

Thursday 5th. November 1912.

Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners present: Messrs. James McDermott, C. S. C., in the Chair, Mr. F. Sheehan, S. P. McDonagh, J. Burke, P. Murphy, P. Byrne, and Mr. B. O'Keefe.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

Paying Orders were made and signed amounting to a total of £1000 being signed by Messrs. McDermott,

Correspondence was read from Mr. B. P. Costelloe C. E. in reference to the progress of the Scheme under the Housing of the Working Classes Act. Mr. Costelloe also introduced an account of his expenses amounting to £6.13.6, consideration of which was adjourned.

The following Correspondence was also read:-

"Inam,
5. 10. 12.

"Dear Sir, I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 2nd inst. enclosing copy of a Resolution by the Inam Town Commissioners regarding the granting of occasional Licences for Fair Days at Inam. The subject matter thereof will have my careful consideration.

Yours faithfully
W. Conboy

J. G. Glynne Esq.,
Town Clerk.

"Abbey Inish, Inam,
17. Oct. 1912.

"Dear Mr. Glynne, Will you kindly convey to the Inam Commissioners of Inam my most heart-felt thanks for resolution of sympathy proposed by you and seconded by Mr. Keaul on the death of my dear wife. I desire also to thank yourself personally for your very choice words of sympathy in forwarding resolution."

Yours truly,
J. Sheehan.

J. Glynne Esq.,
Town Clerk, Inam.

Minutes (continued).

"Annual of Commons,
12th. Decr. 1912.

"Dear Sir, I beg to enclose for a letter which I have received with regard to the delays in the Inam train service. I had a similar letter from the other Companies in answer to the very strong representations made on the subject, and I trust that they will both take some steps to improve the service of their lines in the direction complained of.

Yours sincerely,
Richard Bagleton.

Copy of enclosure:-
"Boardman,
"Inchstone Station,
"Dublin,
"10th. October 1912.

"Dear Sir, I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 4th inst. regarding the train service to Inam which will receive attention.

Yours faithfully,
R. Bagleton,
"Barinbar.

"R. Bagleton Esq., M.P.,
"Dunham,
"Blackrock,
"Dublin.

"Local Government Board,
"Dublin,
"1st. November 1912.

"Sir, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 29th ultimo, forwarding a fresh petition etc. in connection with the application of the Inam Commissioners of Inam for a Provisional Order for the compulsory acquisition of land for the purposes of a scheme under Part III of the Housing of the Working Classes Act 1890.

I am, Sir,
Yours obediently,
J. S. Devlin,
"Assistant Secretary.

"The Town Clerk,
"Inam."

Minutes (Continued).

With reference to the Resolution passed at the previous meeting of the Board in connection with the granting of occasional Licences, and which was forwarded to each Magistrate in the Inam Petty Sessions District, and to Mr. Speyer, C.P.S., Inam,

It was unanimously decided that a copy of the Resolution be forwarded to the Board's Solicitor, Mr. Henry Cadogan, and that he be instructed to bring same under the notice of the Magistrates at the next Court of Petty Sessions in Inam.

The Inam Senior, Junior and Junior Football Clubs applied for and were granted the use of the Hall for a Concert to be held on the 17th. November instant.

With reference to the particulars of receipts and Expenditure in connection with the Board's Contract of the Board - as the account was not completed it was decided to adjourn consideration of the matter to Tuesday 12th. inst. at 12 noon, and the Clerk was directed to prepare a Statement showing how much was expended in respect of (1) manual labour, and (2) horse and cart.

It was also ordered that the Clerk apply to Messrs. McDermott & Co. for their gas and Canteen a/c. to date.

The following Resolution proposed by Mr. Shine and seconded by Mr. Byrne was passed unanimously, viz.:-

That we the Inam Town Commissioners hereby congratulate Mr. Mansfield on his honest and manly stand in the cause of freedom for the National Teachers of Ireland.

That we emphatically condemn the tyrannous and unjust action of the Board of National Education in dismissing the Vice-President of the Teachers' Organization because he as the able and worthy Representative of the Teachers had the courage of his convictions to criticize the action of the Board's officials.

Furthermore we demand his immediate reinstatement and a full and public inquiry into the working of the National Education Board, and we also urge the Irish Parliamentary Party to aid Mr. Mansfield in his fight against injustice and oppression.

Copies of this Resolution to be sent to Messrs. Reid and Shagheon, M.P.s, Miss Mahon, President I. N. T. O., The Secretaries National Education Office, and the Press.

Minutes (Continued).

It was ordered that notices of "Post no Bills" be put on the gate of the Town Hall next to Mr. Lynch's establishment.

By Order of the Board.

JAMES MCDERMOTT.

Chairman.

Tuesday 12th December 1912.
Adjourned meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs. McDermott,
in the Chair, J. Daly, J. Keane, Mr. Hill, J. P. McDonogh,
McHugh, P. Murphy and P. Byrne.

The Clerk submitted to the Board a statement
showing the Receipts and Expenditure in respect of the
Roads and tracks up to 31st October.

After a discussion it was decided that the
Chairman and Mr. Hill interview Mr. Wm. Connor
permanent labourer to see if any change for the
better could be made in the system of street cleaning.

The Clerk was directed to ask Mr. Connor
if householders in the Town could be compelled to have
their back paths kept clear.

Cy Order of the Board.

J. P. McDonogh.

Chairman.

Tuesday, 3rd December, 1912.

Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners present, Messrs James McDermott (Chairman of the Board), Michael C. Shine, James Daly, Patrick Murphy, Michael C. Harty, Thomas M. Hough, John Burke, Patrick Byrne and Francis Keane.

Minutes of last Meeting were read & signed.

Paying Orders were made and signed amounting to £50.5.6, advice not to
Treasurer being signed by Mr James McDermott (Chairman), Michael C. Shine and
Mr Michael C. Harty.

The following resolution proposed by Mr James Daly and seconded by Mr
M. C. Shine was passed in silence:-

"That we the Tuam Town Commissioners have heard with regret of the
death of Mr Bernard M. Dermott of Ballyhamis, father of our highly esteemed and
respected administrator, Rev Francis M. Dermott and we desire to tender to Father M. Dermott
our sincere sympathy in his sad bereavement."

The following resolution proposed by Mr M. C. Shine and seconded by Mr
Thomas M. Hough was passed in silence, copy to be sent to Mr M. C. Loughlin:-

"That we desire to convey to Mrs M. C. Loughlin the expression of
our sincere sympathy in the sad affliction fallen on her by the death of her
husband."

The following resolution proposed by Mr M. C. Shine and seconded by
Mr M. Hough was passed in silence, copy to be sent to Mr John Connolly:-

"That we desire to convey to our colleague, Mr John Connolly,
our sincere sympathy in the sad affliction which has fallen on him
by the death of his Sister, Mrs Tierney."

The following resolution proposed by Mr Daly and seconded by Mr
M. C. Shine was unanimously adopted:-

"That we request the Local Government Board will be so kind as
to authorize ~~that~~ an Inquiry to be held immediately into the necessity of
providing Housing accommodation under the Housing of the Working Classes
Act for the Town of Tuam. The matter is one of urgency as the houses
are badly wanted in the town."

On the motion of Mr James Daly seconded by Mr M. C. Harty the
following resolution was unanimously adopted:-

"That ~~the~~ the Town Clerk submit a statement showing separately
the amount due in respect of Loan Account, Maintenance Road Account
and General Revenue Account up to the 1st December, 1912."

The following letter from Mr. Finlay Kern, Hon Sec (pro tem),
Conference Re Formation of General Municipal Council, Town Hall, Blackrock
Dublin, dated 22nd November, 1912 was read:-

"With a view of meeting the expenses which will be necessarily
involved in carrying out the objects of the proposed Association it would be
desirable, if your Council would pass a resolution agreeing to subscribe, such
annual sum, as they think desirable for Copies of the Reports of the Conferences.
As you are aware, under the Public Health and Government Conferences
Act 1885, your Council are empowered to incur the cost of purchasing copies
of the Reports of the proceedings of Conferences."

Mr James Doherty was unanimously appointed to represent the Board
at the Conference.

The following letter with account £8.12.6 was received from
Mr Henry Concanon for which payment was made:-

"Tuam 13th Nov 1912"

John Flynn Esq, Town Clerk Tuam

O'Flanagan to Tuam Town Commissioners

"Dear Sir,

"I enclose memo. of my costs in connection with the proceedings
in reference to the Fair Green Lease, and Registration of same amounting to
£8.12.6 and shall be glad to receive Paying Order for the amount.

"Yours faithfully,

"Henry Concanon -

The following letter was read from Miss Mahon President Irish National
Teachers' Organisation, Central Executive Committee:-

"Carrig Binn, 13.11.1912."

"Dear Mr. Flynn,

"Many thanks for copy of resolution. As you see since
inquiry ~~was made~~ is granted but there will be tremendous work to make it a
success in view of the advantages the Board has over us in (1) possession of
documents, (2) facilities for collecting evidence. An effort is being made (1) To
try and have it rigged with whitewashing officials, (2) To narrow the terms of
reference so as to make inquiry worthless. However we must do our best. We
on our side have the righteousness of our cause, and if we get a fair chance
in the personnel of the Commission, we hope for complete success leading to reform
by a National Parliament of all the grievances exposed by the Commission."

"Yours very gratefully,

"Catherine M. Mahon"

It was resolved that a Committee meeting of the whole Board be held on Friday
6th inst at 5.00 pm to consider account from Gas Co, account from Messrs McDonnell & Co,
account of Law Costs from Mr Henry Concanon Esq, statement as to rents of Great Stables,
and advisability of inviting tenders for sweeping brushes."

It was resolved to advertise the December Fair in Western People, Connacht
Tribune and Tuam Herald.

The following letter from Mr John E Redmond M.P. was read

"House of Commons

"Dear Sir, - I shall feel obliged if you will fill in enclosed
form with the information asked for (viz: names of Protestant officials
in the service of the Board), and return it at your earliest convenience
to the Editor of the Irish Press Agency, 2 and 4 Great Smith Street, Westminster
London S.W. In case of County Councils we are anxious to include
appointments of Inspectors and other officials engaged by Committees of the
County Councils." I am, dear Sir, yours faithfully,

John E Redmond.

The Clerk states he had answered the foregoing letter on 22nd Nov 1912.

A letter was read from Mr W D Corker, Clerk of Urban District Council,
Omagh, dated 19th ~~Dec~~ Nov 1912 was read asking assistance towards legal
expense in connection with Railway ~~roads~~ rates action.

It was resolved to consider the matter at next meeting.

It was ordered to put the following letter on the minutes:-

"Local Government Board, Dublin,

"13th February, 1912."

"Sir - I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to
acknowledge the receipt of your further letter of the 9th inst, relative to the
proposed payment by the Tuam Town Commissioners of interest on an
overdraft with their Treasurer consequent upon expenditure incurred in the
steamrolling of the streets of the Town; and, in reply, I am to state that
as the interest will eventually be paid out of the Contract money for the
maintenance of the streets, the Board will raise no objection to the arrangement
which is necessary for the completion of the Contract."

"The Commissioners should understand that the whole proceedings are
unusual and by way of an experiment, upon the advantage of which an
opinion can only be formed at the termination of the five years contract."

"The Board's consent to the arrangement, must not be taken as a precedent
for ordinary expenditure."

"I am, Sir,

"your obedient servant

"J E Doolin, Asst Secretary,"

"Henry Concanon Esq Esq."

Mr W D Corker. Chairman

Tuesday 7th January 1913.
monthly meeting.

Commissioners present: Messrs. James
McDonnell (Chairman of the Board), M. B. Shine, J. Keane,
M. J. Keenan, J. McHugh, J. Daly, J. Burke and C. Murphy.

The minutes of the previous meeting were
read and signed.

Coping Orders were made and signed amounting to
£50.4.2, advice note to Treasurer being signed by the Chairman
(Mr. McDonnell), M. B. Shine and J. Burke.

Mr. Daly proposed and Mr. Keane seconded:
"That the Local Government Board be asked to employ Messrs.
Kohar and Shefferman, representatives of the 'Western People'
and 'Comacht' Tribunal respectively for taking notes of the
Inquiry to be held into the Commissioners' application for a
plan for building Artisans' dwellings in the town."
Passed unanimously.

A letter was read from Messrs. Conway & Quinn
Solicitors stating they were instructed by the Executors of the late
Mr. Laurence Burke to write to the Board in reference to claim
made by the deceased for outlays and labour in connection
with the Swan Street, amounting to £37.5f.

The matter was referred to a Committee con-
sisting of Messrs. McDonnell, Shine, Murphy and Daly.

A letter was read from William Connor, Sup-
rintendant of the Dock Cleansing of the Town, complaining
of two of the men employed on the work who did not regularly
attend to the business.

Ordered that the men be cautioned.

Mr. James Daly proposed, and Mr. Thomas
McHugh seconded, the following which was unanimously
passed:

"That Dr. Thomas B. Cahello, D.P.H., and Dr. W. F. Keenan,
Medical Officers of Health, Town of Mohar District be requested
to give official evidence, and submit a report at the Inquiry
to be held at the Down Hall for the purpose of promoting a scheme
for providing accommodation for the Working Classes in the
Down of Inam."

"That the Revd. Francis M. Donnell, Administrator,
and the Revd. Dean Seddes, L.L.D., be also requested to
give evidence at the Inquiry, and that the Local Govt. Board be
asked to hold the Inquiry at an early date."

Minutes (Contd.).

The Chairman proposed, and Mr. Shine seconded,
"That Mr. J. H. McHugh be deputed to attend as a
Delegate from the Board at a meeting to be held in Dublin
in connection with the promotion of the Irish Language."
Passed unanimously.

It was ordered to advertise for Sweeping
Brushes, handles and shafts for 12 months according to
sample to be seen at the Clerk's office; tenders to be received
at next monthly meeting.

On the motion of Mr. Shine, seconded by Mr.
McDonnell, it was decided to caution John Butler the Shell
Caracter to look after the windows of the Down Hall, and
should same be broken thro' his negligence that he would
be made pay for them.

Ask Mr. Cameron, Solicitor, what steps were being
taken in re prosecutions of people for selling fish on the
street.

An application was read from Mr. J. Whistle, Hon.
Sec. Commercial Dancing Class for use of Hall for
all-night dance on 25th January.
Granted unanimously.

The Toll Tinner wrote asking the Board to advertise
the Pig Fair (15th Janry) in the Galway and Ballina papers.

Order made.

Letter read from Revd. J. Macdermott, C.A., thank-
ing the Board for vote of sympathy passed on death of
his father.

Letter read from Mr. J. J. Conolly J.C. thanking
the Board for vote of sympathy passed on death of his
sister, Mrs. Tierney.

Letter read from Mrs. M. Laughlin, R. Parlat's
Place, thanking the Board for vote of sympathy passed on death of her husband.

The Carver having reported that the Weighing W.C.
wanted some repairs -
Ordered - that Martin Keenan be got to do same.

The Cart was directed to get Enumeration's box,
damaged by storm repaired.

Letter was read from D. J. Kiwanan Esq

stating that Mr. O'Brien having disposed of part of his property in Inman was willing to sell the remainder of it, and that he was anxious to give the Board an opportunity to purchase, to let Messrs. Kiwan Kiwan, and stating amount they were prepared to offer.

Ordered - that the Landlord be asked what amount he required.

Read letter from J. P. Devlin, Cash. Secy. L. G. O. saying the Board hoped to hold the Inquiry into the A.W.C. Scheme on or about the first ten days of January.

The following resolution was sent for adoption by the General Secy. Cash. League, viz:-

That as the tariff imposed by the American Government on Irish machinery imported into the United States for some years past has worked untold injury on the machinery industry in Ireland, and as this is the one of the few remaining industries in the Irish-speaking districts of Ireland, it being almost entirely in the hands of Irish speakers, we appeal to the new Democratic Government of the United States of America to abolish or reduce the tax.

That copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Dr. Woodrow Wilson, President - U.S.A.

By Order of the Board,
Michael C. Shinn
Chairman.

Thursday 9th. January 1913.
Special meeting.

Commissioners Present:- Messrs. J. McDermott, in the Chair, M. C. Shinn, J. B. McDonagh, M. C. Harty, P. Lyons, J. Keane, J. Burke, J. Fennelly, P. Murphy.

The meeting was called by the Chairman to consider an application for the use of the Hall on the 16th inst. for a suffragette meeting.

The following vote was taken:-

For giving the Hall - P. Murphy, J. Burke (2).
Against " " - M. C. Shinn, J. McDonagh, M. C. Harty, P. Lyons, J. Keane, and J. Fennelly (6).

The Chairman did not vote.

By Order of the Board,
Michael C. Shinn
Chairman.

Town of Tuam.

Election of Commissioners for the above Town
in the year, 1913.

I, the undersigned, being the Returning officer at the Poll for the Election of Commissioners for the said town, held on the 15th day of January 1913 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
Blake, Charles George	Bridge House, Tuam	176
Burke, John	Galway Road, Tuam	208
Daly, James	Bishop Street, Tuam	262
Dwyer, Michael	Vicar Street, Tuam	212
Hosty, Michael	Tuam	276
McHugh, Thomas	Vicar Street, Tuam	154
Quinn, Edward	Waterside Place, Tuam	160

and I do hereby declare that the said

- Michael Hosty,
- James Daly,
- Michael Dwyer,
- John Burke, &
- Charles George Blake

are duly elected Commissioners for the said town.

John Flynn,
Returning officer,

January, 15th day, 1913.

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

23rd day of January, 1913

John Flynn
Town Clerk

Michael Hosty

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

23rd day of January, 1913

John Flynn
Town Clerk

James Daly

I, Michael Dwyer, 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, 1913

John Flynn
Town Clerk

Michael Dwyer

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, 1913

John Flynn
Town Clerk

John Burke

I, Charles G. Blake, 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, 1913.

John Flynn
Town Clerk

Ch. G. Blake

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

23rd day of January, 1913,

John Flynn
Town Clerk.

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Thursday 2nd January 1913.
Statutory Meeting.

The annual statutory meeting of the Board for the Election of Chairman was held on this date.

The following members were present:-
Messrs. Jas. McDermott, M. C. Shiel, F. Keane, P. Dwyer,
F. McDonagh, J. Donnelly, J. Burke, J. Daly, E. Blake,
M. Keady, M. Dwyer.

On the motion of Mr. Shiel, seconded by Mr. Dwyer, and supported by Messrs. Keady, Keane, Daly, Blake and Dwyer, Mr. James McDermott was unanimously elected, and suitably returned thanks.

The following resolution proposed by Mr. Shiel, seconded by Mr. Daly and was passed unanimously, and copies ordered to be sent to Messrs. J. F. Redmond, R. Hagleton, Joseph Deakin

"That we desire to congratulate Mr. John Redmond and the other members of the Irish Parliamentary Party on their successful efforts in passing the Home Rule Bill thro' the House of Commons. We hope soon it will become the law of the Land, and be the means of uniting all sections and parties in promoting the good of our Common Country."

By Order of the Board.

Chairman

Michael C. Shiel

Tuesday ~~24th~~ ^{14th} February 1913

Monthly meeting

Commissioners present: Messrs M. B. Shine, F. B. McDonagh
M. B. Harty, John Burke and G. G. Blake
Mr Shine took the chair

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Paying orders were made and signed amounting to £136-15-3 and advice note being signed by the chairman (Mr Shine) Mr McDonagh and Mr Harty

Tenders for sweeping Brushes, shovels and handles were received from the following -

McTigue and Co Tuam	Sweeping Brushes	1/4 each	}
	Shovels	11 -	
	handles	5 1/2 -	
James Waldron Tuam	Brushes	1-4 each	}
	Shovels	8 -	
	handles	5 -	
Edward Walsh Galway	Brushes	1-4 -	}
	Shovels	-	
	handles	-	

Mr Waldron's Tender was declared accepted unanimously being the lowest -

The following resolution was proposed by Mr McDonagh and seconded by Mr Daly and passed unanimously.

That Messrs Shine, Murphy and Burke, inspect the roadway ~~at~~ at the point where the Dublin Road joins the Circular Road, and take the necessary steps to repair same it being at present in a condition dangerous to traffic and recommend that a letter be written to the County Surveyor to provide Gully traps for the town of Tuam as passed by the district Council

The following resolution proposed by Mr Daly seconded by Mr Blake and unanimously passed -

That we the Tuam Town Commissioners, desire to offer our heartiest congratulations to the electors of Derry, for their noble and Patriotic action in returning a Protestant Home ruled as M.P. for their city and thus show to the democracy of England, that the Province of Ulster is determined to have Home Rule for the benefit of our country

The Town Clerk as returning Officer submitted for payment expenses incurred in the election of Town Commissioners January 1913 was approved of and payment of the amount ordered £27-0-6

Minutes Continued

An application from the Tool Farmer Mr Murphy was received requesting to have February Pig Fair advertised in the Corraeth Tribune and Wickon People order unanimously

A letter was read from D. J. Kirvan Esq. stating they had arranged terms with all the other tenants on the estate of P. J. O'Brien Esq. and they would be glad to know if the Commissioners would make an offer. If they ~~they~~ would not say they would be prepared to give £250 - they would put the matter before Mr O'Brien. Consideration adjourned until next monthly meeting

It was ordered to get 20 books 500 each crane tickets from Tribune Office Galway

Mr Murphy gave the following notice of motion which was accepted. I beg to give notice that the purchase of a horse be considered at the next monthly meeting

Mr G. P. Costello B.E. Galway, applied as follows - I beg to draw your attention to the small expenses account furnished some months ago, and trust you will favour me with cheque for same - Consideration adjourned

It was ordered to get a waggon of flags for the footpaths of the Town

Town Clerk John Glynn wrote as follows. Town Hall
Tuam Feb 14th 1913

To the Tuam Town Commissioners

Gentlemen

I beg to apply for six months leave of absence owing to ill health and herewith enclose Doctor's Certificate

Yours faithfully

John Glynn Town Clerk

The following is Doctor Certificate

Bishop Street Tuam 14 February 1913

I certify that I have been attending Mr John Glynn Town Clerk for some time. He is suffering from neurasthenia and depression of spirits and I have recommended him to take a complete rest for about six months. When I hope he will be able to resume duty

Thomas D. Costello M.D. D.P.

It was proposed by Mr Harty and seconded by Mr Blake and passed unanimously that the consideration of the Clerk's foregoing letter be adjourned to Wednesday 5th inst at 6 o'clock P.M.
The Board then adjourned to said date and hour

By order of the Board

Michael Shine Chairman

Wednesday 5th February 1913

Adjourned meeting

Members present - Messrs James W Donnell (Chairman of the Board) John Burke Patrick Byrne, Patrick Lyons, Michael Dwyer, John Connelly, C. G. Blake, Dr M. F. Hession, Michael C. Harty, Patrick Murphy, F. B. W. Donagh, M. C. Shine, James Daly Francis Keane

The Chairman proposed and Mr Lyons seconded that John Flynn Town Clerk get three months leave if absented, ~~to be~~ ^{to be} ~~unanimously~~ ^{unanimously} It was resolved that a salary of £1- per month be given to a temporary clerk and the following to be the duties viz. - To keep the accounts and do the duty of Town Clerk and to look after the keeping of the roads the lighting of the lamps coo at the rents of the meat stalls and do any other duty that the Commissioners may consider proper

Mr Dwyer proposed and Mr Connelly seconded that Mr Langan be appointed temporary clerk for three months

Mr W. Donagh proposed seconded by Mr Harty that Mr P. E. Carroll be appointed

They voted for Mr Langan: Messrs. John Burke, Patrick Byrne, Patrick Lyons, John Connelly and the Chairman - 6

For Mr Carroll: Messrs. C. G. Blake, Dr M. F. Hession, Messrs. M. C. Harty, Patrick Murphy, F. B. W. Donagh, and M. C. Shine - 6

The Chairman gave Mr Langan casting vote and declared him elected

Signed on behalf of the Board

Michael C. Shine Chairman

Tuesday 4th March 1913

Monthly meeting

Commissioners Present - Messrs James W Donnell (Chairman of the Board) Michael C. Shine, Patrick Lyons, James Daly, John Burke, Francis B. W. Donagh, Dr M. F. Hession, Francis Keane, Patrick Byrne, Charles H. Blake, Michael Higgins, John Connelly

The Chairman proposed and Mr Shine seconded the following resolution -

That we the Tuam Town Commissioners beg to tender to Mrs Harty and family, the sincere expression of our regret on the death of her son and our colleague Mr M. C. Harty, and that we hereby adjourn this board in respect to his memory -

Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 12th Inst

Signed on behalf of the Board

Michael C. Shine Chairman

Wednesday March 14th 1913

adjourned meeting. Commissioners present Messrs M. S. Shine (in the chair), F. B. McDonagh, W. H. Hession M.P., Charles H. Blake, Michael Dwyer, John Burke, James Daly, John Bonnelly, Francis Keane, Patrick Murphy.

Mr Daly proposed and Mr McDonagh seconded that Mr Shine takes the Chair —

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Paying orders were made and signed amounting to (£ 70.19.8) seventy pounds nineteen shillings and eight pence, advice note to the Treasurer being signed by the Chairman Mr Shine, James Daly and Michael Dwyer.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr Daly seconded by Mr Burke
I propose that the Tuam District Council be requested to have the trees in the old graveyard at Tuam which overhang the streets causing want of light and air to the inhabitants of the houses in High Street. The Mall and stable lane cut-down, also to have the high wall lowered, at present it is falling down in several places, and a danger to passers by and particularly to children who have no other place to play in except the streets.

An application from the Toll Farmer was received requesting to have the March fair advertised in local and Dublin papers.
Ordered unanimously.

That the Hair Green walls require to be overhauled several gaps.

The following was received from Sects of the Gaelic League.

Tuam Branch
Gaelic League
12th March 1913

Dear Sir

On behalf of the Committee of the above we beg to apply to the Commissioners for their usual kind co-operation in connection with the St. Patrick's day demonstration. What the Commissioners usually do is they walk in procession, they call on the traders of the town by resolution to keep their premises closed until 2 P.M. on that date and they also grant us the use of the Hall for the night.
Thanking you for an early reply and in anticipation

We are
Yours sincerely
J. Heneghan G.L.
M. J. Marnon
Hon Secs

The
Chairman
Tuam Town Commissioners

Ordered unanimously to co-operate

March 14th 1913

The following was read from Hugh W. Hugh Bartlett.

Circular Road Tuam
July 5th 1913

Gentlemen

I beg to inform your Board that on the 1st day of October 1912 Michael McDonagh Gardenfield came to me, and got a ladder 20 feet long from me in Mr James Begley's name and after I made search and inquiry and could get no information regarding this ladder which has not been returned to me yet.

To
The Chairman
Town Commissioners

Your obedient servant
Hugh W. Hugh

The Clerk was directed to write for this ladder and in the event of it not being returned to instruct our solicitor to sue for amount of same.

A letter was read from the secretary of the Tuam Commercial dancing class for the use of Hall on Easter Sunday night —
Granted unanimously.

The following correspondence was also read —

Galway Cinema Theatre

William Street
Galway July 24th 1913

22 Down Hall Street
Tuam

Dear Sir

Please say can you let us have Down Hall for theatrical purposes performance on Thursday March 27th; if so please send contract to include piano + one set of scenery (interior) + oblige

Yours Faithfully
Galway Cinema Ltd
R. W. Mackie
Manager/Director

Refused for the present

County Surveyors Office Galway
July 25th 1913

Sir

Road No 114 + 114 4 Tuam + Tuam Streets

The channels and gully traps through the town are not being properly cleaned, you will, therefore, have all the gratings cleaned out and put in working order at once. There are some projecting bushes on the Galway Road Big Market that should be cut and in several places the drainage is neglected particularly at the Cross Road leading to wood quay.

Wednesday March 13th 1913

Have those defects attended to at once

Your Obedient Servant

(John Moran)
County Surveyor

Referred to the District Council

"The Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland"

Temporary Offices

Town Hall Blackrock
Co Dublin

13th February 1913

Local Conferences (Urban Districts) Order 1913

Dear Sir

It would appear that the Local Government Board have no power under the Public Health and Local Government Conferences Act 1885, to extend the above order of any Local Body, which is not an Urban Sanitary Authority, so as to provide for the expenses of Delegates from such Bodies, attending General Conferences of "The Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland," being paid out of the rates; so that if your Board is not a Sanitary Authority, they will be unable to incur the expenses of delegates attending conferences of the Association, or subscribe to the funds of same by purchasing copies of the reports of the conferences, without the express sanction of the Local Government Board. In regard to any expenses which have been already incurred in connection with delegates attending the preliminary conference of the Association, I feel confident that in the event of these expenses being disallowed by the Auditor, the Local Government Board will be disposed to favourably consider the circumstances under which the expenditure was incurred.

To

The Clerk
Each Board of Town Commissioners

Yours Faithfully
R. Finlay Dixon
Asst Secretary

Local Government Board Dublin
27th January 1913

Sir

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, again to call your attention to their letter of 20th Decino, requested to be furnished with particulars of the liabilities, if any, incurred by the Town Commissioners of Tuam, during the current financial year, in respect of moneys borrowed for the purposes of the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, after the 2nd Dec 1908 and I am to request that this information may now be supplied to the Board. This is the third application for these particulars and the Board trust their communications on the subject may be replied to without any

Wednesday March 13th 1913

further delay

I am Sir

Your Obedient Servant

The Town Clerk
Town Commissioners Office
Tuam

J. E. Devlin
Asst Secretary

Local Government Board Dublin
14th January 1913

No 2297 1913

Tuam Rural District
Tuam Town Commissioners

Sir

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst, relative to the employment of a shorthand writer at the local inquiry into the petition of the Tuam Town Commissioners for a provisional Order for the purpose of Part III of the Housing of the Working Classes Act 1890. I am to state that this appointment rests with the Inspector appointed to hold any inquiry which may be directed in the matter, and the Town Commissioners request will be brought under the notice of the Inspector concerned.

I am Sir

Your Obedient Servant

To

The Town Clerk
Town Commissioners Office
Tuam

J. E. Devlin
Assistant Secretary

The Clerk was directed to get quotations for waggons of flags, also get sand and gravel for roads and footpaths.

The Clerk was also directed to write to Mr. M. Boyle, Keshmulla and William McGowan, Tenant of a house on Tullinadaly Road, relative to nuisance being put on the public Road during the night.

Bill of £ 51. 14-6 from the Tuam Gas Works for Gas consumed in the Band Room was refused.

Mr. Murphy's notice of motion to buy a horse for street cleansing purpose was adjourned to next monthly meeting.

Enumerating Fees were sanctioned for John Shine and Thomas Dwyer for March fair.

Wednesday March 27th. 1913

Signed on Behalf of the Board

J. B. McDonnell Chairman

Tuesday April 1st 1913

Monthly Meeting -

Members present - Messrs James McDonnell (Chairman of the Board) P. M. Murphy
F. B. McDonagh, Michael Dwyer, John Bustle, M. C. Shine, G. H. Blake, Dr. M. F. Hession

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed

Paying orders were made and signed amounting to £35-18-6 (thirty five pounds eighteen shillings and six pence, advice note to treasurer being signed by the chairman, G. H. Blake and P. M. Murphy.

The following quotation was received for flags -

Kindly
Kearns Colclark
March 28th 1913

To Mr P. Canavan

Dear Sir

I have acquired the late Mr. T. Talty's quarry and his representatives have forwarded me your letter for reply

my quotation is as hereunder given for flags cut from quarry at Cahinch and loaded in waggons free as follows

1 1/2"	}	3/- Per square yard
2"		
2 1/2"	}	3/6 Per square yard

Yours Obediently
Patrick P. Nagle

letter from Mrs. Kelly re. resolution passed on March 27th

The Square
Tuam March 28th 1913

Dear Mr Canavan

Kindly convey my sincere thanks to the Tuam Town Commissioners for the resolution of sympathy with the members of my family and myself passed by them in my recent sad bereavement. Their kindly and sympathetic action in adjourning the Board and sending a wreath as a tribute to my dear sons memory are deeply appreciated by me and assure them that I shall ever remember the kindly expressions of sympathy which each member of the Board have expressed and the respect they showed his memory

Yours Truly
A. Kelly

Mr P. Canavan

Tuesday April 1st 1913

The following reply was received from Michael W. Donagh Gardenfield re. ladder taken from Shambles last October

Gardenfield Tuam
March 14th 1913

Dear Sir

I beg to inform you that Hugh W. Hugh has accused me of taking a ladder from the Shambles, which I never got on last October. I got no ladder whatsoever, as I did not start to tatch until November, and that was for Mr John Borcoran the bridge, and he had a ladder of his own; now I am working for James Commons and he has one of the Commissioners ladders, which his son got for the purpose. I never got a ladder for anyone that wants me to tatch, therefore there must be some mistake, and I hope you will see about it, as this is my first time coming to Tuam to tatch, I don't see how he should accuse me of taking a ladder, when I was only tatching for Mr Borcoran and Mr Commons. Mr Borcoran has a ladder of his own, and Mr Commons has one of the Commissioners. Therefore I beg of you to put things straight

To
Mr Carrigan Acting Clerk

I remain yours Respectfully
Michael W. Donagh

Tuam
March 25th 1913

Gentlemen

I trust you will be pleased to have your April Fair advertised in the Daily and local papers & thus bring your fair properly before the Public

I am
Your obt. Servt
John Murphy
Toll Farmer

The Chairman
Tuam Town Commissioners

Signed on behalf of the Board

M. W. Donagh Chairman

Tuesday May 6th 1913

Monthly meeting -

Members present - Messrs - James W. Donnell (Chairman of the Board) John Burke, M. G. Shie, Frederick B. W. Donagh, James Daly, Pat Lyons, John Connelly, Michael Dwyer, G. G. Blake, Patrick Murphy, Patrick Byrne

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed

Paying Orders were made and signed amounting to £64-12-9 (Sixty four pounds Twelve shillings and nine pence, advice note to the Treasurer being signed by the Chairman James W. Donnell Charles G. Blake and Patrick Lyons

The following resolutions were by Mr James Daly seconded by Mr James W. Donnell that we request the Local Government Board to sanction a loan of £5013-15-0 for the erection of 30 Houses in the Town of Tuam under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts 1890 to 1908 repayable in sixty years at 3 1/2 per cent

May 6th 1913

That an advertisement be issued inviting tenders for the erection of 30 Houses in the Town of Tuam, under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts 1890 to 1908 in accordance with the plans and specifications prepared by Mr Catell, Engineer, and that tenders be considered by the Tuam Town Commissioners on Tuesday the 27th 1913, and that each tender be accompanied with a deposit of £5 to be refunded when the bond is completed.

May 6th 1913

Proposed by Mr Shie and seconded by Mr Daly that we request our Chairman to call a meeting of the towns people, same as last year, to arrange for the collection of a Home Rule fund which was so successful on that occasion

Proposed by Mr Shie and seconded by Mr Burke. That we the Tuam Town Commissioners desire to convey to our esteemed colleague Mr Francis Keane, and through him to the members of the family, the expression of our sympathy in the sad affliction which has fallen on them by the death of Mr Slavery his brother in law

The following letters were received -

To the Chairman and Town
Commissioners Tuam

Tuam May 6th 1913

Gentlemen

I respectfully beg to extend my leave of absence which terminated on the 1st inst. as I still feel not fit to resume duty. Enclosed herewith is medical certificate. Hoping you will kindly grant the extension
I am Dear Sir
Your Obedt Servant
John Shie Town Clerk

Tuesday May 6th 1913

Bishop Street Tuam
May 6th 1913

I certify that Mr John Lynn Town Clerk is still suffering from Hemiplegia he is greatly improved, but in my opinion he is not yet fit to resume duty and he will require a further leave of absence at least 4 or 5 weeks

Thomas A. Costello M.D.

Three months granted

Tuam May 6th 1913

Gentlemen

I trust you will be pleased to have the coming fairs inserted in the local and Dublin papers. The walls of the Fair Green require to be looked after and have the gaps taken up

I am Gentlemen

Your obt servant

John Murphy Toll Farmer

The Chairman

Tuam Town Commissioners

To the Tuam Town Commissioners

Tuam May 5th 1913

Gentlemen

The undersigned made the usual application for the position of Enumerators at the coming May Fairs (sheep & cattle)

We remain Gentlemen

Your obt servants

Thomas Dwyer

John Shine

Tuam May 6th 1913

Sir

As we are preparing a lecture and concert for Sunday 1st June, we beg to apply for use of the Hall on that night. If not already engaged, and request you to bring this before your Board on Tuesday. We herewith enclose 2/6 for Gas.

Thanking you in anticipation

We remain yours Truly

Michael Peters Secretary

Dr. J. Laughly

A. Faravan Acting Town Clerk

Tuesday May 6th 1913

Local Government Board
Dublin

April 26th 1913

Sir

I am directed by the Local Government for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st inst. and enclosure, relative to the service of copies of the Town of Tuam Order, 1913, on the owners lessees and occupiers of the lands authorized to be acquired by the Town Commissioners of Tuam hereunder

I am Sir

Your obedient servant

J. E. Devlin
Asst Secretary

The Acting Clerk

Tuam Town Commissioners

It was ordered that Messrs Daly and Shine together with Acting Clerk meet on Thursday 8th inst at 12 o'clock and arrange about insurance of employees

Signed on Behalf of the Board

Michael Peters Chairman

Thursday ~~Friday~~ May 15th 1913

Special Meeting

A meeting was held this day for the purpose of considering an application from the Elster Gnome Opera Company for the use of the Town Hall and reading for one week commencing June 9th. Louise Duffin Dramatic Company were also granted the use of Town Hall for the 5th, 6th & 7th June.

Commissioners present - James McDonnell Chairman presiding Michael Goggin, Michael Dwyer, John Connelly, John Burke

The Chairman proposed and Mr Dwyer seconded that they get the use of the Hall and reading room. The Secretary of the Temperance Society be notified

Signed on Behalf of the Board

Michael Shine

Chairman

Monday 26th May 1913

Special Meeting

A meeting was held this day in accordance with the following requisition

We the undersigned members hereby request you to convene a special meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners on Monday 26th Inst at 6.30 P.M. for the following purposes viz:-
To request the local Government Board to make an order confirming the Town of Tuam Order, 1913 made on the 21st March 1913 by J. F. McCabe Esq. Inspector, and (2) that an application be made to the local Government for Ireland to appoint an Arbitrator between the Tuam Town Commissioners and the persons interested in the lands referred to in the Town of Tuam Order, 1913 so far as compensation for the same has not already been made the subject of agreement

Signed James McDonnell T.C.
Francis Heane T.C.
James Daly T.C.
Michael & Shine T.C.
John Burke T.C.
Michael Goggin T.C.

Members present -

James McDonnell (Chairman) presiding, James Daly, John Burke, Michael & Shine, F. B. McDonagh, Michael Dwyer,

The following was proposed by Mr Daly and seconded by Mr Burke and resolved. That we request the local Government to make an order confirming the Town of Tuam Order, 1913, made on the 21st day of March 1913 by J. F. McCabe Esq. Inspector, (2) that we request the local Government Board for Ireland to appoint an Arbitrator between the Tuam Town Commissioners and the persons interested in the lands referred to in the Town of Tuam Order, 1913, so far as compensation for the same has not already been made the subject of agreement.

passed unanimously.

The Clerk was directed to write to the Traffic Manager M.G. Western Railway and find out at what hour the train leaving Broadstone at 10.30 A.M. would arrive at Galway and at what hour the train leaving Galway at 12 noon arrive at Broadstone.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr Shine and seconded by Mr Burke. That we desire to convey to Father Beneghan the expression of our deep sympathy in the sad affliction that has fallen on him by the death of his father -
Copy of this resolution to be sent to Father Beneghan

Signed on behalf of the Board

Chairman

over

Monday May 26th 1913

The following was also read

Post Office Telegrams
Superintending Engineers Office
Ireland District

Edinburgh House Dublin
22nd May 1913

Dear Sir

In connection with the removal of the Tuam Post Office it will be necessary to shift an existing pole in vicar Street Tuam, to a more suitable position, and also to fix a stay to the pole after the latter has been removed. I shall be glad to hear from you that there is no objection to this being done

Yours Faithfully
E.V. Turner
Superintending Engineer

The Chairman
Town Commissioners
Tuam

A deputation from the Board having examined the place granted permission to have the pole removed (The deputation consisted of The Chairman M. C. Shinn + J. B. McDonagh + Mr Daly)

Signed on Behalf of the Board

Michael C Shinn Chairman

Tuesday June 3rd 1913

Monthly meeting

Members Present Messrs M. C. Shinn (In the Chair) John Burke, James Daly, F. B. McDonagh Charles G. Blake, Patrick Lyons.

The minutes of previous meeting being read and signed

Buying orders were ~~made~~ made and signed to the amount of Forty Four pounds seven shillings and seven pence, advice to the Treasurer being signed by the Chairman M. C. Shinn, John Burke and Frederick B. McDonagh

The following resolution was proposed by Mr John Burke seconded by Mr James Daly That we call upon the County Surveyor to have the £50 passed by District Council for the Gaaway Road footpath expended on that object a contractor not having being procured

Proposed by Daly and seconded by Mr Burke. That we the Tuam Town Commissioners recommend Mr John J. Heffernan Tuam, to report the proceedings of the Arbitrator in connection with the Town of Tuam order 1913 and respectfully request the Local Government Board will be so kind as appoint him, being the local reporter

Take notice that I, or some member on my behalf will move at the next meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners be held on in the afternoon at the hour of 6.30 P.M. or such later hour as the Commissioners may determine

James Daly

Proposed by Mr Daly and seconded by Mr McDonagh the Mr M. C. Murphy (Barber) the present Tenant of Two stalls at the Meat Market, be served with notice to quit he having violated his agreement by subletting

Mr Francis Keane^{TD} wrote acknowledging receipt of the Board's resolution of sympathy with himself and Mr Keane on the death of his brother in law Mr Clavey ~

The Registrar Petty Session Mr A. Baddell wrote stating that the proportion of surplus monies arising from the sale of licenses under the dogs regulations Decad Act 1865 amounted for the year of 1912 £10-5-6 for the Town of Tuam and same has been lodged to the Treasurer

The L.G. Board wrote that they would be furnished with the following particulars (1) Total number of members of the Body of Town Commissioners including any vacancies (2) number of women, if any who are elected members (3) number of women if any who are co-opted members

The Clerk stated he had given the information required

namely

- (1) 15 members
- (2) none
- (3) none

Tuesday June 3rd 1913

The L. G. Board wrote acknowledging receipt of letter 26th Inst and enclosure, re appointment of arbitrator under the Town of Tuam order, 1913, (Housing of the working classes Act) and stating that an order concerning the Inspectors order in this case was in course of preparation, and that the question of appointment of arbitrator would be dealt with by the Board on receipt of the necessary Maps and Schedules.

to sanction of

The L. G. Board also wrote sanctioning the loan of £5,013-15-0 for the erection of working class lodging houses, under the Housing of the working classes Act, and requesting in addition to the plans already forwarded, they should be furnished with a Block Plan showing the roads, yards etc: on a scale of 4 1/4 feet to one inch, an Ordnance map with the site marked thereon and detail drawings of the doors, window sashes etc to half inch scales - least forwarded plans etc.

This letter is inserted in detail on minute papers

The L. G. Board also wrote, they requested to be forwarded copies of notice of rate made by the Town Commissioners for the service of the current financial year.

Order no rate fixed

A letter was received from the Traffic Manager Midland Great Western Railway acknowledging receipt of enquiry re Train services and timing

The 10.30 a.m. Train from Broadstone on and after 2nd June is timed to reach Galway 2.18 P.M.
The new 12 noon Train ex Galway is due at Broadstone at 5.6 P.M.

The Acting Clerk was directed to write to Great-S. & W. Railway Co asking them to delay their Train which arrives at Tuam at 2.06 P.M. at Athlery so as to enable it to take passengers from the Dublin Train due to arrive at Galway at 2.18 P.M.

An agreement was read from P. Rossiter, engineer acting on behalf of the Postmaster General to repair any damage that may be done through the shifting of a Telegraph Pole and stay at Meat St.

In reply to a request from the Surveyor of Taxes Galway, the Board was directed to give the necessary particulars as to income of the Town Commissioners.

A deputation of residents of High Street namely Mr John Walsh, Simon Daly and P. Dempsey waited upon the Board and requested that steps should be taken to have the trees over hanging the street cut down, and portion of the wall removed. A Committee of the Board was appointed to inspect the place after the meeting and report on same.

The Acting Clerk was directed to have a financial statement before the Board next Board day up to 31st March 1913.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Michael C Shune Chairman

Special meeting Tuesday June 10th 1913

A meeting was held this day in accordance with the following resolution

Tuam June 7th 1913

We the undersigned, request you to call a special meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners on Tuesday next 10th Inst at 12 O'clock to consider the buying of the Meat Market

Signed
James W. Donnell S.T.C.
Patrick Murphy
John Bonnelly
Michael Grogan
Wm. Keane
Patrick Byrne

Members present;

Messrs James W. Donnell S.T.C. Chairman of the Board presiding,
Patrick Murphy, John Burke, Francis Keane, James Daly, Patrick Byrne, and John Bonnelly,

It was proposed by John Bonnelly and seconded by Patrick Murphy and passed by Mr Daly dissenting, that the Chairman Mr W. Donnell buy the place at the sum of £180 (one hundred and eighty pounds) with permission to give £10 more in case he could not buy at £180 -

Signed on behalf of the Board

Michael C Shune Chairman

Tuesday July 1st 1913

Monthly meeting

Commissioners Present Messrs M. L. Shine (in the chair) Patrick Murphy
 Frederick M. McDonagh, John Connelly, Patrick Lyons, John Prutke, James Daly, Michael Dunger
 Doctor Session

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed

Paying orders were made and signed amounting to £ 71.10.0
 advice note to the treasurer being signed by the Chairman (Mr Shine) Mr P. Murphy and
 Mr Patrick Lyons

The following letters were read from the L. G. Board re-artizans dwellings

L. G. Board
 Dublin
 May 27th 1913

No 26,666/1913

Tuam Rural District
 Town Commissioners

Sir

With reference to the application of the Town Commissioners of Tuam for sanction
 to a loan of £5013.15.0 for the erection of working classes acts, I am directed by
 the L. G. Board for Ireland to state that, in addition to the plans, etc., already
 forwarded, they should be furnished with a block plan, showing the roads, yards, etc.,
 also on a scale of 44 feet to one inch, an ordnance map with the sites marked
 thereon, and detail drawings of the doors, window sashes, etc. to half inch scale

The Acting Town Clerk
 Town Commissioners Office
 Tuam

By Order of the Board
 M. Begg

L. G. Board Dublin
 10th June 1913

No 30,229 1913

Tuam Rural District
 Tuam Town Commissioners

Sir

I am directed by the L. G. Board for Ireland to acknowledge the
 receipt of your letter of the 5th inst, relative to a resolution of the Tuam
 Town Commissioners recommending Mr John J. Jefferyan, as notebate, for any
 arbitration inquiry, which may be held in connection with the Town of Tuam
 Order, 1913; and I am to state that it will rest, with the Arbitrator to select a shorthand
 writer if he considers it advisable to employ one for the purposes of such
 inquiry

The Town Clerk Tuam

I am Sir

Your Obedt Servant J. E. Davlin Asst Secretary

Tuesday July 1st 1913

Local Government Board
 Dublin
 June 6th 1913

No 26,902 : 1913

Tuam Rural District
 Town Commissioners

Sir

I am directed by the L. G. Board for Ireland to forward, for
 the information, for the Town Commissioners of Tuam, copies of an order which the
 Board have made confirming the Town of Tuam Order 1913.
 A copy of the Second Schedule of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, is also
 enclosed; and I am to state, that, when the requirements of articles (1) (2) and (3)
 thereof shall have been complied with, the Board will, on receipt of the requisite Maps
 and Schedules, be prepared to appoint an arbitrator in the matter of the lands which the Town
 Commissioners are authorised to acquire compulsorily under the order, as confirmed;

I am, at the same time, to forward a copy of the Board's general
 Order prescribing the scale of Maps for Arbitration purposes and the manner such Maps
 are to be framed

I am Sir

The Town Clerk
 Town Commissioners Office
 Tuam

Your Obedient Servant
 L. S. Trarlas
 Secretary

Local Government Board
 Dublin
 12 June 1913

No 31,319 : 1913

Tuam Rural District
 Tuam Town Commissioners

Sir

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge
 the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst forwarding Maps and Schedules in
 connection with the appointment of an Arbitrator for the purpose of the Town
 of Tuam Order, 1913.

By Order of the Board
 Arthur D. Bodling

The Acting Clerk
 Town Commissioners Office
 Tuam

Tuesday July 1st 1913

The Rectory Tuam
June 5th 1913

My Dear Mr. Canavan
I beg to acknowledge copy of Resolution passed by the Commissioners
Tuam and to thank them most sincerely for their kind sympathy

P. Canavan
Acting Clerk

Yours Sincerely
John Henaghan C.C.

Galway County Council
County Surveyors Office
Galway

Sir
I beg to acknowledge receipt of yours of the 5th inst regarding
resolution passed at meeting of Commissioners which will have my best attention

P. Canavan
Acting Town Clerk

Yours Sincerely
John Moran
County Surveyor

Tuam
1st July 1913

Gentlemen

Would you please have the coming fairs advertised in the local and
Dublin papers, thus keeping your property before the public the walls of the
Fair Green would require to be burned up

Chairman Tuam Town Commissioners

Yours Obedt Servant
John Murphy

"Ordered"

To the Chairman and Town Commissioners

Tuam 1st July 1913

Gentlemen

During continued ill-health for several months past I cannot discharge the duties of the
Office of Town Clerk with efficiency and to your satisfaction, my mind is not able to bear the strain of the
extra duties which have been added to the office for the past few years and under these circumstances I beg to
resign the office of Town Clerk of Tuam, and confidently trust you will be so good as to ~~consider~~ consider
my long service nearly twenty years. I cannot part without thanking the Commissioners for their very great

kindness to me during my tenure of the office

I am Gentlemen
Your Obedient Servant
John Glynn

"Ordered to be inserted on the agenda paper for consideration at next monthly meeting"

Union Office Bavan
4th June 1913

Sir

I am directed by the Bavan Board of Guardians to forward you a copy of the Resolution
as under, adopted at meeting on 3rd inst

I am Sir
Your Obedt Servant
Patrick Reilly Clerk of Union

Copy of Resolution

Moved by J. J. O'Hara Esq. C. U. D. C.
Seconded by Philip Baker Esq. J. J. Chairman
Supported by A. M. Carter Esq. J. P. and unanimously passed

"That we protest against the attempt to invalidate the appointment of Dr. McGrath as Tuberculosis
Officer of Barmount Sanatorium after his election by the representatives of the Bodies subscribing to that
institution, and that we appeal to the local Government not to lend themselves to this unworthy
method of ousting Dr. McGrath who possesses the qualifications specified in the local Government
Board's circular issued before the election, no matter how exalted the position held by the person
disappointed with the result; and we strongly urge the local Government Board to stand by their
own rules and ratify the appointment of Dr. McGrath in the interests of Pure Administration in
Ireland. That in the event of the local Government Board not sanctioning Dr. McGrath's appointment
we call on all the County Councils and other Public Boards in Ireland to cease subscribing to
Barmount."

The adoption of above resolution was proposed by Mr. Lyons and seconded by
Doctor W. H. Hession;

Salmon Pool
Dublin June 12th 1913

To the Chairman and Members
of Tuam Town Commissioners
Tuam

Gentlemen

Galway as a Transatlantic Port
The almost unanimous opinion in Ireland and Canada that a Transatlantic port

July 1st "Continued"

at Galway would confer lasting benefits upon every trade and industry in this country is admitted.

The shareholders of the Midland Great Western Railway Company are equally unanimous that it would considerably increase the value of their shares, possibly to £150 in the near future, and the Midland Directors by their Resolution of 2nd June 1910 are equally emphatic in support of the Project. The attitude of the Midland Directors caused the withdrawal of this year's Bill, which will be re-introduced next year.

If your Council considers the Port desirable, and the attitude of the Midland Directors, as described in accompanying pamphlet, is not in accordance with the terms of their resolution, on the wishes of their shareholders, on the faith of which the promotion proceeded, and that the Port is one of the general interests of Ireland, and more especially the district represented by your Council, they will pass such resolution as they may decide in confirmation of the resolutions, unanimously passed by so many County Councils and Public Bodies in Ireland, as it is of the utmost importance the promoters show Parliament and Canada that the County Councils of Ireland are in favour of the Project.

Faithfully Yours

Robert Worthington

* Proposed by Mr Patrick Murphy and seconded by Mr Lyons that we call on the directors of the Midland Great Western Railway Company, to in every way assist in the Project of making Galway a transatlantic Port.
Passed unanimously. Copies to be sent to the Midland Great Western Railway Company and Mr Worthington.

Great Southern & Western Railway Company

King'sbridge Station 6th June 1913

Dear Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 5th Inst. addressed to the Traffic Manager, and in reply beg to inform you, that to give the connection to Tuam with 10.30 a.m. ex Broadstone which is not due at Athlery until 1.51 P.M., would necessitate detaining on 10.12 a.m. ex himerick for a further half hour, which would result in the connection being missed at Broadstone with the same train ex Broadstone. The Tuam People have a connection with the train leaving Broadstone at 8.40 a.m. whereas passengers for stations on the Westport and Achill Branch have no other connection except that given by the 10.12 a.m. ex himerick and if this were missed it would practically cut off the service for the day. I trust you will see the difficulty in making the request of the Tuam Commissioners.

Yours Truly

Geo Edw Smyth

P. Faravan Esq
Acting Town Clerk

July 1st Continued

The Bonaecht Tribune Office

Galway

June 12th 1913

P. Faravan Esq
Acting Town Clerk

Dear Sir

We are much obliged for your esteemed order to hand for a continuance of the Arkians Dwellings advertisement. We note that tenders will be received up to July 1st. Kindly let us know if we are to insert advertisement up to that date. By doing so you will naturally be giving this important contract wider publication, thereby ensuring an adequate and varied number of Tenders.

Your further instructions will be esteemed

D. P. Boyley
Adm Manager

3 Insertions Ordered

Mr Daly's notice of motion. Proposed by Mr Daly and seconded by Mr Burke that the meetings of the Tuam Town Commissioners be held in future at 6.30 P.M. in the afternoon instead of 12 O'Clock noon.

Mr S. Murphy proposed an amendment that the hour of meeting be left unchanged and was seconded by Mr John Bonnelly.

For the Resolution Messrs - Daly, Burke Dwyer and Lyons - 4

against Messrs - Murphy, Bonnelly and W. Konegh - 3

Mr Shine did not vote

Mr Shine (Chairman) declared the resolution carried -

Mr Mess. Murphy Barber came before the Board and explained that he did not take at the stalls, but not getting a proper house to live in at Tuam changed to Ballinrobe and had a man in charge of the stalls, he now had his son working there, his explanation was considered satisfactory.

Mr Herbert Wally Tander for 30 Arkians Dwellings for the sum of £5250 was adjourned until the Board would hear from the local Government Board relative to Mr Daly's resolution no other tenders to be received (Tender was passed and initiated by the Chairman & signed in safe)

Tenders were also received from Walter O'Hallerty Galway for the sum of £5363 - and from Thomas Kilgarriff for building 10 dwellings for the sum of £1786 Both were informal and rejected.

July 1st Continued

The clerk was directed to write to Mr Moran County Surveyor to find out would he sanction concrete kerbing for the footpath on Galway Road instead of cut stone, it is considered equally as good and much cheaper

It was ordered to get the walls at the Potato market and along by the meat stalls white washed at a probable cost of 17/-

Proposed by Mr Daly seconded by Mr Shine: That we the Tuam Town Commissioners desire to inform the local Government Board that the Town Commissioners had before them this day consideration of tenders for erection of 20 artisans dwellings, the lowest tender being £5250, and we desire to point out that this sum will exceed the loan applied for by £750. Having regard to these circumstances and to the fact that the prices of building material have gone up by about 20 per cent, we respectfully request the local Government Board will be so kind as to sanction a loan of £5763 instead of £5013 to enable the commissioners to proceed with the erection of these artisans dwellings. We request the local Government Board will be so kind as to give us an early reply, so that the work may be commenced during the fine weather

arising out of the minutes of last meeting re- the lowering of the old graveyard wall and cutting the trees, a deputation consisting of the members of the Board present together with Father W. Dermott A.D.C., wait on the District Council on Saturday next the 5th inst. to try and influence them to proceed with the work immediately

The clerk was directed to write to Miss Suffer to reply to the clerk's letter when she would get the hall for excursion party on date required July 8th

Mr J. P. Costello B.E. asked the Board to give him a cheque on acc of work done re artisans dwellings. It was adjourned pending the loan being sanctioned

It was ordered that 2.20 ft lengths of best leather hose to get at a probable cost of £5.0.0

It was ordered that the meat stall windows be enlarged at the probable cost of 30/-

Signed on Behalf of the Board

James W. Donnell Chairman

July 10th 1913

Special meeting -

A special meeting was held this day in accordance with the following requisition -

We request you to call a special meeting of the Town Commissioners on Saturday next at 10 o'clock A.M. to consider a letter from the L.G. Board re-sanction of a loan £5013-15-0 and amend same to the amount of £5763-15-0

Signed

James W. Donnell
James Daly
Michael Toggino
Patrick Byrne
John Donnelly

Members present James W. Donnell (Chairman) Presiding, James Daly, John Burke, Charles S. Blake, F. A. McDonagh, M. C. Shine, Patrick Byrne, Patrick Murphy,

~~Mr Daly proposed and Mr Shine seconded the following resolution,~~

The following letter was read from the L.G. Board

L.G. Board
Dublin
9th July 1913

18 24965: 1913
(Tuam Town Commissioners)

Sir

With reference to the recent local inquiry held by their Inspector, Mr Blake, into the application of the Town Commissioners of Tuam, for sanction of a loan of £5013-15-0 for the purpose of erecting working class lodging houses under the housing of the working classes Act, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to return herewith, the form of application for sanction to the loan in question, and to request that it may be amended in respect to the increased amount £5763 now required.

By Order of the Board

The Clerk
Tuam Town Commissioners
Tuam

M. Gregg

July 10th 1913

The following resolution was proposed by Mr Daly and seconded by Mr Shine

I propose that in accordance with the letter of the Local Government Board dated 9th July 1913 No 314965. Our Chairman be authorized to amend the application for sanction of a loan, under the housing of the working classes act 1890 and 1908 from £5013-15-0 to £5763-15-0 the actual amount required, and we respectfully request the Local Government Board will be so kind as to sanction the loan as soon as possible, so that the erection of the houses may be commenced during the fine weather

James Daly
Michael. L. Shine

Signed on behalf of the Board

Jas. W. Howell - Chairman

July 28th 1913

Special Meeting.

A meeting was held this day for the purpose of procuring evidence on behalf of the Commissioners for Inquiry of Arbitration to be held on Tuesday 29th Inst at 12 O'clock

Members present. Messrs - M. L. Shine (in the chair) John Burke, Francis Keane, Doctor M. J. Session, Charles G. Blake, Patrick Murphy, and H. J. Boncannon Board's Solicitor

The following resolution was proposed by Mr Murphy and seconded by Mr Blake -
I beg to propose that a valuer be appointed to act for the Commissioners to value the land proposed to be taken for the erection Dwellings

Patrick Murphy
C. G. Blake

Mr Boncannon suggested Mr Harley

The Acting Clerk was directed to have him there, and in case he was not available to get Mr Newel

Signed on Behalf of the Board

Jas. W. Howell - Chairman

Tuesday August 5th 1913

Monthly meeting

Commissioners present - Messrs James McDonnell (Chairman) Dr. M. J. Keenan, F. B. McDonagh, Francis Keane, John Connelly, John Burke, Michael Dwyer, Patrick Byrne, Charles G. Blake, Michael G. Shine, Michael Dwyer,

The minutes of the previous meetings were read and signed

Paying orders were made and signed to the amount of £64.14.11, advice note to the Treasurer being signed by the Chairman M. J. Keenan and F. B. McDonagh

The following letters were read -

Local Government Board Dublin
2nd July 1913

No 31319 : 1913

Tuam Rural District
Town Commissioners

Sir

With reference to the application of the Town Commissioners of Tuam for the appointment of an arbitrator in the matter of the lands which the Council propose to acquire compulsorily in pursuance of the Town of Tuam Order, 1913, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to forward you, herewith, a copy of an order which they have made, appointing Mr L. L. Mayrick of No 74 Marlborough Road, Donnybrook, Dublin, as Arbitrator, and the Commissioners should now place themselves in communication with him respecting the notices to be served, posted and published prior to the inquiry

I am Sir

Your obedient servant

The Clerk
Tuam Town Commissioners
Tuam

J W Nolas
Secretary

74 Marlborough Road
Donnybrook July 2nd 1913

Dear Sir

You will have received notification of my appointment as arbitrator by the L.G. Board. As to the date of inquiry I will leave it to your convenience, as I have no fixture later than the 16th inst, I would suggest the first Tuesday or Wednesday that the advertisement requirements will admit of, and please send me copies of the papers

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containing same from week to week. Please send me the names and addresses of the persons interested.

Is there a choice of hotels if so which is the best

Yours faithfully

The Clerk
Town Commissioners
Tuam

L. L. Mayrick

14 Borough Road
74 Donnybrook Dublin
July 4th 1913

Sir

In reply to your letter I think the enclosed pamphlet will give you all information you require, as to advertisements etc
How will Tuesday 29th inst suit you for inquiry

Yours faithfully

L. L. Mayrick

No 34965 : 1913

Local Government Board Dublin
9th July 1913

Tuam Rural District
(Tuam Town Commissioners)

Sir

With reference to the recent local inquiry held by their Inspector, Mr Macalt, into the application of the Town Commissioners of Tuam for a sanction to a loan of £5013.15.0 for the purpose of erecting working class lodging houses, under the Housing of the Working Classes Act, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to return here with the form of application for sanction to the loan in question, and to request that it may be amended in respect of the increased amount £5763 now required

By Order of the Board

M. Pegg

The Clerk
Tuam Town Commissioners
Tuam

"Minutes continued"

Galway County Council
County Surveyors Office
Galway 4th July 1913

Sir

I beg to acknowledge receipt of yours of the 3rd inst regarding changing of specification of footpath which will have my best attention

Yours Obedient Servant
John Moran County Surveyor

Salmon Pool Dublin
July 5th 1913

Mr. Flanagan Esq.
Clerk Town Commissioners

"Galway as a Transatlantic Port"

Dear Sir

I am exceedingly obliged for your resolution received today in favour of this project, and wish to convey my thanks to your commission for passing same

Faithfully yours

Robert Worthington

The Bonnaelt Tribune Office Galway
July 12th 1913

Yours Obedient Servant
Tuam

Dear Sir

We beg to enclose you account to March 30th as requested amounting to £7.5.9. The usual rate for advertising in connection with Public Bodies is sixpence per line, but owing to an arrangement entered into in 1910 with Mr. S. Glynn, we consented to do advertising for the Tuam Fair Committee at three pence per line, and we cannot enter into any discussion as to the rates charged by other papers. Your further orders will be esteemed

Yours Faithfully
T. W. Kenny
Managing Editor

"Minutes continued"

Local Government Board Dublin
17th July 1913

No 37743: 1913

Tuam Rural District
Town Commissioners

Sir

With reference to your letter of the 12th inst returning an amended application and forwarding copy of a resolution of the Tuam Town Commissioners, relative to the proposed loan of £5763.15.0 for the purpose of erecting working class lodging houses under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, I am directed by the L.G. Board for Ireland to state, as regards the resolution of the Commissioners, that the local authority cannot as a right enter on the lands, proposed to be acquired for the scheme, until they have paid in accordance with the certificate of the Arbitrator, as laid down in article 18 of the second schedule to the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, 1890, or made a deposit, as prescribed by article 24 of the before mentioned schedule

Yours Obedient Servant

A. B. Marks
Secretary

The Acting Clerk
to the Town Commissioners
Tuam

Bachel 28th July 1913

Sir

I am directed by the Corporation of Bachel, to forward the subjoined resolution, and request the favour of an early reply. If the Committee of the organization of which Mr. Keon acts as secretary had been willing to adopt the course pursued by the County Councils body and admit politics, my Council would not have addressed themselves to you

I am Sir Yours very Truly
John Keon Clerk of the Council

The Clerk of Urban Council Tuam

"Resolution referred to"

That in view of the advantage derived by county councils from the establishment of a central body, it is desirable, municipal bodies, should possess one of their own, but having regard to the fact that municipal objects can be only attained through Parliamentary agency, and therefore through political action it is plainly necessary that Urban bodies, do as the County Council have done, reserve to themselves unfettered action in the matter of politics, and as this is excluded from the body to which Mr. Keon acts as Hon Sec. that the example of the County Councils be followed and a similar central council be formed for municipal authorities, and that circulars be herefore issued inviting a conference, of all those authorities wishing to join, in Dublin in August next to establish same."

Minutes continued

The acting clerk was directed to advertise for lighting of the town by gas, and also to supply gas to the town hall, bank office and fire station. Tenders to be considered at a special meeting to be held on Tuesday 19th day of August

The clerk was also directed to put on Finance Book for next meeting £70 payable to Mr Conannon to square his account

The clerk was directed to write to Mr Moran County Surveyor and ask him to write and state the £6- referred to in Mr Quinn's account had already been paid

A list of fairs for the year 1914 had been before the Board and ordered to be inserted in Morris Almanac, Purdon's A.B. guide and Morris Directory

It was proposed by Doctor W. F. Gessin and seconded by Mr McDonagh that the resignation of John Flynn Town clerk be accepted -

Passed unanimously -

The acting clerk was directed to put on the agenda for the special meeting to be held in connection with the lighting of the town, to fix date for appointment of clerk and also fix salary and duties of same -

Mr John Flynn Town clerk handed ⁱⁿ the following letter -

St. Davids Place Tuam
Aug 14th 1913

John Flynn Esq
Clerk Town Commissioners
Tuam

Dear Sir

I beg to resign the office of town commissioner for the town of Tuam

Yours dear Sir

Yours faithfully
James Daly

The clerk was directed to write to Mr Daly and ask him to re-consider his decision on the motion of the chairman seconded by Mr Shine
notice of motion

That the Board consider at next monthly meeting the desirability of either disposing or letting the present fish market

John Burke

The acting clerk was ordered to get a carpenter to repair enumerating boxes and fire station

Minutes continued

Mr Shine was granted the use of the town hall for the auction of Mr Quinn's furniture

The Dublin Concert Co or party were granted the use of the town hall for Sunday September 21st

An acknowledge was received from John Morris's hints for order for those

List of fairs for 1914

January	Wednesday	21st	Pigs
February	Wednesday	18	Pigs
March	Wednesday	9	Pigs
-	Thursday	10	Sheep & cattle
April	Tuesday	7	Sheep & cattle
-	Wednesday	15	Pigs
May	Thursday	7	Pigs
-	Friday	8	Sheep
-	Saturday	9	cattle
June	Wednesday	17	Pigs
July	Monday	6	Pigs
-	Tuesday	7	Sheep & cattle
August	Wednesday	19	Pigs
Sept	Wednesday	9	Pigs
-	Thursday	10	Sheep & cattle
October	Tuesday	20	Sheep
-	Wednesday	21	cattle
-	Thursday	22	Horses
-	Friday	23	Pigs
November	Wednesday	18	Pigs
December	Monday	14	Pigs
-	Tuesday	15	Sheep & cattle

Signed on Behalf of the Board

J. W. Linnell

Chairman

August 19th 1913

Special meeting -

"Agenda"

Arising out of the minutes of last meeting you are requested to attend a special meeting of the Town Commissioners on Tuesday next 19th inst at 6.30 O'Clock P.M.

1. To Consider tenders for the lighting of the streets etc. as advertised
2. To consider appointment of clerk. Salary and duties of same and date of election.

To Each member

P. Lanavan Acting Clerk

Commissioners present - Messrs James W. O'Connell Chairman of the Board, Patrick Murphy, John Burke, M. C. Shine, Michael Dwyer, Michael Goggin, Mr Boncaron the Board's Solicitor was also present.

On the motion of the chairman seconded by Mr Shine that consideration of the two above items be adjourned until next monthly meeting Sept 2nd in order that all the Commissioners would be present. In the meantime Mr Boncaron Solicitor was asked to draw up a form of advertisement ^{for sale} and ^{have} same at next meeting.

Signed on Behalf of The Board

M. C. Shine Chairman

August 26th 1913

Special meeting

Re Mrs Rose. B. Blake's Estate

Gentlemen,

We have been instructed by Mrs Blake of the Bridge House Tuam to sell the premises belonging to her, in the Town ~~of~~ of Tuam by Public Auction, and the sale has been fixed for the 2nd September at 12 O'Clock. You will much oblige by allowing us the use of the Boardroom at 12 O'Clock on that date for the Auction, at the usual charges.

Yours faithfully

To

The Tuam Towns Improvement Commissioners

Bonway & Quinn

Town Commissioners Office

Tuam August 23rd 1913

You are requested to attend a special meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners, to consider above letter on Tuesday 26th inst at 6.30 O'Clock

To

Each Commissioner

P. Lanavan

Acting Town Clerk

Members present - Messrs Patrick Lyons (In the Chair) Michael Goggin, Charles. G. Blake, F. B. W. Donagh, John Burke.

Proposed by Mr Goggin and seconded by Mr W. Donagh that the use of the Boardroom be granted to Messrs Bonway & Quinn for Mrs Blake's Auction

Passed unanimously

Signed on behalf of the Board

M. C. Shine Chairman

September 2nd 1913

Monthly meeting

Commissioners Present (Gas W. Donnell Chairman of the Board Presiding) Was Keane John Connelly, M. G. Shine, Michael Dwyer, John Burke, Patrick Murphy, Charles Blake, James Daly & P. McDonagh,

The minutes of the previous meetings were read and signed

advice note to the Treasurer being signed

Paying orders were made and signed by the chairman Mr Keane and Mr Burke for the amount of £ 167. 18. 10

The following letters were read

Local Government Board
Dublin
August 29th 1913

Sir

With further reference to their circular letter of the 22nd February 1910. I am directed by the local Government Board for Ireland to forward herewith a copy of amended Regulations which His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant has made in pursuance of the cinematograph Act 1909

I am Sir

Your obt servant
A. R. Barlas
Secretary

To

The Secretary of each County Council
The Town Clerk of each Borough
The Clerk of each Town Commission

The Cornacht Tribune
Market St
Galway
August 18th 1913

A. Lavanan Esq
Tuam

Dear Sir

In reply to yours to hand re-account furnished, we regret to state that we cannot accede to your request to reduce our advertising rate, as these charges are based purely on our circulation which is greater than that of any other paper published in Connacht. Moreover the rate charged you is one which all public bodies pay without demur

Yours faithfully
The Tribune
T. A. Kenny
Manager

Contd

Sept 2nd 1913

Lower Salthill Galway

Sept 1st 1913

To

The Acting Town Clerk
Tuam

Sir

I propose and agree to supply 2 new frames with iron bars bolted through same for the sum of two pounds

Yours

James Stewart

The above was accepted unanimously

"Tender for Public Lighting"

Gas works Tuam
August 19th 1913

We the Tuam Gas Company hereby propose and agree to supply with gas light, and extinguish all the public lamps of the Town of Tuam, from the first day of September nineteen hundred and thirteen until the tenth day of May nineteen hundred and fourteen, from one hour after sunset until 11 o'clock P.M. Except eight lamps which will be kept lighted on all dark nights throughout the year, forty three of the lamps, to be charged for at the rate of £2-7-6 (two pounds seven shillings and sixpence) each, and the remaining four, viz: Two in the church grounds and two in the Cathedral Road at £1-10-0 (one pound ten shillings) each per year. The Cathedral Road lamps to be lighted on the night of Saturday and Sunday, and if required for any special occasions for any nights throughout the year, on notice being given by the Parish Clerk. The Parish Clerk to extinguish same on all occasions.

We also propose and agree to light the Town Clock Dials for the sum of £10- (ten pounds) per annum, same to be lighted from one hour after sunset until one hour after daybreak on all nights throughout the year.

The supply of Gas to the Town Hall, Clerk's Office, and Fire Station, to be by Meter and to be charged for at the rate of 6/- (six shillings) per thousand cubic feet.

We further agree to supply Gas Tar at two pence per Gallon

For the Tuam Gas Company
Michael Dowling

The above was accepted subject to instruction of a Committee -

Committee - Messrs Daly, Keane and Shine -

Continued Sept 2nd 1913

"Tender for Printing"

To The Chairman and Tuam Town Commissioners

Gentlemen

I hereby propose and agree to do all the printing required by your Board for twelve months (except brass docket) for the sum of £12 (Twelve pounds) and offer as my sureties Messrs Michael Hession and Mr Barnon both of Tuam whose consent in writing are herewith enclosed

Yours faithfully
Mabel Keely
Manager "Tuam Herald"
Sept 2. 13

Tuam Sept 2nd 1913

We whose names are hereto subscribed consent to become sureties for Miss Mabel Keely if her tender for printing is accepted by the Tuam Town Commissioners

Yours faithfully
William Barnon
Michael Hession

"Tender for advertising"

To The Chairman and Town Commissioners

Gentlemen

I hereby propose and agree to insert all advertisements in "Tuam Herald" for twelve months for the sum of £12 (Twelve pounds) and offer as my sureties Messrs Mr Barnon and Michael Hession both of Tuam. whose consent in writing are herewith enclosed

Yours faithfully
Mabel Keely
Manager "Tuam Herald"
Sept 2. 13

Tuam September 2nd 1913

We whose names are hereto enclosed consent to become sureties for Miss Mabel Keely if her tender for advertising is accepted by the Town Commissioners

Yours faithfully
Mr Barnon and Michael Hession

Proposed by Mr Shine and seconded by Mr Conroy that the above tender be accepted (passed unanimously)

Continued Sept 2nd 1913

Tuam Sept 2nd 1913

Gentlemen

Would you please have the coming Fair advertised, so as bring them before the public

To
The Chairman
Tuam Town Commissioners

Yours Obedt Servant
John Murphy (Joc. Termas)

Proposed by Mr Dwyer and seconded by Mr Shane. That the salary of the Town Clerk be £60 (Sixty pounds) per annum, and an increase of £5 (five pounds) per annum until it reaches £80 (Eighty pounds) provided the commissioners are satisfied with the way in which he discharges his duties — "passed unanimously"

Proposed by Mr Keely and seconded by Mr Shine. That the acting Town Clerk's salary be £1 (one pound) per week, from the date on which the late Town Clerk's resignation was accepted — "passed unanimously"

Take notice that I or some member on my behalf will move at the meetings of the Tuam Town Commissioners to be held on 7th October and 4th November 1913, that Mr John Flynn be granted a superannuation allowance of £20 (Twenty pounds) per annum, owing to permanent infirmity of mind and body, and in consideration of his long and faithful service of nearly 20 years as Town Clerk

James Daly

That we request the District Council to be so good, as to give a contribution towards providing extra hoses, for the town, and the hose will be given in case a fire should occur at workhouse

James Daly
John Burke

Tuam Sept 2nd 1913

To the Tuam Town Commissioners

Gentlemen

We the undersigned make application for the usual position of enumerators at the coming Sept Fair with that

We remain Gentlemen
Your Obedt Servant
John Shene
Mrs Dwyer

"appointed unanimously"

Minutes Continued Sept 2nd 1913

Bloountoe Sept 1st 1913

To
The Chairman
Tuan Town Commissioners

Sir

I brought Michael Raeph to the Town Clerk for his approval to do the work for the Commissioners, while my horse was unable to work, now as my horse is able to work as usual, I hope you will give me the work back again as usual

Yours truly

Your Obedt Servant
Luke Neelini

Torbay Road

Tuan Sept 2nd 1913

The Chairman
Tuan Town Commissioners

Sir

I have been for some months employed by the Town Commissioners and gave satisfaction to all parties. As there is no man permanently appointed, I most humbly ask you to consider me and give me the permanent appointment. I have purchased a good horse and well equipped to do all work to your satisfaction.

Hoping you will favourably consider my request

I beg to remain

Your Obedt Servant
Michael Raeph

"It was unanimously decided to continue on the work as at present"

The Acting Clerk was directed to order two lengths hose same as last

The Acting Clerk was also directed to refund to Mr O'Rourke Deven the sum of one pound fifteen shillings out of the sum of three pounds fifteen shillings sterling paid for the use of Hall, he having a bad week

The Clerk was also directed to see Mr Quinn Solicitor in reference to claim from the Executors of Lawrence Burke deceased, and find out if they would accept £10 in full payment of Debt, and subject to Auditor's approval

Signed on Behalf of the Board

Chairman

Minutes continued Sept 2nd 1913

Appointment and duties of Clerk

Borough of Tuam

The Tuam Town Improvement Commissioners will, at their meeting to be held on the 4th day of November, 1913 consider applications from persons for the position of Town Clerk. The person appointed will be required to discharge all duties imposed upon him by the Town Improvement Act, and all other acts governing the said Town Commissioners

Also - (1) - Superintend and look after the scavenging and repairing of the streets, and check all material supplied for same, and keep all necessary accounts in connection therewith

(2) - Collect all rents of the Meat Stalls, of the Artisans, Dwellings when erected, and of the Town Hall. Keep all necessary books of account, immediately lodge in the Bank, where the Commissioners account is kept the said rents when collected.

(3) - Look after the lighting of the Town, and to see that said contract for same is properly carried out in all details, including the lighting of the necessary lamps, at the time specified in said contract.

(4) - See that the duties of the caretaker of the Town Hall are properly carried out in all details including firing lighting, and cleaning same, and all rooms thereof

(5) - Such other duties as the Town Commissioners shall by resolution, duly adopted impose upon, or require the said Clerk to perform.

The person appointed must attend the Town Clerk's Office in the Town Hall, between the hours of 11 and 12 o'clock on Mondays and Wednesdays in each week, as well as the monthly Special, and every other meeting held by the Town Commissioners.

The salary of the said Clerk shall be £60 per year, rising to £80 (which will be the maximum) by an increase of £5 yearly, provided the Commissioners, consider the Clerk has done his duties properly during the year.

The person appointed must be between the ages of 25 and 50, and a certificate of his birth must accompany his application.

The person appointed will be required to enter into a Bond, for the due performance of all his duties, with two solvent sureties in the sum of £700. A consent signed by the sureties to join in said Bond, must accompany each application. Before proceeding to the election the Commissioners at the said meeting will consider the solvency of each candidate proposed sureties, and should they be of opinion, that either or both of the proposed sureties are not suitable, the application of the person who named such surety or sureties, shall not be considered. An approved Guarantee Society will be accepted.

Applications will be received up to 6 o'clock P.M. on said 4th day of November 1913

Dated this 4th day of September 1913

P. Banavan Acting Town Clerk

Michael Raeph

Signed on Behalf of the Board

Chairman

Special meeting

September 18th 1913

Members Present-

Messrs James McDonnell (Chairman) Presiding - James Daly
 Patrick Lyons Patrick Byrne Michael C. Shine Charles G. Blake Michael Dwyer
 John Burke Patrick Murphy Francis Keane Frederick B. McDonagh
 Doctor Bartello was also present -

To James McDonnell Esq. Chairman Tuam Town Commissioners

16.9.13

Dear Sir

We the undersigned, hereby request you will be so good as to convene a special meeting of the Town Commissioners for Thursday the 18th inst at 6.30 P.M. for the following purpose business

- (1) Confirming Mr McVale's tender for erection of 30 artisans dwellings
- (2) Applying to the L.G. Board for sanction to the required loan for said purpose
- (3) To present an address to Messrs Hazleton, Devlin and Landon M.P.s

Signed James Daly
 James McDonnell
 Michael C. Shine
 Patrick Byrne
 John Burke

Town Commissioners Office Tuam
 Sept 16th 1913

Sir

You are requested to attend a special meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners on Thursday next the 18th inst at 6.30 O'clock P.M. for the purpose of considering the above requisition

To Each Commissioner

A. Hanavan
 Acting Town Clerk

Minutes Continued

Proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr Shine that the confirming of Mr McVale's tender be adjourned until the sanction of the loan be confirmed -

Proposed by Mr Shine and seconded by Mr Daly that the L.G. Board be asked to sanction the loan of £6000 for the erection of artisans dwellings and that the form of housing of the working classes (Ireland Acts 1890 to 1908) be filled for that amount and signed by the Chairman and acting clerk

Local Government Board

12 Sept 1913

No 47943

Tuam Rural District

(Tuam Town Commissioners)

Sir

With reference to the scheme proposed to be carried out by the Town Commissioners of Tuam for the erection of working class lodging houses, under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, I am directed by the L.G. Board for Ireland to enclose a form in which application may be made for sanction to the loan required for the proposed works

By Order of the Board

The Town Clerk
 Town Commissioners Office
 Tuam

Arthur Bodling

It was unanimously agreed that an address to be presented to Messrs Hazleton Devlin and other M.P.s on their visit to Tuam on Friday evening 19th inst and that Messrs James McDonnell Chairman, James Daly, Michael C. Shine, Patrick Murphy, Francis Keane, F. B. McDonagh and the acting clerk meet at the Town Hall Board Room at 1 O'clock P.M. on Friday of above date to draft the address

The following letters were read -

United Irish League
 North Galway Divisional Executive
 Tuam Sept 1913

Dear Sir

The above Executive will entertain the members of Parliament and the Priests that will attend the meeting on Saturday next at Guy's Hotel Hour 3.30 O'clock P.M. I respectfully invite two of your body to kindly attend said dinner

To
 Hanavan Acting Town Clerk

Yours Respectfully
 Thomas Horgan Sec

Minutes continued Sept 18th 1913

Messrs - Byrne and Shine were unanimously selected to attend the Dinner at Guys Hotel -

Ancient Order Libermians
Division 1052
Tuam Sept 18th 1913

Dear Mr Bararan

I am directed by the Tuam Division of the Ancient Order Libermians, to apply to the Town Commissioners, for the use of the Town Hall on Friday night next, for the purpose of enabling Mr Joseph Devlin M.P. to address the members

I am dear Mr Bararan
Yours Faithfully
J. Heffernan Sec

"Granted unanimous"

Tuam
Sept 18th 1913

The Town Commissioners
Tuam

Gentlemen

Will you please grant me permission to erect a scaffolding in the Surf Market, to enable me to carry out some repairs to the house, formerly in the occupation of Miss Brennan.

The scaffolding will not be erected on a Saturday, and will only be required for a few days

Yours Faithfully

A. J. Wraley

"Granted unanimous provided he does not interfere with the traffic"

Signed on behalf of the Board

Michael Shine

Chairman

October 7th 1913

Monthly meeting.

Commissioners Present - Messrs M. C. Shine, Patrick Byrne, Frederick B. Wroughton, Patrick Murphy, Patrick Lyons, Michael Dwyer, James Daly, John Burke,

Proposed by Mr Daly seconded by Patrick Byrne that Mr Shine takes the chair

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed, advice note to the Treasurer being signed by Mr Shine, Mr Daly and Mr Burke for the amount of forty pounds eleven shillings and one penny (£40-11-1)

The following letters were read -

Local Government Board
Dublin 3rd October 1913

Sir

The Local Government Board for Ireland have before them the application of the Tuam Town Commissioners for sanction to a loan of £6000 for the purpose of erecting working class lodging houses under the Housing of the Working Classes Act, and the Board desire to express their sanction to the loan in question. In pursuance of Sec 237 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878 the payment to be spread over a period of 60 years, and the loan to be issued in instalments the first to be £2000.

As some misapprehension appears to have arisen, as to the effect to the Board's sanction to a loan, they consider it advisable to draw attention to the terms of Section 246 of the Act above referred to, and to point out that, while it is open to the Town Commissioners, on receiving the sanction of the Local Government Board to a loan, to contract for it in the open market, the final decision as to whether a loan will or will not be made from Public Funds rests with the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury.

The Board are aware that their Lordships have felt compelled to refuse their sanction to loans, where the rates were exceptionally high, or where there has been unpunctuality in the payment of the instalments of loans already made.

In the latter case their Lordships, before making any further loan require an undertaking to pay the instalments on existing or future loans, punctually on the due days on which the same are due.

Application should be made to the Commissioners of Public Works for the loan, if the Town Commissioners desire that it should be recommended under Section 246 but no expenditure should be incurred in anticipation of receiving the loan until the Town Commissioners learn that its issue has been authorised by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury.

The Plans, Specifications and Estimates are returned herewith, and the Board request that they may be furnished with certified copies thereof for deposit in this office

I am Sir

Your obedient servant

A. R. Wraley
Secretary

To
The Town Clerk
Town Commissioners Office
Tuam

October 7th 1913

Minutes Continued

Local Government Board
Dublin
27 Sept 1913

No 50374: 1913

Tuam Rural District

(Tuam Town Commissioners)

Sir

With reference to your letter of the 19th Inst. forwarding an application of the Tuam Town Commissioners for sanction to a loan for the purpose of erecting working class lodging houses under the Housing of the Working Classes Act, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to request that they may be furnished with a copy of the resolution increasing the loan applied for to £6000

The Town Clerk
Town Commissioners Office
Tuam

By Order of the Board
W. Gregg

Local Government Board
16th Sept 1913

No 47944/1913

Tuam Rural District

(Tuam Town Commissioners)

Sir

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to transmit herewith, to be laid before the Tuam Town Commissioners, a copy of the account of the Arbitrator in the matter of the Arbitration proceedings, in connection with the lands authorised to be acquired compulsorily under the Town of Tuam Order 1913, as confirmed, and I am to state that, in the absence of objections, within three weeks from the date of this letter, the account will be certified, in pursuance of article 28 of the second Schedule of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, read in connection with section 8 of the Public Health Act 1896. The amount will then be payable by the Town Commissioners

I am Sir
Your obedient servant

The Town Clerk
Town Commissioners Office
Tuam

A. H. Wallis
Secretary

October 7th

Minutes Continued

Local Government Board
Dublin
19th Sept 1913

Sir

In pursuance of the Public Bodies Order, 1904, I hereby give you notice that I shall attend at the Town Hall Tuam on Friday the 23rd day of October at 10 o'clock, for the purpose of auditing the accounts of the Tuam Town Commissioners, and I hereby require you to attend at the time and place above mentioned, then and there to produce all books and accounts relating to the said Commissioners, duly made up and balanced to the close of the last financial period.

I have also to request you will inform the Commissioners of this appointment at their next meeting, that you will duly publish a notice of this appointment in the manner prescribed in said order (Article 26) (Form 10) and that you will forthwith intimate this appointment to the members and the several accounting officers of the Commissioners in form 11

You will please acknowledge receipt of this notice and transmit to me at the above address a copy of the newspaper containing the advertisement

I am Sir
Your obedient servant
Arthur. C. Ellis

To The Town Clerk
Tuam

Local Government Auditor

The Town Commissioners
Tuam

Taylor's Hill
Galway 2-10-13

Gentlemen

I have been informed that the Arbitrator has been sent his award, and the period of advertising same has been fulfilled, and now that we shall be able to construct, I would feel obliged if the Board can see their way to making me an advance of some of my fee. If it can be done, as this scheme is a long time going on, with your permission I shall attend your meeting on the 7th, when I can personally discuss the matter with you. I enclose an expenses slip for attending Arbitration Inquiry and beg to remain
Gentlemen

Your obedient servant
G. B. Corkello

Office of Survey of Taxes
Galway 3rd Oct 1913

Sir

Accounts for the year 1912/13. The assessment for the year 1913/14 £364.
Kindly inform the Commissioners if they agree to these figures

I am Sir
Your obt servant G. A. Nash

October 7th Minutes Continued

The Acting Clerk was directed to write to Mr Nash Surveyor of Taxes Galway and ask to have the assessment reduced as they consider it too high.

Tuam Sept 18th 1913

The Chairman
Tuam Town Commissioners

Sir

I beg respectfully that your Board will be good enough to provide rain coats and leggings for Ruane and myself. For the coming winter we were out on Sunday morning at 5 o'clock and again on Sunday evening. It was almost impossible for any person to be out, and we cannot afford getting them ourselves.

We are Sir

Your obedient servants

W^m Conroy
M. Ruane

The Town Commissioners

Gentlemen

We the undersigned make the usual application for the position of Enumerators at the coming October Fair

We remain Gentlemen

Your obt servants
John Shine Thomas Dwyer

Unanimously appointed

To
Tuam Town Commissioners

St Patrick's Hurling Club
Tuam 7th October 1913

Gentlemen

We the undersigned have been instructed to apply to you for the use of now vacant Band Room for the accommodation of the members of our club. It is a club which is newly formed and the membership is large, and it is thought that the fact of having some place wherein all the members can always meet, will help to keep them together during the bad weather particularly, and it will also count materially in keeping the grand old game alive amongst us. In the event of the Town Band being re-started, we will surrender room to them. If the Commissioners will it. The terms to be the same as for the Band.

Thanking you all in anticipation
Yours respectfully

Sam Brown J Neave Ciph and Secy

adjourned to Tuesday next 14th Inst

October 7th 1913

A. O. Heberian

Division 1052

Tuam October 6th 1913

The Tuam Town Commissioners

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Tuam Division A. O. H. to make application for permission to enable them to break openings in the Gable of the Premises secured by them in Vicar Street overlooking the Potato Market, for the purpose of providing six windows. There are three storeys in the Building and to secure the necessary light and ventilation for the different apartments, it is essential that two windows on each storey should be erected.

Thanking you in anticipation

Yours etc

J. J. Heffernan
Secy

Commission Granted Solicitor to prepare agreement

Athlery October 7th 1913

To the Tuam Commissioners

Gentlemen

I beg leave to apply to you for one of the meat stalls. I am informed is vacant. I am travelling for the Singer Machine Co and want the stall as store room for machines. Security for the rest.

Yours Truly

John Dolan Athlery

The Clerk was directed to advertise to see if any local person wanted the stall and adjourn consideration of above application to next meeting -

Bishop Street Tuam
July 28th 1913

I certify that ~~John Glynn~~ I am attending John Glynn Town Clerk for several years he is suffering from cerebral degeneration and has got more than one attack of which has resulted in aphasia from which he has recovered after a time. The condition of his health both mental and physical is now such that in my opinion he ^{will} never be able to perform the duties again. I hope he will for a long time but I have warned him that he may at any time have a fatal attack of cerebral haemorrhage.

Thomas B. Corbett M.D. etc

October 7th 1913 "Minutes Continued"

Proposed by Mr James Daly seconded by Mr Michael Dwyer and resolved - That the Tuam Town Commissioners hereby request the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland to advance a loan of £6000 for the purpose of erecting 30 Artisans Dwellings under the provisions of the Housing of the Working Classes Act 1890 and 1908. Repayment to be spread over a period of sixty years. The Town Commissioners also hereby undertake that the instalments of the Principal and interest of the loan will be repaid on the dates when they become due

7th October 1913

Michael B Shine Chairman

The above resolution to be sent to the Secretary of Public Works Dublin

Proposed by Mr James Daly seconded by Michael Dwyer and resolved - That the tender of Mr McVally for erecting 30 Artisans Dwellings be accepted at the sum of £5250 and that the Solicitor be instructed to prepare the necessary Bond for the due execution of the work

October 7th 1913

Michael B Shine Chairman

The Acting Clerk was directed to write Mr Moran County Surveyor and find out what quantity of material is required to have reserved for roads.

Proposed by Mr James Daly seconded by Mr John Burke that the names of the streets be re-lettered and painted at a cost of 2/6 each and that 1 frame be supplied as well

"Unanimously adopted"

Proposed by Mr John Burke and seconded by Mr Patrick Byrne - That we desire to place on record our deep sense of regret at the death of a great Irishman and a great Galway man The late Patrick Forde Proprietor of the "Irish Word" and also the late John Callaghan and we tender to their bereaved relatives in America our sincere sympathy

"adopted unanimously"

The tender for Public lighting was accepted subject to the following report from Committee -

We The undersigned being appointed by the Tuam Town Commissioners at their meeting held on Sept 6th. To report on on the lighting of the streets we recommend the following to be all night lamps - namely

- (1) The lamp at the turn to the Railway (2) John Whyte's Corner (3) W Donnell's Corner (4) Dr Thompson's
- (5) The square (6) Waterside (7) Dr Baker's (8) Miss Boyes = signed

adopted and 4 additional all night lamps viz
 (9) Bishop's Gardens Road (10) Sullins Road (11) Galway Road (12) Water Market

Wm Deane
 James Daly

October 7th 1913

Proposed by Mr Patrick Murphy seconded by Mr James Daly. That the Clerk submit a statement of the receipts and all expenditure of the cost of maintaining the streets of the Town of Tuam for the 2 years ending Sept 1913, each year to be given separately and show the amount due on the Capital expenditure by - the amount paid to Messrs Granger Bros -

The Clerk was directed to lay before the Board at next monthly meeting a statement of the amount paid all officers of the Board

Proposed by Mr Patrick Byrne seconded by Mr John Burke - That the Post Office Authorities be written to requesting them to leave the lamps outside the post office lighting all night, and also to have the passage entering their yard so altered as to make it safe for pedestrians which in its present state is very dangerous

Proposed by Mr James Daly and seconded by Mr John Burke that at the meetings held on 7th day of October and 4th day of November, that Mr John Flynn be granted a superannuation allowance of £20 per annum, owing to the permanent infirmity of mind and body, and in consideration of his long and faithful service of nearly 20 years, as Town Clerk and that 10 years be added for good service = Passed Unanimously =

The Clerk was directed to have the fair advertised and the fair Green walls made up.

The Clerk was directed to call a special meeting for Tuesday Oct 14th to consider the adjourned business of the Board -

The Laps returns for September fair were as follows -

	<u>Cattle Sold</u>	<u>Unsold</u>	<u>Sheep Sold</u>	<u>Unsold</u>
Muslocks	158	115	Ewes 7659	712
Beifers	57	85	Hoggets 1322	114
Calves	16	8	Lambs 1890	223
Cows	15	19	Rams 6	4
	<u>286</u>	<u>227</u>	<u>10877</u>	<u>1053</u>

Total - 513 cattle

Total 11,930 Sheep

October 7th 1913

At the special meeting held Sept 26th it was unanimously agreed to present Messrs Hazelton, Devlin & Landon M.P. on their visit to Tuam. Messrs James W. Donnell Chairman of the Board, M. B. Shine, Francis Keane, Patrick Murphy, F. B. W. Donagh were appointed to draft the address. At the hour appointed none of the above members turned up except Mr M. B. Shine. He drafted the following -

Address To Messrs Richard Hazelton, Joseph Devlin and J. Landon M.P.s :-

Dear Sirs,

Representing and voicing the feelings of the people of this ancient cathedral city, we desire to bid you a hearty *bienvenue* as members of the victorious Parliamentary Party who have fought so strenuously to right the wrongs of our country. We appreciate the great sacrifices you have made and the able manner in which you have carried the Home Rule cause to almost certain victory.

In Mr Hazelton our popular Representative we recognise one who has by his attendance in the House of Commons, his successful mission as one of the envoys of the Irish people to distant lands, his propagandist work through the British Isles, in the furtherance of the Home Rule cause, and by his defeat on the Arch Bacterist (Tim Healey) and his gang in Louth won the admiration of his constituents.

Mr Devlin we look on as one of the greatest of Democratic leaders in the Irish Party who has by his signal victories in West Belfast won and held for the Irish Party a constituency in the heart of the enemy's country. As well as by his great organising powers as Secretary of the U. I. D. Directory, and his eloquent pleading of the cause of our country at home and abroad who merits our heartfelt approval. We specially welcome him on this his first visit.

In Mr Landon we recognise the son of a Patriotic father; a man who by his praiseworthy discipline in conjunction with his colleagues, under the distinguished leadership of Mr John E. Redmond, has gained for himself admiration and respect and put to shame the factionists who were conspicuous by their absence, when the cause of Irish Freedom was in jeopardy, during the different stages of the Home Rule Bill through the House of Commons. We trust our visitors will like long to enjoy the rewards of their successful labours, and in an Irish House of Commons prove to the world that Irishmen are able to manage their own affairs.

Signed -

James W. Donnell (Chairman) Michael B. Shine, Patrick Murphy, Joseph Francis Keane, Frederick B. W. Donagh, Michael Groggin, John Curran, Michael Dwyer, John Conolly, Patrick Byrne, Patrick Lyons, Charles J. Blake, Doctor M. J. Keenan, A. Hanavan (Acting Town Clerk)

The above address was presented that evening

Signed on Behalf of the Board

W. McNeill

Chairman

adjourned meeting

October 14th 1913

Members Present - James McDonnell Chairman of the Board (Presiding) Mr. L. Shine, James Daly, John Connolly, John Burke, Patrick Murphy, F. B. McDonagh, Francis Keane, Michael Dwyer

Agenda

1 - To consider application for Band room from the St. Davids Nursing Club
 Consideration of above was unanimously adjourned until the next monthly meeting 4th November

2 - To arrange about October fairs - route, etc

It was decided to have same arrangements as last year viz - to have men employed and all stock to go to the Railway via High Street

3 - To consider vacant meat stall and one which had been sublet

The Acting Clerk was directed to get up possession of one ^{the} what had been sublet and advertise one vacant, and in the event of other tenant not paying up get Mr Conannon Boards Solicitor for same.

4 - To consider what is best to be done with Fish Shambles - and those seeing fish on the streets

It was unanimously decided to refer to Mr Conannon and see how we stand as regards tenancy etc, as Mr. W. Hugh came before the Board and stated he had the place bought.

It was also decided to get notices printed notifying Fish Dealers, not to see fish on the streets the Potatoe Market to be used for the sale of fish and in the event of they not going into the Potatoe Market have them prosecuted -

5 - To appoint a committee to examine fire station and have the necessary repairs carried out.

Messrs - John Connolly, Francis Keane and James Daly were appointed and to report on same at next meeting -

6 - To consider what quantity of material will be got for roads and streets

It was unanimously decided to get stones broken at 8^d per ton

The acting clerk was also directed to get pair boats etc outfit and have them before the Board at next meeting -

October 14th 1913

notice of motion

Take notice that I or some Commissioner on my behalf will move at the next meeting of the Town Commissioners, that the permission given for the use of a tent on the Fair Green for the purpose of providing tables for people attending the fair be rescinded inasmuch as there are several catering houses within two minutes walk of the Fair Green and other places

James Daly

14 October 1913

Proposed by Mr John Connolly seconded by Francis Keane, that the acting clerk be directed to see Mr Conannon the Boards Solicitor and get him take what steps are necessary to prevent Messrs Cahill & Co and others from having a licence to sell intoxicating liquor in or near the Fair Green -

Proposed by Mr Michael L. Shine seconded by Francis Keane. That we desire to place on records our sense of deep regret on learning of the death of Mr Hugh W. Hugh an old Officer of the Board and beg to tender to his wife and family our sincere sympathies in their sad affliction -

Proposed by Mr James McDonnell C.T.C. seconded by Mr John Burke and resolved - That Messrs Stockwell & Sons tender or proposal be accepted to prepare and paint wood work of block tower three coats of paint of best quality and also four arms of tower inside and outside of woodwork and metal bearings for the sum of £15-0

Signed on behalf of the Board

J. McDonnell, Chairman

November 4th 1913

Monthly Meeting

Commissioners Present.- Messrs James W. Donnell (Chairman of the Board presiding) Francis Keane Michael G. Shine, John Connolly, Michael Dwyer, Doctor M. H. Keenan, F. B. W. Donagh James Daly John Burke, Patrick Murphy, Charles G. Blake,

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed

Buying orders were made and signed.

Advice note to the Treasurer being signed by the (Chairman James W. Donnell) Michael Dwyer and John Burke for the amount of £ 80.0.11

The following letters were read:-

Local Government Board
Dublin
18th October 1913

Sir

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to inform the Town Commissioners of Tuam, that they have recommended to the Commissioners of Public Works the loan of £ 6000. sanctioned to the Town Commissioners for the purpose of erecting working class lodging houses under the housing of the working classes Act

I am Sir

Your obedient servant
A. H. Walshe
Secretary

To Your clerks
Town Commissioners
Tuam

A letter was also read from the Local Government Board for Ireland dated October 22nd 1913 acknowledging receipt of Plans, specifications certified copies of Architects drawings for deposit in their office, under the loan of £ 6000 for houses under the working classes Act
By Order
W. Gregg

General Post Office Dublin
29th October 1913

Sir

With reference to your letter of the 8th inst to the Postmaster of Tuam, enclosing a copy of a resolution passed by the Town Commissioners, I have to point out that the obligation to light the street outside the post office rests with the Town Commissioners, and as the post office lamp is not required for postal purposes after 10 P.M. The department cannot agree to keep it lit beyond that hour. As regards the mail car entrance to the Post Office, the matter has been represented to the Board of works, and the result will be communicated to you in due course.

I am Sir

Your obedient servant
James MacMahon
Secretary

To the Town Clerks
Tuam

November 4th 1913 Minutes continued

A letter was read from John Moran County Surveyor Galway recommending that the Gully Traps in the streets of Tuam be kept regularly cleaned

It was unanimously decided to have them attended to regular

Great Street Tuam
October 4th 1913

Dear Urbanavan

As the Tuam Band is broken up now for some months, and as there is no probability of it being re-started for some time, I hereby surrender the tenancy of the Band Room

Sincerely Yours
Frank Dooley

A letter was read from Messrs Sam Brown Secretary and J. O'Keefe Capt of W. Darragh's Hurling Club for the use of Band room, and they would give up possession immediately the Band was re-started.

The following was read from Father W. Dermott adu

The Besbyery Tuam
October 4th 1913

Gentlemen

I am just informed that the Committee of the Gaelic Hurling Club intend making a request for the use of the room which was up to recently used by the Tuam Brass Band. I feel sure the Commissioners won't consent to this, without first acquainting the Band Committee, and I would like to state that as far as I know the members of the Band Committee, hope in a very short time, to re-establish the Band, and make it more efficient than ever it was

I remain

Yours Faithfully
F. W. Dermott adu

Father W. Dermott spoke at length in favour of the Band Committee getting the room.

It was unanimously decided that the Band Committee get the Band Room.

Thomas Dwyer and Dan Butler applied for and were granted to overcoats as usual

A letter was read from Michael Ruane scavenger for an increase of wages

Granted 2/6 per day unanimously

A letter was read from Mrs. Miefred ^{W. Hugh} thanking the Commissioners for vote of sympathy with her on the death of her husband and asking to be appointed in his stead as caretaker of saddles etc.

It was decided to advertise and that she could act temporarily until next meeting

Minutes Continued November 4th 1913

Quotation of Flags was received from Thomas P. Nagle his account to be cleared by

1 1/2 and 2" Mixed Flags F.O.B. Tuam 29 1/2 square yard

adjourned until next meeting

Election of Clerk. Two applications

Prishop Street Tuam
Nov 4th 1913

To The Chairman
Tuam Town Commissioners

Sir

I beg to apply for the position of Town Clerk as per your advertisement in "Tuam Herald" & offer as my sureties Stephen Baravan Ardakbabig Paelykkinin and John Keane High St Tuam Merchant, whose consent in writing I herein enclosed, also certificate of my birth

Yours truly

Your obedient servant

P. Lanavan (Acting Town Clerk)

We the undersigned agree to become sureties and join in a Bond of £700 for Patrick Baravan Tuam in case he is elected Town Clerk

Signed Stephen Baravan
John Keane

Mr Patrick E. Carroll made no application but by a majority of the Commissioners present they decided in accepting the following as an application.

We the undersigned hereby consent and agree to become sureties for Patrick E. Carroll of Tuam in the sum of seven hundred pounds for his faithful performance of the duties of Town Clerk of Tuam and undertake to execute the necessary Bond for the purpose.

Signed

Pat Costello Barrack Street Farmer

Mr. McDermey Longfellow Merchant.

Affidavit

I Patrick E. Carroll of High Street Tuam in the County of Galway aged 37 years and upwards do make oath and say

1. That I was born in Longo Sydney New South Wales Australia upon the 27th day of June 1876 and I was therefore forty four years of age on 27th day of June 1913
2. That owing to my having been born in Australia, was unable to procure a certificate of my birth from the official records, but I say that the date given above is correct. Sworn before me this 4th day of November 1913 and I know the deponent

Patrick E. Carroll

Tuam in the County of Galway
this 4th day of November 1913
and I know the deponent

P. J. J. J. J.

Commissioner of Deeds in the
High Court of Justice

Minutes Continued

Mr P. Lanavan was proposed by Michael Dwyer and seconded by Mr John Connolly that he be appointed Town Clerk.

Mr Patrick E. Carroll was proposed by Doctor M. H. Bessin and seconded by Charles G. Blake

They voted for Mr P. Lanavan = Messrs. John Burke, John Connolly, James Daly, Michael Dwyer, Francis Keane and the Chairman (6)

For Mr P. E. Carroll = Messrs Charles G. Blake, Doctor Bessin, Patrick Murphy, F. B. W. Doragh and M. B. Shine (5)

The Chairman declared Mr P. Lanavan elected Town Clerk

Mr James Daly proposed and John Burke seconded at the meetings held 7th day of October and 4th day of November that Mr John Flynn be granted a superannuation allowance of £20 per annum, owing to permanent infirmity of mind and body and in consideration of his long and faithful service of nearly 20 years as Town Clerk and that 10 years be added for good service.

Passed unanimously -

Mr James Daly's notice of motion: Take notice that I or some other Commissioner on my behalf will move at the next meeting of the Town Commissioners, that the permission given for the use of a Tent at the Fair Green for the purpose of providing seats for people attending the Fair be rescinded in as much as there are several catering houses within two minutes walk of the Fair Green and other places. - : Adjourned for the present:

The Clerk was directed to get Mr Stewart to give a specification and estimate for raising the floor of Fire Station on a level with the doot and connecting same - also repairing roof -

Messrs Norman B. Barnon and Miss Hope Grant were granted use of Ball on the 10th & 11th November and The Dra Allen Dramatic Company on the 17th and 18th November?

Rent to be paid in advance?

The G. A. F. were granted use of Ball on Sunday night 16th Nov (Free)

William Turnbull was granted use of Potatoes for Cinematograph purpose at 10/- per night payable in advance?

Tuam Nov 4th 1913

To The Chairman Town Commissioners

Sir

I propose to take from the Town Commissioners the vacant stall subject to the terms of your advertisement and I enclose £1-6-0 as security

Respectfully Yours
Robert de Bary

accepted as Tenant "unanimous"

Minutes continued November 4th 1913

Wool returns for October Fair - viz Sheep Fair

	Sold	Unsold
Ewes	2855	20
Wethers	4840	9
Wagtails	952	4
Wethers	2061	15
Rams	12	4
	11720	53

Cattle Fair

	Sold	Unsold
Shillocks	3542	204
Heifers	2961	182
Calves	108	58
Cows	82	45
	6694	589

Proposed by Mr James Daly seconded by Mr Patrick Murphy that an advertisement be issued for 25 to 50 Tons of screened gravel for the streets of Tuam to be delivered as required.
Passed unanimously

Signed on Behalf of the Board
Fred W. Dwyer
Chairman

December 2nd 1913

Monthly meeting?

Messrs Present Messrs. F. B. Wronagh, Francis Keane, John Burke, Michael Dwyer, James Daly, Patrick Murphy, Patrick Byrne, John Connolly, Charles G. Blake, and Mr O'Connell (Board Director)

Proposed by Mr John Connolly and seconded by Mr Francis Keane the Mr Wronagh take the Chair

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed

Proposed by Mr Keane and seconded by Mr Daly that all the Finance business of the Board be adjourned for a special meeting to be held on Friday next Dec 5th at 5.30 O'clock and that the Treasurer be asked to attend

The Auditor's report, Treasurer's account, and Council's opinion got by Mr O'Connell re licenses on fair green were adjourned to the special meeting on above date

The following letters were read?

Local Government Board
Dublin

No 59842: 1913

20th November 1913

Sir

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst, relative to the loan of £6000 sanctioned to the Tuam Town Commissioners for the purpose of erecting working class lodging houses under the housing of the working classes acts, and, with reference thereto, I am to state that it does not appear that, after the expiration of the period mentioned in Section 1 (2) of the Housing of the Working Classes Ireland Act, 1908, for suspension of payments of principal the loan charges can be met without striking a rate. It will therefore, be necessary that the Town Commissioners if they desire to obtain the loan from the Commissioners of Public Works, should pass a resolution, after due notice, undertaking to pay any rate that may be found necessary to meet deficits in receipts to meet expenditure

I am Sir

Your obedient servant
J. E. Davlin
Assistant Secretary

The Town Clerk
Town Commissioners Office
Tuam

Local Government Board
6th November 1913

No 57478: 1913
Tuam Rural District
Tuam Town Commissioners

Sir

With reference to previous correspondence, relative to the loan of £6000 sanctioned to the Tuam Town Commissioners for the purpose of erecting working class lodging houses under the housing of the working classes acts, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to request that they may be informed how the Town Commissioners propose to meet any deficit which may arise in receipts to meet expenditure. This information is required in connection with the Board's recommendation for the issue of the loan to the Commissioners of Public Works. By Order of the Board
M. Dwyer
Town Clerk

December 2nd 1913

Dublin Castle

21st November 1913

21509

Sir

I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th instant and of its enclosure respecting the proposed award of a retiring allowance of £20 per annum to Mr John Glynn late Town Clerk in the service of the Tuam Town Commissioners. I am to inquire the amount of the annual salary of which Mr Glynn was in receipt at the date of his retirement, and to state that His Excellency is advised that section 3 of the Local Officers Superannuation Act 1869, requires that an interval of at least one calendar month shall elapse between the date of the resolution of the commissioners, proposing the award of the allowance and of the resolution confirming the same. A further resolution should now be adopted by the commissioners confirming that of the 7th ultimo.

The Town Clerk
Town Commissioners Office
Tuam

I am Sir
Your obedient servant
J. J. Taylor

21783

Dublin Castle

26th November 1913

Sir

I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 14th and 20th instant, and of their enclosures, further relative to the proposed award of a retiring allowance to Mr John Glynn, late Town Clerk in the service of the Tuam Town Commissioners. In reply, I am to refer you to the letter addressed to you from this office on the 21st inst and to point out that before His Excellency can signify his consent to the proposed award, it is necessary that he should be furnished with a copy of a resolution adopted after an interval of one calendar month from the 7th ultimo confirming the resolution of the latter date of the Town Commissioners.

Town Clerk Town Commissioners Office
Tuam

I am Sir
Your obedient servant
J. J. Taylor

Letters were read from the ^{Secretary's} Gaelic League, Commercial Dancing class, and the Artisan Dancing class for use of Hall -

The Gaelic League were granted the use of the Hall on the nights from the 10th to the 14th inclusive - unanimous

The Commercial ^{Dancing Class} were granted the use of Hall on Thursdays and every second Sunday night - unanimous

The Artisan Dancing class were granted the use of Hall on Wednesday nights and every second Sunday - unanimous

The Dancing classes to one shilling per ^{week} night for Gas

The Christian Brothers also applied for the chairs for their concert to be held on the 7th and 8th January 1914 granted unanimously

December 2nd 1913

The Elster Home Opera Company and Geo Mallin's Co applied for the use of the Hall ^{for} the first week in January - 1914

The Clerk was directed to write to both Companies and state that the Christian Brothers here had got the use of all seating accommodation for their annual concert to be held on 7th and 8th January next.

A letter was read from Mr Bostello C.E asking that the Board of works be written to forward £6000 sanction by the Local Government Board. - ^{was considered they were negotiating same}

Tenders for Gravel were received from the following

Patrick Monaghan	Bloomasera	76	Per Ton
Partly Monaghan	"	710	" "
Martin Ryan	"	244	" "
John Mulligan	Bloomasera	71	" "

Proposed by Mr P. Murphy seconded by Mr G. Keane that John Mulligan's tender at 71 ^{per ton} be accepted, and that the Clerk be directed to get ^{any} and load he thinks necessary weighed - passed Mr Daly dissenting -

Two applications were read for the position of caretaker of Shambles and Town Ladders, namely Patrick Bolger Es R. H. Deam and Mrs Mary W. Smith daughter of the late caretaker.

Mr James Daly proposed and Mr Michael Dwyer seconded that Mrs Mary W. Smith be appointed at the salary advertised four pounds per annum - passed unanimously

Proposed by Mr John Burke seconded by Mr Dwyer that the Clerk be paid for all hiring of ladders and that books be got for ^{keeping} accounts of same

Proposed by Mr James Daly seconded by Mr M. Dwyer that we the Tuam Town Commissioners emphatically repudiate the charge of Religious Intolerance made against the Catholics of the Town of Tuam by the Tory Candidate at the Heighly bye election, and desire to thank Messrs Richard J. Kelly B.L and Professor Ruskworth for their energetic action in exposing this malicious falsehood, which we were glad to observe, had the result of increasing the vote for the liberal Home Rule candidate. That copies of this resolution be sent to Mr R. J. Kelly, Professor Ruskworth and Mr Baget.

Proposed by Mr James Daly seconded by Mr Patrick Byrne. That we the Tuam Town Commissioners desire to place on record our deep regret at the death of Mr Henry Sirivan J.P Gardenfield, who identified himself so closely with every good work appertaining to the advancement and welfare of the people of the Town of Tuam, and whose gentleness, kindness, and amiability endeared him to all classes. His clarity and interest in the poor will be remembered as the work of a good Christian man. To his sorrowing family we tender our heartfelt and sincere sympathy in the sad bereavement.

Proposed by Mr M. Dwyer seconded by Mr W. Donogh that we the Tuam Town Commissioners request the Post Office Authorities to erect a letter box on the square ^{at the side of the old shop} for the convenience of the traders of the Town, as the position of the New Post Office is very backward.

December 2nd 1913

Proposed by Mr Daly and seconded by Mr John Burke, That we the Tuam Town Commissioners hereby undertake to pay ^{any} rate that may be found necessary to meet deficits in receipts to meet expenditure in connection with the loan of £6000 sanctioned to the Town Commissioners of Tuam for the purpose of erecting working class lodging houses under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts 1890 and 1908

Proposed by Mr John Burke seconded by Francis Keane that the clerk be directed to call ^{the} attention of the County surveyor to the way in which the contractor keeps the Galway Road, and that he be called upon to see to it immediately

Mr Conannon Boards Solicitor stated that the Town Clerk had his Bond signed, but that he was getting Councils opinion to know if it required stamping.

The Local Government Board in their letter Nov 10th No 59608, returned paying order No 873 payable to G. H. Mayrick for the sum of seventeen pounds and one penny, same not being stamped. It was ordered that a stamped Duplicate paying order be issued and original cancelled

Signed on Behalf of the Board

James Daly Presiding Chairman

Dec 5th 1913

Adjourned meeting

Members present - Messrs John Connolly, Francis Keane, James Daly, Charles G. Blake, Michael Dwyer, Patrick Murphy, Frederick B. Wronagh, Patrick Byrne, also present A. J. Conannon Esq Solicitor Mr Mackes agent Bank of Ireland, Mr Quinn Solicitor -

Proposed by Mr John Connolly seconded Mr Charles G. Blake that Mr Wronagh takes the chair

"Auditors report"

No 58,449 - 1913

Rosecommon

Nov 3rd 1913

Tuam Town Commissioners

Sir

I beg to report to the Local Government Board that I have audited the accounts of the above named Town Commissioners for the year ended March 31st 1913, and I send herewith Abstracts of the same duly certified by me.

The Commissioners have not taken any steps to obtain a Bond for their Clerk, for the faithful discharge of his duties. I am informed that a new appointment will shortly be made and a Bond should be obtained from the new officer without delay.

There were no documents to vouch the moneys received by the Commissioners, with the exception of a pass Book and Block receipt Book showing the sums received from stall holders in the Town. This book has been so badly kept that I was not able to check it to my satisfaction, and there were no particulars in the Financial Statement Book of receipts to show the sources from which the moneys were received derived. The lease of agreement in connection with the letting of the Tolls and Customs could not be produced. I referred to these matters in my previous report, but no improvement has taken place since then.

There is no proper wages book or pay sheet giving the names of the workers, the time spent at the work, and the amount due to them, as certified by the Town Steward.

The Commissioners advanced to the Clerk for scavenging sums amounting to £161.1.8 during the year under audit, and the only vouchers produced ~~in~~ in support of these payments, were loose sheets of blotting paper made out by the Acting Clerk showing the sums due. As far as I could ascertain there was nothing to prove that the men worked for the time stated or that they actually received the moneys alleged to be due to them. It seems most irregular for the Commissioners to administer Trust funds in such a slipshod manner, and had it not been for the fact that Mr Glynn (the Clerk) was not well and has retired from the Clerkship, and that one of the Commissioners, Mr Daly the Assistant Clerk of the Union, rendered valuable assistance during the entire audit and assured me that the amounts were bona fide expended by the Clerk, I would have felt bound to surcharge the entire amount advanced by the Commissioners for scavenging. There were no vouchers in support of several of the payments which were made by means of uncrossed and unstamped Paying Orders.

I went into the account for steamrolling the streets of the Town very carefully. Instead of opening a separate account with the Treasurer for the purpose, the Commissioners have confused it with their ordinary revenue account, and I had great difficulty in separating the two accounts. As far as I can see the Commissioners arranged with a Belfast firm to steamroll the streets without entering into any agreement as to the total cost of the work.

At my last audit I was informed that the total cost would amount to £841.9.6 but during the year under audit a further sum of £70 was paid, making the total amount now paid for this work £911.9.6. The Commissioners receive a grant of £72 per quarter from the County Council which grant is placed to the credit of the steamrolling account. The Local Government by letter raised no objection to interest being paid on the actual overdraft, raised to steamroll the streets of Tuam on this occasion, on condition that the overdraft be defrayed out of the sums allocated by the County Council

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within the specified period of five years. As a matter of fact the steamrolling account has not been kept separately, as it ought to have been, and the Treasurer has been illegally charging interest on the entire overdraft of the Commissioners account. In order to clear up this matter I am setting out in this report a statement showing the exact amount due on foot of the steamrolling account, and showing also the interest which the Treasurer has overcharged.

Advances by Treasurer for Steamrolling

October 1911	£ 250 0 0	
July 1912	£ 591 9 6	£ 841 9 6 to March 31st 1912
July 1912	50 0 0	
Aug 1912	20 0 0	70 0 0 to March 1913
Total £ 911 9 6		

Grants received from County Council

March 1912		72 0 0 to March 31st 1912
May 1912	£ 72 0 0	
August 1912	£ 72 0 0	
Nov 1912	£ 72 0 0	
July 1913	£ 72 0 0	288 0 0
June 1913	£ 72 0 0	
Sept 1913	£ 72 0 0	144
Total £ 504 0 0		

The balance due to the Treasurer on foot of the steamrolling account on the 30th September, 1913, was therefore £407 9 6, and the balance due at the close of the period under audit was (£911 9 6 - £360) £551 9 6, - whereas the balance against the combined account of the Commissioners was £908 19 2.

Statement showing amount of interest due to Treasurer at 4 per cent. per annum:

Half Yearly	Advance	Interest	Half Yearly Interest
31/12/11 October to Dec	2 months £250 0 0	1 13 4	1 13 4
30/6/12 Jan + July	2 - 250 0 0	1 13 4	
March + April	2 - 769 0 0	5 2 6	
May + June	2 - 696 9 6	4 12 11	11 8 9
31/12/12 July 1912	1 - 747 9 6	2 9 10	
Aug to Oct	3 - 695 9 6	6 19 1	
Nov + Dec	2 - 623 9 6	4 3 2	13 12 1
30/6/13 Jan, 1913	1 - 623 9 6	2 1 7	
July to May	4 - 551 9 6	7 7 1	
June, 1913	1 - 479 9 6	1 12	11 0 8

Total amount of interest to 30/6/13

£ 37 14 10

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As the Treasurer charges interest half-yearly in June and December, it will facilitate matters by adopting those periods for the purpose of calculating the interest. The amount due to the Treasurer for interest on the Steamrolling Overdraft for the period ended December 31st, 1912 is £26 14 2; whereas the Treasurer has charged £13 18 11 in June 1912, and £19 16 5 in December, 1912, or £33 15 4. I have consequently charged him with the difference between these two amounts viz: £7 1 2, which sum is in reality interest on the overdraft of the Commissioners Ordinary Account. I may also point out that although a sum of £18 14 2 was retained by the Treasurer for interest in June, 1913 as is shown, above was £11 0 8, but this matter will come before me at my next Audit.

I have to call attention to the fact that the sums retained by the Treasurer have not been legally paid by the Commissioners in accordance with section 59 of the Towns Improvement Act 1854, which enacts that all payments must be authorised at a meeting of the Commissioners, and a paying authority must be signed by the Chairman of the meeting and by two other Commissioners present at the meeting. In the present case the payments were not even entered in the expenditure book of the Commissioners and great confusion arose in reconciling the balances as the clerk had not brought these sums through his books or abstracts.

I find that two members of the Town Commissioners have been acting on the Board for a considerable time who are interested in contracts or otherwise. The first is the Chairman, Mr James W. Donnell, The Tuam Gas Company, of which company Mr W. Donnell is the proprietor, held the contract for lighting the Town at a cost of £118 2 6, for the period from September to May. Prior to December, 1912 Mr W. Donnell appears to have received paying orders for £12 10 0 every month since October 1911, but as the accounts were in such a confused state at my last Audit I had not an opportunity of checking this account satisfactorily. The explanation now given by the Chairman, who brought over the ledger in connection with his own business, is that the Commissioners agreed to pay him £12 10 0 all the year round: the excess after paying the amount of lighting contract, was to go to reduce an old outstanding debt due to him for 10 or more years past.

The clerk never kept any account, and the Commissioners have paid the instalments without even asking for a detailed account, and they had no idea for what they were paying. When I asked for an account the Chairman would not supply it, and said the account was so long due that it would be impossible to produce one. In January 1913, a payment of £12 10 0 was entered on the advice note in favour of the Chairman, but on a member objecting to the payment it was struck out, and no further payment was made for the Gas account until September, 1913, when a sum of £59 1 3 was paid to close the contract for nine months ended May 1913. Between June, 1912 when the previous contract was squared and Dec 1912 the Chairman was paid £75, and when to this sum is added £59 1 3, it will be seen that he has been over-paid for 1912-13 Contract by the sum of £15 18 9.

Unless I see adequate vouchers for this sum out of the payment of £59 1 3 made in September 1913 I shall disallow it at my next Audit. As the Clerk and Commissioners have no idea how much is due to the Chairman, they should bear in mind that Mr W. Donnell has been paid in full for his contract for the period from September 1912 to May 1913, and any further payment must be in respect of his contract for the period from September 1913 to May 1914.

Besides this profit the Chairman gains by the Town he was also paid a sum of twenty eight pounds eighteen shillings and three pence £28 18 3 for hardware in February, 1913. As a matter of fact, these with five other paying orders, were issued at a meeting, but at the end of the meeting, one of the Commissioners Mr Michael B. Shine, on his own authority, cancelled the orders by writing across them in red ink. Notwithstanding this fact the Treasurer cashed the five orders in question. At most of the meetings Mr W. Donnell presided and signed advice notes which invariably contained at least one payment in his own favour.

The second member of the Town Commissioners gaining advantage by his position is Mr Michael B. Shine. In October 1912, a paying order was issued to him for £10 10 0 for articles purchased by him at an auction when he was the auctioneer, and was paid his fees by the Commissioners. Again at the election held in January 1913 Mr Shine acted as Presiding Officer and assistant at counting votes, for which services he received £3 13 0. On this occasion his brother Mr William Shine acted as Poll clerk for which he received £1 0 0. Four paying orders were issued to Mr John Shine

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for services rendered, and two of these orders were endorsed by Mr Michael to Shine. In the absence of the chairman, Mr Shine generally acts in his stead and invariably signs the advice notes at the meetings. Mr Shine is also employed by the Rural District Council to look after the water works and collect water rents.

I wish to draw the attention of the Tuam Town Commissioners to Article 12 of the application of Enactments Order, 1898, sub sec (4) (c) of which enacts that a person shall be disqualified for being elected, or chosen or being a member of any Town Commissioners, or participates by himself or his partner in the profit of any such bargain or profit contract, or of any work done under the authority of the Commissioners.

This sub-section enacts that any member of a Board of Commissioners of a town who, after the passing of this act, is convicted of acting when disqualified, or of voting when prohibited, shall, for a period of seven years after such conviction, be disqualified for being elected or being a member of the same or any other such Commissioners.

I am indebted to Mr Daly one of the Commissioners, for the assistance he gave me at the Audit.

The Secretary
Local Government Board
Dublin

I am Sir
Your obedient servant
Arthur G. Ellis
Auditor

Mr Bourcaron having read some correspondence which passed between the local Government Board and himself re. Steamrolling, he suggested that an Finance Committee be appointed of which Mr Daly should be chairman.

The following was proposed by Mr James Daly and seconded by Mr John Connelly. That the following Committee Messrs Daly, Keane, + Burke, be appointed to prepare a statement on the lines mentioned by Mr Bourcaron and the same to be forwarded to the local Government Board & Mr Ellis and asking them to take the balances for the two accounts which they require opened passed unanimously.

The Tuam Gas Company account of £78.12.10 was adjourned to be considered by the above Finance Committee.

There were two applications for the vacant meat stall, one from Mr Dolan Athlery and the other from Mr Thomas Connelly Dublin Road Tuam. Proposed by Mr Sawyer and seconded by Mr Burke that Mr Thomas Connelly get the stall. The usual deposit of 26/- having been deposited Mr Thomas Connelly application was accepted unanimously.

A letter was read from Miss Jane Connelly Church View complaining about the wall at Church View being knocked down during the October fairs and asking for some remuneration to have them raised, that it cost £1.0.0

Mr Keane proposed and Mr Byrne seconded that she get 15/- passed unanimously. A statement was received from the Gas Company stating that the four extra night lamps will cost £8 - during the term of contract

The following was read from the Committee appointed to examine Fire Station - We the undersigned being appointed to examine and report on Fire Station. We recommend that the floor be raised and set in concrete, and to repair roof -

It was decided to allow it stand for the present, and that the clerk get it filled up with stones and old motor when opportunity offered

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Mr Quinn, Solicitor, appeared before the Board on behalf of Mr Shine one of the Commissioners disqualified by the local Government after the recent Audit. Mr Sawyer suggested that the Board's Solicitor be asked what would be the proper legal course to take action against the disqualified Commissioners.

Receiving Orders were made and signed by the Chairman Mr J. B. W. Donagh, Patrick Murphy and John Connelly for the sum of £40.4.0 Cheque of £16 Messrs Sawyer, Daly objecting to this amount

Signed on Behalf of the Board

James Daly, Presiding Chairman

January 6th 1914

Monthly meeting?

Commissioners present - Messrs John Connolly, James Daly, Michael Dwyer, John Burke, Charles G. Blake, Patrick Murphy

Proposed by Mr Dwyer and seconded by Mr Burke that Mr Daly takes the chair?

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed

Paying orders were made and signed to the amount of £98.19.11 - advice note to the Treasurer being signed by the presiding Chairman (Mr Daly), Mr P. Murphy and Mr John Connolly

The following resolution was proposed by Mr Daly and seconded by Mr Dwyer -
That the Tuam Town Commissioners request the Board of works to advance the first instalment of £2000 of the loan for the housing of the working classes Act 1890 to enable the houses to be erected.

Proposed by Mr Daly and seconded by Mr John Burke that Mr John Glyn be granted a superannuation allowance of £20 per annum, owing to permanent infirmity of mind and body, and in consideration of his long and faithful service of nearly twenty years as Town Clerk, and that ten years be added for good service

Letter received from the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland re Housing Question and to forward a petition to the House of Commons, was adjourned to next meeting

Letters were received and read from Messrs Robert Kirwan and Edward Kirwan thanking the Commissioners for Resolution passed by the Commissioners on the death of their father Mr R. Kirwan D.P. Gardenfield

Letters were also read from R. J. Keely Esq and J. S. Reshwork Esq acknowledging resolution passed by the Commissioners re - Keely Election

Letter received from J. Young Esq enclosing cheque £1.10.0 in settlement of account, and stating that he had now removed the show cards

A letter was received from P. J. O'Grady Secretary T. A. Society for the use of the Board Room on Sunday night the 11th inst. for a lecture to be delivered Mr C. S. Maguire M. A. L. B. D.

Granted unanimously

Local Government Board

Dublin 24 Dec 1913

No 68555/13

Tuam Rural District
Tuam Town

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 20th inst. the subject of which will be duly considered by the Local Government for Ireland

I am Sir

Your obedient servant

P. Lawlor

Clerk to the Tuam Town Commissioners

A. R. Barlas Secretary

January 6th 1914

Local Government Board

2nd January 1914

December 8th 1913

No 69.284-1913

Tuam Rural District

(Tuam Town)

Sir

With reference to your letter of the 20th ultimo, enquiring

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of a paying order for seven pounds and one penny (£7-0-1) drawn in favour of Mr L. B. Maynick in respect of his own costs as Arbitrator in connection with the Tuam Housing of the Working Classes Act Order 1913, and I am again to state inform you that, as pointed in the Board's letter of the 10th ultimo, the paying order should have been paid to the Board by whom the Arbitrator was appointed and paid in the 1st instance

I am Sir

The Clerk
Tuam Town Commissioners

Your obedient servant

A. R. Barlas
Secretary

Signed on Behalf of the Board

F. W. M. Donogh

Chairman

Town of Tuam

Election of Commissioners for Above Town

I, the undersigned being the returning Officer, at the Poll for the election of Commissioners for the said Town, held on the 15th day of January 1914, do hereby give notice that the number of votes recorded for each candidate at the election is as follows

Name of candidates	Place of Abode	No of votes recorded
Booney Martin	Tullinadaly Road	86
Carroll Patrick	High Street	170
Glynn James	Vicar Street	140
Kyons Patrick	Shop Street	75
Mellin Thomas, J.	Vicar Street	167
Murphy Patrick	Shop Street	224
WDonagh Frederick, B.	Dublin Road	204
Nolan Michael	The square	179
Ouinn Edward	Waterslade	51
O'Malley Anthony	High Street	132
Shine Michael E.	Vicar Street	152
Whyte John	Vicar Street	157

And I do hereby declare that the said

- Patrick Murphy
- Frederick B WDonagh
- Michael Nolan
- Patrick E. Carroll
- Thomas J. Mellin

are duly elected Commissioners for the said Town

January 15th 1914

Patrick Banaran
Returning Officer

I, Patrick Murphy 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 1914

P. Banaran Town Clerk

P. Murphy

I, Frederick B. WDonagh, 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 1914

Patrick Banaran
Town Clerk

Fred B. WDonagh

I, Michael Nolan, 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 1914

Patrick Banaran
Town Clerk

Mick Nolan

I, Patrick E. Carroll, 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 1914

Patrick Banaran
Town Clerk

Patrick E. Carroll

I, Thomas J. Mellin, 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 ability and judgment

Made and subscribed before me this 23rd day of January 1914

Patrick Banaran
Town Clerk

Thos. J. Mellin

I, Frederick B. WDonagh, having been chosen chairman of the commissioners for the Town of Tuam hereby declare that I take the said office on myself, and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties hereof according to the best of my judgment and ability

Made and subscribed before me this 23rd day of January 1914

Patrick Banaran
Town Clerk

Fred B. WDonagh

Friday January 23rd 1914

Special meeting

The annual statutory meeting of the Board was held, on above date for the purpose of electing chairman and if the Board thought fit a vice chairman for the ensuing year -

Commissioners present - Messrs Patrick Murphy, F. B. McDonagh James Daly, Michael Dwyer, John Burke, Charles G. Blake, Doctor W. H. Bessin Patrick Byrne John Bourley, Francis Keane, Thomas J. Meelin, Patrick E. Carroll, Michael Foggin, Michael Nolan.

Proposed by Mr John Bourley and seconded by Mr Francis Keane that Mr Frederick B. McDonagh be appointed chairman of the Board for the ensuing year

Passed unanimously -

Proposed by Mr John Bourley and seconded by Mr Patrick Murphy that no vice chairman be elected -

Passed unanimously -

Mr McDonagh suitable returned thanks

Signed on behalf of the Board

F. B. McDonagh

Chairman

Tuesday February 3rd 1914

Monthly meeting?

Commissioners present - Messrs F. B. McDonagh Chairman of the Board presiding, Patrick Murphy, Thomas J. Meelin, John Connolly, Patrick Byrne, Michael Nolan, Francis Keane, Charles G. Blake, John Burke, James Daly, Patrick E. Carroll

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed

Paying Orders were made for the amount of £ 68-10-5 and signed by the chairman, Mr P. Murphy and Mr John Burke ^{advice note to the Treasurer being}

The following letters were read -

Galway

Jan'y 6th 1914

Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of the statement and correspondence re the steamrolling account of the Tuam Town Commissioners, on leaving from the Local Government Board. I shall communicate with you on the matter

Yours truly

Arthur G. O'Leary Auditor

The Town Clerk
Tuam

Local Government Board
Jan'y 9th 1914

No 68555/1913

Tuam Rural District
Tuam Town

Sir

With reference to your letter of the 20th ultimo forwarding a report of a committee of the Tuam Town Commissioners, appointed to consider the Report of the Local Government Board Auditor in reference to steam rolling in Tuam Town, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to inform you that the statement in question will be dealt with by the Auditor at his next audit of the accounts for the year ending March 31st 1914

I am Sir
Your obedient servant
J. R. MacLis
Secretary

The Clerk
Tuam Town Commissioners

February 3rd 1914

Dublin Castle
12th January 14

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Sir

I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th inst and of its enclosure, further relative to the award of a retiring allowance to Mr John Glynn, late Town Clerk in the service of the Lifford Town Commissioners, and to signify to you His Excellency's approval of the payment of a pension in this case at the rate of £20 per annum from the date of Mr Glynn's retirement.

I am
Sir
Your obedient servant
E. O'Connell

The Town Clerk
Lifford

The Clerk was directed to make out what amount is due to Mr Glynn and have same on Financial Statement at next meeting.

Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland

Temporary Offices
Town Hall Blackrock
Co Dublin
5/11/13

A letter was read from the above body asking that a Petition be signed and sent to the Member of Parliament for the Division, asking for financial aid from the State to meet the inevitable loss in connection with the provision of suitable dwellings for the poor section of working classes in cities and towns in Ireland. Proposed by Mr O'Connell seconded by Mr Keane that the Petition be signed and adopted - The Petition was signed by the Chairman and Clerk and forwarded to Mr Stanger M.P. for this division.

R. Finlay Secy
Am. Sec

To Local Town Clerk
of each Municipal Council

A letter was read from Mr J. W. Hugh Secretary Arklow dancing class, asking for the use of Hall for an all night dance on Feb'y 14th -

Granted Unanimously

A letter was also read from Lee Commercial Dancing class for use of Hall on the 21st for dance
Granted Unanimously -

February 3rd 1914

Letters of acknowledgment were received from the following re. Miss Redingtons retirement and superannuation
The Secretary General Post Office Dublin
The Secretary General Post Office London
John E. Redmond Esq. M.P.

To Mrs Whyte
Vicar Street
Feb'y 2nd 1914

Dear Sir
Will you kindly let me hear your lowest terms for use of the Town Hall for dancing classes I should require the Hall for a childrens class from 5 to 7 P.M. and for an adult class from 8 to 10 P.M. As I am making my living by these classes I trust you will make your charge as light as possible awaiting a favourable reply
Yours Truly
Arthur A' Egnell

The days required will be Mondays and Thursdays 5 to 7 P.M. and 8 to 10 P.M.

By a majority he (Mr A' Egnell) was granted the use of Hall on above days, only when the Hall is not required for any other purpose such as Plays etc -

The fee for use of Hall be 10/- per week payable in advance?

Proposed by Mr Murphy and seconded by Mr Burke that the Catholic Temperance Society be asked to insure Mr John Butler as arranged between the Society and the Town Commissioners -

Proposed by Mr John Connolly seconded by Mr G. B. Donogh, that we ask our Solicitor to draft bye laws to prevent traders in Town to have boxes, goods and other instruments to be put out in footpath or channels and also carts without animals traced to them will not be allowed

A letter was read from Doctor Corkelo asking that the practice of leaving carts without animals attached to them be put a stop to, opposite this place and along the thorough fare as they often cause considerable inconvenience -

Lifford 3rd February 1914

The Town Commissioners
Lifford

Gentlemen

I beg to tender my resignation as Commissioner to your Board

I am Gentlemen
Yours Truly
Michael Fogarty

resignation accepted

February 27th 1914

Notice of Motion

Take notice that I or some Commissioner on my behalf, will move at the next monthly meeting of the Commissioners to be held on March 3rd 1914, that some person be co-opted in room of Mr Michael Foggin resigned

Charles G. Blake

The clerk was directed to write the Manager Gas Works, and ask him not to have the lamps extinguished until 11 o'clock and not to start putting them out until near that hour.

The clerk was also directed to advertise for 50 or 100 Tons Broken Stones, tenders to be considered at a special meeting, summoned for that purpose.

Signed on Behalf of the Board

J. B. W. Donogh
Chairman

February 16th 1914

Special meeting

Arising from the minutes of last meeting a special meeting was summoned for the following purpose.

1. To consider Tenders for Broken Stones
2. To arrange about some place to deposit the stuff taken off the Streets
3. To consider a letter received from the Secy of the A.O.H. re. Duam Brass Band

Commissioners present?

Messrs J. B. W. Donogh Esq (Chairman of the Board Presiding) Francis Keane, John Burke, James Daly, Patrick E. Carroll, Michael Moran

Only one Tender was received for Broken Stones, that from Thomas Kilcommons Clonroche Road offering to supply seventy boxes at 1/- per box.

Proposed by Mr J. Keane and seconded by J. B. W. Donogh that the above tender be accepted

The clerk was directed to get 20 loads Gravel for the streets and lanes at the same price as last contract and from same Contractor

Second item on the agenda was adjourned to next monthly meeting the clerk to try and make arrangements until then

Third item was adjourned also until next monthly meeting

A letter was read from the secretary of the Irish Volunteers for use of the Hall on Sunday next 22nd inst to hold a public meeting

Granted unanimously

A representative from Leo Mallin Opera Co came before the Board and wanted the Hall for three nights 19th 20th & 21st. The clerk having explained how Mr Mallin got the Hall on 14th 15th and did not comply with agreement. The Board granted the use of the Hall for two nights only namely 19th & 20th as the Hall was already given to the Commercial Dancing class for their annual Dance (amount)

The clerk was directed to see the Board's collector re- Contractor's Bond if same had been signed and also to find out what time was allowed to complete his Contract

February 16th 1914

The following resolution was proposed by Mr Keane ~~and~~ seconded by Mr Daly and resolved

That we the Town Commissioners of Tuam being fully alive to the benefits that would result not alone to this Town, but to the entire district served by the Midland Great Western Railway Company from the establishment of a Transatlantic Port at Galway, desire to express our entire approval of the Project, and to add that we cannot understand the action of the Midland Company in refusing so small a donation as that asked for by the Promoter, £3000.

That in our opinion every shareholder in this district should send his Proxy to Mr Worthington and attend the meeting to support same, and that Mr F. B. McDonagh be appointed to present this resolution on behalf of the Town of Tuam at the Shareholders meeting to be held on the 19th inst.

Copy of this resolution will be sent to Mr Worthington

Signed on behalf of the Board

Frederick B. McDonagh
Chairman

February 25th 1914

A Special Meeting was held this evening in accordance with the foregoing requisition.

We the under signed request you call a special meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners to consider a letter from the County Surveyor re-roads and streets

Signed

Frederick B. McDonagh
Mr. F. Kession
Thos Keane
Michael Nolan
Chas. G. Blake
P. E. Carroll

Town Commissioners Office
Tuam 25th Feb 1914

Sir

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Town Commissioners in accordance with the above requisition at 6.30 o'clock on Wednesday next the 25th inst

P. Lanavan Town Clerk

Commissioners present: F. B. McDonagh Chairman of the Board presiding. John Connolly, Francis Keane, James Daly, Patrick E. Carroll, Chas G. Blake.

The following letter was read

County Surveyor's Office
Court House
Galway
19th Feb 1914

Sir

Road from level crossing at Railway Station to the four roads at end of Church View road.

I beg to call your attention to the worn condition of above road. The footpath is dirty and full of pools and should be graveled at once. There is an accumulation of mud outside the walls of the Protestant Church which should be removed at once, and at this point there is a grating which is stopped. You should not allow yard refuse deposited on the Public Street.

I am Sir

Your obedient servant

John Moran
County Surveyor

The Town Clerk
Tuam

February 25th 1914

Proposed by Mr Keane seconded by Mr F. B. McDonagh and resolved. That the necessary quantity of Gravel say 100 loads and 50 loads sand be got as soon as possible for the roads as pointed out by the County Surveyor.

A letter was read from Mr P. E. Carroll for the use of Fish Shambles for a month or so to store slates and timber and that he would pay whatever rent the Commissioners ~~that~~ thought fair. 5/- per month

Proposed by Mr Borooley seconded by Mr McDonagh and passed unanimously that Mr Carroll get the use of the fish shambles and that he pays 5/- per month for use of same

A letter was also read from The Agent Bank of Ireland calling attention and asking what amt would be required for disbursement at next monthly meeting. He orders that he would submit same to his Directors for sanction.

The clerk was directed to let him know about what amount would be required

Signed on behalf of the Board

Frederick W. Donohue
Chairman

Tuesday February March 3rd 1914

Monthly Meeting.

Commissioners present. Messrs F. B. McDonagh Chairman of the Board presiding. James Daly Francis Keane John Burke, Charles G. Blake, Doctor M. F. Keenan, Patrick Byrne, Patrick E. Carroll, Michael Keane, John Conolly Michael Dwyer, Thomas D. Mellin

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed. Advice note to the Treasurer being signed by the Chairman Mr McDonagh, Mr Keane and Mr Blake for the amount of £49.2.3

The following letters were read

Office of Public Works
51 St Stephen's Green &
Dublin

Housing of the working classes Act
re loan of £6000 to Tuam Town Commissioners

Dear Sir

Enclosed I send you the engrossed deed of Mortgage herein for execution by the 3 members of your Council to be named in the form of resolution sent you herewith. The resolution as to the mode of advances certificate of registration of Deed, on your Board's register of Mortgages and the approval draft deed are also enclosed and which I will thank you to return me when sending the executed mortgage

Yours Truly
J. Donnelly

Enclosure

The Town Clerk
Town Commissioners Office
Tuam

copy

At a meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners held at the Town Commissioners Office situate in Tuam in the County of Galway the 3rd day of March 1914 at which the above Commissioners were present. It was moved by Mr James Daly and seconded by Mr Francis Keane and resolved.

That the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, for the repayment of the sum of six thousand pounds proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Housing of the working classes Acts 1890 to 1908 be executed by our direction and for and on our behalf

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy

Patrick Banavan Town Clerk

March 3rd 1914

I certify that the Mortgage for the sum of £6000:0:0 from the Tuam Town Commissioners to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, dated the 3rd day of March 1914 was this day duly entered on the register of Mortgages of the said Town Commissioners. And that such entry contains the number and date of said Mortgage, the names of the Parties thereto with their proper additions, and the amount of charge created thereby.

Dated this 3rd day of March 1914

Patrick Banavan Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners, held at the Board Room of the Town Hall in the County of Galway the 3rd day of March 1914.

It was moved by James Daly
and seconded by John Bonnelly
and resolved -

That in as much as this Council does not immediately require from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, the total amount of the sum mentioned in the Deed of Mortgage to them this day executed by this Council, but prefer to receive the same by instalments as occasion may require, It is Resolved that the requisitions for each advance, shall be intimated to said Commissioners by the Chairman of this Council for the time being, countersigned by Patrick Banavan Town Clerk and that each such requisition shall be forwarded to the Accountant of the said Commissioners and that all such advances shall be lodged to our account as the Housing Loan, in the Tuam Branch of the Bank of Ireland.

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy

P. Banavan Town Clerk

Proposed by Mr James Daly
Seconded by Mr Michael Dwyer
And resolved -

That we request the Commissioners of Public Works, to advance the sum of £2000 being the first instalment of the loan of £6000, required for the erection of Artisan's dwellings in the Town of Tuam, and that same be lodged to our account in the Tuam Branch of the Bank of Ireland as the Housing Loan

Frederick B. McDonagh Chairman

P. Banavan Clerk

March 3rd 1914

Tuam Branch Gaelic League
March 2nd 1914

Dear Sir

At a special meeting held in the Town Hall on the 1st inst. convened by above and representatives of different local societies & bachelors in the bair. I was directed to apply to the Town Commissioners for their usual kind co-operation in connection with the St. Patrick's Day Demonstration. What the Commissioners usually do is to walk in the procession and call on the local traders, by resolution, to close their premises on St. Patrick's Day until after the Demonstration we also get the use of the Hall for the night

Thanking the Commissioners in anticipation

Your obedient servant
T. J. Langley

P. Banavan Town Clerk

The Clerk was directed to get the usual notices printed and delivered to the traders and posted up in Town the Hall was also granted for the Gaelic League.

Co. option of Commissioners in room of Michael Foggins resigned.

Mr Patrick E. Carroll proposed, Mr P. Byrne seconded the election of Mr Anthony O'Malley. Mr Jas Daly Proposed and Mr John Burke seconded Mr John Whyte

Their voted for Mr O'Malley? Messrs - P. Byrne, Jas. B. Blake, Doctor McHession, Michael Nolan, P. E. Carroll, Francis Beane, and the Chairman - 7
For Mr Whyte Messrs - James Daly, Michael Dwyer, Thomas. J. Mellin, John Burke - 4

Mr John Bonnelly did not vote

The Chairman declared Mr Anthony O'Malley ~~Chairman~~ ^{deputy} elected Commissioner -

Notice of motion?

I beg to give notice that I or some other Commissioner on my behalf will move at the next monthly meeting that a Finance Committee will be appointed, to deal with all matters, touching on all expenditure

P. Byrne
F. B. McDonagh

Notice of Motion?

Take notice that I or some Commissioner on my behalf will at the next meeting on April 1914 move that the Town Commissioners instruct their Solicitor to take the necessary steps to acquire the fee simple of the Fair Green

James Daly

March 3rd 1914

A letter was read from Messrs Thomas Dwyer and John Shinn asking to be appointed Enumerators for the coming March Fair

By a majority of the Board it was decided that no enumerators be appointed for March fair

A letter was read from Mr Northington acknowledging receipt of the resolution passed by the Commission at their meeting Febry 15th re Sansatlarke Post.

A letter was read from the Secretary General Post Office, pointing out that the site of the Old pump would not be suitable for the erection of a Pillar Post.

Messrs P. Byrne, M. Dwyer, Mas Keane and Mr G. Blake, were appointed to meet Mr O'Brien Postmaster and select a site.

A letter was also read from the Vice Farmer asking that the coming March and April fairs be advertised.

It was decided that they get one insertion in each of the following papers.

The Freeman's Journal, Irish Times, Daily Independent, Tribune, Western People, and also that the Gaps on the Fair Green be repaired.

The clerk was directed to get tenders for repairing Mud Cart from two or three parties and get it done by the lowest tender as it is required for immediate use, it would be too long to wait to have it adv.

The clerk was also directed to write to Messrs Joyce & Mackie and get particulars about the fish shambles re - purchasing same -

Arthur A' Egriels dancing master was allowed an allowance of 5/- per week for Hall he having only a children class from 5 to 7 o'clock.

On the proposition of Mr Keane seconded by Mr Carroll

The clerk was also directed to advertise for a place to deposit the Street Sweepings

I Anthony O'Malley 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, according to the best of my judgment and ability

Made and subscribed before me
this 17th day of April 1914

P. Canavan Town Clerk

Anthony O'Malley

Signed on Behalf of the Board
Frederick B. Donogh
Chairman

Special meeting

March 10th 1914

A special meeting was held this evening in accordance with the foregoing requisition.

We the undersigned request you call a special meeting to consider an application from Lady Aberdeen for the use of Town Hall on the 23rd inst

Signed Frederick B. Donogh
Michael Dwyer
Francis Keane
P. Byrne
Michael Nolan

To P. Canavan Town Clerk

Commissioners present - Messrs F. B. Donogh Chairman of the Board Presiding
James Daly John Burke Francis Keane Charles G. Blake.

Rev Father W. Dermott was also present?

Rev Father W. Dermott having explained the object for which Lady Aberdeen required the Hall.

Mr Donogh proposed and Mr Daly seconded that the Hall be given

Granted unanimous

Signed on Behalf of the Board
Frederick B. Donogh
Chairman

March 18th 1914

Special meeting

We the undersigned, request you call a special meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners to consider the advisability of having the site of the Artisans Dwellings removed further back from the footpath at Ballybaddy Road than at present laid out, and have the meeting summoned for 12 o'clock on Friday in order that the commissioners would go there from the meeting

Signed

Patrick Byrne
Francis Keane
Chas. G. Blake
John Connelly
M. F. Hession

Town Commissioners Office

Tuam March 18th 1914

Sir

You are requested to attend a special meeting in accordance with the above requisition at the Town Hall on Friday next at 12 o'clock

To Each Commissioner

Planavan Town Clerk

The following Commissioners attended? Frederick B. McDonagh (Chairman of the Board Presiding)
Patrick Byrne, Michael Nolan, Francis Keane, John Connelly,

Doctor Costello, G. P. Costello Engineer and Mr. W. Valley Contractor also attended -

Mr. McDonagh proposed and Francis Keane seconded that the removed back 30 feet from the footpath and approved of by Doctor Costello and the Engineer

Signed on behalf of the Board

Frederick B. McDonagh

Chairman

April 7th 1914

Monthly meeting

Commissioners present? Messrs. Frederick B. McDonagh Esq. Chairman of the Board presiding, Chas. G. Blake, Patrick Byrne, Michael Dwyer, John Burke, Anthony Malley, Michael Nolan, James Dwyer - Henry Boucannon Esq. Board's Solicitor also present -

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed

Paying Orders were made and signed for the amount of £93-6-6 advice note to the Treasurer being signed by the Chairman Mr. McDonagh, Mr. Byrne and Mr. Nolan Mr. Daly consenting to a payment of £6-7-10 to the clerk for Street cleansing

Paying Orders were made and signed by the Chairman Mr. McDonagh, Mr. Byrne and Mr. Nolan for the House Scheme account for the amt of £177-4-3

It was proposed by Mr. Byrne seconded by Mr. Daly that the clerk get notices drawn up by the Board's Solicitor and a copy of same handed to every trader in town?

The following is a copy of notice

Tuam Town Improvement Commissioners
Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1854

Notice is hereby given that the Tuam Town Commissioners intend from the date hereof to prosecute under the 17th and 18th Victoria Chaps. 103, Section 72, every person who by means of any bar or bart (from which the animals have been taken or otherwise) wilfully causes any obstruction in any public thoroughfare within the Town: and also every person who shall wilfully cause any obstruction in any public thoroughfare within the Town by placing boxes, bales, crates, merchandise, or goods of any description on the footpaths or channels or other parts of the streets within the said Town, save for the purpose of removal of same from the premises from which same are being dispatched, or unto which same have been consigned, and for a period of time reasonably necessary for such purpose.

A fine not exceeding 20/- may be imposed for each offence

Dated this 15th day of April, 1914

By Order Tuam Town Commissioners

Planavan Town Clerk

The following notice of motion was proposed by Mr. Byrne seconded by Mr. Daly and resolved -

That a finance Committee be appointed to deal with all matters touching on all expenditure

Proposed by Mr. McDonagh and seconded by Mr. Dwyer that Messrs. P. Byrne, F. Keane, and John Burke be appointed Finance Committee

April 7th 1914

The following notice of motion was proposed by Mr. O'Leary seconded by Mr. Burke that the Town Commissioners instruct their Solicitor to take the necessary steps to acquire the fee simple of the Hart Green

The clerk was directed to write to the Solicitor for his advice

The clerk was directed to get estimates for repairs to roof of Fire Station

The clerk was directed to ^{write to} Messrs Joyce and Mackie to know why they had not been offered the fish thambles and find out who purchased same.

The following letters were read

Duam April 1st 1914

The Chairman & Duam Town Commissioners

Gentlemen

Please accept my resignation as member of the Duam Town Commissioners

Yours Truly
W. G. Session

The clerk was directed to write to Dr. Session and ask him to re-consider his resignation

£2000 was received from the office of Public Works and placed to the credit of Housing Scheme etc

Galway
March 11th 1914

Dear Sir

I have your favour to hand asking me to put the fish market on price to the Town Commissioners, but regret I cannot do this, as these premises were sold about six months ago

Yours faithfully
R. Mackie

To
The Town Clerk
Duam

Re loan £6000

Law Department
Office of Public Works
Dublin

24th March 1914

Dear Sir

Enclosed I send you a copy of the deed of Mortgage herein for reference, I also send you the executed deed which has been duly stamped, to the execution of which by the three Commissioners I assume you are a witness, and if correct in my assumption, I will thank you to fill in their names at the places marked in pencil and return me the deed in the enclosed envelope which will pass free through the post

Yours Truly
H. G. E.

April 7th 1914

The deed referred to was filed in and returned immediately

The following was proposed by Mr. Dwyer seconded by Mr. Byrne and resolved

That the territorial integrity of Ireland and the essential unity of its people are the basis of Irish Nationalism and the proposals antagonistic to them temporarily or permanently no matter how or where put forward must be condemned and resisted

Notice of Motion.

Take notice that I or some Commissioner on my behalf will move at the next monthly meeting that a Streets Committee be appointed to deal with all matters concerning the Streets and Road Contract etc

Auditors Notification

Local Government Board
Dublin

2nd April 1914

Sir

In pursuance of the Public Bodies Order 1904 I hereby give you notice that I shall attend at the Town Hall Duam on Tuesday 26th of May 1914 at 11.30 for the purpose of auditing the accounts of the Duam Town Commissioners and I hereby require you to attend at the time and place above mentioned, then and there to produce all books and accounts relating to the said Commissioners, duly made up and balanced to the close of the last financial period.

I have also to request that you will inform the Commissioners of this appointment at their next meeting, that you will duly publish a notice of this appointment in the manner prescribed in the said order (Article 26, Form 10) and that you will forthwith intimate this appointment to the members and the several accounting Officers of the Commissioners in form 11

You will please acknowledge the receipt of this notice and transmit to me at the above address a copy of the newspaper containing the advertisement

I am Sir
Your obedient servant
Arthur L. Ellis

To the Town Clerk
Duam

Signed on Behalf of The Board

Fred. Wm. Donohue
Chairman

Tuesday May 5th 1914

Monthly Meeting-

Commissioners present- Messrs Frederick. B. McDonagh Esq. Chairman of the Board
 Presiding also present John Connolly, Francis Keane, James Daly, Patrick Murphy, Patrick Byrne,
 John Burke, Michael Dwyer, Thomas J. Meekin, Michael Nolan, A. Malley, and P.E. Carroll

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed
 Paying Order were made and signed by the chairman, Mr Burke, and Mr Keane for the amount
 of £ 32. 2. 6

Paying Orders were made and signed re. Housing Scheme by the chairman Mr Burke and Mr Keane
 for the amount of £ 780-17-1. The clerk was directed to write to the Board of Public Works and ask if
 a mistake had been made re amount of interest charged

The following letters were read-

A letter was read from Messrs Joyce and Mackie Galway. Agents on the Moran Estate, that Mr Whugh had
 purchased the Dish Shambles and that future rents would be paid to him -
 The Board decided that they continue on as tenants and not give up possession. -

Tuam to Galway
 May 4th 1914

Dear Mr Banaran

Please convey to the Tuam Town Commissioners my thanks, for asking me to re-consider
 my resignation, as a member of your Board, and at the same time inform them, that I am sorry I
 cannot comply with their wishes, as I cannot see my way to attend with any regularity

I am Yours Truly
 M. G. Hession

To B. Banaran Town Clerk

To the Tuam Town Commissioners

Gentlemen

We the undersigned make the usual application for the position of Enumerators
 at the coming sheep and cattle fairs

We remain Gentlemen

Your obedient servants
 John Shine
 Thomas Dwyer

Tuam May 4th 1914

appointed unanimous

B. Banaran Town Clerk

Tuam April 16th 1914

Re. Meat Stall

Dear Sir

Give you herewith copy of letter received from Mr Patrick Connor in reply to my
 application of yesterday's date.

Sir. I beg to acknowledge receipt of enclosed bill. I paid no rent for years to the Commissioners, they collected it from the
 tenant. I asked John Flynn years ago, that turned out to be accountable for the rent & to take over the stall & now ask
 you to take over the stall. Flynn's paid my just debt & refuse to pay this etc

Your respectfully
 J. B. Connolly

Tuesday May 5th 1914

The clerk was directed to instruct Mr Banaran to take up possession of Stall

A letter was also received Mr Banaran re Fair Green lease and is looking into the matter

Tuam May 5th 1914

Tuam Town Commissioners

Re- Mr McDonnell's Gas etc

Gentlemen

Mr Banaran has furnished me with Mr McDonnell's ac, and a statement for
 each year made out by himself from this account.
 The matter is serious, and the amount large, therefore, I would request your authority to lay
 the matter before Council. I could have this opinion for your next meeting

Your obedient servant
 Henry Banaran

On the suggestion of Mr Murphy the clerk was directed to summon a special meeting
 before the date of Audit, May 26th and the ac submitted to the Auditor.

Mr M. S. Shine was granted the use of the Board Room for Mr Bagin's Auction on May 5th
 at the usual remuneration 10/-

Mr J. P. McDonagh clerk of the Union was also granted the use of the Town Hall for
 polling stations for the sum of 20/-

Mr Dwyer mentioned that the sewer at Mr M. Joyce's was broken down. The clerk was directed
 to have it repaired at a cost of about 17/- or 18/-

Notices of motion.

Take notice that for some Commission on my behalf will move at the next monthly meeting that a
 Streets and Roads Committee be appointed.

John Burke

Proposed by Mr John Burke. Seconded by Mr James Daly and resolved that Messrs
 John Connolly, Francis Keane, Messrs H. Blake and James Daly be appointed
 as Road and Street Committee and that all matters in connection with same be
 left to them -

May 5th 1914

Take notice that for some Commission on my behalf will move at the next monthly meeting
 that some person be co-opted in room of Mr Hession resigned

Patrick. E. Carroll

May 5th 1914

Take notice that for some Commission on my behalf will move at the next monthly meeting propose that the
 hour of meeting be changed from 8 o'clock to 11 o'clock a.m

Francis Keane

May 5th 1914

Proposed by Mr Patrick Murphy and seconded by Mr F. W. Donagh and resolved.
That any person putting any goods on the footpath or roads in violation of the section of municipal
Act get a notice from the Town Clerk and if not attended to, he be empowered to instruct the
Solicitor to prosecute the parties.

Three tenders were received repairing roof of Fire Station and Meat Stalls -

- James Stewart £ 3-10-0
- Darby Jorde £ 5-2-0
- James Jorde £ 5-7-6

Mr James Stewart being the lowest was declared contractor

Signed on Behalf of the Board

P. Murphy

President Chairman

June 2nd 1914

Special meeting

May 22nd 1914

Swan May 19th 1914

We the undersigned request you convene a special meeting of the Swan Town Commissioners
for Friday evening next at 6.30 o'clock to look into Mr McDonnell's Garage

Signed Frederick B. McDonagh
John Connolly
Patrick Byrne
John Burke
Michael Dwyer

Town Hall Swan
May 19th 1914

Sir

You are requested to attend a special meeting of the Town Commissioners
to be held in the Town Hall on Friday next at 6.30. in accordance with the above
requisition

P. Fanavan Town Clerk

To Each Commissioner

Messrs Present? Messrs F. B. McDonagh Chairman of the Board President, Patrick Murphy,
Francis Keane, James Daly, Anthony Malley -

Proposed by Mr Malley seconded by Mr McDonagh and resolved that Messrs
Patrick Murphy, James Daly and Francis Keane and the Clerk be appointed as
a Committee to go into Mr McDonnell's Garage at 100 o'clock on Monday
25th inst and whatever decision arrived at submit same to the Auditor on
Tuesday 26th.

Signed on Behalf of the Board

P. Murphy

President Chairman

June 2nd 1914

June 2nd 1914

Monthly Meeting -

Commissioners Present. Messrs Patrick Murphy, John Connolly, Francis Keane, Michael Nolan, Anthony Malley, Charles G. Blake, Patrick E. Carroll, Thomas D. Meelin, Michael Dwyer.

Mr Keane Proposed and Mr Connolly seconded that Mr Murphy take the Chair

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed

Paying Orders were made and signed Viz

Revenue Account £52-13-8

Roads Account £859-19-8

Housing Scheme £410-10-6

All paying Orders were signed by Mr Murphy, Mr Keane and Mr Malley

The following letters were read?

A letter was read from the Secretary G.P. Office stating that the Board of Public Works had now altered the mail car entrance to the Post Office Yard.

The following was received from the Kemeick County Council and adopted. On the proposition of Mr Murphy seconded by Mr Malley?
That owing to recent Political events, and particularly to the attitude of the army on the Ulster question, we the members of the Kemeick County Council, consider that the time has come when every effort should be made to organise the Irish Volunteer force in every parish in Ireland. We are convinced that such a force, wisely led by men in whom our indomitable leader, Mr John E. Redmond, would have confidence, would prove to the world that the manhood of Ireland are ready to do their part in defence of their homes and their liberties, and if need be to protect our fellow-Nationalists in Ulster from insult and attack.

A letter was read from Mr McDonnell's Solicitor Mr Murrugh Ulline, stating that if he had not received payment of £142-5-1 due for Gas before the 10th Inst a writ would be issued for the amount.

Mr Dwyer proposed Mr Malley seconded that the above letter stand adjourned until ~~Monday~~ Tuesday next at 12 o'clock in order that the Commissioners would come to some decision about the amount due and forward same to the G.P. Board and ask their sanction to have it paid.

An application was read from Mr Reid Ballena for ~~one~~ ^{one} year's Public lighting £118-2-6

The Clerk was directed to state that they would deal with Mr McDonnell for the full term of their Contract

June 2nd 1914

The following resolution was received from the St Patrick Insurance Society of the West?

Proposed by His Lordship the West Park, Druggis seconded by Very Revd Canon Macken and adopted.

That the thanks and gratitude of this Committee be conveyed to the Tuam Town Commissioners for their kindness in placing the use of the Hall at our disposal for the holding of our meeting

Mr Malley applied for and was granted permission to use a corner of the Surf market to enable him to carry out some repairs to 3 houses in Church St for Mr M. S. Walsh -

Mr Murry was granted the use of the Town Hall from Monday July 6th to 12 July for the purpose of holding an entertainment in aid of St Patrick Cathedral Bazaar.

A letter was read from John O'Connor Bishop St requesting that he would be allowed to become tenant of a Meat Stall in possession of Mr P. O'Connor he paid all rent due to date 26/- and 2/- costs

The following resolution was proposed by Michael Dwyer seconded by T. D. Meelin that Mr Patrick O'Connor's tenancy be determined and Mr John O'Connor be accepted as tenant, he paid all rent due with 2/- costs.

Michael Dwyer
Thomas D. Meelin

Take notice that I or some Commissioners on my behalf will move at the next monthly meeting that the resolution on the minutes changing the hour of meeting from 12 o'clock to 6 o'clock be rescinded

Francis Keane

Proposed by Patrick Murphy seconded by Francis Keane that a Road a/c be opened in the Park of Inland in the name of the Tuam Town Commissioners and that the amount of £800-0-8 be transferred from the Revenue a/c to the Road's a/c and that we approve of the Auditors figures as regards the road a/c

Patrick Murphy
Francis Keane

Tuam May Fair

Sheep
Sled 2479 unsled 411 = Total 2890

Cattle

Sled 2537 unsled 1485 = Total 4022

Mr Keane proposed and Mr Keane seconded that Mr Gerald Bosty be Coopted in room of Doob Bessim resigned. Passed unanimous

June 2nd 1914

Re. Housing Working Classes Act

The following was received from Mr Connon

Dear Sir

I have received documents relating to Mr Olanagan's interest in above duly completed and I have paid him compensation. Please let me have paying order for £2.2.0 Costs payable to him in connection with proving his title. for which he has asked and oblige

re Strahan

The Draft Conveyance in this case, was sent to Mr Hosky on the 7th inst., for his approval on behalf of Mrs Strahan. I have not yet received same from him

re Farrana box

I have paid Mr Kerwan the amount of the compensation in this case, and the documents are with the Trustees of Capt Dick's Estate for signature by them. I expect to receive them signed at any moment now.

Re Father Conroy

I have submitted documents to Messrs Conway & Quinn Solicitors for Father Conroy and have informed them that I can hand them paying order for him upon receipt of documents signed. I understand that Father Conroy is raising some objection as to the rent which he states should be paid to him for the time when the Contractor entered on the lands. Of course the Commissioners are not in any way liable for this rent.

Yours faithfully
Henry Connon

A letter was also received from Mr Costello Engineer enclosing certificate for Mr Wally and himself respectively £373-13-0 and £98-6. Also informing the Commissioners that he was changing the specification from Silestone slates to Bangor.

And asking a Committee of the Commissioners to select site at Dublin Road Messrs - Connolly, Murphy, Keane, Meelin & Dwyer were appointed to meet the contractor and engineers on Wednesday 3rd inst at 11 o'clock

I Gerald Hosky having been duly Co-opted Commissioner for the Town of Tuam, do hereby declare that I do take the said office on myself and will duly and faithfully fulfill the duties thereof, according to the best of my judgement and ability

Made and subscribed before me this 4th day of June 1914
Tuam Town Clerk

Gerald J. Hosky.

June 2nd 1914

"Auditor's Report"

Tuam May 28th 1914

Tuam Town Commissioners

Sir

I beg to report to the local Government, that I have Audited the accounts of the above named Town Commissioners for the year ended March 31, 1914, and I send herewith, abstracts of the same duly certified by me.

In order to facilitate matters in the future I went into the accounts very carefully, and had the advantage of the presence of several of the Commissioners as well as their solicitor and the agent of the Bank of Ireland Tuam.

Having regard to the fact that the Commissioners, through their late clerk, have secured the contract from the County Council to maintain certain streets and roads, in and around the Town of Tuam, I do not consider that the monies received from the County Council for this purpose, or the sums expended on these roads form any portion of the ordinary funds of the Commissioners, and I have accordingly shown clearly in the abstract of account how the ordinary account stood at the close of the financial year.

As I pointed out in my last report, the Commissioners had the streets of Tuam steamrolled at a total cost of £911-9-6 which sum was advanced by their Treasurer, the Bank of Ireland Tuam. The Commissioners received a sum of £72 a quarter from the County Council being the amount of their road contracts, which amount should be placed to credit of a Road account.

The local Government Board by letter raised no objection to interest being paid on the actual overdraft raised to steamroll the streets of Tuam on that occasion, on condition that the overdraft and interest be defrayed out of the sum allocated by the County Council within the specified period of five years. From the following statement it will be seen that although it is now almost three years since the principal sum was advanced, the amount due at the close of the year under audit was £506-0-8

Statement Showing Amount due

31-3-1912	October 1911	Advance	250	
		Expenditure	50 9 4	
	March 1912	Advance	591 9 6	891:18:10
		Received from C. Council	72	
				£ 819:18:10
Balance due 31/3/1912				
Year Ended 31/3/1913	August 1912	Advance	70:0:0	
		Expenditure	189:15:2	259:15:2
		Received from C. Council		888:0:0
		Balance to Reduce Debt		28:4:10
Balance due 31/3/13				£ 791:14:0

June 2nd 1914

Balance Forward £ 791 : 14 : 0

Year Ended 31/3/14

Expenditure on Roads	231 : 17 : 3	
Recd from C. Council	<u>286 : 13 : 0</u>	
Balance to reduce Debt		<u>54 : 15 : 9</u>
Balance of Debt due 31/3/14		£ 736 : 18 : 3

From the foregoing figures, it will be seen that on the 31st March 1914 the sum of £736:18:3 was due, but to this sum must be added the interest accrued to the end of the financial year viz £69:2:5 making a total sum of £806:0:8 due by No 2 Roads Co. At the present rate of payment, assuming that the Commissioners retain the Contract from the County Council this debt will not be paid for several years.

As this account does not form portion of the regular accounts of the Commissioners, I have asked the Treasurer to open a second or road account as from 1st April 1914. Out of this account he should transfer to the ordinary account the sum of £736:18:3, being the amount due to that account on the 31st March last, the sum of £51:19:6, which sum has been paid out of the ordinary account as interest on the Steamrolling debt, and the Commissioners should then pay the Treasurer the sum of £17:2:11 out of their No 2 account, being the balance of interest due to him to the 31st March 1914. This will leave a debit balance on No 2 Account of £806:0:8, and a credit balance on the ordinary account of £93:10:3. In future the quarterly payment from the County Council should be lodged to credit of No 2 account, and all payments made for roads, road material etc, should be made by means of paying orders drawn on No 2 a/c.

The difference between the monies received from the County Council and the payments out of this a/c should be applied to pay the interest and reduce the debt due to the Bank.

During the year under audit a sum of £59:1:3 was paid to discharge the balances due for lighting of the Town of Tuam for the year ended Sept 1913 as pointed out in my last report, this payment was £15:18:9 in excess of the amount due, and the excessive amount should be deducted from the sum to be paid for the year ending September next.

I am Sir
Your obedient servant
Arthur G. Ellis
Auditor

The Secretary
Local Government Board
Dublin

Signed on behalf of the Board
James Daly
Chairman

July 7th 1914

Adjourned meeting

June 10th 1914

Agenda

Town Hall June 6th 1914

Sir

You are requested to attend an adjourned meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners to be held in The Town Hall on Tuesday next the 9th inst at 12 O'clock, to go into Mr Donnell's Gas a/c, and also to apply for a second instalment of £2000 for certain drawings.

To each Commissioner

Flanagan Town Clerk

Members Present - Messrs Patrick Murphy, John Connelly, Francis Keane, Jas. H. Blake, ~~James Daly~~ Patrick E. Carroel, Mrs. J. Meelin

Mr Daly being a member of one of the Commissioners that went into the Gas account this meeting was further adjourned for his attendance. The Clerk was directed to see Mr Daly to find out what hour would suit him, and inform all the Commissioners of the time.

The second meeting was held at 4 O'clock on Wednesday the 10th those present

were - Messrs Patrick Murphy, John Connelly, James Daly, Jas. H. Blake, Francis Keane, Thomas J. Meelin.

Proposed by Mr Keane, seconded by Mr Connelly that Mr Murphy takes the chair -

The following resolution was proposed by Mr Daly seconded by Mr Blake - That we request the Commissioners of Public Works, to advance the sum of £2000, being the second instalment of the loan of £6000, and that said instalment be lodged to our account in Tuam Branch of the Bank of Ireland.

James Daly
Jas. H. Blake

after some discussion on Mr Donnell's Gas a/c Mr Daly left the room

The following resolution was proposed by Mr John Connelly, seconded by Mr G. Keane that we request the Local Government Board, to sanction the sum of (£159-1-3) to be paid to Mr W. Donnell by the Tuam Town Commissioners in full discharge of his Gas account due for Public lighting etc up to the 10th May 1914.

John Connelly
Francis Keane

Signed on behalf of the Board

Chairman

July 7th 1914

June 10th 1914

A discussion arose as to the site of the cottages or artisans Dwellings on Dublin Road. Mr Murphy wanted to have two houses facing the town and eight facing the Race Course. Mr Costello the engineer being also present stated that by having those alterations it would be an extra cost of about £30.

It was unanimously decided to leave the plans unaltered. Pat Lanor was unanimously accepted tenant of one of the best stalls now vacant; on his paying 26/- deposit.

Signed on Behalf of the Board

James Daly
Presiding

Chairman

July 3rd 1914

Special Meeting

Tuam July 1st 1914

We the undersigned request you call a special meeting of The Tuam Town Commissioners on Friday evening next at 6.30 o'clock. to consider site of Artisans Dwellings on Dublin Road.

Signed

Patrick Murphy
Michael Nolan
Gerald J. Koshy
Patrick E. Garrahy
Patrick Byrne

Town Hall Tuam July 1st 1914

Sir

In accordance with above requisition you are requested to attend a special meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners on Friday evening next the 3rd inst at 6.30 o'clock.

Blanavan Town Clerk

Commissioners Present? F. B. McDonagh Chairman of the Board Presiding. Jas Daly, Patrick Murphy, Gerald J. Koshy, Charles H. Blake,

The clerk drew attention to the decision of the meeting held on June 10th. The contractor wanted to go on the ground on Monday next the 6th inst. There would not be sufficient time for notice of motion. The resolution of June 10th was left unaltered.

Signed on Behalf of the Board

James Daly, Presiding Chairman

Tuesday July 7th 1914

Monthly Meeting

This being race evening no Commissioners turned up
and adjourned until Tuesday 14th Inst at 6.30 o'clock

A. Lanaran
Town Clerk

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