

Minutes of Proceedings of above local authority at their monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 6, 1936.

Present: In the Chair; Mr. John Burke, Chairman.

Other members: Messrs. A. O'Malley, J. Coughlan, J. Byrne, J. Moran, D. McCormack, J. Mooney, M. Cooney, J. H. Corcoran, J. J. Waldron, M. W. Cahill, P. Purcell and E. J. Canney.

Mr. J. P. Glynn, Solicitor (on behalf of Mr. F.B. McDonogh, Commissioners' Solicitor) was also present.

The Minutes of the last monthly meeting and two special meetings (held since) were read and signed.

Treasurer's Advice Notes were signed for payments out of the following Accounts, viz.,

Revenue Account	....	....	£48 : 4 : 1.
Housing (Loan or Capital) Accounts	No. 3	£1,266	: 5 : 0.
Housing (Revenue) Account, No. 3		£20	: 11 : 7.

Submitted.

Monthly Financial Statement, statements of Rent and Rate Collections, etc.

Order.

Statements noted.

HOUSING:

Unoccupied houses at Tubberjarlath and Athenry Roads were filled as follows:

Tubberjarlath Road.

No. 24	was	allotted	to	Mr. Tom Molloy,	Dublin Rd.,	Tuam.
No. 35	"	"	"	Mr. John Reilly,	Church View,	Tuam.
No. 40	"	"	"	Mr. C. Culloty,	Tullinadaly Rd.,	Do.
No. 53	"	"	"	Mrs. Bridget Looby,	Do.	Do.
No. 44	"	"	"	Mr. Thomas Nestor,	Quinaltagh,	Dunmore.
No. 51	"	"	"	Mr. John Dooley,	Dunmore Rd.,	Tuam.
No. 55	"	"	"	Mr. Thomas Warde,	Tullinadaly Rd.,	Tuam.
No. 57.	"	"	"	Mr. Bernard McHugh,	Tullinadaly Rd.,	Do.

No. 59 was allotted to Mr. John Melvin, Galway Rd., Tuam.  
 No. 62 " " " Mr. Michael Kelly, Galway Rd., Tuam.  
 No. 64 " " " Mr. James Mullaney, Kilgevrin, Tuam.  
 No. 66 " " " Mr. Thomas Marnion, Bishop St., Tuam.  
 No. 77 " " " Mr. Peter O'Neill, c/o Mrs. Collieran, Tuam.  
 No. 72 " " " Mr. John Flaherty, Old Rd., Tuam.

Athenry Road.

No. 44 was allotted to Mr. Patrick Byrne, Milltown, Tuam.  
 No. 52 " " " Mr. Bernard Shaughnessy, Church View, Tuam.  
 No. 60 " " " Mr. John Heffernan, Tuam.  
 No. 66 " " " Mr. John Lydon, Cloonthoca Road, Tuam.  
 No. 74 " " " Mrs. Ellen Dillon, Tuam.  
 No. 76 " " " Mr. Thomas Quim, Cloonthoca Rd., Tuam.

Letting of 30 houses:

Order.

It was unanimously decided to adjourn the question of the selection of tenants 27 houses at Athenry Rd. (30 - 70 houses scheme) to a special meeting to be held on Tuesday, the 20th. October (inst.)

Reserved portion of Housing sites at Athenry Road.

Order.

It was unanimously decided to request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to grant permission to build 6 additional houses on the reserved plot at Athenry Road adjoining the Childrens' Home, or, alternatively, to sell the plot by Public Auction, seeing that the Co. Galway Board of Health were not availing of the Commissioners' offer of the plot in order to widen the road and improve the amenities of the place.

Deputation from tenants in the new houses at Tubberjarlath.

A deputation was received from the tenants of the Tubberjarlath houses. Mr. J. Hurley, spokesman, asked that the following matters be considered by the Commissioners, viz.,

- (1) The removal of the cesspool adjoining the Childrens' Home,
- (2) The bad working condition of some of the ranges in the houses,
- (3) The complaints that all keys of the houses are the same, and

and (4) that the E. S. B. be asked to connect up the light with the new houses.

Order.

(1) That the Co. Galway Board of Health be requested to have the Gesspool complained of closed up.

(2) and (3) These matters to be referred to Mr. J.P. Moran, Engineer, for his attention.

(4) That the E. S. B. be requested to connect up the Shannon Current with these houses.

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Proposed appointment of Rent Collector.

Mr. P. Purcell handed in the following Notice of Motion,  
"Take notice that I, or some member on my behalf will move at a Special meeting of Tuam Town Commissioners to be held on Tuesday the 25th. October, 1936, that the proposed appointment of Rent Collector for the 160 new houses at Tubberjarlath and Farranabox, be proceeded with at the monthly meeting on Tuesday, 3rd. November, 1936".

(Signed) Patrick Purcell.

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Tenants Agreements.

Mr. J.P. Glynn, Solicitor, submitted tenants agreements and deeds of sale - Tuam Town Commissioners to Co. Galway Vocational Education Committee and Mr. J.T. Kelly, for execution.

Order.

Proposed by Mr. O'Malley, seconded by Mr. Cooney and resolved,  
"That the agreements as submitted be signed by the Chairman and Messrs. A. O'Malley, M. Cooney and John P. Whyte, Town Clerk, on behalf of the Town Commissioners and that the Corporate Seal be affixed thereto."

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Proposed purchase of Fire Engine and Appliances.

Order.

Proposed by Mr. Corcoran, seconded by Mr. Coghlan and resolved,  
"That the proposal made at the Commissioners (adjourned) monthly meeting on the 18th. August, 1936, to raise a loan of £600 for the purpose of providing a Fire Engine and Appliances be and is hereby agreed at this meeting."

New Line Bridge.

Order.

The Clerk was instructed to write to the Great Southern Railway Co. requesting that the south-east wall of the New Line Railway Bridge be lowered, as it is considered dangerous from the point of view that motorists might drive into children playing on the bridge.

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Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Cooney and resolved,  
"That the following letter from His Grace, the Archbishop be copied into the Minutes, as follows :

'St. Jarlath's,  
Tuam.

5th. September, 1936.

My dear Mr. Burke,

Having made arrangements for absence on urgent business before I received your kind invitation to the opening ceremony of the Tubberjarlath Housing Scheme and the Reception for the Minister of Local Government and Public Health, I regret very much that I cannot attend. May I send you and the Town Commissioners my most sincere congratulations on the accomplishment of a great and most useful addition to the borough of Tuam. Kindly take me as joining in a most cordial welcome to the Minister.

With all best wishes,

I remain,

Very faithfully yours,

(Signed)

T.P. Gilmartin,

Archbishop of Tuam.

John Burke Esq.,  
Chairman, Town Commissioners,  
Tuam. "

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General Correspondence.

Read.

Letter from Mr. Wm. J. Concannon, Solicitor, Tuam, with reference to an injury received by his client, Mrs. Bridget Coogan, Church

View, Tuam, outside the C.Y.M.S. Hall on the 8th. August last, and stating that unless the Town Commissioners were prepared to compensate his client for the injuries received he was instructed to take proceedings against them, etc.

Submitted. Report from Mr. Hession, Town Steward, stating that the place of the accident was not a danger to the public.

Order. That copy of Mr. Concannon's letter and copy of Mr. Hession's report be sent to Mr. McDonogh, Solicitor.

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Town Hall.

Read. Letter from Mr. James Cooney, tenant of Town Hall, stating that he got the Cinema portion of the Hall painted; and applying for an allowance of four weeks' rent of Hall.

Order. Proposed by Mr. Mooney, seconded by Mr. McCprmack and resolved, "That Mr. Cooney be allowed four weeks' rent (£5) in respect of the painting of the Hall."

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Town Clerk's Salary.

The Town Clerk (Mr J.P. Whyte) applied for an increase in salary.

Order. That the matter be put on the agenda for next meeting for consideration.

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Tolls and Customs - Street Traders.

Submitted. Report from Mr. J. Hession, Town Steward, stating that Mr. Cyril Chapman, convent Road, Claremorris and Mrs. Agnes Parsons, Tuam, refused to pay him the respective amounts set out on the Schedule Board (i.e. 10/- and £1 respectively) or to remove to the Shambles

Order. Proposed by Mr. Waldron, seconded by Mr. Canney and resolved, "That Mr. Cyril Chapman be sued for recovery of 10/- Tolls in respect of each day he exhibits goods for sale on a Standing on the Square or in any other market place in the Town other than the Shambles."

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The Meeting concluded.

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Next Monthly meeting of Tuam Town Commissioners to be held  
on Tuesday, the 3rd. November, 1936.

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Signed on behalf of Tuam Town Commissioners,

*John Burke*  
.....Chairman, Date. *November 3 1936*

*Seán de Paor*  
.....Town Clerk, Tuam, the 9th. October, '36.

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MINUTES of Proceedings of the above local authority at a Special meeting on Tuesday, the 20th. November, 1936.

Mr. John Burke, Chairman, presided.

Other members present: Messrs. A. O'Malley, M. Cooney, J. Moran, J. Byrne, P. Purcell, J. H. Corcoran, J. Waldron, D. McCormack, J. Mooney, M. W. Cahill, E. J. Canney and J. Coughlan.

Read.

Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. H. 190,426/36 - Tuam T.C. - dated the 9th. October, 1936) stating that the Minister sanctions the fixing of the rent of 6/- per week, ~~including~~ rates in respect of the 70 houses at Farranabox and Athenry Road, and calling attention to the terms of Section 9 of the Local Government (Rates on Small Dwellings) Act, 1928.

Order.

Sanction Noted.

Letting  
of  
Farranabox  
houses (30).

The Following 27 tenants were selected for tenancies of the 27 houses at Michael Moran Terrace (16) and Father Burke Row (11) and, on a draw, were allotted the houses as follows, namely,

3. Mr. Martin Fahy, 11, McHale Terrace, Tuam,
5. Mr. P. J. McMahon, Bishop Street, Do.
6. Mr. P. Gallagher, C/o O'Boyle's James' Street, Claremorris.
7. Mr. Harry Cunningham, 42, Athenry Road, Tuam.
8. Mr. Patrick Costello, Garra, Ballyglunin,
9. Mrs. M. McHugh, Galway Road, Tuam,
10. Mr. Martin Tighe, Church View, Tuam.
11. Mr. James Connolly, Barrack Street, Do.
12. Mr. Wm. J. McGrath, Tullinadaly Rd., Do.
13. Miss Bridget Smyth, Do. Do.
14. Mr. P. McCabe, O'Keefe's Tce., Do.
15. Mr. Thomas Grogan, 54, Athenry Rd., Do.
16. Mr. Jos. Noone, Dublin Rd., Do.
17. Mr. Ml. Holian, O'Keefe's Tce., Do.
18. Mrs. Lizzie Larkin, Tuam,

19. Mr. John Tighe, Bishop Street, Tuam,
20. Mr. Thomas Moore, Galway Road, Do.
21. Mr. Michael Fahy, Bishop Street, Do.
22. Miss Annie Higgins, Sylane N.S., Do.
23. Mr. John Reilly, Church View, Do.,
24. Mr. Thomas Ryan, Ballygaddy Road, Do.
25. Mr. W. F. Allcock, McDonogh's Tce., Do.
26. Mr. Thomas Creaven, Ballygaddy Road, Do.
27. Mr. Patrick Farrelly, O'Keeffe's Tce., Do.
28. Mr. M. Layng (Gda.) St. Paul's Tce., Do.
29. Miss Eileen McWalter, Gallagher, Tuam.
30. Mr. James Harney, (Gda.) O'Keeffe's Tce., Tuam.

The following applicants were selected for tenancies of vacant houses at Tubberjarlath Road and Athenry Road (Upper), viz., Mr. Patrick Quigley, Ballymote, Tuam, was allotted No. 48 Athenry Road,

Miss N. Poinard, Tuam, was allotted No. 40 Athenry Road,

Mr. Wm. O'Brien, Ballinvoher, Turloughmore, was allotted No. 54, Athenry Road.

Mr. Wm. McCormack, Cloonthue Road, was allotted No. 76 Athenry Road.

Mr. Thomas Flanagan, C/o Miss Leonard, High Street, Tuam, was allotted No. 26, Tubberjarlath Road.

Mr. Patrick Gaynor, Cloondarone, Tuam, was allotted No. ~~50~~ 51 Tubberjarlath Road.

Mr. Edward Henderson, Bishop Street, Tuam, was allotted No. 35, Tubberjarlath Road.

Order.

Proposed by Mr. Cooney, seconded by Mr. Cahill and resolved, "That the Clerk be empowered to allot house No. 44 to the next suitable applicant for a house".

Order.

It was decided to allow tenants who have been allotted houses at Miceal Moran and Father Burke Terraces to exchange houses with other tenants in these Terraces, provided they duly notified the Clerk in writing.



Proposed Appointment of Rent Collector.

Read.

Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. H.190290/36 - Tuam T.C. - dated the 6th. October, 1936) stating that the Minister will make no objection to the appointment of a Rent Collector for the 160 new houses recently erected.

Order.

In accordance with Notice of Motion submitted at the last monthly meeting, Mr. Purcell proposed and Mr. McCormack seconded and the resolution was unanimously passed, "That we do proceed to appoint a rent Collector for 130 (of the 160) new houses at Tubberjarlath and Athenry road - the present Collector, Mr. John Hession to be appointed Collector of the rents of the 30 houses at Farranabox which are within the Town boundary - the Collectors' remuneration to be at the rate of 5% on all monies collected and lodged for rents and rates, provided always that there shall be no arrears outstanding at the time of payment of remuneration; that this and all the other conditions of appointment of the second rent Collector (for 130 houses) shall be prepared by the Commissioners' Solicitor, who shall also determine whether the present Collector's Bond would be in order for his additional collections".

The Clerk was instructed to issue an advertisement for the filling of the position.

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Proposed Fire Engine and Fire Fighting Appliances - Loan, £600.

Order.

Proposed by Mr. Corcoran, seconded by Mr. Coughlan and resolved "That the proposal made at the Commissioners (adjourned) monthly meeting on the 18th. August, 1936, to raise a loan of £600 (Six Hundred Pounds) for the purpose of providing a Fire Engine, Appliances, etc. for the town of Tuam, be and is hereby agreed to at this meeting".

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Public Lighting, 1936/37 - Additional Lamp at St. Francis Tce.

Submitted.

Quotation from the Electricity Supply Board (dated the 21/10/36)

for the provision of a new public lamp at the required position in St. Francis Terrace for the sum of £8 : 16 : 4, plus its maintenance to the 31st. March, 1937, for the sum of £3 : 5 : 6.

Order.

Proposed by Mr. Coughlan, seconded by The Chairman and resolved,

"That the quotation be accepted and that the E.S.B. be requested to arrange to have the lamp erected as soon as possible".

Order.

The Clerk was instructed to ask the E.S.B. to complete the lighting of the Town Clock.

Sugar Factories Workers proposed Strike.

Proposed by Mr. Corcoran, seconded by Mr. Waldron and resolved,

"That we respectfully request President De Valera and His Grace, the Archbishop of Tuam to use their influence in the interests of a settlement of the dispute which has arisen between the Sugar Company and the Factory workers".

Proposed by Mr. Coughlan, seconded by Mr. Purcell and resolved,

"That we, Tuam Town Commissioners, do call on the Minister for Industry and Commerce to arrange a Conference representative of the Comhlucht Siucre Eireann, Teo. and the Unions involved with a view to arriving at a settlement of the Sugar Factory dispute; also that we ask the Minister, if he could see his way, to act as Chairman of the Conference".

The meeting concluded.

Signed on behalf of Tuam Town Commissioners,

*John Burke* Chairman, Date *November 9 1936*  
*Sean de Paor* Town Clerk, Tuam, 22/10/36.

MINUTES of Proceedings of the above local authority at their Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, the 3rd. November, 1936.

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Mr. John Burke, Chairman, presided.

Other members present: Messrs. E. J. Canney, M. W. Cahill, J. H. Corcoran, P. Purcell, J. Waldron, M. Cooney, A. O'Malley, J. Coughlan, D. McCormack, J. Moran, J. Mooney and J. Byrne.

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The Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> monthly meeting and of a Special Meeting (since held) were read and signed.

FINANCE:

Treasurer's Advice Notes were signed for payments out of the following Accounts, viz.,

Revenue Acct.		£118 : 11 : 6.
Housing Scheme Acct. No. 1.		120 : 10 : 5.
Do.	Do.No. 2.	500 : 0 : 0.
Do.	Do.No. 3 (Loan)	£1,810 : 18 : 14.
Do.	Do.No. 3 (Revenue)	£1,002 : 12 : 10.

Temporary Transfer.

It was unanimously decided to transfer the sum of £300 from Housing Scheme A/c No. 2 to Housing (Revenue) Acct. No. 3, (pending receipt of Town Rates and Housing rents) to meet the interest charges due to 1/11/36 on foot of instalments of loans received for the 90 and 70 houses Schemes.

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The Electricity Supply Board's Account in respect of the Public Lighting Contract (to 31st. March, 1937) was discussed and it was decided to pay the sum of £65 : 10/- in settlement of the account to the 1/11/36 and to withhold the sum of £32 : 15/- in respect of the period of the Contract for which a number of street lamps were left unlighted - the Town Steward to get particulars of the number of same and the period left unlighted and the Clerk to forward the particulars to the E.S.B.

Submitted.

Monthly Financial Statement, statements of rents and rates Collections, etc.

Order

It was unanimously decided to serve Notice to Quit on any tenant in the new houses at Farranabox and Tubberjarlath who allows his rent to go into arrears of 2, 3 or 4 weeks: also that Notice to Quit be served on Patrick Tully, tenant of 37 Tubberjarlath Road on his failure to pay 2 weeks' rent due by him. Other statements noted.

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HOUSING:

Names of Terraces at Athenry Road.

Order.

The Clerk was directed to write to Mr. J. P. Moran, Engineer for Housing Schemes asking him to arrange for the erection of the names-plates of the different terraces of new houses at Athenry Road.

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Selection of tenants for new houses(declared vacant)at  
Tubberjarlath and Farranabox.

Order.

The following applicants were selected for tenancies in above houses and allotted tenancies, as follows:-

Mr. Thomas J. Brosnan, Tuam,	was allotted	No.22	Athenry Road,
Mr. Wm. Flanagan, Do.	" "	No.14	Athenry Road,
Mr. Mtn. Wynne, Do.	" "	No.54	Athenry Road,
Mrs. M.B.Patterson, Do.	" "	No.17	T. Jarlath Rd.,
Mr. John Gilligan, Do.	" "	No.53	Do.
Miss Mgt. Philbin, Do.	" "	No.64	Do.
Mr. Mark Higgiston Do.	" "	No.44	Do.

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Proposed Appointment of Rent Collector (150 new houses).

Submitted.

Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. H.190290/36 - Tuam T.C. - dated the 24th. October, 1936) stating that it would appear from the terms of the Bond entered into by the Commissioners with Mr. John Hession, Rent Collector that the latter is entitled to collect all rents and so long as this situation continues a new collector cannot be appointed for the new houses

Submitted.

Letters from Mr. F. B. McDonogh, Commissioners' Solicitor, advising the Commissioners to the same effect.

Order.

After some discussion, in the matter, the following resolution was proposed by Mr. Corcoran, seconded by Mr. Waldron and passed unanimously,

"That having regard to the amount of work already being done by the present rent Collector, Mr. John Hession as rent Collector, viz., rate Collector and Town Steward, we are unanimously of opinion that it is not in our opinion reasonable to impose on him, in addition to this work, the collection of the total rent of the 160 new houses recently erected, and furthermore we consider it more advisable to appoint an additional collector having regard to the number of unemployed in the town many of whom would be suitable for the position of Collector. We therefore consider it a reasonable proposition to make and we request a favourable consideration of our proposition which is to allot Mr. Hession the Collection of the 30 Houses within the town boundaries and to appoint a new Collector for the remaining 130 houses which lie outside the town boundaries".

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Town Clerk's Application for an increase in Salary.

Order.

The Town Clerk (Mr. John P. Whyte) submitted an application for an increase in salary in view of his increased duties.

Order.

That the following sub-Committee of the Commissioners be appointed to go into the finances, etc. with a view to a due consideration of the Town Clerk's application for an increase in his present salary; and to report their findings at a later meeting of the Commissioners, viz., The Chairman, Messrs. P. Purcell, J. Waldron, J. Coughlan, & J. H. Corcoran.

Read.

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Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. H.170541/36/Tuam T.C. - dated the 7th. October, 1934) stating that the Minister consents to the sale of the plot of land at Farranabox not required for the Commissioners Housing Scheme, to the Co. Galway Vocational Education

Committee for the sum of £103, plus cost of conveyance, and to the application of the capital money received in respect of the transaction towards the cost of the 70-house scheme.

Order.

Sanction noted.

Read.

Letter from the Engineer-in-Chief, Department of Posts and Telegraphs stating that an account for the amount of the cost to transfer poles at Tubberjarlath in consequence of the Commissioners Housing Scheme, will be rendered in due course.

Order.

Letter Noted.

Acquisition of Land (Allotments) Acts, 1926/34.

Read.

Circular letter from the Department of Agriculture (No.G.836/35- dated the 21st. October, 1936) with reference to the surrender of implements provided to allotment-holders in the 1935/36 season; also Circular letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. 104/36 - dated the 1/10/36) with reference to the provision of allotments for unemployed persons in the 1937 season.

Order.

Proposed by Mr. Cooney, seconded by the Chairman and resolved, "That applications be invited from unemployed persons for allotments in accordance with the Acquisition of Land (Allotments) Acts, 1926 and 1934; and that the Clerk be instructed to prepare a Scheme for the purpose and to arrange to provide the necessary land - the 2 acres (approx.) at the Weir Road to be retained and additional land provided, if required.

SCHOOL MEALS:

Submitted.

Circular letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. 110/36 dated the 15th. October, 1936) with reference to the provision of School Meals.

Order.

No action taken.

Read.

TUAM FAIRGREEN: Letter from Messrs. Conway & Quinn, Solicitors, Tuam, intimating that they were winding up the administration

of the estate of the late Mr. E. P. O'Flanagan and disposing of the landed property in the estate which comprises the Tuam Fairgreen; etc.

Order.

That the following Sub-Committee interview Messrs. Conway and Quinn with a view to ascertaining the conditions of sale of the Fairgreen, etc. viz., Messrs. M. W. Cahill, J. Moran, A. O'Malley and M. Cooney.

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TOWN HALL:

Order.

The Clerk was directed to look up the terms of letting of the Cinema portion of the Town Hall to ascertain the particulars regarding the reserved days in the letting for the Commissioners and to inform Mr. Purcell as to same.

Order.

Mr. O'Malley proposed and The Chairman seconded, "That we do seek permission of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to sell the present Town Hall and to build a suitable town hall with the proceeds of the sale together with money raised on loan or otherwise, we being of opinion that the present Town Hall is altogether unsuitable for the needs of the town,"

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The meeting concluded.

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Signed on behalf of Tuam Town Commissioners,

*John Coyllan*  
.....Chairman, Date.....15.13.36

*Seán de Paor*  
.....Town Clerk, Tuam, 6/11/'36.

MINUTES of Proceedings of above local authority at a specially convened meeting on Monday, the 16th. November, 1936.

Present: In the Chair, Mr. John Burke, Chairman.

Other members: Messrs. P. Purcell, M. Cooney, J. Waldron and J. Mooney.

Order.

It was unanimously decided to adjourn consideration of the Sub-Committee's report in connection with inquiry made by them as to the duties of the Town Clerk in conjunction with his application for an increase in salary.

HOUSING:

The following applicants were selected as tenants of new houses and allocated tenancies as follows:

Gerald O'Connor, Tuam,	was allotted No. 6 Athenry Road,
Thomas Kelly, Do.	was allotted No. 7, Athenry Road,
Patrick Flaherty	was allotted No. 27, Athenry Road,
Brigid Cunningham	was allotted No. 21, Tubberjarlath Road,
James Corless	was allotted No. 35, Tubberjarlath Road, and
John Roache	was allotted No. 50, Tubberjarlath Road.

Submitted. Report by Mr. J. Hession, rent Collector, that he visited the field purchased by Mr. John T. Kelly from the Commissioners at Tubberjarlath adjoining the Commissioners' new houses, and that found the place partly covered with broken bottles, delph, cycle wheels, etc.

Order. It was decided that it was a matter for the owner of the land to take action against the offenders, and also that the tenants adjoining the field on Tubberjarlath road be warned by circular against depositing rubbish on same.

Submitted. Report from Mr. Hession, rent Collector, that some of the tenants at Tubberjarlath and Athenry roads had taken out the ranges in favour of an open fire-place.



Order.

It was decided that the tenants should duly apply to the Town Commissioners for permission before interfering with any fixture in the new houses: also that any ranges removed be taken away and kept in the Commissioners stores for safe custody.

Read.

Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. H.210485/36/Tuam T.C.- dated the 3rd. November, 1936) stating that it is noted that very little improvement is shown in the outstanding arrears of rent, and that the Commissioners should proceed forthwith to exercise their powers in respect of tenants who are in arrear with the payment of their rent.

Order.

The Clerk was directed to reply informing the Department that Notices to Quit have been served on two tenants (since the 27/10/36) in respect of arrears of rent.

Submitted.

Accounts from Messrs. Hession Bros. Contractors for 90-houses at Tubberjariath in respect of expenses incurred on account of the Commissioners Housing scheme following the operation of the Conditions of Employment Act and for extra duties on cement (5/- per ton).

Order.

That the matter be referred to Mr. Moran, Engineer and that the accounts with Mr. Moran's report be then furnished to the Department of Local Government and Public Health for decision.

Public Lighting, 1936/37.

Submitted.

Correspondence from the Consumers' Department, Public Lighting Section, Electricity Supply Board with reference to the accounts furnished by the Board for Public Lighting and pointing out that no reduction in the charge quoted and accepted by the Commissioners could be made, etc.

Order.

That consideration of the matter be adjourned to the next monthly meeting.

Submitted.

Letter from the same regarding the lighting of the Town Clock Tower.

Order.

That the E.S.B. be requested to submit a quotation for the lighting of the Clock tower from sunset to 12 o'clock midnight or from sunset to sunrise and also for 40-watt and 60-watt lamps.

Order.

It was decided that the E.S.B. be requested to re-arrange the lighting of the old Ballygaddy road and the elimination of one street lamp, not deemed necessary, accordingly.

Order.

Proposed by Mr. Cooney, seconded by Mr. Waldron and resolved, "That the E.S.B. be requested to arrange to have the 2 lamps arranged provided for at the St. Mary's Cathedral Grounds, as soon as possible".

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Proposed Fire Engine and Appliances.

Read.

Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. S.218575/36/Tuain - dated the 2nd. November, 1936) stating that the Minister will give his sanction to the raising of a loan for the purpose of providing fire fighting appliances: etc.

Order.

That the Clerk be instructed to make arrangements regarding the loan, with the National Bank, and invite tenders for the fire engine and appliances by advertisement in the "Irish Press", "Irish Independent" and "Irish Times".

Order.

It was unanimously decided to appoint the following Sub-Committee to go into quotations, etc., viz.,  
Messrs. P. Purcell, M. W. Cahill, A. O'Malley, M. Cooney, J. H. Corcoran, J. Mooney, J. Waldron and the Chairman: also that the following be requested to co-operate, viz.,  
Very Rev. Joseph S. Canon Walsh, Rev. J. Killeen, Adm. Supt. P. Cronin and 2 members from the traders association and two members from the I. E. & G. W. Union.

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Street Names-New Houses at Tubberjarlath and Farranabox.

Order.

The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr. J. P. Moran, Engineer for Housing Scheme, requesting him to arrange for the erection of street-names plates on the new houses at Farranabox and Tubberjarlath, as follows:-

Tubberjarlath Road (4 plates, one at each end house),  
St. Anne's Road (2 plates, one at each extreme end house),  
Michael Moran Place (One plate, on first house), and  
Father Burke Row (One plate on first house).

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Toll Box.

Order.

The Clerk was instructed to issue an advertisement for  
tenders for the supply of a Toll Box in accordance with  
specification to be prepared.

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The meeting concluded.

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Signed on behalf of Tuam Town Commissioners,

*John Coughlan*  
.....Chairman, Date, 1...12...36

*Seán de Paor*  
.....Town Clerk, Tuam, 18/11/36.

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MINUTES of Proceedings of the above local authority at their Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, the 1st. December, 1936.

Attendance.

Mr. John Coughlan, vice-Chairman, presided.

Other members present: Messrs. J. Moran, E. J. Canney, J. Mooney, M. W. Cahill, J. H. Corcoran, D. McCormack, P. Purcell, J. Waldron and J. Byrne.

Minutes.

The Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting and of a Special Meeting (since held) were read and signed.

Payments.

Treasurer's Advice Notes were signed for payments out of the following Accounts, viz.,

Revenue A/c ....	,...	...	£133 : 18 : 7.
Housing Scheme (Loan) A/c No. 3			£1,422 : 19 : 2.
Housing Scheme (Revenue) A/c No. 3			19 : 4 : 9.

P.L.Acct.

It was unanimously decided to pay £65 : 10 : 0 to the Electricity Supply Board in respect of the Public Lighting Contract, for the 2 months ending the 30/11/'36 seeing that the Board were not prepared to allow any reduction for the period during which street lamps were left unlit.

Submitted.

A certificate for 'extras', amounting to £563 : 13 : 9, by Mr. J. P. Moran, Engineer, to Messrs. Hession Bros. Contractors for 90 houses at Tubberjarlath.

Order.

That the Certificate be referred back to Mr. Moran and that he be requested to attend the Commissioners next meeting in order to explain how the 'extras' arose, etc.

Submitted.

Statements of Rents and rates collections, etc.

Order.

Statements noted.

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HOUSING:

Order.

Proposed by The Chairman, seconded by Mr. McCormack and resolved, "That we request an early decision by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health on the Compulsory Purchase Order (Galway Road area) No. 1, 1936 and the Five Clearance Orders, Nos. 1 to 5, 1936 submitted for confirmation, some months ago".

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Read.

Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. H.198855/36 -Tuam T.C. - dated the 25/11/1936) stating that the Minister will make no objection to the sale of 30 houses at Parkmore and McHale Terraces to the tenants for cash on the terms proposed subject to an annual ground rent of 1/-d per annum, the purchase money to be applied to the liquidation of the loan of £6,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works; etc.

Order.

Proposed by Mr. Corcoran, seconded by Mr. McCormack and unanimously resolved, "That, in view of the Department's letter in the matter, we do now offer each of the 30 houses for sale to the individual tenants occupying them, on the terms proposed, viz., the respective amount due on foot of the loan of £6,000 to the Commissioners of Public Works, which would amount to approximately £128 per house, and subject to an annual ground rent of 1/- per annum per house; the purchasers (tenants) to be liable for all costs in connection with the sale". That the Clerk be instructed to arrange the sale of the Houses on these terms."

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Read.

Letter from Mr. M. J. Kennedy, County Surveyor, regarding the condition of the roads (widened portions) at Atherry road and Tubberjarlath New Road and stating that before the County Council would consider taking over the latter road they would require same to be put in proper state of repair, etc. etc.

Order.

That these matters be referred to Mr. J.P. Moran, Engineer for his attention and report.

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Submitted.

Correspondence from The Secretary, Co. Galway Homes and Home Assistance Committee with reference to the proposal to transfer the plot of land south of the Cemetery to the Co. Galway Board of Health in lieu of the latter body consenting to remove the wall and Entrance Gate (to the Home) back to the Commissioners building line on both sides of the Home.

Order.

That Messrs. M. J. Kennedy, Co. Surveyor, and M. A. Martyn, Assistant County Surveyor, be requested to meet the following Sub-Committee of the Commissioners on the site, with a view to discussing the matter, viz., Messrs. M. W. Cahill, A. O'Malley, J. Moran and J. P. Moran, Engineer.

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Submitted.

Advices (dated the 23rd. and 24th. November, 1936 respectively) of payment of subsidy, amounting to £338 : 11 : 1, under Section 6 (1) (a) (ii) of the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1932.

Order.

Amounts noted in receipts.

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Submitted.

Circular letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. H.234413/1936 Oifig (G) dated the 26th. November, 1936) stating that instructions have been given for the payment of £25 : 14 : 5 as the Commissioners share in the Income of the Irish Housing Fund in respect of the Financial year ended the 31st. March, 1936.

Order.

Noted.

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Read.

Letter from Messrs. Henry Concannon & Co. Solicitors, Tuam, stating that they have been consulted by their Client, Mr. John Thomas Kelly, who purchased the lands from the Commissioners at Tubberjarlath, regarding the inconvenience caused by the tenants of the new houses depositing and dumping refuse and rubbish on the lands; and asking the Commissioners to advise the tenants against this practice.

Order.

That the Clerk reply to Messrs. Concannon & Co. pointing out that the Commissioners accept no responsibility in the matter but that they will advise the tenants that they have no right to adopt this practice.

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(Minutes - Continued).  
Tenancies of New Houses.

Applicants  
For new  
houses.

The following were selected applicants for tenancies of new houses (vacant at Tubberjarlath and Athenry roads) viz.,  
Mr. Patrick J. Dwyer, Tuam, was selected tenant of No. 24 Athenry Road,  
Mr. William Greene, Tuam was selected tenant of No. 21 Tubberjarlath road, and,  
Mrs. Julia Kenny, was selected tenant of No. 53, Tubberjarlath road.

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Proposed Extension of Town Boundaries:

re-submitted.

Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. G.148410/35/Tuam T.C.-dated the 8th.Nov.'35) with reference to the procedure to be adopted by the Commissioners in the proposed extension of the town boundaries of Tuam.

Order.

Proposed by The Chairman, seconded by Mr. Cooney and unanimously resolved, "That the following sub-Committee be appointed to go into the matter with Mr. McDonogh, Solicitor and Mr. Moran, Engineer, viz., Messrs. M. W. Cahill, J. Moran, A. O'Malley and J.H. Corcoran."

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Town Clerk's Application for an increase in Salary:

Submitted.

Sub-Committee's report and recommendation with regard to their inquiry into the Commissioners finances and the Town Clerk's increased duties, in connection with his application for an increase in salary.

Order.

Proposed by Mr. Corcoran, seconded by Mr. Canney and unanimously resolved, "That the sub-Committee's recommendation be adopted, namely, 'That we recommend an immediate increase of £26 (Twenty-Six Pounds) per annum, beginning from the 1st. October, 1936 and rising to £156 per annum by (3) annual increments of £10(per annum). We suggest that these annual increments be charged to Roads Account while the Roads are being maintained by the Town Commissioners' ". "

Order.

Proposed Appointment of Rent Collector - New Houses:  
The Clerk was instructed to write the Department of Local Government and Public Health, requesting an early reply to the Commissioners' resolution with regard to the appointment of an additional rent Collector for the new houses.

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Deputation - New Industry, Tuam:

Received.

A Deputation from the Tuam Branch, Irish Labour Party and Tuam Branch, I.T.G.W. Union, Mr. R.M. Burke, Spokesman, urging the Commissioners to take steps towards obtaining an additional industry in Tuam.

Order.

Proposed by Mr. Mooney, seconded by The Chairman and resolved, "That the following sub-Committee, together with members of other bodies in the town who would be prepared to co-operate, to take over the matter with a view to ascertaining what industry could be started, etc., viz., Messrs. P. Purcell, M. W. Cahill, J.H. Corcoran, J. Moran, D. McCormack and the Chairman, Mr. John Burke; that the Clerk be instructed to write to the Secretaries of other bodies in the town requesting them to appoint members on the Committee".

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Voters' Lists:

Order

Proposed by Mr. Purcell, seconded by Mr. Corcoran and resolved, "That we respectfully request the County Registrar to make out the the Voters' Lists in accordance with the streets in the town of Tuam and not as heretofore according to the name of the townlands, if possible, as we are of opinion that it would greatly facilitate the electorate in Tuam if this were done because the town has extended and residents, in many cases, cannot understand the method of recording their names in the Voters' lists under the name of the townland: also that we request the local Rate Collector to furnish his franchise lists complete, in this manner, if possible, also".

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General Correspondence:

Submitted

Circular letter from the Department of Local Government and



Public Health (No. 118/36 - dated the 30th Novr., 1936) transmitting copy of the Local Government Act, 1936.

Order. Circular noted, but Act not deemed applicable presently.

Submitted. Letter containing resolution from the Tuam G.A.A. Club bringing the the Commissioners' notice the statement which appeared in the "Western People" recently containing the remarks of the Rev. E. O'Hara at a meeting of the North Mayo G.A.A. Board which cast a reflection on the Tuam G.A.A.

Order That the letter and resolution be marked "Read".

Read Application from Mr. Michael Keane, The Mall, Tuam for permission to open a double gate (where the door-way already exists) between the Shambles and his premises at the Mall.

Order Proposed by Mr. Purcell, seconded by Mr. Mooney and passed, "That we do give Mr. Keane permission to open a gate-way on the Shambles wall adjoining his yard where the door-way already exists".

The Meeting concluded.

Next Monthly meeting of Tuam Town Commissioners to be held on Tuesday, the 5th. January, 1937.

Signed on behalf of Tuam Town Commissioners,

*John Coughlan* Chairman. Date... 5 - 1 - 1937

*Seán de Paor* Town Clerk, Tuam, 4/12/36.

MINUTES of Proceedings of above local authority at a <sup>Meeting</sup> Special  
on Tuesday, the 15th. day of December, 1936.

Attendance.

Present: Messrs. A. O'Malley, J.H. Corcoran, D. McCormack,  
J. J. Waldron, J. Mooney and P. Purcell.  
Mr. J.P. Moran, Engineer, was also present.

Chairman.

In the absence of the Chairman and vice-Chairman, it was  
Proposed by Mr. Purcell, seconded by Mr. Corcoran and carried  
unanimously, "That Mr. O'Malley do take the Chair and preside  
at this meeting".

Purpose of  
Meeting.

The meeting was convened for the purpose of (a) receiving  
Tenders for Fire Engine and Fire-fighting appliances (b)  
Applications for Tenancies of houses and (c) any other  
admissible business.

Tenders for Fire Engine and Equipment.

Submitted.

Tenders were received herein, as follows:-  
Messrs. Gwynnes Pumps, Ltd., London,  
Messrs. Merryweather & Sons, Do.  
Messrs. The Pyrene Co. Ltd. Do.  
Messrs. Simonis & Bremner, North Acton, Do.  
Messrs. Dennis Motors, Guildford, Do.  
Messrs. John Kerr & Co., Northwich, Cheshire.  
Messrs. John Morris and Sons, Manchester, and  
Messrs. Minimax, Ltd., Dublin (equipment only).

Order.

It was unanimously decided to refer the tenders to Mr. Moran  
Engineer, for his report, and to go into each tender with a  
Sub-Committee of the Commissioners and Mr. P. J. Dwyer,  
Waterworks Superintendent.

Tenancies of New houses at Tubberjarlath and Farranabox.

The following were selected for tenancies, namely,  
Mr. Joshua St. John to be tenant of No. 8, Athenry Road, and  
Mr. Martin Costello to be tenant of No. 21, T. Jarlath Rd .

Public Lighting:

Submitted

Quotation, amounting to £2 : 1 : 3, from the Electricity Supply Board for the erection of switch wire, etc. on an extension of the Public Lighting to St. Mary's Cathedral Grounds for an additional lamp there for that sum, the charge for the maintenance of the lamp to be assessed when the lamp is in operation.

Order

It was decided to accept the quotation for the erection of the switch wire and lamp, at £2 : 1 : 3 and the Clerk was instructed to make inquiries as to the hours of lighting and to ask the E.S.B. to submit a quotation for the maintenance (in operation) of the lamp accordingly. The Clerk was also directed to again request the E.S.B. to arrange the extension of the light to the new houses at Tubberjarlath and Farranabox, as early as possible; also to ask that they provide stores for electrical fittings (lamps, fuses, etc.) at Tuam, and point out that consumers are dissatisfied with the service afforded by the Board locally, etc.

Read.

Letter from Mr. F. B. McDonogh (Commissioners' Solicitor) stating that he had now drawn up his Bills of Costs to the 31st. March, 1936, and asking the Commissioners to appoint a Solicitor to oppose the Costs at Taxation.

Order

Proposed by Mr. Purcell, seconded by Mr. Corcoran and passed unanimously,

"That Mr. Thomas A. O'Donoghue, Solicitor, Tuam, be appointed to oppose the Solicitor's Bills of Costs at Taxation, for the present year.

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The meeting concluded.

Signed on behalf of Tuam Town Commissioners,

*John Caplan* Chairman, Date *5-1-1937*  
*Sean de Roize* Town Clerk, Tuam, 19/12'36.  
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at their Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, the 5th. January, 1937.

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Attendance.

Mr. John Coughlan, vice-Chairman, presided.

Other members present: Messrs. M. Cooney, E. J. Canney, J. Moran, P. Purcell, J. Mooney, D. McCermack, J.H. Corcoran, and J. Waldron.

Mr. J.P. Moran, Engineer, was also present.

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Minutes.

The Minutes of the last monthly meeting and of a Special Meeting (since held) were read and signed.

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FINANCE:

Treasurers' Advice Notes were signed for payments out of the following Accounts, viz.,

Revenue Acct.	...	...	£75 : 0 : 5.
Housing Scheme Acct. No. 3	...	...	26 : 5 : 0.
Housing (Revenue) Acct. No. 3			7 : 8 : 6.

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Submitted.

Engineer's Certificates for Extras claimed by Messrs. Hession Bros. Contractors for the 90-houses scheme at Tubberjarlath, amounting to £469 : 11 : 3.

Order.

After discussion, it was

Proposed by Mr. Corcoran, seconded by The Presiding Chairman and unanimously resolved, "That Messrs. Hession Bros. claim for extras on the 90-houses scheme be forwarded to the Department of Local Government and Public Health for decision; also that the Contractors' Claims (Messrs. Hession Bros. and Messrs. Naughton Bros.) for payments in respect of cement duty and for extra wages paid by them under and in view of the terms of the Employment Act, 1936, be also referred to the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

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Submitted

Statements of rents and rate collections, etc.

Order

Statements noted.

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HOUSING:Read

Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. H.225,256/36 / Tuam T.C. - dated the 19th. December, 1936 in connection with the Commissioners' proposal to appoint a Rent Collector for the 130 new houses at Farranabox and Tubberjarlath.

Order.

That consideration of the matters contained in the Department's letter be adjourned to a Special meeting of the Commissioners to be held on Monday, 11/1/'37.

Read.

Letter from Same Department (No. H.222885/36 / Tuam T.C. - dated the 22nd. December, 1936) stating that the Minister has given instructions for the preparation of an Order confirming Tuam Towns (Improvement) Commissioners Compulsory Purchase Order No. 1 (Galway Road area), 1936, excluding No. 19. No order made pending receipt of confirming Order.

Read

Letter from The Secretary, Co. Galway Homes and Home Assistance Committee in connection with the Commissioners offer of the triangular plot of land adjoining the Children's Home to the Committee in lieu of the Committee agreeing to remove back the wall on the Athearny-road side of the Home in line with the housing schemes on both sides and stating that the Committee will not carry out this work (letter 21/12/'36).

Order.

That this matter be left in abeyance.

Submitted

Letter from Mr. P.M. Healy, Solicitor, Tuam, stating that the tenants at McHale Terrace will have no objection to buy out the houses occupied by them but they will not buy if there is any rent whatsoever upon the houses.

Order

The Clerk was instructed to write to the L. G. Department pointing out this and asking that the ground rent of 1/- specified in the letter of the 25th. Novr., 1936, be remitted and that sanction to the sale of the houses at £128 in fee to the tenants, be sought.

Submitted.

Letter from Mr. P. J. Dwyer, Waterworks and Sewerage Superintendent stating that his Committee suggests that the Commissioners lock down all manholes at the rear of the McHale Terrace houses, etc.

Order

That the Town Steward be instructed to make an inspection of the manholes and to warn the tenants against the practice of depositing refuse and rubbish in the manholes, etc.

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Submitted

Complaints from tenants of new houses at Farranabex and Tubberjarlath reporting minor defects in ranges, windows doors, etc.

Order

That the matter be referred to Mr. Moran, Engineer, for his attention.

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Proposed Appointment of Rent Collector - 130 new houses.

Read

Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. H.225,256/36 / Tuam T.C. - dated the 19th. December, 1936) stating that the Commissioners should consider the re-organisation of their revenue collecting services with a view to a re-assignment of the duties; etc.

Order

That the matter be considered at a Special Meeting of the Commissioners on Monday, 11/1/'37.

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Proposal to increase Town Clerk's Salary.

Submitted

Letter (addressed, "The Presiding Chairman") from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. G.244838/36 / Tuam T.C. - dated the 17th. December, 1936) with reference to the Commissioners proposal at their meeting on the 1/12/'36 to increase the salary of their Clerk and stating (inter alia) that the Minister was not prepared to sanction the increase of salary proposed.

Order

Proposed by Mr. Cooney, seconded by Mr. Corcoran and unanimously resolved, "That having heard read the letter from the Department in the matter, we again request the Minister to sanction the increase proposed in the Town Clerk's salary".

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Submitted. Proposed purchase of Fire Engine and Appliances.  
Mr. J. P. Moran, Engineer, submitted his report on the  
Tenders received for the supply of Fire Engine and fire  
fighting appliances.

Order It was unanimously decided to convene a meeting of the Sub-  
Committee (appointed at meeting on the 16/11/'36) on Monday  
the 11/1/'37 to discuss the matter.

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Public Lighting, 1936/'37.

Submitted Correspondence from the Electricity supply Board regarding  
the lighting of the Cathedrals grounds, etc.

Order That the hours of lighting necessary for St. Jarlath's  
Cathedral be determined and furnished to the E. S. B. with  
a view to applying for a revision of the charges for the  
two public lamps in these grounds.  
That the E. S. B. be again requested to complete the lighting  
of the Clock tower in the Town Hall.

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Insurances.

Order The Clerk was instructed to write the Insurance Companies  
with whom the insurance of the 160 houses was placed  
recently requesting that commission be paid to the agents  
namely, Messrs. M. Clune, Post Office, Tuam, and J. Feehan,  
C/o Irish National Assurance Company, Ltd., Galway.

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GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

Submitted Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public  
Health (No. H.232548/36 / Tuam T.C. - dated the 22nd.  
December, 1936) stating that the Minister has recommended  
the Commissioners of Public Works to issue the third  
instalment of the loan of £22,500 - a sum of £3,000.  
Order Noted.

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Submitted Submitted Circular letter from the Department of Agriculture  
(No. G. 836/35 - dated the 31st. December, 1936) in connection  
with the Acquisition of Land (Allotments) Acts, 1926/34.

Order

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Proposed by Mr. Cooney, seconded by Mr. Furcell and resolved,

"That the Clerk be instructed to prepare an Allotments Scheme for the 1937, issue an advertisement for applicants for allotments and make arrangements to provide the necessary land, etc."

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Submitted

Report from Mr. Hession, Town Steward, on the condition of the roof of the Commissioners stores at Vicar Street and recommending that a new corrugated roof be erected.

Order

The Clerk was instructed to advertise for tenders for the erection of a new roof, etc. in accordance with Specification to be prepared and submitted by Mr. Hession.

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Submitted

Applications for renewals of Cinematograph Licenses from Mr. J. Cooney, Town Hall, and Mrs. Mary O'Connor, Mall Cinema.

Order

It was unanimously agreed that both these applications for licenses be granted.

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Read

Letter from Mrs. Margaret Geraghty, Old Road, Tuam regarding the removal of the light on the pole adjacent to her house and transferred to another pole lower down on the road.

Order

It was decided that the re-arrangement of the lights on the old road was satisfactory and that the letter be marked "Read".

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The meeting concluded.

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Next monthly meeting of Tuam Town Commissioners to be held on Tuesday, the the 2nd. February, 1937.

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Signed on behalf of Tuam Town Commissioners,

*John Burke* ..... Chairman, Date *February 2 1937*  
*Sean de Souza* ..... Clerk, Tuam, 8/1/37.

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and, being in accordance with Specification, be accepted".  
On a division there voted for Mr. Cerceran proposition,  
Messrs. A. O'Malley, E.J. Canney, M. Cooney, J. Waldron, H.H.  
Cerceran, J. Byrne, Mie Campbell, James Wynne, Frank Walsh,  
P. J. Dwyer and Rev. J. Killeen, - 11.

For the amendment: Messrs. M. W. Cahill, J. Moran,  
J. Coughlan, D. McCeramck and P. Purcell, - 5.

The Chairman declared Mr. Cerceran's resolution carried -  
and Messrs. Merryweathers Tender be recommended to the  
Town Commissioners for acceptance.

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The Sub-Committee meeting then concluded.  
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.....Chairman, Date..11/1/'37.....  
*Seán de Paor*  
.....Clerk, 11th. January, 1937.

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T U A M T O W N C O M M I S S I O N E R S .

Sub-Committee appointed at Commissioners' meeting on the 16/11/'36 to examine and report on the Tenders received for Fire Engine and fire-fighting equipment.

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The above Sub-Committee held their meeting on the 11th. January, 1937.

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Mr. John Burke, Chairman of the Town Commissioners occupied the chair. Other members of the Committee appointed present were:- Messrs. A. O'Malley, T.C., M. Cooney, T.C., E.J. Canney, T.C., P. Purcell, T.C., J. H. Cercoran, T.C., J. Coughlan, T.C., (M. W. Cahill, T.C.), (J. Waldron, T.C.) (J. Byrne, T.C.), (J. Moran, T.C.), (D. McCermack, T.C.), Frank Walsh, Traders' Association, Mie Campbell and James Wynne, I.T. & G.W. Union, and Rev. J. Killeen, adm. P.J DWYER. WATERWORKS SUPT  
Messrs. J. P. Moran, Engineer and J. P. Whyte, Clerk, were also present.

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Mr. Moran submitted his report and recommendation in connection with his examination of the Tenders received stating that six tenders received were in order and complied with the Specification of the Fire Engine prepared by him, also that the tender received for equipment only, was in order. That Messrs. The Pyrene Company's tender was the lowest and was in accordance with Specification.

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After some discussion, it was Proposed by Mr. Cercoran, seconded by Mr. Cooney, and carried "That Messrs. Merryweathers' tender, being considered the best type of engine, be purchased at the sum tendered, and that the Department of Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction the raising of a loan which will meet the cost of this Engine, the necessary equipment and the erection of a small Fire House".

As an amendment, Mr. McCermack proposed and Mr. Purcell seconded, "That Messrs. The Pyrene Company's Tender, being the lowest and

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Special Meeting on Monday, the 11th. January, 1937.

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Mr. John Burke, Chairman. presided.

Other Members present: Messrs. A. O'Malley, M. Cooney,  
E. J. Canney, P. Purcell, J. H. Cerceran, J. Coughlan,  
M. W. Cahill, D. McCormack, J. Moran, J. Byrne and J. Waldron.  
Mr. J. P. Moran, Engineer, was present also.

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TENDERS FOR FIRE ENGINE, ETC.

Mr. Moran, Engineer, submitted his report and recommendation  
in connection with his examination of Tenders received for  
the proposed Fire Engine and Fire-fighting equipment. He  
reported that 6 tenders received were in order and complied  
with Specification prepared by him; also the tender for  
equipment from Messrs. Minimax was in order. That Messrs.  
The Pyrene Company's tender was the lowest; etc.

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After some discussion as to the merits, etc. of the various  
types of fire engine tendered for, it was  
Proposed by Mr. Cerceran, seconded by Mr. Cooney and carried,  
"That Messrs. Merryweather's tender, being considered to be  
for the best type of engine, be purchased at the sum tendered  
for, namely, £570 : 7 : 0, and that the Minister For Local  
Government and Public Health be requested to sanction this  
tender and be requested also to approve of an additional  
loan to meet the difference in the cost of this Engine and  
accessories and the original estimate submitted".

As an amendment,

Mr. McCormack, proposed and Mr. Purcell seconded, That Messrs.  
The Pyrene Company's tender, being the lowest, and being in  
accordance with Specification, be accepted".

On a division, there voted for Mr. Cerceran's motion,  
Messrs. A. O'Malley, E. J. Canney, M. Cooney, J. Waldron,  
J. H. Cerceran and J. Byrne - 6.

For the Amendment,

Messrs. M. W. Cahill, J. Moran, J. Coughlan, D. McCormack and  
P. Purcell - 5.

The Chairman declared Mr. Cercoran's resolution carried subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

Re-submitted

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Proposed Appointment of Rent Collector - new houses.  
Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No.H.225,256/36 / Tuam T.C. - dated the 19/12/'36) stating that the Commissioners should consider the re-organisation of their revenue collecting services with a view to a re-assignment of the duties; etc.

Order

It was unanimously decided that the terms of appointment of the present Collector be left unaltered or <sup>am</sup> amended, and that it is not considered necessary to re-organise the revenue collecting services as suggested by the Ministry.

Order

Proposed by Mr. Coughlan, seconded by Mr. Purcell and passed unanimously, That a rent Collector be appointed to collect the rents of the new houses at Tubberjarlath and Farranabex".

Mr. Purcell proposed and Mr. McCormack seconded,

"That the appointment be in respect of the 160 houses at Tubberjarlath and Farranabex"

As an amendment,

Mr. Cooney proposed and Mr. Cercoran seconded,

"That the appointment be in respect of 130 new houses at Tubberjarlath and Farranabex - the 30 houses at Farranabex which lie inside the town boundary, to be left to the present Collector, Mr. John Hession, for collection"

On a division, the voting was, as follows,

For the amendment, Messrs. Merris. A. O'Malley, E. J. Canney, M. W. Cahill, J. Waldron, J. H. Cercoran, M. Cooney and The Chairman (Mr. John Burke) - 7.

Against the amendment Messrs. P. Purcell, D. McCormack and J. Coughlan - 3.

Messrs. J. Byrne and J. Moran abstained from voting.

The amendment was declared carried and the Clerk was instructed to issue an advertisement for applicants for the position at a remuneration at the rate of 5% on all

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all monies collected and lodged; ect.

Submitted

The Clerk duly advised the Commissionera in the matter.  
Clock Tower lighting.  
Quotation from the Electricity Supply Board for the lighting  
of the Town Hall Clock. The quotation being for alternative  
watt lamps (40-watt and 60-watt) and to mid-night and all-  
night.

Order

Proposed by The Chairman, seconded by Mr. Cooney and  
resolved,

"That the rate quoted for the lighting for the year from  
the 1st. April, 1937, namely, £6 : 10 : 6 plus £6 : 0 : 0  
for installation of time-switch and 7/6 for lamps be  
accepted for the all-night lighting of the Clock Tower in  
respect of the year to the 31st. March 1937".

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HOUSING.

Order

The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr. J. P. Moran,  
Engineer for Housing Schemes asking that the Contractors  
for the 40-houses Scheme be requested to arrange to complete  
and hand over these houses at an early date, otherwise the  
Commissioners will be compelled to impose the penalty fixed  
in the Conditions of Contract in respect of the period the  
contract remains incomplete beyond the time and date of  
completion fixed.

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The Meeting then concluded.  
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Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners,

*John Burke*  
.....Chairman, Date..... *February 2 1937*  
*Seán de Borja*  
.....Town Clerk, Tuam, 15/1/'37.

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MINUTES of Proceedings of Tuam Town Commissioners at their  
Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, the 2nd. February, 1937.

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Mr. John Burke, Chairman, presided.

Other Members present: Messrs. A. O'Malley, E. J. Canney,  
M. COoney, J. Mooney, J. Meran, D. McCormack, J. Waldrom,  
P. Purcell, J. Byrne, J. Coughlan, J. H. Cerceran and  
M. W. Cahill (full attendance).

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Mr. P. J. Celleran, (on behalf of Mr. J.P. Meran, Engineer,)  
Clerk of works, also attended the meeting.

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The Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting and of a Special  
Meeting (since held) were read and signed.

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Treasurer's Advice Notes were signed for payments out of  
the following accounts, viz.,

Revenue Acct.     ...     ...     £49 : 11 : 11.

Housing (Loan or Capital) Acct. £,1,492:18 : 6<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

Submitted

Monthly Financial Statement, Statement of rent and rate  
Collections, etc.

Order

Statements noted and result of Proceedings against tenants  
in arrears at the Tuam District Court on the 16/1/'37 approved.

Reported.

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That Mr. J. Hession, rent and Rate Collector and Town Steward  
was off duty through illness and that the Town Clerk (Mr. J.P.  
Whyte was carrying out his duties until he resumes.

Order

~~Approved.~~ Noted and approved of arrangement to collect, etc.

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HOUSING:

Submitted

Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public  
Health (No. H.4253/37 - Tuam T.C./dated the 21st. Jan., 1937)  
stating that the Minister adheres to the view that a ground  
rent of 1/- (One Shilling) per annum should be charged for  
at Parkmore and McHale Terrace proposed to be sold to the

tenants occupying them.

Order

The Clerk was instructed to write the Department again requesting that the Minister would kindly remit the proposed ground rent and sanction the sale of the houses in fee.

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Submitted

Correspondence from Mr. J. P. Moran, Engineer for Housing Schemes, regarding the delay in the completion of the 40 houses at Athenry road, stating that he had called on the Contractor in the matter and that he was satisfied that the work was now proceeding in a satisfactory manner.

Order

Progress noted and also that the scheme will be completed in 6 weeks hence.

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Submitted

Letter from Mr. Ryan, tenant of No 48 Tubberjarlath complaining that the rain was coming through the back windows in the house, etc.

Order

That this and other complaints which may be received be referred to the Clerk of works (Mr. Celleran) pending the final completion of the housing schemes.

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Submitted

Letters from T. Moore tenant of No. 20 Athenry Road reporting (minor) defects in the house, etc.

Order

That the matter be referred to Mr. Celleran, Clerk of Works, for his attention.

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Submitted

Mr. P. J. Celleran, Clerk of Works (on behalf of Mr. J.P. Moran, Engineer for Housing Schemes) submitted lay-out plans, etc. in connection with the proposed Clearance Scheme at Galway Road area, etc.

Order

Mr. O'Malley proposed and Mr. Purcell seconded, "That the Scheme as submitted by our Engineer for the erection of 104 houses on the land acquired by C.F. Order in the Galway road area be adopted and that we request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to sanction same so that the Scheme may be proceeded with as soon as possible".  
Unanimous.

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Tenancies of vacant houses - Tubberjarlath (New) Road.

Mrs. D. Kelly, Windfield Lodge, Menlough, and, Mr. Michael Duffy, Ressaveal, Connemara, were selected tenants of two houses declared vacant at Tubberjarlath Rd, (Nos. 54 & 57).

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Proposed Appointment of Rent Collector - new houses.

Submitted

Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. 4245/37 - Tuam T.C. dated the 1st. February, 1937) stating that unless an arrangement similar to that outlined in the letter of the 15th. Decr., 1936 (No. H. 225,256/36) were made, the Minister would not agree to the appointment of a second rent collector, etc.

Submitted.

Letter from Messrs. Henry Concannon and Co. Solicitors, Tuam, in the matter, drawing attention to the terms of the Bond entered into by Mr. John Hession, rent and Rate Collector, with the Commissioners in 1929, and stating that they would take legal action if the Commissioners proceeded with the proposed appointment; etc.

Submitted

Five applications for the position (unopened).

Order

Proposed by Mr. Purcell, seconded by Mr. McCormack and unanimously resolved,

"That we do re-organise our present revenue collection services with a view to a re-assignment of the duties of the present rent Collector, Mr. John Hession, as suggested in the Department's of the 19th. Decr., 1936 (No. H. 225256/36), that the following Sub-Committee be appointed to consider the matter with Mr. F. B. McDonogh, Solicitor, and to report to the Commissioners at a Special meeting for the purpose on Monday, the 8th. February, 1937, viz., Messrs. P. Purcell, A. O'Malley, J. Moran, J. Coughlan, M.W. Cahill and The Chairman (Mr. John Burke)".

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Tenders for Roofing of Stores at Vicar Street.

Submitted

Two Tenders for the roofing of the Commissioners Stores at Vicar Street, were received from:-

Mr. P. O'Brien, Galway Road, at £8 : 10/- and ,  
Mr. Thos. Hughes, Kilbannen, at £7 : 10/-



On a show of hands (9 against 4), the tender of Mr. Hughes was declared informal as tenderer did not enclose the specified deposit (£1.), and Proposed by Mr. Mooney, seconded by Mr. Cooney and resolved, "That the Tender submitted by Mr. Peter O'Brien, being in accordance with Conditions, be accepted". Passed.

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General Correspondence.

Submitted Circular Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. 16/1937 - dated the 23rd. Jan., 1937) re Amendment of Section 60 of the Towns (Improvement) (Ireland) Act, 1854.

Order Circular noted.

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Submitted Letter from the Tuam Branch, Irish Transport & General Workers' Union asking that pressure be brought to bear on the Galway Board of Health to put the second part of the Tuam Sewerage Scheme into operation in order to alleviate unemployment; etc.

Order The Clerk was instructed to write to the Co. Galway Board of Health requesting that the first part of the Sewerage Scheme be completed as early as possible in order to absorb more employment, and also requesting that the second part of the Scheme be prepared and put into operation without delay, for the same reason as well as to allow necessary repairs to be done to the streets of the town.

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Order Proposed by Mr. Coughlan, seconded by Mr. O'Malley and resolved unanimously, "That we request the Co. Galway Board of Health to provide a Dumping Ground at Tuam and so facilitate the people of the town as there is no suitable place in or adjoining the town wherein to dump refuse and rubbish"

(Minutes - continued)

Order

The following Sub-Committee was appointed to inspect the plot of ground at the rere of St. Bridget's /St. Paul's Tces. with a view to determining whether it would be suitable, if developed, as a Children's playground or public Park, viz., Messrs. J. Moran, J. Coughlan, and J. Mooney.

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The Meeting concluded.

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Signed on behalf of Tuam Town Commissioners,

*John Burke* ..... Chairman, Date *March 2* ..... 1937

*Seán O'Faolain* ..... Town Clerk, Tuam, 6th. February, 1937.

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Galway County Council Archives

MINUTES of Proceedings of the above local authority at a Specially convened Meeting of Tuesday, the 23rd. February, 1937.

Present: In the Chair: Mr. John Burke, Chairman.

Other members: Messrs. M. W. Cahill, M. Cooney, J. Moran, P. Purcell, J. Mooney, D. McCormack, J. H. Corcoran and J. Coughlan.

Purpose of Meeting.

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The Meeting was convened for the purpose of receiving a Deputation from Tuam Unemployed Men's Association in connection with the present local unemployment situation.  
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The Deputation (Mr. G. Shine, Spokesman) requested the Commissioners to give consideration to the following matters,  
(1) To speed up arrangements regarding the proposed Clearance Scheme at Galway road area.

(2) To request the Co. Galway Board of Health to arrange to put the second part of the Tuam Sewerage Scheme into operation without delay, and have the first part completed.

(3) To ask the Galway County Council to have the Tuam Roads and Streets steamrolled.

(4) To request Messrs. Naughten Bros, Contractors for the 40-houses Scheme at Athenry road to employ additional labour.

(5) To ask the Electricity Supply Board to have the lighting service extended to the new houses at Tubberjarlath and Farranabex, and

(6) Any other works made available so as to absorb some of the present great unemployment.

Orders.

(1) Proposed by Mr. O'Malley, seconded by Mr. Cooney and unanimously resolved,

"That we request that the Galway Co. Council arrange to have the steamrolling of the Tuam Streets, where the Sewerage is completed, proceeded with immediately, as some of these roads and streets are in a very bad condition presently and require very urgent repairs. That if this necessary work were

preceeded with it would give much-needed local employment. That we desire also to call the County Council' attention to the condition of the footpaths throughout the town and we hope early arrangements will be made to have them put into a proper state of repair".

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(2) Proposed by Mr. Cooney, seconded by Mr. Cahill and unanimously resolved,

"That we request the Co. Galway Board of Health to call on the Contractors (Messrs. McCaffrey and O'Carroll) to complete the Contract for the first part of the Tuam Sewerage Scheme, without delay; and to arrange to have the second part of the Scheme put into operation at an early date also".

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(3) The Clerk was instructed to write letters as follows:

(a) To The Manager, Tuam Beet Factory, requesting him to meet a deputation from the Commissioners, at an early date in connection with the recent suspension of local married men from work in the Factory,

(b) To The Minister for Local Government and Public Health requesting him to make a relief grant available to carry out much-needed works in the town of Tuam, and in order to relief some of the present great unemployment,

(c) To The Electricity Supply Board requesting that the town lighting service be extended to the new houses at Farranabex and Tubberjarlath at the earliest possible convenience,

(d) To Mr. Moran, Engineer for Housing Schemes, requesting him to attend to the question of the proposed Clearance Scheme at once with a view to having the work completed at an early date; to get the Contractors (messrs. Naughton Bros.) to complete the 40 houses at Atherry Road and employ more labour, and ask them also to observe the 'local labour' clause in their contract; etc. and

(e) To Mr. Moran, Engineer, to arrange with the Contractors to put the roads in and abutting on the Housing Schemes in a properly finished state for steamrolling by the Galway County Council.

Order

Proposed by Mr. Cerceran, seconded by Mr. Coughlan and unanimously resolved,

That the Clerk be instructed to write to The Minister for Industry and Commerce with regard to the alleged undue delay in the payment of claims under the Unemployment Insurance Acts, and the Unemployment Assistance Acts, ~~is~~ lodged at the local Office at Tuam, requesting the Minister's observations in the matter and also requesting him to instruct that, in view of the hardships presently endured by Claimants locally, claims be dealt with with the least possible delay".

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Vote of Sympathy.

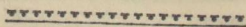
Proposed by The Chairman (Mr. John Burke), seconded by Mr. Cahill and unanimously resolved,

"That we do tender our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Walsh and other relatives on the sad death of our esteemed townsman Mr. Martin J. Walsh, who was for a number of years a member of this Board and otherwise associated with public and social life in Tuam".

"That copy of this resolution be sent to Mrs. Walsh, Circular Road, Tuam, and to Mr. Frank and the Misses Walsh, High Street, Tuam".

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The Meeting Concluded.

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Signed on behalf of Tuam Town Commissioners,  
.....*John Burke*.....Chairman, Date.....*Nov 2 1937*.....  
.....*Seán O'Spiora*.....Town Clerk, Tuam, 25/2/37.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS of above local authority at  
Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, the 2nd. March, 1937.

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Mr. John Burke, Chairman, presided.

Other Members present: Messrs. J. Byrne, E. J. Canney,  
J. Coughlan, J. H. Cercheran, D. McCermack, J. Mooney,  
J. Moran, P. Purcell, and J. Waldren.

Mr. J.P. Moran, B.E., Engineer for Housing Schemes, was also  
present.

Minutes.

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The Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting and of a Special  
Meeting (since held) were read and signed.

Payments.

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Treasurers Advice Notes were signed for payments out of the  
following Accounts, viz.,

Revenue Acct. ....	£86 : 4 : 4.
Housing Scheme Acct (Loan) No. 3,	£721 : 0 : 0.
Housing (Revenue) Acct. No. 3	317 : 11 : 8.
Housing Scheme Acct. No 2.	7 : 6.

Rents, etc.

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Submitted Statements of Rents and rate collections, etc.  
Statements noted. No. order.

HOUSING.

Submitted

Letter from Mr. F. B. McDonagh, Commissioners' Solicitor, in  
connection with the proposal to transfer the plot of ground  
adjoining the Children's Home to the Co. Galway Board of Health.  
Order Proposed by The Chairman, seconded by Mr. Canney and unanimously  
resolved, "That we do agree to transfer the plot of land  
adjoining the Children's Home, as described on the Map before us,  
to the Co. Galway Board of Health for the sum of One Shilling,  
provided the Board of Health agrees to have the wall on the  
Athenry Road side of the Children's Home removed back in line  
with our Housing Schemes on both sides. That copy of this  
resolution and a Draft Conveyance be forwarded to the Minister  
for Local Government and Public Health with a request that he  
will kindly sanction this proposal".

Submitted

Report from Mr. J. P. Meran, Engineer for Housing Scheme on matters relating to the Housing Schemes at Tubberjatlath and Farranabex and to the proposed Clearance Scheme.

Order

That Mr. Meran be instructed to arrange for the early submission of documents to the Local Government Department for sanction for the proposed Clearance Scheme.

Submitted

Letter from Messrs. Conway & Quinn, Solicitors, Tuam, applying on behalf of The President of St. Jarlath's College for £20 damages alleged to have been caused by the Commissioners not having re-erected the fences on the lands adjoining the Housing Scheme.

Order

The Clerk was instructed to reply to Messrs. Conway & Quinn, stating that this was not the Commissioners liability as the lands were handed over to the Contractors for the Housing Scheme.

Submitted

Letters from Mr. T. Moore, tenant of No. 20 Athenry Road, Tuam regarding alleged defects in the house, etc.

Order

That the letters be marked "Read".

Submitted

Report from Mr J. Hession, Rent Collector, regarding the condition of the eaves and the dampness in the walls of the McHale and Parkmore Terrace houses; also letter from Mr. J. Smyth, tenant of No. 17 McHale Terrace, on the condition of the eaves and down-pipes in his house.

Order

That Mr. Hession be instructed to arrange to get the eaves cleaned in the houses.

Submitted

Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. H. 13951/37 - Tuam T.C. - dated the 24th February, 1937) stating that the Minister is not prepared to vary his decision in the matter of the terms on which he would be prepared to sanction the sale of the houses at Parkmore and McHale Terraces.

Order

That the Clerk be instructed to write to the tenants Solicitor, Mr. P.M.Hesty informing him of the Minister decision in the matter.

Tenancy of New Houses at Tubberjarlath.

Order. Mr. William Ryan, Ballygaddy Road, Tuam, was selected tenant of No. 20 Tubberjarlath Road.

Heard Deputation from Tuam Branch I. T. & G. W. Union, in connection with the strike which occurred in the Housing Scheme.

Order The matter being discussed, the Commissioners decided that, in view of the position taken up by the parties to the strike, they could serve no useful purpose in the matter.

Allotments Scheme for unemployed persons, 1937 season.

Submitted The Clerk reported that he had received 61 applications from 'unemployed' persons for allotments; that he had negotiated with Mr. L. J. Strachan, Bishop Street, Tuam, for the letting of 6 additional acres of land at Upper Bishop Street and that he had forwarded particulars to the Department of Local Government and asked for approval to the Scheme.

Order Approved.

Tuam Unemployed Men's Association.

Reported That the deputation had waited on Mr. Neerman, Manager of the Tuam Beet Factory, who asked that a list of married men in the town be furnished him for consideration for future work.

Order A List of men was then prepared and the Clerk was instructed to forward same to Mr. Neerman, as requested.

Submitted Letter from the Department of Industry and Commerce (No. E.B.208846 - dated the 1st. March. regarding the alleged undue delay in the payment of claims to claimants under the Unemployment Insurance and the Unemployment Assistance Acts; and asking to be furnished with details of any Claimants on whose behalf the complaints were made.

Order That the Clerk be instructed to apply to the Hon. Sec. of the Tuam Unemployed Men's Association for this



information, and forward same to the Department of Industry and Commerce.

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Proposed increase in Town Clerk's Salary.

Submitted

Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. G. 2222/37 - dated the 19th. Feabra, 1937) stating that the Minister is not prepared to vary his decision with regard to the Commissioners' proposal to increase the Clerk's salary.

Order

Proposed by Mr. Cerceran, seconded by Mr. Coughlan and unanimously resolved,

"That we do again request the Minister to re-consider his decision in the matter and sanction our proposal to increase the salary of our Clerk, as we consider the increase proposed only reasonable in view of his greatly increased and extra duties due to the provision of 160 new houses and also due to increased work in every sphere of his duties". In the circumstances, and in deference to our unanimous wishes, we are confident the Minister will kindly sanction our proposal"

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Proposed Fire Engine and Fire Fighting equipment, for Tuam.

Submitted

Letter from The Secretary, Co. Galway Board of Health, in connection with a proposal to contribute towards the cost of the proposed fire engine and fire-fighting equipment, and enclosing copy of the Board's Solicitor (Mr. O'Dea)'s Opinion in the question of the law in the matter.

Order

That the Clerk be instructed to reply to the Secretary of the Board of Health pointing out that the Commissioners understand that Mr. O'Dea based his Opinion on the understanding that The Children's Home was within the Tuam Town Commissioners, which was not so.

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Provision of Weigh-bridge.

Submitted

Letter from The Department of Agriculture (No. G. 3879/35 - dated the 23rd. February, 1937) stating that the Minister will be glad to be informed as to the present position in regard to the purchase of the fair green by the Commissioners

Order.

The Clerk was instructed to reply stating that negotiations for the sale of the lands in the estate which comprises the Tuam Fair Green were taking place between the Administrator of the estate and a relative (of the late owner) who lives in Australia; etc.

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Tourist Traffic development.

Submitted

Circular letter in this matter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. 29/1937 - 15/2/'1937).  
No. Order.

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League for Social Justice.

Submitted

Letter from the above league containing resolution as follows:  
"That we request the Government to give careful consideration to the proposals to end unemployment put forward by the League for Social Justice, and requesting the Commissioners consideration of the matter."

Order.

**Proposed** by Mr. Purcell, seconded by Mr. Mooney and resolved,  
"That this resolution before us, passed by the Dun Laoghaire Borough Council, be adopted".

Submitted

Letter (and leaflets) from the League of Prayer for the Canonisation of Blessed Oliver Plunket, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland who was martyred for the Catholic Faith in 1681.

Order.

**Proposed** by Mr. Waldron, seconded by Mr. Canney and resolved,  
"That we, Tuam Town Commissioners, do very respectfully urge the early canonisation of Blessed Oliver Plunkett and that we do forward this resolution, under our Seal (as instructed in the literature accompanying the League's letter), to Our Holy Father, the Pope, for His reverend consideration".

Sub-division of Estate lands around Tuam.

Order

**Proposed** by Mr. Purcell, seconded by Mr. McCormack and resolved,  
"That we do again call the attention of the Irish Land Commission to the very urgent necessity to have the Estate lands in and around the town of Tuam, sub-divided amongst the small tenant-farmers in this district"

Order.

Proposed by Mr. F. Purcell, seconded by The Chairman (Mr. John Burke) and resolved,

"That we, Tuam Town Commissioners respectfully bring to the notice of the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs (Mr. O. Trayner, T.D.) the case of Thomas Pierce, an ex-Official of the Tuam Post Office, who was recently suspended from his position as Clerk. While not interfering or attempting to interfere with the ends of justice, we respectfully desire the Minister to kindly give his personal consideration to the case. We are actuated solely by charitable reasons in moving in this case as we understand this man is bordering on the verge of starvation, and, in view of the fact that he is approaching the end of his career his pension prospects are at stake, if the full penalty for his offence is exacted".

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The Meeting concluded.

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Signed on behalf of Tuam Town Commissioners,

*John Burke* ..... Chairman, Date *April 6, 1937*  
*Seán O'Saorain* ..... Town Clerk, Tuam, 5th. March, 1937.

Galway County Council Archives

MINUTES of Proceedings of the above local authority at a Specially convened meeting on Wednesday, the 10th. March, 1937.

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Mr. John Burke, Chairman, presided.

Other Commissioners present: Messrs. E. J. Canney, M.W. Cahill, P. Purcell, J. Waldron, J. Mooney, D. McCormack J. Moran and J. H. Corcoran.

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Tuam Sewerage Scheme - Vent. Shaft on Square.

Reported

The erection of a Ventilation Shaft between the Town Cross and the Market House on the Square was reported.

Order

That it is noted the meeting does not object to the proposed erection of this Ventilation Shaft and that the Contractors (for the Sewerage Scheme) have agreed to erect same as far as possible from the Town Cross and as near as possible to the Market House.

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Proposed provision of Fire-Engine and fire-fighting equipment.

Submitted.

Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. S.4966/37 - Tuam T.C. - dated the 14th March, '37) with reference to "tenders for Fire Engine and equipment" received by the Commissioners and the Engineer's report in the matter.

Orders

- (1) Proposed Mr. McCormack, seconded by Mr. Purcell and unan. resolved, "That in view of the Department's letter in the matter and our Engineer's report we do purchase the Pyrene-Pulsometer Fire Engine, subject to the Minister's sanction".
- (2) Proposed by Mr. Cahill, seconded by Mr. Canney and unan. resolved, "That we accept the Tender of Messrs. Minimax (subject to the elimination of certain items) for fire-fighting equipment, subject to the Minister's sanction".
- (3) Proposed by The Chairman, seconded by Mr. Mooney and unan. resolved, "That we request the Minister's sanction to the raising of the Loan for the purpose" from the Treasurers, The National Bank, Ltd., Tuam,

on the terms set out on the loan form submitted or such other terms as the Minister may decide".

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The meeting concluded.

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Signed on behalf of Tuam Town Commissioners,

.....*John Burke*.....Chairman, Date. *April 6 1937*

.....*Seán de Paor*.....Town Clerk, TUAM, 11th. March, 1937.

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Galway County Council Archives

MINUTES of Proceedings of above local authority at Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, the 6th. April, 1937.

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Mr. John Burke, Chairman, presided.

Other Members present: Messrs. A. O'Malley, M. Cooney, J. Moran, J. Byrne, M. W. Cahill, D. McCormack, J. Mooney, J. Waldron, P. Purcell and J. H. Corcoran.

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Mr. J.P. Moran, B.E., Engineer for Housing Schemes, was also present.

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The Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting and of a Special Meeting since held, were read and signed.

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FINANCE, ETC.

Treasurer's Advice Notes were signed for payments ~~making~~ out of the several Accounts, viz.,

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|------------------------------|--------|---------------|
| Revenue Account              |        | £207 : 7 : 3. |
| Housing Scheme Account No. 1 |        | 1 : 2 : 6.    |
| " " " No. 2                  |        | 150 : 0 : 0.  |
| " " " No. 3 (Loan)           | £1,067 | :13 : 7.      |
| " " " No. 3 (Revenue)        | 7      | :12 : 3.      |
| " " " No. 4 (Loan)           | 58     | :10 : 0.      |

It was unanimously decided to open a Housing Account No. 4 (Loan) to meet bills for advertising, pending the receipt of an instalment of the Loan for the Clearance Scheme (Galway Road Area) and that £150 be transferred temporarily to this account from Housing Scheme Account No. 2, for the purpose.

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Submitted Statements of Rents and Rate Collections, etc.

Order Statements noted.

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HOUSING:

Submitted Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No.H.16308/37/Tuam T.C.-dated the 6th. March, 1937) re payment of £2,000 final instalment of Loan of £30,000.

Order. Receipt of amount noted.

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Submitted

Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No.H.19724/37/Tuam T.C.-dated the 2nd. April,1937) stating that if the Commissioners'Engineer has certified that the Scheme of 90 houses has been completed to his satisfaction the Minister will make no objection to the payment of the retention money to the Contractor.

Order

That Mr. Moran, Engineer, be accompanied by the Clerk of Works (Mr. P.J.Colleran) and Messrs. A. O'Malley, T.C. and J. Mooney in a further final inspection of these houses on the 9/4/'37.

Reported

Mr. Moran, Engineer, reported (verbally) that Messrs. Naughton Brothers, Contractors for the 70 houses' Scheme at Athenry Road would have the 40 houses Scheme completed in two weeks more.

Order

That if the 40 houses at Athenry Road are not handed ~~over~~ in two weeks hence, the Commissioners will enforce the fine in accordance with the terms of Contract.

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Housing Rents and Rates.

Submitted

Report from Mr. Hession, rent and rate collector, that the tenants of the Farranabox and Tubberjarlath(new) houses had refused to pay the increased rent (including 1/3 rates) of 7/3.

Received

A Deputation from the tenants (Mr. M. Moran, Spokesman) who pointed out that the majority of the tenants were unable to pay the increased rent; etc.

Order

That the Commissioners cannot consider the question of a reduction in the rent at the present time, but that they are agreeable to meet two representatives of the tenants (with a Solicitor) - the following Sub-Committee of the Commissioners being appointed-in the matter, namely, Messrs. P. Purcell, A. O'Malley and J. Mooney, Commissioners with Mr. J.P.Glynn, Solicitor and the Town Clerk (Mr. John P. Whyte).

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Applications for tenancies of New houses.

Mr. Fred Bore, Bishop Street, Tuam, was selected tenant of

of No. 24 Athenry Road.

Mr. Anthony Garvey was selected tenant of No. 54 Tubberjarlath

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Proposed Appointment of Rent Collector - 160 new houses.

Submitted Acknowledgement ~~of~~ letter of Clerk's letter of the 23rd. February (No. H.15575/37 - dated the 2nd. March, 1937 from the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

Order Mr. Corcoran proposed and Mr. McCormack seconded the following Notice of Motion handed in by Mr. Purcell, in the matter, viz., "Take Notice that I, or some member on my behalf will move at our next meeting that we proceed with the proposed appointment of a Rent Collector for the 160 houses at Tubberjarlath and Farranabox townlands".

Passed unanimously.

The Clerk was instructed to advertise the position on the same terms as previously proposed.

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Proposed increase in Clerk's salary.

Submitted Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. G.19727/37/Tuam T.C.-dated the 15th. March, 1937) stating that, as already intimated the Minister is unable to sanction the proposal (to increase the Clerk's salary).

Order Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. McCormack and unanimously resolved, "That we are entirely dissatisfied with the Minister's decision in refusing to sanction the <sup>proposed</sup> small increase, in our Clerk's salary. We are unanimous in the matter and fully appreciate the necessity for this increase in view of his much increased duties with which we are very conversant. In the circumstances, we again appeal to the Minister to reconsider his decision and sanction our proposal".

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Public Lighting, 1937/38.

Submitted Quotation from the Electricity Supply Board for the Lighting of 81 street lamps for One year from the 1st. April, 1937 for the sum of £265 : 5 : 6 (including maintenance); 2 lamps on



St. Jarlath's Cathedral Grounds (including maintenance) at £3 : 5 : 6 per lamp and 1 lamp at St. Mary's Cathedral Grounds (including maintenance) for the sum of £2, also the lighting of 5-40 watt lamps in the Town Hall Clock tower (all-night) for the sum of £6 : 10 : 6. All lighting for one year ending the 31st. March, 1938.

Order

Proposed and unanimously decided to accept the quotation submitted by the Electricity Supply Board for the Public Lighting of the town of Tuam for One year from the 1st. April, 1937, at the above charges, totalling £280 : 7 : 0.

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Allotments Scheme, 1937 Season.

Submitted

Two tenders for the supply and delivery (to allotment-holders) of seeds, manures, etc. were received from Mr. John Higgins, Dublin Road, Tuam, at £1 : 13 : 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>ea. plot. Messrs. T.J. Cahill & Co. Vicar St. Du. £1 : 11 : 3. " "

Order.

Proposed by Mr. Purcell, seconded by Mr. Moran and unanimously resolved, "That the Tender of Messrs. T. J. Cahill & Co., being the lowest, be accepted, subject to sanction.

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Sewerage Scheme, etc.

Submitted

Letter from the Secretary, Co. Galway Board of Health stating that the Board is not prepared to proceed with the second section of the Tuam Sewerage Scheme as they have already expressed the opinion that Tuam should be an Urban District and responsible for its own sanitary arrangements.

Order.

Proposed by Mr. Cooney, seconded by Mr. O'Malley and unanimously resolved, "That we Tuam Town Commissioners emphatically protest against the action of the County Galway Board of Health in refusing to complete (the balance of) the Tuam Sewerage Scheme, particularly as the loan for this Scheme has already been provided for by the Galway County Council. We demand the Board of Health, accordingly to put the remaining portion of the Scheme into operation without further delay and we respectfully request the co-operation of the Galway Co. Council, in the matter".

"That copy of the Board of Health letter, with this resolution be forwarded to the Galway Co. Council and to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health"

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Submitted

Application from Mr. John T. Hession, Building Contractor, to connect~~ix~~ up the sewerage pipe from his new house at Dublin Road with the sewerage system in the Tubberjariath housing scheme.

Order

Proposed by Mr. Cooney, seconded by Mr. McCormack and passed, "That the application be granted".

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Sub-division of Estate Lands.

Order

Proposed by Mr. Cooney, seconded by Mr. McCormack and resolved,

"That we, Tuam Town Commissioners, representing a populous area, do strongly protest against the attitude of the Irish Land Commission in not dividing up the grazing ranches which surround the town of Tuam, into small holdings, and fields for the grazing of cows; and we also call on the Minister for Lands not to sanction some recent sales, to private people, of part of these ranches, viz. Blakes, Strachan's and other estates"

"That copies of this resolution be sent to Mr. Boland, Minister for Lands and to the Irish Land Commission, and that Mr. Boland be requested to meet a deputation from the Town Commissioners, in the matter."

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Submitted

Resolution from Killarney Urban District Council, requesting the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to make the Reconstruction grants, under the Housing Acts, available for all Urban houses, etc.

Order

Proposed by The Chairman, seconded by Mr. Mooney and resolved,

"That this resolution from the Killarney Urban District Council, being considered worthy in its object, be adopted"

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Submitted

Letter from Rev. T. Jennings, vice-President, St. Jarlath's College, Tuam, applying on behalf of the Tuam Feis Committee for the use of the Town Hall free for the Tuam Feis on the 7/9th. May (next).

Order

Proposed by Mr. Cooney, seconded by Mr. Mooney and resolved, "That the Tuam Feis Committee be granted the use of the Town Hall (Cinema portion) free of charge; on the occasion of Tuam Feis, 1937; and that the tenant, Mr. James Cooney be asked to make the Hall available, accordingly, for the purpose."

Parkmore and McHale Terrace houses - cleaning of eaves, etc.

Order

The Clerk was instructed to issue an advertisement for tenders for the cleaning of the eaves in above houses, and that the locking down of manholes be included in the specification of same.

The Meeting concluded.

Next monthly meeting of Tuam Town Commissioners to be held on Tuesday, the 4th. May, 1937.

Signed on behalf of Tuam Town Commissioners,

*John Burke* ..... Chairman, Date *May 4 1937*  
*Seán de Paoré* ..... Town Clerk, Tuam, 9/4/'37.

MINUTES of Proceedings of above local authority of a Special held on Friday, the 16th. April, 1937.

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Mr. John Burke, Chairman, presided.

Other Members present: Messrs. A. O'Malley, M. Cooney, J. Byrne, J. H. Corcoran, J. Mooney, D. McCormack and P. Purcell.

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PROPOSED CLEARANCE SCHEME - GALWAY ROAD AREA.

Submitted

Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. 20322/37 - Tuam T.C. - dated the 6th. April, 1937) stating that the Minister approves of the Plans and Specifications for the proposed housing scheme at Tirboy (Bew) Road area.

The Clerk stated that the Scheme would cost £27,000 (approx) and an amended Application for this amount was forwarded, for sanction to this amount.

Order

Proposed by Mr. Cooney, seconded by Mr. McCormack and resolved, "That the Application for sanction to the revised amount of the Loan of £27,000 for carrying out the Tirboy (New) Road Housing Scheme, be approved".

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Advertisement for Tenders.

Order

Proposed by The Chairman, seconded by Mr. Mooney and resolved, "That tenders be invited, by advertisements in the "Irish Press", "Irish Independent", "Connacht Tribune" and "Tuam Herald", for carrying out the Commissioners' Housing Scheme at Tirboy Road - Galway Road, in accordance with the Plans and Specification, as approved", tenders to be considered on the 11th. May, 1937".

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Tubberjarlath and Farranabox Tenants.

Received

Deputation from the tenants of the Commissioners houses at Tubberjarlath and Farranabox, who handed in a note that the tenants of these houses at a meeting held on the 14/4/37 were unanimous in their demand of a reduction to 5/- inclusive in the weekly rent and requesting the Commissioners to place this demand before the Local Government Department and point

out that owing to unemployment and high cost of living the tenants are unable to pay the original rent.

Submitted

Report from Mr. J. Hession, Rent Collector, that the large majority of the tenants had refused to pay the rent of 7/3 (including rates) and asking for instructions.

Order

After much discussion, the Clerk was instructed to place the whole matter before the Local Government Department, forward copy of the note handed in by the Depautation from the tenants, and point out that the Commissioners appreciate that the rent of 7/3 is not within the capacity of a number of the tenants to pay, etc.

The Rent Collector was instructed to again call on the tenants for payment of the weekly rent of 7/3 (including rates) and if he failed to collect rent, (at this rate) he be further instructed to proceed against the defaulters.

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The following applicants were selected for tenancies of new houses at Tubberjarlahh:-

Joseph Winterlick, St. Jarlath's Place, Tuam, and,  
Michael Flannery, Cathedral View, Ballygaddy Rd., Do.

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The Meeting concluded.

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Signed on behalf of Tuam Town Commissioners,

*John Burke*  
.....Chairman, Date *May 4 1937*

*Sean DeForce*  
.....Town Clerk, Tuam, 19/4/37,  
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MINUTES of Proceedings of the above local authority at a Special Meeting. on Tuesday, the 27th. April, 1937.

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Mr. John Burke, Chairman, presided.

Other members present: Messrs. E.J. Canney, A. O'Malley, J. Moran, J. Byrne, J. Mooney, J. H. Corcoran, J. Waldron, and D. McCormack.

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ROADS MAINTENANCE:

Submitted

Letter from Mr. M. J. Kennedy, County Surveyor, Galway, with reference to interview with Sub-Committee on the 21/4/37 pointing out that he sees no justification for an increase in the amount (of £495 : 7 : 0) for maintenance of the roads and streets of the town by the Commissioners and stating that he would be glad to know what re-organisation the Commissioners propose to make in the staff (on the work) which he considers to be not adequate.

Order

That the completion of the Agreements be adjourned to the Monthly meeting on the 4th. May, in order to ascertain whether the workmen will guarantee to work throughout the year at the old rate of wages and to consider a report from the roads Sub-Committee in the matter.

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Proposed Fire Engine and equipment.

Submitted

Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. S.20,750/37/Tuam T.C. - dated the 8th. April, 1937) stating that no objection will be raised to acceptance of the lowest tenders as now proposed (herein).

Submitted.

Letter from same Department (No. S.29,964/37/Tuam T.C. - dated 15th. April, 1937) stating that the Minister has sanctioned the raising of a Loan of £600 (for the above purpose) from the Commissioners Treasurer, and to be repayable over a period of 10 years with interest at the usual rate.

Orders

Sanctions to acceptance of tenders and raising of Loan noted. Proposed by Mr. Cahill, seconded by Mr. McCormack and resolved, "THAT the Engine and Equipment as proposed and sanctioned be

be now ordered subject to a test to be carried out here in Tuam before delivery be accepted, and subject also the Specification and Conditions of Contract - the proposed test to be to the complete satisfaction of the Commissioners." Proposed by The Chairman, seconded by Mr. Ganney and resolved, "That we do make application to the Minister for Industry and Commerce to allow us to import the Fire Engine and equipment into Saorstát Éireann on an undertaking by us (if necessary) not to trail the engine".

HOUSING:

Submitted Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. H.31219/37/Tuam T.C. -dated the 23rd. April, 1937) sanctioning Loan of £27,000 for the erection of 84 houses at Tirboy (New) Road.

Order Sanction noted.

Submitted Copies of proposed advertisements for tenders for erection of 84 houses at Tirboy (New) road, and for Clerk of Works for the Scheme.

Order Advertisements approved.

Submitted. Letter from Messrs. Conway & Quinn, Solicitors, Tuam (26/4/'37) with reference to application for compensation for loss alleged sustained in the non-fencing of the lands at Farranabox by the Commissioners.

Order That the matter be referred to Mr. McDonogh, Solicitor, for his opinion.

The following were selected as tenants of new houses at Tubberjarlath Road, viz.,

- Mr. Patrick Dempsey, Moyloughbeg, Moylough,
- Mr. John Potter, Oakwood, Ballyglunin, and,
- Mr. Patrick Mannion, Cloontoca Road, Tuam.

The Meeting concluded.

Signed on behalf of Tuam Town Commissioners *John Barker* Chairman, Date *May 4 1937*

*John Barker*  
Town Clerk

MINUTES of Proceedings of TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

at their Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, the 4th. May, 1937.

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Mr. John Burke, Chairman, presided.

Other members present: Messrs. A. O'Malley, E. J. Canney, J. Moran, M. Cooney, J. H. Corcoran, M. W. Cahill, J. Mooney, J. Waldron, J. Coughlan, P. Purcell and D. McCormack.

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The Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting and of two Special Meetings (since held) were read and signed.

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FINANCE:Order

Treasurer's Advice Notes were signed for payments out of the following Accounts, viz.,

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|-----------------------|-----|-----|-----|------------------|
| Revenue Account       | ... | ... | ... | £156 : 19 : 12.  |
| Housing Account No. 1 | ... | ... | ... | £118 : 10 : 2.   |
| Do. No. 2             | ... | ... | ... | 1 : 12 : 10.     |
| Do. No. 3 (Loans)     | ... | ... | ... | £1,818 : 15 : 4. |

It was unanimously decided to adjourn payment of the sum of £1,115 : 18 : 6 interest due Commissioners of Public Works for Tubberjarlath and Farranabox Housing Loans, in view of the state of the (No. 3 (Revenue)) Account - there being practically no income towards this account since the tenants of the houses concerned refused to pay the rent,

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Submitted

Statements of rents and rate collections, etc.

Order

Statements noted

Submitted

Report by Mr. J. Hession, rent collector, that he had served 92 Notices to Quit on the Tubberjarlath and Farranabox tenants who had refused to pay him rent at the rate of 7/3 per week.

Order

Proposed by Mr. O'Malley, seconded by Mr. Cahill and unanimously resolved,

"That in view of the attitude taken up by the tenants of the Tubberjarlath and Farranabox houses in connection with the rents fixed for these houses and in view also of the action being taken we hereby inform the tenants association that

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we agree to ask the Minister for Local Government to meet a deputation consisting of representatives of the tenants and the Town Commissioners for the purpose of discussing the matter provided however the tenants undertake to pay the rent fixed and sanctioned."

"That the Clerk be instructed to communicate this resolution to the tenants' Association".

"That, in the event of no satisfactory reply being forthcoming, we do confirm our instructions to the rent Collector in the matter".

Submitted

Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. H. 29237/37 - Tuam T.C. dated the 27th. April, 1937) stating that the arrears of rent on old houses were still too high and that the Commissioners should exercise their powers to secure and improved collection.

Order

The Clerk was instructed to reply pointing out that although the arrears are rather high they have been substantially reduced in comparison with the corresponding period arrears of last year.

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HOUSING:

Submitted

Plans and Specifications of new houses proposed to be erected in No. 2 Clearance area by Mr. J. Murphy and Mrs. M. O'Brien both of Church View, Tuam and applications for the Commissioners permission to build on the Clearance area.

Order

Proposed by Mr. McConnyack, seconded by Mr. Mooney and resolved, "That in view of our Engineer's report in the matter we do grant permission to Mr. J. Murphy and Mrs. M. O'Brien to build the houses, shown on the plans before us, at Church View".

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Submitted

Letters from the Tuam Branches Irish Transport and General Workers' Union and the Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers setting out the rates of wages proposed to be demanded in respect of the Commissioners Slum Clearance Housing Scheme at Tierboy (New) Road area.

Order

The Clerk was instructed to forward the rates of wages to all Contractors applying for Plans and Specification, etc. 45  
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as set out in the Unions' letters.

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Parkmore and McHale Terrace houses - repairs.

Order

The tender submitted by Mr. P. O'Brien, Galway Road, Tuam, for the cleaning, etc. of eave runs at above Terraces, was unanimously accepted. Amount, £5. (labour only).

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Mr. Thomas Donelon applied for new yard door at No. 2 Parkmore Terrace.

Order

Allow 15/- subject to approved door being erected.

Submitted

Application from Joseph Walsh, tenant of No. 32 Tubberjarlath for transfer to No. 25 Athenry Road.

Order

Transfer will be allowed but no particular houses specified.

Submitted

Application for Tenancy from Mrs. Margaret Kinahan, 4 St. Mary's Tce.

Order

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Malley and passed,

"That Mrs. Kinahan be selected tenant of No. 25 Athenry Rd.

Submitted

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Report from Mr. Hession, rent Collector, that Thomas Flanagan tenant of No. 26 Tubberjarlath had opened a shop for the sale of tobacco, confectionery, etc. in the house let to him and contrary to the terms of Letting. That he had served him with Notice to quit for breach of Agreement.

Order

Collector's action approved.

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Proposed Appointment of Rent Collector.

Read

Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. H.15575/37 - Tuam T.C. dated 22nd. April, 1937) in reply to Clerk's letter of the 23rd. February, 1937, and stating that this is a matter which must be decided by the Commissioners, bearing in mind the legal advice given to them.

Order

It was unanimously decided to proceed with the appointment.

Submitted

Five applications for the position of rent collector for 160 houses at Tubberjarlath and Farpanabox, from the following,

Patrick McTigue, Bishop Street, Tuam,  
 Jarlath F. McNamara, 1 Tubberjarlath, Do.  
 James J. Hurley, 49 Tubberjarlath, Do.  
 Luke Jarlath Forde, Cloonfush, Do., and,  
 Miss Maisie McTigue, Belclare, Galway.

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 Each applicant, having been duly proposed and seconded,  
 a vote of the members was taken and resulted as follows:  
For Mr. Jarlath McNamara; Messrs. A. O'Malley (Proposer)  
 E. J. Canney, (seconded), M. W. Cahill, J. Moran, J. Waldron,  
 M. Cooney and The Chairman - 7.

For Mr. P. McTigue: Messrs. J. H. Corcoran (Proposer) and  
 D. McCormack (seconded) - 2.

For Mr. J. J. Hurley - Mr. J. Coughlan - 1.

For Mr. L. J. Forde - Mr. J. Mooney - 1.

For Miss M. McTigue - Mr. P. Purcell - 1.

The Chairman declared Mr. Jarlath McNamara appointed to the  
 position of rent Collector for 160 new houses at Tubber-  
 jarlath and Farranabox, subject to the sanction of the  
 Minister for Local Government and Public Health!

Submitted

Report of Roads Sub-Committee in connection with the  
 maintenance of Tuam roads and streets for year ending the  
 31st. March, 1938.

Order

That in view of the Roads Sub-Committee's report regarding  
 the wages question it be decided to accept the amount  
 for the maintenance and repair of the Tuam Roads and  
 streets allowed by the Galway Co. Council and that the  
 Clerk be authorised to sign the Agreements accordingly.

Horse-shoeing:

Submitted

Two tenders for keeping the Commissioners' horse properly  
 shod for year ending the 31st. March, 1938, from  
 Mr. Michael Kelly, Blacksmith, Tuam, and from  
 Mr. J. P. Connolly, Do. Do. at £2 : 6 : 0 and  
 £3 : 5 : 0 respectively.

Order

Proposed by Mr. Cahill, seconded by Mr. Cooney and passed,  
 "That Mr. Ml. Kelly's tender, being the lowest, be accepted"

The meeting concluded.

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Next Monthly meeting of Tuam Town Commissioners to be held on Tuesday, the 1st. June, 1937. Special Meeting to be held on Tuesday, the 18th. May, 1937.

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Signed on behalf of Tuam Town Commissioners,

*John Burke*  
.....Chairman, Date...*1/6/37*.....  
*Seán de Paoré*  
.....Town Clerk, Tuam, 10/5/'37.

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MINUTES of Proceedings of above local authority at a  
a Special Meeting held on Tuesday, the 11th. May, 1937.

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Mr. John Burke, Chairman, presided.

Other members present: Messrs. M. Cooney, A. O'Malley,  
J. Waldron, J. Moran, J. Byrne, M. W. Cahill, D. McCormack,  
J. Mooney, J. H. Corcoran and J. Coughlan.

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Rents of 160 new houses at Tubberjarlath and Farranabox.

Submitted

Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public  
Health (No. H. 32581/37 Tuam T.C. - dated the 4th. May, 1937)  
stating that "Minister will be prepared to consider any  
proposals on on the subject of the rents of the houses  
recently erected by the Commissioners which they may submit  
to him; etc.

Order

Proposed by Mr. O'Malley, seconded by Mr. Coughlan and  
resolved, "That having heard read the letter from the Local  
Government Department relative to the rents of the Tubberjar-  
lath and Farranabox houses, and that, in view of the fact  
that we can show or prove that a very large majority of the  
tenants occupying these houses were living in unfit houses  
or overcrowded dwellings prior to their transfer to the new  
houses, we respectfully request the Minister to consider a  
proposal by us to make or declare portion of this 160 -  
houses Scheme a Clearance Scheme, at least to such an extent  
that we can show or prove that such is the case, and thereby  
be in a position to reduce the rents of the houses by being  
entitled to a subsidy of 2/3rds. of the loan charges in  
respect of such houses".

"That, as our Solicitor has instructions to proceed against  
defaulters for possession of the houses, we respectfully  
request an immediate reply to this resolution in order to  
avoid, if possible, any further legal expenses, in the matter"

Submitted

Letter from The Secretary of the Tenants' Association in reply to the Clerk's letter of the 5/5/'37, in the same matter, and enclosing copy of letter received by the Association from the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

Order

Letter and enclosure noted.

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Proposed purchase of Fire Engine and equipment:

Submitted

Letter from Messrs. The Pyrene Co. Ltd., London, pointing out that their terms are "Cash with Order", etc.

Order.

Proposed by Mr. Cahill, seconded by Mr. McCormack and resolved

"That arrangements be made to send Paying Order with the order for the Fire Engine, etc. as proposed, to Messrs. The Pyrene Co., the Conditions of Contract to be adhered to otherwise with regard to necessary Guarantee, etc."

"That Draft Copy of Mortgage Deed in respect of Loan of £600 be sent to Mr. McDonogh, Solicitor, for approval, and,

"That pursuant to the letter of Sanction of the Local Government Minister dated the 15th. April, 1937, the sum of £600 be borrowed from the National Bank, Ltd., Tuam, to defray the expenditure on the provision of Fire Engine and fire-fighting equipment to be repaid within 10 years together with interest thereon at one half per cent under Irish Banks' rate but with a minimum of 24 per cent per annum.

AND it is further resolved that the Seal of the Commissioners be affixed to the necessary Mortgage over the rates to secure the said Loan."

Submitted

Letter from the Department of Industry and Commerce (No. T.I.D 1294/15544 - dated the 10th. May, 1937) stating that the Minister is prepared to consider application for licence for the importation, free of EMERGENCY duty of the Pyrene-Pulsometer Trailer Type Fire Engine, on receipt of details (specified).

Order

The necessary details to be forwarded by the Clerk.

Submitted

Form to be completed in respect of the proposed appointment of Mr. Jarlath McNamara as rent Collector.

Order

That Mr. MacNamara be requested to furnish evidence of his knowledge of accounts and handwriting.

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The Meeting concluded.

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Signed on behalf of Tuam Town Commissioners,

*John Burke* Chairman, Date... *1/6/37* .....  
*Seán de Paor* Town Clerk, Tuam, 18/5/'37.

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MINUTES of Proceedings of the above local authority at a Special Meeting on Tuesday, the 18th. May, 1937.

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Mr. John Burke, Chairman, presided.

Other members present: Messrs. A. O'Malley, E. J. Canney, J. H. Corcoran, P. Furcell, M. W. Cahill, D. McCormack, J. Coughlan, J. Mooney, J. Byrne, J. Waldron and J. Moran.

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Tirboy (New) Road proposed housing scheme - 84 houses.

Submitted

The following 5 (Five) Tenders were received for the erection of 84 new houses at Tirboy (New) Road area, including the construction of new road, footpaths, laying of sewers, watermains, etc., from.

|                                        |         |        |           |
|----------------------------------------|---------|--------|-----------|
| Messrs. John Molloy & Sons, Ballina at | £32,743 | : 8    | : 0.      |
| Mr. Patrick McHugh, Galway, at         | ...     | 29,033 | : 18 : 8. |
| Mr. John J. Geraghty, Do. at           | ...     | 31,025 | : 3 : 0.  |
| Messrs. M. Bermingham & Sons, at       |         | 28,338 | : 5 : 0.  |
| Messrs. Naughton Bros., Ballina at     |         | 29,846 | : 8 : 0.  |

Mr. J. E. Moran, Engineer for housing schemes, reviewed the above tenders and reported that the tender submitted by Mr. Martin Bermingham, Building Contractor, Galway, was the lowest and was in order.

Order

Proposed by Mr. Corcoran, seconded by Mr. Cahill and resolved, "That the tender of Messrs. M. Bermingham and Sons, Building Contractors, Galway, for the erection of 84 houses in the Tirboy (New) Road area in accordance with Plans, Specifications, Conditions of Contract, etc. for the sum of £28,338 : 5 : 0, being the lowest, be accepted, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health".

Appointment of Clerk of Works - Tirboy (New) road - 84 houses:

Submitted

One application herein was received from Mr. P. J. Colleran of Barrack Street, Tuam.

Order

Proposed by Mr. Furcell, seconded by Mr. Canney and resolved, "That Mr. P. J. Colleran, be appointed Clerk of Works on the Tirboy (New) road 84 houses scheme, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health".



Submitted

Letter and resolution from the Tuam Ratepayers' Protection Association requesting that the Commissioners withdraw the proceedings in the cases of the 89 tenants of Farran-abox and Tubberjarlath houses and to make representations and bring pressure to bear on the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to take up the question of a reduction in the rent of these houses, and asking also that the Commissioners receive a deputation from the association, in the matter.

Order

Proposed by Mr. Cahill, seconded by Mr. Purcell and resolved,

"That the deputation be admitted and heard".

Deputation

Mr. G. Shine, spokesman of the deputation, spoke on the resolution and discussion between the Commissioners and the deputation ensued.

No order was made.

Submitted

Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No.H.23556/37 - Tuam T.C. - dated the 30th. April, 1937) stating that if the Commissioners are satisfied that the amounts claimed by Messrs. Hession Bros. and Messrs. Naughton Bros. for extras on their contracts are due the Minister will make no objection to the proposed payments.

Order

That consideration of the matter be adjourned to the next monthly meeting, and, that meantime, Mr. Moran, Engineer, be instructed to go into the details of the claims and report.

The meeting concluded.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners,

*John Burke*  
.....Chairman, Date. *1/6/37.*  
*Sean deFavre*  
.....Town Clerk, Tuam, 19/5/'37.

MINUTES of Proceedings of above local authority at a Special Meeting held on Friday, the 28th. May, 1937.

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Mr. John Burke, Chairman, presided.

Other members present: Messrs. J. Moran, D. McCormack, J. H. Corcoran, E. J. Canney, J. Waldron and J. Byrne. Mr. J. P. Glynn, Solr. (on behalf of Mr. F. B. McDonogh, Commissioners' Solicitor) was also present.

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The following deputation from the Farranabox and Tubberjarlath and Farranabox Tenants Association, viz., Messrs. P. Brennan, T. Ryan, G. O'Connor and P. J. Kelly. Rev. J. Killeen, Adm. also attended.

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The meeting was convened to consider the position obtaining with regard to the proceedings instituted against 89 tenants at Tubberjarlath and Athenry road new houses, for failure to pay the rent of 6/- per week plus rates.

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Mr. J. P. Glynn, Solr. explained that the ejectment Warrants were ready for execution, and he also explained the Commissioners' legal position in the matter.

Order

It was unanimously decided to accept an undertaking from the tenants that they would abide by the result of the proposed interview with the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and pay up all arrears of rent thereafter - the following Commissioners to wait on the Minister with 2 reps. of the tenants and Rev. J. Killeen, Adm., viz., Messrs. M. W. Cahill and A. O'Malley, T.C.'s, and the Commissioners then unanimously agreed to withdraw the ejectment proceedings on receipt of the undertaking.

The Clerk was instructed to write to the Minister asking him to ~~xxxxxxx~~ arrange to meet the deputation.

The meeting concluded.

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Signed on behalf of Tuam Town Commissioners,

*John Burke* Chairman, Date *1/6/37*  
*Sean de laune* Town Clerk, Tuam, 31.5.1937

MINUTES of Proceedings of the above local authority at their Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, the 1st. June, 1937.

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Mr. John Burke, Chairman, presided.

Other Members present: Messrs. J. Moran, J. Byrne, J. Waldron, J.H. Corcoran, J. Mooney, P. Purcell, and J. Coughlan.

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The Minutes of the last Monthly meeting and of three Special meetings (since held) were read and signed.

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Payments:

Treasurer's Advice Notes were signed for payments out of the several accounts, as follows:

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|-------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|------------------|
| Revenue Account:                    | ... | ... | ... | £60 : 18 : 11.   |
| Housing Scheme A/c. No. 1           | ... | ... | ... | £305 : 2 : 0.    |
| Housing Scheme A/c. No. 2           | ... | ... | ... | 15 : 0.          |
| Housing Scheme A/c. No. 3 (Loans)   | ... | ... | ... | 1 : 18 : 11.     |
| Housing Scheme A/c. No. 3 (Revenue) | ... | ... | ... | £1,121 : 10 : 0. |

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General Finance

Order

It was unanimously decided to transfer £300 temporarily from Housing Scheme Acct. No. 1 to Housing Scheme Acct. No. 3 (Revenue) for the purpose of meeting the interest charges due on loans in the latter Acct. pending the payment of the arrears of rent by the tenants of the new houses.

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Rent and rate collections:

Submitted

Statements of rents and rates collections.

Order

Statements noted. No order.

Submitted

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Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. 37196/37 - Tuam T.C. / dated the 5th. May, 1937) notifying the issue of £2,000 being the fourth instalment of the loan of £22,500 for erection of 70 houses.

Housing

Submitted

Correspondence from Mr. F. M. Hosty, Solicitor, Tuam, stating that 3 tenants at McHale Terrace, Messrs. T. Hussey, W. Lohan and W. Stapleton were anxious to purchase their houses from the Commissioners; etc.

Order

Proposed by Mr. Corcoran, seconded by Mr. Purcell and resolved "That as previously proposed we do agree to sell these (three) to the tenants occupying them and that our Solicitor be instructed to arrange the sales on the terms proposed and approved by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health".

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Deposits by tenants of new houses:

Submitted

Report by Mr. J. Hession, rent collector, that the following tenants had vacated the houses let to them at Tubberjarlath road and Athenry road and owed the amounts set out, viz.,

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|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| Peter Fleming (30 Tubberjarlath Road) | £1 : 16 : 0.     |
| Patrick Tully (37                     | Do. ) 1 : 4 : 0. |
| William Greene (72                    | Do. ) 1 : 4 : 0. |
| Peter O'Neill (70                     | Do. ) 1 : 4 : 0. |
| Patrick J. Dwyer ( 24Athenry Road,    | ) 2 : 14 : 0.    |

Order.

Proposed by The Chairman, seconded by Mr. Mooney and passed, "That the amounts, totalling £8 : 2 : 0, as set out in Mr. Hession's report be struck off as irrecoverable arrears and that the deposit lodged by each of these tenants (amounting to £1 : 4 : 0) be withheld as rent".

Submitted

Letter from the Co. Galway Board of Health (dated the 11th. May, 1937) stating that they had given instructions to Mr. N. O'Dwyer, Consulting Engineer, to submit draft plans for the second portion of the Tuam Sewerage Scheme, etc.  
No. Order. Noted.

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The Meeting concluded.  
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Signed on behalf of Tuam Town Commissioners,

*John Burke* Chairman, Date. *6/7/37*  
*Sean O'Sullivan* Clerk, Tuam, 4/6/37.

MINUTES of Proceedings of above Local Authority at their ANNUAL statutory meeting on Friday, the 25th. June, 1937.

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The following Commissioners were present: Messrs. John Burke, (Out-going Chairman), A. O'Malley, J. Moran, J. H. Corcoran, P. Purcell, J. Mooney, J. Byrne, E.J. Canney, D. McCormack and M. Cooney.

Mr. John Burke, out-going Chairman, occupied the Chair (at the opening of the meeting).

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ELECTION of CHAIRMAN.

Proposed by Mr. Purcell, seconded by Mr. Moran and resolved "That Mr. John Burke be re-elected Chairman for the ensuing period"

Passed unanimously.

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Election of Vice-Chairman.

Proposed by Mr. Mooney, seconded by Mr. Purcell and resolved, "That Mr. John Coughlan, be re-elected vice-Chairman for the ensuing period."

Passed unanimously.

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Election of Sub-Committees.

It was unanimously decided the the following Sub-Committees be re-elected, viz., Housing Committee, Finance Committee and Roads Committee - Mr. J. Byrne to be an additional member of the Housing Committee (South Ward) and Mr. Patrick Purcell to be an additional member of the Roads Committee.

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HOUSING:

Submitted

Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. H.46062/37 - Tuam T.C. - dated the 18/6/'37) sanctioning the tender of M. Bermingham and Sons, Galway, at £28,358 : 5 : 0 in respect of the erection of 84 new houses at Tierboy(New) Road, including developement.

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Order.

Sanctioned noted and the Clerk was instructed to write to the Local Government (Housing) Department inquiring as to whether it is to be understood that the Commissioners will be entitled to the maximum subsidy of 66-2/3rds per cent of the loan charges in respect of the all-in-cost of these houses, and that, meantime, the Scheme be not proceeded with pending the Department's reply.

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Rents of Farranabox and Tubberjarlath houses:

Submitted

Letter from The Private Secretary to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health (No. H/7/Tuam - dated 22/6/'37) on the question of the rents of the 160 houses at Farranabox and Tubberjarlath and stating that the matter is at present receiving consideration.

Order

The Clerk was instructed to again write to the Minister in the matter pointing out that the arrears are accruing and that it is felt undesirable to prolong the situation.

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Applications for Tenancies:

Submitted

Six applications herein.

Order

The six applications received were granted, as follows:-

Mrs. K. A. Lennon, The Bridge, Tuam,

Mr. Charlie Reynolds, Galway Road, Do.

Mr. John Moynihan, 17 McHale Terrace, Tuam,

Mr. Patrick Carrig, Ballybunion, Co. Kerry,

Mr. Thos. J. Flaherty, High Street, Tuam, and

Mrs. K. Moore, 1 Parkmore Tce., Ddp.

The above selected tenants to be allotted houses (vacant) on the 90- houses Scheme only, and

Order

Proposed by Mr. Mooney, seconded by Mr. Furcell and resolved, "That no tenant be allowed, in future, to transfer from one house to another and that no application for such transfer will be considered".

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40-houses' Scheme - Athenry road:

Order

The Rent Collector (Mr. John Hession) was instructed to erect Notices adjoining the unoccupied houses at Athenry road warning trespassers, and also was instructed to get all the gates(leading to vacant houses)fastened or locked; and to get some houses, where necessary cleaned out.

The meeting concluded.

Signed on behalf of Tuam Town Commissioners,

.....*John Burke*.....Chairman, Date.....*July 6. 1937.*

.....*Sean de Paorze*.....Clerk, Date.....*28<sup>th</sup> June, 1937.*

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T U A M T O W N C O M M I S S I O N E R S .

MINUTES of Proceedings of above local authority at their Meeting on Tuesday, the 6th. July, 1937.

Mr. John Burke, Chairman, presided.

Other members present: Messrs. A. O'Malley, M. Cooney, P. Purcell, J. H. Corcoran, M. W. Cahill, E. J. Canney, D. McCormack, J. Mooney, J. Moran, J. Byrne and J. Coughlan. Mr. J. P. Moran, B.E., Engineer, was also present.

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting and of the Annual Meeting (held 25/6/'37) were read and signed.

FINANCE:

Treasurer's Advice Notes were signed for payments out of the following Accounts, viz.,

|                                        |     |     |       |                |
|----------------------------------------|-----|-----|-------|----------------|
| Revenue Account                        | ... | ... | ...   | £59 : 19 : 11. |
| Housing Scheme Account No. 1           |     |     | ...   | 7 : 10 : 0.    |
| Housing Scheme Account No. 2           |     |     | ...   | 1 : 2 : 6.     |
| Housing Scheme Account No. 3 (Loans)   |     |     | £ 432 | : 17 : 8.      |
| Housing Scheme Account No. 3 (Revenue) |     |     | 2     | : 18 : 0.      |
| Housing Scheme Account No. 4 (Loans)   |     |     | 75    | : 0 : 0.       |

Statements of Rents and Rate Collections:

Submitted

Statements of Rents and rate collections, etc.

Order

Statement Noted and

Noted that Mr. P. Kerr, and Assistant Principal Officer of the Department of Local Government and Public Health had attended that day at a meeting of the Commissioners and of the tenants of the Farranabox and Tubberjarlath houses to discuss the question of the rents of the houses; that, after the question was discussed at much length by the meeting, the Commissioners decided to declare the 40 houses at Atherry Road a Clearance Scheme for persons living in unfit houses at Bishop Street, Tullinadaly Road, Old Road, Ballygaddy Road, Galway Road (part of), etc. and that, as they (the Commissioners) would



thereby be entitled to the maximum subsidy of 66-2/3rds. per cent of 1/4th. of the all-in-cost of the (160-houses) Scheme, that a flat (inclusive) rent of 6/- per week be fixed in respect of the whole 160 houses; and, Noted that the Tenants Association had agreed (at the meeting) to the fixing of an inclusive rent of 6/-, which it was stated the tenants agreed to pay as soon as the Department's reply was to hand, in the matter.

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HOUSING:

Submitted

Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. H.56385/37 - Tuam T.C./dated the 1st. July, 1937) to state that if the 84 houses proposed to be erected at Tierboy (New) Road are provided for persons to be displaced by virtue of operations under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, the Commissioners will be entitled to the maximum subsidy of Sixty-Six and Two-thirds per cent on an all-in-cost limited to £300 per house.

Order

Proposed by Mr. Purcell, seconded by Mr. Coughlan and resolved, "That the 84 houses proposed by us to be erected at Tierboy (New) Road and which are intended to house persons to be displaced in Clearance Areas, could not, in our opinion be let at rents which would be within the capacity of these tenants to pay if the maximum subsidy of 66-2/3 % was limited to an all-in cost of £300; and we accordingly request the Minister to give every possible consideration to our application for the maximum subsidy of 66-2/3% in respect of the total all-in-cost of these houses".

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Submitted

Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. H.57663/37 - Tuam T.C. / dated the 5th. July, 1937) sanctioning the raising of a Loan of £31,000 for 35 years repayable on the annuity system (within a period of 35 years interest charges only payable during the first two years of the currency of the Loan) at the rate of 4 1/2% per annum; etc.

Order

Sanction noted. That Contractor may now proceed with the

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work (on completion of Contract and Bond).

Submitted

Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. H.45678/37 - Tuam T.C./dated the 1st. July, 1937), stating that as Mr. P.S.O'Callarain will not be available to take up the position of Clerk of Works on the Tierboy (New) Road Housing Scheme the Commissioners should proceed to make a fresh appointment in accordance with the procedure set out in Circulars 50/34 (16/5/'36) and S.5/'36 (23/1/'36).

Appointment of Clerk of Works (Tierboy Road Housing Scheme).Submitted

Four applications for the position of Clerk of Works on the Tierboy (New) Road Housing Scheme (at a Salary of £5 : 5 : 0 per week) from,

Mr. Thomas G. Kenny, B.E., Gny's Hotel, Tuam,

Mr. T. J. Egan, Shantalla, Galway,

Mr. M. Eugene Walsh, Vicar Street, Tuam, and

Mr. Denis Creedon, Parkmore Tce., Do.

Orders.

Mr. Moran, Engineer, stated that he had no hesitation in recommending Mr. Kenny for the position.

Proposed by Mr. Cooney, seconded by Mr. Cahill,

"That Mr. Kenny be appointed".

Proposed by Mr. Corcoran, seconded by Mr. McCormack,

"That Mr. Creedon be appointed".

Proposed by Mr. O'Malley, seconded by Mr. Byrne,

"That Mr. Walsh be appointed".

A vote was taken between the three applicants as proposed and seconded and resulted as follows:

For Mr. Creedon: Messrs. P. Purcell, E. J. Canney, D. McCormack, J. Mooney, J. H. Corcoran and The Chairman. (6).

For Mr. Walsh: Messrs. A. O'Malley, J. Moran, M. W. Cahill, J. Byrne and J. Coughlan - (5).

For Mr. Kenny: Mr. Cooney.

A second vote was taken on the elimination of Mr. Kenny with the same result except the addition of Mr. Cooney's vote to Mr. Creedon.

The Chairman declared Mr. Creedon appointed to the position of

Clerk of Works on the Tierboy (New) Road Housing Scheme (84 houses), subject to sanction".

Submitted

Notification from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (dated the 22nd. June, 1937) of payment of subsidy in respect of 160 houses schemes, amounting to £371 : 19 : 5.

Order

Receipt of amount noted.

Tenancies of houses at Tubberjarlath and Athenry Road

Messrs. P. Noone, Dublin Road, Tuam and Thomas McGrath, Ballygaddy Road, Do. were selected as tenants of vacant houses at Tubberjarlath and Athenry Roads. (The latter to be tenant of 46 Athenry Road).

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE:

Submitted

Circular letter from the Department of Justice (No.98/10) re. the enforcement of the Cinematograph Act, 1909. Noted.

Submitted

Circular No. F.80/37 from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (dated the 10th. June, 1937) in connection with the postponement of the Local Elections to a date not later than 30th. September, 1940: etc. Circular noted.

Proposed increase in Town Clerk's salary:

Submitted

Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. G.48355/37-Tuam T.C. / dated the 9th. June, 1937) stating that, for the reasons already conveyed the Minister is unable to consent to the proposal to increase the Clerk's salary.

Order

Proposed by Mr. Cooney, seconded by Cahill and resolved, "That we respectfully request the Minister to re-consider his decision in the matter and sanction the increase proposed in Our Clerk's salary - in deference to our repeated and unanimous wishes" Passed unanimously.

Submitted Report by Town Clerk that Mr. David O'Keefe, Local Government Auditor had surcharged Messrs. John Burke, Anthony O'Malley and Martin Cooney with the sum of £40 being fees paid without sanction, to John F. Whyte Town Clerk, in respect of extra work, in the carrying out of 90 houses Scheme at Tubberjarlath.

Submitted Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No.G.51808/37 - Tuam T.C. / dated the 22nd. June, 1937) stating that the Minister has sanctioned the above payment.

Order. Noted. -----

Submitted Letter from Messrs. Minimax, Ltd., Dublin, with reference to the Order placed for fire-fighting appliances and stating that since their quotation was submitted on the 11th. December last, the best they could do was to amend same at an increase of 10%.

Order. It was unanimously decided to pay the 10% increase in view of the delay in placing the Order and also in view of the small amount involved.

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Town Clerk's annual holidays:

The Clerk applied for and was granted the usual annual two weeks' holidays - a substitute to be appointed at salary at the rate of £2 : 0 : 0 per week.

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The Meeting concluded.  
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Signed on behalf of Tuam Town Commissioners,  
*John Burke* .....Chairman, Date *Aug 3. 1937*.....  
*Seán de Paor* .....Town Clerk, Tuam, 9th. July, 1937.

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MINUTES of Proceedings of above local authority at a Special Meeting on Friday, the 15th. July, 1937.

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Mr. John Burke Chairman, presided.

Other members present: Messrs. J. Byrne, M. Cooney, J. Moran, E. J. Canney, M. W. Cahill and P. Purcell.

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Rents of Tubberjarlath and Farranabox houses:

Submitted

Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. H.60310/37-Tuam T.C. / dated the 14th. July, 1937) relative to the Commissioners proposal at last meeting to utilise 40 of the houses at Atherry road for the re-housing of persons to be displaced from unfit houses in other parts of the town; also that the Minister will not raise any objection to the revised rent (of 6/-) proposed to be charged for ~~the~~ each of the 90 houses and the 70 houses.

Order

Approval to revised rent noted (with conditions) and that the Collector be instructed to proceed immediately with the collection of arrears at the rate of 6/- per week.

Clearance and Demolition Orders:

Order

Proposed by The Chairman, seconded by Mr. Moran and resolved, "That our Engineer and Medical Officer(s) be instructed to submit their reports and recommendations as to the condition of houses throughout the town with a view to proceeding with Clearance and Demolition Orders; and that the persons to be displaced from such houses be housed in the 40 houses at Atherry Road to be reserved for the purpose".

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Poster Slab Hoardings:

Order

It was unanimously decided to increase the size of the hoarding at Bishop Street and Vicar Street and to provide suitable hoarding (facing road) near the fountain at the Shruffaun.

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Blessing of Sites - 84 houses at Tierboy (New) Road:

It was unanimously decided to ask His Grace the Archbishop (of Tuam) to arrange the blessing of the sites of the proposed 84  
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houses at Tierboy (New) Road.

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Tenancies of New houses at Tubberjarlath Road.

Mr. Patrick Gibbons was selected tenant of No. 70 Tubberjarlath road, and

Miss Josephine Mulrooney was selected tenant of No 37 Tubberjarlath Road.

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The meeting concluded.  
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Signed on behalf of Tuam Town Commissioners,

*John Burke*

.....Chairman, Date.....

*August 3. 1937*

*Sean Sefarce*

.....Town Clerk, Tuam, 19th. July, 1937.

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T.U.A.M. T.O.W.N. C.O.M.M.I.S.S.I.O.N.E.R.S.

MINUTES of Proceedings of above local authority at their Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, the 3rd. August, 1937.

Mr. John Burke, Chairman, presided.

Other members present: Messrs. James Moran, E. J. Canney, D. McCormack, P. Purcell, J. Mooney, J. H. Corcoran, M. Cooney and J. Coughlan.

The Minutes of the last monthly meeting and of a Special meeting (since held) were read and signed.

FINANCE:

Treasurer's Advice Notes were signed for payments out of the following Accounts, viz.,

|                            |                 |     |     |               |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-----|-----|---------------|
| Revenue Acct.              | ...             | ... | ... | £100 : 9 : 0. |
| Housing Scheme Acct. No. 1 |                 |     | ... | 15 : 6.       |
| Do.                        | No. 3 (Loans)   |     |     | 555 : 0 : 0.  |
| Do.                        | No. 3 (Revenue) |     |     | 23 : 8 : 2.   |
| Do.                        | No. 4 (Loan)    |     |     | 368 : 11 : 6. |

Rents and rates collections:

Submitted Statements of the rents and rates collections for month ended 31st. July, 1937.

Order Statements noted.

Submitted Auditors report and Abstract of Accounts for year ended the 31st. March, 1937.

Order. Noted.

Town Rate Arrears:

Submitted Arrears Lists of Town Rates on the 3rd. August, 1937.

Order Proposed by Mr. Mooney, seconded by Mr. Moran and resolved, "That out of a total sum of £91 : 9 : 8 outstanding Town Rates on the 3rd. August, 1937, £41 : 11 : 4 be struck off as irrecoverable and £49 : 18 : 4 carried forward to the 1937/38 Warrants for collection"

Adoption of Town Rate for year ending the 31st. March, 1938.

Submitted

The Clerk submitted Estimate of Town Rates for year ending the 31st. March, 1937, amounting to 3/6 in the £ for all purposes. Proposed by Mr. Coughlan, seconded by Mr. Purcell and resolved, "That a total rate of 2/6 in the £ for all purposes be made for the year ending the 31st. March, 1938, made up as follows, Town Lighting, etc. 12 pence in the £ ; Fire Engine and maintenance 6 pence in the £ ; Normal housing, 6 pence in the £ and Slum Clearance Scheme 6 pence in the £ "

Order

The Rate Certificates and Warrants were duly signed and sealed.

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Housing and relevant business:

Submitted

Draft Copy Mortgage Deed as furnished by Office of Public Works in respect of Loan of £31,000 for the erection of 84 houses.

Order

Proposed by Mr. Cooney, seconded by Mr. Corcoran and resolved, "That Draft Copy of Mortgage deed be approved as recommended by our Solicitor and that cost of same £43 : 11 : 6 be paid to the Commissioners of Public Works in advance of completion of Original Mortgage".

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Messrs. A. O'Malley, M. Cooney and M. W. Cahill with Rev. Fr. Killeen were appointed to consult with Mr. McDonogh, Solicitor on the question of the removal of tenants from houses on the sites of the 84 new houses at Cloontooa road and Galway Road.

Submitted

Letter from Mr. F. B. McDonogh, Solicitor, requesting to be informed as to whether the rent of the Tubberjarlath and Farran-abox houses were fixed at 4/9 plus rates or 6/- including rates

Order

It was unanimously agreed that the rent of these houses be considered fixed at 4/9 plus rates, for the purposes set out in Mr. McDonogh's letter.

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Appointment of Rent Collector.

Submitted

Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. H. 42075/37 - Tuam T.C. - dated the 17th. July, 1937) stating that the Minister approves of the appointment of Mr. Jarlath MacNamara as collector of rents of 160 houses at Farranabox and



Tubberjarlath with remuneration at the rate of 5% on the amount of rent collected and lodged to the credit of the Commissioners.

Order

Noted.

Submitted

Letter from Mr. Jarlath MacNamara applying to have the amount of the Fidelity Bond reduced from £2,500 in respect of the position of rent collector.

Order

Proposed by Mr. Furcell, seconded by Mr. McCormack and resolved, "That the amount be reduced to a Bond of £800 (say, Eight Hundred Pounds)"

Submitted

Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. H.20323/37/Tuam T.C. - dated the 12th. July, 1937) stating that the Minister sees no objection to the Commissioners proposal to transfer the plot of land adjoining the Children's Home to the Co. Galway Board of Health and Public Assistance on the terms stated in the Clerk's letter of the 9th. March, '37.

Order.

Noted.

Tenancies of New Houses:

Order

The following were selected for tenancies of 3 houses in the 40 houses scheme, being considered tenants to be removed from unfit houses in accordance with the proposal at last monthly meeting to utilise these houses for the purpose, viz.,  
Mr. Patrick Mannion, from unfit house at Cloontooa road,  
Mr. Michael Woolly, " " " " Church View, and  
Mrs. A. O'Brien, " " " " Bishop Street.

Submitted

Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. H61675/37 / Tuam T.C. - dated the 29th. July, 1937) relative to the subsidy payable in respect of the 84 houses scheme at Tierboy and stating that the matter is receiving consideration.

Order

Noted.

Submitted

Application from Messrs. John Walsh and Joseph Cooney, tenants at St. Benin's Terrace, for a reduction in their rent of 9/- Proposed by Mr. Furcell, seconded by Mr. McCormack and passed unanimously,

Order

"That the rents of those two houses be reduced to 7/6 each per week plus rates", the reduction to be effective from 1/4/37"

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Proposed increase in Clerk's salary:

Submitted

Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. G. 60850/37 / Tuam T.C. - dated the 19 Jul, 1937) stating that the Minister has nothing to add to his letters of the 19th. February and the 15th. March last.  
No order.

Submitted

Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. G. 62059/37 / Tuam T.C. - dated the 22nd. July, '37) stating that the Ministers sanctions the employment of Mr. Thomas Whyte as holiday substitute for the Town Clerk with remuneration at the rate of £2 per week inclusive.  
Noted.

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Income Tax.

Submitted

Letter from The Inspector of Taxes, Galway, stating that income tax on the rents of the two fairgreens must not in future be deducted by the Commissioners as this will be accounted for by the recipients.

Order

That such deduction of income tax by the Commissioners was on instructions received from the Local Government Auditor and that the Inspector of Taxes be so informed.

Submitted

Letter from The Secretary, Co. Galway Board of Health stating that if the Board of Health proceed with the provision of a Dumping Ground at Tuam, the area of charge will be fixed as the Urban District of Tuam and inquiring, if, under the circumstances the Commissioners desire the Board to proceed with the proposal.

Order.

That the Commissioners have no objection to the fixing of the

area of charge as the Tuam Urban District in view of the fact that a Dumping Ground is absolutely necessary.

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Alterations to Clerk's Office:

Submitted

Three tenders for alterations to Town Clerk's Office, from Peter O'Brien, Galway Road, Tuam, @ £7 : 5 : 0, T. Hughes, Kilbannon, Do. @ 8 : 10 : 0, and Wm. O'Connor, Bishop Street, Do. @ 7 : 0 : 0.

Order

Proposed by Mr. Cooney, seconded by Mr. Purcell and passed, "That Mr. Wm. O'Connor's tender, being the lowest, be accepted, the work to be carried out in accordance with Specification".

Order

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It was unanimously decided to advertise for tenders for the painting of the Market House and for repairs to Poster Slabs.

Submitted

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Letter from Mr. Harry Ffrench, Tuam, asking to be recommended to the Weights and Measures Sergeant for employment as Adjuster.

Order

Proposed by The Chairman, seconded by Mr. Mooney and resolved, "That Mr. Ffrench be recommended as requested".

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The Meeting concluded.

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Signed on behalf of Tuam Town Commissioners

*John Burke*

Chairman, Date *September 4* 1937

*Seán de Paor*

Town Clerk, Tuam, 5th. August, 1937.

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