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# TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS



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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday 1st. December, 1942.

Attendance:-

Mr. J. Coughlan, Vice-chairman presided. Other members present were Messrs W. Stapleton, F. Lohan, D. McCormack, J. J. Egan, J. Mooney, and T. Joyce.

Overdraft Accommodation.

Overdraft Accommodation to the amount of £1000 was required for the payment of accounts to the end of the month. The Chairman proposed and Mr. McCormack seconded ~~that~~ and it was unanimously resolved that the above amount be sought.

Meeting with the Manager.

A discussion arose between the the members of the Board on matters referring to the letting and repairs of houses, Tolls and Custom etc., and it was decided to ask the County Manager to meet the Commissioners at an early date so that certain recommendations might be made to him in these matters. The clerk was instructed to write to the Manager and ask him to fix the date on which he would meet the Board and to put the following items on the agenda:-

- 1. Tolls and Customs.
- 2. Housing, repairs and lettings.
- 3. Turf (Allotments).

To fix a date of meeting the Parish Council.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Parish Council in which it was stated that a committee was selected to meet the Commissioners in connection with the matter of the Sugar Factory Closing. It was proposed by Mr. Joyce and seconded by ~~Chairman~~ Mr. Lohan that a meeting be held on Monday Night, the 7th. December, at 8.30 p.m.

The Meeting Concluded.

..... Joseph Mooney ..... Chairman.

..... Madge Whyte ..... Acting Town Clerk. 6th. December, 1942.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at a Special Meeting held on the 11th. December, at 6.30. p.m.

Attendance:

Mr. John Burke, Chairman, presided. Other members present were Messrs M. W. Cahill, W. Stapleton, J. Coughlan, P. Lohan, D. McCormack and J. Mooney. The County Manager was also present

Tolls and Custom Collection.

The Board informed the Manager that they were not satisfied with the Collection for October. Mr. Mooney ~~stated~~ pointed out that there was a decrease of £19, in comparison with that collected in October 1941, although more cattle were railed this year, and said ~~more~~ cattle were sold on which no tolls were paid. The Manager said it was impossible to stop that, and in comparison to other years the Collection showed an upward trend, and informed the Commissioners that a system of carbon copy tickets was being introduced ~~for the~~ future collections.

Members not notified.

Mr. Mooney reported to the Manager that for the last Monthly Meeting three members were not notified and that there was no Official present but the Clerk. The Manager asked the Clerk ~~to~~ account for ~~the~~ the absence of those members, and in reply the Clerk stated that 3 notices were given to Mr. Hession for delivery ~~who~~ forgot to do so. Mr. Hession apologised to the Board accordingly. The Manager stated that he was not responsible for convening meetings of the Commissioners, and it was't necessary for them to meet monthly except to comply with the Statutory Order.

Repairs to Houses, etc.

The Manager told the Commissioners that he was not satisfied with the system of repairs to the Houses owned by the Board and that he intended to have all future repairs supervised by an Engineer. Mr. Stapleton reported on the bad state of the houses in McHale Tce, and the manager replied that the Board were responsible for repairs due to faulty work at the outset, and that he intended to notify all tenants that they would be held responsible for all wanton damage in future. Mr. Coughlan said that the ~~members~~ were not satisfied with the last tender accepted for repairs, and in reply Mr. O'Flynn said that the Commissioners could attend any time when he ~~opened~~ tenders or received them.

Odeon Cinema Licence.

Mr. O'Flynn said it was a matter for him to grant the Licence but he would like to have the opinion of the Board concerning Saturday Night opening. ~~He~~ said if it were the wish of the people of Tuam not to have the Cinema opened on Saturday Nights he would impose that restriction in the Licence. The Odeon Cinema applied to him for an unrestricted Licence, but as several bodies have asked him not to ~~grant~~ allow Saturday openings he would put that restriction in the Licence. The Manager reminded the Commissioners that this restriction would be challenged in the High Court, and if he lost the case, the costs would be put on the Rates. The Board said that their recommendations were genuine, and that Saturday Night pictures would be against the wishes of the people, and the manager concluded the discussion by saying he would grant the restricted Licence.

Turf for Tuam.

The board discussed with the manager the question of turf supplies for Tuam. Mr. O'Flynn said that he had been asked to make turf available for Tuam at Cloonascragh bog, but were under the instructions of the Turf controller and could not sell it less than 37/6 per ton, turf was being supplied to the poor in Galway at the rate of 35/-, but that was due to voluntary contributions and if there were such an organization in Tuam turf could be supplied at the same rate. The Chairman said that the Board could do nothing to provide cheap turf and that it would be ~~an~~ matter for the Parish Council to deal with. Mr. Lehan suggested to the manager to ~~acquire~~ <sup>acquire</sup> about 30 acres of Bog at Cloonascragh, for the unemployed to cut turf there, the Manager said that ~~that~~ before doing so they would want a definite guaranteed output, ~~inasmuch as they did not have any other means of doing so~~ which would be impossible.

Public Lighting.

It was suggested by members to the Manager that 3 lights be installed at the Fair-Green, and 1 light at Cloonthea Road. The Clerk was instructed to write to the E. S. B. and ask them to quote for the installations of those lights.

The Meeting concluded.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners.

.....*Joseph McEnery*.....Chairman.

.....*Madge Whyte*.....Acting Town Clerk. 16th. December. 1942.

Galway County Council Archives

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at Monthly Meeting held on 5th. January, 1943.

Attendance:-

Mr. J. Mooney, presided. Other members present were Messrs W. Stapleton, T. Joyce and P. Lohan.

Overdraft Accommodation.

Overdraft Accommodation to the amount of £450 was required for payment of the accounts for the month of December. It was proposed by Mr. Joyce and seconded by Mr. Stapleton that the above amount be sought.

Letter from the Chairman.

The Clerk submitted a letter of resignation from the Chairman, Mr. John Burke. Mr. Mooney stated that he regretted to know of Mr. Burke's intention to resign from his position as Chairman to the Board and proposed that Mr. Burke be asked to re-consider his decision. Mr. Joyce seconded, and the Clerk was instructed to let the Manager know of Mr. Burke's ~~decision~~ letter of Resignation.

Odeon Cinema.

A discussion arose about the Saturday Night opening of the Odeon Cinema. The Clerk read a copy of the Licence issued to the Odeon and the Board noted that Restriction had been revoked. The clerk was instructed to write to the Manager and inform him of the Saturday night exhibition of Pictures.

Turf.

The question of turf was introduced by Mr. Lohan, who stated that it was an essential matter for the unemployed of the Town that some accommodation be made in providing Turf Banks for them for the coming year. The Chairman informed Mr. Lohan that at the last meeting with the County Manager this matter had been discussed with him. The Manager stated that a guaranteed output would be necessary. ~~making~~ Mr. Lohan further stated that ~~had~~ if 30 acres of bog was made available at Cloonascragh he knew of several unemployed people in the Town who would avail of the Scheme. The Chairman asked Mr. Lohan to submit a list of those people and in that way the output would be guaranteed.

Foot paths of The Town.

The members discussed the condition of the footpaths in general in the Town, and asked the Clerk to refer the matter to the County Manager.

The meeting concluded.

..... John Loughran ..... Chairman.

..... 3. February, 1943. .... Date.

..... P. Whyte ..... Acting Town Clerk.  
9th. day of January, 1943.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, 2nd. February, 1943 at 8 p.m. of above Local authority.

Attendance: Mr. J. Coughlan, Vice-Chairman, presided. Other members present were Messrs D. McCormack, J. Mooney, P. Lehan, M.W. Cahill, W. Stapleton, T. Joyce,

Resignation of the Chairman accepted.

A letter was read from Mr. J. Burke letting the Commissioners know of his decision, in connection with his resignation, stating that he was forced to adhere to his former decision to resign. Mr. Coughlan replied on behalf of the Board and paid compliments to Mr. Burke saying that ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ he was a man of sound judgement and temperament and wished him a speedy recovery of health, Mr. Mooney ~~xxxxxx~~ said that he wished to associate himself with the remarks of the Chairman, knowing Mr. Burke all his life. The resignation of Mr. Burke was accepted accordingly and the Commissioners thought it only fair to him that they met with his request. It was decided to co-opt a member at the next Monthly meeting and instructed that the matter be put on the Agenda.

Allotments Scheme 1943.

The Clerk reported that about 4 acres of land would be required for the Allotments, due to the fact that Allotment holders at who ~~Ballinacorney~~ held plots at Strachan's land last year declined to sow it again this season being the third year. It was decided then that Mr. Strachan's land be let for one-acre and that this recommendation be made to the Manager.

Billposter's Letter.

A letter was read from Patk. Adam's, billposter to the Board, requesting the Commissioners to ask the Management of the Odeon Cinema if they would employ him as their billposter. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Odeon Co. accordingly.

Parking of ass-carts.

Mr. D. McCormack reported the matter of Ass carts being parked at Circular Road and Chapel Lane and becoming a public nuisance. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Superintendent of the Garda Siochana, and ask them to assist the Board and have the carts removed into the Shambles.

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The meeting concluded.

..... *J. Mooney* ..... Presiding Chairman.  
..... *P. Whyte* ..... Acting Town Clerk.  
5th. February, 1943.

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Minutes of Special Meeting held on 14th. Feb. 1943  
at 6 p.m.

Attendance: Mr. J. Coughlan, presided.  
Others members present were Messrs D. McCormack, J. Mooney,  
M. W. Cahill,

Purpose of Meeting.

The meeting was convened for the purpose of recommending suitable land to be acquired for Allotments. The Board discussed the difficulty of acquiring land from Mr. Thos. Nolan, and recommended that the Dean be asked to let the Commissioners have 4 acres and the Clerk was asked to write to the Dean and request him to lease them the required amount.

Mr. Strachan's Land.

A letter was submitted from Mr. Strachan's Land Agent in which it was stated that Mr. Strachan had no objection to the Commissioners sub-letting the land leased by them at Ballygaddy Road, comprising 10 acres. Recommendations were made that it be set in one acre lots and that ~~xxxxxxixxxxx~~ Mr. Patrick Patten be auctioneer.

Letter from Mr. Hession, Solicitor.

The Chairman read a letter received from Mr. Hession, Solr. on behalf of the Victuallers of the Town. The letter contained an objection the Victuallers had to a stranger selling meat on the Strret of the Town every Saturday and pointed out that this effected their ~~xxxxxxx~~ trade and interests. This ~~matter~~ lead to the question of the Bye-laws and the Clerk submitted a letter received from the Dept. of Local Government and Public Health, in which it was stated that there was an omission of portion of Bye-law 3, and also that the alternative day for holding a fmarket was not fixed nor who would fix such day or date. It was decided to have the omission re inserted, state that the Commissioners were the authority to fix such day and have the bye-laws re-printed. ~~xxxxxx~~ The clerk was instructed to write to Mr. Hession and statee that steps were being taken to enable them to deal with the matter above stated.

The meeting concluded.

Signed on behalf of the Town Commissioners

..... *J. Coughlan* ..... Presiding Chairman.

----- *D. Wray* ----- Act. Town Clerk.

14th. Feb. 1943.

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

minutes of special meeting of above local authority held on the 23rd. February, 1943 at 8 p.m.

Attendance:

Mr. J. Coughlan presided. Other members present were Messrs J. Mooney, W. Stapleton, D. McCormack, P. Lohan.

Purpose of Meeting

The meeting was convened ~~for the purpose of~~ in connection with recommending land for the Allotments Scheme. Mr. O'Keefe wrote to the Board offering 2 acres of land adjacent to the field already held by them, and it was recommended that the 2 acres be accepted. The Rev. Dean Lendrum had replied to the application made to him for land and he stated that he had let his land to Mr. Fox, Dublin Road, for grazing and that his lands were exempt under the Tillage Order. It was decided to acquire the required amount Compulsory from the Dean,

A letter was read from Mr. James McGrath, Circular Road asking permission from the Commissioners to allow him to take manure through the Commissioners' yard adjoining the back of his house, which were connected by a door. The Commissioners decided to refer the matter to the manager and recommend that the McGrath be allowed to do as requested of them, but that the Door be closed up again.

Vote of Sympathy.

It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. Mooney, that the Board tender their sympathy to the relatives of the ~~late~~ late Mrs. McGrath, Ballygaddy Road, Tuam.

The Meeting concluded.

Signed on behalf of the Town Commissioners.

..... *J. Mooney* ..... Presiding Chairman.

..... *D. Whyte* ..... Acting Town Clerk. 26th. Feb. 1943.

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, 2nd. March, 1943.

Attendances:

Mr. J. Mooney Presided. Other members present were Messrs T. Joyce, P. Lohan, and W. Stapleton.

Allotments Scheme.

The question of procuring land for the Allotments was discussed. The Clerk reported that the County Manager, endeavouring to acquire land by agreement from Mr. Strachan at Blackacre, the Chairman said that land should be made available near the town instead of at Blackacre. It was decided to recommend to the Co. Manager that the land for the plots be made available near the town if possible.

Co-option of member.

Mr. T. Joyce proposed the co-option of Mr. Jarlath Burke in place of his father, Mr. John Burke who had resigned. Mr. P. Lohan seconded the proposal and the Chairman declared Mr. Burke co-opted. It was decided to put the matter of the election of Chairman on the agenda for the next monthly meeting.

Resolutions adopted by Dundalk Urban Council.

Two resolutions were read which had been adopted by the Dundalk Urban Council, (I) Resolution calling on the Government to provide a censorship and proper supervision over all pictures and picture houses to which children were admitted, until such time that we have a national film industry of our own. After the matter was discussed, the Chairman said that he thought that the present films were well censored and it was decided that no action could be taken. (II) resolution read dealt with legislation concerning the Working Classes houses and the provisions governing payment of the full 66 $\frac{2}{3}$  subsidy, etc., and after some discussion it was decided to adopt the Resolution.

The meeting concluded.

Signed on behalf of the Town Commissioners.

Paul McCannell Chairman. Date April 6<sup>th</sup> 1943

R. Whyte Acting Town Clerk.



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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of Estimates Meeting held on the 8th. March. 1943

Attendance:

Mr. J. Coughlan, Chairman presided. Other members present were Messrs D. McCormack, T. Joyce, P. Lohan, J. Mooney, J. Burke, W. Stapleton, and M. W. Cahill.

The County Manager submitted the estimates of expenses for the local Financial Year ending on the 31st. day of March, 1944. In submitting the Estimates the Manager stated that the copies sent out to the members of the Board contained particulars of providing for a rate of 3/11½ in the £ but on examination of tenders received for repairs it was found possible to reduce the rate by 1d, bring the rate down to 3/10. It was suggested to bring the rate down to 1/9 and the Manager said that any proposal to reduce the rate would have to state what particular item of expense would be effected. The estimates submitted, <sup>what</sup> what he thought was required for the efficient running of the Town services and considered the amount reasonable under the present conditions. Provision was made for extensive repairs to be carried out to the houses, the Manager stating that he hoped to have the houses in a much better condition as some of them were in a bad condition especially Gilmartin Road Houses. With reference to the derelict houses he stated that he was making preparations to have them cleared during the year. After some discussion the estimate submitted by the Manager was adopted on the proposal of Mr. Cahill, being seconded by Mr. T. Joyce.

Fire-Brigade.

Mr. W. Stapleton, reported to the Manager that the men on the Tuam fire-brigade has not yet been paid for work on the Fire at the Mineral Water Factory. and the Manager replied stating that he would give the matter his attention. The Board requested the Manager to give these men employed on the Fire-Brigade employment as they were all married men, and if they did not get work they would be forced to go to England.

Before the meeting concluded the Manager thanked the Members of the Board for adopting his Estimate of Expenses.

The meeting concluded.

Signed on behalf of the Board:

David M. McCormack

Chairman.

Date

April 6<sup>th</sup> 1943

M. Whyte

Acting Town Clerk. 16th. March, 1943

Minutes of Monthly held on the 6th. April, 1943, at 8 p.m.

Attendance: Mr. D. McCormack, presided. Other members present were Messrs W. Stapleton, M.W. Cahill, J. Mooney and J. Burke.

Election of Chairman.

Proposed by J. Mooney and seconded by D. McCormack that the Vice-Chairman, Mr. John Coughlan be elected Chairman, Mr. Coughlan was declared elected.

Election of Vice-Chairman:

Proposed by M. W. Cahill and seconded by J. Mooney that Mr. D. McCormack be elected Vice-Chairman, Mr. McCormack was unanimously declared elected.

Overdraft Accommodation:

Overdraft Accommodation to the amount of £1,500 was required for payment of accounts for the Month of May, including the Loan Instalment payable to Commissioners of Public Works. Mr. Cahill proposed and Mr. Mooney seconded that the above amount be sought.

Appointment of Delegates to attend meeting of Association of Municipal Authorities.

The Clerk submitted a letter received from the Secretary of the above Association requesting The Commissioners to select 2 delegates to attend the Annual Conference to be held in Dublin. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman were selected.

Appointment of delegate to attend Meeting of Public Bodies Insurance:

The Town Clerk was appointed to act as deputy for the Town Commissioners to attend the Annual Meeting to be held in Dublin.

Error re- date of Pig Fair in Month of April

As a result of a discussion with reference to Pig Fair being advertised to be held on the 14th. April, (3rd. Wednesday) which should read 21st. April, 3rd. Wednesday, the Board suggested that an advertisement be inserted in the Daily papers correcting the error.

The letting of Houses.

The Board discussed the matter of letting of houses, and consequently directed the Clerk to make a protest to the County Manager in connection with same, and request that the Commissioners' recommendations be accepted in the matter of selecting suitable tenants.

Sympathy:

The Board tendered their sympathy to Mr. Patrick Lohan a member of the Board, on the death of his mother, Mrs. Lohan, Galway Road.

The meeting concluded.

Signed on behalf of the Town Commissioners

*Daniel McCormack*

Presiding Chairman.

*M. Whyte*

Act, Town Clerk. 8th. April, 1943

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Minutes of Monthly Meeting of above local Authority held on  
Tuesday, 4th. May, 1943 at 8 p.m.

Attendance:

Mr. D. McCormack, Vice-Chairman, presided.  
Other members present were Messrs J. Burke, J. Mooney, W. Stapleton,  
P. Lohan, and J. J. Egan.

Completion of sale of Property.

The Clerk submitted a letter received from the Board's Solicitor, referring to the sale of piece of Ground to Dr. T. B. Costello, and stating that since there were no title deeds to the property proposed to be sold, it would be necessary to furnish a Statutory Declaration shewing that The Town Commissioners have been in sole and undisputed possession of the property for years past. The Solicitor suggested that the late Chairman of the Board would be the most suited person to make this Declaration and the Board decided to request Mr. Burke to do so.

Error in Fair Advertisement.

A discussion re the above arose when the Clerk submitted a letter addressed to the Chairman of the Commissioners, which was received from the Secretary of the Tuam Branch of the Irish Union of Distributive Workers and Clerks, requesting the Town Commissioners and the County Manager to make definite arrangements in connection with the dates of Fairs of Tuam so that the Dates fixed will not clash with Fairs in neighbouring Towns and that all Fairs be properly advertised. A Similar letter was received from the Sec. of the Parish Council, with reference to the above and in addition pointed out that the County Manager and the Commissioners the practise of recipients of Allotments under the Town Commissioners Scheme selling same for a nominal sum. The Clerk stated that the Manager had directed her to reply and request the Parish Council to submit a list of those who sold their plots, when some action might be taken to prevent a recurrence.

Public Lighting.

A discussion arose in connection with the lighting of the Town during the Winter mornings, making special mention of the necessity of all-night lighting at the Town Hall. The clerk informed the Board that no provision had been made for same in the Estimate of Expenses for Town Rate, and it was decided to refer the matter to the Manager.

Sympathy.

The board unanimously tendered their sympathy to the Byrne family, Tuam, on the death of Mr. Ed. Byrne, his father being a late member of the Board.

Mr. Patk. Lohan, a member of the Board thanked the Commissioners for their message of sympathy tendered to him and his family at a previous meeting, on the death of his mother.

The meeting concluded.

Signed on behalf of the Board John Lohan Chairman.

The meeting concluded.

7th. May, 1943.

W. Whelan Act. Clerk.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of Special Meeting held on 7th. June, 1943.  
of above Local Authority.

Attendance: Mr. J. Coughlan, Chairman presided. Other members present were Messrs J. Burke, T. Joyce, W. Stapleton, and J. J. Egan. The County Manager, Mr. C. I. O'Flynn was present.

Purpose of Meeting:

The meeting was specially summoned for the purpose of making of Town Rate for year ending 31st. March, 1944.

The Manager informed the Board of the amount of rate levied for the year, and the amount struck off and carried forward from last years warrant, the comparison of the two years being as follows  
1942/43

	Amount of Rate	Amount Struck off.	Carried forward
	£1553-16-8.	244-17-2	£289-12-71
1943/44	1396-13-2	160-19-10	277- 2-0.

Mr. Thomas Joyce proposed and Mr. J. Coughlan seconded that the Town Rate for year 1943/44 as stated above be made, after which the members signed the Rate Book.

After the Rate Book had been signed the Manager asked the members if there was any matter they would like to discuss with him, and in reply Mr. T. Joyce referred to him the present condition of the footpaths in the Town. The Manager noted the facts, and stated that he would refer the matter to the County Surveyor.

Mr. W. Stapleton discussed the matter of the low rate of wages paid to the Council Workers in the Town, and requested the Manager to increase the present standard of wages.

Selling of Allotments.

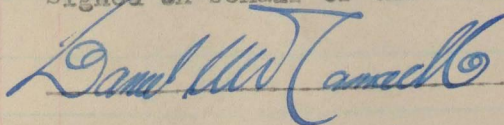
Reports of Allotment-holders selling plots for a nominal sum had been received from the Tuam Parish Council. The Manager stated that if the list of such names be submitted to him, he would take the necessary action to prevent same.

Lighting of Streets for Fairs.

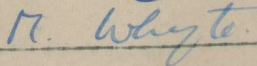
After some discussion re lighting of Streets for Fair Mornings, the Clerk was instructed to submit to the E. S. B. the list of dates on which Lighting would be required for the Fairs morning and inform the Local Election accordingly.

It was decided to hold the usual Monthly meeting after.  
The meeting concluded.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners



Chairman.



Act. Town Clerk.

16th June, 1943.

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 7th. June, 1943.  
of above local authority at 8.30. p.m.

Attendance: Mr. J. Coughlan, Chairman, Presided. Other members present were Messrs J. Burke, T. Joyce, W. Stapleton and J. J. Egan.

submitted.

The Clerk submitted copy of resolution passed at a meeting of the Dungarvin Urban District Council with a view of its being adopted by the Commissioners. It read as follows:-

That this Council protest strongly against the individual allowance of ~~Butter~~ one-half-pound of Butter per week, under the proposed Rationing Scheme, as we consider this amount totally inadequate and can only result in further malnutrition with consequent deterioration in the health of the community. We further emphaticall protest against the Manufacture for Export of Milk products of all kinds, until the requirements of the Community are first adequately provided for".

Mr. Joyce referred to the matter of childrens' feed not being supplied if a certain amount of dried feed is not exported, as the most of the childrens' feeds are imported.

Mr. Coughlan said he was in favour of adopting the resolution, and after further discussion it was decided to adjourn it's adoption till the next monthly Meeting.

Street workers wages.

The members made further reference to the rate of wages paid to the County Council workers on the streets of the Town,, and after further discussion the clerk was instructed to forward to forward to the Loughrea Town Commissioners, the members of the Galway County Council of the Tuan area, a copy of the following Resolution adopted by the Board, proposed by Mr. T. Joyce and seconded by Mr. J. J. Egan, "That ~~XX~~, the Tuan Town Commissioners strongly protest against the low rate of wages paid by the Galway County Council to road workers in Urban areas, and request the Galway County Council to consider the raising of the present standard of wages for Town road workers." The resolution was passed unanimously.

The Clerk read a letter received from the Byrne family thanking the Board for their kind message of sympathy tendered to them in their recent bereavement.

The meeting concluded.

Signed on behalf of the Commissioners

*Donald W. Cane*

Chairman.

*W. W. Joyce*

Act. Town Clerk. 10th. June, 1943.

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

Minutes of proceedings of above local authority at their  
Annual Statutory Meeting held on Wednesday, the 30th. June, 1943.

Attendance.

Mr. D. McCormack, outgoing Vice-Chairman. Other members present  
were Messrs W. Stapleton, T. Joyce, P. Lohan,

Purpose of Meeting.

The meeting was convened for the purpose of Election of  
Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman, for the ensuing year.  
Mr. J. Mooney proposed and Mr. T. Jove, seconded that the out-  
going Chairman, Mr. J. Coughlan, be re-elected and that ~~the~~ Mr. D.  
McCormack, Vice-Chairman also be re-elected, and the proposal of  
the re-election of the outgoing Chairman and Vice-Chairman was  
passed unanimously by the other members present.

The meeting Concluded.

Signed on behalf of the Commissioners:

*David McCormack* Chairman, date. \_\_\_\_\_  
*N. Whyle, Act. Sec.* 1st. July, 1943.  
*Town Clerk*

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

Minutes of proceedings of above local Authority at their Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, the 5th. July, 1943.

Attendance:

Mr. D. McCormack, vice-chairman, presided. Other members present were Messrs J. Mooney, T. Joyce, J. Burke, and J. J. Egan.

Resignation of Chairman.

The clerk submitted a letter received from the newly-elected Chairman, Mr. J. Coughlan, in which he stated that he could not accept the office of Chairman for the ensuing year, owing to his hours of work clashing with the time of meetings. The Commissioners directed the Clerk to write to Mr. Coughlan and ask him to re-consider his decision and accept the office of Chairmanship.

Letter from the County Manager re-Footpaths.

The clerk submitted a letter received from the County Manager, which contained a reply referring to representations made to him by members of the Board, in connection with the condition of the footpaths of the Town. The manager pointed out that the present time was not suitable for carrying out repairs, i.e. for laying either concrete or tar macadam paths, but that the County Surveyor was arranging to have the paths in question sheeted with fine screenings which would keep them in condition till things return to normal. The board made reference to the paths at Bishop St. and directed the Clerk to point out to the Manager that this path was of flag structure and not ordinary gravel, and could be repaired with cement. It was further decided to get in touch with the local members of the Galway Co. Council and request them to have the matter brought up at a Meeting of the Council.

Resolution re-Butter Rationing Scheme.

The Clerk read a copy of Resolution adopted by the members of the Dungarvin Urban District Council in connection with the Butter Rationing Scheme, protesting against the allowance of one-half pound of Butter per week, etc. No action was taken for its adoption by the Board.

Special Meeting of Association of Municipal Authorities.

Mr. T. Joyce was selected to attend ~~the~~ the above meeting to be held on the 15th. July, 1943, at City Hall, Dublin, in place of Mr. McCormack who was unable to attend.

The Managerial System.

The Board discussed the Managerial system, making reference to the expense of Election of members of the Board, ~~even though they were~~ ~~not left with any powers whatsoever~~, and the holding of meetings in order to comply with the Statutory Regulations, even though they have powers left to them. After some discussion on the matter, it was decided to have a thorough examination of the terms of the system.

The Meeting concluded.

Signed on behalf of the members of the Town Commissioners

Daniel W. McCormack Chairman.

M. Whyte Actg. Town Clerk.

9th. July, 1943.

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

Minutes of Proceedings of above local authority at their Monthly Meeting held on the 3rd. August, 1943.

Attendance: Mr. D. McCormack, Chairman, presided. Other members present were Messrs J. Mooney, W. Stapleton, J. Burke, T. Joyce, and M. W. Cahill.

Election of Chairman.

Proposed by Mr. Stapleton and seconded by Mr. Mooney that Mr. D. McCormack, Vice-Chairman be elected Chairman, and there being no other proposal Mr. McCormack was declared elected. Proposed by Mr. Cahill and seconded by Mr. J. Burke that Mr. Mooney be elected, Vice-Chairman, Mr. Mooney was unanimously declared elected.

Eviction of owners of Condemned Dwellings.

It was proposed by Mr. D. McCormack and seconded by Mr. Mooney that the County Manager be requested to postpone the eviction of owners living in condemned houses till after the Emergency. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Manager in the matter and forward a copy of the letter to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

The Managerial System.

It was proposed by Mr. Jarlath Burke and seconded by Mr. Mooney that a resolution condemning the Managerial System be adopted as follows.

"That we the Tuam Town Commissioners discuss the Co. Management Act in its construction and administration and call upon the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to repeal or amend the Act so as to restore to Local Authorities the powers vested in them by the several Local Government Acts. And furthermore that we regard the Act as an implement depriving people of their constitutional rights to self-government inasmuch as it confers on paid servants of the State or its Local Authorities the right to act contrary to the wishes of the elected representatives of the people. And that the Managerial system results in the extension of Bureaucracy and centralization of power in the hands of individuals as a result of which Local Authorities elected by the people are now left virtually without any powers or purpose of existence."

Association

Meeting of Municipal Authorities.

A letter ~~was submitted~~ received from the Secretary of the above Association was submitted by the Clerk, which informed the Board of the intention of holding the Annual Conference of the Association in Wexford on the 14th, 15th, and 16th. September. The Clerk was instructed to forward a copy of the above resolution adopted by the Commissioners in connection with the Managerial System, to be put on the Agenda for discussion at the Conference. It was proposed by Mr. D. McCormack and seconded by Mr. Cahill that Mr. J. Burke and Mr. J. Mooney be selected as Delegates to attend the Conference.

The Meeting concluded.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners

Daniel W. McCormack Chairman. Date 7/9/43

M. Whyte Act. Town Clerk. 8/8/43.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of above local Authority held on 7th. September, 1943, at 8 p.m.

Attendance:

Mr. D. McCormack, Chairman, presided. Other members present were Messrs T. Joyce, W. Stapleton, J. Mooney, J. Burke and P. Lohan.

Submitted.

The Clerk submitted a letter received from the Secretary of the Parish Council, in which was stated that the Parish Council had decided to request the Commissioners to act in conjunction with them in connection with Turf supplies for Tuam. It was also pointed out in the letter that the members of the Town Commission representatives were lapsed due to non-attendance. The Clerk was instructed to invite the Committee from the Parish Council to meet the Commissioners and discuss the Turf matter in connection with Turf for the Town, a special meeting to be held on the 13th. September, being proposed by Mr. T. Joyce and seconded by Mr. J. Burke.

Submitted.

Resolution re-Managerial System.

A copy of the Resolution adopted ~~by~~ by the Skibbereen Urban District Council was submitted, which requested the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to consider the amendment of the County Management Act, 1940, in order to give direct participation in public affairs to elected members of Local Authorities, and outlined the functions to be carried out by ~~the~~ a County Manager and those of a Local Authority. It was proposed by Mr. J. Mooney and seconded by Mr. J. Burke that the resolution be adopted by the Board.

Fairs List for 1944.

The matter in connection with fixing the dates for Tuam Fairs, 1944 was adjourned, it was decided to hold a special meeting for the purpose on Monday night, the 13th. inst. and the Clerk was instructed to invite some of the local farmers and dealers who would recommend suitable dates for the holding of the Fairs.

Dismissal of District Nurse.

After some discussion in connection with the proposed dismissal ~~of~~ with the services of the District Nurse for Tuam, it was decided by the Board to request the County Manager to meet them and have the matter discussed with him with the intention of requesting him to retain his services, and the Clerk was instructed to write to him accordingly and request the manager to arrange a date of meeting the Commissioners.

The meeting concluded. Next monthly meeting to be held on 5th. October.

Signed on behalf of the Town Commissioners.

*Randall McCormack* Chairman. 11/9/43 date.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Act. Town Clerk. 8/9/43.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of Special Meeting held on Monday, the 13th. September, 1943.

Attendance: Mr. J. Mooney, Vice- chairman, presided. Other members present were Messrs T. Joyce, W. Stapleton and P. Lohan.

The meeting was specially convened for the purposes of fixing the dates for the holding of Tuam Fairs for 1944, and the list to be forwarded to the County Manager for his approval. The following is the revised list for 1944.

JANUARY	11th.	Cattle and Sheep	(2nd. TUESDAY).
	19th.	PIGS.	(3rd. Wednesday).
February	8th.	Cattle and Sheep	(2nd. Tuesday).
	16th.	Pigs.	(3rd. Wednesday).
	17th.	Horses.	(New Fair).
March	9th.	Sheep.	Old Fair.
	10th.	Cattle.	" "
	15th.	Pigs.	(3rd. Wednesday).
April.	11th.	Cattle and Sheep	(2nd. Tuesday).
	19th.	Pigs.	(3rd. Wednesday).
May.	9th.	Sheep	Old Fair.
	10th.	Cattle	" "
	17th.	Pigs.	(3rd. Wednesday).
June.	13th.	Cattle and Sheep.	(2nd. Tuesday).
	21st.	Pigs.	(3rd. Wednesday).
July.	6th.	Lambs, Sheep and Cattle.	Old Fair.
	19th.	Pigs.	(3rd. Wednesday).
August.	8th.	Cattle and Sheep.	(2nd. Tuesday).
	16th.	Pigs.	(3rd. Wednesday).
September	9th.	Sheep (Great Bwe Fair).	Old Fair.
	11th.	Cattle	" "
	20th.	Pigs	(3rd. Wednesday).
October.	17th.	Sheep	Old Fair.
	18th.	Cattle	" "
	19th.	Horses.	" "
	20th.	Pigs.	" "
November	14th.	Cattle and Sheep	(2nd Tuesday.
	15th.	Pigs.	(3rd. Wednesday).
December	14th.	Pigs	Old Fair.
	15th.	Cattle and Sheep.	" "
	18th.	Horses.	New Fair.

The meeting concluded.

Signed on behalf of the Town Commissioners.  
*Randall McCormack* Chairman. Date 11/9/43  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Acting Town Clerk. 15/9/43.



TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of adjourned monthly meeting held on the 11th. October, 1943.

Attendance:

Mr. D. McCormack, Chairman, presided. Other members present were Mr. P. Lohan and Jarlath Burke.

Overdraft Accommodation.

Overdraft Accommodation to the amount of £2,000 was required for re-payment of November instalment of loans to Commissioners of Public Works. It was proposed by Mr. Lohan and seconded by Mr. McCormack, that the above amount of Overdraft be sought to the end of November.

All other matters were left over till the next monthly meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners,

*D. McCormack* Chairman. Date 2/11/43  
*N. Wright* Act. Town Clerk. 13/10/43.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of monthly meeting proceedings at monthly meeting of above local Authority held on Tuesday the 2nd. Nov. 1943.

Attendance:

Mr. D. McCormack, Chairman presided. Other members present were Messrs J. J. Egan, M. W. Cahill, and J. Burke.

Bye-laws in respect to markets.

The clerk submitted correspondence received from the Department of Local Government in connection with the above, which contained the minister's objection to the proviso to Bye-law 13, which did not fix the alternative day upon which a market is to be held.

Submitted.

- (I) "where a market for the sale of goods cannot lawfully be held on the Wednesday of any week throughout the year it shall be held on the Tuesday next before such ~~Sunday~~ Wednesday.
- (II) "where a market for the sale of goods cannot ~~lawfully~~ lawfully be held on the Saturday of any week throughout the year, it shall be held on the Friday before such Saturday."

Order.

The Clerk was instructed to deal with the matter accordingly.

Allotments Scheme, 1944 Season.

Submitted. Letter Circ. H. 115/43 from the Department of Local Government and Public Health read and noted.

Message of Sympathy.

The board extended their sympathy with Mr. Patk. Lohan on the death of his ~~young~~ daughter.

The meeting concluded.

Signed on behalf of the Town Commissioners.

*Joseph Mooney* Chairman. 7/12/43.  
*N. Wright* Act. Town Clerk. 9/11/43.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of meeting of above local Authority held on Tuesday the 4th. January, 1944.

Attendance:

Mr. J. Mooney, Vice-Chairman, presided. Other members present were Messrs T. Joyce, J. Burke, and P. Lohan.

Copy of Resolution.

sted The Clerk submitted and read a copy of Resolution forwarded by the Secretary of Letterkenny Urban District Council to be considered by the members of the Board. The resolutions were as follows:-

- 1. That we, the Letterkenny Urban District Council view with alarm the introduction of any legislation which may in the post war period have the effect of restricting the use of private motor-cars or hackneyed vehicles, and that we demand an assurance from the government that no such interference with the fundamental rights of the individual is contemplated.
- 2. That we the Letterkenny Ur. Dist. Coun., in view of the present difficulty in obtaining building materials, call upon the

Town Clerk's Office,  
Town Hall, Tuam.

30th. Nov. 1943.

To each Town Commissioner.

A Chara,

I am to inform you that the Monthly Meeting of the Town Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, the 7th. December, 1943 at 8 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise, le meas,

*N. Wright*  
Act. Town Clerk.

A G E N D A.

- 1. Reading of Minutes.
- 2. Correspondence.
- 3. Any other admissible business.

Signed on behalf of the Commissioners

*D. McCormack* Chairman.

Act. Town Clerk.

9/1/44.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

minutes of adjourned monthly meeting held on the 11th. October, 1943.

Attendance:

Mr. D. McCormack, Chairman, presided. Other members present were Mr. P. Lohan and Jarlath Burke.

Overdraft Accommodation.

Overdraft Accommodation to the amount of £2,000 was required for re-payment of November instalment of loans to Commissioners of Public Works. It was proposed by Mr. Lohan and seconded by Mr. McCormack, that the above amount of Overdraft be sought to the end of November.

All other matters were left over till the next monthly meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners,

Donal W. McCormack Chairman. Date 2/11/43

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Order. held on the Friday before such Saturday. The Clerk was instructed to deal with the matter accordingly.

Allotments Scheme, 1944 Season.  
Submitted. Letter Circ. H. 115/43 from the Department of Local Government and Public Health read and noted.

message of Sympathy.  
The board extended their sympathy with Mr. Patk. Lohan on the death of his ~~son~~ daughter.

The meeting concluded.  
Signed on behalf of the Town Commissioners.  
Joseph Mooney Chairman. 7/12/43.  
N. Wright Act. Town Clerk. 9/11/43.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of meeting of above local Authority held on Tuesday the 4th. January, 1944.

Attendance:

Mr. J. Mooney, Vice-Chairman, presided. Other members present were Messrs T. Joyce, J. Burke, and P. Lohan.

Copy of Resolution.

The Clerk submitted and read a copy of Resolution forwarded by the Secretary of Letterkenny Urban District Council to be considered by the members of the Board. The resolutions were as follows:-

1. That we, the Letterkenny Urban District Council view with alarm the introduction of any legislation which may in the post war period have the effect of restricting the use of private motor-cars or hackneyed vehicles, and that we demand an assurance from the government that no such interference with the fundamental rights of the individual is contemplated".
2. That we the Letterkenny Ur. Dist. Coun., in view of the present difficulty in obtaining building materials, call upon the minister for Local Gov. to permit the re-letting of houses during the period of emergency, which are subject of Demolition, etc."

The members of the Board were in favour of the adoption of the resolutions, proposed by Mr. T. Joyce and seconded by Mr. J. Burke.

Repairs of Housing Scheme.

The members discussed the labour employed at repairs of the Commissioners' Houses at Tubberjarlath the ry and Gilmartin Rds. and stated that trades-men from the town should get employment, and directed that the matter be placed before the County manager.

Flooding at Gilmartin Road.

Mr. Jarlath Burke and Mr. Mooney made reference to the condition of the roads at Gilmartin Road, also the footpaths. After some discussion it was decided to request the County manager to instruct the Engineer to carry out the necessary repairs.

Post-war plans for the town of Tuam.

The members discussed the post war plans for the town, and directed the clerk to have the matters in connection with a Relief Scheme, swimming pools, etc put on the Agenda for the March meeting with the manager for discussion, including the demolition of condemned buildings, at Gaiway Road, the Mall, etc.

The Meeting Concluded.

Signed on behalf of the Commissioners  
Donal W. McCormack C.F.C. Chairman.

Act. Town Clerk.  
J. L. 44.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above local authority at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday the 1st. February, 1944.

Attendance:-

Mr. D. McCormack, chairman presided. Other members present were Messrs M. W. Cahill, T. Joyce, J. Coughlan and J. Mooney. The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Circular letter from Dept.

The Clerk submitted Circ. letter 10/44 in regard to the operation of the County Management Act, 1940. After some discussion on the matter the Board decided to discuss relevant matters with the manager at the estimates meeting.

Allotments Scheme, 1944 Season.

The Clerk informed the Board that 74 applications had been received for Allotments for the 1944 Season.

Letter from L. D. F.

The Clerk submitted a letter received from the Sec. of the L. D. F. requesting the Town Commissioners to place the Shambles at their disposal for Step-to-gether week from 30th. April to 7th. May. The Commissioners decided that the Co. Manager be asked to let the Shambles as requested, and directed the Clerk to place the letter before him at his next meeting.

Post war plans for Tuam.

Mr. T. Joyce with the others members discussed post war planning for the town and after some discussion the Clerk was directed to have relevant matters put on the Agenda for the March meeting with the Manager.

The meeting concluded.

Next monthly meeting to be held on the 8th. March, after the estimates meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Town Commissioners.

*Daniel M. McCormack*

Chairman 8th. March, 1944

*R. Whyte*

Acting Town Clerk.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

minutes of proceedings of above local Authority at the estimates and monthly meeting held on Wednesday the 8th. March, 1944 at 8 p.m.

Attendance: Mr. D. McCormack, chairman presided. Other members present were Messrs T. Joyce, W. Stapleton J. Burke, J. J. Egan, P. Lohan and J. Coughlan. The County Manager was also present.

County Manager's Estimate for the year ended 31st. March, 1945.

The County Manager, Mr. C. I. O'Flynn submitted to the Commissioners his estimate of expenses for the year ended 31st. day of March, 1945 to be considered by them. The Managers estimate provided for a rate of  $\frac{2}{8}$  in the £ for Housing of the Working Classes and 2d. in the £ for General purposes, making a total rate of  $\frac{3}{8}$  in the £, a reduction of 2d. in the £ as compared with last year.

Mr. J. Coughlan proposed a further reduction of 2d. in the £, the manager said that ~~the~~ it would have to be stated what item of expenditure could be reduced. The chairman Mr. McCormack suggested that the reduction be made in the case of the figure of £400 for repairs for Houses but Mr. O'Flynn stated that he could not allow the Commissioners property to deteriorate. After some discussion in the matter it was proposed by Mr. J. J. Egan and seconded by Mr. Stapleton that the rate set forth in accordance with the estimate be the rate in the £ for the several purposes specified in the said estimate for the financial year ending on the 31st. day of March, 1945.

Letting of the Town Hall.

The members discussed with the Manager re the letting of the Town Hall. The Manager informed them that Mr. Cooney had given up possession of the Hall, and that it was being ~~re-~~ advertised for re-letting, and wish to hear the views of the members when he would be considering the tenders received.

Housing survey.

The manager discussed with the Commissioners the matter in connection with Housing needs in Tuam, and informed them that Mr. Egan, was instructed to have a survey made together with the Medical Officers, and report on the condition of insanitary houses etc. and that it is intended to acquire sites and ~~develop~~ develop them and be ready for building after the emergency. The members agreed that arrangements be made in connection with the acquisition of sites for Housing purposes.

Mr. P. Lohan made reference to the condition of the sewerage and sanitary condition of the houses at St. Paul's and St. Bridget's Tce. The manager pointed out that the owners were liable for connecting ~~their~~ same with the main sewer, and stated that the Sewerage was a matter for the Council, and would have the matter looked into.

Post war Plans for the town of Tuam.

The members made proposals to the Manager in connection with post war planning for Tuam, e.g. the unemployment relief scheme, the improvement of the water supply and Road repairs etc.. The Manager informed the members that the proposals made had already been considered by him, and only waited the end of the ~~war~~ war to be put into operation. He decided to meet the Commissioners at an early date and discuss with them the progress in the matter.

At the commencement of the meeting the Chairman Mr. McCormack chairman proposed a vote of sympathy with the County manager on the ~~recent~~ death of his father, ~~the~~ seconded by Mr. Coughlan and passed unanimously. The Manager thanked the members for their kind expression of sympathy.

The meeting concluded.

Signed on behalf of the Commissioners

*Daniel M. McCormack*

Chairman.

*R. Whyte*

Act. Town Clerk.

11-3-44 Date.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above local authority at their Monthly meeting held on Tuesday the 3rd. April, 1944, at 7 30. p.m.

Attendance: Mr. D. McCormack, chairman, presided. Other members present were Messrs J. Burke, W. Stapleton J. J. Egan. M.W. Cahill. Mr. C. I. O'Flynn, Co. Manager was also present.

Submitted Sale of No. 19, McHale Terrace.

The Clerk submitted a letter received from Mr. Edward O'Brien, No. 19 McHale Tee, requesting the Town Commissioners to sell him the house rented to him. The Co. Manager declined to sell the house ~~at the~~ redemption value, owing to the fact that house value had increased considerably. The Commissioners requested the manager to reconsider his decision and recommended that the house be leased to the tenant. After some discussion on the subject, the manager decided to send to the Minister his views in the matter together with the Town Commission recommendation, his views to be discussed at a meeting of the Commission.

Letting of Town Hall

The County Manager submitted to the Board the tenders received by him in connection with the letting of the Town Hall, the Dance Hall portion. The tenders ~~received~~ were: Tuam Little Theatre Guild- £46. per annum. Mr. A. O'Dea and Miss. M. Fahy: £52. The manager informed the members that he was in favour of the letting the Town Hall to the Little Theatre Guild provided that they would increase the amount of the tender submitted to £52, and the Commission agreed with his decision, the tender of the Little Theatre Guild ~~was~~ accepted at £52 for the yearly letting, subject to the conditions of t letting.

Post war Planning for the Town.

The Manager informed the Board of the Post war schemes for the Town of Tuam as follows:  
Road works Scheme- £5150, to include the widening of Dunmore Rd. corner Barrack St. Church View,, Egan's Lane and Ballygaddy Road, and the repair of all footpaths and channels.

Sewerage Scheme: £12,000. The Manager stated that the Sewerage Scheme was intended to be No. 1. in the Post war Emergency Schemes and to have the scheme put on hands and completed during the current year.

Water works: £9500. to be No.3 in order of preference, but the work could not be undertaken till after the Emergency as the asbestos pipe fittings were not available, for certain sections and would only mean additional costs.

Overdraft Accommodation.

Overdraft Accommodation to the amount of £1000 was required to meet payments of the Instalments on Loans during the Month of May. Mr. Cahill proposed and Mr. McCormack seconded that the above amount be sought.

The meeting concluded.

Signed on behalf of the Commissioners

*Daniel W. McCormack* Chairman.

*H. Whyte* Act. Town Clerk. Date 6-4-44

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of ~~Monthly meeting held on Tuesday~~ proceedings of above local authority at their Monthly meeting held on Tuesday, the 9th. May, 1944.

Attendance: Mr. D. McCormack, chairman presided. Other members present were Messrs P. Lohan, W. Stapleton, and J. Mooney.

Proposed sale of Houses at McHale Terrace.

The Clerk submitted a letter received from the County Manager recommending the sale of 3 houses at McHale Terrace, as follows, No. 13 to Mr. R. Dunphy, No. 19 to Mr. Ed. O'Brien and No 20 to Mr. William Walsh. The Manager recommended that the Houses be sold for the sum of £109 subject to the approval of the Town Commissioners and ~~to the~~ sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health. It was proposed by Mr. J. Mooney and seconded by Mr. McCormack that the houses be sold under the terms stated by the manager and that the minister's sanction be sought in the matter.

Appointment of Delegates for the Parish Council.

The Secretary of the Parish Council requested the Town Commissioners to appoint delegates for attendance at Parish Council meetings, it was proposed by Mr. McCormack and seconded by Mr. Mooney that Messrs P. Lohan, T. Joyce and W. Stapleton be selected.

Next monthly meeting to be held on 6th. June, 1944.

The meeting concluded.

Signed on behalf of the Town Commissioners

*Daniel W. McCormack* Chairman. Date 6/6/44

*H. Whyte* Act. Town Clerk. 12th. May, 1944.

Minutes of Monthly and Estimates Meeting held on Tuesday, the 6th. Jun 1944.

Attendance: Mr. D. McCormack, chairman presided. Other members present were Messrs J. Coughlan, T. Joyce, J. Burke, P. Lohan, ~~and~~ W. Stapleton and J. J. Egan. The County Manager was also present.

Proposed sale of Houses at Parkmore and McHale Terraces.  
The County Manager recommended the sale of No. 5, Parkmore Tce to Mrs. J. Whyte for the sum of £147, No. 6, Parkmore Terrace to Mr. John Collieran for the sum of £109, and No. 7, McHale Terrace to Mr. James O'Rourke for the sum of £170, subject to the approval of the Town Commissioners and to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government. The Manager pointed out that he was not giving credit to tenants for the amount of the loan charges paid off by the former tenants in each case, and fixed the purchase price accordingly. After some discussion in the matter the Board agreed to sell at the Manager's figures, being proposed by Mr. Cahill and seconded by Mr. McCormack, and the Clerk was instructed to inform the tenants ~~as to the purchase price~~ and their willingness to purchase.

Making of Town Rate, for year ended 31.3.45.  
Mr. Cahill proposed and Mr. McCormack seconded the making and allowing the Town Rate as in the Rate Book, the gross total of Town Rate for the year being £1591.10.11, including arrears carried forward £239.10.0

Post-war Schemes.  
Mr. T. Joyce enquired of the Manager as to the commencement of operation in connections with the Post war Schemes, ~~and explained that the~~ Manager replied that the extension of the sewerage scheme was to be No. 1 for putting on hands, that the necessary plans were being put into operation and expected it to be commenced during the current year. He had not heard from the Department in connection with the Swimming Po.

The Meeting concluded.

Signed on behalf of the Town Commissioners.

David McCann Chairman.  
T. Whyte Act. Town Clerk. Date 9th. June, 1944.

Minutes of proceedings of above local authority at their Annual Meeting held on the 23rd. June, at 8 p.m.

Attendance: Mr. J. Mooney, out-going ~~Chair~~ Vice-chairman, presided. Other members present were Messrs J. Burke, M.W. Cahill, W. Stapleton.

Election of Chairman and Vice-chairman.  
Mr. M. W. Cahill proposed and Mr. Stapleton seconded the re-election of the out-going chairman, ~~and Mr. D. McCormack, and the~~ Mr. J. Mooney, outgoing Vice-chairman. As there were no other proposal, the chairman and Vice-chairman were declared elected for the ensuing year. Mr. Mooney thanked the members on behalf of the Chairman, who was absent, for their re-election.

G. S. R. transport.  
The board discussed the necessity for extra bus service between Tuam and Galway, and pointed out that during the ~~holiday~~ holiday ~~for the~~ time for the Schools, extra transport was needed ~~to bring the children~~ and ~~request~~ directed the Clerk to write to the Railway Co. in the matter and request an extra bus service for at least 2 days a week during the ~~summer~~ Summer season, in order to relieve the present transport position.

Sympathy.  
Proposed by Mr. Mooney, ~~and~~ seconded by Mr. Cahill and passed unanimously  
"That we tender our sympathy to the wife and relatives of the late Mr. Anthony O'Malley, who was a late member of the Board."

E.S.B restrictions.  
The Clerk submitted a copy of a resolution passed at ~~the~~ a meeting of the Bray Urban District Council as follows:  
"That we, the Bray Urban district Council view with great concern and alarm the state of affairs which imposes on all householders in Eire the necessity of reducing their electric light consumption by four-fifths, and we call upon the E.S.B. to reduce the Fixed charge in the same proportion.  
Mr. Jariath Burke proposed and Mr. J. Mooney seconded that the above resolution be adopted.

Signed on behalf of the Town Commissioners.  
David McCann Chairman.  
T. Whyte Act. Town Clerk. Date 24.6.44

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above local authority at their Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, the 4th. July, 1944.

Attendance: Mr. D. McCormack, chairman presided. Other members present were Messrs M. W. Cahill, T. Joyce, J. Burke, W. Stapleton, J. Mooney, and J. Coughlan. The County Manager was also present.

Fixing of Seal and

Signing of Leases and Counterparts of Nos. 1, 13, 19 and 20, McHale Tce.  
The leases and counterparts in connection with the sale of the above houses were signed by the Chairman, Co. Manager and Town Clerk and witnessed by Messrs J. Mooney and J. Coughlan, the seal being fixed in each case.

Proposes Sale of No. 5 Parkmore Tce and No. 7 McHale Tce.

The County Manager recommended the sale of No. 5, Parkmore Tce to Mrs. Whyte at £147, and No. 7 McHale Tce to Mr. James O'Rourke at £170, and the Board requested him to reconsider his recommendation. The Manager pointed out that the sale of the Houses was a reserved function of the Town Commissioners, and that they could recommend the sales at any figures, but that the Commissioners' recommendations would be referred back to him from the Department for his views.

Mr. Stapleton proposed that the houses be sold for £109 and after some discussion Mr. Joyce seconded the proposition, and the Clerk was instructed to apply to the Minister for approval.

Housing Survey.

The Manger informed the Board that the Housing Survey for the Town had been completed and that it was proposed to provide 35 houses, 20 Slum Clearance and 15 to relieve overcrowding, Galway Road, Choonthoa Rd and Church View to make a Clearance Area and Improvement area, and that Mr. Egan, Town Surveyor was preparing map of areas suitable for building sites.

The Meeting concluded. Next Monthly meeting to be held on 14th. Aug. 1944.

Signed on behalf of the Town Commissioners

Daniel W. McCormack Chairman 14th. August, 1944.

T. Whyte Act. Town Clerk 9.7.44.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above local authority at the adjourned Monthly Meeting held on the 14th. August, 1944.

Attendance: Mr. D. McCormack, chairman presided. Other members present were Messrs M. W. Cahill and J. Burke.

Sale of Houses.

Letters from the Department of Local Government and Public Health and from the County Manager were read and noted. The lease and counterparts in connection with the sale of No. 13 McHale Terrace to Mrs. A. Dunphy was signed by the Chairman and witnessed by Mr. Cahill and Mr. Burke, the seal being fixed in each case.

Bus Service.

The Board discussed the lack of proper service between Galway, Tuam and Dunmore, and it was decided to send a resolution to the Railway Company as follows: Proposed by Mr. Cahill and seconded by the Chairman and passed unanimously  
"That we the Tuam Town Commissioners request the G. S. Ry. to run 3 buses to and from Galway to Tuam daily until the 1st. Oct. next and to include 1 bus for the Dunmore area. Also to run 1 bus from Galway to Lisdoonvarna to facilitate passengers from the west who wish to visit that health resort".

The meeting concluded.

Signed on behalf of the Town Commissioners

Daniel W. McCormack Chairman.

M. Whyte Town Clerk. 15th. Aug. 1944.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of Special Meeting held on Monday the 28th. Aug, 1944.

Attendance: Mr. J. Mooney, Vice-Chairman, presided. Other members present were Messrs M. W. Cahill, J.J. Egan, Jarlath Burke J. Coughlan

The meeting was convened for the purpose of recommending the dates of Tuam Fairs for 1945, as set out below.

TUAM FAIRS, 1945.

January	9th, 17th.	Cattle and Sheep Pigs.	2nd. Tuesday. 3rd. Wednesday.	
February	13th, 21st.	Cattle, Sheep and Horses Pigs.	2nd. Tuesday. 3rd. Wednesday.	
March	9th, 10th, 21st.	Sheep Cattle Pigs	3rd. Wednesday.	Old Fair. Old Fair.
April	10th, 18th.	Cattle and Sheep Pigs	2nd. Tuesday. 3rd. Wednesday.	
May	9th, 10th, 16th.	Sheep Cattle Pigs.	3rd. Wednesday.	Old Fair. Old Fair.
June	12th, 20th.	Cattle and Sheep Pigs.	2nd. Tuesday. 3rd. Wednesday.	
July	6th, 18th.	Lambs, Sheep and Cattle Pigs.	3rd. Wednesday.	Old Fair.
August	14th, 22nd	Cattle and Sheep Pigs	2nd. Tuesday. 4th. Wednesday	
Sept.	10th, 11th, 19th.	Sheep (Great Ave Fair) Cattle Pigs	3rd. Wednesday.	Old Fair. Old Fair.
October	16th, 17th, 18th, 19th.	Sheep Cattle Horses Pigs.		Old Fair. Old Fair. Old Fair. Old Fair
November	13th, 21st.	Cattle and Sheep Pigs.	2nd. Tuesday. 3rd. Wednesday	
December	14th, 15th.	Pigs. Cattle, sheep and horses.		Old Fair. Old Fair.

Signed on behalf of the Town Commissioners

*Small [Signature]* Chairman

*Muir [Signature]* Town Clerk 4th. Sept. 1944.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above local authority at their monthly meeting held on 5th. September, 1944.

Attendance: Mr. D. McCormack, chairman presided. Other members present were Messrs J. Coughlan, J. Mooney and J. Burke.

The Manager's Orders were read and noted.

Correspondence from the G. S. Rlys.  
The Clerk submitted correspondence received from the Great Southern Company in connection with 'Bus service between Tuam and Galway, and Galway to Lisdoonvarna. Noted.

Sale of Houses.

There was a short discussion relative to the sale of houses at McHale Terrace and Parkmore Terrace, and the Clerk informed the Members that no correspondence had been received from the Dept. in that connection since the last Meeting.

Sympathy.

Mr. J. Mooney proposed and Mr. McCormack seconded that messages of sympathy be tendered to the following:

To Mr. John Waldron and the Hession Family on the death of Mr. Nicholas Hession,  
To Mr. James Moran on the death of his brother,  
To Mr. Patk. Carroll on the death of his son.

The meeting concluded.

Signed on behalf of the Town Commissioners.

*Small [Signature]* Chairman. 13. 10. 44

*M. Whyte* Town Clerk. 10th. sept. 1944.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at their Monthly Meeting held on Friday the 13th. October. 1944.

Attendance: Mr. D. McCormack, Chairman presided. Other members present were Messrs M. W. Cahill, and J. Coughlan.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Co. Manager's Orders were read and noted.

Overdraft Accommodation.

Overdraft accommodation to the amount of £1500, was sought to meet payments out of Revenue, including Loan repayments to the Commissioners of Public Works for the Instalments due.

Mr. M. Cahill proposed and Mr. Coughlan seconded that the necessary sanction be sought.

The meeting concluded.

Signed on behalf of the Town Commissioners

Daniel W. McCormack Chairman.

13/10/44

St. Whyte Town Clerk. 15th. Oct. 1944.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

MONTHLY MEETING

Minutes of proceedings of above local authority at their Monthly meeting held on Tuesday the 7th. November, 1944.

Attendance: Mr. D. McCormack, chairman presided. Other Members present were Messrs J. Mooney, W. Stapleton, J. Coughlan, J. Burke, T. Joyce, and P. Lohan.

Co. Manager's Orders.

The Co. Manager's Orders made since last Monthly meeting were read and noted.

Letting of houses.

The members discussed the letting of house No. 2, Athenny Road to Mr. Duggan, and protested against the Co. Managers Order ~~in that~~ on re-letting the house without having advertised same in the local press. After some discussion in the matter it was decided to send a copy of protest to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and to the County Manager as follows: Proposed by Mr. J. Mooney and seconded by Mr. McCormack and passed unanimously

" That we the Tuam Town Commissioners strongly protest against the Order of the County Manager in re-letting House No. 2, Athenny Road to Mr. F. Duggan, on the grounds that the house when vacated by the former tenant, was not advertised in the local press for the benefit of applicants from the town."

Post-war Schemes.

Mr. T. Joyce proposed writing to the County Manager and ask him the position regarding the Post-war schemes for the town, and it was decided by the members to ask to Manager to attend at the next Monthly meeting and discuss the matter with him.

The Clerk was instructed to ask the County Manager to attend ~~the~~ <sup>matter</sup> ~~meeting~~ and have the following put on the Agenda:

Public Telephone.

The members discussed the necessity of having a Public Telephone kiosk erected on the Square in the Town ~~in order~~ in order to facilitate persons making night calls, etc., and the Clerk was instructed to write to the Postmaster, and ask him to send the particulars ~~in that~~ in that connection.

Tuam Fair Green

The Clerk was instructed to have the matter re. repairs to the fair-green put on the Agenda for discussion with the County Manager at next Meeting.

Resolution re. Bro. Rice Memorial.

A copy of resolution adopted by the Waterford Corporation was submitted in connection with the erection of the above memorial at Waterford, instead of in Dublin. The resolution was adopted.

Proposed by Mr. T. Joyce and seconded by Mr. J. Mooney that the next monthly meeting be held on Monday the 4th. Dec.

Signed on behalf of the Town Commissioners

Daniel W. McCormack Chairman.

4/12/44.

Town Clerk. 12/11/44.



Minutes of proceedings of above local authority at their Monthly Meeting held on Monday, the 4th. December, 1944.

Attendance: Mr. D. McCormack, chairman presided. Other members present were Messrs J. Mooney, W. Stapleton, T. Joyce, M.W. Cahill, P. Lohan and J. Burke. The County Manager was also present.

Post-war Planning.

The Clerk submitted a letter received from Mr. R. M. Burke on behalf of the Parish Council, which dealt with suggestions regarding post-war schemes for the improvement and extension of public works in the Town. The County Manager explained that some of the suggestions were matters for the County Council, such as the extension of the waterworks and sewerage scheme stating that the County Council had decided raising a loan for the improvement of the waterworks and £4310 for the sewerage scheme. As regards the building of Laborers cottages near Tuam, the Manager explained that suitable sites were being selected as near the town as possible. He also stated that ~~it was intended to have a number of houses~~ built in the Town to relieve overcrowding and Clearance ~~areas~~, the type of house to be built as modern as the government contribution would permit, the present contribution would only allow the building of a house at an all-in cost of £350, houses with bathrooms could not be built unless the government contribution was increased or the rent increased. The Manager stated that it was intended building new houses on the sites of existing ruins, which would be acquired from the owners, and that the Assistant Co. Surveyor was instructed to submit a list of these sites suitable for building purposes. With regard to the matter in connection with the roads and footpaths of the Town, the Manager stated that the Co. Surveyor had in mind the ~~necessity~~ necessity for repairs in that respect, and repairs would be carried out when materials became available.

Tuam Water supply.

Mr. T. Joyce explained to the Manager the necessity of having water turned on in Town on Saturday nights, and the Manager stated that he would arrange for that supply.

Repairs to the Fair Green.

The members discussed with the Manager regarding the necessity for carrying out repairs to the Fair Green. The Manager decided to get an estimate for the draining of the Green, and to include same in the Estimates for ~~the~~ Expenditure for the next local financial year, to be considered by the Commissioners, at the Estimates Meeting to be held in March.

Lighting of Town Clock.

Mr. Cahill pointed out to the Manager the necessity of having the Town Hall Clock lighted, and after some discussion it was decided to defer the matter and reconsider same at the Estimates Meeting.

Repairs to the Town Hall.

The Manager submitted 2 tenders received for the painting of the Town Hall, the lowest from Mr. J. Kennedy for the sum of £220, and the other from Mr. J. Stock for the sum of £254. 7. 0.. It was agreed to accept the lowest tender submitted by Mr. Kennedy, the Manager explained that the painting of the Town Hall would mean a deficit of £100 put on the Estimates for next year. Mr. Cahill proposed and Mr. Mooney seconded the authorisation of the expenditure of £100.

Proposed sale of Houses.

The Chairman inquired as to the present position regarding the sale of houses at McHale Terrace and Parkmore Terrace, and the Clerk informed the Board that no reply had been received from the Department since last Monthly Meeting. The Manager instructed the Clerk to write again to the Dept. in connection with these matters.

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The members discussed with the Manager regarding the letting of houses. The Manager stated that he would be glad to consider recommendations from any individual member but he would have to consider the most deserving applicant. With regard to the letting of house No. 2, Athlery Road, the Manager explained that he let the house to facilitate an E. S. B. official who replaced the tenant who held the same position, and had not the house been let, ~~there would not be any vacancy and the~~ house could not be advertised.

The meeting concluded. Next Monthly meeting to be held on 9th. January 1945.  
Signed on behalf of the Town Commissioners, J. Mooney Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings of above local authority at their Monthly Meeting held on ~~Monday~~ Tuesday the 9th. January, 1945.

Attendance: Mr. J. Mooney, Vicechairman presided. Other members present were Messrs M. W. Cahill, P. Lohan, J. Burke, and J. J. Egan.

The County Manager's Orders made since last meeting were read and noted.

Sale of Houses.

The Clerk submitted correspondence received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health in connection with the proposed sale of houses at Parkmore Terrace and McHale Terrace, ~~the~~ sanctioning the proposed sale of No 6. Parkmore Terrace to Mr. John Collieran and No. 17 McHale Terrace to Mr. James Smyth. The Clerk informed the Members that no reply had been received from the Department in connection with the proposed sale of No. 7, McHale Terrace to Mr. James O'Roarke.

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The members inquired as to the position regarding the acquisition of land for the Allotments, and the Clerk ~~informed~~ stated that application had been made to Lord Hemhill for the lease of his land at the Grove, which would meet with the acreage required.

The Meeting concluded.

Signed on behalf of the Town Commissioners

David J. Mooney Chairman.

W. J. Mooney Town Clerk.

14th. January, 1945.

Minutes of proceedings of above local authority at their Monthly Meeting held on Monday, the 4th. December, 1944.

Attendance: Mr. D. McCormack, chairman presided. Other members present were Messrs J. Mooney, W. Stapleton, T. Joyce, M.W. Cahill, P. Lohan and J. Burke. The County Manager was also present.

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Signed on behalf of the Town Commrs. J. Mooney Chairman.  
Town Clerk.

Minutes of proceedings of above local authority at their Monthly Meeting held on ~~Monday~~ Tuesday the 9th. January, 1945.

Attendance: Mr. J. Mooney, Vicechairman presided. Other members present were Messrs M. W. Cahill, P. Lohan, J. Burke, and J. J. Egan.

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The Meeting concluded.

Signed on behalf of the Town Commissioners

D. McCormack Chairman.

W. Joyce Town Clerk.

14th. January, 1945.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at their Estimates and Monthly Meeting held on Thursday, the 8th. March, 1945.

Attendance: Mr. D. McCormack, chairman presided. Other members present were Messrs. M. W. Cahill, J. Mooney, T. Joyce, J. Coughlan and W. Stapleton. The County Manager was also present.

The Minutes of last Monthly meeting were read and signed, and County Manager's Orders were read and noted.

Submission of Estimates.

The County Manager submitted his Estimate for Expenditure for year ending 31st. March, 1946, which provided for expenditure as follows:-

Housing of the Working Classes: £7132  
General Rate £1900.  
Allotments Scheme £500.

It was proposed by Mr. T. Joyce and seconded by Mr. Cahill that the sum of £200 proposed expenditure on improvements be deleted from the Manager's estimate, thereby adopting the sum of £6932 for Housing. After further discussion Mr. Cahill proposed and Mr. Joyce seconded that the rate in the £ to be levied for the several purposes specified be 4/2 in the £, 1/4 for Housing and 2/10 for General Rate.

Letting of Fair Green.

The Manager submitted tenders received for the letting of the grazing of the Fairgreen from the 1st. April 1945 to 1st. March, 1946, Tuam Parish Council submitted a tender for the sum of £25 and Mr. John O'Keefe submitted a tender for the sum of £30.

A deputation was received by the Manager and Town Commissioners from the Parish Council in connection with the letting, and after some discussion the Manager decided to let the grazing to the Parish Council at a rent of £41, same as last year, which was accepted by them.

The meeting concluded.

Signed on behalf of the Town Commissioners

D. McCormack Chairman.

M. W. Cahill Town Clerk. 12th. March, 1945.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above local authority at a special meeting held on 13th. April, 1945.

Attendance: Mr. D. McCormack, chairman presided. Other members present were Messrs J. Mooney and W. Stapleton. The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Overdraft accommodation

Overdraft accommodation to the amount of £1000 was sought to meet payments out of Revenue, including Loan repayments to the Commissioners of Public Works for the instalment due on the 1st. May.

Mr. J. Mooney proposed and Mr. McCormack seconded that the necessary sanction be sought.

Factory for Tuam.

The Clerk submitted a letter received from Mr. S. O'Neill, requesting the Town Commissioners to call a public meeting to discuss his proposal in connection with the opening of a factory in Tuam to relieve unemployment etc. The letter was marked read.

Appointment of Delegates to meeting of Assoc. of Lan. Authority.

The Clerk submitted a letter received from the above Association in connection with the appointment of delegates to attend at annual conference, it was decided to leave the matter over till next meeting.

Vote of Sympathy.

Mr. J. Mooney proposed and Mr. McCormack seconded that a vote of Sympathy to the Heneghan Family on the death of Rev. Fr. Heneghan, also the the Campbell family, Vichnorland, on the death of Mrs. Campbell.

The Meeting concluded.

Signed on behalf of Tuam Town Commissioners

D. McCormack Chairman.

M. W. Cahill Town Clerk. 16th. April, 1945.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at their Monthly Meeting held on 7th. May, 1945.

Attendance: Mr. D. McCormack, chairman, presided. Other members present were Messrs J. Coughlan, T. Joyce, and W. Stapleton. The County Manager was also present.

Making of Town Rate.  
Mr. T. Joyce proposed and Mr. McCormack seconded a resolution allowing and making Town Rate as assessed in the Rate Book. The Rate Book was signed by the members present.

Selling of Site at Tirboy Road.  
The Chairman informed the Board that Mrs. Craven, the former owner of a vacant site at Tirboy Road was anxious to buy back same, the Manager stated that he was employing an Architect to prepare site plans for proposed new Housing Scheme, and if the site in question was not required, it may be sold back to the former owner.

Site for Fire Station.  
The members inquired of the Manager as to selection of a site for the proposed new Fire Station, and the Manager informed them that the site had been selected at the Grove, which was prominent for a building of ornamental type.

Public Telephone.  
Mr. Joyce asked the Manager the position regarding the erection of Public Telephone at the Square and the Manager replied stating the Department of Posts and Telegraphs had informed him that arrangement were being made for the erection of same.

Sale of House to Mr. James O'Roarke.  
After a short discussion in connection with the proposed sale of house to Mr. James O'Roarke, the Clerk was instructed to write to the Dept. of Local Government for sanction in the matter.

Tributes to Co. Manager.  
Mr. T. Joyce proposed a vote of thanks to the County Manager for his services and courtesy to the members during the past 3 years, Mr. McCormack seconded the proposition, and the other members present associated themselves with the remarks of Mr. Joyce.

The meeting concluded.  
The next meeting to be held after the Local Elections.

Signed on behalf of the Town Commissioners.  
W. Cahill Chairman. 22. 6. 45  
M. W. Joyce Town Clerk. 11th. May, 1945.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of ~~monthly~~ proceedings of above Local Authority at their Annual Meeting held on 22nd. June, 1945.

Attendance: Messrs Mr. Cahill, T. Joyce, W. Stapleton, J. Coughlan, J. J. Egan, J. Burke, J. Moran, M. J. Byrne, and J.A.O'Connell.

The Clerk read the notice convening the meeting and occupied the Chair at the opening of the meeting.

Election of Chairman  
Mr. T. Joyce proposed and Mr. J. Moran seconded; that Mr. Cahill be elected Chairman for the ensuing period. As there were no other proposals, the Clerk declared Mr. Cahill elected, and Mr. Cahill then signed his declaration of acceptance of office and presided at the meeting.

Election of vice-Chairman.  
Mr. Egan proposed and Mr. Byrne seconded; That Mr. J. Moran be elected Vice Chairman for the ensuing period. As there were no other proposals, the Chairman then declared Mr. Moran elected vice chairman for the ensuing period, Mr. Moran and the other members then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The Minutes of last meeting of Town Commissioners were read and signed.

Sugar Factory Strike.  
After a long discussion in connection with the strike at the Tuam sugar factory, ~~that~~ it was decided to ask the strikers and the Manager of the Factory to meet the Town Commissioners with a view to effect a settlement, and the Clerk was instructed to write to the Manager and the strikers committee and offer the services of the Commissioners to act as mediators ~~inxxxx~~, and arrange for meetings, with them.

Selection of sites for Building purposes  
Mr. Jariath Burke moved a notice of motion to be put on the Agenda for next meeting regarding the selection of sites by the County Manager for Housing etc. in Tuam.

The meeting concluded.

Signed on behalf of the Town Commissioners  
W. Cahill Chairman.  
M. W. Joyce Town Clerk. ~~21st~~ 26th. June, 1945.

Minutes of proceedings of above local authority at their monthly meeting held on 3rd. July, 1945.

Attendance: Mr. M. W. Cahill, chairman presided. Other members present were Messrs J. J. Egan, T. Joyce, J. Coughlan, M. W. Byrne, W. Stapleton, J. Burke, J. A. O'Connell and James Moran. The County Manager was also present.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

#### Sale of Meat on the Square.

The Clerk submitted a letter received from Mr. James M. Hession, Solr. written on behalf of Tuam Victuallers in connection with the sale of meat from stalls in the Square, requesting the attention of the Town Commissioners to take steps for the prohibition of same. The County Manager explained that it was not a matter for a Local Authority but the County Council were adopting Bye-laws to control Public Health Administration, to cover the sale of meats as above. The Manager suggested that the matter be left over until the next meeting and that in the meantime he would deal with the matter through the Department of Local Government and Public Health. As regards the Bye-laws adopted by the Town Commissioners, the Clerk was instructed to write to the Department for sanction in connection with the fixing of the alternate days for the holding of Markets, so as to have the correct copy of the Bye-laws printed and deposited for confirmation by the Minister.

#### Appointment of Members to witness the fixing of the Seal.

Mr. T. Joyce proposed and Mr. J. Burke seconded that the Chairman and Vice-chairman be appointed to witness the fixing of the seal to documents in the presence of the County Manager.

#### Selection of Sites.

Mr. J. Burke discussed with the Manager the selection of sites for buildings in Tuam, and requested that the matter be brought before the Commissioners for their recommendations before his decision, the Manager explained that the selection of sites for housing purposes would be dealt with by an architect to be appointed by him in connection with the proposed new Housing Scheme. The Manager further stated that it intended to ~~rebuild~~ build houses on existing derelict sites as far as possible, to stagger the houses rather than have one scheme to avoid houses becoming slum areas.

#### Public Lighting.

The Manager explained that £350 was provided in the Estimates for expenditure for the financial year ending on 31st. March, 1946, but due to the additional 30% increase in the charge by the E. S. B, an additional ~~income~~ of £35 was necessary to meet the increased charge for the period. Mr. J. Burke proposed and Mr. J. Moran seconded the ~~that~~ additional expenditure.

#### Appointment of Delegates for Municipal Conference.

Mr. M. J. Byrne proposed and Mr. O'Connell seconded that Mr. J. Coughlan be selected as Delegate to the Annual Meeting of the Conference, and Mr. Byrne also proposed that Mr. J. A. O'Connell be selected as other delegate to attend, seconded by Mr. Joyce. In the event of either of the 2 delegates not being in a position to attend, The Town Clerk ~~was~~ was selected, proposed by Mr. Stapleton and seconded by Mr. Egan. Mr. Coughlan proposed submitting a resolution to be put on the Agenda for discussion at the Conference that Subsidy ~~maxim~~ for Housing be increased and that Loans for Building purposes be granted at a lower rate of interest. It was decided to leave the matter over until the next meeting of the Commissioners, for further discussion.

#### Playgrounds for Tuam.

The members discussed with the Manager the necessity of provision of Playgrounds for Tuam, and Mr. J. A. O'Connell pointed out that there was a suitable site for a playground at Ballygaddy Road, which would be appreciated by the residents. Mr. O'Connell stated that he would submit to the County Manager a list of names of the residents who would be anxious that the site mentioned would be developed as a playground for the children of that area.

#### Vote of Congratulations to the President.

Mr. James Moran, Vice-chairman proposed a vote of Congratulations to Mr. Sean T. O'Kelly on his Election as President of Eire, and inauguration as First Citizen of the country, seconded by Mr. J. Burke and passed unanimously. The Clerk was instructed to convey to the President the Commissioners message of congratulations.

The Meeting concluded.

Signed on behalf of the Town Commissioners.

M. W. Cahill Chairman.

T. Joyce Town Clerk.

9th. July, 1945.

(TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS)  
Commissioners' Office, Tuam

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above local authority at their Monthly meeting held on Tuesday the 7th. August, 1945.

Attendance: Mr. Cahill, chairman presided. Other members present were Messrs J. A. O'Connell, J. Coughlan, W. Stapleton, J. Burke, J. J. Egan and James Moran.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed, County Manager's Orders read and noted.

Annual Conference of Ass. of Municipal Authorities.

The Clerk submitted a letter received from the Secretary of the above association requesting the Town Commissioners to submit any Motions for the Conference.

The Clerk was instructed to forward a copy of the following resolution proposed by Mr. Coughlan and seconded by Mr. O'Connell,

"In view of the greatly increased cost of house building we request the government:-

1. In addition to giving substantially increased subsidies, to lend money at a lower rate of interest in future to Local Authorities for house building in order that the houses which are to be built during the next few years may be ~~isft~~ let at rents which the tenants can afford to pay.
  2. To give sufficient subsidies to enable local authorities to provide houses at reduced rents not only for persons living in Clearance Areas but also for persons whose incomes are small whether they live in Condemned or Overcrowded houses, in lodgings or else where.
- After some discussion in connection with house building the Clerk was instructed to write to the Department and enquire as to the powers of the Commissioners regarding the provision of houses for persons ~~of the~~ other than the Working Class.

Beet Factory Strike.

Mr. Cahill submitted a letter of explanation relative to his communication to the Strikers' Committee outside the Deputation. The members explained that no offence was meant by Mr. Byrne, who had objected at a previous meeting to Mr. Cahill's action.

Resolution Adopted.

The Clerk submitted a copy of resolution adopted by Dungarvin Urban Council in connection with the sought increase of National Teachers Salaries. Proposed by Mr. Egan and seconded by Mr. Stapleton and unanimously adopted.

Sale of Meat on the Square.

The Clerk submitted a letter copy of which was sent to the Dept. in connection with the sale of meat on the streets. The letter was read and noted.

Letting of Houses.

After some discussion relative to the letting of a house in Tubberjarlat it was decided to put the matter on the Agenda for the next meeting for discussion with the County Manager.

Appointment of members for Parish Council.

Mr. Jarlath O'Connell proposed by Mr. Coughlan and seconded by Mr. Cahill and Mr. W. Stapleton proposed by Mr. Egan and seconded by Mr. Moran were selected as delegates from the Commissioners for the Tuam Parish Council

Vote of Sympathy.

A message of Sympathy proposed by Mr. Cahill and seconded by Mr. O'Connell was extended to widow and relatives of the late Mr. John Treacy, Court Clerk Tuam.

The Meeting concluded.

Signed on behalf of the Town Commissioners.

W. Cahill Chairman.

M. Byrne Town Clerk. Date 10/8/45

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above local authority at their Monthly meeting held on the 4th. August September, 1945.

Attendance: Mr. M. W. Cahill, chairman presided. Other members present were Messrs J. O'Connell, W. Stapleton, Jarlath Burke, J. Coughlan and J. J. Egan, and M.J. Byrne.

Byelaws.

The Clerk submitted a letter received from the Department with reference to the bye-laws adopted by the Town Commissioners. The Clerk was instructed to refer the matter to the Boards Solicitor for his views.

Letter from Westmeath Co. Council.

The Clerk submitted a letter from Westmeath County Council transmitting a resolution adopted by that Council "that co-operation between local Bodies and the Ministerial Department of Local Government be restored, etc. The resolution was unanimously adopted. Also a resolution regarding the increase on existing pensions paid to Old Age pensioners in care was adopted.

Lighting of Town Clock. dated 25th. July,

The Clerk read a letter received from the E. S. B. regarding the lighting of the Town Clock, and it was unanimously recommended that the formal application be made to have a lighting meter installed at the rates of charges stated in the letter.

Erection of Style at Fair Green.

After some discussion with reference to the erection of a style at the loading bank at the Fair Green, the Clerk was instructed to write to the Town Surveyor, Mr. Egan to have the style erected.

Lighting of Fair Green.

It was proposed by Mr. Byrne and seconded by Mr. O'Connell and unanimously agreed upon that additional Public Lighting should be provided at the Fair Green for the October Fairs. The Clerk was directed to write to the County Manager and ask for his report as to how this could be effected either as a temporary measure or a permanent fixture.

Telephone Service in Tuam.

It was proposed by Mr. O'Connell and seconded by Mr. Burke and unanimously agreed upon to write to the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs regarding the inadequate Telephone service in Tuam and request that some improvement be effected without delay, also a protest to be sent regarding the delay in the erection the Public Telephone Kiosk at the Square which had been sanctioned by the Minister through the Galway Co. Council some time previous.

Bus Service

It was unanimously agreed upon to send a copy of the following resolution to Coras Iompar Eireann, Dublin, regarding the Bus services in Tuam and surrounding areas:-

"The Tuam Town Commissioners protest against the inadequate Bus service through the town. The Board is aware that there is a shortage of buses but at the same time it is suggested that one of the existing services between and Dublin could be re-routed through Tuam at no existing cost. Again, the Board protest against the lack of any service between Mountbellew and Tuam, and Headford and Tuam."

The Clerk was instructed to send a copy of the above to Coras Iompar Eireann, Clare St, Dublin.

Fixing of Fairs for 1946.

The fairs for 1946 were fixed and decided upon, proposed by Mr. Cahill and seconded by Mr. Byrne and unanimously agreed upon.

Notes of Sympathy.

A tribute was paid to the late James Daly who was for a number of years prominent in Public life in the town.

It was proposed by Mr. Byrne and seconded by Mr. Stapleton and passed unanimously that the Board tender their sympathy to Bro. McKenna, C. B. S. Tuam on the death of his brother who lost his life heroically.

Signed on behalf of the Town Commissioners

M W Cahill Chairman. 2/10/45.

M W Egan Town Clerk. 8/9/45.

Minutes of Special meeting held on 17th. Sept. 1945.

Attendance: Mr. Cahill, chairman, presided. Other members present were Messrs J. A. O'Connell, W. Stapleton J. Burke, J. Coughlan.

The meeting was convened for the purpose of discussing regarding the lighting of the Fair Green. The Clerk submitted a letter received from the County Manager directing that application be made to the E.S.B. for an estimate of the cost of the work and whether same could be completed before the October Fairs. The Clerk informed the Board that the necessary application had been made for the additional lighting as directed by the Manager, and the E. S. B. had referred the matter to the Local Electrician. Mr. Egan & Town Surveyor recommended that 3 lights be erected across the Fair Green. It was proposed by Mr. O'Connell and seconded by Mr. Stapleton that a sum not exceeding £35 be expended on the proposed erection of same.

A vote of congratulations was extended to His Eminence Cardinal MacRory on the occasion of his Golden Jubilee, proposed by Mr. Coughlan and seconded by Mr. Burke and passed unanimously.

The meeting concluded.

Signed on behalf of the Town Commissioners

M W Cahill Chairman. 2/10/45.

M W Egan Town Clerk. 20th. September, 1945.

(TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS) Commissioners Fair Green Tuam