

MINUTES of Proceedings of the above local authority at a Special Meeting on Tuesday, the 10th. August, 1937.

Mr. John Burke, Chairman, presided.

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

Tuam Fairs, 1938.

The lists of Tuam Fairs for the year 1938 was prepared and unanimously adopted.

Provision of new Town Hall:

Order The Following Sub-Committee with Rev. J. Killeen, Rev. M.F. Hennelly, Messrs. F. Walsh, J. Burke and W.J.V. Comerford were appointed to consider the question of the best means to be adopted towards the provision of a better Town Hall, viz., Messrs. A. O'Malley, D. McCormack, J. Mooney, M. W. Cahill, P. Purcell and J. Byrne; and the Clerk was instructed to convene a meeting of this Committee on Friday, the 13th. inst.

Proposed Purchase of Fair Green:

Order Messrs. M. W. Cahill, J. Moran and the Clerk were deputed to wait on Mr. Quinn, Solicitor, with a view to making an offer for the purchase of the Fair Green on the O'Flanagan estate.

Arbitration Inquiry - Sites 84 houses at Tierboy (New) Road:

Order Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Moran and resolved, "That the Land Values Reference Committee, Four Courts, Dublin, be requested to appoint an Arbitrator to fix the price of the land purchased under "Tuam Town Commissioners Compulsory Purchase Order (Galway Road area) No. 1, 1936"

Appointment of Clerk of Works:

Order

The Clerk was instructed to again write to the Local Government Department requesting sanction to the proposed appointment of Mr. D. Creedon as Clerk of Works on the Tierboy (New) Road (84) Housing Scheme without delay, and point out that the work is in progress, etc.
That Mr. Moran, Engineer, be requested to supervise the work personally pending the sanction to the appointment of Clerk of Works.

Rent Collector - 160 houses:

Order

Proposed by Mr. Corcoran, seconded by Mr. Canney and passed unanimously,
"That the Clerk be authorised to hand over the necessary books of account to the newly-appointed Collector (Mr. Jarlath MacNamara); and that Mr. MacNamara be given 2 weeks to provide his Bond for and in respect of his appointment"
"Further, that the Clerk be instructed to write to the Insurance Company (the Hibernian) pointing out that the Commissioners consider the Clerk's estimate of £400 as the "sum remaining in the hands of the Collector" at any one time" should, in the Commissioners opinion, be stated at £100" and that the £400 figure be amended to £100 accordingly".

The Meeting concluded.

Signed on behalf of Tuam Town Commissioners,
John Burke Chairman, Date *September 7, 1937*
Seán de aorca Town Clerk, Tuam, 12th. Aug., 1937.

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MINUTES of Proceedings of above local authority at a Special meeting on Thursday, the 19th. August, 1937.

Mr. John Burke Chairman presided:

Other members present: Messrs. M. Cooney, J. Byrne, J. Moran, J. Coughlan, D. McCormack, J. H. Corcoran and J. Mooney.

Appointment of Clerk of Works:

Submitted

Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. H. 59064/37 - Tuam T.C. - dated the 14th. August, 1937) with enclosure (Circ.50/34), relative to this matter.

Order

Proposed by Mr. McCormack, seconded by Mr. Corcoran and resolved, "That we respectfully request the Local Government Department to sanction the appointment of Mr. Denis Creedon as Clerk of Works for Tuam Clearance Scheme, now in progress. Mr. Creedon was appointed by a majority vote of the Tuam Town Commissioners and it is now the unanimous wish of this Board that his appointment be ratified by the Local Government Department. We have known Mr. Creedon for many years as foreman on several important works in this locality and are satisfied from our knowledge and experience of him and the excellent testimonials he furnished that he is a fully competent man for the position."

Order

The Clerk was instructed to ask for an early reply, in the matter.

Mortgage Deed - Loan of £31,000 - 84 houses:

Submitted

Several documents accompanying Deed of Mortgage in respect of Loan of £31,000.

Order

Documents duly signed and sealed; and,
Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Coughlan and resolved, "That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of Thirty- One Thousand Pounds proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts; etc."
Proposed by, Mr. James Moran, seconded by Mr. Daniel McCormack and resolved,

That inasmuch as this Board does not immediately require from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland the total amount of the

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the sum mentioned in the Deed of Mortgage to them day executed by this Board, but prefer to receive the same by instalments as occasion may require, IT IS RESOLVED that the *requestion* for each advance shall be intimated to said Commissioners by the Chairman of this Board for time being, countersigned by the Clerk to the said Commissioners. And that each such requisition shall be forwarded to the Accountant of the said Commissioners and that all such advances shall be lodged to our Account in the Tuam Branch of the National Bank.

Proposed by Mr. Cooney, seconded by Mr. Moaran and resolved, "That the Clerk be instructed to apply to the Local Government Department for sanction to an overdraft sufficient to meet liabilities in respect of the 84 houses scheme pending receipt of the first instalment of the loan of £31,000."

Tenancies of Vacant houses at Tubberjarlath:

Messrs. Thos. Gilligan, and K. Moore, were selected for tenancies of 2 houses at Tubberjarlath.

Tolls and Customs:

Schedule of Tolls and Customs for revision.

Proposed by Mr. Mooney, seconded by Mr. Cooney and passed, "That no revision of tolls, customs or other charges as set out in the Schedule be made in respect of the ensuing year".

SubmittedOrderSubmitted

Letter from Tuam Town Ratepayers Association and enclosing resolution protesting against the increase in the town rates for the coming financial year.

Order

That the letter and Resolution be marked "READ".

The meeting concluded.

Signed on behalf of Tuam Town Commissioners,

John Burke Chairman, Date *September 7* 1937.

Seán de Paor Town Clerk, Tuam, 23rd. August, 1937.

MINUTES of Proceedings of the above local authority at
Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, the 7th. September, 1937.

Mr. John Burke, Chairman, Presided.

Other Members present: Messrs. M. Cooney, E.J. Canney,
J. Moran, J. Byrne, P. Purcell, J. Mooney, D. McCormack,
M. W. Cahill and J. Coughlan.

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

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

FINANCE:

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

Révenue A/c	...	...	£246 : 2 : 0.
Housing Scheme A/c No. 1	...	...	15 : 0.
Housing Scheme A/c No. 3 (Revenue)			458 : 15 : 2.
Housing Scheme A/c No. 4 (Loan)			£3584 : 15 : 6.

Submitted

Statement of rents and rates collections and lists of
tenants in arrear of rent in new and old houses.

Order

That the Clerk and the Rent Collectors be instructed to go
into the case of each individual tenant in arrear and to
take the necessary action in cases where there is no
reasonable effort being made to pay up arrears by them.

Loan of £31,000 for erection of 84 houses:

Submitted

Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public
Health (No. H.72611/37 - dated the 30th. August, 1937)
stating that the Minister has recommended the Commissioners
of Public Works to issue to the Tuam Town Commissioners
the sum of £4,000 being the first instalment of the Loan
of £31,000 for the erection of 84 houses.

Order

Noted.

Tolls and Customs, 1937/38:

Order

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

"That before we open the Tenders for the letting of the Tolls and Customs for the coming year a minimum sum of £420 be fixed as the amount acceptable and that in the event of no tender reaching this amount that the Tolls and Customs be re-advertised".

Two tenders were received as follows:

James Cooney, Tuam, tendered at £401 for the year to the 30th. September, 1938, and,

Simon Quinn, Tuam, tendered at £320 for the year to the 30th. September, 1938.

Order.

As neither of the tenders ~~fixed~~ reached the amount fixed, the Clerk was instructed to repeat the advertisement for tenders and same to be considered at a Special meeting of the Commissioners on the 21st. September, 1937.

Printing and Advertising Contract:

One tender for printing and advertising (Revenue only) was received from the "Tuam Herald", as follows:
Printing, £14, Advertising, £14, Crane Dockets Books 4/6 per book and Auditor's Report and Abstract of A/cs
£3 : 3 : 0.

Order

Proposed by Mr. Cooney, seconded by Mr. Mooney and passed,
"That the Tuam Herald Tender, being the only one received be accepted".

Painting of Market-house, etc.

One Tender for the painting of the Market-house was received from Mr. T. Reynolds, Painter, Tuam, for the sum of £10 : 10 : 0.

Order

The Clerk was instructed to re-advertise this work and to include repairs to roof of Weigh-house

(OVER)

Housing:

Appointment of Clerk of Works:

Submitted

Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No.H.72020/37 - Tuam T.C. dated 25/8/'37) stating that as it is the duty of the Engineer to see that the work is carried out in accordance with the plans and specifications, the Minister cannot approve of the appointment of a Clerk of works otherwise than in accordance with the terms of the Department's Circular.

Submitted

Mr. Moran's (Engineer's) Report of his examination of the applications received in response to the re-advertisement in the local press on the 4/9/'37.

Order

Proposed by The Chairman, seconded by Mr. McCORMACK and unanimously resolved,
"That we again respectfully request the Minister to sanction the appointment of Mr. Denis Creedon as Clerk of Works on the Clearance Scheme now in progress, as it is our unanimous wish that Mr. Creedon's appointment be ratified and that the Clerk be instructed to again apply for sanction, accordingly".

Town Clerk's application for fees - Clearance Scheme:

Order

The Town Clerk applied for fees in respect of extra Clerical work in the formulation and the carrying out of the Tierboy (New) Road Housing Scheme of 84 houses.
Proposed by Mr. Cahill, seconded by Mr. Cooney and unanimously resolved,
"That the Town Clerk (Mr. John P. Whyte) be allowed fees at the rate of £1 per house in respect of the great amount of extra work which devolved on him the formulation and carrying out of the 84 - houses Scheme at Tierboy (New) Road, and that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to be kind enough to approve of this proposal".

Submitted

Tenancies of houses at Farranabox and Athenry Road.

Order

Michael McGagh was selected tenant of No. 46 Athenry Road, and, Mrs. M. Smith was selected tenant of No. 62 Athenry Road.

Submitted

Applications for transfers:

Orders

Mr. Thomas McGrath tenant of 46 Athenry Road, was, on the motion of Mr. Cooney seconded by Mr. Coughlan and passed granted a transfer to No. 19 Tubberjarlath. The applications of Messrs. John Roache, 80 Athenry Road, Mrs. Mary Lydon 66 Athenry Road and of Michael Powell 39 Tubberjarlath were refused in view of previous order made that no transfers be granted - the application of Thomas McGrath being considered by reason of the condition of the chimney in the house.

Submitted

Application from Michael Ryan, tenant of No. 48 Tubberjarlath for permission to open a shop in the house he occupies.

Order

Application refused, and that Thomas Flanagan tenant of No. 26 Tubberjarlath be served with Notice to Quit on his failure to comply with the terms of Letting Agreement, in this respect.

Submitted

Letter from Mr. F. B. McDonogh, Solicitor, regarding Agreement and Bond of Mr. Jarlath McNamara, rent collector.

Order

That Mr. McNamara be allowed two weeks more to provide his Bond.

Submitted

Application from the 4 tenants at St. Paul's Terrace for a reduction in their weekly rent.

Order

That consideration of the matter be adjourned until the April (1938) meeting.

Submitted

Offer of Mr. John Hession to purchase portion of the plot of land at the rear of his house at St. Bridget's Terrace for the sum of £4 : 10/- (11 yds. x 24 yds.) for dairying purposes. Proposed by Mr. McCormack, seconded by Mr. Cooney and passed,

Order

That Mr. Hession's offer be accepted at £4 : 10/- for the fee-simple of the plot described in his letter - the conveyance to be carried out by the Commissioners' Solicitor,

Mr. McDonogh; that all the other residents of St. Bridget's Terrace be notified of the Commissioners' willingness to sell the corresponding plots at the rear of their houses, all purchasers to pay legal costs.

School Meals:

Submitted

Circular letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to the provision of school meals to necessitous children attending National Schools.

Order

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

"That we do adopt a School Meals Scheme in respect of the National Schools in the town of Tuam, subject to their being a demand or a necessity for the provision of such meals and subject also to the sanction and approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health; that the Principals of the Schools ^{concerned} ~~and~~ be written to in the matter".

Submitted

Application from the Electricity Supply Board to lay high tension cables at Bishop Street, Tuam.

Order

Proposed by Mr. McCormack, seconded by Mr. Moran and passed unanimously,

"That we have no objection to the E.S.B. laying the high tension cable at Bishop Street, as described".

Submitted

Application from Tuam Social Club (late I.N.F.) to purchase the Hall (let to them at 12/- per annum) outright.

Order

That the Clerk be instructed to inquire as to lease, etc. of the premises.

Submitted

Application from Mr. Arthur Brimelow, 51 Pearse Street, Dublin for the use of the Meeting Room to hold a "Carnival"

Order

Proposed by Mr. McCormack, seconded by Mr. Moran and passed,

"That Mr. Brimelow's application be granted".

(OVER)

Submitted Resolutions from Tipperary Urban District Council in connection with (a) the repayment period of Housing Loans and (b) the £300 all-in-cost limit fixed by the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1932 with regard to subsidy payable for and in respect of houses provided for slum dwellers.

Order Proposed by The Chairman, seconded by Mr. Cahill and resolved, "That both these resolutions, now read, being considered proper and good in their object, be adopted".

Order Proposed by Mr. Coughlan, seconded by Mr. Mooney and resolved, "That we deplore the inadequate wages paid by Government Departments and local authorities in respect of the carrying out of relief schemes; and we call on all public bodies and Departments of ^{concerned} State, to ensure henceforth that, in the execution of such works, wages and conditions of employment not less favourable than the Trade Union standard, shall be observed".

Order Proposed by The Chairman, seconded by Mr. Cooney and resolved "That the following letter be inserted in the Minutes of this meeting.

St. Patrick's,
Maynooth,
26th. August, 1937.

Dear Sir,

Please convey to the Chairman and members of your Council my sincere thanks for the Resolution of congratulation on my appointment to the See of Galway.

I wish also to offer your good-self my thanks.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) Michael Browne.

The meeting concluded.

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

Signed on behalf of Tuam Town Commissioners,
Chairman, Date..... 1937.
Town Clerk, 11th. Sept. 1937.

James Moran
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MINUTES of Proceedings of above local authority at a Special meeting on Tuesday, the 21st. September, 1937.

Mr. John Burke, Chairman, presided.

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

Tolls and Customs Letting, 1937/38.

Submitted

Two tenders for a lease of the Tolls and Customs of the town of Tuam for one year from the 30th. September, 1937, from Mr. Simon Quinn, Tuam, at the sum of £330, and Mr. James Cooney, Do. at the sum of £400.

Order

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

"That Mr. Cooney's tender being the highest, be accepted at £400 subject to the approval of his proposed sureties by Mr. McDonogh, Solicitor."

Appointment of Clerk of Works-Tierboy (New) Road H. Scheme (84):

Submitted

Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. H.76842/37 - dated the 17th. Sept., 1937) stating that the Minister has nothing to add to his letter of the 25th. Ultimo in this matter.

Order

Messrs. D. McCormack, F. Purcell and J. Coughlan to interview Mr. Moran, Engineer, relative to the proposed appointment of Mr. Denis Creedon to the position.

Proposed Provision of New Town Hall:

Submitted

Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. G.70182/37 - Tuam T.C./dated 14th. September, 1937) stating that the Matter will be further considered when a site plan and an estimate of cost is submitted; etc.

Order

That the whole matter be left for consideration by the Sub-Committee appointed, at a meeting on the 22/9/'37; that all

the members of the Town Commissioners be appointed on the Sub-Committee in addition to the following; Rev. J. S. Canon Walsh, Rev. J. Killeen, Rev. M.F. Hennelly, Messrs. F. B. McDonogh, Solr., J.P. Glynn, Solr., J. J. Quinn, Solr. Thomas A. O'Donohue, Solr., Wm. J. Concanon, Solr., W. J. V. Comerford, Solr. Frank Walsh, Joseph Burke,

Resolutions of Sympathy:

Proposed by Mr. Cooney, seconded by Mr. Cahill and resolved, "That we extend our deepest sympathy with the grief-stricken parents and relatives of the victims of the recent Kirkintilloh Fire; and that we request the Parish Priest of Achill Sound to convey our sympathy to the relatives and friends of the ten youths who lost their lives under such tragical and unusual circumstances"

Proposed by Mr. O'Malley, seconded by Mr. Furcell and resolved, "That we tender our deepest sympathy to Mr. Edward Quinn and family on the sad death of Dr. Eamonn Quinn".

Proposed by Mr. McCormack, seconded by Mr. Corcoran and resolved "That we offer our sincere sympathy to the widow and relatives of the late Ald. Sean French, Lord Mayor of Cork".

Auditor's Report and Abstract of Accounts:

Order

The Clerk was instructed to get the Auditor's Report and Abstract of Accounts for the year ended the 31st. March, 1937, printed for circulation amongst the Commissioners, etc.

Proposed by Mr. Cooney, seconded by Mr. McCormack and resolved, "That we protest against the action of the Great Southern Rlys. in making Kingsbridge Station the terminus of the Excursion train from the West to the All-Ireland Football Final as this will greatly inconvenience excursionists in connection with the journey thence to Croke Park".

New Line Bridge:

Order

The Clerk was instructed to again write to the Great Southern Railway Co. pointing out the necessity to have the wall on the New Line Bridge, Tuam, lowered and an iron railings erected on the parapet.

Achill disaster:

Messrs. P. Purcell, A. O'Malley, M. W. Cahill and M. Cooney were deputed to wait on Rev. J. Ailleen, Adm. relative to making arrangements for a collection for the relatives of the victims of the fire in a Scotch bothy recently.

Wall at Athenry Road houses:

Submitted

Letter from Mr. Peter Murphy, Dublin Road, Tuam, suggesting that the Commissioners have the wall adjoining Parkmore Tee. houses extended to define the mearing between his and the Commissioners' property.

Order

That the matter be further considered when Mr. Hession, Town Syeward examine the fence in question and submit his report.

The meeting concluded.

Signed on behalf of Tuam Town Commissioners,

James Moran Chairman, Date..... *Oct 5* 1937.

Seán de Paor Town Clerk, Tuam, 25/9/'37.

MINUTES of Proceedings of above local authority at a Special Meeting on Tuesday, the 28th. September, 1937.

Mr. John Burke, Chairman, presided.

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

Collection of Tolls and Customs:

The meeting was convened for the purpose of considering applications for the position of Toll Collector (as advertised)

Noted

That Mr. James Cooney, whose tender was accepted at last meeting did not provide alternative sureties - the sureties given in his tender not being approved by Mr. McDonogh, Solicitor.

Noted

That no applications for the position of Toll Collector were received in response to the notice issued for same.

Submitted

Proposal of John P. Whyte and John Hession to carry out the Collection jointly for the year ending the 29th. September, 1938, on the following terms, viz.,

- (i) That they shall not seek any remuneration whatsoever in respect of the position until after the 29th. September, 1938 so that the Commissioners will then see what gross sum the Tolls and Customs can yield for the year and thereby be in a position to determine what remuneration they could afford to pay for the collection.
- (ii) That they undertake responsibility also for the employment of Gapmen when required and Craner, unless the Commissioners otherwise decide.
- (iii) That they are prepared to carry out the duties of Collector jointly and also undertake that in the discharge of same their existing duties will not be affected.
- (iv) That they undertake to submit an accurate Statement at each meeting of the Commissioners of the various sums collected from Fairs, Markets, Tolls and Customs and to properly account for same by lodging to the Commissioners' credit in the National Bank.

(v) That these terms shall form the basis of their Agreement with the Commissioners in respect of the position.

Order

Proposed by Mr. Corcoran, seconded by Mr. Cahill and resolved, "That the proposal of Messrs. John P. Whyte (Clerk) and John Hession (Town Steward) be accepted on the above terms and that they be and are hereby jointly appointed to the position of Toll Collector for the year ending the 29th. September, 1938"

Advertising of Fairs for year to Sept., 1938.

Order

It was unanimously decided to resume the advertising of all the principal fairs of the year in the daily and provincial and local papers - a small advertisement to be inserted for the smaller fairs.

Street Traders:

Order

Proposed by Mr. O'Malley, seconded by Mr. Canney and resolved, "That Mr. Hession, Town Steward be instructed to have street traders removed to the shambles and that, if they refuse to move, proceedings be instituted against them; also that Mr. Hession be instructed to regulate the Fowl Market".

Bye-laws and Regulations for the town of Tuam:

Order

It was decided to call a Special Meeting of the Commissioners and Mr. McDonogh, Solicitor and Supt. P. Cronin, Garda Siochana, to discuss this matter.

The meeting concluded.

Signed on behalf of Tuam Town Commissioners,

..... James Moran Chairman, Date. Oct. 5. 1937.

..... Peas de faore Town Clerk, Tuam, 30/9/37.

Minutes . Proceedings of above local authority at their Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, the 5th. October, 1937.

In the absence of the Chairman and vice-Chairman, Mr. James Moran was, on the proposal of Mr. Purcell, seconded by Mr. McCormack and passed unanimously, moved to the Chair. Other members present: Messrs. J. Waldron, J. Byrne, P. Purcell and J. Mooney and D. McCormack.

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

Payments:

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

Revenue Account ...	...	...	£45 : 13 : 4.
Housing Scheme A/c No. 3 (Loans) ...	...	...	450 : 0 : 0.
Do. No. 3 (Revenue)...	...	...	40 : 1 : 4.
Do. No. 4 (Loans) ...	...	...	20 : 0 : 0.

Owing to the absence of the Chairman and Clerk (through illness) it was unanimously decided to adjourn the remaining part of the Agenda for a week.

The meeting then adjourned.

Signed on behalf of Tuam Town Commissioners,
John Burke Chairman, Date *November 2* 1937.
Seán de la Torre Town Clerk, Tuam, 7th. Oct., 1937.

MINUTES of Proceedings of above local authority a their
adjourned Monthly Meeting on Monday, the 11th. October, 1937.

Mr. John Coughlan, vice-Chairman, presided.

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

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

Rent and rates collections:

Submitted

Statements herein.

Orders

Statements noted, and,
Proposed by Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. McCormack and resolved,
"That the question of dealing with tenants in arrears in rent
be left to the discretion of the Clerk and the Rent Collectors
who are hereby empowered to take appropriate action against
tenants in arrears."

HOUSING:

re-submitted

Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health
(No. H.76842/37 - Tuam T.C. dated the 17th. September, 1937)
stating that the Minister has nothing to add to this Department's
letter of the 25th. August on the Subject of the appointment of
a Clerk of works for the Tierboy Road Housing Scheme.

Order

Proposed by Mr. Cooney, seconded by Mr. McCormack and resolved,
"That Mr. Denis Creedon's proposed appointment as Clerk of Works
be again referred back to the Minister for re-consideration
and ratification". Mr. J. Moran, dissenting.

Letting of 40-houses at Athenry Road:

order

It was unanimously decided to accept tenants for the 40 houses
at Athenry Road, pending the removal of tenants from the
proposed Clearance areas at Bishop Street, Tullinadaly Road,
Ballygaddy Road, Old Road, Galway Road, etc. to these houses -
that any tenants, in addition to the following, accepted in the
meantime, be allotted temporary lettings, accordingly.

the following were selected for temporary lettings of houses viz.,

- MR. Sean O'Neill, Beaghroe, Tuam,
Mr. Thomas Donnellon, Lecarrow, Moylough,
Mr. J. R^d. Rhattigan, Lake View, Caherlistrane, and,
Miss Fanny Higgins, Sylane N.S. Tuam.

Submitted

Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. H.76240/37 - Tuam T.G. dated the 21st. September, 1937) stating that the Minister has recommended ~~to~~ the Commissioners of Public Works to issue to the Tuam Town Commissioners the sum of £1,000 being the 6th. instalment of the Loan of £22,500. Receipt of amount noted.

Order

Submitted

Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. G.76839/37 - Tuam T.C., dated the 20th. Sept., '37) stating that the Minister sanctions a payment of Twenty Pounds on account to the Town Clerk as Housing fees (84-houses Scheme). Sanction to payment Noted.

Order

Submitted

Application from Miss M. Garvey, The Mall, Tuam, for permission to widen the gate leading from her premises to The Shambles.

Order

Proposed by Mr. Corcoran, seconded by Mr. Cooney and resolved, "That permission be granted, subject to the Commissioners reserving to themselves the right to close up the gateway at any time they think necessary or desirable."

Proposed Fire House:

Messrs. J.Moran, J. Mooney and J. Byrne were appointed to select a site for the erection of a Fire House to house the New Fire Engine and Equipment.

Order

Proposed by Mr. Cooney, seconded by Mr. Coughlan (Presiding Chairman) and passed unanimously, "That we request the County Galway Board of Health to contribute a sum of £100 towards ~~the~~ the cost of the New Fire Engine and equipment as their property will be more secure

in future, in and adjoining the town of Tuam."

Public Lighting, 1937/38.

Order

It was unanimously decided to request the Electricity Supply Board to arrange for all-night lighting of the entire system of 81 street lamps on the occasions of the October to March Fairs.

The meeting concluded.

Next Monthly Meeting of Tuam Town Commissioners to be held on Tuesday, the 2nd. November, 1937.

Signed on behalf of Tuam Town Commissioners,
John Burke Chairman, Date *November 2* 1937.
Seán de Paor Town Clerk, Tuam, 14th. Oct., 1937.

Galway County Council Archives

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

Mr. John Burke, Chairman, presided.

Other Commissioners present: Messrs. A. O'Malley, J. Mooney, E. J. Canney, J. H. Corcoran and D. McCormack.

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

Members of the Proposed (New) Town Hall Sub-Committee Present: Messrs. W. J. V. Comerford, Solr. T. A. O'Donoghue, Solr. and Eugene Walsh, Rev. J. S. Canon Walsh, Rev. J. Killeen, Adm. and Rev. M. F. Hennelly, C.C.

The meeting was specially convened for the purpose of considering the question of the site and the selection of an Architect in connection with the proposed provision of a new Town Hall.

Submitted

Order

Replies from owners of sites, stating price, option, etc. That replies from two other owners of sites be awaited and considered (if received) at a later meeting.

Order

Selection of Architect:

It was unanimously decided to select Messrs. Jones and Kelly, Architects, Dublin, to carry out the work in connection with the inspection of sites, preparation of Plans and estimate and supervision of work in respect of the proposed new Town Hall, and the Clerk was instructed to write to this firm of Architects, accordingly, enquiring what would be their fee for the inspection of sites and the preparation of Plans only, and the date their principal could visit Tuam for the purpose. Rev. Fr. Killeen, Adm., Rev. Fr. Hennelly, C.C., Messrs. A. O'Malley, M. W. Cahill, E. Walsh and Rev. Canon Walsh were selected to meet the Architect when he comes to Tuam, to inspect the sites selected.

The meeting concluded.

Signed on behalf of Tuam Town Commissioners,

John Burke Chairman, Date *Nov 2nd* 1937.

Seán Deane Town Clerk, Tuam, 18th. Oct., 1937.

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MINUTES of Proceedings of above local authority at their Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, the 2nd. November, 1937.

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

Other members present: Messrs. M. Cooney, J. Moran, John Byrne, Joseph Mooney, John Waldron, J. H. Corcoran, M. W. Cahill, and John Coughlan.

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

Payments:

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

Revenue Account	...	...	...	...	£82 : 5 : 1.
Housing Scheme A/c No. 1	...	...	...	...	118 : 13 : 11.
Do. No. 2	...	...	...	...	15 : 0.
Do. No. 3 (Rev.)	...	...	...	...	1,393 : 14 : 10.
Do. No. 4 (Loan)	...	...	...	...	4,000 : 0 : 0.
Do. No. 4 (Rev.)	...	...	...	...	35 : 2 : 9.

Order

It was decided that, before advancing Paying Order for £4000 to Messrs. Birmingham, Contractors, the following Sub-Committee be appointed to inspect the progress of the work on the 84-houses Scheme with Mr. Moran, Engineer, viz., Messrs. A. O'Malley, J. Moran, J. Byrne, J. Mooney and J. Coughlan.

Submitted

Statements of Rents and Rate collection, also letter (No. H. 83769/37 - Tuam T.C. - dated the 12th. October, 1937) from the Department of Local Government and Public Health regarding the tendency for the amount of arrears of rent to increase and recommending the Commissioners to take suitable action for the collection of the arrears without delay.

Order

Statements and letter noted also noted that action had already been taken against defaulters in rent.

Submitted

Letter from Mr. McDonogh, Solicitor, intimating that the

the four decrees for possession, obtained at the last D/Court were being signed and asking for instructions regarding the execution of same.

Order

It was unanimously decided to leave the cases referred to in the hands of the Solicitor and Rent Collector for decision.

Tolls and Customs Collection:

Submitted

Statement of Receipts from Fairs and Markets for the month of October.

Order

Statements noted and considered satisfactory.

Housing:

Appointment of Clerk of works-Tierboy (new) Road-84 houses:

Submitted

Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. H.85841/37 - Tuam T.C. /dated the 18th. Octr. '37) stating that the Minister has given full consideration to the matter and is not prepared to vary the decision already given.

Order

Proposed by Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Byrne and resolved, "That Mr. T.J.Egan, B.E., the other applicant for the position who was recommended by Mr. Moran, Engineer, be appointed to the position of Clerk of Works on the 84-houses Scheme at Tierboy (New) Road, subject to the sanction of the Minister".

Submitted

Correspondence from tenants reporting trespass on plots adjoining their houses at Athenry Road; also report of Mr. McNamara, rent collector, that parts of ranges were missing from the unoccupied at Athenry Road and that windows and door glasses were broken, etc.

Order

Proposed by Mr. Cahill, seconded by Mr. Cooney and passed, "That Mr. Jarlath Macnamara, Rent Collector, be appointed Temporary Caretaker of the unoccupied pending their occupation at remuneration at the rate of 6/- per week".

Submitted

Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. H.87776/37-Tuam T.C. - dated the 23rd. October, 1937) intimating that the Minister has recommended the Commissioners of Public Works to issue to the Tuam Town Commissioners the

sum of £4,000 being the second instalment of loan of £51,000.

Order

Receipt of amount noted.

Submitted

Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. S.70387/37/Tuam T.C.-dated the 18th.Oct.,1937) with reference to surcharge of £40 paid to Town Clerk for Housing Fees and intimating that the surcharge has been remitted, etc.

Order

Noted.

Temporary tenancies - Athenry Road houses:

Order

The following 5 applicants were selected for tenancies of houses at Athenry Road (all to be temporary lettings); viz., P. J. MacNicholas, Oranmore, Galway, James Callanan, Toomard, Mountbellew, Richard Bashford, High Street, Tuam, John Lally, Vicar Street, Tuam, and M. Satchwell, Dublin Road, Tuam.

School Meals:

Submitted

Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. P.H.90894/37/Tuam T.C. - dated the 30th.Oct.,'37) with reference to the proposed provision of School meals to necessitous children attending the Christian Brothers Schools.

Order

It was unanimously decided to again refer the matter to the Superior of the C.B.S. for his further observations.

Allotments Scheme:

Submitted

Letter from the Department of Agriculture (No.G.1145/35 - dated the 11 th. October, 1937) transmitting Paying Order for £60 : 7 : 8 as grant payable by Ministry for expenditure incurred in the provision of seeds, manures, etc. to unemployed persons, in the 1937 season, etc.

Order

Receipt of amount, etc. noted.

Proposed Purchase of Fair Green:

Submitted

Letter from the Department of Agriculture (No.G.3879/37 - dated the 19th. October, 1937) requesting to be informed as

as to the present position in regard to the proposed purchase of the Fair Green.

Order

The Clerk was instructed to again write to Messrs. Conway and Quinn inquiring whether negotiations for the sale of the O'Flanagan Estate (comprising the Fair Green) are likely to be concluded in the near future, so that a reply could be given to the Dept. of Agriculture.

Weigh-bridges maintenance:

Submitted

Letter from the Contractors for the maintenance of the weighbridges (Messrs. W. & T. Avery, Ltd., Dublin) intimating that the Annual Contract will be increased by 10% on the 30th. June Invoice.

Order

It was unanimously decided to allow this increase owing to the small amount involved (10/6 per half year).

Electricity Supply Board Charges:

Submitted

Resolution from Tullamore Urban District Council calling on the E.S.B. to reduce its charges by Twenty-Five per cent all round, etc.

Order

Proposed by Mr. Corcoran, seconded by Mr. Cahill and resolved, "That the resolution being considered reasonable in its demand, be accepted and adopted".

Submitted

Application from Tuam Social Club for a tenancy of the Old I.N.F. Society Hall at Circular Road.

Order

Proposed by Mr. Cahill, seconded by Mr. Cooney and passed, "That the Tuam Social Club be granted a monthly tenancy of the "I. N. F. Society" Hall at a rent of 1/- per month"

Order

The Clerk was instructed to ascertain the terms of the Agreement the Commissioners have with the lessors - Messrs. Wm. H. Barrett.

The meeting concluded.

Signed on behalf of Tuam Town Commissioners,

..... *John L. Caughlan* ^{nee -} Chairman, Date..7.1.12.1.1937.

..... *John P. Whyte* Town Clerk, Tuam, 8/11/37.

MINUTES of Proceedings of above local authority at their monthly meeting on Tuesday the 7th. day of December, 1937.

Mr. John Coughlan, vice-Chairman, presided.

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

Minutes:

The Minutes of the last monthly meeting were read and signed.

Payments:

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

Revenue A/c	...	...	...	...	£164 : 13 : 10
Housing Account No. 3 (Revenue)			...		358 : 15 : 6.
" " No. 4 (Revenue)					20 : 0 : 0.
" " No. 4 (Loan)					15 : 15 : 0.

Receipts:

Submitted.

Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (dated the 24th. November, 1937) relative to instructions issued for payment of £288 subsidy in respect of £30,000 and £22,500 Loans.

Order

Receipt of amount noted, also noted that Clerk had applied for balance of subsidy (approximately £173).

70-houses - Athenry Road.

Submitted

Correspondence relative to balance due to Messrs. Naughton Bros. Contractors for the erection of 70 houses at Athenry Road.

Order

Noted that the Contractors were carrying out certain improvements reported as defects in the 40-houses section of the scheme and that payment could not be made pending completion of same.

84-Houses Scheme:

Submitted

Correspondence relative to Engineer's suggestion to use asbestos slates in the roofing of these houses, also Department's letter (No. H.98689/37 - date the 30th. November, 1937) in the matter.

(Minutes - continued)Order

That the Engineer be instructed not to allow small slates to be used in the roofing of the 84 houses, and in the event of any difficulty arising in the matter that he be also instructed to attend the next meeting of the Commissioners to explain the position.

Appointment of Clerk of Works - Tierboy (New) Road Scheme:Submitted

Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. H.97288/37 / Tuam T.C. - dated the 17th. Novr., 1937) stating that the Minister sanctions the appointment of Mr. T. J. Egan, B.E. as Clerk of Works at Tierboy (New) Road, with remuneration at the rate of £5 : 5 : 0 per week.

Order

Sanction noted also noted that Mr. T. J. Egan had taken up duty on the 15th. November, 1937.

Clearance Area No. 3 (Church View):Submitted

Application by Mr. William J. Concannon, Solicitor, on behalf of Mr. John Kelly, Lissavalley, Tuam, for permission to build on Clearance Area No. 3 per Maps and Specification as approved by the Commissioners' Engineer.

Order

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

Clerk's fees - 84-houses Scheme:Submitted

Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. G.97243/37 - Tuam T.C. - dated the 4th. Decr., 1937) stating that the Minister sanctions payment of £20 on account to the Town Clerk for extra duties performed in the carrying out of the 84-houses scheme at Tierboy (New) Road.

Order

Sanction Noted.

Tenancy of House at Athenry Road.

Mr. James Finnegan was selected tenant of No. 43 Athenry Rd.

Submitted.Duty on Fire-fighting Equipment:

Letter from the Department of Industry and Commerce stating

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that the Minister was not prepared to issue a license to import the certain articles of fire-fighting equipment.

Order

That it be unanimously decided to remit the amount of the duty (£13 : 8 : 3) and to make further representations to the Minister for the Licence.

Proposed (New) Town Hall:

Submitted

Letter from Mr. F. B. McDonogh, Commissioners' Solicitor, relative to receipt of report and Maps from Messrs. Jones and Kelly, Architects, Dublin, of their inspection of the selected sites for the proposed (New) Town Hall.

Order

Proposed by Mr. O'Malley, seconded by Mr. Cooney and resolved, "That the report and Maps submitted by Messrs. Jones and Kelly, Architects on their inspection of sites for the proposed Town Hall, be submitted to the Department of Local Government and Public Health for approval".

Public Lighting - Athenry Road:

Submitted

Quotation from the Electricity Supply Board for the erection of two lamps at Athenry Road (as described on Map) for the sum of £6 : 14 : 10 plus cost of lighting to the 31st. March, 1938.

Order

Proposed by Mr. Cooney, seconded by Mr. Moran and Passed, "That the quotation be accepted".

Submitted Circular from Women's Prisoners Defence League appealing to the Irish People to call for the release of all Political Prisoners.

Order

That the Circular be marked "Read".

Tenancies (Temporary) of Shambles and Meeting Room (Town Hall):

Orders

That Messrs. Toft's Amusements and Mr. A. Brimelow be requested to give up possession of the Market Shambles and the Meeting Room (Town Hall) respectively, on Friday, the 10th. December, 1937.

Tolls and Customs Collections:

Submitted

Statement of Collections for Month of November, for Markets and Fairs; also list of Egg Merchants who refused to pay tolls at the Scheduled rate.

Order

Receipts for Month noted, and,
proposed by Mr. Mooney, seconded by Mr. Waldron and resolved,
"That egg merchants who refused to pay tolls at scheduled rate
be proceeded against".

Application for Cinematograph Licence:

Submitted.

Application by Mrs. M. O'Connor for a Cinema Licence in respect
of "The Mall Cinema".

Order

Proposed by Mr. Waldron seconded by Mr. McCormack and resolved,
"That the application be granted, subject to usual conditions".

The Meeting concluded.

Next Monthly Meeting of the Commissioners to be held on
Tuesday the 4th. January, 1937.

Signed on behalf of the Commissioners,

Sean O'Saorise
.....Town Clerk, Tuam, 10th. Decr., 1937.
John Burke
.....Chairman, Date *January 4*.....1938.

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MINUTES of Proceedings of above local authority at their
Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, the 4th. January, 1938.

Mr. John Burke, Chairman, presided.

Other members present: Messrs. J. Moran, J. Byrne, J. Mooney,
J. H. Corcoran, J. Waldron, D. McCormack and J. Coughlan.

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting were read and signed.

Payments:

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

Revenue A/c	...	...	...	£94 : 6 : 7.
Housing A/c No. 3 (Revenue)			...	158 : 17 : 6.
Housing A/c No. 4 (Loan)			...	3,021 : 0 : 0.

General Receipts:

mitted

Statements of Rents and Rates and Tolls and Customs Collections
for the month of December, 1937.

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Statements noted.

Arrears of Rent-Artizans' Dwellings:

nitted

Letter from Mr. F. B. McDonogh, Solicitor, (dated 3/1/'37)
relative to Ejectment Decrees (for failure to pay rent)
obtained against Messrs. Thomas Owens, Denis Creedon and
Patrick Larkin; also case against William Lardner; and asking
for further instructions.

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That as regards the case against Thomas Owens it be decided
to recommend the Solicitor to accept £5 off arrears at present
the balance to be paid by this defaulter by doubling the rent
until all arrears have been cleared; also that the Solicitor
be recommended to accept cots (£2) at a later date provided
Owens undertakes responsibility for this payment also.
That the Commissioners previous instructions with the regard
to the three remaining cases be strictly adhered to.

£31,000 Loan - 84 houses.

Submitted

Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. H.107932/37 - Tuam T.C. - dated the 3/1/'38) stating that the Minister has recommended the Commissioners of Public Works to issue to the Tuam Town Commissioners the sum of £5,000 being the 3rd. instalment of the Loan of £31,000 for the erection of 84 houses.

Order

Sanction to issue of instalment of Loan noted.

40-houses Scheme - Athenry Road:

re-Submitted

Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. H. 91934/37/Tuam T.C. - dated the 18/11/'37) regarding reported defects in some of the houses in the 40-houses Scheme at Athenry Road.

Order

Report noted also noted that Messrs. Naughton Bros. Contractors were carrying out the necessary overhauls and that payment due would be made when the Engineer certifies that the defects referred to have been remedied.

Proposed Clearance Orders:

Submitted

Official Representation from Dr. J. Nohilly, Tuam, and Mr. J. P. Moran, B.E., as to the several unfit houses in the town considered unfit for human habitation.

Orders

After consideration of the several reports of the Medical Officer and the Engineer, in the matter, the following resolutions, proposed by The Chairman (Mr. John Burke) and seconded by Mr. James Moran, were passed unanimously:

X (1) Sun Street No. 1 Area)

That having heard read the Official Representations dated the 28th. December, 1937, made by Dr. John Nohilly of Tuam and John Moran, Esq., B.E., and, having inspected the Map and Schedule attached hereto in respect of said above Area of Sun Street, WM, the Tuam Town (Improvement) Commissioners do hereby declare the areas as set out in Said Schedule and numbered 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14 and 15, a Clearance Area withing the meaning of Section 5 of the Housing

(2) (Clearance Area No. 1 - Bishop Street):

That having ~~heard~~ read the Official Representations dated the 28th. December, 1937 made by Dr. John Nohilly of Tuam and John Moran, Esq., B.E., and having inspected the Map and Schedule attached hereto in respect of said above area of Bishop Street, WE, the Tuam Town (Improvement) Commissioners do hereby declare the areas as set out in the Schedule and Numbered 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22, a Clearance Area within the meaning of Section 5 of the Housing (Miscellaneous) Provisions Act, 1931.

(3) (Clearance Area No. No. 1 - Tullinadaly Road):

That having read the Official Representations dated the 28th. day of December, 1937, made by Dr. John Nohilly of Tuam, and John Moran, Esq., B.E. and having inspected the Map and Schedule attached hereto in respect of Said above Areas as set out - WE the Tuam Town (Improvement) Commrs. do hereby declare in Said Schedule and numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, a Clearance Area within the meaning of Section 5 of the Housing (Miscellaneous) Provisions, Act, 1931.

(4) (Clearance Area No. 2 - Tullinadaly Road):

That having read the Official Representations dated the 28th December, 1937 made by Dr. John Nohilly of Tuam and John Moran, Esq., B.E., and having inspected the Map and Schedule attached hereto in respect of Said above Area of Tullinadaly Road, WE, the Tuam Town (Improvement) Commissioners do hereby declare the areas as set out in Said Schedule and Numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, a Clearance Area within the meaning of Section 5 of the Housing (Miscellaneous) Provisions, Act, 1931.

(5) (Clearance Area No. 1 - Old Ballygaddy Road):

That having read the Official Representations dated the 28th December, 1937, made by Dr. John Nohilly of Tuam and John Moran, Esq., B.E. and having inspected the Map and Schedule attached hereto in respect of said above Area of Old Ballygaddy Road, WE, the Tuam Town (Improvement) Commissioners do hereby declare the areas as set out in the said Schedule and Numbered 1 and 2, a Clearance Area within the meaning of Section 5 of the Housing (Miscellaneous) Provisions) Act, 1931.

(6) (Clearance Area No. 1 - Ballygaddy Road):

That having read the Official Representations dated the 28th day of December, 1937, made by Dr. John Nohilly of Tuam, and John Moran, Esq, B.E., and having inspected the Map and Schedule attached hereto in respect of said above area of Ballygaddy Road, WE, the Tuam Town (Improvement) Commissioners do hereby declare the areas as set out in the Said Schedule and numbered 1 and 2, a Clearance Area within the meaning of Section 5 of the Housing (Miscellaneous) Provisions, Act, 1931.

(7) (Clearance Area No. 3 - Galway Road):

That having read the Official Representations dated the 28th day of December, 1937, made by Dr. John Nohilly of Tuam and John Moran, Esq., B.E., and having inspected the Map and Schedule attached hereto in respect of said above areas of Galway Road, WE, the Tuam Town (Improvement) Commissioners do hereby declare the areas as set out in the said Schedule and Numbered 1 and 2 a Clearance Area within the meaning of Section 5 of the Housing (Miscellaneous) Provisions, Act, 1931.

84-Houses Scheme - Tierboy (New) Road:

Submitted

Report from Mr. J. P. Moran, Engineer, on the subject of the placing of order (by Contractor) for Railings and Gates and Slates for above houses.

ExpOrder.

Report Noted and,

Proposed by Mr. Coughlan, seconded by Mr. McOrmack and resolved, That the Clerk be instructed to write to Messrs. M. Bermingham and Sons calling their attention to the terms of their Contract in respect of the employment of local labour and also requesting that local carters as agreed with the Union get at least 50% of the work and local joiners to make windows, doors, staircases, etc. as far as possible.

Regarding the question of slates, the Engineer was instructed to get samples and quotations from the several slate quarries and also details of supplies procurable.

Sale of Plot of Land at rear of St. Bridgets Tce.:

Submitted

Application from Mr. Thomas Kilcoursey, of No.7 St. Bridgets Tc.

Tuam, for purchase of portion of the plot at St Bridget's Terrace corresponding to his house, enclosing £4 : 10 : 0 purchase money for same and asking that the plot be transferred to the name of Mr. John Hession, 6 St. Bridget's Tce., Tuam. ~~That~~ Proposed by The Chairman, seconded by Mr. Moran and resolved,

Order

That Mr. Milcoursey's offer be accepted and the plot transferred in Mr. Hession's name as requested.

Irish Housing Fund:

Submitted

Letter from The Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. H.103694/1937 /Oifig (G) relative to the Commissioners share in the above Fund.

Noted.

Tubberjarlath Road and Athenry Road Houses:

Order

Proposed by Mr. Mooney, seconded by The Chairman and resolved: That all ranges removed by tenants from the houses at Athenry Road and Tubberjarlath Road be taken into the Commissioners stores at Vicar Street.

Order

It was unanimously decided that the Collector (Mr. MacNamara) be instructed to have broken panes of glass in the 40-houses Scheme replaced when new tenants are going into occupation.

Application for transfer:

Order

An application from Mrs. Ellen Rooney 78 Athenry Road, for a transfer from that house to a house in the 40-houses scheme was refused.

National Health & Unemployment Insurance:

Submitted

Letter from The Inspector, National Health Insurance Society detailing amounts due in respect of the insurance under the National Health and Unemployment Acts of Mrs. Mary McGrath and Mr. Thomas Adams, employees of the Commissioners.

Order

The Clerk was instructed to reply pointing out that the circumstances of the cases show that neither of these two employees come within the provisions of the Acts.

New Constitution:

Order

Proposed by The Chairman, seconded by Mr. Moran and unanimously resolved:

That we, Tuam Town Commissioners wish to congratulate the Government of Eire and the Dail generally on its inauguration of the New Constitution which is a measure and Act drawn by Irishmen for Irishmen.

That copy of this resolution be sent to An Taoiseach.

The meeting concluded.

Signed on behalf of Tuam Town Commissioners,

Seán de Souza.....Town Clerk, Tuam, 10th. Jan., 1938.

John Burke.....Chairman, Date. *February 1*.....1938.

Next Meeting:

The next Monthly Meeting of Tuam Town Commissioners to be held on Tuesday the **2nd.** February, 1938.

Galway County Council Archives

MINUTES of Proceedings of above local authority at a Special meeting on Tuesday, the 18th. January, 1938.

Mr. John Burke, Chairman, presided.

Other members present: Messrs. M. W. Cahill, D. McCormack, P. Purcell, J. Coughlan, J. Mooney, and J. H. Concoran. Mr. J. P. Moran, Engineer, was present also.

Purpose of meeting:

The meeting was convened for the purpose of making arrangements to house the recently-purchased Fire-Engine and fire-fighting equipment and the formation of a Fire Brigade for the town; and to consider the question of the quality and size of slates to be used in the roofing of the 84 houses at Tierboy (New) Road.

Fire engine, etc.

Orders

It was unanimously decided to erect a Fire-House - Messrs. D. McCormack, J. Mooney, Frank Walsh and J. Wynne to be appointed to select a suitable site and the Engineer to prepare Plan and Specification. Tenders to be considered at Monthly meeting on the 1st. Prox. The Chairman, Mr. M. W. Cahill, Mr. Concoran and Supt. P. Cronin to be appointed to prepare a Scheme for the organisation of a Fire Brigade

Fire Hose:

Submitted

Letter from Messrs. Minimax, Ltd., relative to condition of Fire Hose recently supplied by them and asking that the hose be given a further test.

Order

Defects in hose noted and that it be decided to give the Fire Engine a further time test of, say, 3 hours, when the question of the defective hose could be finally decided.

Roofing of 84 Houses:

Submitted

Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. H98689/37/2 / Tuam T.C.- dated the 14/1/'38);
(OVER)

requesting to be furnished with full particulars of the circumstances in which the Commissioners instructed their Engineer not to allow the use of small slates in the roofing of the 84 houses at Tierboy (New) Road; etc.

Order

That the Clerk be directed to reply pointing out that the Commissioners are not so ^{concerned} much with the size as with the quality of the slates to be used in the roofing of these houses.

Submitted

The Engineer (Mr. Moran, submitted a file of correspondence received by him from quarry owners, etc. in the same matter.

Order

That the whole matter is one entirely for the Engineer to deal with, and it is noted he proposes to visit the several slate quarries for the purpose of examining slates procurable.

Submitted

Letter from Mr. Bermingham relative to the employment of local carters in connection with his contract for the erection of the 84 houses; etc.

Order

That the Contractor be written to pointing out that the Commissioners are not satisfied that the carters are getting a fair proportion of the work and recommending him to give carters more preference, etc.

Proposed Clearance Orders:

Order.

Proposed by Mr. Purcell, seconded by Mr. Cahill and resolved, That Whereas, WE, Tuam Town Commissioners did, by resolutions dated the 4th. January, 1938, declare seven areas situate at Sun Street, Bishop Street, Tullinadaly Road (2) Ballygaddy Road, Old (Ballygaddy) Road and Galway Road, in the town of Tuam, Clearance Areas in pursuance of Section 5 of the Housing (Miscellaneous) Provisions) Act, 1931.

That we were on said date and now satisfied that insofar as suitable accommodation, available for persons of the Working Classes who will be displaced by the steps to be taken for the Clearance or Improvement of the said areas, already exists and that our resources as a local authority are sufficient for carrying the said Resolutions into effect.

Vote of sympathy:

Proposed by Mr. McCormack, seconded by Mr. Furcell and passed:
That we offer our sincere sympathy with Canon Butler and
Miss Butler on the sad death of their brother, the late
Mr. D. J. Butler.

The meeting concluded.

Signed on behalf of Tuam Town Commissioners,

Seán de Vere.....Town Clerk, Tuam, 19/1/38.

John Burke.....Chairman, Date *February 1, 1938*.

Galway County Council Archives

MINUTES of Proceedings of above local authority at their
Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, 1st. February, 1938.

Mr. John Burke, Chairman, presided.

Other members present: Messrs. D. McCormack, J. Mooney,
J. Moran, J. Byrne, J. Coughlan, J. Waldron, F. Purcell,
M. W. Cahill and M. Cooney.

MINUTES

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

Finance:

Payments.

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

Revenue A/c	...	...	...	£38 : 1 : 8.
Housing Scheme A/c No 3 (Revenue)				12 : 2 : 6.
Housing Scheme A/c No 4 (Loan)				64 : 5 : 9.

Submitted

Certificate from Mr. J. P. Moran, Engineer, for payment of
£2,000 to Mr. M. Bermingham, Contractor, for work done in
the 84-houses Scheme at Tierboy (New) Road.

Order

Proposed by Mr. Cooney, seconded by Mr. Coughlan and resolved,
That the Clerk be instructed to write to Department of Local
Government and Public Health requesting that they send down
an Inspector of the Housing Department to make a general
inspection of, and report on the progress of the work in the
84-houses Scheme, and that payment of the amount of the Engin-
eer's Certificate be adjourned pending the Department's reply.

Submitted

Correspondence relative to balance of Contract due to Messrs.
Naughton Bros. Contractors for 40-houses at Athenry Road; also
letter from Contractors applying for payment of £59 : 14/- for
increase of 4d. per stamp (employer's share) - Pensions' Fund-
a total of 3,582 stamps.

Order

That payment of the balance of Contract (£270 approx.) be
considered immediately on receipt of £200 balance of Loan
due to the Commissioners (£22,500 Loan); and that the question
(OVER)

of the claim for the Insurance Stamps be referred to Solicitor for opinion.

Submitted

Statements of Rents and Rates Collections and Monthly Statement of Collections from Tolls and Customs.

Order

Statements Noted and Noted that two tenants - William Lardner 72 Athenry Road and Patrick Larkin 2 St. Paul's Tce., had been evicted for non-payment of rent during the month.

HOUSING - Tenancies:

The following were selected as tenants of houses at Tubberjarlath and Athenry Road.

Richard Ryan, Old Road, Tuam,

J. Melia, Barrack Street, Do.

Patrick Mannion, Cloonthue, Tuam,

Mr. Doherty, Barrack Street, Tuam, was selected tenant of No. 2 St. Paul's Tce.

Transfer of Tenancy:

Order

Proposed by Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Cooney and passed, That Mr. A. McGrath be granted a transfer of his tenancy at 56 Athenry Road to 15 Athenry Road.

Report on 160 houses Scheme - Tubberjarlath and Athenry Rd.

Order

Mr. Moran, Engineer was instructed to make a house-to-house survey of all ~~xix~~ houses in the above Scheme and also report on the chimney-work - with a view to submitting a Specification afterwards as to necessary repairs.

Allotments Scheme, 1938 Season:

Order

Proposed by The Chairman, seconded by Mr. Furcell and passed, That the Clerk be instructed to proceed with an Allotments Scheme for 'unemployed' persons on similar lines to the Scheme carried out during the 1937 season. That Rev M. P. Hennelly be asked to assist in the formulation of the Scheme.

Allotment's Scheme, 1937 Season - Recoupment of expdre.:

Submitted

Letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to the amount of receoupable expenditure in connection with the 1937 Allotments Scheme (Letter No. H. 102024/37 / Tuam T.C. -dated the 20/1/'38).

Order

Proposed by Mr. Furcell, seconded by Mr. McCormack and resolved: That a rental of £1 : 1 : 0 be and is hereby fixed as the rent of each plot (if any) let to 'employed' persons during the 1937 season, under the Acquisition of Land (Allotments) (Amendment) Act., 1934.

Public Bodies Order, 1925 - Article 8.

Submitted

Circular Letter No. 14/1938 from the Department of Local Government and Public Health herein (dated the 26/1/'38).

Order

Contents noted.

Dungarvan U. D. C. - Resolution.

Submitted

Resolution received from Dungarvan Urban District Council relative to the extension of the businesses to branches other than the sale of Milk and milk products by Co-Operative Creameries and requesting the Government to confine same, accordingly.

Order

Proposed by Mr. Cooney, seconded by Mr. Furcell and resolved, That the resolution, being considered reasonable and worthy in its object, be adopted.

Proposed Strike of Workers on Housing Scheme:

Submitted

Letter from the I. T. and G. W. Union, Tuam Branch (31/1/'38) intimating that, following a dispute between the Union and the Contractor regarding the employment of Carters it was proposed to withdraw all labour from the Scheme on the 2/2/'38.

Order

Messrs. J. Coughlan, J. Moran and J. Mooney were appointed to meet the Contractor and the Union's representatives with a view to making a settlement of the dispute, if possible.

Resolution of Sympathy

Proposed by Mr. Purcell, seconded by Mr. Cooney and passed
That we, Tuam Town Commissioners offer our sincere sympathy
with the relatives of the late Professor Tomas O'Maille, U.C.G.

Proposed Formation of Fire Brigade:

Order

It was unanimously decided to adjourn consideration of the
proposed formation of a Fire Brigade, etc. to a Special Meeting.

The Meeting concluded.

Next Meeting.

The next Monthly meeting of Tuam Town Commissioners to be
held on Tuesday, the 1st. March, 1938.

Signed on behalf of Tuam Town Commissioners,
John Burke Chairman, Date. *March 1*.....1938.
Seán DePaor Town Clerk, Tuam, 7th. February, 1938.

Galway County Council Archives

Minutes of a meeting of the Fire Commissioners of a Special
Meeting held at the Fire Station, the 15th. February, 1938.

Present: Mr. J. J. Conboy, Chairman, Mr. J. J. Conboy, Mr. J. J. Conboy, Mr. J. J. Conboy.

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Galway County Council Archives

MINUTES of Proceedings of Tuam Town Commissioners at a Special Meeting held on Tuesday, the 15th. February, 1938.

Mr. John Coughlan, vice-Chairman, presided.

Other members present: Messrs. M. Cooney, M. W. Cahill, J. Moran, J. Mooney, J. Byrne, P. Purcell and J. H. Uorcoran.

Formation of Fire Brigade.

Order

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

That the following Scheme in the formation of a Fire Brigade in Tuam, be adopted, namely:-

That a Chief Officer be appointed, that a first mechanic be appointed and that six fire-men be appointed at the following rates of pay:- Chief Officer, 10/- per drill; First Mechanic 7/6 per drill and each fireman 2/6 per drill. Attendances at fires: 2/6 (each Officer and fireman) per hour for first hour engaged and 1/6 per hour for each hour engaged after first hour. Drills to take place once in each month. The Chief Officer to train the Brigade in the use of the hose and Appliances and Fire Engine. Also to acquaint each member of the Brigade of the position of each Hydrant in the town and to be generally responsible for the safe keeping and maintenance of the Fire Engine and Appliances. The Engine, under no circumstances to be allowed to attend fires outside the township (except the County Home premises) unless on the written permission of The Chairman and Two Members of the Commissioners and a sum of £5 lodged with the Clerk to the Commissioners.

The Charge for the use of the Engine and Appliances when attending fires outside the Township to be at the rate of £1 per hour from the time the Engine leaves the Fire Station until it returns and, in addition, a sum of 2/6 per mile travelled to and from the fire. The Chief Officer to be responsible for the making of any arrangements in connection with method of transport of the Engine and Appliances to the scene of a fire whether inside or outside the township. In case of fire the Engine and Appliances are not, under any circumstances to be taken from the Fire Station unless on the instructions of the Chief Officer or on the written permission of the Chairman and 2 members of the Commissioners.

That any other rules governing the general efficiency of the Fire Brigade which might suggest themselves to Commissioners could be adopted and applied at a later stage.

That the Clerk be instructed to advertise the above positions and that applications be considered at the next Monthly Meeting on the 1st. March, 1938.

Fire Hose:

Order

It was unanimously decided that Messrs. P. J. Dwyer and D. McCoy, plumber, be requested to test the hose recently purchased from Messrs. Minimax, Ltd., in order to be in a position to decide whether same was satisfactory and up to specification, or otherwise.

Submitted

Letter from Messrs. Egan & Co., Bishop Street, Tuam, in connection with tests of the Pyrene-Pulsometer Fire Engine recently purchased through them and requesting that the Engine be left in their charge for a period of six months from the date which they hand it over to the Commissioners.

Order

It was unanimously decided to leave the Engine under the supervision of Messrs. Egan & Co. for six months from date handed over.

HOUSING:

Submitted

Letter from Mr. C. P. Crowley, Solicitor, Galway, on behalf of his Client Mr. Martin Bermingham, Building Contractor, relative to a Certificate issued to the latter by Mr. J. P. Moran, B.E. in respect of Contract for the erection of 84 houses.

Order

That Copy of Mr. Crowley's letter be sent to the L. G. Dept. asking for observations and also asking for a reply (at earliest convenience) to the Clerk's letter of the 3/2/'38 requesting an inspection of the 84-houses Scheme by a Department's Inspector.

Order

That Mr. Crowley be informed, in reply, that the Commissioners have deferred payment of the amount of the Certificate pending receipt of the L. G. Department's approval in the matter, etc.

Submitted

Letters from Mr. J. P. Moran, B.E. in connection with
(a) Certificate for £2,000 issued by him to Mr. Bermingham,
Contractor, and, (b) slates for the 84 houses Scheme.

Order

Proposed by Mr. Cooney, seconded by Mr. Cahill and resolved,
That copy of Mr. Moran's letter be sent to the Local
Government Department with a letter from the Clerk stating
that the Commissioners very much resent the attitude
adopted by Mr. Moran, in the matter, and asking for the
Department's observations.

Report

The Clerk reported that Mr. Bermingham, to whom an
Registered Letter had been addressed on the 12th. inst.
had informed him that he had not received the letter until
the morning of the 15th. inst. and that he was not in a
position to reply to the request to attend a meeting of
representatives of the Tuam Trades Council, the Unions
involved and the Commissioners, relative to the strike which
had taken place at the 84-houses Scheme; on the 14th. inst.

Order

That the Clerk be instructed to make inquiries at the Post
Office in connection with the delay in the delivery of the
Registered Letter on the 14th. inst.

Report

The Sub-Committee of the Commissioners appointed to interview
Mr. Bermingham and representatives of the Unions involved
also reported that they did not succeed in getting in touch
with Mr. Bermingham when deputed to make representations to
him with a view to bringing about a settlement of the strike.
Position in the matter Noted.

Order

Proposed Purchase of Fair Green:

Submitted

Letter from Messrs. Conway & Quinn, Solrs., Tuam, offering
the Tuam Fair Green, on the O'Blanagan estate, for sale to
the Commissioners for the sum of £1,000 plus redemption
monies, etc.

Order

That the Sub-Committee appointed in this matter be again
deputed to wait on Mr. Quinn, Solr. to negotiate for the
purchase of the Fair Green, and that they be empowered to
offer a maximum inclusive sum of £650 for the purchase of
the Fair Green, in fee-simple.

Conveyance-Town Commissioners to John Hession.

Order

That the Conveyance herein be signed and sealed with the Seal of the Tuam Town Commissioners.

The Meeting Concluded.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners,
.....*John Burke*.....Chairman, Date.....*March 1*.....1938.

.....*Seán de Vere*.....Town Clerk, Tuam, 16/2/'38.



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MINUTES of proceedings of above local authority at a Specially convened meeting on wednesday, the 23rd. February, 1938.

In the Chair: Mr. John Burke, Chairman.

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

Mr. J. P. Moran, B.E., Engineer for Housing Scheme, Mr. M. Bermingham, Contractor (84-houses Scheme) and Mr. J. J. Burke, Local Government Housing Inspector, were present also.

The meeting was convened for the purpose of considering the the question of the hold-up on the 84-houses scheme.

The representatives of the Union involved in the strike on the Scheme were called before the meeting and the position obtaining between the Contractor and the Union having been discussed, a settlement of the dispute was agreed on as follows:-

- (1) That the Contractor agreed to re-employ all employees and workers on the Scheme.
- (2) That the Union agreed to instruct the men to resume work on the Scheme, and,
- (3) That the Contractor and the Union agreed jointly to leave any outstanding matters in dispute and any disputes which may arise later in connection with the drawing of sand or any other matter, be left to the Engineer, Mr. Moran, to arbitrate.

Payment of £2,000 to Mr. Bermingham, Contractor, on foot of Engineer's Certificate No. 4 was ordered, and Advice Note signed.

The meeting concluded.

Signed on behalf of Tuam Town Commissioners,

..... John Burke Chairman, Date *March!* 1938.
 *See response* Town Clerk, 28/2/38.

MINUTES of Proceedings of Tuam Town Commissioners at their Monthly Meeting on Tuesday the 1st. March, 1938.

 Mr. John Burke, Chairman, Presided.

Other members present: Messrs. M. Cooney, J. Moran, J. Byrne, J. Mooney, D. McCormack, and P. Purcell.

MINUTES:

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

Payments:

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

Revenue Account	... ..	£88 : 11 : 7.
Housing Scheme Account No. 3 (Revenue)		7 : 19 : 3.
Housing Scheme Account No. 4 (Loan)		50 : 19 : 6.

Submitted

Submitted Statements of Rents and Rates Collections, Tolls and Customs collection, etc.

Order

Statements noted and that it be decided that any tenant who allows his arrears to accumulate to the extent of, say £3 be proceeded against immediately, and also that any tenant who allows his rent to go into 8 weeks arrears be also proceeded against without delay.

Rent of Shambles:

Submitted

Submitted Application from D. Toft (Toft's Amusements) to allow him the use of the Shambles for the period since he closed at a small rent.

Order

That a rent of 10/- per week be fixed in respect of the period (since the Amusements closed in the Shambles) to date and that Mr. Toft be requested to remove all his property from the Shambles immediately as same is required in connection with the Spring Markets.

Vote of Sympathy:

Proposed by The Chairman, seconded by Mr. Cahill and resolved:

That we offer our sincere sympathy to Mr. P. Byrne and family on the death of Mrs. Byrne and ~~that~~ this meeting be adjourned for one week as a mark of respect to Mr. Byrne who was for many years a member of this Board.

The meeting then adjourned.

Signed on behalf of the Commissioners,

John Rafferty
.....Chairman, Date..5/4/1938.

Seán de Paor
.....Clerk, Tuam, 4th. March, 1938.

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MINUTES of Proceedings of above local authority at their adjourned Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, the 8th. March, 1938.

Mr. John Burke, Chairman, presided.

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

HOUSING.

Submitted

Letter from Mr. M. Bermingham, Contractor, stating that he had gone very minutely into the costs of ordinary slates versus asbestos slates and that he could not give any allowance for the substitution of asbestos slates.

Submitted

Mr. Moran, Engineer, submitted figures showing that the Contractor, should, in his opinion allow at the rate of £6 per house if the use of asbestos slates were permitted.

Order

That the Clerk be instructed to write to the Department of Local Government in the matter, giving particulars as laid before the meeting and asking the Department's observations as to whether the Commissioners should insist on the use of natural slates, if procurable, or insist on the Contractor giving an allowance according to the Engineer's recommendation, for the substitution of asbestos slates.

Proposed Sales to McHale Terrace Tenants:

Submitted

Letter from Mr. F. B. McDonogh, Solicitor, relative to the application of the tenants who propose to purchase the houses they occupy from the Commissioners, to build a dividing wall between each house having a common exit path-passage to the roadway.

Order

That the Engineer, Mr. Moran, be requested to inspect the premises proposed to be sold and the^{se} adjoining and report whether the dividing wall could be erected without inconvenience to any occupier; also that the Solicitor's opinion in the matter be also sought.

(Minutes - continued).

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Loan of £22,500 - 70 houses.

Submitted

Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. H.5076/38 - Tuam T.C. dated the 4th. Feb.1938) notifying payment of £200 final instalment of Loan of £22,500.

Order

Receipt of amount noted.

Proposed Clearance Orders.

Submitted

Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. H.1891/38 - Tuam T.C. - dated the 25/1/38) returning documents in connection with the proposed Clearance Orders, for amendment.

Order

Noted that the matter referred to was engaging the attention of the Solicitor and Engineer.

Submitted

Letter from Mr. J. J. McAuley, Official Arbitrator, enclosing Award made by him in connection with Tuam Town Commissioners Compulsory Purchase Order No. 1 (Galway Road Area), 1936 and advising of the issue of the Solicitors' costs in connection with the C. P. O.

Order

Award and Costs noted.

Tenancy of house at Athenry Road:

Order

Mr. Patrick O'Brien was selected for tenancy of house at 63 Athenry Road.

Proposed Fire Brigade:

Submitted

Applications for positions in the proposed Fire Brigade also letter from Messrs. Egan & Co. relative to the housing of the Fire Engine.

Order

That it be decided to adjourn consideration of the applications for positions in proposed Fire Brigade to next meeting and that messrs. M. W. Cahill and J. Waldron be appointed to inspect the premises suggested by Messrs. Egan and Co. for housing the Fire engine, etc.

Public Lighting, 1938/'39 :

Submitted

Quotation from the Electricity Supply Board, for Public

Lighting of the town of Tuam, for One Year from the 1st. April, 1938, for the sum of £286 : 18 : 0 excluding a charge of £1 : 1 : 3 for each All-night Lighting required and including the lighting of 86 lamps and the lighting of the Town Clock at a Charge of £6 : 10 : 6 for 5x40watt lamps. Proposed by Mr. O'Mailey, seconded by Mr. Cooney and resolved, That the tender, as submitted, be accepted with the exception of the lighting of the Town Clock - in respect of which the Clerk be instructed to write to the Electricity Supply Board pointing out that the Commissioners are not satisfied that the Town Clock is properly lighted and asking the Board to submit an inclusive quotation for same.

Order

Proposed New Town Hall:

Submitted

Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. S. 104101/37 - Tuam T.C. - dated the 3/3/'38) relative to the proposal to erect a new Town Hall at Tuam and asking for particulars as to accommodation, etc.

Order

That the letter be referred to a meeting of the Sub-Committee appointed to deal with the matter.

Street Trading:

Order

That Messrs. A. O'Mailey, M. W. Cahill, J. Mooney and J. Waldron be deputed to wait on Mr. McDonogh, Solicitor on the question of the proposed proceedings against street traders who refused to pay tolls at the scheduled rates.

Proposed Purchase of Fair Green:

Submitted

Letter from Messrs. Conway and Quinn, Solicitors, offering the Tuam Fair Green for sale to the Commissioners for the sum of £800 plus redemption money of the apportioned annuity on the O'Flanagan property.

Order

That the Clerk be instructed to reply stating that the Commissioners are not prepared to pay that price which is considered too high.

Allotments Schemes:

Submitted

Twenty-one applications for allotments during the 1938 season.

Order

That the Clerk be instructed to repeat the advertisement for applicants for a further week so as to be in a position to let as many plots as possible.

Submitted

Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. H.6640/38 / Tuam T.C. - dated the 25/2'38) advising payment of £36 : 1 : 6 as recoupment of the loss sustained by the Commissioners in carrying out the 1937 allotments' scheme for unemployed persons, etc.

Proposed Dumping Ground:

Order

That the Clerk be instructed to write to Mr. Collins, Assistant Co. Surveyor, asking him to expedite the provision of a Dumping Ground at Tuam.

Sympathy:

Submitted

Acknowledgements of resolutions of sympathy from Mr. John Burke, Chairman and Mr. P. Byrne, The Square, Tuam.

National Health & Unemployment Insurances-Adams & McGrath.

Submitted

Letter from Mr. McDonogh, Solicitor, giving his opinion on the insurable status of Thomas Adams and Mrs. Mary McGrath the Commissioners employees.

Order

That the Clerk be instructed to go into amount payable in respect of these employees, with Mr. Murray, Insurance Inspector with a view explaining the casual employment of Thomas Adams, etc. and to make arrangements for payment of contributions, accordingly.

Submitted

Application for Meeting Room in Town Hall for amusements

Order

from Mr. A. Brimelow, 51 Pearse Street, Dublin.
Application refused, as room cannot be let for such purposes.

Anti-Partitionist Resolution:

Submitted

Resolution herein from Newry Convention (per Rev. P. F. McCumiskey, Adm., Chairman).

Order

Proposed by Mr. Corcoran, seconded by Mr. McCormack and resolved: That the Resolution, being considered very worthy in its object, be adopted.

The Meeting concluded.

Signed on behalf of Tuam Town Commissioners,

John Cougellan
.....Chairman, Date *5/4/* 1938.

John J. Bayly
.....Town Clerk, Tuam, 12th. March, 1938.

Galway County Council Archives

MINUTES of Proceedings of the above local authority at their Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, the 5th. April, 1938.

Present: In the Chair; Mr. John Coughlan, vice-Chairman.
Other members: Messrs. A. O'Malley, M. Cooney, J. Moran, J. Byrne, M. W. Cahill, D. McCormack, J. Mooney and J. H. Corcoran.

The MINUTES of the last Monthly meeting were read and signed.

Payments:

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

Revenue Account	...	...	...	£194 : 10 : 11
Housing Scheme Account No. 2		...		1 : 2 : 6.
Do.	No. 3	...		9 : 3 : 0.
Do.	No. 4 (Loan)			29 : 8 : 0.

Monthly Statements:

Submitted Statements of Rents and Rate Collections, Collections from Tolls and Customs, etc.
Statements voted. No order.

Tenders.

Submitted Tenders from Mr. John Higgins, Merchant, Tuam, and Messrs. T. J. Cahill and Co., Merchants, Tuam, for the supply of seeds manures, etc. to Allotment-holders during the 1938 season at £1 : 5 : 8½ and £1 : 10 : 4 per allotment-holder, respectively.
Order Proposed by Mr. Mooney, seconded by Mr. O'Malley and resolved, That Mr. John Higgin's Tender, being in order, and being the lowest, be accepted.

Submitted Tender from Mr. George Hession, Dublin Road, Tuam, for the erection of Fire Station in accordance with Specification, for the sum of £127.

Order It was unanimously agreed to adjourn consideration of the acceptance of Mr. Hession's Tender, to next monthly meeting.

Submitted

Tenders from J. P. Connolly, Blacksmith, at £3 : 5/-; Thomas Connolly, The Mall at £2 : 7 : 6 and Michael Kelly, Bishop Street, at £2 : 4 : 6 for keeping the Commissioners' horse properly shod for one year from the 1st. April, 1938.

Order

Proposed by Mr. Cahill, seconded by Mr. Corcoran and resolved, That Michael Kelly's Tender, being the lowest, be accepted.

Housing:

Roofing for 84 Houses Scheme:

Submitted

Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. H.3595/5/38 / Tuam T.C. - dated the 25/3/'38) stating that the Town Commissioners should insist on the roofing being carried out, as per specification, with natural slates, provided the slates meet with the Engineer's requirements as to soundness, etc. etc.

Submitted

Report of Engineer that he had issued instructions to the Contractor to proceed to put slates on the Scheme which will be acceptable as regards quality, etc.

Noted

That the question of the roofing of these houses with natural slates is being attended to by the Engineer (Mr. Moran).

Received

Deputation from Tuam Trades Council (Mr. J. Henriques, Spokesman) who complained that some of the joinery work was being made in Galway contrary to local labour clause in the Conditions of Contract for the erection of the 84 houses at Tierboy (New) Road, while local joiners and other local men could not get work on the Scheme.

Order

That it be decided to again call the Engineer's attention to the matter and request him to call on Mr. Birmingham, Contractor, to carry out his Contract and Agreement in connection with, inter alia, the local labour conditions embodied therein.

Submitted

Proposed sales to McHale Tce. Tenants:
Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health
(No. H. 9868/38 - Tuam T.C. - dated the 4th. April, 1938)
stating that the Draft Leases of the houses at McHale Tce.,
appear to be in order, etc., etc.

Order

That the Solicitor (Mr. McDonogh) be instructed to proceed with
the preparation and completed of the Leases in their final
form and have them completed by the four parties proposing to
purchase prior to their transmission to the Department for the
Minister's signature.

Received

Deputation from Farranabox and Tubberjarlath Tenants Association
(Mr. P. Brennan, spokesman), asking for the Commissioners'
consideration of the following matters, viz.,

- (1) Not to press for payment of rent by tenants who are
unemployed,
- (2) Whether tenants inside the town boundary were bound to
pay Town Rates, and
- (3) Whether it was proposed to effect the Ejectment Decree
against Thomas Flanagan.

Orders

(1) That the Commissioners were obliged to insist on the
collection of rent from all tenants, (2) That Town Rates were
payable by tenants inside the Town boundaries, and (3) that
in view of the failure of Thomas Flanagan to give up the shop
business in the house he occupies from the Commissioners, they
have no alternative but to have the Decree for possession
executed.

The following resolution from the Tubberjarlath and Athenry
Road Tenants Association was adopted, viz.,

"That We the members of the Tubberjarlath and Athenry Road
Tenants Association request the Tuam Town Commissioners to urge
the Government to introduce legislation as a temporary measure
to enable all persons in receipt of Unemployment Benefit and
other home Assistance to have a fair rent and rates paid for
them, in view of the fact that their allowances at present
are insufficient to enable them to pay rent and rates".

The Adoption of the resolution was proposed by Mr. Cahill,
seconded by Mr. Coughlan (Chairman) and resolved.

Allotments Scheme, 1938 Season:

Submitted

Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. H. 10745/38 - Tuam T.C. - dated the 29th. March, 1938) stating that the Minister has approved of the Scheme submitted by the Commissioners for the provision of allotments during the 1938 season subject to a rent of £1 : 1 : 8 being levied on any "employed person" who may be provided with an allotment:etc. Approval to Scheme Noted, and,

Order

Proposed by Mr. Coughlan (presiding) seconded by Mr. O'Malley and resolved,

That a rent of £1 : 1 : 8 be fixed in respect of any allotments which may be let to "employed persons" during the 1938 season.

Fire Hose:

Submitted

Letter from Messrs. Minimax, Ltd., Feltham, Middlesex, acknowledging receipt of Engineer's (Mr. Moran) Report of his examination of the Fire Hose forwarded by them and suggesting that the 5 lengths of hose regarded as defective by the Engineer be returned to them for examination, etc.

Order

It was decided to return the 5 lengths of hose to Messrs. Minimax, Ltd. as requested.

Tolls on Street Traders:

Submitted

Letter from Mr. McDonogh, Solicitor, stating that, in the opinion of Counsel the action (proposed) cannot succeed as he believes that the Tolls demanded are excessive; etc.

Order

Proposed and decided that the deputation appointed at the last monthly meeting wait on Mr. McDonogh, in the matter at 4 p.m. on the 6/4/'38.

The Meeting concluded.

The next Monthly Meeting of Tuam Town Commissioners to be held on Tuesday, the 3rd. May, 1938.

Signed on behalf of the Commissioners,

..... *John Burke* Chairman, Date..... *May 3* 1938.

..... *Seán O'Sullivan* Town Clerk, Tuam, 9/4/'38.

MINUTES of Proceedings of above local authority at their Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, the 3rd. May, 1938.

Mr. John Burke, Chairman, Presided.

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

Finance:

Payments, as follows, were authorised out of the several Accounts, viz.,

Revenue Acct.	...	...	...	£42 : 18 : 7.
Housing Acct. No. 1	116 : 14 : 2.
Do. No. 3	1,659 : 11 : 7.
Do. No. 4 (Loan)	3,121 : 0 : 0.
Do. No. 4 (Revenue)	264 : 16 : 7.

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Statements of Rents and Rate Collections, Collection from Tolls and Customs; Etc.

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Statements noted and also noted that Mr. McDonogh, Solicitor, was taking action against 9 defaulting tenants and Tubberjarlath and Athenry Roads; that it be decided that the action be withdrawn against Christy Melvin provided he pays up all arrears immediately to the Collector - in view of the fact that the Commissioners have decided to carry out repairs to his house which repairs this tenant demanded before he paid any more rent; that it be also decided to leave all the cases in the Solicitor's hands for appropriate action by him in connection with the several defaulters in rent.

Housing:

Mr. J. P. Moran, Engineer, reported (verbally) that a further consignment of slates received at the 84-houses Scheme at Tirboy Road had been sorted and that a very small percentage of these were considered fit for use and that, therefore, he was obliged to reject them.

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That consideration of the matter be adjourned pending further developments in connection steps taken by the Engineer. in

Submitted

Letter from Mr. Ml. Connor, Church View, complaining of the delay in erecting the boundary fence at the housing scheme at Tierboy which adjoins his land.

Order

Noted that Mr. Connor be informed that it is proposed to start work on this fence immediately.

Submitted

Letter from the L. G. Department (No. H3593/5/38 / Tuam T.C.- dated the 7th. April, 1938) relative to a report made by one of the Department's Inspectors concerning the absence of the Clerk of Works from the Scheme on occasions when the Inspector called there.

Also submitted letter from Mr. Moran, Engineer, stating that he was satisfied with the explanations given by the Clerk of Works (Mr. Egan) for his absence.

Order

No order.

Submitted

Letter from Mr. Moran, Engineer, stating that he had a Schedule of necessary repairs ready in connection with the Tubberjarlath and Athenry Road Schemes.

Order

That the Clerk be instructed to advertise for tenders for these repairs - tenders to be considered at a Special Meeting on Tuesday, the, 17th. May, 1938.

Applications for Tenancies:

Submitted

Applications for tenancies of houses at Tubberjarlath and Farranabox from Michael Conneran, and Mary Rafferty.

That the selection of these and any other tenants applications be left to the Clerk to make inquiries as to their solvency for the payment of rent and so decided.

Order

Letter from Michael Doherty, tenant of No. 2 St. Paul's Tce., stating that when he went into occupation of this house a couple of months ago, it was in a very bad state of disrepair and that it was necessary to expend £7 or £8 on repairs, and applying accordingly for compensation for same.

Proposed by Mr. McCormack, seconded by Mr. Corcoran and resolved: That £3 be allowed in rent to this tenant.

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Applications from the Tenants of McHale Terrace and the tenants of St. Paul's Terrace for a reduction in their rents of 5/- per week.

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Proposed by Mr. Coughlan, seconded by Mr. McCormack and resolved: That when necessary repairs have been carried out at McHale Terrace that the financial position of the Commissioners in this Account be examined with a view to considering whether a reduction could be made in the weekly rent of 5/- ; that the application from the tenants of St. Paul's Terrace be adjourned generally.

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The Clerk was instructed to again write to Mrs. M. Geist, St., Paul's Terrace to remove the gate erected by her in the passage adjoining her house, or, otherwise the Commissioners will institute legal proceedings in the matter.

Fire Engine Housing; etc.

Matters arising in connection with the Fire Engine garaging and the formation of a Fire Brigade were adjourned to the Special Meeting on the 17/5/'38.

Fairs and Markets:

The Clerk reported that the Weights and Measures had rejected the Beam Scales at the Square and that the cost of its repair would hardly be justified and recommending the purchase of a portable weighbridge-at a probable cost of £36-to weigh up to 10 cwt.

That the Clerk be instructed to purchase a suitable machine subject to appropriate trial and, in the event of its unsuitability, the Commissioners are prepared to pay carriage on same from Dublin and return.

Allotments Scheme, 1938 Season.

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Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. H.10743/2/38 / Tuam T.C.) dated the 9th. April, 1938) stating that the 24 persons from whom certificates have been received are eligible to receive allotments at reduced rent.

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Town Traders and Co-Operative Creameries:

Letter from Youghal Urban District Council relative to previous resolutions received by the Commissioners and asking to be furnished with the names of delagates who may be appointed to attend a Conference in the matter in Dublin on Tuesday the 17th. May, 1938.

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That Messrs. M. W. Cahill and J. Moran, be appointed delegates to the Conference.

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Proposed by Mr. Coughlan, seconded by Mr. Mooney and resolved, That we, Tuam Town Commissioners, protest against the recent increase of 2d. per lb. on butter, owing to the nature of the increase and we call on the Minister to defray the cost, in this respect, out of State Revenue, instead of levying it on the consumer which we consider unfair in the circumstances.

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United National Lease-Holders Association:

Resolution from the above Association requesting Local Authorities to consider and support the principles of the new Lease-holders Bill and to call on the Dail to pass the Bill into law.

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Proposed by Mr. Concoran, seconded by Mr. Waldron and resolved, That the Resolution, being considered worthy in its object, be adopted.

Congratulation:

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Cahill and resolved: That we, Tuam Town Commissioners do congratulate Dr. Douglas Hyde on his unanimous selection as the first President of Eire; that we do, at, the same time, congratulate the Government on their success with the recent Anglo-Irish Agreement.

Sympathy:

Proposed by Mr. Cooney, seconded by Mr. Burke (presiding) and passed unanimously: That we do extend our sympathy with the relatives of the late Mother Mary Magdalen McDonnell in their bereavement.

The Meeting concluded.

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Next monthly meeting of Tuck Town
be held on Tuesday, the 7th, June, 1936.

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Signed on behalf of the Commissioners,
John Bush Chairman, -atc-
W. H. ... Town Clerk, Tuck, 5/5/36.

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MINUTES of Proceedings of above local authority at a Special Meeting on Tuesday, the 17th. May, 1938.

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

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

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

Repairs to houses at Tubberjarlath and Farranabox:

uted Three Tenders from Messrs. Martin Burke, Tuam, at £34:11:6; Ml. Maloney, Tubberjarlath, Tuam, at £32, and Martin Philbin, Cloonmoyle, Tuam, at £27 : 10 : 0 - each for repairs, according to Specification prepared by Mr. Moran, Engineer, to houses at Farranabox and Tubberjarlath.

Proposed by Mr. Cooney, seconded by Mr. Byrne and resolved: That Mr. Martin Philbin's tender, being the lowest, be accepted subject to tenderer signing a form of Contract to be prepared by Mr. Moran, Engineer.

After discussion, in the matter, the Chairman declared Mr. Philbin's tender accepted, accordingly.

Arrears of Rent by Tenants at Tubberjarlath and Athenry Roads:

d Report by Rent Collector J. MacNamara, that the Sheriff had withdrawn the execution of the Ejectment Decree on the 17/5/38 against Thomas Flanagan, 28 Tubberjarlath Road, on the intervention of Rev. M. F. Heffnelly, C.C.; the Collector asked for the Commissioners instructions in the matter.

That in view of the fact that Defendant Flanagan undertook to discontinue the shop on the premises (contrary to Agreement) and to pay the arrears of rent due by him, it be agreed to withdraw the Decree and accept arrears of rent due after a Deposit of £8 towards costs and rent, of 10/- per week to be paid regularly to the Commissioners' Solicitor.

re: J. J. Hurley, Thomas Mannion and Wm. Stockwell, Defaulters:

It was unanimously decided to accept 9/- each per week from the above-named in rent and arrears and withdraw proceedings.

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Roofing of 84-houses Scheme:

ted Letter from Mr. M. Birmingham, Contractor for the erection of 84 houses at Tierboy (New) Road, intimating that, in view of the difficulty he had experienced in providing slates to meet with the Engineer's requirements for the roofing of the houses, and his loss due to the delay in the matter, he was now prepared to allow £5 per block for the substitution of asbestos slates.

Proposed by Mr. Mooney, seconded by Mr. O'Malley and resolved: That it be decided to permit the use of asbestos slates in the roofing of the 84 houses, in view of the difficulty in securing a suitable supply of natural slates and the Engineer's recommendation in the matter; that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to approve of this proposal and also be asked to state, if possible, what allowance should be made by Contractor between the latter's offer of £5 per block and the Engineer's estimate of £6 per house, or a difference of £3 : 10 : 0 per house.

Proposed by Mr. Cooney that natural slates, which he believed were procurable be used.

As Mr. Cooney's proposition was not seconded the Chairman declared Mr. Mooney's proposal passed.

Roads Maintenance, 1938/39.

itted Letter from Mr. M. J. Kennedy, County Surveyor, intimating that he has decided to take over the Tuam Street from the Commissioners and have them maintained by direct labour for one year (from the 1st. April, 1938), and stating that any further work need not be carried out by Tuam Town Commissioners.

r Proposed by Mr. Coughlan, seconded by Mr. Purcell and resolved: That we request Mr. Kennedy to have the three men employed by the Commissioners retained in his employment, namely, Messrs. Michael Crisham, John Fahy and Michael Fahy, and that we also request Mr. Kennedy to recoup the Commissioners for expenditure incurred from the 1st. April. 1938 to date and that the Clerk be instructed to point out that the Commissioners propose to pay a bonus to each of the three men as promised to their Union.

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Fire Brigade, etc.

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Letter from Messrs. Egan & Co. Garage, Tuam, quoting the sum of £10 for the housing of the fire engine and equipment per year, also estimating according to sub-Committee's recommendations, a cost of £22 : 10 : 0 for converting a second-hand car for trailing the fire engine.

Order

Proposed by Mr. O'Malley, seconded by Mr. Waldron and resolved: That Messrs. Egan's quotation for the housing and safe-keeping of the Fire Engine and all equipment at £10 per annum, be accepted subject to a special agreement in the matter to be prepared by the Commissioners' Solicitor; that the Department of Local Government and Public Health be requested to approve of the proposal to purchase the trailing lorry quoted for by Messrs. Egan and Co.

Appointment of Officers and men of Fire Brigade:

Proposed by Mr. Cooney, seconded by Mr. Corcoran and resolved: That Mr. John Hession, Town Steward, be appointed Chief Officer of the new Tuam Fire Brigade; that Mr. P. Watson, C/o Messrs. Egan and Co. be appointed, Mechanic; that the following applicants be appointed fire-men; viz., Messrs. Thomas Bradley, Bishop Street, Tuam, Patrick Mullins (Jr.) Church View, Tuam, Joseph Ward, St. Paul's Tce., Tuam, William Meehan, St. Patrick's Terrace, Tuam, John Woods, Galway Road, Tuam, and Denis McKenna, Church View, Tuam. - All appointments to be in accordance with the Scheme adopted by the Commissioners at meeting on the 15th. February, 1938.

Proposed New Town Hall:

Submitted

Letter from the L. G. Department asking for an approximate estimate in summary form under several heads; Etc.

Order

Proposed by Mr. O'Malley, seconded by Mr. Corcoran and resolved: That in view of the fact that we consider the Architects could not give a proper estimate without first consulting the Commissioners as to their requirements

in the matter, it be decided to request the Architects to visit Tuam for the purpose at a date as early as possible.

Disposal of Horse and Cart.

Order

It was unanimously decided to accept the sum of £5 from John Fahy, Dunmore Road, Tuam, for the use of the horse & cart for the period to the 31st. March, 1939 - Fahy to be responsible for the maintenance and care of the horse during that time and also to be responsible for the horse-shoing contract entered into by the Commissioners to Michael Kelly blacksmith, Tuam, for the year from the 1st. April, 1938.

The meeting concluded.

Signed on behalf of the Commissioners,
John Burke Chairman, Date *June 7* 1938.

Seán O'Keefe Town Clerk, Tuam, 19/5/38.

MINUTES of Proceedings of above local authority at a Special Meeting on Monday, the 23rd. May, 1938.

Mr. John Burke, Chairman, presided.

Other members present: Messrs. M. W. Cahill, JH. Corcoran, D. McCormack and J. Mooney.

Roofing of 84-houses Scheme:

Submitted

Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No. H.3595/10/38 / Tuam T.C. - dated 21/5/'38) in reply to Clerk's letter of 18/5/'38 and stating that while the Minister is of opinion that the Contractor should be in a position to offer a greater reduction than £2 : 10/ per house in consideration of the substitution of asbestos slates, the Minister will, having regard to all the circumstances, raise no objection to the acceptance of the Contractor's offer if the Commissioners so decide.

Order

Proposed by Mr. Corcoran, seconded by Mr. Cahill and resolved That it be decided to accept the Contractor's offer of £2 : 10 : 0 per house for the substitution of asbestos slates for natural slates in the roofing of the 84 houses subject to our Engineer' approval.

Messrs. Minimax, Ltd. - Fire Hose:

Submitted

Letter from Messrs. Minimax, Ltd., regarding the return of 5 lengths of fire hose which were found defective by the Commissioners Engineer, Mr. J. P. Moran; and stating that they had now tested the hose and found that the pinholes closed under pressure and that other leakages in some lengths appeared to have been caused by wilful damage; etc. The Clerk was instructed to reply to this firm pointing out that the contents of their latter did not agree with the Commissioners opinion as the hose was carefully stored and carefully handled while in their custody and that the Commissioners were not prepared to accept any further responsibility in the matter.

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Purchase of portable Weighbridge:

Proposed by The Chairman, seconded by Mr. Mooney and resolved: That the portable 10cwt. Weighbridge, sent on trial by Messrs. Avery's Ltd., Dublin, be purchased through Messrs. T.J.Cahill & Co., Tuam, for the sum of £33 (Thirty-three Pounds).

Order

On the recommendation of Mr. Hession, Town Steward, it was decided to have the old scales-pillar removed from the Square.

Order

Owing to the absence of a quorum at this stage (by the departure of Mr. McCormack) it was decided to adjourn any further business to the next Monthly Meeting on the 7th. June, 1938.

Order

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners,

.....Chairman, Date.....1938.
Seán de Paor.....Town Clerk, Tuam, 25/5/'38.
