



TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS



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7 June 1949 – 4 September 1951

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at their Monthly Meeting held on 7th. June, 1949.

Attendance: Mr. Cahill, chairman presided. Other members present were Messrs James Moran, M. J. Byrne, J. J. Egan, W. Stapleton, J. Burke. The County Manager and Mr. H. Finnega, Town Surveyor were also present.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed. County Manager's Orders Nos. 228-230 (inclusive) were read and noted.

Recommendations for letting of next vacant House.

The Clerk submitted the list of applications received for the tenancy of next vacant house. It was proposed by Mr. Cahill and seconded by Mr. Stapleton and unanimously adopted that the Manager be requested to consider the application of Mr. E. Ridge E. S.B. official. The Manager informed the members that he was bound by the provisions of Housing (Loan Charges Contributions) Regulations, 1938, in the selection of tenants, and that the application of the E. S. B. official would be considered in conjunction with other applicants, together with the report of the Medical Officer.

Proposed Sale of house.

It was proposed by Mr. Stapleton and seconded by Mr. Egan, and unanimously adopted that the members approve of proposed sale of house No. 6, McHale Terrace, Tuam to Mrs. M. Leakes for sum of One hundred pounds, subject to sanction of Minister for Local Government, and in accordance with provisions of Section 83, Local Government Act, 1946.

Proposed sale of House at St. Benin's Terrace.

The members discussed with the Manager the proposal to sell the house at St. Benin's Terrace to the tenant- Mr. J. Cooney. After some discussion in the matter, the Manager agreed to sell the house for sum of £360, (three hundred and sixty pounds), subject to sanction of Minister for Local Government, The tenant who was present at the meeting stated that he would consider the matter.

Resolution of Loughrea Town Commissioners.

The members unanimously adopted the copy of resolution received from the Loughrea Town Commissioners, in relation to the future of Holy Places in Palestine.

Public Lighting.

The members unanimously agreed that Public Lighting which was discontinued on the 15th. May, 1949, be restored. The Clerk was directed to communicate with the E. S. B. in the matter.

Deputation for Tuam Parish Council.

The members received a deputation from the Tuam Parish Council to discuss the question of improvements to the Tuam Fairgreen and the provision of a road across the Fairgreen to link Tullinadaly Road and Ballygaddy Road. It was suggested that pins be provided in the Green and that the Small Green be surfaced with cinders. The members agreed that these improvements were required and the Town Surveyor was instructed to make a survey and ~~report~~ submit a report in the matter. With regard to the provision of the link road across the road, the Secretary of the Parish Council stated that the tenants residing in Tullinadaly Road had appealed for the provision of the Road, as they were unable to get turf owing to the steepness of the Tullinadaly Hill, and that the Council suggest that the Road be provided along the boundary wall of the Fairgreen so that there would be the minimum interference with the Green. The Engineer was directed to report on the matter.

Meeting of 7th. June, 1949 Continued.

Town Hall Improvements.

Mr. Egan referred to the condition of the Town Hall, and stated that the Hall required remodelling and equipped with seating. After some discussion in the matter it was decided that the Town Surveyor would inspect the Hall and consult with the Theatre Guild as to alterations and improvements, and submit a report to the next meeting.

The Meeting concluded.

Signed on behalf of the Town Commissioners.

Jarlath H. O'Connell Chairman.

Date 5th. July 1949

M. W. Joyce Town Clerk.

9th. June, 1949

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at their Annual Meeting held on 24th. June, 1949.

Attendance: Mr. Cahill, outgoing chairman. Other Members present were Messrs J. Moran, J. Coughlan, T. Joyce, J. A. O'Connell, J. Burke.

Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

It was proposed by Mr. T. Joyce and Seconded by Mr. J. Coughlan and unanimously adopted that Mr. Cahill and Mr. Moran be re-elected Chairman and Vice-chairman respectively.

Mr. O'Connell associated himself with the resolution and the members discussed the provisions of the County Management Act, and expressed their views for the amendment or abolition of the Act.

Mr. O'Connell referred to the Town Water Supply and informed the meeting that the water was cut off in Ballygaddy Road area on the 22nd. inst. without previous notice to consumers. He stated that a bakery in the area was seriously effected as a result, and after further discussion in the matter it was unanimously decided to request the County Manager to reform the Tuam Waterworks Committee, who would deal with such matters, and the Clerk was directed to convey to the Co. Manager the views of the Commissioners ~~that~~ regarding the unsatisfactory manner in which the Water is being supplied in the town.

The chairman referred to flooding in the Shambles and to damage caused to wool in his stores. Arising out of the discussion, Mr. O'Connell proposed and Mr. Cahill seconded that all correspondence between the Manager and the Clerk be submitted at future meetings.

The meeting concluded.

Signed on behalf of the Town Commissioners

Jarlath H. O'Connell Chairman.

M. W. Joyce Town Clerk.

26th. June, 1949.

Minutes of proceedings of above local Authority at their Monthly meeting held on 5th. July, 1949.

Attendance: Mr. J. A. O'Connell, presided. Other members present were Messrs. J. J. Egan, W. Stapleton, and J. P. Burke.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed, Co. Manager's Orders numbered from 231 to 232 (inclusive) were read and noted.

Fairgreen Survey.

The Town Surveyor- Mr. Finnegan, informed the members that he was preparing maps in connection with proposed improvements to the Fairgreen and the provision of pens, and he was awaiting receipt of quotations before submitting a specification of the cost of the improvements. He informed the members that a scheme was being prepared for improvements to Tullinaday Hill, which would render the provision of a road across the Fairgreen unnecessary, and it was decided to await further information in the matter. The Clerk was directed to enquire about the statutory charges for the provision of pens in Castlerea town.

Town Hall Improvements.

The Town Surveyor reported that he had discussed the proposed improvements of the upperportion of the Town Hall with Tuam Little Theatre Guild, and stated that the plans and specifications for same would be submitted at the next meeting.

The Water Supply.

The Engineer stated that the recent bad water supply was caused by the water wheel being out of action, and the drought had caused the water to drop to a low level, New Pumps were being installed and that with day and night pumping, the normal supply would be restored. He informed the members that the New Scheme would be in operation in about three months, and that Professor Rishworth was providing for a chlorination plant in the contract.

New Housing Scheme.

Mr. Finnegan reported that 2-2storey houses were nearing completion, and as the plans for 2 single storey houses were not sanctioned to date, it would be necessary to proceed with the erection of 2 houses, similar to the type being completed. It was proposed by Mr. Burke and seconded by Mr. Stapleton that authorisation be given for the erection of 2 further type H houses in the absence of sanction of Type EE, and that the construction of type EE be adjourned to a further meeting for approval.

Road repairs.

The members discussed the present condition of the roads, which were opened for the laying of water mains. Reference was made to the condition of gulleys at corners in the Town, and after some discussion in the matter, it was decided to write to the County Surveyor, and request him to have the necessary repairs carried out.

Vote of Sympathy.

It was proposed by Mr. O'Connell and seconded by Mr. Stapleton and unanimously adopted that vote of sympathy be extended to the widow, sister and relatives of the Late Martin Mannion, The Claireen, Tuam.

The meeting concluded.

Signed on behalf of the Town Commissioners.

W. Cahill Chairman. Date 2/8/49

W. Cahill Town Clerk. 9th. July, 1949.

Minutes of proceedings of above local authority at their Monthly meeting held on 3rd. January, 1950.

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

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed, the Clerk reported that there were no orders made by the manager since last monthly meeting.

Proposed sale of Houses.

Mr. O'Connell referred to the resolution adopted at the previous monthly meeting, in connection with the sale of houses to tenants. The Clerk stated that no ~~letter~~ ^{application was made} for the Minister's sanction to the proposal, pending receipt of application from a tenant for the purchase of a house. After some discussion in the matter, it was unanimously decided that the Minister be requested to sanction the sale of all houses to tenants, at the loan redemption price.

Enforcement of Byelaws.

Mr. O'Connell informed the members that the Tuam Traders instructed him to convey their protest against the sale of hardware goods and haberdashery by hawkers on market days. The Clerk stated that no legal action could be taken to prevent the occurrence pending the publishing of the Notices of appropriation of market places in the Town of Tuam, and that the Solicitor to the Commissioners ~~was~~ had been instructed to arrange for the publication of the required notices.

Allotments Scheme, 1950.

The Clerk informed the members that an advertisement had been issued inviting applications for Allotments during the 1950 season, and in response to the advertisement, ~~received~~ ^{only} three applications had been received. The members unanimously decided the the manager be advised to have the Scheme abolished in the absence of a sufficient number of applicants.

Erection of Houses.

that it was unanimously decided the Town Surveyor- Mr. Finnegan proceed with the erection of two further houses at Cloonthea-type H revised as recommended at meeting held on 15th. ultimo- by direct labour.

Vote of Sympathy

Mr. Cahill proposed and Mr. O'Connell seconded that a vote of sympathy be extended to the family of the late Patrick Walsh of Shop St. Tuam, a former member of the Town Commissioners.

The meeting concluded.

Signed on behalf of the Town Commissioners

W. Cahill Chairman.

_____ Town Clerk.

Minutes of proceedings of above local authority at their Monthly meeting held on ~~Monday~~, 2nd. August, 1949.

Attendance: Mr. M. W. Cahill, chairman, presided. Other members present were Messrs. J. Moran, J. A. O'Connell, J. Coghlan, J. J. Egan, J. Burke, M. J. Byrne and T. Joyce.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed. Co. Manager's Order No. 233 (Town Clerk's Annual Leave) was read and noted.

Re- Letting of houses.

The Clerk informed the members that there were 60 applicants for houses, and that the applications would be submitted to the Medical Officer for his report; that the Medical Officer- Dr. Nohilly requested that a deputation from the Commissioners would examine the list with him. Mr. O'Connell suggested that the applicants should be selected in order of merit and that houses be allotted in accordance with the selected. It was decided to elect three members- Messrs Moran, O'Connell and Coughlan to examine the list with the Medical Officer.

Mr. O'Connell referred to the Compulsory Acquisition of site owned by Mrs. Lena Leonard, Barrack St. and stated that if arrangements were made for the restoration of the site, the owner would be prepared to erect a house in conformity with plan of houses being erected under the Commissioners' Housing Scheme in the area. After some discussion in the matter, the Town Surveyor stated that he would interview the owner in question and reach an agreement and report on the matter to the next meeting. The Town Surveyor informed the members that the layout and house type plan for Bishop Street Housing Scheme had been approved by the Department, and it was agreed that tenders would be invited in for this Scheme as soon as possible.

Boundary Wall at Gilmartin Road.

Mr. Byrne referred to the condition of the boundary wall at Gilmartin Road, and stated that the owner of land adjoining the rear of the houses was complaining of continued trespass. It was decided that the Town Surveyor would prepare a plan and estimate for carrying out the necessary repairs and submit same at the next meeting for consideration.

In connection with the boundary wall at the Fairgreen, adjoining the property of Mr. O'Rorke, Mr. O'Connell stated that he had reported on same on behalf of his client- Mr. O'Rorke and that the wall in its present condition was dangerous. It was decided that the Engineer would prepare an estimate for repairs.

Traffic Bye-laws.

The members discussed the necessity for traffic and parking regulation in the Town, and it was decided that a deputation from the Commissioners meet the Superintendent of the Garda Authorities to discuss the matter in detail. The Clerk was directed to write to the Superintendent and request him to meet the deputation, the members selected were Messrs Joyce Byrne, and Burke and the Town Surveyor- Mr. Finnegan.

E. S. B. Charges.

Mr. O'Connell informed the members that the question of further proposed charges by Electricity Supply Board was to be discussed at the Annual Conference of Association of Municipal Authorities ~~and~~ and he proposed that the Commissioners register their protest and that the Emergency increase of 30% should be discontinued. Mr. Joyce seconded the proposal which was unanimously adopted. The Clerk was directed to send a copy for inclusion in the Agenda of Annual Conference of Association of Municipal Authorities.

Meeting of 2nd. August- Continued.

Fixing of Fairs, for 1950.

The members agreed on the following dates for Tuam Fairs for 1950:-

January, 10th.	Cattle and Sheep	2nd. Tuesday,	
18th.	Pigs.	3rd. Wednesday.	
February, 14th.	Cattle and Sheep	2nd. Tuesday.	
15th.	Pigs.	3rd. Wednesday.	
March, 9th.	Sheep		Old Fair.
10th.	Cattle		do.
15th.	Pigs		3rd. Wednesday.
April, 11th.	Cattle and Sheep	2nd. Tuesday	
19th.	Pigs.	3rd. Wednesday.	
May, 10th.	Sheep		Old Fair.
11th.	Cattle		do.
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, 11th.	Sheep		Old Fair.
12th.	Cattle		do.
20th.	Pigs.	3rd. Wednesday.	
October, 17th.	Sheep		Old Fair.
18th.	Cattle		do.
19th.	Horses		do.
20th.	Pigs.		do.
November, 14th.	Cattle and Sheep	2nd. Tuesday	
15th.	Pigs.	3rd. Wednesday	
December, 14th.	Cattle, Sheep and Horses		Old Fair.
15th.	Pigs.		do.

Co. Management Act, 1940.

In connection with entry in the Minutes of particulars of Manager's Orders, the Clerk informed the members that a register ~~xxx~~ of all Orders was kept and that so much of the register containing certified copies of Manager's Orders ^{made} since previous meeting should be submitted. It was decided that the Clerk be requested to enter the subject matter of each Order in the Minute Book. The was a short discussion in connection with proposed abolition of the County Management Act, and it was agreed that all members were opposed to the Act.

Road Repairs.

The Clerk was directed to write to the County Surveyor, and request him to arrange for repairs to the roads in the town, which were open in connection with the Waterworks Improvement Scheme, and had not been properly restored by the Contractors.

Resolution of Sympathy.

It was proposed by Mr. Cahill, seconded by Mr. Moran and unanimously adopted that a vote of sympathy be extended to Mr. Stapleton, T. C. on the recent death of his Brother.

It was proposed by Mr. T. Joyce and seconded by Mr. Cahill and unanimously adopted that a vote of sympathy be extended to the relatives of the late Dr. Hyde, first President of Ireland.

The meeting concluded.

Signed on behalf of the Town Commissioners.

M. W. Cahill Chairman.
John Hession atg Town Clerk.

8th. August, 1949.

Minutes of proceedings of above local authority at their Monthly meeting held on 6th September 1949.

Attendance: Mr. M. W. Cahill, chairman, presided. Other members present were Messrs. T. Joyce, J. J. Egan, M. J. Byrne, W. Stapleton, J. A. O'Connell, Jas. Moran, and H. Finnigan, B. E. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed. Co. Manager's Orders No. 236 to 239. was read and noted.

Waterworks Contract Complaints.

Mr. O'Connell referred to the unsatisfactory condition of the streets of the Town, and after some discussion it was proposed by Mr. J. Byrne and seconded by Mr. J. A. O'Connell that we the Tuam Town Commissioners request the Galway Co. Council to expediate the completion of the Waterworks Contract in the Town, as the time for the completion of the Contract has been exceeded, and the Co. Council exercise their powers to have the work completed.

Boundary Wall at Gilmartin Road.

Proposed by Mr. Moran seconded by Mr. Byrne that Mr. H. Finnigan B. E. be allowed to expend £60 for repairs to Boundary Wall between Gilmartin Rd. houses and Mr. M. Conner's field.

Erection of Pens at Fair Green.

Mr. O'Connell referred to the conditions of Boundary Wall between Mr. O'Rourke's and the Fair Green. It was proposed by Mr. Byrne and seconded by Mr. Egan that Mr. H. Finnigan B. E. prepare plans for the erection of five Pens along this wall and repair the Boundary Wall at the same time. Also, to erect five Pens between Ballygaddy Gap and the F. C. A. Hall and that a sum not exceeding £150 be allowed for the erection of said Pens etc. It was also decided to raise a loan for the sum of £150 from the National Bank Tuam for the execution of above works.

£325 Allocation under Road Rural Scheme.

A letter from Co. Manager in connection with above allocation of ~~above~~ grant was read by the Clerk after some discussion on the matter. It was proposed by Mr. Jas. Moran and seconded ^{B. J. O'Connell} that the allocation of £325 for a road through the Fair Green be unanimously disapproved of by the Board that the money be spent on Footpaths throughout the Town at the discretion of Mr. H. Finnigan B. E. This resolution was carried unanimously.

Letting of Houses.

It was proposed by Mr. Cahill and seconded by Mr. Moran that the Co. Manager be requested to provide Mr. Ed. Ridge an E. S. B. Official with one of the Co. Council houses at Barrack St., as this Official is being offered employment and ~~another~~ house in another Town. The Commissioners are anxious that he be retained and facilitated in his native Town.

Votes of Congratulation.

It was proposed by Mr. O'Connell and seconded by Mr. Cahill that a vote of Congratulation be extended to Mr. Jarlath P. Burke on the occasion of his Marriage.

Resolution of Sympathy.

It was proposed by Mr. Byrne and seconded by Mr. Egan and unanimously adopted by that a vote of Sympathy be extended to Dr. J. Nohilly on the death of ~~his~~ his Brother. Also, to Mrs. Flanagan, McHales Terrace on the death of her Brother Mr. T. Nipton.

Comprehensive Survey of Works for Town.

Proposed by Mr. Byrne and seconded by Mr. O'Connell that the Act Town Clerk phone the Co. manager and ask him to attend a special meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners on Monday 12th Sept. at 9pm. for the purposes of making a Comprehensive Survey of required improvements in the Town.

The Meeting Concluded.

Dated 7th Sept. 1949.

An Dwyer
Town Clerk.

M. W. Cahill
Chairman.

Minutes of proceedings of above local authority at their Monthly meeting held on 4th. October, 1949.

Attendance: Mr. Cahill, chairman, presided. Other members present were Messrs J. A. O'Connell, W. Stapleton, J. Burke and J. J. Egan. The County Manager was also present. The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed, Co. Manager's orders numbered from 240 to 242 (inclusive) dealing with Issue of Notice to Quit, letting of House No. 71, Atherry Road, and installation of Range at No. 18, Atherry Road, were read and noted.

Road Repairs.

The matter regarding the necessity for carrying out repairs to roads which were open for the laying of pipes for Waterworks Improvements Scheme was discussed by the Members with the County Manager. The Manager read a letter which he had received from Professor Rishworth in which it was stated that he had instructed the Contractor to get in touch with the County Surveyor with a view to having all necessary repairs carried out without delay. The Manager stated that he would see the County Surveyor and request him to have the work done.

Proposed Improvements in the Town.

The members discussed with the Manager the question of have certain improvements carried out and the following ~~works~~ works were listed for consideration:-

The widening of Vicar Street, Church Lane, and Tullinadaly Road, and the removal of Steps on the footpaths at Tullinadaly Road, the latter being a small work, it was arranged that Mr. Finnegan, Town Surveyor would arrange to have it done. The Manager stated that he would refer these ~~works~~ works to the County Surveyor.

Referring to the Public Park at Ballygaddy Road, it was decided that the following four members Messrs Cahill, Stapleton, O'Connell and Egan would consult with the Town Surveyor proposals for improvements. The question of carrying out necessary repairs to the Town Cross was discussed by the members, and after some discussion, it was decided that the Town Surveyor would examine it and have the repairs effected.

Town Planning for Tuam.

The Clerk read a letter received from the Secretary of the Galway County Council, in which the Council requested the Commissioners' to consider whether whether they wished the Council to adopt the Town and Regional Planning Acts for the Town Commissioners' area. The Manager explained that the Act would give control of future building and that the cost of the Scheme could be repaid over a period. After further discussion in the matter, the members unanimously decided to inform the Council that they would favour the adoption of the Acts for Tuam, and to request information as to the cost of having the Scheme prepared.

Housing.

The Manager referred to the letting of houses, and informed the members that he had been requested by an official of the E. S. B. to consider the application of Mr. B. Ridge, the local Electrician, whose employment in Tuam depended on his being provided with a house. After some discussion in the matter, the members agreed with the Manager's suggestion that his application be given priority when the next Normal Scheme house would become vacant for re-letting. Mr. Finnegan, Town Surveyor informed the members that 4 houses of Type H were now being completed and recommended that 2 of type H 1 storey, be erected. The members unanimously agreed to the erection of 2 of type H houses at Barrack Street.

Letter from Parish Council.

The Clerk read a letter received from Tuam Parish Council dealing with the lighting of Fairgreen for fairs, the erection of pens, the selection of two members to represent the Commissioners on the parish Council, and the provision of Road across the Fairgreen. The Clerk was directed to reply and inform the Council that Public Lighting would be provided for all Fairs from September to March (inclusive) each year, that it was decided to erect permanent pens in the Fairgreen, that Messrs O'Connell and Stapleton would represent the Commissioners on the parish Council.

Meeting held on 4th. October, 1949.

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Dealing with the question of the provision of a road across the Fairgreen, the members decided to inform the Council that as ~~proposed~~ it was proposed to widen Tullinaday Hill, the road across the green would not be necessary and that the grant made available by the County Council would be utilised for carrying out repairs to the footpaths in the Town.

The meeting concluded.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners.

M. W. Cahill

Chairman. 1st. November, 1949

M. Joyce

Town Clerk. 7th. October, 1949.

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 1st. November, 1949.

Attendance: Mr. Cahill, chairman, presided. Other members present were Messrs. J. A. O'Connell, Moran, Burke, Joyce, Egan, Stapleton, Coghlan and Byrne.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed, Go. Manager's Order No. 243 (letting of house) was read and noted.

The Clerk submitted a letter received from Tuam Parish Council, in which the Council requested that a deputation be received to discuss matters of mutual interest. Mr. O'Connell raised the question of the position of the two members of the Commissioners appointed to act as delegates at meetings of the Parish Council. It was decided that if the delegates considered that any matter under discussion and relating to the business of the Commissioners, should be referred to the Commissioners for their views, they should do so.

Letting of houses:

The Clerk reported that the six applicants selected in order of merit for the tenancy of houses had now been granted houses, and that a new list would be prepared by the Medical Officer. It was decided that the Selection Committee would consult with the Medical Officer in the matter. The Clerk read a letter received from Mr. & Mrs. John Roche applying for the tenancy of a house on behalf of their daughter - Mrs. McHugh. It was decided to refer the matter to the Committee, and that the application be put on the waiting list.

Referring to the delay in the erection of the new houses, it was proposed Mr. J. Coghlan, seconded by Mr. T. Joyce and unanimously adopted that the Minister be requested to take immediate action to expedite the work.

Case of Forrester's Hall

The Clerk informed the members that the matter relating to the approval of the lease of Forrester's Hall to Tuam Men's Social Club, had been discussed at a previous meeting pending the purchase of the entire adjoining estate, which purchase had recently been disposed of, and expalined under the Local Government Act, 1946, it was necessary to pass a resolution approving of the proposed lease. It was proposed by Mr. J. A. O'Connell and seconded by Mr. T. Joyce and unanimously adopted that "Tuam Men's Social Club be granted the proposed lease of the building known as the Forrester's Hall, in accordance with the conditions and terms of the lease submitted to the Department of Local Government."

Allotments Scheme. 1949 Season.

The Clerk reported that as a result of the failure of applicants to cultivate allotments let to them, the Commissioners would have to bear the cost of the land provided, and informed the members that land was leased to provide 41- $\frac{1}{2}$ ac. Allotments, and only 15 applicants availed of the scheme. After some discussion in the matter, it was decided that an advertisement be issued requesting applications for 1950 Scheme, and unless sufficient genuine applications were received, no action should be taken to provide land, and it was recommended that the Scheme be dropped.

Interest on Housing Loans. The Clerk read copy of resolution adopted by Castleblayney U.D. C requesting the Government to introduce legislation extending the repayment period of Housing Loans to 75 years, thereby reducing annual loan charges, and enabling Housing authorities to erect and let houses at rents within the capacity of the working classes to pay. It was proposed by Mr. Byrne and seconded by Mr. Coghlan and unanimously adopted that the resolution be adopted.

Deputation from Parish Council:

The members received the Deputation from the Parish Council, and the delegates referred the following matters: for consideration of the Commissioners:-

That 2 additional lights be provided in the Fairgreen. In that connection Mr. O'Connell referred to the cost already incurred in the provision of 5 lights in the Green, and that additional expenditure would have to be carefully considered.

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2. The blocking by carts at Ballygaddy entrance to the green. It was recommended that 2 walls be erected at both sides of the gate to a short distance into the green to form a passage. It was decided to request the Town Surveyor to submit an estimate of the cost of the work.
3. Erection of pens- The deputation were informed that pens were being provided in the Fairgreen; with regard to the pilfering of pens, the members indicated that this would be a matter for the Garda, and the pilfering should be reported ~~xxxxxx~~ by the owners.
4. The question of ~~putting~~ a road across the Fairgreen was discussed and the Commissioners informed the deputation that they considered the work would involve considerable expenditure, and the Fairgreen would become a commonage; proposed improvements to Tullinadaly would render the road unnecessary.
5. Clashing of Fairs- The deputation recommended altering the October Cattle Fair date since it now clashed with Dublin Cattle Market. It was decided that buyers be requested to give their views in the matter, and arrangements would be made to alter the date in 1951. with regard to the clashing of Tuam Fairs with Fairs in nearby towns it was decided to take up the matter with local Fairs Committees and request their attendance at a meeting to consider alteration and the fixing of dates of Fairs in the towns in the district. Other matters referred by the deputation dealt with the necessity of improvements to the entrances to the Fairgreen, the blocking of loading bank, and the necessity of providing cinders at that point; the flooding of a sewerage at Ballinamona park and the condition of the road leading to the houses there; flooding ~~at~~ at Dublin Road after heavy rain; ~~an~~ overhanging tree at the Cemetery. The Clerk was directed to refer these matters to the Town Surveyor for his attention.

Letting of Town Hall.

Mr. Moloney on behalf of Tuam Young Farmer's Club referred to the letting of the Town Hall, and asked if six free nights were being made available to the Public. He referred to overcharging for the use of the Hall by the tenants in respect of one night's letting to the Club. Mr. Burke, on behalf of the Theatre Guild replied to the questions and he stated that the Young Farmer's Club were charged the usual fee together with cost of Electricity.

The meeting concluded.

Signed on behalf of the Town Commissioners

W. Cahill

Chairman

M. Byrne

Town Clerk.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

minutes of proceedings of above local authority at their Monthly meeting held on 6th. December, 1949.

Attendance: Mr. Cahill, chairman, presided. Other members present were Messrs J. Moran, J. A. O'Connell, J. Coghlan, W. Stapleton, J. Burke and M. J. Byrne.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and Signed, Co. Manager's Orders numbered from 244 to 246 inclusive were read and noted. Co. Manager's Order No. 245 authorised the issue of Notices to Quit to tenants in arrears of rent, and included a tenant of No. 54, Athenry Road who was served with notice for a breach of tenancy agreement by causing a shop to be opened in the house. Mr. O'Connell stated that the Order was bad, and it was unanimously decided that the Notice to Quit be withdrawn in respect of the tenant in question. The Chairman recommended that tenants, in the houses in Athenry Road desirous of purchasing their houses should be given the opportunity of doing so, and that the purchase price should be fixed in proportion of the number of years of tenancy. The question of maintenance of sewers was discussed by the members. The Town Surveyor referred to a case in Athenry Road, where the pipe leading from the house to the main was broken, and that he had carried out repairs to same without admission of liability. Mr. O'Connell proposed that future tenancy agreements should provide that tenants be responsible for the maintenance of sewer pipes leading from the premises to the main sewer pipe. It was decided to refer the matter to the County Manager and have the matter legally decided, regarding the liability.

Demolition of Condemned Buildings.

Mr. O'Connell raised the question of the demolition of condemned houses, and proposed that Demolition Orders become effective immediately a tenant is provided with a new house. The Clerk read a ~~xxxxxx~~ copy of resolution in that connection from Tullamore U.D.C. and it was decided to mark the letter read.

Erection of Houses at Newtownmorriss.

The Clerk informed the members that tenders had been received in respect of New housing Scheme at Newtownmorriss. The Town Surveyor submitted the Architect's Estimate prepared in 1947 for the Scheme. The members decided that the figures submitted were lower than current costs, and the Engineer explained that the cost of the houses now being completed could not be compared with the cost of the houses to be erected as they were of different size and plan. It was decided to adjourn the opening of the tenders to a further meeting pending the receipt from the Architect an estimate to conform with current costs. It was proposed by Mr. Byrne and seconded by Mr. Coghlan and unanimously adopted that a protest be sent to the Minister -within four days- indicating the members' disapproval to the delay in the preparation of plans and specifications in respect of both schemes, unless a satisfactory reply had been received from the Manager in the meantime. It was further decided that a special meeting for the examination of the tenders, be held at the earliest possible date, and that either the Architect or the Manager be requested to attend.

Blocking of Shore at Shambles.

The Clerk read a letter received from the Chairman in connection with the shore at the Shambles. It was decided to refer the matter to the County Manager, and request him to ensure that the tenant -Mrs. Lardner- complies with the terms of the letting agreement of the shed, through which the shore referred to passes, proposed by Mr. J. A. O'Connell, seconded by Mr. Byrne and unanimously adopted.

Relief Grants for Tuam.

The Clerk read a letter received from Tuam Parish Council dealing with the matter of relief grants for Tuam and the conditions of employment and rates of pay. Mr. Finnegan informed the members that the sum of £351 was being applied to the repairs to footpaths, and that

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2. The blocking by carts at Ballygaddy entrance to the green recommended that 2 walls be erected at both sides of the gate a short distance into the green to form a passage. It was decided to request the Town Surveyor to submit an estimate of the cost of the work.
 3. Erection of pens- The deputation were informed that pens were being provided in the Fairgreen; with regard to the pilfering pens, the members indicated that this would be a matter for the Garda, and the pilfering should be reported ~~by~~ by the Garda.
 4. The question of ~~putting~~ a road across the Fairgreen was discussed and the Commissioners informed the deputation that if they consented the work would involve considerable expenditure, and the Fair would become a commonage; proposed improvements to Ballinad would render the road unnecessary.
 5. Clashing of Fairs- The deputation recommended altering the date of the Cattle Fair since it now clashed with Dublin Cattle Fair. It was decided that buyers be requested to give their views on the matter, and arrangements would be made to alter the date with regard to the clashing of Tuam Fairs with Fairs in the district. It was decided to take up the matter with local Fairs Committees and request their attendance at a meeting to consider alterations and the fixing of dates of Fairs in the towns in the district.
- Other matters referred by the deputation dealt with the necessity of improvements to the entrances to the Fairgreen, the blocking of the loading bank, and the necessity of providing cinders at that place to prevent the flooding of a sewerage at Ballinamona park and the condition of the road leading to the houses there; flooding of ~~at~~ at Dublin Road during heavy rain; ~~an~~ overhanging tree at the Cemetery. The Clerk was directed to refer these matters to the Town Surveyor for his advice.

Letting of Town Hall.

Mr. Moloney on behalf of Tuam Young Farmer's Club referred to the letting of the Town Hall, and asked if six free nights were being made available to the Public. He referred to overcharging for the use of the Hall by the tenants in respect of the nights letting to the Club. Mr. Burke, on behalf of the Theatre Guild replied to the questions and he stated that the Young Farmer's Club were charged the usual fee together with cost of Electricity.

The meeting concluded.

Signed on behalf of the Town Commissioners

W. Cahill

Chairman

M. Byrne

Town Clerk.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above local authority at their Monthly meeting held on 6th. December, 1949.

Attendance: Mr. Cahill, chairman, presided. Other members present were Messrs J. Moran, J. A. O'Connell, J. Coghlan, W. Stapleton, J. Burke and M. J. Byrne.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and Signed, Co. Manager's Orders numbered from 244 to 246 inclusive were read and noted. Co. Manager's Order No. 243 authorised the issue of Notices to Quit on tenants in arrears of rent, and included the tenant of No. 54, Athenry Road who was served with notice for a breach of tenancy agreement by causing a shop to be opened in the house. Mr. O'Connell stated that the Order was bad, and it was unanimously decided that the Notice to Quit be withdrawn in respect of the tenant in question. The Chairman recommended that tenants, in the houses in Athenry Road desirous of purchasing their houses should be given the opportunity of doing so, and that the purchase price should be fixed in proportion of the number of years of tenancy. The question of maintenance of sewers was discussed by the members. The Town Surveyor referred to a case in Athenry Road, where the pipe leading from the house to the main was broken, and that he had carried out repairs to same without admission of liability. Mr. O'Connell proposed that future tenancy agreements should provide that tenants be responsible for the maintenance of sewer pipes leading from the premises to the main sewer pipe. It was decided to refer the matter to the County Manager and have the matter legally decided, regarding the liability.

Demolition of Condemned Buildings.

Mr. O'Connell raised the question of the demolition of condemned houses, and proposed that Demolition Orders become effective immediately a tenant is provided with a new house. The Clerk read a ~~letter~~ copy of a resolution in that connection from Tullamore U.D.C. and it was decided to mark the letter 'read'.

Erection of Houses at Newtownmorris.

The Clerk informed the members that tenders had been received in respect of New housing Scheme at Newtownmorris. The Town Surveyor submitted the Architect's Estimate prepared in 1947 for the Scheme. The members decided that the figures submitted were lower than current costs, and the Engineer explained that the cost of the houses now being completed could not be compared with the cost of the houses to be erected as they were of different size and plan. It was decided to adjourn the opening of the tenders to a further meeting pending the receipt from the Architect an estimate to conform with current costs. It was proposed by Mr. Byrne and seconded by Mr. Coghlan and unanimously adopted that a protest be sent to the Minister -within four days- indicating the members' disapproval to the delay in the preparation of plans and specifications in respect of both schemes, unless a satisfactory reply had been received from the Manager in the meantime. It was further decided that a special meeting for the examination of the tenders, be held at the earliest possible date, and that either the Architect or the Manager be requested to attend.

Blocking of Shore at Shambles.

The Clerk read a letter received from the Chairman in connection with the shore at the Shambles. It was decided to refer the matter to the County Manager, and request him to ensure that the tenant -Mrs. Lardner- complies with the terms of the letting agreement of the shed, through which the shore referred to passes, proposed by Mr. J. A. O'Connell, seconded by Mr. Byrne and unanimously adopted.

Relief Grants for Tuam.

The Clerk read a letter received from Tuam Parish Council dealing with the matter of relief grants for Tuam and the conditions of employment and rates of pay. Mr. Finnegan informed the members that the sum of £351 was being applied to the repairs to footpaths, and that

labour for this work was supplied by the Labour Exchange; eleven men were notified that work was available and only two reported for work, as a result he had to employ other men and requests the Departments approval so that the Grant could be availed of. He further explained that the wages was County Council rate-10/- per day. The members decided that this information be conveyed to the Parish Council, and request their co-operation and views in having the grant expended.

Appointment of Checking Officer.

The Clerk read a letter received from the Co. Manager who requested that members agreement to the proposal of appointment of Checking Officer in accordance with provisions of Art. 45, of the Public Bodies Order, '46, at the remuneration of £20 per annum. The members decided that, as the accounts of the Town Commissioners were subject to annual audit, the appointment of the Checking Officer ~~is not~~ was not considered necessary and would only involve unnecessary expenditure. It was decided to so inform the Manager.

Complaint from tenant at No. 32, Athenry Road.

Mr. W. Maŷynn, tenant of No. 32, Athenry Road made a personal complaint to the members regarding the manner in which the tenant of the adjoining house persisted in causing continued disturbance to him and family at late hours, and requested that some steps be taken to prevent same. The Clerk was directed to refer the matter to the County Manager, and request him to deal with the tenant in question through the Solicitor.

The meeting concluded.

Signed on behalf of the Town Commissioners

M. W. Cahill Chairman.

M. W. Maŷynn Town Clerk. 8th. December, 1949.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above local authority at their special meeting held on the 15th. December, 1949.

Attendance; Mr. Cahill, Chairman, presided. Other members present Messrs. J. Moran, J. A. O'Connell, J. Coghlan, W. Stapleton, Egan, J. Burke and M. J. Byrne. The County Manager and Architect- Mr. Sheahan were also present.

Newtown Morris Housing Scheme.-14 houses.

Meeting was convened for the purpose of discussing with the Architect the erection of houses at Newtown Morris, and for the receipt of tenders received in respect of that Scheme. Mr. O'Connell stated the fact that the matter had been considered by the members at the previous monthly meeting, and it was decided to adjourn the opening of the tenders pending the receipt of an amended estimate from the Architect in respect of the Scheme. The members expressed their disapproval in the delay in the erection of the houses, ~~and~~ with reference to the preparation of plans and specifications. The Manager advised that the procedure in connection with the acquisition of sites by means of Compulsory Purchase Order was slow, and as soon as sites were acquired layout and house type plans were prepared and submitted to the Department for approval. The house type plan in respect of the Scheme was examined and approved of by the members; the tenders received were opened and initialed by the Chairman, County Manager and subsequently submitted to the Architect, who advised the members that he would submit his recommendation in due time.

Boa Road Housing Scheme.-22 houses.

The Architect submitted a revised house type plan "F.2" in respect of the Boa Road Scheme. The members examined and discussed the plan in detail with the Architect, and recommended that alterations be made to the plan by enlarging the kitchen - 8' x 6' to become 9' x 18', providing for an external store. It was proposed by Mr. O'Connell, seconded by Mr. Byrne and unanimously adopted that the plan to be revised be recommended to the Department for final approval. The Manager stated that tenders would be invited for the erection of the houses in the Scheme as soon as sanction was received to the revised plan, and that the costings by direct labour would be available for comparison with the tenders.

The meeting concluded.

Signed on behalf of the Town Commissioners.

M. W. Cahill Chairman.

M. W. Maŷynn Town Clerk. 16th. December, 1949.

labour for this work was supplied by the Labour Exchange; eleven men were notified that work was available and only two reported for work, as a result he had to employ other men and requests the Departments approval so that the Grant could be availed of. He further explained that the wages was County Council rate-10/- per day. The members decided that this information be conveyed to the Parish Council, and request their co-operation and views in having the grant expended.

Appointment of Checking Officer.

The Clerk read a letter received from the Co. Manager who requested that members agree to the proposal of appointment of Checking Office in accordance with provisions of Art. 45, of the Public Bodies Order, '44 at the remuneration of £20 per annum. The members decided that, as the accounts of the Town Commissioners were subject to annual audit, the appointment of the Checking Officer ~~did not~~ was not considered necessary and would only involve unnecessary expenditure. It was decided to so inform the Manager.

Complaint from tenant at No. 32, Athenry Road.

Mr. W. Maffyn, tenant of No. 32, Athenry Road made a personal complaint to the members regarding the manner in which the tenant of the adjoining houses persisted in causing continued disturbance to him and family at late hours, and requested that some steps be taken to prevent same. The Clerk was directed to refer the matter to the County Manager, and request him to deal with the tenant in question through the Solicitor.

The meeting concluded.

Signed on behalf of the Town Commissioners

M. W. Cahill Chairman.

M. W. Maffyn Town Clerk. 8th. December, 1949.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above local authority at their special meeting held on the 15th. December, 1949.

Attendance; Mr. Cahill, Chairman, presided. Other members present were Messrs. J. Moran, J. A. O'Connell, J. Coghlan, W. Stapleton, J. J. Egan, J. Burke and M. J. Byrne. The County Manager and the Architect- Mr. Sheahan were also present.

Newtownmorris Housing Scheme.-14 houses.

The meeting was convened for the purpose of discussing with the Architect the erection of houses at Newtown morris, and for the opening of tenders received in respect of that Scheme. Mr. O'Connell referred to the fact that the matter had been considered by the members at the previous monthly meeting, and it was decided to adjourn the opening of the tenders pending the receipt of an amended estimate of costs in respect of the Scheme. The members expressed their disapproval in the delay in the erection of the houses, ~~and~~ with respect to the preparation of plans and specifications. The Manager explained that the procedure in connection with the acquisition of sites by means of Compulsory Purchase Order was slow, and as soon as the sites were acquired layout and house type plans were prepared and submitted to the Department for approval. The house type plan "G" in respect of the Scheme was examined and approved of by the members; the tenders received were opened and initialed by the Chairman and County Manager and subsequently submitted to the Architect, who informed the members that he would submit his recommendation in due course.

Clootha Road Housing Scheme.-22 houses.

The Architect submitted a revised house type plan "F.2" in respect of Cloonthea Road Scheme. The members examined and discussed the plan in detail with the Architect, and recommended that alterations be made to the plan by enlarging the kitchen - 8' x 6' to become 9' x 18', and providing for an external store. It was proposed by Mr. O'Connell, seconded by Mr. Byrne and unanimously adopted that the plan to be revised as recommended be submitted to the Department for final approval. The Manager stated that tenders would be invited for the erection of the remaining houses in the Scheme as soon as sanction was received to the revised plan, and that the costings by direct labour would be available for comparison with the tenders.

The meeting concluded.

Signed on behalf of the Town Commissioners.

M. W. Cahill Chairman.

M. W. Maffyn Town Clerk. 16th. December, 1949.

Minutes of proceedings of above local authority at their Estimates meeting held on 21st. January, 1950.

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

Details of Co. Manager's Estimate for year ending 31st. March, 1951.

The County Manager submitted his Estimate and amount of Demand for year ending 31st. March, 1951, as follows:-

Housing- £8555. 0. 0. Adopted by the Commissioners- £8555. 0. 0.
Other expenditure- £2219. adopted by the Commissioners- £2194. 0. 0.
Amount to be demanded- £2669. 0. 0.

It was proposed by Mr. Cahill and seconded by Mr. O'Connell and passed unanimously ~~unanimously~~ that the Estimates set forth on Form E.3 be adopted, and that the sum set forth - £2669- be the sum to be demanded.

The members discussed the increase in the Estimates with the Manager, who explained that the main increase was in respect of Housing Loan charges for new Housing Schemes. In this connection, it was decided that application be made for the maximum grant and that the houses to be erected at Bishop Street be let at an economic rent.

The members discussed the necessity of carrying out improvements to the Fairgreen, and unanimously decided to provide the sum of £103 to carry out the proposed improvements and in accordance with the report and estimate submitted by the Town Surveyor, and to exclude the erection of pens - which matter was adjourned for further consideration. Mr. O'Connell raised the question of the cleaning of the Shambles, and after some discussion in the matter, it was

unanimously decided that the present arrangements would not be altered. The Estimates provided for the erection of additional Public Lights in accordance with the Town Surveyor's report and estimate. In connection with the assessment of County Rates on the Tolls and Customs, it was unanimously decided that application be made for the revision of Valuation, with a view to a reduction of payment of Rates.

The meeting concluded.

Signed on behalf of the Town Commissioners

W. W. Cahill Chairman.

Town Clerk.

23rd. January, 1950.

Minutes of Special Meeting held on 2nd. February, 1950.

Attendance: Mr. Cahill, chairman, presided. Other members present were Messrs J. A. O'Connell, W. Stapleton, and J. P. Burke. The County Manager was also present.

Newtownmorris Housing Scheme:-

The Clerk submitted correspondence received from the Architect in connection with the tenders received in respect of Newtown Morris Scheme, conveying the report and recommendation of the Architect and Quantity Surveyor for the erection of the Scheme by direct labour. The County Manager recommended that the site development work be carried out by direct labour, which would mean a saving of £600-£800 £800, and that the Contractor- whose tender is lowest for super-structure work - be requested to carry out the superstructure work in respect of the Scheme. The members unanimously approved of the Manager's recommendation, and also unanimously approved of the recommendation that the Town Surveyor continue the erection of the remaining houses in the Cloonthea Road Scheme by direct labour.

Proposed New Town Hall.

The members discussed with the Manager the proposal to erect a new Town Hall on the site provided for the New Fire Station. The Manager stated that he would enquire from the Department of Local Government regarding the powers of the Town Commissioners for the ~~construction~~ alteration of the existing Hall for letting as shops, offices, etc.

and regarding the raising of a Loan for the erection of a new Hall. The Manager also stated that he would request the Architect to examine the existing Town Hall, and report on proposed alterations.

The meeting concluded.

Signed on behalf of the Town Commissioners

W. W. Cahill Chairman.

W. Stapleton Town Clerk.

3rd. February, 1950.

Minutes of proceedings of above local authority at their monthly meeting held on 7th. February, 1950.

Attendance: Mr. Cahill, chairman, presided. Other members present were Messrs W. Stapleton, J. Moran, J. J. Egan, ~~Mr. T. Joyce~~, and J. Burke.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed, the clerk reported that there were no orders made by the Manager since last monthly meeting.

Draft of appropriation of Market places.

The Clerk submitted draft of the notices to be posted in the market places as fixed under the Byelaws, and after some discussion in the matter, it was ~~unanimously decided~~ proposed by Mr. T. Joyce, seconded by Mr. Moran, and unanimously adopted that the draft appropriation be adopted and that the required notices be displayed in the market-places.

Letting of Circus Rings in Fairgreen.

The Clerk read a letter received from Messrs John Duffy & Sons, who applied for the use of the Circus Rings in the Fairgreen. The Clerk informed the members that the County Manager had written to say he would have no objection to the letting subject to the approval of the Town Commissioners. It was decided that the Circus-owner be informed that matter relating to the grazing of horses would have to be arranged with the tenant-Mr. Hussey, and that the small green would be made available for the circus or alternatively, that the Circus be confined to rear of Cooley's garage along by the wall of the large green. The Clerk was directed to inform the Circus owner accordingly.

Renewal of Cinema Licences.

In the renewal of the annual licences to the Odeon and Mall Cinema owners, it was proposed by Mr. Joyce and seconded by Mr. Moran that Clause 9 prohibiting the holding of a performance after 11 p.m. be deleted- which resolution was unanimously adopted. The licences were signed by the Chairman and Town Clerk.

Rating

It was proposed by Mr. Joyce and seconded by Mr. Cahill and passed unanimously ~~that the resolution~~ submitted by the Association of Municipal Auths of Ireland relating to the incidence of Rating be adopted.

Letting of houses.

The Chairman referred to legal proceedings instituted against James Laffey for possession of house No 35, Atherry Road. The Clerk informed the members that a decree for possession was granted to become effective on the 1st. March. After further discussion, it was decided to leave the matter for the Manager to decide.

The Clerk informed the members that the houses in Cloentha Road were being erected for persons residing in condemned houses, and that the County Manager would consider transferring existing tenants- who would be in a position to pay higher rents- to the new houses.

Mr. Egan referred to the application of Mr. B. Shaughnessy, and requested that that his application be given consideration.

In connection with the sub-letting of house No. 21, Atherry Road, it was decided that the matter be left to the Manager to decide.

Fixing of Fairs.

It was unanimously decided that a general meeting be held in connection with the fixing of Fairs and that area Fairs committees be asked to attend, namely from the following towns:- Headford, Atherry, Milltown, Mountbellew, Claremorris, Ballinrobe, Abbey, Turloughmore, Dunmore.

Resolution from Westmeath Co. Co.

The copy of resolution adopted by the Westmeath Co. Co. in connection with Art. 44 of the Constitution was marked 'read'.

New Housing Scheme.

Mr. Finnegan, Town Surveyor, informed the members that he has consulted with the Architect in Limerick in connection with Newtown morris Housing Scheme, and that he was preparing a report for submission to the County Manager in the matter.

The meeting concluded.

Signed on behalf of the Town Commissioners.

W. Cahill Chairman.

Arthur J. D. Town Clerk.

Minutes of proceedings of above local authority at their monthly meeting held on 7th. March, 1950.

Attendance: Mr. Cahill, chairman, presided. Other members present were W. Stapleton, J. Burke, J. J. Egan, M. J. Byrne and T. Joyce.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed, Co. Manager's Orders Numbered from 248 to 249 (inclusive), were read and noted.

Deputation from Local Branch of I. T. & G.W. U.

A deputation was received from Tuam Branch of I. T. & G.W. Union who requested the Commissioners to consider the employment of local married men on the erection of the Town Commissioners' Housing Scheme. The deputation complained that the local men were unable to find employment in the Town while men from ~~outside~~ outside the town were employed. Mr. Cahill stated that the Board were anxious that all local men get employment, but that the views of the Town Engineer and the County Manager would be sought in the matter. Mr. Campbell, on behalf of the Union, urged that the materials used for the houses should be purchased locally, that ~~xxxxxx~~ men in the town should be given preference in the allocation of houses, that the Commissioners pass a resolution calling on the Government for Compulsory Tillage ~~and~~ for growing more Beet in order that the Tuam Factory would continue, and finally he ~~referred~~ referred to the 'Buy Irish' Campaign. The Chairman informed the deputation that the above matters would receive consideration in due course, and the deputation then left.

Newtown Merriss Housing Scheme.

The Clerk informed the members that the Manager had recommended that the Commissioners' Housing Scheme be carried out by direct labour. The members discussed the Order made by the Manager in connection with the appointment of Clerk of Works, and indicated their disapproval to the proposal since the work was already being supervised by the Town Surveyor - Mr. Finnegan. The Clerk explained that Mr. Finnegan could not continue owing to his other duties. The members decided to adjourn further consideration of the Managers Order and request the Manager to submit his explanation, and also request the Department of Local Government to send an Inspector to examine the position and ask for immediate action.

Widening of Vicar Street.

Mr. Finnegan, in reply to Mr. Byrne, stated that the widening of Vicar Street was now in abeyance owing to the fact that the County Council Road Estimate was confined to maintenance.

Fairgreen grazing.

Mr. Hussey, tenant, in his letter to the Commissioners, requested a reduction in the contract amount for the current grazing period due to the damage caused ~~to~~ to the Grass by the recent improvements carried out. The members decided that the matter be referred to the manager for his favourable consideration.

Mr. P. Gibbons, tenant of Meat Stall applied to the Commissioners to carry out repairs to his Stall. It was decided that the tenancy agreement be examined and the matter referred to the Manager and Engineer.

The members requested the Town Surveyor to consider the carryout of improvements to Footpaths at Church View and Ballygaddy Road, and it was decided on the proposition of Mr. Joyce, seconded by Mr. Burke that the matter be referred to the County Surveyor, and ask him to consider the completion of footpath in Dublin Road along the Race-course.

Public Lighting.

The Clerk was directed to inform the Parish Council that an extra light was being provided on the Dublin Road in the vicinity of the Children's Home, and that the question of provision of a Pilot Light at the Town Hall would be considered.

Letting of Houses.

The Clerk informed the members that the County Manager had set 6 tenants, who were residing in Slum Clearance Houses, for the 6 houses completed at Cleonthea Road, and that the tenants selected would be given the option of transferring to existing houses with lower rents; the proposed rents being as follows:- House type H-two storey-9/7 (nineshillings and seven pence) plus Rates estimated at 3/5; House type M one-storey - provisional rent of 7/6 (seven shillings and sixpence) plus rates, all rents proposed subject to sanction of the Department of Local Government.

With regard to the letting of House No. 35, Athenry Road, the Clerk informed the members that the Manager has recommended that Thomas McDonogh, who was recommended by the Co. Medical Officer of Health, be granted the tenancy. The Commissioners agreed that the report and list of applicants submitted by Doctor Nohilly ~~should~~ be accepted, and that the applicants on the waiting list be given priority, and recommended that the County Manager be requested to grant the vacant house to the 1st. applicant on the list - namely, Michael Joyce. The Clerk was directed to refer the matter to the Manager and convey the members' recommendation.

Town Clerk's Resignation.

The Clerk informed the members of her resignation from the post of Town Clerk, to be effective on the 31st. March.

The meeting concluded.

Signed on behalf of the Town Commissioners.

W. Cahill Chairman.

John Hussey Town Clerk.

Minutes of proceedings of above local authority at their monthly meeting held on 4th, April, 1950.

Attendance: Mr. M. W. Cahill, chairman, presided. Other members present were M. J. Byrne, W. Stapleton, J. A. O'Connell, also in attendance were C. I. O'Flynn, County Manager, and H. Finigan, B.E.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed, Co. Manager's Orders No. 250 and 251 (inclusive), were read and noted.

Resolution from Killarney Urban District Council.

Copy of above resolution was read at Meeting and it was decided to adjourn Consideration of same.

Housing.

After a prolonged discussion on Housing and allotment of houses to Tenants, it was unanimously decided to give No. 21 Athenry Road to Mr. Edward Ridge, when the occupying tenant Mr. Stanley Mc Hugh, and Mrs Owens who occupies rooms. Vacates same and Mrs Owens to get the next available house on the Medical Officer's recommendation.

Complaint from Mr. Peter Roache, No. 42, Gilmartin Road.

Above named came before the Board and complained as to the bad condition of his house and Mr. Finnegan, B.E. promised to have necessary repairs carried out within the next week.

Request from John Daly, No. 3, Cloenthue Road.

The above named came before the Board and requested permission to erect a Turf Shed at the back of his house. Permission was granted provided the structure is not unsightly and conforms to the Engineer's requirements. Mr. Stapleton raised the question of Transfer of Tenants from existing houses to new houses in Cloenthue Road. The Co. Manager informed the Board that new Rules and Regulations are after being issued by the Department of Local Government in connection with the letting of Houses and the Co. Medical Officer or the Local M. Officer will in future be the authority to recommend to appointment of Tenants to the Co. Manager.

Appointment of Clerk of Works.

Mr. C. I. O'Flynn, Co. Manager, explained the necessity of appointing a Clerk of Works to Cloenthue Road and Bishop Street Housing Schemes. It was unanimously agreed to adhere to the Co. Manager's Order No. 249 dated 5/3/50. Mr. J. A. O'Connell dissenting.

Town Hall Letting and Fair Green Letting.

Tenders were submitted for the Letting of the Upper Portion of Town Hall, and for Fair Green Grazing, and examined. The Co. Manager recommended the acceptance of the Tenders for the sum of £52 and £30 respectively, Provide Mr. T. Hussey withdraws all claims for damages to grazing owing to carrying out of repairs during past year.

The Meeting concluded.

Signed on behalf of the Town Commissioners.

M. W. Cahill Chairman.

G. O'Connell Town Clerk.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at their monthly meeting held on the 2nd May 1950.

Attendance: Mr. M. Cahill, Chairman, presided. Other members present were Messrs. M.J. Byrne, T. Joyce, J. Burke, J. Coughlan, J.J. Egan, J.A. O'Connell, and W. Stapleton.

Vote of welcome to new Town Clerk.
This was proposed by Mr. J.J. Egan and seconded by Mr. M.W. Cahill and unanimously adopted.

Minutes of last meeting.
These were read and a discussion on the minute on the granting of tenancy of the house No. 21, at Athenry Road, to Mr. Edward Ridge arose therefrom and on the proposal of Mr. O'Connell, seconded by Mr. J. Burke, it was resolved that the following addendum be added to the minute:-

"With reference to the letting of No. 21, Athenry Road, the Manager agreed to make an order letting the house to Mr. E. Ridge, on possession being gained by the Commissioners."

New procedure for the letting of houses.
A discussion also arose from the minutes on this matter and it was unanimously decided to inquire of the Manager if, in view of the Housing (Management and Letting) Regulations 1950, he is prepared to continue unofficially to consider the recommendation of the Housing Sub-Committee of the Board.

The Minutes of the last meeting were then signed. The Manager's orders No 251 to 257 (inclusive) were read.
Proposed increase in number of houses in Cloonthue Road Scheme

In conjunction with Order No. 255 the Clerk read a letter of the Manager to the Clerk instructing him to bring to the notice of the Commissioners the Manager's decision to increase the number of houses to be built at Cloonthue Road from 22 to 26 and a copy of a letter from the Manager to the Department of Local Government on this matter. Order No. 255 and these letters gave rise to much discussion a resolution proposed by Mr. O'Connell and seconded by Mr. J. Burke being finally passed. The resolution was that "the Board request the Manager to proceed with the scheme of 22 and 14 houses already sanctioned and, as regards the additional 4 proposed by him, that he submit full details to a special meeting of the Board, at the earliest opportunity.

Notices of Apportionment of Parts of the Market Place Tuam.
In connection with a complaint of the Trader's Association that the bye laws of the Commissioners had been violated by a street trader, the Board instructed Mr. John Hession Town Surveyor to have such notices erected in the course of the following few days at the various market places and the Clerk to communicate with the Town Engineer to make available, as early as possible, frames for these.

Library Association of Ireland. Annual Conference at Galway, Sept. 21.
The Clerk read a letter from the County Librarian requesting the co-operation of the Commissioners in this matter.

Deputation from the I.T. & G.W.U.
The Clerk then read a letter from the local Secretary of the I.T. & G.W.U. requesting the Commissioners to receive a deputation. A deputation which had been awaiting was received. Messrs. Campbell and O'Mara acted as spokesmen. Complaints were made on the following matters

- (a) The hours of starting and finishing work of men employed by the Commissioners on housing construction.
- (b) The period allowed for dinner.
- (c) That neither a hooter or whistle are in use at the building site to indicate to the men the times of starting or finishing work.
- (d) That no provision is made for the safe keeping of the men's tools.
- (e) That tool money be paid ~~in lieu~~ as tools are not supplied.
- (f) That no sanitary accomodation is provided for the men at work.
- (g) On the danger which had arisen from untimbered trenches 8 to 13 feet deep.
- (h) The existence of dangerous scaffolding.

and a request was made that preference of employment be given to Local men and that better facilities be made available for the payment of men.

The Chairman (Mr. M.W. Cahill) stated that the Board was anxious to give preference of employment to local men and to meet the grievances of the Union, but pointed out that the Manager was the employing authority. He suggested the Union embody their grievances in writing and stated the Commissioners would then place them before the Manager.

Mr. Campbell complained of the inadequacy of the sanitary accomodation in the existing houses at Athenry and Tobberjarlath Roads and suggested that the Commissioners get in touch with the Department of Local Government with a view to obtaining a loan or grant to instal bathrooms and otherwise remedy sanitary accomodation. He further suggested that the Commissioners make representations to C.I.E. to inaugurate a Sunday bus service to Salthill from Tuam, and that a play ground be provided for the children of residents of Athenry and Tobberjarlath Roads. He complained of the existence of a tree close to his house which he said constituted a danger.

The Commissioners agreed to consider the matter of the playground and instructed the Clerk to communicate with C.I.E. on the provision of the suggested bus service and to take up the question of the tree with the appropriate authority (Secretary Co.Co.)

Applicants for tenancies of Town Commissioners Houses.
A number of applicants for houses presented to themselves to the meet and were informed by the Board that the letting of houses was an executive function of the Manager acting on the recommendation of the County Medical Officer.

Vote of Sympathy.
Vote of sympathy to the brother of the late Father Peter Costello, proposed by Mr. Joyce and seconded by Mr. Byrne was unanimously adopted all members standing.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Town Commissioners

James Moran Chairman.

Gerard O'Donnell Town Clerk.

Date June 6. 1950

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the above Local Authority,
held on 17th May 1950.

Attendance: Mr. Michael Cahill, Chairman, Presided. The following Members, together with the Manager, (Mr. C.I.O'Flynn), and the Engineer (Mr. H. Finnegan) were also present:- Messrs. J. Moran, J.A. O'Connell, J. Coughlin, and J.J. Egan.

TENANCIES OF VACANT HOUSES.

The Manager explained the 1950 Housing Regulations and gave particulars of four applicants the Medical Officer of Health had recommended for the vacancies viz., Messrs. Vallely, Kearney, Kelly, and Conlon, stating that, however, the M.O.H. had not particulars of all applicants before him when making this recommendation. In connection with Mr. Kearney's case Mr. Egan and Mr. O'Connell referred to the undesirability of granting houses to applicants who had but recently come into the town. The Manager referred to his having the recommendation of the M.O.H. and proceeded to read a letter from Mrs. Conlon and a letter from the M.O.H. recommending Mrs. Kelly and suggested the four houses be granted accordingly. Mr. Egan suggested the lettings be deferred till particulars of all applicants be submitted to the M.O.H. and Mr. O'Connell explained that under the former system of recommendation by the Housing Sub-Committee of the Board Mr. Vallely and two other applicants Messrs. Larkin and McHugh had been given to understand that they would be given the next available houses and that if this understanding was not given effect to much undesirability and ill feeling would ensue. In view of this the Manager and the Board agreed that the houses be allocated as follows:- No. 27 Gilmartin Road to Mr. Vallely, No. 73 Gilmartin Road, to Mr. McHugh and No. 38 Gilmartin Road, to Mr. Larkin and that Mr. Kearney be left temporarily in the house in which he is residing rent, however, in this case to be accepted in the name of his predecessor and that he be granted the next available normal house. The Chairman, Mr. Cahill, suggested that Messrs. Conlon and Kelly, get the next vacant slum clearance houses and this was agreed to by the meeting. On the suggestion of Mr. O'Connell it was agreed that No. 72 *Tobbin's* be given to Mr. James Heneghan when vacated by Mr. Kearney.

LOAN OF £20,000 FOR CLOONTHUE ROAD HOUSING SCHEME.

The Manager explained that the former Town Clerk, (Miss Whyte) had written to the County Council, on his instructions, to arrange a loan of £20,000, but, that due to an oversight this had not been brought before the Commissioners who had adopted earlier a loan of £10,000. To regularise the position, on the motion of Mr. O'Connell, seconded by Mr. Coughlin, it was unanimously decided to adopt the £20,000 loan.

INCREASE OF NUMBER OF HOUSES AT CLOONTHUE ROAD FROM 22 to 26.

The Manager stated that the Architect had found on the lay-out plan he had room for 4 more houses on the land available at Cloontooa Rd. and two less on the available land at Newtown Morris than had been anticipated and suggested the Board should adopt a scheme of 26 houses for Cloontooa Rd. Mr. O'Connell strongly objected and insisted that the proposed change at Cloontooa Rd was mooted to cover up a mistake of the Architect, who had, in the past treated the Board with contempt. A general discussion on Housing and costs ensued. The Manager, the amount of the subsidies granted for Normal Housing and Slum Clearance and in connection with the question of the amount of building desirable indicated that the suggested increase at Cloontooa Rd. was the most reasonable method of providing 4 more new houses. He did not agree that the Architect had made a mistake. Mr. Coughlin stressed that there was under building in Tuam and that for lack of Housing accomodation boys and girls could not get married and married

men had to reside apart from their families. He strongly approved of the suggested increase. On the motion of the Chairman (Mr. Cahill) seconded by Mr. Egan the Board agreed to adopt the Scheme of 26 houses at Cloontooa Rd., Mr. O'Connell stating that he wished to go on record as dissenting, because of the extra cost to the Town.

DIFFERENTIAL RENTS.

The Chairman (Mr. Cahill) suggested that houses of different sizes and costs might be built so that lettings might be made at an economic rent to tenants of varying financial capacity. The Manager stated he did not feel that it would be just to deprive people of a better type house who through no fault of their own might not be able to pay the full rent and suggested instead that the rent charged might be based on the income of the tenant and in reply to Mr. Coughlin explained that, in such a case, the financial position of tenants would be kept under continuous review.

FURTHER BUILDING IN TUAM.

Mr. Coughlin suggested that sites be sought for the erection of further houses and Mr. Egan referred to the possibility of building houses for the White Collar class of workers, which could be sold or let at a full economic rent. The Manager explained that the Minister stressed first the provision of accomodation for the needy and suggested that, while there was nothing illegal in Mr. Egan's suggestion such schemes might more appropriately be left to private enterprise. He, in reply to a complaint by Mr. Egan that private enterprise was not doing sufficient suggested the gap might be bridged true such a society as the State Officials Building Society which was now operating in Galway, and agreed to contact the Society for the Commissioners. Mr. O'Connell complained that he had evidence that Societies of this nature make excessive profits.

ARCHITECTS FEES.

The Manager explained that the Minister had now fixed a scale of fees for Architects employed by Local Authorities. These amounted to about £15. per house.

Hours Of Work.

A discussion arose on the hours of work of men employed on the Board's Housing Scheme and the Engineer stated he was satisfied to abide by the result of a free vote of the men on this question.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Town Commissioners.

James Moran Chairman.
Guella O'Connell Town Clerk.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority, at their Monthly meeting, held on the 6th, June, 1950.

Attendance: Present were Messrs. James Moran, J. A. O'Connell, J. Coughlan and J. Burke.

In the absence of Mr. M. Cahill, Mr. James Moran was by unanimous decision of the Board selected to act as Chairman of the meeting.

The Minutes of the last meeting and of the Special Meeting of 17th, May, 1950, read and signed.

Arising out of the minutes, a letter from the County Librarian was discussed and it was decided to delegate two members of the Board (**) Messrs. J. A. O'Connell and J. Burke to attend as delegates to the Librarians Conference, to be held at the Co. Library Headquarters, Galway, and referred to in the Co. Librarians letter. The Clerk was instructed to notify the Co. Librarian to this effect.

Reading of Manager's Orders and Correspondence.

The Manager's Orders No. 258 to 263; a letter from C.I.E.; and copies of resolutions from the Galway and Clonmel Corporations were next read to the meeting.

BUS SERVICE TO SALTHILL.

On the proposal of Mr. O'Connell, seconded by Mr. Moran, the Clerk was instructed to re-open the question of Sunday bus service from Tuam to Salthill, with C.I.E., and ascertain if the Company would, at least, provide an occasional Sunday Service.

RESOLUTIONS OF CLONMEL AND GALWAY CORPORATIONS.

On the proposal of Mr. O'Connell, seconded by Mr. Coughlan, it was decided to defer for one month, consideration of the resolution of the Clonmel Borough Corporation for the foundation of a National Council to consider ways and means for the erection in Ireland of a National Memorial of Thanksgiving for being spared the horrors of World War II, and that in regard to the resolution of the Galway Corporation to request sympathetic consideration to the advisability of inquiring into the existing system of determining rates of Poor Law Valuation, that the Clerk inform the Corporation that a similar resolution had already been adopted by the Board and forwarded to the Minister.

COMPLAINT BY MR. P. ROACHE.

The Presiding chairman then read a letter addressed to him by Mr. Peter Roache complaining of the non-execution of repairs to his house. The Board unanimously decided the said repairs should be executed without further delay and instructed the Clerk to direct the Engineer to effect these immediately.

ARRANGING DATES OF TUAM FAIRS FOR 1951.

The Clerk submitted a suggested schedule of dates for these fairs and a short discussion ensued, the chairman suggested the fairs held on the 2nd Tuesday of August and December should be on the 1st Tuesday of these months to avoid clashing with the Headford fairs. The advisability of changing the October cattle Fair from the Wednesday to the Tuesday or Friday of the

same week was debated. Mr. O'Connell suggested the Clerk should write to the principal buyers for their opinions on the point. Finally on the suggestion of Mr. Burke, seconded by Mr. O'Connell, it was unanimously decided that in view of the limited number of Members in attendance the question of arranging the dates of the 1951 Fairs be deferred to the next monthly meeting.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Town Commissioners.

M W Cahill Chairman.

Guada H O'Connell Town Clerk. Date 4/7/50

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority, at their Annual Statutory Meeting held on 28th June 1950.

Attendance: Present were Messrs. M. Cahill, J. Moran, T. Joyce, J. Coughlan, J.J. Egan and J.A. O'Connell.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN & VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Pending the election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman the Clerk took the chair and invited nominations for these Offices. Mr. Michael Cahill and Mr. James Moran the outgoing Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively, were proposed for re-election by Mr. P. Joyce and seconded by Mr. O'Connell and re-elected unanimously. Messrs. J. Coughlan and J.J. Egan expressed their approval of the result, the Clerk associating himself therewith. Mr. Cahill then took the Chair, and he and Mr. Moran expressed their thanks to the meeting for their ^{re-election.} VOTE OF SYMPATHY.

A vote of sympathy with the relatives of the late Mrs. Canavan, Vicar Street, Tuam was proposed by Mr. Joyce and seconded by Mr. O'Connell and unanimously adopted.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Town Commissioners

M W Cahill Chairman

Guada H O'Connell Town Clerk.

Date 4/7/50

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at their monthly meeting held on the 4th, July, 1950.

Attendance: Mr. M. Cahill, Chairman, presided. Other members present were Messrs. James Moran, T. Joyce, J. A. O'Connell, J. Coughlan, J. Burke.

Reading of Minutes and Manager's Orders.

The minutes of the last monthly meeting held on June, 6th, and of the Annual Statutory Meeting of June, 28th, 1950 were read and signed. The Manager's Orders numbers 264 to 273 inclusive were then read by the Clerk, who also informed the Board that C.I.E. had written, regretting their inability to provide even an occasional Sunday 'bus service from Tuam to Salthill.

Sunday 'Bus Service.

The decision of C.I.E. on the suggested Sunday 'Bus Service was discussed, Mr. Joyce explaining that as the Company was operating a Sunday Train Service to Salthill they might be considered as providing reasonable facilities. Mr. Coughlan informed the Meeting that on the preceding Sunday 240 passengers travelled on the excursion to Galway and all being watered for, which would have been an impossible task for buses. On a suggestion of the chairman the Clerk was instructed to acknowledge the Company's letter explaining that when the question of the 'bus service was first opened the Board had had no knowledge of the train facilities being provided.

Rents of Commissioners Houses.

Mr. O'Connell referred to the Manager's Order fixing the rents of the Cloonthue Rd., Houses, inquiring what contributions from the Rates towards the cost of the Houses was entailed and the Manager explained that the rents fixed were merely provisional, pending arranging a differential rent scheme and that he hoped to have a proposed draft of such a scheme laid before the Board, within the near future, possibly at its next meeting.

Tolls and Customs.

Mr. O'Connell referred to the fact that a former proposal to make application to have the valuation of the Tolls and Customs reduced had not been acted on and the Manager referred to the Clerk to apply to the Commissioner of Valuation to have such included on the revision list.

Complaints of Mr. T. Joyce.

Mr. Thomas Joyce complained of the following matters:-

- (a) A defective sewerage at Tullinadaly Rd., which he explained was bursting up and running on to the road. The Manager noted the point ~~XX~~ for submission to the Co. Council.
- (b) Town Hall Windows: That there should be an arrangement for the regular cleaning of these. In this connection Mr. Burke referred to people entering the Town Hall through open upper windows. The Manager stated the Little Theatre Guild was responsible for the upper windows, and the Town Stewart agreed to continue regularly cleaning the lower windows.

Use of Fairgreen as Carpark(c)

Mr. Joyce advocated the Fairgreen might be made available as a car-park on the dates of major G.A.A. fixtures and Mr. Cahill referred to a query he had received as to the use of the Shambles for such a park. The Chairman referred to the care of cars of officials in the Shambles. On the suggestion of the Manager it was unanimously agreed the Gardaí he informed ^{that} the Shambles would be made available without charge for official cars if the Guards would be responsible for ~~XXX~~ traffic control there.

Mr. Joyce suggested the Gardaí Superintendent be requested to submit proposals for traffic bye-laws for days of G.A.A. fixtures and the Clerk was instructed to communicate with the Superintendent with a view to ~~XX~~ having him submit such proposals.

- (d) Mr. Joyce then complained of the Town water supply being cut off too early in the evenings and the Manager explained this was due to the fact that a new shaft recently installed in the pumping station had broken and that as the installation had been made by a cross channel firm it was difficult to have it remedied. He stated there was a great waste of

water in the Town which he attributed to private consumers. Mr. Joyce pointed out there having been two leakages on the streets from the public supply, and the Manager then explained that two officers from the Co. Council were being sent to Dublin for training in the detection, and tracing of water leakages who would from time to time investigate the various water supply installation of the county.

- (e) Mr. Joyce then complained of the lady's portion of the Public Latrine being broken and choked and explained that this was a matter of more than usual importance at present owing to the number of buses passing through the Town on Sundays bound for Knock. The Manager noted the point.

Deputation of I.T.G.W.U.

It was decided to receive a deputation of the I.T.G.W.U., which had been waiting, of which Messrs. O'Meara and Campbell acted as spokesmen. The following grievances were submitted on behalf of the Union,

- (a) That no provision was made for paying men at the site of work and that the existing system of payment involved undue delay. It was agreed a system of payment by cheque would be commenced.
- (b) That labourers were used to nail joints in plaster slabs.
- (c) That carpenters had to carry planks and timber for the erection of scaffolding.
- (d) That carpenters were employed to attend plasters at overtime rates on Saturdays.
- (e) That carpenters had been engaged in slating alongside plasterers.
- (f) That masons and plasterers had been engaged in the erection of scaffolding.
- (g) That the times of commencing and finishing work were not adhered to.
- (h) That adequate drinking arrangements were not available.
- (i) That no sanitary accommodation was available.
- (j) That there were no first aid appliances.
- (k) That dangerous scaffolding still existed.
- (l) That men had to work in unshored trenches.

Mr. Campbell further complained that Shop Stewards were not afforded proper recognition and of the dismissal of a Mr. Thomas Burke for indicating a fault in the work he was allotted.

The question of repairs to houses in Athenry Rd., was discussed with the deputation and the question of the sale of houses to tenants. Mr. Hurley a member of the deputation informed the Commissioners of the non-completion of a partially constructed boundary wall between Athenry and Tubberjarlath Roads.

The case of a Mr. Kennedy a local trades man who had never been given work on the Cloonthue Rd., Scheme was referred to the Board.

The deputation then withdrew.

Applicants for houses.

The Manager explained the position in regard to the letting of houses under the 1950 regulations to applicants who had entered with the deputation.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Town Commissioners.

James Moran Chairman.

Guarant Jones Town Clerk.

Date Aug 1st 1950

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of a Special meeting of the above Local Authority, held on the 10th, July, 1950.

Attendance: Mr. James Moran, Vice-Chairman in the absence of the Chairman, Mr. M. Cahill, presided. Also present were Thomas Joyce, J. Burke, J. Couhlan, and J.J. Egan.

Arranging of dates for fairs for 1951.

The Clerk supplied a copy of the Bye Laws to each member and the Clerk and Town Steward referred to the notice of the members the restriction on the dates of Fairs contained therein. On the proposition of Mr. T. Joyce, seconded by Mr. J. Burke, the following schedule of Fairs was unanimously adopted.

January	9th.	Cattle & Sheep
January	17th.	Pigs.
February	13th.	Cattle & Sheep.
"	21st.	Pigs.
March	8th.	Sheep
March	9th.	Cattle.
March	21st.	Pigs.
April	10th.	Cattle & Sheep.
"	18th.	Pigs.
May	10th.	Sheep.
"	11th.	Cattle.
"	16th.	Pigs.
June	12th.	Cattle & Sheep.
"	20th.	Pigs.
July	6th.	Lambs & Cattle & Sheep.
"	18th.	Pigs.
August	15th.	Cattle & Sheep.
"	16th.	Pigs.
September	11th.	Sheep.
"	12th.	Cattle.
"	19th.	Pigs.
October	16th.	Cattle.
"	17th.	Sheep.
"	18th.	Horses.
"	19th.	Pigs.
November	13th.	Cattle & Sheep.
"	21st.	Pigs.
December	13th.	Pigs.
"	15th.	Cattle & Sheep & Horses.

The Clerk was instructed in advertising the dates of the Fairs to refer to the reasons for any changes made.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Town Commissioners.

Chairman.

Town Clerk.

Date _____

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of a Special meeting of the above Local Authority, held on the 17th, July, 1950.

Attendance: Mr. M. Cahill, Chairman presided. Other members present were J. A. O'Connell, J. Burke, J. J. Egan, M. Byrne, James Moran.

Arranging dates of Tuam 1951 Fairs.

The dates of the fairs as fixed at the Commissioners Meeting of July, 10th, 1950, were re-examined in detail and compared individually with the corresponding permissible dates under the bye-laws. It was found that street adherence to the bye-laws would result in following anomalies:- With regard to the March Fairs the cattle & Sheep fairs would have to be held on Saturday (March 10) cognisance being taken of the fact that Saturday, 13 in addition is the principal market day of the week. With regard to the May Fairs under the bye-laws the Pig fair would have to be held on Saturday May 12th in the Market Square whereas also under the bye-laws the market square would have to be used as a market for the sale of goods for that day. With regard to the August fairs the Pig fair would fall on the 15th a Church Holiday. It was noted also that the December fairs were fixed too close to Christmas and that in a number of other instances the dates as stated in the bye-laws were inconvenient and did not recommend themselves to the Commissioners. In view of this the following resolution proposed by Mr. O'Connell and Seconded by Mr. Burke was unanimously adopted and the Clerk instructed to submit it to the Department of Local Government.

RESOLUTION.

That the following addendum be made to Section 13 of the Bye-Laws and that said addendum be entitled 13(d) thereof:-

"Notwithstanding anything to the contrary hereinbefore contained, the Commissioners shall be empowered by resolution of two thirds of the members, to vary or alter the date, or day, hereinbefore specifically defined for the holding of any fair or market".

Dated this the 17th day of July, 1950.

Mr. M. Cahill, Chairman, James Moran, Jarlath A. O'Connell, John J. Egan, Jarlath P. Burke, M. Byrne.

It was then proposed by Mr. Egan and Seconded by Mr. Byrne and unanimously adopted that the dates for the 1951 fairs as fixed at the Meeting of July 10th, be amended where necessary to conform to the following schedule.

January	9	Cattle & Sheep.
	17	Pigs
February	13	Cattle & Sheep.
"	21	Pigs
March	8	Sheep
"	9	Cattle
"	12	Pigs
April	10	Cattle & Sheep
"	18	Pigs
May	10	Sheep
"	11	Cattle
"	14	Pigs
June	12	Cattle & Sheep
"	20	Pigs.
July	6	Lambs, Sheep & Cattle.
"	18	Pigs
August	14	Cattle & Sheep
"	22	Pigs
September	11	Sheep (Great Ewe Fair)
"	12	Cattle
"	19	Pigs

October	16	Sheep
"	17	Cattle
"	18	Horses
"	19	Pigs
November	13	Cattle & Sheep
"	21	Pigs
December	12	Cattle, Sheep & Horses.
"	13	Pigs.

Dates fixed on 17/7/50.

The Meeting concluded.

Signed on behalf of the Town Commissioners.

M. Cahill Chairman.

James Moran Town Clerk.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of the above Local Authority, at their monthly meeting held on August 1st, 1950.

Attendance: Mr. James Moran, Vice Chairman, presided. Other members present were Messrs. Thomas Joyce, J. J. Egan, J. A. O'Connell, W. Stapleton and J. Burke.

The Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting were read.

Arising therefrom, Mr. O'Connell referred to a decision of the Board, in 1945, to have waste paper baskets affixed to the poles in the Streets and to his reference at the last meeting to the non-execution of this decision. The Clerk was instructed to have Mr. O'Connell's reintroduction of this matter inserted in the minutes and to communicate with the Engineer with a view to having baskets affixed to the poles, from Fahy's corner to McHugh's Hotel in Shop St., in the first instance, as an experiment. The question of extending this system of litter collection to the remainder of the Town could later be considered in the light of the results observed. The minutes were then signed.

Mr. Joyce complained of the Town Water being dirty and stated he knew river water was being introduced into the supply. On discussion the Clerk was instructed to take up the matter with the Board of Health.

Mr. Joyce also complained of the revenue lost to the Town consequent on the Fairgreen being let and the impossibility therefore of using it as a car park on days of G.A.A., fixtures etc., and the Clerk was instructed to remind the Board of this matter when the date for the making of a new letting agreement arrived.

The Clerk then read the Manager's Orders Nos. 274 to 279 and a letter from the Manager on the purchase of derelict sites from the Galway Co. Council for Housing Scheme purposes and passed round a schedule of the said sites and costs to the Members. On discussion, a resolution as follows on the proposal of Mr. O'Connell and secondment of Mr. Joyce, was unanimously adopted,

"It is hereby resolved that the Derelict Sites specified in the County Manager's Order No. 279 be purchased at the prices and on the conditions therein stated".

A Mrs. Desmond, an applicant for a house of the Commissioners was admitted who complained of applying for a house for 2½ years. This gave rise to a discussion on the system of making lettings introduced by the 1950 Housing Regulations on the proposal of Mr. O'Connell seconded by Mr. Joyce and the Clerk was instructed to communicate with the Co. Medical Officer and ascertain if he would be willing to meet the Board to discuss the matter, reminding him that under the former system the Local Medical Officer and the Housing sub Committee of the Board periodically met and co-operated harmoniously to arrange lettings. In the event of the Co. Medical Officer's non agreement or failure to reply the Clerk was instructed to protest to the Department of Local Government at the Boards having no voice in allocating houses built by them.

The Clerk then read a letter from Mr. Chaš. Madden, The Nurseries, Galway, requesting the right to sell flowers and plants outside the Town Hall and was on discussion, instructed to write Mr. Madden informing him such right could not be granted as the Shambles was the proper place for the sale of such wares.

On the proposal of Mr. Joyce seconded by Mr. Stapleton votes of sympathy were extended to the relatives of Mrs. Canavan, High St, Tuam, and of Miss Mary Mc Donagh, Shop St., Tuam, all members standing.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Town Commissioners.

W. W. Cahill

Chairman

Town Clerk.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of the above Local Authority at a special Meeting held on August 8th, 1950.

Attendance: Mr. Ml. Cahill, Chairman presided. Other members present were Messrs. J. Moran, J. Coughlan, Wm. Stapleton, J.J. Egan and M. Byrne.

The Board unanimously decided an address of welcome should be extended to the Captain and Members of the Tipperary Hurling Team on their arrival in Tuam on the following Saturday and the Clerk was instructed to prepare the address and arrange for the reading of it.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Town Commissioners.

W. W. Cahill

Chairman.

Guaid H. Donohue

Town Clerk.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of the above Local Authority, at their monthly meeting held on September 5th, 1950.

Attendance: Mr. M. Cahill, Chairman, presided. The following members together with Mr. O'Flynn, Manager and Mr. Finnegan Engineer were also present, Messrs. J.J. Egan, T. Joyce, Wm. Stapleton, and J. Burke.

The minutes of the last monthly meeting were read and signed and the Manager Orders Nos 280 to 283 were read to the members. Arising out of the minutes Mr. Joyce inquired the cost of the waste paper baskets and was informed by the Engineer that these which would cost 18/9 each were on order. Mr. Joyce referred to the existence of a certain tendency to vandalism in the Town at night-time and the consequent possibility of destruction of such baskets. In this connection the Manager informed the Board that strong metal containers were in use in Dublin.

Applicant for House.

On inquiry as to there being any correspondence for the Board's consideration the Clerk introduced the case of Mrs. Cremins temporarily resident in Tralee, an applicant for a house, a site of whose had been compulsarily acquired for the Cloonthue Housing Scheme and the Manager explained her case would be attended to under the 1950 Housing Regulations.

Mr. Joyce intimated that he would like to have the sale of vegetables on Saturdays re-transferred from the Shambles back to the Square to suit the convenience of the public. The Chairman referred to Mr. Charles Madden, The Nurseries, Galway, who had been refused permission to sell flowers and plants in the Square. Mr. Joyce stated he had no objection to his doing so and the Manager informed the Board that because of obstruction rather than because of any possibility of competition it had been correct to confine Mr. Madden to the Shambles. The Manager explained further to Messrs. Egan and Burke that owing to the growth of traffic the Shambles was the only available place for markets.

Supplimentary Loan.

The Clerk informed the Board that Supplimentary Loan would be necessary to complete the Housing Schemes at Cloonthue Rd., and Newtown Morris. On discussion of housing finance the Engineer estimated the all-in-cost of Cloonthue Rd., Houses at £1,300 each, explaining he had at an earlier stage overestimated the cost to be on the safe side. The Manager on figures supplied by the Engineer calculated a further loan of £5,000 to complete Cloonthue Rd., Scheme and of £15,000 to complete the Newtown Morris Scheme which would be necessary. On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Stapleton it was unanimously resolved "that application be made by the Tuam Town Commissioners through the Galway Co. Council for a supplimentary loan of £5,000 for the completion of the Cloonthue Rd., Housing Scheme and for a loan of £15,000 for the Newtown Morris Housing Scheme."

1950 Housing Regulations.

The Manager explained that on sufficient reason he could give property to an applicant for a house not in the Special Class over applicants in that class and that the circumstances of a Mrs. Kelly, Athenry Rd., might constitute such sufficient reason. He had been informed Mrs. Kelly had a family of eight all confined to one room.

Obstruction in Fair Green.

The Manager then explained to the Board, that in connection with the obstruction of the Tullinadaly entrance to the Fairgreen, by Toft's amusements having been erected in the Green, round this entrance, he had earlier that day interviewed a deputation from the Tuam Carnival Committee which had arranged for Tofts to occupy the Fairgreen and decided that the Committee should either indemnify the Commissioners for any loss, sustained at the Sept. Fairs by reason of the obstruction, or that in the absence of such indemnity either the Committee or the Grazier Mr. Hussey or both should be prosecuted for such loss if it took place.

Paths at Church View and Ballygaddy Rd.

Mr. Joyce inquired of the Engineer as to the possibility of obtaining grants for the reconstruction of paths at Ballygaddy Rd., and Church View, and Mr. Finnegan explained no grants were obtainable for paths, but might be obtained for Roads Rural Schemes and be applied for such paths, but, in any case could not be expected earlier than Christmas.

Increase in amount allowed for materials for Housing Repairs.

The Manager explained that owing to the unsettled international situation the Engineer thought it adviseable to overexpend by some £80 to £100 for materials for housing repairs and the Board unanimously agreed he might do so.

Applicant for Transfer.

Mr. T. Quinn of Gilmartin Rd., was then heard by the Board. He applied for a transfer to some other house of the Commissioners because of trouble with his neighbours and it was agreed his case would be kept in mind.

As the present was the last meeting of the Board prior to the Local Government elections Mr. Joyce proposed a vote of thanks to Manager, Clerk and Engineer, the Chairman associating himself therewith. Mr. O'Flynn replied on behalf of the officials concerned.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Town Commissioners.

M. W. Cahill

Chairman.

Guaid H. O'Connell

Town Clerk.