

Minutes of proceedings of above local Authority at its monthly meeting of January 6th, 1959.

ATTENDANCE:

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

The minutes of the last monthly meeting and of the special meeting of Dec. 11th, 1958 were read and signed.

Arising out of the minutes Commissioner Mannion adverted to the installation of public lighting and the widening of the road at St. Joseph's Park; Commissioner O'Brien stated a formal request for a site in the fairgreen for a cattle mart would be forthcoming in due course; and the Clerk gave details of the distribution of ranges.

FOOTPATHS:

Commissioner Mannion inquired as to the charge of a footpath being laid down in a short gap in the pathway at Barrack St. and a discussion on paths ensued. Commissioner Browne stated that many places in the town were without paths and instanced a section outside Brownes, Galway Rd. Commissioner Coghlan and Stapleton complained of cars and lorries moving up on the footpaths especially at Hayes corner, Shop St., where prams had been forced on to the road. The Assistant Manager in regard to the path at Barrack St., stated there was no formal resolution from the Board on the matter and that as far as he was aware provision in the road estimates had not been made for it. Paths were financed mainly from Relief Grants. In regard to Hayes corner he suggested a guard rail might meet the difficulty or a ~~fx~~ raising of the curb which had been suggested by Commissioner Stapleton. He would like, however, he stated to have the views of the Co. Engineer on this matter and on double parking further down Ballygaddy Rd.

The Clerk reminded the Board of the vacancy existing because of the death of Commissioner O'Connell and formal notification that the Board declared the seat vacant and that it was its intention to fill it by co-option at the monthly meeting of March 3rd, 1959 was signed by three Commissioners and countersigned by the Town Clerk.

ESTIMATES MEETING:

On the suggestion of the Manager it was agreed that the Board's Estimates meeting be held on the 27th, January, 1959.

LETTING OF HOUSES:

The Clerk informed the meeting that orders had been signed to transfer John Cahill from No. 59 to 77 Gilmartin Rd. to let No. 59 Gilmartin Rd. to Mr. Laurence Warde an itinerant and to let another vacant house No. 9 Athenry Rd. to Mr. Ml. McGrath who had at present to reside with his parents at Demesne Cottages. Commissioner Browne advocated the case of Det. Sgt. Gill and in answer to a query was informed by the Manager that Mr. Gill would not be ineligible on the grounds of his occupation for a house at St. Joseph's Park. Commissioner Stapleton advocated the case of Mr. Matthew Murphy, Church View and was informed he was in the priority list of the Co. Medical Officer.

Commissioner Mannion objected strongly to letting any further houses in Gilmartin Rd., to itinerants and stated he felt the Manager had exceeded his functions in ordering the letting to Mr. Laurence Ward.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

John Coghlan CHAIRMAN
S. J. Connaughton TOWN CLERK

DATE 3 February 1959
DATE 3/1/59

Minutes of Annual Estimates Meeting of the above Local Authority held on 27/1/59.

ATTENDANCE: In the absence of the chairman, Commissioner Ml. W. Cahill, the vice-chairman Commissioner Wm. Stapleton took the chair. Other members present were Commissioners Coghlan, Browne, Mannion, Connaughton and O'Brien, together with the Assistant Co. Manager.

The Assistant Manager introduced the Estimates stating the expenditure proposed for the coming year was estimated at £15352 an increase of £234 on that of the current year, and the estimated revenue was £12423 an increase of £70. There would thus be a deficiency of £2929 which was partly offset by gains amounting to £250 in the costs of current administration thus leaving a net figure of £2679 to be formed from the rates. This would mean an increase of 4½d in the £1. in town rates. The members then examined the table of estimates item by item.

DISCUSSION OF ITEMS:

On discussion of the individual items it was resolved as unanimously as follows

On the prop. of Commissioner Coghlan seconded by Comm. O'Brien "that the amount of £120 for Town Hall repairs be reduced to £74."

On the prop. of Comm. Browne, seconded by Comm. Coghlan "that the amount of £50 for meat stall repairs be reduced to £10."

and it was agreed to reduce the amount estimated for other expenses to £18.

The Manager informed the Board that he had no objection to reducing the estimated Co. Rate for houses from £3337 to £3300 the amount estimated last year and the rates for Tolls from £287 to £87 in view of the fact that the tolls were run at a loss and revision of valuation had been applied for. These amendments reduced estimated expenditure by some £217 in all.

Much discussion arose on the item of £1850 for housing repairs. Comm. O'Brien stated that of £1852 ~~ix~~ estimated for the current year £1086 would probably go in wages as against £766 on materials and stated the proportion was fantastic. The Manager held that 40% for materials as against 60% for wages was not unreasonable as the work was altogether concerned with repairs. The position he held was very difficult from that involved in new construction work where expenditure on materials would be greater percentage, and instanced in repair work the low percentage of materials costs in painting. Comm. O'Brien inquired why a third man had been employed and held that because of the system of spreading repair work over the year to keep the men engaged, employed, repairs outstanding for years had not been executed. He stated that the work of two men and not three should use up £766 of materials. The Manager stated he would not like a definite rule of 50% for labour and 50% for materials as it might necessitate unessential repairs. Replying to Comm. Browne as to whether he was satisfied with the labour employed the Manager stated he would have to examine the position further. It was agreed on the prop. of Comm. Coghlan, seconded by Comm. Mannion to accept the total estimate of £1850 for repairs, it being understood the ratio cost of labour to materials would be examined further later.

In regard to fairgreen repairs the Manager stated he would like the Authority of the Board to later submit a proposal. He was considering the advisability of a loan for tar Macadamising the small fairgreen. In reply to Comm. Connaughton he stated no grants were available for such work as such. The only grant which might be obtained was the ordinary Unemployment Relief Grant. He stated annual loan charges as a loan for £1000 for 10 years would be on average about £25 to £30. The Town Engineer could give an estimate of the cost of such proposed work. With regard to the question of the provision of toilets in the Fairgreen that would be a matter for the sanitary Authority which could be approached.

The estimate of £100 for Fairgreen repairs was then passed.

It was then proposed by Commissioner O'Brien and seconded by Commissioner Coghlan and unanimously resolved

"that the estimates as now amended be adopted."

The annual demand was then sealed and signed.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

John Coughlan CHAIRMAN

DATE 3 February 1959

STJ O'Connell TOWN CLERK

DATE 3/2/59

FORM E.3. (Article 54. Article 58).

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS FINANCIAL

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES AND DEMAND FOR THE LOCAL AUTHORITY
YEAR ENDING ON THE 31st DAY OF MARCH 1959

TABLE A.
EXPENDITURE.

Purpose of Expenditure. 1.	AMOUNT ESTIMATED					
	Estimated by Manager. 2.			Adopted by Commissioners. 3.		
	£	s	d	£	s	d
Housing of the Working Classes	13300	-	-	13263	-	-
Tourist Development		nil			nil	
School Meals		nil			nil	
Allotments Schemes		nil			nil	
Other Expenses	2052	-	-	1872	-	-
TOTAL	15352	-	-	15135	-	-

TABLE B.
RECEIPTS.

Nature of Receipts. 1.	AMOUNT ESTIMATED					
	Estimated by Manager. 2.			Adopted by Commissioners. 3.		
	£	s	d	£	s	d
Housing of the Working Classes	11633	-	-	11633	-	-
School Meals		nil			nil	
Allotment Schemes		nil			nil	
Other Receipts	790	-	-	790	-	-
TOTAL	12423	-	-	12423	-	-

TABLE C.

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CALCULATION OF THE SUM TO BE DEMANDED.

Estimated Expenditure.	Estimated Receipts.	Net Estimated Expenditure	Estimated Debit Balance (if any).	Estimated Credit Balance (if any).	Amount to be Demanded.
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ d
15135 - -	12423 - -	2712 - -		250 - -	2462 - -

CERTIFICATE.

I hereby certify that at (an adjournment of) the Estimates Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners held this *27* day of *January*, 19*59* 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, 19*60*.

Signed *WILLIAM SHAPLETON* Chairman.

Countersigned *Gerald H. O'Rourke* Town Clerk.

Dated this *27* day of *Jan*, 19*59*

DEMAND.

To the Council of the County of *Galway*.

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, 19*60*. The Commissioners hereby demand that the sum of *£2462* shall be supplied to them by the said Council.

Signed *William Stapleton* Chairman.

Countersigned *Gerald H. O'Rourke* Town Clerk.

Dated this *27* day of *Jan*, 19*59*

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Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its monthly meeting of Feb., 3rd. 1959.

ATTENDANCE: In the absence of the chairman, and the vice-chairman, Commissioner Coghlan, proposed by Commissioner Browne and seconded by Commissioner Connaughton was unanimously selected President chairman. Other members present were, Commissioners Browne, Connaughton, Mannion, and O'Brien.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Clerk read a letter from the Postmaster, Tuam stating a request of the Board for the provision of a new letter box at the top of Tullinadaly Rd., had been acceded to.

2. A letter from the Superintendent of Na Gardai Siotchana, Tuam, that attention was being given to violation of the footpath at Hayes corner Shop St., by traffic and to double parking of cars in Ballygaddy Rd., Tuam and was read

3. A letter from Bord Failte Eireann inviting the Board to participate in the Town and Village Competitions 1959. On the proposition of Comm. O'Brien seconded by Commissioner Connaughton it was unanimously decided to participate. The Clerk was directed to ~~write~~ write Bord Failte when dispatching the entry forms requesting the Board to have its inspectors visit all parts of the Town, when on inspection and to call to the Town Clerk's office for guidance. It was agreed that a copy of the Town Guide be forwarded to Bord Failte and that the Co. Council be requested to clean up its sites in the town and if possible complete the footpaths at Galway Road.

TOLLS AND CUSTOMS:

The Clerk gave detailed figures of the expenses incurred by and the receipts from tolls & customs in the years ending 31/3/56, 31/3/57 and 31/3/58 and the Board reviewed the individual items of expense. In regard to payments to Messrs. Averys, Dublin for maintenance of the weigh bridge the Clerk was directed to write this firm requesting a reduction in their yearly charges and to obtain a quotation from Messrs. EVANS, Capel St., Dublin. The item for maintenance and improvements of other property, which in two successive years was very high was discussed at length and it was finally decided to defer a decision on it till the next meeting when the Manager and Engineer would be required to be in attendance.

The possibility of losses in the collection of Tolls & Customs was then discussed. It was suggested that a key to the Fairgreen be kept by some party in its vicinity to allow of easy access to the cattae loading bank there. It was also suggested, by Comm. Mannion that a man be stationed at the end of each road on market and fair days to ensure all tolls are paid. In regard to the weighing of potatoes, grain on market days members stated they had received complaints from vendors who had to carry heavy sacks into the weighhouse. The Town Steward informed the Board that the scale for the weighing of sacks which is moveable is always wheeled outside the weigh house in the busy season. It was suggested also that the Town Steward put a notice of his hours of duty in the Weigh house window.

GAMING AND LOTTERIES ACT. The Clerk was directed to write the Gardaí Superintendent and inform him that the Tuam Town Commissioners had adopted part of the act.

SALE OF HOUSES: The chairman was informed that rent was payable by tenants to whom houses were sold up to the date of the vesting of the property.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

W. S. Caffery CHAIRMAN DATE 9/2/59
St. P. Mannion TOWN CLERK DATE 3/3/59

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of meeting of above Local Authority at its monthly meeting of March 3rd, 1959.

ATTENDANCE:

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

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

Arising out of the minutes, Commissioner Coghlan inquired as to the collection of tolls on cattle which failed to pass the Bovine T. B. test and were purchased by the Dept. The Manager gave as his opinion that if the sale was not made in the open market, but was a private one to the Dept. of Agriculture under a Statutory Authority, it might be difficult to collect tolls. The Town Steward stated that sellers to the Dept. refused to pay him tolls on the ground that they were not getting full value for their stock.

Also arising out of the minutes, the Clerk read letters from Messrs. Averys and Evans, Dublin as to the cost of maintenance of the Boards weighbridges and decided not to alter the existing arrangements with Messrs. Avery.

Co-Option of new member.

The following candidates were proposed and seconded

Mr. Stephen McDonagh proposed by Commissioner Connaughton, and seconded by Commissioner Browne.

Mr. Miko Healy proposed by Commissioner Campbell and seconded by Commissioner Coghlan.

Mr. Dan Carroll proposed by Commissioner Stapleton and seconded by Commissioner O'Brien.

A vote of the members was then taken.

Commissioner Campbell, Coghlan and Mannion voted for Mr. Healy, (3) Commissioners Connaughton and Browne for Mr. McDonagh and Commissioners Stapleton and O'Brien for Mr. Carroll. (2) As between Mr. McDonagh and Mr. Carroll the chair gave its casting vote to Mr. Carroll. Mr. McDonagh was then eliminated.

The members voted then once more to decide whether Mr. Healy or Mr. Carroll would be elected. Messrs. Browne, Connaughton, Mannion, Coghlan, and Campbell voted for Mr. Healy (5) and Messrs. Stapleton and O'Brien for Mr. Carroll (2) Mr. Healy was then declared elected.

TOLLS & CUSTOMS:

The Manager read the figures of the income and expenditure for the years ending 31/3/56, 31/3/57 and 31/3/58 and explained to the Board that any increase in income and profits from the tolls would be offset by an increase in the valuation. In his opinion, therefore, there would be no point in increasing the toll charge. Commissioner Coghlan inquired how maintenance charges increased from £58 in 1956 to £290 in 1957 and £129 in 1958. In reply the Engineer stated that at the Estimates meeting for 1957 the Board decided to increase the amount for maintenance from £100 to £360 for the construction and Macadamising a portion of the surface of the green and for the construction of ring walls. In 1958 £100 was provided, as filling in of the small green was envisaged and actually £102 was spent.

The Manager then advised adjourning further and consideration until the result of the application for a revision in the valuation of the Tolls was to hand. This was agreed to.

In regard to the collection of the tolls a discussion ensued in which co-operation by Na Gardai in the past in preventing marketing on the streets was adverted to. Comments were made on the figures realised at present from the tolls and it was suggested by Commissioner Browne and that the Town Steward be empowered to employ three extra men for

the March fairs collection. Commissioner O'Brien moved the adoption of the market Bye Laws which had been drawn up some years past and suggested if the word "days" were substituted for "dates" it might meet the wishes of the Minister. The Manager felt he could not give a definite opinion till he had read the draft Bye Laws. It was proposed by Commissioner O'Brien, seconded by Commissioner Connaughton that the draft Bye Laws be submitted for further consideration. With regard to toll collection the Manager agreed to have the question reviewed including consideration of the advisability of inadvisability of letting the tolls by tender.

Commissioner Mannion stated a number of tenants were desirous of purchasing their houses. These were of two types

- those who could afford to pay down a lump sum
- those who could not.

They advocated publishing the terms on which tenants could purchase. Commissioner Campbell also agreed with this, but, desired the houses be sold fee simple and not on a lease for 999 years. The Assistant Manager stated the Dept. would hardly sanction fee simple sales, but, agreed to publish the terms on which houses might be leased.

LETTERS:

A letter from the Tuam Trades Council was read advocating the opening of the road across the fairgreen for cyclists and light traffic. This was discussed, the Assistant Manager suggesting that while it might be opened to cyclists, it would be inadvisable to allow traffic to use it. He thought links between Tuam radial Roads very desirable.

Letters from Messrs. Evans and Messrs. Avery on weighbridge maintenance. It was agreed to adhere to the contract with Messrs. Avery.

Letters from Mrs. Rose O'Brien, 12 Gilmartin Rd.,
Mr. Michael McGrath, 9 Athenry Rd.
Francis Foster, 63 Gilmartin "

on defects in their houses and from Mr. McDonagh, Upper Cloonhue Rd., and Dr. O'Beirne on behalf of Mr. Thomas Burke seeking housing accommodation, and from Mr. Patk. Byrne, 33 Gilmartin Rd., seeking a transfer were read.

A letter from the Hon. Sec. of the Tuam Co-Op. Livestock Mart Ltd., was read & the clerk directed to request further particulars of an application for a site for a live stock mart which it contained

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

John Coghlan CHAIRMAN

DATE 7 April 1959

Guada McDonagh TOWN CLERK

DATE 7/4/59

Minutes of above Local Authority at its Special Meeting of March 31st, 1959.

ATTENDANCE:

As the chairman, Commissioner Cahill and the vice-chairman Commissioner Stapleton were absent at the commencement of the meeting, Commissioner Coghlan on the proposal of Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Browne took the chair. Other members present were, Commissioners, Browne, Mannion, Healy, Connaughton, Campbell, O'Brien and arriving at a late stage of the meeting Commissioner Stapleton. The Assistant Manager was also in attendance.

New Member:

The presiding chairman welcomed Commissioner Healy who was a new member attending his first meeting and Commissioner Healy duly replied.

AGENDA

The agenda of the meeting was then read by the chairman and the clerk read an application from the Hon. Secretary of the organising Committee of the Tuam Co-operative Livestock Mart Ltd., for a site for a mart in the Fairgreen.

Power of the Board.

The Assistant Co. Manager advised the Board that its power to deal with the application were almost complete, as subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Govn. and the observance of the Statutory obligation to hold a special meeting on each member being notified of the intention to dispose of part of the Fairgreen in pursuance of Sect. 83 of the Local Govn. Act 1946, it could if it so decided give a site.. He advised the Board that should it decide to grant a site, it should ensure that the fairs also would be in a position to function until, at least, the value of the mart was proved.

DEPUTATION:

It was decided to hear a deputation from the Livestock Mart Ltd., which was seeking admittance, subject to the hearing being limited to fifteen minutes. The deputation consisted of the Rev. Dr. Heaney who acted as spokesman and Messrs. Heskin, Prendergast, Gleeson, and Dr. Heaney then addressed the Board outlining the advantages a mart would have for the town and countryside and stating that steps would be taken if a site were granted to ensure a sale at the mart would not clash with a fair. He thought about 1½ acres would be required. Access to the public road was desired.

In reply to Commissioner Mannion, Dr. Heaney stated the Livestock Mart was not yet registered and that its objects were first only the sale of cattle, but, that possibly later it might include calves, bonhams, etc Commissioner Mannion stated an undertaking should be given not to sell wool and fowl and Commissioner Campbell expressed the opinion that the existance of too many meats would spoil fairs in the countryside. At this stage on the proposal of Commissioner Mannion seconded by Commissioner Campbell it was agreed to extend the period for the hearing of the deputation. Commissioner Browne then spoke and affirmed that only a small section of the people of the town supported the mart and that experience had shown that private marts were failures. Dr. Heaney in reply informed the Board that some £3,00 to £4,000 had been promised as subscriptions locally and that the proposed mart would be a co-operative not a ~~pre~~ private undertaking. The deputation then withdrew.

POWER OF BOARD TO LIMIT TYPE OF BUSINESS CARRIED ON BY THE MART.

The Assistant Manager informed the meeting that if a lease was granted the Board could make as a condition of the lease any restrictions it saw fit as to the type of business the mart might engage in.

CHAIRMAN'S LETTER:

A letter from the chairman who due to illness could not be in attendance was read. This expressed complete disagreement with parting with any part of the Fairgreen to the Mart Association.

DISCUSSION:

A lengthy discussion followed in which the Assistant Manager stated that in his opinion the Board would have the same rights in the collection of tolls for cattle sold a mart as for cattle sold at fairs, but, that a dispute existed at the ~~same~~ moment between two local Authorities and two marts on this point and that this had not yet been resolved legally. Commissioner Browne in a statement to the Board strongly opposed having a mart. He stated several people who also opposed the idea had approached him; expressed the view that marts were for the big men, stated the three marts already established in Connaught were unsuccessful, that a mart would interfere with the street pig fairs and that £3,000 mentioned by Dr. Heaney was not evidence of much support from a town of the size and wealth of Tuam.

Commissioner O'Brien who favoured having a mart stated that marts were not designed for the large farmers and widened sales in Bandon, where 1½ cattle was the average lot sold. He stated that at the Sept. fairs the majority of the cattle were sold on the streets, with a large loss in tolls to the Board, that the Banks were backing the idea of marts and that the National Farmers association would give full support ~~for~~ to five marts for Connaught.

Commissioner Mannion expressed the view that the Board must be assured of perfect compliance with any restrictions it imposed and that tolls must be obtained for any stock sold at a mart, and Commissioner Mannion reminded the meeting that former essays in ^{collecting} marketing in the town were failures. Commissioner Mannion also objected that dealing with an unregistered association were ~~not~~ not possible.

The chair then summed up the discussion and appealed for a unanimous decision Commissioner Browne proposed and Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion

"that the Board does not grant a site in the Fairgreen for a mart and advise the association, interested in establishing such, that a light industry with an agricultural connection be substituted and that a decision on the application for a site be taken at the present meeting".

An amendment

"that the Board does grant 1½ acres for a site for a mart was proposed by Commissioner O'Brien and seconded by Commissioner Stapleton.

On a vote being taken, Commissioners Browne, Campbell favoured the motion, Commissioners O'Brien and Stapleton the amendment and Commissioner Healy, Connaughton and Mannion did not vote. The chair then gave its casting vote in favour of the amendment which was carried.

Commissioner Mannion objected an opportunity to proposed a motion had not been afforded him. The Chairman at this point, however, declared the meeting closed.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN CLERK.

John Coughlan CHAIRMAN

DATE 7. 4. 59

Guada Adomoni TOWN CLERK

DATE 7. 4. 59

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its monthly meeting of April 7th, 1959.

ATTENDANCE: In the absence of the chairman and vice-chairman, Commissioner Coghlan, proposed by Commissioner Healy and seconded by Commissioner Campbell, took the chair. Other members present were Commissioners Healy, Browne, Mannion, O'Brien, Campbell, and Connaughton.

MINUTES: The minutes of the March monthly meeting and of the Special meeting of March 31st, 1959 were read. Commissioner Mannion stated he disagreed with the minutes in so far as it was recorded, that at the last meeting he had not been afforded an opportunity to propose a resolution. The chairman stated that the chair had ruled on Commissioner Mannion's point at the meeting in question and that the matter could not be raised again. The minutes of both meetings were then read and signed.

Arising out of the minutes Commissioner Campbell inquired into the position of a house purchase scheme. The Clerk informed the Board that the Assistant Manager had requested, that he apologise for his absence and request that consideration of house purchase schemes and changes in tolls be adjourned to a meeting at which he would be in attendance. This was agreed to.

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter from Mr. Francis Foster, 62 Gilmartin Rd., Tuam complaining of the non-execution of repairs to his house and a similar letter from the tenant of No. 53 Gilmartin Rd. were read. Letters complaining of trespass by fowl, the property of Mrs. Ahearne from Mrs. Mary Burke, 18 Gilmartin Rd., and Mr. John Jordan, 11 Gilmartin Rd. and a letter from Ed. J. Gibbons, Dublin Rd., complaining of the breakage of a window in his house during the fair of March 11th, were then read. The Clerk was directed to write the Assistant Manager on the question of repairs and state that the Board is dissatisfied with the method of the execution of repairs and to request him as a matter of urgency to have the position surveyed. He was also directed to write Mrs. Ahearne on the trespass complained of. The Clerk then read a ruling of the Commissioner of Valuation, reducing the valuation of the Board's tolls and customs from £105 to £50. General satisfaction was expressed with this.

NOTICE OF MOTION OF COMMISSIONER MANNION: Commissioner Mannion then spoke on his Notice of Motion, to retain all of the fairgreen and take steps to improve the facilities available there for holding fairs, stating this was in the interests of the farming community and the townspeople and suggesting that £1,000 might be obtained for a start, with which to initiate improvements, including the provision of tubular pens. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Browne. It was, however, ruled out of order by the chair on the grounds that it was contrary to an earlier motion adopted at the Special Meeting of the 31st, inst., to make available a site for a cattle mart to the Co-Operative Mart Association, which earlier motion had not been rescinded by a month's written notice to each member of the Board and a two third majority of the Commissioners in favour of rescission. Commissioner Mannion then proposed the suspension of standing orders and this was seconded by Commissioner Browne and unanimously agreed on. Commissioner Mannion then moved, Commissioner Browne seconded a resolution that no Special meeting arising out of the Special meeting of the 31st, ult., be held prior to August 1958 unless the chairman, Commissioner Cahill be present. Commissioner O'Brien proposed a direct negative which was seconded by Commissioner Connaughton. On a vote being taken Commissioners Mannion, Campbell and Browne, voted for the resolution and Commissioners O'Brien, Connaughton and Healy against. The chairman gave his casting vote against the resolution which was then declared lost.

NEW HOUSING SCHEME IN PALACE AND GRANTS FOR LOCAL WORK.

Commissioner Campbell inquired as to the position of the proposed new houses at the Palace and if any grants were available for the relief of local unemployment. The Clerk was directed to write the Assistant Manager as to the housing scheme and to inquire what funds had been set aside by the Co. Council at its Estimates meeting for the financing of

works in Tuam.

Commissioner Campbell then stated that a decree for the eviction of Mrs. Satchwell, would be enforceable on the 13th, inst. and requested that its enforcement be postponed for a month or two to give Mrs. Satchwell an opportunity to dispose of the stock of her shop, when she would close the said shop, the operation of which had led to the proceedings against her. It was unanimously agreed to recommend to the Assistant Manager that such postponement be effected.

The Clerk was also directed to refer a complaint as to the condition of the sewerage of Mr. Loftus, Ballygaddy Rd., to Mr. Caulfield the Board's Engineer.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

A. Satchwell CHAIRMAN DATE 5-5-59
Guada Adommo TOWN CLERK DATE 5-5-59

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above named Local Authority at its monthly meeting of May 5th, 1959.

ATTENDANCE:

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

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

Arising out of the minutes;

1. Commissioner Campbell inquired of the Assistant Manager as to what the position now was of the proposed new housing scheme in the Palace and was informed by the Assistant Manager that plans had been prepared and submitted to the Dept. for a scheme of 10 two-storey houses.
2. Commissioner Stapleton inquired as to the availability of sites in the Palace for private building and was informed by the Assistant Manager, that it was not feasible to make such sites available until water and sewerage were provided and that development had not yet been completed.
3. Commissioner Campbell stated that in this or future schemes some houses should be reserved for newly weds. The Manager stated that this was precluded in the present scheme because of its small extent.
4. Commissioner Campbell inquired if any grants were available to initiate work, which would lessen the present large volume of unemployment and the Manager stated that instructions had just been issued to commence the construction of a car park at the Palace, Bishop St.
5. Commissioner Campbell also inquired if any steps would be taken for the provision of sewerage facilities at Loftus Tce., Ballygaddy Rd. explaining that the main sewers in the area were some two feet above the level of the houses in this Tce. The Assistant Manager stated the provision of a sceptic tank or other installations for the relief of the problem was a matter for the owner of the Tce. and that the Tuam Town Commissioners should press the owner to comply with the Public Health Acts, in this matter. He agreed to have the Engineer inspect the houses.
6. In response to Commissioner Coughlan, the Assistant Manager stated that the new Housing scheme in the Palace did not provide for a service road at the rear of the existing houses there, but, did provide for such at the front of the new houses to be erected.

TUAM FAIR DEVELOPEMENT ASSOCIATION:

A deputation from the Association was admitted consisting of Mr. Con O'Connor, Mr. Teddy Conway, Mr. John O'Mahony and Mr. Paddy Cunningham. Members of the deputation addressed the Board, stressing that the construction of a live stock mart would be detrimental to the business of the town and would tend to tie small farmers to one purchaser, the mart association, in the disposal of their produce. The delegation also pointed out that the cattle dealers attracted to Tuam were pledged to boycott the mart, that 90% of the farmers prefer fairs and that the proposed live Stock Mart Association would not provide machinery and manures which would have benefited the small farmers. The N.F.A. had agreed not to provide co-operative shops.

CO. FIRE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

As a vacancy existed on this Committee, consequent on the death of Mr. Jarlath A. O'Connell, the Boards Representative, it was unanimously agreed to select Commissioner Mannion to replace him.

MARKET BYE LAWS.

Copies of the Bye Laws of Loughrea and Portumma were distributed to the members by the Assistant Manager and he suggested the members compare the terms of their own old Bye Laws with these before the next meeting.

A letter from Tuam Branch of the Gaelic League was read in which it was requested that all road signs be in Irish. The Manager explained that the provision of such signs was a function of the Co. Council which erected such signs in both languages.

NOTICE OF MOTION OF COMMISSIONER MANNION.

Commissioner Mannion explained his proposals as to the fencing off of a part of the fairgreen and the development of the remainder (south of the existing road through the green) to comply with modern requirements and urged the immediate raising of a loan for the purpose. This was seconded by Commissioner Browne. The Assistant Manager gave details of the Galway Fair Green. The contract for the development of that Green had been for £16,000 together with £3,000 for pens. The charges for use of the pens were 5/-d. per pen for cattle and 5/-d. per pen per ten sheep. The tolls had been let for £235. He suggested that the Tuam Green be developed by a system of progressive improvements, of which a first essential was the proper surfacing of part of the green and possibly the provision of a limited number of pens. A long term loan for £1,000 would cost in loan charges approx. 70 p.a. and a short term one £120. Commissioner O'Brien objected that railing off the north part of the green would conflict with an earlier resolution to make available a site for a live-stock mart and Commissioner Mannion in reply stated such was not the case as in the resolution to make available a site no position or area for such was specified. Commissioner Coughlan stated he agreed with initiating developments in the green providing no greater loan than £1000 was raised. The Assistant Manager then suggested the best thing would be to refer the matter to the Engineer, Mr. Kennedy, who had just taken over the duties of this office, and who would prepare a scheme of progressive developments showing the costs of the various items in such scheme. Commissioner Mannion's Motion with the stipulation that the matter be first thus referred to the Engineer was then adopted.

Commissioner Healy complained of the manner in which the surface of the green had been injured by the carnival and by circuses to the detriment of the Grazier. Commissioner O'Brien then referred to a direction, given at the last meeting to the Clerk to write the Assistant Manager expressing the dissatisfaction of the Board at the manner in which repairs to houses were executed and requesting as a matter of urgency a survey of the position and the Asst. Manager stated he had a report on the matter, but, that as it was now rather late to go into it and as a new Engineer had just been appointed, an opportunity to the new man to go into the matter should be afforded.

In the matter of vacant houses Commissioner Coughlan made representations on behalf of Mr. Patk. Carroll of C.I.E. for the vacancy at Newtown Morris and Commissioner Healy for a house for Mr. Anthony Whyte at Athenry or Tubberjarlath Road. Commissioner Mannion also urged the case of Mr. Bertie McGough of the Abbey Service Garage.

It was decided to refer a letter from Mrs. E. Clarke, Tullinadaly Rd., complaining of flooding from the fairgreen and one from Mrs. Bridget Trayers 53 Gilmartin Rd., to the Engineer for his attention. It was further decided to put on the Agenda for the next meeting a complaint from the tenants at St. Engas Ave. as to disturbances at the childrens park there at night.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

W. Stapleton CHAIRMAN DATE 2/6/59
Guada Honn TOWN CLERK DATE 2/6/59

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

1/6/59

To each Town Commissioner.

A CHARA,

The monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town
Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, June 2nd, 1959
at 8.30 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

Guald H. O'Brien

Baile Cleireach.

A G E N D A

- 1) Minutes
- 2) Correspondence
- 3) Adoption of Bye Laws
- 4) Appointment of delegate
to the conference of the Association of
Municipal Authorities
- 5) Fixing of dates of fairs
for 1960

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MINUTES of proceedings of Tuam Toan Commissioners at their special meeting of June 16th 1959.

ATTENDANCE:

The Vice-Chairman Commissioner Stapleton, took the chair. Other members present were Commissioners Coghlan, Mannion, Healy and Browne.

The Clerk explained that the meeting had been convened to decide on steps for the reception of Cardinal D'Alton in Tuam, on the occasion of his coming visit in connection with Catholic Truth Conference.

The following measures were agreed upon

1) That an illuminated address of welcome be prepared and presented to the Cardinal. The Clerk warned the Board that it had no power to expend money on such an address. It was then decided the members would personally defray the expenses, by subscribing 10/- per head and 10/- was collected from each of the following:-

Commissioners Stapleton, Coghlan, Healy, Browne, Mannion, the Clerk, the Town Steward and a similiar sum was handed in on behalf of Commissioners O'Brien and Connaughton who were absent.

2) The Clerk was directed to contact other organisations in the town to arrange for their co-operation in decorating the streets.

3) It was directed that a papal flag and flag staff be purchased.

4) On the proposal of Commissioner Coghlan, seconded by Commissioner Healy it was unanimously resolved to authorise the Clerk to expend a sum not exceeding £20. on decoration and on the purchase of the flag and flag staff.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

John Coghlan CHAIRMAN
St. Donnan CLERK

DATE 7 July 1959
DATE 7/7/59

Minutes of proceedings of the above Local Authority at its annual meeting held on June 25th 1959 at 8.30th p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

The following members were present: Commissioners Coghlan, Mannion, Browne, Healy, O'Brien, Campbell, Connaughton and Stapleton.

The Clerk took the chair and invited proposals for the position of Chairman for the coming year.

Commissioner Mannion proposed, Commissioner Connaughton seconded and it was unanimously agreed that Commissioner Michael W. Cahill be re elected.

The Clerk then invited proposals for the position of Vice=Chairman Commissioner Coghlan was proposed by Commissioner Campbell and seconded by Commissioner Healy. Commissioner Stapleton was proposed by Commissioner O'Brien, but failed to get a seconder, Commissioner Coghlan was then declared elected.

The Vice=Chairman then took the chair and thanked the members present on behalf of Commissioner Michael W. Cahill, who was unable of owing to illness to be present and of himself.

The meeting the concluded.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

John Connaughton CHAIRMAN DATE 7 July 1959
Quaid McDermott TOWN CLERK DATE 7/7/59

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its monthly meeting of June 2nd., 1959.

ATTENDANCE:

In the absence of the chairman, Commissioner Ml. W. Cahill, Commissioner Stapleton took the chair. Other members present were Commissioners Coghlan, Healy, Browne, Campbell, Mannion, Connaughton, and O'Brien, together with the Assistant Co. Manager Mr. McDermott.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the last monthly meeting were read.

Commissioner Browne stated that in supporting the motion of Comm. Mannion at the last meeting of May 5th, 1959 on the development of the fairgreen, he had done so, with the stipulation that not more than £2,000 should be expended on such developemnts and that he wished to have this stipulation recorded. This was agreed to. Commissioner Mannion stated that the said motion had been unanimously adopted subject to the amount of expenditure and work to be done being left to the discretion of the Manager, on consultation with the Engineer and that he desired this be explicitly recorded. It was decided the record in the minutes of the decision on Commissioner Mannions motion as it stood was correct.

The minutes were then signed.

Arising out of the minutes, Commissioner Campbell inquired if any further progress towards starting the extension of the Palace Housing Scheme had been made. The Assistant Manager stated that certain modifications had been made in the housing plans and that the Co. Manager had now agreed to these. On Commissioners Campbell advertng to the question of some of these new houses being reserved for newly weds, the Assistant Manager referred to his statement at the May meeting, that the limited extent of the present extension precluded this, but, that consideration could be given to it in later extensions. Also arising out of the minutes, Commissioner Browne asked the Assistant Manager, what progress had been made towards starting work on the car park at the Palace, Bishop St., and was informed that instructions to ~~initix~~ initiate this work had been issued and that he would have for the next meeting the date work would actually commence.

In reply to Commissioner O'Brien the Manager stated that there was no proposal for the construction of a road from Bishop St., to Tullinadaly Rd., across the Palace.

Commissioner Mannion referring to the reading of a letter from the Tuam Branch of the Gaelic League, which was recorded in the minutes, advocated the use of bilingual forms of Notices to Quit and seven day Notices and the use by traders of advertising matter in Irish & English.

Commissioner Coghlan referred to the minutes on the complaint of residents in St. Endas Ave. on disturbances at night in the childrens play ground there and a discussion ensued on the developement of the play ground. Commissioner Browne proposed letting the grazing rights for sheep as these could not endanger children playing there and stated that loads of rubbish from this ground had been dumped into adjoining property. Commissioner Mannion opposed letting the grazing rights and stated if the matter were held over until the next meeting a Committee to develop the playground would be formed from resident of the area. The Manager stated he had no objection to letting the grazing for sheep. Commissioner O'Brien seconded Commissioner Brownes proposal which was passed, Commissioner Mannion dissenting.

NOTICE TO QUIT TO THOMAS TRAYERS:

Commissioner Campbell stated a notice to Quit had been issued to Mr. Thos. Trayers, 52 Gilmartin Rd., who had always paid his rent, and that Mr. Trayers mother desired to be admitted. The Assistant Manager stated that Notice had been issued, as there was a breach of

agreement, in so far as the tenant was not residing in the house Mrs. Trayers on admission stated her son had been home about ten weeks ago and that his daughter, her grand daughter was a resident. Various members advocated the withdrawal of the Notice to Quit which the Assistant Manager promised to consider.

A report from the Enigneer on the matter of the developement of the fairgreen was read and a letter from him on the sanitary conditions at Loftus Tce., Ballygaddy Rd.

ADOPTION OF BYE LAWS:

The Clerk gave a resume of the history Boards earlier Bye Laws and of a legal action on them, in which it was beaten and the Assistant Manager recommended that the Board now adopt the Bye Laws a copy of which he had supplied for examination of each member earlier. He explained that when Bye Laws were adopted, the Commissioners would have prior to fix market places.

DELEGATE TO CONFERENCE OF THE ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES:

On the proposition of Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Healy, Commissioner Browne was selected to act as a delegate of the Commissioners at the meeting of the Association of Municipal Authorities.

DATES OF FAIRE:

The following schedule of fairs for 1960 were fixed.

1960.	
January 12th.	Cattle & Sheep
" 20th.	Pigs
February 9th	Cattle & Sheep
" 17th	Pigs
March 9th	Sheep
" 10th	Cattle
" 11th	Pigs
April 12th	Cattle & Sheep
" 20th	Pigs
May 10th	Sheep
" 11th	Cattle
" 18th	Pigs
June 13th	Cattle & Sheep
" 15th	Pigs
July 6th	Lamgs, Sheep, Cattle
" 20th	Pigs
August 9th	Cattle & Sheep
" 17th	Pigs
September 9th	Sheep (Great Ewe Fair)
" 10th	Cattle
" 21st	Pigs
" 30th	Sheep & Cattle
October 18th	Sheep
" 19th	Cattle
" 20th	Horses
" 21st	Pigs
November 8th	Cattle & Sheep
" 16th	Pigs
December 15th	Cattle, Sheep, Horses
" 16th	Pigs.

SALE OF HOUSE:

Commissioner Coghlan proposed that the Board make a recommendation to the Minister to lease her house to Mrs. Farrelly, Parkmore Tce., for the sum paid by neighbours of hers for their houses and not at the figure which the house would lease at under Circular H6/53. This was seconded by Commissioner O'Brien and unanimously agreed to.

LETTING OF HOUSES:

Mr. Anthony White and Mr. Patrick Carroll were recommended to the

Assistant Manager for a vacant house at Newtown Morris and Mr. Bertie McGough for some immediate vacancy.

FAIRGREEN:

The Assistant Manager agreed to have styles constructed at the Fair green to allow the use of the road across it by cyclists and pedestrians.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

John Coughlan CHAIRMAN

DATE 7 July 1959

Guera O'Riordan TOWN CLERK

DATE 7 July 1959

Proceedings of above Local Authority at its monthly meeting held on July 7th, 1959 at 8.30.p.m.

ATTENDANCE: In the absence of the chairman, the vice-chairman, Comm. ~~Stapleton~~ Coghlan presided. Other members present were Commissioners Connaughton, Campbell, Healy and Mannion.

The minutes of the last monthly meeting and of the special meetings of June 16th and June 25th, 1959 were read and signed.

Arising out of the minutes Commissioner Healy inquired what action had been taken to implement the Boards recommendation to make the road across the fairgreen available for cyclists and pedestrians. The Clerk stated that instructions had been given to the Engineer to construct sytles at both entrances for this purpose.

Commissioner Campbell inquired as to what progress had been made by the Co. Council towards the commencement of the Palace Housing Scheme. The Clerk stated that he had been informed by the Council that plans were being placed before the Co. Manager this week and it was expected these would be forwarded to the Depp. by the end of the week for final approval. The Clerk ~~directed~~ was directed to write the Assistant Manager to speed up the matter.

Comm. Mannion adverted to the grazing of the childrens playground at Cloonthue Rd. and the relevant portion of the minutes was re-read for him by the chairman. This showed that the Board had by resolution decided to advertise the ground for grazing by sheep, Comm. Mannion dissenting.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Clerk read

- a. a letter from the Co. Council approving the appointment of Comm. Mannion as representative of the Board on the Fire Fighting Advisory Committee.
- b. a letter from Irish Express Pictures Ltd. advocating the extension of the Tuam area over which the Dept. of Posts & Telegraphs had decided to introduce a minimum standard telephone charge, so as to include Galway city. It was decided to mark the letter read.

The Clerk read the Auditors report on the Boards accounts for the year ended 31/3/58 and a vote of congratulation to him on the proposal of the chairman and seconded by Comm. Campbell was unanimously adopted.

LETTING OF NO. 11 NEWTOWN MORRIS.

A heated discussion developed on the letting No. 11 Newtown Morris in which it was stated that Mr. Carroll to whom the house had been let was only a few weeks resident in Tuam. The Clerk explained that priorities had been given by the Co. Medical Officer and that the Assistant Manager in making the letting had been guided by these.

SALE OF HOUSES:

Commissioner Campbell complained that Mrs. Fordes house had been offered to her for the figure of £247. which he deemed very excessive, in view of the fact this tenant had resided in the house for twenty years and that the original cost of its construction would have been only £300 approx. Commissioners Mannion and Campbell inquired as to the decision to publish in the Press details of the amounts and the conditions under which houses would be let or sold. The Clerk informed the Board that he had compiled data on all schemes which would enable the Assistant Manager to draw up proposals for the leasing of houses and he felt the Assistant Manager would therefore, have such proposals available for the next meeting.

COMPLAINT OF PATK. BRENNAN, TUBBERJARLATH RD.

This tenant was admitted for hearing and complained that repairs which he had requested of the Board a year ago had not been executed, except repairs to windows which latter had since become again faulty. The chairman explained that all repairs were in the hands of the Engineer

but, that a recommendation would be sent him now to do the repairs Mr. Brennan required.

DEPUTATION OF RESIDENTS FROM VICINITY OF CHILDRENS PLAYGROUND AT CLOONTHUE ROAD.

A deputation of four residents from the above area was admitted of ~~which~~ which Mr. Bernard Shaughnessy acted as spokesman. Mr. Shaughnessy stated residents in this area felt it was unfair to the children to let the playground for grazing and further that calves there would disturb the sleep of people in the neighbourhood at night.

The chairman informed the deputation that the Board would be happy to co-operate with any Committee which might be formed for the development of the plot.

The deputation then withdrew and the chairman declared the meeting concluded.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

John Connaughton CHAIRMAN 15 9 59 DATE
Stapleton TOWN CLERK 1.9.59 DATE.

Tean Town Commissioners

No monthly meeting was held on 4/18/59
owing to the absence of a quorum

G. J. Donnan
Town Clerk 1/9/59.

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Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its monthly meeting of Septr. 1st. 1959.

ATTENDANCE.

In the absence of the Chairman the Vice-Chairman Commissioner Coughlan took the chair. Other members present were Commissioners Connaughton, Campbell, Healy Stapleton and Mannion, together with the Assistant Co. Manager.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the meeting of July 7th. 1959 were read and signed. No meeting had been held on August 4th. 1959, in the absence of a quorum.

Arising out of the minutes Commissioner Campbell requested information on the progress of the scheme for providing ten houses in the Palace grounds and he and Commissioner Stapleton and Mannion adverted to the bad employment position in the town which the scheme, if commenced, would contribute towards alleviating. The Manager stated he had no further information, since the matter was discussed, but, agreed to endeavour, as far as possible, to have the Co. Council expedite matters.

LETTING OF HOUSES.

Commissioner Campbell complained of the letting of a house in Newtown Morris to Mr. Patrick Carroll, who, he stated was a new arrival in town, in preference to Mr. Tony White, who had worse housing accomodation and several children. The Manager explained that the letting was made in conformance with the letting regulations.

Commissioner Coghlan inquired re. the provision of styles in the Fair Green and the opening of the road there to cyclists and pedestrians. The Manager stated he had left instructions some months ago for this to be done and was surprised to find it had not been attended to.

HOUSE PURCHASE.

The Manager explained to the Board a schedule of prices which had been compiled. Commissioner Campbell complained that £247 was a high price for the lower rented houses in Athenry and Tobberjarlath Roads, and Commissioners Coughlan requested that the price of all houses in this road with the exception of those subject to Differential Rent, be fixed at £247, thus eliminating the price of £312. fixed ~~some-time-ago~~ for some of the houses. The Manager agreed that the latter point might be taken up with the Department and that the scheme in an easily readable form be published. He explained that the legal expenses of a sale could be recovered from the tenant over a period, where the sale was for an annuity payment.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Clerk read to the Board a communication from the Hon. Secretary of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland of 29/8/59 and gave the result of various resolutions of the Association which had been placed before the Minister. He also read a communication of 22/8/59 from the Hon Secretary and drew attention of the Board to enclosures on the European Interchange and meet the Irish Plan which accompanied the second letter.

A resolution from the Tipperary U.D.C. to the effect that the Minister should approve the use of Unemployment Grants for housing repairs was marked read.

A letter from th Co. Council on the provision of Public conveniences at the Fair Green was also read.

URBANISATION

The Manager gave some final figures on this subject, but intimanted that as they only referred to the period 1957, up to date figures to 1959 might be obtained. It was proposed by Commissioner Connaughton and seconded by Commissioner Mannion and agreed that the matter be adjourned until such figures were available.

SALE OF HOUSE TO MR. FARRELL Y Parkmore Terrace Tuam.

The Clerk stated that the Minister had invited specific proposals from the Board as to the figure at which they wished to dispose of this property and it was unanimously agreed to recommend a figure of £80.

The Chairman move a vote of congratulation to the Assistant Co. Manager on obtaining the position of City Manager for Limerick City. All Members and the Town Clerk on behalf of the Staff and himslf associated themselves with this.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

John Coughlan
Chairman

Dated 6. 10. 59

Gerard
Town Clerk.

Dated 6. 10. 59

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its monthly meeting of October 6th. 1959.

ATTENDANCE

In the absence of the Chairman the Vice-Chairman Commissioner Coghlan presided. Other members present were Commissioners Connaughton, Mannion, Healy, Campbell, O'Brien and Stapleton, together with the Acting County Manager Mr. Liam O'Looney.

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed. Arising out of the minutes Commissioner Mannion inquired as to the disposal of the Advertisement Hoarding which had been affixed to the Palace Wall, Bishop Street, which wall had been demolished by the Galway County Council and intimated that he felt the Council should re erect these hoardings in some other position. A discussion on advertising in the town ensued in which comment on the use of the market Cross and Shambles Gates for advertising was made.

The Assistant Co. Manager, informed the Board that a conference of the Local Authorities of the County would be held shortly to discuss the advisability of adopting the Town Planning Act and requested that the Commissioners appoint two delegates to attend. The following two delegates were unanimously selected.

Commissioner Coghlan proposed by Commissioner Campbell and seconded by Commissioner Healy.

Commissioner O'Brien proposed by Commissioner Stapleton and seconded by Commissioner Connaughton.

PALACE HOUSES.

Commissioner Campbell inquired if any progress in bringing the Palace Housing Scheme to fruition had been made and Commissioner Mannion pressed for four extra houses for newly wed. to be added to the ten envisaged. The Assistant Co. Manager promised to investigate the matter and ascertain if there was any possibility of increasing the number from ten to fourteen.

FAIRGREEN DEVELOPMENT

Commissioner Mannion adverted to the question of the development of the Fair Green and the Clerk stated that the Engineer had estimated that it would cost perhaps £7,000 for steel for pens for about six hundred cattle and £3,000 to £4,000 for concreting such pens £10,000 to £11,000 in all. Commissioner Mannion proposed that a loan be raised for the purpose, maintaining that the revenue from the letting of the pens would meet the cost. There was no seconder to this proposal.

SALE OF HOUSE TO MRS. FARRELLY, PARKMORE TERRACE, TUAM.

Commissioner Campbell inquired as to the result of representations made to the Department to allow this sale for £80. and the clerk stated the Department refused to depart from their terms set out in its circulars on the matter.

A letter from the Irish Union of Distributive workers and clerks making representations against the holding of fairs on the weekly half holiday, was read. As the Board was not in a position to amend any arrangements made, it was agreed that the letter be considered when dates of fairs were again being fixed.

A letter from Mr. J. Fahy 16, Tubberjarlath Rd. requesting certain repairs was read and it was decided it be passed to the Engineer.

Commissioner Campbell requested that the Engineer be required to visit Mrs. Byrne, 57, Athenry Rd. where urgent repairs were stated to be required and Commissioner Mannion that he also visit the house of Martin Fahy 46, Tubberjarlath Rd. and inspect it.

The Board decided that the Engineer should visit

The Board decided that the Engineer should attend the next meeting and outline the position in general as to the repairs of houses and in particular of the Nos. of doors sinks etc. ordered which had been installed,

The Presiding Chairman stated that a serious complaint had been made to him to the effect that the road across the fairgreen had been so blocked by a parked lorry that no party having sheep at a recent fair could have taken them beyond the point of stoppage except on foot. One animal had in consequence been lost. Mr. Hession confirmed this and suggested a notice be displayed forbidding parking on this road, except for the period necessary to unload stock. It was decided that matter be discussed with the Gardai, and that appropriate action be taken in the matter of a notice and possible ensuing prosecutions.

Commissioner Campbell proposed that when the ^{car} park at Bishop St was complete Hackney men be still allowed in the interest of their business to park in the square. It was, decided the Hackney men should apply to the Board before the next meeting, for this concession, if they required it.

CONDITION OF TOWN CROSS.

Commissioner Connaughton stated that painting was necessary to preserve the cross and that a notice should be displayed forbidding the parking of bicycles against it or the tying of animals to it. It was decided the clerk should take the matter up with the Co. Council or other appropriate authority.

VACANT HOUSES.

The clerk informed the Board that there existed five vacant houses at the moment and the Assistant Co. Manager stated the lettings were awaiting the completion of his priority list by the Co. Medical Officer of Health. Mr. Joseph Connaughton and Mr. Patrick Gaynor were recommended for two of the vacancies which were in Gilmartin Road.

A vote of sympathy to the relatives of the late Dr. John Nohilly was proposed by Commissioner Stapleton, and seconded by Commissioner Coghlan and unanimously adopted, all members standing.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners

John Coghlan Chairman

Broome Town Clerk.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its monthly meeting of Vovermer 3rd. 1959.

ATTENDANCE.

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

MINUTES.

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

ADMISSION OF TENANTS.

The Chairman decided, in regard to some tenants, who wished admittance, to make representations to the Board for repairs, that as all repairs had been placed in the hands of the Engineer, the Board could not interfere. The tenants were not admitted.

ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

Commissioner Mannion inquired as to the Palace Housing Scheme and the Assistant Manager stated that plans received from the Architect had been returned again for amendment and had not yet been received back. He was doing everything he could to expedite the Scheme, but thought it advisable to have it underway prior to requesting the addition of four additional houses.

Commissioner Coghlan asked if the Co Planning conference had met and the Assistant Manager stated that as Ballinasloe had not yet appointed delegates it had not.

FAIRGREE.

The Manager told the Board that as the Co. Council had been requested to provide toilets and washing facilities he would like to know what the decision of the Commissioners was on the question of undertaking other improvements. As the Engineer's report had showed that the provision of steel concreted pens for about 600 to 800 cattle would cost some £10,000 the Board generally felt reluctant to engage in any comprehensive improvements Scheme and the more especially in view of the possibility of a Mart being established at some future date.

Commissioner Mannion, however urged that the pens be provided arguing that the revenue from the pens would meet the loan charges on any necessary loan. The pens envisaged, the Engineer stated would be approx. 16' x 9' each capable of holding a maximum of twelve cattle. Perhaps 100 could be provided for the amount stated. It was finally decided on the motion of Commissioner Stapleton, ~~seconded~~ seconded by Commissioner O'Brien that the question of improvements to the Fairgreen be left in abeyance, Commissioner Mannion dissenting; a request from Commissioner Campbell, that in addition to providing toilets and washing facilities the Co. Council be requested to install a drinking trough inside the gate near the water main, being ruled to be a matter for a later Notice of Motion. An amendment by Commissioner Mannion that the question be deferred until January when the Clerk and Engineer should have an estimate prepared of the revenue which would accrue from the letting of pens was lost for want of a seconder.

PERAIR OF HOUSES.

The Chairman requested the Engineer to attend to those houses which had been referred to him at the last meeting, Owing to the existence of several vacant houses requiring renovation it having proved impossible to give them attention to date.

The Engineer read a report, copy of which is affixed

on repairs executed since he took up duty and explained to the Board that the houses listed in the report as having been repaired, had only urgent repairs effected, in many instances He recommended that 40% of the sum allotted in the next estimate for housing repairs be devoted to a complete overhaul of a limited number of houses. Commissioner O'Brien expressed himself as being very much in favour of this.

The responsibility of Rent Collectors for the inspection of houses was discussed, opinions being divided on the matter.

FAIRGREEN.

The Engineer informend the Board that he had ordered notices for erection at the Fairgreen, warning vehicle owners that parking on the roadway across the green was prohibited and that he had made a start on the construction of the styles at the entrances.

Letters from Mr. Michael Higgins, 21, Gilmartin Rd. and Mrs. Byrne, 57, Athenry Rd requesting repairs were read, as was a letter from the late Assistant Co. Manager, Mr. Thomas McDermott, thanking the Board for a presentation made him and a letter from the Board's Solicitor giving advice on the power of the Board to prohibit parking on the roadway across the green.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Commissioner Mannion spoke on his motion to request the Corrib Drainage Board to clean and widen the Curragh and Nanny rivers prior to removing its heavy machinery from the Tuam area, pointing out the benefit such work would be to the town and a letter from the Chairman Commissioner Cahill expressing agreement with the motion was laid before the Board A discussion ensued in the course of which Commissioner Connaughton and the Engineer intimated that they had information that the work would be done in the coming Spring. The motion was unanimously agreed with and the Clerk directed to write the Corrib Drainage Authorities as to when it was intended to put this work in hand.

Commissioner Mannion intimated that he had in mind organising amongst the tenants of the Commissioners a sweep the proceeds of which would be devoted to decorating the gardens of their houses and the planting of trees at the edge of the footpaths. The Commissioners welcomed any decorations which might thus be effected. He also referred to the widening of Vicar St., stating a house there was now vacant, which if purchased would greatly facilitate the project.

Commissioner O'Brien stated that an underground lavatory at the site of the new car park was very desirable. The fact that the Shambles toilet was closed on Sundays was commented on. The Chairman expressed agreement with Commissioner O'Brien's idea and the Manager informed this should have priority over the provision of toilets at the Fair Green.

Commissioner O'Brien recommended to the Board's attention the case of Mr. O'Reilly presently occupying the house of ex tenant Christopher Cullotty and it was agreed that if Mr. O'Reilly had to surrender possession he would have the right to remove a shed he had erected there.

Commissioner Coghlan and Mannion expressed themselves as in favour of granting the tenancy of the house of Patrick O'Reilly of Gilmartin Road to Mr. John Carty who had resided with Mr. O'Reilly.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners

G. O'Donnell Town Clerk 1/12/59

J. M. Coghlan 1/12/59

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF ABOVE MENTIONED LOCAL AUTHORITY AT ITS MONTHLY MEETING OF DECEMBER 1st. 1959.

ATTENDANCE

In the absence of the Chairman the Vice-Chairman Commissioner Coghlan, presided. Other members present were Commissioners, Healy, Campbell, Connaughton, O'Brien and Mannion.

MINUTES.

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

Arising out of the minutes Commissioner Campbell stressed the necessity of a drinking trough for stock inside the Fairgreen gate near the water main. He was supported by Commissioner Healy and the provision of a trough was unanimously agreed on. The Manager stated he would get an estimate from the Engineer. The Commissioners would have to bear the expense.

Commissioner Healy requested that short paths to the styles being provided in the Fairgreen to link these styles with the roadway across the green, be constructed. This was agreed on.

PALACE HOUSING SCHEME.

A letter from His Grace, the Archbishop which represented the urgent necessity for further houses in Tuam was read. The presiding Chairman commenting stressed the urgency of the problem and the fact that the ten houses which constituted the projected extension of the Palace Housing Scheme, were utterly insufficient. The Clerk informed the Board that it was as far back as October 1957 since representatives of the Board had arranged to examine sites with the then Assistant Co. Manager and that at the moment some forty parties were listed for housing accommodation. Several members expressed astonishment at the delay which had ensued. The Assistant Manager who attributed this to the Architect was given His Grace's letter on which to take as urgent action as possible. It was also decided the Town Clerk should convey the Board's views to the Co. Secretary and if no tangible steps towards the provision of the houses were taken in the next two weeks he should write the Minister.

Commissioner Coghlan proposed and Commissioner O'Brien seconded and it was agreed unanimously that a further housing survey be undertaken.

Commissioner Mannion inquired what steps the Board proposed to take in regard to the development of the Fairgreen and was informed by the Presiding Chairman, that in conformance with a decision of the Board, this matter could only be raised on Notice of Motion.

DRAINAGE OF NANNY AND CURRAGH RIVERS.

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had received as yet, no reply to a letter sent the Corrib Drainage Board on this matter.

TOILET AT NEW CAR PARK BISHOP ST. TUAM.

Commissioner Healy inquired of the Assistant Manager what steps towards the provision of this were being taken and was informed that the proposal had been included in the business of the County Council which would be discussed at its Estimate Meeting.

TRANSFER OF THOMAS LARKIN, GILMARTIN ROAD.

Commissioner O'Brien requested that an application of Thomas Larkin, 47, Gilmartin Road for a transfer to No. 48, Gilmartin Road be granted. The Assistant Manager agreed to grant the transfer.

The Clerk read a letter from Mr Thomas McDermott, late Assistant Manager, expressing his appreciation of a presentation made to him on his departure.

A copy of a letter from the Co. Manager Mr. C.I. O'Flynn, to Professor Duignan of University College, Galway inquiring as to the authority in which legally the Tuam Town Cross should be vested was read. A discussion ensued in which it was decided the cross should be lighted for Xmas. The clerk was directed to get in touch, at once, with the Co. Council with a view to having this done.

Commissioner Mannion stated he was prepared to present the Board or any other Body willing to undertake lighting it a thirty foot Christmas Tree. While thanking Commissioner Mannion for his offer the Commissioners felt that it would not be practical to undertake the lighting of such tree.

A Statement of the part taken by Sinn Fein in the recent Six County Elections issued by the Representatives of the Republican Election Directorates was read.

It was agreed then to suspend Standing Orders to allow Commissioner Campbell to introduce the following matters:-

1) Commissioner Campbell proposed that an increase of 12/6 per week as agreed between employers and the Irish Transport Worker's Unions be granted to employees of the Commissioners engaged on building repair work with retrospective effect to the date on which such increase was paid to other Employer's Workers. This was seconded by Commissioner Mannion and unanimously agreed upon.

2) That as a Mr. Tony Whyte the most deserving case for a recent vacancy at Newtown Morris had not been awarded the vacancy, the Manager investigate the work of the Sanitary Inspector responsible for gathering the data on which priority lists were constructed.

3) That the Manager arrange a relief grant for Tuam for Xmas. The Manager stated that the list of applications had been forwarded to Dublin. He would investigate if Tuam had been included.

4) He queried as to when the car park could be opened.

Part of (2) Commissioner Mannion urged that priority lists should remain unaltered for periods of three months.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners.

John Coghlan CHAIRMAN 5 January 60 DATE
E. O'Donnell TOWN CLERK. 5/1/60 DATE.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its monthly meeting of January 5th 1960.

ATTENDANCE.

In the absence of the Chairman the Vice-Chairman Commissioner Coghlan presided. Others present were Commissioners Mannion, Brwne, Campbell, Stapleton, Connaughton and Healy.

MINUTES.

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

Arising out of the last minutes Commissioner Campbell inquired what progress, if any, had since been made towards having the Palace Housing Scheme commenced and the Clerk read two letters he had received from the County Council in the first week of December stating the plans had been received from the Architect and submitted to the Dept. of Local Government for approval. The Presiding Chairman proposed that the Board send a resolution to the Co. Council that the Council press the Dept. of Local Government to decide on the plans submitted immediately and Commissioner Mannion urged that the Board should take up the matter directly with the Dept. A very full discussion as to the Housing needs of Tuam ensued and it was unanimously agreed that ten houses the number in respect of which plans had been submitted were totally inadequate. It was finally decided that the Clerk should write the Co. Manager, to have the Manager endeavour to obtain the utmost expedition from the Dept and on the proposal of Commissioner Vrowne seconded by Commissioner Campbell it was unanimously resolved.

"That the Co. Manager prepare and submit to the Co. Council plans and specifications for twenty five further houses for Tuam to meet the requirements of the town"

The Chairman commented that all parties requiring houses were not registered with the Town Clerk and urged that all who had not done so should apply to him immediately for housing accommodation.

Also arising out of the minutes Commissioner Healy requested that the Engineer be reminded that the Board required short connecting paths from the Fairgreen styles to the road across the field.

Commissioner Mannion, that as the Board of Works had not replied to to the Board's letter on the drainage of the river Nanny and Curragh, the Board of Works be again written in the matter.

and Commissioner Campbell an explanation of how the matter of the increase in wages expected for the building workers of the Commission stood. The Clerk stated he had consulted the Assistant Manager on this matter and found that a decision had to wait on that taken by the Co. Co. for the Co. Council workers.

Notice of Motion of Commissioner Mannion

"That the amount on which Differential Rent be assessed be changed from one sixth to one eighth of the household income and that Widow's Pensions and Unemployment Assistance and Benefit be excluded from the assessment."

The Chairman stated that it was outside the power of the Board to do anything towards having such reductions made and outside the power of the Minister as this figure had been fixed by An Dail. The Chairman and Commissioner Mannion debated whether the proportion of one sixth was fixed by Act or by a directive of the Minister and finally Commissioner Mannion agreed to amend his motion to read

"That the Co. Manager be requested to put before the Minister the advisability of reducing the proportion of the household income on which Differential Rent is assessed from one sixth to one eighth and of excluding Widows Pensions, Old Age Pensions, Unemployment Assistance, Unemployment Benefit from the assessment" This was then seconded by Commissioner Campbell

and unanimously agreed.

HOUSE PURCHASE SCHEMES

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The Clerk passed to members of the Board copies of the draft of a proposed tenants purchase scheme made by the Assistant Co. Manager. It was agreed to adjourn consideration of this until the Assistant Manager would be present, it having been noted by the Chairman that two rates for houses in Athenry Rd, had been included in the draft, whereas the Dept. in response to representations of the Board had earlier agreed that all houses in this Road might be disposed of at the lower rate of the two.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A letter from Mr. William King, Parkmore Terrace and a Bill of Costs received by him from the Board's Solicitor in respect of the leasing by him of a house from the Board were read. Members commented on legal charges being excessive and of the fact that such rates of charge might be very detrimental to the success of any house purchase scheme which might be adopted. It was suggested that if a number of houses were in question some standard of conveyance might be used. The Bill in question amounted to £26. 17. 3.

FAIR GREEN

Copy of letter from the Co. Medical Officer to the Co. Secretary and letter from the Co. Council to the Town Clerk on the fact that the condition of the small fairgreen constituted a nuisance be forthwith abated were read. It was decided to have a report from the Engineer on the matter.

TOWN CROSS.

The position in regard to the preservation and ownership of this monument was explained by the Clerk and copies of letters from the Manager Mr. C.I. O'Flynn to Dean Jackson and of the Dean's reply were read to the Board.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners.

John Coghlan Chairman 1st March 1960 Date
G. H. O'Flynn Town Clerk. 1st March 60 Date.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of the above Local Authority at its estimate meeting of January 27th 1960.

ATTENDANCE The Vice-Chairman, Commissioner Coghlan took the Chair. Other members present were Commissioners Browne, Mannion, Healy, Stapleton and Connaughton.

ESTIMATE. The Co. Manager introduced the Estimate of Expenses and Demand for the year ending 31/3/61 stating that an extra amount of £1,044, which would necessitate an increase of 1/11½ in the £1. in the rates would be required.

This he explained was due to

- a) an increase of £225 in estimated expenses for 1960/61.
- b) a decrease of £230 in estimated income for 1960/61.
- c) a loss of £339 on the current years working, whereas a gain of £250 had been anticipated.

He instanced the chief headings under which changes were proposed this year

as (1) a proposed increase of £150 in the sum for housing repairs: an allowance of £157 for possible increase in Co. Rates for houses, an allowance of £60. for expenses of the Local Election which would be held this year and an allowance of £18. for increase in Engineers Salary.

The estimates were then examined by the Board item by item. On the question of £2000 for housing repairs a discussion ensued. Commissioner Browne stated that much of the expense arose from transferring tenants to new houses. The houses vacated generally required extensive repairs. He argued that tenants on leaving houses, should be compelled to pay for repairs which were then found necessary. Commissioner Mannion stated that a resolution to this effect had been adopted three years ago. The Assistant Manager pointed out that a great part of such repairs were were the Commissioners responsibility, and that these should have been done continuously prior to vacancies arising. The Clerk instanced a recent case of a transfer where the liability of the Commissioners which the Engineer confirmed. /most of the repairs were/

Commissioner Connaughton queried the proportions of the expenses which went on material and wages, which the Engineer agreed would be approximately as 1 is to 2. The Engineer, however, explained that this was reasonable for repairs. In the case of new construction the proportion would be more even. It was agreed to examine the other items prior to deciding on the repairs figure.

INSURANCE OF HOUSES. On the Clerk explaining a small margin was allowed here for possible increases in Insurances Rates, it was decided to cut this figure by £10.

LOAN CHARGES ON RANGES. On the Manager's suggestion this figure was cut from £300 to £150 in view of the fact that one of the range loans was paid off during the year.

RATES ON HOUSES. It was agreed to cut this amount by £50. as the exact Co. Council rate was, of course, not yet known.

PRINTING POSTAGE ADVT.; STATIONERY. The figure of £30. was cut to £25.

TOWN HALL REPAIRS. On the Engineer instancing that no very extensive repairs to the Town Hall were required, the figure of £50. was cut to £40.

OTHER EXPENSES. This was reduced from £18. to £13.

FAIRGREEN REPAIRS. The figure here was reduced from £100 to £60. the Engineer estimating that it would require from £40 to £60 to give effect to recommendations of the Co. Medical Offices in the matter of fencing off effectively private gardens from the small green.

INCOME. In view of an anticipated receipt of £10. for the use of the Town Hall for elections and of a possible increase of £10 in the rent of the library room from the Co. Council, it was agreed to budget for an increase of £75. from the Town Hall instead of £55. and on instructions to the Town Clerk to approach the bacon Factories and their agents for tolls on pigs purchased at markets held outside the town to increase the anticipated income of £450 from tolls to £500. The Manager further agreed to treat the loss on working during the current year as £250. These various savings resulted in the increase in the amount to be demanded from the Co. Council being reduced from £1044 to £565 which would lead to an increase in the rates of 1/1 in the £1.

On the proposition of Commissioner Browne, seconded by Commissioner Connaughton the Estimate of Expenses and Demand for the year ending 31/3/61 was as thus amended, adopted.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners.

John Connaughton CHAIRMAN *12th March 1960* DATE
John Connaughton TOWN CLERK. *1/3/60* DATE.

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No Monthly Meeting of above Local Authority was held in February 1960 owing to the absence of a quorum on the 2nd inst. the date on which the meeting was due to take place.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners.

S. O'Brien

TOWN CLERK DATE 2/2/60

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its Special Meeting of Feb. 24th. 1960.

In the absence of the Chairman Commissioner Coghlan presided. Other members present were Commissioners Mannion, Healy, Browne, Stapleton, Connaughton and O'Brien, together with the Assistant Co Manager Mr. Liam O'Luanagh.

The presiding Chairman stated that the object of the meeting was to decide on a request of the promoters of the Tuam Livestock Mart. Association for a lease of one and a half acres of the Fairgreen on its northern side adjoining Tullinadaly Road and called on the Assistant Manager to give details of an offer made by the said Livestock Mart Association promoters for such lease.

The Assistant Manager outlined negotiations he had had with these promoters which culminated in an offer by them to pay a bulk sum of £525 and a rent of £1. per year for such a lease for 99 years. The lease would make the leasees liable for all rates, taxes and charges on the property leased except the landlords proportion of income tax; it would make it incumbent on the leasees to erect within two years an auction mart to a design approved by the Commissioners or the Co. Council; it would restrict the use of such mart to the sale of livestock subject to later amendment by mutual consent and indemnify the Local Authority against all demands by the public, which might arise from the use of the mart and against all legal expenses arising therefrom. The Manager confirmed to the Presiding Chairman, that it was within the power of the Commissioners to make such a lease subject to the consent of the Minister for Local Government.

Commissioner Mannion stated that it was first decided, on the 31st. March 1959, at a special meeting, to make a site in the Fairgreen, available, but, that this decision had no force the said special meeting having been requisitioned by three members only, whereas the requisite number was five. He also stated that on the 4th May 1959 at an ordinary meeting, on a notice of motion of his, it was unanimously agreed subject to the stipulation that the matter be referred to the Engineer, to effect certain improvements in the Fairgreen and to reserve about six acres on the north side of the green for future development. This was never rescinded.

On discussion it was proposed by Commissioner O'Brien and seconded by Commissioner Stapleton that one and a half acres on the North side of the Fairgreen bordering Tullinadaly Road be leased to the Livestock Mart Association for £525. for 99 years at a rent of £1. per year. An amendment was proposed by Commissioner Browne and seconded by Commissioner Mannion; "that the Board first get legal advice on the Minutes." On a vote being taken Commissioners, Healy, Stapleton, O'Brien, Coghlan and Connaughton voted for the motion and Commissioners Browne and Mannion for the amendment. The motion to grant the lease was then adopted.

Commissioner ^{Browne} queried the legality of dealing with an unregistered Association.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners.

John Coghlan

CHAIRMAN

DATE 24th March 1960

S. O'Brien

TOWN CLERK.

DATE 1/3/60

Proceedings of Minutes of above Local Authority at its Monthly Meeting of March 1st. 1960.

ATTENDANCE In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, and Commissioner Coughlan took the Chair. Other members present were Commissioners Healy, Campbell, O'Brien, Stapleton and Connaughton.

MINUTES The Minutes of the January Monthly Meeting, of the Estimates Meeting and of the Special Meeting of Feb. 24th, 1960 were read and signed.

Arising out of the Minutes

(1) The following resolution proposed by Commissioner Campbell and seconded by Commissioner Healy was unanimously adopted

"That the Tuam Town Commissioners increase by threepence per hour the wages of the Tradesman and Labourers employed by them in the building trade, with retrospective effect to 30th Octr. 1959."

(2) Commissioner Campbell inquired as to the present position of the proposed scheme for providing ten additional houses in the Palce and was informed by the Manager that the Department had approved of the house plans, but was not satisfied with the lay out. He thought the latter difficulty would be quickly overcome.

In regard to the survey of housing requirements for Tuam and the representations made by the Board for twenty five additional houses, the Manager stated the results had been sent to the Department, but he thought the Dept. would comb out the applicants registered in the survey. Members complained of the Housing position in town.

Commissioners Mannion and Healy requested that a clause be inserted in the contract for the erection of the houses that local labour be employed and the Manager stated this might be difficult but, if possible he would have it done.

(3) Commissioner Healy inquired as to the paths at the styles in the Fairgreen and the Manager directed the Engineer be reminded and if money were not available that he put the matter in hands in March. Commissioner O'Brien complained of the condition of the Fairgreen, but, was informed no funds were available for remedying it.

Commissioner Healy again drew attention to the necessity of writing to those who held pig markets outside the town to co-operate with the Commissioners in paying tolls.

(4) House Purchase Schemes. The Assistant Manager gave details to the Board. Members expressed dissatisfaction with the prices being charged for houses in Athenry Road and with the Legal charges which would be involved in each purchase.

The Chairman stated in reply to comments on the sanitary facilities available in the houses that any tenant who availed of a purchase scheme, would be in a position to get a grant for the installation of a bath room and the Manager informed the Board that the houses were being offered as they stood and could not be first repaired by the Commissioners.

It was then proposed by Commissioner O'Brien and seconded by Commissioner Healy and resolved

"that the Tenant's Purchase Scheme submitted by the Assistant Manager be adopted subject to the Minister's sanction"

(5) The Assistant Manager informed the Chairman that if one and a half acres in the Fairgreen were sold for £525. to the Livestock Mart Association, the proceeds £525. would have to be used for Capital purposes, not Revenue.

The Chairman then notified the members that he intended to move the following motion at the next monthly meeting and handed a copy to the Clerk.

The motion read

"that we rescind any reference on Minute of meeting of 5/5/59, headed Notice of Motion of Commissioner Mannion, to the reservation of the North side of the Fairgreen for development by the Tuam Town Commissioners"

CORRESPONDENCE. The Clerk read a letter from the Co. Manager which stated that the Representative Body of the Church of Ireland were agreeable to the Commissioners of Public Works taking into guardianship the Cross of Tuam, subject to the condition that in the event of the Commissioners wishing to move the Cross from its present site, it be re erected in the burial ground of the Church of Ireland Cathedral Tuam.

The Clerk read also

(1) a letter from Thomas Donnellan No. 40, Tubberjarlath Road requesting repair of the fencing between houses No. 40 and 42. The Clerk was requested to request the Engineer to do this work.

(2) a letter from the Co. Council agreeing to pay £10 extra per year for the Library Room in the Town Hall.

(3) Two letters from Ml. Fahy, 59, Athenry Rd. requesting to be made tenant of the house he resided in and stating that for various reasons he would not accept a house in Gilmartin Road. It was agreed to leave the matter in the hands of the Manager and the Co. Medical Officer.

REPAIRS Commissioner Healy requested repair of leakage in roof of Mrs. Ellicott Gilmartin Road.

Commissioner Campbell, the supply of a sink and repairs of a cistern for Mrs. Bob Trayers Gilmartin Rd., and the repairs of a crack in the Gable end and the supply of a front door for Mrs. Harte and Commissioner Stapleton the repairs of a leakage for Mrs. McKenna St. Enda's Ave.

The Chairman requested that a sink be supplied to Mrs. Byrne, Gilmartin Rd. and a leak in her roof repaired.

Commissioner O'Brien stated Mr. Ryan of Tobberjarlath had requested a stay in the execution of a Decree for possession of his house. The Manager stated whatever offer made by Mr. Ryan would be considered.

Commissioners Stapleton, Connaughton and Campbell urged that Mr. Wm. Rooney be given a house which was at present vacant in Tubberjarlath Rd.

NOTICE OF MOTION OF COMMISSIONER COUGHLAN.

Commissioner Coughlan stated the Notice spoke for itself and members expressed agreement as to the necessity of a new clinic for the town. The Manager informed the members that arrangements for such were prepared three years ago, but the matter had been deferred then for lack of finance. He stated he had written the Department of Health again on the preceding day

in the matter. The Motion was unanimously agreed to.

TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING.

The Chairman, Commissioner O'Brien and the Manager gave an outline of the proceedings of the Town and Regional Planning Conference which had shortly previously been held in Galway. It was decided to consider the matter at the next meeting.

Commissioner Campbell inquired why the Co Council had suspend work on the footpaths in the town and the assistant Manager state he would inquire into the position.

The Clerk was directed to inquire of the Engineer how the covering of a manhole at St Mary's Terrace at the corner of the Mall and High St. came to be left 4" above the Road level and to request him to have it remedied.

Proposed by Commissioner Stapleton and seconded by Commissioner Campbell a vote of sympathy to the relatives of the late Sam Browne, Galway Rd. was adopted, all members standing.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners

John Campbell CHAIRMAN 5 April 1960 DATE

G. J. O'Brien TOWN CLERK: 5 April 1960 DATE

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF ABOVE LOCAL AUTHORITY AT IT'S MONTHLY MEETING OF APRIL 5TH 1960.

ATTENDANCE.

In the absence of the Chairman, Commissioner Coghlan, Presided. Other Members present were, Commissioners, Mannion, Browne, Healy, O'Brien, Stapleton, Connaughton, and Campbell. together with the Assistant Manager Mr. Liam O'Lunnagh.

MINUTES.

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

Arising out of the minutes:-

(a) Commissioner O'Brien inquired if the assistant Manager would agree to stay ~~eviction~~ proceedings against Wm. Ryan, Tobberjarlath Rd., and the Assistant Manager to do so if £9. plus legal costs were paid.

(b) Commissioner Campbell inquired as to the position of the extension of the Palace Housing Scheme and the assistant Manager in reply stated he had not up to date news on the matter but, would write the Town Clerk giving the facts.

(c) Commissioner Stapleton referred to the fact that repairs had not been executed at the house of Mrs. McKenna, St. Enda's Avenue and the Clerk was instructed to remind the Engineer.

(d) Commissioner Mannion, stated that at an earlier meeting it had been left to the Manager to represent to the Minister the advisability of reducing the proportion of income assessable from Differential Rent from one-sixth to one-eighth.

(e) The Clerk informed Commissioner Campbell that all arrears of pay to building trade operatives of the Board, because of the recent increase of 3d. per hour in their wages, had been paid.

(f) The Clerk informed the Board that the House Purchase Scheme agreed upon had been referred to the Minister for sanction and had not been received back to date and that the Claremorris, Castlebar and Ballaghadreen Bacon Companies had been written as to payment of tolls on pigs purchased by them within a radius of seven miles of Tuam.

NOTICE OF MOTION OF COMMISSIONER COGHLAN.

"That we rescind any reference in minute of meeting of the 5/5/59 headed notice of motion of Commissioner Mannion to reservation of the North side of the Fairgreen for development by the Tuam Town Commissioners"

Commissioner Coghlan introduced his motion to regularise he stated the letting of one and a half acres to the Tuam Livestock Mart Association. This was seconded by Commissioner O'Brien. Commissioner Mannion proposed an amendment that the notice of motion be not rescinded. This was seconded by Commissioner Browne. On a vote being taken Commissioners Connaughton, Stapleton, O'Brien, Healy, and Coghlan declared in favour of the motion of Commissioner Coghlan and Commissioners, Campbell, Browne and Mannion against. On the Assistant Manager explaining that for rescinding a motion which had been adopted a two third majority was necessary, where the number of members present at the meeting for rescinding was greater than the number present at the meeting adopting a motion, the motion of Commissioner Coghlan was declared lost.

NOTICE OF MOTION OF COMMISSIONER MANNION.

" That the Tuam Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Agriculture and Local Government for the provision of a grant to Urban Councils to help them to bring their Fairgreens up to modern Marketing Standards to meet the T.B. eradication Schemes"

As the Presiding Chairman commented that he was not aware that the Ministers named in the motion had funds for the purpose stated, Commissioner asserted that he had in mind a statement by the Taoiseach, Mr. Lemass, that it was the intention of the Government to provide grants for worthwhile projects. The Irish Cattle Industry is worth forty Million p.a. Commissioner O'Brien reminded the Board that the Tuam Livestock Mart Association had been willing to tarmacadam 1800 square yards of the green, the portion thus surface remaining the property of the Commissioners, and to expend £12000. (twelve thousand Pounds) on buildings which would be in the interest of the cattle trade. Commissioner Browne proposed to second the motion, stating that the State provided Grants for the Tourist Industry and eventually would have to do so for Fairgreens, but on the Chairman's request that the motion as worded be withdrawn in view of the non availability of funds at the Ministeries concerned and his assurance that he would give leave for an amended motion to be introduced later, the motion was withdrawn.

Commissioner Campbell commented on the cancellation of poster advertising of the fairs and several members expressed themselves as opposed to the step. The Assistant Manager gave as his opinion that advertising in Old Moore's and Purdon's Almanac and by printed Fair Cards was sufficient. However on the adoption of a proposal, of Commissioner Connaughton seconded by Commissioner Campbell to restore poster advertising, he agreed to do so.

DUMPING

Comments were made on the dumping refuse at
 (a) the back door of the house of Mr. McRory at Tu linadaly Road,
 (b) near Mr. Curland's House and Mr. O'Reilly's Bakery, at Ballygaddy Old Road,
 (c) near the Commissioners Loading Bank at the Fairgreen.

DUST BINS.

Members also commented adversely on the fact that the Co. Council Dust Men had verbally informed all householders that refuse bins must in future be left outside from doors for collection, despite the fact that collections were not made at regular hours. The Manager stated he would discuss the matter with the Engineer concerned.

FOOTPATHS

Commissioner Mannion commented on the fact that the footpath at Daly's Terrace and the extension of the footpath at Galway Rd. near the house of the late Sam Browne had never been completed; Commissioner Healy to the fact that a bank of clay to a depth of three feet ran for a stretch of 60 yards from Mr. Moggan's Bungalow to his house and Commissioner Connaughton on sewers in Shop St. opposite three Victualler's Shops which were most unhygienic, especially in summer.

CAR PARK AT BISHOP STREET.

The Presiding Chairman commenting on congestion at Bishop St. referred to non use of the car park there by car owners. The Clerk was instructed to request the Superintendent of the Gardai to compell car owners to cease parking on this street while accomodation in the car park was available. He also commented on the existence of a crack in the wall and chimney of the house of Mrs. Cole, 70, Athenry Road, for over two years and on the necessity of installing a new back door in the house of Mr. Walter Ivers.

AMENDE NOTICE OF MOTION OF COMMISSIONER MANNION.

At this stage, Commissioner Mannion, on the invitation of the presiding Chairman proposed his amended notice of motion which ran:

" That we the Tuam Town Commissioners request the introduction of Legislation whereby funds be made available to the Minister for Local Government for the provision of grants to Local Authorities"

This was seconded by Commissioner Browne and unanimously adopted.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY.

A vote of sympathy to the relatives of the late Dan McCoy was proposed by Commissioner Healy, seconded by Commissioner Campbell and adopted, all members standing.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners.

John Connaughton CHAIRMAN DATE 7th June 1960

Quaid Mangan TOWN CLERK DATE 8 June 1960

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF ABOVE LOCAL AUTHORITY AT ITS MEETING OF MAY 5th. 1960.

ATTENDANCE. The Vice Chairman Commissioner Coghlan took the chair. Other members present were Commissioners Connaughton, Browne, Stapleton, Mannion, Healy and O'Brien together with the Assistant Manager Mr. Thomas O'Connor.

VOTE OF WELCOME. The Presiding Chairman extended on behalf of the Commissioners a vote of welcome to the new assistant Manager, Mr. O'Connor, which was seconded by Commissioner Stapleton and unanimously passed. Mr. O'Connor suitable replied.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY. The Presiding Chairman then proposed a vote of sympathy to Mrs. Cahill, Ballygaddy Rd. Tuam and Mrs. Treacy of Abb. Abbey, Ballygluinin on the death of Michael Cahill, Esq., late Chairman of the Tuam Town Commissioners. This was seconded by Commissioners Connaughton and each Commissioner, the Assistant Manager, Town Clerk associated themselves therewith and paid tribute to the character and public services of Mr. Cahill.

The Presiding Chairman then moved that the meeting be adjourned for one month as a further tribute to the memory of Mr. Cahill and this was agreed to *in con.*

A vote of sympathy to Mrs. Burke on the death of Mr. John Burke, Dublin Road., Tuam proposed by Commissioner O'Brien and seconded by Commissioner Stapleton was then unanimously adopted, and the meeting terminated.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners.

John Coghlan Presiding Chairman. Date 7/6/1960
Guada M'Connell Town Clerk. Date 8/6/60

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF ABOVE LOCAL AUTHORITY AT ITS SPECIAL MEETING OF 27th May 1960.

ATTENDANCE. The Vice Chairman, Commissioner Coghlan took the chair. Other members present Commissioners, Mannion, Browne, Healy, O'Brien, Connaughton and Stapleton.

The Chairman stated that the meeting had been convened to arrange for the reception of Doctor Dooley, Apostolic Delegate to Vietnam, to Tuam on the following Sunday, and proposed that an illuminated address of welcome be prepared for him. This was unanimously agreed to. It was further proposed by Commissioner O'Brien and seconded by Commissioner Stapleton that the Town Clerk be authorised to spend the sum of £3. on the erection of bunting in the possession of the Commissioners, this was also unanimously agreed to.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners.

John Coghlan Presiding Chairman. Date 7 June 1960
Guada M'Connell TOWN CLERK. Date 8 June 1960