minutes: -

"Mr Gannon, Tuam, December 5th, 1904."

"My dear John, - I beg to thank you very sincerely for copy of resolution passed at last monthly meeting of your Board, in connection with my recent appointment as Clerk of Petty Sessions for the Tuam and Derrin District, and my consequent severance from the Press. I wish, through you, to express my heartfelt thanks for the many kindnesses I have received from the Commissioners and their invariable courtesy for the past fifteen years, during which I have attended their proceedings. It was at all times a pleasure to me and an unforgettable one to know that I was treated as a fellow citizen. My thanks are especially due to Mr Shine and your able and esteemed Chairman, Mr McDonnell for their kind and far too flattering words on the occasion. I remain, my dear John, your very sincere former colleague and always friend, -

"John P. Gannon".

"John Glynn Esq, Town Clerk, Tuam."

The Elster Grime Opera Company having had a bad week of it the charge to them for the use of the Town Hall was unanimously reduced to £2.0.0.

The following resolution proposed by Mr Keane and seconded by the Chairman was unanimously passed: -

"That we, the Tuam Town Commissioners hereby direct the attention of the County Surveyor to the very bad condition of the road leading into Tuam and request him to have them put into proper order and cleaned and sandbed by the contractors."

A letter was read from Mr F.P. Gill, Secretary Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, Dublin, acknowledging the receipt of the Town Clerk's letter dated 14th Nov 1904, re Tuam Fair, the subject of which, he said, would receive attention.

Signed on behalf of the Board

J. McDonnell.

Chairman

January, 3rd, 1905.

Tuesday, 27th December, 1904.

Special Meeting.

Pursuant to the following requisition a special meeting was held on the 27th December 1904: -

"Tuam, Dec 22nd, 1904"

"To Mr John Glynn, Town Clerk;

We, the undersigned Town Commissioners, request you to convene a special meeting of the Board for Tuesday next, 27th inst, at 12 o'clock (noon) to arrange for giving Mr John Dillon M.P., a suitable reception on the occasion of his visit to Tuam next month.

(Signed)

"Michael C Shine J.C.; E.P. O'Hanrahan J.C.;
"James J. Begley, J.C.; Francis Meagher, J.C.;
"Francis Keane J.C.; Joseph A. Glynn J.C., and
"John MacSheehy J.C.)

There were present, Messrs James McDonnell (Chairman of the Board), Michael C Shine, Joseph A. Glynn, Francis Meagher, and Patrick Murphy.

It was unanimously decided that the Board join the Tuam House League and Tuam Rural District Council in presenting Mr John Dillon M.P., with an address, Mr J. Glynn to draft one for approval, and Messrs James McDonnell J.C., Mr Michael C Shine, J. Glynn and Francis Meagher to represent the Board on the Committee of Reception.

Signed on behalf of the Board

J. McDonnell.

Chairman

3rd January 1905

Tuesday, 3rd January, 1905.

Monthly Meeting

Commissioners present, Messrs James M'Donnell (Chairman of the Board), Michael O'Shine, Patrick Murphy, Joseph A. Lynn, Francis Keane, and John Connelly.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed.

Treasurer's Account showed Balance against the Board £

Cheques were ordered and signed for		
John Lynn		£ 3.6.8
Thomas Dwyer		2.10.0
James M'Donnell Esq		12.10.0
P Henderson Esq		18.13.4
D J Kirwan & Sons Esqs		19.0.5
John Lynn for		
John Butler	£ 1.5.0	
B M Hugh	" 1.8	
Tho Dwyer	10.0	
J Lynn	7.0	
B A O Kelly	3.0	
P Naughton	4.4	
Stockwell & Sons	6.0	
James Linnerty	1.0.0	
M Jones	10.0	
Mrs Kennedy	8.6	
B M Hugh	9.10	
H M Hugh	1.0.0	
D Crisham	10.0	£ 7.15.4

£ 56.15.9

Mr Shine's motion was further adjourned to next monthly meeting, viz:
 "To consider the advisability of improving the Town Hall by enlarging the Board Room or in any other way the Board may decide".

It was ordered to advertise Contract for repairing roof of Town Hall according to specification furnished by Mr Smith B Surveyor stating he had sent copy of the Board's resolution to each road contractor concerned and hoped the Commissioners would find some improvement in the roads leading to the Town, County Surveyor, Ballinasloe, tenders to be considered at the next monthly meeting of the Board.

A letter was read from B Surveyor, Galway stating he had sent copy of the Board's resolution to each road contractor concerned and hoped the Commissioners would find some improvement in the roads leading to the Town.

It was ordered to advertise contract for sweeping the Plate Market, Fish Market and foot paths along the Town Hall and ~~Plate~~ ^{Plate} Market Bridge, tenders to be considered at the next monthly meeting.

Ordered also that the Clerk ascertain the cost of the cutstone crossing between Mr Meagher's and Mr Deley's in Shop street and apply to Mr Thomas Egan for half the amount as it was he who necessitated the work by ripping up the old crossing whilst making a sewer for Mr Meagher.

On the suggestion of Mr Shine it was ordered that the weighhouse roof and walls be cleaned.

Captain Wynne's report on audit of the Board's accounts for year ended 31st March 1904 was received and ~~endorsed~~ ordered to be published.

A Copy of the Shopkeeper's Act which was passed in the recent Session of Parliament was received with a letter from Dublin Castle drawing attention to the powers vested in Town Commissioners by that Act, marked "read".

Signed on behalf of the Board

James M'Donnell

Chairman

Feb'y 7th, 1905.

(Form B)

Notice of Result of Election

Town of Tuam

Election of Commissioners for the above Town in the year, 1905.

I, the undersigned, being Returning Officer at the above Election of Commissioners for the said Town of Tuam, do hereby give notice that the Candidates at the above Election have been duly elected Commissioners, whose names are ^{hereunder} given viz:-

James J. Begley,	Bishop Street	Tuam	Merchant
Patrick E. Carroll	High Street	Tuam	Merchant
James M. Donnell	Waterlode	Tuam	Merchant
Patrick Murphy	Shop Street	Tuam	Merchant
Michael C. Shue	Bishop Street	Tuam	Merchant & Auctioneer

Dated this 16th Day of January, 1905.

John Glynn, Returning Officer.

I, James J. Begley, having been chosen Commissioner for the Town of Tuam do hereby declare that I take the said office upon myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof to the best of my judgment and ability.

Made and Subscribed before me this

2nd Day of May 1905

John Glynn, Town Clerk.

James J. Begley

I, Patrick E. Carroll, having been chosen Commissioner for the Town of Tuam, do hereby declare that I take the said office upon myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof to the best of my judgment and ability.

Made and Subscribed before me this

23rd day of January 1905

John Glynn, Town Clerk.

Patrick E. Carroll

I, James M. Donnell, having been chosen Commissioner for the Town of Tuam, do hereby declare that I take said office upon myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof to the best of my judgment and ability.

Made and Subscribed before me this

23rd Day of January, 1905.

James M. Donnell

I, Patrick Murphy, having been chosen Commissioner for the Town of Tuam, do hereby declare that I take the said office upon myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof to the best of my judgment and ability.

Made and Subscribed before this

day of 1905

Patrick Murphy

I, Michael C. Shue, having been chosen Commissioner for the Town of Tuam, do hereby declare that I take the said office upon myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof to the best of my judgment and ability.

Made and Subscribed before me this

23rd day of January 1905

John Glynn, Town Clerk.

Michael C. Shue

I, James M. Donnell, having been chosen Chairman of the Commissioners for the Town of Tuam, do hereby declare that I take the said office upon myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof to the best of my judgment and ability.

Made and Subscribed before me this

23rd Day of January 1905

John Glynn, Town Clerk.

James M. Donnell

Monday, 23rd January, 1905.

Special Meeting to Elect a Chairman.

Commissioners present, Messrs James M'Donnell (Chairman of the Board), Michael O'Shine, Francis Meagher, Patrick Canavan, John Connelly, Francis Keane, Patrick Byrne, and P. O'Carroll,

M^r Shine proposed and M^r Canavan seconded that M^r James M'Donnell be re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

Passed unanimously,

M^r M'Donnell then signed his declaration as Chairman of the Board.

M^r Shine proposed and the Chairman seconded the following resolution which was passed unanimously:-

"That we, the Tuam Town Commissioners desire to convey to the family of the late Mr Thomas A Egan the expression of our deep sympathy. He was a gentleman many years a member of our Board and for a time its Chairman. His many services will be long ^{remembered} with gratitude."

Signed on behalf of the Board

James M'Donnell.

Chairman

Feb 7th 1905

Tuesday, 7th February, 1905

Monthly Meeting.

In the chair, Mr James M'Donnell (Chairman of the Board), subsequently, Mr Michael O'Shine. The other Commissioners present were Messrs Francis Keane, Patrick Byrne, Patrick Canavan, Patrick Murphy.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed

Treasurer's Account showed Balance against the Board £

Cheques were ordered and signed for

John Glynn	£ 3. 6. 8
Thomas Dwyer	2. 10. 0
James M'Donnell Esq	12. 10. 0
J Lenfor	2. 10. 0
D B Kirwan	1. 8. 0
Local Government Board	4. 5. 0
John Glynn for	
John Butler	£ 1. 5. 0
B. M. Hugh	1. 1. 8
T. Dwyer	10. 0
John Glynn	10. 0
M. S. Walsh	6. 0
John Silt	3. 10. 0
Mr Dwyer	7. 6
T. Dwyer	3. 0
J. Zimmerman	1. 5. 0
M. Jones	10. 0
D. Briham	7. 6
M. Reilly	7. 6
M. Dwyer	15. 0
L. Burke	10. 0. 0
B. M. Hugh	12. 10
Stockwell & Sons	5. 0
(Drawn in euros which sum was immediately re-logged with Treasurer:	21. 16. 0
See Bank Pass Book, 7th Feb, 1905.	15. 0. 0
	£ 36. 16. 0

£ 63. 5. 8

There were three tenders for Contract to repair the roof of the Town Hall according to specification from Thomas Forde, Slater, Tuam at £93, John Kelly, Corraghan, at £135 and Thomas Cleary Tuam at £120.

M^r Cleary came before the Board and agreed to reduce his tender to £100 and to do additional work, viz: All necessary repairs to the Clerk's office and stone work of the Clock Tower not mentioned in M^r Smith's specification, this additional work to be specified by Mr Smith, all the work to be done to his satisfaction, and Contractor to name two solvent sureties to join him in a bond for

the faithful performance of the Contract, the work to start on 14th April and finish on 14th June next.

Mr. Leary was then declared contractor unanimously.

A letter was read from Mr. Perry O. Surveyor enclosing copy of road Contractor's specification and stating he was of opinion that the road Contractor was bound to reasonably cleanse the footpaths at the Bridge and at the Potato Market.

Mr. Lawrence Burke tendered to sweep the Potato Market, Fish Market the footpaths along the Potato Market, Town Hall and the Bridge in Shop Street, for one year at £10, the Potato Market and Fish Market to be cleansed once a week and the footpaths once a day and the sweepings to be removed as soon as possible.

Mr. Burke's tender was accepted unanimously.

An application was read from a number of the residents of Shop Street for a crossing to be made between the Post office and Gloran's Bakery which was unanimously granted, Contractor for the work to be advertised for and tenders to be considered at the next monthly meeting.

It was also ordered to advertise for a Contractor to repair all the dilapidated street crossings tenders for the work to be considered at the next monthly meeting.

Mr. Shine gave the following notice: -

"Take notice that I or some member on my behalf will move at next monthly meeting that a crossing be made from the Town Hall to Guy's Hotel, Michael B. Shine, February 7th 1905."

A letter was read from Mrs. Egan, Dublin Road, thankfully acknowledging receipt of the Board's resolution of sympathy passed on the occasion of the death of her husband Mr. Thomas A. Egan.

An explanation was read from Committee Commercial Dancing Class which was accepted as satisfactory, viz: "That it was an oversight on the part of the members to hold class on the 22nd January 1905, in the Board room of the Town Hall, day of the burial of the late Mr. Thomas A. Egan, and no one regretted it more than the Committee themselves."

The Chairman said he would no longer exercise his privilege in giving the use of the Town Hall so that anyone requiring the Hall in future must apply to the Board for it.

Resolutions were read from several Councils protesting against the action of the Local Government Board in issuing the "Public Bodies Order, 1904," the order being an attempt on the part of that Board to acquire powers over Urban Councils and other bodies which they are not entitled to by law.

It was unanimously agreed that the Board join those bodies in protesting against the Order and calling for its withdrawal.

Mr. McDonnell vacated and Mr. Shine took the chair at this stage of the proceedings.

It was reported that the French Brothers owed £5.1.6 and John O'Connor £5.3.0 the latter having paid but 2/0 during the last month.

Ordered that the matter be brought on at next monthly meeting that steps be taken to properly deal with the defaulters.

Mr. Shine's notice of motion "to consider the advisability of improving the Town Hall by enlarging the Board room or in any other way the Board may decide" was allowed to drop, a contract being entered into for repairing the roof of the Town Hall etc.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Jas. McDonnell Chairman

March 7th, 1905.

Tuesday, April 4th, 1905.

Monthly Meeting

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell (Chairman of the Board), Francis Keane, John MacSheehy, Joseph A. Egan, Esq.; Patrick Casavan, and Francis Meagher.

Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed.

Treasurer's Account showed Balance against the Board, £

Cheques were ordered and signed for

John Egan	£3.6.8
Thomas Dwyer	2.10.0
Jas McDonnell Esq	12.10.0
Michael Shanphessy	4.0.0
B. K. O'Reilly	4.14.0
John Egan for	
John Butler	£1.5.0
B. McHugh	1.1.8
K. McHugh	1.0.0
Thos Dwyer	8.0
D. Crisham	10.0
B. McHugh	10.9
Michl Donelan	4.0
Michl Shanphessy	2.0.0
	£6.19.5
	£34.0.1

The Clerk was directed to write to the Railway Companies requesting them to provide plenty of wagons and other necessary accommodation for the May Three Days Fair, 8th, 9th and 10th, one of the most important in the Province.

Tuesday, 4th March, 1905.

Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell (Chairman of the Board), Michael C. Shine, Francis Keane, Patrick Canavan, Patrick E. Carroll, Francis Meagher,

Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed.

Treasurer's Account showed balance against the Board, £338.9.6

Cheques were ordered and signed for

John Glynn	£3.6.8
Thomas Dwyer	2.10.0
Geo McDonnell Esq	12.10.0
John Glynn	5.0.0
Thos McDonogh & Sons	8.2.10
John Glynn for	
John Butler	£1.5.0
Thos Dwyer	8.0
Bill Hugh	1.1.8
S French	12.6
Grt St W Ry Co	1.13.11
Michael Shaughnessy	14.0
Bill Hugh	12.6
Mrs Kennedy	8.6
M Jones	10.0
D Crisham	2.6
J Dwyer	1.6
	£4.10.1
	£38.19.7

Mr B. M. Hugh, Collector, reported that the amount due to the Board by John O'Connor for victualler's stall at the Meat Market, on previous Saturday, 4th inst, was £5.7.0, and by French Bros. for Cycle Depot, part of the Meat Market ground, to same date, £5.14.0.

Ordered that the Board's solr, Mr Henry Concanan be instructed to take proceedings to recover these arrears or take up possession of the premises mentioned.

Tender from Mr Michael Shaughnessy for making a new Crossing in Shop Street, from the Post Office to Cloran's Bakery Establishment, consisting of two lines of cut stone paved between, for the sum of four pounds (£4) was accepted, Messrs Shine, Keane and Canavan to superintend the work.

Mr Shine's motion to make a crossing from the Town Hall to opposite side (Bishop Street) was adjourned to next monthly meeting, location of the crossing to be defined in the meantime.

A series of resolutions, passed by Town Tenants Conference, in Dublin, on 7th ultimo, as a basis of Legislative Reform, in the Session of Parliament then opening, were received and, on the motion of Mr Shine, seconded by Mr Meagher, unanimously

adopted; Copies of same to be forwarded to Mr John C. Redmond M.P., Mr Pat O'Brien M.P., Mr William Field M.P., and to the M.P.s for the County and Borough of Galway.

An application was read from Dancing Class for use of Board Room for Saturday Evening, 25th March.

Granted for that night only, and on the condition that some responsible person will guarantee to the Board that the room will be given back by the Dancing Class in the state they get it in; and that the stage be not removed.

Mr Thomas Cleary submitted a specification of repairs to the Clerk's office and the Clock Tower, which he agreed to have included in his contract for the repairing of the Town Hall Roof subject to Mr Smyth's approval.

Ordered that the specification be sent to Mr Smyth, architect and, subject to his approval, included in Mr Cleary's contract according to agreement.

It was proposed by Mr Shine and seconded by Mr Keane and unanimously passed:

"That we, the Tuam Town Commissioners, hereby express heartfelt regret at the death of the Rev. Dr. Morrissey, Superior, Christian Schools, Tuam, who for many years, assiduously devoted his time and talent to the education of the youth of our town, with success redounding to the credit of the Institution as shown by results at the Intermediate and other examinations; and sympathy with the good Brothers on their loss of so genial and benign a Superior."

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

"That we, the Tuam Town Commissioners, consider the Public Order's Order, 1904, inapplicable to our business. We are not an Urban Council; we never levy a rate on the town, the tolls and customs of our fairs and markets being sufficient; and we have never sent minutes of our proceedings to the Local Government Board. There could be nothing simpler or more satisfactory than the method of our account-keeping, which has been in use since the town was incorporated under the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1854.

Therefore, we respectfully decline to adopt the new and elaborate system of the Public Order's Order, 1904, the carrying out of which would cause us much additional and needless trouble and expense.

And we also respectfully decline to send minutes of our proceedings to the Local Government Board.

"Copy of this Resolution to be forwarded to the Local Government Board."

Signed on behalf of the Board.

Jas. M. Dwyer, Chairman.

April 4th, 1905.

Tuesday, 4th April, 1905.

Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell (Chairman of the Board), Francis Keene, John MacPhelim, Joseph A. Glynn, Esq., Patrick Canavan, and Francis Meagher.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Treasurer's Account showed Balance against the Board £294. 7. 1

Cheques were ordered and signed for

John Glynn		£3.6.8
Thos Dwyer		2.10.0
Jas McDonnell Esq		12.10.0
Michael Shaughnessy		2.0.0
B. H. O. Reilly		4.14.0
John Glynn for		
John Butter	£11.5.0	
B. M. Hugh	1.1.8	
H. M. Hugh	1.0.0	
Thos Dwyer	8.0	
D. Crookham	10.0	
B. M. Hugh	10.9	
Michl Donelan	4.0	
Michl Shaughnessy	2.0.0	£6.19.5

£34.0.1

The clerk was directed to write to the Railway Companies requesting them to supply plenty of wagons and other necessary accommodation for the May three days Fair, one of the most important of the Province.

It was also ordered to write to Mr Henry Murphy, Agent, requesting him to have the passage to the Cloran portion of the Fair Green looked after before the next Fair as the wall was in parts down and required repairing.

Mr Patrick M. Hugh, Merchant, High Street, appeared before the Board and suggested that the Board take steps to get a few public urinals erected in the Town.

The Chairman said that the Board had no power in the matter and that the body to apply to was the Rural District Council who was the Sanitary authority.

On the motion of Mr Glynn it was unanimously passed that the Rural District Council of Tuam be requested to nominate the Tuam Town Commissioners as Sanitary Committee for the Town of Tuam under the Local Government Board Act 1898.

It was ordered to instruct the Board's solicitor Mr Henry Concanan to proceed against French Bros. and John O'Connor for possession of the portions they hold of the Mead Market as weekly tenants as they have failed to pay the rent.

It was also ordered that Mr B. M. Hugh do lodge in future rents of stall, hire of Town Hall &c, every month.

Mr Shines motion to make a crossing from the Town Hall to the opposite side of the street was further adjourned to next monthly meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Michael C. Shune Chairman.

May 2nd 1905

I Patrick M. Cahill having been co-opted Commissioner for the Town of Tuam do hereby declare that I take the said office on my self and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof to the best of my judgment and ability.

Made and subscribed before me this

2nd day of May 1905

John Glynn

Town Clerk

Patrick M. Cahill

Tuesday, 2nd May, 1905.

Monthly Meeting

Commissioners present, Messrs Michael C. Shine (in the chair), J. X. Glynn Esq., Patrick Murphy, Francis Keane, Francis Meagher, Michael Goggin, James J. Begley, John Connelly, Patrick Conaway, P. E. Carroll, Patrick Byrne and P. M. Cahill.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Treasurer's Account showed balance against the Board £306.17.1

Cheques were ordered and signed for

John Glynn	£3.6.8
Thomas Dwyer	2.10.0
James McDonnell Esq	12.10.0
Joseph Luffor	2.10.0
R. J. Kelly	12.10.0
E. P. O'Hanagan	21.7.6
O. St. Braddell	20.6.11
O. St. Braddell	11.5.3
Reps late M. Moran	7.10.0
Philip O'Connell	10.0.0
John Glynn for	
John Butler	£1.5.0
P. M. Hugh	1.1.8
L. Dwyer	8.0
John Glynn	10.0
Mary Connolly	1.0.0
P. M. Hugh	13.6
John Glynn	2.0.0
	£6.18.2
	£110.14.6

Mr Glynn proposed and Mr Connelly seconded that Mr P. M. Cahill be co-opted as Town Commissioner in room of the late Dr. J. E. Dowling.

Passed unanimously.

Mr Cahill read and signed his declaration as Commissioner and then took his seat at the Board.

The Chairman proposed a vote of condolence with the family of the late Dr. J. E. Dowling who was for many years a member of the Board and ~~also~~ with the family of the late Mr John O'Neill Donnellan who was connected with the Board through his son-in-law Mr Joseph A. Glynn Esq., also with Mr Francis Meagher, a member of the Board on the death of his child.

Passed unanimously.

The following letter was read:-

Tuam, 29th April, 1905.

Dear Sir, - I much regret I cannot be at the meeting of your Board on Tuesday. It has been conveyed to me that it is the desire of the people of Tuam that there should be three resident ^{medical} practitioners in our Town and that there should be three distinct appointments - one for the Workhouse, one for Tuam Dispensary No 1, and one for Tuam Dispensary No 2, and if that is the opinion of your body I should say that a meeting of the townspeople ought to be summoned and let them decide what course should be adopted. If requested I will summon a meeting.

Yours truly

John Glynn Esq

James McDonnell,

Mr Murphy proposed, Mr Connelly seconded, and it was unanimously passed - that the Chairman of the Board, Mr McDonnell, be requested to convene a meeting of the townspeople for the purpose of considering the advisability of recommending the Board of Guardians - owing to the death of Dr. Dowling - to appoint two doctors, one for the Workhouse, and one for Tuam Dispensary No 1, and thus have three doctors for Tuam District instead of two as hitherto, or leave the position as before.

The Chairman's (Mr Shine's) motion to make a crossing from Town Hall to opposite side of street was adjourned to next monthly meeting of the Board.

The Chairman proposed and Mr Keane seconded a resolution which was unanimously passed thanking the Irish Parliamentary Party for their exertions in connection with the Town Tenants' Bill, especially Mr Pat O'Brien who had charge of the Bill, Mr John Redmond & Mr Field M.P.'s, also Mr Briscoe, Secretary Town Tenants' Association.

A sum of £2 was ordered - to pay a mason that would be employed to repair Fair Green wall on South side of Mr O'Hanagan's portion of the Green.

Messrs Thomas Dwyer and John Shine were appointed Enumerators for the May Sheep and Cattle Fairs at £1 each per day.

Signed on behalf of the Board

James McDonnell.

Chairman

13th June 1905

Wednesday, 24th May, 1905.

A Special Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell (Chairman of the Board), Michael O'Shine, Joseph A Glynn Esq, John Mac Pheipin, Patrick Murphy, Patrick Byrne, P. M. Cahill, Francis Keane.

The meeting had been convened for the purpose of taking steps to obtain in future the railway facilities to which Tuam is entitled.

Mr Henry Concanan, the Board's solicitor, was present.

Mr Glynn proposed and Mr Shine seconded the following resolution which was unanimously passed—

"That in view of the fact that the Midland Great Western Ry Co. issue cheap monthly tickets over their system to Dublin, the Tuam Town Commissioners consider that the privilege ought to be extended to Tuam via Athlery and request the Midland Great Western Ry Co. to arrange the matter with the Gt S^r & W^m Railway

Copies of this resolution to be forwarded to the Chairman and Secretary Midland Gt S^r & W^m Ry Co., Chairman and Secretary Gt S^r & W^m Ry Co., Mr Percy B Bernard, Mr William Field M.P. and Sir Horace Plunkett.

Signed on behalf of the Board

James McDonnell. Chairman

13th June 1905

Tuesday, 6th June, 1905

No Commissioners attended today, so I adjourned to Tuesday, 13th instant

John Glynn
Town Clerk.

Tuesday, 13th June, 1905.

Adjourned Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell (Chairman of the Board), Michael O'Shine, Patrick Murphy, Francis Keane, Patrick Canavan, P. M. Cahill, Francis Meagher.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Treasurer's Account laid before the Board showed a balance ~~£281.2.4~~ £281.2.4

Cheques were ordered and signed for

John Glynn	£3.6.8
Thomas Dwyer	2.10.0
James McDonnell	12.10.0
Thomas Dwyer	2.0.0
John Shine	2.0.0
D. J. Kirwan & Sons	19.12.2
John Mac Pheipin	2.10.0
John Glynn for	
John Butler	£1.5.0
P. McHugh	1.1.8
Thomas Dwyer	12.0
Michael Shanagher	1.0.0
M. Jones	1.5.0
Das Finneerty	2.0
Michael Shanagher	16.0
Das Finneerty	4.10.0
John Hillary	1.6
John Glynn	1.2.0
Pat Gallagher	6.0
Martin Keane	6.0
Michael Shanagher	4.7.6
George French	12.6
John Murphy	3.0.0
	£20.7.2

£64.16.0

Mr Canavan proposed and Mr Murphy seconded the following resolution which was unanimously passed:—

"That this Board tender to Mr James McDonnell our chairman, our deepest sympathy in the lamented death of his sister, Mrs McDonogh, Dunmore, and that this Board adjourn without transacting any further business as a mark of respect for the deceased lady's memory. Copies of this resolution to be sent to Martin McDonnell Esq, Roscommon, Farrell McDonnell Esq, Dunmore and J. McDonogh Esq, Dunmore."

The Chairman having thanked the Board for their vote of sympathy said that before separating he wished to have read for them a letter which he had received from District Superintendent Gt Southern W^m Railway and also his (Chairman's) reply thereto for their approval.

The Clerk read the correspondence as follows:-

Tuam, June 2nd, 1905.

"Dear Sir, - With reference to what passed at the Tuam Commissioners' meeting on 24th ulto, I beg to inform you that we do not carry horses free to Race Meetings but they are sometimes announced as being so carried, and in such cases the Race Committee pay for the special train. As regards the Tuam meeting we were condemned before final arrangements were completed. As regards the action of the Midland Great Western, which so much has been made of, there is really nothing in it, seeing that their train is sure to be a success although fares are high, while in our case the receipts will be very small on account of the very low fares applied, therefore the Great Southern & Western will earn nothing on special to and from Sligo, and very little on the train from and to Limerick, not to speak of the expenses in working Dublin Passenger Special to and from Athlery, also specialising the horses from the latter point. With regard to the goods service, I think the Tuam Traders have little to complain of, seeing that goods delivered at any of our Dublin Stations before 6.0 p.m., are at Tuam Station by 9.0 a.m. next day, and to accomplish this the Sligo goods has to be used, and if stopped at Athlery would completely upset our arrangements for serving towns north of Tuam. We are therefore compelled to put on a second train which serves all Stations, Limerick to Tuam, and works traffic handed us by Midland Great Western Railway at Athlery, and if not delayed by that Company should reach Tuam at 1.0 p.m. I wish to further point out that we are giving Tuam three Dublin passenger train connections each way daily, and from 1st July to 16th September Tuam will have four services from Dublin on Tuesdays & Saturdays. Concerning our third class Carriages we are compelled to still retain some of the late Waterford & Limerick stock for the conveyance of harvestmen. I might also remind you that the working Company apart from the upkeep of a large staff has expended a great deal of money at Tuam Station, improving the accommodation for the better working of the Station your big fairs, and they have received no extra receipts therefrom or any expectation of such. For example from the last 10th May Fair the Midland Great Western got 115 wagons for their stations and the Great Southern & Western only 24. I think in justice to the Working Company you ought to read this letter at your next meeting and much oblige.

"James McDonnell Esq.,
Chairman, Tuam Town Commrs, Tuam.

"Yours truly
J. F. Miller."

To J. F. Miller Esq., District Superintendent,
Great Southern & Western Railway, Tuam:

"Dear Sir, - "Horses Free": No such statement was made, I said it was so advertised. "Tuam Meeting": The reply received was an absolute refusal. The Midland Great Western Railway have given us all the accommodation that could be expected, and you should certainly provide for a town on your own system - no thanks to you for that. With regard to the "Goods Service", you are quite aware that my statement is absolutely correct, and that ^{Dublin or} Galway goods forwarded over the Midland Great Western System the previous day are delivered in Tuam by 1 p.m. on the next day. As regards "Passenger Traffic", we had in the old days four trains to Dublin, at 6 a.m., 10 a.m., 2.50 p.m. 4 p.m., and if you have to use the old Carriages of the Waterford & Limerick Railway Co. I see no reason why they should be all imported into the Tuam Country. If the Great Southern & Western had only 24 wagons of Cattle out of the last Tuam Fair they have themselves to thank, for they did their business so very badly and caused such frightful inconvenience to buyers and sellers in general that it is no wonder they passed them by. And I have no hesitation in repeating that the goods and fair traffic were more efficiently managed in the days of the Waterford & Limerick Railway than they are today. Same time I wish to attach no blame to the Superintendent or Station Master, who are both excellent officers and do their duty as far as they are allowed.

"Yours very truly
James McDonnell."

The Board unanimously approved of the Chairman's reply and directed the Clerk to forward it to Mr Miller.

Annexed is copy of a letter which the Clerk said could not well remain over until next monthly meeting of the Board, unanswered:-

"Broadstone Station,

"Dublin, 8th June, 1905.

"Dear Sir, - I am in receipt of your letter of the 24th ulto, enclosing copy of resolution passed by the Tuam Town Commrs at their meeting on the 24th May 1905 regarding the issue of cheap tickets, monthly, from Tuam to Dublin. I am in communication with the Great Southern & Western Railway Co on the subject, and in the event of their agreeing to the proposal for the issue of those tickets via Athlery and Midland Great Western Railway, I shall be glad if you let me know what week day in each month your Commissioners would consider most suitable.

"Yours faithfully,
J. Tallow."

"John Glynn Esq.,
Tuam Commissioners office, Tuam."

Monday was decided to be ^{the} most suitable.

The Clerk said there was one other matter which it was necessary to bring under notice. There was a vacant seat, that of Mr E. P. O'Hanagan, Esq., through non-attendance, and should be filled within the current month or remain vacant until end of term.

The Chairman proposed and Mr Murphy seconded that Mr Peter J. O'Hanagan, brother of the outgoing member ~~member~~ be co-opted to fill the vacancy.

Passed unanimously.

Mr M. C. Shine's motion to make a crossing from Tuam Hall to opposite side of Street was further adjourned to next monthly meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

J. McDonnell. Chairman

4th July 1905

I, Peter J. O'Hanagan, having been co-opted Commissioner for the Town of Tuam do hereby declare that I take the said office on myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof to the best of my judgment and ability.

Made and subscribed before me this
4th day of July 1905
John Glynn
Town Clerk

Peter Joseph O'Hanagan.

Tuesday, 4th July, 1905.

Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs James M'Donnell (Chairman of the Board), Michael C. Shinn, John MacPhelim, Patrick Canavan, Peter J. O'Hanagan, Francis Meagher, Patrick Murphy, Patrick Byrne,

Mr O'Hanagan read and signed his declaration as San Commissioner.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed.

Treasurer's Account showed balance against the Board, £345.18.4

Cheques were ordered and signed for

John Glynn	£3.6.8
Thomas Dwyer	2.10.0
James M'Donnell	12.10.0
John Hoshy	3.0.2
John Glynn for	

John Butler	£1.5.0
Bill Hugh	1.1.8
Thos Dwyer (4.0)	0.4.0
H. McHugh	1.0.0
D. Crisham	10.0
J. Glynn	7.0
J. Hillary	1.6
M. Jones	1.0.0
Jas Gill	4.0
Michael Dwyer	1.10.0

£4.3.2

£28.10.0

Mr M.C. Shinn proposed and Mr P.J. O'Hanagan seconded that a crossing consisting of two lines of cut stone, paved between, be made from the Town Hall to the opposite side of the street.

Passed unanimously, Messrs Shinn, O'Hanagan and the Chairman to fix the points between which to make the crossing.

A communication was read from Secretary, Executive Town Tenants Association inviting delegates from the Board to attend the second annual Convention of the Association to be held in Dublin on 24th August next.

Appointment of delegates was postponed till next monthly meeting of the Board.

Mr Meagher proposed and Mr Shinn seconded the following resolution which was unanimously passed:—

"That as the Bill now before Parliament to reform some conditions of Town Tenants in Ireland has been formed on moderate and reasonable lines, it is of great importance to Irish Towns that it should be passed as originally

drafted and we respectfully urge members of the Committee on Law Courts of Justice and Legal Procedure who are in favour of the Town Tenants Reform to be in their places when the Bill comes back to the House for Third Reading, to insist as an essential to its acceptance on the re-instatement of the clause making the Bill retrospective."

The Chairman suggested and it was unanimously ordered that the Clerk obtain quotations for a water cart with a view to purchase one for the use of the Town.

A letter was read as follows from Martin M'Donnell acknowledging the receipt of the Board's vote of sympathy on the occasion of the death of his daughter, Mrs S. J. M'Donogh, Dunmore:—

Roscommon, June 25th, 1905.

To John Glynn Esq.,

Dear Sir, — Please, when opportunity permits, convey to the Commissioners my grateful acknowledgments of their vote of sympathy before me, with a hope that the time may be far in the distance before they meet unhappy trouble in their families or such trouble cross your path in life.

"Faithfully yours,"
M. M'Donnell.

The Chairman suggested that the Clerk ascertain if the Board could borrow money to purchase the Gas Works and if so that a Committee of the Board be appointed to consider the matter.

Mr Murphy read an extract supplied him by Mr P.J. O'Hanagan from Fair Green Lease with a view to show who is bound to keep the walls and gates of the Fair Green in proper repair.

It was agreed to refer the matter to Mr Henry Concanon, the Board's solicitor, and a Committee was appointed to look after the matter, viz: Messrs Shinn, Byrne, Murphy and Meagher.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Michael C. Shinn Chairman.

August 1st, 1905.

Tuesday, 1st August, 1905.

Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs McShine, P. Cahill, Patrick Canavan, Patrick Byrne and John Connelly.

On motion of Mr. Cahill seconded by Mr. Byrne, the Chair was taken by Mr. Shine.

Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed.

Treasurer's account was submitted showing balance against the Board £

Cheques were ordered and signed for

John Glynn	£ 3.6.8
Thos. Dunger	2.10.0
Joseph Lough	2.10.0
Geo. McDonnell	12.10.0
John A. O'Hanagan	11.0.7
John Glynn for	
John Butler	£ 1.5.0
P. McHugh	1.1.8
John Glynn	10.0
Matthew Jones	15.0
Martin Reilly	2.6
Geo. Gill	3.0
Sam Crisham	8.0
Michael Shanphueary	10.0
Matthew Jones	5.0
Matthew Jones	5.0
Mrs. Kennedy	8.6
D. Crisham	2.6
	£ 5.16.2

£ 37.13.5

The Chairman having remarked that on dark nights the previous week the lamps for all night had not been lighted nor had the dials of the Town Clock.

It was ordered that the lamps at the Square, Bridge in Shop Street and Mr. McDonnell's Corner, also the dials of the Town Clock be lighted the whole night in future.

A letter was read from Mr. Blake applying to have a lamp erected at his "Comacht Arms Hotel" Vicar Street. He was satisfied to pay for the Gas if the lamp was put up.

The matter was referred to the Gas Contractor who, if ^{and} read, would supply, at his own expense, the lamp required.

Complaint having been made that the wooden pens erected at the Fair Green for straying stock on Fairdays had been injured and some of the hurdles taken away,

It was decided to refer the matter to the Fair Green Committee and to empower them to get pens erected of stone and mortar with an iron gate to each instead of the wooden structures.

Manager Midland Great Western Railway wrote with reference to Board's resolution re cheap tickets between Tralee and Dublin during the summer season, stating that he had written twice to the Great Southern & Western Railway Co. asking them to co-operate with his Co. in the matter and got no reply on the subject.

The Board having been invited by Committee St. Jarlath Bazaar to appear in their corporate capacity at the formal opening of the Bazaar by the Archbishop on the 7th inst.,

It was agreed that all the Commissioners meet at the Town Hall on the 7th inst. at 11.30 a.m. and thence proceed in a body to the Bazaar Rooms.

A letter ^{having been} read from the Central Executive Town Tenants' Association at Dublin, on 24th inst., Messrs McDonnell, Shine and Cahill were unanimously appointed delegates to the annual Convention of the Association to be held on the 24th inst.

Annexed letter was read from the County Surveyor Galway:—

Galway, 18th July, 1905.

Dear Sir, — My attention has been directed to a house which is building on the Circular Road. I am of opinion that the work is illegal but it is a question more for the Commissioners or the landlord than for me. If the Town Commissioners are of opinion that action should be taken I shall report the matter to the Council otherwise I shall take no further notice of it.

I am very faithfully yours,

James Perry

The Town Clerk Tralee.

The Board having considered Mr. Perry's letter concluded that Mr. Keane was only improving the health and appearance of the locality by building on a site that had hitherto been a receptacle of nuisance; and having learned that Mr. Keane was erecting the house on foundation of one that stood there long ago the Board decided not to interfere with Mr. Keane's work but unanimously approved of it.

Schedule of Tolls and Customs and list of Fairs submitted for revision were unanimously adopted unaltered for the ensuing year.

Wednesday, 16th instant, was fixed for a special meeting of the Board to consider tenders for the Tolls and Customs for year ending 28th Sept 1906, the following paragraph to be included in the advertisement:—

The person whose tender is accepted for the year can have a lease of the said Tolls and Customs for three years consecutively at the same amount per year and on the same conditions as aforesaid.

Mr. P. McHugh, Collector, reported that John O'Connor owed £6.9.0 for Victuals, Stall and was making no payment.

A further extension of a month was given to O'Connor to pay.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Sept 5th 1905

Michael C. Shine

Chairman

Wednesday, 16th August, 1905.

Special Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs M. Donnell (Chairman of the Board), M. C. Shine, James J. Begley, John Connelly, Francis Keane, Michael Coggins, Francis Meagher, Patrick Conanan, Patrick Byrne, Patrick Murphy, John MacPhelin, Peter O'Hanagan.

The business of the Meeting was to receive and consider tenders for the Tolls and Customs for year ending 28th September 1906.

The Clerk read advertisement, and Circular convening the Meeting.

There were two tenders; one from Mr John Murphy at £620; the other from Mr Thomas Nolan at £625, with sureties Messrs Samuel Lynam and John Tierney Belmont.

Mr Nolan's tender was unanimously accepted.

According to advertisement Mr Nolan had the option of taking a lease for three years consecutively at the same amount (£625) per year but after a half an hour which he had asked to consider he decided to take lease for one year only.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Michael C Shine Chairman.

Sept 5th 1905

Tuesday, 5th September, 1905

Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs Michael C Shine (in the chair), John MacPhelin, James J. Begley, John Connelly, Michael Coggins, Francis Meagher,

Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed.

Treasurer's Account showed Balance against the Board, £

Cheques were ordered and signed for

John Glynn	£3.6.8
Thos Dwyer	2.10.0
James M. Donnell	12.10.0
E. P. O'Hanagan	21.7.6
Thos M. Donogh & son	9.3.7
R. J. Kelly	12.10.0
John MacPhelin	2.10.0
John Glynn for	
John Butler	£1.5.0
P. M. Hugh	1.1.8
J. Dwyer	4.0
G. French	12.6
O'Connell Murphy & Boland	10.0
John Glynn	1.0.5
D. Crisham	6.0
Ed. & W. By Co	1.3.11
Jas Timerty	12.0
D. Crisham	5.0
M. Jones	1.12.6
M. Thompson (£3.0.0)	1.2.6
D. Crisham (£12.0)	3.0.0
R. Mullin	10.0
Inspr of W. & W. Messrs	5.11
John Murphy	5.0.0
	£18.11.5

£82.9.2

The Chairman (Mr Shine) proposed and Mr Coggins seconded the following resolution which was passed unanimously:-

"That we, the Town Commissioners, desire to convey to our Colleague Mr Joseph A. Glynn and the members of his family our sincere sympathy in the sad affliction caused by the death of his daughter."

Messrs John Shine and Thomas Dwyer were unanimously appointed enumerators for the September and October Fairs at the usual remuneration, £1 each, per day.

Mr. E. J. Conanan appeared before the Board and strongly objected to the Board's Minute on County Surveyor's letter in reference to shed recently built on Dublin Circular Road by Mr Francis Keane.

The matter was adjourned to next monthly meeting for consideration.

Two tenders were received for the annual printing and advertising Contract but the Contracting not having been advertised in any newspaper it was ordered unanimously to hand back the tenders unopened and to have the Contract duly advertised.

Mr John Burke of Galway Road, Tuam, came before the Board and drew attention to contract entered into with Tuam District Council by a member of the Board, Mr John Connelly, to make a footpath on Galway Road, Tuam, and urged the Board to see that the Contract be carried out without delay.

The Matter was postponed till next monthly meeting of the Board.

Signed on behalf of the Board,
 Michael C. Shine Chairman.

2nd October, 1905.

Tuesday, 3rd October, 1905.

Monthly Meeting:

Commissioners present, Messrs Michael C. Shine (in the chair), John MacPhlipin, Patrick Canavan, Michael Higgins, John Connelly, P. O'Hanagan, Francis Keane and P. McNeill

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed

Treasurer's Account showed Balance against the Board, £

Cheques were ordered and signed for

John Glynn	£ 3.6.8
Thos Dwyer	2.10.0
Jas M'Donnell	12.10.0
Messrs M'Donnell & Co	6.14.8
P. Henderson	9.6
John Glynn for	
John Butler	£ 1.5.0
B. M. Hugh	1.1.8
H. M. Hugh	1.0.0
Thos Dwyer	6.0
D. Crisham	10.0
John Glynn	16.10
Baird & Co	18.0
Thos Dwyer	1.0.0
John Shine	1.0.0
John Silke	12.6
Luke Mullin	18.0
Michl Shaughnessy	3.10.0
M. Jones	1.12.6
D. Crisham	1.0.0
J. Timerty	12.0
J. Glynn	1.2.4
	£ 17. 4. 10
	£ 42. 15. 8

Mr O'Hanagan proposed, Mr Keane seconded and it was unanimously passed that an Order Book be got, and that each order, given between Board Meetings, be signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.

Mr J. A. Walsh, Proprietor "Western People", Ballina, tendered for the advertising Contract at £5 for one year, Mr John MacPhlipin, Proprietor "Tuam News" tendered for the printing Contract at £8 for one year. Mr R. J. Kelly, Proprietor, "Tuam Herald" tendered for the Printing Contract at £10 for one year, and for the advertising Contract at £10 for one year.

The tenders of Messrs Walsh and MacPhlipin being informal consent in writing of two sureties to join in a bond for fulfillment of the contracts not accompanying them and Mr Kelly's tenders being the highest, it was ordered to re-advertise both contracts fresh tenders for same to be considered on that day week (10th instant).

A letter was read from Messrs J. A. Glynn and John Hogan, Hon Secs, Tuam Branch Gaelic League applying for exclusive use of the Board Room on certain evenings, each week for the purpose of holding Classes for the study of the Irish Language, and of giving Irish entertainment, etc.,

Mr O'Hanagan proposed, Mr Keane seconded the following resolution which was unanimously passed:—"That the Gaelic League get the use of the Board Room from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Mondays and from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays and one Sunday during the month provided the Room is not required for any other purpose by the Commissioners."

Messrs M. J. Browne and R. Egan applied on behalf of the Commercial Young Men of the Town for use of the Board Room for the purpose of holding a practice dance on all evenings when the Room is not required for any other purpose.

Granted unanimously, on the motion of Mr O'Hanagan seconded by Mr Canavan.

Michael Shaughnessy tendered to erect two pens at the Fair Green, of stone and mortar, for straying stock on Fair Days, with an iron gate to each pen, for the sum of Ten pounds (£10)

Mr Murphy having said he would give use of pen already built on Tullmadaly Road and provide a specification for repairing wall between the Fair Green and the "Tree Plot" Gardens on same Road, Shaughnessy's tender was adjourned to Tuesday, 10th inst, for Consideration.

Consideration of the Galway Road projected Footpath was also adjourned to the same day

Mr E. J. Concanan appeared before the Board and his objection to the Board's minute on the County Surveyor's letter as to shed recently built on Circular Road by Mr Francis Keane, was referred to but the Board made no order regarding it.

Messrs Thomas Dwyer, Cramer, and John Butler, Asst-Cramer, were ordered £2 each for usual biennial winter overcoat

The Board adjourned to Tuesday, 10th instant,

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Chairman.

Nov 7th, 1905.

Tuesday, 10th October, 1905.

Adjourned Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs Michael O'Shine (in the chair), John MacPhlipin, P O'Hanagan, Francis Keane and Patrick Murphy.

Michael Shughnessy's tender, adjourned from the last meeting day, for erecting two pens on the Fair Green for straying stock on Fair Days, was read.

Mr Murphy said that the pen he was giving for the purpose wanted only a door which could be easily made, and but one pen was then needed, a specification for which should be got.

Shughnessy's Tender was then put aside.

It was ordered that the Town Inspector, Mr McHugh, do employ a few men to repair before next Fair Day, the Fair Green wall on the Ballypaddy Road side.

On the motion of Mr O'Hanagan, seconded by Mr Keane the tender of Mr John MacPhlipin Proprietor "Tuam News" for executing all printing (except Crane Dockets) required by the Board for one year from 5th September 1905, at £8, and that of Mr R J Kelly, Proprietor "Tuam Herald" for publishing in Irish and English all advertisements issued in English by the Board for one year from 5th Sept 1905 - he (Mr Kelly) to translate the English into Irish and to print the translation in Irish letters - according to the Board's advertisement, - for the sum of £10, were unanimously accepted.

It was ordered that Mr Perry, County Surveyor, be asked to supply a specification for Galway Road Footpath for which the Rural District Council has granted £40.

Mr John Hamilton applied for and was unanimously granted the use of the Board Room for ^{in Economic} Day Classes which he was to teach in Tuam on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Mr Thomas Dwyer, Crumor, was granted, same as last year, £2.10.0 for a man to fill Crane Dockets at the Potato Market for six months - to be given ^{him} in advance.

The following letter was read:-

"Beech House, Tuam, Oct 2nd 1905.

"Dear Mr Glynn, - I am in receipt of your letter, enclosing copy of resolution of sympathy of the Tuam Town Commissioners in the loss of my little girl. Will you please convey to the Commissioners my warmest thanks for their very kind expression of regret.

"Yours faithfully, "J A Glynn."

"John Glynn, Town Clerk, Tuam."

Signed on behalf of the Board

J. O'Hanagan

Chairman

November 7th, 1905.

Tuesday, 7th November, 1905.

Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDermott (Chairman of the Board), John Connolly, Patrick Lamagan, P L Carroll, M O'Shine, P O'Connell, P O'Hanagan and Francis Keane.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

The Treasurer's Account produced, showed balance against the Board £

Cheques were ordered and signed for

John Glynn	£3.6.8
Thomas Dwyer	2.10.0
Joseph Linfer	2.10.0
Jas McDermott Esq	12.10.0
Peps M. Clonan	7.10.0
Thos Dwyer	2.0.0
John Butler	2.0.0
Thos Dwyer	2.0.0
Propri "Cornamoyl Champion"	7.0
Thos Dwyer	2.10.0
O H Praddell	11.7.5
Thos McDermott & Son	12.0
D J Kirwan & Son	11.19.5
McDermott & Co	2.1.3

John Glynn for

John Butler	£1.5.0
P O'Connell	1.1.8
Thos Dwyer	10.0
Mary Connolly	1.0.0
John Glynn	10.0
John Shine	2.0.0
Michael Burke	6.0
D. Crisham	5.0
Lutie Mullin	10.0
McShughnessy	3.0.0
M Jones	1.10.0
P J Finerty	1.10.0
Mrs Kennedy	8.6
Michl Reilly	2.6
M Jones	2.6
William Reilly	2.0
John Keane	5.0
P O'Connell	5.0
McShughnessy	4.0.0

£18.13.2

£81.16.11

Mr. John Connelly proposed and Mr. Patrick Caravan seconded the following resolution which was unanimously passed: -
 "That we, the members of the Tuam Town Commissioners, tender to our Chairman, Mr. McDonnell, a vote of Condolence on the death of his father, Mr. Martin McDonnell, Dunmore, and that we adjourn this Board without transacting any business as a mark of respect, and that copies of this resolution be sent to our Chairman and Mr. Farrell McDonnell, Dunmore."

Mr. Shine proposed and the chairman seconded the following resolution which was adopted unanimously: -
 "That we, the Tuam Town Commissioners, hereby express regret at the death of Mr. Patrick Cullen who had been Chairman of our Board for many years, and tender to Mr. Cullen and family our sympathy and condolence in their sad bereavement. And that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mrs. Cullen."

The Board then adjourned.

Signed on behalf of the Board.

for Mr. McDonnell. Chairman

December 5th 1905

Tuesday, 5th December, 1905.

Monthly Meeting

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell (Chairman of the Board), P. O'Hanagan, J. A. Glynn, Esq.; Patrick Byrne, Francis Keane and P. M. Cahill.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Cheques were ordered and signed for

John Glynn	£ 3.6.8
Thos Dwyer	2.10.0
Gas McDonnell	12.10.0
John MacPhisqui	2.0.0
John Glynn for	
John Butler	£ 1.5.0
B. M. Hugh	1.1.8
J. Dwyer	8.0
J. French	12.6
Mrs. Kennedy	8.6
Thos Murphy	2.6
B. M. Hugh	7.10
J. Dwyer	1.0
	£ 4.7.0

£ 24.13.8

The following letter was read and considered: -
 "Tuam, 5th Dec, 1905.

To James McDonnell Esq. C.T.C.
 "Dear Sir, - We are directed by the North Galway Election Committee re the Candidature of Mr. Thomas Higgins to apply to your Board for the use of the Town Hall to hold their meetings and trust you will see your way to meet them in the matter."
 Yours faithfully,
 J. Glynn }
 D. Grealy } Mr. Secs."

The application was unanimously granted, - not to the exclusion of others who may want the hall for meetings in support of other candidates.

Mr. Glynn proposed and Mr. Keane seconded the following resolution which was unanimously passed: -
 "That in consequence of the action of the Great Southern & Western Railway Co. in refusing to accept parcels addressed in Irish, as the Tuam Town Commissioners, appeal to all traders and others to have all goods etc., consigned to or by them, carried whenever practicable by other routes, in order to show this Company that it cannot with impunity insult the Irish Nation by endeavouring to ignore the Irish Language. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Chairman Great Southern & Western Railway Co. and the Secretary Gaelic League, Dublin."

The Chairman proposed and Mr. O'Hanagan seconded the following resolution which was unanimously adopted: -

"That we, the Tuam Town Commissioners, hereby express our most heartfelt sympathy and condolence with our esteemed colleague Mr. Patrick Caravan on the melancholy death affliction that has befallen him and his family through the premature death of his beloved wife and that we adjourn without doing any business, as a mark of respect to the memory of the lamented deceased."

The Board then adjourned accordingly

Signed on behalf of the Board

Michael C. Shine Chairman

20th January 1906

Form No. 8.

Notice of Result of Election

Town of Tuam

Election of Commissioners for the above Town in the year, 1906.

I, the undersigned, being the Returning officer at the Election for the said Town, do hereby give notice that the Candidates at the Election whose names are entered hereunder have been elected Commissioners :-

Patrick Byrne	Vicar Street Tuam	Merchant
Patrick Canavan	Bishop Street Tuam	Merchant
Michael Giggins	The Mall Tuam	Merchant
Francis Keane	Dublin Road Tuam	Merchant
John MacPhilpin	Waterlode Place Tuam	Newspaper Proprietor

Dated this 16th Day of January, 1906.

John Glynn, Returning officer.

I, Patrick Byrne, having been chosen Commissioner for the Town of Tuam hereby declare that I take the said office upon myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability.

Made and subscribed before me this 23rd Day of January 1906 John Glynn, Town Clerk.

Patrick Byrne

I, Patrick Canavan, having been chosen Commissioner for the Town of Tuam hereby declare that I take the said office upon myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability.

Made and subscribed before me this 23rd Day of January 1906 John Glynn Town Clerk.

Patrick Canavan

I, Michael Giggins, having been chosen Commissioner for the Town of Tuam hereby declare that I take the said office upon myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability.

Made and subscribed before me this 23rd Day of January 1906 John Glynn Town Clerk.

Michael Giggins

I, Francis Keane, having been chosen Commissioner for the Town of Tuam hereby declare that I take the said office upon myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability.

Made and subscribed before me this 23rd Day of January 1906 John Glynn Town Clerk.

Francis Keane

I, John MacPhilpin, having been chosen Commissioner for the Town of Tuam hereby declare that I take the said office upon myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability.

Made and subscribed before me this 3rd Day of April 1906 John Glynn Town Clerk.

John MacPhilpin

I, James MacDonnell, having been chosen Chairman of the Commissioners for the Town of Tuam, hereby declare that I take the said office upon myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability.

Made and subscribed before me this 23rd Day of January 1906 John Glynn, Town Clerk.

James MacDonnell

Tuesday, 2nd January, 1906,

Monthly Meeting:

Commissioners present, Messrs Michael O'Shine (in the chair),
Michael Giggins, Francis Keane, Francis Meagher, P.M. Cahill, Patrick Byrne,
Francis P.P. Flanagan, Patrick Byrne Murphy, Patrick E. Carroll.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Cheques were asked and signed for —

John Glyn	£ 3.6.8
W.D. Dwyer	2.10.0
Jas McDonnell Esq.	12.10.0
P Henderson, Income Tax Coll.	19.8.0
P. H. O'Killy,	3.0
"Western People", Ballina	7.6
W.D. Egan	11.5.0
John A. O. Flanagan	11.7.5
John Glyn for	
John Butler	£ 1.1.8
P.M. Hugh	1.5.0
W.D. Dwyer	10.0
D. Crisbam	10.0
H. McHugh	1.0.0
W.D. Murphy	2.6
P. McHugh	5.6
John Connolly	2.0
Mrs Kennedy	8.6
	£ 5.5.2
	£ 66.2.9

A deputation from Dancing Class appeared before the Board, requesting use of the Board Room, which was granted, for Sunday night, 7th inst., until 12 o'clock, and on Saturday night, 13th inst. — for a dance.

Application was also made by the Unam Boinch Gaelic League for permission which was granted, to hold a concert in the Board Room on the night of the 8th and 9th inst.

Motions to make a crossing on the Mall, from Miss Blake's to St Mary's Cathedral gate, and a crossing from Corner of Town Hall to Mr Giggins's Shop, Bishop Street, were adjourned.

Mr Giggins proposed, Mr Carroll seconded and it was unanimously ordered that a gas bracket lamp be erected and lighted at the Mall, opposite Schoolhouse.

Application for erecting a gas lamp at Barrack Street was again referred to the Chairman (Mr McDonnell) for consideration.

Mr Keane proposed and Mr Giggins seconded the following resolution which was seconded by Mr C which was unanimously adopted:—

"That on and after this date, 2nd January, 1906, the Town Council will, other things being equal, insist on a practical knowledge of Irish being shown by Candidates for all positions in their gift."

Mr Lawrence Burke, Road Contractor, appeared before the Board, stating that the sewer grates of the Town were too small being only 10 in x 11 in, while they should at least be 18 in x 16 in.

The Clerk was directed to write to Mr Perry, Co Surveyor on the matter.

Four delegates from the Board having been invited to Convention to be held on 4th inst, for selecting a Parliamentary Candidate for North Galway, Messrs Carroll, Byrne, Keane, and Shine were deputed to attend it.

It was ordered to provide and ~~not~~ put up in the several streets name plates of Fire plugs similar to specimen to be seen with Mr Shine.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Jas. McDonnell

Chairman.

Feb 6th 1906.

Tuesday, 23rd January, 1906.

Special Meeting to Elect Chairman.

Commissioners present Messrs James McDonnell (outgoing chairman presiding), Francis Keane, Patrick Byrne, Mr Shine, J. D. Bealey, Francis Meagher, Patrick Murphy, P. E. Carroll, Michael Giggins.

Mr Shine proposed and Mr Murphy seconded that Mr James McDonnell be re-elected Chairman of the Board for the ensuing year.

Passed unanimously.

Signed on behalf of the Board.

Jas. McDonnell

Chairman

Feb 6th 1906

Tuesday, 6th February, 1906.

Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs James Mc Donnell (Chairman of the Board), Michael C Shime, Patrick M Cahill, Francis Keane, Francis Mcgor, Patrick Murphy, P J O'Hanagan, John Connelly,

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Cheques were ordered and signed for

John Flynn	R 3.6.8
Thos Dwyer	2.10.0
Jas Mc Donnell	12.10.0
Joseph Mcgor	2.10.0
P B Hurwom	1.8.0
Lawrence Burke	10.0.0
John Flynn	5.0.0
H J Concanon	30.9.1
John Hasty	3.2.7
John Flynn for	
John Butler	L 1.5.0
Bill Hugh	1.1.8
J Dwyer	10.0
J Flynn	10.0
Michl Shoughnessy	1.15.0
L Crisham	2.6
Mrs Kennedy	8.6
B M Hugh	8.8
Michael Reilly	7.6
Daniel McCoy	7.0
	£ 6.15.10
	£ 47.12.40

Mr Lawrence Burke was again declared Contractor for Cleansing the Potato Market, Fish Market, the footpath along the Potato Market, the Bridge in Shop Street, as specified at Page 555, for one year, at same sum as last year, £10.

A letter was read from Tuam Amateur Dramatic Society, requesting use of Board Room for three or four nights of the week for rehearsals of play they were to stage in or about Easter week.

Granted, provided the Dramatic Society did not clash with other Societies already given the privilege of using the room.

The Chairman proposed and it was ordered —

"That the clerk write to the Postmaster General asking him to accelerate the delivery of English and Scotch letters which leave Euston by the late train so that the letters might be delivered in Tuam at 2.30 pm. instead of the present hour 6 pm, which is too late for business purposes."

Mr Shime proposed and Mr Keane seconded the following resolution which was unanimously passed: —

"That we the Tuam Town Commissioners, having learned with pleasure that Mr Farrell Mc Donnell, at the request of a large number of electors, has consented to contest North Galway in the Nationalist interest we do hereby approve of his candidature and promise him our support. We believe, if elected, the Constituency would have in Mr Mc Donnell a worthy representative. Copies to be sent to Mr Mc Donnell, Mr John E Desmond, M.P., Mr Devlin M.P., Sec U D L Directory and Mr Patrick Timothy, Sec, North Galway U D L Executive."

Proposed by Mr Patrick Murphy, seconded by the Chairman and passed in silence: —

"That we, the Tuam Town Commissioners beg to convey to the family of the late Mr Thomas Higgins, an expression of our heartfelt regret at his death and of our sincere sympathy in their melancholy bereavement. Copies of this resolution to be sent to Mrs Higgins Monica and Mrs James Whilly, Tuam."

Signed on behalf of the Board

Michael C Shime

Chairman.

March 6th, 1906.

Monday, 19th February, 1906.

A Special meeting was held on above day at 3.00 pm, for the purpose of appointing four delegates to U D L Convention on 20th Feb, 1906, for the selection of a Candidate for North-Galway Parliamentary vacancy

Commissioners present — Messrs James Mc Donnell (Chairman of the Board), Michael C Shime, Francis Keane, John MacPhispi, John Connelly, P E Carroll, Patrick Canavan, Patrick Murphy, P M Cahill, Patrick Byrne,

The following, proposed by Mr Murphy, seconded by Mr Keane, were unanimously appointed as delegates to the Convention: —

Messrs Michael C Shime, Patrick Canavan, John Connelly, and Patrick Byrne.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Michael C Shime

Chairman

March 6th, 1906.

Tuesday, 6th March, 1906.

Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners present were Messrs Michael C. Shine, Patrick Canavan, John Connolly, J. A. Glynn, P. J. O'Hanagan, Patrick Byrne, Francis Keane, Patrick Murphy, & Carroll.

On the motion of Mr Glynn, seconded by Mr Byrne, the Chair was taken by Mr Shine.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Cheques were ordered and signed for

John Glynn		£ 3.6.8
J. Dwyer		2.10.0
Jas. M. Donnell		12.10.0
P. J. O'Hanagan		21.7.6
John Mac Phelim		2.0.0
R. J. Kelly		3.0.0
John Glynn for		
John Butler	£ 1.5.0	
W. M. Hugh	11.8	
J. Dwyer	8.0	
G. French	12.6	
M. Shanahan	21.8.3	
W. Stockwell	6.0	
M. Shanahan	5.0	
Luke Mullen	7.6	
Jas. Dinnerty	3.0	
W. M. Hugh	11.7	
		£ 74.8.6
		£ 54.2.8

Mr. J. Egan again applied for £30.10 price of cut stone supplied for new crossing constructed between Mr Meagher's and Mr. Popley's in Shop Street.

Ordered that the matter be deferred for Mr Egan's attendance before the Board as they would insist on being refunded by him a portion of the cost of the work, he having necessitated same by ripping up the old crossing.

A Deputation appeared before the Board from the Gaelic League suggesting that steps be taken for the proper observance of St. Patrick's Day as a national holiday.

It was decided to call a meeting of the traders for that evening in the Town Hall to consider the subject.

A letter was read from Mrs. James Mahilly, Inam, acknowledging receipt of the Board's letter of sympathy with her on the death of her late brother, Mr. Thomas Mahilly M.P.

A Communication was read from Mr. Farrell McDonnell, Dunmore returning thanks for the Board's resolution recommending him as Parliamentary Candidate for North Galway Division and assuring him of their most strenuous support.

Secretary to Postmaster-General acknowledges receipt of the Board's letter of the 9th inst. requesting acceleration of the delivery of letters in Inam from Inam Station etc.

Mr. P. M. Hugh, Tom Snapp, reported that John D'Conor owed the Board £8 for a victualer's stall held by him at a shilling a week.

Ordered that Mr. Concan, the Board's debt, be instructed to take proceedings for possession of the stall.

The Chairman (Mr. Shine) brought under notice the necessity of erecting a fire place at the Fire Station in order to have the fire hose kept dry. It would be done for a few pounds.

Mr. Murphy suggested and it was ordered first to try an oil stove which could be got for £1 or 30/-

Mr. John Burke of the "Inam Herald" appeared before the Board to direct their attention to projected footpath for Galway Road for which £40 was granted by the District Council and tender for which was accepted from a member of the Board, Mr. Connolly.

The sum (£40) being considered inadequate, Mr. J. A. Glynn suggested a direct application to be made to the County Council, at their meeting in May, for an increase, and, in the meantime, get a specification for the work from Mr. Perry, Co. Surveyor.

Mr. Keane proposed, Mr. Byrne seconded, and it was unanimously passed —
"That we congratulate Mr. James McDonnell on his election as Chairman of the District Council and Board of Guardians."

Signed on behalf of the Board,

J. M. Donnell.

Chairman

April 3rd 1906

Tuesday, 3rd April, 1906.

Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs James M^cDonnell (Chairman of the Board), Michael C. Shine, Patrick Canavan, James J. Boyle, John MacPhisipin, Francis Keane, Patrick Murphy, P. M. Cahill.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Cheques were ordered and signed for

John Glynn		£ 3. 6. 8
Thomas Dwyer		2. 10. 0
James M ^c Donnell		12. 10. 0
P. H. O'Keilly		4. 14. 0
John Glynn for		
John Butler	£ 1. 5. 0	
B. M ^c Hugh	1. 1. 8	
J. Dwyer	8. 0	
H. M ^c Hugh	1. 0. 0	
B. Crisham	10. 0	
J. M ^c Phisipin	18. 0	
B. M ^c Hugh	12. 10	
Mrs Kennedy	8. 6	
J. O'Brien	2. 0	
M. Shanahan	10. 0	
B. Crisham	10. 0	£ 7. 6. 0
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		£ 30. 6. 8

Following letter was read from Agent, Cloran's Estate :-
 "St Francis Street, Galway,
 16th March 1906,

"Dear Sir, Cloran's Estate: I beg to inform you that the lease of the Fish Market, Egan's Lane, Tuam has expired, and would be glad that you would make arrangements for handing over possession, if you do not intend to make a proposal for a new tenancy.
 Yours faithfully,
 Henry M. A. Murphy."

"The Chairman
 "Tuam Town Commissioners
 "Tuam."

Ordered that Mr. Murphy be asked to state the terms on which the Board could have a new tenancy of the said Fish Market.

It was ordered that Mr. B. M^cHugh, Collector of Meat Stall rents, hand in at each monthly meeting of the Board a statement of what (if any) rent the Meat Stall occupiers owe to date.

Mr. B. M^cHugh, Caretaker of Board Room, Town Hall, etc, was ordered to keep the door of same locked while the Board Room is not used.

Also ordered that Contract for repairing Roof of Town Hall etc be advertised, tenders to be considered at next monthly meeting of the Board, 1st May.

And that Mr. Perry, Co. Surveyor, be asked for a specification and estimate of Galway road Footpath, Tuam, with a view to apply to the County Council for an additional grant necessary to do the work.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Michael C. Shine Chairman

May 1st 1906.

Tuesday, 1st May, 1906.

Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs M. C. Shine (in the chair), P. J. O'Donovan, P. Carroll, Francis Meagher, Patrick Canavan, ~~James M^cHugh~~, Patrick Canavan, Francis Keane, Patrick Murphy, Patrick Byrne.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed.

Cheques were ordered and signed for

John Glynn		£ 3. 6. 8
Thos. Dwyer		2. 10. 0
James M ^c Donnell		12. 10. 0
Joseph Lemp		2. 10. 0
Rips of M. Moran		7. 10. 0
Philip O'Connell		10. 0. 0
M. Bradwell		10. 18. 2
Local Govt Bd		4. 5. 0
John Glynn for		
John Butler	£ 1. 5. 0	
B. M ^c Hugh	1. 1. 8	
J. Dwyer	8. 0	
J. Glynn	10. 0	
J. M ^c Boyle	8. 0	
Mary Connolly	1. 0. 0	
J. Glynn	1. 6	
Mrs Kennedy	8. 6	
B. M ^c Hugh	4. 0	£ 5. 6. 8
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		£ 58. 16. 6

Attention having been called to the fact that for some time past the Town Clock was left in darkness, it was ordered that the Caretaker (Mr Fenfor) be directed to have it lighted all night in future as agreed by the Contractor for lighting.

There being no tender, it was ordered to re-advertise the Contract for repairing the Town Hall Roof, etc and consider tenders on that day week, 8th inst.

Messrs O'Hanrahan, Canavan, and other members having complained that the streets were in a dirty state during the previous week, it was ordered that the County Surveyor's attention be directed to the matter.

Mr B McHugh, Collector, reported that the French Bros' owed £8.9.0, rent of part of Meat Market used by them as Cycle Depot, and that decree was obtained as Petty Sessions, the day before, to take possession of Meat Hall, held by John O'Connor at one shilling per week, he owing arrears to the amount of £27.8.0.

It was ordered that the French Bros' be asked to appear at next meeting before any proceedings be taken to get up possession of the premises to see what arrangement they would make to reduce the arrears.

The Board adjourned to that day week, 8th inst.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Michael C Shone Chairman.

June 5th 1906.

Tuesday, 8th May, 1906.

Adjourned Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs Michael C Shone (in the Chair), Francis Keane, Michael Goggin, Patrick Murphy, Patrick Byrne, P E Carroll, and John Connelly.

Specification of the Work of repairing the Town Hall Roof, Clock Tower, and the Clerk's office, furnished by Mr John O'Flake, A.M. & C.E., and published advert of the Contract having been read,

Two tenders were read: one from Mr Tobias McHugh at £125, and allowing £2.10.0 for old lead of the roof; the other from Mr John Patterson at £145 and allowing £1.10.0 for the old lead; each giving solvent sureties.

On the motion of Mr Murphy seconded by Mr Carroll, Mr McHugh's tender was unanimously accepted, the Contract to be completed by the 31st of July next.

(One of the French Bros' (Henry) appeared before the Board and undertook on their part to pay seven shillings a week regularly until the arrears of rent be cleared off.

Signed on behalf of the Board.

June 5th 1906

Michael C Shone

Chairman

Friday, 1st June, 1906.

A Special Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell (in the Chair), Michael C Shone, Patrick Canavan, P M Cahill, Jas J Pepley, John Connelly, Patk Byrne, P J O'Hanrahan, Francis Keane, J A Glynn, J Meagher, Michael Goggin.

The Chairman proposed and Mr Glynn seconded the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:—

"That we the Inam Town Commrs hereby beg to offer to Mrs Davitt our deepest sympathy with her in the great affliction she has sustained in the loss of her husband. That in common with all Ireland we mourn the death of a great patriot whose name will live in the hearts of those who served with such unflinching devotion. Copies to be sent to Mrs Davitt and the Press."

Signed on behalf of the Board

Michael C Shone Chairman

July 5th 1906

Tuesday, 5th June, 1906.

Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs Michael Shine (in the chair), Patrick M Cahill, Patrick Canavan, Francis Meagher, James D. Byles, John Connelly, and Patrick E. Carroll.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed.

Cheques were ordered and signed for

John Glynn		£ 3.6.8
Thos Dwyer		2.10.0
Jas M'Donnell		12.10.0
John MacKilpin		2.0.0
D. O. Kirwan & Sons		19.10.6
John Glynn for		
John Butler	£ 1.5.0	
Bill Hugh	1.1.8	
J. Dwyer	10.0	
French Bros.	12.6	
J. Shine	2.0.0	
J. Dwyer	2.0.0	
R. Mullin	7.6	
M. S. Walsh	2.5	
W. Stockwell & Son	3.10.0	£ 11.9.1
		£ 51.6.3

A complaint was made that the French Bros. kept the doors of their Cycle yard closed on Sundays thereby preventing people from getting water from a fountain lately erected in that yard by the Water Works Committee with the consent of the French Bros.

Mr B. M. Hugh, Collector, submitted a statement showing that the French Bros. owed the Board £9.16.6, rent of their Cycle yard to 2nd June 1906 and that they had made no payment since the last meeting of the Board (1st May).

Mr Henry French (one of the Bros.) appeared before the Board and handed in £1.15.0 which was accepted on account and taken charge of by the Collector (Mr M. Hugh).

An order was then unanimously made that one small door of the Cycle yard be left open on Sundays for people requiring water from the fountain; otherwise, proceedings to be taken forthwith by the Board's solicitor to take up possession of the premises.

It was also ordered that the French Bros. pay seven shillings (7s) every week until the arrears (£9.18.6) be cleared off, and if they allow a week to pass without doing so, the Collector (Mr M. Hugh), without waiting for the Board to meet, instruct the Board's solicitor to sue for possession of the premises at once.

A letter was read from Mr John D. Blake C.E. stating that one of the "ornaments" of the Town Hall roof was badly split and might be blown down any time and cause a serious accident. He suggested that the whole lot be removed.

Proposed by Mr Canavan, seconded by Mr Connelly, and unanimously ordered that Mr Blake's suggestion be carried out.

It was ordered that the County Surveyor be written to for a copy of road Contractor's Specification to ascertain whether Mr Laurence Burke was bound to repair the flagging of the footpaths of the town.

Mr John Burke of Galway road, Tuam, came before the Board to state the fact that nothing was yet done in the matter of the projected footpath for Galway road for which £40 was granted by the District Council, and a Contractor was declared.

The sum granted (£40) being inadequate for the work, it was suggested to refer the matter to the Chairman (Mr M'Donnell) and Mr J. D. Glynn, members of the County Council with a view of getting an increase of the grant.

The Chairman (Mr Shine) proposed and Mr Meagher seconded the following resolution which was unanimously passed:

"That we congratulate Mr Ward and the people of Loughrea on the determined manner in which they met the uncalled for attack on the Most Noble the Marquis of Clanricarde and his angelic agent, Tenor. By their action they have directed the attention of the world to the many grievances endured by Town Tenants."

Copies to be sent to Mr Martin Ward, Mr William J. Duffy, M.P. and Secretary Town Tenants Association, Loughrea.

A letter was read from the Postmaster General in reply to the Town Clerk's of the 19th Feb. last, acquainting the Town Commissioners "that arrangements have now been made under which the supplementary night mails from England will reach Tuam in time to be included in the delivery commencing at 2.30 p.m."

The Chairman (Mr Shine) proposed, Mr Meagher seconded and it was unanimously passed that the Chairman, Mr M'Donnell, who was in Dublin, be empowered and requested to procure a watering Cart for the use of the town.

Enumerators' returns for the Tuam May Fair were as follows;—

Sheep: Sold—	ewes & lambs 724;	wethers, 114;	hoggets, 1943;	rams, 1	= Total 2782
Unsold—	165	—;	143;	1	= 309
					Total Exhibits 3091
Cattle: Sold—	Bullocks, 1739;	heifers, 1799;	Calves, 83;	Cows, 137	= Total 3758
Unsold—	456;	162;	87;	73	= 778
					Total Exhibits 4536

July 3. 06. Signed on behalf of the Board J. M. Connelly

Chairman

Tuesday, 3rd July, 1906.

Monthly Meeting

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell J.P. (Chairman of the Board), Michael C. Shine, Francis Keane, Patrick M. Cahill, Patrick Carroll, Francis Meagher, John Connelly, and Patrick Murphy.

The minutes of the previous Meeting were read and signed.

Cheques were ordered and signed for —

John Glynn		£ 3.6.8
Thos Dwyer		2.10.0
Das M ^c Donnell Esq		12.10.0
John Glynn for		
J Butler	£ 1.5.0	
B M ^c Hugh	1.1.8	
J Dwyer	8.0	
A M ^c Hugh	1.0.0	
D Crisham	10.0	
J Glynn	6.6	£ 4.11.2
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		£ 22.17.10

Patrick O'Connor, Victualler, Bishop Street, offered to pay the two pounds (£2) of the arrears due by his brother John O'Connor for rent of Meat Stall from which the latter was recently evicted for nonpayment, provided the Board allowed him (Patrick O'Connor) to take possession of the stall as weekly tenant at 7/6 (one shilling) per week.

The offer was unanimously accepted on the condition stated.

At suggestion of Mr Keane it was ordered that the County Surveyor be requested to get all his road Contractors to smetal their roads in Winter and not allow them to do so in Summer in order that in the latter season the roads be smooth and in good heart for bicycles, motor cars and other vehicles to travel on.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

J. McDonnell Chairman

August 7th, 1906.

Tuesday, 7th August, 1906.

Monthly Meeting,

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell J.P. (Chairman of the Board), Michael C. Shine, Patrick Murphy, John MacSheehy, and Patrick Carroll.

The minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed.

Cheques were ordered and signed for

John Glynn		£ 3.6.8
Thomas Dwyer		2.10.0
Das M ^c Donnell Esq		12.10.0
John MacSheehy		2.0.0
Tobias M ^c Hugh		100.0.0
Joseph Lurfer		2.10.0
John Glynn for		
John Butler	£ 1.5.0	
B M ^c Hugh	1.1.8	
J Dwyer	8.0	
John Glynn	10.0	
Thos Murphy	15.0	
Das Hill	4.0	£ 4.3.8
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		£ 127.0.4

The schedule of Tolls and Customs for the current year was revised and allowed to stand unaltered for the ensuing year.

The list of fairs was also revised, and adopted unchanged for the ensuing year with the exception of the 1st Sept Horse Fair, which, it was decided to discontinue for the future.

At the suggestion of the Chairman it was unanimously agreed to take the necessary steps to improve the March Fair, get the farmers to send their stock, and invite buyers from all quarters to the Fair.

It was agreed to consult the Board's solr. whether the Town Egg dealers buying eggs in the Country could legally be made pay toll on such eggs on their bringing them into the Town.

Last year's advertisement of the letting of the Tolls and Customs was adopted in its entirety for the next letting and ordered to be published, and the 4th Sept was fixed for receiving and considering tenders.

French Bros. owing £8.15.6 for Cycle yard on 4th August and having paid nothing on account for the previous five weeks, it was ordered that the Board's solr be instructed to sue for possession of the premises.

A letter was read from the Local Government Board insisting on the Board's complying with the Public Bodies Order 1904, re. prescribed form of accounts

Ordered to refer the matter to the Board's Solr.,

Signed on behalf of the Board,

per. M. C. Shine Chairman.

September 14th, 1906.

Tuesday, 4th September, 1906.

Monthly Meeting

Commissioners present, Messrs James M'Donnell J.P. (Chairman of the Board), Michael C. Shine, John MacPhelim, John Connelly, Francis Keane, Francis Meagher, P.D. O'Hanaghan and Patrick Byrne.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Cheques were ordered and signed for

John Glynn	£3.6.8
Thomas Dwyer	2.10.0
James M'Donnell	12.10.0
J.A. O'Hanaghan	11.7.10
Messrs Healy Ltd	2.4.3
John Glynn for	
John Butler	£1.5.0
B. D. Hugh	1.1.8
The Dwyer	2.0
Inspector of Weights & Measures	6.5
French Bros.	12.6
The Murphy	12.6
Mrs Kennedy	8.6
J. McCoy	3.0
	£4.11.7
	£36.10.4

There were two tenders for the Tolls and Customs of the year next ensuing the 28th inst. One from the Toll Farmer of the expiring year at £655. The other from Mr John Murphy at £645.

Mr Nolan's tender was unanimously declared accepted.

Mr. Richard J. Kelly's tender for the annual advertising contract at £10.10.0 was accepted.

Mr John MacPhelim was declared contractor for the annual printing (exclusive of Crane Dockets) at £7.0.0 (Seven pounds).

The Toll Farmer having complained that the walls of the Fair Green were in a dilapidated condition it was ordered to employ a few men to repair them before the next fair (10th Sept).

A letter was read as follows from the Local Government Board:—
"Dublin, Aug 29, 1906.

"John Glynn Esq,

"Clerk Town Commissioners, Duane;

"Sir, — We have been instructed on behalf of the Local Government Board to apply to you for the Abstracts of Accounts in the prescribed form. Our instructions are if such abstracts are not received by return of post to take the necessary steps to have enforced the penalties under Sec 86 of the Local Govt. (Ireland) Act, 1898.

"Your obedient servant,
"J. J. MeCreedy Esq."

The Clerk stated he had, as directed by the Board, consulted the Board's Solr., Mr Concanon re the Public Bodies Order 1904, who advised him to comply with it and accordingly he forwarded the abstracts of accounts in "the prescribed form".

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Michael C. Shine Chairman

2nd October 1906.

Tuesday, 2nd October, 1906.

Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs Michael C Shine (in the chair) J A Glynn Solo, Michael Loppin, Francis Meagher, James J Bepley, P C Carroll, John Connelly, and Francis Keane.

Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed.

Chques were ordered and signed for

John Glynn	£3.6.8
Thos Dwyer	2.10.0
Las McDonnell Esq	12.10.0
C P O Flanagan Esq	21.7.6
Local Govt Board	4.5.0
P Henderson	9.6
P B Warren	1.0.0
John Glynn for J Butler	£1.5.0
B McHugh	1.1.8
J Dwyer	4.0
H McHugh	1.0.0
D Criskam	10.0
J Glynn	18.6
J Shine	1.0.0
J Dwyer	1.0.0
M Lally	7.6
P Caffrey	7.6
J Murphy	7.6
Is Finerty	2.0
Edw Mullin	7.6
	£8.11.2

£53.19.10

The Branch Bros having been served with notice to quit for nonpayment of rent of their cycle yard, £8.4.6 to 29th Sept 1906, one of them, Henry came forward offering £1.5.0 on account and asking the Board to stay further proceedings and give them time to pay the balance.

The Chairman having suggested that the yard being too large and too dear for the French Bros' business a part of it be taken from them and the rent correspondingly lowered to suit their ability to pay,

It was decided that the Clerk take the £1.5.0 on deposit, and that a Committee be appointed composed of Mr McDonnell Mr Shine and Mr Carroll to inspect the yard and what report what they considered ought to be done.

Messrs John Shine and Thomas Dwyer were appointed Emmentors for the October Sheep and Cattle Fairs.

Dram Amateur Dramatic Club applied for use of Board Room for three evenings weekly - Monday Wednesday & Friday - for rehearsals of a play they proposed staging about the end of Nov.

Mr Glynn proposed and it was unanimously passed - That the use of the Board Room be given on condition that the Dram Branch of the Gaelic League get the use of the News Room of the Dram Catholic Temperance Society on Monday evenings from 8 to 10 o'clock.

Dram Young Men's Commercial Club also applied for and were granted the use of the Board Room for practice dancing on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays if not otherwise engaged.

It was ordered to advertise contract to paint Town Hall gate doors windows etc according to Specification to be furnished to the Clerk by Mr Stockwell, tenders to be considered at adjourned meeting, on 9th inst.

The Board then adjourned to Tuesday next (9th inst)

Signed on behalf of the Board

Michael C Shine Chairman

Nov 6th 1906

Tuesday, 9th October, 1906.

Adjourned Meeting.

Commissioners in attendance - Messrs M C Shine and Patrick Conanan.

There not being a quorum Mr Shine adjourned the business to the November monthly meeting

John Glynn
Town Clerk

Tuesday, 6th November, 1906.

Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs Michael C. Shime (in the Chair)
Patrick Canavan, Patrick Murphy, Francis Meagher, John Connelly, Patrick
Byrne, P. E. Carroll, P. M. Cahill, and Francis Keane,

Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed.

Cheques were ordered and signed for

John Glynn	£3.6.8
Thos Dwyer	2.10.0
Das McDonnell	12.10.0
Joseph Lenfer	2.10.0
Peps Lute Michel Coram	7.10.0
John Shime	2.0.0
Thos Dwyer	2.0.0
John J. Blake	6.10.0
Tobias M. Hugh	27.5.0
O. H. Braddell	10.16.4
R. J. Kelly	5.0.0
Thos Dwyer	2.10.0

John Glynn for

John Butler	£1.5.0
P. M. Hugh	1.1.8
Thos Dwyer	10.0
John Glynn	10.0
Mary Connolly	1.0.0
Thos Murphy	8.6
Edward Mullin	7.6
G. Reilly	2.0
P. M. Hugh	4.3
Michael Doherty	4.1
	£5.13.0

£ 90.1.0

Mr. Cahill having drawn notice to the necessity of having a lamp
at the Ballygaddy Fair Green Gate,

It was decided that if there is gas pipe
lead as far as the place that a lamp be erected and lighted there.

Mr. Cahill also called attention to the bad state the road at the said
Fair Green Gate was in, being covered with slush, as did also Mr. Canavan
to the dilapidated state of the footpaths on the Dublin road.

It was ordered that
that the County Surveyor be written to requesting him to have the
contractors do their duty with regard to those places.

It was also ordered that the County Surveyor & owners of the Fair
Green be called upon to put the gates of the Fair Green in proper repair.

Mr. B. M. Hugh, Town Inspector, reported among other things that the
entrance to Mr. Meagher's yard at Chapel Lane was in a very unsanitary
condition, the place being made a receptacle of nuisance.

The matter was referred to Committee Messrs McDonnell,
Shime and Carroll.

Messrs J. Hogan, W. Cannon and P. Cunningham applied for
permission to the use the Board Room on Friday nights for an Irish Class
and for a play on the 26th and 27th inst.

Messrs McDonnell and Murphy were deputed to represent the
Board at the Railway Commission and give evidence thereat.

Messrs Stockwell & Sons' tender was accepted for contract to paint
the Town Hall windows, doors, gate etc according to Specification for
the sum of £9.10.0, the work to be completed by 1st December next.

Other tender received, from Mr. John Reynolds, was £12.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Michael C. Shime Chairman

December 4th, 1906.

Tuesday, 4th December, 1906.

Monthly Meeting

Commissioners present, Messrs Michael C. Shine (in the Chair), P. M. Cahill, P. Byrne, P. Canavan, J. Meagher, J. Connelly, J. J. DeLacy and P. Carroll.

Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed.

Cheques were ordered and signed for

John Glynn	£3.6.8
Has Dwyer	2.10.0
Has M. O'Donnell	12.10.0
J. J. Kirwan & Sons	11.19.5
John O'Donnell	2.6
John Mac Phiepin	1.15.0
J. G. Allen & Co	71.0.0
Stockwell & Sons	10.2.6

John Glynn for

John Butler	£1.5.0
B. M. Hugh	1.1.8
Has Dwyer	8.0
French Bros	12.6
J. Murphy	5.0
B. M. Hugh	8.3
M. O'Rourke	10.0
	£ 4.10.5

£ 117. 16. 6

D^r J. B. Costello wrote to the Board as follows:—

"There is a little yard, adjoining my house, owned by you, and not now being used. I would be obliged if you kindly set it to me at whatever rent you consider fair. The yard in question was held for a great number of years, by a former occupier of this house, Mr. Vully."

Ordered that a new door with a strong stock lock be put to the yard, and that consideration of D^r Costello's letter be postponed.

A letter was read from Rev. J. J. Mac Cormack, St. Mary's Cathedral, as follows:—

"At a meeting of the Select Vestry of St. Mary's Cathedral held on the 8th day of November, 1906, I was directed by them to write to you and ask if you will be willing to put up a street lamp between the Synod Hall and Cathedral South door as that part of the ground is very dark and dangerous to those coming from evening service, and also to know if you would be good enough to have a crossing made from Mall to Cathedral gate. The members of the Select Vestry would feel very much obliged if you could see your way to do so."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Byrne it was unanimously ordered to erect the lamp, and consideration of the crossing was adjourned to next monthly meeting pending estimate of cost.

On the motion of the Chairman having been read from the Irish Council's General Council stating that the Council was of opinion that the formation of an Irish Insurance Company was most desirable and that such a Company should receive the support of all Irish Public Bodies,

The following resolution was unanimously passed:— "That in the event of the establishment of an independent Irish Insurance Company on a sound financial basis, we, the Tram Board, would be in favour of placing our insurance business with it."

On the motion of Mr. Byrne seconded by Mr. Carroll it was unanimously resolved— "That the Directors of the Tram Race be requested to consider the advisability of having two day races at Parkmore in Summer."

A Committee was appointed consisting of Messrs Shine, Carroll, Cahill, Canavan, and Meagher, to inspect the Meat Market and report as to the advisability of building more meat stalls there.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Byrne seconded the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:—

"That learning with regret of the death of Mr. Perry County Surveyor with whose family we condole, we strongly recommend to the County Council for the vacant position Mr. Robert O. Kirwan M.T.C.E. a local gentleman eminently qualified who would reflect credit on the County at large, and we trust that our recommendation will have the desired effect. Copies of this resolution to be sent to the Secretary and the Chairman and all other members of the County Council."

Signed on behalf of the Board

Jas. M. Donnell. Chairman

1st January 1907

Tuesday, 1st January, 1907.

Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell DD (Chairman of the Board), Michael C. Shine, J. A. Glynn, Esq., Francis Meagher, Patrick Carrivan, Peter J. O'Hanagan, Patrick Murphy, Francis Keane, Patrick Carroll, Patrick Byrne.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed.

Cheques were ordered and signed for

John Glynn	£ 3.6.8	
Thomas Dwyer	2.10.0	
James McDonnell	12.10.0	
D. B. Kirwan	1.8.0	
P. Henderson	16.19.0	
B. H. O'Reilly	3.0	
John Glynn for		
John Butler	£ 1.5.0	
P. M. Hugh	1.1.8	
D. Crisham	10.0	
H. M. Hugh	1.0.0	
B. M. Hugh	7.6	
D. Crisham	2.6	
J. Silke	3.0.0	£ 7.16.8
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		£ 44.13.4

An application having been made by D. T. P. Costello for yard hitherto used as a flag store, adjoining his premises, it was agreed to let it to him at one shilling and eight pence per month.

The following report made by Committee viz: Messrs M. C. Shine, P. Carroll and Francis Meagher, was considered:—

"That having inspected the Meat Market we recommend the Board to build four victuallers' stalls opposite Darny M. Hugh's.

"That the fountain for public use be enclosed with a wall and a door to be erected in front wall to convenience the public using the water supply.

"That the question of the use of the remaining portion of the yard be considered by the Board, and that an Engineer be consulted in connection with the proposed work.

"And having inspected entrance to Mr Meagher's yard in Chapel Lane we recommend that a wall be 5 ft high be erected with suitable gate to prevent nuisance."

Ordered that Mr J. J. Blake M. Inst. C.E. be employed to furnish plan and specification for improvement of the Meat Market under direction of the Committee.

Ordered also that the lamp in Church Lane be left lighting all night in future.

Application having been made for increase of salary by Mr John Butler, Assistant Cranes, Mr Shine proposed and Mr Meagher seconded that Mr Butler's present salary, £15 per year, be increased to £20 per year.

Passed unanimously.

A letter was read from Mr E. P. O'Hanagan requesting the Board to erect the necessary gates on the boundary between his portion of the Fair Green and Mr. Moran's, within one month from date (14th Dec 1906).

Ordered that Mr E. P. O'Hanagan, Mr Patrick Murphy T.C. and the Chairman of the Board be asked to meet and consider what would be fair to do in the matter.

Mr McDonnell (Chairman) and Mr Patrick Murphy were appointed as delegates from the Board, and they consented, to give evidence at the forthcoming Commission on Irish Railways.

Signed on behalf of the Board.

Michael C. Shine Chairman

February 5th 1907.

Town of Tuam

Election of Commissioners for the above Town in the year 1907.

I the undersigned, being the Returning Officer at the Election of Commissioners for the said Town held on the 15th Day of January, 1907, do hereby give notice that the number of votes recorded for each candidate at the Election is as follows:-

Names of Candidates		Places of Abode	Number of votes recorded
Surnames	Other Names		
Burke	John	Galway Road	209
Cannelly	John	Shop street	70
Daly	James	Bishop street	247
Glynn	Joseph Aloysius	Dublin Road	190
Hosty	Michael	Vicar Street	122
McHugh	Thomas	The Mall	175
Meagher	Francis	Shop street	74
O'Shanagan	Peter Joseph	Shop street	54

And I do hereby declare that the said John Burke, James Daly, Joseph Aloysius Glynn, Michael Hosty and Thomas McHugh are duly elected Commissioners for the said Town.

Dated this 15th Day of January, 1907.

John Glynn
Returning Officer

I, John Burke, having been chosen Commissioner for the Town of Tuam, hereby declare that I take said office on myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability.

Made and subscribed before me this 23rd Day of January 1907
John Glynn
Town Clerk }
John Burke

I, James Daly, having been chosen Commissioner for the Town of Tuam, hereby declare that I take said office on myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability.

Made and subscribed before me this 23 Day of Jany 1907
John Glynn
Town Clerk }
James Daly

I, Joseph Aloysius Glynn, having been chosen Commissioner for the Town of Tuam, hereby declare that I take said office on myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability.

Made and subscribed before me this 5th Day of March 1907
John Glynn
Town Clerk }
J. A. Glynn

I, Michael Hosty, having been chosen Commissioner for the Town of Tuam, hereby declare that I take said office on myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability.

Made and subscribed before me this 2nd day of April 1907
John Glynn, Town Clerk. }
Michael Hosty

I, Thomas McHugh, having been chosen Commissioner for the Town of Tuam, hereby declare that I take said office on myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability.

Made and subscribed before me this 23rd Day of January 1907
John Glynn
Town Clerk. }
Thomas Mac Hugh

I, James McDonnell, having been chosen Chairman of the Commissioners for the Town of Tuam hereby declare that I take said office on myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability.

Made and subscribed before me this Day of 1907
James McDonnell.

Wednesday, 23rd January, 1907.

Statutory Meeting to elect a chairman for the ensuing year.

Commissioners present, Messrs James Daly, Thomas McHugh, James J. Begley, Patrick Canavan, John Burke, Michael Loggins, Francis Keane, Patrick Byrne, Patrick E. Carroll.

The Town Clerk took the chair, the chairman being absent.

Mr Canavan proposed and Mr. Daly seconded that the outgoing chairman, Mr James McDonnell, be re-elected.

Passed unanimously.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Michael C. Shinn Chairman

February 5th, 1907

Friday, 25th January, 1907.

A Special Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs Francis Keane (in the chair), James Daly, Patrick Canavan, Patrick Byrne and John Burke.

Mr. Daly proposed and Mr Byrne seconded the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:—

"That we, the Tuam Town Commissioners, desire to condemn in the strongest possible manner the action of the French Government in their cruel persecution towards the Catholic Church under the false names of Liberty and Equality, and we earnestly call upon all loyal Catholics throughout the world to take united action to bring the conduct of this infidel Government under the notice of the Civilized Powers and not permit such tyranny in this enlightened Twentieth Century by a Republican Government, and we beg to tender to our Most Holy Father Pius X our sincere attachment in this his hour of affliction, and that we request the Very Rev. Canon Mackan Adams, will be so kind as to ask his Grace Most Rev. Dr. Healy, Lord Archbishop of Tuam, to lay this resolution before our Most Holy Father Pius X, and the Cardinal Archbishop of Paris."

Mr. Daly proposed and Mr Canavan seconded —

"That we, the Tuam Town Commissioners of Tuam, request the District Council to ask the Local Government Board to give increased representation to the Tuam Urban Electoral Division as there is a great need for it, and extraordinary inequality exists in the Constitution of the District Council as it takes nearly eight Electoral Divisions to equal the population of the Tuam Urban Electoral Division, and the two present Councillors find it very difficult to attend on Saturday from their

ordinary business, and as the Town of Tuam contributes more heavily to the rates than any other Electoral Division, and that we request our chairman will kindly urge the right of the Town to this representation

Passed unanimously,

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Michael C. Shinn Chairman

February 5th 1907

Tuesday, 5th February, 1907.

Monthly Meeting.

Present, Messrs McShine (in the chair), Patrick Byrne, John MacPhilpin, Thomas McHugh, James Daly, Patrick Canavan, and Francis Keane,

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed,

Cheques were ordered and signed for

John Glynn	£3.6.8
Thomas Dwyer	2.10.0
Jas McDonnell	12.10.0
Joseph Kenner	2.10.0
Lawrence Burke	10.0.0
J.A. Flanagan	11.7.3
John MacPhilpin	2.19.5
John Glynn	23.6.0
John MacPhilpin	6.0.0

John Glynn for	
John Buller	£1.13.4
B. McHugh	1.1.8
J. Dwyer	12.0
J. Glynn	10.0
Sergeant Coyne	6.1
Thos Dwyer	2.0
Mrs Kennedy	8.6
B. McHugh	12.2
Thos Murphy	8.9
J. O'Brien	3.6
	£5.18.0
	£80.7.4

The following letter was read from his Grace the Archbishop:-

"St. Jarlath's, Tuam,
Feb 3rd 1907.

"Dear Sir, - I request you to convey to the Chairman and Town Commissioners of Tuam my grateful thanks for their unanimous resolution adopted at a special meeting on the 25th ult. in which they justly and strongly condemn the atrocious edict of the French Government in its dealings with the Holy Father and the Catholics of France. I agree with the Commissioners that the modern world has seen no other example of such barefaced tyranny and we now see operative in France. I shall take care to have your resolution transmitted at once to the Holy Father to swell the chorus of Ireland's indignant protest against such shameless persecution of the Church,

"I remain,

"Dear Mr. Glynn,

"Yours faithfully,

"John Archbishop of Tuam."

"John Glynn Esq. Town Clerk
Tuam."

Mr Daly proposed, and Mr McHugh seconded the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:-

"That we, the Tuam Town Commissioners hereby call upon the Galway County Council, the Tuam Rural District Council, and the County Surveyor to have the flagged footpaths of the town repaired without delay especially outside the houses of Thomas Kenny and John Hancock in Church Street; Mr Lawrence Burke Vicar Street; Mr Patrick Browne, Dublin Road; Mr Richard Kilgarriff and Mr Pate Hamilton, Bishop Street, and the concrete footpath at High Street, which is in a disgraceful and dangerous state, and that if the matter is not attended to within one month, our solicitor be requested to advise us as to what steps should be taken to protect the citizens of the town, and the peasantry on market days, against the risk of accidents through these catch holes."

The following letter was read and considered:-

"February, 5th 1907.

"Mr Chairman and Gentlemen,

"If you will grant me a small rise in my salary. What I have at present is very small, considering the time I have to be at my post. I am often there till 7.30 or 8.00 at night before I have done for the day. Hoping this request will be favorably considered by you and that I shall be able to give you satisfaction in the future as I have given in the past.

"I remain, your obedient servant,

"Thomas Dwyer, Cramer."

Mr MacPhilpin proposed, the Chairman (Mr Shine) seconded, and it was passed unanimously -

"That Mr Dwyer's salary, £30 a year, be increased to £35."

Proposed by Mr Canavan, seconded by Mr Daly and unanimously passed - "That in future whenever a vacancy occurs in the Board, notice shall be given to all the Commissioners before co-opting anybody for it"

Application was received as follows from Mr Patrick Byrne T.C.:-

"It having been decided to let half the shambles yard, I would ask the Commissioners to rent it to me, as by doing so it would remove the congestion at here of the Town Hall, and enable me to keep the passage, and in a sanitary order."

Applications were also made by Messrs Patrick Rowland, Patrick Hopkins and William Nuttall, for new stalls that the Board intend to build.

A circular with reference to the forthcoming Council Fair Industrial Exhibition signed by the hon Secs Messrs James Daly and John Hogan was read requesting *inter alia* the appointment of one or two delegates on the Committee from all the popularly elected representative bodies in the province.

Messrs Shine and McHugh were unanimously appointed as delegates.

The Board adjourned to Tuesday 12th February for the purpose of considering Mr J. J. Blake's plan and Specification of Victuallers' new stalls, Gaelic League resolution with reference to the International Exhibition and other matters. J. A. Glynn
Signed on behalf of the Board, Chairman
March 5th 1907

Tuesday, 12th February, 1907.

Adjourned Meeting.

Present, Messrs James McDonnell J.P. (Chairman of the Board),
Michael O'Shane, Thomas McHugh, Francis Keane, James Daly, ^{John Burke} and
Patrick Byrne.

Mr J. P. Blake C.E. was present and submitted a sketch of the Meat Market and ground plan of proposed new stalls the cost of which he has roughly estimated at £18 each.

"It was unanimously decided to instruct Mr Blake to draw up a plan and specification and estimate for new stalls and if the Board agree to build them that they borrow money for the purpose."

The following resolution adopted by the Ard-Heis and forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Gaelic League was considered:—

"That we condemn the holding of an International Exhibition in this country as opposed to the development and true interests of our native industries; that we cordially approve of the project of a National Exhibition which will focus the attention of the Irish People on their home industries and the possibilities before them."

A letter was read from Mr Joseph A. Glynn B.A. J.P., and also a resolution passed by the Tuam Branch of the Gaelic League urging the Board to adopt the above resolution.

Mr. Daly proposed and Mr. Shane seconded the resolution of the Ard-Heis which was unanimously adopted.

Mr Lawrence Burke was declared contractor for cleansing the Potato Market and the Footpath along the Town Hall for the ensuing year on the same terms as last year, for the sum of £10.

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Shane and passed—

"That we pass a vote of sympathy and condolence with a respected friend and neighbour, Mr Henry Kirwan of Gardenfield, in the very great loss he has sustained by the sad death of Mrs Kirwan, a lady whom everybody esteemed for her goodness and charity, and that our clerk be directed to convey to Mr Kirwan our feelings of sympathy."

Proposed by Mr Shane, seconded by Mr Byrne and passed—

"That we desire to convey to our Colleague Mr Carroll, and through him to the members of his family, the expression of our sincere sympathy in the sad affliction that has fallen on them in the death of his sister, Mrs French."

Proposed by Mr Shane, seconded by Mr Daly and passed—

"That we, the Tuam Town Commissioners, desire to place on record our sense of the great loss to Education and Country through the death of Rev. Michael Moylan, Ex-Superior-General of the Christian Brothers, a distinguished and unselfish teaching order. He was a member of one of our oldest and most respected families in Tuam."

A letter was read from Dan Hession of Kullinadaly Road requesting the Board to repair masonry wall between the Fair Green and his garden, knocked down by cattle on the October fair day, when his whole cabbage crop was eaten and destroyed.

Referred to the Fair Green Committee.

Signed on behalf of the Board,
Seoan MacPloinn
Chairman.

March 5th 1907.

Tuesday, 5th March, 1907.

Monthly Meeting

Commissioners present, Messrs J. A. Glynn B.A. J.P.,
(in the chair), John Burke, James J. Begley, James Daly, Patrick Conaghan,
Patrick Byrne, and John MacPhlipin.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Cheques were ordered and signed for

John Glynn	£ 3.6.8
Mr Dwyer	2.18.4
James McDonnell	12.10.0
John MacPhlipin	1.15.0
R. J. Kelly	5.5.0
John MacPhlipin	2.19.5
John Glynn for	
John Butler	£ 1.13.4
B. McHugh	1.1.8
J. Dwyer	8.0
French Bros.	12.6
B. McHugh	10.8
M. Sheehy	5.0
M. Keilly	1.0
P. Dolan	8.6

£ 33. 15. 1

The following letters were read:—

"Gardenfield, Tuam,
"March 3rd, 1907.

"Dear Mr Glynn,— I received your letter and a copy of the resolution passed
"by the Tuam Town Commissioners. I am extremely obliged to the Commissioners
"for their very kind resolution of sympathy to me on account of the very great
"loss I sustained by the death of Mrs Kirwan and I thank them most sincerely for
"their very sympathetic expression. I am, dear Mr Glynn, sincerely yours,
"Henry Kirwan
"John Glynn Esq Town, Clerk.
"I am also much obliged to you." H.K.

High street, Tuam,
March 5th 1907.

"Dear Sir - I beg to acknowledge the receipt of the resolution so kindly and thoughtfully passed by the Tuam Town Commissioners sympathizing with me and family on the sad occasion of the death of my sister, Mrs French, and I request you to convey to the Board the sincere thanks of myself and all the members of my family for same. Yours truly,
P. E. Carroll.

"To Mr John Glynn, Town Clerk."

The Clerk, at suggestion of Mr Daly, laid before the Board a return of the cost of flagging and paving including new crossings incurred for the last six years amounting to £209.11.3.

Mr. Daly said that the footpaths of the Town were in a scandalous condition and dangerous to the public

Mr. Burke proposed, Mr Byrne seconded and it was unanimously passed - "that we request the Councillors for Tuam Urban Division to give notice of motion to have the footpaths of the Town repaired".

Mr. J. J. Blake C.E. furnished plan of four new stalls proposed to be built at the Meat Market. The desired alterations in the Meat Market, including cost of stalls, could, in his opinion, be carried out for £100.

Ordered that the Board of Public Works be applied to for a loan of £100 for the purpose.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

James McDonnell Chairman

April 22nd 1907

Tuesday, 2nd April, 1907.

Monthly Meeting

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell J.P. (Chairman of the Board), M. C. Shine, P. Carroll, John Burke, Patrick Canavan, James Daly, Patrick Byrne, M. C. Hasty, Thomas McHugh and J. A. Glynn B.A. Esq.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Chques were ordered and signed for

John Glynn	R. 3.6.8
Thos Dwyer	2.18.4
James McDonnell	12.10.0
P. H. O'Reilly	4.14.0
John Glynn for	
John Butler	£1.13.4
H. McHugh	1.0.0
D. Crisham	10.0
J. Dwyer	8.0
P. McHugh	1.1.8
J. McBoy	6.6
J. Daly	12.0
P. McHugh	7.5
M. Reilly	2.6
J. Murphy	1.0
	£6.2.5

£29.11.5

A letter was read as follows from the Commissioners of Public Works:-
"Dublin, 27th March, 1907.

"Sir, - I am directed by the Commissioners of Public Works to refer to your letter of the 25th instant inquiring whether the Board would advance a loan of £100 to the Tuam Town Commissioners for the purpose of improving the Meat Market, and in reply I am to state that the Board would not be in a position to consider the application unless they receive a recommendation of the loan from the Local Government Board, I am, therefore, to state that you should in the first place apply to the Local Government Board for their approval of the loan. I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
H. Williams, Secretary.

"The Town Clerk, Tuam."

The Clerk said he had written on the subject to the Local Government Board and had not yet received a reply.

A letter was read from Mr. E. O'Flanagan owner of Fair Green (part of) stating that he was in receipt of a letter of the 1st March from the Board asking him to fix a date to meet Messrs McDonnell and Murphy re Fair Green Walls, and that he would probably be in Tuam the following week and would let them know exact date later.

A Deputation from the householders of Ballyfad road appeared before the Board complaining of the state of the fence between their gardens and the Fair Green which was knocked down by cattle during the fair days.

Resolved that the Committee appointed to meet Mr O'Hanagan re the Fair Green Walls be asked to see to the matter.

The following notice was read and accepted:-

"Take notice that I or some member of the Board on my behalf, will move at the next monthly meeting, 7th May 1907 — that whereas the Tuam Rural District Council did on the 19th May 1903, and July 1905 respectively accept a contract for maintaining the roads, streets, lanes, and footpaths in the Town of Tuam, and whereas the Galway Co. Council did confirm said contracts, we, the Tuam Town Commissioners, desire to bring under the notice of the Galway Co. Council that, notwithstanding the fact that the ratepayers within the Township of Tuam have paid for the maintenance of the said footpaths, there are several dangerous breakages in the footpaths of the Town of Tuam, and we now request our Solicitor to apply to the County Council and the Local Government Board to have the sum of £143 refunded to the Town Commissioners of Tuam as the expenditure has been unjustly made, the ratepayers of the Township having already contributed their proportion of the County-at-large and District Charges towards the maintenance of the footpaths, streets, roads etc of the Town.

"James Daly"

April 2nd, 1907.

The following resolution forwarded by Rev J. J. McCormick was read:-

"That the best thanks of the Select Vestry of St Mary's Cathedral, Tuam, be accorded to the Tuam Town Commissioners for having erected a standard lamp in the grounds of the Cathedral for the benefit of the parishioners."

Signed on behalf of the Board

J. J. McCormick

Chairman

May 7th 1907

Monthly Meeting.

Tuesday May 7th, 1907.

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell J.P. (Chairman of the Board) presiding; Michael O'Shine, James Daly, Thomas O'Hugh, John Burke, Francis Keane, M. C. Kestly, P. Byrne and Patrick Murphy.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Cheques were ordered and signed for

John Glynn	£3.6.8
Thos Dwyer	2.18.4
Joseph Leufer	2.10.0
Jas McDonnell	12.10.0
Reps late M. Clever	7.10.0
Philip O'Connell	10.0.0
John Glynn for	
John Butler	£1.13.4
J Dwyer	10.0
B. O'Hugh	1.1.8
J Glynn	10.0
Mary Connolly	1.0.0
John Pisk	1.0.0
Messrs Kestly & Co	5.0
B. O'Hugh	7.2
	£6.7.2

£45.2.2

Mr Daly said the Board was paying too high a sum for insurance of Town Hall and that the Insurance Co should be applied to for a reduction and allowance for the Board's fire extinguishing apparatus.

The Clerk was directed to write to the Insurance Co's local agent Mr J. P. McDonagh on the matter.

The Clerk having stated in reply to the Chairman that the French Bros had not yet given up that part of the Meat Market occupied by them as cycle yard, it was ordered to instruct the Board's Solr, Mr Concanan, to get up possession of same as soon as possible.

Messrs Thomas Dwyer and John Shine were appointed Enumerators for the May Sheep and Cattle Fairs at the usual remuneration, £1 per day each.

The following letter was read from the Local Government Board:-
"Dublin, 8th April, 1907.

"Sir, — I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo relating to a proposal of the Town Commissioners of Tuam to obtain a loan for the purpose of improving the Meat Market; and as regards your inquiry therein, I am to refer

you to the provisions of sections 6 and 21 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act 1896, read with section 103 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act 1878, and to request that the Board may be informed whether the requirements of the late mentioned Section have been complied with by the Town Commissioners. If so documentary evidence of such compliance should be furnished. Particulars should also be furnished to the Board as to the Market in question, the nature of the tenancy etc.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

A. R. Barlas, Secretary.

The Town Clerk, Tuam.

The Chairman then gave the following notice -

"Take notice that I, or some member on my behalf, will move at the monthly meeting of the Board to be held on Tuesday, 2nd July next that we apply to the Commissioners of Public Works for a loan of £120 for the purpose of improving the Meat Market of the Town"

(Signed)

"James M. Donnell."

May 7th, 1907.

The following resolution proposed by Mr Daly, and seconded by Mr ~~Daly~~ Mr. Hugh was unanimously passed:-

"That whereas the Tuam Rural District Council did on the 19th May 1903, and July, 1905, respectively, accept a contract for maintaining the roads, streets, lanes, and footpaths in the Town of Tuam, and whereas the Galway County Council did confirm said contracts, we, the Tuam Town Council desire to bring under the notice of the Galway Co Council that, notwithstanding the fact that the ratepayers within the Township of Tuam have paid for the maintenance of the said footpaths, there are several dangerous breakages in the footpaths of the Town of Tuam, and we now request our solicitor to apply to the County Council and the Local Government Board to have the sum of £143 refunded to the Town Commissioners of Tuam, as the expenditure has been unjustly made; the ratepayers of the Township have already contributed their proportion of the County-at-large and District charges towards the maintenance of the footpaths, streets, roads, etc of the Town".

Mr Daly also proposed and Mr Burke seconded the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:-

"That we the Tuam Town Commissioners respectfully request the Tuam District Council to be so good as to have special meetings in future with the view of expediting the work under the Labourers' Acts so that the Labourers may be able to get decent houses and plots of land at an early date. We consider ~~the~~ monthly meetings unfair to the Labourers."

Messrs Patrick Murphy and Michael C. Shine were unanimously appointed as delegates to the National Convention to be held in Dublin on the 21st and 22nd inst.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Michael Shine

Chairman

June 4th 1907

Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, 4th June, 1907.

Commissioners present, Messrs Michael C. Shine, John MacShilpin, James J. Begley, Patrick Canavan, P. C. Carroll, James Daly, & John Burke

On the motion of Mr MacShilpin seconded by Mr Begley, the chair was taken by Mr M. C. Shine.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Cheques were ordered and signed for

John Glynn	£3.6.8
Thos Dwyer	2.18.4
Jos McDonnell Esq	12.10.0
John MacShilpin	1.15.0
E. J. O'Flanagan	21.7.6
D. J. Kirwan & Sons	19.10.6
Commrs of Public Works	10.12.0
Thos Dwyer	2.0.0
John Glynn for	
John Butler	£1.13.4
B. M. Hugh	1.1.8
French Bros	12.6
Thos Dwyer	8.0
John Shine	2.0.0
John Silke	1.10.0
D. Crisham	1.0.0
Mrs Kennedy	8.6
Eddy Mullin	7.6
Martin Reilly	2.6
John Glynn	1.0.0
	£10.4.0
	£84.4.0

Mr H. French came before the Board and asked to have rent fixed on the portion of the Cycle yard which the Board were willing to leave to himself and his brother and said if that was done they would at once commence to pay the rent and give up the remainder of the yard to the Board.

Consideration of the matter was adjourned to the following monthly meeting of the Board.

Mr MacShilpin proposed & the chairman (Mr. Shine) seconded the following resolution which was passed in silence:-

"That we, the Tuam Town Commissioners, express our deepest regret at the death of Mrs Dillon and respectfully tender to her bereaved husband Mr John Dillon M.P. and family our sincerest sympathy in their sad affliction".

Mr. Canavan proposed and Mr Carroll seconded the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

"That as the Midland Great Western Railway Co. are issuing ^{season} tickets from Saturday to Monday and also on Mondays returning within a month at single fares, over their system to Galway, we, the Tuam Town Commissioners, representing the Traders of Tuam request the Great Southern & Western Railway Co. to issue same tickets by 9.25 p.m. train from Tuam and issue one day tickets at Tuam every Thursday morning and return same evening, and also that same Company will make a connection with Midland Great Western for Sunday Excursion to Galway. And request the Midland Great Western Railway Co. to make the 6.45 p.m. train from Galway a direct train to Athenry so the Tuam people could return here at 9 p.m. Copies of this resolution to be sent to each Company."

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Jas. McDonnell. Chairman,

July 2nd 1907.

Tuesday, 2nd July, 1907.

Monthly Meeting

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell J.P. (Chairman of the Board), Michael Coggins, James J. Dwyer, John Burke, Michael C. Shine, Patrick Canavan, Thomas M. Hugh, John MacPherson, Michael C. Shosty, Francis Keane, P. Carroll, Patrick Byrne, Patrick Murphy,

Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed.

Cheques were ordered and signed for

John Glynn	£3.6.8
Thomas Dwyer	2.18.4
James McDonnell Esq	12.10.0
John Glynn for	
John Butler	£1.13.4
B. M. Hugh	1.1.8
Thomas Dwyer	8.0
H. M. Hugh	1.0.0
M. Reilly	15.0
David Hill	4.0
Drawn in error	0.4
	£5.2.4

£23.17.4

Letters were read from Midland, and Southern & Western Railway Companies acknowledging receipt of the Board's resolution re travelling facilities between ^{Tuam} and Galway, and stating the matter would have their attention.

An application from the French Bros, to fix rent on part of the bicycle and, in the Meat Market which the Board agreed to leave them as weekly tenants, having been considered,

It was decided that the rent be Two Shillings a week and that they, French Bros, be required to pay £7.10.0 of the arrears then due by them in instalments of Five shillings per month, the Board wiping off remainder of the arrears.

Mr Lawrence Burke, Road Contractor, submitted copy of letter which he had addressed to the Tuam Rural District Council, drawing attention to the bad state the Sewer-grates of the Town were in.

The Clerk was directed to forward the copy letter to the County Council.

A letter was read from Mr Prendergast, Co. Surveyor as follows:—
"Re Tuam Footpaths: I have some quotations for flags but am waiting that of the Malbay Co which I expect soon. I will then have the work put in hand at once".

The Chairman proposed, Mr Shine seconded, and it was unanimously passed—

"That we apply to the Commissioners of Public Works, for the sum of one hundred and twenty pounds (£120) for the purpose of improving the Meat Market."

In compliance with request of a deputation from the Connacht Feis Committee, Dr. J. P. Costello and Mr J. Hogan, the Chairman, with the consent of the Board, convened a public meeting of the inhabitants for Sunday, 7th July, in the Town Hall, for the purpose of getting them to assist in the work of the Feis and to decorate their houses on the occasion.

It was unanimously ordered that in view of the Workmen's Compensation Act, which came into operation on the 1st inst, the officials and employees of the Board be insured and that preference of the insurance be given to the Patriotic Assurance Co.

Signed on behalf of the Board

August 6th 1907

Jas. McDonnell Chairman

Tuesday, 6th August, 1907.

Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell J.P. (Chairman of the Board), Michael C. Shine, Patrick Murphy, J.A. Glynn B.A. Esq.; John Burke, Francis Keane, M.C. Hosty and James Daly.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Cheques were ordered and signed for

John Glynn	£3.6.8
Thos Dwyer	2.18.4
Joseph Keefe	2.10.0
Jas McDonnell Esq.	12.10.0
John Glynn for	
John Butler	£1.13.4
Bill Hugh	1.1.8
Thos Dwyer	8.0
John Glynn	10.0
Jas Finerty	16.6
D. Crisham	12.0
M. Dwyer	6.0
M. Keilly	2.12.6
Mrs Gill	1.6.0
McShamphuesy	6.0
Wm Stockwell Esq.	1.0.0
Drawn in error and re-logged	1.16.0
	£12.8.0
	£33.13.0

Schedule of Tolls and Customs and List of Fairs for current year were revised and allowed to stand for year commencing 29th Sept 1907.

It was ordered to advertise the Tolls and Customs for year commencing 29th Sept 1907 tenders to be considered at a special meeting on Thursday 22nd instant.

Mr James McDonnell's tender to supply Gas Light for one year from the 10th day of May 1907 was unanimously accepted viz: 42 lamps @ £2.10.0 per lamp and 4 lamps (2 on the Catholic Cathedral ground and 2 on the Protestant Cathedral ground) at £1.15.0 each; and £10 for lighting Town Clock dials; and Gas by meter to Town Hall at seven shillings per 1000 ft.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Jas McDonnell Chairman.

Sept 3rd 1907.

Thursday, 22nd August, 1907.

A Special Meeting of the Board was held this day for the purpose of receiving and considering for the Tolls and Customs for year commencing 29th September 1907.

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell J.P. (Chairman of the Board) M.C. Shine, J.D. Bagley, Michael Goggins, P. Banavan, F. Keane, P. Murphy, P.E. Carroll, P. Ryne, M.C. Hosty, John Burke and James Daly.

The Clerk read advertisement of the Tolls and Customs.

There were two tenders - one from Mr John Murphy, Foster Row, Tuam, at £690, Messrs Henry Concanon, The Grove, and Michael Farrell, The Mills, Tuam being his sureties; the other, from Mr Thomas Nolan, Tuam, at £650, his sureties, Messrs Michael Hamel Tuam and John Tierney of Belmount.

Mr John Murphy's tender was accepted unanimously for one year at the said amount, £690.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Jas McDonnell Chairman.

22nd Sept 1907.

Tuesday October 1st, 3rd September, 1907.

Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell C^o, (Chairman of the Board), Michael C. Shine, Patrick Carroll, John Burke, Francis Keane, James Daly, John MacPhlipin and Patrick Canavan.

Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed,

Cheques were ordered and signed for

John Elym	£ 3.6.8
Thos. Dwyer	2.18.4
John Butler	x. x. x.
James McDonnell	12.10.0
John MacPhlipin	1.15.0
G. S. & W. Railway Co	6.9.2
Patriotic Assurance Co	18.3
John Elym for	
John Butler	£ 1.13.4
B. D. O'Shugh	1.1.8
G. French	12.6
Ex officio Inspr W.F. & C	6.3
W. Stackwell	1.15.0
J. Daly	12.0
J. Dwyer	3.0
D. Sweeney	4.2
J. McHugh	1.0.0
Mrs Kennedy	8.6
M. Reilly	10.0
John Daly	1.0
James Timerty	3.0
P. Griffin	6.0
W. Murphy	6.0
D. McCoy	9.0
P. Byrne	1.0.0
L. Mullin	1.17.6

£ 12.8.11
£ 40.6.4

Messrs Thomas Dwyer and John Shine were appointed enumerators for the September Fair at usual remuneration, £1 each for the day.

Tenders were received for the annual printing and advertising contracts from Mr Matthew Flannelly for all printing (except crane docket) at £4.10.0; from Mr John MacPhlipin for advertising at £9.10.0; and from Mr R. J. Kelly for all printing (except crane docket) at £5 and for advertising £12.

Mr Kelly's tenders for both printing and advertising were accepted.

It was ordered to advertise for a Contractor to repair the lead covered dome of the Clock Tower the work to be carried out under the supervision of Mr J. J. Blake C^o.

On the motion of Mr Daly it was unanimously passed the following proposed.
That the lamp at Mr Darling's corner be transferred to Corcoran's corner in order that it may throw more light on Sullinadaly Road and all round the place, and that the lamp at Hyland's corner be transferred to Mr Scaulon's corner in order that it may throw more light on the Ballygaddy Road and on the flagged footpath, and that the lamp at Tierboy be changed to opposite side, and also that the incandescent lamp at Mr J. J. Bealey's corner be transferred to the Square and raised 2 1/2 feet higher in order that it may throw more light on to the principal street of the Town, as the present lamp is very much shaded by the telegraph pole recently erected there. This change will be a saving in the end and beneficial to the general public; and that the contractor be requested to furnish an estimate of same.

A Committee was appointed consisting of Messrs Daly, Shine and Carroll to see to the carrying out of the proposed changes.

A letter was read from the French Bros. complaining that Sergeant Coyne did not allow them to adjust the Boards weights and Measures, and that he assigned no reason for his so doing.

Copy of the letter was ordered to be sent to Sergeant Coyne with a request to favour the Board with an explanation.

Letters were read from Mr Prendergast C^o Surveyor with reference to the flagged footpaths of the Town. He is to hand over to the Commissioners the £50 granted by the County Council for repairs of the footpaths. He had ordered flags from Rahinch (25 tons) which were delivered at Tuam Station, cost about £30, the balance (£20) to pay for putting them down.

Mr Burke said that the Galway Road concrete footpath was included in Mr Daly's report on necessary repairs but the C^o Surveyor made no provision for it.

The Chairman explained, and said there would be a special application made for that footpath.

Mr Raoul Joyce, agent on the Cloran Property, had written "that understanding the lease of the Fish Market had expired he should feel obliged by arranging a day which would suit to hand over possession of same to his representative, Mr M'Loughlin, The Bakery, Tuam".

The Clerk was directed to reply that the Board were prepared to keep the Fish Market at a reasonable rent, and state that the Board had asked a good while since what rent was to be fixed but got no answer.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Michael C. Shine

Chairman

October 1st 1907

Tuesday, 1st October, 1907.

Monthly Meeting:

Commissioners present, Messrs Michael C. Shine (in the chair), John Mac Pheisin, Thomas McHugh, James Daly, John Burke, Patrick Conavan, Francis Keane, J. A. Glynn and Patrick Byrne.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Cheques were ordered and signed for

John Glynn		£3.6.8
Mr Dwyer		2.18.4
James McDonnell Esq		12.10.0
Raoul Joyce		7.10.0
Depts of the late Mr Cloran		15.0.0
J. A. O'Hanagan		10.6.3
P. D. Warren		1.0.0
Kely's Limited		10.2
Mr Good		9.6
R. J. Kelly		5.5.0
Michl Shaughnessy		10.0.0
J. Butler		2.0.0
J. Dwyer		2.0.0
John Glynn for		
John Butler	£1.13.4	
B. McHugh	1.1.8	
H. McHugh	1.0.0	
D. Shine	1.0.0	
J. Dwyer	1.0.0	
J. Daly	5.0	
B. McHugh	1.2.0	
L. Mullin	7.6	
J. Finnerty	9.0	£7.18.6

£80.14.5

Mr Daly proposed and Mr McHugh seconded - "That the lamp in the Square be raised 2 feet higher and that an incandescent burner be provided there; also that an incandescent burner be put in the lamps at Mr Darling's Waterslade, at Corner of Old Dally paddy road, and Tierboy road."

It was proposed by Mr Conavan and seconded by Mr Keane as an amendment - "That the lamps remain as they are at present unless the suggested improvement be paid for by the contractor."

There voted for the amendment Messrs Keane and Conavan (2), and against it, Messrs Burke, Daly and McHugh (3).

The amendment being lost, Mr Daly's proposition was declared Carried.

A letter of the 21st September was read from Mr Raoul Joyce, Agent, stating that he was directed to take up possession of the holdings at present in the occupation

of the Commissioners on the Cloran Estate and regretted that he could not renew the leases.

A subsequent letter from Mr Raoul Joyce was read as follows: - "I have your favour to hand and regret I cannot offer terms for a new lease of the premises as my instructions to get possession are emphatic."

Ordered that the Clerk write "the landlords to take what course they like."

The Clerk was instructed to write to the Royal Commission on Irish Railways about a serious grievance which the people of the District of Tuam suffer owing to the Midland Great Western Railway System not being punctual to time-table, which causes passengers from Dublin for Tuam to be left behind by the Great Southern & Western and to wait at Athlurry for the night or drive home 14 Irish miles, and asking the Royal Commission to request the two Railway Cos. to act in harmony for the public convenience.

Michael Shaughnessy, Contractor for flagging footpaths, was ordered a cheque for £10 on account.

Messrs J. Dwyer and John Shine were appointed enumerators for the October Sheep and Cattle Fairs, at the usual remuneration £1 each per day.

Messrs Daly, Keane and Shine were appointed as Committee to see that proper pens be provided for the safety of stray stock during the October fairs and that walls of the Fair Green be repaired.

A reply from Sergeant Coyne, ex-officio Inspector of Weights and Measures, to the French Bros' letter in reference to his dismissal of them as adjusters of the Board Weights and Measures was read and a copy of it was ordered to be sent to the French Bros.

The Tuam Gaelic Branch applied for and were unanimously granted "the use of the Board room on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8 pm to 10 pm, and occasionally on Sunday evenings - once a month perhaps".

The Commercial Dancing Class applied for and were granted the use of the Board room for practice dancing on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday nights of each week (when not otherwise engaged) for the coming season.

It was proposed by Mr Daly, seconded by Mr Conavan and unanimously adopted - "That we call upon the Bank of Ireland and all other landlords to sell their houses and lands around the town to the inhabitants of the town and we consider it would be most advantageous to the trade and prosperity of Tuam."

Proposed by Mr Daly, seconded by Mr Glynn, and unanimously passed - "That Mr R. J. Kelly be called upon to put all advertisements of the Tuam Town Commissioners in Irish in future as per contract."

Signed on behalf of the Board,
Nov 5th 1907.

Michael C. Shine

Chairman

Tuesday, 5th November, 1907.

Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs Michael B Shine (in the chair), Thomas McHugh, P & Carroll, John Burke, Michael B Hasty, John MacPhlipin, and Francis Keane.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Cheques were ordered and signed for

John Glynn	£3.6.8
Thomas Dwyer	2.18.4
Joseph Lenfer	2.10.0
Das McDonnell	12.10.0
Raoul Joyce	38.14.6
Comr's of Public Works	10.8.10
Thos Dwyer	2.0.0
John Shine	2.0.0
E P O'Hanagan	21.7.6
Dallard, Printing House Ltd	4.3.0
Thos Dwyer	2.10.0
Alexander McDonnell	1.14.4
"Irish Independent"	17.0
John Glynn for	
John Butler	£1.18.4
Bill Hugh	1.1.8
Mary Connolly	1.0.0
Thos Dwyer	14.0
John Glynn	10.0
John Glynn	1.0.0
Mrs. Kennedy	8.6
John Murphy	10.10.0
Michl Shaughnessy	4.0.0
M Reilly	15.0
Luke Mullin	7.6
P. Finerty	4.0
W. Stockwell	5.6

£22.9.8

The Town Clerk having applied for increase of salary owing to increase of work imposed on him by the Public Bodies Order, 1904, and to other reasons,

The Chairman proposed and Mr MacPhlipin seconded "That the Clerk's annual salary be increased from £40 to £50".

Mr Daly remarked that notice ought to be given.

The Chairman said that notice was unnecessary.

The proposition to increase the Clerk's salary from £40 to £50 was put to the meeting by the Chairman and declared unanimously passed.

A letter dated 17th October 1907 was read from Mr Raoul Joyce, Agent on the Cloran Estate as follows:-

"Thanks for your favour to hand enclosing cheque £7.10.0 on account of arrears of rent due to the Cloran Estate. Kindly let me know when I may expect a cheque for the balance of arrears? I shall attend in Tuam on Wednesday next when I shall expect to get possession of the Fish Market and portion of Fair Green in your possession".

Ordered that a cheque for balance of arrears, £40.13.2 due 1st Nov 1907 less Income Tax £1.18.8, that is to say, for £38.14.6, be forwarded to Mr Joyce and that he be informed that the Board decline to give up possession of the premises in question.

The following resolution proposed by Mr Daly and seconded by Mr McHugh was adopted nem con:-

"That we, the Tuam Town Commissioners, respectfully beg to call the attention of the Galway Co Council, the Tuam Rural District Council and the County Surveyor, to the fact that there are several breakages in the concrete footpath at High Street, which are most dangerous to the general public, and we request that the said footpath be repaired without delay which could be done for about £25".

Mr Daly proposed, Mr Carroll seconded and it was unanimously passed-

"That a bracket-lamp be erected and lighted in West High Street, in vicinity of public fountain and Farrell's Sawmill, which is most necessary there for the public safety on dark nights".

The following resolution proposed by Mr Daly and seconded by Mr Carroll was unanimously adopted:-

"That we, the Tuam Town Commissioners respectfully request the Local Government Board to be so good as to confirm, with as little delay as possible, the Improvement Scheme, made by the District Council, for labourers' cottages for the Tuam Urban Electoral Division, especially having regard to the number of houses in the said Electoral Division certified to be overcrowded, insanitary and unfit for human habitation. We earnestly hope and trust the Local Government Board will do all in their power to provide proper housing accommodation for the labourers in this town, and thereby prevent the spread of tuberculosis from those causes".

A letter was read from Secretary Vice-regal Commission on Irish Railways as follows:-

"With reference to your letter of the 5th October as to the alleged impunctuality of the train service on the M & W Railway, I am directed to send for the information of the Town Commissioners the following copy of an explanation furnished by the Traffic Manager of the Great Southern and Western Railway Co:-

"The Connection with the Midland Great Western Co's 4.50 p.m. see Broadstone, at Athlery, was not maintained on some few occasions in the month of September owing to the abnormally late running of that Company's train".

Annexed letter was read from Traffic Manager Midland Great Western Ry:-
"Dublin, 8th October, 1907.

"Dear Sir - I am in receipt of your letter of the 5th inst, and regret very much the delays which have accrued to our Down 4.15 p.m. trains. The passenger traffic

traffic recently has been exceedingly heavy, owing to the exhibition excursions and other causes, and I feel sure there will now be an improvement, and I trust the connection will not again be missed. The matter is receiving my special attention.

"Yours faithfully,

"J. Tallow."

"John Glynn, Esq., Town Clerk, Tuam."

The following Draft Circular with reference to the March Fair was adopted and ordered to be printed and sent to all the principal farmers of the District:

"A number of Kinsler Buyers having expressed a wish to attend our Tuam Fair on the 10th of March if a quantity of stock were shown there my Board direct me to communicate with you for the purpose of knowing that if they can guarantee the attendance of Dublin Salesmasters and Kinsler Buyers, will you be prepared to show stock on the 10th of March and what quantity? We have long felt that our 10th of May Fair is too late in the season, and that Ballinasloe and Louphrea are superseding it to some extent. We should be very pleased to have your reply and would be glad if you would give us any suggestion which may tend to the success of the Fair."

A letter was read from Mr Patrick Byrne T.C., "inquiring when might he expect to get half the yard occupied by Messrs French Bros," which was marked "~~and~~ adjourned

Ordered that agenda for next monthly meeting include notice to consider the advisability of providing and erecting a weigh-bridge in the Potato Market.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Michael C Shyne Chairman.

December, 3rd, 1907.

Tuesday, 3rd December, 1907.

A Special Meeting.

Pursuant to the following requisition a special meeting of the Board was held on the above date :-

"Tuam, 5th November, 1907.

"To John Glynn,
"Town Clerk:

"Sir, We the undersigned Town Commissioners hereby request you to convene a special Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners on Tuesday 3rd December 1907 at 12 o'clock (noon) to consider the question of increasing the salary of the Town Clerk from £40 to £50 a year owing to increased duties and also to give instructions that in future no sum of money be expended or increase of salary given to any officer unless notice in writing to do such thing shall have been given four weeks to every Commissioner on the Board in accordance with the Provisions of the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854 and the Public Bodies Order 1904.

(Signed)

"James Daly,
"Patrick Canavan,
"J. A. Glynn,
"James McDonnell,
"P. Murphy."

Commissioners present, Messrs Michael C Shyne, James Daly, John Burke, Francis Keane, Thomas M. Stugh, John Mac Phispi, Patrick Canavan, Michael G. Harty, Patrick Byrne and Patrick Murphy (10). On the motion of Mr Mac Phispi seconded by Mr. Daly the Chair was taken by Mr. Shyne.

Mr. Daly proposed that the salary of the Town Clerk be increased from £40 to £50 per year.

Mr. Byrne seconded the proposition.

The Chairman having put the proposition to the Board, declared it passed with none dissenting but Mr Murphy.

Remainder of the matter in the notice convening the Meeting was unanimously allowed to drop.

(Signed on behalf of the Board,

Michael C Shyne Chairman.

January 7th, 1908.

Tuesday, 3rd December, 1907.

Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs Michael C. Shine, James Daly, John Burke, Francis Keane, Thomas M. Hugh, John MacShilpin, Patrick Canavan, Michael C. Stokely, Patrick Byrne, Patrick Murphy (10).

On the motion of Mr MacShilpin seconded by Mr. Daly the chair was taken by Mr Shine.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Cheques were ordered and signed for

John Flynn		£ 3.6.8
Thos Dwyer		2.18.4
John Butler		1.13.4
B M Hugh		1.1.8
James McDonnell		12.10.0
" Freeman's Journal "		1.2.0
D J Kirwan & Sons		11.19.5
Gas Finterty		1.1.0
Dollard Printing House		2.1.3
Michael Shaughnessy		5.0.0
John Flynn for		
Thos Dwyer	8.0	
Wm Reilly	2.0	
Martin Reilly	8.9	
B M Hugh	12.0	
J Daly	6.0	£ 1.16.9
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		£ 44.10.5

The following letters were read: -

Galway, Nov 11, 1907.

" The Town Clerk, Tuam,
Dear Sir, - I am now advised that the Fish Market and Fair Green are held under separate leases, the former of which only has expired, consequently my request for possession of the Fair Green was not in order. I have received instructions to get possession of the Fish Market at once and shall feel obliged for reply to my letter requesting same, so that I may lay it before my principals.

Yours faithfully,
"Raoul Joyce".

Galway, November 18, 1907.

" John Flynn Esq
Dear Sir, - Re Cloran Estate: Thanks for your favour to hand with cheque for which I enclose receipt. Note the Town Commissioners decline to give possession of the Fish Market and have sent your letter to head quarters, as my instructions were to demand possession.

Yours faithfully,
"Raoul Joyce, Receiver."

After some remarks by members of the Board, it was decided that the Town Clerk be instructed to submit the matter to the Town Tenants Association with a view to bring public opinion to bear on it.

Following letter was read from the Labourers Department, Local Government Board in reply to Mr. Daly's resolution of the 5th Nov last: -

Dublin, 8th Nov, 1907.

" Sir, - In reply to your letter of the 5th inst. relative to the Improvement Scheme recently made by the Tuam Rural District Council under the Labourers Act I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they are informed that the Order confirming this scheme is in course of preparation.

I am, your obedient servant,
" M O Sullivan, Asst. Sec."

To the Clerk, Town Commrs, Tuam.

Mr Daly proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr Byrne and unanimously adopted: -

" That we request the Postmaster General to be so good as to appoint a local man to the position of postman in the Town of Tuam, vacant by the death of Mr Farragher, and that a local man be appointed to the position of rural postman to be appointed - Tuam to Barbersfort - as we consider there are men in the service in the district competent for the work. Copies of this resolution to be sent to the Postmaster General, Right Hon Sydney, Duclos, London, to Major R & H Mahon, Surveyor etc, GPO, Dublin, and to Mr P D O Flanagan, Postmaster, Tuam."

The following resolution was unanimously adopted, copy to be sent to the Postmaster General, London: -

" That we, the Tuam Town Commissioners, hereby respectfully beg to bring under the notice of the Postmaster General the sad case of Mrs Farragher of Tuam owing to the death of her husband, Mr Thomas Farragher, who had long and faithfully served in the employment of the Post office, which regrettable event leaves her with a numerous and weak family unprovided for. We confidently hope the Postmaster General will kindly see his way to do something for this poor widow to enable her to rear her orphans."

Application having been made by the French Bros. for their usual Quarters' salary as adjusters of the Board's Crane weights,

Mr Byrne proposed and Mr Stokely seconded - " That the sum of 12 6 applied for Messrs French Bros. be not paid to them as the work for which they demand it was done by a man who had been appointed by Sergeant Coyne, ex officio, Inspector, of Weights and Measures and who has been paid for same."

Passed unanimously.

The Clerk submitted replies to his circular from a great number of the principal farmers of the District warmly approving of the Board's resolution to improve the March Fair of Tuam.

Mr Canavan proposed, Mr Daly seconded, and it was unanimously passed that the Board's best thanks be tendered to all those who replied.

Signed on behalf of the Board,
Michael C. Shine Chairman.

January 7th, 1908.

Monday, 9th December, 1907.

A Special Meeting.

Pursuant to the following requisition a special meeting of the Board was held on the above date :-

" To John Glynn,
Town Clerk :

" Sir, - We, the undersigned Town Commissioners, hereby request you to convene a special meeting of the Board for Monday 9th inst, at 11 o'clock am, to consider the question of applying for an injunction to restrain Corn and pig markets from being held at Cullinagh (Abbey) and Corofin, respectively; and that our Sobr be requested to attend the said meeting and advise us on this important question affecting the trade of the town of Tuam

(Signed)

" James Daly, M.C. Shine, P. Canavan, Francis Keane,
" P. Byrne, M.C. Husty, Tom Mac Nolla, P. Murphy,
" M. Gaggins, Jas. Dwyer, James McDonnell, J. Glynn
" John Burke, P. Carroll, John Mac Philipin.

" December 3rd 1907.

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell (Chairman), James ~~Dwyer~~ Daly, M.C. Shine, John Burke, John Mac Philipin, P. Byrne, Patrick Murphy, M.C. Husty, P. Canavan, Francis Keane,

Also present, Mr Henry Concaun, the Board's Sobr,

The Chairman proposed -

" That Mr Concaun, Sobr, be instructed to take steps to prevent the holding of markets in Abbey and Corofin, provided the Town Commis are in a position to do so"

Mr Murphy seconded the proposition

The Chairman having put the proposition to the Board, declared it unanimously passed.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Michael C Shine Chairman.

January 7th 1908

Tuesday, 7th January, 1908.

Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs Michael C Shine, Francis Keane, Michael C Husty, Patrick Canavan, Patrick Byrne, and P. Carroll.

On the motion of Mr Byrne seconded by Mr Husty the chair was taken by Mr Shine.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed for

Cheques were ordered and signed for

John Glynn	R4.3.4
Thos Dwyer	2.15.4
John Butler	1.13.4
B. M. Hugh	1.1.8
H. M. Hugh	1.0.0
James McDonnell	12.10.0
J. A. E. Flanagan	10.5.9
D. B. Kirwan	1.8.0
P. St. O'Reilly	3.0
Thos Talty	23.13.2
Jas Dinnerty	1.10.0
John Glynn for	

Dan Brisham	10.0
J. Dwyer	12.0
B. M. Hugh	11.6
M. Reilly	2.0
Mrs Kennedy	1.0
Thos Talty	3.0
	£ 1.19.6

£ 62.6.1

Following is copy of letter from Receiver, Cloran Estate with reference to the Fish Market :

" Galway 23rd Dec, 1907.

" To the Town Clerk, Tuam :
" Dear Sir, - Re Fish Market : I have been acting in this matter under instructions from Mr Gerald Cloran but am now directed by the Sobr that any further action must be taken by Mr Cloran personally.

" Yours faithfully,
" Raoul Joyce "

Marked " read "

Annexed letter was read from Hon Sec, Tuam Old Billiard Club :
" 27th Dec, 1907.

" Dear Sir, - I have been instructed by the Committee of the Tuam Old Billiard Club to apply to the Town Council for permission to enlarge the lavatory attached to the Billiard Room. It is not the intention of the Committee to interfere with the stone structure of the building, as they find that the enlargement

can easily be accomplished by changing the wooden partition facing the hall door from its present position to the front of the stair case, I am, dear Sir,
yours, truly

"M. J. Mammie, Hon Sec."

"The Presiding Chairman,

"Tuam Town Commissioners".

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Carroll seconded that the application be granted.

Passed unanimously

A resolution from the Blackrock Urban Council was unanimously adopted approving of proposals recently made by Mr. J. J. Blaney K.C., M.P., for financing a comprehensive scheme of housing for the Cities and Towns of Ireland, without involving any injustice to anyone and urging their acceptance on the Government.

The Clerk reports that he had received from the farmers of the District another large batch of replies to his circular with regard to the forthcoming March Fair of Tuam, promising to send stock to the fair.

Orders that the Fair be extensively placarded, and inserted in the Dublin newspapers.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

per. M. J. Mammie

Chairman

February 11, 1908.

Town of Tuam.

Election of Commissioners for the above Town
in the year, 1908.

I, the undersigned, being the Returning officer at the Poll for the Election of Commissioners for the said Town, held on 15th day of January 1908, do hereby give notice that the number of votes recorded for each Candidate at the Election is as follows:-

Names of Candidates	Places of abode	No. of votes recorded
Cann William	Galway Road	85
Carroll Edward Patrick	High Street	195
Dooley Francis	Vicar Street	143
Fahy Michael	Dublin Road	85
Lyons Patrick	Shop Street	183
McDonnell James	Waterlode	261
Murphy Patrick	Shop Street	210
Roache James	Cloontooa Road	103
Shine Michael Cornelius	Bishop Street	204

And I do hereby declare that the said
James M. McDonnell
Patrick Murphy
Michael & Shine
Patrick & Carroll and
Patrick Lyons
are duly elected Commissioners for the said Town.

John Glynn,
Returning officer,

January, 15th day, 1908.

I, James M. McDonnell, having been chosen Chairman of the Commissioners for the Town of Tuam, hereby declare that I take said office on myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability.

Made and subscribed before me this

23rd day of January, 1908.

John Glynn

Town Clerk

I, James McDonnell, having been chosen Commissioner for the Town of Tuam, hereby declare that I take said office on myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability.

Made and subscribed before me this 23rd day of January 1908
John Glynn
Town Clerk

James McDonnell

I, Patrick Murphy, having been chosen Commissioner for the Town of Tuam, hereby declare that I take said office on myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability.

Made and subscribed before me this 11th day of ^{February} January, 1908.
John Glynn
Town Clerk

Patrick Murphy

I, Michael Cornelius Shine, having been chosen Commissioner for the Town of Tuam, hereby declare that I take said office on myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability.

Made and subscribed before me this 23rd day of January 1908
John Glynn
Town Clerk

Michael C. Shine

I, Patrick Edward Carroll, having been chosen Commissioner for the Town of Tuam, hereby declare that I take said office on myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability.

Made and subscribed before me this 23rd day of January 1908
John Glynn
Town Clerk

Patrick Edward Carroll

I, Patrick Lyons, having been chosen Commissioner for the Town of Tuam, hereby declare that I take said office on myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability.

Made and subscribed before me this 23rd day of January, 1908.
John Glynn
Town Clerk

Patrick Lyons

Thursday, 23rd January, 1908.

Election of Chairman

The annual Statutory meeting of the Board was held on the above date for the purpose of electing a chairman for the ensuing year.

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell (in the chair), M. C. Shine, P. E. Carroll, James Daly, Michael Giggins, Patrick Canavan, John Purdy, John MacPhiepin, Michael C. Storty, Patrick Lyons, Patrick O'Byrne, and Francis Keane.

Mr Shine proposed and Mr MacPhiepin seconded that Mr James McDonnell be re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

Passed unanimously.

Mr McDonnell then made and signed his declaration as Chairman of the Board

Signed on behalf of the Board

James McDonnell - Chairman

February 11th 1908.

Tuesday, 11th February, 1908

There were not a quorum present. Only Mr Michael C. Shine attended and he adjourned to that day week, 11th February

John Glynn
Town Clerk.

Tuesday, 11th February, 1908,

Adjourned Meeting

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell J.P. (Chairman of the Board), M. C. Shine, P. Canavan, J. Burke, J. Keane, J. Daly, M. C. Hosty, J. Lyons, J. A. Flynn B.A. Sobr., J. E. Carroll, P. Murphy, and J. M. Stugh.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Cheques were ordered and signed for

John Flynn (£4.3.4)	£4.3.4
Thomas Dwyer	2.18.4
John Butler	1.13.4
B. M. Stugh	1.1.8
Joseph Leifer	2.10.0
Jas McDonnell	12.10.0
Ramona Burke	10.0.0
J. Goode	22.13.0
John Flynn	23.18.0
Michl. Shanphussary	5.0.0
Richd J. Kelly	6.0.0
John Flynn for	
John Flynn	10.0
Thos Dwyer	10.0
Mrs Kennedy	12.6
B. M. Stugh	13.6
M. Reilly	3.9
	£ 2.9.9

£94.17.5

The Postmaster General replied to the Board's resolution informing them that Peter Ward, auxiliary postman from Tuam to Ballytraona (a local candidate) was appointed to the vacancy caused by death of Thomas Farragher, postman, and that he regretted he was unable to obtain for Mrs Farragher any grant from public funds as the Superannuation Act make no provision for the widows of deceased civil servants.

Mr Shine suggested and it was ordered that the Clerk send a statement of Mrs Farragher's case to Mr Hazalton M.P., with a view to get, through Parliament, the Postal Authorities to do something for her.

Attention having been drawn to the dirty state of the street crossings and footpaths of the Town it was ordered that the Town Inspector take steps to get the householders sweep the footpaths along their dwellings and that the Clerk write to the County Surveyor about the crossings.

Contract for cleansing Potato Market, Fish Market, and footpaths along the Potato Market, Town Hall and Shop St Bridge having expired, it was ordered to advertise for a Contractor, tenders to be considered at the next monthly meeting.

Dan Crisham wrote that he was for the last fifteen years Bill Postin to the Board at a Salary — a very small Salary, during which he did a lot of extra work for which he got nothing and he hoped the Board would favorably consider him.

Mr Shine gave notice as follows:—

"Take notice that I or some member on my behalf will move at the next monthly meeting that the salary of Dan Crisham be increased from £2 to £4 as price of living has increased very much and like all the labouring men, I consider the time has come when his wages should be increased"

(Signed)

"Michael C. Shine"

"Feb 11th 1908"

Signed on behalf of the Board,

James McDonnell.

Chairman,

March 3rd 1908.

Tuesday, 3rd March, 1908.

Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell (Chairman of the Board), M^cShine, Francis Keane, M^cHusty, John Burke and Patrick Byrne.

Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed.

Cheques were ordered and signed for

John Glynn		£4.3.4
Thomas Dwyer		2.18.4
John Butler		1.13.4
B ^d McHugh		1.1.8
James McDonnell		12.10.0
John Glynn for		
Thos Dwyer	8.0	
Sergeant Coyne	5.10	
Thos Dwyer	3.0	
B ^d McHugh	10.10	
M ^c Reilly	15.0	
Thos Dwyer	1.0	£2.3.8

£22.10.4

The clerk submitted abstracts of accounts for year ended 31st March 1907 as audited by Captain G Wynne and the auditor's report thereon.

There were tenders for the cleansing Contract from Laurence Burke at £10 and John Clarke at £7.10.0.

Clarke's was accepted unanimously.

M^cShine proposed and M^cBurke seconded and it was unanimously passed that the salary of the Bell Ringer, Dan Crisham be increased from £2 to £4 a year.

The County Surveyor, replying to the Board's letter regarding obligation of householders to sweep the footpaths along their respective dwellings, said the Board must refer to the Constabulary.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Jas. McDonnell. Chairman

April 7th 1908

Tuesday, 7th April, 1908.

Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell JP (Chairman of the Board) M^cShine, M^cHusty, Patrick Canavan, Patrick Byrne, Francis Keane, Patrick Lyons.

Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed.

Cheques were ordered for

John Glynn		£4.3.4
Thomas Dwyer		2.18.4
John Butler		1.13.4
B ^d McHugh		1.1.8
M ^c McHugh		1.0.0
Is McDonnell		12.10.0
B ^d O'Reilly		4.14.0
E P O Flanagan		21.7.6
Local Gov. Board		4.5.0
J ^d McPhilpin		2.19.4
Thos Dwyer		1.0.0
John Shine		1.0.0
"Irish Times"		18.0
"Daily Express"		18.0
R J Kelly		8.10.0
John Glynn for		
D ^d Crisham	10.0	
J Clarke	1.17.6	
J Dwyer	14.0	
P Sweeney	2.2	
Martin Reilly	7.6	
B ^d McHugh	14.6	
W Stockwell	11.0	
J Fahy	12.0	£5.8.8

£44.7.2

Mr J Whitehouse, F R A M, Professor of Music applied for use of the Board Room for holding Violin and Mandoline classes on one evening each week.

The clerk was directed to ascertain how soon and on what evening of the week the professor, ^{intending} to have the classes

A letter was read from Mr Laurence Burke Road Contractor calling attention to the way the new crossings were constructed, which, he said, was against all principles of road-making.

Ordered that the clerk send a copy of the letter to the County Surveyor who now had charge of those crossings.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

"That we the Tuam Town Commissioners beg to call the attention of the Constabulary to several thefts and depredations which have been recently perpetrated in the town and to ask them to be more active in the discharge of their duties by bringing those evil-doers to justice. Copy of this resolution to be sent to Mr O'Rourke D.I."

On the motion of Mr Lyons the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

"That we hereby respectfully ^{ask} Very Rev Canon Macken to bring under the notice of his Grace the Archbishop the desirability of establishing a lending library in Tuam for the town and neighbouring parishes; and that a house most suitable for the purpose, situate in Shop Street, is at present vacant, and to be sold by public auction on Friday next. The clerk to send a copy of this resolution to Very Rev Canon Macken"

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Jas. McDonnell. Chairman

May 5th 1908

Tuesday, 5th May, 1908.

Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell D.P. (Chairman of the Board) Michael B. Shine, John Burke, James Daly, Patrick Lyons, Patrick Conanan and Francis Keane.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed,

Payment orders were made to

John Glynn	£4.3.4
Thos Dwyer	2.18.4
B. M. Hugh	1.1.8
John Butler	1.13.4
Joseph Fenfor	2.10.0
James McDonnell	12.10.0
Mary Connolly	1.0.0
J. A. Walsh, "Western People"	10.0
John MacPhilpin	2.7.6
Gas. Finnerty	1.2.0
John Glynn for	
Thos Dwyer	8.0
John Glynn	10.0
Michael Dwyer	4.0
Ruthe Mullen	7.6
B. M. Hugh	4.6
M. Shaughnessy	13.4
John MacPhilpin	1.5.0
	£ 3.12.4

£ 33.8.6

A letter was read from Mr O'Rourke D.I., R.I.B., Tuam, replying to resolution regarding thefts and depredations recently perpetrated in the town and informing the Board that he had taken special steps to put a stop to such, and that the police would do all in their power to bring to justice the persons engaged in them.

Mr. Pendergast Co-Surveyor acknowledged receipt of copy of Mr Laurence Burke's letter on subject of Tuam Street Crossings and grates and said that the matter was receiving his attention.

Letters were read from both Railway Cos., the Midland and the Gt S^m & W^m, stating they would run a special train to Tuam on Sunday, May 10th, for the conveyance of buyers attending the Cattle fair next day.

The clerk was directed to advertise the fair and the time fixed for special train, in the Dublin Daily newspapers.

Messrs Thomas Dwyer and John Shine were appointed to act as Enumerators at the May Sheep and Cattle Fairs at the usual remuneration of £1 each per day

Signed on behalf of the Board

Michael C. Flume Chairman

June 9th 1908

Tuam, 9th June, 1908.

Meeting by Requisition:

In accordance with the following requisition a meeting was held on the above-named date:-

Tuam 5th June 1908

"John Glynn, Town Clerk, Tuam:

"We the undersigned Town Commissioners of Tuam hereby request you to convene a special meeting of the Board to be held in the Town Hall, Tuam, on Tuesday, 9th June at 8 pm for the purpose of transacting the ordinary monthly business of the Board

(Signed)

"Michael C. Shine,

"Francis Keane,

"John Burke,

"Patrick Canavan,

"Patrick Byrne.

Commissioners present, Messrs Michael C. Shine (in the chair), Francis Keane, John Burke, James Daly, Patrick Byrne, and P. E. Carroll.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Payments were ordered to

John Glynn	£4.3.4	
Thomas Dwyer	2.18.4	
John Butler	1.13.4	
P. McHugh	1.1.8	
James McDonnell	12.10.0	
Agent, Bank of Ireland	10.0.0	
Commissioners of Public Works	10.3.5	
Freeman's Journal	1.17.0	
Joyce Mackie & Co	5.4.0	
John O'Donnell	10.0	
D. J. Kirwan & Sons	19.10.6	
Thos Dwyer	2.0.0	
John Shine	2.0.0	
R. J. Kelly	1.5.0	
John Glynn		
Thomas Dwyer	10.0	
John Glynn	1.0	
Thos Dwyer	1.0	
Martin Reilly	7.6	
Ruthe Mullen	7.6	
Wm Stockwell	5.6	£ 1.12.6
		£ 76.9.1

Treasurer's Advice Note was signed by the Chairman (Mr Shine), Mr Canavan and Mr Keane.

The following resolution proposed by Mr Byrne and seconded by Mr Burke was unanimously adopted:-

"That we desire to call the attention of the Local Government Board to the delay in furnishing the Arbitrator's Award in respect of the Tuam Rural District Council Order, 1907 under the Labourers Act 1906, and we wish to point out that the land is derelict which the Labourers expect to have ere this in their possession; and we request the Local Government Board to be good enough to issue the Arbitrator's Award and see that the cottages be built without further delay, as it is generally believed that the cottages should be built within twelve months from 1st Feb 1907."

Quotations for ladders having been received from Messrs McDonagh & Sons, it was decided to order four ladders 20ft, 25ft, 30ft, 35ft, respectively.

Also ordered that the walls of the Potato Market & Fishmarket and the Dead walls be white-washed:

- And that notice be given in Circular for next meeting of motions:-
- (1) To paint the Town Hall;
 - (2) To build Victrolas Stalls;
 - (3) To give Contractors for Scavenging a quarter money in advance.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Michael C. Flume Chairman

July 9th, 1908.

May Fair Gate Returns:

	Sold:	unsold:	Total:
Ewes & Lambs	716	326	1042
Hoggets	1830	359	2189
Wethers	163	24	187
	<hr/> 2709	<hr/> 409	<hr/> 3418
Bullocks	1876	125	2001
Heifers	1406	223	1629
Calves	84	34	118
Cows	154	57	211
Bulls	1	1	2
	<hr/> 3521	<hr/> 440	<hr/> 3961

Tuesday, 7th July, 1908.

Monthly Meeting:

Commissioners present, Messrs Michael C Shine (in the chair), Patrick Lyons, Michael Gaggins, Thomas McHugh, and Patrick Canavan.

Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed.

Payments were ordered to

John Glynn		£4.3.4	
Thomas Dwyer		2.13.4	
John Buller		1.13.4	
P. McHugh		1.1.8	
Tas McDonnell		12.10.0	
"Daily Express"		15.0	
W Kennedy		1.0.0	
John Glynn for			
Dan Crisham	10.0		
Thos Dwyer	8.0		
John Clarke	12.6		
M. Kelly	5.0		
J. Gill	6.0		
D Crisham	7.6	£ 2.9.0	
Luke Mullin		1.5.0	3.14.0
		£ 28.10.8	

John Clarke, contractor for cleansing the Salute Market and Fish Market was temporarily engaged - until next monthly Meeting, to pick up and remove refuse, such as straws, paper scraps etc swept out from shops into the streets at the rate of £7.10.0 per annum.

It was also ordered that the Watering Card be sent to Mr Hatley for overhauling and painting.

Two additional ladders, suitable for use in fire outbreaks were ordered to be procured from Messrs McDonnell & Sons Galway.

The following notice was handed in and accepted:-

"Take notice that I or some member on my behalf will move at the next Monthly Meeting that the Gas Lamp outside the Commercial Hotel be included in Contract as one of the Town Lamps.

(Signed)

Thomas McHugh,

"July 7th, 1908."

The Board then adjourned to Tuesday 14th inst.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

J. McDonnell

Chairman

Aug 4, 1908

Sunday, 12th July, 1908.

An impromptu Meeting:

After last Mass on the above date, it having transpired that the Most Rev. Dr. J. J. Barr, Archbishop of Melbourne was to be at the Archbishop's Palace that evening there was an impromptu meeting of the Commissioners held for the purpose of drafting an Address to present to his Grace.

Commissioners present, Messrs M. C. Shine (in the chair), J. A. Glynn B.A. Solr., Patrick Canavan, Patrick Lyons, Patrick Byrne, John Burke, James Daly and Francis Keane.

Mr J. A. Glynn drew up the following address which was unanimously adopted and to which the Town Clerk was directed to affix the names of all the Town Commissioners:-

"Address to His Grace the Most Rev. Thomas J. Barr D.D.,

Archbishop of Melbourne from the Tuam Town Commissioners:

"May it please your Grace -

"On behalf of the People of Tuam we bid

you a hearty welcome to our ancient City.

"As a son of the Archdiocese, we have watched your career with the deepest interest and gratification, and it has ever been a source of pride to us to know that amongst the many illustrious prelates the Archdiocese of Tuam has given to the Church, your Grace holds foremost place as an administrator and a scholar. To those who have watched the course of events in Church and State in the Commonwealth of Australia is apparent the great influence which your Grace has exercised for the good of the Church and the benefit of your adopted Country; and we rejoice to claim as our own so illustrious a Churchman who is known throughout the Catholic World, and whose name is held in the deepest ^{respect and} veneration by the entire Australian people of every race and Creed.

"As Ireland in the early ages evangelised Western Europe so in our ^{own} day it has been reserved to our people to spread the light of the Gospel to the very ends of the Earth. Whence the Irish exile cast his lot he planted the seed of the Faith, and through some of the ablest children of the Church which in our time has grown to a mighty tree whose branches encircle the English speaking world.

"In greeting your Grace, we greet our brethren in far off Australia, who whilst building up a new nation have never forgotten the land of their origin. The sea-divided Gael finds a common platform in Nationality and Faith, and though some of the oldest children of the Church have fallen away the Irish people, poor in the world's wealth but rich in their simple faith, have stood steadfast to the See of Peter.

"With such prelates as your Grace to guide the destinies of our people abroad we look forward with confidence to the future, and we pray that your Grace may long be spared to rule the great Archdiocese over which it has pleased God to place you."

Signed on behalf of the Board,

J. McDonnell

Chairman

Aug 4th 1908.

Tuesday, 14th July, 1908.

Adjourned Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs Michael C Shine (in the chair) Patrick Lyons, Michael C Hosty, John Burke, P E Carroll, Patrick Canavan, James Daly, Francis Keane and Patrick Byrne.

The Chairman (Mr Shine) proposed and Mr Burke seconded the following resolution which was passed in silence:-

"That we desire to convey to the relatives of our late Colleague, Mr John MacPhilpin, the expression of our heartfelt sympathy in their sad affliction and to place on record our sense of the loss our Body suffer by the death of such a useful member", Copy to be sent to be read to deceased's sister, Mr Flanahan.

The Chairman (Mr Shine) proposed and Mr Canavan seconded the following resolution which was passed with acclamation:-

"That while heartily congratulating our townsman, Father William M. Hugh, on his well deserved promotion as P.P. of the important parish of Gummer, we desire even under such happy circumstances to express our regret at his departure from Tuam. And we record our gratification at the marked manner in which his Grace the Archbishop has shown his appreciation of Father M. Hugh's worth as a priest. Copies to be sent to His Grace the Archbishop and Father M. Hugh.

Mr James Daly proposed and Mr Patrick Lyons seconded the following resolution which was unanimously passed:-

"That we hereby congratulate our young townsman, Father Peter Costello, on the occasion of his elevation to the priesthood and feel sure that he will be an ornament to the Church and will reflect credit on our Ancient Cathedral City". Copy to be sent to Father Costello.

The Chairman proposed, Mr Canavan seconded and it was unanimously passed -

"To paint the windows and doors of the Town Hall inside and outside, and the Board Room walls and stair case, in same colours as before; varnish the Board Room ceiling; and paint the Weighhouse and Firestation doors. Mr Stockwell to furnish specification and estimate and tenders to be advertised for, and considered at next monthly meeting."

The Board having decided to paint the Enumerators' Shelter boxes (2) Mr Hosty proposed, Mr Carroll seconded and it was unanimously passed that Mr Stockwell be allowed £1.2.6 for painting the boxes (3 coats each)

It was ordered that Mr Concanon do be requested to supply a certified copy of Lease of Meat Market required by the Local Government Board before recommending the Roan applied for by the Board from Commissioners of Public Works for building Victuallers' stalls.

The Clerk was directed to write to the County Surveyor requesting his attention to the street sewer traps with a view to have them kept clean and in proper order and also to Mr L. Burke's letter with reference to sewer traps sent to him some months since.

Also ordered that Mr Hession and Mr Costello be requested to recommend the District Council to lower the boundary wall of the Tuam Old Cemetery some four or five feet and cope it which at present bars out the pure air from the houses hard by, and also to level the old dilapidated house abutting on the cemetery ground and erect there a gate instead. This could be done under the People's Parks Act.

Ordered on motion of Mr Hosty that the pump in the Square be removed and its place be flagged.

The Board having some months ago decided to procure an apparatus for pumping water from the river into the sprinkling cart it was now ordered that one be got, price £1.5.0, with hose enough at 3/6 per foot.

Ordered that in future the Weighhouse be kept clear of tramps and stragglers by the Craner, and likewise the Entrance to the Town Hall by the Town Inspector.

Also that persons buying fowl be not allowed to drive nails in the wall and down under the clock tower for the purpose of hanging their fowl on them.

And that Messrs J D Egan & Son be allowed to exhibit two show cards - one in Bishop street, the other in Vicar street at the same toll charged to Mr Young of Galway viz 5/0 each per annum.

Signed on behalf of the Board.

J. M. Carroll. Chairman

August 4th 1908

Thursday, 23rd July, 1908.

Special Meeting:

Pursuant to the following requisition a meeting was held on the above named date:

Commissioners present, Messrs Patrick E Carroll (in the chair) John Burke, Patrick Lyons, Patrick Canavan, and Michael Goggins.
"Tuam, July 20th, 1908"

"To John Glynn Esq, Town Clerk,

"We the undersigned Town Commissioners of Tuam hereby request you to convene a special meeting of the Board to be held in the Town Hall on Thursday 23rd inst at 12 o'clock (noon) for the purpose of deciding whether Mr J D Cahill, Auctioneer be given the use of the Town Hall for the purpose of holding an auction of carpets and kindred goods.

"(Signed) P Canavan,

"P Byrne,

"James Daly,

"Patrick Lyons,

"John Burke."

Proposed by Mr Goggins and seconded by the Chairman (Mr Carroll) -

"That the use of the Town Hall be not given for the purpose mentioned ^{the carpets} _(being foreign goods). There voted for the proposition, Mr Goggins and the Chairman (2).
Against - Mr Lyons (1). Messrs Canavan & Burke declined to vote.

The proposition was declared carried

Signed on behalf of the Board

J. M. Carroll. Chairman.

Aug 4th, 1908.

Monday, 27th July, 1908.

Special Meeting.

Pursuant to the following requisition, a special meeting was held on the abovesaid date:—

"Iram, 24th July, 1908.

"We the undersigned Town Commissioners hereby request you to convene a special meeting of the Board to be held on Monday 27th inst, at 12 o'clock (noon) for the purpose of considering whether Mr Canavan, auctioneer, set use of Town Hall for holding an auction on Wednesday, 29th inst,

(Signed)

" P. Canavan,
" P. Byrne,
" Francis Keane
" P. E. Carroll
" Patrick Lyons
" John Burke,

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell (Chairman of the Board), John Burke, Patrick Canavan, Patrick Murphy, and Patrick Byrne,

Mr Byrne proposed, Mr Burke seconded, and it was unanimously passed—
"That Mr Canavan be given the use of the Town Hall for the purpose mentioned."

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Jas. McDonnell,

Chairman

Aug 4th, 1908.

Tuesday, 4th August, 1908.

Monthly Meeting:

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell J.P. Chairman of the Board; Michael C. Shine, Thomas McHugh, Francis Keane, Patrick Murphy, Francis Keane, Patrick Murphy, John Burke, Patrick Canavan, M. C. Hooty, P. E. Carroll, Patrick Byrne,

Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed.

Paying Orders were made as follows:—

John Glynn	£4.3.4
Thomas Dwyer	3.3.4
John Butler	1.13.4
Joseph Leffer	2.10.0
P. McHugh	1.1.8
James McDonnell	12.10.0
J. A. O'Hanagan	12.12.8
"Irish Times"	15.0
"Independent"	1.13.6
Messrs McDonnell & Co	10.13.6
John Glynn for	
Thomas Dwyer	6.0
John Glynn	10.0
Daniel Crisnam	10.0
Thomas Kilconnon	2.0
John Clarke	12.6
M. Reilly	1.8.9
Luke Mullin	15.0
John Clarke	10.0
John Clarke	12.6
W. Stockwell	1.2.6
	£6.9.3

£57.5.7

Advice notice to Treasurer was signed by the Chairman and by Messrs Shine and Keane.

There were two tenders for contract to paint the Town Hall etc: One from Messrs Stockwell & Sons at £39.10; the other from Mr John Reynolds at £38.10.

Mr Shine proposed and Mr Keane seconded that Messrs Stockwell & Sons' tender at £39.10 be accepted, it being the lower considering that Messrs Stockwell & Sons had prepared specification and estimate for which they would not charge provided their tender was accepted.

Passed unanimously, the contract to be completed by 10th October next, and Mr Concanan told to draw up an agreement to that effect to be signed by the Contractors. A Committee to approve of the work namely the Chairman, M. C. Shine & Keane, P. Murphy & Tho. McHugh were appointed.

Mr McHugh withdrew his notice of motion "that the gas lamp outside the Commercial Hotel be included in contract as one of the Town lamps".

Mr Shine proposed and Mr Byrne seconded "that Mr Francis Meagher Draper, The Square, be co-opted as Commissioner to seat rendered ^{vacant} by the death of Mr John MacPhilpin".

Passed unanimously.

Tolls and Customs Schedule was submitted for revision and adopted for the coming year, unaltered, and the schedule board was ordered to be re-lettered.

List of Fairs was also adopted as it stood and was ordered to be sent for publication in almanacs for 1909, and 21st inst was fixed for letting Tolls & Customs.

Mr Shine called attention to the necessity of erecting pens on the Fair Green for stray stock during the Fairs.

A Committee was appointed consisting of Messrs Murphy, Shine, and the Chairman to see to the matter.

Mr Shine having brought under notice that there were several complaints by people on the Tullinadaly Road that during the fairs they suffer damage from stock breaking into their gardens near the Fair Green and claim that the Board should make up the fence so as to prevent such trespass in future.

It was ordered to consult the Board's Solr. Mr Concanon and ascertain whether the Board was responsible.

A letter was read from the Countess of Aberdeen enclosing two invitations for delegates appointed to serve on the Consultative Committee of the Tuberculosis Exhibition to be held in Dublin on 27th inst.

Messrs Patrick Murphy and Michael C. Harty were appointed as delegates to serve on the Committee and were handed the cards of invitation.

Correspondence was read as follows:

"The Priory, Colford,

" 24th July, 1908.

"Dear Mr Glynn - The Archbishop desires me to acknowledge with his best thanks the copy of resolution adopted by the Tuam Town Commissioners with reference to the recent promotion to a parish of Father McHugh. His Grace thinks Father Willie deserving of any compliment that can be paid to him - yours faithfully,

"Francis Sugr."

"John Glynn Esq.,

"Town Clerk, Tuam."

"The Priory, Colford,
" 27th July 1908.

"My dear Mr Glynn,

Please accept my best thanks for copy of resolution unanimously adopted by the Town Board and congratulating me on my promotion as parish priest of Colmer and Belclare. I feel deeply grateful to my friend, Mr Shine, for its proposal and Mr Concanon its seconder, and also to each member of that respectable Board for its adoption. Mr Shine's remarks concerning me are certainly and truly "skinning", so much so that I feel myself look in their brightness, but I am sure every word was most sincere and heartfelt. No doubt but I do regret my leaving poor old Tuam and people - both town and country - whom I loved with a legitimate love, but my regret is very much alleviated by the fact that through the goodness and kindness of his Grace the Archbishop, I am still at the gates, I may say, of the grand and historic city of poor old Tuam. Again thanking you for your kindness and remaining,

"yours most gratefully,
"William J McHugh D.P."

"Ballygaddy Road, Tuam.
"August 1st '08.

"Dear Mr Glynn,

I beg, through you, to thank the members of the Tuam ^{Town} Board for their kind resolution congratulating me on my recent elevation to the Sacred Ministry. I appreciate most heartily the good wishes contained in it, and have only to hope that they may, in part at least, be realised. Thanking yourself personally for the great interest you have always evinced in me.

"I am, Dear Mr Glynn,

"yours sincerely,
"Peter A Costello."

"John Glynn Esq.,

"Town Clerk, Tuam."

"Waterslade Place, Tuam
" 20th July, 1908,

"Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of ^{your} letter enclosing resolution and to ask you to convey to the Town Commissioners the sincerest thanks of myself and family for their kind sympathy and condolence with us on the death of my dear brother, Mr MacPhilpin.

"yours sincerely,
"Bridget Flannelly."

"Mr John Glynn,

"Town Clerk, Tuam."

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Michael O'Hara

Chairman

September 1st, 1908.

Friday, 21st August, 1908.

Special Meeting.

By order of the Board on 4th instant a Special Meeting was held today (21st August 1908) for the purpose of receiving and considering tenders for Tolls and Customs of the year next ensuing 28th September 1908.

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell JP, Esq (presiding) M.C. Shine, Patrick Lyons, J.L. Carroll, M.C. Hooty, Patrick Byrne, Patrick Murphy, Patrick Canavan, James Daly.

There were two tenders for the Tolls and Customs: One from Mr John Murphy at £700, offering as his sureties Messrs Henry Concaum Esq and Michael Farrell; the other, from Mr Thomas Nolan at £650, offering his sureties Messrs Michael Hamel of Inam and John Tierney of Delmounk.

Mr Murphy's tender was declared unanimously accepted.

Mr William Stockwell signed a tender to re-letter Schedule of Tolls and Customs board for two pounds was accepted.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Michael Shine Chairman

Sept 1st 1908.

I, Francis Meagher, having been co-opted Commissioner for the Town of Inam, hereby declare that I take the said office on myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of judgment and ability.

Made and subscribed before me this
1st Day of September, 1908.

John Glynn
Town Clerk

Francis Meagher

Tuesday, 1st September, 1908

Monthly Meeting:

Commissioners present, Messrs Michael C. Shine (in the chair), J.A. Glynn Esq. J.P.; John Burke, Patrick Canavan, James Daly, Francis Meagher, and Francis Keane.

Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed.

Mr Francis Meagher read and signed his Declaration as Co-opted Commissioner in room of the late Mr John MacPhilpui.

Paying Orders were made for

John Glynn	£4.3.4
Thos Dwyer	2.18.4
John Butler	1.13.4
B. McHugh	1.1.8
John Clarke	1.5.0
Geo McDonnell	12.10.0
"Irish Independent"	1.0.0
Ruke Mullin	1.10.0
Thos Daly	3.10.0
Messrs Stockwell & Sons	2.11.0
Patriotic Assurance Co	18.3
Messrs Stockwell & Sons	20.0.0
John Glynn for	
Martin Pailly	£. 12.6
D. Crisham	£. 10.0
	1. 2.6

£54.3.5

Mr Matthew Flannelly tendered to do all the printing required by the Board for twelve months (except crane docket) for a sum of £6.10.0; sureties Messrs Robert Farrell and John Walsh, Inam.

The Inam Herald Printing & Publishing Co tendered to do all the printing required by the Board for twelve months (except crane docket) for a sum of £4 and to publish all advertisements of the Board for twelve months according to advertisement for a sum of £13; - sureties Messrs Michael Hession and Patrick Bradley, Inam.

The Inam Herald Co's two tenders were unanimously accepted.

The Chairman having called attention to a leakage in roof of Town Hall some of the slates having been displaced, Messrs Keane, Daly and the Chairman (Mr Shine) were appointed a Committee to examine the roof and get the necessary repairs done.

It was ordered to get by contract a dozen chairs for use of Board Room tenders to be considered at next monthly meeting.

The Chairman brought under notice the necessity of having a way of egress from the Boardroom to the rear, to be available in case of fire,

Ordered that the matter be included in agenda for next monthly meeting.

Application was received from the Catholic Temperance Society requesting the Board to be good enough to include the Billiard and News rooms, used by the Society, in the painting Contract at present being executed in the Hall.

Notice ordered to be given of the matter for next monthly meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Board.

Michael C Shine Chairman

October 6th 1908.

Tuesday, 6th October, 1908.

Monthly Meeting

Commissioners present, Messrs Michael C Shine (in the chair), P. Canavan, John Burke, James Daly, M. C. Harty, Francis Keane, Patrick Byrne and Patrick Lyons

Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed.

Payment orders were made to

John Glynn	£4.3.4
The Dwyer	2.18.4
John Butler	1.13.4
B. McHugh	1.11.8
John Clarke	1.5.0
H. McHugh	1.0.0
Dan Crisham	1.0.0
Jas McDermott Esq	12.10.0
John Shine	1.0.0
The Dwyer	1.0.0
P. D. Warren	1.0.0
The Goode	9.6
"Daily Express"	1.4.0
A. Mullen	1.12.6
Messrs Stockwell & Sons	15.0.0
Do	4.10.0
John Glynn for	
The Dwyer	8.0
Martin Reilly	5.0
John Clarke	5.0
	18.0

£52.5.8

It was ordered that Mr The Dwyer, Craner, be paid monthly in future for man filling Dockets at Potato Crane at the rate of £2.10.0 per year.

Payment was ordered to Messrs Stockwell & Sons on account of Contract for painting, £15 and also payment of balance, £4.10.0, cheque for the latter to be withheld pending report from Committee, Messrs P. Murphy, J. McHugh, M. C. Shine, and F. Keane that the Contract is satisfactorily carried out.

The Chairman's motion to discuss the desirability of having a second way of egress from the Town Hall, namely, to the rear, to be available in case of fire was adjourned to next monthly meeting.

Tuan Branch of the Gaelic League applied for the use of the Board Room for holding classes two evenings of the week, Monday and Wednesday which on motion of the Chairman was unanimously granted together with permission to use the Room on Sundays if required.

Commercial dancing class, on motion of Mr Daly seconded by Mr Canavan were granted the use of the Board Room on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday evenings from 8 to 10 to hold practice dances, the Hall Board Room to be given up each evening in the condition in which the class had got it; also the Gaelic League to have the use of the Board Room on Sundays when required, and the Commissioners reserving the right to use the Board Room on such evenings for any purpose they wish themselves.

Application of the Temperance Society, to have NewsRoom and Billiard Room included in the painting Contract at present being executed in the Hall, was refused, the Board's funds at present not affording the cost.

Tender from Mr Patrick Badkin of Ballygaddy Road to supply 18 chairs according to sample at 3/6 each was accepted.

Mr Daly proposed and it was ordered that an inventory be taken of all the Board's furniture in the Town Hall and entered in the Minute Book.

The Chairman proposed and Mr Lyons seconded and it was unanimously passed -

"That we, the Town Commissioners of Tuam, condemn in the strongest manner the action of the English Prime Minister in preventing the Eucharistic procession in London; and respectfully offer our congratulations to our Archbishop for his splendid and memorable address in London on the occasion - one worthy of the See of St Jarlath".

The Chairman proposed, Mr Keane seconded and it was unanimously passed -

"That we, the Town Commissioners desire to convey to the Temperance Society and Billiard club holding rooms in the Town Hall the expression of our opinion that we should have three members of our Body nominated by ourselves on their Committees and request that the matter be taken into consideration by them"

It was ordered to get a man to examine the damaged slates of the Town Hall roof and furnish specification and estimate of necessary repairs.

It was ordered that the Board's Solicitor, Mr Henry Concanon be asked to give a list of all documents in his possession belonging to the Board and have same recorded on the Minute Book.

Also ordered that the Town Inspector, Mr B McHugh, ^{submit} supply in future monthly reports to the Board.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Jas. M. McDowell. Chairman.

Nov 3rd. 1908.

Tuesday, 3rd Nov, 1908

Monthly Meeting:

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDowell JP, (Chairman of the Board) M. C. Shine, Patrick Murphy, James Daly, Patrick Lyons, Francis McGeoghegan, M. C. Harty, John Burke, Francis Keane, and Patrick Byrne.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed

Payment orders were made for

John Glynn	£4.3.4
Thos Dwyer	2.18.4
John Butler	1.13.4
B. M. Hugh	1.1.8
John Clarke	1.5.0
Jas McDowell	12.10.0
John Shine	2.0.0
Thos Dwyer	2.0.0
Joseph Keufer	2.10.0
E. P. O'Flanagan	21.7.6
Mary Connolly	1.0.0
W. Kennedy	1.0.0
"Freeman's Journal"	2.6.0
"Irish Independent"	1.6.0
John O'Donnell	10.0
Messrs McDermott & Sons	8.4.0
Raoul Joyce	5.4.1
R. J. Kelly	8.10.0
Thos Flattery	10.1.6
John Murphy	10.0.0
John Glynn for	
John Butler Thos Dwyer	16.4
John Glynn	10.0
M. Reilly	8.9
J. Coffrey	5.0
B. M. Hugh	10.0
L. Mullen	7.6
J. Hillary	2.0
Messrs Stockwell & Sons	12.6
	£ 3.12.1

£103.2.10

Advice Note to Treasurer was signed by the Chairman, M. C. Shine and James Daly.

Arising out of discussion on Mr. Flattery's bill, £10.1.6, for repairing and painting Watering Cart which was ordered to be paid, Mr. Murphy gave the following notice of motion:-

"Take notice that I or some Commissioners on my behalf will move at our next monthly meeting that in future anything ordered by the Board, its cost exceeding the sum of two pounds sterling, shall be advertised for, and obtained or done by contract,"
 "Patrick Murphy, T.C."

"Nov 3rd 1908."

Mr Shine drew attention to treatment by the "Freeman's Journal" of the Tuam October Fairs. While the other dailies of Dublin reported them day by day the "Freeman's Journal" almost ignored them.

Ordered that the clerk write in the Chairman's name to Mr Sexton, Chief Director of the "Freeman" Co., on the matter.

Mr John Murphy, Tall Farnos, applied for remuneration for his time, labours and in working up the several fairs of the year, especially the March Fair, and making them the great success they have been.

Mr Daly proposed, Mr Shine seconded and it was unanimously passed that Mr. Murphy be given £10, remuneration, same as he got the previous year for like work.

Mr Shine's motion to consider the advisability of making way of egress from the Board Room to the here to be available in case of fire was adjourned.

The following letters were read:—

"St Jarlath's, Tuam,
 " 31st Oct, 1908."

"Dear Sir, — The Archbishop begs to acknowledge with thanks the copy of the very proper resolution adopted by the Tuam Town Commissioners regarding the action of the Prime Minister in interfering with the Eucharistic Procession in London. His Grace is also obliged for the kind reference made in the Resolution to his address in the Albert Hall."

"Yours faithfully,
 "Francis Gony."

"John Glynn Esq, Town Clerk, Tuam"

"Tuam Billiard Club,
 " 3rd Nov, 1908."

"Dear Sir, — We have received yours of the 6th ult. Same received due consideration from us. We are of opinion that it would not be fair to the members of our club to have three Commissioners appointed to our Committee by an outside Body. We also wish to point out that there are already five Commissioners on the Committee of our club."

"I am yours truly,
 "M J Mannion Hon Sec"

"John Glynn Esq, Town Clerk"

A discussion arose on the latter communication in the course of which, Mr Lyons said that a Library for the working classes and a Night School for boys taken too early from school and put to business should be established in the town and he suggested that the Town Clerk and the Town Inspector be asked to look about for a house suitable and available for the purpose.

The Chairman proposed, Mr Murphy seconded and it was unanimously passed —
 "That we beg to call the attention of the G.S. & W. Ry Co to the inadequate loading accommodation at their station here on October Fair days, and suggest that they should make an additional siding on the Claremorris side, which is very close to the Fair Green. Should the G.S. & W. Ry comply with this request, the Tuam Town Commissioners are prepared to provide a direct means of communication between the Fair Green and said siding."

Mr Murphy proposed and it was ordered that the Clerk write to the Railway Companies requesting that mails be carried from Tuam to Galway by train leaving Tuam at 12.20 pm. and that the train now leaving Tuam at 3.10 be changed to 3.25 for postal accommodation; and that the General Post Office also be communicated with on the subject.

Mr B M Hugh reported that crossing at Blato Market Gate needed repairing and recommended that it be paved between lines of cut-stone, and also that the foot-paths should be looked after as the flags were in many places broken and should be replaced with new ones.

Ordered that a copy of the report be sent to the County Surveyor and should he fail to act on it, that the Board repair the crossing.

Letters were read from Daniel Lrisham and Pat Griffin of Tullinacly Road claiming compensation for damage alleged to have been done to their garden walls by during the October Fair.

Consideration adjourned.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

Michael Shine Chairman

December 1st 1908.

Tuesday, 1st Dec, 1908.

Monthly Meeting,

Commissioners present, Messrs Michael & Shime (in the chair), Jos Keane, Thomas McHugh, James Daly, John Burke, and Patrick Byrne,

Minutes of the last Meeting were read and Confirmed.

Payment orders were made as follows to

John Glynn	£ 4.3.4
Thos Dwyer	2.18.4
John Butler	1.13.4
B. McHugh	1.1.8
John Clarke	1.5.0
Jas McDonnell	12.10.0
D. J. Kirwan & Sons	11.19.5
"Freeman's Journal"	1.8.0
"Irish Independent"	1.3.0
"Irish Times"	2.8.6
"Daily Express"	2.16.0
J. A. O'Hanrahan	12.12.6
Local Government Board	4.5.0
John Glynn for	
Thos Dwyer	8.0
Stockwell & Sons	10.0
B. McHugh	8.9
Martin Reilly	5.0
Wm Reilly	2.0
Ex-officio Insp of	
wt & Measures	6.4
P. Sweeney	4.0
J. Dwyer	2.0
J. Dwyer	4.2

£ 2.10.3

£ 62.14.4

Mr Daly proposed, Mr Keane seconded and it was passed in silence -
"That we express our sincere sympathy with our respected colleague Mr Camavan on the death of his mother and our deep regret at the sad event"

Michael Shaughnessy applied for £1.2.6 for re-setting old flags and old kerb stones, work done in connection with his contract for setting new flags, recently carried out for the Board.

On suggestion of Mr Byrne seconded by Mr McHugh consideration of the bill was adjourned to next monthly meeting, copy of it to be in the meantime sent to the Co Surveyor, who, it was considered should see to payment of the amount by the County Council.

Mr Murphy's motion - "That in future anything ordered by the Board, its cost exceeding the sum of two pounds sterling, shall be advertised for and obtained or done by Contract" - was adjourned to next monthly meeting.

The chairman drew attention to the want of proper sewer traps in the Town. In many places the existing traps are broken or choked and are of no use for, instance at the Shruffham and said the County Surveyor should be written to.

Mr Daly proposed and Mr Keane seconded the following resolution which was unanimously passed - "That this Board desire to call the attention of the District Council, County Council, and the Co. Surveyor to the dangerous condition of the several sewer traps in the Town and to the broken flags, and request our Co. Councillor, Mr McDonnell, to see that those who are responsible shall do the necessary repairs."

Mr Burke brought under notice the fact that heaps of manure and road scrapings lie along the road side at Galway Road, which should be removed.

Ordered to write to the County Surveyor and the District Council.

Mr D. McHugh, Town Inspr wrote - "I beg to call your attention to the traps of the sewer at back of Tom Hall, leading from Mr Waldron's yard to Mr Byrne's. The traps are stopped and looked after at once as they are in a bad way. There is no sewage passing under but flowing over the yard surface."

The chairman suggested and it was agreed that ^{at} the Board at conclusion of the business inspect the yard.

Amused are copies of letters which were read: -
"Tuam, 19th Nov, 1908"

Dear Sir, - I beg to inform you that my Committee have had before them at their meeting on the 17th inst your letter of the 6th October with the accompanying copy of a resolution of the Tuam Town Commissioners requesting that three members of that body nominated by the Commissioners be placed on the Committee of the Catholic Temperance Society. I am directed to state in reply for the information of the Commissioners that the Rules of the Society governing the Constitution of its Committee does not admit of such representation being given and my Committee are therefore unable to comply with the Commissioners' request.

"Yours faithfully,"
Patrick J. J. O'Grady,
"Hon Sec."

"Tuam, 19th Nov, 1908"

"Dear Sir, - I am directed by the Committee of the Catholic Temperance Society to inform the Town Commissioners that the Society purpose having some repairs and improvements effected at the lavatory attached to the Billiard Room in the Tom Hall. The lavatory at the present time is in a dangerously insanitary condition, and it is very necessary that the improvements contemplated be carried out. The work is to be executed at the Temperance Society's expense. I will therefore feel obliged by your bringing the matter before the Commis at their next meeting to ascertain if there be any objection on their part to the execution of the work mentioned."

"Yours faithfully,"
Patrick J. J. O'Grady, Hon Sec."

Following letter was read:—

" Broadstone, Dublin,
" 8th Nov 1908.

" Dear Sir, — I am in receipt of your letter of the 6th inst enclosing copy of resolution passed by the Tuam Town Commissioners at their meeting, in regard to the carriage of mails from Tuam to Galway. I presume this should have been forwarded to the G.S.W.C. as if the mails were handed to this Co at Athenry, they would in the ordinary course be conveyed to Galway. With regard to the suggestion that the 3.10 pm. I would point out that if this was carried it would seriously endanger the connection at Athenry with our up-limited Mail train.

" Yours faithfully,
" J. Tattlaw."

" John Glynn Esq etc

A long letter was read from the Department of Agriculture with reference to congested condition of the streets of Tuam on recent October Fair days and requesting the Commrs to arrange that for the future all animals would be driven from the Green to the Railway by one route preferably the longer one (leaving the main thoroughfare of the Town free for ordinary traffic.

Mr Burke said that the incandescent lamp in the Square was giving splendid light. It illuminates the whole Square, and he wished there were a few of the sort in other parts of the Town.

The Chairman suggested and it was directed that the Clerk write to the Contractor for Gas asking him to put up a few more where ~~badly~~ badly required. That sort of lamp, he understood, burns less gas.

Signed on behalf of the Board

J. McDonnell Chairman

5th January 1909

Monthly Meeting. Tuesday, 5th January, 1909.

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell (Chairman of the Board), Michael B. Shine, Francis Keane, M. C. Stosky, P. Murphy, P. Byrne, J. Lyons, J. Burke, and James Daly.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Payment Orders were made as follows:—

John Glynn	£ 4.3.4
Thos Dwyer	2.18.4
J. Butler	1.13.4
B. M. Hugh	1.7.8
John Clarke	1.5.0
Hugh M. Hugh	1.0.0
P. Crisham	1.0.0
J. McDonnell Esq	12.10.0
J. A. Walsh "Western People"	14.0
Artistic Assoc Co.	3.0
P. B. Kirwan Esq	1.8.0
Commrs of Public Works	10.0.2
Michael Shanahan Esq	1.2.6
John Glynn for	
Thos Dwyer	10.0
Thos Dwyer	4.2
B. M. Hugh	10.9
P. Crisham	2.6
	£ 1.7.5
	£ 40.6.9

The Chairman read a letter from the Elder-Grime Co requesting the use of the Town Hall for the first week in February. Owing to the largeness of the Co they also requested the use of the News Room. After the matter had been discussed it was unanimously agreed that the rooms be given and that the Clerk be directed to communicate with the Secretary of the Catholic Temperance Society.

Mr Murphy, according to notice, proposed and Mr Keane seconded — "That in future anything ordered by the Board, its cost exceeding the sum of Two pounds (£2) Sterling, shall be advertised for and obtained or done by Contract"

Passed unanimously.

The following letter was read from Mr Neale, Manager G.S.W.Ry:—

"I beg to say that it is considered that the existing accommodation for dealing with live stock at Tuam Station fairly meets the requirements of traffic, and the Company are not prepared at present to further increase it.

"With regard to the conveyance of mails on the 12.20 pm. train from Tuam to Galway, and the alteration of the 3.10 pm to 3.25 pm for postal conveyance, these are matters that must be arranged direct with the Post Office Authorities and you should communicate with the Secretary, General Post Office, Dublin, on the subject."

The Clerk was directed to write to the Co. as follows:—

"That we request the Great Southern & Western Ry^{Co}. to reconsider their decision and we desire to state that Mr Bernard, a director, was speaking recently when in town to some of the Commissioners, and he does not coincide with this opinion and we request Mr Bernard or the Company's Engineer to meet the Commissioners in Tuam on the matter."

Mr. Murphy proposed and it was ordered to write to the G.P.O. as to the desired postal accommodation.

The following resolution from the Athlone Urban Council was unanimously adopted:—

"That we are of opinion that instructions should be provided for the people of the County in the mild and other curing of bacon in their homes. And we call upon the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland to secure the services of persons having a practical knowledge of this subject, to act as instructors; that the services of at least of one such instructor be placed at the disposal of each County Committee of Technical Instruction, and that the instruction be given at convenient centres, or at the homes of the people."

The following resolution, proposed by Mr Keane and seconded by Mr Daly was unanimously passed:—

"That we are of opinion that the National Language of Ireland should be made compulsory in the National University for all examinations up to the point where students begin to specialise. That the title of the University will otherwise be a mockery and calculated to deceive. That we hereby request our Chairman to call a meeting of the people of Tuam and the surrounding districts to discuss the question and give expression to the feelings of North Galway, and that all organisations of whatsoever kind be invited to attend. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Gaelic League, the Senate of the National University and Mr R. Hagelin M.P."

Mr. Daly proposed and it was unanimously decided —

"That, in order to make proper arrangements for carrying out the programme to be adapted, six members of our body be appointed to form the nucleus of a Committee for the purpose. And that the Executive of the U.D.L. North Galway, the Tuam Branch of the U.D.L., the Tuam Branch of the National Council, the Tuam Catholic Temperance Society, the Gaelic Athletic Association of Tuam & the Tuam Branch of the Gaelic League be invited to appoint three members from their respective organisations on the Committee of Management, and that the first meeting of the Committee be held in the Town Hall on Sunday the 10th inst. at 1 pm."

The following resolution proposed by Mr Daly and seconded by Mr Lyons was unanimously adopted:—

"That as the owners of land and occupiers have been paid for land acquired under the Labourers' Cottages Act, we the Tuam Town Commissioners respectfully call upon the District Council to have the land marked out and fenced at once and given over to the Labourers without further delay so that they may be preparing the ground

ground for their crops. And also that the cottages be built with as little delay as possible. We understand that the interest has been paid on the loan and any further delay means a serious loss to the ratepayers. We also respectfully call upon the L.G. Board to expedite the erection of the Labourers' Cottages to protect the ratepayers from any financial loss caused by the delay of the District Council"

The Hon Sec, Commercial Young Men's Dancing Class, applied for and was granted use of the Board Room for the annual dance of the Class on 23rd inst.

Mr Shine applied for and was granted use of the Board room for holding and important auction of Ice Simple property.

Mr Patrick Canavan J.C. wrote to the Town Clerk as follows:—

"Kindly convey to the members of your Board my sincere thanks for their kind resolution of sympathy in my sad bereavement."

Signed on behalf of the Board.
Jas. W. Sec. U.D.L. Chairman

Recd. Feb. 1907

(Form, No 8.)

Notice of Result of Election.

Town of Tuam.

Election of Commissioners for the above Town in the year 1909.

I the undersigned, being the Returning Officer at the above Election for the said Town, do hereby give notice that the Candidates at the Election whose names are entered hereunder have been elected Commissioners:

Patrick Byrne	Vicar St, Tuam	Merchant
Patrick Canavan	Bishop St, Tuam	Merchant
Michael Siggins	The Mall, Tuam	Merchant
Francis Keane	Dublin Rd, Tuam	Merchant
Francis Meagher	Shop St Tuam	Draper

Dated, this 15th Day of January, 1909.

John Glynn, Returning Officer.

I, Patrick Byrne, having been chosen Commissioner for the Town of Tuam hereby declare that I take the said office on myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability.

Made and subscribed before me this 23rd day of January 1909. John Glynn, Town Clerk.

Patrick Byrne

I, Patrick Canavan, having been chosen Commissioner for the Town of Tuam hereby declare that I take the said office on myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability.

Made and subscribed before me this 23rd day of January 1909. John Glynn, Town Clerk.

Patrick Canavan

I, Michael Siggins, having been chosen Commissioner for the Town of Tuam hereby declare that I take the said office on myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability.

Made and subscribed before me this 23rd day of January 1909. John Glynn, Town Clerk.

Michael Siggins

I, Francis Keane, having been chosen Commissioner for the Town of Tuam hereby declare that I take the said office on myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability.

Made and subscribed before me this 23rd day of January 1909. John Glynn, Town Clerk.

Francis Keane

I, Francis Meagher, having been chosen Commissioner for the Town of Tuam hereby declare that I take the said office on myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability.

Made and subscribed before me this 23rd day of January 1909. John Glynn, Town Clerk.

Francis Meagher

I, James McDonnell, having been chosen Chairman of the Board for the Town of Tuam hereby declare that I take the said office on myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability.

Made and subscribed before me this 23rd day of January 1909. John Glynn, Town Clerk.

James McDonnell

Saturday, 23rd January, 1909.

Election of Chairman.

The annual Statutory meeting of the Board was held on the above date for the purpose of electing a Chairman for the ensuing year.

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDonnell (in the chair), Mr Shine, Michael Siggins, Francis Meagher, Patrick Byrne, Mr Stosby, Patrick Murphy, Patrick Canavan, Francis Keane, John Burke and J.A. Glynn B.A. Jnr.

On the motion of Mr Shine seconded by Mr Byrne, Mr McDonnell was unanimously re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

Mr McDonnell then made and signed his declaration as Chairman.

Signed on behalf of the Board

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