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The monthly meeting of the Tuam
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Minutes of Proceedings of the Tuam Town Commissioners at their meeting held on Tuesday the 5th March, 1929.

Present: In the Chair - John Burke.
Other Members:- James Moran, William Holian, Patrick Walsh, Simon Fraby, Thomas Wilson, John Byrne, Michael W. Cahill, Patrick J. Byrne, Patrick J. Dwyer, Malachy D. Keefe, John H. Corcoran and Patrick Gibbons Junr.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

The Acting Clerk submitted Financial Statement of Receipts and Expenditure Books and accounts for payments which were recommended by the Finance Committee. The Treasurer's advice note was signed for payments in respect of the following accounts viz: Revenue account £ 97 : 0 : 3. Housing Scheme A1 account £ 161 : 13 : 0. Housing Scheme A2 account £ 300 : 0 : 0 and Loan account £ 1200" for £ 820 : 6 : 9.

Letter to
Clerk

CP 386/545

25/2/29

From the Minister of Finance regarding the Order made by the Circuit Court Judge in connection with awards of compensation made under the Damage to Property (Compensation) Act 1923, in favour of Thomas F. Lewin, and stating that any

any representations which the Commissioners wished to advance in the matter should have been made to the Court in accordance with the provisions of Sec 10 of the Act. That notice of the application to the Court was served on the Galway County Council. He (the minister) is unable to take any action towards complying with the Commissioner's request. And also stating that the compensation which will fall to be payable in this matter would be paid out of the Exchequer, and will not be payable by the local ratepayers.

Order

Read.

Read

Letter from the Board of Health County Galway dated 19th February, 1929, stating that at their last meeting they adopted a proposal to have a public latrine erected in the town of Tuam on the site selected by the Tuam Town Commissioners at the market place, and the area of charge for the expenditure be Tuam Rural District; that the erection of this latrine be conditional on the Commissioners taking over same, when erected, and keeping it in proper order. Before instructing the Engineer to prepare the necessary contract documents they would like to know if the Commissioners are prepared to accept the Board's proposal.

Order

Inform the Board of Health that the Town Sergeant will look after it and see

and see that the latrine is kept in proper order.

Read Letter from Mr Ed. Quinn, Toll Farmer, calling attention to the want of a concrete shelter to be erected at the Shambles in connection with the working of the Scales for the weighing of the Potatoes, the old box being past repair. That John Costello and Thomas Sloyan and others are buying Potatoes and Oats at their stores in the market and weighing them on their premises thereby creating a market and depriving him of the Tolls, which is also an infringement of your the Commissioner's rights as Owners of the Tolls and Customs of Tuam. He requested the Commissioner to take action to put an end to this abuse which is going on for a long time; otherwise the Tolls and Customs would be worth very little in the future.

Order: That an advertisement be issued for two wooden boxes on wheels to be made for the Potato market, same as the old ones in use. That the Toll Farmer be ordered that the Potatoes are to be sold in the Potato market for next 2 months. That Messrs Costello and Sloyan be informed that the Toll Farmer is entitled to Tolls and Customs for all Produce and Stock sold and bought in the Town of Tuam, and paid to him accordingly.

Read Letter from Mr. P. Corcoran, dated 5th March, 1929, drawing attention to the fact that the Boundary wall dividing his property from the fair green at rear of P. Brennan's house is knocked down, and that Stock consequently is trespassing on his property, and he would be glad to know what action the Commissioners propose to take in the matter.

Order: The Acting Clerk to look up the Fair Green Lease and see the conditions of letting.

Read Letter from Mrs. Murphy stating that the gable wall of her meat Stall is very damp and damaging everything in her Shop.

Mr. Hopkins also complained of a leakage in his Stall and want of eave shoot to the Stalls.

Order: Refer to Housing Committee.

Read Letter from Mr. Kennedy, Co. Surveyor, re wall at Shruffallen, Tuam, and stating that the matter would have his attention.

On the motion of Mr. Corcoran, the Acting Clerk was directed to call the attention of the County Surveyor to the condition of the Ballygaddy Road footpath which is not suitable for pedestrians to walk on, and the branches of the trees require to be cut and trimmed.

Read Letter from the Great Southern Railway's Committee on National Development, Dublin, calling attention to the bad results

bad results arising from the clashing of the dates of fairs as instanced in the case of Tuam and Ballinasloe in March 1927 and the losses to all concerned.

The Acting Clerk reported that Notices to quit required to be served on Thomas Pierce, John O'bounor and Henry French for non-payment of rent.

Order. Notices to quit were signed by the Chairman, William Holian and James Moran.

Read Letter from Mr Henry Boucanon, Solicitor to the Commissioners enclosing transfer Deeds to be signed and sealed in the case of the Houses sold to Mrs Jane Hopkins, John Mission, Margaret Kelly and James Daly.

Order. The Deeds were signed by the Chairman, Mr John Burke and Mr James Moran on behalf of the Town Commissioners and duly witnessed by James Daly, Acting Clerk.

On the motion of Mr Walsh, seconded by Mr Cahill it was unanimously agreed that the waterworks meetings be held in the Town Clerk's office, the Acting Clerk or Clerk to be present to be responsible for the Commissioners papers and documents.

On the motion of Mr Simon Fahy it was ordered that the Town Sergeant be called upon to have the Bonhams put back from the

the corner of the mall to the Church gate on Market days.

Proposed by Mr John Burke (Chairman),
 Seconded by Mr William Holian and
 passed unanimously: - "That we, the
 Town Commissioners desire to
 offer our heartiest congratulations to
 His Holiness Pope Pius XI on the settlement
 of the Roman Treaty between the Vatican
 and the Italian Government which
 restores the temporal States to the Pope;
 and we pray God that ~~Your~~ Holiness
 may long reign to enjoy the happiness
 of ~~Your~~ Kingdom as Pope and King
 in Union with all other nations."

Mr Cahill proposed and it was seconded
 by Mr Holian, and passed unanimously: -
 "That we call upon the Government and
 members of the Dail to have the Civil
 Liberties Bill passed forthwith, and
 accept no further amendments of the
 whittling down of the Bill in deference
 to the wishes of free thinkers or
 Newspaper Editors."

next meeting of the Town Commissioners
 to be held on Tuesday the 2nd April 1929.

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 2nd day of April 1929.

In the Chair: John Burke, Chairman.

Other members present: - William Holian, John Byrne, Patrick Walsh, Simon Fahy, Patrick J. Dwyer, James Moran, Malachy O'Keeffe, Patrick J. Byrne, Michael W. Cahill, John H. Corcoran and Patrick Gibbons Junior.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

The Acting Clerk submitted Financial Statement of Receipts and Expenditure Books, and of accounts recommended for payment by the Finance Committee.

The Treasurer's Advice Note was signed for payments in respect of the following accounts viz: Revenue account £65: 11: 0 and Housing account 1st 2 £12: 10: 0.

The Acting Clerk reported that the Rate collector had collected and lodged the sum of £114: 11: 6 in respect of Town Rate and £58: 2: 6 for Rents of Artizans' Dwellings and £5: 11/- Rent Meat Stalls.

There were two tenders received for making and supplying 2 Ticket Boxes for the Fairs and markets. one from Thomas Byrne of

of Cloonkeely for £14. and the other from David Dwyer of Tuam for £19.

Order Proposed by Mr. Walsh. Seconded by Mr. O'Keefe and adopted - "That the tender of Thomas Byrne, Cloonkeely Tuam for making and supplying two Ticket Boxes according to specification for the sum of Fourteen pounds be accepted."

Read Letter from Mr. Henry Boncannon, Board's Solicitor, dated 19th March, 29 enclosing letter which he received from Mr. Wm. J. Boncannon, Solicitor, requesting that the Town Commissioners would be so good as to give time to Mr. Edward Quinn until the 10th May Fair, at which time he would be in a position to pay the sum of £108. 2. 0 amount due on foot of Decree for balance of Tolls + Customs.

Order Time given until 10th May, 1929, as requested.

Read Letter from Joyce Mackie & Co. Auctioneers, Galway dated 23rd March 1929, stating that they had written to Mr. Cooley warning him that unless he stops trespassing, they would put the matter in the hands of the Bank's Solicitor.

Order Inform them it is a matter for the owners of an estate.

Read Letter from the Minister of Justice dated 25th March, 1929, N^o 305 acknowledging receipt of resolution on the subject of the benorship of
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of Publications Bill, which would receive his attention.

Read Letter from Mr Kennedy, Co Surveyor, dated 20th March, 1929 acknowledging receipt of the Clerk's letter relative to Ballygaddy Road footpath, and stating that the matter is receiving his attention.

order: The Acting Clerk to call the County Surveyor's attention to the condition of Galway Road footpath.

The Acting Clerk reported that the Housing Committee inspected the meat stalls and found that the bare gables are gone and a number of slates off the roof, leakages, want of plastering and painting.

order: Proposed by Mr Dwyer. Seconded by Mr Walsh and passed unanimously: -
"That the repairs to the meat stalls and stable be carried out as recommended by the Housing Committee at an estimated cost of £12, and the Acting Clerk to prepare a specification of the work to be done and invite tenders for the execution of the work."

The Road Ganger is to be directed to have the yard at back of meat stalls cleared every day and all rubbish removed therefrom; also the tar barrels and sewer pipes.

The following letter was read viz: 11
St Jarlath's. Tuam.

21st March 1929.

Dear Mr Daly, I shall forward with great pleasure your resolution to Mr. Hogan our agent ⁱⁿ at Rome, whom I have already instructed to convey the congratulations for the whole Diocese to the Pope on the settlement of the Roman question. ~~As to~~ with best wishes & thanks.

Yours truly
+ J. P. Gilmartin

Mr James Daly,
Town Clerk Tuam.

Read Letter from the Catholic Emancipation Centenary Committee, enclosing a Card of invitation to the National celebrations at which it is hoped that the Commissioners can be represented by the chairman, or another Catholic member.

Order: Consideration adjourned to next meeting.

Read Letter from Mr Wm O'Connor requesting the Town Commissioners to provide a meat stall for him.

Order: Inform him there is no vacant meat stall.

Read Letter from Mr D. Toft requesting the use of the Shambles for his amusements.

Order: Granted at 10/- per night and he must not inconvenience the Potato market on Saturdays.

Mr. Borran called attention to the necessity of having the Fire Hose and Ladders kept in proper condition in the event of an outbreak of fire, and he suggested that steps should be taken to form a Volunteer Fire Brigade.

Orders

Proposed by Mr. Dwyer. Seconded by Mr. P. J. Byrne and adopted unanimously: -
"That a public meeting be called for this day fortnight to consider the advisability of forming a Volunteer Fire Brigade."

Read

Letter from the Irish Tourist Association requesting that provision be made for a rate for Tourist Advertising purposes.

Mr. Fahy proposed - that the Traders of the Town of Tralee be called upon to enforce the Boycott against Belfast.
Mr. Dwyer seconded the resolution and it was passed.

A bill from Mr. Wilkins for £5.15.4 repairs to Town Hall was adjourned for further enquiry.

Next meeting of the Town Commissioners to be held on Tuesday the 16th May 1929

James Daly
Acting Town Clerk.

John Burke.

Chairman

Tuan Town Commissioners

Minutes of Proceedings of the Tuan
Town Commissioners at their Monthly
meeting held on Tuesday the 7th May 1929.

Present: In the Chair: - John Burke

Other members: - Patrick Walsh, Simon
Fahy, Thomas Wilson, John H. Corcoran,
Patrick J. Byrne, John F. Byrne, Malachy
O'Keeffe, Patrick Gibbons Junr and
William Holian of Dublin.

The Minutes of last meeting were
read and signed.

The Acting Clerk submitted Financial
Statement of Receipts and Expenditure Books
and of accounts recommended for
payment by the Finance Committee.

The Treasurer's Advice Note was signed
for payments in respect of the following
accounts viz: Revenue A/c £ 154. 13. 5.
Housing A/c 11-1. £ 132. 18. 7 and Roads
account £ 49. 16. 10.

The Acting Clerk reported that the Rate
Collector had collected and lodged the
sum of £ 13. 12. 11 for Town Rate, £ 1. for
meat Stalls and £ 13. 17. 6 for rents of
Artizans dwellings. He also submitted
the General Artizans Rental Book and
meat Stalls Rental Book for inspection
by the Board.

On the motion of the chairman
the

the Acting Clerk was directed to notify the Town Sergeant that he is to attend the meetings of the Town Commissioners in future.

Proposed by Mr Simon Fahy.
 Seconded by Mr Thomas Wilson and passed unanimously: - Whereas the Irish people are the lawful owners of the soil of Ireland, and whereas the lawful owners of the soil of Ireland are being robbed by the British Viceroy and by the remnant of the British Garrison in Ireland. The levy of the yearly tribute by a so-called Irish Government is the definition of slavery. I propose that we transact no further business and adjourn this meeting as a protest against the arrest of Father Fahy. Also to show our whole-hearted sympathy with his patriotic action in his heroic and practical gesture to the enslaved and oppressed farmers of Ireland. That with deep respect we tender our congratulations to Father Fahy the worthy comrade of Father Griffin. That we forward copies of this resolution to "Honesty" and "The Nation" newspapers as Ireland is unfortunately without an Irish Daily Press.

Next meeting of the Town Commissioners to be held on 16th May, 1929.

James Dalry
 Acting Town Clerk.

Tuam Town Commissioners

An adjourned monthly meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners was held on Tuesday 14th May 1929.

Present: In the Chair - John Burke
 Other Members: Patrick Gibbons (Junior),
 Patrick Walsh, Simon Fahy, John Byrne,
 James Moran, Patrick J. Byrne and John H.
 Corcoran.

The tender of Mr David T. Dwyer of Tuam for executing repairs to the Meat Stalls for the sum of £8.5.6 was considered. If 4 1/2" gutters were used instead of 6 inch he would do the work for £7.5.6.

Proposed by Mr P. J. Byrne. Seconded by Mr Walsh and adopted - That the tender of Mr Dwyer be accepted for repairs to meat Stalls for the sum of £7.5.6. according to Specification.

Letter to
 Presiding
 Chairman
 No 13.
 29.4.29

From the Local Appointments Commissioners in compliance with the statutory request received from the Tuam Town Commissioners, and stating that they recommend Mr John Peter Whyte, Ballinastack, Ballygherin Co Galway, for appointment as Clerk to the Town Commissioners, Tuam, and giving a summary of the recommended candidate's qualifications.

Date and place of birth 12th July 1905 -

Ballinastack, Abbey, Tuam, Co Galway.

Qualifications and Experience. Good secondary education?

education; Commercial and Secretarial training in the City of Galway Technical Institute. Is a fluent native Irish Speaker.

Order Proposed by Mr John Burke (Chairman).
 Seconded by Mr James Moran and passed - Mr Patrick J. Byrne dissenting - "that the Minister for Local Government be requested to sanction the appointment of Mr James Daly as Town Clerk, in view of his experience of Local Government and Municipal work and in the interests of the town, and the general satisfaction he has given."

Letter to
 Acting
 Town
 Clerk
 192188
 22.4.29

From the Minister for Local Government and Public Health stating that he approves of the form of Bond submitted in respect of Mr James Burke as Rate collector and Town Surveyor, and returning the Bond.

Order Read.

Letter to
 Clerk
 1941895
 5.4.29

From the Minister for Local Government and Public Health forwarding, copy of an Order made by him under Section 5 of the Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Act, 1908, in respect of the financial year ended the 31st March 1929.

Order Read.

From the Minister for Local Government and Public Health forwarding a copy of the Local Elections (Amendment) Order 1929. 1927 dated the 8th day of March 1929.

Order Read.

Read Letter from the Board of Health County Galway dated 15th April 1929, relative to proposed Latrine and pointing out what they wish to know is, if the latrine is erected will the Team Town Commissioners be prepared to take over complete charge of same, maintain it in proper repair, keep it clean, etc, the Commissioners to discharge all the liabilities. They had before them a letter from the Minister of Local Government pointing out that before they can proceed to erect a latrine, it will be necessary to seek investment with Urban powers, under Sec 1 of the Public Health Act 1896.

Order - The Acting Clerk to inform the Board of Health that the Team Town Commissioners will take over complete charge of the latrine and maintain it in proper ~~order~~ repair, keep it clean, etc, and discharge all the liabilities and they suggest that 5 seats be provided in the latrine.

The Acting Clerk read suggested Byelaws to be made by the County Galway Board of Health and Public Assistance with respect to the cleansing of Footways and Pavements, the removal of House refuse, and the cleansing of outhouses, Privies, Ashpits, and cesspools, in the County Health District of Galway

Order

Approved.

Mr Walsh proposed and Mr Burke seconded and it was adopted. That the footpaths be

be kept clear of all obstructions in future and that the Town Surveyor is directed to attend to this matter."

Read Letter from His Grace the Most Rev. D. Gilmartin,
Arch Bishop of Tuam viz. - St. Jarlath's
Tuam
2nd May 1929

Dear Mr Daly.

His Eminence, Cardinal Gasparri, Papal Secretary of State has asked me to convey to the Tuam Town Commissioners, as representing the people, the grateful thanks of Our Holy Father, Pope Pius XI for their expression of congratulation on the liberty restored to His Holiness by the Lateran Treaty. As a sign of his fatherly benevolence His Holiness gladly imparts to all the clergy and laity of this diocese the Apostolic Benediction.

Read Letter from the Catholic Emancipation Centenary Committee requesting the Town Commissioners to appoint a representative for the celebrations.

Order - Proposed by Mr Moran. Seconded by Mr Fahy and adopted - "That Messrs Burke, P. J. Byrne and Corcoran be appointed on behalf of the Board."

Read Notice of application to Register a Transfer of Land by Mr. Bridget Kilcoursey from Tuam Town Commissioners. Folio 21820.

Read Letter from Mr. J. Pierce, 11th Hale Terrace, Tullamore requesting the Town Commissioners to accept instalments of Rent due by him as he expects to be in a position to be able to pay the full rent in a few months.

Order The Acting Clerk to call on him and ask him to pay £4. on account as offered to the Solicitor and 7/6 per week to clear balance. and if he agrees to this proceedings to be withdrawn for the present.

Read Letter from Mr. Willis dated 6th May 1929, reporting that there is a considerable quantity of refuse and a number of wooden obstacles at back of Town Hall Cinema which prevents escape should it become necessary and requesting that the matter be attended to.

Order The Town Surveyor to have the refuse and obstacles removed at once.

Read Letter from Mr. Simon Quinn, Toll Farmer, stating that the Weigh Bridge at the Square requires to be cleaned and the Flag taken off and the dirt removed underneath.

Order The Acting Clerk to see Joe Connolly, Smith and get an estimate of the cost of the work.

Mr. Gibbons proposed that the attention of the County Surveyor be called to the condition of the mall footpaths. Passed.

Mr. Gibbons proposed - "That a vote of sympathy be tendered to Mrs Austin Shack on the death of her husband."
 Mr. Fahy seconded and it was passed unanimously.

Read Letter from McCreath, Taylor & Co. Ltd. dated 25th April 1929 stating that they are despatching to-day 42 drums Alfex growing grade to Tuam Station for the Tuam Town Commissioners.

Order Approved.

Read Resolution passed by the Blackrock Urban Council calling on the Government to carry out the recommendations in the Interim Report of the Town Tenants Commission 1927.

Order Proposed by Mr. Conroy. Seconded by Mr. Walsh and passed - "That the resolution be adopted."

On the motion of the Chairman the Acting Clerk was directed to write to the Library Committee to call a meeting with reference to making arrangements to meet a deputation of the Town Commissioners to have the Room open to the Public - the Chairman, Messrs Walsh & Moran appointed to meet them.

Next meeting of the Town Commissioners to be held on Tuesday the 4th June 1929.

James Dalry
Acting Town Clerk.
John Burke Esq.
Chairman

Tuam Town Commissioner. 21

The monthly meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners was held on Tuesday the 5th June 1929.

Present: In the Chair - John Burke.

Other Members: - John H. Borcoran, Patrick Byrne, John Byrne, William Holian, Patrick J. Dwyer, James Moran, Simon Fahy, Michael W. Cahill, Martin Cooney, Thomas Wilson, Patrick Walsh, Thomas Wilson and Patrick Gibbons Junr.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Letter to
Presiding
Chairman
N. 36785

28.5.29

From the Minister for Local Government and Public Health with reference to the Resolution of the Town Commissioners on the 14th instant requesting sanction to the appointment of Mr James Saly as Town Clerk, and stating that he has no power to dispense with the requirements of Sec 6(4) of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926, which imposes a definite obligation on the Town Commissioners to appoint the person recommended by the Local Appointments Commissioners to the position in question. In view of the length of time for which the position has been in abeyance there should be no further delay in the appointment of Mr Whyte and a special meeting of the Commissioners should be ~~held~~ ^{convened}.

Convened

convened for the purpose.

Order Proposed by Mr. Patrick Byrne. Seconded by Mr. Patrick Walsh and adopted -
 "That Mr. John Peter Whyte be appointed Town Clerk to the Team Town Commissioners as recommended by the Local Appointments Commissioners, and that he take up duty without delay and submit the names of his Sureties for approval of the Town Commissioners."

Read Certificate No 2 for £350 in favour of Contractor James Woggan on account of Contract for 10 houses at Galway Road.

Order Payment ordered.

Read Letter from the Treasurer, National Bank Ltd requesting payment of £13. 5. 6 for costs preparing deed of mortgage for loans £665 and £1200 in respect of Town Rate by their Solicitor.

Order The Acting Clerk informed the Board that the late Clerk omitted to submit the account and it was ordered that payment be made and the Minister of Local Government to be requested to sanction payment.

The Acting Clerk submitted Financial Statement of Receipt and Expenditure Books for the month of May and of accounts recommended for payment by the Financial Committee.

The Treasurer's Advice Note was signed for payments in respect of the following accounts

Accounts viz: Revenue Account: £46.4.0.
 Housing Account No 1: £7.10/- and Housing
 Account No 2: £350.

Read Letter from Mr. Concanon, Solicitor, stating
 that the case of Pierce stands adjourned to
 next court on 21st inst. He has not kept his
 promise or made any payment of rent.
 In the case of Maloney, he communicated
 with him and he is agreeable to sign any
 document the Commissioners require.
 His opinion is that a caretaker's agreement
 should be prepared.

Order. The Acting Clerk informed the Board that
 Mr. Pierce paid £12.6 rent to the collector
 and promised to pay £4 to the Solicitor on
 7th instant, and it was ordered that the
 legal proceedings be withdrawn accordingly
 that the Solicitor be instructed to prepare
 an agreement for James Maloney letting
 the house in Shambles at three pence per night
 on fire as uses.

Read Letter from the County Surveyor dated the 24th
 May 1929, re footpath at the Mall, and
 stating that the work must be carried
 out by the Town Commissioners as they
 are the Contractors. He cannot do any
 work of re-laying or repairing footpaths
 unless same is provided for in the
 Annual Road works Scheme.

On the motion of Mr. Cooney the Acting
 Clerk was directed to call the attention
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of the County Surveyor to the advantage of widening the corner at Ballygaddy Road between Crosbie's house and Blooman, now that he is Steam Rolling the road. Also to call his attention to have the road outside Munster and Leinster Bank rolled now that the building is complete.

Mr. Byrne called attention to a portion of the Galway Road outside the new Cottages which he suggested should be levelled down.

On the motion of Mr. Cooney, Seconded by Mr. Dwyer - the acting Clerk was directed to call upon the Galway County Council to provide a pound in the Town of Traam as a number of itinerants allowing their Horses and Donkeys to trespass on the ratepayer's gardens on Bloontooa and Galway Road, and also that the Civic Guards be requested not to allow them to squat on the Square of Traam.

Notice from the Minister for Local Govt. and Public Health dated 15th May 1929 that he has made a payment of Sixty pounds, 1st instalment to Jane Weggan of Tullinadaly Road Traam.

Order

Read.

Read

Notification of Completion of First Registration of the Title To Lands Townparks (2nd Division) Town of Traam County Galway. Folio 23284. dated 22nd May 1929.

Read Letter from Sergt. P. Noonan, Galway, Inspector Weights and measures reporting that on his inspection of the Shambles weigh Bridge he found that on a load of 1 Standard Ton being weighed it was 21 lbs out.

Order: The Acting Clerk reported that he had the Scales adjusted by the makers, Messrs Newman, whose Fitter was working in the District and the Scales at the Square cleared of all dirt and adjusted as requested by the Inspector of the Department of Agriculture, and the Board approved of his action in the matter.

Read Letter from the Board of Health County Galway dated 31st May 1929, stating that they had noted the letter of the Town Commissioners to take over complete charge of the proposed public latrine and maintain it in proper repair, etc, and discharge all liabilities, should the Board of Health erect same, and endorsing the plan, specification and estimate for inspection and approval of the Town Commissioners.

Order: The Acting Clerk to inform the Board of Health that the Commissioners approve of the documents submitted.

Read Letter from the Catholic Emancipation Centenary Committee noting that the Chairman, vice-chairman and Mr Conoran would represent the Town Commissioners at the Catholic Centenary celebrations.

Read Letter from the Linc Sth Railways dated 23rd May, 1929, requesting a refund of the Town Rate 1928/29 in accordance with the reduced Valuations made by the Commissioners of Valuation.

Order: The Acting Clerk to make out the amount to be refunded for next meeting of the Commissioners.

Read Letter from Mr. Kelly of Galway Road, applying for one of the new Houses now being built at Galway Road.

Order: The houses are not yet completed and may be put up for sale in due course.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Mr. P. J. Dwyer and accepted viz -

Take notice that I, or some member on my behalf will move at the next monthly meeting of the Town Commissioners that the letting of the room in the Town Hall to the Library Committee be cancelled, unless the conditions of letting are altered so that representative bodies of the people shall have the use of the room for meetings.

The Acting Clerk reported that on the 29th May, 1929, at about 8.45 p.m. a fire broke out in the Operating Box of the Cinema causing damage to the Town Hall and Furniture. He employed Mr. David J. Dwyer to make out an estimate of the damage due to the fire, which he submitted to

to the Assessor of the Royal Insurance Company who examined the damage done. He considered Mr Dwyer's estimate of £157. 10. 6 excessive and offered £126 in full settlement.

The Commissioners having ordered that the Engineer, Mr Kennedy, be called upon to examine the damage done and report to them thereon, the acting Clerk phoned Mr Kennedy to come to Town accordingly who made the following report viz: Town Hall Team
The acting Secretary
Dear Sir

I have examined the Town Hall this day and I have investigated the damage due to the recent fire. I agree with Mr Dwyer's estimate furnished except two items.

(1) The 106 sq. yds of plaster on ceiling is damaged and will require renewal. Also one cast centre piece must be supplied and erected.

106 sq yds @ 6/-	31. 16. 0
1 cast plaster centrepiece	2. 10. 0
	<u>34. 6. 0</u>

(2) The Cinema Box cannot be made right for a less figure than £25. 0. 0

My estimate for the complete restoration is therefore £170. 15. 0

yours faithfully
(Signed) M. J. Kennedy

Draw: Copy to be forwarded to the Royal Insurance Coy Ltd for their immediate attention.

The following Report was read viz:
4th June 1929

To the Chairman and Gentlemen of the Tuam
Town Commissioners.

Gentlemen,

In accordance with instructions from Mr O'Keefe, Local Govt. Auditor, I sent out notices to the ratepayers whose names appear in the Books as in default, and also examined the tenants books of the Artisans' dwellings and beg to report the following results viz:-

Rate No 51:	5/-	paid 2 months ago,	no receipt issued.
" 52:	5/-	" 2	" " "
" 47:	5/-	" 1	" " "
" 236:	5/-	" 2	" " "
" 242:	5/-	" 2	" " "
" 257:	23/-	" 2	" " "
" 258:	10/-	" 1	" " "
" 272:	30/-	" 2	" " "
" 636:	8 1/6	" 1	" " "
" 662:	15/-	" 2	" " "

The receipts were only handed to the above ratepayers today, but the amount collected was not lodged to the credit of the account of the Town Commissioners until today. The sum of £4:1:6 is still in the hands of the collector.

The following amounts were paid by tenants of Artisans' Dwellings but no receipts were issued to them - Denis Creedon 14/9. This one is 7/6 and John Reidy 11/3. These sums have not yet been lodged to the credit of the account of the Town Commissioners. There is also a sum of £4:7:6 in the hands of the collector for

for Rents collected by him. I have not yet completed full enquiries of Rates and Rents.

yours faithfully
James Dalry
Acting Town Clerk.

Order. The Report having been considered and Mr. Burke not having explained the matter satisfactorily. The Board decided that the meeting stands adjourned until tomorrow evening 5th instant up to 8 o'clock p.m. and that the Acting Clerk send a copy of his report to the Sureties and request them to attend the Commissioners Meeting to consider what steps they would take to complete the collection of the Town Rate and Rents.

On Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock p.m. the Commissioners, who were present at the previous meeting attended, and took up the discussion of the Acting Clerk's Report and having called upon his Surety, Mr. Heskin for his remarks on the collection of the rate. Mr. Heskin said he had received a copy of the Acting Clerk's report and he suggested to the collector to resign his position as he would not accept any further responsibility for him.

The Board then asked Mr. Burke for an explanation as to the charges made against him by the Clerk's disclosures. Mr. Burke said he was sorry for his action. The Board then called upon him

him to resign his office but Mr Burke refused to do so.

Proposed by Mr John Corcoran. Seconded by Mr John Burke (Chairman) and passed unanimously: - "That Mr James Burke be suspended as Rates and Rent collector and Town Surveyor of the Town Town Commissioners from this day, 5th June 1929".

Proposed by Mr Corcoran. Seconded by Mr Moran and passed unanimously - "That Mr James Daly be appointed temporary Rates and Rent collector to close up the Rates and Rent collection, and also be appointed temporary Town Surveyor."

The Acting was directed to request the County Surveyor, Mr Kennedy, to prepare a specification and estimate of the cost of the repairing the damage done to the Town Hall, so that an advertisement could be issued for the works.

Next meeting of the Town Commissioners to be held on Tuesday the 2nd day of July, 1929.

James Daly
Acting Town Clerk

2/7/29

Tuam Town Commissioners

A special meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners was held on Monday 17th June, 1929.

Present: In the chair, Mr. John Burke. Other members: Patrick Walsh, P. Byrne, J. Byrne, James Moran, J. A. Corcoran, P. J. Dwyer, Mr. W. Cahill and P. Gibbons.

The Commissioners were asked by a Mrs Larkin for one of the new houses in course of construction at the Galway Road. A letter was read from Father Peter Kelly, Adm. stating the plight of the Larkin family. After some discussion it was decided to make a collection for the repairs to the house and P. J. Dwyer, P. Byrne and P. Gibbons were appointed to do so.

The Clerk was directed to ask the approval of the local Govt. Board for the Commissioners to appoint a Rent and Rate Collector temporary as Mr. James Daly who had been acting Collector has ceased to have any function in connection with the Town Commissioners since 17th June, 1929.

John P. Whyte
Town Clerk.

Tuam Town Commissioners.

The Tuam Town Commissioners held a special meeting on Tuesday, 25th June 1919.

Present: In the chair: Mr. John Burke
Others present: Messrs. P. G. Byrne, P. Walsh
P. Gibbons, junr. J. H. Concoran, J. Wilson
M. W. Cahill, John Byrne, W. Holman &
J. Moran.

A letter was read from the Local Government department confirming the action of the Town Commissioners in suspending Mr. James Burke Rent and Rate collector and Town Surveyor, and stating that no remuneration is to be paid to him in respect of the period of his suspension. The letter further stated that the minister was willing to sanction the appointment of Rent and Rate Collector & Town Surveyor after the issue of a suitable advertisement which should inter alia stipulate an adequate knowledge of Irish.
Mr. James Moran proposed, and Mr. Thos. Wilson seconded, that the Town Clerk (Mr. J. P. Whyte) be appointed pro tem Rent and Rate collector and Town Surveyor.

An increase of £10 on the original sum of £15 (making a salary of £25 p.a.) was allowed to the Town Surveyor his duties extended as caretaker of the Town Hall.

A claim for damage to his car, caused by the Commissioners cart on 15th May last, was received from H. F. Lynch Esq, Kilsconly. The amount of the claim £9.15.0 was the estimate of Messrs. Malley Bros. Garage, proprietors, Dunmore. The following letter was received from Mr. Conannon, the Boards solicitor.

With reference to your call on me with claim received from H. F. Lynch, and also statement from the Commissioners driver. I am of opinion that having regard to the fact that Mr. Lynch's car was stationary at the time the accident occurred that the Commissioners are liable for any damage done.

It was decided that Messrs P. J. Byrne, M. W. Cahill and J. H. Donohoe see Mr. Lynch and arrange the matter with him.

The clerk asked the Board to attend Road cheques - are to be made payable (The County Surveyor made the enquiry) and was informed that they were to be made payable to John P. Whyte, Town Clerk. The Board approved of an order for a waggon of "cold fix" for the Roads.

P. J. Byrne

2/17/29

Tuam Town Commissioners

The Tuam Town Commissioners held their annual meeting on Saturday June 29, 1929.

Present — John Burke, W^m Holian, P. J. Dwyer, John Byrne, P. Walsh, James Moran, P. Gibbons, Martin Cooney, J. H. Corcoran, P. J. Byrne.

The clerk read the notice convening the meeting for the election of chairman and vice chairman.

Proposed by W^m J. H. Corcoran, and seconded by W^m William Holian, that Mr. P. J. Byrne be elected Chairman of the Town Commissioners. There ^{were} no further proposals and Mr. P. J. Byrne was declared elected, took the chair, and presided at the meeting.

Mr. Byrne thanked the board for electing him chairman.

Mr. W^m Holian proposed and Mr. John Byrne seconded that Mr. P. J. Dwyer be elected ~~the~~ vice-chairman. He was accordingly declared elected vice chairman of the Tuam Town Commissioners. He also thanked the board for his election and said he was sure Mr. Byrne would be a worthy chairman.

The Chairman (Mr. P. J. Byrne) and
the

Juan Town Commissioners

The Juan Town Commissioners held their monthly meeting on Tuesday 2nd July 1929.

Present: In the chair, Mr. Patrick Byrne
 Other members present: P. Gibbons, J. Byrnes,
 H. O'Connell, M. Moran, P. Walsh, J. Byrnes,
 Thomas Wilson, P. Gibbons, J. M. O'Keefe,
 John Burke, J. H. Corcoran

The minutes of the last monthly meeting together with the minutes of two intervening special meetings were read and signed.

Read Certificate no. 7 in favour of Contractor James Moggon on account of contract for cottages on the Galway Road.

Payment ordered.

Read Letter from the Treasurer, National Bank requesting payment of £100 principal and £21-3-10 interest due as per Town Hall account up to June 30, 1929.

Payment ordered for £100 — and leave over interest so that Mr Byrne and Mr Corcoran could see the Treasurer and find out what was standard rate of interest charged.

Read Letter from the Treasurer, Natl. Bank requesting payment of £38-13-6 instalment

instalment including principal and interest one as per loan 1/1 up to June 30th 1929.

Payment Ordered.

The Treasurer's advice Note was signed in respect of the following accounts viz: Revenue of £14-15-11, Roads of £1-6-6, Loan of £38-13-6, Housing Scheme No 1 £100, Housing Scheme No 2 £525-0-0.

The Clerk submitted Financial Receipts and expenditure upto the 30th June 1929.

The auditor's Report and Statement of accounts was then read. The report showed that there were £127-15-4, Town rates uncollected on May 28th and the collection should have been closed on March 31st of the present year. The amount of rent due by tenants of artisans dwellings had increased from £50-13-7 on March 31st to £53-14-7 on May 28th and the collection auditor noted is most unsatisfactory since the present collector took up office. There was no comment on the report.

The notice of motion of Mr P J Dwyer T.C. was considered and it was decided that the letting of the library room be reconsidered owing to the refusal of the Committee to give the room for political meetings.

It was decided that on the proposition of Mr J. Burke recorded.

by Mr. J. Wilson to direct the clerk not to accept rent from Liberty Committee until the question of letting was reconsidered.

Read Letter from Fire Loss Assessor, Dublin, requesting confirmation of an arrangement with the County Surveyor, Mr. Kennedy for the figure of £134.9.0 in full settlement of all claims arising ^{out} of the fire at Town Hall.

Confirmed

Read Letter from the manager, National Bank Swan, requesting paying order for £100 principal and £21.3.11 interest due as per ~~County~~ ^{County} Hall account

Read Letter from Mr. J. Kennedy Esq., County Surveyor enclosing certificate for £525 in favour of Contractor James Meggan and requesting payment of his fees at the rate of 5% amounting to £73.15.0

The clerk informed the Board that Thos. Pierce of Mr. Mac Donnell had his rents accrued to £12.8.9 up to June 29 1919 and Jos. Cooney of St. Benets Terrace owed £10.0.0 up to the same date.

Yours faithfully
John P. Wylie
Town Clerk

P. B. Wylie
6/18/19

The next monthly meeting of
the Tuam Town Commissioners
will be held on Tuesday, August
6th, 1939 at 8 p.m.

Yours faithfully,

John P. Whyte,

Town Clerk.

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Chairman

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Tuam Town Commissioners

The Tuam Town Commissioners held a special meeting on Tuesday 9th July, 1929.

Present: In the chair; Mr P. J. Byrne
 other members; Messrs P. J. Dwyer, M. H. Han, J. Byrne, James Moran, Simon Fahy, Thos. Wilson, M. J. Brien, P. Giltens, M. Keefe, M. Cooney, J. H. Carrigan, P. O'Connell and Jas. Burke.

Applications for the position of Post and Rate collector (and) town surveyor and town hall caretaker, were received from the following:

Mr John Grades Bishop St. Tuam	Mr. Anthony Griffin Kilfin Rd. Duh Tuam.
Mr. M. J. Clancy Summer, Tuam.	and Mr. B. J. Donnell St. Michael's Terrace, Tuam.

Mr John Byrne proposed and Mr P. J. Dwyer seconded that Mr A. Griffin be appointed.
 Mr Simon Fahy proposed and Mr M. H. Han seconded that Mr J. Grades be appointed.
 Mr P. Walsh proposed and Mr M. Keefe seconded that Mr B. J. Donnell be appointed.
 As Mr Clancy was not proposed his name was struck out and a poll was taken for the remaining three applicants.
 For Mr Griffin there voted: Messrs P. J. Dwyer, John Byrne, P. Giltens, J. Burke and M. J. Brien
 — 5 (five)

for Mr. Gaddis. The vote was 7 in favour of
 Messrs. S. Talty, J. J. McCarthy and P. J. Byrne - 5 in
 favour of Mr. Donnell. The vote was 7 in favour of
 Messrs. J. Wilson, M. Sheffe, M. Cooney and Patrick Walsh (4) in
 favour of Mr. Donnell. The vote was then taken
 a further poll was taken between Messrs. R.
 Griffin and J. Tiddle.

The result was a division.
 For Mr. Griffin: Messrs. P. J. Lurye, Jno. Byrne,
 M. J. O'Brien, P. Gibbons, M. Sheffe, M.
 Cooney and John Burke 7 (Seven), and
 for Mr. Gaddis: Messrs. W. Holian, J. J. McCarthy,
 Simon Talty, Thos. Wilson, J. J. McCarthy,
 P. Walsh and the Chairman (Mr. P. J. Byrne)
 - 7 (Seven).

The members asked Mr. P. Byrne to
 give his casting vote, but Mr. Byrne said
 he thought it was not fair in the
 circumstances and suggested that the
 names of those two candidates be forwarded
 to the Local Government Department
 for consideration and this was
 unanimously agreed to.

Tenders for repairs to Town (Hall)
 Hall were received from Mr. Edward J.
 Lurye and Mr. William Burke, both of
 Lanes.

Mr. Lurye's tender was for £92-17-6
 and Mr. Burke's was for £115-0-0

Mr. W. Holian proposed and
 Mr. John Byrne seconded that Mr. Lurye
 tender

tender be accepted.

The motion approved.

read A letter was read from Mr. Thos. Pierce of McHale Terrace, Dublin, stating that some short time ago he was instructed by the Council to lodge with the board's solicitor an account of rent due by him and that he lodged the amount of £10, that it had been refunded to him as the solicitor stated he had received instructions to accept any such sum and that he would be thankful if instructions were given to the solicitor to accept payment as he (Mr. Pierce) was anxious to have the amount refunded.

agreed Mr. Holohan proposed and Mr. P. Walsh seconded that instructions be given to Mr. Conannon, the board's solicitor, to accept payment from Mr. Pierce.

approved The chairman suggested that members of the Housing Committee with the Clerk, go to inspect the cottages on the Galloway Rd. and take over the keys from the contractor Mr. James Moggan.

agreed. Mr. J. H. Corcoran proposed and Mr. Mr. Conroy seconded that the six houses, certified ~~to~~ as completed be advertised for sale.

The meeting then adjourned until the following evening, (11/7/29) at 8 p.m.

Yours faithfully
John P. White.
Town Clerk.

Chairman P. B. Jones
6/8/29

The following members of the

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The Inam Tann Commission held
 a special meeting on Friday, July 19,
 1929, at 8.30 p.m.

The Chairman reported that the
 Present: In the Chair: Mr. Patrick J. Byrne
 & other Members: Messrs. Simon Fahy,
 John Byrne, Pat Walsh, M. W. Cahill,
 James Moran, P. J. Dwyer, M. J. & Brian
 P. Gibbons, Thos. Wilson, Martin
 Crowley, John Burke, and suggested

Read The clerk read the notice concerning
 the meeting of the 19th July.

Read A letter was read from the Minister
 for Local Government, stating that
 the appointment of a suitable collector is a matter for
 the Inam Tann Commission's subject
 to the sanction of the Minister to the
 person selected. The letter further
 stated that the Minister's functions are
 limited to appointing or dismissing
 the person selected by the local
 authority, provided that due regard is
 given to the provisions of the Local
 Officers and Employments (Public)
 Order, 1928, and if the Commission
 are not satisfied as to the knowledge
 of

If Irish possessed by the present candidates they should again endeavour to secure a suitably qualified Irish speaker for the position.

The chairman remarked that there was no use proceeding with the appointment unless, ^{either of} the two candidates whose names had been forwarded to the Local Government Department possessed a sufficient knowledge of Irish so as to fulfill the requirements of the Local Government Ministry and suggested that the two candidates be called to the meeting.

M^r Antony Griffin, one of the candidates then presented himself before the Board and satisfied the members that his knowledge of Irish was almost regardless. The other candidate did not attend the meeting as requested.

M^r Cooney proposed and M^r Walsh seconded that M^r O'Donnell (who had been a candidate but was not supported at the election for the appointment at the last meeting) be called in.

The Chairman ^{thought} ~~might be~~ M^r Cooney's proposition ^{might be} out of order, and suggested that the position be again advertised so as to endeavour to secure the services of a qualified Irish speaker (for the position).

Passed

M^r John Burke proposed and M^r S^r Fahy

Fahy seconded that the position be again advertised.

The ~~Irish Language Commission~~
 A poll was then taken, and resulted as follows:
 August 6, 1929.

For Mr. Burke's motion Messrs Simon Fahy
 John Byrne, James Moran, P. J. Sawyer,
 Patrick Gibbons John Burke and the Chairman
 — seven (7).

Against Messrs P. Walsh, M. W. Cahill
 W. J.'Brien Thos Wilson and
 Martin Corney — five (5).

Mr. Burke's motion was declared
 carried.

agreed

The Chairman said that prior to the
 meeting to be held for appointing a person
 to the position the candidates should be
 tested as to their speaking knowledge of
 Irish. This was agreed to, and the following
~~with~~ were appointed to examine the
 candidates in the language Messrs Patrick
 Walsh, James Moran ~~and~~ Simon Fahy
 and the Clerk. The result to be
 reported at the meeting held for the
 appointment.

The meeting concluded.

Yours faithfully,
 John P. Whyte.
 Town Clerk.

~~P. J. Moran~~ Chairman.

6/8/29

Tuam Town Commissioners

The Tuam Town Commissioners held their monthly meeting on Tuesday August 6, 1929.

Present: In the chair, Mr. Patrick J. Byrne.
 Other members: Messrs Wm. Holian, James Moran, John Byrne, Simon Fahy, J. Dwyer, John Burke, John H. Corcoran, Patrick Walsh, Mr. W. Cahill, Patrick Gibbons, Thos. Wilson, Mal. O'Keeffe and Martin Cooney.

The minutes of the last monthly meeting and two Special meetings were read and signed.

The Treasurers advice Notes were signed in respect of the following accounts viz.

Roads a/c	£ 5 = 7 = 10
Revenue a/c	145 = 18 = 6
Housing Schemes a/c No. 1	7 = 10 = 0.

Bank Pass Books were submitted and showed the amounts debited or credited as follows, viz.:

Housing a/c No. 1	£ 98 = 6 = 2	98 = 6 = 2
Housing a/c No. 2	431 = 7 = 6	
Revenue a/c	698 = 8 = 0	
Roads a/c	32 = 19 = 3	32 = 19 = 3
Town Hall a/c		741 = 10 = 7
Loan a/c		546 = 8 = 0

Two applications were received for the position of Rent and Rate Collector, Lown Surveyor, and Town Hall Caretaker. They were from Mr. John Hession, Galway Rd. Luam. and Mr. B. O'Donnell, S. Michael's, Linnac Luam.

Both candidates were present at the meeting, and satisfied the board that they were fluent native Irish speakers.

Mr. James Moran proposed, and Mr. John Byrne seconded, that - Mr. John Hession be appointed."

Mr. Patk. Walsh proposed and Mr. Thos. Wilson seconded "that Mr. Bernard O'Donnell be appointed"

On a poll there voted for Mr. Hession: Messrs Mr. Nolan, James Moran, John Byrne, Simon Fahy, P. J. Dwyer, John Burke and the Chairman - 7
 For Mr. O'Donnell there voted:

Messrs J. H. Corcoran P. Walsh, Mr. W. Cahill, P. Gibbons Mr. O'Keefe, ^{Thos. Wilson} and Mr. Leoney - 7.

The board asked (Mr. Byrne) the Chairman to give his casting vote; and he voted for Mr. John Hession.

Mr. Hession was declared appointed.

Tenders for the purchase of the newly-built cottages on the Galway Rd. were received from the following, viz.

Read Mr. James Cogan Team offered £210=0=0 for plot
 " Mr. Thos. P. M. Donogh do. " 210=0=0 3.
 " Mr. Richard Coddle do. " (for Mr. P. M. Donogh) 210=0=0 2.
 " Mr. John Hession do. " 312=10=0 6
 " Mr. Regan do. " 210=0=0 3

Passed Mr. Wm. Holian proposed that the tenders be gone into.

Passed Mr. James Moran, proposed, and Mr. John Burke seconded that Mr. Hession get No. 6.

Passed Mr. Martin Cossy proposed and Mr. Wm. Holian seconded that Costello get No. 3.

Passed Mr. P. J. Hayes proposed and Mr. James Moran seconded that Mr. Cogan get No. 1.

Passed Mr. Patrick Walsh proposed and Mr. James Moran seconded that Mr. Coddle get No. 2.

Passed Mr. P. Walsh proposed and Mr. Cossy seconded that Miss Regan get No. 5.

It was unanimously decided on the suggestion of the Chairman that the remaining house be advertised for sale to go with the four in course of construction.

Mr. John Burke proposed and Mr. Wm. Holian seconded that the four houses in course of construction be called St. Pauls Terrace in view of their proximity to St. Pauls well.

The following members were appointed on the Roads Committee Messrs James Moran, Mr. Byrne and Thos. Wilson

on the Finance Committee Messrs M. W. Cahill, P. J. Dwyer, and J. H. Corcoran.
on the Housing Committee Messrs M. O'Keefe, W^m Holian, and Patrick Gibbons.

Mr. John Bunker proposed "That the Library Committee be requested to leave the furniture in the library room."

agreed. The Chairman suggested that Mr. Cahill arrange with the Library Committee about the furniture.

Read Letter from Royal Insurance Company, Dublin stating that it seems beyond doubt that in accordance with the terms of the lease Mr. John Garvey can be made responsible for the damage caused by fire and requesting that the Commissioners see Mr. Garvey about the matter.

It was decided to direct the Clerk to write the Insurance Company informing them that Mr. Garvey is, according to the terms of the lease only responsible for the ordinary wear and tear of the ~~hall~~ furniture in the hall.

Read Letter from H. F. Lynch, Esq. Kildare, Tuam requesting payment of £9.15.0 being amount of damage to his car caused by the Commissioners cart.

The Clerk was directed to write to him stating payment would be made

made at the next meeting of the Town Commissioners on the advice of the Board's Solicitor.

Read Application to store petrol and oil in a lock-up (garage) store was received from The Texas Company (of Ireland) Ltd.

There was no objection to the application. The Company to take out a licence.

Read Letter from the Irish Trust (Provision for Sailors and Soldiers) ~~Act 14~~ trust, regarding the condition of the pathway in the vicinity of the house, and requesting that the pathway be put in order.

James decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor.

Read Letter from P. J. Flanagan, Rate Collector, Luam, stating that unless the Rates (~~the~~ Rates on small dwellings Act, 1928) are paid the Commissioners will lose account which in their case amounts to £10 = 2 = 6.

Read Letter from Richard Dunphy of 111 Hale Terrace Luam requesting repairs to his house.

The letter was marked "Read".

Read Letter from the O.S.P.C.A. proposing that a drinking trough for cattle and horses.

horses, etc. to be erected in a suitable place in Luam.

The Roads Committee to look into the matter and arrange ^{with} the ~~the~~ Secretary W. R. W. Burke, Luam.

Read Letter from Income Tax Department requesting payment in respect of the years 1925-1928 amounting to £1116.00

The clerk was directed to see Mr. Comerford and get all the necessary information about the amounts.

The clerk informed the Board that the following tenants were in arrears to the respective amounts viz

Thos. Preece, M ^c Hale Terrace,	£ 103 5 2
Jos. Cooney, St. Bernard's dr.,	4 7 6
Simon Quinn, M ^c Hale dr.,	130 12 6
Pat. Donohue, do. do.	7 15 0
	£ 242 15 4

Mr. J. H. Bowman proposed and it was agreed that unless the arrears are paid immediately, that six-days notices be served.

The meeting concluded.

Next meeting of the Town Commissioners to be held on Tuesday, September 3rd, 1929

P. Pryor
Chairman
Yours faithfully
John P. Whigley
Town Clerk

Tuan Town Commissioners
at their monthly meeting on September 3
1929 at 8 p.m.

Present: In the Chair, Mr. Patrick J. Byrne.
Other members, Messrs. Wm. Heenan, Pat
Walsh, Simon Fahy, P. J. Dwyer, Martin Cooney,
J. H. Boreoran, John Burke, Patrick Gilbert,
John Byrne, Mrs. Wilson and James Moran.

The minutes of the last meeting were
read and signed.

Bank Pass Books were submitted for
examination by the Finance Committee.

The Treasurer's Advice Notes were
signed in respect of the following, viz.

Revenue etc	£ 103 - 8 - 0
Roads etc	14 - 6 - 8
Housing Scheme etc No. 2	350 - 7 - 0

Tenders for the tolls and customs
were received from the following persons,
viz. Edward Quinn, Kilclaghans
Quam and Joseph Cooney, St.
Benins Terrace Tuam.

Edward Quinn's tender was £640
for one year or £1890 for 3 years
Joseph Cooney's tender was £⁶⁸⁵680
for one year or £^{each of}680 for 3 years

accepted Mr. John H. Boreoran proposed and
Mr. Pat Walsh seconded that Mr.
Cooney's tender be accepted

Mr. Halian proposed, ~~that~~ and Mr. Moran seconded "That the tender be for one year"

As an amendment Mr. Walsh proposed "That the tender be for 3 years" There was no seconder to Mr. Walsh's proposition and the chairman declared Mr. Cooney the contractor for one year at £685, (Six hundred and eighty-five pounds), subject to the terms contained in the advertisement.

A Tender for the lighting of the Borough of Tuam was received from the Tuam Electricity Co. per James Fahy, Secretary.

Mr. Jas. Moran proposed and Mr. John Burke seconded "That the tender be accepted subject to the usual conditions and that any all-night lamps required extra be not charged for as was usual."

A Tender for Printing and Advertising was received from The Tuam Herald Co. per Miss M. Kelly

Mr. Simon Fahy proposed and Mr. James Moran seconded "That the tender be accepted"

Mr. John Burke brought before the notice of the Board the condition of the Mall footpaths

agreed after some discussion it was decided to bring the matter to the notice of the County Surveyor

Mr. Holian referred to the a dangerous cellar-grate in Shop St

It was decided to notify the occupier of the house in question and also to refer the matter to the County Surveyor

Mr. P. J. Dwyer said the Roads Gauge had complained to him how the occupants of the houses at Mr. Hall Terrace were throwing refuse and nuisance into a pit or man-hole in connection with the sewerage and that it could not be kept clean and that it was very insanitary.

agreed Mr. H. Borcovan proposed and it was agreed that the Housing Committee inspect the condition of the sewerage

agreed Mr. Borcovan proposed that the Clerk den and the keys of the Library room from the Library Committee.

Read Letter from Ministry of Local Government and Public Health stating that the minister sanctions the appointment

of Mr. John Hession as Rent and Rate Collector and Town Surveyor on the terms approved of in the Department's letter of the 20th. June last and subject to the provisions of the Local Officers and Employments (Ireland) Order 1928; and adding that the Minister will await further information as to the necessity for appointing a caretaker to the Town Hall. That the exact duties involved should be intimated as well as the arrangements hitherto adopted for the discharge of such duties.

It was decided that a meeting be held on Friday evening (6/9/29) to draft the duties of the office (i.e. Rent & Rate Collector, Town Surveyor and Town Hall caretaker).

Read Letter from the Housing Department Ministry of Local Govt. & Public Health stating that a sum of £336 has been paid to the Commissioners' Treasurer as a further instalment of a grant under the Housing Act, 1925-1928 in respect of the Commissioners' Scheme for the erection of 10 houses under the Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Act.

Read Letter from Mr. M. J. Kennedy,
County

County Surveyor re Rath at Bohernagreena stating that he is making immediate arrangements for the making of this Pathway.

Read 2/8/1929 Letter from Ministry of Local Government and Public Health re a communication on the subject of the fees payable to Mr. M. J. Kennedy in respect of his services as Architect in connection with the Schemes of the Inam Town Commissioners for the erection of 10 houses under the Housing of the Working Classes, stating that the Minister was prepared to approve of the payment of the Architect at the rate of 2 1/2% on the amount of the contract price.

Read 22/8/29 Letter from Mr. J. Kennedy, County Surveyor, enclosing agreement in respect of the Inam roads which are under contract with the Commissioners from the 1st of April last, requesting that agreement be signed, and have same returned with the least possible delay.

Read 28/8/29 Letter from Mr. F. Somnerford stating that he is pressed by the Inspector of Taxes at Galway to collect £1-9-3 taxes for a long time outstanding. Payment ordered.

Read A form duly signed and witnessed

witnessed from the Royal Insurance Company Dublin. It decided that the form be not completed until the clerk see the Board's solicitor for his opinion on the matter as there was an agreement that the commissioners hold the lessee Mr. Conway liable for the amount (of the damage done to the Town Hall by fire) of £134-9-0 (cheque was enclosed).

Read 3/9/19 Certificates Nos. 10 and 11 in favour of Contractor James Muggan in respect of his contract of 15 houses at the Galway Rd. were read

Payments were ordered for the amounts namely Cert. no. 10 of £75-7-0
Cert. no. 11 of £75-0-0

Read 3/9/19 A Certificate was also received from the architect Mr. W. J. Kennedy in favour of David J. Dwyer on foot of his contract for repairs to the Town Hall for £90-0-0
Payment ordered

Read 20/8/19 Letter from the Irish B.P. Company enclosing application for renewal of licence as from the 15th prox of 1919 in respect of their store at Bishop's Street, Quam.

Requesting advice of the decision of the Town Commissioners. ~~and~~
Renewal granted.

Mrs Simon Fahy proposed and Mr P. J.

P.J. Lwyer seconded and passed
unanimously:-

That we tender our heartfelt sympathy
in their great loss to the relatives of the late
Volunteer Dan M^e Cormick, Lisceevy
Milltown. That we hope their grief will
be tempered with ~~the~~ pride in the
knowledge that Dan's name will be
treasured as a soldier of Ireland, who
was faithful unto death. Dan had
many opportunities of climbing on
Liberty's ruins to fame but he chose the
straight but arduous road of loyalty -
unadulterated loyalty - to the Republic.
That we ask his relatives to remember,
that though we wish to join in their sorrow
we beg to point out, that Dan's name
together with his sacrifice on Freedom's
Altar, will help to inspire us all
until Ireland achieves her freedom.

That copies of the resolution be sent
to Mrs M^e Cormick Lisceevy Milltown
and to the following papers viz.
The Nation, The People, The People's
and The Connacht Tribune

Read A letter from James Burke High St. Mann.
requesting remuneration in respect of the
amount of his collection from Rents
and Rates and salary as Town
Surveyor from March to June, 1929
Mr. Burke who was in attendance
at the meeting said that nothing
had

had been paid to him in respect of the period of his employment by the Town Commissioners.

It was decided that the Clerk make out the amount of his collection and that payment would be made subject to the approval of the Ministry of Local Government & Public Health.

Read Letter from Mr. Theo. Owens, Parkmore Terrace, Tuam stating the condition of his house, ~~at~~ and requesting that repairs be carried out.

It was decided that the Housing Committee inspect the house.

Read Letter from Mr. A. Shine, Sullinsday Road, requesting a refund of 15/- (being one month's rent paid in advance) for empty houses he occupied in Hab Terrace some time ago.

It was decided to make payment.

Read Letter from Contractor James Muggan stating that Miss M. Kelly of 8, St. Brigids Terrace, Tuam had prevented him laying the main sewer through her garden.

The Clerk decided to write to Miss Kelly and order her not to interfere in this way.

The meeting concluded.

Next ^{monthly} meeting of the Town
Commissioners to be held on
Tuesday, October 1, 1929.

W. Byrne

1/10/29

John P. White

Town Clerk

Chairman

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Tuam Town Commissioners.
 The Tuam Town Commissioners
 held a special meeting on Friday 12
 September, 1929 at 8 pm.
 Present in the chair Mr. P. J. Byrne
 Other members Mr. J. J. O'Brien, P. J. O'Brien,
 P. J. O'Brien, J. J. O'Brien, J. J. O'Brien, J. J. O'Brien,
 J. H. O'Brien, J. H. O'Brien, J. H. O'Brien, and Mr.
 J. K. O'Brien.

The notice convening the meeting
 was read as follows:
 To be read in the Town Office
 Tuam, Sept 6 1929
 Town Sec.

I am to inform you that the Tuam
 Town Commissioners will hold a special
 meeting on Friday 12th September 1929
 at 8 pm. The business to be dealt with
 at the meeting is as follows:
 1. The report of the Town Surveyor
 2. The report of the Town Constables
 3. Compensation claim from Mr. J. J. O'Brien
 4. Correspondence re Mr. J. J. O'Brien
 and Mr. J. J. O'Brien.
 To each Town Commissioner.

Approved: The Chairman suggested that
 the duties of Rent and Rate
 collector, Town Surveyor and Town
 Constables be as follows.
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1. To collect all Rates and Rents and lodge same to the credit of the Town Commissioners accounts. To submit his books for examination by the Clerk once a fortnight.
2. To act as Town Surveyor, to exercise strict supervision over the work on the Streets ^{and Roads} of the Town, and to take the necessary steps to have any obstacles removed off the streets and footpaths calculated by the Town Commissioners to be an obstruction and danger to the general public, and all other matters in connection with traffic which is considered desirable to enforce.
3. To carefully look after the Town Hall building generally, and all the Town Commissioners furniture and effects therein. To keep the rooms used by them, or by their permission in a clean condition.

Agreed

Mr. Surp said that "strict supervision over the workmen" as the Chairman had suggested would mean that the work of the men employed by the Town Commissioners would clash and "strict supervision over the roads and streets" would be better.

Agreed

Mr. O'Keefe said that in numerous cases the roads and streets of the

town had been torn up and no deposit had been made. He asked what would the town surveyor do in the event of these people not complying with this requirement.

The chairman and other members said to simply refer the matter to the solicitor.

Mr. Lorcannon said that three ladders belonging to the Communist Pioneers had been lent throughout the town and were liable to be lost. As those who got them did not return them.

The chairman said that the first instruction to be given to the new town surveyor be to get the ladders together and to give instructions to the caretaker, Mrs. M^{rs} Walsh, to lock up the ladders where it is usual to keep them.

Read
4/9/29

Letter from Mr. H. Conbannon, the Board's solicitor ~~stating~~ referring to the O.C. call on him regarding damage done to the Town Hall and fittings by fire and the correspondence shown to him that he is in opinion having read the Policies that the Commissioners could not cash the cheque without stamping the ~~form~~ receipt in the form in which it had been prepared by the company.

Mr. Walsh said that there were

no such conditions in former payments
of claims

Mr. Burke suggested that the Company be
written to & ask if on the Town Commissioners
are at liberty to cash the cheque without
signing the agreement and to state that
the Town Commissioners are not required
to sign the form.

Agreed Mr. Cahill said it would be better to say
as had been already entered in the book that
Mr. John Gannoy the lessee was not
intended to be held responsible for
any damage by fire or accident or otherwise
to the order signs and tear of the
Hall and the furniture therein the property
of the Town Commissioners and it
was drawn thus in view of the reason the
Town Commissioners took out a
recessed policy.

Read letter from W. J. Conlannon Solicitor as
follows

Bishop St.

Dublin

Sept. 5, 1929

Dear Sir,

Your letter of today date
addressed to Miss Margaret Kelly of 8
St. Brigid's Terrace has been handed
to me for reply.

In reply thereof I write
to say that my client purchased in
fee simple from the Commissioners the
Premises

premises which are near premises at
St. Eugene's Terrace. The owners
did not see value in the condition
of sale. The municipality made an offer
for the purchase thereof which of course
was accepted by the owners. It is
understanding that the case, which is
in condition can be amended to
state in plain simple I write to say
that I shall hold your Board
responsible in damages to my
client should your contractor enter
her premises again

Yours faithfully,

J. Concanon

After some discussion it was
decided that Mr. Kennedy, the
architect, requested to visit the
place and make some arrangements
with Mr. Boggan to complete the sewerage
in the terrace which would be the most
suitable place to lay the sewerage
showed the present place but not
in accordance with agreements or
plans. Also that contractor Boggan
be told to continue with the work.

The meeting concluded

W. J. Ryan

11/10/29

Yours faithfully,

J. P. Whyte

Town Clerk

Chairman

Minutes of Proceedings of a special meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners held on the 23rd. September 1929. at 9 p.m.

Present In the Chair Mr Patrick J. Byrne.
Other members Messrs W. Holian, P. Walsh, J. Moran, S. Fahy, J. Byrne, J. Wilson, M. W. Cahill, J. H. Corcoran, M. Cooney, and J. Burke.

The Clerk read the notice convening the meeting.

Read

Toll
Customs

A letter was read from the Board's solicitor stating that in the proceedings the lease to Mr Joseph Cooney's Sundry for signature the Sundry refused to sign and Mr Cooney stated he would get an Insurance Company to issue a Fidelity Bond that he (the solicitor) thought it best to inform you (the Town Clerk) of this as the 29th inst. is the last day for having the lease and Promissory Notes signed.

(Signed) Henry Corcoran

Mr Joseph Cooney who was present at the meeting said he had submitted Mr Wm Browne of Kilmacree ^{for (g.p.s.)} ~~in~~ of Mr Henry Keane who withdrew.

Mr M. W. Cahill said that all that could be done was to adjourn the meeting to see if the solicitor is satisfied Mr Browne is alright, as a Surety.

The Chairman said it must be decided if Mr. Conannon (the Submitter) is satisfied with the Bylaws to be substituted.

Agreed Mr. O'Walsh proposed and Mr. J. H. Conannon seconded that the meeting be adjourned until Wednesday evening at 8:30 p.m. to see if Mr. Conannon is satisfied.

The Chairman said he had had a conversation with Mr. J. H. Conannon the County Surveyor's connection with the laying of the Main Streets. Mr. Conannon said that some cold tar would be required for the plot between

1107 & 1109 Conroy's he was against tarring the streets.

The Chairman explained that it was only places like the Central road and High Street a stop street, where a was made.

Mr. Conroy who agreed said he was of opinion that some of the streets of Town should be included as the trunk road from Galway to Kinnegone and should be tarred accordingly.

The Clerk was directed to get a copy of the Bylaws to the Council officers for the issue of cold tar for the plot holes.

agreed

The Chairman said that if the Council were not carrying out the work required by the Town Commissioners & any expense that he had to do the main road works.

Mr. Dwyer said that in the Dublin Road a path had been laid outside the house and about ten or fifteen yards outside another road had been left under one he suggested that the path be done as the roads to be laid later.

agreed

Mr. P. Byrne said that all the paths inside the Borough be tarred (as the tarring of the streets would be in progress

Mr. Dwyer said that the charge for holding meetings (in the public hall) should be fixed

It was agreed that the following charges be made viz:-

- 5/- a meeting for bodies outside the Borough (day or night).
- 2/- a meeting for bodies within the Borough (when light is required).
- 1/- a meeting for bodies ^{within} ~~outside~~ the Borough (when no light is required).
- £1 in the case ^{all night} of dances when the Hall is required for catering purposes or otherwise.

Mr. Cahill said that all the (Town Hall) windows should be cleaned as they were in a filthy condition

Mary Browne

Mr. Martin Cooney, who was a member of the Tuam Commissioners sent in his resignation, which was read, as follows

Waterlode Place,

Tuam,

Sept. 23, 1929.

J. P. Whyte, Esq.,
Town Clerk,
Tuam.

Dear Sir,

Please accept my resignation as member of the Tuam Town Commissioners.

Yours faithfully
Martin Cooney.

The Chairman said that Mr. Martin Cooney's resignation must be considered.

Mr. Simon Tahy proposed and Mr. Wm. Holian seconded "That the resignation of Mr. Martin Cooney as member of the Tuam Town Commissioners be accepted."

The Chairman said as Mr. Cooney's resignation was accepted the question ^{was} would the Board decide to accept him as a Surety for Mr. Joseph Cooney.

Mr. J. H. Borcovan said that Mr. Martin Cooney was, in his opinion, alright as a Surety.

Mr. P. Walsh proposed and Mr. P. J. Dwyer seconded that the two Sureties of Mr. Joseph Cooney for his Lease of the Tolls and Customs of the Town of

of (name) Mr Martin Cooney and Mrs Mary Browne
be accepted.

Mr J Burke said that as Mr Martin Cooney's
resignation was accepted the Board should elect
a member within one month and suggested that
the matter be put on the agenda for the next
meeting of the Town Commissioners.

This was unanimously agreed to.

Mr. Dwyer said that County Rate Collectors
were holding offices in the Town Hall. He was
aware that one collector in particular
paid no fee for the office.

It was decided that instructions be given to
the Town Hall Caretaker to notify the collectors
that they should not hold office there.

The meeting then concluded.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

John P. Whyte
Town Clerk

[Signature] Chairman.

October 1, 1929

Juam Town Commissioners

Juam Town Commissioners held their monthly meeting on Tuesday October 1, 1929 at 8 p. m.

Present: In the chair, Mr. P. J. Byrne.
Other Members, Messrs P. G. Durry, J. Moran, P. Walsh, S. Fahy, J. Byrne, J. Wilson, P. Gibbons, W. Holian, J. H. Corcoran, M. W. Cahill and J. Burke.

The minutes of the last monthly meeting and two special meetings were read and signed.

The Treasurers Advice Notes were signed in respect of the following accounts, viz, -

Roads a/c	£ 49 - 4 - 5
Revenue a/c	£ 27 - 2 - 4
Housing Scheme a/c No 2	£ 30 - 7 - 6

One tender was received for the unsold cottages on the Galway Rd. (No. 4 St. Brigids Terrace, Juam) ~~was~~ from Mrs Mary Rabbit for £210 (Two hundred and Ten Pounds)

Mr. W. Holian proposed and Mr. James Moran seconded that Mrs Rabbits tender be accepted the Town Commissioners reserving the

the right that sewerage pipes be laid
in the plot attached to the house.

Agreed Mr P. J. Dwyer proposed and Mr S. J. Fahy seconded, "That Mr J. O. Toole of Shop St be co-opted a member of the Town Commissioners in place of Mr Martin Cooney resigned.

Referring to the upkeep of the fire hose, that it was cleaned with kerosene oil, which was not the proper oil to use, Mr J. H. Corcoran stated it was gross negligence.

Mr Dwyer said that such a discussion was out of order as it was the Waterworks Committee who should have control over these things and not the Commissioners.

Agreed It was directed that the matter be referred to the Waterworks Committee and an order that the key of the Shed sheltering the hose be kept in the Barrack.

A report from the Housing Committee signed by P. Gibbons and W. Holman, stating they interviewed Miss Kelly of St. Brigid's Terrace, on her report about the laying of sewerage pipes on her plot. The Committee thought she was entitled to some consideration and they suggested

Suggested that the pipes could be connected further down on the plot of the house which was ~~not~~ unsold.

The chairman said this was a matter for the Engineers and not for the members of the Housing Committee.

The Town Surveyor reported that in carrying out the Board's instructions to notify Shopkeepers and others that they cannot have boxes and other things outside their shops causing obstruction two of them Mr. Rooney Shop St. and Mr. J. Cahill Bishop St. refused to comply with the order. He could not enforce the order if everybody did not act in the same way.

The Board gave the Town Surveyor authority to prosecute anybody disobeying the order.

The Town Surveyor also reported a dangerous building in High St. where the Bonham market was held. The owner was Mr. J. O'Loughlin.

It was directed that the matter be referred to the Co. Council and the owners of the building to be notified.

Read
1/10/29

A letter from Fred B. McDonogh, Esq., Solicitor offering £100 on behalf of Messrs. John Curvey and James M. Donno-

Mr. Donnell the latter to be thereby released from their Covenants under their Lease of the Cinema Hall. The £100 to be in full discharge of all claims which the Commissioners will have under the said Lease.

Passed
(Subject)

Mr. J. Burke proposed and Mr. P. Walsh seconded, "that the offer be accepted subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Govt. and Public Health."

Read

Letter (dated 19th September, 1929) from Dept. of Local Government stating that the Minister is not ~~willing to pay~~ prepared to authorise the payment of any Commission to Mr. James Burke for his services as Rent and Rate Collector and Town Surveyor from March to June, 1929 under the circumstances viz, that Mr. Burke was suspended from office for unsatisfactory performance of duty.

The Clerk was directed to write and state ~~It was directed~~ that the Commissioners are willing to pay the amount to either Mr. Burke or his Sureties as the latter lodged the balance of the unlogged collection to the credit of the Town Commissioners.

Joseph Forde Tuam tendered for (1929) to put in repair concrete runs at no. 9 Parkmore Terrace

decided It was decided that the Town Surveyor get prices from other tradesmen in the Town to do the work.

The four Cottages on the Galway Rd. (viz, St Paul's Terrace) being nearing completion it was ordered that they be advertised, for sale at the next meeting.

It was decided that the work of tarring and sanding the streets be gone on with.

The Town Surveyor reported that the sewerage at m' Hale Terrace was in a bad state, that the pipes were stuffed and would require cleaning. After some discussion it was agreed that he employ a man to put the sewerage in repair.

The meeting concluded.

Next monthly meeting of the Town Commissioners to be held on Tuesday November 5, 1929 at 8 p.m.

R. Brown

5/11/29

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Yours faithfully,
John P. Whyte,
Town Clerk.
Chairman

Tuam Town Commissioners held a special meeting on Monday, October 14, 1929 at 8 p.m.
 Present: Mr. Patrick J. Byrne chairman presiding.
 Other members present Messrs P. J. Dwyer, Wm Holian, J. O'Toole, P. Walsh, S. Fahy, J. Byrne, and J. Burke

The notice convening the meeting was read by the Clerk.

Read Letter from the Housing Section Department of Local Government, ~~stating~~ forwarding copy of a Report made by Mr. O'Maille, Housing Inspector on his recent inspection of the houses in course of construction at Galway Road & stating that with regard to the obstruction at house no 11, referred to by Mr. O'Maille the Commissioners should consult their Solicitor with regard to the steps to be taken to have the shop referred to removed.

Mr. O'Maille in his report stated that "The occupant of No 11. (Mrs Hopkins) had put a very undesirable and unsightly obstruction in front of her house. This consists of small shop and it obstructs the view of a very important thoroughfare."

Mr. C. Omerford Solicitor was present at the meeting and stated that if the matter was deferred he would see to what extent ^{the Town Commissioners were empowered} and the steps to be taken to comply with the requirements of the Ministry, and that he would write the Board accordingly.

Tuan Town Improvement Commissioners to Edward Wade
 Same to John Hession
 Same to Richard bottle
 Same to Patrick Costello.

The Deeds of Sale of cottages to the above-named were duly executed, being sealed with the seal of the Town Commissioners, ~~and~~ signed by the Chairman, Mr P. J. Byrne and two members namely P. J. Surjer and Wm Holian, and witnessed by the Solicitor and the Town Clerk.

The Lease of the Tolls and Customs to Mr Joseph Cooney was disposed of in the same way.

The Clerk informed the Board that Mr Thos. Pierce of M' Hale Terrace had made an offer of £2 weekly to clear his arrears in rent for his house at above address. That he had written to Mr Concanon making the offer. That Mr Concanon wrote to the Board for instructions. I

It was decided that Mr Concanon get instructions to accept £2 weekly from Mr. Pierce and if the latter does not comply with his offer punctually that possession of the house be taken.

The following Committee was appointed to interview Mr Thomas Moran with a view to

arranging ~~comit~~ terms with him for the purchase of building site at Church View, viz:- The Chairman (Mr P. G. Byrne) Mr. James Moran Mr. P. G. Dwyer and Mr. Joe Byrne.

It was decided that no charge be made to the ~~Waterworks~~ Committee for the use of the Public Hall for their meetings.

The Clerk was directed ~~that~~ to write the Secretary of the Board of Health to find out what steps had been taken to have the Public latrine erected in the Shambles.

Mr. Holian reported that about 10 or 12 tons of road material at Bishop St. were an obstruction to the footpaths contractor. He thought this material was the property of the Town Commissioners.

Order

It was decided that the Clerk find out from the Ganger whether the material was the Commissioners property and if so to have it removed to a suitable place, and if the Ganger did not know to write to refer the matter to the County Surveyor.

The meeting concluded.

P. G. Byrne
5/11/24

Yours faithfully,
John P. Whyte
Town Clerk.

Chairman

Tuam Town Commissioners held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 5, 1929 at 8 p.m.

Mr. P. Byrne chairman presided.

Other members present messrs Wm Holian, S. Tabry, J. Wilson, P. Gibbons, J. Moan, J. Byrne, Mr. Cahill, J. O'Toole, M. O'Keefe, J. Burke, and J. H. Corcoran, P. Walsh, and P. J. Dwyer.

The minutes of the last monthly meeting and a special meeting were read and signed.

The Treasurer's advice notes were signed in respect of the following, a/c' viz -

Roads a/c	- - - - -	£10-0-0
Revenue a/c	- - - - -	£235-4-3
Housing scheme No. 1. a/c	- - - - -	£133-2-4
" " No. 2. a/c	- - - - -	£29-0-0

The clerk informed the Board that £36-3-11. were still outstanding in the Town Rate for financial year ended 31st. March last.

Before opening tenders for the purchase of houses at St. Pauls Terrace, the Chairman suggested that a certain price be fixed for acceptance.

Mr. Cahill proposed and Mr. M. O'Keefe

O'Keefe seconded, "That no offer less than £215 (Two hundred and fifteen Pounds) be considered.

3 Tenders were received from James Toher, Strawberry Hill, Dubinmore and Edwarda Burke Lissavalley, Tuam.

Mr Toher's tender was for no. 3 (St Pauls Terrace) at £215

Agreed

Mr. W. Holian proposed and Mr. S. Fahy seconded, "That Mr Toher's tender be accepted".

Mr. Burke's tender was for no. 3 also at £210 but said he would give £215 for it, if accepted, he would however give £210 for no. 4.

This was unanimously agreed to, Mr. Cahill withdrawing his motion, and Mr. P. J. Dunger dissenting.

Mr. Burke proposed and it was passed unanimously, "that the Clerk phone to the County Surveyor in connection with a flooding at St Bridget's Terrace

Mr. Coscoran referred to the high valuation (£225) on the tolls and Customs.

It was decided that application for re-valuation be made to the Commissioners of Valuation, and the
Galway

Galway County Council.

The Roads Ganger reported that the horse drawn brush needed repairs.

It was decided that the Roads Committee get the repairs done.

Passed

Mr. P. J. Dwyer proposed and Mr. S. Fahy seconded "That we demand that the Great Southern Ry. Co. run a train from Tuam to Athenry each evening at 7.30 p.m. to connect with the Galway to Dublin evening mail, and also to take passengers and mails off the night mail Dublin to Galway which arrives at Athenry at 10.30 p.m. Other towns of much less importance have a connection with the Dublin to Galway Night mail and we call upon the G. S. R. Co. and the Minister for Post and Telegraphs to give our demand their immediate attention.

That copies of the resolution be sent to each of the nine Galway Teacraí Dála.

Passed

Mr. P. Walsh proposed and Mr. J. Burke seconded "that Mr. Thos. Moran's ^{offer} of a plot for sites for seven additional cottages at a cost of £95 be accepted".

Read

Letter (dated 5/11/29) from P. Banavan Tuam (late Town Clerk) stating that the writing-desk in the Town Clerk's office was his property, that it cost him 30/- and that the Commissioners could have it

for that sum.

Mr. Mrs. Bahill proposed and Mr. W. Holian seconded that the writing desks be kept and payment made, the missing drawers to be replaced before making payment.

Read

Letter dated 14th October, 1929 from Dept of Local Government relative to the acceptance of £100 from the lessees of the Town Hall, stating that the Minister has no functions in the matter which should be dealt with by the Commissioners on their own responsibility in the light of the terms of the lease.

The Clerk was directed to again write to the L. G. B. and state that the Commissioners recommended the acceptance of the offer; and to inquire that should there be a deficit in their revenue by this acceptance at the end of the term of lease would there be a possibility of a surcharge.

Read

Letter (dated 2/11/29) from ^{Mr.} M. J. Kennedy architect, enclosing map for showing layout of new plot for seven additional houses, stating that with regard to the drainage of the new block (now for sale) he has instructed Contractor Moggan to connect up there in accordance with the suggestion of the Sub-Committee and that he is awaiting further instructions.

Having seen the map, the Commissioners decided that Mr. Thos. Wierans permission
to

to allow of a back entrance which necessitates the straightening out of a bend and also the laying of sewerage pipes, be given by him.

Read
L. G. B.
6/26/1919
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Letter (dated 26/10/19) stating that the Minister does not appreciate the necessity for employing Mr. Hession as caretaker of the Town Hall at an additional expenditure of £10 per annum; that the Town Clerk who is required by the terms of his employment to be in attendance each day, should have no difficulty in looking after the Hall, also that the Minister does not approve of payment to the late collector under the circumstances.

The Clerk was directed to write and state that as he is only a part-time officer he could not possibly caretake the Town Hall, that no additional expenditure is incurred as Mr. Hession's salary as Town Surveyor is £95 p. a. the duties of which embody the Town Hall caretaker.

Also to write and state that as the Commissioners sustained no monetary loss through Mr. Burkes (late collector) dissatisfaction they (the Commissioners) are anxious to make payment to him or to his sureties and again ask the approval of the Ministry for same.

Read
date:-

Letter from the Secretary, County Galway Board of Health stating that with regard to the public latrine for Tuam the Board cannot

Cannot invite tenders until they are vested with urban powers by the Minister for Local Government; that the procedure is rather slow as advertisements have to be issued for a certain number of weeks notifying the public of the Board's intention to apply for such powers, and when the necessary time has elapsed, a Sealed Resolution must be sent to the Minister; that all the requirements have now been complied with and that he is expecting the Sealed order any day, which when received, tenders will be immediately invited for the works.

Proposed by Mr. Wm. Holan, Seconded by Mr. Simon Fahy — That the Loughrea Town Commissioners not being an Urban Authority, strongly protests against the giving of Urban powers to the Galway Board of Health, and that we demand call on the Local Government Minister to refuse the Sealed Order granting these powers to the Galway Board of Health.

"That copies of this resolution be sent to the Local Government Ministry, to the Secretary of the Board of Health, and to the Loughrea Town Commissioners."

See Minutes at foot P. 58.

Read

Letter from R. M. Burke stating that he is awaiting the decision of the Board to give him information of a

suitable place for a drinking water-trough for horses, etc.

It was decided that the side of the market houses where the hoarding was, would be the most suitable place for the erection of the trough, and that Mr. Burke (Local Secretary C.S.P.C.A.) be notified of the decision.

The Rate Book for the financial year ending 31st March, 1930, was laid before the Board and signed by the Chairman and six members viz. Wm. Hohan, S. Fahy, P. Walsh, P. J. Lwyer, and Thomas Wilson, the certificate of the clerk having been first duly recorded thereon.

The meeting concluded.

Signed. — John P. Whyte,
Town Clerk.

Patrick Byrne Chairman

Minute
omitted
in p. 87
J.P.W.

Messrs. Conway and Quinn
Solicitors, Tuam were appointed
to appraise Mr. H. Concanon's
(Town Commissioners solicitor) Bill
of costs. — John P. Whyte,
Town Clerk

Inam Town Commissioners held a special meeting on Wednesday, November 13, 1929 at 8 p.m.

Mr. P. Byrne Chairman presided.

Other members present:

Messrs. M. W. Cahill, W. Holian, S. Fahy, P. Walsh, P. J. Dwyer, J. Byrne, J. Moran, J. H. Borcovan, J. O'Sole and J. Burke

The Notice convening the meeting was read.

The Chairman said what was before the Board was whether the remaining two cottages at St. Pauls Terrace were to ^{be} let on a weekly tenancy or sold; if it was decided to let them it meant rescinding the minute that it was decided to sell them. Consequently all that could be done was to discuss the advisability of letting them ^{pending} the sale of them at the next monthly meeting.

Agreed

After some discussion Mr. M. W. Cahill proposed and Mr. P. Walsh seconded that the two remaining cottages be advertised for sale at the next meeting (monthly) on 3/12/29; that it be stated in the advertisement that no sum less than £210 be accepted; and that if the houses are not sold, ^{that} they will be let on a weekly tenancy.

Agreed

Mr. W. Holian proposed and Mr. J. Burke seconded that the weekly rent of the cottages (if not sold) be fixed at 8^s (eight shillings) inclusive of rates.

Agreed

Mr. S. Fahy proposed and Mr. J. H. Borcovan seconded that tenants be required to

give the names of two solvent Sureties for the dual payment of the rent.

Read The following letter was read

(Copy)

Capt. on Rua de,
Prison Hospital,

1 n Zauluis

November 8, 1929

J.P. Whyte, Esq.,
Town Clerk
Tram

Re Latrine

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of 7th inst., and note that the Town Commissioners desire the Board not to proceed further in this matter.

Your communication will be before the Board on the 27th inst.

Meantime I would like to point out that under the Public Health Acts the Board could not erect a Public Sanitary conveniencence in any town County, without being vested with Urban Powers. Of course such powers would apply to the particular work contemplated at the time. In other words although the Board have applied for Urban powers in connection with the erection of the Latrine in Tram, such powers would only be applicable to this particular project, and the Latrine would be handed over to the Commissioners when erected.

However, I feel sure the Board will, in deference to the Commissioners wishes abandon the Scheme, having regard

regard to the fact that the area of Charge for the expenditure was fixed on Tuam Rural District (not Tuam Urban).
Yours faithfully,
J. Gallagher, Secretary

Ordered

The Clerk was directed to write and state that as the matter had been explained and that as the Urban Powers were only applicable to the particular project that the Town Commissioners have now no objection to have the Latrine erected, considering that also the area of charge was Tuam Rural District.

Read

Two Civil Bills for damages to the extent of £10 each for that the defendants (viz Town Commissioners of Tuam) by their agents entered and trespassed on the plaintiffs' (viz Miss Margaret Kelly and Mrs. Bridget Kiecouray) land, were read.

Agreed

The Chairman proposed and Mr O Toole seconded, that the Civil Bills be given to Mr Concannon (Board's Solicitor) to be dealt with by him.

The Town Surveyor reported that repairs to eaves and pipes were necessary at McHale Terrace

Agreed

Mr Cahill suggested and it was agreed that he take note of the number of issues that are broken or cracked and get estimates to repairs from tradesmen in the town.

The meeting concluded.

Yours faithfully
John P. Whyte
Town Clerk.

Patents Byrr Chairman

----- Date
2/1/29

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Tuan Town Commissioners
held a their monthly meeting on Tuesday,
December 3, 1929.

Mr. P. Byrne Chairman presided.

Other members, Messrs J. Byrne, W. Holian,
P. Walsh, J. Moran, J. Wilson, S. Saly, P. J. Dwyer,
M. W. Cahill, J. O. Toole, J. H. Brennan, P. Kilbans,
and J. Burke.

The minutes of the last meetings were
read and signed.

The Treasurers Advice Notes were
signed in respect of the following Accts viz.

Revenue ac/c	£160-15-2
Roads ac/c	14-7-6
Housing Scheme No 2 ac/c	237-10-0

Bank Pass Books were submitted for
examination by the Board; and the
Books of accounts were signed by the
Chairman.

Letters addressed to the Presiding
Chairman were opened and the
Chairman declared them (seven in all)
to be applications for tenancy of the
2 houses (unsold) at St Pauls Terrace.

There were no offers for the purchase of
those cottages, and applications were
then read from the following persons

namely, Messrs. Dwyer, Burke, Larkin
 Patrick Larkin, Martin Cahill
 Rodge Mullin, Matt Conolly
 Michael Kelly, Mr. Holian and
 Mrs. Mary Cunningham, all of them

Proposed by Mr. Holian } "That Mr. Larkin be
 Seconded by Mr. Gibbons } given a house"

Proposed by Mr. Cahill } "That Mrs. Cunningham
 Seconded by J. Byrne } get a house"

Proposed by Mr. Moran } "That Rodge Mullin
 Seconded by Mr. Holian } get a house"

Proposed by Mr. Gibbons } "That Mr. Mr. Holian
 Seconded by Mr. Holian } get a house"

Proposed by Mr. Fahy } "That Mr. Kelly get
 Seconded by Mr. Gibbons } a house"

Proposed by Mr. Walsh } "That Mr. Cahill
 Seconded by J. C. Lacle } get a house"

On a first poll there voted for
 for Mr. Larkin Messrs. Dwyer and Burke
 " Mrs. Cunningham Cahill, Conroy, and Chairman
 " Mr. Mullin " Moran and Byrne
 " Mr. Holian " Holian " C. Lacle
 " Mr. Kelly " Fahy, Wilson & Gibbons
 " and Mr. Cahill Mr. Walsh

Mr. Cahill was then eliminated
Second Voting:

(over)

For Mr. Larkin, messrs. Dwyer, O'Toole, Gibbons and Burke (4).
 " Mrs. Cunningham, Cahill, Coocoran and Charman (3).
 " Mr. Muelin, " Walsh, Moran & Byrne (3).
 " Mr. Kelly, " Fahy and Wilson (2).
 " Mr. Holian, Mr. Holian. (1) (eliminated).

3rd Voting: -1

For Mr. Larkin, messrs. Holian, Dwyer, O'Toole, Gibbons and Burke (5).
 " Mrs. Cunningham, Cahill, Coocoran & Charman (3).
 " Mr. Muelin, " Walsh Moran and Fahy. (3)
 " Mr. Kelly, " Fahy & Wilson (2) (eliminated).

Agreed

As Mr. Larkin was in the majority it was agreed that he get a cottage.

On a final ~~vote~~ ^{poll} there voted.

For Mrs. Cunningham, messrs. Egan of those present.
 " Mr. Muelin, ~~messrs~~ Walsh and Fahy.

Agreed

Proposed by Mr. Holian } That Mr. Larkin get
 seconded by Mr. Burke } cottage no. 2.

Agreed.

Proposed by Mr. Cahill } That Mr. Cunningham
 seconded by the Charman } get no. 1.

The Clerk was directed to give instructions to the solicitor to prepare Bonds to have signed by the sureties named in Mr. Larkin's and Mrs. Cunningham's applications, to ensure the payment of the weekly rent as fixed by the Board.

Order

The Clerk was directed write the Railway Co.

Company to report that to give a special loan
from British on Sunday evenings with view to
facilitate buyers at the time. By fair on 18th

Agreed On the suggestion of our banker it was decided
that Mr. G. Murray plumber be employed
to receive the furnace and that the
Hall containing the heater be closed a week.

Agreed Proposed by Mr. Cooney that the fire extinguishers
be ordered by Mr. O. Lewis. The products to be ordered
to be the most reliable.

Suggested Mr. Sharp suggested that the Irish Commission
should also be taken into consideration (because
what was to be done by private treaty)

Agreed It was decided that Messrs. Dwyer and Co. should
see the British (the bank) and should be
asked to give all information for further
consideration at the next meeting.

Agreed The Clerk was directed to write to the
Irish Land Commission to find out what they
had been taking and the cause of the delay in
proceeding the Strathmore Estate.

Agreed Proposed by Mr. Cahill that the Clerk should
report on the matter. It was decided that the
the necessity of additional expenditure was
in the matter.

Agreed Letters of acknowledgment to communication
of the Board relative to money from
Irish to Dublin from G. S. P. O. Dept. of
9th

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Company to request them to run a special train from Limerick on Sunday evening 15th inst. to facilitate buyers at the Tuam Pig fair on 16th inst.

Agreed. On the suggestion of Mr. Burke it was decided that Mr. D. McCoy plumber be employed to repair the furnace and that the Town Hall building be heated twice a week.

Agreed Proposed by Mr. Corcoran } "That the fire extinguish-
seconded by Mr. O'Loole } ing apparatus be handed
over to the waterworks committee"

Suggested Mr. Dwyer suggested that the Town Commissioners purchase Mr. Waldron's (next Town Hall) premises which were to be sold by private treaty

agreed It was decided that Messrs Dwyer and Corcoran see the Solicitor (Mr. Hasty) concerned to have all available information for further consideration at the next meeting

Order. The Clerk was directed to write to the Irish Land Commission to find out what steps had been taken to and the cause of the delay in purchasing the Strochan lands.

Order Proposed by Mr. Cahill } "That the Clerk be directed to write
seconded by Mr. Walsh } General Sir W. Hickie relative to
the building of additional ex-Service mens houses
in Tuam"

Read Letters of acknowledgement to communication of the Board, relative to evening train service Tuam to Dublin from G.S.R. Coy.; Department Posts

Posts and Telegraphs; The Minister for Agriculture and
Mr. Seán Broderick T.D.

Read Letter (dated 27th Nov. 1929) from Mr. H. Concanon (Board's Solicitor) stating that he has not yet received any payment of rent due by Thos. Pierce.

Passed
Unanimously Proposed by Mr. Concanon } That the solicitor be instructed
Seconded by Mr. Fahy } to take proceedings for possession of the house this tenant occupies."

Read Letter from Messrs. Crisham (Ganges) and Fahy requesting their annual allowance for overcoat and leggings (as formerly granted).

Passed. Proposed by Mr. Burke } That the request be
Seconded by Mr. Walsh } complied with."

Read Letter (dated 11/11/29) from Dept. Local Government stating that the Minister is not prepared to approve of any further payment to the late Collector Mr. James Burke

The letter was marked "Read."

Read Letter (dated 11/11/29) from Dept. Local Government stating that when sanctioning Mr. Hession's appointment on 28th August last the Minister stipulated as approved in the Department's letter of 21st June. "In deference however to the repeated wishes of the Commissioners the Minister agrees that the salary as Town Surveyor including the caretaking of the Town Hall may be £25 per annum"

Read Letter (dated 15/11/29) from the Commissioner of Valuation stating (relative to application for re-valuation of
the

the Falls and Customs for the township of Luan) that it is now too late to entertain the application for the current year. That application should therefore be made to the Secretary of the Galway Co. Council to include the valuation in question in his lists of cases requiring revision.

approved The Clerk informed the Board that he had made application on the official form as supplied by the Secretary of the Co. Council.

Read Letter (dated 19/11/29) from Department Local Government, relative to the acceptance of £100 from the Lessees of the Town Hall; and stating that the Minister has nothing further to add to his letter of 14/10/29 on the subject.

Approved and decided. The Town Commissioners accordingly could not see their way to accept the offer; and that one of the sureties who is now deceased should be substituted.

Read The Town Surveyor reported (in accordance with decision at last meeting) breakages and gave (approx) estimates for repairs to the tenanted houses at St Benins, McHale and Parkmore Terraces.

decided It was unanimously agreed that a specification in accordance with the report be made out and ^{an} advertisement issued for tenders for repairs.

The meeting concluded.

Next meeting of the Town Commissioners
to be held on Tuesday, January 7th, 1930
at 8 p.m.

Yours faithfully,
John O. Whiffle,
Town Clerk.

Chairman

Date.

1930
7/1/30.

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Tuan Town Commissioners held a special meeting on Monday, 9th. December, 1929 at 8 p.m.

Mr. Patrick J. Byrne, Chairman, presided.

Other members present:
messrs Patrick J. Dwyer, M. W. Cahill, J. V. Toole, James Moran, W. Hohan, S. Fahy, P. Walsh, P. Gibbons, J. Burke and J. Byrne.

Read

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Tuan T.C.

Letter (dated 4/12/29) from Department of Local Government stating that relative to the proposed purchase of a plot of land for the erection of seven working class houses at Church View that owing to its present defective drainage the plot in question is not suitable as a building site. Moreover, the price proposed to be paid is altogether excessive. That in the circumstances the minister is not prepared to approve of the Commissioners acquiring the plot of land for building purposes.

Order.

It was decided to again appeal to the ministry stating that the Local Government Inspector had already approved of sites adjoining this plot although they were less elevated and the ~~price~~ drainage not quite as good; and to ask the re-consideration of the matter also to state that the Commissioners will again interview the owner of the plot with a view to acquiring it at less cost, pending its approval by the Minister.

Read

HB6056/1929

Juan Y. C.

2/12/29

Letter from Department requesting statement showing the previous housing accommodation of the persons to whom the last eight houses were sold.

It was decided to reply stating that the houses were sold at meeting of Commissioners to Solicitors on behalf of Purchasers, and to purchasers individually, who submitted offers; and that no terms were stipulated in the advertisements for the sale of these houses.

Read

not 20/11/29

To

Letter from R. M. Bugh Local Hon. Sec. C.S.P.C.A. enquiring if the Commissioners agreed to his conditions for the erection of a drinking trough for horses, etc., in Guam, viz that the Commissioners lay on water, keep the trough clean and with a sufficient supply of water.

Order

The Clerk was directed to reply stating that the Town Commissioners were giving the site for the trough only, and could not accede to any of his conditions.

Read

5/12/29

Letter from Mr. McDougall Solicitor stating that Mr. James Burke who had been in the employment of the Commissioners had consulted him relative to the sum of 19-3-0 which was due to him as salary and per centage; that unless he has a cheque for the amount he must in compliance with his client's instructions take the necessary legal proceedings for same.

Order

It was decided that the clerk be

forwarded the Local Government Department
for the minister's views.

The Clerk brought before the notice of the Board
the condition of broken windows in the Town
Hall, at front and rear.

Passed Proposed by Mr. Burke and passed "that a
glazier be employed to do the necessary repairs"

The meeting concluded.

Wm. W. Morrison
John T. Whyte,
Town Clerk.

P. J. [Signature]
7/1/20

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Minutes

Monthly meeting: January 7, 1930 at 8 p.m.

Mr. P. Byrne, Chairman, presided.

Other members: Messrs W. Holian, J. Byrne, J. Moran, P. Walsh, S. Fahy, J. Wilson, T. J. Boyer, P. Gibbons, M. W. Cahill, J. O'Leary, J. H. Costello, M. Keffe, and J. Burke.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

The Treasurer's Advice Notes were signed in respect of the following accounts, viz.,

Revenue a/c	- - - - -	£ 322 = 10 = 0.
Housing Scheme a/c	- - - - -	40 = 15 = 6.

It was unanimously decided to get one ton of Colfax, and ^{ask} the Co. Surveyors for the plant (available at the Shambles) to crush about 70 tons of stones at the mill.

The figures of Income Tax liability having been gone into it was decided to make payment of the amount £191 = 2 = 0 for the years 1924-25 & 1928-29. Schedule D.

Two tenders were received for repairs to the tenanted houses at Parkmore, M. Hall & St. Peter's tenaces from Messrs. Francis Holian for £15 = 10 = 0 and Martin Costello for £12 = 10 = 0.

Proposed by Mr. P. Walsh, seconded by Mr. M. W. Cahill that Mr. Costello's tender, being the lowest be accepted, the contractor to repairs

have runs at the meat stalls in lieu of weather-boards and window repairs at "Hale Terrace"

One tender was received for keeping the horse shed for one year from Matt Kennedy for the sum of £2 = 5.

Passed.

Proposed by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Holian that the tender be accepted

Passed.

On the suggestion of Mr. Bourke the Clerk was directed to write to the County Surveyor ~~and~~ calling his attention to debris deposited at the Gaipin.

accepted.

allowed

and

took

Possession

The Board accepted £100 from the Lessees of the Town Hall, ^{Cinema} allowing four months off the term of lease for the period which the Hall was under contract for repairs to damages caused by fire in May last. The Board took over possession of the Hall.

Mr. P. Walsh reported that traders were holding markets within the six-mile limit of the Town of Tuam and were thereby very seriously affecting business in the Town.

The Town Surveyor was instructed to make inquiries into the matter and report accordingly.

The Clerk was directed to again write to the Great Southern Railway Company relative to the evening train service, Tuam to Dublin, also to the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs and to state that much better facilities could be at the disposal of the public in the district with mail train than ^{with} road service as at Present

(continued)

Read Letter from R. M. Burke stating that C.S.P.C.A. (of which he is local Hon. Sec.) might bear the whole upkeep & the cost of the proposed drinking trough for horses, etc. in Tuam.

Order To reply stating that the Town Commissioners desire him to have the matter dropped altogether.

Read Letter from the waterworks Superintendent refusing to take over control of the fire extinguishing apparatus.

Order To refer the matter to the Board of Health, Galway.

Read Letter from Irish Land Commission stating that the taking over of the Strachan Lands, Tuam, is under consideration.

No order.

Read Letter from Irish Sailors and Soldiers Land Trust, Dublin, regretting that the trustees are unable to provide any of the houses under the 1919 Act, in the Tuam district.

Read An application from the following persons, viz. Edward Meece, Richard Gottle, Patrick Costello, Mary Rabbit, Delia Regan and John Hession, all of St. Bridget's Lane, Tuam, requesting that the road at the back of their houses be put in repair.

Order It was decided that as the road was on the property of the Town Commissioners, and that as Mr. O'Keefe would give the material that the work be done.

Joseph Mc Hugh, proprietor of the main
cinema, Tuam, applied for renewal of his
cinematograph licence.

Order

To ask Superintendent Connolly, G.S.
for his approval.

The meeting concluded.

Next monthly meeting of the Tuam Town
Commissioners to be held on Tuesday,
February 4, 1930.

Note: Owing to illness the Clerk was unable
to attend for monthly meeting on this date
and the meeting was adjourned to (the 11th
February 1930) that day week.

Signed on behalf of the Board.

~~Patricks~~! Your Chairman

John P. White. - Town Clerk.
February 11, 1930.

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Minutes of Proceedings at meeting on
February 11, 1930. at 8 p.m.

Mr. P. J. Byrne, Chairman, presided.
Other members present -
Messrs. W. Holian, P. Walsh, S. Fahy, P. Gillon,
J. Moran, M. J. O'Brien, J. O'Toole, J. H. Conner,
P. J. Burger, John Burke and John Byrne.

The minutes of the last meeting were
read and signed.

The Treasurers advice notes for making
payments, were signed in respect of the
following a/c's, viz:-

Housing Scheme a/c No. 1. - - - -	£11-15-0.
Do No. 2. - - - -	51-0-0.
Revenue a/c - - - -	55-7-2.

The Town Surveyor reported that he
found Messrs. W. Giverns' endeavouring
to establish a market within the six miles
limit of the town of Tuam.

Order

To get Mr. Concannon, the Booras Solicitor
to write to Mr. W. Givern in connection
with the matter.

An application for the letting of the Town
Hall Cinema was received from Mr James
Byrne, The Picture House, Athenry.

Proposed by Mr. Holian, seconded by Mr. Walsh
and passed unanimously, "That Mr. Byrne's
offer of £2-10-0 per week, payable
monthly

monthly in advance, with an allowance of 10/- (ten shillings) per week during the months, May, June, July and August, be accepted for a period of one year, subject to the terms of his application and in accordance with former letting conditions. Mr. Payne to pay all costs, in connection with the agreement, to the Board's Solicitor."

Passed. Proposed by Mr. Corcoran, seconded by Mr. Holian, "That the rent of the Cinema Hall for dance or other purposes be fixed at £2 per night, without light charge, and that the same conditions of letting (as formerly) be adhered to by the lessee."

See foot p. 114.

Read Circular letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. A.S. Cir. 11/1930) relative to the striking of Rates.

31/1/30

Read Public notice from the Board of Health Galway, relative to the erection of a public Latrine or Public Conveniences at Tuam.

30/1/30

Read an application from J. Dermody, Moylough for the use of the room opposite the Town Clerk's office for a few hours every Saturday, for the collection of Poor Rates at the rent of 4/- per day.

Proposed by Mr. Burke, seconded by Mr. Walsh, "That the application be granted."

Read 4/2/30 an application from the Secretary Tuam Sports Committee and G.A. requesting the free use of the Library Room for their meetings

Order Proposed by Mr. Walsh seconded by Mr. Burke "That the Room be given them free for meetings during daylight and that it be charged when light is required"

Passed

Read 11/2/30 An application for use of the Cinema Hall for the purpose of holding a farewell dance for Mr. P. J. Mills from Mr. J. Noone on behalf of the Committee

Proposed by Mr. Burke, seconded by Mr. Walsh "That the hall be given free provided that the lessee is not in occupation on that date 10/3/30"

Read An application for the use of the Library Room for holding their fortnightly meetings from the Secretary, Tuam N.M.R.

Order Proposed by Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Holian "That the use of the Room be granted, provide no other important public meeting clashes with their meetings."

Read 23/11/30 a letter from Tuam Waterworks Superintendent requesting the Town Commissioners to maintain the fire hose and appliances until

until the end of the year when it is the intention of the Waterworks Committee resign.

decided After some discussion it was decided to have no further objection to storing the hose and taking charge of it provided the Board of Health supplied all the necessary requirements.

Read A report from the Town Surveyor that the weighbridge was liable to give inaccurate weighing, owing to a defect on one corner.

Order To write Messrs. Avery asking them if their man is at a convenient distance to come and examine and repair the weighbridge, pointing out to them that it is only a few months since (the weighbridge) was repaired before by them.

Read A report from the Town Surveyor that the Tower of the Town Hall was leaking.

Order. Proposed by Mr. Walsh seconded by Passed. Mr. O'Brien, That Mr. D. J. Swift be asked to examine and report on it.

Read A report from the Town Surveyor that he had examined and found that his submitted lists of damages to the Town ^{Hall} needed urgent repairs.

Order To ask Tuam Electricity Company to do the necessary (light) repairs.

Read an application from the occupants of Nos. 1 to 6, St. Bridget's Terrace, requesting that the plot of ground at the back of their holdings be allotted to them in divisions.

After some discussion the application was refused.

The Secretary Carnegie Library Committee requested the use of the Cinema Hall for the night of the 23rd Fe. ^{by} 1930, when it was the intention of the Committee to have Mr. Colum O'Connell give a (free) Lecture on Irish music.

The Board unanimously decided to allow the free use of the (Room) Hall on this occasion as there was no charge for admission.

Read a report from The Town Surveyor that complaints had been made to him that the level crossing gates at the station were often closed from 15 to 30 minutes causing considerable delay to the general public.

Passed Proposed by Mr. Corcoran and passed Unanimously "That the Town Commissioners protest against this action of the officials in causing this delay, if avoidable."

Read Letter (dated 18/1/30) relative to evening train

train service, Tuam and Dublin, stating that the matter is being specially considered in connection with other revisions of the Time Table in the Western district.

Order To write stating that the matter is now over two months in abeyance and requesting that immediate steps be taken to have this service made.

Passed Proposed by Mr. Foley Seconded by Mr. Bourke.

"That we voice a vehement protest against the despicable action of the Six County Government in prohibiting the entry into its area of that splendid Irish-American newspaper, 'The Irish World.' The junta's prohibition is cowardly—cowardly in the sense that it fears truth, for if the truth of the methods employed by the Six County Junta to remain in power was made known, their tenure of office would be short. As an example of Twenty-Six County slavish or foolish tolerance we remind the public of Arnott's 'Irish Times' being allowed to sneer at Irish place names with impunity. The 'Irish Times' will not look with favour upon Irish place names but insists upon calling Dun Laoghaire, Kingstown, and Cobh, Queens-town. In face of the Six County Junta's prohibition of the 'Irish World' we call for Government action towards compelling the 'Irish Times' to cease calling Irish towns and streets by English names."

"That copies of this resolution be sent to each Co. Council, and the following papers; 'The Nation', 'An Poblaic', and 'Honesty'."

See p. 110 It was decided that in future the use of the Library Room be given for catering purposes in the case of all-night dances at an inclusive charge of 10/- (ten shillings)

The meeting concluded.
Signed on behalf of the Board,
P. P. [Signature] Chairman

4/2/30 Date.

Minutes

Special meeting - February 20, 1930, at 8 p.m.

Mr P. J. Byrne, Chairman presided.
Other members; messrs. P. Walsh, J. Moran,
J. H. Concoran, T. Wilson, J. Byrne, Mrs.
Cahill, J. Burke, S. Fahy, J. O'Keefe,
and Mr. J. O'Brien.

The notice convening the meeting was read.

Passed.

Proposed by Mr. Cahill, seconded by
Mr. Moran "That we, the Tuam Town
Commissioners wish to tender our sincere
sympathy to the relatives of the late Very
Rev. Dean Macken P.P. of Claremorris, and
also to his Grace, the Archbishop and
Priests of the Archdiocese of Tuam on
the loss sustained by his sad demise,
as he was a brilliant Churchman and
Scholar, a man of common sense who
understood his people's needs, and was
always prepared to advocate their
cause for advancement which we had
experience of, during his time as
Administrator of Tuam."

Passed.

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded
by Mr. Burke, "That we, the Tuam
Town Commissioners desire to place
on record our deep regret at the death
of our distinguished townsman, Mr.
Henry Concoran who has been
Solicitor to this Board for over 40
years"

years, during which time, his guidance and advice were their best treasured asset. His loss will also be keenly felt not alone by the general body of the citizens of Tuam but by the people of the entire County, and we respectfully beg to tender our sincere sympathy to his widow, Mrs Concanon; his nephew, Colonel E. J. Concanon; and other relatives in their sad bereavement.

Order

It was decided that Mr. Kennedy, Architect, be requested to prepare plans and specifications for the building of additional houses at Church View.

Order.

The Clerk was directed to request Mr. Comerford, acting Solicitor, to the Board to prepare Mr. Payne's Bond for his lease of the Town Hall, Cinema

The meeting concluded.

John P. Whyte
Town Clerk
Signed on behalf of the Board,
Chairman.

W. J. G. W.

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The following members of Tuam Town Commissioners were present at a specially convened meeting on Feb. 28, 1930 @ 8 p.m., viz. J.H. Corcoran, P. Walsh, J. O'Foolle, M.J. O'Brien and Simon Fahy.

Mr. P. Walsh proposed, "That Mr. Corcoran take the Chair."

An application from the Tuam Coursing Club Dance Committee was received, requesting the use of the Town Clerk's office for a Bar on Sunday night March 2, 1930

Proposed by Mr. O'Brien seconded by Mr. P. Walsh, "That the use of the office be given as requested."

The Clerk asked who would be held responsible for papers, returns, books and records of the town, which could not be locked up by any means, in the office.

Proposed by Mr. Corcoran, seconded by Mr. O'Foolle "That the Clerk prepare a form ^{of the Dance Committee} holding the following members responsible for the contents of the office, viz. Messrs. J.B. McKeonogh, J.S. Stafford and Martin Cooney

The meeting ended.

Yours faithfully,

~~John D. Whyte~~

John D. Whyte
Town Clerk

4/3/30

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Minutes.

monthly meeting: March 4, 1930, @ 8 p.m.

Mr. P. J. Byrne Chairman, presided.

Other members present, Messrs W. Hahan, J. O'Loole, P. Walsh, S. Fahy, J. Byrne, J. Wilson, P. J. Dwyer, M. J. O'Brien, M. O'Keeffe, J. H. Corcoran, M. W. Cahill, James Moran and J. Burke. ~~and~~

The minutes of the last meetings were read and signed.

The Treasurers advice notes were signed for making payments out of the following a/c's viz,

Revenue a/c	£116-15-3
Housing Scheme a/c No. 2	£14-3-3
Roads a/c	£10-10-0

The Clerk was authorised to open letters (at the meetings) addressed "The Residing Chairman" owing to two letters, so addressed, being mislaid at the last meeting.

Read Letter from Mr. James Payne, Athenry, stating that
3/3/30 he regrets he cannot see his way to carry out his lease of Town Hall Cinema

Order It was decided that the hall be re-
advertised stating the seating capacity and making it conditional to lodge £5

(Five Pounds) with the application for tenancy, to be forfeited unless the intending tenant completes his Bond.

Read
28/2/30

Letter from Tuen Stationmaster stating that the matter of closing crossing gates, is having his personal attention, and that every effort will be made to avoid unnecessary delay.

Read
4/3/30

Letter from P. Flanagan, Ballpostey, stating that only 2 of the proposed 6 hoardings have been erected and requesting that the remaining four be put up.

It was decided that the work be advertised and tenders invited at the next meeting for hoardings at High St (1), Dublin Rd (1), Ballygaddy Rd (1) and Tullinadaly Rd (1). And that the size of the hoardings be 8' x 10'.

Read
4/3/30

Letter from the Supt., Waterworks Committee relative to storing the fire hose and appliances and suggesting the Town Hall as the proper place for them to be kept.

On the proposition of Mr. Cahill, seconded by Mr. Holian it was decided that they be given a suitable place in the Town Hall for storing the hose.

Proposed by Mr. Cahill, seconded by Mr. Moran "That we, Tuen Town Commissioners accept the positions of

members of Tuam Waterworks Committee".
messrs. P. J. Long, and Thos. Wilson S. Fahy
declined to accept the positions.

Read 11/2/30 Letter from W. Walsh, McHale Lee, stating
that as repairs were carried out for other tenants
he was applying for 15% compensation for a
new door.

Payment was ordered for 15% but on the
proposition of Mr. Holian, seconded by
Mr. O'Toole it was decided "that this case
be not made a precedent of."

Read 19/2/30 Acknowledgments from Westmeath Co. Council,
Limerick Co. Council and Tipperary (N.R.)
County Council to resolution re Post Office
prohibition to "Irish World".

Read 10/2/30 An application from the Irish
National Assurance Coy. requesting
insurances of Town Commissioners

With - Proposed by Mr. Walsh seconded by
drawn Mr. O'Toole That they be given the
insurance of the 2 Cottages that are
let at Galway Rd.

Passed Proposed by Mr. Fahy, seconded by
Mr. Holian "That the New Ireland
Assurance Coy. get the Insurance of
the 2 Cottages"

Proposed by Mr. Fahy, seconded by Mr.
Long

Dunne "That we again point out to the minister for Industry and Commerce, the serious disadvantages to Tuam, caused by lack of connection with the Dublin - Galway and Galway - Dublin night mail trains. We demand the minister to take immediate steps to have the proposed train established. We also request the minister for Posts and Telegraphs to make a reasonable offer to the G. S. Rly Co. to permit their running the train without loss."

Read letter from Colonel E. G. Concanon thanking
28/2/30 Tuam Town Commissioners for resolution of sympathy on the death of Mr. A. Concanon.

Read letter from Traffic manager G. S. Rlys re
20/2/30 evening train service, Tuam and Dublin stating that he is unable to give a definite reply at present.

Read letter from Mr. Mark Kililea T.D. acknowledging
26/2/30 receipt of resolution of 6-11-29, stating that the name of the minister for Industry and Commerce has been omitted from the resolution, also the Railway Tribunal should be included.

The resolution above was accordingly drafted.
assed It was decided by seven votes and one casting vote to seven votes to adjourn and put on the agenda the business of appointing a solicitor to the Board at the next monthly meeting.

For adjournment to next meeting there voted; Messrs Holian, O'Loole, Walsh, Byrne, O'Brien, Arcavan, and Chairman (2)

against adjournment. Messrs. Fahy, Lawry,
Wibow, O'Keefe, Chhill, Moran and Burke

Order The appointment of Solicitor to the Board to be
put on the agenda for meeting on April 1, 1930

Mr. M. J. Kennedy Esq. Surveyor, forwarded
plans and specification for the building
of additional Cottages at Church View.

It was decided that tenders be invited
for the building in a complete block
of seven houses or in (A) four^{and} or three.
That the Tenderer could contract for the
building of 7 Cottages, 4 Cottages, or 3 Cottages.
In case two tenders were accepted it was
decided that the contractor of the 3 Cottages
build the dividing wall, according to
Specification, etc.

The meeting concluded

Next monthly meeting of Inam Town
Commissioners to be held on Tuesday
April 1, 1930 at 8 p.m.

Yours faithfully
John P. Whyte
Town Clerk.

Signed on behalf of the Board
Chairman

P. Boyce

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