

Special meeting Nov 24th 1927

Commissioners present? Messrs S. O'Malley chairman of the Board presiding, Patrick Byrne, M. J. Walsh, M. Booney, J. Moran, Patrick McTigue, Pat Walsh, J. H. Corcoran, E. J. Banny, D. J. Butler, John Burke, W. H. Cahill, W. Heskin, also present Rev Canon Walsh and Mr Jas Daly. Revd Canon Walsh having explained the interview with the minister of local Government and with Mr P. J. McCarthy B.C. the Board having approved of same as regards, sewerage, Plans Cost of scheme etc

The chairman proposed and seconded by Mr Butler that Mr McCarthy Engineer be invited down to Tralee to draft a scheme and make out the probable cost of same as soon as he possibly could, early next week if possible, passed unanimous -

In the meantime Mr Daly promising to get a copy of Mr O'Sullivan's report of the scheme provided by old District Council.

Signed on Behalf of the Board

Dec 1927

Anthony O'Malley Chairman



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also present Rev Canon Walsh and Mr Jas Dally. Rev Canon Walsh having explained the interview with the minister of local Government and with Mr P. J. McCarthy & Co the Board having approved of same as regards sewage plans cost of scheme etc

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Dec 1927

Chairman

Chairman Anthony's Walsh



monthly meeting "Tuam Town Commissioners"

December 7th 1927

Commissioners present.

Messrs P. J. Smalley Esq Chairman of the Board  
 presiding, Patrick Walsh, W. W. Cahill, John Burke,  
 James Moran, W. Keekin, P. Byrne, P. McTigue,  
 D. J. Butler, W. J. O'Brien.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed

Paying orders were made and signed by the  
 chairman Messrs Cahill and Walsh for the following  
 amounts

Revenue	£	42	11-0
Roads	£	2	12-1
Housing I	£	100	10-1
Housing II	£		10-0

A letter read from Mr. Gallagher, Galway County  
 Board of Health re. Tuam cemetery stating that £3—  
 had been expended on walks etc and the work  
 approved of by Mr. W. J. Concanon C.C. and  
 that at the last meeting of the Board of Health  
 the caretaker was authorised to spend a sum not  
 exceeding £7- in having the grass cut and  
 removed, and walks levelled and cleaned.

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 Town Commissioners that the grass should be cut  
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 before the Board of Health at next meeting, and  
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D. J. Butler, W. J. O'Brien.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed

Paying Orders were made and signed by the  
Chairman Messrs Cahill and Walsh for the following  
Amounts

Revenue	£ 43.11.0
Roads	£ 42.12.1
Housing I	£ 140.10.1
Housing II	£ 10.6

A letter was read from Mr Galleher Galway County  
Board of Health re. Tuam cemetery stating that £3—  
had been expended on walks etc and the work  
approved of by Mr W. J. Conannon C.C. and  
that at the last meeting of the Board of Health  
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exceeding £7- in having the grass cut and  
removed, and walks scuffed and cleaned.

As regards the suggestion of the Tuam  
Town Commissioners that the grass should be cut  
4 or 6 times a year this matter will be laid  
before the Board of Health at next meeting, ~~and~~  
as well as the suggestion that all cemeteries in the



parish of Tuam, should be handed over to a Committee appointed by his Grace the Archbishop of Tuam. This Committee to act as in an advisory capacity and report to Board of Health, and also let me know the names of the cemeteries in the Tuam Parish -

The National Bank Tuam applied to have two mortgages one for £1200 - repayable by instalments spread over six years and one for £666-15-10 the amount which I understand you paid to the Bank of Ireland, and which repayable on the annuity system, within a period of 15 years from 1923 when the loan was originally made by the Bank of Ireland. Kindly confirm this, and I will have the mortgages prepared.

From the ~~larger~~ Surveyor of Taxes to forward a list of Demand notes from 1922 to 1927 inclusive -

From the Great Southern Railway stating they were only entitled to pay one fourth the valuation on land -

From The local Government Dept relative to the remission of rates on houses erected by ~~the Town~~ ~~Commission~~ in the Town of Tuam by private persons under the Housing (Building Facilities) Act 1924 and The Housing Acts 192-1926 -

The Commissioners have allowed two thirds of the valuation -

From the Housing Dept? returning lay out plans submitted by Mr Kennedy County Surveyor and for five houses on Galway Road and about sewerage for same also the remuneration the Commissioners propose to pay for Architectural work between Messrs Kennedy and Glynn Engineers -

The new sewerage scheme in contemplation it is expected to connect with it also send copy of letter to Mr Kennedy -



a deputation of the residents of Old Road and New Terrace for a new footpath. The Board recommended to have it in writing and they would ask the County Council to have it done as the Town Commissioners had no funds for that purpose -

Mr James Moloney asked to have the time extended, for six months, to have him in the shambles. Granted. The clerk was directed to notify Mr Meelin, the Presentation Convent and others who have gate entrances to their place, to have same put in proper order -

The chairman drew attention that the accounts were not audited for two years and the yearly amount is charged as if it were done each year and they would wish to have them done before the end of the financial year -

The clerk was directed to notify each Tenant on Millale and Parkmore Terrace asking them to attend at next monthly meeting re. sewerage -

The chairman advised to have it put on the agenda for next monthly meeting consider the expenses of deputation to Dublin re. sewerage.

The bad state of the roads in the vicinity of the Town of Tuam was discussed.

The following resolution was proposed by D. J. Butler seconded by Mr Cahill. That the County be asked to have the following roads Steam Rolled for a distance of 6 or 7 miles of Tuam.

Tuam to Milltown Tuam to Kileorly Tuam to Moylough Tuam to Headford.

As these Roads are in a very bad condition, it would be well to ask the Co Council to have them done immediately



On the proposition of Mr Heskin seconded by Mr Cahill and unanimously passed the the Town Hall Banking account and the Revenue account be made one account. The Chairman proposed seconded by Mr Cahill that the making of the new footpath be adjourned until we get fine weather after the 1st January attention was called to the place at the end of the Potatoe market

The clerk was directed to notify the tenants who have access to the place, that if it is not kept in a proper manner the door would be closed.

The Board decided in taking Mr Hamel's field for a depot for the coming year

Signed on behalf of the Board

Jan'y 1928

Pat Walsh Chairman



Tuam Town Commissioners January 3rd 1928

Commissioners Present. Messrs M.W. Cahill, James Moran  
John H. Corcoran Pat Walsh and Patrick Byrne

Monthly Meeting? Copy of minutes

J.H. Corcoran Presiding

Proposed by Mr Byrne seconded by Mr Moran that

we the Tuam Town Commissioners desire to tender  
to our worthy chairman Mr O'Malley our deep  
sympathy on the death of his mother-in-law and  
also to Mrs Keane and family in their sad  
bereavement on the death of her husband on the  
who for many years was a highly respected  
member of this Board and this meeting adjourn

as a mark of respect Pat Walsh

P. Byrne  
Jas Moran

A letter was read from John Moran...  
inquiring if the Board would sell the live  
weight scale in the chambers the clerk was directed  
to notify him that it would not be sold  
A letter from Mr Quinn...  
buying skins and...  
and not saying...



The clerk January 10th 1928

Tuam Town Commissioners

monthly Meeting? Copy of minutes

Commissioners Present? Messrs. Pat Walsh, D. J. Butcher  
Patrick Byrne, John H. Borcoran, M. J. Walsh, Jas Moran  
M. Heskin, M. Cooney,

Mr Patrick Walsh Presided. Mr M. J. Walsh proposed  
and Mr Pat Walsh seconded the following resolution  
That we tender to Mr Michael Cahill our sincere sympathy  
over the death of his mother. minutes of last meeting were read and approved

Saying bids were made and signed by Chairman Messrs Heskin, Cooney, Rev Roads Henry II  
£541-17-8 £5-1-3 £59-16-0  
The following members of the Board were appointed to  
act on a committee with others to be named by  
His Grace the Archbishop for cemeteries within the  
Parish of Tuam - Messrs Chairman, P. Byrne, M. J. Walsh  
only one member of the depultation for Dublin  
on Sewerage scheme would accept his expenses  
return fare £ 1-17-8

As three parties have access to the Shambles from the  
mall the clerk was directed, on the proposition of  
Mr Borcoran that the door would be closed  
forthwith unless the place is kept in a sanitary  
Condition

A letter was read from John Moylan Ballycorrick  
inquiring if the Board would sell the live  
weigh scale in the shambles. the clerk was directed  
to notify him that it would not be sold

A letter from Mr Quinn, Torr Farmer re Mrs  
Dunne Dinnegrad buying skins and hides in Town  
and not paying custom Also Francis O'Connor



The clerk was directed that unless she stops the custom from the parties she buys Hides and skins from, she will be made pay  
 Mr Gavey tenant of the large room in the Hall came before the Board wanted the Board to relieve him of his tenancy of the Hall. Messrs H. J. Walsh and Mr Byrne were deputed to see Mr Concanon solicitor and let the Board know their position.

Special meeting to be held on Friday night to consider the matter also General Finance and Sewerage

Mr Pat Walsh drew attention to the town block not being visible at night. The clerk was directed to <sup>the time</sup> notify Mr Daly.

The clerk was directed to write to Mr Kennedy bounty surveyor for the amount of contract of footpath at Dear street

A letter was read from Mr Smalley acknowledging resolution of sympathy on the death of his mother-in-law

A letter was read from the County Board of Health that in a further report from the engineer estimated that it would cost £301 to clean the existing sewer and £667-10-0 to make new sewers to old Bally Gaddy road and Tullinadaly Road. A complete sewerage system for the Town of Tuam would cost £12000

In pursuance of notice given for this date <sup>23.11</sup> Mr B. J. Kennedy moved, that the Board approve of a sewerage scheme for the Town of Tuam, provided substantial grant is forthcoming from the unemployment fund towards the cost of the scheme, and that



the area of charge for the expenditure to be defrayed out of the rates in connection with the scheme, be Tuam Urban Electoral division, and that Mr S. B. Collins B.E. be instructed to prepare immediately the necessary Plans, estimates etc in connection with the scheme.

The motion was seconded by Mr C. Corbett and declared carried.

Copy of letter from Mr Kennedy to Housing Dept in reply to a letter dated November 9th to the Town Clerk

Your letter H.477/20800/1927 to Mr Banaran Town Clerk Tuam, was sent me by him this day for reply.

In reference to your suggestion for the provision of a septic Tank, I think this question could be left over for some time until the proposed sewerage scheme for the Town of Tuam is definitely fixed. I am however instructing the contractor to finish the floors to 117 O.D. and I shall ascertain the amount of extra work and extra cost in a few days.

Owing to the low site, I think this course advisable even though there may not be any necessity for the erection of a septic Tank.

I am paid 50% on the contract by The Town Commissioners. Mr Glynn has nothing to do with the carrying out of the work, and I have arranged with him in reference to the preparation of the documents.

Yours faithfully  
M. J. Kennedy

The Sec  
Housing Dept  
Dublin



The following resolution was proposed by Mr booney seconded by Mr n. j. walsh.  
 Owing to the terrible unsanitary condition and danger to health we the Tuam Town Commissioners hereby call on the Minister local Government and Public Health to have a sealed order sent down to the County Board of Health to have the necessary sewerage on Tuulinadaly Road and Ballygaddy Road completed according to Mr McCarthy's plans at once. Having the area of charge as previously fixed by the minister. —

Mr boncanoh was directed to accept £5- from Simon Quinn balance to be paid at 10/- per week together with current rent

Letter received from See Galway to Council  
 Dec 13th 1927

P. lanavan  
 Town Clerk

I am unable to supply you with Duplicate Demand notes for Taxes and Customs as requested in your letter but the following amounts are rates levied in the years mentioned on the Property in question —

1922/23	£142-14-2
23/24	68-9-10
24/25	108-15-0
25/26	128-18-2
26/27	152-16-3
27/28	139-9-1

valuation for 1922/23 23/24 is £ 250  
 remaining years is £ 225

A letter from the finance Committee resigning and asking that the finance in future it be gone into by the whole Board —

July 1928  
 Anthony Mallon  
 Signed on Behalf of the Board  
 Chairman



Tuam Town Comis

January 10th 1927

adjourned meeting - commissioners present Messrs  
 A. O'Malley, Chairman presiding Patrick Byrne, John Burke  
 P. Walsh, M. J. Walsh, James Moran, N. W. Cahill,  
 M. Heskin, D. J. Butler, M. Rooney, P. McTigue -

A long discussion arose about Mr Concanon's account  
 Income Tax and Board of works accounts. The clerk to  
 have them at next meeting.

The following was received from Mr Concanon

The Tuam Town commissioners 13 Jan 28

Esqrs Messrs

Two of your members Messrs P. Byrne and  
 M. J. Walsh called on me today in reference to an  
 application made to you by Mr John Garvey  
 for permission to surrender the lease of the portion  
 of the Town Hall let to him for five years

In my opinion, the Town commissioners cannot  
 accept a surrender without leaving themselves  
 open to very serious consequences.

There are two parties in the lease Messrs Michael  
 McDonald and Michael Nolan. They covenanted  
 to pay the rent, and in addition they signed  
 bills to secure the rent for the entire term, the  
 bills being £64 each. If your body passed  
 the resolution accepting the surrender I think  
 the minister for local government would not approve  
 of it. If any loss was incurred by the



Surrender. The Town Commissioners agreeing to such a surrender would be, I think, subject to a surcharge. On the whole I strongly advise your Board not to entertain the application.

Yours faithfully  
Henry Boncanon

The following resolution was proposed by Mr M J Walsh seconded by Mr Butler. Having seen in the Press a report that the County Board of Health contemplates a partial sewerage scheme for the Town of Tuam at a cost of £7000 we wish to bring under the notice of the local Government, that he has already <sup>had placed</sup> before him a partial scheme of sewerage at a cost of £4000 and prepared by the Commissioners Engineer Mr McBarthy.

We object most strongly to this extra cost being placed upon the Town of Tuam, which would be unable to bear the rate necessary to pay it off.

We therefore ask the L. Govt Dept and to notify the Board of Health, not to proceed further with their scheme as the Ratepayers of the Town will not agree to such a large expenditure —

M J Walsh  
W. J. Butler

The clerk was directed to write to Mr Garvey telling him the Commissioners could not entertain his application to surrender the lease of part of the Town Hall. The clerk was directed to write to Mr Dunne and others that if tolls were not paid on hides and skins, they themselves would have to pay —



Special meeting January 23rd 1928

Re. Leverage? To appoint a deputation to the County Board of Health -

The following commissioners attended & O'Malley Esq. Chairman of the Board presided. Pat Walsh, John Burke, P. Byrne, Jas Moran, M. J. Walsh, M. Booney, P. McTigue, G. J. Banny, John H. Concoran, M. R. Cahill

The deputated selected to go to Galway on Wednesday 25th were - Messrs A. O'Malley, P. Byrne, M. J. Concanon Solicitor, Jas Daly and Rev Canon Walsh

The clerk in the meantime to ~~arrange~~ arrange the hour to call

<sup>7</sup>/<sub>28</sub> Signed Arthur O'Malley Chairman of the meeting

Signed on behalf of the Board

Arthur O'Malley Chairman



Tuam Town Commissioners

July 30th 28

Special meeting?

Commissioners Present? Messrs A. O'Malley Esq. Chairman of the Board presiding Pat Walsh P. Byrne J. H. Corcoran  
 M. J. Walsh M. Heskin M. W. Cahill M. Cooney Jas. Moran

The Chairman proposed the following resolution seconded by Mr. Byrne

We the Tuam Town Commissioners request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to reserve until a future date, the free grant towards Relief of unemployment what has been allocated to the Town of Tuam. The Galway Board of Health, have been notified by us, not to proceed with the sewerage scheme they had in contemplation for the Town of Tuam. At our request have abandoned it as we considered it too costly. A little later on we hope to have a more suitable scheme to place before the Board of Health, and we hope that the grant from the Ministry will be then available.

Copies of this resolution to be sent to the T.D.'s in the County (nine) and ask them to use their influence with the Minister for Local Government and Public Health that he may accede to the wishes of the Board —

Signed on Behalf of the Board

Anthony Mallon Chairman

July 1928



Team Town Commissioners

July 30th 28

Special meeting of  
Commissioners present: Messrs J. O'Malley, J. J. Brennan of the  
Board presiding, Pat Walsh, P. Byrne, J. J. Brennan,  
M. J. Walsh, M. Heekin, W. W. Cahill, M. Conroy, J. J. Moran

The Chairman proposed the following resolution seconded  
by Mr Byrne

We the Team Town Commissioners request the Minister  
for Local Government and Public Health to leave until  
a future date the free grant towards relief of unem-  
ployment what has been allocated to the Town of Team  
The Galway Board of Health have been notified by us not  
to proceed with the proposed scheme they had in con-  
templation for the Town of Team as at our request  
have abandoned it as we considered it too costly  
A little later we hope to have a more practical scheme  
to place before the Board of Health and we hope that  
the grant from the Ministry will be then available.

Copies of this resolution to be sent to the T.D.s in the  
County (nine) and ask them to use their influence  
with the Minister for Local Government and Public Health  
that he may accede to the wishes of the Board.

Signed on Behalf of the Board

Anthony O'Malley, Chairman

July 1928



### Tuam Town Commissioners July 7th 1928

Monthly meeting?

Commissioners present Messrs A. O'Malley Esq. Chairman of the meeting  
Patrick Walsh, John Burke, M. J. Walsh, John H. Borcoran, M. W. Cahill  
James Moran, Patrick Byrne, D. J. Butler, M. Heskin -

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed

Paying Orders were made and signed for the following amounts

Revenue	£	116-10-0
Roads	£	9-15-2
Housing Scheme I	£	138-0-7
Housing Scheme II	£	50-0-0

and signed by the chairman and Messrs Heskin and Patrick Walsh

The following Resolutions were proposed by Mr M. J. Walsh seconded by Mr Heskin. It was resolved that pursuant to the letter of sanction of the local Government minister dated 13th December 1927 the sum of £665-15-10 be borrowed from the National Bank limited Tuam for the purposes of the Commissioners Housing Scheme under the Public Health Ireland Act 1878, and the Housing of the Working Classes Ireland Acts 1890 to 1921, to be paid within 12 years from April 1926, on the annuity system together with interest thereon at the rate of 4½ per cent per annum. And it was further resolved that the Seal of the Commissioners be affixed to the necessary mortgage over the rates to secure said loan -

From the pig buyers association stating Saturday was a bad day to fix a pig fair etc. left but the council was directed to state as the fair was already advertised it could not be altered, but would not happen again



Second resolution proposed by Mr M. J. Walsh seconded by Mr M. Heskin. It was resolved that pursuant to the order of sanction of the local Government Minister dated 13th Dec 1927 the sum of £1200, be borrowed from the National Bank limited Tuam for the purpose of rebuilding the Tuam Town Hall to be repaid within 6 years together with interest thereon at one half per cent under Irish Banks rate from time to time raising and falling therewith but with a minimum of £4% per annum. And it was further resolved that the seal of the Commissioners be affixed to the necessary mortgage over the rates to secure said loan.

Footpaths to be allocated and repaired, left to the discretion of the Roads Committee (Messrs Looney, Moran, Corcoran (Butler))

A letter was read from the Minister for local Government and public health re. bye laws, proposed to be made by Tuam Town Commissioners

The clerk was directed to Mullingar and Nenagh and get copies of their bye-laws

A letter was read from local Government and Public Health the the Galway Board of Health and Public Assistance have been notified that as it has been decided at their meeting on the 25th Inst not to proceed with the scheme the Grant has been re-allocated to works in other areas where employment exists and for which no Grant could be previously authorised owing to the amount voted for relief works having been fully allocated -

From the pig buyers association stating Saturday was a bad day to fix a pig fair 8th Sept next the clerk was directed to state as the fair was already advertised it could not be altered, but would not happen again



Income Tax assessment received. Messrs M. J. Walsh and M. Keenan were directed to see Mr Concanon Board's solicitor and have it appealed before the County Court Judge.

It was suggested by the chairman that the labourer Ruane apply for old age pension and after he had got the pension have him employed for say two days each week.

The clerk was directed to write to Mr Corrigan Contractor for Hearings if his contract is not completed within one week the Board will have it done at his expense.

Messrs Moran and D. J. Butler were deputed to act on Jai's Committee

Mrs Keane and family beg to return sincere thanks for the kind expression of sympathy with them in their sad bereavement

Signed on behalf of the Board

March 1928

Anthony Mally Chairman



Inam Town Commissioners Febry 24th 1928

Special meeting to Consider Report From Roads Committee  
Commissioners present? Messrs A O'Malley Esq Chairman of  
the Board Presiding John Burke, Pat Walsh, John H. Corcoran  
Mr. W. Cahill

The following was read. Road Committee Report on Footpaths  
as requested by the Town Board.

We the undersigned recommend that the foot path at the  
Town Hall be set in concrete and kerbing raised from  
Porch way at Mr Lynchs to Town Hall corner. This work  
to be done instead of continuing the path in vicar st  
which we consider is quite alright from Mr Morris  
Garage to Shambles Gate. Any balance left of this  
grant to be applied to Shop Street for repairs and  
re-laying new flags in concrete? -

On the second Grant when available we recommend for  
the old Road. a concrete kerbing and Gravel Patch  
from the corner of Foster Row to the new Houses on the  
Hill. Path to be North East side of road.

2 - Raise crossing at entrance to the mill yard, and  
raise crossing kerbing and make a new concrete  
footpath at Mrs Lucids Gate from Mrs Bunninghams  
corner to mill entrance. crossing in concrete at Gate  
entrance to be 4ft blocked.

3 - To make 90 yards by 4 feet concrete Path in Bishops  
Street from Mr. Stockwells House to holors House  
new work

4 - To make new concrete Path from Mr hofhus  
door to Cahills Gate entrance, in near Bishops Street



- 5 - Raise Kirbing at Shop Street, opposite Mr J. Nolans Shop and Mrs Tahays re-set flags and level same
- 6 - To make a concrete Path 4ft wide at Kirbing edge, opposite Mr Cahills Hardware and Butchery Premises in Bishop St
- 7 - To make a concrete path opposite Mr Loggins Premises on the square, also a new concrete path opposite Mrs Hostys Hardware. We also recommend that proprietors of the following Gate entrances be made good, and be put in such repair as will come level with existing footpath
9. On the Dublin Road, Southwest side from Mr O'Buenns Shop to corner of circular road, this path is in bad condition and all caused by the local residents by the re-building of the premises, and the Board or the County Surveyor should compel these Residents to have a new concrete path made, for the one they have destroyed opposite their premises

Signed M. Cooney. J.H. Borcoran. Jas Moran

we also call on the County Surveyor to Steam Roll the Bally Gaddy Road from Mr Borcorans corner to G. Field cross roads - also

Have footpath put in proper order or repair, as at the moment we consider both road and footpath in a dangerous condition -

We also recommend that the County Surveyor Steam Roll the Tullinadaly Road from the Bridge to Kildoghlans cross Roads. This road is also in a very bad condition, and further to have Road Dump against the Palace wall removed

M. Cooney  
J.H. Borcoran  
Jas. Moran



The clerk was directed to arrange with Joe Torde to go to work on Monday and finish the existing contract by doing the Town Hall portion and get to know his wages and if the sand is got from blaetnam or bloonasera - Mr Joe Torde was proposed by Mr Pat Walsh seconded by Mr Cahill -

Copy of this report to be sent to Mr Kennedy - arising out of the agenda for county meeting to be held on Wednesday the same Deputation were appointed to go to Galway on Wednesday 29 inst re. sewerage

Signed on Behalf of The Board

Anthony Malley Chairman

Galway County Council Archives



Tuam Town Commissioners

7/3/1923

copy of minutes.

Commissioners Present: Messrs. J. O'Malley Esq. P. Walsh  
John Burke, G. J. Barney, W. J. Butcher, W. R. Cahill, P. Byrne  
M. Heekin, Jas. Moran, P. McTigue, John. H. Boreoran.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Paying Orders were made and signed by the Chairman.

Messrs. Cahill and Heekin for the following amounts:

Revenue Account	£ 55-17-0
Roads a/c	£ 21-1-4
Housing scheme No. I	£ 25-17-9
Housing scheme No. II	£ 200-0-0

Mr. W. J. Butcher proposed, and Mr. Heekin that Martin Burke be  
in the 7th in forewarn the footpaths to be repaired same  
to be lent out to him by the Roads Committee, he to  
get the labourer with one of our own men after  
the 1st Friday and Saturday next 9th and 10th next.

The County Surveyor was directed to point out the place where  
the 1st new paths will be made, when the £ 200 was  
granted for new work to be considered at next month's  
meeting. The Clerk was directed to write to the Town Clerk  
to have the Potatoes changed to the slantier, and to have  
a competent man in the weigh house on Saturdays  
when Mr. Boreoran is not available.

Mr. Butcher proposed and Mr. Walsh <sup>second</sup> that the market be



## Tuam Town Commissioners

7/3/1928

blanket from Saturday 9th to today 10th on account of  
copy of minutes -

Commissioners Present? Messrs A. O'Malley Esqr P. Walsh  
John Burke. E. J. Carney. W. J. Butler. Mr W. Cahill. P. Byrne  
M. Heskin. Jas Moran. P. McTigue. John H. Coleran.

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in the flags in concrete the footpaths to be repaired same  
to be pointed out to him by the Roads Committee, he to  
get one labourer with one of our own men after  
the Fair Friday and Saturday next 9th and 10th March

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the ~~the~~ new paths will be made. when the £ 200 will be  
granted for new work to be considered at next monthly  
meeting. The Clerk was directed to write to the Toll Farmer  
to have the Potatoes changed to the Slanthes, and to have  
a competent man in the weigh house on Saturdays  
when Mr Coleran is not available

Mr Butler proposed and Pat Walsh, <sup>sealer</sup> that the market be



changed from Saturday 17th to Friday 16th on account of 17th being a national Holiday also the clerk was directed to get posters for Town and Country and have the Bell man out on Saturday notifying the Public

The following were deputed to draft Bye laws and have them submitted to the Board and to G. Dept -  
Messrs M. J. Walsh, M. W. Cahill, and John Burke - and that Messrs Butler, Burk and Byrne arrange with Mr Garvey about his claim for Electric light

Two mortgages were signed on behalf of National Bank one for £665-15-10 Borrowed from Bank of Ireland and afterwards transferred to National Bank for the purpose of the Commissioners Housing Scheme £1200 from the National Bank for the re. building of Town Hall and be repaid within 6 years -

Signed On Behalf of the Board

Martin J. Walsh.

Chairman



Town Hall, Guam  
Guam March 16th 1928

Copy of minute

March 19th 28

The Secretary  
to the Board  
to G. Dept  
Wublin

A. Chara

I have since I had sent copy of last meeting Guam Town Commission, until I was going through my minute book and find I had not sent it. please find enclosed copy of same

Mise le meas

A. Chara

signed on behalf of the Board  
Martin J. Walsh  
Chairman



Town Hall Tuam  
 March 16th 1928

Copy of minute

Special meeting to elect a Roads Committee

Commissioners present, Messrs & O'Malley chairman,  
 of The Board Residing, John Burke, J. H. Corcoran  
 M. Cooney. No quorum - no Business transacted  
 except a vote of condolance with Mr Kennedy County  
 Surveyor -

Proposed by the chairman seconded by Mr Cooney  
 that we the Town Commissioners tender to Mr Kennedy  
 County Surveyor our sincere sympathy in his sad  
 bereavement

Signed On Behalf of the Board

Martin J. Walsh.

Chairman



Tuam

Tuam Town Commissioners of Health of 22nd April 1928  
 being that this expense was incurred on  
 your ministry, my Board asks you to  
 relieve it of the liability for Mr McCarthy's engagement  
 monthly meeting. My Board has no funds to meet it, and  
 in view of your ruling that we possessed no sanitary  
 Commissioners Present - Messrs John Burke Patrick Walsh  
 Michael O'Connell Patrick J. Byrne Martin J. Walsh  
 Michael Heskin

Mr M. J. Walsh Presiding

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed the list  
 of orders were made and signed by the presiding  
 Chairman Messrs O'Connell and Patrick Walsh for the following  
 amounts

Revenue	£ 17.18.7
Roads	£ 16.19.0
Housing Scheme II	£ 150.0.0

Mr M'Carthy's Engineer sent his bill for sewerage scheme  
 27-14-10 -  
 The clerk was directed to write to the Minister for Local  
 Government, as it was on his suggestion that he was  
 engaged. I enclose particulars which please return, my  
 Board directed me to write respecting this claim as it was  
 on the suggestion of the Secretary to the Local Government  
 that my Board asked Mr McCarthy to prepare a scheme  
 of sewerage for the Town of Tuam, when this had  
 been done we were informed by the Ministry that we  
 had no sanitary power and that these duties would be



undertaken by the Board of Health of Galway Co Council  
 seeing that this expense was incurred, on  
 the instructions of your ministry, my Board asks you to  
 relieve it, of the liability for Mr McCarthy's engagement  
 at all events, my Board has no funds to meet it, and  
 in view of your ruling that we possessed no sanitary  
 powers we believe that legally we cannot pay it.

Acknowledgement was read from Mr Kennedy re resolution  
 of sympathy on the death of his wife.

A letter was read from John Moylan Sollycorick to find  
 out if the Commissioners were prepared to sell the live  
 weight scale at the Shambles. The Board decided not to  
 sell as it was large enough for our accommodation -

From Mr Daly Bishop Street

Blaravan

31-3-28

Town Clerk

Dear Sir

With reference to your demand for rates in  
 respect of houses occupied by Patrick Greulich, Tom Elliott  
 Thos McMillion and Michael Murphy at Barrack St Tuam.

I beg to call your attention to the fact that you  
 have not made the necessary remission of rates, in  
 accordance with the provisions of the second schedule  
 of the Housing Acts 1925 & 1926. Kindly do so and oblige

Yours faithfully

Jas Daly

The clerk explained to the Board, that he had already  
 written to the local Government Dept. if any special  
 Rates were levied on houses for which a grant had been  
 obtained, and had not yet received a reply.



letters received from the bounty surveyor re manure heaps on  
Tullinadaly Road

The clerk explained that the manure was only there for a few  
days and had been removed -

From The Commissioner of Public works

To The Town clerk

Tuam

I am to inform you that the sum of £5-14-0 has now been  
deducted by the Minister of Finance out of Bounty in lieu  
of Rates and forwarded to this department to be applied to  
towards the penal interest due by your Council

As however you remitted a sum of £25-17-0 on this account  
earlier in the month the position at the date is that penal  
interest is overpaid to the extent of £4-16-4 This amount  
will be applied to credit of the instalment of the loan  
which remains outstanding -

accountant

A letter from Mr. J. Concanon Solicitor by Edward Quinn  
Kilcloghans Tuam, claiming to the extent of £30 by reason  
of the wrongful action in changing the Tuam Fair from  
the second Tuesday of the month to the 9th and 10th March  
thereby clashing with Ballinashoe Fairs. Thus the March  
Fair was a failure resulting in a loss to my client  
of about £30 - and as representing him I would be  
obliged if you would let me know what amends  
you are prepared to make him in this respect

Yours faithfully

Mr. J. Concanon



## Board

The clerk directed the clerk to acknowledge receipt of his letter and state they could not entertain his claim according to advertisement for Tolls and Customs -

A second letter from Mr W. J. Concanon from David Dwyer near St for the sum of £12 balance due on foot of his

Contract in respect of the houses built on St Dennis Terrace The clerk was directed to send a copy of his letter to the Engineer and notify Dwyer that before paying the amount a certificate must be obtained from the Engineer -

Copy of a letter received from Mr Boughlan Contractor re-flags broken on the footpath at Bishop Street

In reply to yours re. horry breaking flags. I spoke to the Driver about it and he said the place was very congested and he was obliged to go on the footpath at the place you mentioned, as there was a load of turnips and a load of Hay abreast one of the Guards told him to go on the path as there was no other way of getting through. If he did not try and get through it your mean all traffic stopped.

Yours faithfully  
Thos Loghlan

The clerk was directed to send a copy of Mr Boughlan's letter to the Guards and find out his version of the breakage

A letter from Mr Quinn Toll Farmer stating he engages competent men at the weighhouse

The presiding <sup>they then</sup> passed a vote of thanks to Mr Byrne for the trouble he had gone to in getting particulars of Mr Barreys claim for light in the large room



In the Town Hall - The Board decided to pay Mr Garvey  
 half his claim for electric light viz £9.4-3.  
 The clerk was directed to get from Mr Waley a quotation to renew the  
 cinema hall and have same for next meeting.

P. Banaran Town Clerk

signed on behalf of the Board

May 1928

Anthony Malley Chairman

Galway County Council Archives



Tues. April 10th 1928

Special meeting to consider Mr Loft Application for the Shambles  
 Commissioners present Messrs M. J. Walsh, John Burke, Pat Walsh  
 Martin Cooney, M. W. Cahill, Patrick Byrne

Mr P. J. Walsh Presided

Mr Cooney proposed Mr Cahill seconded that Mr Loft get the Shambles  
 for 2 weeks. He clearing all the trucks to the way at 10/- per  
 night. passed unanimously

Signed on Behalf of the Council

May 1928

County Council Chairman

Galway County Council Archives



Tuam April 10th 1928

Special meeting to consider Mr Toft application for the Shambles  
Commissioners present Messrs M. J. Walsh, John Burke, Pat Walsh  
Martin Booney, Mr. R. Cahill, Patrick Byrne

Mr R. J. Walsh Presided

Mr Booney proposed Mr Cahill seconded that Mr Toft get the Shambles  
for 2 weeks, he clearing all the trucks to the Railway at 10/- per  
night. passed unanimous

Signed on Behalf of the Board

May 1928

Cecily O'Kelly Chairman

Galway County Council Archive



Tuam April 10th 1928

May 2nd 1928

Special meeting to consider Mr Toft application for the Shambles  
Commissioners present Messrs M J Walsh John Burke, Pat Walsh  
Martin Cooney, Mr W Cahill, Patrick Byrne & Messrs J O'Malley

Mr R J. Keogh Presided

Mr Cooney proposed Mr Cahill seconded that Mr Toft get the Shambles  
for 2 weeks be clearing all the trucks to the Railway at 10/- per  
night. Passed unanimously

Chairman made and signed the following

Revenue £ 91.0.0

Roads £ 27.7.0

Housing II £ 212.11.0

Signed On Behalf of the Road

May 1928

The chairman proposed that the clerk write to Mr Kennedy  
County Surveyor Chairman of the grand jury  
Galway Road and Greenfield and get over men to grade  
Dublin Road, Drury Street and Assistant Bethel Road  
to be also done

The Galway Road houses to be advertised for sale in a  
month and to convene a special meeting for fixing  
the prices etc

The Board was directed to get an estimate from Martin  
Burke for repairing the flags on Bishop Street and  
send same to Mr Thomas Broughan and if it's not done  
proceedings to be taken against him

Kilkenny County Board of Health resolution of 25/3/28 was  
adopted on the proposition of John Burke seconded by  
Pat Walsh

A letter was received from The Local Government Dept  
re Mr Webster's fees as consulting Engineer on Slaughter  
Scheme. The clerk was directed to write to Mr Webster



Tuam Town Commissioners May 2nd 1928

Copy of minutes -

Monthly meeting Commissioners present? Messrs A. Smalley chairman of the Board presiding, Mr. Beskin, Mr. W. Cahill, Pat Walsh, Edward Banney, Patrick Byrne, John Burke, W. J. Butler -

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed

Paying Orders were made and signed by the chairman. Messrs Cahill and Walsh for the following amounts

Revenue	£	91-0-6
Roads	£	29-7-6
Housing II	£	212-12-0

The chairman proposed that the clerk write to Mr Kennedy County Surveyor to have the following footpaths graveled Galway Road and Gardenfield, and get own men to gravel Dublin Road, Presbytery and Protestant Cathedral Road footpaths also done.

The Galway Road houses to be advertised for sale in a fortnight and to convene a special meeting for fixing the price etc

The clerk was directed to get an estimate from Martin Burke for re-placing the flags on Bishop Street and send same to Mr Thomas Boughlan and if it's not done proceedings to be taken against him.

Kilkenny County Board of Health resolution of 25/5/26 was adopted on the proposition of John Burke seconded by Pat Walsh.

A letter was received from The Local Government Dept re - Mr McCarthy fees as consulting Engineer on Sewerage Scheme. The clerk was directed to write to Mr McCarthy



and ask him to reduce his fees, and that the scheme was adjourned for a time and they would use their influence with the Board of Health that he would be engaged on the work.

The clerk was directed to advertise for tenders for requeating the weather guide -

application from Michael Higgins for permission to put up a small board on the wall near the boarding on Bishop Street for private use, was refused

A notification from the Housing Dept that a certificate to Mrs Burke Tuolinadely Road on the 29th August 1925 had been cancelled

From Sergeant Ruddy Civic Guards relative to the flags broken at Bishop Street by Mr Bogheans man

Dear Sir

I wish to inform you that Guard Thomas Hanratty was on duty in Bishop Street on the occasion. The guard states that he did not order the driver of the lorry to pull upon the footpath, the Guard simply told him to pull upon the pavement leading to Doctor Costello's yard, and to remain there until the cart of turnips which was proceeding towards the weighbridge had passed

H. Ruddy Sgt

A letter from the County Surveyor re. heaps of material, street sweeping etc, at the Carragh bridge at Bishop St. have if removed. The Board decided that it should be done by the County Board of Health and that they <sup>were</sup> not the proper authority and report accordingly -

Signed on Behalf of the Board

Anthony Malloy Chairman

June 1928



Copy of Minutes

May 15th 1928

Special meeting to advertise cottages at Galway Road

Commissioners present - Mr M. Heskin presiding

Mr. J. Walsh, Mr. Corcoran, P. Byrne, John Burke, P. McTigue —

Mr P. Byrne proposed Mr. J. Walsh seconded, that the cottages be advertised and receive tenders at next monthly

The clerk was directed to convene a special meeting on Monday evening next re-collection of rates and other financial matters

Signed On Behalf of the Board

June 1928 Anthony O'Malley Chairman



Copy of Minutes Town Commission May 15th 1928

Meeting of strength advertise cottages at Galway Road.

Commission meeting presided by Mr. Walsh, presiding  
Commissioners present.

Mr. Walsh, Mr. Deane, Mr. L. Byrne, Mr. J. Barker, Mr. J. T. Quinn, Mr. ...

Mr. Byrne proposed Mr. J. Walsh seconded that the cottages

be advertised at a price of 10/- per week, and that the monthly were  
considered collected £229-5-3 and still outstanding

The clerk was directed to convene a special meeting on  
Mr. Deane proposed Mr. Walsh seconded that any person  
Monday evening next for collection of rates and other finance  
for next court and was not fair that some people pay  
rates others are allowed to go free.

Mr. J. T. Quinn proposed Mr. Walsh seconded that the Board  
be directed to write to the Minister Local Government to  
June 1928 have an auditor examine the accounts of  
the Galway Town Commissioners audited before the  
Court.

The clerk was directed to have on the agenda for next  
monthly meeting, Income Tax due and Mr. Deane's  
letter re. sewerage.

Signed on behalf of The Board

Accidentally chairman



May 23rd Tuam Town Commissioners

Copy of minutes —

Special meeting to consider Rate collection —  
Commissioners present.

Mr M. J. Walsh, M. Heskin, M. Booney, P. McTigue, J. H. Borcoran

Mr Borcoran Presided —

The Rate collection and accounts due by the Board were considered collected £229-3-3 and still outstanding £73-4-11.

Mr Heskin proposed Mr Walsh seconded that any person owing rates from 5/- up be immediately summoned for next court as it was not fair that some people pay while others are allowed to go free.

Mr M. J. Walsh proposed Mr Heskin seconded that the clerk be directed to write to the minister local Government to send down an auditor and have the accounts of the Tuam Town Commissioners audited before the election.

The clerk was directed to have on the agenda for next monthly meeting. Income Tax due and Mr Wharthy letter re. sewerage.

Signed on Behalf of the Board

June 1928

Anthony Malley Chairman



May 20th 1928 monthly meetings

Comm. Co. of Greenock Messrs J. O'Malley Chairman of the Board  
presiding Mr. Heskin, Mr. Cahill, Mr. J. Walsh, Patrick Walsh, P. Byrne  
John J. O'Connell  
John J. O'Connell  
Commissioners present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Income Tax accounts were read and approved and were  
adjourned to a special meeting to be held on Friday 8th inst.

The Rate collection and accounts due by the Board were  
considered. It was decided that the local Government be asked to send  
an auditor to audit the accounts. It was also decided that any person  
will be holding rates from 1st July onwards should be immediately summoned  
for next court. It was not fair that some people for  
their work should be allowed to go free. New houses at Galway  
Road, and the sale of same were adjourned until they were complete.  
The clerk proposed by Mr. Heskin be considered that the clerk  
two times directed to visit the town and have the accounts  
checked. It was decided to have an auditor and have the accounts  
checked by the Town Commissioners before the  
election.

The clerk was directed to have in the agenda for the  
next monthly meeting a report on the sewerage and Mr. O'Connell  
letter re. sewerage.

Tender was received from Mr. Martin Burke of the Terrace for  
£1000 to put the water gauge grid in the street on behalf of the Board  
in order.

Mr. O'Connell was directed to refer to the main surveyor  
the price being considered too high.

Mr. O'Malley suggested getting a water cart for the town  
the clerk to get quotations.



## Tuam June 5th monthly meeting

Commissioners present. Messrs S. O'Malley Chairman of the Board presiding Mr. Heskin, Mr. Cahill, Mr. J. Walsh, Patrick Walsh, P. Byrne John Burke, Pat McTigue W. J. Butler,

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed —

The Finance Committee did not go into the accounts and were adjourned to a special meeting to be held on Friday 8th Inst.

Mr O'Malley Proposed Mr Heskin seconded that being the last meeting of the present Board, that the local Government be desired to send an Auditor, to audit the accounts before the election which will be held on the 27th Inst.

There was no applications or Tenders for the new Houses at Galway Road, and the sale of same were adjourned until they were complete. The clerk to get the cost of each house, advertise them for sale at the cost of each house name the amt. Two Tenders were received for cement, that of Mr. S. Walsh Sons and Cahill Co

Walsh's £ 2-19-9 per Ton Best British Portland 12 bags to the Ton  
Cahill Co 3-0-0 ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓

Messrs Walsh's Tender was accepted — at £ 2-19-9 per Ton

Tender was received from Mr Martin Burke Mettala Terrace for £ 11 — to put the weather guide on the Town Hall clock in order —

The clerk was directed to refer it to the County Surveyor the price being considered too high,

Mr O'Malley suggested getting a water cart for the Town the clerk to get quotations



Town Hall June 5th 1928

also the clerk to get permission from the County  
Surveyor to have the stones broken at the Courthouse  
and have them removed to Tullinadaly road - & letter

was read from Messrs Nooney & O'Connell Solicitors Mullingar On Mr Coghlan's  
behalf. re-broken flags at Bishop St. The clerk was directed to hand  
them over to Mr Concanon to take auction amt £ 4—

Signed On Behalf of the Board  
with the following resolutions embodied  
below.

July 1928

Anthony O'Malley  
Chairman

if audit was required before the election. The clerk was directed  
to write to Mr. Joyce Galway - In reference to stones being broken  
at the Courthouse. The following was received from Mr Joyce  
Galway.

To The Town Clerk  
Liam

Smiff's Office  
10 Galway  
June 5th 28

Dear Sir

With reference to your inquiry regarding space  
in front of the Court House in Lismore for the breaking  
of stones. I have to inform you that as Lismore Court House  
is not used for circuit court business I'm not concerned  
with arrangements regarding it. You should therefore



Town Hall June the 11th 28

ajourned Special meeting to pay the accounts due and  
Finance of the Board -

Commissioners present, Messrs J. O'Malley chairman of the Board  
~~and~~ presiding, Mr. Heslin, Mr. J. Walsh, Patrick Walsh, M. Booney,  
W. J. Butler, Ed. Barney, John H. Borcoran, P. McTigue, P. Byrne,  
Mr. J. O'Drien,

Paying Orders were made and signed by the following Messrs  
The Chairman, Mr. J. Walsh and Mr. Booney

Revenue etc	£ 105-15-1
Roads	£ 22-3-4
Housing II	£ 250-0-0

A Telegram was read from local Government Dept to know  
if audit was required before the election. The clerk was directed  
to wire to say it was - In reference to stones being broken  
at the courthouse. The following was received from Mr Joyce  
Galway.

To The Town clerk  
Tuam

Sheriff's Office  
Galway  
June 8th 28

Dear Sir

With reference to your inquiry regarding space  
in front of the Court House in Tuam, for the breaking  
of stones. I have to inform you, that as Tuam Courthouse  
is not used for circuit court business I am not concerned  
with arrangements regarding it. you should therefore



Tram Town Commissioners

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28<sup>th</sup> June, 1928

On the requisition of the Chairman a  
Send your inquiry to the secretary of the County Council  
as this body deals with this Courthouse in question

Other members: Martin Walsh, Michael Heskin,  
Patrick W. Tigue, James Moran, John Burke, J. H. Moran, Joseph  
O'Brien, Patrick J. Byrne & Roul Joyce Cahill.

Yours faithfully

Roul Joyce

The Board decided in paying Mr P. H. McBarthys &c  
£20 —

Special meeting owing to the fact that their  
and the Auditor, Mr. Moran, has no assistance  
in auditing the accounts and that it was  
necessary to appoint a clerk to convene the  
next meeting and the Statutory meeting for  
new Board.

It was proposed by Mr Heskin and seconded  
by Mr. Walsh and passed unanimously:  
That Patrick Moran be suspended  
as Town Clerk of Tram, he having absented  
himself without notice and failed to  
attend the audit of the accounts by Mr  
Burrin  
Signed on Behalf of the Board  
with the reservation given below.

Proposed by Mr Anthony Mally seconded by Mr  
Chairman  
July 1928  
That Mr James Daly be appointed  
temporary clerk until a permanent  
appointment is made.

Proposed by Mr J. Byrne seconded by  
Mr Heskin and passed unanimously  
That



28<sup>th</sup> June, 1928.

On the requisition of the Chairman a Special Meeting of the Town Commissioners was held this day.

Present: In the Chair - Anthony Omalley Esq. P.C.  
Other members: - Martin J. Walsh, Michael Heskin, Patrick M. Tigue, Edward J. Banney, James Moran, John Burke, J. H. Gorceoran, Joseph O'Brien, Patrick J. Byrne, & Michael W. Cahill.

The Chairman explained that he called this special meeting owing to the fact that their clerk, Mr. Banavan, had left without notice and the Auditor, Mr. Curran, had no assistance in auditing the accounts and that it was necessary to appoint a clerk to convene the next meeting and the Statutory meeting for new Board.

It was proposed by Mr. Heskin and seconded by Mr. M. J. Walsh and passed unanimously: -

"That Mr. Patrick Banavan be suspended as Town clerk of Tuam, he having absented himself without notice and failed to attend the audit of the accounts by Mr. Curran."

Proposed by Mr. P. J. Byrne. Seconded by Mr. J. H. Gorceoran and passed unanimously: -

"That Mr. James Daly be appointed temporary clerk until a permanent appointment is made."

Proposed by Mr. P. J. Byrne. Seconded by Mr. Heskin and passed unanimously: -

That



"That £3. (three pounds) per week be paid <sup>159</sup> to the temporary clerk as remuneration for his services."

The Acting clerk was directed to notify the Treasurer and Bounty Surveyor respectively, of the suspension of M. P. Banavan and of his appointment as temporary clerk.

The Acting clerk was directed to send out the Agenda for Commissioners Meeting next Tuesday, and also to give due notice to the new Commissioners for the Statutory meeting on the 7th July.

The Auditor reported that he found it necessary to order some Stationery and account books in connection with his audit of the accounts.

order Approved, the auditor to procure any stationery he requires for which the Commissioners will pay.

James Daly  
Town Clerk

pro tem.

Signed on behalf of the Board.

Arthur Smalley Chairman



Minutes of Proceedings of the Tuam Town Commissioners at their Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 1928.

Present: In the Chair - Anthony O'Malley P. C.  
Other Members: Martin J. Walsh, Michael Heskin, Patrick J. Byrne, John Burke, Michael W. Cahill, John H. Borcoran, Edward J. Carney, Patrick W. Tigue, James Moran.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Paying Authority Advice Notes were signed for the following Accounts amounting to viz:

Revenue Account	£7.9.0
Roads Account	19.15.0
Housing Scheme No. 1	145.6.7

Letter from Department of Local Govt. and Public Health stating that the grant allocated in respect of the Houses being erected on Galway Road amounts to £350 or £70. per house.

43,673  
10.6.28

Letter from Department of Local Govt. and Public Health stating for the information of the Tuam Town Commissioners, that a sum of £280. has been paid to the Commissioners Treasurer as an instalment of a grant under the Housing Acts, 1925-1926 in respect of the Commissioners' present Scheme for the erection of five houses under the Housing

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25.6.28

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of the Working classes (Ireland) Acts.

The Minister would be glad to be furnished in due course with particulars of the Commissioners' proposals in regard to the disposal of these houses on completion.

Order The acting clerk was instructed to issue an advertisement for the sale of the five houses, proposals to be considered for the purchase of same on the 7<sup>th</sup> August, 1928, and intending purchasers to be notified that the houses will not be sold less than the actual cost £225 each. The highest tender will get preference of the choice of house which he desires to purchase.

Read Letter from Mr J. E. Curran, L.G. Auditor, dated, 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 1928, notifying that he would attend at the Town Hall on Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> day of July for the purpose of an extra-ordinary audit of the Town Commissioners accounts up to that date.

Order The acting clerk was directed to have <sup>the</sup> notice of said audit published in the Irish Independent and Tuan Herald newspapers for thwith.

Letter  
no  
47595  
2:7:28 from Minister of Local Govt. Dept. and Public Health addressed to the chairman of the Town Commissioners stating for the information of the Tuan Town Commissioner that he had instructed Mr J. E. Curran, Local Govt. Auditor, to hold an extra-ordinary audit to date of the accounts of the Commissioners

Order

Read.



Read Letter from the Secretary of the Co Galway Board of Health dated 21st June, 1928, enclosing a letter received from Messrs Conway and Quinn Solicitors re a sewer which is being laid at the top of the old road Tuam, and he would be pleased to have the observations of the Commissioners thereon.

Order Inform him the Commissioners are not the Sanitary Authority.

The following objections ~~was~~ made to the Minutes of 5th June 1928, viz:—"The Minutes are not correct as there is no record on the Minutes why the Committee did not act. The acting Finance Committee were not summoned."

Before signing the minutes Messrs M.J. Walsh & Heskin objected & the following objection was made to the Minutes of 11th June, 1928 viz:—

The following was omitted from the Minutes of the above meeting a letter was read from the Finance Committee complaining that they turned up at the Clerk's Office on the 8th instant at 8 o'clock p.m. to go into the accounts as directed by the Board, and found the Town Clerk absent and no finance could have been gone into 'the office door locked'.

The Co Surveyor to be asked if he could supply the Commissioners with tax for the Roads.

Signed on behalf of the Board.

James Daly  
Acting Town Clerk.  
John Burke  
Chairman



Minutes of Proceedings of the Tuam  
Town Commissioners at their Annual  
Meeting held on Saturday the 7th day  
of July 1928.

Present: - John H. Borcoran, Simon Fahy,  
William Holian, Malachy O'Keeffe, Patrick  
Walsh, Patrick J. Byrne, John Burke, John  
Byrne, James Moran, Martin J. O'Brien,  
Michael W. Cahill, Patrick Gibbons junr,  
Patrick J. Dwyer and Thomas Wilson.

The Acting Clerk read the Notice convening  
the Annual Meeting for the election of  
Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

Each member present then signed his  
declaration of the acceptance of Office.

Letter  
7.44534  
22.6.28

from the Minister of Local Government and  
Public Health stating that the Chairman  
and Vice-Chairman of the Commissioners  
are to be elected at the annual meeting  
on the 7th proximo.

Proposed by Mr Simon Fahy & Seconded  
by Mr John Byrne: - "That Mr John Burke  
be elected Chairman of the Tuam Town  
Commissioners for the ensuing year."

Proposed by Mr James Moran and  
Seconded by Mr O'Keeffe: - "That Mr Michael  
W. Cahill be elected Chairman"

a poll having been taken the following  
members voted for Mr. Burke viz: S. Fahy, J. Byrne,  
P. J. Dwyer, P. J. Byrne, Wm Holian, Pat Gibbons,  
Thomas Wilson and John Burke (8) and for  
Mr



Mr Cahill viz Messrs O'Keefe, Jas Moran,  
M. J. O'Brien and Mr W. Cahill (4) Messrs Pat.  
Walsh & Corcoran declined to vote. Mr Cooney was absent.

Mr John Burke was accordingly  
declared elected chairman and then  
signed his declaration <sup>of acceptance</sup> of the office and  
took the chair and presided at the  
meeting.

Mr P. J. Byrne proposed that no member  
occupy the position of chairman for more  
than one year. Mr Faby seconded, and it  
was passed unanimously.

Proposed by Mr Wm Holian. Seconded by Mr  
P. J. Dwyer and passed unanimously:—  
"That Mr Patrick J. Byrne be elected Vice-  
Chairman for the ensuing year."

~~Mr Byrne then~~ Mr Byrne was accordingly  
declared elected Vice-chairman and then  
signed his declaration of acceptance of  
the office.

The following committees were appointed viz:

Finance Committee	Roads Committee
P. J. Byrne. ✓	Wm Holian ✓
Mr W. Cahill ✓	M. J. O'Brien ✓
J. H. Corcoran ✓	John O'Byrne ✓
P. J. Dwyer. & the Chairman.	James Moran
(5)	Thomas Wilson ✓
	M. O'Keefe. (6)

The Acting Clerk informed the Board that  
about 7 oc. p.m. he received the key of Mrs  
Quinlan's House from her brother-in-law  
who stated that her husband had been  
charged



changed to another town urgently and he wished instructions thereon at this full meeting of the Board on the 31st July 1928.

Order - Advertise the House for Sale for meeting on 7th August next.

The Chairman suggested that the Waterworks Committee Meetings should not be held on the same evenings as the Commissioners meetings, as they were a sanitary Committee under the Board of Health, and a good many sanitary matters requiring attention round the town required careful attention and consideration.

Order - That the Waterworks and Sanitary meetings be held on the second Monday of each month in future.

James Daly  
Acting Town Clerk  
14th July, 1928.

John Burke  
Town Chairman

Please convene a special meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners for Tuesday evening next, 31st inst, to formulate a protest against the exclusion of certain members of the Town Board from the Waterworks Committee appointed by the Galway Board of Health.

(Signed) John Burke  
Patrick Byrne  
Simon Faby  
John Byrne  
Patrick J. Dwyer



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A Special Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners held on the 31st July 1928.  
Mr. John Burke. presided.

Other members present:- William Holian, Simon Fahy, John Byrne, Patrick J. Dwyer, Patrick Gibbons junr, Thomas Wilson, Patrick J. ~~Dwyer~~ Patrick J. Byrne, and Malachy O'Keeffe.

The following Notice was read viz:  
Town Clerk's Office, Tuam  
30th July, 1928.

Dear Sir

I beg to inform you that a Special Meeting of the Town Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, the 31st instant, at 8 o'clock p.m. to consider the sub-joined requisition.

yours faithfully  
James Daly  
Acting Town Clerk.

To Mr James Daly.

Town Clerk, Pro Tem.

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(Signed) John Burke,  
Patrick Byrne,  
Simon Fahy,  
John Byrne,  
Patrick J. Dwyer.

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The question having been considered <sup>167</sup> and  
Messrs Burke, Fahy, P. J. Byrne, Dwyer and O'Keefe  
having expressed their views thereon.

It was proposed by Mr John Burke.  
Seconded by Mr Simon Fahy and  
passed unanimously: - 'That we the  
Town Commissioners protest against  
the action of the County Board of Health  
at their last meeting in debarring the  
majority of this Board, who are mainly  
new elected Fianna Fall members from  
the Waterworks Committee. Heretofore the  
Town Commissioners Board for several  
years were the appointed Waterworks  
Committee and we fail to understand  
if the members of the Board of Health  
were cognisant of these facts, how this  
seemingly slighting procedure would  
be resorted to. We therefore request  
your Board to have this section of the  
Board Commissioners appointed on the  
Waterworks Committee, and further  
we desire to add that nomination by  
an individual of a public Board or  
Committee in preference to elected  
representatives is a retrograde step  
which ought not to be countenanced.  
That copies of this resolution be sent  
to the County Council and the Board of  
Health.

next meeting of the Commissioners to be held  
on Tuesday 7th August, 1928.

James Daly  
Acting Town Clerk.

John Burke

Chairman



## Tram Town Commissioners

Minutes of Proceedings of the Tram Town Commissioners at their Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday the 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1928, at the Town Clerk's Office at the hour of 8 o'clock P.M.

Present: In the Chair - John V Burke.

Other Members: - Patrick J. Byrne, James Moran, Martin Cooney, Malachy O'Keefe, M. J. O'Brien, Patrick J. Dwyer, Patrick Walsh, Patrick Gibbons Junr, Thomas Wilson, John Byrne, William Holian, Michael W. Cahill and John H. Corcoran.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and signed.

Paying Treasurer's Advice Note Notes were signed for the following accounts viz:

Revenue account amounting to	£32. 7. 10.
Housing Scheme A/c N <sup>o</sup> 2.	126. 5. 0
Roads account.	3. 14. 2.

The acting clerk produced the Treasurers Pass Bank Books showing that he made the following lodgments during the month of July viz: Rents of Property £27. 10/- meat stalls £6. 9/- Tolls & Customs £100. Rents of Artizans Dwellings £46. 9. 3

The following entry in the Ledger was read by the <sup>acting</sup> clerk viz: - "I hereby charge against Patrick Banavan, clerk to the Tram Town Commissioners, being the person accounting, the



the sum of £211:8:2 (Two Hundred and eleven pounds eight Shillings and Two pence) being deficiencies as set out hereunder and I hereby certify such sum to be due by the said Patrick Banavan to the Tuam Town Commissioners.

(Signed) Joseph E. Curran.  
Auditor. L. G. D.

13<sup>th</sup> July 1928.

Deficiencies referred to in above charge :-	
Town Rate.	144:18:11.
Rents of Artizans Dwellings	61:9:9
Rents of Meat Stalls.	4:19:6
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	£211:8:2

J. E. Curran  
13/7/28.

Order Read. The Acting Clerk submitted the Treasurers Bank Pass Book showing that the charge of £211:8:2 was lodged to the credit of the Tuam Town Commissioners account by Mr Stephen Banavan, one of the Secretaries.

Letter to Clerk  
N. 47481  
8.3.7:28

From the Minister of Local Govt. & Public Health advverting to the Minutes of the Town Commissioners on the 28th ulto, and transmitting Form of queries to be filled in & retransmitted regarding the appointment of Acting Clerk.

order Read. queries were forwarded.

Letter to Clerk  
N. R.V. 209  
8.6:28

From the Minister of Local Govt. & Public Health informing the Commissioners that he has made an Order modifying the provision in the Heavy Motor Car (Ireland) Order, 1905, by which Motor



Motor omnibuses were restricted to 470 speed of 12 miles per hour, etc.

Order Proposed by Mr Booney. Seconded by Mr Moran and passed: - "That the County Council be asked to put their Speed Order in force in the Town of Tuam".

Read Quotation from Fleming & Co. Dublin, for watercans viz: 200 gal @ £41. 250 gal at £43. 300 gallon at £45. extra flushing valve for £5.10/-

Order The Clerk to write for quotations for a Rose for Hydrants instead.

Letter to Clerk  
N.L.A.  
9/15/28  
From the Local Appointments Commissioners stating that it is intended that a Board of Selection will meet in Tuam in about a fortnight's time in connection with the appointment of a trained Nurse in the County Hospital Ballybar, and inquiring whether they could be provided, on that occasion with two rooms for the purpose of the Board meeting.

Order Inform them they can have the Town Clerk's office and Library Room, the Library Committee to be asked for it.

Read Letter from Mr McDough, Solicitor, offering the sum of £455 for the Artizans dwelling at St Benin's Terrace as advertised for sale.

Order Proposed by Mr Patrick Walsh seconded by Mr Martin Cooney and passed - "That Mr McDough's offer be accepted for £455 for his client." <sup>as</sup> ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> the offer of Mr C Higgins was considered ~~at~~ <sup>was</sup> ~~at~~ <sup>was</sup> the only offer received. at £310."

The Commissioners then proceeded to consider the



the offer for sale of 5 New Houses at Galway Road, Tuam, for which the following proposals were received viz: -

W<sup>ro</sup> Bridget Kilcoursey offered £227. 10/- for House No 7.

W<sup>ro</sup> Mary J. Hopkins offered £230. for House No 7.

Mr L. Higgins offered £225. for House No 11.

The proposals having been considered it was proposed by Mr James Moran. Seconded by Mr Patrick Walsh and adopted - "That W<sup>ro</sup> Bridget Kilcoursey get House No 7 at the price of £227. 10/-."

W<sup>ro</sup> Hopkins was called before the meeting and asked if she would take House No 11 at the ~~same~~ <sup>£230</sup> price and having consented, it was proposed by Mr J. H. Corcoran. Seconded by Mr P. J. Byrne and passed unanimously: -

That House No 11 be sold to W<sup>ro</sup> Mary J. Hopkins for the sum of £230, as she offered for House No 7."

Mr Higgins was asked by the Board if he would take any purchase any other House instead of No 7 and refused to do so.

Mr P. J. Byrne proposed and Mr Corcoran seconded - "That the Houses <sup>nos</sup> 8, 9 & 10 be re-advertised for special meeting on 21st instant."

Mr Wilson proposed and Mr Gibbons seconded - "That the 3 Houses be let to tenants."

A poll having been taken messrs Wilson, Gibbons, O'Keeffe, J. Byrne, Dwyer and Holian (6) voted for the amendment and against it messrs P. J. Byrne, Moran, Cooney, O'Brien, Walsh, Cahill, Corcoran and the Chairman. (8). The Chairman accordingly declared the amendment lost. The resolution was then put to the meeting and declared carried without a division.

Read Letter from Mr Kenney, Engineer & Architect  
dated.



dated the 20<sup>th</sup> July, 1928. re Galway Road Cottages, stating that Mr Comerford, Solicitor, called on him some time ago and pointed out that in his opinion the site for the Housing Scheme at Galway Road and Church View was not set out in accordance with the sale map of the plots.

He had seen the sale map and prepared the attached map. The area actually purchased by the Commissioners is shown with a Yellow border and contains 1 acre 27 perches, while the area set out by Mr Glynn for the purpose of the Housing Scheme is shown bordered Red and contains 3 roods 36 perches. The plot actually purchased has now just sufficient frontage to allow four more houses to be built on the Galway Road, and two more houses on Church View Road. The original scheme contemplated the erection of 15 Houses - eleven on the Galway Road and four on the Church view road. This will not be possible unless extra plots are

Order

acquired on both roads. The matter should be brought to the notice of the Town Commissioners. Apply to the Solicitor for the sale map to be laid before a Committee of the Town Commissioners to consider the matter.

The Commissioners Solicitor to be instructed to prepare Conveyances for the 3 houses sold today. one fourth purchase money to be paid before completion of conveyance.

Chairman Mr Moggan, reported that he had finished the Houses and the Engineer told him he could give the keys to the Acting Clerk, or Daly.

Order

The chairman informed the Board that the Engineer told himself & the Clerk that the Keys could be taken from Moggan. and the Clerk was directed to have the Houses insured with the Irish National Assurance Coy. Chairman



The following was read viz: -

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I beg to report that the Roads Committee recommended that the following footpaths require to be repaired:

- (1) To put down about 6 square yds of footpath at Joe McHugh's, Galway Road.
- (2) To lay a few square yds at Mr O. P. O'Grady's Dublin Road.
- (3) To repair a few bad places near Guy's Hotel.
- (4) To raise a few bad flags at Mr R. K. Browne's & Mr Bunningham's, Bishop St.
- (5) To lay about 8 sq yds outside Presentation Convent gate.
- (6) To put down about 9 sq yds of footpath outside Mr Mellins gate leading to Post Office.
- (7) To lay about 6 sq yds of footpath at Mrs Hosty's gate ~~to~~ Vicar St.
- (8) To lay a few sq yds sloped off at Post Office gate (dangerous to pedestrians presently)
- (9) To concrete about 12 yds long by 10 yds wide outside Cathedral gate.
- (10) To repair kerbing stones outside Convent gate and a few square yds of footpath at said gate.

Order

Proposed by Mr Joe Moran & Seconded by Mr P. J. Byrne - "That the Report of the Roads Committee be adopted." Passed, Messrs Cooney & O'Keefe dissenting.

The Clerk was directed to write to Contractors in town for their estimate of the cost of the foregoing repairs and submit them to the Roads Committee for acceptance & consideration.

The Chairman informed the Board that the County Surveyor wished to know if the Commissioners desired the Roads of the town to be ~~steam rolled~~ <sup>sprayed with tar</sup> this season.

Order

after some discussion on the subject the Acting Clerk was directed to write to the County Surveyor and ask him what it would

Cost



Cost to Steam Roll the Tullinadaly Road from Mechar's to Corleys as they prefer to do that work in preference to the Spraying of the Roads. on the motion of Mr Cooney Seconded by Mr Borran.

The Acting Clerk was directed to report to the Board of Health that the manhole cover at back of the Houses in Hale Terrace is broken and requires a new one with lock and key to secure it from being opened. The Clerk to procure lock & key for the manhole.

Order

The Acting Clerk applied for an order to issue the usual advertisement for the letting of the Tolls and Customs, Public Lighting for the year, and Advertising and Printing works.

Order

Advertisements to be issued, tenders to be considered at the monthly meeting on the 4th September, 1928.

Next meeting of the Town Commissioners to be held on Tuesday 21st August, 1928.

James Dalry  
Acting Town Clerk.  
John Burke  
Chairman

Proposed by Mr C. J. Byrne and adopted. That the other two houses be reserved for sale proposals to be considered on the 4th Sept 1928.

Recd Letter from Mr Glynn Re. ...



Minutes of Proceedings of the Tuam  
Town Commissioners at a Special  
meeting held on Tuesday 21st August, 1928.

Present: In the Chair. John Burke.  
Other Commissioners: John Byrne, William  
Holian, Patrick J. Dwyer, Simon Fahy,  
John H. Corcoran, James Moran, Thomas  
Wilson, Patrick J. Byrne, Patrick Walsh,  
Martin Cooney, Martin J. O'Brien and  
Michael W. Cahill.

The Commissioners having proceeded to  
consider proposals for the purchase of  
three New Houses at Galway Road.

There was only one application received,  
viz. from Miss M. Kelly for Cottage No 8  
offering to purchase same for the sum  
of £225.

Order Proposed by Mr Corcoran Seconded  
by Mr P. J. Byrne and passed unanimously -  
"That the proposal of Miss Kelly be  
accepted at £225 cost of transfer fees to  
be paid to the Board's Solicitor by  
Miss Kelly, and the Commissioners  
have the right of reservation of plot at  
back of cottages."

Proposed by Mr P. J. Byrne. Seconded by  
Mr James Moran and adopted - "That  
the other two Houses be re-advertised  
for sale proposals to be considered on  
the 4th Sept 1928."

Read Letter from Mr Glynn, B.E. dated the 7th inst  
August



August, 1928, re Tuam cottages, Galway Road viz  
 "I duly received your letter of 28<sup>th</sup> ult. regarding  
 a mistake in the plots for the above. If there is a  
 mistake it is no concern of mine. Before I made  
 my plans for those Cottages or prepared the layout  
 plan I was taken on the ground and the plot  
 which was then actually pegged out was shown  
 to me. I made no change on it when recording it  
 on my lay out except that I shoved Galway  
 Road corner to a suitable curve for the  
 finished work. I would be obliged if you  
 would note that I am entitled to 2½% for  
 my work on the job and I will put my claim  
 for the amount."

The acting clerk submitted the map of the Sale  
 of the Estate and Land Registry map folio 21820  
 of the plots acquired and after some dis-  
 cussion he was directed to write to Mr John  
 Glynn B.E. to meet the Board whenever he  
 could conveniently come to Tuam and they  
 would meet him at any hour to explain the  
 matter.

Read. Letter from the Secretary Board of Health Galway  
 requesting the observations of the Town  
 Commissioners on:-

(1) The claim of Mr J.B. Collins B.E. for £71. fees  
 in connection with the preparation of plans,  
 etc. for Tuam Sewerage Scheme, which was  
 subsequently abandoned. Mr Collins is only  
 charging 1% on the estimated cost as his work  
 was considerably reduced by acquiring  
 existing plans. (2) Mr Collins has also certified  
 for payment of a sum of £70.4/- to the  
 Quantity Surveyor for preparing Bills of  
 Quantities

Order

The Commissioners beg to inform the Board  
 of



of Health that they paid their own Engineer £20 for preparing plans of Tuam Sewerage Scheme, and they strongly protest against this charge upon the ratepayers of Tuam as the Town Commissioners were not consulted in the matter nor the plans submitted to them, and they call upon the Local Government Department not to sanction this expenditure, especially as Mr Collins admits he worked from old plans of 1909 given out <sup>from</sup> the ~~block~~ office of the Clerk of the Town Commissioners, whilst Mr W. Barthy B.C. spent 4 days in Tuam and accompanied by the Commissioners and medical Supt. Officer of Health, Dr. Costello, made a careful inspection and survey of the town.

The Acting Clerk reported that the surface Drain Sewer at Cloontosa Road was choked which caused flooding of houses there.

order Refer to Co Surveyor and ask him to attend to the matter and make a paved channel to the gully trap, and also ask him to attend to the flooding on the Galway Road to which the Chairman called his attention some time ago.

Proposed by Mr Wilson. Seconded by Mr O'Brien and adopted - "That the Electric Light Coy be asked to put up two Lamps for lighting at Bishop Street."

Read Letter from Mr Kennedy, Co Surveyor, dated 14th August, 1928, stating that the estimated cost of rolling the section of Tullinadaly Road

between



between Waterslade junction and the Commissioner's boundary is £300, exclusive of surface spraying. He advised the Commissioners to adopt his suggestion and bitumen spray the streets instead of spending all their available funds on rolling this short distance, as he is prepared to roll this portion out of the next grant which comes along.

Order Ask Mr Kennedy to meet the Roads Committee in connection with this matter.

The tenders of Martin Mahon of Kilmore to lay down flags and repair portions of the streets footpaths at 10/- per day, exclusive of materials, as recommended in the Roads Committee report and of Francis Holian of Ballygaddy Road to do the same work at 12/- per day were considered.

Order If Francis Holian, who lives in the town of Tuam does the work at 11/- per day his tender is accepted and the Clerk is to write to him accordingly, the Commissioner to supply the Cement.

Read Letter from Mr Kennedy B.C. stating that Contractor Mogan 'phoned him today in reference to the Cottages in Galway Road with a view to handing them over to the Commissioners. He is prepared to certify that the houses are <sup>now</sup> not fit for occupation. Of course, it is to be distinctly understood, that there are certain items which will require attention. He will not be in a position to issue final certificate for six months.



Recd Receivable Orders No 191 dated 11<sup>th</sup> Augt 1928 from the Commissioner of Public Works for payment of Principal and Interest on Loan up to 1st May 1928 viz - £133. 8. 5 and Penal Interest £1. 19. 6.

Order The Acting Clerk having explained how the matter now stands, it was ordered that an Advice Note be issued to the Treasurer and a Paying order sent to the Accountant Board of Works for the amount £135. 7. 11.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed

James Daly  
Acting Town Clerk

Revenue Account £10. 5 and Treasury  
John Burke Chairman

There was no proposal received for the purchase of 2 new houses at Galway Road.

Order The Board to advertise for sale at special meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> instant

The following tenders for the letting of the Tolls and Customs were received viz -  
Edward Quinn for 1 year £640 or if for 3 years £633 per annum.

Simon Quinn for 1 year £652 or if for 3 years £645 per annum.

Joe Cooney for 2 years £1350 (bulk sum) and no repairs included - tender declared informal.

It was proposed by Mr. W. H. O'Sullivan, Seconded by Mr. Dwyer and adopted unanimously

That the tender of Mr. Simon Quinn for 3 years



## Minutes of Proceedings of the Town

Town Commissioners at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday, 4th September, 1928.

Present: In the chair - John Burke.

Other Members present - William Holian, John Byrne, Patrick J. Dwyer, Simon Fahy, James Moran, Malachy O'Keeffe, Thomas Wilson, Martin J. O'Brien, Michael W. Cahill, John H. Corcoran, Patrick Walsh.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Paying authority advice notes were signed for the following accounts viz:-

Revenue account £4.10.5 and Housing Scheme R2 account for £39.13.0.

There were no proposals received for the purchase of 2 new Houses at Galway Road.

Order

The Clerk to re-advertise for Sale at special meeting on 18th instant.

The following tenders for the letting of the Tolls and Customs were received viz:-  
Edward Quinn for 1 year £640 or, if for 3 years £633 per annum.

Simon Quinn for 1 year £653 or, if for 3 years £641 per annum.

Joe Rooney for 3 years £1350 (bulk sum) and no deposit enclosed - tender declared informal.

It was proposed by Mr Wm Holian, Seconded by Mr Dwyer and adopted unanimously:-  
"That the tender of Mr Simon Quinn of Mr Hale Terrace



Terrace, Tuam, to take a letting of the Tolls and Customs of the Town of Tuam for one year from 29<sup>th</sup> September, 1928, at the rent of £653. and on the terms contained in the advertisement published in the Tuam Herald of 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> August, 1928, be accepted. The Solicitor to enquire into the solvency of the Surchies before signing of the contract.

The tender of the Tuam Electricity Coy Ltd for the Lighting of the Town of Tuam according to the terms of advertisement was accepted at the following prices viz:  
 45 Lamps, 100 Canale Power at £2.17.6 each,  
 4 Lamps at Cathedral grounds, Protestant and Catholic Churches, 100 C Power at £1. each,  
 1 all night lamp extra at £2. and Town Hall Clock all night 4-60 Gf.W Lamps for the sum of £5. all to be lighted from 15 Aug 1928 to 1st May, 1929. and a 60 watt lamp to be put up on pole near Railway crossing Vicar St, free of charge.

There was only one tender received for advertising and Printing for 12 months viz Tuam Herald for the sum of £28. and a £3.3/- for Printing auditors Report and abstract of accounts, which was accepted unanimously.

There was no tender received for 50 loads of Gravel required for tarring of the streets, and as the matter was urgent the acting clerk was directed to purchase it as cheaply as possible probable cost about £9.



Under the Housing Acts 1925 and 1926, the minister of local government and Public Health has made the following payments viz:-

Mr Malachy O'Keefe, Tuam	1st Instalment	£ 150.
Mr Joseph O'Brien	" Full grant	- £ 50.
Mr Michael Dwyer	" 1st Instalment	- £ 110.

Letter to  
 Clerk  
 N° 57878  
 21-8-28

From the Minister of Local Govt and Public Health advertising to his circular of the 5th March last, regarding officers of local Authorities in receipt of Bonuses, and as already intimated, the minister does not approve of any officer receiving Bonus at a rate in excess of that from time to time warranted by the cost of living scale.

Order

Read.

Letter to  
 Clerk  
 N° 35686  
 29-8-28

From the Minister of Local Government and Public Health enclosing for the information of the Town Commissioners a copy of an Order made by him on the 16th instant amending and modifying Article 15 Sub-article (1) of the Galway County Scheme.

Order

Proposed by Mr John Burke (Chairman), Seconded by Mr John H. Borcoran and passed unanimously: - "That we the Tuam Town Commissioners respectfully call upon the Minister of Local Government and Public Health to amend and modify Article 15 Sub-article (1) of the Galway County Scheme by inserting therein the following paragraph which is most necessary - that is to say: - "a District Hospital at Tuam for the treatment of medical, surgical and maternity cases, and cases of infectious and contagious diseases."



Read Letter from the Commissioner of Valuation forwarding, the Valuation Lists for Tuam Township, duly revised as requested by the letter of the Acting Clerk of the 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1928.

Read Letter from the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Assurance Coy dated 15<sup>th</sup> August 1928 enclosing form of appointment of Nominee to attend their next Meeting.

Read Letters from Mrs Mary Higgins and Thomas Gilmartin of Old Road Tuam requesting a refund of the Town Rate under Housing Acts 1925-26.

Order Ask the Minister of Local Govt. & Public Health if the Commissioners are entitled to allow for this special rate in respect of new Buildings.

Read Letter from the Irish B. P. Coy Ltd dated 17<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> '28 enclosing application for renewal as from the 14<sup>th</sup> proximo of their licence under the Petroleum (Road) Acts 1871-1881.

Order The Commissioners do not issue licences.

Read Letter from the Irish National Assurance Coy Ltd dated 18<sup>th</sup> August 1928 enclosing cheque for £7.10/- in respect of recent damage by fire to House of Mr Rd Dunphy, artisans dwelling.

Read Letters from Mrs Farrelly & Mrs Whyte, Parkmore Terrace stating that the wall at back of their yards is broken also the two gates at each side of the wall. The Acting Clerk reported a leakage & broken window in the Houses of Joe Cooney & Mrs Walsh.

Order Advertise for contractor to do repairs, tenders to be considered on the 18<sup>th</sup> instant at special Meeting.



Read ~~copy~~ of Minute of Galway County Council <sup>184</sup> at  
their quarterly meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> August, 1928  
recommending the following speed limits on  
County Roads viz: - Heavy motor vehicles - ~~20~~<sup>20</sup>  
miles per hour. Ordinary motor cars - 30 miles  
per hour.

Read Letter from the Traffic Manager Kingsbridge Great  
St Railways Coy stating that they would run a  
special train at 3.0 p.m. from Broadstone to  
Tuam for the conveyance of buyers for the  
large September Fair to be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> Sept.

Read Letter from the Co Surveyor stating that he would  
meet the Roads Committee on 25<sup>th</sup> Aug at 4.30 pm.  
re Steam rolling Tuam Streets.

order The Committee having discussed the matter  
with Mr Kennedy, it was agreed to tar the  
Streets, he would provide a man for the  
machine but the Commissioners should  
provide the labour and procure about 50  
loads of gravel, size from  $\frac{1}{2}$ " to  $\frac{3}{4}$ " without  
sand. Mr Kennedy said he would attend  
to the flooding <sup>at</sup> of Galway Road and  
provide a new trap at O Briens Dublin  
Road and R. K. Browne's, Bishop St.

The Committee also called the Co Surveyor's  
attention to the serious flooding of the  
Houses of the people at Vicar Street when  
heavy rains occur and at the Dublin  
Road and other parts of the town, which  
is most injurious to the Public Health.

Mr Kennedy said that was a matter for  
the Board of Health, and the acting clerk  
was directed to call their attention to the  
matter. as regards the Galway Road Cottages,  
the



the commissioners decided to buy plot 24 also Mr. Kenny's plot and make a roadway <sup>and</sup> at back door for each house to roadway, Mr Comerford, Solicitor, said he would give a new entrance for roadway with a width of 8 feet for gateway. Messrs Cahill and O'Brien to arrange price of plot with Mr Kenny and report to the Board.

Read Letter from Mr Patrick Banavan, dated 4th Sept, informing the commissioners that he had not been allowed any remuneration for making out the amount of rate for year ended March, 1928.

order Same remuneration as last year to be allowed, £20, subject to sanction of the Minister of Local Government & Public Health.

Read Letter from Pat Mcclaire, Bellinashel, applying for one of the new houses at Galway Road

order Inform him they are for sale.

The acting clerk reported that the people complained of the trees overhanging the roads too much on Tullinadaly Road, High Street, Dublin Road and Ballygaddy Road.

order Write to the County Surveyor and ask him to attend to the matter.

on the motion of the Chairman. Seconded by Mr M. W. Cahill a resolution of sympathy was passed to Very Rev. Owen Hannon P.P. on the death of his brother Very Rev. Michael Hannon P.P. of Annaghdown.

Read Letter from the <sup>Secretary</sup> Minister of Local Government and.



and Public Health, <sup>no 53959</sup> ~~no 53959~~ dated 31<sup>st</sup> August 1928. <sup>mg</sup>  
"I am directed by the Minister of Local Government and Public Health to forward, herewith, for the information of the Tuam Town Commissioners, a copy of the Auditor's Report on his audit of the Commissioners' accounts for the three financial periods ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1928; the Report also covers the period from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1928, to 6<sup>th</sup> July, 1928, an extraordinary audit for which was held by the Minister's direction. Abstracts of the Accounts, together with the clerk's statements, in respect of each of these periods, are enclosed.

The Auditor reports that, as a result of the audit, he charged against the clerk sums amounting to £211-8-2 in respect of deficiencies in the collection of rates and rents, and that this sum was lodged to the Commissioner's credit on the day following the close of the audit. He also reports that the clerk was not in attendance at the time fixed for audit, that he did not appear during the ensuing week, that on his return he attributed his absence to loss of memory, and that, in view of his medical adviser's representations, it was necessary to proceed with the audit in his absence. It is clear from the Report that the accounts have been kept in a most unsatisfactory manner, that the clerk has not a proper conception of his duties and responsibilities and that he is quite unfitted for the position, and I am to request that the Commissioners will call a special meeting to consider the Auditor's Report and to dismiss the clerk from office and take the necessary steps for the appointment of a competent person as clerk.



clock. I am also to convey the Minister's sanction to the temporary employment of Mr James Daly as clock at a remuneration of £3 per week, as set forth in the replies to queries forwarded to this department on the 6<sup>th</sup> ultimo. The Commissioners should at the same time arrange for <sup>the services of</sup> a competent collector to collect the rates and rents for suitable commission.

The duties of the clock would involve the regular check of this latter officer's accounts and in fixing the remuneration for the office of clock due regard should be had to the cost of collection which would no longer be a personal function of the clock. The proposed terms and conditions for each office should be reported for the Minister's sanction without delay.

Order The Auditor's Report having been read it was ordered that a special meeting of the Commissioners be held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> inst for consideration of the Auditor's Report, and that a copy be sent to each Town Commissioner. That the Solicitor be instructed to take legal proceedings against Mr Edward Quinn for the recovery of £102 due by him, forthwith.

Proposed by Mr. J. H. Borcoran. Seconded by Mr. M. W. Cahill and passed unanimously:—  
"That a rate of one shilling in the pound to pay off liabilities be levied on all valuations in the Town Urban Electoral Division for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 1929.

The acting clock reported that he had collected a sum of £34 5 5 Town Rate and lodged same  
to



to credit of Revenue account. That there was a sum of £12. 7. 10 due by defaulting Ratepayers as per list submitted, and £10. 6. 3 due by persons in receipt of Home Assistance and others assisted by the Society of St. V. de Paul too poor to pay.

Order That the defaulting ratepayers be summoned forthwith. That the sum of £10. 6. 3 be declared irrecoverable as per list submitted of Poor Persons unable to pay.

Next meeting of the Town Commissioners to be held on Tuesday 18th September, 1928.

James Daly  
Acting Town Clerk.

John Burke

Chairman

Galway County Council Archive



Minutes of Proceedings of the Commissioners

at a Special Meeting held on Monday  
10th Sept, 1928.

Present: In the chair - John Burke. C.T.C.  
Other members: - P. Walsh, P. Byrne, Jas Moran,  
M.W. Cahill, P.J. Dwyer, J. H. Boreoran, Simon  
Fahy and Martin J. O'Brien.

Read Letter from the Chamber of Commerce Galway re-  
questing the Commissioners to send a delegate to  
a Meeting on Tuesday 11th inst re Gt Sth Railways  
proposal for a single line.

Order Messrs Dwyer, Boreoran, Cahill, O'Brien & Byrne  
appointed.

Read Resolution from the Town Commissioners  
of Mullingar protesting against the  
proposed single line by the Great Southern  
Railways and directing their Solicitor to  
oppose same before the Railway Tribunal  
under the provisions of Sec 13 of the Act,  
and requesting the co-operation of all  
Towns and public Bodies interested

Order The Chairman proposed that the resolution  
from Mullingar Town Commissioners  
be adopted and that copy be sent to the  
T.D.S. for the Country.  
Mr P. Byrne. Seconded.

James Daly  
Acting Town Clerk

John Burke Chairman



Minutes of Proceedings of the Tuam Town Commissioners at a Special Meeting held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Sept, 1928.

Present: In the Chair: - John Burke,  
Other members: - William Holian, Simon Fahy, Thomas Wilson, John Byrne, Patrick Walsh, Martin J. Cooney, Malachy O'Keeffe, Patrick J. Byrne, Martin J. O'Brien, James Moran and Patrick J. Dwyer.

Messrs Wm. J. Concaunon and Comerford, Solicitors were also present.

The Acting Clerk informed the Board that there were no proposals or offers received for the two new Houses erected at Galway Road.

Order Re-advertise them for sale.

The Board having proceeded to consider tenders for repairs to Artizans Dwellings, it was proposed by Mr. Cooney and Seconded by Mr. O'Keeffe - "That an Engineer be employed for an estimate of the cost of the work."

An amendment was proposed by Mr. Moran and Seconded by Mr. Holian - "That the tenders be opened and no Engineer employed but that a Committee inspect and examine the work when done."

A poll having been taken 8 members voted for the amendment and 2 against it. The amendment was accordingly declared carried. The resolution was then put to the meeting and declared lost.



The tender of Francis Holian for repairs to four Artizans Dwellings according to report of Clerk and estimate £10-11/-, the only tender received, was then considered and it was then agreed that his tender for executing repairs to four Artizans Dwellings supplying all materials for repairs to roofs etc, for the sum of £10-0-6 be accepted.

The tender of Francis Holian, Team, for building 28 ft long and 8 ft wide of wall and to provide 2 door frames and doors 6 ft by 3 feet provide all materials and labour at back yards of 2 Houses and repair 3 breaches on boundary wall 9 ft long by 3 feet high on Dublin Road for the sum of £15-10/- was considered.

Proposed by Mr Cooney & Seconded by Mr Walsh. "That the tender for Dublin Road be not accepted."

A poll having been taken 4 members voted for the resolution and 8 against it. The resolution was accordingly declared lost and it was then resolved that the tender of Mr Francis Holian for repairs to wall at Back yards and boundary wall for the sum of £15-10/- be accepted.

It was proposed by Mr O'Brien Seconded by Mr Cooney and adopted - "That the Solicitor be instructed to offer £15 for plot 24 on the Dooley estate at Galway Road."

The Deed of Memorial and Deed of Conveyance of House and premises at St. Benin's Terrace to Mr. Thomas Connelly was duly signed by the Chairman, Mr John Burke and Patrick J Byrne on behalf of the Board and witnessed by Mr. Comerford, Solicitor and James Daly, Acting Town Clerk.



The Acting Clerk submitted Deposit Receipt  
No. 94 dated 18<sup>th</sup> Sept, 1928, which he placed to  
98412  
the credit of the Town Commissioners being  
the amount of purchase money for Sale of House at  
St. Benin's Terrace lately occupied by Mrs. Quinlan.

The Commissioners having proceeded to consider  
the letter of the Minister of Local Government and  
Public Health dated 31st August 1928 P. 53,959  
together with the Auditor's report, a printed  
copy of which was sent to each Town  
Commissioner, Mr Patrick Banavan, Clerk, and  
Mr Edward Quinn, Toll Farmer.

After a lengthened discussion it was unan-  
imously agreed that the following be the duties  
of the Town Clerk to be appointed viz: And the  
terms of appointment viz: - (1) To keep all  
accounts and books in accordance with the  
regulations prescribed by the Public Bodies  
Order, 1925, as laid down by the Minister of  
Local Government and Public Health;  
(2) Attend to all correspondence, check all  
accounts of the rent and rate collector,  
prepare Rate Book and Demand notes for  
collector, prepare the arrangement of dates  
of fairs and markets for the year, and  
exercise general supervision over the  
collector and the property of the Town  
Commissioners. (3) The Clerk must have a  
knowledge of the Irish Language. (3) Age  
of Candidates must be not under 21 years  
and not over 45 years.

Duties of Rent and Rate collector.

- (1) To Collect all Rents and Rates and lodge  
same to the credit of the Town Commissioners  
Account and submit his books for ex-  
amination by the Clerk once a fortnight.
- (2) To act also as Town Surveyor and to



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to exercise general supervision over the working men employed by the Town Commissioners.

Mr Holian proposed that the salary of the clerk be £60. per annum. Mr John Byrne, Seconded it.

Mr Faby proposed that the salary be £80 per annum.

Mr James Moran seconded it.

Mr Walsh proposed that the salary be £70. per annum. Mr booney seconded it.

after some discussion on the proposals made Mr Holian withdrew his proposition with the leave of the Board. A vote was then taken as to whether the salary should be £80 or £70 per year for the clerk when the result was as follows viz: -

For £70 messrs Holian, Wilson, J Byrne, Walsh, booney, O Keefe, P Byrne, O'Brien and Dwyer (9) and for £80. messrs Faby and Moran (2)

The Chairman accordingly declared that the salary of the clerk be £70. per annum. as passed.

It was then unanimously agreed that the Commission to be allowed the Rent and Rate collector be at the rate of one Shilling in the £. on all monies lodged to the credit of the Town Commissioners at the end of the financial year.

Proposed by Mr Cooney. Seconded by Mr Walsh and adopted - that the salary for Town Surveyor be £15. per annum.

The Commissioners having proceeded to consider the auditor's report in reference to the sum of £102. due by the lessee of Tolls and customs since July, 1926, Mr W. J. Conannon, Solicitor



# AUDITOR'S REPORT.

## TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Westport, 25th July, 1928.

A Chara—I have the honour to report that I have audited the Accounts of the Tuam Town Commissioners for the years ended 31st March, 1926; 31st March, 1927; 31st March, 1928; and the period 1st April, 1928 to 6th July, 1928. I transmit, herewith, two copies of the Abstract of Accounts and Clerk's Statements for each year and for the period referred to, duly certified.

The Clerk was not in attendance at the time fixed for the opening of the audit and did not appear during the ensuing week. On his return he attributed his absence to loss of memory. As he was not then in a fit condition to render any assistance, and in view of his medical Adviser's representations, it was necessary to proceed with the audit in his absence.

The Accounts of the Commissioners were kept in a most unsatisfactory manner. Practically no preparation appears to have been made in anticipation of audit, paying orders, vouchers and relevant documents being mixed up with papers relating to the Clerk's private affairs. The Accounts were confused and inaccurate, so much so that in many particulars it was necessary completely to disregard and re-write them. The minute Book was unreliable and incomplete whilst no attempt was made at keeping a ledger. Judged by these facts and by his work generally I am forced to the conclusion that the Clerk was totally unfitted for the work and had not an adequate conception of the duties and responsibilities attaching to his office. Nor can the Commissioners be held blameless. The Clerk's inefficiency and negligence are not of recent origin, and from enquiries made I am satisfied that this fact was appreciated by the Commissioners during the last few years. From time to time dissatisfaction with the Clerk's conduct was expressed, notably when, seven or eight months ago the Finance Committee resigned and no minute was made recording the fact; and again when the Clerk failed inexcusably, to attend or even open the offices for a meeting. In these circumstances the Commissioners had the remedy in their own hands and it was their duty to apply it. Yet, beyond occasional rebukes from individual members no measures of a corrective nature were adopted.

An examination of the Rates and Rents accounts revealed deficiencies amounting to £211 8s 2d made up as follows, viz:—

Rates	... £144 18 11
Rents of Artisans Dwellings	... 61 9 9
Rents of Meat Stalls	... 4 19 6
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	£211 8 2

This amount I have charged against the Clerk.

Hereunder is a summary of the Rate A/C.	
Warrant 1926-27	... £291 4 0
Collected as per receipts	... 273 14 6
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Arrears of Warrant 1927-28	... 17 9 6
	... 305 1 2
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	322 10 8
Deduct new houses	... 3 16 5
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	318 14 3
Collected as per receipts	... 261 14 9
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Arrears at 6-7-28	... £ 56 19 6

Collected 1926-27	... £273 14 6
Collected 1927-28	... 261 14 9
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Total	535 9 3
Lodged to 31-3-27...	£158 17 3
" " 31-3-28 ...	177 15 1
" " 6-7-28 ...	53 18 0
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	390 10 4
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Deficit	£144 18 11

### Artisans Dwellings and Meat Stalls.

A comparison of the Clerk's records with receipts issued to tenants of the Artisans Dwellings during the last couple of years shows a deficit of £61 9s 9d representing monies received by the Clerk for which receipts were given but which were not credited in the general rental. Similarly in the case of the Meat Stalls where there is a deficiency of £4 19s 6d.

Attention is directed to the fact that the Clerk was also collector of Rates and Rents. This practice is to be condemned since it means in effect that the Clerk is put in the position of checking his own accounts as collector. The Commissioners would do well to take immediate steps to remedy this undesirable state of affairs.

A sum of £102 is due by the lessee of Toils and Customs arising from his failure to pay an instalment due since July, 1926. So far as my investigations show no effort has ever been made to recover this debt. In fact, so faulty has been the system of accounting that this balance has not been brought forward. No time should be lost in enforcing the payment of this amount either by the lessee himself or, if necessary, by his sureties. There is also £24 due by the tenant of the Town Hall since February last. Arrears of this nature should not be countenanced since the agreements clearly specify that instalments must be paid in advance.

Insurances stand as stated on the Abstracts. Some of these insurances are paid through the agency of one of the Commissioners; this is most undesirable and should be discontinued.

I have directed the Acting Clerk to procure printed rent books, for use in connection with the Artisans Dwellings and Meat Stalls, drafted to show (1) date; (2) initials of Collector, and (3) arrears. Printed receipts numbered and in duplicate should be used in conjunction with the rent books. The receipts in use heretofore are not satisfactory.

A sum of £8 8s 6d found in the safe in the Clerk's office has been applied towards the purchase of insurance stamps for the workmen's cards.

The Register of Mortgages has not been written up for a considerable time, this matter should be attended to.

The amount of the charge against the Clerk £211 8s 2d was lodged to the credit of the Commissioners on the day following the close of the audit.

A rate of 1/- in the £ was struck for the service of the year 1926-27 for the purpose of repaying a loan obtained for the rebuilding of the Town Hall. No rate was levied for the year 1914-15 nor for any year prior to 1925-26.

Mise le meas,

J. B. COBBAN,

Auditor.

The Secretary, Department of Local Government & Public Health, Dublin.



Solicitor, informed the Board that he <sup>194</sup>  
represented the Toll Farmer, Mr Quinn,  
The following letters were read thereon viz

17th Sept, 1928.

Tuam Town Commissioners V. Edward Quinn  
Dear Sir,

Yours of the 7th inst. addressed to Mr  
Edward Quinn of Killoghans, has been by him  
handed me for reply. In reply thereto I write  
to say that my client Mr Quinn owes us such  
sum as £102, over and above legitimate  
allowances, on foot of Tolls and Customs of  
the town of Tuam. If the Commissioners make  
him an allowance of £138 to which he is legally  
entitled there would be a balance of £36. in  
his favour. You will note from extract from  
the Auditor's report, that the balance £102 was  
not even brought forward against my client  
in the Commissioner's Books. The reason  
plainly being that the Commissioners felt  
my client's counter claim for £138 exceeded  
the amount of instalment due by him in  
respect of the Tolls and Customs. When my  
client took the Tolls and Customs it was part  
of his contract that he was to receive Tolls on  
skins, Hides and Eggs. The Commissioners, as  
you are aware, failed to fulfil their contract  
with my client in this respect. It is therefore  
expected that they shall now allow him same  
as against the instalment due and discharge  
the balance to him of £36, or, in the alternative  
that they will recoup my client the amount  
of his claim £138 by recovering this amount  
from the Skin, Hide and Egg Dealers, in which  
event, my client would be prepared to pay the  
instalment appearing due on foot of Tolls  
and



and customs. You will remember that Mr. Booney during his contract of the Tolls and customs was in a similar position to the position in which my client now finds himself, and the Commissioners compromised the matter with him in the manner in which my client seeks now to have same compromised.

Please refer this letter to the Commissioners and I am sure they will mete out to Mr. Quinn the same consideration as they were obliged to extend to Mr. Booney in a similar case.

If the Commissioners insist on their legal rights to recover the instalment of Tolls and customs appearing due by my client, he on his part, shall have no alternative but to insist on legally recovering from them the full amount of his claim £138.

yours faithfully  
Wm. J. Concanon.

H. Concanon Esqr.  
Solicitor, Tnam.

Read Letter from Mr. Henry Concanon, Board's Solicitor, enclosing above letter received from Mr. Wm. J. Concanon, and also copy of his reply to him.

copy

18<sup>th</sup> Sept 1928.

Wm. J. Concanon Esqr.

Solicitor, Tnam.

Dear Sir,  
Tnam Town Commissioners  
Edward <sup>to</sup> Quinn.

Yours of the 17<sup>th</sup> to hand which I shall of course lay before the Commissioners, I think it right to inform you that I will advise



advise the Commissioners that Mr Quinn has no legal claim against them and that he is liable for £102.

yours faithfully  
Henry Boncannon.

Order Mr Wm J. Boncannon, addressed the Board on behalf of his client, and after some discussion it was proposed by Mr W. J. O'Brien seconded by Mr P. J. Byrne and adopted - "That the legal proceedings be adjourned to next meeting for detailed particulars of claim from Mr Edward Quinn."

Read Letter from Mr. Patrick Banavan, dated 18th Sept 1928, addressed to the Chairman Town Commissioners viz:  
"I beg to let you know that I tendered my resignation as clerk to the Tuam Town Commissioners to the Minister of Local Govt and Public Health on the 6th July last. It is open to you gentlemen as Tuam Town Commissioners to consider me, in view of allowing me some remuneration for my past services to the Board for fifteen years and in due consideration I think I am entitled to your kind consideration of your Board."

Order. Resignation accepted and the following Notice of Motion was handed in viz:- Take notice that I, or some member on my behalf will move at the meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners on Tuesday, 6th November, 1928, that Mr Patrick Banavan be granted a superannuation allowance in respect of his 15 years service as Town clerk  
(Signed) Martin Booney.

next meeting to be held on 2nd October 1928.  
John Burke, Chairman  
James Daly, Acting Town Clerk.



Minutes of Proceedings of the Tuam Town Commissioners at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 1928. at 8 o'clock p.m.

Present: In the Chair: John Burke.  
Other Members: James Moran, John Byrne, John H. Borcoran, Patrick J. Dwyer, Patrick Walsh, Michael W. Cahill, Thomas Wilson, Malachy O'Keefe, Patrick J. Byrne, Simon Fahy, William Holian and Martin J. O'Brien.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Letter to Clerk  
N<sup>o</sup> 61058  
5.9.28  
From the Minister of Local Government and Public Health stating for the information of the Commissioners that on the basis of their "Housing Charge" for the financial year ended 31st March 1928, their share in the Income of the fund for the year is £24:1:7.

Order  
The Acting Clerk reported that he lodged same to the credit of their account and submitted Bank Pass Books showing same accordingly.

Letter to Clerk  
N<sup>o</sup> 42758  
25.9.28  
From the Minister of Local Government and Public Health stating that no new appointment to a permanent position is to be made unless the individual possesses an adequate knowledge of Irish. Where such a person otherwise suitably qualified for the duties of the position cannot be obtained the Gaeltacht Order fixes the limit of the period within which the employment of a person without such knowledge can be continued unless



unless in the meantime the requisite knowledge of Irish has been perfected.

The advertisements for the positions should be submitted to his Department for the Minister's sanction before issue and should in all cases specify an adequate knowledge of Irish as a requirement whether the test be by way of examination or selection as the circumstances render appropriate.

Order

Read.

Letter to  
Clerk

PH 65 601

1.10.28

From the Minister of Local Government and Public Health relative to the remission of rates on the houses occupied by Mrs Higgins and Mr Malachy O'Keefe, and stating that if grants for these houses were paid under the Housing Acts, the Commissioners may grant remission of rates in respect thereof in accordance with section 8 of the Housing Act, 1925.

Order

Approved of.

Read

Letter from Mr Wm J. Concaunon, Solicitor, dated 28th Sept, 1928, enclosing particulars of Mr Quinn's claim for consideration and hoping that same would be favourably considered viz:

Tolls on Skins and Hides - Victuallers: J. J. Cahill, P. Dempsey, F. O'connor and T. Nolan £4 per each per annum. £16 per year for 3 years from 1925 to 1928. £48.0.0

J. Hamel from Jan'y 1928 to Sept'r 1928. 9.0.0  
Patrick Hopkins, John Mooney, Patrick O'connor, John Tighe, Martin J. Hopkins, John O'connor and Joseph Mooney, £1.10/- each per annum £10.10/- per year for 3 years from 1925 to 1928. £31.10.0

St Jarlath's College, Tuam 2/6 per mth or 30/- per annum  
Presentation Convent, Tuam same. do  
£3. per year for 3 years from 1925 to 1928. — £9.0.0

RK Browne



R.K. Browne. Skin & Hide Dealer £7.10/- per annum for 3 years - £22:10:0.

Egg Buyers: Edward Conway, J. Moran, R. Kenny, M. Cahill, J. Borcoran, J. M. High, P. Madden, M. Gannon, J. Hession, P. Mitchell, at the rate of 1/- per week for 9 months from the 28th Sept 1925 to 1st July 1926. £18:0:0.

The foregoing egg buyers paid at this rate as from July 1926.

Total amount Claim £132.

Order This matter is left in the hands of our Solicitor as already ordered and we adhere to our resolution to take legal proceedings.

Read Letter from the Management Employment Exchange Galway dated 7th Sept 1928, requesting that 245 Stamps at 1/7 be affixed to the arrears cards for Mr. Braham from the period 1/1/24 to the present date.

Order Mr. Banavan, (late Town Clerk) informed the Acting Clerk that he would stamp the cards when he received cheque for preparing and collecting the Town Rate.

Read Letter from the Inspector of Taxes Galway, stating that the Assessments on the Commissioners for previous years are final and conclusive and were not appealed within 21 days from the date of the issue of notice of assessment. Consequently he had now no power to make any amendment to the original assessment.

Read Letter from Mr. H. Conranon, Board's Solicitor, dated 2nd Octr stating that the Inspector of Taxes refused to accept an appeal stating that same was



was not served in time. Having regard to this, no appeal would lie to the Circuit Judge. He suggested to put the full facts before the Revenue Commissioners and ask them to make an exception and deal direct with the matter.

Order The Acting Clerk to instruct the Solicitor  
 Read to put the case before the Revenue Commissioners.

Read Letter from the Board of Health Galway relative to resolution of protest by the Town Commissioners as regards Waterworks Committee appointment, and stating that they adhere to the arrangement already made and confirm the committee as selected at meeting on 25th July last.

Read Proposal from Mr. Comerford, Solicitor, offering the sum of £222:10/- for House N<sup>o</sup> 9 at Galway Road Tram.

Order Accepted unanimously, and that House N<sup>o</sup> 8 be re-advertised for sale, proposals to be considered on 16th October, 1928 and that Mr. Kennedy, be asked to furnish a map immediately showing the correct boundary and quantity of land for each tenant.

Read Letter from the Board's Solicitor, dated 1<sup>st</sup> Oct. 1928, enclosing Original and Counterpart Lease of Tolls and Customs Town Commissioners with Simon Quinn to be executed.

Order Lease signed by the Chairman and James Moran on behalf of the Town Commissioners and witnessed by Mr. Comerford, Solicitor, & James Daly, Acting Town Clerk.



Read Letter from the Irish B. P. boy Sta. 13 Upper O'Connell St Dublin, applying for a renewal licence under the Petroleum Act 1871 (Secs 7, 8 and 9)

Order Licence granted.

Read Letter from Mr. W. A. Shine stating that he was giving up tenancy of House No 2 Mc Hale Terrace, and he hoped the incoming tenant would recoup him for new flooring which he put down, which cost him £2. on receiving this amount he would hand up the key.

Order The Acting Clerk to apply to Mr Shine for the key, in the meantime the new tenant will be called on to pay the £2. to Mr. Shine and the letting of the House to be made on the 16th inst and duly advertised accordingly.

Read Ruling on Road Contract No 286.114A quarter ended 30th June, 1928. Amount certified for payment £16. 2-6. Amount for Crusher £21. 7. 6 and amount struck off - nil.

The Co Surveyor certified that the price for ~~72~~ 72 Drums Sprayers <sup>tons or 97.</sup> 11. 16. 2 (2365 gallons) at 83% £81. 5. 11 carriage to Tram paid £1. 4. 8 was correct.

Order Request the County Surveyor to forward Paying Order for amount due in respect of Road Contract in the name of the acting Town Clerk - Mr James Daly.

Payment was passed to J. Byrne for putting in a new Shaft and Belts in Road Sweeping brush. 15/- and to James Kelly for repairing Lat Hose 2/6.

Read Letter from Martin Burke, Mc Hale Terrace Tram applying



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applying for payment of £1. for preparing  
estimate of cost of repairs to R. Dunphy's  
house in connection with recent fire there.

Order Refer to Fire Insurance Coy for payment.

Paying Authority advice Notes were  
signed for the following accounts which  
were examined and approved of viz:

Revenue Account - £ 91. 17. 9 and  
Roads Account - £ 31. 14. 9.

Read Letter from Rev. Owen Hannan P. P. thanking  
the Commissioners for their resolution of  
sympathy with him on the death of his  
brother Rev. M. Hannan P. P.

Proposed by Mr J. H. Borcoran and passed  
unanimously - That we request the County  
Council to be so good as to have sign Caution  
Boards put up at the Shop St. Bridge, Tuam  
Tullinadaly Road near Regan's and also  
at Farrell's in consequence of a serious  
motor accident to a Civic Guard today and  
to Mr O'Brien about 12 days ago this being  
a dangerous turn for pedestrians, also to  
have the Bridge walkpointed & the pillars painted.

Next meeting of the Town Commissioners  
to be held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 1928.

James Daly  
Acting Town Clerk.

~~John Burke~~

John Burke

Chairman



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Minutes of Proceedings of the Tuam Town  
Commissioners at a special meeting held on the  
16<sup>th</sup> October, 1928.

Present: In the Chair - John Burke.

Other Members: - W<sup>m</sup> Holian, Thomas Wilson, John  
Byrne, P. J. Dwyer, M. Keefe, Simon Fahy, James  
Moran, Martin Cooney, P. J. Byrne, Martin J. O'Brien,  
Patrick Walsh and John H. Borcoran.

The acting clerk informed the Board that there were  
no proposals received for the purchase of Cottage No 8  
at Galway Road.

Order Re-advertise it for sale proposals to be considered  
at next meeting 6<sup>th</sup> November, 1928.

Read Letter from Roger Kenny, offering to sell plot No 15. to  
the Town Commissioners at the price of Forty pounds.

Order Proposed by Mr Walsh. Seconded by Mr. Moran and  
passed unanimously - "That the Town Commissioners  
purchase Plot 15 from Mr Roger Kenny for the sum  
of £40, as it is most essential to enable them to  
build ten houses at Galway Road, and that Mr  
Kenny, B & Co, be instructed to prepare plans and  
specification accordingly for the building of the  
ten houses".

The following persons applied for the letting of the  
vacant house at Mr Hale Terrace, viz: Mr O'Grady,  
Daniel Bowers, W<sup>m</sup> McGrath and John Heneghan.

Proposed by Mr Simon Fahy. Seconded by Mr Wilson -  
"That the house be let to Michael O'Grady at 5/- per week."

Proposed by Mr Walsh. Seconded by Mr Corcoran -  
"That the House be let to Daniel Bowers."

A poll having been taken 11 members voted for  
O'Grady and 2 (Messrs Walsh & Corcoran) for Bowers.

The Chairman accordingly declared the House  
be let to Michael O'Grady at 5/- per week."



Mr Walsh reported that the House vacated by William Shine was left in a bad condition and the range removed from it.

Order - The following members were appointed a Housing Committee and to inspect and report on the facts complained of viz. -  
Messrs O'Keefe, Dwyer, <sup>Patrick</sup> John Byrne, W<sup>m</sup> Holian and Patrick Walsh, the acting Clerk to accompany them and to inspect Pat Donohoe's house also.

<sup>Pat Walsh</sup>  
Mr ~~Jim~~ <sup>Pat Walsh</sup> ~~Booney~~ asked permission to exchange from Cottage at Parkmore Terrace to the vacant Cottage at McHale Terrace, Michael O'Grady agreed to this proposal and the Commissioners confirmed it. The Solicitor to be instructed to prepare agreements for each letting and also for Mrs. Brady whose husband died recently.

On the motion of Mr John Burke. Seconded by Mr M. J. O'Brien a vote of sympathy was passed to Mrs. Bonnelly of Shop Street, on the death of her husband who was for many years a respected member of the Board.

Notice to quit was signed by John Burke, Chairman and Martin J. O'Brien for service on John O'Connor for non-payment of Rent in respect of a stall at Circular Road.

Next meeting of the Commissioners to be held on Tuesday 6th November, 1928.

John Burke  
Chairman

James Dalry  
Acting Town Clerk.



Minutes of Proceedings of the Tram Town Commissioners at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday, 6th November, 1928.

Present: In the Chair - John Burke.  
 Other Members - Patrick J. Byrne, Wm Holian, John H. Borcoran, Malachy O'Keefe, Martin J. O'Brien, Patrick J. Dwyer, James Moran, Martin Booney, Michael W. Cahill, Thomas Wilson Simon Fahy, John <sup>Byrne</sup> ~~Gibbons~~, Patrick Gibbons Junr and Patrick Walsh.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

The Acting Clerk submitted Bank Pass Books and Statement of Finance which were previously examined by the Finance Committee, and Treasurers Advice Notes were signed for the following accounts viz:

Revenue account - amounting to	£ 388 : 13 : 9
Housing Scheme <i>or</i> a/c. do	£ 55 : 0 : 0
Roads Account - amounting to	£ 109 : 6 : 0

Letter to  
 Clerk  
 R73996  
 5:11:1928

From the Minister of Local Government and Public Health with reference to the Minutes of the Tram Town Commissioners on the 16<sup>th</sup> Ultimo relative to the proposal to purchase a plot of land from Mr Roger Kenny for the purpose of the Housing of the Working classes Act, and requesting that he may be furnished with a tracing showing the plot in question in relation to adjoining roadways, sewers, etc.

Order

Forward copy of the Tracing, plan and specification to the Minister of Local Govt.



Read Letter from the Co Surveyor, Mr Kennedy 13<sup>th</sup> E,

enclosing laying-out plan, plan & specification in connection with the proposed erection of ten additional cottages in the Town of Tuam.

Order The Clerk to advertise for a Contractor to erect the 10 Houses at Galway Road, Tuam, and a Contractor may tender for the lot or for the 6 at Galway Road and the 4 at Church view Road and a deposit of £5. must be enclosed with the tender and will be forfeited should the Contractor fail to sign his bond in due course. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Tenders to be considered on the 20<sup>th</sup> November, 1928, at a special meeting.

The Acting Clerk informed the Board that he had not received any applications for the purchase of Cottage No 10, but that a man called on him twice during the week offering £225. but had not put in his proposal.

Order If the Acting Clerk gets a proposal for the purchase of the House No 10 the Commissioners Authorise him to complete the sale on their behalf for £225 or at £220.

The Acting Clerk reported that he had the Rate Book for the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> of March 1929, now ready for signature & Collection.

Order Proposed by Mr Patrick J. Byrne. Seconded by Mr William Holian and adopted: - "That we the Tuam Town Commissioners beg to remind the Minister of Local Government that we are awaiting his approval of the conditions submitted to him for the appointment of Clerk, Rate Collector and Town Steward in accordance with his direction, and we



we desire to point out, that we are anxious to make those appointments as early as possible to enable us to proceed with the of the rates for the ensuing year."

The Acting Clerk reported that he had collected and lodged during the past 4 months for Rents of Artizans Dwellings £127.19.5, meat stalls £19.15.6 and Rates (arrears) £35.2.8 that he had lodged £70 to the credit of the Housing Account No 2 being balance received of Housing Grant for Cottages at Galway Road.

The Acting Clerk was directed to prepare a statement for the Revision of the Tolls and Customs and also for re-adjustment of the Income Tax Demand.

Read letter from the manager of the Unemployment Exchange Galway, requesting a reply to his letter in reference to arrears of contribution for Michael Crisham.

Order The Acting Clerk reported that the late Clerk, Mr Banavan, informed him that he would have the amount paid for the stamps.

Order Pursuant to a resolution given to each Town Commissioner, it was proposed by Mr Martin Cooney, seconded by Mr Patrick Walsh and adopted - "That Mr Patrick Banavan be granted a superannuation allowance of £30. per annum in respect of his services of 15 years as Town Clerk subject to the sanction of the Minister of Local Government and Public Health."



Read Letter from Mr McDonogh, Solicitor dated 5th November, 1928, stating that he was instructed by Mr John Garvey, Town Hall Cinema, to apply to the Town Commissioners for the sum of £18.4.6 for his loss in respect of electric current paid for by him through the faulty wiring of the premises leased to him by the Town Board. Mr Garvey does not consider the offer made to him adequate.

Order Proposed by Mr James Moran. Seconded by Mr J. H. Corcoran and passed: "That Mr Garvey be paid £12.10/- as compensation for his loss in full settlement of his claim".

The Acting Clerk was directed to write to Mr Kennedy B & with a view to improving the ventilation of the Town Hall.

on the motion of Mr Cooney the acting clerk was directed to write to the Co Surveyor to have the portion of Bishop St which he used as a depot for crushing stones steam-rolled as the damage to the road was caused by himself.

Read Letter from the Irish National Assurance Office stating that they <sup>could</sup> not pay for preparing estimate of damage to Artizans House.

Order £1. to be paid to Mr Martin Burke for preparing estimate.

The Acting Clerk was directed to advertise for a contractor for shoeing the Horse for 12 months from 20th November 1928. Tenders to be considered on 25th Nov 1928.



The following Report was read viz: - 210  
We the Housing Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Town Improvements Commissioners to inspect and report on the condition of the Commissioners Houses has inspected the Houses complained of, by one of the Commissioners, P. Walsh, that the house no. 2 McHale Terrace was stripped of the Range, the property of the Commissioners also the paper taken from off the walls etc. beg to report that this is not the case and that the tenant Mr Shine left the House in excellent order, and that the incoming tenant pay you the sum of £2 before you give him the key, the said amount to be paid to Mr Shine as compensation for new floor put in by him. otherwise the key to be kept over for the next meeting of the Commissioners, also that the sum of £1. be allowed to P. Donohoe for putting door in repair, the repairs to be inspected by Committee when done.

P. Byrne. W. Holian. J. Byrne. M. Keroffe.

Order Approved. Acting Clerk informed the Board that Mr O'Grady signed his agreement as tenant on 19<sup>th</sup> <sup>October</sup> November 1928, and paid £2 as compensation and £4. deposit Rent.

Read Letter from Mr Daniel McBay reporting that his House no 18 at McHale Terrace is in a bad state of repair owing to water coming from upper windows to lower room, portion of ceilings and front wall has fallen.

Order Refer to Housing Committee for report.

Read Letter from Mr H. M. A. Murphy requesting that the stones out side the Soldiers Houses at Bishop Street be removed as soon as possible.

Order The Acting Clerk said he would have them removed without delay.



Proposed by Mr J. H. Borcoran. Seconded by  
 Mr William Holian and passed: - That we  
 request the Minister of Agriculture and  
 Technical Instruction to establish a School  
 of Domestic Economy for girls and a  
 Technical School of Instruction for Boys for  
 the Tuam District."

Mr Garvey submitted account for boke for  
 Town Hall Heating viz. 1927 £5. 11. 2. 1/2  
 1928 £5. 11. 2. 1/4 for Heating Commissioners  
 room as agreed £2. 15. 7.

Order

Payment recommended. Adjourned

On the motion of the Chairman it was  
 unanimously agreed that a public meeting  
 be called for, on Sunday, 11th Nov, to take  
 steps to give a Fitting Reception to His  
 Grace Most Rev. Dr. Gilmartin, Arch Bishop  
 of Tuam, on his return from Australia.

Next meeting of the Town Commissioners  
 to be held on Tuesday 20th November, 1928.

James Dalry  
 Acting Town Clerk.

John Burke

Chairman



Minutes of Proceedings of the Tuam Town Commissioners at a Special meeting held on Tuesday the 20th November, 1928.

Present: In the Chair - John Burke.  
Other members: - John Byrne, William Holian, Simon Fahy, James Moran, Thomas Wilson, Malachy O'Keefe, Patrick J Dwyer, Patrick Gibbons, Martin Cooney, Michael W. Cahill, Patrick J Byrne, Patrick Walsh, John H. Borcoran and Martin J. O'Brien.

The acting clerk informed the Board that there were no offers received for the purchase of House No 10 at Galway Road and he was directed to re-advertise same, tenders to be considered at next meeting on Tuesday 4th December, 1928.

The acting clerk informed the Board that there were five tenders received for the erection of ten houses at Galway Road. On the tenders been opened it was observed that two of them had not complied with the terms of the advertisement which required that a deposit of £5. accompany the tender for the due completion of the Bond. after some discussion it was decided to adhere to their resolution and declare <sup>two</sup> the tenders informal, without considering them.

The following tenders were then considered viz

David T. Dwyer	to erect 10 houses	for	£ 2595 : 10 : 0
Michael & Francis Holian	do	do	£ 2377 : 10 : 0
James Moggan, Tuam	do	do	£ 2375 : 0 : 0

It



It was proposed by Mr O'Keeffe. Seconded <sup>213</sup> by Mr James Moran and adopted - "That the tender of Mr James Moggan being the lowest, for the erection of ten Houses at Galway Road Tram according to plan and specification, complete with Roads, Sewers, Fencing, Paths, Drainage, Excavations and Fillings for the sum of £2375 be accepted.

It was proposed by Mr Wilson and Seconded by Mr Dwyer - "That a Clerk of works be appointed to superintend the erection of the Houses."

An amendment was proposed by Mr Booney and Seconded by Mr Walsh - "That no clerk of works be appointed."

a poll having been taken 10 members voted for the amendment and 4 against it.

The amendment was accordingly declared carried.

There were two tenders received for shoeing the Horse viz: Fred Fore for 5<sup>0</sup>/<sub>7</sub>= and Matt Connolly for 4<sup>5</sup>/<sub>7</sub>=.

It was proposed by Mr O'Keeffe and Seconded by Mr P. J. Byrne and adopted - That the tender of Mr Matt Connolly of Galway Road for shoeing the Horse for 12 months from 20<sup>th</sup> of November, 1928, for the sum of £2:5<sup>0</sup>/<sub>7</sub>= be accepted, other repairs charged for when work is done.

Read Letter from the Minister of Education dated 19<sup>th</sup> Nov, 1928, N<sup>o</sup> 9941, stating that the request for a Technical Instruction School at Tram should in the first instance be directed to the County Galway Joint Technical Instruction Committee, whose Principal Officer is Mr J. Boyle B. Com. Prospect Hill Galway.

Order to write to him as directed.



Read Circular from the Minister of Local Government and Public Health. N. B. 33, stating that he

Considers it necessary that each Surveyor should immediately order from the official Contractors a sample Bahia Broom and an African Bass Broom either 15 x 5 Knot or 18 x 6 Knot whichever size is usually ordered.

The samples should be sent by the Contractors to the Trade Dept's office for comparison with the standard and stamping with the official seal.

Order

Procure sample as directed.

Read Letter from Mr Buggys, Supt. b. v. Guards Station dated 12th Nov. 1928, relative to renewal of Licence. Town Hall, Cinematograph Act, 1909, and stating that he cannot approve of such renewal until some form of exit is provided on balcony. As he already pointed out, the balcony would in case of fire be an absolute death-trap, and he suggested that a suspension ladder be placed on either side of the Hall building from balcony. He desired to point out that the licensing authority - Town Commissioners - take the onus and responsibility on themselves in granting the licence, and my duty ends in bringing the danger to the notice of the licensing authority, and I think action should be taken before an accident might occur.

Order

The Acting Clerk to issue the licence and instruct the Co Surveyor to prepare an estimate of the cost to make the balcony safe without delay.

Read application from Mr Joseph McHugh for renewal of cinematograph licence for Mall Cinema Team.

Order

Refer to Supt. Buggys for his approval.



Letter to Clerk  
N-16479  
19:11:1928

From the National Health Insurance Commissioners Dublin, stating that it appears from a report of their Inspector, Mr O'Connell, that considerable arrears of National Health and Unemployment Insurance Contributions are due for persons who have been employed by the Town Commissioners of Tuam and that the acting clerk refused to stamp the Cards and Books in arrears, and giving notice that unless the requisite cards and books are stamped within 14 days from the date of the letter instructions would be sent to the Chief State Solicitor to take such action as he may advise.

Order

The acting clerk explained that he inquired into the matter with the Inspector, Mr O'Connell, and they found that the <sup>Town</sup> Commissioners had paid for the stamping of most of the cards and books, but that the late clerk omitted to ~~send~~ <sup>forward</sup> the cards and books duly stamped, consequently he (acting clerk) could not stamp cards a second time without the order of the Tuam Town Commissioners.

The Chairman then informed the Board that the late clerk (Mr Banavan) asked him to have the matter adjourned for a fortnight when he would make good the deficiency, £78:12:1.

Letter to  
Presiding  
Clerk  
Chairman  
N-67221  
17:11:1928

From the Minister of Local Government and Public Health with reference to the entry contained in the Minutes of the Town Commissioners on the 18th Sept last, and stating that he assents to the filling of the position of Town clerk at a total inclusive salary of £70 as proposed. The office will not be pensionable as the duties will not necessarily involve whole time employment <sup>the</sup>



the commissioners should fix the usual <sup>216</sup> daily hours within which office attendance would be required. The vacancy should forthwith be reported to the Local Appointment Commissioners, 33 St Stephen's Green, Dublin, with a request that they would recommend a suitable candidate for the vacancy.

Order

Proposed by the Chairman (Mr Burke).  
Seconded by Mr P. J. Byrne and adopted -  
"That we request the Minister of Local Government and Public Health to leave the appointment of Town Clerk in the hands of the Tuam Town Commissioners."

Letter to  
Clerk

17. 11. 1928

From the Minister for Local Government and Public Health referring to the Minutes of the Tuam Town Commissioners on the 18<sup>th</sup> September last, and stating that he assents to the filling of the position of Collector of Rates and Rent at a commission of one shilling in the pound on all monies collected and lodged provided that all sums collectable are duly accounted for by the 31<sup>st</sup> March in each year. The Minister has no objection to the person appointed also discharging the duties of Town Surveyor at a salary of £15. yearly. An advertisement for the position embodying these particulars should be issued and it should also be specified that in filling the vacancy a preference will be given to applicants possessing a knowledge of Irish.

Order

That an advertisement be issued for the position of Collector of Rates and Rent and Town Surveyor as directed. Appointment to be made on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 1928.



Notice of appointment of Rates and Rent  
Collector and Town Surveyor.

The Tuam Town Commissioners will at their meeting to be held on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> December 1928, proceed to appoint a competent person to the position of collector of Rates and Rents at a commission of one shilling in the pound on all monies collected and lodged provided that all sums collectable are duly accounted for by the 31<sup>st</sup> March in each year. The person appointed Rates and Rent collector must also discharge the duties of Town Surveyor at a salary of £15. per annum. Preference will be given to applicants having a knowledge of Irish.

Applications, enclosing the names of two solvent Sureties willing to join in a bond of £700 for the due and faithful performance of the duties of the office will be received by me up to the hour of eight o'clock P.M. on the above-named day.

By Order,  
James Daly  
Acting Town Clerk.

20<sup>th</sup> Nov 1928.

Read Letter from Miss Nolan Circular Road stating that there is a dangerous hole outside the corner and step of her house which she would be glad to receive the Commissioners attention.

Order The Acting Clerk to get the road men have it repaired as soon as possible.

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Decr 1928.

John Burke

James Daly

Acting Town Clerk.



Minutes of Proceedings of the Tuam Town Commissioners at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday, the 4th December, 1928, at 8 o'clock P.M.

Present: In the Chair - John Burke.  
Other members:- John Byrne, William Holian, Patrick Gibbons Junr, Patrick Walsh, Patrick J Dwyer, Thomas Wilson, James Moran, Martin J. O'Brien, Simon Fahy, Malachy O'Keefe, Michael W. Cahill and Patrick J Byrne.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

The Acting Clerk submitted Bank Pass Books for the various <sup>accounts</sup> and statement of Finance which were previously examined by the Finance Committee and passed, and Treasurers advice notes were signed for the following accounts viz:-

Revenue account £25-1-8 and Housing Scheme account No 2. £44-10-0

Read Letter from Conway and Quinn, Solicitors, offering £210 for the purchase in fee simple, free from incumbrances of Cottage and Plot no 10 at the Galway Road Tuam.

Proposed by Mr Gibbons and Seconded by Mr John Byrne - "That the House be sold".  
an amendment was proposed by Mr Fahy and Seconded by Mr O'Keefe - "That the House be not sold.

a poll having been taken 8 members voted for selling the house at £210 and 5 against it.  
The Chairman accordingly declared the



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the amendment carried and the offer of  
messrs Borway and Quinn accepted.

The Town Commissioners having proceeded to the  
appointment of Rates and Rent collector and  
Town Surveyor as duly advertised. There  
were four applications received for the  
position viz: Timothy McHale, James Burke,  
Edward M. Cooley and Gerald J Shine all of Tuam.

It was proposed by Mr Bahill and seconded by  
Mr Moran - "That Timothy McHale be appointed."

Proposed by Mr Gibbons and seconded by Mr  
John Byrne - "That James Burke be appointed."

Proposed by Mr <sup>O'Keefe</sup> Walsh and seconded by Mr P. J.  
Byrne - "That Edward M. Cooley be appointed."

Proposed by Mr Walsh - "That Gerald J Shine be  
appointed" There was no seconder to this  
proposition and it fell through.

A poll was then taken when the voting was  
McHale 3, Burke 8 and Cooley 2.

A second poll was taken when the voting was  
for Burke - messrs John Byrne, Gibbons, Holian, Dwyer,  
Wilson, Fahy, O'Brien, <sup>P. J. Byrne</sup> and Burke (9) for McHale -  
messrs Walsh, Moran and Bahill (3). O'Keefe not voting.

The Chairman accordingly declared Mr James  
Burke duly elected Rates and Rent collector  
and Town Surveyor at the remuneration  
mentioned in the advertisement.

Proposed by Mr Dwyer. Seconded by Mr P. J. Byrne  
and adopted - "That the appointment be for 6  
months and that at the end of that period  
the appointment be brought up again."

The Chairman called attention to the fact that  
at the last meeting they omitted to put a  
time



time limit for the completion of <sup>220</sup> the ten  
New Houses at Galway Road. It was decided  
that the Houses be completed by the 1st July 1929.

The Rate Book for the Financial year ending  
31st March 1929, was laid before the Board  
and signed by the Chairman and 5 other  
Commissioners - messrs Patrick Gibbons, John Byrne,  
William Holian, Patrick Walsh and Patrick Dwyer;  
the certificate of the Clerk having been first  
duly recorded thereon.

Letter to Clerk  
N<sup>o</sup> 46353  
14.11.1928

From the Minister for Local Govt. and Public  
Health transmitting for the information of the  
Town Commissioners in regard to the increase  
of the rents of houses provided by them and let  
to tenants. The Rates on Small Dwellings Act 1928,  
does not apply to rates made by Town Commissioners  
themselves which will continue to be made on the  
Occupiers.

Order

Notices to be procured for service on the  
Commissioners tenants in due course.

Letter to Clerk  
N<sup>o</sup> 80394  
27.11.1928

From the Minister of Local Govt. & Public Health  
stating for the information of the Town Commissioners,  
that in pursuance of Sec 10 of the Adaptation of  
Leasements Act, 1922, the Governor General, Acting  
on the advice of the Executive Council, has made an  
order under Section 30 of the Housing (Ireland) Act  
1919, applying to Saorstát Éireann Section 11  
of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1903.

Order

Read.

Proposed by Mr P. J. Byrne and Seconded by Mr  
O'Keeffe - "That we request the Minister for  
Local Govt. and Public Health to reply to our  
resolution



resolution of 20<sup>th</sup> November in regard 221  
to the appointment of Clerk.

Read Letter from ~~the~~ Mr Kennedy B.E. relative to Moggan's contract for 5 houses at Galway Road and stating that he would send final certificate as soon as the period for maintenance expires. His fee was £40 as sanctioned by the Minister for Local Govt & Public Health.

Order The Acting Clerk informed the Board that he could not find the letter sanctioning the fee and it was ordered that the Minister be requested to be so kind as to forward a copy of the letter sanctioning the Engineer's fee, probably September 1927.

Read Letter from the County Surveyor Galway, dated 26<sup>th</sup> Nov, 1928, stating that he was not aware that the County Council ever used any part of Bishop St as a depot for crushing stones, and he would be thankful for more exact particulars of the damage referred to.

Order Mr O'Brien T.B. to furnish particulars.

Read Letter from Mr ~~Garvey~~<sup>J.D.</sup> Kennedy B.E. dated 26<sup>th</sup> Nov, 1928, stating that he saw Mr Garvey, the Lessee of Town Hall, and he complains of the want of ventilation over the Balcony. This can be easily rectified by cutting out for a grid in ceiling, about two feet square, in the ceiling over Balcony at an estimated cost of £5.

Order advertise for a Contractor to do the work.

The tender of Mr David T. Dwyer, Tuam, for providing 3 Escape Ladders for the Town Hall Cinema, altering Iron Exit window to open providing 14 Light Shudders 2 Blinds and 1 small step Ladder for on to stage for the sum  
of



of £22. was considered, and the acting clerk having informed the Board that the matter was very urgent, in view of the Report of the Superintendent of the Civic Guards. It was proposed by Mr Moran. Seconded by Mr Wilson and adopted - "That the tender of Mr David T. Dwyer for 3 Fire Escape Ladders 1 Step Ladder 14 Light Shutters 2 Window Blinds and making iron exit window to open full for the sum of £22 be accepted, as the matter is urgent for the Lessee and the issuing of his licence".

Order The Chairman called attention to the question of tenancy of Mr James Moloney at the Shambles. Proposed by Mr Cahill. Seconded by Mr John Byrne and adopted: - "That the House <sup>at the Shambles</sup> be let to Mr James Moloney at one shilling per week subject to the Board's Solicitor, confirming the right of the Town Commissioners to sub. let the Shambles."

Order Pursuant to notice given to each Commissioner it was proposed by Mr O'Brien. Seconded by Mr Wilson and adopted - "That the Board of Health be called upon to provide a public Lavatory in a suitable place in the Town of Tuam."

Order The Acting Clerk reported that Mr Patrick Baravan, late Town Clerk had not yet stamped the National Health Insurance and Unemployment cards for arrears as requested by the N. H. I. Commissioner and that the time allowed for same expired on 3<sup>rd</sup> instant, and he (acting clerk) requested directions thereon from the Town Commissioners that Mr Concanon, Board's Solicitor, be instructed



instructed to defend the Acting Clerk on behalf of the Town Commissioners should a prosecution be issued against him and that he be informed the Commissioners have paid for the stamping of the bonds, and inquire how far back the N. H. I. Commissioners can sue for failure to stamp bonds, and also if the late Town Clerk's sureties are liable for the amount in dispute.

The Acting Clerk reported that the axle of the mud cart got broken during the week, and as it was of special make it could not be procured in this country, and the contractor, Mr Bonnelly, said a new axle was required.

Order Referred to the Roads Committee to attend to the matter as it is very urgent to have the mud cart put in working order.

15 Loads of gravel was ordered for the old Road.

Read Letter from Supt. Buggie, Civic Guard Station Tuam dated 21st Nov, 1928, re renewal of cinematograph Licence for Mall Cinema Tuam, and pointing out that the hall is not provided with any adequate fire exits from the balcony with the result that if a fire did occur it would be an absolute death-trap for the people seated in that particular portion of the hall, consequently he regretted that he could not see his way to approve of the renewal of the Licence until some action is taken by those responsible to bring the hall up to the standard and conditions required by the Act.

Order Copy to be sent to the proprietor, Mr Joseph McHugh for his attention.

Chairman



a Bill from Mr John Garvey, for book 224  
Town Hall 1927 and 1928 amounting to  
£11.2.4 and 4s for heating of Commissioner's  
Room £2.15.7. was adjourned for enquiry by  
the Acting Clerk. a Bill for £3. for use of Town  
Hall for public meeting was also adjourned.

Read Letter from Mr W<sup>m</sup> Shine, Tuam, stating that the  
house vacated by him was left in just as good  
condition as the day he got it 14 years ago  
notwithstanding statements to the contrary.

The Acting Clerk requested the Board to let him  
know what name they desired to give the new  
terrace of Houses at Bishop Street and Galway  
Road, and it was ordered that the new Houses  
at Bishop St, be called "St Michael's Terrace"  
and at Galway Road be "St. Brigid's Terrace".

On the motion of Mr Gibbons. Seconded by Mr  
Simon Fabry it was unanimously agreed  
that the Government be called upon to  
release the political prisoners at once and  
thereby secure peace in the country.

The Housing Committee - Messrs Byrne, O'Keeffe  
Dwyer and Holian agreed to meet and inspect  
the house of Daniel McBoyle of McHale Terrace.

Read Resolution from Blackrock Urban Council  
suggesting certain principles for adoption in  
connection with the Town Tenants Commission Report  
1927 - "The Board adopted them".

Next meeting of Town Commissioners to be held on  
Tuesday 1st January, 1929.

~~P. Byrne~~  
Chairman

James Daly  
acting Town Clerk.



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Minutes of Proceedings of the Tuam Town Commissioners at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday the 8th January, 1929.

Present: In the Chair: Patrick J. Byrne; vice-chairman  
Other Members: - John Byrne, William Holian, James Moran, Patrick Walsh, M. W. Cahill, Thomas Wilson, John H. Borcoran, Martin Cooney, Malachy O'Keeffe, Patrick J. Dwyer, Simon Fahy.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

The Acting Clerk submitted Bank Pass Books for the various accounts and statement of Finance which were previously examined by the Finance Committee and passed.

The Rental Register showed that he had collected and lodged £70: 7: 6 rents of Artizans' Dwellings and £5: 17: 0 rents of Meat Stalls. Treasurer's Advice Notes were signed for the following accounts viz: - Revenue account £98: 4/- and Housing Scheme No. 2 a/c. £38: 13: 6 for repayment of loan to Bank.

Letter to  
Clerk  
No. 83293  
18.12.28

From the Minister for Local Govt. and Public Health with reference to the entry in the Minutes of the Town Commissioners on the 6th Ultimo, and stating that he is unable to consent to the award of a superannuation allowance to Mr. Banavan, late Town Clerk.

Order

The Commissioners requests the Minister for Local Government to re-consider his decision as it <sup>would</sup> enable Mr. Banavan to pay back the amount due for Unemployment Stamps.



Letter to  
Clerk

N<sup>o</sup> 86898

From the Minister for Local Government and

Public Health relative to the proposal of the Town Commissioners to grant a sum of £20. as remuneration to Mr Patrick Banavan for preparing and collecting the rate for the financial year ended 31st March, 1928, and stating that in view of all the circumstances he could not agree to the proposed payment; and in this connection, referring to the Minute of the 20th November last inquiring to know if the sum of £78:12:1 in respect of unemployment Insurance stamps has yet been made good by the late Clerk.

Order

The Acting Clerk informed the Commissioners that the sum in question for unemployment Insurance stamps has not yet been paid by the late Clerk.

Letter to  
Clerk

N<sup>o</sup> 87751

20 Decr 1928

N<sup>o</sup> 876

12.12.28

From the Minister for Local Govt and Public Health stating that he has had under consideration the replies to queries relative to the appointment of Mr James Burke as Rate collector in Tuam Town and with reference thereto, pointing out that Mr Burke does not appear to possess a sufficient knowledge of Irish to transact his duties as collector through the medium of that language.

Further, Article 96 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, provides that no person shall be deemed to be qualified to be appointed to or to hold the office of Poor Rate collector who himself or whose wife or any member of his family with whom he resides is engaged in retail trade of any kind, and the Minister considers that a similar prohibition should apply in the case of a Town Collector.

Order

The Town Commissioners beg to submit the following resolution for consideration viz.  
Proposed



Letter to  
President  
Chairman  
N. 86 298  
13:12:28

Proposed by Mr Martin booney. Seconded by  
Mr Patrick Walsh and passed unanimously:-  
"That we beg to inform the Minister for Local  
Government and Public Health that Mr Burke  
has only a very small shop consisting of some  
sweets and Cigarettes, the dealing in, of which  
would not in any way interfere with the dis-  
charge of his duties as Rate collector, and as  
the Rate Book has been signed and the Warrant  
is ready for the Collector to proceed with the  
Collection of the Town Rate, the Commissioners  
respectfully request the Minister for Local  
Government will be so kind as to sanction  
Mr Burke's appointment, so that the Rate  
may be fully collected and lodged by the  
31st March next in order that the Commissioners  
may be in a position to discharge their  
obligation to the National Bank for  
repayment of the loan of £200 to pay off  
liabilities

Letter to  
clerk  
N. 83 986  
13:12:28

From the Minister for Local Govt and Public Health  
with reference to the Minute of the Commissioners  
that the appointment of a Town Clerk be left to  
them and stating that this position being the  
chief executive office of the Town Commissioners  
is governed by the Local Authorities (Officers and  
Employees) Act, 1926, and must be filled in  
accordance with the terms thereof. He has  
no power to dispense with these requirements  
and the Commissioners should forthwith  
make the necessary application to the  
Local Appointments Commission, for the  
selection by them of a suitable person  
for the position.

Order

See order on next page.



Letter to  
Presiding  
Chairman  
N<sup>o</sup> 86898  
4.1.1929

From the Minister of Local Government and Public Health stating that a notification has been received from the Local Appointments Commission to the effect that no statutory request has yet been made by the Town Commissioners for the selection of a suitable person to fill the position of Town Clerk.

That the office is now in abeyance since the end of June last and it is accordingly now competent for the Minister to request the Local Appointments Commissioners to take the necessary action to recommend a suitable person for appointment. Before doing so however, he desires to afford the Town Commissioners a further opportunity to take the necessary steps in this regard, and accordingly requests that a formal application for the filling of the position be forthwith addressed to the Local Appointments Commissioners.

Order

The Acting Clerk to make the application as requested to the Local Appointments Commissioners to recommend a suitable person for the position. Office Hours to be from 11 o'clock A.M. to 2 o'clock P.M. each day.

Sundays and Bank Holidays excepted.

To attend monthly meetings. Special meetings and Finance meetings.

Prepare the Rate Book and Demand Notes.

Keep all Books and accounts prescribed by the Public Bodies Order 1925.

Total yearly inclusive salary £70. per annum.

Letter to  
Clerk  
N<sup>o</sup> 81961  
3.12.28

From the Minister of Local Government and Public Health relative to the application of purchasers of houses provided by the Town Commissioners under the Housing Acts, and stating that as the houses



Letter to  
Clerk  
N<sup>o</sup> 85840  
3-1-1929

houses in question have been provided under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts no remission of rates can be granted in respect of them.

Letter to  
Clerk  
N<sup>o</sup> 85840  
3-1-1929

From the Minister for Local Government and Public Health with reference to the scheme of the Town Commissioners for the erection of 10 houses at Galway Road, Twam, under the Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Acts, and stating that he has sanctioned the acceptance by the Commissioners of the tender of Mr James Moggan to carry out the work in accordance with approved plans and specification for the sum of £2,375, and returning the original tenders submitted in the matter.

Read  
11/1/29

Letter from Mr James Moggan, Contractor, requesting that the time limit for completion of 10 houses by him be extended to 31st October having regard to the site and the unfavourable weather and to the fact that his contract has not yet been signed or sanctioned.

Order

Proposed by Mr Cahill. Seconded by Mr Walsh and adopted - "That we adhere to 1st July time limit, and if, through any unforeseen circumstances the work is delayed, the Engineer is empowered to extend the time limit for completion of the contract.

Letter to  
Clerk  
N<sup>o</sup> 89025  
4-1-1929

From the Minister for Local Govt. and Public Health relative to the account submitted by Mr Kennedy B.C. in connection with the erection of 5 houses at Galway Road, and enclosing, a copy of the Department's communication of the 11th January last in the matter.

Order

Payment ordered. Mr Kennedy to settle with Mr Glynn B.C. for his fees in the matter.



Letter to  
Clerk  
No  
8/12/28

From the Minister for Local Government and Public Health stating that a Select Committee has been set up by the Dail Eireann with the following terms of reference:—"To inquire and report whether, having regard to the experience gained in the working of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926, any Amendment of that Act is desirable."

Order

Proposed by Mr. Dwyer. Seconded by Mr. Fahy and adopted:—"That we the Tuam Town Commissioners consider that any appointment that is not a whole time position, such as a clerk to Town Commissioners, such appointment be left to the Board in question and that we consider an amendment to this effect be embodied in the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926."

Letter to  
Each  
Local  
Authority  
No 84585  
7:12:28

From the Minister for Local Govt. and Public Health stating that under the Housing Act, 1928 which became law on the 30<sup>th</sup> ultimo, the normal period for the completion of houses by persons and public utility societies to qualify for State Grants under the Act has been extended to the 17<sup>th</sup> October, 1929, in all cases where the erection or reconstruction of the houses is begun not later than the 1<sup>st</sup> April 1929. The Act provides for an additional sum of £250,000 for the payment of State Grants and the amounts of the State Grants payable remain unaltered.

Order

The Commissioners would be glad to receive full particulars of all conditions, number of years repayment, etc. from the Minister of Local Government.

Letter to  
Clerk  
No 997

From the Minister of Local Govt. and Public Health referring to Secs 8, 9, and 10 of the Local Elections Act 1927 which



which provides that, in every year in which a triennial election to a Council is not held, the annual meeting of the County and urban district council, and town Commissioners, and the quarterly meeting of County and other boroughs shall be held on such day not earlier than the 23<sup>rd</sup> June nor later than 1<sup>st</sup> July as the Council shall fix.

Order

Read.

Letter to Clerk  
No 234/  
not 5.  
28/12/28.

From the Minister for Justice acknowledging receipt of resolution passed by the Town Commissioners on the 4<sup>th</sup> Ultimo, relative to the release of political prisoners.

Read.

Read

Letter from Mr H. Boncannon, Board's Solicitor stating that the case *Tiam Town Commissioners v Quinn* and another would be heard at the Galway Circuit Court on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January next, and requesting to have witnesses in attendance to prove same.

Order

The Acting Clerk, Mr Daly, to attend on behalf of the Town Commissioners

Read

Letter from Mr Wm J. Boncannon, Solicitor, again enclosing copy of Mr Quinn's claim re Tolls and Customs, and requesting to know what the Commissioners are prepared to do in the matter before he instituted legal proceedings in connection therewith.

Order

Inform him the Commissioners have taken legal proceedings against Mr R. Quinn.

Read

Letter from Mr Kennedy B.E. dated 4<sup>th</sup> Dec 1928, stating that the natural ventilation of the Town Hall is as good as it can be made.

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Read If forced ventilation is required, it would be necessary to install two electric exhaust fans.

The Acting Clerk informed the Board that there were no tenders received for a Ventilating Grid in Ceiling over Balcony in Town Hall.

Order Re-advertise, tenders to be considered on Tuesday 5th February, 1929.

Read Letter from Mr Boncannon, Board's Solicitor, enclosing three transfers for execution by the Town Commissioners, and he would hand cheque for the balance of purchase money on receiving same duly sealed.

Order The Transfers were duly sealed and signed by the Chairman and Mr Patrick J Dwyer and witnessed by Mr James Daly, Acting Town Clerk.

Read Letter from the Secretary Board of Health County of Galway, dated 27th Decr, 1928, with reference to the nuisance created by a number of itinerant Caravans on the public road at Cloontosa Road, Tuam, which would be laid before the Board of Health on 2<sup>nd</sup> Proximo, and suggesting that the Supt. of the Civic Guards in Tuam might be asked to deal with the matter.

Order The Acting Clerk informed the Board that he had written to the Superintendent in the meantime.

On the motion of Mr Fahy, the Acting Clerk was directed to write to the Board of Health and inform them that the wall of the Tuam Old Cemetery requires to be pinned and rough casted very badly as it is falling down.



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Read Letter from Mr O Boyle, relative to establishment of Technical School at Tuam, and suggesting that the first practical step would be to find out what demand exists for Technical Instruction and what premises would be available.

Read Letter from the Connacht Tribune Ltd Galway requesting to know whether they could include the Tuam Yearly Fairs in their Calendar Advertisement for the year 1929, at the figure charged last year viz: - £1-10-0

Order approved of.

The following Report was read viz: - "We the members of the Housing Committee inspected No. 18. House in Hale Terrace, Ballygaddy Road, occupied by Dan Mc Coy, and beg to report that the front wall is very damp the mortar is coming off the wall both inside & outside the full height & width of front wall, & the partition is also badly in need of repairs, also a portion of the plastered ceiling is stripped. We have come to the final conclusion that this dampness is caused by a leakage from under sills of window frames not properly bedded in oil putty or red lead and from the rain water overflowing from the eave gutters which is too small for the long distance the water has to be carried to down pipe, there is only one down pipe to every four houses. We estimate that it would cost in or about £12. to put this House in repair including materials & labour. When speaking to the occupier he agreed to get the work done at his own expense providing the Commissioners would compensate him if ever leaving the House, this the members agreed to, and later on



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on the occupier refused to undertake to do the work himself. We then decided to bring the matter before the meeting of all members of the Towns Improvement Commissioners to be decided by them the best course to adopt.

(Signed) P. J. Byrne, William Holian, John Byrne, Malachy O'Keeffe, P. J. Dwyer.

The Acting Clerk informed the Board that tenants James Smith Richard Leake, Martin Burke and John Mc Gann, complained that their houses are leaking and the sewerage defective.

order Inform Mc Boy and the other tenants that the Commissioners will do no further repairs, the Commissioners are willing to sell them the Houses.

Read Letter from Mrs Higgins, Old Road, Traam, requesting a refund of the second gale of the Town Rate

order Refund to be made.

Read Letter from Mr W<sup>m</sup> Shine requesting refund of his deposit 15/- on house no 2 Mc Hale Terrace recently vacated by him.

order Ask him to produce his deposit receipt.

The Acting Clerk read quotations for sand from Tom Quinn at 2/9 per ton and from John Dwyer at 5/- per load 2 ton lorry and he paying for the sand and delivery.

order Sand to be accepted at 2/6 per ton including delivery and paying for mineral charge of sand included.

The Acting Clerk was directed to write to General Sir B Mahon & General Hickey to have 6 more Soldiers Houses erected at Bishop Street, Traam.



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The Acting Clerk informed the Board that Mr W J Conannon, notified him that the Board of Health passed the erection of a public Lavatory at Tuam but required to know where the site was to be provided.

order Messrs O'Brien and Cahill to select the site and nothing to be done until the Board of Health write about the matter.

Proposed by Mr Cooney. Seconded by Mr Corcoran and adopted - that we, the Tuam Town Commissioners call upon the Land Commission to have the Strachan Estate Tuam sold forthwith and that the Fair Green be reserved for the Town Commissioners.

On the motion of Mr Cooney the Acting Clerk was directed to write to the proper authorities and inform them that the Tuam Town Commissioners request them to have the 6 houses built in Tuam, which Mr Lewin was required to do in accordance with his compensation award.

On the motion of Mr Holian, the Acting Clerk was directed to put on the Agenda for next meeting, that the meetings of the Town Commissioners opens with prayer in future.

Next meeting of the Town Commissioners to be held on Tuesday the 5th day of February, 1929.

James Daly  
Acting Town Clerk

John Burke

Chairman



Tram Town Commissioners 236

Minutes of Proceedings of the Tram Town Commissioners at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday, 5th day of February, 1929.

Present: In the Chair: John Burke.

Other Members: William Holian, Malachy O'Keeffe, Simon Fahy, James Moran, John Byrne, John H. Corcoran, Patrick Byrne, Patrick J. Dwyer, Thomas Wilson, Patrick Gibbons Junr. and Patrick Walsh.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Mr Holian proposed - "That in future all meetings of the Town Commissioners be opened by making the sign of Cross and Prayers. The motion was not seconded and accordingly was lost.

The Acting Clerk submitted Bank Pass Books for the various accounts showing debits and Credits as follows viz: -  
Revenue account £ 770: 19: 3 Debtor for 1928  
Loan Account £ 621: 16: 10 Debtor for 1928  
and for corresponding period this year - Revenue a/c £ 604: 4: 8 and Loan a/c £ 597: 2: 1.  
making a total Debtor Balance of £ 1201: 6: 9. and Assets due to Commissioners £ 100. Secree against Toll Farmer, and Rates to be collected £ 300. Housing Scheme No 1 a/c. to credit £ 132: 4: 2 last year £ 143: 14: 4. a sum of £ 135: 6/- was paid out of Revenue a/c to meet Repayment of Loans which will be refunded. Housing Scheme No 2 a/c. £ 1056: 7: 5 to credit, due for Sale of Houses £ 887: 15/- and



and Grant of £ 140. being 1<sup>st</sup> Instalment <sup>237</sup> on  
account of the erection of 10 New Houses at

Galway Road Tuam, making a total  
Credit of £ 2216. 1. 7 less £ 175. 7/- due to the  
building Contractor, James Moggan.

The Treasurer's advice Note was signed for  
the following payments Revenue a/c. £ 55. 9. 3  
and Roads account £ 101. 16. 2.

Letter to  
Clerk

N<sup>o</sup> 4177

19:1:29

From the minister for Local Government and Public  
Health referring to the entry in the Minutes of  
the Town Commissioners on the 8<sup>th</sup> instant  
relative to the proposed superannuation  
of Mr Patrick Banavan, late Town Clerk  
and stating that he has nothing to add  
to his letter of the 18<sup>th</sup> Ultimo on the subject.

Order

Read.

Letter to  
Clerk

N<sup>o</sup> 4176

26:1:29

From the minister for Local Government  
and Public Health referring to the extract  
from the minutes of the Town Commissioners  
on the 8<sup>th</sup> instant, relative to the amounts  
due by Mr Banavan, late Town Clerk, in  
respect of Unemployment Insurance Stamps  
for which he was responsible during his  
tenure of office, and enquiring what steps  
the Commissioners propose to take or have  
taken with a view to securing a refund of  
the amount due by Mr Banavan. ~~They~~<sup>He</sup> suggested  
that the Town Commissioners, with the object  
of avoiding the legal consequences of the  
present position, should now arrange to  
have the cards stamped; and that Mr  
Banavan's sureties should be informed  
of the position and if the money is not  
forthwith made good the Commissioners

Should



should institute civil proceedings under the bond.

Order clerk ✓ The Acting Clerk informed the Board that he wrote to the Sureties on receipt of the Minister's letter, and that on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> instant the amount due £92. 4. 5 was paid by them, and duly lodged to the credit of the Town Commissioners Roads account, a Paying Order was this day signed in favour of the Irish National Health Insurance Commissioners for the stamping of the Cards in question.

Letter to clerk ✓ N<sup>o</sup> 5938 26.11.29 From the Minister for Local Government and Public Health referring to the Acting Clerk's letter of the 23<sup>rd</sup> inst. relative to the appointment of Rate collector, and stating that he consents to the appointment of Mr Burke on the terms proposed in the replies to queries submitted; and returning one set of the replies and Declaration subscribed by Mr Burke. And stating in this connection that Mr Burke's undertaking to perfect his knowledge of Irish has been noted and in the event of its being decided to continue his employment after six months an indication as to his progress with the language should then be furnished.

Order ✓ Read.

The Acting Clerk submitted the General Warrant to Collect and Levy the Town Rate for the financial year ending 31st March 1929, by Mr James Burke Rate collector, which was duly signed by the Chairman and Messrs James Moran and William Holian, two of the Town Commissioners, and the Solicitor to have his



Bond prepared forthwith.

Letter to  
Clerk

N-13.

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11.1.29

From the Local Appointments Commissioners in regard to the vacancy for the post of Town Clerk and requesting that ~~the~~ one of the Forms N° 111. in respect of the appointment be completed and returned to them together with a copy of the Minister's letter sanctioning the filling of the vacancy.

Order

The Acting Clerk informed the Board that he had filled the form as requested.

Read

Letter from the Clerk to the Select Committee Dail Eireann dated 15<sup>th</sup> Jan'y, 1929, acknowledging the receipt of the Town Commissioners resolution on the subject of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926.

Read

Letter from the Registrar of Circuit Court Galway dated 25<sup>th</sup> January, 1929, stating that an order has been made to the effect that the houses in the case Tho. F. Lewin v. Galway County Council be erected within the Urban Council of Galway.

Order

That the attention of the Minister for Justice be called to this matter, that the Tuam Town Commissioners consider the houses should be built in the Tuam Union area by reason of the fact that the ratepayers of that area have the greater portion of the compensation to pay, and they request he will, <sup>be</sup> so good as to have the houses built in Tuam.



Read Letter from the Trustees of the Irish Land (Soldiers) Act, 1919, and stating that they regret that they are unable to build more houses in Tuam at present.

Read Letter from the Secretary Board of Health, Galway, stating that the question to have a public Latrine erected in the town of Tuam would be considered on the 6<sup>th</sup> proximo and the area of charge for the expenditure fixed.

Order The Acting Clerk informed the Board that the Engineer & Town Commissioners had selected a site in the Shambles.

Read Letter from Mr Kennedy B.E. relative to his fees £40. due to him in respect of Moggan's contract, and stating that Mr. Glynn did not enter into the matter at all.

Order Write to Mr Glynn accordingly.

Read Letter from Mrs B. Kilcoursy complaining of defects in the house she purchased from the Town Commissioners and which she made good at a cost of £10 : 3 : 1/2, and trusted the Commissioners would see that the amount is recouped to him.

Order Refer to the Engineer to see that the defects are made good by the Contractor, and ask him to come once a week to inspect the building of the 10 New Houses, and also the Housing Committee.

It was proposed by Mr Pat Walsh. Seconded by Mr Fealy and passed - "That James Moloney be charged 3<sup>d</sup> per night for hire of Shambles subject to the Solicitor's approval."

Read application from Thos Kennedy for refund of rates under Housing Acts 1925-1926. granted.

The tender of David Swyer for opening grid over Town Hall Balcony for the sum of £5. was accepted.

next meeting to be held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 1929

John Burke

James Daly  
Acting Town Clerk.



on the motion of the Chairman, Mr John Burke  
Seconded by Mr James Moran, the  
following Resolution was adopted -  
"That we, the Tuam Town Commissioners  
have heard with regret of the death of  
Miss Kathleen McDonogh, sister of our  
esteemed townsman, Mr Frederick B.  
McDonogh, and beg desire to tender him  
our sincere sympathy in his sad  
bereavement."

The Acting Clerk was directed to call the  
attention of the County Surveyor to the wall  
at the Shrouffaren Tuam, as being in a  
dangerous position, where a child was  
recently <sup>accidentally</sup> killed, and to be so good as to have  
the objectionable portion taken down.

The Acting Clerk was directed to write to the  
owners of stores in the Town to discontinue  
the practice of leaving the roadway and  
street in an untidy way, when throwing  
down Hay and Straw. In future they are  
to clean up the street and roadway.

on the motion of Mr Simon Fahy, the Acting Clerk  
was directed to call the attention of the Board of Health  
to the necessity of having the wall of the Tuam Old Cemetery  
pointed in Cement.

James Daly  
Acting Town Clerk

John Burke

Chairman



## Tram Town Commissioners

Minutes of Proceedings of the Tram Town  
Commissioners at a Special Meeting  
held on Monday night at 8 o'clock p.m.

Present: In the Chair - John Burke.

Other members: James Moran, William Holton,  
Malachy O'Keeffe, Thomas Wilson, Patrick  
Walch, Simon Faby, John Byrne, Patrick  
J. Dwyer, John H. Moran, Martin Cooney,  
Patrick Gibbons Junr.

The Chairman explained that the meeting  
was called for the purpose of protesting  
against the action of the Northern  
Government in arresting Mr. De Valera &c.

Several members having expressed their  
opinions thereon, it was proposed by Mr.  
Simon Faby, seconded by Mr. John H. Moran,  
and passed unanimously: - "That we the  
Tram Town Commissioners strongly  
protest against the action of the Northern  
Government of Ireland in imprisoning  
Mr. De Valera &c. and we demand his  
release within 48 hours otherwise we  
call upon the business people of Ireland to  
enforce the Trade Boycott against the  
Dublin merchants."

James Daly  
Acting Town Clerk

John Burke

Chairman