

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS



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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at their monthly meeting of April 2nd, 1957.

ATTENDANCE:

In the absence of the chairman, the vice-chairman Commissioner Coghlan presided. Other members present were Commissioners Browne, Mannion, Connaughton, Campbell, Stapleton and O'Brien, together with the Assistant Co. Manager.

MINUTES:

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

Arising out of the minutes Commissioner Mannion commented on the collection of refuse by the dustmen employed and complained that people could not get such refuse as waste paper, old boxes etc., disposed of on the grounds of there being no room in the dump. The Manager stated he had the matter under consideration and would discuss it with the Engineer.

CATHEDRAL LIGHTING:

The Manager explained to the Board that His Grace, the Archbishop and the Co. Council were in correspondence on this matter.

WATER RATES:

The presiding chairman referred to the further report the Assistant Manager had agreed to give to the Board the burden of rates on the town and on the possibility of adjustments which would bring some relief. The Assistant Manager stated that as a great deal was involved in this matter he had not so far had time to complete the report in question.

LETTING OF NO. 13, ST. ENDA'S AVENUE:

The presiding chairman then stated that as the Agenda was not a very full one, he proposed now to give members an opportunity of bringing up any matters they deemed appropriate and Commissioner Stapleton introduced the letting of No. 13 St. Endas Ave., stating that the Board had agreed at a former meeting to give the next vacancy in this scheme to Mrs. McKenna, of Gilmartin Road. Letters to the presiding chairman from applicants for houses and transfers as follows were read by the clerk:-

- a. Letter of the 1st inst. from Mrs. Mary Gilligan No. 53 Tubberjarlath Rd., applying for a transfer to No. 68 Tubberjarlath Rd.
- b. Letter from Commissioner C. Mannion applying for a transfer to No. 13 St. Endas Ave.
- c. Letter from Mrs. Joseph O'Reilly, 30 Gilmartin Rd. applying for a transfer to the same house in St. Endas Ave.
- d. Letter from Mrs. McKenna, 20 Gilmartin Rd. applying for a transfer to this the same house.

The Clerk confirmed from the minutes of the Dec. meeting that the Board had unanimously agreed to recommend Mrs. McKenna for the next vacancy in St. Endas and on the proposal of Commissioner Stapleton, seconded by Commissioner Campbell it was agreed to recommend to the Assistant Manager that No. 13 be given to her. Commissioner Mannion dissenting therefrom. Commissioner Mannion maintained that what transpired at the Dec. meeting had no bearing and that as the letting of houses was not an item in the agenda, the Board could not make such a recommendation. He held that all applications should be duly considered.

The Board unanimously recommended that an application of Mr. Patrick Parsons for a transfer to 68 Tubberjarlath Rd., be granted. The presiding chairman urged that Mr. Joseph Donnellan, 61 Athenry Rd., Tuam, whom, he said had got notice to quit should be made tenant of Mr. Parsons house and Commissioner Campbell also urged this should be done.

NEW WATER SUPPLY AT ST. PAUL'S TCE.:

The clerk read a letter from Mr. Ml. Kelly, 10 St. Pauls Tce., strongly complaining about the manner in which a new water installation was being effected, and giving instances of poor workmanship and unnecessary inconveniences caused to residents. The Assistant Manager stated that this was the first intimation he had had of this matter and promised to go into it.

OBSTRUCTION OF STREETS BY STOCK AT FAIRS:

Commissioner Campbell, Stapleton and the presiding chairman complained of blocking of the streets on the morning of the March cattle fair by cattle which were sold on the streets, to the detriment of income from tolls and customs and resulting in damage to property. The Clerk explained that the Board had no market bye-laws.

Commissioner Campbell also complained that at the Saturday markets bags of potatoes had to be carried by farmers into the weigh-house and held that the scale should be outside. Mr. Hession weighmaster, stated that if the ground were suitable the scale could be run out when required. Commissioner Mannion advocated that the Board employ two porters. It was agreed that the ground should be conditioned so that the scale could be run out when ever necessary.

AUDITORS REPORT AND ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS:

The Manager explained the reasons for the transfer of Capital Interest to Revenue Account and the Clerk explained that with regard to the Boards Register of Lands the Auditor was not satisfied with the existing register and had recommended that a new register be designed to incorporate additional information. An over estimate of £1000 in 1955 was noted.

CHIMNEY AT 44, TUBBERJARLATH RD.

Commissioner Campbell stated that in the repair of fire damage to a chimney at 42 Tubberjarlath Rd., the chimney at 44 was affected so that it now smoked badly. He also stated that the house in St. Endas Avenue given to Mr. Wm. Douglas some four months ago had not been properly repaired then nor had it since.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

W W Cahill CHAIRMAN Date 2/4/57

ST Donnellan TOWN CLERK. Date 2/4/57

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its monthly meeting of ~~April~~ ^{May} 7th, 1957.

The minutes of the last monthly meeting and of the Special Meeting of April 16th, were read and signed.

Arising out of the minutes Commissioner O'Connell stated that owing to the erection of a fence at a passageway at St. Pauls Tce., nine residents there had complained that their right of way to the rear of their houses was blocked. Commissioner Campbell, and Coghlan also adverted to the fact that passage for lorries was now impossible. The Assistant Co. Manager stated that as the right of way ran through the grounds attached to the house of a weekly tenant, Doherty, it was a matter for the Board to define what the extent of the passage should be and that they could have the fence adjusted so that free passage for lorries would be afforded. It was decided to have a report from the Engineer. Also arising out of the minutes it was complained that the house in St. Endas Ave., allocated to Mr. Wm. Douglas had been left in very bad repair, when possession was given to Mr. Douglas. The Assistant Co. Manager stated he would have the Engineer available at the next meeting to go into such matters. Commissioner Coghlan said he felt a delay of ~~xx~~ one month till the next meeting was rather long and the Assistant Co. Manager agreed the Engineer should in the interval render a report. It was agreed that reports be obtained from the Engineer in respect of

- (a) The house in question - that of Mr. Douglas
- (b) The house of old Mrs. Trayers.
- (c) That of Mrs. B. McGough, 68 Gilmartin Rd.
- (d) That of Mrs. Patk. Byrne, Gilmartin Rd.
- (e) That of Mr. Collins, 9 McHale Tce.
- (f) That of Mr. Thos. Mahon, Newtown Morris.
- (g) That of Mr. Mio Campbell, 18 Athenry Rd.
- (h) That of Mr. Brehony, Gilmartin Rd.
- (i) That of Mr. Joseph Fahy, Tubberjarlath who was made a tenant about a year earlier.

LETTING OF HOUSE IN ST. ENDA'S AVE.

A letter from the Assistant Co. Manager stating he proposed to let this house to Mr. John Henderson, but, reminding the Board of its powers under the City & County Management Amendment Act had been circulated to the members. It was discussed, whether the Board who favoured making the letting to Mrs. McKenna of Gilmartin Rd., would exercise its powers. On a show of hands being taken, six members voted to resolve that ~~Mrs. McKenna be made the tenant.~~ ^{that Mrs. McKenna be made the tenant.} A resolution proposed by Commissioner Connaughton and seconded by Commissioner O'Connell to such effect was then adopted and the Assistant Manager agreed to so make the letting.

SAWMILL AT ATHENRY RD. TUAM:

A letter, signed by numerous tenants of the Board in Athenry Rd., complaining of inconvenience and danger to children caused by a saw mills erected by one of the Athenry Road tenants was read. The Assistant Manager stated he had seen the saw mills and was of opinion that the ~~best~~ ^{best} course was to refer the matter to the Solicitor of the Co. Council to deal with.

REPORT OF ASSISTANT CO. MANAGER.

The Assistant Co. Manager read a report, copies of which were distributed to members on the rates levied on Tuam with comparative figures for the Urban area of Ballinasloe, which showed that the financial burden on Ballinasloe was considerable less than that on Tuam, in particular, in regard to the contributions for roads and General purposes; Members discussed the report.

REPRESENTATIONS BY MRS. PATK. BYRNE, GILMARTIN ROAD. who had received notice to Quit. Mrs. Byrne was admitted and complained of the state of her house, stating it was in very bad repair. She said originally a range had been installed which would not draw because of crows nests, that she had to remove the range and that the Town Steward had then taken it away. The Notice to Quit had been issued because of non payments of installments on a new range. The Co. Manager promised to consider her position.

LEASING OF HOUSE TO MRS. CREIGHTON.

Commissioner O'Brien inquired as to when collection of rent should cease in the case of the leasing of a house and the Assistant Manager stated such should cease as from the date of the completion of the deed.

FAIRGREEN:

The Clerk read a letter from the Town Steward on the condition of the surface of a part of the fairgreen and on part of the boundary walls. The Board had at its estimates meeting allocated £100. for the upkeep of the green and it was agreed that, the Manager and the Engineer be given discretionary powers to spend this to the best purpose. As it had been complained, also, that stock was being sold on the open space in front of St. Joseph's Park, the Assistant Manager agreed to have for the Board at its next meeting, details of the ~~scheme~~ ^{scheme} for finishing off St. Joseph's Park and showing what type of wall or fence it was proposed to have erected in front of it.

NOTICES OF MOTION OF COMMISSIONER MANNION:

- (1) That the Board consider the provision of further houses, in Tuam and that derelict sites be purchased and used for the purpose. Commissioner Mannion stated that a large waiting list of applicants for housing accommodation existed and that by building on derelict sites, the town would be built up and improved and also that the expense of special sanitary arrangements which would be necessary in outlying areas would be avoided. Commissioner Coghlan suggested the Co. Council be requested to provide additional houses and this was decided upon.
- (2.) That the Board also consider the provision of flats for newly weds and old couples. Commissioner Mannion urged that with a new factory coming, hands would be getting married and that provision for such newly married couples should be made by way of flats. Commissioner Campbell requested the Assistant Manager to have a clause inserted in all agreements for future public works in the town, specifying that preference would be given to local labour.

VOTE OF CONGRATULATION:

Commissioner Coghlan moved a vote of congratulation to the Assistant Manager on his report, which was unanimously adopted.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

M. W. Cahill CHAIRMAN

H. Jones TOWN CLERK.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its monthly meeting of June 4th, 1957.

ATTENDANCE: The chairman, Mr. M. W. Cahill presided. Other members present were Commissioners, Coghlan, Browne, Mannion, Stapleton, Campbell, and Connaughton.

MINUTES: The minutes of the last monthly meeting were read and signed. It was decided that the following should have been included in the minutes of the April monthly meeting. The requisitioning the Assistant Manager to transfer Mrs. Margaret McKenna, instead of Mr. John Henderson to a vacant house in St. Enda's Ave., the Board considered the dampness and state of repair of her house was more injurious to health than the overcrowding which existed in Hendersons. The minutes were then signed.

Arising out of the minutes, Commissioner Coghlan stated Mr. Caulfield, Engineer should be heard on the matter of the right of way at St. Paul's Tee., which had been discussed. The Engineer stated he had inspected the passageway and that the fence which was causing the trouble had been erected by a tenant on the direction of the Board, that the tenant had not infringed on the right-of-way. The lay out of the gardens and passage had not provided for large turf lorries. He, the Engineer had, had a corner of the fence removed, but, the right of way was still not satisfactory. He intended to try if any further improvement could be made. It was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the Engineer.

Also arising out of the minutes, Commissioner Coghlan inquired for the Engineers report on Byrnes, Gilmartin Rd., and Douglas's houses. The Engineer stated he had some time back reported that on the case of Byrne if the tenant would repair the Kitchen floor the Board might consider doing the other items and the then Acting Asst. Manager, Mr. O'Looney, had approved the recommendation. In reference to the system of installing fittings other than ranges at half cost, the Assistant Manager stated that this caused much more trouble and annoyance than the money involved warranted and that as practically all other Local Authorities did the work free, he had struck off the outstanding balances due by tenants for such fittings. Henceforth tenants would not be charged half cost for repairs and replacement of doors. The Local Authority had to protect the property. Commissioner Coghlan agreed that houses could not be let collapse whether from internal or external lack of repairs and Commissioner Browne that provision of doors was a priority matter. Commissioner Mannion adverted to the poor timber which had originally been used in the houses.

In a discussion on housing Commissioner Stapleton referred to the complaints of Mr. Collins, McHale Tee and Commissioner Mannion to the temporary refusal of Mr. Cahill to take a vacant house in Gilmartin Rd., and of Mr. Mooney to take one in Tubberjarlath because these vacant houses had not been put in proper order. The Engineer explained that the new Manager had altered the system so that internal decoration of vacant houses could now be undertaken. In the course of the discussion, the Engineer's report on the house of Wm. Douglas at St. Enda's Ave., was read. The Assistant Manager in reply to Commissioner Browne stated that the debt of Mr. Dolan of St. Josephs Park, to the Commissioners for arrears unpaid might be recovered. Commissioner Coghlan inquired if the Engineer could say briefly if defects existed in the house he had reported on and if repairs would be executed and the Engineer replied that the Manager had given certain directions for repairs which would be followed up in due course, but, he had to remember he had only approximately £4. an average to spend on each house. He stated he tried to spread the work evenly over the year and keep a staff employed. Commissioner Campbell urged that new lavatory

bowls where such were necessary, should have priority and the Manager stated he had ruled that one be supplied to Mr. Douglas. For further transfers the Manager, stated it would be a condition that a tenant must leave his old house in good repair and that he would be given a certain time limit in which to do this or be refused the transfer sought.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Clerk read the requisition for a special meeting signed by Commissioners, Mannion, Browne, and O'Brien. As the reason had been to prevent the letting of a house which was now let, the Board and Manager agreed no meeting was required, Commissioner Mannion protesting. The Manager decided that the Engineer should inspect No. 20 Gilmartin Rd., the house in question and recommend as to remedying alleged dampness. The Clerk also read a letter from the Co. Secretary on the provision of children's playing fields in Tuam.

FIXING OF DATES OF 1958 FAIRS:

Dates provisionally fixed by the Town Steward, were reviewed and with one amendment agreed to.

6) NOTICES OF MOTION OF COMMISSIONER MANNION:

- a. That the fairs be advertised in Old Moores Almanac. It was agreed they be advertised in this almanac in addition to Purdons, half page advertisements being put in each.
- b. Commissioner Mannion stated that it was established that Gilmartin Rd., was in bad repair and that to avoid more expense later the problem should now be tackled in a comprehensive manner.

Commissioner Stapleton inquired as to what steps had been taken to light the new Cathedral Entrance and the Manager replied that the Co. Council was in correspondence with the diocesan authorities and that he would check on the present position. Commissioner Stapleton stated that the Rev. Mother of the Bon Secours had complained that the windows of the house at Vicar St., had been broken so that it was necessary to have them covered with net wire and that the Grove inmates had been subject to other annoyances, by, parties late at night or in the early morning hours. The Board decided to call on the decent people of the town to co-operate to have an end put to such abuses, the chairman stating that in addition he would discuss the matter with the Administrator.

NOTICE OF MOTION - COMMISSIONER MANNION:

- c. In the matter of the Board's over ruling the Co. Medical Officer in his recommendations as to transfers, Commissioner Mannion stated the Church & State required the separation of the sexes at a certain age, but, that the Board had failed to take these factors into consideration.
- d. Commissioner Mannion stated some of the streets were generally not well cleaned and tidy on Sunday mornings as it was impossible for the cleaners to clean the spaces under cars and lorries on Saturdays. He urged that either the streets be cleaned later on Saturdays or that more men be employed. The Assistant Manager stated street cleaning was at present under review.

On the proposition of Commissioner Stapleton, seconded by Commissioner Campbell a vote of sympathy to the relatives of the late Patk. O'Dwyer, Athenry Rd., and Tom McHugh, Vicar St. was passed all members standing.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN COMMISSIONER.

John Connaughton CHAIRMAN. 2/7/57
Guaid 100/annu TOWNCLERK. 2/7/57

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

The annual meeting of the above Local Authority for the purpose of the election of a chairman and vice-chairman for the coming year, was held on Monday June, 24th, 1957, at 8.30. p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioner Coghlan, Campbell, Stapleton, Browne, and Connaughton were present.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN:

The Clerk took the chair and invited nominations for the position of chairman for the coming year. Commissioner Cahill, in his absence was proposed by Commissioner Stapleton, seconded by Commissioner Connaughton and unanimously elected. He then invited nominations for the vice-chairmanship and Commissioner Coghlan proposed by Commissioner Campbell and seconded by Commissioner Browne was unanimously elected. Commissioner Coghlan then thanked the members for his election.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

John Connaughton CHAIRMAN 21/7/57 DATE
Guinead St. James TOWN CLERK 2/9/57 DATE.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its monthly meeting of July, 2nd, 1957.

ATTENDANCE:

In the absence of the chairman, the chair was taken by the vice-chairman, Commissioner John Coghlan. Other members present were Commissioners Connaughton, Mannion, Stapleton and Campbell.

The minutes of the last monthly meeting and of the Special meeting of June 24th, 1957 were read and signed.

Arising out of the minutes the question of repairs to houses was discussed and the Manager informed the Board that ~~the~~ he had discussed the position with the Engineer, who had engaged extra staff in an effort to cope with the volume of work requiring attention. Commissioner Mannion urged that a survey of all houses be made by the Rent Collectors to ascertain what repairs were at present required and that they report to a Special Meeting of the Board. This was not agreed to and the execution of repairs was left to the Engineer.

St. PAUL'S TCE., PASSAGE WAY:

Arising out of the minutes, the chairman inquired if the matter of the restriction of the right of way in the passage to the rear of St. Paul's Tce., by ~~the~~ recent fencing had been remedied and the Town Steward who resides in the Terrace assured the Board that this was now adjusted to the satisfaction of all.

CATHEDRAL ENTRANCE:

Further arising from the minutes the chairman inquired of the Assistant Manager if the question of the provision of lighting at the new Cathedral entrance had been settled. The Assistant Manager in reply stated that the only outstanding question in this matter now was the design of the lights to be used.

GUIDE TO TUAM:

The Clerk read a letter from the Irish and Overseas Publishing Co., Ltd., on a map of Tuam Area which it was proposed to include in a guide to the Town being prepared and the map in question was passed for examination to the members. The map was approved, but, on the proposal of Commissioner Mannion the Clerk was directed to require the Co. to submit a proof copy to the Board prior to finally having the Guide printed.

Letter from Mr. Ml. Brogan, 84 Gilmartin Rd., requesting permission to erect a back kitchen was read. It was directed that a sketch map and brief specification of the proposed work be submitted for consideration by the Board's Engineer. Ml. Brogan who was present was informed by the Assistant Manager that any addition he might get permission to build would become the property of the Tuam Town Commissioners.

A letter from a number of tenants in Athenry Rd., on the inconvenience being caused by a saw mills erected there by Mr. John Hughes, was read and the Assistant Co. Manager stated that the Co. Council Solicitor had been in touch with Mr. Hughes, Solicitor and as a settlement would not be arrived at, proceedings against Mr. Hughes by the Co. Council were now pending.

TUAM CARNIVAL:

At this stage, standing orders were suspended to allow the Rev. Fr. Fitzsimons who was present to speak. Fr. Fitzsimons stated that the holding of a carnival in the Presbytery field, Ballygaddy Rd., in aid of the parochial centre had at the last minute proved impossible as Tofts Amusements had failed to get through the gate-way to the field and asked that the Fairgreen be made available. This was unanimously agreed to - the charge to be as on former occasions.

A letter from the Tuam Trades Council, inviting the Commissioners to attend a meeting at the Parochial Centre convened to discuss the Railway crisis and the possibility of the closing of local branch lines was read. The chairman appealed to all members to be in attendance at the meeting.

LETTING OF HOUSES:

Commissioner Mannion stated that of two houses which had been vacant the Board had recommended Mtn. Cahill, Barrick St., for one and Mr. Donnellan, Athenry Rd., for the one which would then remain. He stated that the Board had further recommended that Mrs. Rose & O'Brien be given the next further vacancy in Gilmartin Rd. The Manager stated Mr. Cahill had been given his choice of the two houses and selected that in Gilmartin Rd., but, that it had been necessary to let the remaining house in Tubberjarlath Rd., to Mr. Burke, of Athenry Rd., as Mr. Burke was recommended as most necessitous case by the Co. Medical Officer. Mr. Donnellan had, he said, however, a very high priority. The Clerk stated that a further house in Gilmartin Rd., had just become vacant and the Assistant Manager promised that in making the letting he would consider carefully the case of Mrs. O'Brien, recommended by the Board.

ARREARS NOTICES TO TENANTS:

Commissioner Campbell stated that arrears notices demanding various sums of alleged arrears had been sent to every tenant in Athenry Rd. and Tubberjarlath Rd. He stated the tenants were very annoyed and that they would like the Rent Collector to call regularly every Saturday night or Monday morning. The Assistant Manager replied that the issue of such notices was a normal procedure. The arrears were at too high a level and since March they had increased further, very few tenants were clear at the end of each month. The arrears notices were intended also to establish the correct level in case of any dispute. Commissioner Campbell insisted that in the case of tenants who paid their rent monthly that the action taken was rather high handed, despite such tenants being weekly ones.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

M. W. Cahill CHAIRMAN

Guada Hornum TOWN CLERK

6/18/57 DATE

6/18/57 DATE.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its monthly meeting of Aug. 6th, 1957.

ATTENDANCE:

The Chairman, Commissioner M. W. Cahill presided. Other members present were Commissioners Coghlan, Campbell, O'Brien, O'Connell, Stapleton, Connaughton and Mannion.

Arising out of the minutes Commissioner Campbell referred to the door of the house of Mr. Newman, Athenry Rd., which he stated had fallen away. The Board commented on the fact that while requests for repairs to houses at Athenry, Tubberjarlath and Gilmartin Roads were exceedingly numerous, very little repairs appeared to be necessary to the other houses such as McHale and Parkmore Terraces.

LETTER FROM DR. O'BEIRNE: A letter from Dr. O'Beirne recommending Patk. and Mrs. Nicholson, old age pensioners for a house was read.

A LETTER FROM MRS. KING, GILMARTIN RD., requesting a range and certain repairs was also read. It was decided to refer it to the Engineer.

RANGES:

Commissioner Coghlan inquired as to the position of the loan for £200 for ranges, which the Board had applied for and the Clerk stated that he understood the Co. Council had not yet obtained sanction from the Dept. to raise this loan. He was instructed to press the Co. Council as much as possible to expedite it.

COST OF TOWNS HAVING TOWN COMMISSIONERS AND URBAN COUNCILS:

The Clerk was instructed to remind the Assistant Manager to supply comparative figures over ten years of the rates on Tuam and Ballinasloe under the heading given in his paper of May 7th, 1957, it being asserted that he had already agreed to provide such.

LETTER FROM SINN FEIN:

On the proposition of Commissioner Mannion, seconded by Commissioner Coghlan a circular letter from the Sinn Fein Organisation was read. A discussion on the letter was ruled out of order by the chair on the grounds that the contents of the letter were political.

LETTER FROM THE ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES OF IRELAND,

inviting any motions which the Board might wish to have placed before the 44th Annual Conference was also read. Commissioner O'Connell quoted numerous instances of the Benefits for Local Authorities which the Association had secured. He stated the Minister had invited the Association to send a deputation to discuss motions adopted by the last Congress and that such deputations consisting of some ten delegates would be sent. Commissioner Campbell stated a motion he had proposed in the past that grants be given for the installation of bathrooms in Local Authority houses should be forwarded for consideration by the Congress. Commissioner O'Connell informed the Board that this motion was considered previously by the Congress and that it was due to come before it again on Sept. 24th. Mr. Campbell then proposed that the Board request local Co. Councilors to have the Co. Council install free of charge to the tenants, water and sewerage in Co. Council cottages in Tuam. This was unanimously adopted.

A motion of the Ennis Urban District Council requesting the Government to have a speed limits on traffic passing through built up areas imposed, was unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Coghlan commented on the untidy state of the streets, with special reference to scattered papers and asked the Board to appeal to the townspeople to display more civic spirit in this matter.

Mr. Brogan, 84 Gilmartin Rd., was present at the meeting. He had built a back kitchen to his house together with a bathroom, which he stated had cost him £60. and his own labour. On his behalf

Commissioner Campbell requested the Board to install a lavatory bowl and sink in his house, free of cost. This was unanimously agreed to.

A vote of congratulation to the Gardai for their competent handling of traffic on race day was unanimously adopted.

A vote of sympathy to the relatives of the late James Nestor, C.C. which had been proposed by Commissioner O'Connell, all members standing.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

M. W. Cahill CHAIRMAN

Sept 3rd DATE

James O'Connell TOWN CLERK

3/9/57 DATE.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its monthly meeting of Sept. 3rd., 1957.

ATTENDANCE:

The chairman, Commissioner M. W. Cahill, presided. Other members present were, Commissioners Coghlan, Browne, Mannion, O'Brien, Campbell, Stapleton, Connaughton and O'Connell.

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

ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES:

Arising out of the minutes, Commissioner O'Connell stated he was on a recent delegation of the Association to the Minister for Local Government. At the interview with the Minister the following matters of interest to the Board had been established:-

- a. As a result of the efforts of the Association the grant for installation of water and sewerage and reconstruction of Urban Houses suitable for occupation by members of the working class had been increased to £120.
- b. Provision of bathrooms in Local Authority houses. The Minister would not agree to the provision of grants for this purpose, but, suggested such works might be carried out, by the raising of loans, the loan charges to be defrayed by an addition to the rents. This led to a discussion by the members; Commissioner Mannion referring to the fact that the amount of rent already paid by tenants in the older houses had not been considered and to the fact that recently constructed houses though let at much dearer rents were much superior to the older types and Commissioner Campbell to the unfairness of placing an extra burden on tenants, when the fault lay with the housing Authorities in not constructing proper dwellings in the first instance.

It was unanimously agreed that this matter be referred back to the Minister for further consideration, it being pointed out that had bathrooms been provided in the first place the cost would have been as low as from £25 to £50.

- c. Relief Schemes: The Minister had agreed to consider proposals put up by any Board, for having Relief Schemes in special cases, commenced earlier in the year than had been customary in the past.
- d. House Purchase Schemes: These had been discussed and it had emerged that with the exception of a scheme in Cashel, such had been in general a failure. On the members debating the feasibility of a scheme for Tuam, the Manager agreed to have one prepared for submission to the Board.
- e. Powers of Cp. Councils in towns: It had been agreed that in order to prevent to Co. Councils erecting undesirable structures in towns, the Minister would sympathetically consider any representations made to him in such matters, by town Boards.

TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACT.

The Manager informed the meeting that as Tuam appeared to be a growing town, he felt the provision of the Town & Regional planning Act should apply to it and suggested the Board consider requesting the Co. Council to adopt the relevant provision, of the Act with regard to Tuam. Commissioner O'Connell stated that if the Act were adopted in regard to the town the Board would have no say or control whatever of any planning scheme which might be drawn up by any Architect appointed by the Co. Council.

WATER & SEWERAGE IN LABOURER'S COTTAGES:

The absence of such facilities in certain Labourers' cottages in the

town was discussed, Commissioner Campbell urging to the Assistant Manager that such should be provided without cost to the tenants, who would be unable to contribute because of their financial position. The Assistant Manager stated that the Co. Council proposal was to make such installations free of any capital expenditure by the tenants, but, to increase the low rents of 2/6d. per week existing by 2/-d. to 4/6d. to defray the expenses. Commissioner Campbell agreed to discuss the matter again with several tenants who had approached him. Commissioner Mannion maintained that half the working class houses in Tuam were without such facilities. The Manager also stated that an opportunity of having the cottages vested in them was extended to the tenants so that they might be able to avail of the water and reconstruction grants.

FIRE FIGHTING FACILITIES:

Commissioner O'Connell stated that the Fire Fighting Advisory Committees to enable them to advise on the equipment required in their various areas, desired to have available gross figures of the losses occasioned by fire, in the areas they were responsible for, but, that the Insurance Companies had refused to give the information. He proposed that the following resolution be sent to the Congress of Municipal Authorities

"That we ask the Fire Insurance Companies operating in Ireland to co-operate with Co. Fire Advisory Committees by furnishing them with annual gross returns of damage occasioned by fire in their areas".

This was seconded by Commissioner Coghlan and agreed to by all members with the exception of Commissioner Mannion, who disented, maintaining such might involve any breaches of confidence, between the Insurance Companies and their clients.

A letter from J. A. O'Connell Esq., an issue of Notice to Quit to Mr. Byrne, Gilmartin Road, was read. The position of Mr. Byrne was discussed and the Assistant Manager, who agreed to consider the case further, stated that the Notice and subsequent issue of a civil bill, were because of arrears of rent rather than arrears of payments on a range supplied. All sums due by tenants on ranges would, however, be declared eventually have to be paid.

Editorial matter for proposed Guide to Tuam:

A copy of this had been furnished by the Irish & Overseas Publishing Co., Ltd., for the Commissioners approval. It was proposed by Commissioner O'Connell, seconded by Commissioner O'Brien and agreed that a sub-committee consisting of Commissioners O'Connell, Coghlan, Browne, and Connaughton should consider the proposed editorial on behalf of the Board. This was agreed to, Commissioner Mannion who proposed a special meeting for the purpose disenting.

HOUSING EXPENDITURE:

The Assistant Manager read a report of the Engineer on expenditure on repairs to the Board's houses, which showed that if the present rate of expenditure continued a sum of £2,400 would be required for the year. In order to deal with the situation, the Assistant Manager asked the Board to give him power to exceed the figure allocated for repair of houses in the Estimates, with the restriction that he should not in exercise of this power give rise to any increase in the rates. On the proposal of Commissioner Mannion, seconded by Commissioner O'Brien, and this was unanimously resolved upon.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Various letters from tenants requesting repairs were referred to the Engineer. A letter from the Hon. Secretaries of the Tuam Carnival Committee, requesting reconsideration of the charge of £10. made for the use by the Committee of the Fairgreen for the recent carnival was also read. Members advocated remitting the charge or reducing it to one half. The Manager decided the Committee be written for figures of the actual receipts and of the receipts estimated at the time the green was taken and agreed to a reduction in the charge proportionate to the reduction, if any, in the receipts.

NOTICE OF MOTION OF COMMISSIONER BROWNE:

"That we the Tuam Town Commissioners, represent to the Minister of Industry & Commerce, the necessity, in the public interests, of not giving effect to the recommendations of the Inland Transport Commission on the closing of branch lines".

This was considered and on the proposal of Commissioner Browne, seconded by Commissioner Mannion unanimously adopted.

PROVISION OF EXTRA HOUSE:

Commissioner Coghlan referred to a motion which had been passed by the Board at a previous meeting, and which requested the Co. Council to provide further housing accommodation in Tuam. The Manager said it had not yet come before the Council and stated that before it did he would like personally to see the sites available and to discuss informally the position with the Board. It was agreed the Commissioners would meet him informally on Thursday the 19th, inst., at 6. p.m. for this purpose.

Commissioner Campbell referred to the danger existing to the house of Mr. Harry Roache, Athenry Rd., from the possibility of a tree in the Cemetery falling. The Manager noted the matter for attention.

He also referred to the desirability of having floors provided on which clay excavated by grave diggers would be placed. This was also noted.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

W W Cahill CHAIRMAN DATE 1/10/57

J W Mannion TOWN CLERK DATE 1/10/57

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its monthly meeting of Tuesday October 1st. 1957.

ATTENDANCE:

The Chairman, Commissioner Ml. W. Cahill, presided. Other members present were Commissioners Coghlan, Browne, Mannion, Stapleton, Connaughton, O'Brien and Campbell - together with the Assistant Manager Mr. McDermott.

MINUTES:

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

LETTER FROM TUAM CARNIVAL COMMITTEE:

A letter from the Rev. James D. Fitzsimons C.C. Hon. Secretary of the Tuam Carnival Committee, on the matter of an earlier request by the Committee to have the rent charged for the use of the Fairgreen reduced, was read. The Assistant Manager as a result, reduced the charge to £1. for the whole period of the Carnival.

REPRESENTATIONS OF EDWIN O'HORA APPLICANT FOR HOUSING ACCOMODATION.

Mr. O'Hora was admitted and representations made by him for housing accomodation heard.

ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:

Commissioner Campbell adverted to the proposed increase in the rents of labourers cottages to compensate for the installation of water and sewerage, where such facilities would be supplied and a discussion of ~~was~~ members of the Board and the assistant Manager ensued. In the course of the discussions the assistant Manager explained that there was no compulsion on the Local Authority to supply such facilities and that if the tenants had to pay the full cost of these installations an increase in rents greater than the proposed increase of 2/- would probably be necessary. In reply to Commissioner Browne he agreed that a separate connection could, where feasible, be made for an individual tenant. Commissioner Coghlan finally proposed Commissioner O'Brien seconded and it was unanimously agreed that a committee of the tenants meet the Commissioners and the assistant Manager to discuss the matter.

ALSO ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

Commissioner Coghlan inquired of the assistant Manager as to what steps had been taken as a result of his arrangement to meet members of the Board to examine housing sites on the evening of the 19th ultimo. Mr. McDermott replied that unfortunately he had to return to Galway early on that day, but, that the site in hands, the Palace, was in his opinion an ideal one and that in view of what he had gathered as to the numbers seeking houses, approximately twenty houses might be required. This number would also fit in well with the next stage envisaged for the development of the Palace housing estate.

EDITORIAL FOR PROPOSED GUIDE TO TUAM

The committee appointed to examine the proposed editorial reported unanimously that it was most suitable.

COMPARATIVE FIGURES OF THE BURDEN OF RATES ON TUAM & BALLINASLOE:

The Assistant Manager read a paper, he had compiled, showing the rates on both towns over the period 1952 to 1958 inclusive, with special reference to the rate for road purposes, the item mainly responsible for the different charges on the two towns and promised to submit a final paper, summarising the conclusions to be drawn from the figures given in his present report and in that of May 7th. 1957. He gave it as his considered opinion that Tuam would be subject to less rates if it were urbanised.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A circular giving excerpts of a speech made at a meeting in

in New York in protest against the arrest and internment of Leaders of the Sinn Fein Party was ruled out of order by the Chairman as political.

A letter from Michael Higgings a tenant of Gilmartin Road, alleging serious annoyance by a neighbouring tenant was read. It was agreed the matter should be investigated by officers of the Board.

Two letters from tenants making representations for repairs to their houses were referred to the Engineer.

LETTING OF HOUSES.

The Assistant Manager read to the Board his directions for the letting of three vacant houses. These were:-

- 1) That Mr. Michael Ryan, be transferred from No. 59, Athenry Road to No. 9, McHale Terrace and that the vacancy this created at No. 59 be filled by Mr. Patrick Nicholson.
- 2) That Mr. Joseph Donnellan be granted the tenancy of house No. 38, Tobberjarlath Rd.
- 3) That house No. 9, Newtown Morris be allocated to Mr. Dan O'Dea.

The Board agreed with the decisions but, unanimously recommended that Mr. Brod McHale be made tenant of a vacant house in St Joseph's avenue and in the event of his not obtaining this house and of Mr. O'Dea not accepting No. 9, Newtown Morris ~~and that~~ a further house in Newtown Morris which would become vacant at any moment, be given to him and Mr. Kelly No. 8 Athenry Rd.

Commissioner Stapleton represented to the Assistant Manager the position of Mr. Joseph Murphy Tullinadaly Road, whom he stated had very bad accomodation and who appeared to have a very low priority on the list of the Co. Medical Officer. The Assistant Manager stated he would have Mr. Murphy's case investigated by the Health Inspector.

INCREASE OF WAGE RATES OF LABOURERS AND TRADESMEN EMPLOYED.

It was proposed by the Commissioners Mannion, seconded by Commissioner O'Brien and unanimously resolved that an increase of 1¹/₂d. per hour be made in the wages of all labourers and tradesmen employed by the Board.

Commissioner O'Brien requested that the Engineer be required to furnish to each monthly meeting of the Board a report on the repairs carried out by him, since the last meeting. The Assistant Manager agreed that such reports should be furnished.

Commissioner Campbell reminded the meeting that the Garda should keep cattle during the early morning hours of the October Fair on the move as on previous occasions and requested that the road through the Fairgreen be made available to factory workers who lived on the Tullinadaly Road by the provision of some small gates at the entrance to the green. The Assistant Manager felt that the latter would hardly be feasible as it would gradually lead to abuse of the graziers rights by children and the public.

Commissioners O'Brien requested that the fire hose be available for washing the streets on the days of the October Fairs and the Assistant Manager agreed to this stating such was the practice in most towns.

Complaint was made by Commissioner O'Brien of a bottle neck opposite the National Bank which delayed lorries carrying beet to the Sugar Campaign.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

John Douglass CHAIRMAN 5 Nov 1957 DATE

Guaid H. Donnan TOWN CLERK. 6/11/57 DATE.

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Minutes of proceedings of above named Local Authority at its monthly meeting of November, 5th, 1957.

Attendance.

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman Commissioner Coughlan presided. Other members present were, Commissioners Browne, Connaughton, Mannion, Campbell and O'Brien, together with the Engineer, Mr. Caulfield.

MINUTES.

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

Arising out of the minutes the Engineer addressed the Board, which at its last monthly meeting had decided that he furnish a report each month giving particulars of work executed by him. He explained that each week a separate report for each premises repaired is supplied and that the Manager had stated that such reports would meet the Board's requirements and he instanced from copies of these reports various repairs which had been executed since the last meeting, including No. 9 McHale Tce. which had cost approximately £79. The Board discussed repairs in general and manifested concern on two grounds:-

- a) Cost of putting vacant houses in order for incoming tenants.
- b) Repairs for old established tenants which in general were and would have to be delayed because of the amount of work necessary on vacant houses and other essential items.

It was stated that Rent Collectors should furnish reports on the state of their houses, so that action against tenants could, where necessary be taken. The Engineer stated that all houses on becoming vacant were examined by him and that deposits made by the tenants were, in general, not repaid because of liabilities for rent or repairs. He also gave a statement of the amount of money being spent on repairs showing that it was not practicable to increase the repair staff as some members had suggested. Commissioner Browne stated he would ask for a Rent Collector's report on the next vacant house.

Letters requesting repairs from:-

- Mr. Michael Higgins, 21, Gilmartin Road.
- Mr. Michael Dooley, 19 do
- Mrs. Maggie Keegan, 55 do
- Mrs. Teresa M. Fahy, 10, Tobberjarlath Rd.

The Engineer was instructed to proceed on the basis he was going on, but, to try and give as early attention as possible to these cases. Commissioner Campbell directed attention to the necessity of attending to the backdoor of the house of Mr. Harte Tobberjarlath.

Also arising out of the minutes, Commissioner Campbell referred to the bottle neck at Dublin Road. Traffic problems were discussed and Commissioner Browne proposed that "the entrance to the Shambles be widened, that a public light be placed at such an entrance and that the Shambles be made available for the parking of cars." This was seconded by Commissioner Connaughton. Commissioner Mannion proposed an amendment "that the Shambles be used as a car park." As there was no second to the amendment it was lost and Commissioner Browne's proposal adopted. The Engineer was instructed to request the co-operation of the Gardaí in terminating traffic congestion at Dublin Road, near the National Bank. He was also directed to inquire of the Council, when the car park in front of the Palace Building

be completed and available for the parking of cars.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A letter from Jack Murphy, T.D. containing the following resolution which is to come up for debate in Dail Eireann was read:-

"That having regard to the undoubted hardships which will be the lot of the poorer sections of the community during the Winter months, the Tuam Town Commissioners urge that food subsidies should be introduced for all recipients of Social Welfare and Unemployment Benefits during the coming winter months."

On the proposal of Commissioner Mannion, seconded by Commissioner Campbell the resolution was unanimously adopted.

A letter from the Town Clerk Drogheda which contained the following resolution was also read:-

"The Corporation of Drogheda accept that houses for Old Age Pensioners and those with incomes of less than £2. per week require greater subsidisation. They have decided to further subsidise, by raising their previous contribution, houses specially constructed for people of that type and they respectfully request the Central Government to make a substantial extra contribution for the same type of construction and applicant.

That copies of this Resolution be sent to all Municipal Authorities." On the proposition of Commissioner Mannion, seconded by the Acting Chairman the resolution was unanimously adopted.

GAMING AND LOTTERIES ACT 1956.

The following resolution was proposed by Commissioner O'Brien, seconded by Commissioner Campbell and unanimously adopted:-
"That the Tuam Town Commissioners adopt part three of the Gaming and Lotteries Act 1956 for the Town of Tuam."

LOADING OF PIGS.

Commissioner O'Brien moved the suspension of standing orders to enable him to introduce troubles arising from the loading of pigs on fair days. Suspension was seconded by Commissioner Mannion and agreed. Commissioner O'Brien then stated that grave annoyance was caused at the Mercy Convent owing to the loading of pigs outside the premises, within a few yards of where children were being taught. To eliminate the annoyance the Clerk was instructed to request the co-operation of the Gardaí in preventing the loading of pigs in this area the attention of the Gardaí being directed to the Shambles and the Mall as alternative centres.

OFFER OF MR. PATRICK KING PARKMORE TCE. TO PURCHASE HIS HOUSE.
The Clerk was directed to get in touch with the Manager on this matter and to intimate that the Board was in favour of disposing of the premises to Mr. King. It was considered that a figure of some £300. which Mr. King had mentioned as being asked of him was very excessive.

ILLUMINATED ADDRESS.

A proposition of Commissioner Mannion that an illuminated address be presented to the Galway team on its return from U.S.A. was not agreed to as information was available that the local G.A.A. Officials would not favour such on this occasion.

LETTING OF HOUSES.

The Clerk read for the Board the parties to whom the Manager had ordered the letting of seven vacant houses and on request the order of names of applicants for housing accomodation on the Co. Medical Officer's list. As one of the parties, Dan O'dea, to whom the Manager had let a house in Newtown Morris would not take it, the Board again unanimously recommended that Mr. John Kelly be housed there. It was also recommended that the next suitable vacant house be given to Michael Bray.

On Commissioner Mannion's suggestion it was agreed a letter of appreciation be sent to Superintendant Walsh on his retirement.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED ON BEHALD OF THE TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

W. W. Cahill

CHAIRMAN

DATE.

S. W. O'Connell

TOWN CLERK.

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of the above Local Authority at its monthly meeting of December 3rd, 1957.

ATTENDANCE:

The chairman Commissioner Ml. W. Cahill, presided. Other members present were Commissioners Coghlan, Campbell, Connaughton, Stapleton, O'Connell, and O'Brien.

MINUTES:

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

LETTING OF NO. 9 NEWTOWN MORRIS:

The following resolution of which the Manager and members had been notified in accordance with Sect. 4 of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, was proposed by Commissioner Connaughton and seconded by Commissioner Campbell.

"That this Board by virtue of the power vested in it under Section 4 of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955 require the Manager to let house No. 9 Newtown Morris, Tuam, to Mr. John Kelly, of No. 8 Athenry Road, Tuam."

Commissioner Coghlan stated that Mr. Ml. Bray's housing requirements were more pressing than those of Mr. Kelly and on discussion some members felt that No. 9 Newtown Morris should be allocated to Mr. Bray, especially as it appeared that Mr. Kelly might be allocated No. 8 Athenry Rd., of which he was sub-tenant, by the Manager, the tenant Mr. St. John having died. The case of a third applicant, Mr. Ralph, who on the list of the Co. Medical Officer had priority over Mr. Kelly and Mr. Bray was adverted to and the dates of the applications of all these parties compared. The chairman finally put Commissioners Connaughton resolution to a vote when it was carried by a majority of four to three; Commissioners Cahill, Connaughton, Stapleton, and Campbell voting for it and Commissioners Coghlan, O'Brien and O'Connell against.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. Letter from Mrs. Sheila Ryan, No. 9 McHale Tce., a tenant who had just moved into the house, complaining of the state of repairs of No. 9 was read. A large sum of money had been spent on this house, prior to Mrs. Ryan taking possession and as members understood Mrs. Ryan intended to apply for the purchase of the house, it was strongly urged the house be sold to the Ryans to avoid further expenditure.
- b. Letter from Mrs. Burke, 32 Gilmartin Rd., applying for a range was read and directed to be filed for consideration in conjunction with other such applications, when ranges were being allocated.
- c. A letter from Mr. Ml. Dooley, 19 Gilmartin Rd., applying for a range was directed to be filed for consideration when ranges were being allocated.

In connection with ranges the clerk stated he had £200. available to purchase such and that the lowest quotation for supplying ranges he had got was at £21. 7. Od. each. As the installation costs might amount to some £2 or thereabouts per range if he purchased eight ranges he would have some money over, whereas he had insufficient funds to purchase and install nine. He, therefore asked if the Board would vote him from revenue whatever extra sum would be required to deal with nine ranges.

It was proposed by Commissioner Connaughton, seconded by Commissioner Campbell and agreed unanimously

"That the Board authorise the Clerk to have nine No. 8 Stanley Ranges purchased and installed in tenants houses any sum in excess of £200. necessary to defray the expenses of this to be provided from revenue."

Adverting to the position which Mrs. Ryans letter indicated, members expressed dissatisfaction with the position in regard to the repairs of houses, feeling that repairs were not being well done despite relatively large expenditure. Commissioner O'Brien gave as an instance, a case which had come to his attention when a lavatory bowl, had been installed without a seat and which appeared to be typical of the manner in which lavatory bowls were being provided. Commissioner Stapleton referred to the necessity of putting new floors in certain houses in Newtown Morris despite the fact that this scheme was a very recent one; Commissioner Coghlan to the state of the door of Mrs. Tighe, 24 Gilmartin Rd., a very good tenant, which had been complained of six months ago, and Commissioner Campbell to the condition of the door of Mr. McNamara of Athenry Rd. Finally it was proposed by Commissioner O'Connell, seconded by Commissioner O'Brien and unanimously resolved

"That when repairs are carried out to a house, the Engineer be required to give a certificate of such to the Clerk; that the Board constitute itself into a housing committee for the purpose of inspecting houses, any three members of which may act on behalf of the full committee; that on receipt of a certificate of repairs from the Engineer, the clerk notify each member of the Committee of such and that the Committee inspect the said repairs within seven days from receipt of the clerk's notification."

As a further approach to the housing problem members adverted to the question of a Purchase Scheme and the clerk stated the Manager was prepared to go into a Purchase Scheme which had previously been prepared with them. Members did not find this latter scheme acceptable as in it, it was proposed to dispose of houses at their market value. It was felt houses, might be disposed of along the lines set forth in *circ. H6/53.* the terms in this circular for the sale or leasing of houses being read out by the clerk.

Commissioner Coghlan stated he understood that house No. 12 Gilmartin Rd., would soon become vacant and proposed that Margt. Keegan No. 35 Gilmartin Rd., who had applied for such, be transferred thereto; house No. 35 being given to Mrs. Rose O'Brien, Commissioner Connaughton seconded this which was unanimously agreed to.

The Clerk read a report from the Engineer on the opening up of the Shambles as a car park and a note from the Manager that he was making inquiries into certain difficulties which had been experienced in effecting this in the past. The chairman objected as the owner of a right of way in the shambles, to such use of it. It was pointed out, however, that such rights of way would be respected and decided to defer further consideration for the Manager's report.

The Clerk also read a letter from the Co. Secretary on the delay in providing a car-park at the Palace, Tuam and was directed to press the expedition of the provision of such as much as possible.

A letter from Rev. Dean Jackson on the provision of a footpath along the wall of St. Mary's Cathedral in High St., was read and it was directed that it be forwarded to the Co. Council with the Board's approval.

Commissioner Campbell complained of two trees and of a large wall and pillars at Vicar Street obscuring the view of motorists leaving or approaching the Grove Hospital. It was agreed that a recommendation be sent the Co. Council to have these removed.

A resolution from the Bray U. D. C. on the movements of itinerants was read.

The clerk was directed to again draw the attention of the Engineer to the state of the doors of Mr. Tighe, 24 Gilmartin Rd., and Mr. McNamara, Athenry Rd.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

John Coghlan CHAIRMAN 7 January 1958 DATE

Guada O'Connor TOWN CLERK 7/1/58 DATE

Minutes of above Local Authority at its monthly meeting of January 7th, 1958

ATTENDANCE:

In the absence of the chairman, the vice-chairman Commissioner Coghlan presided. Other members present were Commissioners, Browne, Mannion, Campbell, Stapleton, Connaughton, and O'Brien, together with the Assistant Manager and Engineer.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the last monthly meeting were read and signed. Arising out of the minutes,

1. The Presiding chairman inquired if there were any further information to hand on the question of opening the Palace car park and was informed by the Clerk that no further communication had been received from the Co. Council.
2. Commissioner Campbell inquired if any action had been taken to remedy the doors of Mr. Tighe and Mr. McNamara and was informed by the Engineer, that the last door in stock had, had to be fitted in No. 12 Gilmartin Rd., a vacant house, that a further supply of doors had not yet been procured partly because of the financial position and that consequently doors had not been fitted for Messrs Tighe and McNamara.
3. He also inquired, if an allowance on the figure of £130. which had been quoted to Mr. Wm. King, Parkmore Tce., for the purchase of his house could not be made as Mr. King on obtaining possession originally had paid £30. arrears of rents and rates due by a former tenant. The manager stated such leases were strictly governed by the Ministers Circular. Later in the meeting he agreed to look further into the matter.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A lengthy report from the Engineer on the amounts he would require in 1958/59 for maintenance of the Town Hall and Shambles, Improvements of Fair Green and Repairs of Meat Stalls and Houses was read. The item for housing repairs £3,819 was by far the largest. The Manager in commenting on this report stated that during the year the repairs question had caused the greatest concern to the Board, that the Engineer had now supplied a very full and clear statement of the position and that, which it was not his intention to include such a large figure in the Estimate, he desired to know the feeling of the Commissioners on the matter. He intimated that whatever sum was provided in the Estimate it would not finally solve the problem as many repairs would be recurring items. Commissioner Mannion commented that no provision had been made for railings. The Engineer in reply stated that except in the case of vacant houses, railings were a tenants' responsibility, and that further he had not included items such as kitchen floors and other matters which would have to be met from the normal maintenance allowance. Commissioner Campbell commented that while the figure, nearly £4,000. was very large, all complaints brought by members of the Board from time to time related to necessary and essential repairs and the Assistant Manager asked for a very careful discussion of the financial aspect of the repair position. A sum of £1,831. had been expended without increase in the rates and he wished to know if the Board felt that the extra expenditure of £531. gave satisfaction. Commissioner O'Brien stated that he understood the cost of repairs was excessive and that a proper return for the money expended was not being got. There might be waste of time by the men employed. He had been informed that putting one slate on a house had cost £2. 15. 0. Such items required investigation. Commissioner Stapleton stated that to his knowledge the men had worked hard on a large job at No. 9 McHale Tce., which had earlier been the subject of comment. In reply to Commissioner O'Brien the Engineer pointed out that it was not easy to reply in detail, but, that as an example of the work done by the men employed, painting and cleaning of eaves gutters and down

pipes had cost 21/-d. per house, a rate less than any contractor could do such work for and further informed the meeting that a complaint from Mr. Collins, 9 McHale Tce., that his fire place had been left in a broken and uncompleted condition when he took possession was without justification, in so far as Mr. Collins had undertaken to instal a range and complete this fire place himself in return for the Commissioners rectifying a broken fire place he ~~had~~ had left in the house at Athenry Rd., which he had vacated.

It was suggested by Commissioner Browne that a loan might be raised to meet the repairs emergency, but, the assistant Manager felt that this would not be feasible in so far as,

- a. The sanction of the Minister would be difficult to obtain.
- b. The extra loan charges perhaps £640 a year would add materially to the ~~rent~~ rates.
- c. It would not finally solve the problem as many repairs items would be of a recurring nature.

The latter point was corroborated by the Engineer.

It was urged by Commissioner O'Brien that many of the items, instanced in the Engineers report such as provision of doors and ~~windows~~ windows were by their agreements the responsibility of the tenants, who should be held to their responsibilities. It was pointed out, however, by the assistant Manager that if such items were not when necessary done by the Board a deterioration of their houses would follow.

As a possible solution of the difficulty a House Purchase Scheme was adverted to and in this connection Commissioner Mannion stated he knew the tenants in Gilmartin Rd., who were anxious to purchase their houses.

The Assistant Manager finally stated he felt he had the feelings of the Board on the Matter to guide him in presenting the Estimates and this terminated the discussion.

- b. A commutation from Bord Failte was read, ^{for} an entry form a competition for the tidiest town in the state. It was decided to defer discussion on this until the next meeting.
- c. A resolution from Birr U.D.C. that old age Pensions, Widows and Orphans Pensions and Unemployment Assistance be increased was read and on the proposition of Commissioner Campbell seconded by Commissioner Mannion was adopted unanimously.
- d. A motion from the Association of Municipal Authorities for the provision of legislation for the weekly collection of rates on houses sold or leased to Tenant Purchasees on the annuity system was read and on the proposal of the presiding chairman, seconded by Commissioner O'Brien was unanimously adopted.
- e. A second motion of the Association calling on the Government to consider revision of the whole system of property valuation was read and also unanimously adopted, Commissioner Mannion being the proposer and Commissioner O'Brien being the seconder.
- f. A letter from Comnaidín Ogláigh na hEiríam requesting support for a resolution of the Dublin Corporation seeking power to take possession of Nelsons Pillar and remove or demolish it in part or in whole was read. It was unanimously decided to support the resolution, Commissioner O'Brien being the proposer and Comm. Mannion the seconder.
- g. A resolution from Letterkenny U.D.C. that absentee Landlords should submit Purchase Schemes to Leaseholders paying the ground rents to them was adopted on the proposal of Commissioner ~~Mannion~~ O'Brien seconded by Commissioner Mannion, Commissioner Browne dissenting.
- h. A resolution from the Dun Laoghaire Borough Council protesting against the use of the words Dun Laoire by responsible bodies and the Press was marked read.
- i. A letter from the Co. Secretary on the provision of footpaths, in particular at St. Mary's Cathedral was read to the Board.

RANGES:

The Clerk explained the present position of the supply of ranges and the Assistant Manager of the made by which he proposed to distribute nine ranges which were in stock.

ERECTION OF WALL BETWEEN F.C.A. HUT & WEIGHBRIDGE AT THE FAIRGREEN:

The Clerk gave particulars of a wall completed by the F.C.A. ~~Authority~~ Authorities round the F.C.A. hut at the fairgreen and of a dividing wall between this hut and a weighbridge of the Board which it was suggested the Board should replace. The question of the latter was referred to the Engineer for report.

GUIDE TO TUAM:

Commissioner Mannion protested that the Guide to the town which was published with their approval contained many ^{omissions} inaccuracies. He proposed the Board should reject the Guide. The Guide was, however, again approved by the Board, Commissioner Mannion dissenting.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

John Loughlin CHAIRMAN

4 February 1958 DATE.

Guaid H. O'Brien TOWN CLERK

4/2/58 DATE.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its Estimates Meeting of January, 24th, 1958.

ATTENDANCE:

The chairman, Commissioner Ml. Cahill, presided. Other members present were Commissioners, Coghlan, Browne, Connaughton, Mannion, O'Connell, O'Brien, Campbell, together with the Assistant Co. Manager and Engineer.

ESTIMATES:

The Assistant Co. Manager, introduced the Estimates, stating that in its preparation he had kept in mind the Boards feelings that the provision for repairs of houses should be substantially increased without increasing the rates on the Town. He had therefore, provided £2,000 under this head and fortunately on this occasion owing to increased income from housing rents and other savings was able to do so without any increase in the Town Rates. He had also increased the amount for Town Hall maintenance as it was good policy to improve the condition of the Hall. The nett amount to be demanded from the Co. Council this year would despite these increases be some £9. less than in the previous year and the rate in the £1. would be practically undercharged.

Commissioner O'Connell objected to the amount for Fairgreen maintenance being kept at the level of the past year viz. £100, as the allowance in the previous year of £100 had been an extraordinary amount, which should not be used as a precedent. He urged that the figure be reduced by £40. Commissioner Browne urged that a toilet be provided in the Fairgreen and that provision ~~in~~ for such should be made. Commissioner O'Connell stated if this were on the road next the Green, the Co. Council would be the authority to provide it. Mr. McDermott reminded members the ~~£5~~ £100 had been intended for maintenance only and not for additions and in this connection the Engineer referred to the wall between the F.C.A. hut and the Weighbridge, which should be replaced. (Such replacement would cost approx. £50.) to keeping the road across the green clean and in good condition; and to installing if possible extra parts of the surface. He had in view also, the erection when possible of uprights which might be the basis for future pens. The Board objected to replacing the wall between the Weighbridge and F.C.A. hut, although the military authorities had constructed a wall round the other three sides of this hut. It was mentioned that the site had been let to these authorities at a very cheap rate. Mr. Hession, Town Steward felt that any provision of pens would be inadvisable unless sufficient were provided for all who would demand them. Commissioner Mannion supported Commissioner Brownes advocacy of the provision of a toilet and suggested tolls might be increased to get extra money. The Manager suggested the matter of the toilet could be gone into later and reminded the Board that it would be rated on the profits of any extra tolls levied. It was decided the Clerk write the Co. Council to have the revision of the valuation of the tolls listed. On further discussion Commissioner O'Connells motion that the figure for fairgreen improvements be reduced to £60 was on being seconded by Commissioner Campbell unanimously adopted.

REPAIRS TO HOUSES:

Commissioner O'Connell moved that the figure for housing repairs be reduced from £2,000 to £1,852 which would still leave the amount ££500 more than last year. The item carried a lengthy discussion. Commissioner Coghlan held that the amount of £2,000 should be adopted as ~~xxx~~ by this figure the Assistant Manager had succeeded in satisfying the feelings of a previous meeting of giving a substantial increase for repairs without increasing the ~~xx~~ rates. Houses, moreover, would deteriorate, by providing too low a figure for repairs. Commissioner O'Brien argued that tenants were not fulfilling their obligations and that the terms of their agreements should be insisted on. He felt that much the greater part of the sums being spent by the Board, went on matters tenants were responsible

FORM E.3 (Continued).

TABLE C. CALCULATION OF THE SUM TO BE DEMANDED.

1. Estimated Expenditure.	2. Estimated Receipts.			3. Net Estimated Expenditure Estimated Debit Balance (if any).	4. Estimated Credit Balance (if any).	6. Amount to be Demanded.
	£	s	d			
15718	12353	-	-	270	2495	-
4578						

872 CERTIFICATE.

I hereby certify that at (an adjournment of) the Estimates Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners held this 24th day of January, 1958. the Commissioners did by resolution adopt the Estimate of Expenses set forth in Tables A, B and C, and did also by resolution determine in accordance with the said Estimate the sum set forth in Column 6 of Table C to be the sum to be demanded for the financial year ending on the 31st day of March, 1958.

Signed *M. W. Cahill* Chairman
 Countersigned *Yvonne McEneaney* Town Clerk

Dated this 24th day of January, 1958.

To the Council of the County of Galway
 DEMAND.
 The Tuam Town Commissioners hereby transmit to the above-named Council the annexed Estimate of Expenses and calculation of the sum to be demanded for the ensuing financial year ending on the 31st day of March, 1958. The Commissioners hereby demand that the sum of £2495 shall be supplied to them by the said Council.

Signed *M. W. Cahill* Chairman
 Countersigned *Yvonne McEneaney* Town Clerk

Dated this 24th day of January, 1958.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its monthly meeting of Tuesday, Feb., 4th, 1958.

ATTENDANCE:

In the absence of the chairman, the vice-chairman Commissioner Coghlan presided. Other members present were Commissioners Campbell, Mannion, O'Brien, and Stapleton.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous monthly meeting and of the Estimates Meeting of Jan. 24th, were read and signed.

It was agreed that prior to proceeding with the business of the meeting three tenants who sought an interview with the Board be heard. Mrs. Harte, 18 Tubberjarlath Rd., the first represented to the Board the urgency of the remedying defects in (a) her back door (b) toilet (c) a wall in the house. The Clerk was instructed to send a special note to the Engineer. Mrs. Harte who is out during the day, stated she would leave her key with Mrs. Gannon, No. 20. Mrs. Byrne, 33 Gilmartin Rd., urged the Board to give her the next available house which would be vacant, as owing to the disorderly conduct of some of her neighbours she could not reside peacefully at No. 33. She was directed to hand in an application when a vacancy arose. It was mentioned that certain repairs to Mrs. Byrnes existing house had not been executed. Thos. Kerman, 61 Gilmartin Rd., stated that although No. 61 was recently let to him repairs which were urgently necessary had not been executed when he became tenant. These included back door, sink and scullery window. Commissioner O'Brien confirmed that the Manager refused to regard Mr. Kerman as a new tenant for the purpose of repairs as the house had previously been his fathers. It was agreed a recommendation to effect the repairs be sent the Engineer.

Bord Failte:

It was agreed to enter the Town in a competition for the tidiest town in the State with An Tostail.

RAILINGS OUTSIDE HOUSES:

The Clerk explained to Commissioners Mannion that tenants were responsible to such. In the case of some it was agreed the Board repair defective railings and to recommend the matter to the Engineer.

RANGES:

The Clerk explained that the Manager had not yet allocated nine ranges in stock as he had not yet had an opportunity of perusing the Engineer's report.

AMOUNT FOR REPAIRS INCLUDED IN RENTS OF HOUSES:

The Clerk was directed to have for the next meeting details of the amount for repairs included in arriving at the rents of the houses in the various schemes.

LETTERS FROM TENANTS:

A letter from Mr. P. J. McKenna, 56 Gilmartin Rd., and one from Thos. Owens, 9 Parkmore Tce., requesting repairs were directed to be referred to the Engineer.

The chairman read the Auditor's report and congratulated the Town Clerk on it.

ARREARS OF RENT:

The Clerk gave figures of the amounts of arrears of housing rent which had been carried forward and which had been struck off over the preceding three years.

EMPLOYMENT OF WORKERS BY GALWAY CO. COUNCIL:

On representations by Commissioner Campbell, the Clerk was directed (a) to request the Assistant Co. Manager to arrange to have married unemployed men resident in the Town recruited to fill any further vacancies in the work the Co. Council was engaged on in widening Tullinadaly Rd., by the demolition of a section of the Palace Wall.

(b) to ascertain from what source the Co. Council recruits its labour force and to express the opinion of the Board that recruitment should be through the Local Employment Exchange.

Commissioner Stapleton proposed a vote of sympathy with the relatives of the late Patk. Beegan, Parliamentary Secretary, seconded by the chair the vote was unanimously adopted, all members standing.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

John Coghlan CHAIRMAN

DATE 4 2 58

Guaid H. Jones TOWN CLERK

DATE 4. 2. 58

Town Clerk's Office,
Town Hall,
Tuam.
3rd, March, 1958.

To each Town Commissioners.

Dear Sir,

The monthly meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, March 4th, 1958, at 8.30. p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

AGENDA:

1. Minutes & Correspondence.
2. Allocation of Ranges.
3. Notice of Motion Comm. O'Brien, "That the Board protest against recent damaging and irresponsible statements made at a meeting of the Tuam Traders Council."

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its monthly meeting of March 4th, 1958.

ATTENDANCE: In the absence of the chairman Commissioner Cahill, Commissioner Coghlan presided. Other members present were Commissioners Mannion, Browne, O'Brien, Stapleton, Campbell, and Connaughton.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Arising out of the minutes, Commissioner O'Brien inquired as to what steps had been taken to give effect to a recommendation of the Board to remedy a defective hall door of Mrs. Harte, 18, Tubberjarlath Rd., and the engineer stated that measurements for a new door had been taken and that it was hoped to have such fitted very shortly. Also arising out of the minutes, the method of recruitment of Co. Council workers in the town was discussed and the Manager informed the meeting that the Council while transferring men already employed in rural areas, recruited all ~~new~~ men employed through the local Employment Exchange. He reminded members that such employment was a matter for the Co. Council and that any over emphasis on boundaries could have an adverse effect on town labour, in so much as townsmen were often employed in rural areas. The Engineer, while stressing the fact that as an employee of the Co. Council he was in an anomalous position, when a discussion on a function of the Council arose, volunteered the information that all men on the scheme at Tullinadaly Road were married and that all other than regular workers had been recruited through the Employment Exchange.

Further arising out of the minutes the Clerk informed the meeting that in arriving at the rents of the houses in Cloonthue Rd., and Newtown Morris housing schemes sums of £10 and £12 annually had been allowed for maintenance. Figures for the earlier schemes were not new ex

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letters from

- (a) Mrs. K. McHugh, 73 Gilmartin Rd., and
- (b) Mrs. Brosnan, 22 Athenry Rd., requesting repairs were read and noted by the Engineer.
- (c) A letter from the Tuam Band Committee, seeking financial support was also read. The Assistant Manager stated that the Board had no power, to make contributions for band performances, and that if he were left the letter he would later advise the Board on its statutory power in this respect.

Commissioner Campbell requested that Co. Manager's orders be read at meetings and was reminded that the Board had decided against this, in the past. Commissioner Campbell stated he would again formally raise the matter at the next meeting.

ALLOCATION OF RANGES:

The Assistant Manager stated there were forty six applications in all 15 from Athenry Rd., 15 from Tubberjarlath Rd. and 16 from Gilmartin Rd., and that the Engineer had placed these applications in categories (a) (b) (c) and (d) - (a) comprising those who still had old Corrib Ranges fitted, but the useful life of which was now at a close (b) applications from new Differential Rent tenants. (c) applications from tenants, whose houses very badly required remedying in regard to heating facilities and (d) from tenants with well kept houses. He proposed he stated to allocate a range to each of four tenants who comprised category (a) and to allocate the remaining five ranges by lot to tenants in category (c).

The Clerk gave the names of the tenants in each category.

OVER/

Commissioner O'Brien urged that the means of applicants should be taken into consideration and Commissioner Browne that attention should be given to the No. of dependants each had. On consideration of means, it was agreed to delete Mr. Noonan, 44 Athenry Rd., from amongst those to be supplied, the Board voting on a resolution by Commissioner Connaughton seconded by Commissioner Mannion that the four tenants in category (a) be supplied and on an amendment proposed by Commissioner Browne seconded by Commissioner O'Brien that only three of these get ranges and the amendment being carried.

A motion by Commissioner Mannion that the Board requisition the Manager to supply those without ranges was lost, it not being seconded.

As there were now six ranges and seven applicants in category (c) it was agreed that lots be drawn in regard to category (c) tenants and that the first tenant whose name was drawn be eliminated. On this being done, Mr. J. Joyce, 43 Tubberjarlath Rd., proved to be the party to be eliminated.

It was decided to recommend to the Manager for the nine ranges

1. Mrs. Cole, 39 Gilmartin Rd., Tuam
2. Mrs. P. O'Rourke, 42 Athenry Rd., Tuam
3. Mr. J. McNamara, 1 Tubberjarlath Rd., Tuam.
4. P. Mc Donagh, 54, Athenry Rd., Tuam.
5. J. Gilmore, 17 Gilmartin Rd., "
6. Ml. Dooley, 19 " " "
7. Patk. Burke, 32 " " "
8. Ml. King, 38 " " "
9. Mrs. A. O'Brien, 54 " " "

It was further decided that the raising of a further loan for range provision be on the Agenda for the next meeting, when the amount of such loan would be determined.

NOTICE OF MOTION: COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN:

"That the Board protests against recent damaging and irresponsible statements made at a recent meeting of the Tuam Trades Council." By a typists error in the agenda which had been furnished to members of the Board the word "Traders" appeared instead of the word "Trades" and as Commissioner O'Brien arose to speak on the motion as originally furnished by him, the chairman refused to allow him to do so, on the ground that the motion was not that appearing on the agenda. Members put it to the chair to have the word "Traders" amended on the agenda to "Trades", but, the amendment would not be accepted. It was then proposed by Commissioner Browne and seconded by Commissioner O'Brien and agreed that Commissioner Coghlan leave the chair. This Commissioner Coghlan then did. As no other member, however, accepted the chairmanship the matter would not then be proceeded with further. It was, therefore, agreed that a special meeting be convened for Friday, March 7th, 1958 to consider the motion.

Commissioner Coghlan then resumed the chair.

Commissioner Campbell - requested that the visiting hours at Merlin Park be altered to convenience visitors from long distances. The Assistant Manager stated the matter should be put in the form of a resolution and sent to the Western Health Board, and that it would be necessary to include in the resolution the new hours proposed.

Commissioner Campbell queried the putting of a price of £120 on a house Mr. Wm. King, Parkmore Tce., tenant sought to purchase and a price of £230 place on a house in McHale Tce., which the tenant Ml. J. Ryan sought to purchase was also queried. The Assistant Co. Manager agreed to look into these cases.

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The following tenants were admitted:-

- Thos. Kerman, 61 Gilmartin Rd., Tuam.
- Mrs. Roche, Gilmartin Rd., " and
- Mrs. Byrne, 33 Gilmartin Rd., "
- Mrs. McKenna, 56 Gilmartin Rd., "

and grievances in the matter of repairs and range requirements heard.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

John Coughlan CHAIRMAN

DATE ^{at} 1 April 1958

Guaid H. O'Rourke TOWN CLERK

DATE 1 April 58

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its special meeting held on Friday, March 7th, 1958, at 8.30. p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

In the absence of chairman, the vice-chairman Commissioner Coghlan ~~presided~~ presided, also present were Commissioners Connaughton, Browne, Campbell, O'Brien and Mannion.

MOTION: That the Board protest against the recent damaging and irresponsible statements made at a meeting of the Tuam Traders Council.

Commissioner O'Brien in moving this motion stated that the statement complained of that Tuam was a ghost town and which appeared in the Press, was very bad publicity for the town and moreover that it was absolutely false, as he and other traders were in a position to know. Judged by the volume of business, Commissioner O'Brien stated, Tuam was one of the best towns in the West of Ireland. Much damage had been done by the statement which had led to many questions by strangers being asked.

Commissioner Browne in supporting the motion stated that Tuam was a fine town - one of the best in Ireland - and that it would be most regrettable if English papers published the statement under discussion. Commissioner Connaughton speaking on the motion stated the travellers to Tuam had commented on the volume of traffic in evidence and referred to the various institutions which existed in Tuam.

Commissioners Campbell, in reply to the remarks made stated he was the person who was alleged to have made the statements complained of, but, that his words had not been correctly reported in the Press. He explained that a discussion arose at the Traders Council meeting referred to on emmigration, unemployment and on the transfer of men from the Tuam Railway station and in the course of the discussion he had said that without a Railway Tuam would be a ghost town within five years.

Commissioner Mannion agreed that without a Railway, Tuam would be a ghost town within five years. The presiding chairman Commissioner Coghlan stated he was not at the Traders Council meeting in question and quoted from the Connacht Tribune its report of the remarks complained of as "Unless something is done Tuam will be a ghost town within five years" He held that this was a reasonable comment made in good faith and felt it was wrong for members to deem them reprehensible. He stated that the movers of the motion had not impressed him into feeling that the words were damaging. He protested against the motion as being to protect the interest of a particular section and therefore not one which should be adopted by the Commissioners, the premier body in the town and on the ground moreover, that its adoption would tie the hands of the Traders Council in preventing fair comment in the future.

Commissioner O'Brien stated that the purpose of the motion was not to attack any individual but to correct the false impression conveyed in the press reports and further pointed out that the Traders gave a large volume of ~~employment~~ employment, that all classes were interdependent and that anything damaging to the Traders was damaging to every ~~section~~ section of the town. He urged that even if the railway closed Tuam would not be a ghost town.

The chair remarked that the reason for the transfer of men from Tuam Railway station was not lack of support from the trading community, but, was due to Dieselization. Commissioner Connaughton stated that Commissioner Campbell should have corrected the mis-quoting of his words by writing the Press.

The motion on being put to a vote, was carried by three votes to

five, Commissioners O'Brien, Browne, and Connaughton being in favour and Commissioners Campbell and Coghlan against. Commissioner Mannion did not vote.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN COMMISSIONERS:

John Coghlan CHAIRMAN

1st April 1958 DATE

Guaid H. Mannion TOWN CLERK

1 April 1958 DATE.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at their monthly meeting of Tuesday, April 1st, 1958.

ATTENDANCE:

In the absence of the chairman, the vice-chairman, Commissioner Coghlan presided. Other members present were, Commissioners, Mannion, Browne, Connaughton, Stapleton and O'Brien.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the last monthly meeting and of the special meeting of March, 7th, 1958 were read and signed.

REPRESENTATIONS BY TENANTS:

Four tenants who waited on the Commissioners were in turn admitted and representations made by them heard. These were

1. Mrs. Henderson, 77 Gilmartin Rd., who complained of not having been supplied with a range and of a broken sink, which had been reported as early as two years ago, not being repaired. The chairman explained how the ranges recently procured had been allocated and the clerk was instructed to again write the Engineer to inspect Mrs. Henderson's house.
2. Mrs. Trayers, 49 Gilmartin Rd., and complained of faulty lavatory. Copies of reports by the Rent Collector as early as 1952 and 1953 were produced. The Clerk was directed to write the Engineer to have the position rectified prior to the next meeting and to state why this matter had not been attended to over the past five or six years.
3. Mrs. Roche, 57 Gilmartin Rd., Tuam, as various repairs requested by Mrs. Roche at the last meeting, had not been executed, although recommendation to effect them had been sent to the Engineer, the Clerk was directed to request an explanation from the Engineer.
4. Mrs. Byrne, 33 Gilmartin Rd., reminded the Board that she had been promised a transfer. No house was, however, ready for letting and she was informed of the position.

LETTER FROM THE CARNIVAL COMMITTEE:

A letter from the Carnival Committee requesting the use of the Fairgreen for the period August 31st, 1958 to Sept., 14th, 1958 was read and inquiring as to the charge which this would entail was read. It was agreed that the green would be let for the Carnival for the period stated at £1. per night, on the condition that the Committee fenced off the amusement stalls during the fairs of Sept. 10th and 11th. The lack of toilets in the Fairgreen was commented on by Commissioner Mannion.

LETTER FROM MR. SEAN O'NEILL, BALLINAMONA PARK. TUAM:

A letter from Mr. Sean O'Neill, offering suggestions for relieving unemployment, by inducing Comhlucht Siuicre Eireann, Teo., to refine some of its cane sugar in its Tuam Factory this year was read. It was agreed that the Clerk write the General Manager of the Company to this effect.

LETTER OF INVITATION FROM THE TUAM TRADES COUNCIL: to the Commissioners to attend the annual Parade in honour of St. Joseph the Workman.

This invitation was read and the invitation accepted the Clerk being instructed to write the Trades Council and indicate that as many as possible would attend as a body, some, perhaps, having to take part as members of other Bodies.

LETTING OF FAIRGREEN:

The Clerk read two tenders received for the grazing of the Fairgreen

and gave the Manager's decision on these. Thirty pounds was tendered by Thos. Hussey, McHale Tce., and Thirty Seven pounds by Mr. James Burke, Cattle Dealer, High St., Tuam. The Manager had decided on letting the grazing to Mr. Burke. It was argued by Members that Mr. Hussey who had taken the grazing rights for a number of years and who had kept the green in excellent condition in the past should be afforded an opportunity of amending his tender and that in future the Green should be let by Public Auction.

LOAN FOR RANGES:

Provision had been made in the Estimates for loan charges on a loan of £200 for range provision and the Clerk explained that the Manager would think well of a loan of £400 if the Board decided on such. It was proposed by Commissioner O'Brien, seconded by Commissioner Browne and unanimously agreed that a loan of £400 be raised for providing further ranges for tenants.

PROVISION OF HOUSES:

The Clerk was directed to write the Assistant Manager urging expedition in the extension of the Palace housing estate as there was a heavy demand for houses at the present time.

RENT COLLECTION OF PALACE HOUSES:

Adverse comment was made on the fact that rent collection on the houses in this scheme was only made monthly by the Collector.

RANGE OF MR. JOHN WARREN:

The Clerk was directed to remind the Engineer of the fact that the plates of this range were cracked and the door was missing and that Mr. Warren had been promised when he took the house that these matters would be rectified.

A letter from the Assistant Manager explaining the fact that the Board had no authority to make payments to the Tuam Brass and Reed Band was read.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

W. W. Cahill CHAIRMAN 6/15/58 DATE
Guada St. James TOWN CLERK 6/15/58 DATE.

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS:

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its monthly meeting of May, 6th, 1958.

ATTENDANCE:

The chairman Commissioner Ml. Cahill, presided. Other members present were Commissioners Coghlan, Stapleton, Connaughton, O'Connell Browne, O'Brien and Mannion together with the Assistant Manager.

REPRESENTATIONS BY TENANTS:

It was proposed by Commissioner Connaughton, seconded by Commissioner Mannion and agreed that these tenants who awaited without be heard.

1. Mr. A McGrath who urged his need for housing accomodation, stating there were eleven in all in the house be lived in in Demense Cottages and that this house was without sanitary accomodation.
2. Mrs. Trayers, 49 Gilmartin Rd., who complained of a leakage in her lavatory not having been repaired, despite several complaints being made. As this matter amongst others had been referred to the Engineer by the last meeting, a report from that Officer was read. It was directed that the Engineer's attention be specifically drawn to the matter of the leakage.
3. Mrs. Byrne, 33 Gilmartin Rd., again reminded the Board of her application for a transfer.

DISCUSSION ON ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Commissioner Connaughton in commenting on the Engineer's report, urged that tenders for doors should be obtained as doors were being procured in relatively large numbers. The Assistant Manager explained that where goods were purchased in considerable amounts, tenders had normally to be invited. In the particular case under discussion purchases were from Tohermore Re-Ablement centre and this body was partly financed from the rates by the Co. Council and other things being equal should have preference. If the Commissioners wished to withdraw this business from the centre they should do so by a specific act. Prices charged by Tohermore were quoted for the members

11 panel doors had been bought for £3. 14. 0d. each and
1 " " " " " for £3. 12. 6d.

A complaint was made by Commissioner O'Brien that a tenant who did not want a new back door, had the suggestion made to him by an employee inspecting the house that he should seek one.

Commissioner Connaughton referred to a similiar case where a tenant who required one new flooring board fitted was told he should have a new floor.

LETTING OF FAIRGREEN FOR CARNIVAL:

Attention was directed to notifying the Carnival Committee of the Managers decision to let the green for a Carnival at £1 per day. In connection with the Fairgreen letting for grazing, Commissioner Connaughton, urged the desireability of making such letting by Public Auction. The Manager agreed the Commissioners had the right to do so, if such procedure was customary locally. Commissioner Browne alleged that the chairman had the disposal of the Fairgreen ~~disposal~~ grazing and the Assistant Co. Manager in reference to this statement stated that the Fairgreen grazing had been let on his order to the Party making the highest tender. Commissioner Browne later repeated his statement and the Assistant Manager referred once more to the facts. It was agreed on the proposal of Commissioner Coghlan seconded by Commissioner Connaughton that a Notice of Motion on the matter be handed in for the next meeting.

REPORT OF ASSISTANT MANAGER ON PALACE HOUSING SCHEME:

The Assistant Manager gave particulars on the housing situation supplied by the Co. Medical Officer. Fifteen new houses were urgent required, three for those in unfit dwellings, 2 for special class

applicants, 6 for families in one room and 4 for such in two rooms. There were four applicants seperated from their families who also should be housed. The developement plan envizaged that the next section of this housing estate should be comprised of sixteen houses and it was proposed to have the Co. Council resolve on the erection of sixteen and to seek the sanction of the Dept. for this number.

Members of the Board complained that in the existing houses in the Palace Estate there were no back entrances for turf and the Manager stated that the question of the provision of a common service road at the rear of the houses had to be view from two points. The advantage to the tenants had to be weighed against the probability that such a rear road or lane could easily become a dump, its maintenance being the particular business of nobody. To avoid the difficulty Commissioner Mannion proposed an entrance to the rear for each two houses be provided but got no seconder.

It was proposed by Commissioner O'Connell, seconded by Commissioner Coghlan and agreed

"That we ask the Co. Council to provide a service road to serve the existing houses at St. Joseph's Park and one to serve the houses proposed for the second part of the Palace Scheme, such service roads to be maintained by the Co. Council."

NOTICE OF MOTION OF COMMISSIONER MANNION:

Commissioner Mannion in speaking on his motion

the Co Council to have the wall removed at the Palace Bishop St. & to expedite the construction of the car-park there.

stated that the removal of the Palace wall and the construction of a car park had been promised some years ago and many feel that this work is now overdue, especially with the traffic congestion which existed in the streets. Commissioner Browne urged that a car park should be provided at the Shambles as well as one at the Palace, and stated he would move a Notice of Motion for the next meeting.

"That we examine the possibility of having the Shambles made into a car park and consult the Superintendent of the Gardai on the matter."

It was agreed the Co. Council be written on the matter of the Palace car park.

TOSTAL:

Commissioner Mannion urged the Board have the front of the Town Hall painted as a headline for the townspeople in view of Tuam being entered for the "Tidy Town" competition, and that open air dancing be arranged in the streets. He further urged that the Co. Council should be induced to make a contribution to the Tuam Band.

PATH AT OLD ROAD:

Commissioner Connaughton supplied a 'photo of a path constructed by a resident and stated the Co. Council should undertake its maintenance. The Assistant Manager promised to go into the matter.

Letters for repairs from Mr. Eugene Parsons 83 Gilmartin Rd., and Mr. P. J. McKenna, 56 Gilmartin Rd., were read.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

M W Cahill CHAIRMAN

DATE *3/6/58*

S J O'Connell TOWN CLERK

DATE *3/6/58*

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its Special Meeting of May 20th, 1958.

ATTENDANCE:

The Chairman, Commissioner Ml. Cahill presided. Other members present were Commissioners Coghlan, Mannion, Connaughton, O'Connell, Stapleton and O'Brien.

The Clerk outlined the proposals for the letting of four vacant houses made by the Assistant Manager which were

1. Transfer of Mrs. Byrne from 33 Gilmartin Rd., to one of two vacant houses at 55 Tubberjarlath Rd.
2. Allocating No. 33 Gilmartin Rd., thus rendered vacant, to Mr. Owen McDonagh, Cloonthue Rd.,
3. Allocating the second vacancy in Tubberjarlath Rd., to Mr. John Hession of 13 Tubberjarlath Rd., Tuam.
4. Allocation of either No. 7 or No. 9 Gilmartin Rd., to Mr. John Cleary, Gilmartin Rd.
5. A proposal for the remaining house in Gilmartin Rd., had not yet been made.

Commissioner O'Connell and the Town Clerk gave details of an inspection they had made of house No. 33 Gilmartin Rd., which showed the house to be clean and in an averagedly good condition of repair. It was first agreed that the Board approved the transfer of Mrs. Byrne, tenant of 33 to 55 Tubberjarlath. Later, however, on the proposal of Commissioner O'Connell, it was resolved that the Engineer inspect No. 33 Gilmartin Rd., prior to a transfer being granted.

It was proposed by Commissioner Mannion and seconded by Commissioner Stapleton and agreed that Mr. Cleary, Gilmartin Rd., be allocated No.7 Gilmartin Rd.

It was proposed by Commissioner Connaughton and seconded by Commissioner O'Connell and agreed that 23 Tubberjarlath Rd. be allocated to Mr. Edward Mills.

It was proposed by Commissioner O'Connell seconded by Commissioner Stapleton that No. 9 Gilmartin Rd., be allocated to Patk. Ward, Cloonthue Rd. and finally it was proposed by Commissioner Coghlan, seconded by Commissioner O'Connell and agreed that the Board does not agree to allocate 33 Gilmartin Rd. to Mr. Owen McDonagh should it become vacant.

FIXING OF POLLING STATIONS:

The Polling stations decided on and submitted to the Board for approval were approved and it was resolved that in the allocation of streets to each booth the Board recommend as follows:-

Booth at Ballygaddy Rd., be at the Boy Scouts Hall, and cater for Half Straddle, Ballygaddy Rd., Ballinamona Park, Loftus's Terrace, Mc Hale Tce., St. Benin's Tce., Old Road and O'Keeffes Tce.

Booth at Galway Rd., be at the Fire Station and accomodate all Galway Rd., St. Bridget's Tce., St. Paul's Tce., Weir Rd., St. Francis Tce., The Mall, and Church View.

A Booth at the Town Hall to accomodate Gilmartin Rd., St. Patrick's Tce St. Endas Ave., Cloonthue Rd., Liam Mellowes St., Vicarschoroland, McDonaghs Tce. and Tierboy Rd.

At this point the meeting dispersed.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

M W Cahill CHAIRMAN

DATE 3 / 6 / 58.

G McDonagh TOWN CLERK

DATE 3 / 6 / 58

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Minutes of proceedings of above named Local Authority at ~~its~~ its monthly meeting of June, 3rd, 1958.

ATTENDANCE: The chairman, Commissioner M. W. Cahill, presided. Other members present were, Commissioners Coghlan, Mannion, Campbell, O'Brien and Stapleton. *7 The Engineer Mr J C Caulfield*

MINUTES: The minutes of the last monthly meeting and of the Special meeting of May, 20th, 1958, were read and signed.

LETTING OF HOUSES: Arising out of the minutes, Commissioner O'Brien inquired if the houses vacant at the date of the last meeting had since been let. The Clerk explained that both Owen McDonagh and Patrick Ward of Cloonthue Rd., had refused a house in Gilmartin Rd., and that John Cleary had not so far called to take a house there, offered to him. A discussion on housing ensued.

Commissioner O'Brien, in view of the refusal of Messrs. McDonagh and Ward to take the houses offered them in Gilmartin Rd., proposed that in the event also of Mr. John Cleary, finally not accepting, the two vacant houses be allocated as follows:-

- No. 9 Gilmartin Rd., to Mr. Joseph Mullins, Carrowmoneen.
- No. 7 Gilmartin Rd., to Mr. John O'Neill, Gilmartin Rd.

or No. 9 to Mr. O'Neill, and No. 7 to Mr. Mullins if both parties so desired and that in the event of Mr. Cleary accepting the house offered, the remaining house be given to Mr. Mullins. Commissioner Stapleton seconded this resolution. C

Commissioner Mannion proposed an amendment to the effect that the vacancies in Gilmartin Rd., be offered successively to all applicants for housing accommodation on the list of the Co. Medical officer and allocated to the first to signify their acceptance of them. There was no seconder to Commissioner Mannion's resolution. That of Commissioner O'Brien was agreed to, Commissioner Mannion ~~is~~ dissenting.

TRANSFER OF MRS. BYRNE, 33, GILMARTIN RD.

Commissioner Mannion inquired ~~as~~ to this and the Clerk read an order of the Manager refusing such transfer.

DEPUTATION OF GILMARTIN RD. TENANTS:

Messrs. Roche, Henderson and Burke, representing various tenants in Gilmartin Rd., were admitted. Mr. Henderson stated they represented some fifty tenants in this road, who strongly objected to having further itinerants housed there. He pointed out that such applicants had been accommodated exclusively in Gilmartin Rd., so far, and intimated that they should have been distributed throughout the various ~~sub~~ schemes of the Board. It was stated that if the Commissioners did not stop such allocations, the existing tenants in Gilmartin Rd., would do so by force. Commissioner Mannion strongly supported the deputation as also did Commissioner Campbell. All members present at the meeting expressed themselves as opposed to the housing of further itinerants and Commissioner O'Brien stated to the deputation that the Commissioners never allocated houses to ~~itinerants~~ itinerants and that where this had been done it had been by the Manager or Assistant Manager.

Commissioner Mannion proposed

"That this Board recommend to the Galway Co. Council that itinerants be housed in the County where they work and make a living in a scheme or schemes similiar to Co. Council cottages."

He further proposed

"That this Board require the Co. Manager to find suitable tenants for any houses becoming vacant in Gilmartin Rd. in future."

This was also agreed to unanimously.

These were
Representations by Mr. John Roche, 76 Gilmartin Rd., who had been a

- member of the deputation, for the following repairs were noted.
- a. Provision of kitchen sink
- b. Repairs to cracks in scullery
- c. Remedying of defective back door
- d. Repair of windows.

The following ^{tenants} were then admitted.

1. Mr. ~~Fix~~ Patrick Brennan, Tubberjarlath Rd. Mr. Brennan stated a window had been blown in, that its repair was most urgent and that if the Board did not repair it he would have to do so himself and take appropriate subsequent action. All doors, and windows were he stated defective, but, that he would be content to leave the other repairs to the Engineer to execute as soon as the Engineer could.

It was proposed by Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Mannion and agreed that top ~~priority~~ priority be given to the repair of the window for Mr. Brennan.

- 2. Mrs. Trayers, No. 49 Gilmartin Rd., who complained that nothing had since been done to remedy her toilet.
- 3. Mrs. McKenna, No. 56 Gilmartin Rd., who complained of the condition of her kitchen floor.
- 4. Mrs. McHugh, 73 Gilmartin Rd., who required a sink.
- 5. Mrs. Roche, 57 Gilmartin Rd., who complained of her windows being rotten and who also required a sink.

Mr. Brogan the rent collector for this area stated all these houses were kept in 100% condition internally. It was agreed these repairs be made second top priority in the order.

- a. Mrs. Roche, b. Mrs. Trayers. c. Mrs. McHugh. d. Mrs. McKenna.

A Mr. McKenna a resident of Gilmartin Rd., complained of the condition of the railings of house No. 8 of this road tenanted by another Mr. McKenna.

6. Mrs. Byrne, 33 Gilmartin Rd., was admitted and stated she had heard she was not getting the transfer she had so many times requested. Commissioner Mannion stated it was his intention to endeavour to have a special meeting called to requisition the Assistant Manager to grant the transfer.

On the departure of Mrs. Byrne the Engineer addressed the meeting and stated it had become a habit with tenants to threaten that if he did not execute repairs they sought they would go before the Board and gave again the history of No. 49 Gilmartin Rd., the house of Mr. Trayers. He stated that ~~of~~ of the tenants who had made representations two required sinks and one a kitchen floor and that the Board had recommended they be provided regardless of the claims of numerous other tenants for sinks and floors. He stated, that if the Board now directed, he would, on the approval of the Assistant Manager do these repairs, removing men from the repair of vacant houses, but, desired a very clear direction from the Board to that effect. He did not succeed in getting a clear direction or definite answer.

Commissioner Campbell stated he was given to understand the extra width ~~is~~ being added to the road on the slope of Tullinaday Hill, was intended by the Co. Council to be made a green patch and advocated having this left a normal extension of the road to allow for cars to park. Members decided that any shrubs or flowers ~~plant~~ planted there would be quickly destroyed unless adequately protected by a railing.

Commissioner Campbell further complained of rents at St. Joseph's Park being collected monthly to the great inconvenience of the tenants. At this point members began to leave the meeting and Comm. Coghlan proposed Comm. Campbell seconded and it was agreed that a special meeting be called for Friday June, 6th, to deal with the remaining business on the agenda.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

M W Cahill CHAIRMAN
S J O'Connell TOWN CLERK

DATE 11/7/58
DATE 1/7/58

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its special meeting of June 6th, 1958.

ATTENDANCE: The chairman, Commissioner Ml. W. Cahill presided. Other members present were Commissioners, Coghlan, Connaughton, Browne Campbell and Mannion.

The following items of correspondence, held over from the monthly meeting of the 3rd inst., were read.

- a. Letter from Mr. Wm. King 10 Parkmore Tce., which it was directed be referred to the Engineer as it contained a complaint of dampness
- b. Letter from Mrs. Fahy, 16 Tubberjarlath Rd. seeking a range.
- c. Letter from Harry Geraghty on the question of a car park at the Palace. It was decided to defer consideration of car parks to the next monthly meeting, when Commissioner Browne stated, he would have a Notice of Motion on the agenda in connection with the matter
- d. Petition from tenants in St. Joseph's Park, Tuam to have rent collecti~~ons~~ made weekly instead of monthly. It was decided to forward this to the Co. Council with the Boards recommendation that it be implemented.
- e. Engineers report on house No. 33 Gilmartin Rd.
- f. Letter from the General Manager of Comhlucht Siuicre Eireann, Teo., in reply to representations from the Board to have some of the refining of cane sugar allocated to Tuam this year. Members discussed the letter and expressed understanding of the points raised and the reasons why Tuam was not a very suitable centre for refining of Sugar Cane.
- g. Letter from Bord Failte Eireann of the 16th inst., in connection with the Tidy Town Competition. It was decided to adjourn a letter from the Publicity Committee of Sinn Fein to the next monthly meeting.
- h. Letter from Ml. Higgins, Gilmartin Rd., which it was decided be referred to the Engineer.

TUAM FAIRS: 1959:

A list of proposed dates for the 1959 fairs was submitted to the Board and was approved with one amendment, the date April 14th for Cattle & Sheep being altered to April 13th. The approved dates read.

Jan.	13th	Cattle & Sheep	2nd Tuesday
Jan	21st	Pigs	3rd Wednesday
Feb	10th	Cattle & Sheep	2nd Tuesday
Feb	18th	Pigs	3rd Wednesday
Mar	10th	Sheep	Old Fair
Mar	11th	Cattle	Old Fair
Mar 1	12th	Pigs	Old Fair
April	13th	Cattle & Sheep	
April	15th	Pigs	3rd Wednesday
May	11th	Sheep	Old Fair
May	12th	Cattle	Old Fair
May	21st	Pigs	3rd Wednesday
June	9th	Cattle & Sheep	2nd Tuesday
June	17th	Pigs	3rd Wednesday
July	7th	Lambs, Sheep & Cattle	Old Fair
July	15th	Pigs	3rd Wednesday
Aug	11th	Cattle & Sheep	2nd Tuesday
Aug	19th	Pigs	3rd Wednesday
Sept.	10th	Sheep (Great Ewe Fair)	Old Fair
Sept	11th	Cattle	Old Fair
Sept	16th	Pigs	3rd Wednesday
Sept	30th	Sheep & Cattle	New Fair
Oct	20th	Sheep	Old Fair
Oct	21st	Cattle	Old Fair
Oct ³ / ₈	22nd	Horses	Old Fair
Oct	23rd	Pigs	Old Fair
Nov	10th	Cattle & Sheep	2nd Tuesday
Nov	18th	Pigs	3rd Wednesday

Dec	10th	Cattle, Sheep, Horses	Old Fair
Dec	11th	Pigs	Old Fair.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

M W Cahill CHAIRMAN

DATE 11/7/58

Gerard Adams TOWN CLERK

DATE 11/7/58

Minutes of proceedings of the above Local Authority at its Annual Meeting of June, 23rd, 1958.

ATTENDANCE: The Clerk took the chair. Present were Commissioners Cahill, Coghlan, O'Connell, Connaughton, Browne, Campbell, O'Brien, Stapleton, and Mannion.

Nominations for the position of chairman for the coming year were invited by the Clerk.

Commissioner Cahill was proposed by Commissioner Mannion and seconded by Commissioner Connaughton. The nomination was accepted unanimously and Commissioner Cahill declared elected.

Nominations for the vice-chairmanship were invited. Commissioner Coghlan was proposed by Commissioner Connaughton and seconded by Commissioner Cahill, and Commissioner Stapleton was proposed by Commissioner Coghlan and seconded by Commissioner Campbell. On Commissioner Coghlan signifying he would not accept the position, Commissioner Stapleton was unanimously elected.

The chairman and vice-chairman then thanked the members and the meeting terminated.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

M. W. Cahill

SIGNED

DATE 1/7/58

Guada Brennan

SIGNED

DATE 1/7/58

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its monthly meeting of July 1st, 1958.

ATTENDANCE: The Chairman Commissioner Ml. Cahill presided. Other members were Commissioners Mannion, O'Connell, Stapleton, Connaughton, Campbell and Coghlan.

MINUTES: The minutes of the last monthly meeting and of the Special meeting of June 6th, and June 23rd, were read and signed.

LETTER OF ASSISTANT MANAGER:

A letter from the Assistant Manager apologising for his inability to be present was read by the Clerk. As the letter conveyed the information that a special meeting of the Galway Co. Council would consider the provision of a further sixteen houses for Tuam, some discussion on the adequacy of this number of houses to meet the needs of the town ensued.

LETTING OF VACANT HOUSES AT GILMARTIN RD.

Commissioner Mannion inquired, if in the letting of these two houses, the applicants on the list of the Co. Medical Officer had been offered them successively in order of their priority. The Clerk stated that the Town Steward had gone to various applicants by bicycle and failed to get any to accept these houses. A list of applicants the Town Steward had called on was read. Commissioner Mannion stated those who had refused the houses unless they had good reason for their refusal should be deleted from the list for one year. He proposed that when a house becomes vacant in future, it be offered successively to all applicants on the list in order of priority. At this point Commissioner O'Connell suggested the meeting be adjourned as no progress was being made with the agenda.

The green patch being provided by the Co. Council at Tullinadaly Rd., was then discussed and the Clerk read a letter he had received from the Co. Secretary on the matter and a copy of a letter from the Co. Engineer to the Co. Secretary. These indicated that it was the intention to provide shrubbery in the widened section of the road. Members expressed dissatisfaction, feeling that the extra width being given to the road on the slope of Tullinadaly hill, would serve a better purpose as a parking space and that any shrubbery provided would probably be destroyed relatively quickly.

CAR PARKS.

Commissioner Coghlan proposed

"That we request the Co. Council to provide a sum to convert the Shambles in conjunction with the Palace into a car park."

This was seconded by Commissioner Connaughton. Commissioner Mannion objected on the ground that because of legal formalities he anticipated in connection with the Shambles, coupling it with the Palace, would indefinitely delay a car park at the Palace. The motion was adopted Commissioner Mannion dissenting.

MOTION OF COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL:

Commissioner O'Connell explained that if each tenant completed in duplicate a proposed form he had drafted the Board would have in effect a survey of all repairs required to its houses and a check on the work of the Engineer. Commissioner Mannion objected to any reflection on the Engineer and a heated discussion ensued. Commissioner O'Connell then stated that as no business was being done he would withdraw the motion. He then left the meeting followed by Commissioner Stapleton. Commissioner Coghlan urged that the motion of Comm. O'Connell should have been adopted, but on further objections from Comm. Mannion. The remaining members left.

The meeting thus terminated. SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN COMMISSIONERS

X *M. W. Cahill*

CHAIRMAN

DATE 2/9/58

Guada Brennan

TOWN CLERK

DATE 2/9/58

Tuan Town Commissioners

Result of monthly meeting of the
above local authority of Aug 5th 1958.

The monthly meeting had to be
adjourned indefinitely in the absence
of a quorum, the only members
reporting for the meeting being
the chairman, Commissioner M. W. Cahill,
& Commissioner Connaughton.

Signed on behalf of the
Tuan Town Commissioners

Chairman Date -----

Town Clerk Date -----

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its monthly meeting of Sept. 2nd, 1958.

ATTENDANCE: The chairman, Commissioner Ml. W. Cahill presided. Other members present were, Commissioners Coghlan, Campbell, O'Brien, Connaughton, Stapleton, O'Connell, Mannion and Browne.

The minutes of the last monthly meeting of July, 1st, were read and signed. Arising out of the minutes, Commissioner Coghlan inquired of the Assistant Co. Manager as to the position of the proposed extension of the Palace Housing Scheme, by the provision of sixteen additional houses. The Assistant Manager stated the extension had been approved by the Co. Council and that Departmental Officials who had gone into the matter were in touch with the Co. Council on it. Also arising out of the minutes Commissioner Coghlan, inquired as to what steps, if any, had been taken to convert the shambles into a car park. The Assistant Manager stated such proposals would come up at the yearly roads meeting of the Co. Council which would be preparatory to the Estimates Meeting of that body.

Commissioner Browne inquired as to the position of the Palace car park and was informed by the Assistant Manager that a proposal had been sent by the Co. Council to the Dept. in the matter; that the Dept. had requested plans and that these were being prepared. A sum of £3,000 was involved.

Commissioner Stapleton stated that the Post Office letter box which had been removed from its position due to the road widening of Tullinadaly Rd., should be erected near St. Joseph's Park. The Town Clerk was directed to interview the Postmaster on the matter. If possible a second box might be arranged for the road near St. Joseph's Park.

Members of the Board referred to congestion in various parts of the Town. Reference was made by Commissioner O'Brien to vehicle owners ignoring non parking notices in Dublin Rd., along by the National Bank. The Assistant Manager inquired as to where the maximum congestion existed and on being informed Bishop St. promised to keep the matter under review. It was agreed on the suggestion of Commissioner Browne that for the present no action be taken in connection with the no observance of traffic Notices at Dublin Rd., in case such might lead to people remaining away from town.

TOWN CLOCK:

Correspondence and a quotation for the overhauling of the town clock from Messrs. Ganther Bros. Dublin were read. A discussion on the clock ensued in the course of which Commissioner O'Connell stated he understood part of the clock was open to the elements. It was decided that prior to paying for the overhaul of the present clock, it be confirmed if a guarantee by the firm engaged would be given for a number of years and on the suggestion of Commissioner Connaughton that the cost of a new electric clock also be first ascertained.

FAIR GREEN WALL:

A letter from the Dept. of Defence, in which the said Dept. offered to erect a new wall between its hut and the Commissioners loading bank, subject to the Commissioners ~~repaying~~ repaying the cost later in the 59/60 financial year, was read. The Assistant Manager urged that the Dept. of Defence should receive the co-operation of the Board as the F.C.A. unit was beneficial to the town and that a wall be constructed as it was necessary for the improvement of the Fairgreen. The chairman and Commissioner O'Connell expressed opposition to the expenditure of money on this matter. The cost would be about £50 per the estimate of the Engineer. Commissioner Browne proposed, however,

"That instruction be given the Engineer to build such wall as cheaply as he could"

This was seconded by Commissioner O'Brien. No further objections were then made and the motion was agreed to.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter from Ml. Higgins, 21 Gilmartin Rd., urging that No. 20 Gilmartin Rd., be not let in future to itinerants was read.

Letters from Mrs. Symington and Mrs. A. Roache, Gilmartin Rd. were also read in which repairs to their respective houses were sought. It was agreed to refer all letters requesting repairs to the Engineer. The Manager stated he would arrange for the Engineer to be at the next meeting.

In connection with passing into law of the Housing Amendment Act, 1958, Commissioner O'Connell stated the passage relating to the use of piped water for private installations was worded somewhat differently from similar passages in the previous Acts and thought the Manager might ascertain the significance of this. Some discussion ensued.

NOTICE OF MOTION OF COMMISSIONER MANNION.

"That the Tuam Town Commissioners request that the Co. Medical Officer be required to take steps to exterminate the rodents that are now infesting the dump in the Weir Rd. and also that the Co. Council provide a public sump for the convenience of the public in Tuam."

In speaking on his motion Commissioner Mannion stated that he had received many complaints that the dump was rat infested and that the bodies of such rats had been found around the town. He complained that the dump was now nearly full and asked if the Manager could state how often officials of the Co. Medical Officers visited it. He also complained that in absence of a public dump private persons such as building contractors had no place to dump rubbish except at the approaches to the town. The Manager stated that an inspection had been arranged by the Co. Council; that the dump was practically full and a further extension would be necessary.

FAIR GREEN:

Commissioner O'Brien requested that some lorry loads of cinders be scattered on the worst parts of the fairgreen and loose cement blocks there collected before the coming important fairs. The Manager stated all necessary arrangements would be made.

Commissioner Coghlan referred to the danger to young ~~people~~ people cycling to work at the textile factory, which existed at the Weir Rd. corner. The Clerk was instructed to direct the Engineer to make recommendations for traffic control at this point ~~to~~ the Gardai Superintendent.

Representations for repairs: Mrs. Byrne, 33 Gilmartin Rd. Mrs. A. Roche, Gilmartin Rd. John Roche (Jnr.) Gilmartin Rd. and Thos, Kerman, Gilmartin Rd.

The above were allowed to address the meeting individually on the matter of repairs to their houses.

The Town Clerk and Town Steward placed before the Board a written request for an increase in emergency bonus similar to that granted to officials of other Local ~~Authorities~~ Authorities. The Manager agreed to have details of the amount of this available for the next meeting when it was agreed it would be considered.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN COMMISSIONERS:

John Coghlan CHAIRMAN

7 October DATE 1958

St. O'Connell TOWN CLERK

7/10/58 DATE.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its monthly meeting of Oct., 7th, 1958.

ATTENDANCE: The vice-chairman, Commissioner Coghlan, in the absence of the chairman, presided. Other members present were Commissioners Mannion, Connaughton, Browne, Campbell and O'Brien together with the Assistant Manager and Engineer.

MINUTES: The minutes of the last monthly meeting were read and signed.

Arising out of the minutes,

1. Commissioner Browne inquired if the Assistant Manager had any further information on the car park at the Palace and was informed by Mr. McDermott that this car park was tied up with the development of the palace grounds, in general, but, that he, the Assistant Manager, had expressed the view, to the Engineer-in-charge, that the car park, might be gone ahead with in advance of other developments.
2. Commissioner O'Brien inquired as to the position of the Palace Housing scheme. The Assistant Manager stated the Co. Council was still in correspondence with the Dept. of Local Government on the matter. The Dept. insisted on examining each application for housing accomodation, case by case. He, the Assistant Manager, had put it to the Dept. that a demand for sixteen houses existed. Members confirmed that a demand for more than sixteen houses existed.
3. Commissioner Mannion inquired if the Assistant Manager could say if a site for a new dump had been decided on since the last meeting. The Assistant Manager pointed out that the matter was one for the Co. Council, but, that the dump had been examined and that a tentative scheme was being considered. Commissioner Mannion stated he understood the Co. Council were seeking three further acres on which to extend the present dump and that such was poor policy as the area would normally become a built up one, and its value as such would be diminished because of the dump.

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter from the Engineer showing over expenditure of some £60. 11. 10. on the Town Hall was read. On the Manager confirming that such expenditure was necessary it was unanimously sanctioned by the Board.

The Manager, in reply to a query of Commissioner Mannion, stated that income from the letting of the Town Hall was on the upward trend.

LETTERBOX AT TULLINADALY RD. A letter from the Postmaster was read which stated that an extra letter box at St. Joseph's Park, Tullinadaly Rd., would not, in view of the cost involved, be justified. It was decided the letter be referred back to the Postmaster for further consideration.

TOWN CLOCK. Correspondence from Messrs. Ganter Bros. Ltd., Dublin and from Messrs. Fallen's Galway was read. The Engineer stated that if property repaired the existing clock might possibly last for years as it was a relatively new clock. It was proposed by Commissioner O'Brien, seconded by Commissioner Campbell and agreed that the tender of Messrs. Ganter Bros. to overhaul the clock for fortyfive pounds be accepted, and that the necessary funds be provided.

INCREASE IN WAGE RATES OF TRADESMEN AND LABOURERS EMPLOYED BY THE TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS:

It was proposed by Commissioner Mannion, seconded by Commissioner Campbell and agreed that

"An increase of 2d. per hour in the wages of tradesmen and labourers employed ~~with effect from~~ by the Commissioners be granted, with effect from 28th, Feb., 1958 and that other officers and servants of the Commissioners be awarded an increase in remuneration, as determined by the Assistant Manager in accordance with the Ministers sanction of Sept.

~~5th~~ 5th, 1958 such increase to have effect from April, 1st, 1958, and that any necessary funds to cover these increases be provided."

REPAIRS: On representations for repairs being made by Commissioner Campbell on behalf of Matthew McHugh, Gilmartin Rd. and John Roache Gilmartin Rd., it was proposed by Commissioner Browne and seconded by the chairman and agreed that all repairs be left in the hands of the Engineer. The Engineer, Mr. Caulfield, then made a statement in which he said that to date £975 had been spent on repairs this financial year, £461 being on Gilmartin Rd., £269 on Tubberjarlath Rd., £225 on Athenry Rd., and £74 on other houses. Thirty three lavatory bowls had been fitted out of forty provided for, which satisfied immediate requirements, and ~~twelve~~ twelve front doors, ten back doors and ten sinks were available against a total demand of **seventy one**, thirty six and sixty eight respectively. The Engineer asked the Board if it would care to submit a list of applicants thought most in need of these latter items. It was agreed to leave the decision on priorities, to the Engineer.

A complaint of the tenants in St. Joseph's Park, that the water supply had been cut off from 9.30. to 11.30. every morning fro a considerable period, without notification was brought to the attention of the Assistant Manager, who promised to have the matter gone into.

Commissioner Campbell complained that morning lightning of the town in winter and especially during the campaign period should be from an earlier hour than **7.45.a.m.** It was agreed the lighting should be from 7. a.m. from 1st, Nov. to the 28th, Feb. 1959.

Commissioner Campbell stated that children leaving school were in danger from passing traffic and suggested teachers in the Christian Brothers schools and in the two convents might be asked to lecture pupols on this danger. The Assistant Manager stated that in his opinion barriers outside the schools were essential and the Co. Council would take up this latter point. It was also felt that a member of the Garda might be asked to visit the schools and give lectures on the matter.

Commissioner O'Brien inquired as to the position of the ranges the Board had decided to procure, and the Clerk stated he would write the Co. Council in this connection.

Various tenants were individually admitted and on representations for repairs being made by them, were informed by the chairman that all repairs were in the hands of the Engineer.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

W. L. Caulfield CHAIRMAN 4/11/58 ^{7d.} DATE

S. J. O'Brien TOWN CLERK 6/1/59 DATE.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its monthly meeting of November, 4th, 1958.

In the absence of the chairman, Commissioner Stapleton took the chair. Other members present were, Commissioners Coghlan, Mannion Browne, Connaughton, Campbell, and O'Brien.

Commissioner Stapleton proposed a note of sympathy to the relatives of the late Jarlath A. O'Connell, who had been a member of the Board, and that the meeting then adjourn in honour of his memory. This was seconded by Commissioner Coghlan, who referred to the many services the late Mr. O'Connell had rendered to the Board and to the town. Each member present and the Town Clerk & on behalf of the Assistant Manager and Staff associated himself with the vote, which was unanimously adopted, all members standing.

Commissioner Campbell proposed a vote of sympathy with the relatives of the late Jack Fahy, Dunmore Road, Tuam who had been an employee of the Commissioners at an earlier period. This was seconded by Commissioner Stapleton and unanimously adopted, all members standing.

The meeting then adjourned for one month.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

W. Stapleton CHAIRMAN

DATE 4/12/58

G. H. O'Connor TOWN CLERK

DATE 6/1/59

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Tuam Town Commissioners

GERALD H. O'CONNOR
Town Clerk.

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL,
TUAM.

Telephone: Tuam 104.

Your Ref.

Our Ref.

1st, Dec., 1958.

To each Town Commissioner.

Dear Sir,

The monthly meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 2nd, 1958 at 8.30. p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk G. H. O'Connor

(G. H. O'Connor.)

A G E N D A:

Notice of Motion of Commissioner O'Brien;

To ascertain if portion of Fair Green is available for site for Cattle Mart.

Notice of Motion of Commissioner Mannion:

1. That we, the Tuam Town Commissioners make representations to the Galway Co. Council as to the necessity of having the roadway at St. Joseph's Park widened and lighting provided for this terrace.
2. That we represent to the said Council that footpaths be provided in
 - a. Barrack Street.
 - b. From Weir Rd. corner to the Textile Factory.
 - c. That the path from the Old Road to Tullinadaly Rd., fronting O'Keefe's Tce., be re-surfaced.



Commissioner Campbell congratulated the Co. Council in the provision of cats eyes at Hayes corner and advocated their extension to other corners. He also urged that if part of the garage belonging to the late Joshua St. John in Chapel Lane were purchased and demolished lorry traffic would use this lane and relieve congestion on Shop St.

Commissioner Campbell complained of Notices exhibited by C.I.E. on certain bridges, restricting the weight of vehicles passing over such

Minutes of proceedings of above named Local Authority at its monthly meeting of Dec. 2nd, 1958.

ATTENDANCE:

In the absence of the chairman, Commissioner Stapleton, vice chairman took the chair. Other members present were, Commissioners Coughlan, Mannion, Browne, Campbell, Connaughton and O'Brien together with the Assistant Co. Manager, Mr. Thos. McDermott.

MINUTES:

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

The following matters which arose out of the minutes were adverted to.

a. **Water stoppage at St. Joseph's Park.**

The Assistant Manager, in reply to Commissioner Campbell, stated that an investigation into the use of water in the town was underway at the moment and that particular attention would be directed to the position at St. Joseph's Park. From details given by other members, he stated, the stoppage appeared to be due to insufficient pressure during peak periods for water usage in other parts of the town. Commissioner Mannion requested that water and sewerage supply be extended to include Demesne Cottages, Tullinadaly Road. The Assistant Manager stated that the Co. Council had placed certain proposals before tenants in labourers cottages, but, to date had got no reply. It had been proposed that tenants pay two thirds of the cost and this was not acceptable to the tenants. One area had in turn proposed to the Co. Council, that the Council extend the supply and the tenants then ~~readar~~ undertake the installations in their own houses and get a cash grant from the Council for this service. This was under consideration. Other suggestions were that cottages be vested in tenants to make them eligible for a government grant for water installation, or that septic tanks be provided. Commissioner Mannion argued that old established tenants in labourers cottages by payment of rates had contributed to others getting water supplied and the Assistant Manager stated that those who had tenancies since prior to 1939 could under purchase schemes purchase their cottages at an annuity equal to three quarters the weekly rent and hence become eligible for a government grant for provision of water, the annuity would be for the unexpired period of the loan only. Commissioner Campbell referred to the position of Loftus Tce., for which water would not be provided owing to the main sewerage being at a level which precluded this.

b. **Extension of Housing Scheme at St. Joseph's Park.**

Commissioner O'Brien inquired as to the present position and the Assistant Manager stated the Dept. had approved of ten further houses for this ~~shemax~~ scheme. He had advised the Co. Council to adopt a ~~shemax~~ scheme for ten houses and apply for a further extension of the scheme when applications for the tenancies of these, which would demonstrate the existing demand, were to hand. The Board approved this attitude; the Assistant Manager having explained to Commissioner Coughlan that the Dept. had arrived at its estimate of ten from perusal and pruning of lists held in the offices of the Commissioners and Co. Council.

c. **Commissioner Campbell** inquired if any developments had taken place in regard to the provision of car parks and the Assistant Manager reminded the Board that he had requested the Co. Engineer to include provision for such in the Co. Council road estimates for the coming year. The road estimates for the coming year. The road estimates meeting would be held next month.

Commissioner Campbell congratulated the Co. Council in the provision of cats eyes at Hayes corner and advocated their extension to other corners. He also urged that if part of the garage belonging to the late Joshua St. John in Chapel Lane were purchased and demolished lorry traffic would use this lane and relieve congestion on Shop St.

Commissioner Campbell complained of Notices exhibited by C.I.E. on certain bridges, restricting the weight of vehicles passing over such

bridges. This had led in the case of the bridge at Athenry Rd to a lengthy detour by at least one lorry owner. C.I.E. further was making no effort to render such bridges safe for the passage of heavy traffic. The Manager thought this matter was one for consultation and agreement between C.I.E., the Co. Council and Comhlucht Siuicre Eireann, Teo., the principal road user affected. Commissioner Mannion advocated that a proposal to widen Vicar St., be placed before the Co. Council at its road estimates meeting.

Commissioner Connaughton congratulated the Gardai and Traders in the area for relieving congestion in Shop St.

LETTER BOX AT TULLINADALY RD. TUAM.

On the Clerk explaining that the Postmaster did not feel justified in changing the position of the letter box at the Bridge Tuam to the top of Tullinadaly Rd. hiss, although the Board had twice represented to him the necessity of doing this, the Clerk was directed on the proposition of Commissioner ~~Campbell~~ Browne, seconded by Commissioner Campbell and agreed by all, to write the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs.

NOTICE OF MOTION OF COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN:

Commissioner O'Brien asked would a part of the Fair Green be available for a site for a cattle mart, if an application were made for it, say $3\frac{1}{2}$ acres. The Assistant Manager stated that there were some 9 acres in the Fair Green and that he had earlier discussed, with a deputation the question of making a part of it so available. ~~He~~ He advised the Board that with the consent of the Minister there would be no illegality in doing so, and stated that he had informed the deputation that specific proposals as to the exact area required and the part of the green in which it would be required, should be substituted. He also advised the Board not to go further into the matter until such proposals were before it. To Commissioner Coghlan he stated that there would be a charge for such site, but, that the amount of such charge would depend on various circumstances not yet clarified. It would be most advisable, he stated to retain at least as much of the green as would be adequate for all fairs such as were in existence or might be expected. It was proposed by Commissioner Coghlan, seconded by Commissioner Campbell and agreed that

"The Board give further consideration to the question of providing a site for a cattle mart, when specific ~~part~~ proposals from the parties interested are placed before it".

NOTICE OF MOTION OF COMMISSIONER MANNION:

Commissioner Mannion stated that the roadway fronting St. Joseph's Park was only about 8 foot wide and for cars to pass each other ~~would~~ one would have to move up on the side bank, that further no lighting for this terrace was provided, and that the position was most difficult for parties visiting the terrace at night. He urged also that a gap of sixteen to seventeen feet in the foot path at Barrack St. on the way to the Stadium be filled up by the provision of a connecting pathway and that a path or/and the widening of the Weir Rd. as far as the works of Messrs John Bruton and Co. was essential. Further Commissioner Mannion referred to the terribly uneven condition of the surface of the pathway by O'Keeffes Tce. from Ballygaddy Old Rd. to Tullinadaly Rd. and advocated that if on the grounds of this being private property, the Co. Council could not construct a proper path, the private owners should be compelled to do so.

Commissioner Campbell urged that a grant for a Relief Scheme for the Christmas should be obtained and such was resolved on the proposal of Commissioner Campbell seconded by Commissioner Mannion.

RANGES:

The Clerk explained that fifteen were now to hand and the Manager stated that in the allocation of these, the procedure adopted last year would be followed. It was proposed by Commissioner Connaughton, seconded by Commissioner Mannion and agreed that a special meeting be held on the 16th inst. to consider the allocations the Assistant Manager would by then have made.

Commissioner Connaughton asked if the Town Cross should be illuminated for the Christmas and the Board agreed to have this ~~done~~ done. As Public lighting was in the hands of the Co. Council the Assistant Manager stated he would take up the matter immediately, the Board to pay to the Council the expenses of such lighting.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

H. Scapleton CHAIRMAN. DATE 6/1/59

S. O'Connell TOWN CLERK DATE 6/1/59

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its special meeting of Dec. 11th, 1958.

ATTENDANCE.

The vice chairman, Commissioner Stapleton took the chair. Other members present were Commissioners Browne, Mannion, Connaughton, and O'Brien, together with the Engineer.

The Clerk stated that the meeting had been convened to examine and recommend on a proposed allocation of fifteen ranges made by the Manager. The Managers proposal were as follows:- That no range be given to any tenant who was in arrears of rent. Or who was not an applicant in March 1958 when the last allocation was being made and that if the tenants applying who satisfied these requirements, one range be given to Mr. P. J. Noonan, at 44 Athenry Rd. and one to Mr. K. Joyce, 43 Tubberjarlath Rd. that six ranges be drawn for by eight tenants paying Differential rent in the following houses:-

- No. 73 Athenry Rd. Mr. Brady.
75 " " Mr. Monaghan.
13 Tubberjarlath Rd. Mr. Mannion.
56 " " Mrs. Maloney.
59 " " Mr. Lydon.
64 " " Mr. Ward.
70 Gilmartin Rd., Mr. Mtn. Cahill.
78 " " Mr. M. Kelly.

and that seven ranges be drawn for by nineteen non differential rent tenants in the following houses, these houses being a type designed for ranges:-

- No. 1 Athenry Rd., Mr. McGough
3 " " Mr. Flynn
11 " " Mr. Kelly
23 " " Mr. H. Roache
70 " " Mr. Niland
71 " " Mr. Melody
9 Tubberjarlath Rd. Mr. Kearney
14 " " Mr. Meehan
16 " " Mr. Fahy
39 " " Mr. Fleming
47 " " Mr. Coady
50 " " Mrs. T. Fleming
52 " " Mr. Niland
60 " " Mr. Geo. Gibbons
61 " " Mr. Mullins
55 Gilmartin Rd. Mrs. Mgt. Keegan
60 " " Michael Mullings
67 " " Christy Mannion
69 " " Thos. Farragher

On discussion by the members it was agreed on the proposal of Commissioner O'Brien seconded by Commissioner Browne to recommend to the Manager that only five ranges be drawn for by the eight differential rent tenants and that eight be drawn for by the nineteen increased to twenty two by the inclusion of the following tenants viz. those in houses

- No. 24 Athenry Rd. Miss D. Fore
72 " " Mr. Treacy
61 Gilmartin Rd. Thos. Kerman.

the latter three being new applicants not appearing on the lists considered in the prior allocation and that two ranges be given to the two tenants in 44 Athenry Rd. and 43 Tubberjarlath Rd. as proposed by the Manager.

Two draws were then made:-

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1. for five ranges amongst the 8 Differential rent tenants which resulted in the following being successful

- No. 75 Athenry Rd. Mr. Monaghan
56 Tubberjarlath Rd. Mrs. Maloney
59 " " Mr. Lydon
13 " " Mr. Mannion
64 " " Mr. Ward

for eight ranges amongst 22 tenants which resulted in the following being successful.

- No. 24 Athenry Rd. Miss D. Fore
11 " " Mr. Martin Kelly
23 " " Mr. H. Roache
14 Tubberjarlath Rd. Mr. Meehan
52 " " Mr. Niland
61 " " Mr. Mullins
60 Gilmartin Rd. Mr. Ml. Mullins
69 " " Mr. Thos. Farragher

In case any tenants should refuse a range or be in arrears of rent two further names to be substitutes were drawn from the twenty two and those successful were

- No. 61 Gilmartin Rd. Mr. Thos. Kerman
67 " " Christy Mannion.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

W. Stapleton CHAIRMAN 6/11/59 DATE
G. McDonnell TOWN CLERK 6/11/59 DATE