

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of the above Local Authority at its Annual Meeting held in the Town Hall, Tuam on Saturday, Sept., 30th, at 12 O'clock noon.

Attendance: Messrs. Ml. W. Cahill, Wm. Stapleton, Patk. O'Connor, Luke O'Brien, Jarlath O'Connell, James Nohilly, Jarlath Burke, Ml. Campbell, and Thomas Joyce.

The Clerk took the chair.

Declarations of acceptance of Office as members of the Tuam Town Commissioners were signed by those present, excepting the Clerk, who then invited nominations for the position of chairman. Mr. Ml. W. Cahill nominated by Mr. Joyce and seconded by Mr. Campbell was elected unananimously. Mr. Cahill on signing a Declaration accepting the chairmanship took the chair and returned thanks to those present for his election thereto.

The chairman then proceeded to invite nominations for the position of Vice chairman, Mr. Stapleton proposed by Mr. Campbell and seconded by Mr. Nohilly was unanimously selected for this Office. Mr. Stapleton then signed the appropriate declaration and returned thanks to the members.

The Clerk referred to the necessity of electing delegates to attend the forthcoming conference of The Municipal Authorities Association, and Mr. O'Connell explained to those present the objects of the association. It was decided to defer the selection of delegates until the monthly Meeting to be held on Oct., 3rd, 1950, and it was also decided to consider at that meeting any resolutions which it might be desirable to forward to this association for consideration at its coming conference.

Mr. O'Connell stated he was opposed to the inclusion of the item, "any other permissible business" on the agenda of meetings of the Board explaining that such inclusion, by permitting the introduction of widely varying topics unduly prolonged meetings. He suggested that notices of motion be handed to the Clerk in time for inclusion in the agenda for each meeting. Mr. Joyce opposed, stating that very important items arising might then be debarred from discussion. Mr. Stapleton, Vice-chairman and Mr. Burke supported Mr. O'Connell; Mr. Burke objecting to the ease with which extraneous matter could be introduced at meetings under the heading of "permissible business" and suggesting any really important points arising and not on the agenda could be included through the indulgence of the Chairman and the Board.

Mr. O'Connell's motion with Mr. Burke's amendment was unanimously agreed to.

Mr. Campbell referred to the soft and muddy connection of the ground at the Loading Bank and suggested cinders should be spread there. The Board instructed the Clerk to get in touch with the Engineer and have him arrange to have the ground in the vicinity of the Bank made firm and dry.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Town Commissioners.

M. W. Cahill

Chairman.

George H. Jones

Town Clerk.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its monthly meeting held at the Town Hall, Tuam on Tuesday, 3rd. October 1950 at 9 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Mr. Ml. Cahill, Chairman presided. Also present were Mr. Wm. Stapleton, Vice-Chairman, and Messrs. Thos. Joyce, Jarlath Burke, Jarlath O'Connell, Luke O'Brien, Patrick O'Connor, James Nohilly, Ml. Campbell and the Engineer, Mr. Finnegan.

MINUTES. The Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting and annual Meeting of Sept. 30th, 1950 were read and signed. Manager's Order No. 284 was read to the members. Arising from this Order, which authorised the letting of the house No. 7 Tubberjarlath Rd., to John Doyle, a discussion on the application of the 1950 Housing Regulations to the letting of houses in the Tuam area arose. Mr. O'Connell explained to the new members the procedure which obtained prior to the introduction of these regulations, and of the dissatisfaction the last Board felt at the Co. Medical Officers method of granting priorities. In response to a query of Mr. O'Connell, the Clerk outlined to the members the steps he took in pursuance of an earlier resolution to contact Dr. McConn the Co. Medical Officer with a view to having him consult the Board in granting priorities to applicants for housing. As the Co. Medical Officer had not signified to the Clerk an intention of meeting the Board, Mr. O'Connell proposed, Mr. Burke seconded and the following resolution was unanimously carried.

"That this Board is not satisfied with the manner in which houses are being let in this town; that there exists a danger of depreciation in the value of houses of the Board due to the selection of unsuitable tenants for particular localities; that sufficient consideration is not being shown to applicants who have long standing applications for housing accommodation; and, that the Board feels it should be consulted in connection with the selection of tenants for its houses."

The Clerk was instructed to forward this Resolution and copies of letters from neighbouring tenants complaining of Mr. Doyle to whom No. 7, Tubberjarlath Rd., had been let, to the Department of Local Government and to protest to the Department against the manner in which the 1950 Housing Regulations were being applied to the Town.

FINANCIAL POSITION.

The Clerk then explained that a sum of £2, 537. 2. 5 would fall due for payment to the Department of Local Government on 1st Nov. 1950 as an installment of interest and principle on loans obtained for Housing construction; that he had 'phoned the Co. Secretary who had agreed to supply to the Commissioners the amount of the demand for the year outstanding in one sum viz. £2,001. 15. 0.; and, that as an amount of some £500 stood to the credit of the Board's revenue A/c. he hoped to be in a position to make the necessary payment without the necessity of any substantial over-draft. It was agreed that should any overdraft prove necessary the Chairman and Clerk should have power to arrange it.

BYE-LAWS.

The Clerk stated to the Board that a recent Court decision held the Bye-Laws of the Town to be null and void and that as a consequence no Bye-Laws were now in existence. Mr. Burke stated he would not have agreed to the issue of the summonses which led to the decision and Mr. Joyce reminded the members that the Manager's Orders authorising the issue of these summonses were read to them at a former meeting. As members complained they were not aware of the parties being summoned the Clerk on the suggestion of the Chairman read the appropriate sections of the minutes of the said prior meeting which had been held on 5th July 1950 which indicated what members were in attendance, Mr. Burke stated responsibility for the defects in the sealing and signing of the Bye-Laws which led to voidability rested with the Board's solicitors and the Department of Local Government. ~~Bye-Laws~~ The members in general agreed the purpose in view when they made the Bye-Laws was to control Street Traders and not to

Town Clerk's Office,
Town Hall, Tuam,
Tuam.

Oct., 2nd, 1950.

To each Town Commissioner.

I am to inform you that the monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners, will be held on Tuesday, October, 3rd., 1950, at the hour of 9, p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Gerald H. O'Connor,
Town Clerk.

A G E N D A.

Reading of the Minutes, Manager's Orders, and correspondence.
Clerk's explanation of Financial position.
Position of the Town Bye-laws.

The following motions of which notice has been received:-

1. That the authority in charge, make sure that, in future, Polling booths in Rural Areas be equipped with better lighting facilities.
2. That the authority in charge make sure that the names of people eligible to vote be placed on the voters lists.
3. That in future, polling booths be opened from 10, a.m. to 10, p.m.
4. That the County Council be asked to make arrangements to have labourer cottages etc., connected with the sewerage and water systems.
5. That the County Council be asked when they will proceed with the repairs to the foot paths in the Town.
6. When repairs are going to be carried out to Commissioners houses in Tuam.
7. When the Commissioners are going to proceed with the building of the houses in Bishop St., Tuam.

Agenda. <sup>Recd from Mr Joyce
for notice of motion
for meeting of Oct 3 1950</sup>

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Mr. Campbell complained that workmen employed as skilled men on maintainous work were, in reality not properly qualified and caused loss to the Board through faulty repairs and renewals.

Town Lighting.

Mr. Joyce stated approximately two years ago, the question of the changing of the positions of certain lights on the Dublin and Galway Rds., and on Bishop St., was gone in to, and that certain proposals were made for the erection of brackets at dark corners, but, that nothing had since been done. The Clerk was instructed to write the Engineer immediately on the matter, and also to communicate with the Post Office authorities and the Electricity Supply board with a view to having white bands or reflectors placed on poles which had been erected on the curbing of the streets as a safety precaution. The Clerk was further directed to obtain a quotation from the Electricity Supply Board for all night lighting during the winter of the light at the Town Hall corner.

Meeting with Garda Superintendent to discuss traffic bye-laws.

As the Garda Superintendent had informed the Clerk how would meet the Commissioners on any one of the next few evenings it was agreed a special Meeting be called to discuss traffic regulations at 7 p.m. on November 8th, 1950.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

M. W. Cahill

Chairman.

Grace H. O'Connell

TOWN CLERK.

Town Clerk's Office,
Town Hall,
Tuam.

6th, Nov., 1950.

To each Town Commissioner.

A Chara,

I am to inform you that the Monthly meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, the 7th., Nov. 1950, at 8.30., p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise, le meas,

Town Clerk.

A G E N D A.

1. Reading of Minutes.
2. Correspondence, and Orders.
3. Consideration of Housing Priorities.

Notices of Motion.

1. Acquisition of Sites at Bishop St., Tuam.
2. Shops in Town Commissioners houses.
3. Lighting of the Town.
4. Bye Laws.

Proposed erection of Barriers outside C.B.S.

A wooden Railing to be made and placed along the kerb outside the Christian Brothers School gate—This to stop the School boys from running out to the middle of the road.

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Received from Nohilly

Agenda

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- (4) Bye Laws of Tuam
- (5) Bye Laws

Received from Joyce

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Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at their Special Meeting held on 15th November 1950.

Attendance: Mr. W. Stapleton, in the absence of the chairman presided. Other members present were, Luke O'Brien, Patk. O'Connor, and Mio Campbell.

In the absence of the Manager and the County Medical Officer, whose attendance had been expedied, the meeting ~~had been expedied~~ after some discussion on the proposal of Mr. Luke O'Brien, seconded by Mr. Mio Campbell adjourned.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

W W Cahill

Chairman.

Michael O'Connell

Town Clerk.

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of proceedings of above named local Authority at its Monthly Meeting held on Dec. 5th 1950 at 8.30., p.m.

Attendance: The Chairman Mr. Michael W. Cahill presided. Other members present were, Messrs. W. Stapleton, J. Nohilly, L. O'Brien, P. O'Connor, J. A. O'Connell, Mio Campbell, and J. Burke, together with the Engineer Mr. H. Finnegan.

Report of Delegates to the Municipal Authorities Association Conference.

With the consent of the chairman Mr. J. A. O'Connell read a report on behalf of himself and Mr. Stapleton, of the proceedings of the conference of the Municipal Authorities association, in so far as it affected Towns and Town Commissioners prior to other business being transacted. Mr. O'Connell explained a Commission was being set up to inquire into the operation of the Landlord and Tenant Act, 19 , and at the request of the conference, asked the Board to submit for the consideration of the Commission any points in connection with ground rents, the Board might see it advisable to put forward. He suggested it might be submitted that yearly tenants should be given the right to acquire property from absentee landlords. The Report was noted by the Board.

Non-attendance of Co. Manager at Meeting.

The Clerk then informed the members that the Co. Manager had phoned him earlier in the day and desired his apologies be conveyed for his inability to attend the present Meeting and the special Meeting of the 15th ult. The Co. Manager, Mr. C. I O'Flynn, had been confined to bed with cold on the 15th ult. and as he still had not fully recovered, and as owing to the snow and ice covered roads attendance at the present meeting would necessitate remaining in Tuam overnight, he hoped to be excused.

Minutes.

The minutes of the monthly meeting of Nov. 6th, together with those of the special Meeting of Nov. 15th, were read and both signed. Arising out of the minutes the Clerk explained that the Manager, on consultation with the Co. Medical Officer, had suggested in the 'phone conversation referred to, that the Board should examine the housing priority list, and submit to him and the Co. Medical Officer its recommendations. This question was discussed and it was unanimously decided not to follow this course, but to request the Manager to, in accordance with Section 30 Sub-Sect. 2 (c) of the Co. Management Act, arrange a meeting with the Commissioners. The Clerk was instructed to write the Manager to this effect and to state the Board would much prefer such meeting should be on Jan. 2nd 1951 the date of its next Monthly Meeting.

Small Shops in Boards Houses.

The Managers Orders Nos. 292 to 295 inclusive were next read and in connection with Order No. 294 the Clerk explained to Mr. Campbell that on the Managers suggestion he had suspended legal proceedings against Mrs. King, for having a shop open at the house she rented and referred her case to the Minister. He also added that as the case of Mrs. Aherne, 10, Gilmartin Rd., was practically similar, he had not taken proceedings, but, referred it also to the Minister. The Manager had not instructed that Mrs. Aherne's case be so referred, but both were equally cases of hardship. Mr. Campbell expressed himself as pleased with this course and Mr. Burke stated the Manager should have borne in mind the arrears of rent and possible loss which might, therefore, result, as rent was not being accepted from these two tenants pending a decision on their cases. The Clerk was instructed to write the Co. Manager in connection with the accumulation of rent arrears.

Notice for Special Meetings. (pending the Minister's decision.)

As Mr. O'Connell explained that being out of town on Nov. 15th, he did not receive Notice of the Special Meeting till his return on the 16th it was decided that in future three days notice be given of Special Meetings.

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Condemnation of No. 8 Gilmartin Rd., tenanted by Mr. Wm. Kelly.

Mr O'Connell asked the chairman if it would be in order to suggest condemnation of the above house, the property of the Commissioners and instanced several serious defects in the premises.

The Clerk was instructed to request the Co. Medical Officer to inspect the said premises.

Unhealthy Houses.

In connection with Manager's Order No. 295 Mr. O'Connell drew attention to the case of Wm. Hosty, who he thought would destroy any new house he might be placed in and asked the members if it was their wish Wm. Hosty's present house be demolished. It was agreed this mans house should not be interfered with. Other instances of houses proposed for demolition were given by Mr. O'Connor, and Mr. Burke the demolition of which these members strongly objected to. As there were close to fifty houses the Co. Medical Officer had recommended be demolished, while but twenty new slum clearance were being erected and as consequently only twenty houses could actually be demolished, it was decided the Engineer Mr. Finnegan should supply the Board with a list of the worst cases which he agreed to do and that the Commissioners would urge on the Co. Manager that these be selected for demolition, when he met then at the meeting decided upon earlier.

Correspondence and Repairs to Houses.

The Clerk read a letter from Mrs. Mary Larkin, 48 Gilmartin Rd, complaining of various serious defects in the house she tenanted and the Board agreed everything possible should be done to remedy them. Mr. Campbell suggested a further scheme be put in operation to install Stanley Ranges in Commissioners houses and Mr. O'Connell proposed this be put on the agenda of the Meeting at which the Manager could attend. This was agreed to. A letter from Michael Connor, Church View, threatening legal proceedings unless a boundary wall to his property was put in good repair was read and as Mr. Finnegan agreed this was a liability of the Commissioners the Clerk was instructed to forward it to the Co. Manager.

The Clerk next showed the Board instruments for signature, for conveying to them a site of Mr. Ml. Keane, High St., Tuam. As the accompanying map showed a deficiency in the matter of a right of way it was decided to adjourn the signing of the instruments and refer them to the Manager when he would be present.

A letter to Mr. Brian Hardiman, Church View, by the Co. Manager in reply to an offer by Mr. Hardiman to purchase Deriliet Site, No. 47 from the Galway Co. Council at a sum of from £35 to £40 was read, and on the suggestion of Mr. O'Brien it was decided the Clerk should write the Manager stating the Board recommended the said site be sold to Mr. Hardiman for the sum of £40.

A letter from Mr. James O'Rourke, McHale Tce, offering to purchase from the Commissioners the house he tenanted was also read and the Board agreed to recommend the sale of the house to Mr. O'Rourke at its redemption value of on the proposal of Mr. O'Connell and secondment of Mr. Burke.

The Clerk then read a quotation from the Electricity Supply Board for the conversion of the light at the Town Hall corner to a Pilot light and for the supply of current to the Pilot light for the year and it was agreed to the quotation be accepted.

The Engineer stated he had certain funds available from the Co. Council for work on the Streets of the Town and asked the Commissioners for proposals for its expenditure.

The Clerk informed the Meeting he had arrears of correspondence which time did not permit being read to the members.

It was agreed a Special Meeting be held on Monday, Dec. 11th to deal with the correspondence and formulate proposals requested by the Engineer.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

M W Cahill

Chairman.

Guara O'Donnell

Town Clerk.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at their Special Meeting held on Dec, 12th, 1950.

Attendance: MCahill, chairman presided. Other members present were Messrs. J. Burke, Mio Campbell, Thos. Joyce, J. O'Connell, P. O'Connor, and Wm. Stapleton, together with Mr. H. Finnegan, Town Surveyor.

Arrears of Correspondence:

The following communications were read by the Clerk and action taken in each case as stated:-

- (1) A letter and resolution from the Secretary of the Dublin Co. Council of Oct., 31st, 1950 relative to legislation to assist disabled persons. These were marked read.
- (2) A letter from Mrs. Martin O'Brien applying for consideration of her application ~~as~~ for a house. It was decided this would be considered when houseing priorities were being received.
- (3) A letter and copy of a resolution from the Town Clerk of the Corporation of Drogheda. The resolution urging the Government to fix a maximum Poor Law Valuation of £6 on houses built under the Housing of the working class Acts in Urban Areas was on the proposal of Mr. O'Connell and secondment of Mr. Campbell adopted unanimously.
- (4) A letter and copy of Resolution from the Secretary of the Dublin Co. Council in regard to careless driving of Mechanically propelled vehicles. This was unanimously adopted.
- (5) Letter from Franz Zeitlow, Marienberg, (Sachs) Freiburger Str., 14, Germany, appealing for assistance to the Lord Mayor of Tuam. This was marked read.
- (6) Reply of the Co. Secretary, Galway to a letter of the Boards urging the sale to Mr. Wm. O'Connor, Bishop St., Tuam of a council site at Bishop St., together with a further letter from Mr. O'Connor of the 1st inst., to Mr. Joyce on the matter. In view of the terms of Mr. O'Connor's letter which appeared to slight the Board, and of information from the Engineer that the Co. Manager had verbally informed him that he was agreeable to sell the site to Mr. O'Connor ~~if~~ ^{boundary} Mr. O'Connor removed an obstruction, built his own ^{boundary} wall and payed the cost of conveyance it was decided to take no further action.
- (7) A letter from Messrs. Henry Concannon & Co., on behalf of Mrs. Mgt. and Mr. Joseph Ward offering to purchase No. 7 St. Pauls Tce. It was proposed by Mr. Burke and seconded by Mr. Stapleton and unanimously resolved "That No. 7 St. Pauls Tce, be sold to Mr. Joseph Ward for the sum of £200, Mr. Ward to pay the costs of conveyance, less any allowance the Manager might deem fit to make in view of the fact that a considerable amount of rent had been paid for the house since negotiations were opened and that the conveyance be in fee simple as all other houses sold by the Commissioners in this particular Terrace were so conveyed."
- (8) A letter from the Gardai Superintendent suggesting a resumed meeting ~~with~~ with the Board be arranged for a date after Christmas, to complete the forming of proposed traffic bye-laws.
- (9) A letter from the Secretary of the Young Farmer's Club, Tuam, requesting information as to progress made on various matters, discussed by the Board with a deputation of the Tuam Parish Council in Nov. 1949. The Board discussed the points raised in detail. With regard to the changing of the Oct. Cattle Fair to a day other than Wednesday, it was felt ^{altered to} change was too serious a matter to undertake unless it was supported by the buyers, who had by order of the Board been circularised at the time in the matter and had generally failed to reply. In connection with the formation of a Regional Fairs Executive it was noted that directions had been given to arrange a meeting with the various Toll farmers of the area towards this object, but such a meeting had not materialised. The Board decided the Clerk should ascertain if an amount of £103 was available for the execution of repairs to the Fairgreen and that if so Mr. Finnegan the Engineer should submit an estimate for the construction of new walls at the Ballygaddy and Tullinadaly Rd., entrances and for draining and cindering the Fairgreen side of the loading bank and for resurfacing the Old Road side and that the Clerk should submit this to the Manager for authorisation. The Clerk was directed to reply in brief to the Young Farmer's Club indicating the points raised were under active consideration. The Clerk directed the attention of the Board to an indenture for the conveyance of a site at Bishop St., Tuam from Mr. O'Connor, Bishop St., to the Board for the purpose of their Housing Scheme which required the signature

of two of the Commissioners, Messrs. Cahill and Joyce agreed to call at the Town Clerk's Office on the following day for the purpose of signing the said indenture.

Proposals for expenditure of Relief Funds in the Tuam by the Engineer Mr. Finnegan.

The following proposals were submitted:-

- (a) That the path at Church View from Morans to the Galway Rd., be resurfaced. This was proposed by Mr. Joyce and seconded by Mr. Burke.
- (b) That the footpath at Ballygaddy Rd. from Holmes' shop to Lissadyra gate be resurfaced.
- (c) That the paths at Bishop St. be resurfaced from Thos. Fahy's to Mr. Reynold's house.
- (d) That the paths at Gilmartin Rd. which were in a disgraceful condition be remade. ~~Mr. Campbell on some remarks of Mr. Burke's as to the propriety of expending Relief monies other than at the outskirts of the Town it was agreed that bearing in mind the proposals mentioned Mr. Finnegan might exercise his discretion as to the works to be undertaken.~~

Proposals for submission by the Clerk to the Co Secretary for the Estimates Meeting of the Galway Co. Council. That provision be made for the widening of Tullinadaly Rd., Tuam and the removal of the corner at the right hand side where Tullinadaly Hill commences. That a reinforced concrete slab bridge be constructed over the Curragh river at Bishop St., Tuam in place of the existing bridge and the street graded in its vicinity. That the road at McDonaghs Terrace Tuam next the cattle bank at the Railway Station and leading to the New Stadium be steam rolled. That the existing railings and wall at outside the Offices of F. B. Mc Donagh & Co., Solicitors Tuam be removed so that the corner of the Dublin and Circular Rds., be widened. The Engineer had intimated having Mc Donaghs consent.

The Clerk was also instructed to write the Co. Engineer to have traffic signs erected at the island at Ballygaddy Rd., Tuam, near Mr. Ml Cahill's House and to communicate with the owners of the premises at the Circular Rd. opposite the Post Office with a view to obtaining their permission to have the wall in front of their premises removed. Letters from Mr. Terence Kelly, 11, Athanry Rd., Tuam and Mrs. Quinn, 51, Gilmartin Rd., Tuam were also read. That from Mr. Kelly requesting repairs to his house were noted by the Engineer and in regard to that from Mrs. Mary Quinn the Clerk was instructed to communicate with the Co. Secretary with a view to having her house reconnected with the water supply as a serious nuisance had been created.

Town Cross Christmas Illumination.

On the proposal of Mr. Burke it was agreed an estimate be sought from, ~~from~~ Mr. J. O'Connor to illuminate and flood light the Town Cross on Christmas Eve and Christmas nights, in view of the termination of the Holy Year. Mr. P. O'Connor ^{agreed} to lend the Board a flood light for the purpose.

Heating of Town Hall.

With a view to up to date heating of the Town Hall the Clerk was instructed to obtain a quotation from Mr. J. O'Connor for the supply and installation of seven storage heaters.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

M W Cahill

Chairman.

Guided # Tuam

Town Clerk.

Minutes of proceedings of above named Local Authority at their Monthly Meeting of 2nd January, 1951.

Attendance: Mr. Ml. W. Cahill, chairman presided. Other members present were, Messrs. W. Stapleton, J. Burke, M. Campbell, T. Joyce, L. O'Brien, J. A. O'Connell, P. O'Connor, together with the Manager and Engineer.

The Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting of Dec. 5th and of the Special Meeting of Dec. 12th, 1950 were read. In connection with the Minutes of the Meeting of Dec. 5th, Mr. O'Connell stated the Board had been given to understand, by the Clerk, that the Manager had stated that the Board had ~~had~~ in the absence of himself and Dr. McConn, should review the Co. Medical Officer's priority list and submit their recommendations to the Co. Medical Officer, whereas it was stated in the Minutes that the submission of the recommendations so arrived at should be submitted to both the Manager and the Co. Medical Officer. It was decided a correction be inserted in the Minutes of the present meeting. The Minutes of the Meetings of the 5th and 12th of December were then signed.

Housing Priorities.

Various members of the Board explained to the Manager, grievances they felt in connection with the method adopted by the Co. Medical Officer of giving priorities to applicants for housing accommodation. Messrs. O'Connell and Burke stressed the unfairness displayed towards persons with applications of years standing and the chairman instanced the ease with which T.B. cases from other areas could come to Tuam and obtain houses, while local people had to remain without housing accommodation. Objections were also made to the ease with which undesirable types of tenants could be placed in areas the Board had not intended for such.

The Manager informed the Board that under the Housing Regulations he and the Co. Medical Officer was obliged to give priority to T.B. and other specified classes and on Mr. Burke's inquiring if he would consider making recommendations to the Department to have a residence clause inserted in these Regulations, the Manager explained he had in the past made certain recommendations to the Department which had not been adopted and that therefore he would not consider now making further ones, which would doubtless also be without effect.

As Mr. Campbell objected to the Board's houses in Bishop Street being allocated in the manner so far adopted, the Manager explained the Bishop St., houses also fell under the 1950 Housing Regulations, and that tenancies there would have to be given in conformance therewith, that is under the system at present in use for other vacant houses.

It was further complained by Mr. Campbell that Dr. McConn who had the granting of priorities, had informed and actually written certain applicants that the giving of houses to them was a matter for the Commissioners. Mr. O'Flynn explained that this was formally in a certain sense true as the Commissioners were the housing authority, he Mr. O'Flynn merely performing their executive function of granting tenancies on the recommendation of the Co. Medical Officer, and in any case Dr. McConn would be subject to so much annoyance from applicants, that it would be difficult for him to perform his duties if he had to make himself responsible in every case.

It was finally proposed by Mr. O'Connell that a sub committee be appointed to go into the question of priorities and submit its conclusions to the Manager. On a further proposal by Mr. Joyce it was, however, agreed that all the members of the Board should meet for this purpose and by unanimous decision a Special Meeting was arranged for Thursday 11th January 1951 at 7.30. p.m.

Houses at Cloonthue Ed.

The Engineer Mr. Finnegan, informed the Board twelve houses will now be ready for occupation and eight others were completed except for the laying of the water mains.

Subsidies and Provisions of Further Houses.

In reply to a question by Mr. Burke as to the subsidy which would be paid by the Department in respect of the Bishop St., houses, the Manager informed the Board that the entire subsidy system was at the moment under review and in reply to a further question of Mr. Burke he stated a housing authority would under Section 17 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950 provide houses for sale or letting to persons irrespective as to whether they are or are not

members of the working classes or agricultural labourers. Mr. Campbell informed the Meeting that Comhlucht Siuicere Eireann, Teo., intended to apply to the Tuam Town Commissioners to compulsorily acquire sites on which the Co would build houses for its workers and the Manager stated the Co should apply to the Co. Council in this matter.

Liability for providing and maintaining a proper wall between the land of Mr. Ml. Connor Church View, Tuam and the Boards Houses at Gilmartin Road. The Engineer and Manager informed the Board they were liable for this and the Engineer Mr. Finnegan gave a provisional estimate of £312 for providing a new wall stating the old wall was of very poor quality. On discussion it emerged that tenants in some cases had bored or broken the wall to allow fowl and possibly stock of theirs on to Mr. Connor's land. It was decided the tenants should be informed they would in future be held liable for damages they might ~~reflect~~ on the wall and that legal opinion be obtained as to the Boards liability and that ~~if~~ the ~~Board~~ ^{Wall} be replaced in sections over if possible, a number of years.

Existence of dangerous house.

A report from the Town Steward on Flattley's house Bishop St., Tuam was read which intimated that there was a definite danger to the public of the outer walls of this house collapsing on passers by. The Clerk was instructed to refer this to the Co. Secretary.

Provision of Ranges.

The Engineer stated he had about 18 applications from tenants for Stanley Ranges, that such ranges cost £17. 10. 0d each or including expenses of installation about £20 0 Od. each. On the proposition of Mr. Campbell seconded by Mr. O'Connell it was unanimously agreed Sanction be sought from the Department for a 5 year loan of £200 which would cover half of the cost of the installation of the necessary ranges, the tenants to pay the other half.

Provision of Materials for future Housing schemes.

Mr. Joyce initiated a discussion on this question. The Manager, however, stated the Minister would not sanction the purchase of materials for schemes not yet formulated.

Nuisance at Loftus' Tee, Ballygaddy Rd., Tuam.

The Clerk read a letter from Mr. Ml. Loftus on the existence of a nuisance arising from very defective sanitary arrangements at the Terrace bearing his name. It was decided to refer the letter to the Manager.

Prosecutions for obstructions.

The Clerk read details of evidence the Gardai had collected of obstructions caused by Traders outside the Town Hall and was instructed to inform the Supt. of the Gardai that the only case the Commissioners desired prosecuted was that of Anthony Doherty, liscenced Hawker, Coolerin, Ballinlough, for the sale of china.

An application from Mrs. Mary O'Connor, Bishop St., to use the premises known as the Mall Cinema, Tuam for cinematograph Entertainments during the year ending on 13 January 1952 was read and it was unanimously agreed to grant Mrs. O'Connor the necessary liscence.

Conveyance of Sites.

An indenture conveying a site at Bishop St., Tuam from Wm. O'Connor, Building Contractor, Bishop St., to the Commissioners for the sum of £105 was signed by the chairman and Mr. Joyce and an indenture and memorial conveying a site at Cloonthue Rd., for Mr. Michael Keance, to the Commissioners for the sum of £20 were signed by the same members on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners and all three instruments witnessed by the Clerk. A Letter from the Co Medical Officer recommending certain repairs to No. 8 Gilmartin Rd., was read. The Manager was requested to transfer the ten- antto one of the new houses at Cloonthue Ed. and to have the Clerk refer the matter of the proposed transfer to him.

Notices of Motion, Mr. Joyce.

1. Extension of Town Boundary, Mr. Joyce agreed to defer consideration of this to a later date in view of the lateness of the hour.
2. Prizes for best kept gardens in Tuam Town Commissioners houses. On some discussion it was agreed also to defer this matter.

3. That the wages of the Town Clerk are completely inadequate. The Manager informed the Meeting that the salary scales of Town Clerks were fixed by the Minister by sealed Order and that he feared the present rate of remuneration of the Town Clerk would not be varied therefore. On the proposal of Mr. Burke seconded by Mr. Campbell it was agreed a recommendation be sent to the Minister that the remuneration of the Town Clerk be increased to the level of that of the former Town Clerk Miss Whyte at the time of her resignation and on the suggestion of Mr. O'Connell it was agreed all the members should draft and sign the recommendation and forward it independently of action by the Town Clerk.

Rates of wages of Town Workers employed by the Galway Co. Council.
It was proposed by Mr. Campbell and seconded by Mr. Joyce and agreed that a higher rate of wages be given to such workers. The resolution was noted by the Manager.

Pilot light at the corner of Shop St., and Ballygaddy Road.
Mr. Joyce agreed to adjourn this also to the next meeting.

Traffic signs at island at Ballygaddy Rd.
The Clerk informed the Board he had written the Co. Surveyor on this point but had received no reply. Mr. O'Flynn agreed to take up the matter.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TUAM COMMISSIONERS.

U. W. Cahill Chairman.

Gerard O'Connell Town Clerk.

Town Clerk's Office,
Town Hall,
Tuam.

Jan, 1st, 1951.

To each Town Commissioner.

A Chara,

I am to inform you that the monthly meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, Jan, 2nd, 1951 at 8.30. p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise, le meas,

Baile Cleireac.

AGENDA.

1. Reading of Minutes, correspondence and Manager's Orders.
2. Discussion of Housing priorities with the Manager providing the State of the Roads is such as to allow the Manager travelling to the Meeting.
3. The following notices of motions:
 - (a) Extension of Town Boundary.
 - (b) Award of prizes for best kept gardens in Tuam Town Commissioners Houses.
 - (c) That the wages of the Town Clerk are completely inadequate.
 - (d) That the wages of Co. Council workers in Tuam be brought up to the level of similar workers in the Town of Galway.
 - (e) That a Pilot light be erected at the corner of Ballygaddy Rd., and Shop St., at Corcorans.

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Prizes for best kept gardens in the T. & C. Houses

The wages of the Town Clerk is completely inadequate

(3) That the wages of the Tuam Town Commissioners be brought up to the level of similar workers in the town of Galway

(4) Pilot light to be erected at corner of Ballygaddy Rd. & Shop St.

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Minutes of proceedings of the above Local Authority at their Special Meeting held on 11th January, 1951 at 7.30., p.m.

Attendance:

Mr. Ml. Cahill, chairman presided. Other members present were Messrs. Thos. Joyce, J. Burke, P. O'Connor, L. O'Brien, J. Nohilly, and Wm. Stapleton.

Special Resolution.

In view of the dislocation to business throughout the country because of the Railway and Bank Strikes, prior to proceeding with the business of the meeting the Board unanimously resolved:-

"that the Tuam Town Commissioners request the Government to intervene in both Railway and Bank strikes and that in regard to the Bank Strike the Government request the Directors and Representatives of the Staffs to meet with a view to ironing out differences immediately, as if both Strikes are not settled chaos will result in the immediate future."

The Clerk was instructed to give a copy of this Resolution to the Local Correspondent of the Dublin morning paper and to forward copies to the Department of Local Government, the Department of Industry and Commerce, and Mr. Costello "An Taoiseach".

Housing Priorities.

The list of Housing Priorities of the Co. Medical Officer was then examined and the Board agreed that as regards the first twelve vacant houses, other than those occurring in the Newtown Morris Scheme, the order of priority should be:-

1. Mrs. Kelly, 10, Athenny Rd., as recommended by the Co. Medical Officer.
2. John T. Clampett, 63 " " " " " "
3. John Grady, 35, Gilmartin Rd., do.
4. Jarlath Connolly, Bishop St., do.
5. James Heneghan, Kilbannon, Tuam. instead of Michael Ward, 4, Gilmartin Rd., who had been recommended by the Co. M.O. It was pointed out that Mr. Heneghan has had an application for a house over a number of years is an old Tuam native and is forced by lack of housing accommodation to reside in a dilapidated cottage at present outside the Town, while Ml. Ward is adequately housed having regard to the existing shortage residing in a house with one individual other than his own family.
6. Wm. Brehany, as recommended by the Co. M.O.
7. James O'Toole, The Mall, Tuam, who pays £1. 5. 0d per week for a flat for himself his wife and two children out of an income of £4. 15. 0d instead of John Mulhall, 54, Athenny Rd., recommended by the Co. M.O. Mr. O'Toole has been long applying for a house.
8. Wm. Tierney, Cloonthue Rd., Tuam instead of Martin Hussey, 31, Tubberjarlath Rd., Tuam as Mr. Tierney is an old resident of Tuam with a wife and two children with a long standing outstanding application for a house whereas Mr. Hussey and his family reside with his mother-in-law and is regarded as adequately housed.
9. Patk. Lawless, Tullinadaly Rd., Tuam who is forced to reside in rooms in a very dilapidated house at present with his wife and two children instead of Thos. Kerman and his family who reside with Mr. Kerman's father and mother and who when the existing shortage of houses is considered is to be regarded as not too badly housed.
10. Patk. Canavan, C/o Mrs. K. O'Halloran, Tullinadaly Rd., Tuam who is an old native of the Town applying for years for a house and who with his wife and young son has to reside in one damp bedroom paying a rent of £17/6d. per week from an income of £4. 12. 0d instead of Martin Grady, Gateway Rd., who resides with his father-in-law.
11. Wm. Mills C/o Mrs. Goggins, The Mall, Tuam who pays 17/6d. per week for a flat for himself, his wife and child from an income of £2. 10. 0d. and who is a native of the Town instead of Mr. Patk. J. Dolan, Dublin Rd., apparently a newcomer to the Town who pays only 5/0d from an income of £4. 10. 0d. for living accommodation.
12. Patk. Geraghty, The Mall Tuam who pays 16/0d. for a flat without proper sanitary accommodation from an income of £5. for himself, his wife and child instead of Thos. Crehan, living in London with his family who the Commissioners feel has no right to a priority on their list.

With regard to the Newtown Morris Houses the Board decided the undermentioned twelve applicants could be regarded as good prospective tenants and that

houses in the Newtown Morris Scheme should be received for them.

1. John O'Connor, Vicar St., Tuam, Electrical Contractor living in rooms with his wife and son - of an old Tuam family.
2. James Lowry, Court Clerk, Tuam living in a flat of Miss H. Crean, notified on several occasions to quit, and residing in very very restricted and uncomfortable quarters. Married - wife and two children.
3. Mr. Tom Bree, The Mall Tuam a Senior Official of C.I.E. Tuam married with 2 children paying 17/6d. for a flat.
4. James Burke, Bishop St., Tuam, Employee of the Irish Sugar Co. with a wife and two daughters residing in rooms.
5. Jack Cullen, C.I.E. Official who has a wife and four children living in rooms.
6. Thos. Grogan, Ballygaddy Rd., Insurance Suptd, wife and four children under notice to leave the house he rents by the owner who requires the house for own accommodation.
7. Patk. Scully, Sugar Cook, of Irish Sugar Co. with a wife and three children forced to reside outside the Town by lack of housing accommodation.
8. Denis O'Connor, Bishop St., Tuam with wife and son housed in flat with another family having six children.
9. J. Stack, C.I.E. Official, married with one child, living in rooms.
10. Thos. Devine, McHale Tee Tuam married, living with father-in-law. Sugar Co. Employee.
11. G. H. O'Connor, Town Clerk, married with three children, resident in a very badly constructed house.
12. Peter Gavin, 8, Athenny Rd., Tuam, E.S.B. Electrician, married and stationed in Tuam.
13. Agreed. Deserves higher priority, ^{with regard to the remainder of the COMO list of priority} (Ordinary List) ^{the following houses were noted} Belongs to Town.
14. Now recommended to be No. 9.
15. Agreed. Deserves higher priority.
16. Is now left town.
17. Objected to. Not in area.
18. Not decided on.
19. Agreed.
20. Objected to. Left house only occupied by father.
21. Objected to. Has sufficient means to build.
22. Regarded as suitably accommodated with relative of wife.
23. On condemned list.
24. Now recommended to be No.8.
25. Agreed ~~is~~.
26. Has left town.
27. Agreed.
28. Agreed.
29. Adjourned.
30. Left town.
31. On condemned list.
32. Gone to England, wife living with brother. Adjourned.
33. Adjourned. Only one other than applicants family in house.
34. Fairly suitably accommodated.
35. Give higher priority. 5 Yrs., seeking house.
36. Left town.
37. Agreed. Deserves higher priority.
38. Has house now in country. Adj.
39. Agreed. Deserves higher priority.
40. Left town.
41. Agreed. Deserves higher priority.
42. Agreed. do.
43. Agreed.
44. Agreed.
45. Agreed. Deserves higher priority, seeking house 5 years.
46. Agreed.
47. Agreed.
48. Agreed.
49. Bought out house since.
50. Agreed.
51. Agreed. definite higher priority. 5 years seeking house.
52. Suitably accommodated.
53. Agreed.
54. Bought out a house.
55. Agreed.
56. If this applicant is given a house No. 55 will take over house he vacates.
57. Agreed.
58. Agreed. Landlady wants house.
58. (b) Agreed.
59. "to inquire if he has built a house."
60. Halloran. Single man. no debts.
61. Heyworth. do. do.
62. Murray. do. do.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN

COMMISSIONERS.

M. W. Cahill
Chairman.

Guard O'Connor
Town Clerk.

Town Clerk's Office,
Town Hall,
Tuam.

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To each Town Commissioner.

A Chara,

A Special Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held on Thursday, January 11th, 1951, at 7.30. p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise, le meas,

Seán H. O'Connell

Town Clerk.

AGENDA.

To ~~inform~~ formulate recommendations on housing priorities for submission to the Manager.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of the above Local Authority at their Special Meeting of January, 18th, 1951.

Attendance:-

In the absence of the chairman, Mr. M. W. Cahill, Mr. Wm. Stapleton took the chair. Other members present were, Messrs. J. P. Burke, T. Joyce, J. Nohilly, L. O'Brien, J. O'Connell, and P. O'Connor.

Resolution on the landing of members of the Dutch Armed Forces in Ireland.

On the proposition of Mr. J. O'Connell, seconded by T. Joyce, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:-

"that we, the Tuam Town Commissioners, associate ourselves with the national Protest against the action of the Dutch Government in sending ^{armed} troops into Irish territory, at the invitation of the British Government and without the consent of our Government."

The Clerk was instructed to send a copy of this resolution to:-

- (1) The Representative of the Dutch Government.
- (2) The Irish Minister of External Affairs.
- (3) To Mr. John Purcell for insertion in the National Press.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

M. W. Cahill

Chairman.

Seán H. O'Connell

Town Clerk.

We, the undersigned members of the Tuam Town Commission, hereby request that a Special Meeting of the Commissioners be convened for Thursday, 18 January 1951, at 11 a.m. to consider a protest against the landing of members of the Dutch Armed Forces in Northern Ireland.

Josiah P. Burke
Thomas Joyce

W. Stapleton

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

Minutes of proceedings of the above Local Authority at the Estimates Meeting held on 24th January, 1951.

Attendance: The Chairman Mr. W. W. Cahill presided. Other members present were, Messrs. Campbell, O'Connor, O'Brien, Stapleton, and Nohill together with the Manager, Mr. O'Flynn, and the Engineer Mr. Finnegan.

Estimates of Expenses for year ended 31/3/52.

The Co. Manager submitted his Estimates of Expenses and Amount of Demand for the year ending 31/3/52. The estimated amounts and the corresponding amounts adopted by the Board were as follows:

EXPENDITURE	31/3/52.								
	HOUSING.			INCREASE.			DECREASE.		
	£	s	d.	£	s	d.	£	s	d.
Loan Repayments.....	6,600	0	0	1,000	0	0	-	-	-
Repairs.....	628	-	-	68	-	-	-	-	-
County Rates.....	1,650	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Collector's Commission....	310	-	-	40	-	-	-	-	-
Solicitor's Costs.....	400	-	-	150	-	-	-	-	-
Insurances.....	86	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-
Advertising, Postage, etc.	30	-	-	-	-	-	30	-	-
Engineer's Salary.....	80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Refund of Deposits.....	20	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-
Repairs to walls at Gilmartin Rd.....	42	-	-	42	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL.....	9,846	-	-	1,321	-	-	30	-	-
Public Lighting.....	475	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rents, Rates, Taxes, and Insurance.....	200	-	-	-	-	-	20	-	-
Solicitor's Costs.....	300	-	-	100	-	-	-	-	-
Town Clerk's Salary.....	182	-	-	-	-	-	58	-	-
Town Steward's Salary....	150	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Town Surveyor's Salary....	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Audit Fees.....	26	-	-	13	-	-	-	-	-
Advertising, Postage, and Stationery.....	70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Office Expenditure.....	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Repairs to Town Hall.....	140	-	-	105	-	-	-	-	-
Maintenance of Clock.....	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL.....	1,603	-	-	218	-	-	73	-	-
TOLLS AND CUSTOMS.									
Loan Repayments - Fair Green Loan Purchase.....	53	-	-	-	-	-	56	-	-
Weighbridge and Market Hse.	25	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-
County Rates.....	250	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Collector's Commission....	75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Billposting.....	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Caretaking and Maintenance of Shambles.....	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fairgreen Repairs.....	20	-	-	-	-	-	83	-	-
Meat Stalls Purchase.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	40	-	-
Repairs to Meat Stalls....	20	-	-	-	-	-	22	-	-
Other Expenditure.....	50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL.....	526	-	-	-	-	-	210	-	-
RECEIPTS.									
Housing Rents.....	5,706	-	-	906	-	-	-	-	-
Housing Subsidy.....	2,361	-	-	261	-	-	-	-	-
Tenant's Deposits.....	82	-	-	72	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL.....	8,149	-	-	1,239	-	-	-	-	-

Rent of Town Hall.....	72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rent of Meat Stall.....	74	-	-	17	-	-	-	-	-
Rent of Fair Green.....	36	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tolls and Customs.....	470	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	-
Cinema and Petrol Licence Fees.....	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL.....	£657	-	-	£17	-	-	£30	-	-

All the amounts as set forth in the Manager's Estimate, with the exception of that for repairs to the Town Hall were adopted. In regard to the latter item on discussion, it was decided an additional sum of £100 should be allowed for the cleaning of the outside of the Town Hall making the total amount under this heading of £240 instead of £140. The Estimated Expenditure, the net Estimated Expenditure and the amount to be demanded were amended accordingly being increased in each case by £100 to £12,075, £3,269 and £2,169. On the proposition of the chairman, Mr. Cahill, seconded by Mr. O'Brien, it was unanimously resolved that the Estimate and the sum to be demanded as amended by the Board be adopted.

Housing Repairs.

During the discussion on the amount for Housing Repairs the Clerk informed the Board,

- (a) that in regard to an earlier resolution to seek sanction for a loan to install ranges he would like further confirmation of the amount of the loan the Board had in view as the Department was in touch with him on the point. It was decided sanction should be sought for £400 to be borrowed from the Treasurer and repayable over a period of five years.
- (b) that he had numerous complaints in connection with defective or broken sanitary fittings from tenants and that while the maintenance of these fittings, being an internal matter, was the responsibility of the tenants, in some cases it might be the position that such fittings were defective when present tenants first occupied their houses. It was decided:-
 - (1) That where it could be clearly proved damages or breakages originated during the occupancy of a present tenant, the Commissioners could undertake no responsibility.
 - (2) When it would be clearly proved such fittings were damaged or broken when the tenant first took up occupation, they should be remedied without contribution towards the cost by the tenant.
 - (3) In cases of doubt as to when damage or breakage originated, half the cost of repairs or renewal should be paid by the Commissioners and half by the Tenant by a weekly addition to the rent.

The Clerk further informed the Board that the Town Steward had volunteered to carry out an inspection of all the Board's houses, rendering a report on each house, particularly in connection with the state of the sanitary fittings and position with regard to fire places, i.e., what types of grates or ranges are in existence.

Town Clerk's Salary.

In the decision of the Estimates the question of an increase in the Clerk's salary again arose and the Clerk was instructed to draft recommendations for an increase to the Department of Local Government which all the members would sign.

Draining of Shambles.

The question of the draining and re-surfacing of the Shambles was also discussed. The Manager agreed to ascertain if a grant could be obtained for this purpose by treating it as an unemployment Relief Scheme and it was decided if this failed to materialise to go into the question of raising a loan for the purpose.

Fairgreen.

The question of re-letting the Fairgreen for another year received attention. It was however, agreed this question together with the terms on which it might be let would be decided at a later Meeting.

School Meals.

Mr. Campbell strongly advocated the provision of school meals in the schools in the Town, but on the Manager explaining the matter was one for the Co. Council, who would have to apply the scheme to the whole County, if it were applied to Tuam, with a consequently large increase in the Co. Rates, the matter was not pursued.

Road across Fair Green.

Mr. Campbell also advocated the provision of a road across the Fair-Green from Ballygaddy Road to Tullinadaly Rd., but, it was explained this matter had previously come before the Commissioners and been rejected.

Adoption of Section 7 of the Housing Amendment, Act., 1950.

Notice of motion of Messrs. Luke O'Brien and Patrick O'Connor. On the proposition of Mr. O'Connor it was unanimously resolved:-

"That we, the Tuam Town Commissioners request the Galway Co. Council to adopt Section 7 (seven) of the Housing Amendment Act 1950, making its adoption retrospective to August 1st, 1950 - when it becomes law - in view of the serious housing shortage in the County and particularly in Tuam."

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

W. W. Cahill

Chairman

Grace Holohan

Town Clerk.

G.H. O'Connor, Esq.,

Town Clerk.

(Tuam Town Commissioners).

I herewith give notice that I intend to move the following motion at next meeting of Tuam Town Commissioners:-

"That we, the Tuam Town Commissioners request the Galway Co. Council to adopt Section 7 (seven) of the Housing (Amendment) Act 1950, making it's adoption retrospective to August 1st, 1950 - when it became law - in view of the serious housing shortage in the County, and particularly in Tuam."

*Luke O'Brien
P.O. Connor*

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above local Authority at their monthly meeting of Feb., 6th, 1951.

As not more than two Commissioners were present, the Clerk in the absense of the necessary number to form a quorum adjourned the meeting.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at their Special Meeting held on Feb., 16th, 1951.

Attendance: The vice-chairman, Mr. Wm. Stapleton in the absence of the Chairman presided. Other members present were, Mr. J. Burke, Mr. Mio Campbell, Mr. L. O'Brien, Mr. Patk. O'Connor, and Mr. James Nohilly. The Manager was also in attendance.

The Clerk informed the board the first business to be transacted was the direction of two members to sign demolition Orders on behalf of the Board in conjunction with the Co. Manager. On the proposition of Mr. Luke O'Brien, seconded by Mr. Patk. O'Connor, it was unanimously resolved that,

"that we, the Tuam Town Commissioners hereby direct any two of the following members of the Tuam Town Commissioners that is Messrs. Ml. W. Cahill, Wm. Stapleton and Luke O'Brien to sign on our behalf any demolition Orders under Section 23 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1931, the issue of which has been previously authorised by the Co. Manager".

Differential Rent Scheme.

The Manager then read particulars of and explained to the members a differential rent scheme, being applied to houses of Local Authority in the County and just applied to newly erected houses of the Loughrea Town Commissioners. As it was proposed that this scheme, adjusted in so far as was necessary, to conform to the difference in the all-in cost of the Board's houses and those of other Local Authorities in the County, should be applied to the new slum-clearance houses at Cloonthue Rd., and as, due to the anticipated low incomes of those proposed to be housed at Cloonthue Rd., the scheme would entail a fairly substantial burden on the rates, the Manager further informed the Board that it was proposed to adopt a differential rent scheme for houses in existing schemes to be applied to individual houses from time to time as existing tenants terminated their lettings. This latter scheme envisaged taking existing rents as a minimum figure and three times the existing rent as a maximum so that as the application of the scheme developed the rates would gain in the process and thus after a time be recompensed for immediate losses in the case of Cloonthue Rd. On hearing details and receiving explanations from the Manager the members fully agreed to the desirability of introducing differential rent schemes. As the Board would have to formally adopt the Cloonthue Rd., Scheme at a later meeting when exact figures would be available, the Manager requested the members if he could not be present not to reject the scheme should they then think differently of it, but, to adjourn consideration till he would be present at a meeting. The Board agreed to this.

House for Mrs. Kelly, 11 Athenry Rd., Tuam.

Mr. Campbell stated in view of the extreme hardship Mrs. Kelly had suffered and was still suffering she should be given No. 37 Athenry Rd., which was vacant. As the Board unanimously strongly favoured this the Manager agreed, but explained to the members they would have to sacrifice one third of the subsidy on the house as it was part of a slum clearance scheme and as Mrs. Kelly was not a slum clearance tenant.

Co. Council grant towards private Building.

In connection with an earlier resolution of the Board the Manager explained a committee of the Co. Council had now formulated a scheme whereby the Co. Council would give a grant of 80% of the amount of the Government Grant to private persons erecting their own houses provided such persons had an income of less than £10 per week or land of a valuation under £12.

Repairs to Town Hall.

Mr. Jarlath Burke complained that one of the small dressing rooms in the Town Hall was suffering greatly from rain down and to enable to Engineer, Mr. Finnegan to effect repairs, the Commissioners on the proposition of Mr. Campbell and secondment of Mr. Nohilly resolved to overexpend to the amount necessary to enable such repairs to be effected prior to 31/3/51.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners.

W. Cahill Chairman.

Guaid H. O'Connor Town Clerk.

COIMISIÚINÉIRÍ BAILE MÓIR TUAMA (TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS)

S. P. O'CONNOR (G. F. O'CONNOR) Baile-Cléireac (Town Clerk)

oifis an baile-cléirig (TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE)

HALLA AN BAILE MÓIR (TOWN HALL)

YOUR REF. : OUP REF. :

1 DCUAIM (TUAM)

5th February, 1951.

To each Town Commissioner.

A Chara,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, Feb., 6th, 1951 at 8.30. p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise, le meas,

Guaid H. O'Connor Town Clerk.

AGENDA.

- Reading of Minutes and Manager's Orders.
- Correspondence.
- Notices of Motion from last monthly Meeting.
- (a) Consideration of Extension of Town Boundary.
- (b) Prizes for best kept gardens in houses of Tuam Town Commissioners.
- (c) Pilot light at Corcoran's Corner.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at their Monthly meeting of March 6th 1951.

Attendance: The Chairman, Mr. M. W. Cahill presided. Other members present were Messrs. P. O'Connor, James Nohilly, Mio Campbell, J. P. Burke, Luke O'Brien, J. A. O'Connell, and Wm. Stapleton together with the Manager and Town Surveyor.

Minutes

The Minutes of the last monthly meeting of Jan, 2nd, 1951, of the Special meetings of Jan, 11th, 1951, and Jan. 18th, 1951; of the Estimates Meeting of January 24th, 1951, of the adjourned meeting of Feb. 6th, 1951, and of the Special Meeting of Feb., 16th, 1951, were read and signed.

Extension of Public Lighting.

At the conclusion of the signing of the Minutes Mr. O'Connell immediately introduced the question of extension of the Public Lighting system, stating he had been informed that the Town Clerk had told the Electricity Supply Board not to carry out certain work provided for and sanctioned by the Board. The Clerk stated in reply that not alone had he not so instructed the Electricity Supply Board but, that he had written that Board, pursuant to a Manager's Order of Feb., 14th, 1951, to execute certain works required by the Commissioners. Mr. O'Connell then raised the question of the necessity of a Manager's Order for this work and in general, of the necessity of Manager's Orders for housing repairs, resolved on by the Commissioners. Mr. O'Flynn, explained that Manager's Orders were necessary in all such cases, but, that a general Order of his authorised upon necessary ^{repairs} for housing maintenance up to a certain cost so that special Orders for individual repairs costing less were not necessary. Mr. O'Connell further complained that the extension to the Public Lighting system he had referred to had been decided on by the Board some years ago and demanded to know why they had never executed. The Engineer stated he had conveyed the Board's instructions to the Electricity Supply Board in the past and had never countermanded them. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Electricity Supply Board requesting the Electricity Supply Board to state what directions to execute work they had had in the ~~the~~ past few years and if any countermanding orders had been received.

Right of way for Mr. F. O'Connor, Bishop St., Tuam through the Commissioners property at Newtown Morris.

Mr. Patk. O'Connor requested that the refusal of a right of way to ~~the~~ Mr. F. O'Connor be considered and stated that the former owners of the property at Newtown Morris had given such permission. Mr. O'Flynn stated that at the time the land was being compulsorily acquired Mr. O'Connor, though he had been notified, had not objected to such acquisition on the grounds of a right of way, and that no such right of way now existed. Mr. Cornelious O'Connor, who was present at the meeting on behalf of his father stated the existence of a right of way was being established. It was agreed the question of the existence of a right of way be left to the Solicitors of the Board and of Mr. O'Connor. The Clerk read a letter from James M. Hession Solicitor Tuam requesting the Board to repair the wall bounding their property at Gilmartin Rd., from the land of Ml. Comnor, Church View, Tuam. It was unanimously resolved the Engineer be empowered to overexpend to the extent necessary to have the wall repaired.

Differential Rent Scheme.

The Clerk now informed the Board that the main item on the agenda the question of the Adoption of a Differential Rent Scheme was next for discussion, that the members present at the Meeting of Feb 16th, had agreed in principle to such a scheme and that exact figures were now before them for adoption. Mr. O'Connell stated he was opposed to such a scheme and that while such might be practical in Dublin or Cork or even Galway it was utterly impractical in Tuam. He stated ^{from what} he understood ^{of} the income grade of the people who ^{was} it was proposed to put in houses of the Commissioners that none would have more than £7 to £8 income per week and that the income of most would be in the region of perhaps ~~£4~~ £4 to £5 and that consequently under the scheme they would have to be subsidised heavily from the rates. The Manager explained the amount of the Transition

Development Fund Grant would depend on the amount by which the rents were subsidised from the rates. Mr. O'Connell then suggested it would be cheaper for the Board to sacrifice the Grant than to give the subsidy requested under the scheme. The Manager inquired what ~~alternative~~ alternative scheme was being put forward and explained that if it was proposed to charge a fixed figure equal to the Economic Rent for each house, the cost of a house would be too high for most tenants. Mr. O'Connell stated if the Newtown Morris houses were let to the type of tenants the Board had ~~in mind~~ ^{in mind}, the tenants would be quite capable of paying a rent which would involve no subsidy from the rates, and estimated such rent at from ~~£1-1-0~~ £1-1-0 to £1-4-0 and Mr. O'Flynn reminded the Board that the Newtown Morris houses were built under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts and that therefore in the allocation of tenancies he and the Co Medical Officer would have to comply with the Housing Regulations and give these houses to the most deserving cases irrespective of their incomes. Mr. O'Brien advocated the Board building houses for the class of tenant Mr. O'Connell had in mind and Mr. Campbell expressed himself in favour of this. Mr. Burke expressed himself as very dissatisfied with the manner in which the meeting was being conducted. On further discussion it was proposed by Mr. O'Brien and seconded by Mr. Campbell and unanimously agreed

^{with scheme} that the Board adopt the differential scheme drafted for the Cloonhugh Rd., housing scheme and that a differential Rent scheme be also applied to existing houses according as such became vacant and required re-tenanting.

Mr. O'Connell then proposed and Mr. Stapleton seconded that a fixed rent be made for the Newtown Morris houses. On a vote being taken this proposition was lost only Mr. O'Connell and Mr. Stapleton voting for it, Mr. Burke abstaining.

Letting of Fairgreen.

The Clerk next informed the Board the present letting of the Fairgreen expired at the end of this month and requested to be directed as to whether the Board proposed to let it again for the coming year and on what terms. It was decided the letting ~~of~~ of the Fairgreen be advertised as in the past, except that the Board reserve the right to let it for thirteen days to the Carnival Committee and to use it on up to four days in the year as a car park and on two days to let it to Circuses, horses or other animals not being admitted except under canvas. It was unanimously agreed the same procedure be followed in letting the upper part of the Town Hall as last year and that the Clerk advertise in the Tuam Herald the changing of the market which would normally be held on March 17th to ^{March 16th} because of ^{March 17th} being St. Patrick's Day.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners.

M W Cahill

Chairman.

Guaid O'Connor

Town Clerk.

Town Clerk's Office,
Town Hall,
Tuam.

March, 1st, 1951.

To each Commissioner.

A Chara, I have to inform you that the Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners, will be held on Tuesday, 6th, March 1951 at 8.30. p.m.

(6th)
You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise, le maog,

Maog na nOid na nOgubair

Baile Cleireac.

AGENDA.

Adoption of Differential Rent Schemes.

Extension of Town Boundary.

*Minutes, Correspondence
Manager's Orders.*

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at their monthly meeting of April 3rd, 1951.

Attendance:

The vice-chairman, Mr. Stapleton in the absence of Mr. Cahill, Chairman, presided. Other members present were, Messrs. O'Connell, Campbell, O'Connor, Joyce, Burke and Nohilly together with Mr. O'Flynn, Co. Manager, and Mr. Finnegan, Town Surveyor.

Minutes:

The Minutes of the last monthly meeting were read and signed, Mr. O'Connell explaining that the words "fixed rent" in the resolution embodied therein should read "Economic Rent".

Manager's Orders.

Manager's Orders Nos. _____ to _____ were then read to the Meeting.

Letting of Houses:

Arising out of the minutes some discussion took place on the letting of the Board's houses. Mr. O'Connell, with reference to the Newtown Morris houses, in course of erection, reminded the Manager and the Board that it had been agreed at a Meeting in the past at which, the Manager had been present that these would be built for better type of tenants capable of paying the Economic rent and Mr. Joyce confirmed this. The Manager agreed this was so, but, explained that the 1950 Housing Regulations came into effect subsequent to the said meeting and that the Board and ~~Manager~~ he were now compelled to ~~comply~~ comply with them. He promised, however, that in the operation of his discretionary power to arrange transfers, he would as far as he reasonably could arrange such, so that tenants capable of paying the Economic of the class the Board had envisaged would be placed in houses at Newtown Morris. He also agreed in connection with lettings to be made in this Scheme, in accordance with the Co. Medical Officer's recommendations, to submit such recommendations to the Board.

Differential Rent Scheme and Cloonthue Road Letting.

Mr. O'Connell alluded to the difficulty the Town Clerk would have in administering the Differential Scheme, as it would be impossible for him in all cases to obtain immediate and accurate information of changes in the circumstances of the tenants which would necessitate changes in the rent payable and the Manager, in reply stated the Rent Collectors would have a duty to report to the Town Clerk on such changes and that the Town Clerk had not the onus of ascertaining such himself. Mr. O'Connell complained that the application of a Differential Rent scheme to existing houses, other than those in the Cloonthue Rd. and Newtown Morris scheme would actually increase the burden on tenants of the working class. The Clerk next read out the name of persons in condemned houses to whom it was proposed to give accommodation in the Cloonthue Rd., scheme and as there was an insufficient number of such cases, particulars of a number of persons in overcrowded houses to whom the Co. Medical Officer had given priority. On the recommendation of the Board the Manager agreed. Timothy Desmond, Church View, who had occupied a condemned house, subsequent to the issue of Notice of the proposed to demolish the house, should be given a house at Cloonthue Rd., and that Thomas John Clampett, should be granted No. 31 Athenry Rd., then vacant. The Manager also agreed that if Michael Naughton, Galway Rd., Tuam gave a satisfactory written undertaking of his intention to repair his old house or build a new one the demolition order in his case would be withdrawn.

Extra Public Lighting.

The Clerk referred to the fact that he had not arranged for the erection of one light decided on by the Board as it was outside a transformer station of the E.S.B. and as despite this the E.S.B. had referred to contribute to the cost of erection. It was agreed this light should not be erected and the matter be left in abeyance for the moment.

Case of Mr. John O'Grady.

Members of the Board discussed the Order of legal proceedings against Mr. John O'Grady. Mr. Burke stating Mr. O'Grady was a respectable man. The Manager agreed with the Board that a house in the Cloonthue Rd., would be given to Mr. O'Grady.

Tender for Upper Portion of Town Hall & Grazing of Fairgreen.

The tender of Mr. Thos. Hussey, the only one received, for the grazing of the Fairgreen, subject to the reservation made by the Board at its last meeting, and at a figure of £25 was accepted. The tenders of the Little Theatre Guild and of the Young Farmers' Club for the Upper portion of the Town Hall were discussed. Because of the Little Theatre Guild having been tenants for a number of years, having equipment stored in the premises, and because its existence would be threatened were it not granted the tenancy, it was decided to let the upper portion of the Town Hall to the Guild at £50 per annum, subject, however, to the Guilds facilitating the Young Farmers' Club by way of granting accommodation for meetings etc., to the extent necessary to warrant the Club in paying £5 to the Tuam Town Commissioners during the letting period, there bringing the total rental received by the Commissioners to £55 the sum tendered by the Club.

Formal opening of Cloonthue Rd., Housing Scheme.

The Clerk stated the next item on the Agenda was to decide on the question of a formal opening of the Cloonthue Rd., Housing Scheme. Mr. Joyce advocated having a formal opening and inviting the Minister of Local Government to perform the ceremony. Mr. O'Connell opposed stating it would be unfair to expect the members of the Board to contribute to the expenses of a dinner when at the last election the Towns people showed such little civic interest that less than fifty per cent voted. He and Mr. Stapleton stated they would contribute nothing to any such expenses. On discussion it was decided to appoint a sub-committee of the Board to consider this question. Messrs. Cahill, Joyce, Burke and O'Connell being appointed members.

Question of purchase of the Palace, Tuam.

The Manager informed the Board that he and Mr. Lee the Co. Surveyor having inspected the Palace and grounds on that day were in favour of purchasing because of the land involved, but thought the house might prove a white elephant. He, Mr. O'Flynn in any case thought the matter would be a very good one for the Board and suggested the Co. Council should negotiate for the property. He explained that in the view of Mr. Lee and himself the maximum value of the house and estate would be about £8,000. All members expressed themselves as strongly in favour of acquiring the property. Mr. O'Flynn explained that should the Co. Council acquire it, it could be arranged for the Board to take over from the Council such portion as the Board might require. On further discussion it was resolved on the proposition of Mr. O'Connell and secondment of Mr. Joyce, that,

"that the Galway Co. Council appoint a sub-committee to explore with the Tuam Town Commissioners means of acquiring the property known as the Palace, Tuam, being the residence and lands attaching thereto of the Church of Ireland, Bishop of Tuam."

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Town Commissioners.

M W Cahill Chairman.

Guaid H Connor Town Clerk.

Minutes of Special Meeting of the above Local Authority at their Special Meeting held on Wednesday, April, 25th, 1951.

Attendance:

The Chairman Mr. M. W. Cahill presided. Other members present were Messrs. Joyce, Nohilly, O'Brien, O'Connell, O'Connor, and Stapleton, together with the Manager.

Purchase of the Palace, Tuam.

The Board discussed ways to induce the Galway Co. Council to appoint members to join with them on a joint sub-committee to go into the matter of purchasing the Palace in the course of which the Manager informed them that Mr. Sheahan, Architect, Limerick, had arranged for two of his staff to inspect and report on the Palace grounds. It was decided that a deputation should attend the meeting of the Co. Council of May 6th, at which meeting a resolution of the Board's on the question was being read and that the Clerk should draw up a circular to be sent to each Co. Councillor prior to the said meeting. On the proposal of Mr. Joyce, seconded by Mr. O'Brien the following members were appointed as the members of the deputation,

Mr. M. W. Cahill, Chairman,
Mr. Stapleton, Vice-chairman, and
Mr. Jarlath O'Connell.

On the suggestion of the Manager the meeting then concluded to afford him an opportunity of arranging a list of applicants to whom vacant houses would be allocated.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Commissioners,

M W Cahill Chairman.

Guaid H Connor Town Clerk.

Minutes of proceedings of the above local Authority at their monthly meeting held on 1st, May, 1951.

Attendance: The Chairman, Mr. M. W. Cahill, presided. Other members present were Messrs. Campbell, Burke, Joyce, Nohilly, O'Brien, O'Connell, O'Connor and Stapleton.

Delegation of Post Office Clerical Official.

A delegation representing the clerical workers of the Tuam Post Office of which Mr. Finton acted as spokesman was admitted and in response to the request of the delegation the Board agreed to recommend that a half holiday on Thursdays be granted to clerical workers of the Post Office, on the understanding that essential telephone, telegraph and mail services would be maintained, and that the officials in question would make special provision for coping with the increased volume of work on Thursdays during the October fairs and the Christmas season. The Clerk was instructed to send an official letter to the Local Secretary of the Officials union, strongly recommending such half holiday.

Address of Mr. Walsh, of Bord Na Mona.

Mr. Walsh, a representative of Bord Na Mona was permitted to address the Board on the fuel position. In the course of his address he warned the members of the serious fuel position and emphasised the fact that no reliance could be placed on the availability of machine won turf in Co. Galway, nor on the availability of coal. He reminded the Board, there would be an assured market for turf during the coming season. Mr. Campbell referred Mr. Walsh's attention to the fact that there were some very good turf banks in Cloonascragh bog on the side of the Railway line, removed from the road; that during the emergency period when the Co. Council operated a large section of the bog here that a ~~xxxxxxx~~ level crossing over the railway line existed, but, that since the Co. Council, ceased operations the Railway Co. had removed the crossing, thus making this site non-available to private producers. Mr. Nohilly informed Mr. Walsh that the bog known as McDonnell's bog, very convenient to the town was not available to townspeople, owing to the tenant having the grazing there not allowing banks to be worked. Mr. Walsh agreed to meet Mr. Nohilly at the Imperial Hotel at 10. a. m. on Monday, 8th May and with him Mr. Campbell to visit the two bog areas in question and if satisfied to make representations to C. L. E. in the first case to restore the crossing and to the Co. Manager in the second case to have the area vested in the Co. Council for use by private cutters. If as a result of Mr. Walsh's efforts banks were made available the Clerk was instructed to insert an advertisement in the Local Press informing these seeking banks they should apply to him and that he should then direct them to the owners.

Right of way Francis O'Connor at Newtown Morris, Tuam.

The Clerk read a letter from Mr. James J. Hession, Solicitor seeking a right of way for Mr. Francis O'Connor, Bishop St., Tuam through the Board's property at Newtown Morris. The Board in discussing the matter noted that without the right of way not alone would Mr. O'Connor be forced to make a considerable detour with his stock but, that this detour would pass the Newtown Morris houses involving increased traffic and danger of accidents. On the proposal of Mr. Thos. Joyce, seconded by Mr. J. Nohilly it was unanimously resolved that Mr. O'Connor be given the right-of-way he requested and that the Town Surveyor should, pending the granting of this, terminate the construction of a wall he was building at a point some six to seven feet from the mearing wall between the Commissioners and Strachan's property so as not to build across the proposed right of way. The Clerk was instructed to communicate the Board's resolution to the Co. Manager.

Special Meeting of the Municipal Authorities Association.

Mr. O'Connell, asked the indulgence of the chair, in bringing forward a matter of importance. He informed the members that the Municipal Authorities Association had decided to hold a Special Meeting in Dublin in connection with housing problems. He stated the following motions would be for consideration :-

(a) That instead of a grant of £400 from the Transition Development Fund, 50% of the cost of each house be granted to Local Authorities, together with the existing subsidy, or alternately that an unincreased grant varying for differing localities and depending on the type of tenants to be catered for be made available.

(b) That the period for the repayment of loans for housing construction be extended to 75 years.

(c) That tenants purchase scheme be introduced. Mr. O'Connell was authorised to support these motions and instructed further to move a motion to have a scheme introduced for the installation of bathrooms in existing houses of the Local Authority on a redemption of cost by tenant basis.

He was instructed to oppose a motion that housing be made a national charge. Mr. O'Connell informed the Board that he had ascertained that the cost of direct labour houses in Tuam was the second lowest in Ireland and would have been lowest but, for the fact that Bray had received extensive free assistance from the Co. Council with its scheme. In connection with the letting of houses Mr. O'Connell was instructed to obtain a definition of "members of the working classes".

Minutes

The Clerk then read the minutes of the meeting of April 3rd and of the Special meeting of April, 25th. The minutes in connection with the letting of the upper portion of the Town Hall was discussed and it was decided to amend the proposed letting agreement clause (5) to read as follows.

"The Tenants agree with the Landlord that during the said letting they (The Tenants) will, facilitate the Tuam Young Farmers' Club by letting the premises at a reasonable rent to the said Club from time to time for the holding of Meetings and Functions in connection with the said Club and the tenants agree to pay £3 to the Landlords out of the monies received by them in respect of lettings to the said Club as aforesaid, said payment to be in addition to the rent already set out in paragraph (1) hereof and payable by the Tenants to the Landlords as therein set out".

Allocation 66 houses.

The Clerk then stated the next business of the meeting was the allocation of houses in Cloonthue Rd and submitted the Manager's list of names of proposed tenants.

The Board decided houses be given to these tenants as follows:

No. 7. T. Desmond.	No. 14. Mrs. Geddes
" 8. Joe Kilkelly	15. Wm. Malynn
" 9. J. Martin.	16. J. Newman.
" 10. John Grady.	
11. Mrs. Brinn.	18. Wm. Kelly.
12. Jas. Henaghan.	19. Wm. Murray.
13 T. Moore.	20. Wm. Brogan.
	21. Wm Tierney.
	22. John Hefferman.
	24. Mr. McNally.
	25. Ed. Kelly.
	26. Tom Murray.

As it is understood Charles Reynolds intended to build and would not accept a house and that Thos. Dommellan, Bishop St. and Ml. Lardner Galway Rd., also would not accept houses, it was decided to recommend Sean Smith whom the Manager had allocated to 74 Athenry Rd. be given No. 17 Cloonthue Rd on representations from Mr. Smith. With regard to the twentieth house, No. 24, which would be vacant Mr. John Trayers was recommended. It was agreed to recommend No. 74 Athenry Rd, which the Manager had allocated to Sean Smith should be given to Mr. John Conboy. In the event of the Manager agreeing to give Mr. Smith a house in Cloonthue Rd, and to recommend Mr. Patk. Canavan for 20 Athenry Rd, which would be vacated by Thos. Moore if John Birmingham did not accept it. The Clerk was instructed to make representations to the Co. Surveyor to replace a pump which had been removed from Barrack Street and Cloonthue Rd. corners and inform the Co. Surveyor there is a pump in the wall, Tuam not in use which if necessary might be utilised for the purpose.

Ranges

The Clerk read a letter from the Dept of Local Government in reply to a request of the Board's for sanction for a short-time loan of £400 for the installation of ranges. The Dept intimated the work should be financed from Revenue and it was agreed this be done and authority to expend the sum of £400 on the purchase of ranges was given to the Engineer.

Special Meeting.

As the Clerk informed the members there existed considerable arrears of correspondence to bring to their notice it was decided a special meeting be called for Monday 8th at 8.30. p.m.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Town Commissioners.

W W Cahill Chairman.

Town Clerk.

Galway County Council Archives

Minutes of proceedings of above named Local Authority at their Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, 5th, May, 1951.

Attendance: The following were in attendance, Ml. W. Cahill, chairman who presided, and Messrs. O'Brien, O'Connell, O'Connor, Campbell, Nohilly and Stapleton together with the Manager Mr. O'Flynn, and Mr. W. Lee on behalf of the Town Surveyor. The minutes of the last Monthly Meeting and of the Special Meeting of May were read and signed.

Nuisance at Loftus' Terrace.

Arising out of the Minutes Mr. O'Connell ~~initiated~~ initiated a discussion on a nuisance existing at Loftus' Terrace, Ballygaddy Rd, stating, Mr. Loftus at the time of the building of this terrace, had been informed by the Co. Surveyor that he the Co. Surveyor had no objection to Mr. Loftus building the terrace, as it had, in fact, subsequently been built and had been given to understand by the Co. Surveyor that he could connect the sewerage of the houses there with a main sewerage line, which was ~~not~~ being mooted for the service of the labourers' cottages at Ballygaddy Rd and that a septic tank would serve in the meantime. Mr. Loftus had, therefore, Mr. O'Connell maintained been treated unfairly in having an order now served on him under the Local Government Sanitary Services Act. Mr. O'Connell further stated that ~~three~~ three years ago he had interviewed Mr. O'Flynn and Mr. Cullinane in connection with the matter and Mr. Cullinane had advised that either a patent ejector or new pipe line would remedy the nuisance and Mr. O'Flynn had agreed. The Manager in reply stated the Co. Surveyor had no function whatever in the matter and that he would therefore have quite legitimately stated that he the Co. Surveyor had no objection to the proposed mode of erection of the houses. The Manager therefore maintained the cost of installation of a patent ejector was a matter for Mr. Loftus and that in regard to a new pipe line the Co. Council would not install expensive ~~xxxx~~ pipe lines for minor groups of labourers cottages such as he understood existed at Ballygaddy Rd.

Applicant for house.

Mr. Cassidy an applicant for a house was then admitted to the meeting and heard, and it was explained to him that while the Board had great sympathy for his case he would have to await his turn for a house.

Complaint on actions of Co. M. O.

Mr. O'Connell suggested the Manager should send a directive to Dr. Mc Com, not to refer, in future, applicants in view of the fact that allocation of housing accomodation were made on Dr. McComms recommendations and not on those of the Board. The Manager agreed and noted the point.

Application for house of Mr. Patk. Canavan. refused

Mr. O'Connell suggested that Mr. Canavan who had ~~refused~~ refused to accept No. 20 Athenry Rd., for personal reason should be offered another vacant house there and the Manager agreed.

Manager's Orders.

The Clerk next read the Manager's Orders made since the last meeting.

Repairs to Commissioners Houses.

Mr. Stapleton referred to the fact that no action had been taken to install a lavatory bowl for Guard Quinn at though it had been decided this be done at former meetings and he and Mr. Campbell referred to the case of Mrs. Martin McGough who had no lavatory bowl at all, the one she had having been removed by the Town Engineer, preparatory to installing a new one which had never been installed. The Manager instructed that these cases be taken up with the Town Engineer. Mr. O'Connell stated a grievance of Mrs. Cole whom he said had a fence twice broken by a neighbour and a gate on another occasion and the Manager in reply intimated a Notice to Quit might be issued to tenants causing such disturbances, to others.

Vacant house at Cloontme Rd.

The Clerk informed the Meeting all of the new houses at Cloontme Rd. with ~~xxx~~ one exception were now tenanted, and that the next applicant on the Co. Medical Officer's list was Mr. Power of the Beet Factory Tuan a fitter by occupation who would be in receipt of approx. £8 per week. Mr. ~~O'Connell~~ O'Connell advocated that Mrs Larkin of ~~who~~ who kept her present house in perfect condition and was an applicant for a transfer should be transferred to this house. The chairman Mr. Cahill stated ~~the~~ the case of Mrs. Roache of another applicant for a transfer should also be considered and the Manager decided the house might be given to the party with the highest household income and directed that evidence of the income of the three applicants be obtained and submitted to him when he would decide on the allocation.

Fairgreen Letting.

Mr. Stapleton referred to damage sustained by the grazier, Mr. Hussey, due to horses of Fossetts circus grazing in the green on the occasion of the last visit of that circus and asked that Mr. Hussey be admitted to the Meeting to state his grievance. Mr. Hussey, on being admitted stated about twenty two horses grazed the green from about 9. a.m. to 5. a.m. on the following morning, that by agreement he had been given the exclusive grazing rights and inquired what was his position and what precaution the Commissioners would take to prevent a repetition of this occurrence with other circuses. He was informed that the prevention of such abuse by circus people was a matter for himself and that his remedy was to take the necessary legal action against circus owners.

Removal of pump at Barrack St. and Cloontme Rd. corner.

The Clerk read a letter from the Co. Surveyor in connection with this matter in which the Co. Surveyor intimated he would oppose the re-erection of a pump there as it was a dangerous corner and stated the residents of the area should connect with the water mains as all houses not connected were within twenty feet of these mains. On some discussion it was agreed by the Manager that he would have the Health Inspector call on the residents with a view to having them agree to make the necessary connections.

Letter from Mr. Walsh, representative of Bord na Mona.

The Clerk read a letter from Mr. Walsh in connection with turbarry at Cloonascragh Bog, in which he intimated that he would re-interview the Co. Surveyor and seek permission for the letting of turf bankds to private persons nominated by the Commissioners of the Commissioners would take the responsibility for the contrroll of such persons in their working of the bog and make representations to the Railway Co. for permission for such persons to cross the line. The Co. Manager informed the Board they could take no such responsibility and that the matter was entirely one for the private producers.

Damage to house by Thos. Moore.

Mr. Campbell stated Mr. Thos. Moore who had been transferred from 20 Athenry Rd. to Cloontme Rd., had during his occupancy of 20 Athenry Rd. removed ~~bailings~~ and erected a gate, that now on leaving this house he had removed the gate leaving in its place only a few strands of wire. The Manager stated he should be prosecuted, and that he had given instructions no transfers be made of tenants who had damaged their present houses.

Increase in Officers salary.

The chairman presented a letter from the Dept giving permission to increase the temporary allowance basic salary of Officer to 20% and the Board and Manager unanimously agreed to this.

Purchase of the Palace Tuan.

~~xxxxxxx~~ The Manager informed the Board he would arrange a meeting of the joint committee for the purchase of the Palace for Wednesday 13th prox. at 3. p.m. and that he would arrange for the notification of the Co. Council members of the Committee.

Auditors report.

The Clerk submitted the Auditors' report and certified abstract of Accounts for the year ended 31st, March, 1949, which was declared to be very ~~xxx~~ satisfactory.

Fixing of Fairs, 1952.

The chairman reminded the meeting this was an item on the Agenda, and it was agreed it be taken up at a Special Meeting to be held on Wed. 12th, on termination of the business of the Joint Board for purchase of the Palace.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Town Commissioners.

W. Stapleton Chairman.

Gerard McDonnell Town Clerk.

3/7/51.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority, at their Annual Statutory Meeting held on 25th June 1951.

Attendance: The following members were present Messrs. M.W.Cahill, Thos. Joyce, Jarlath Burke, Luke O'Brien, Mic. Campbell and Patrick O'Connor.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN & VICE-CHAIRMAN.

The Clerk took the Chair and invited nominations for the positions of Chairman & Vice-Chairman for the coming year. It was proposed by Mr. Joyce and seconded by Mr. O'Connor and unanimously adopted that Mr. M. W. Cahill be re-elected Chairman and Mr. Wm. Stapleton Vice-Chairman. Mr. Cahill then took the Chair and thanked the Members for his re-election.

TUAM FAIRS 1952.

On discussion the following were fixed as the dates for the Tuam 1952 Fairs.

January	8th.	Cattle & Sheep.
January	16th.	Pigs.
February	12th.	Cattle & Sheep.
February	20th.	Pigs.
March	10th	Sheep.
March	11th	Cattle.
March	12th	Pigs.
April	8th.	Cattle & Sheep.
April	16th.	Pigs.
May	9th.	Sheep.
May	10th.	Cattle.
May	21st.	Pigs.
June	10th	Cattle & Sheep.
June	18th.	Pigs.
July	7th.	Lambs, Sheep and Cattle.
July	16th.	Pigs.
August	12th	Cattle & Sheep.
August	20th	Pigs.
September	10th	Sheep (Great Ewe Fair)
September	11th.	Cattle.
September	18th.	Pigs.
September	30th.	Ewe Fair. (It being decided at the request of Local Farmers to institute a new fair
October	21st.	Sheep.
October	22nd.	Cattle.
October	23rd.	Horses.
October	24th	Pigs.
November	11th.	Cattle & Sheep.
November	19th	Pigs.
December	16th.	Pigs.
December	15th.	Cattle, Sheep and Horses.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners.

W. Stapleton CHAIRMAN.

Gerard McDonnell TOWN CLERK.

DATE 3 / 7 / 1951.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF ABOVE LOCAL AUTHORITY AT THEIR MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 3RD JULY 1951.

Attendance: The following members in addition to the County Manager and Town Engineer were present:- Messrs. Stapleton, Campbell, Nohilly, O'Connor, and J. Burke. Mr. Stapleton in the absence of the Chairman Mr. Ml. Cahill, took the chair.

Minutes & Manager's Orders. The Clerk read the minutes of the last meeting and of the special meeting of the 25th June 1951 both of which were duly signed, and all Manager's orders made since the last monthly meeting.

CASE OF MRS. KING. In connection with the Manager's Order authorising legal proceedings against Mrs. Mary King, 35, Athenry Road, Tuam Mr. Campbell stated he was of opinion that Mrs. King should be allowed to keep open the small shop she had in the house rented from the Commissioners. The Manager, who had no discretionary power under the Minister's regulations and who was obliged to order proceedings against this tenant, in an effort to relieve Mrs. King who was in very poor circumstances, suggested a meat stall, if vacant, might be rented to her for her shop and directed that particulars of any stall sub-let be forwarded to him.

Remuneration of Town Sergeant and Rent Collectors.

The Clerk drew the attention of the Board to the fact that the Minister had sanctioned an increase of emergency bonus to £60. per annum for whole time officers and that as he had the matter recorded in the minutes of the last meeting the Board had only decided on increasing Mr. Hession's bonus to 20% of his basic salary, which would be less than £60. It was unanimously agreed that Mr. Hession, Town Sergeant, have his emergency bonus increased to £60. The Manager explained that in the case of rent collectors as these officials were remunerated exclusively on a commission basis no increase was possible.

PURCHASE OF PALACE TUAM.

Mr. O'Flynn, next informed the Meeting that the County Council had agreed to the purchase of this property as recommended by the Joint Committee for exploring ways and means for purchasing the Palace; that the Church Body had agreed to accept the price offered; and, that all that remained to be obtained was the Minister's sanction. He suggested that when the purchase would be completed the Co. Council and Board might concurrently advertise the one the Palace house and small portion of land adjoining it and the other the present Town Hall. In the light of the amounts of any offers received it would be easier for both parties to make financial arrangements for any mutual transfer of portion of the property which might be desirable.

VOTE OF THANKS. On the motion of Mr. Nohilly, seconded by Mr. Campbell, a vote of thanks to the Manager for his good offices in the matter of the acquisition of the Palace was passed unanimously.

RANGES AND LAVATORY BOWLS FOR HOUSE OF THE BOARD.

The Engineer, Mr. Finnegan, informed the meeting that he had now obtained delivery of lavatory bowls ordered, but had not yet succeeded in obtaining Stanley Ranges. He had actually been informed by the suppliers some two weeks ago that the ranges had been despatched. So far, however, none had come to hand.

TRAFFIC JAMS IN STREETS.

In connection with this matter, as traffic bye laws were a matter for the Garda the Manager suggested the Clerk might write the Automobile Club in connection with the erection of signs, such as had been erected in Ballinasloe, the Engineer to supply the Clerk with particulars.

CLEANING OF CURRAGH RIVER.

Mr. O'Connor referred to the fact that this river was badly choked with weeds and had not been cleaned for some years. Mr. O'Flynn explained that the the Sanitary Authority under the Sanitary Services Act had power to clean such rivers, it would be reluctant to do so as it might not be able to recover its expenses in the matter and suggested that the Clerk should write the Race Committee with a view to having that body clean the river portion of the river adjacent to the Racecourse and to the Secretary Co. Council to have the Health Inspector inspect the river.

PUBLIC LATRINES

Mr. Campbell complained that the Public Latrines were now closed at 8 p.m. whereas formerly they were open till 9 p.m. and that they had been closed all the last Sunday on the occasion of the inter county match and on the preceding Saturday evening. The Engineer in reply stated the only attendant who could be obtained resided in a country area some five miles away and that it was impossible to obtain an attendant who would keep Latrines open for the required periods.

WASTE PAPER BASKETS FOR TOWN STREETS.

In reply to Mr. Campbell the Engineer stated waste paper baskets were on order and the dimensions of the poles to which it was proposed to affix them sent to the firm from which they had been ordered.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

CHAIRMAN. *M. W. Cahill*

TOWN CLERK

Bye Laws.

Mr. O'Brien stated he understood that the Boards Solicitor maintained that the Bye Laws, which had been declared ~~not~~ void in court might be validated if signed by two members of the Board and the Clerk was instructed to interview the Solicitor on the point.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners.

U W Cahill Chairman

Town Clerk.

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