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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its Monthly Meeting held on June 7th 1960.

ATTENDANCE. The Vice-Chairman Commissioner Coghlan presided. Other members present were Commissioners Mannion, Browne, Healy, O'Brien, Stapleton and Connaughton.

The Minutes of the monthly meeting of April 5th 1960 of the adjourned meeting of May 5th 1960 and of the Special meeting of May 27th 1960 were read.

Arising out of the Minutes:-

a) The Clerk informed Commissioner Browne that he had no further communications from the Bacon Companies with whom he had communicated, in connection with payment of tolls to the Commissioners on pigs purchased within a seven miles radius of Tuam.

b) The Assistant Manager stated there had been no further developments with regard to the Palace Housing Scheme and that he would take up the matter with the Department.

c) Commissioner Mannion commented on the non completing of footpaths by the Co. Council at Galway Road, and Barrack Street and the Manager undertook to ascertain the Co. Council programme with regard to footpaths in Tuam, with special to the two areas referred to.

SCAVENING The Clerk read a report of E. Kennedy, Esq., B.E. Asst. Co. Engineer on the methods of collection of household refuse. This involved the leaving of dust bins outside back yards and in convenient places for collection. It was noted that old people might have difficulty in shifting bins to such points, but agreed that relaxation of the regulations in their favour should be left to the discretion of the collectors. As owing to the substitution of collection by lorry for collection by cart Mr. Ed. Mullins had lost his employment the Clerk was directed to write the local Asst. Co. Engineer that if and when possible some alternate work be provided for him.

FAIRGREEN DEVELOPEMENT.

Commissioner Mannion stated that the Board should apply to the Co. Council for a grant for the development of the Fairgreen as the Council had already gone to the extent of purchasing four Fairgreens in South Galway. It was agreed that representations should be made for the provision of toilets in the Green.

NOTICE OF MOTION OF COMMISSIONER MANNION.

Commissioner Mannion maintained that the present sewerage system in the town was inadequate. He instanced a specific defect in Ballygaddy Road at Ballinamona Park which he stated the Co. Medical Officer had been endeavouring to have remedied for years past and produced a letter of the Co. Medical Officer in evidence. This defect was the fault of a private landlord. He also stated that four houses in Ballygaddy Rd. were deprived of sewerage facilities owing to the mains having been laid at too high a level, that in Galway Rd. the mains were only two feet under the road surface making it impossible to connect up all the houses there and that the sewerage did not extend to the limits of the town in certain areas. Commissioner Mannion further stated that Tuam had the largest number of Co. Council cottages of any town of its size and that one of them had sewerage connections. Commissioner Connaughton complained of surface drains in shop st. being unsanitary, and Commissioner Browne asked if the Manager could have a Medical Officer, not necessarily the Co. Medical Officer, inspect the sewerage at Ballinamona Park. In reply the Asst. Manager stated he would request the Co. Med. Officer to visit the area and if possible send a report on the position to the Town Clerk

The Assistant Manager also stated that the Co. Council was arranging a survey of the water and sewerage system of the entire County. As, however, this might be a protracted process the notice of motion was unanimously accepted.

Commissioner Mannion then addressed the Board, paying a tribute to the services of Mr. Liam OLuanaigh Acting Assistant Manager.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners.

Michael Browne CHAIRMAN 9/8/60 DATE

Guera Mannion TOWN CLERK. 9/8/60 DATE.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its annual meeting of July 9th. 1960 at 12. noon.

ATTENDANCE. Present were Messrs. Browne, Burke, Campbell, Coghlan, Heskin, McDonagh, O'Brien, O'Connor and Stapleton each of whom having been elected Town Commissioners signed a declaration accepting office as such.

The Clerk then took the chair and invited nominations for the position of Chairman.

Commissioner Browne was proposed by Commissioner McDonagh and seconded by Commissioner Campbell and Commissioner Coghlan by Commissioner O'Brien and seconded by Commissioner Heskin. On a show of hands Commissioner Browne was elected by six votes to three.

Commissioner Browne then took the Chair and thanked the members for his election and invited nominations for the position of Vice-Chairman. Commissioner O'Brien proposed and Commissioner Heskin seconded Commissioner Coghlan who was unanimously elected. Commissioner Coghlan in turn thanked the Board.

ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES.

On discussion it was agreed that the Board continue as a member of the Association of Municipal Authorities and the following two Commissioners were elected as delegates Commissioner O'Brien who was proposed by Commissioner Stapleton and seconded by Commissioner Burke, and Commissioner Coghlan who was proposed by Commissioner O'Connor O'Connor and seconded by Commissioner McDonagh.

CO. FIRE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Commissioner Heskin on the proposal of Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner O'Brien was selected as delegate to the Co. Fire Services Advisory Committee.

MEETINGS OF BOARD.

The hours and date of the monthly meetings were discussed. It was agreed that the next meeting be on the first Tuesday in August 1960 at 8 p.m.

STANDING ORDERS.

No Standing Orders had governed the procedure of the previous Board. To remedy this the Clerk was directed to procure a copy of the Standing Orders governing the meetings of the Galway Co. Council

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners.

Gabriel Browne CHAIRMAN 9/5/60 DATE

Guald McDonagh TOWN CLERK. 9/8/60 DATE.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its Monthly Meeting of August 2nd. 1960.

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, Commissioner Coghlan, presided. Other members present were, Commissioners Burke, McDonagh, O'Connor, Campbell, Stapleton and Heskin.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING.

As a mark of respect to the Chairman, Mr. Gabriel Browne, whose mother had recently died, the meeting, on the proposal of Commissioner Stapleton seconded by Commissioner Heskin, was unanimously adjourned to Tuesday 9/8/60.

It was, agreed that Commissioner Heskin, McDonagh and O'Connor and any others available should attend at the office of the Town Clerk at 6 p.m. on the following evening, 3/8/60, to prepare a schedule of dates of fairs for 1961, for submission to this meeting.

Business was then adjourned.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners.

Gabriel Browne CHAIRMAN 9/8/60 DATE

Guald McDonagh TOWN CLERK. 9/8/60 DATE.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at the adjourned meeting of Tuesday August 9th 1960.

ATTENDANCE

The Chairman Commissioner Browne took the chair. Also present were Commissioners Burke, Heskin, McDonagh, Campbell, Coghlan and Stapleton.

On opening the meeting, the Chairman thanked the members for the adjournment from the 2nd inst. which had been arranged as a mark of respect to him on the death of his mother.

The Clerk then read the minutes of

- a) The June Monthly Meeting
- b) The July Annual Meeting
- c) The adjourned monthly meeting of Aug. 2nd.

Arising out of the minutes

Commissioner Coghlan inquired as to the position of the extension of the Palce Housing Scheme. The Clerk having no new information on the subject, the Commissioner stated the Manager had informed him that the plans had been sanctioned by the Department and that the contract documents were being prepared.

Commissioner McDonagh inquired, what action had been taken as a result of the complaints of the Board at its June meeting on sewerage defects in the Town. The Clerk stated the Co. Medical Officer had personally investigated the position at Shop St., and read a letter from him on the matter. The Co. Medical Officer's letter showed that these defects did not reveal themselves on the day of the inspection and recommended the service of a nuisance abatement notice on The Bank of Ireland, The Odeon Cinema, Mr. Herterich, Shop St., and Mr. McGreal, Victualler, should the defects cause a nuisance in future. With regard to the other areas complained of the Assistant Co. Manager had a note of the position. On discussion it was agreed that the letter of the Co. Medical Officer was very unsatisfactory and on the proposal of Commissioner Coghlan, seconded by Commissioner Heskin resolved that the question of the sewerage at Shop St., Ballinamona Park, The Ols Rd. and Loftus Tee, Ballygaddy Rd. be taken up with the Co Councillor representing the Town.

CO. COUNCIL COTTAGES.

The provision of water and sewerage facilities in Co. Council Cottages in the Town were discussed

PUMP AT BALLYMOATE TUAM

Commissioner McDonagh complained that a pump at Ballymoate sunk some eleven months ago had not functioned for ten months and that eleven families were dependent on it for water. The Clerk was directed to take up this matter with Mr. Silke, the Engineer responsible.

1961 FAIRS.

The Clerk read a schedule of dates of fairs proposed for 1961, by a sub-committee of the Board comprised of Commissioners McDonagh, Coghlan and Campbell. On discussion it was agreed that a new Ewe Fair to be held on August 22nd. be added to those so proposed and the list of dates so amended was adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Coghlan, seconded by Commissioner Burke.

STANDING ORDERS.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting a copy of the Standing Orders of the Co. Council and it was resolved on the proposal of Commissioner Heskin, seconded by Commissioner McDonagh that a sub-committee comprised of of Commissioners Heskin, Burke, Coghlan, McDonagh and the Chairman meet and draft a code of Standing Orders to be placed before the next meeting.

SALARIES.

The Clerk explained to the meeting that the Minister ^{was happy} had given a general sanction ⁱⁿ increasing the salaries of officers and servants of Local Authorities with retrospective effect to Decr. 15th, 1959. The rates of increase were as follows:-

- 8.4% on the first £345.15.0 of Salary excluding a 1958 increase.
- 5.5% on any balance with an increase of 1/3 per house in the remuneration of Rent Collectors.

It was proposed by Commissioner McDonagh and seconded by Commissioner Stapleton and resolved, that;

"The Tuam Town Commissioners approve of the Assistant Co. Manager increasing the remuneration and amending the incremental scales of all officers, and servants and rent collectors as necessary to give effect to the new rates sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government from December 15th 1959 and this approval be retrospective to the said date."

The Clerk thanked the Board on behalf of the employees and himself.

VACANT HOUSES IN GILMARTIN ROAD.

The Clerk gave d tails of vacancies existing and stated that tenants, other than itinerants, could not in general be found. A lengthy discussion ensued, various members expressing the opinion that lettings to itinerants in the past should have been confined to one quater of thas Terrace and the aid of Catholic action socities enlisted to train tenants of this type in the use of houses.

It was resolved, on the proposal of Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Heskin, that the Clerk should arrange, at an early date, an informal conference between the Board and the Assistant Co. Manager on the question of filling the vacancies and that no lettings in Gilmartin Rd. be made in the interval.

LETTING OF HOUSE NO. 59, ATHENRY ROAD.

Commissioner Coghlan proposed, Commissioner McDonagh seconded and it was resolved that Mr. O'Reilly and Mr. Corbett be housed at the earliest opportunity should no more deserving case arise. It was agreed that House No. 59, Road, be let immediately in conformance with this resolution. Mr. O'Reilly had first priority on the list of the Co. Medical Officer.

HOUSING LIST.

On the Clerk's explaining that a revised list of housing applicants, with priorities, had not been completed since October 1959, apparently because of the suspension of the sanitary officer who served the area, the Board strongly recommended that the suspended man be re-instated or that a new officer be at once appointed.

PALACE HOUSES.

Comments were passed by Commissioners Burke and Campbell on two of the houses in the Palace Housing Scheme being allowed to remain vacant for two to three months with repairs only now being executed. The Clerk was directed to write the Manager on the matter.

PLOT OF GROUND AT HALF STRADDLE.

The Clerk outlined the history of this plot, which the Commissioners held from the Co. Council at a yearly rent of £2.10.0 (Two Pounds Ten Shillings.) The plot had been let to the Commissioners for one year to the 31st. March 1947 to be used as a public park under the management of a voluntary committee, renewal of the letting to be dependent on the effectiveness with which it was managed. Rent had continued, however, to be paid to the

the Council from March 1947 to date, despite the fact that cows of a resident of the area in which the park is situated were allowed to graze it. The Manager now wished to know if he would terminate the letting, or, if he would renew it on the understanding that the Commissioners would ensure the development and use of the plot as a public park. It was decided that the letting be retained, but, that the plot be managed directly, the management committee being dispensed with. The question of its development would be discussed with the Assistant Manager at the next meeting.

NOTICES OF MOTION OF COMMISSIONER COGHLAN.

Commissioner Coghlan in proposing the adoption of his first Notice of Motion urged the obligation of the Board to provide tenants with all necessary amenities and stated that at least thirteen ranges would be required in Gilmartin Rd. The Clerk outlined the past history of the provision of ranges and the cause which necessitated such. Commissioner McDinagh objected to using monies derived from the sale of houses for the purpose range provision. Commissioner Burke, however, seconded the motion with the addition of the words "or to other necessary repairs at the Board's discretion" to which addition Commissioner Coghlan agreed and the motion as thus amended was unanimously adopted. In its final form it read "

"That the sanction of the Minister be sought to devote a sum of £600. pounds at present to the Credit of the Town Commissioners Capital Account from the sale of houses, to the procuring and instalation of ranges in the Board's houses or to other necessary repairs at the Board's discretuon."

Commissioner Coghlan, in proposing his second Notice of Motion, stressed the untidy condition of the streets, particularly on Sunday mornings, and the fact that Tuam had entered the Tidy Towns Competition. A discussion on the collection of refuse by Dustmen ensued. It was finally agreed that the Co. Council should publish, for the information of merchants and householders, the dates and hours at which dust men on their rounds would call to each street or terrace and that it should insist on the use of regulation dust bins. These measures it was felt would eliminate the scattering of much refuse which arose from open bins having to be left for lengthy periods awaiting removal. Attention was also drawn to the fact that calf crates from previous Saturdays were often left on the square on Sundays and to the necessity of having public receptacles for litter provided on the streets by the Co. Council. The hosing of the fish market on Friday evenings and the provision of a second attendant at the publiclatrine to enable it to be kept open to a later hour were recommended.

COMMISSION ON ITINERANCY

It was agreed that a communication from the Commission on Itinerancy be discussed with the Assistant Manager at the meeting to be arranged in connection with Gilmartin Rd. lettings.

REPAIRS.

A letter from Miss Florrie Bane requesting the repair of a door was passed by the Chairman to the Clerk for transmission to the Engineer with a strong recommendation that the tenants request be acceded to.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners.

John Laughlan CHAIRMAN 6. 4. 60 DATE

Sturmer TOWN CLERK. 6 9/60 DATE.

Notes of Motion of Commissioner Coghlan

1) That the sanction of the Minister be sought, to devote a sum of £600 at present to the credit of the Tuam Town Commissioners' Capital acc from the sale of houses, to the procuring & installation of ranges in the Board's houses

2) That the Board consider the present scavenging conditions in Tuam & make any necessary recommendations to the Corporation

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its monthly meeting of September 1960.

ATTENDANCE. In the absence of the Chairman, Commissioner Coghlan, Presided. Also present Commissioners Burke, McDonagh, Campbell, O'Brien, Stapleton and together with the Assistant Co. Manager.

MINUTES. The minutes of the last Monthly Meeting were read and signed.

Arising out of the minutes

a) Commissioner McDonagh inquired if any result had accrued from the Boards representations on sewerage defects in the town. The Clerk stated he had written Councillors Killilea and Patton but, had received no replies.

b) Commissioner O'Brien referred to the untidy condition of the Streets and a discussion on this ensued during which the Assistant Manager stated he thought it best that this matter be dealt with locally by means of friendly representations to householders. A remedy, however, existed under Sect. 72 of the Act of 1954. It was finally proposed by Commissioner McDonagh seconded by Commissioner Burke and agreed

"That the Board request the Manager to take the necessary action under the Act of 1854 where offenses continue"

c) The provision of litter baskets was next discussed the Chairman asking the Manager to request the Co. Council to provide such. It was also agreed that representations should be made to the Co. Council to issue a leaflet to householders on the matter.

PUBLIC ABBATOIR Commissioner McDonagh outlined representations he had made to the Manager and Co. Medical Officer on the provision of a public Abbatoir and proposed that such should be provided for the town. The Chairman however stated that Notice of Motion to introduce this matter was necessary and that he would accept Mr. McDonagh's statements as Notice of Motion for the next meeting.

TRAFFIC CONGESTION AND PARKING FACILITIES. Traffic congestion in the Square was commented on and it was agreed that the Garda Authorities be requested to regulate parking of cars there.

PUBLIC LATRINE. Commissioner O'Brien stated that a second attendant should be employed at the public latrine to enable it to remain open on Sundays and to a later hour on week evenings. It was proposed by Commissioner O'Brien and seconded by Commissioner McDonagh and agreed that the public latrine remain open from 10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. on Sundays. Comment was passed on the presence of beggars in the latrine and elsewhere and on the fact that no prosecutions had been brought by the Garda.

ADDITIONAL LATRINE AT TULLINADALY ROAD. Commissioner McDonagh proposed that an additional latrine should be provided at Tullinadaly Rd. The Chairman, however, ruled that a Notice of Motion for such proposal was necessary and that Mr. McDonagh's present proposal would be accepted as such Notice for the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE Letter from the Commission on Itinerancy. In regard to this it was agreed that copies of the letter be circulated to the members and that it be discussed at the next meeting.

The following additional letters were read by the Clerk.

a) letter from the Engineer responsible on a pump which was out of order at Ballymoate.

b) A letter from the Co. Council on sewerage and

litter collection.

c) From the Town Engineer on calf crates being left in the Square overnight on Saturday nights.

d) From the Town Engineer on the collection of waste.

e) From the Town Engineer on hosing the fish market on Friday evenings.

STANDING ORDERS. In view of the fact that certain regulations which would affect Standing Orders were being framed by the Department of Local Government it was agreed to postpone for the present consideration of these.

ALLOCATION OF HOUSES IN GILMARTIN ROAD. The Manager stated he had to postpone steps for the regulations of Gilmartin Rd. until the Co. Medical Officer returned from holidays and the Clerk outlined the present position of vacancies there.

APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER MR. H. CASSIDY. It was agreed that the Clerk should obtain a detailed statement from Mr. Cassidy of his reasons for desiring a transfer and submit it to the Manager.

A request from Mr. Higgins, Athenry Road, for a transfer was also discussed and in regard to new lettings the Board again recommended Messrs. Cronin and Corbett for houses.

REPAIRS. A representat ion from Mrs. Keegan, Gilmartin Rd. for repairs was directed to be referred to the Engineer.

PALACES HOUSES? The Manager informed the meeting that the expansion of the Palace Housing Scheme would depend on a survey the County Council had at present on hand.

It was agreed to defer the question of the provision of ranges to the next meeting.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners

Seamus Browne CHAIRMAN 6/10/60 DATE

S. McDonagh TOWN CLERK 6/10/60 DATE

MIRRORED COPY OF PROCEEDINGS OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS SEPTEMBER 1960

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

To each Town Commissioner.

5/9/60

A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town

Commissioners will be held on Tuesday 6/9/60

at ~~8.30~~ 8 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

[Signature]

Baile Cleireach.

A G E N D A

- Minutes.
- Comhondua.
- Adoption of Standing Order
- Discussion of allocation of houses in Gilman's RC

Galway County Council Archives

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its monthly meeting of Oct. 6th, 1960 at 8.30.p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

The Chairman, Commissioner Browne, presided. Other members present were Commissioners Burke, Campbell, Heskin, McDonagh, and O'Connor together with the Assistant Co. Manager.

MINUTES:

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

Arising out of the minutes:-

- a. Commissioner Heskin referred to the request of Mr. Higgins, Athenry Rd., for a transfer. The transfer was not granted as it would only encourage other similiar applications in the future.
- b. Commissioner Coghlan requested information on the housing survey in progress. The Assistant Manager stated he would deal with this later.
- c. A notice of motion of Commissioner McDonagh for the provision by the Co. Council of two toilets one at each entrance to the Fairgreen, was at this stage introduced by him. as the preceeding meeting it had been decided that the introduction of the matter then should be treated as a Notice of Motion and had been so recorded in the minutes. Commissioner McDonagh proposed the motion formally and it was seconded by Commissioner Campbell and unanimously adopted.
- d. Litter baskets: The Manager informed the Board that the County Council had now procured new types of litter baskets and that a number would be provided in each town throughout the County. The Engineer stated he would consider representations from Boards as to the points at which they would be erected.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. The Clerk read a letter from the Co. Council stating that the public toilet would, in future, remain open on Sundays.
- b. A letter from Mrs. John McHugh, Athenry Rd. seeking repairs was referred to the Engineer who ~~is~~ intimated that he would deal with a scullery window which had fallen out.
- c. A letter from Mr. J. Donnellan, 10 Athenry Rd. Tuam also seeking repairs was similiarly referred to the Engineer.

SEWERAGE DEFECTS AT SHOP ST.

The Assistant Manager informed the Board that legal proceedings were pending in connection with this matter.

PLOT OF GROUND AT HALF STRADDLE.

The Assistant Manager outlined the history of this plot and ascertained the views of the Commissioners that it should be preserved as a public park. It was agreed that a decision on steps to be taken to develop it would be deferred for the moment, as it was understood that grants would later be available for the developement of public amenities.

NOTICE OF MOTION OF COMMISSIONER McDONAGH ON THE PROVISION OF A PUBLIC ABBATOIR IN TUAM.

Mr. McDonagh stated that there were eleven Victuallers in Tuam, all of whom had not equal facilities for slaughter, that with a public abbatoir one man would be appointed for all killings and that all victuallers would be compelled to use it. Dr. O'Sullivan the Assistant Co. Medical Officer and the local vetinary surgeon were in

favour of an abbatoir. Commissioner O'Connor opposing the idea stated he saw no necessity for such unless gross mismanagement on the part of the local victuallers could be shown. Commissioner Heskin ~~pro~~ posed the question as to how an abbatoir could pay its way in fees from victuallers and on further discussion it was agreed that the motion be amended to read

"that the Board request the appropriate authority to consider the advisability or otherwise of providing a public abbatoir in Tuam."

The motion as amended was on the proposal of Commissioner McDonagh seconded by Commissioner Heskin, adopted, Commissioner O'Connor dissenting.

LETTING OF HOUSES.

The Assistant Manager stated that with regard to future vacancies, a combined list of applicants for Co. Council and Town Commissioners houses was being established. This would be complete in a few days and one copy would be held by the Co. Council and another by the Town Clerk. As vacancies arose in either Council or Commissioners houses they would be filled by the applicants in priority order on this list. The list would be revised once every six months. Applicants in or in the vicinity of Tuam would be eligible for inclusion and anyone refusing a house would go to the bottom of the list. Transfers would only be considered in very special cases. Changes of address and of circumstances must be notified to the Town Clerk by applicants. Of seven (7) Commissioners houses vacant at the moment, the Board was notified that five had been let as follows:-

Two houses in Tubberjarlath Rd. to Martin Mannion and John Monaghan
One in Athenry Road to Sean Maloney and
Two houses in Gilmartin Rd. to itinerants.

Two further houses in Gilmartin Rd., were not yet let.

The Commissioners expressed themselves as strongly in favour of Gerard Cronin and James Corbett for two of the houses in Tubberjarlath Rd. and Athenry Rd. and as Mrs. Cronin had not been located by the Health Inspector, when investigating the circumstances of applicants owing to non notification of a change of address, decided that an advertisement should be published by the Town Clerk in the Tuam Herald and displayed also on a Notice Board that all applicants for houses should notify the Clerk in writing of changes in address or circumstances.

On the representations of the Board the Manager agreed to have Mr. Gerard Cronin's circumstances specially investigated.

PALACE HOUSING SCHEME:

The Manager stated there was no change in the position with regard to this and that the early implementation of the Scheme would depend on the survey now being completed.

HOUSE PURCHASE SCHEME:

The Manager referred certain objections the Dept. had raised to the House Purchase Scheme submitted for approval to the Board with a recommendation to it that the terms of the scheme as drafted should not be changed. This was agreed to.

This completed the business of the meeting.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Seamus Browne CHAIRMAN 7/11/60. DATE
John Monaghan TOWN CLERK 7/11/60 DATE.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of proceedings of the above
Local Authority at its special meeting of
Monday, Oct 24th 1960

Attendance

Commissioner Gabriel Browne, Chairman,
took the chair. Other members present were
Commissioners, Heskin, Coghlan, Stakleton,
O'Brien, Coughlin & Burke, together
with the Assistant Co. Manager.

Seating of Theatre Room, Town Hall

The Assistant Manager explained
that the meeting had been convened to
consider an application of the Little Theatre
Guild for permission to instal fixed seating
in the Theatre Room. He read a report from
the Board's engineer who agreed that from
a structural point of view the seating
might be installed subject to his
satisfaction. The Assistant Manager then
requested the opinion of the Board. A
discussion ensued in the course of which
it was stated that the Guild had the
premises rented at £1 per wk for from
Dec to some months each year, that no
written agreement existed & that the Guild
had during its tenancy painted the Hall
receiving a grant from the Commissioners.
It was felt the Board should retain the
right to make lettings & that it should be
a part of every letting that the tenant should
recompense the Guild for the use of the seats

all agreed that a written agreement should be
drawn up & signed. It was suggested that the
Guild be given the alternative of renting the
premises for the whole year or for a part.

Finally on the proposal of Commissioner
Heskin seconded by Commissioner Coghlan
it was unanimously resolved to allow
the Guild to instal the fixed seating, subject
to this being done to the satisfaction of
the Board's engineer & subject to a
written agreement being executed, regulating
the conditions of the letting.

This concluded the business of the
meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners

Gabriel Browne Chairman 21/11/60 Date
S. J. O'Connor Town Clerk 21/11/60 Date

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its monthly meeting of Tuesday, Dec., 6th, 1960.

ATTENDANCE:

The chairman, Commissioner Browne presided. Other members present were Commissioners Burke, McDonagh, Coghlan, O'Brien, Stapleton and Heskin, together with the Assistant Manager and Engineer.

MINUTES:

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

GILMARTIN ROAD.

Commissioner O'Brien stated that the tenant recently installed at house No. 62 Gilmartin Rd., kept a caravan on the premises and the Clerk was directed to write him to have the caravan removed.

SPEED LIMIT IN TOWN AREA.

Commissioner McDonagh recommended that the Minister be requested under Sect. 49 of the Road Traffic Act, 1933 to hold a Public inquiry with a view to imposing a speed limit on vehicles passing through Tuam.

RANGES:

The Clerk stated the position of the Board's application to the Minister for permission to use certain money derived from the sale of houses for the ~~purchase~~ purchase of ranges. The Clerk had replied to a query of the Dept. and had not heard further in the matter since. It was decided the Clerk should write urgently to the Dept. for a reply.

HOUSE PURCHASE SCHEME.

The Manager stated that this was now nearly complete and that he hoped to submit the final draft at the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Clerk read a letter from the Superintendent of the Gardai expressing willingness to meet the Board for a discussion on Traffic Problems. It was agreed to invite the Superintendent to a meeting in the Town Clerk's office to be held at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday the 15th, inst., the Assistant Manager and Engineer stating they would attend.

BYE-LAWS.

A letter from the Chamber of Commerce on Traffic Bye Laws was read. The Clerk outlined the present position resulting from steps taken in the past to have market Bye Laws made. Mr. McDonagh suggested that a clause be inserted in any code of Bye Laws adopted to prohibit the sale of specific articles or of specific articles in particular places and Commissioner Burke referred to the Schedule of Toll charges having in the past specified the areas for the sale of goods and stock. The question was deferred to enable the Assistant Manager to go into it.

RESOLUTION FROM THURLES URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The appended resolution from Thurles Urban District Council was read. Its adoption was proposed by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner McDonagh and unanimously resolved upon.

REPORTS OF TOWN STEWARD.

Reports of the Town Steward on the matter of litter in the streets were read. These showed that the only litter noted were sweepings from business premises, which were swept into the channels at the edges of the footpaths and collected by Co. Council workers. A report of the Town Steward on a ramp for the loading of lorries in the Shambles was read. It was agreed the ramp which was in the little use had so deteriorated that it might be scrapped.

INCREASE IN PAYMENTS TO ASSISTANTS AT TOLLS & CUSTOMS COLLECTIONS.

As the Town Steward had represented the necessity of increasing payments

to such parties from 15/-d. to £1. per day the Board agreed to the increase the amount as requested until the estimates meeting, when the matter would be reviewed and fixed for the following year.

CINEMA LICENCES.

Letters from the Chief Fire Officer appended on the question of renewing Cinema Licences for the Mall and the Odeon Cinemas for the year 1961 were read by the Clerk. On discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Browne and resolved that the licence of the Odeon Cinema be renewed subject to the recommendations of the Chief Fire Officer being fulfilled and on the proposal of the chairman, seconded by Commissioner Burke that the licence of the Mall Cinema be renewed.

DATE OF ESTIMATES MEETING.

With regard to the Estimates for the 61/'62 financial year it was decided that the Estimates Meeting be held on Jan. 23rd, 1961 at 7.30 p.m., that copies of the proposed estimates be circulated amongst the members of the Board fourteen days in advance of the said meeting and that a committee meeting of the Board be held on Jan. 20th, to consider the estimates in advance.

MONTHLY MEETING.

It was agreed that the January monthly meeting be held on the first Tuesday in normal course.

NOTICE OF MOTION OF COMMISSIONER McDONAGH (APPENDED).

Mr. McDonagh introduced his motion which was unanimously resolved on, all members and officials associating themselves therewith. It was arranged that the members should subscribe to the Town Clerk what amounts each felt meet, as an offering for the Mass.

COMMISSIONER COGHLAN:, referred to the Minister agreeing to ~~make~~ make grants available to Urban Authorities for Urban Roads and inquired how it would affect Tuam. The Assistant Manager stated this was the first year such grants were payable and that no provision had been made for Town Commissioners. Commissioner Coghlan also stated that the Minister was arranging for war on derelict sites; that the Co. Medical Officer had stated he had difficulty in finding a suitable site in Tuam for a new clinic and that an ideal derelict site existed at Vicar Street for such a purpose. The Assistant Manager informed the meeting that a Bill was at present before the Dail dealing with derelict sites and suggested a survey of such in Tuam could be arranged.

Three letters requesting repairs were passed to the Engineer.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Gabriel Browne CHAIRMAN DATE 6/12/60
Gerard McDonagh TOWN CLERK DATE 6/12/60

THURLES URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Council Office,
Liberty Square,
Thurles.

30th November, 1960.

Amendment of Street Trading Act, 1926

Dear Sir,

Thurles Urban District Council at its November Monthly Meeting adopted unanimously the following resolution requesting the amendment of the Street Trading Act, 1926, and directed that copy thereof be sent to each Urban Authority.

Yours faithfully,

E. J. Murphy
Town Clerk

Proposed by Councillor M. Treacy

Seconded by Councillor M. Dwyer

AND RESOLVED:-

"That we, the Members of ~~Thurles Urban District Council~~ ^{Tuam Town Council} request the Minister for Local Government to amend the Street Trading Act, 1926, to empower urban authorities to confine street trading in clothes, furniture and hardware goods to specified streets in towns on fair and market days.

We consider the existing position whereby street traders selling goods of types mentioned can disrupt fairs and markets, and obstruct and dislocate traffic on fair and market days, as completely unsatisfactory.

That we recommend the adoption of this resolution by all urban authorities in the Republic of Ireland". "

To/
THE URBAN AUTHORITY NAMED on the ENVELOPE.

/AO'C.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

That in the opinion of the proposer we the Local Authority, the Tuam Town Commissioners should have a solemn Requiem High Mass celebrated for the repose of the souls of our soldiers who recently died in action in the Congo.

The proposer is moved in making this proposal due to the fact that those who died were led by Lieut. Gleeson whose parents were domiciled in Tuam, and at whose wedding our present Archbishop was present, thus placing us in a privileged position of appropriately honouring our dead heroes who so bravely died in the cause of world peace.

Stephen J. McDonnell

copy of part inserted in minutes to be sent to Tuam Town Council

Galway County Council adopted

Galway Council Archives

Minutes of Special meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners and Gardai Superintendent h/wls on Tuesday, January, 3rd, 1961.

ATTENDANCE:

The Chairman, Commissioner Browne took the chair. Others present were Commissioners McDonagh, Coghlan, O'Connor and O'Brien together with the Gardai Superintendent, the Assistant Co. Manager and the Town Engineer.

The Chairman welcomed the Gardai Superintendent to the meeting and the Assistant Manager referred to the problems to be dealt with viz., congestion and parking of traffic in the streets and the protection of school children.

The Superintendent then addressed the meeting, referring at the outset to the fact that a new and comprehensive Traffic Act was before the Dail and that therefore any decisions taken at the meeting must be provisional. He stated that the Gardai force do not deliver lectures to secondary or vocational school pupils nor to infants, though lectures had been delivered at National Schools. He further stated that he had not enough men available to patrol points instanced by the Commissioners at their Dec. Meeting, but would instruct the Guard on normal patrol duty at the school leaving hours to direct the children at McCormacks corner and if possible at the junction of the Circular Rd and Dublin Rd.

With regard to parking on the streets he suggested:-

1. That parking might be prohibited from Egans Lane to Hayes corner in Shop St.
2. From Fahy's corner to Mr. Reynold's shop in High St.
3. From McCormack's corner to the junction with Circular Rd. and Dublin Rd.

and requested the Board to decide on whether they would recommend these restrictions to him.

With regard to Vicar St. the Superintendent expressed a desire that under the measures mooted for the reconstruction of this area the street be widened sufficiently to allow cars to park end on to the path way.

In connection with congestion due to marketing of products in the streets, the Superintendent complained that in the allocation of places for the sale of goods and animals under their old Bye Laws, the Commissioners had contradicted the General traffic Bye Laws, in so far as they had made allocations to places not 30' from a road junction.

The Assistant Manager referred to the fact that Market Bye Laws would not in his opinion enable the Board to prevent Licensed Hawkers from carrying on their activities in the streets. The Market and Cairs clauses Act 1847 exempted licensed hawkers from control by Market Bye Laws. Further, neither section 154 nor section 157 of the Road Traffic Act gave power to deal with such hawkers.

The Superintendent recommended the erection of a sign at Hayes corner and the prohibition of parking on the part of Shop St.-Waterslade area opposite to this corner. He also recommended having a white line put on the road at the Bishop St.- Dunmore Rd. corner.

The Gardai Superintendent then withdrew and the meeting terminated.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

John Coghlan CHAIRMAN DATE 7. 2. 1961
Guaid H. O'Connell TOWN CLERK DATE 7/2/1961

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its monthly meeting of January 3rd. 1961.

ATTENDANCE:

The Chairman, Commissioner Browne, presided. Other members present were Commissioners McDonagh, Coghlan, O'Connor, O'Brien and Burke together with the Assistant Manager and Engineer.

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

Arising out of the minutes the chairman inquired if any steps had been taken to arrange for the Mass for the Irish soldiers killed in the Congo which the Board had decided on. The Clerk replied in the negative, stating that no Commissioner had since approached him with a subscription and suggested that members might contribute £1 per head. This was agreed to and it was decided an offering of £10 for the Mass should be made.

RANGES:

The Clerk in reply to Commissioner Coghlan stated that the Minister had refused to sanction the expenditure of £600 derived from the sale of houses on the purchase of ranges.

HOUSE PURCHASE SCHEME:

The Assistant Manager reminded the Board that with the sanction of

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

To each Town Commissioner.

A CHARA,

The 9th conference Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on Dec 15, 1961 Friday at 8.30 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

Guaid H. O'Connell Baile Cleireach.
A G E N D A

To meet & discuss Traffic Bye Laws
with the Gardai Superintendent.

Guaid H. O'Connell TOWN CLERK DATE 7. 2. 1961

Minutes of Special meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners and Gardai Superintendent hwns on Tuesday, January, 3rd, 1961.

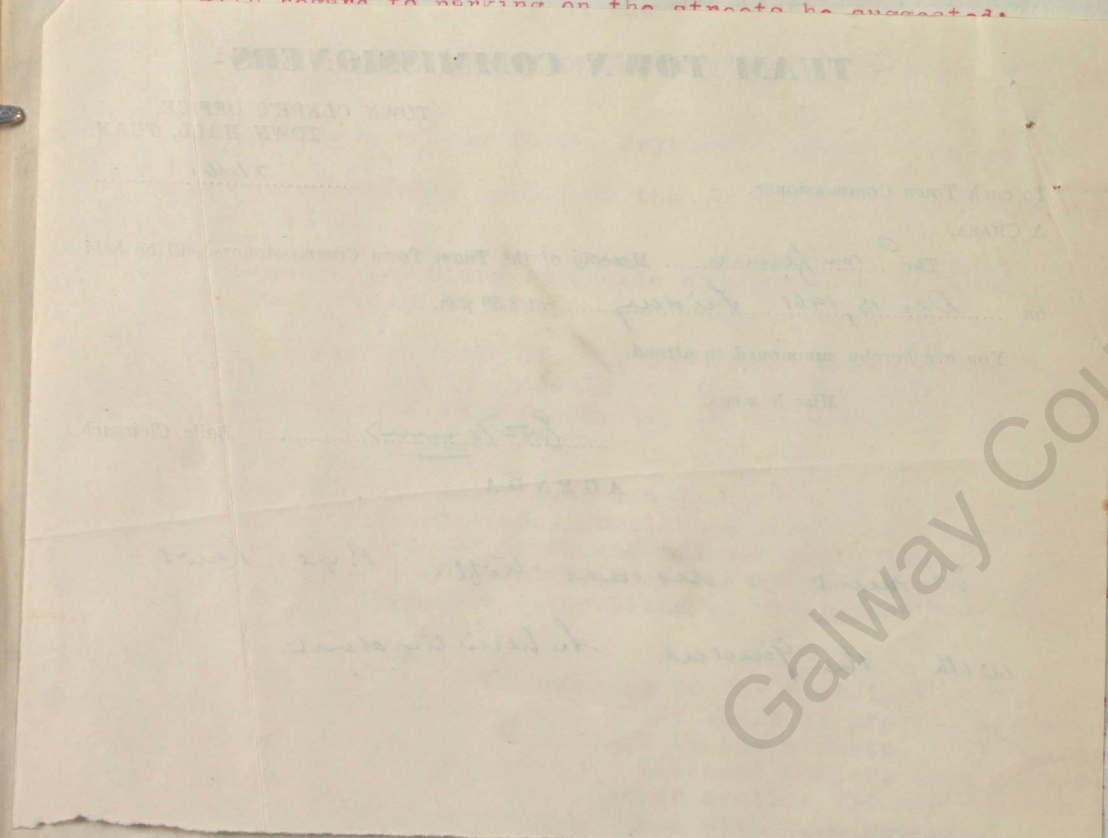
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John Coughlan CHAIRMAN DATE 7. 2. 1961
Guaid McDonagh TOWN CLERK DATE 7/2/1961

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its monthly meeting of January 3rd. 1961.

ATTENDANCE:

The Chairman, Commissioner Browne, presided. Other members present were Commissioners McDonagh, Coghlan, O'Connor, O'Brien and Burke together with the Assistant Manager and Engineer.

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HOUSE PURCHASE SCHEME:

The Assistant Manager reminded the Board that with the exception of Gilmartin Rd., their proposed house purchase scheme had been sanctioned by the Minister and in connection with the legal expenses which would be incurred requested the Boards advice on whether these expenses be charged to tenant purchasers in bulk or whether they should be paid by the Commissioners and recouped by an addition to the tenants annuity. The latter course was decided on. It was proposed by Commissioner Burke seconded by Commissioner McDonagh and resolved that the sanction of the Minister be sought to devote £600 derived earlier from the sale of houses, with the Ministers consent to this purpose.

The Clerk then read the marks awarded to Tuam in the Tidy Towns Competition and the comments of the adjudicators.

In connection with the removal of unsightly objects referred to in these comments the application of the Town Planning Act to Tuam was discussed and Commissioner Coghlan intimated he was handing in the following notice of motion for the next meeting.

"That we call on the Galway Co. Council to adopt the Town and Regional Planning Act for Tuam."

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

John Coughlan CHAIRMAN DATE 7. 2. 1961
Guaid McDonagh TOWN CLERK DATE 7. 2. 1961

Minutes of above Local Authority at its Estimates Meeting of Monday, Jan. 24th, 1961.

The Chairman, Commissioner Browne, presided. Other members present were Commissioners, Burke, McDonagh, O'Connor, Heskin and O'Brien, together with the Town Engineer.

The Chairman explained briefly what transpired at the Committee meeting of the 20th inst. and suggested the examination of the items of Expenditure and Income for year ending 31/3/'62. In connection with repairs, estimated at £1,950, the Manager reminded the Board, that in addition to repairs, provision for the installation of ranges should be made, and that an increase of 1/-d. in all housing rents per week, excepting the rents of the houses at Newtown Morris and St. Endas Ave. would bring in an increased revenue of £676 p.a., which would offset the extra £440 ~~xxxx~~ included in the 1961/62 demand and leave a surplus with which to procure ranges.

He informed the meeting that except for one small terrace of nine houses the minimum rent of a house in Loughrea was 6/-d and in Ballinasloe it was 7/10d. for one house and 8/4d for another. The general prewar level of rents in Ballinasloe had been increased in 1959 by from 2/-d to 2/6d. per week.

It was agreed, because of a cheaper quotation for Insurance that the item of £303 for Rents, Rates and Taxes and Insurance be reduced to £276 and that £40 estimated for Printing, Postage, Stationery and Advt. be reduced to £23. It was further agreed that a provision of £10. for decoration be deleted and that expenditure on the weighbridge be reduced from £60 to £45.

In the examination of the item of housing rents ~~xxxxxxx~~ the increase of 1/-d. per week in the rents of all houses other than those in Newtown Morris and St. Endas Ave. was on the proposal of Commissioner McDonagh seconded by Commissioner O'Connor, unanimously resolved upon, bringing the estimated income from housing rents to £9,404.

TOLLS & CUSTOMS. The Clerk gave the relative amount, under this heading derived from Fairs and from Markets and the Acting Town Steward supplied a list of the tolls charged. The various tolls as appearing on the list were amended and the amendments made were estimated to produce an additional £175 p.a. this making the estimated income from Tolls & Customs £625. This necessitated an adjustment in the amount allowed for the Commission payable to the Toll Collector of £25 extra. Of the extra revenue accruing from the increased housing rents and increased Tolls it was agreed to devote £440 towards preventing any rate increase and £428 extra for housing repairs, leaving the figure for this, latter item £2378.

The various charges thus ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ introduced in the estimates led to an increase in expenditure of £384 and in increase of Income of £851. An annual demand of £3168 was agreed on.

The Estimates as thus amended were on the proposal of Commissioner McDonagh seconded by Commissioner Heskin unanimously adopted.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

John Loughlan CHAIRMAN DATE 7. 2. 1961
Guera H. O'Connor TOWN CLERK DATE 7. 2. 1961

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its monthly meeting of Feb. 7th, 1961.

ATTENDANCE:

In the absence of the chairman, Commissioner Coghlan presided. Other members present were, Commissioners Burke, McDonagh, Stapleton, Campbell, O'Brien, Heskin and O'Connor together with the Assistant Manager and Engineer.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the Special meeting of Jan. 3rd, 1961, of the monthly meeting of the same date and of the Estimates Meeting of Jan. 24th, 1961 were read and signed.

Arising out of the minutes Commissioner McDonagh referred to the fact that the Gardai Supt. at the meeting of the 3rd inst., had undertaken if enough men were available for patrol duty at the places in question to instruct the patrol men at the Circular Rd corner and at the Munster and Leinster Bank to direct the children leaving school so as to reduce the chances of accidents. Commissioner McDonagh stated that there had been no direction of the children since and re-introduced a motion of his which had been adopted at the monthly meeting of Nov. 7th, 1960.

"That the Board recommend to the Supt. of the Gardai that a member of the Gardai be stationed at the Technical Schools, that one be stationed at the Christians Brothers School, one at the Munster & Leinster Bank and one at the Cathedral gates during the periods the pupils are returning from school at the midday break and in the evenings, and that during the campaign period Shop St., should be patrolled."

The motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Brien and again unanimously adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter from the Irish Tourist Association seeking financial support from the Commissioners was read. The Manager stated that the Co. Council contributed generously to that organisation and that its contribution would cover the County.

WALL AT GILMARTIN RD.

Commissioner Burke stated Mr. O'Connor of Galway Rd. had written re. trespass by tenants of the Commissioners, in Gilmartin Rd., on his lands, requesting his complaint be brought to the notice of the Board. The Clerk stated the correspondence had been passed to the Boards Solicitor who was in touch with Mr. Connors Solicitor.

An amended schedule of tolls & market charges, drawn up by the Assistant Manager in conjunction with members of the Board, was introduced by the Manager, who requested its formal adoption. It was proposed by Commissioner Heskin, seconded by Commissioner McDonagh and unanimously resolved that the new schedule of tolls and market charges be sealed witnessed and adopted. Six copies of the schedule were then sealed and witnessed by the chairman Commissioners Heskin and McDonagh and the Town Clerk. Copy of the said schedule is appended.

NOTICE OF MOTION OF COMMISSIONER COGHLAN (Copy of Agenda containing the motion appended).

Commissioner Coghlan introduced the motion pointing out the increasing necessity for the Town Planning with the passage of time. He gave details of a joint meeting of the Co. Council with representatives of the Town Commissioners of Tuam and Loughrea and of the Urban Council of Ballinasloe on the matter, held on 8/2/60. The Assistant Manager stated that legislation amending the law relative to Town Planning would shortly be placed before the Dail. On discussion it was noted that the great majority of Irish Local Authorities had adopted stage one of the existing Town & Regional Planning Act of 1934 giving them interm control of building operations. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously, adopted.

IMPROVEMENT OF MARKET SQUARE.

The Assistant Manager stated that for the improvement of the market Square, the Co. Council was agreeable to remove and re-erect at some other site the existing weigh house. This would be done at the expense of the Co. Council if the Commissioners agreed. The Postal Authorities had agreed to the removal of a pole, substituting underground cable and also of a telephone kiosk. The Gardai were in favour of the removal of the weighbridge, which could be re-erected in the shambles. It was proposed by Commissioner Burke and seconded by Commissioner O'Brien that the Board accept the Co. Council offer. An amendment was moved by Commissioner Heskin that a decision on the matter be deferred to the next monthly meeting. In the absence of a seconder the amendment was lost and Commissioner Burkes motion to accept the Co. Councils offer was adopted.

WIDENING OF VICAR ST.

The Manager requested the Board to consider if it would be agreeable, in the interests of widening Vicar St. to allow the Co. Council to demolish those of its meat stalls which ^{to my knowledge, existed prior to} ~~fronted on this street,~~ on the Council paying reasonable compensation. The Engineer gave details of the proposed work. Agreement had been reached with the nuns in the Grove on the acquisition of a stretch of land 20 foot deep to widen the road and the Owners of the Phoenix Hall had agreed to surrender the porch way outside the Hall on consideration of obtaining a side entrance. If the Commissioners agreed to the demolition of ~~xx~~ its stalls they would have to provide where necessary alternative accommodation for the tenants, but, the Co. Council would as stated compensate for this. Commissioner McDonagh submitted that reference should be ~~xx~~ made to the Board's legal adviser, to confirm that there was any obligation for providing alternative accommodation or other compensation to tenants prior to providing such. The Commissioners agreed unanimously in principle to the Co. Council taking over and demolishing such stalls as were necessary for the widening of the street.

PALACE HOUSING SCHEME:

Commissioner Coghlan gave a history of the delay which had ensued since an extension of the Palace Housing Scheme was first mooted and requested the Manager to state if any further progress had been made. The Manager in reply stated the provision of the extra housing depended on the demand existing for houses and that last Nov. when a survey had been made the provision of extra houses was found not justified. Members stated that the existing list of applicants was not a true criterion as many parties had not applied because (a) they felt houses were not available for them (b) that they might be offered accommodation in Gilmartin Rd. It was finally agreed to await the end of the financial year when a further advertisement for applicants for houses, which would reveal the then demand, would be made.

It was proposed by Commissioner McDonagh, seconded by Commissioner Heskin and resolved that the Co. Council be requested to provide a Pilot Light at (A) The corner of Athenry and Dublin Rd. (B) Loftus Tce., Ballygaddy Rd., where a light had formerly been in existence.

CLASH OF FAIRS AND MART.

Commissioner Heskin stated that March 10th was one of Tuams biggest fairs and that Ballinasloe Cattle Mart had a sale for the same day. On discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should write the Ballinasloe Mart requesting that the sale there be postponed, if not already advertised, as the Tuam Fair being an old established fair could not be changed. A vote of sympathy to the Rev. Fr. Seahill on the death of his mother was on the proposal of Commissioner Stapleton unanimously adopted all members standing.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Samuel Brown

CHAIRMAN

DATE

7/3/61

Guerao McDonagh

TOWN CLERK

DATE

7/3/61

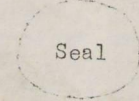
TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

TUAM MARKETS

Schedule of Tolls and Charges

TOLL CHARGES		WEIGHING CHARGES	
Cattle	9d. each	Coal per Load	6d.
Calves	6d. "	Cattle	1/- each
Cows	9d. "	Cows	1/- "
Pigs	6d. "	Pigs	6d. "
Bonhams	2d. "	Grain	2d. per cwt.
Donkeys, Foals, Mules, Jennets.	6d. "	potatoes	2d. " "
Horses and Foals	1/- "	Hay and Straw:	
		Donkey load	6d.
		Horse Load	1/-
		Lorry or Tractor	2/-
Rabbits (per doz)	1/- per doz		
Fowl (per pair)	2d. pair		
Geese	2d. each		
Turkeys	2d. "	Apples	2d. per cwt.
Fish	2/6d. per day	Vegetables: (Onions, Parsnips, Carrots etc.)	2d. " "
Circuses	10/- " "		
Vegetables and Cabbage Plants: Donkey Load	6d.	Turf, Mangels, Turnips:	
Horse Load	1/-	Donkey Load	6d.
Van, Lorry or Tractor	2/6d.	Horse Load	1/-
		Lorry or Tractor	2/-
Flowers and Fruit (per load or standing)	2/6d.		
Worked Timber (per article)	3d.		
Egg Dealers	1/- per week		
Wool:			
1 - 14 lbs	2d.		
14 - 56 lbs	3d.		
56 - 112 lbs	6d.		
112 - 224 lbs	9d.		
Clothing, delph and hardware dealers	10/- per day		

Sealed with the seal of Tuam Town Commissioners this _____ day of February, 1961, in the presence of:



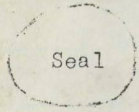
Chairman

Member

Member

Town Clerk

The Minister for Local Government in exercise of the powers conferred on him by Section 103 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, hereby approves the foregoing tolls.



Given under the official seal of the Minister for Local Government this _____ day of _____ one thousand, nine hundred and sixty one.

Minister for Local Government

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

To each Town Commissioner.

A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held on Tuesday Feb 7th 1961 at 8.30 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

Siobhann

Baile Cleireach.

AGENDA

*Minutes
Concordance
To adopt the revised schedule of
tolls & charges at markets.
Notice of motion of Commissioners
Loghlan " That we call on the Galway Co.
Council to adopt the same & Regional
Planning Act for Tuam.*

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above mentioned Local Authority at its monthly meeting of March 7th, 1961.

ATTENDANCE:

The Chairman, Commissioner Browne, presided. Other members present were Commissioners Coghlan, O'Connor, Stapleton, O'Brien, McDonagh, and Burke together with the Assistant Co. Manager.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the last monthly meeting were read. In the paragraph dealing with the widening of Vicar St., after the words "On the Council paying reasonable compensation" at line 4, the words "To any party legally entitled thereto" were added at the request of the Assistant Manager. The minutes were then signed.

CHANGING OF MARKET HOUSE:

The chairman asked if the Engineer agreed that a site in the Shambles was the proper place for the market house. The Town Steward confirmed that this was, but, stated, that there three or four markets in the year would have to be held in the Square. A portable scale was, however, available, which could be transferred to the Square on these days.

INFORMATION CENTRE:

The Assistant Manager read a letter from the Co. Library Authority in which it was agreed that the Local Library room could be used for the exhibition of brochures, leaflets, etc. and of a map showing the places of interest in the Tuam area, if such map were prepared locally. It was agreed to accept the suggestions and to send a copy of the letter to the Chamber of Commerce, which Body it was felt might prepare the map.

TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION:

The Assistant Co. Manager read again the adjudicators report on Tuam in the Tidy Towns Competition 1960 and urged that the Commissioners should give a lead in remedying the position shown therein. He also read a general report on the county as a whole which instanced various types of blemishes in towns and methods of improvement. Commissioner McDonagh stated he felt that Tuam should not enter into the competition again, as it was hopeless to compete with such places as Glenties, but the Assistant Manager pointed out, that for the purpose of the competition, towns were classified according to population and that Tuam would not compete in the same class as smaller centres such as Glenties. Commissioner Coghlan and Burke disagreed with Commissioner McDonagh, feeling that Tuam should enter for the 1961 competition, and Commissioner Burke stated the Board should take strong exception to the wording used by the Adjudicators in their report on Tuam, in so far as portion of it was rather sarcastic. With regard to derelict sites, the Assistant Manager informed the members that under the existing law the powers of Local Authorities were rather restricted, but that a new Act was being prepared which would enlarge their scope. It was decided to send copies of the report on Tuam to

- a. the race-course Committee.
- b. the Abbey Service Garage.

and on the proposition of Commissioner Coghlan, seconded by Commissioner Burke, it was decided to enter for the 1961 competition.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that overexpenditure had been incurred as follows:-

The rates on houses which had been paid were more than estimated by	£	s.	d.
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Expenditure had been or would be incurred in payment of employers assisting the Town Steward of approx. which was not in the estimates.			42. 0. 0.

In the past the Town Steward had paid his Assistants, from the proceeds of Tolls collected, lodging the balance, only. (The payment did not thus show as expenditure)

Now, He lodged the total collected being reimbursed later for payments to Assistants, the figure paid to Assistants thus appearing as expenditure. This item, and that for rates on houses which was collected with rents from tenants, were not therefore really overexpenditure, being offset by receipts.

FIRE COMPENSATION:

This figure had been obtained from the Insurance Co. insuring a house which had a chimney fire in the 59/60 financial year, but, the repairs had to be executed in the 60/61 year, thus showing expenditure in 1960/61 not provided for.	90. 0. 0.
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PAYMENT TO TOWN STEWARD:

The increase of 10/-d. per week under the 1958 increases had been voted for the Town Steward in an earlier year, but, payment of arrears amounting to £52 had obly been made in the current year, thus showing expenditure in the current year which was not provided for in that year.	52. 0. 0.
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Solicitors costs. A ^{bill} balance of costs for £110.12.8d. had been received whereas only £45 had been provided for in the current Estimates leaving an excess to be met of	65.12. 8.
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Owing to the illness of the Town Steward an Acting Steward had to be paid for a period. Payment which was not foreseen amounted to	31.11. 6.
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Postage, Stationery and Advertising necessitated payment in excess of the estimate of approximately	15. 0. 0.
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Rates, other than those on houses were more than allowed for by approximately	14. 0. 0.
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<u>TOTAL:</u>	£ 448. 0. 10.
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A large part of this he explained was offset by corresponding receipts. In reply to Commissioner Coghlan the Clerk stated the item of £90. arose owing to the Engineers not being in a position to execute the repairs at the time of receipt of an agreed compensation figure, the execution running into a new financial year. With regard to the excess in payments of rates Commissioner Burke commented that it was false economy, to cut the estimates so fine at Estimates Meetings and as it was impossible to know the Co. Rate at the time the Commissioners Estimates were being prepared, that the Commissioners delegates to the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland should endeavour to have some remedy found for the anomaly whereby Towns with Town Commissioners had to budget for rates prior to the amount of the rates being struck. Commissioner O'Brien commented, on the Assistant Manager stating that such overexpenditure was quite common with Local Authorities that it had never formerly arisen in Tuam and the Clerk stated that in recent years it was the practise to cut the estimates more finely than formerly. Finally on the proposition of Commissioner McDonagh, seconded by Commissioner Burke it was unanimously resolved that overexpenditure of £448 be sanctioned.

SURVEY OF ACCOMODATION AVAILABLE IN HOUSES OF THE BOARD.

The Manager informed the members that a survey of the accomodation available in their houses relative to the number of persons inhabiting such houses was being undertaken.

SEWERAGE AT BALLINAMONA PARK:

Commissioner O'Brien adverted to the possibility of the Co. Council taking over the sewer at Ballinamona Park. The Assistant Manager stated he was not sure what the position was.

Commissioner O'Brien also inquired as to the position of a new clinic for Tuam and the Assistant Manager who was not dealing with the matter promised to inquire.

Commissioner Coghlan stated the chairs in the Town Clerk's Office head deteriorated greatly and that the Board had decided to get new ones. The Clerk stated it was best to await the commencement of the new financial year to procure those.

Commissioner Burke stated that the Gardai should be requested to keep cattle on the move in the coming cattle fair, and prevent fairs being held on the streets.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Gabriel Browne

CHAIRMAN

DATE 4.4.61

Guada H. O'Connell

TOWN CLERK

DATE 5/4/61.

Minutes of **proceedings** of meeting of above Local Authority at its Monthly meeting of April, 4th, 1961.

ATTENDANCE:

The chairman, Commissioner G. Browne presided. Other members present were Commissioners Burke, Heskin, Coghlan, Campbell, McDonagh and O'Brien.

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

Arising out of the minutes, Commissioner Coghlan inquired if the survey of accomodation in the Board's houses had been completed and the Clerk informed him that this survey was not yet complete.

Commissioner **Campbell** inquired as to the position of the list of applicants for housing accomodation and was informed the revised list could not be completed until the last day for receiving applications had passed. Commissioners Coghlan and Heskin expressed desire to have the list of applications before them when it was complete and the Clerk was instructed to write the Co. Council to have the list available for the next meeting.

SEWERAGE. BALLINAMONA PARK.

Commissioner Heskin inquired if the Co. Council was proceeding to take over this sewer and the clerk was instructed to write the Co. Secretary inquiring if steps were being or would be taken to take over this sewer and road there.

RATES:

The new Co. Council Rates was discussed and the Clerk informed the meeting that the steep increase in this had not been anticipated and that, consequently, prior to paying the rates during the coming year he would have to request an additional vote from the Board.

Letter from A.D. Rosen, Esq. (appended) was read and the clerk was directed to offer him the Shambles or the fairgreen at a charge of £10. per day provided the show be closed at 12 midnight unless a dance license be held in accordance with the licensee. In regard to show lettings in general the Board directed that apart from Circuses, a clause be inserted in the agreement stipulating that all activity cease at midnight and that the amusement Caterer deposit a guaranteed cheque of £50 which would be returnable on the due performance, of his agreement.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

John Coghlan

CHAIRMAN

DATE 2. May 1961

Guada H. O'Connell

TOWN CLERK

DATE 2 May 1961

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its Monthly Meeting of May 2nd. 1961.

ATTENDANCE. In the absence of the Chairman, Commissioner Coghlan Presided. Other members present were Commissioners O'Connor, Stapleton, Campbell, Burke, O'Brien and Heskin.

MINUTES. The Minutes of the monthly meeting of April 4th. 1961 were read and signed.

VANDALISM IN CONNECTION WITH PROPERTY OF THE BOARD.

Commissioners Campbell, Burke and others complained of extensive damage caused to vacant houses in Gilmartin Road, through vandalism and in particular to house No. 63, where it was stated the damage which included the breaking of a range would cost £100. to repair. The Board was of opinion that insufficient steps had been taken to safeguard these houses. The Clerk in reply to questions stated on the houses becoming vacant he had instructed the appropriate employees to board up the doors and windows and stated that in the case of house No. 63, a Paddy Joe McKenna, who had been a sub tenant had taken possession on the tenant leaving and that when the case was taken to court a few months prior to the Xmas the Justice only gave an order, on the stipulation that it would not be executed until after the Xmas. He requested suggestions from the members as to the best steps to take to prevent further vandalism.

Commissioner Burke suggested that strong shutters be procured for each vacant house, that the doors be sealed and that in addition the help of the Gardai be obtained in curbing vandalism. These suggestions were unanimously approved of. The Commissioners also directed that a report on the matter be placed before them at the next meeting.

LIST OF APPLICANTS FOR HOUSING.

Members inquired if the new list of applicants for houses which had been requested at the last meeting was available and the Clerk stated it had not yet been completed by the Co. Medical Officer, and consequently had not been sent to him. The Board again directed that it be available for the next meeting.

LETTING OF HOUSES.

For three houses vacant in Tobberjarlath and Athenry Road, the Clerk informed the Board that the Acting Assistant Co. Manager had nominated Messrs. John Joyce, Mattie Frances & Mullins. Mr. Mattie Frances had refused the house offered him on the grounds that it did not contain a range. It was unanimously decided that a range be installed for Mr. Frances. As it was understood that Mrs. Madden of No. 76 Athenry Road intended leaving, it was unanimously resolved that when the vacancy occurred Mr. McPhillip of Gardenfield be made tenant as he had been found to occupy the old school house in Gardenfield for want of accomodation.

HOUSING APPLICATION FORMS.

The use of the Co. Council form of application for the tenancy of a labourer's cottage, for all applications for housing accomodation was complained of.

SEWERAGE AT BALLINAMONA PARK AND OTHER TERRACE.

The Clerk in reply to queries stated he had ascertained by phoning the Co. Council, that the Engineering reports on the sewerages at Ballinamona Park, Loftus Terrace &

and a section of Tullinadaly Road were before the Co. Manager for decision as to whether these sewerages should be taken over by the Co. Council or not, but that there was no evidence of action to take over the private road at Ballinamona Park.

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In response to questions the Clerk outlined the position of the plot of ground at Ballygaddy Rd. rented by the Commissioners from the Co. Council. Commissioner Heskin advocated giving over the development of this as a park to a new Committee of residents of the area. It was decided to defer further consideration until the next meeting.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

To each Town Commissioner.

A CHARA,

The *Monthly* Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held on *Sunday June 6th* at 8.30 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

G. O'Connor

Baile Cleireach.

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Minutes
Correspondence
Tenant Purchase Scheme.
Consideration of the area to be included in the town of Tuam for the purpose of the Town & Regional Planning acts

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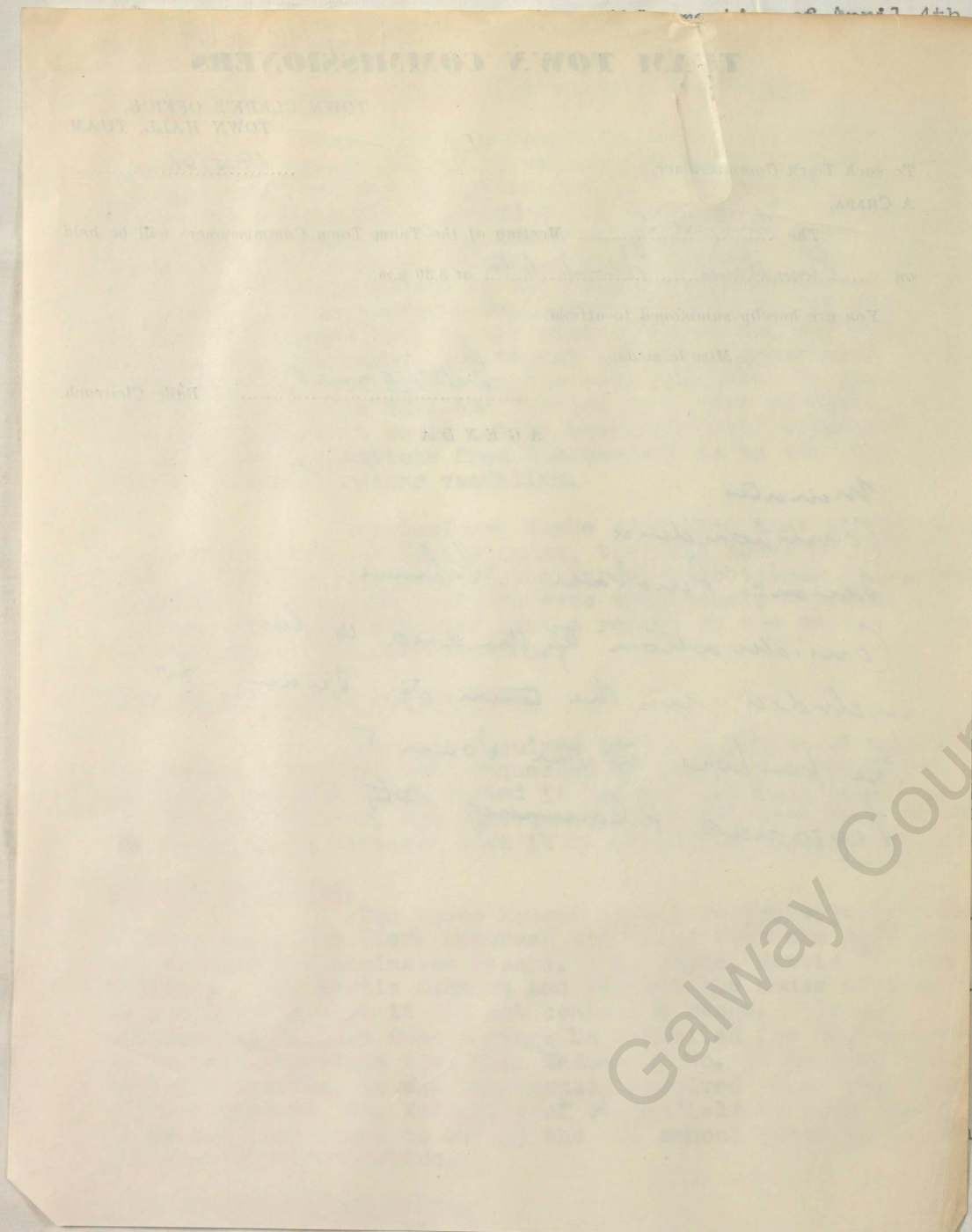
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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its Monthly Meeting of May 2nd. 1961.

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DUMPING IN SHAMBLES.

Commissioner Campbell complained of rubbish being dumped in the Shambles and it was agreed that the Engineer be requested to have his men keep this under observation.

Commissioner Campbell advocated recommending to the Co. Council the removal of the corner near the pump at Chapel Lane, so that the laneway might be sufficiently broadened to relieve Shop St. of some of the traffic passing through it.

Commissioner Heskin advocated and it was agreed that the Co. Council be urged to expedite the provision of the new dumping ground.

TRAFFIC PARKING.

It was proposed by Commissioner Burke, and seconded by Commissioner O'Brien that as a temporary measure, pending traffic bye laws under the new traffic act being made, the Co. Council be recommended to erect stop signs and lines at the Dublin Rd. and Vicar St exits from the Circular Road. This was unanimously resolved upon.

Commissioner O'Connor moved a vote of sympathy to the relatives of Mrs. Patricia Mullaney. This was unanimously resolved upon, all members remaining standing.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners.

<u>Garret Brown</u>	CHAIRMAN	<u>6/6/61</u>	DATE
<u>Guaid O'Connor</u>	TOWN CLERK?	<u>6/6/61</u>	DATE

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Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority, at its monthly meeting of June 6th 1961.

ATTENDANCE. The Chairman Commissioner Browne presided. Other members present were Commissioners Burke, Coghlan, Stapleton, Campbell and O'Brien together with the Assistant Co. Manager and Town Engineer.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Arising out of the minutes,

(a) The Assistant Co. Manager informed the Board that he had no up to date information in connection with the sewerage or road way at Ballinamona Park, but, that he would go into the matter. He stated that the initiative to have the County Council take over the road way there should come from the residents and that the prior removal of a gate which one resident had placed across the road would be necessary.

(b) In response to a query by Commissioner O'Brien, the Board's Engineer stated that he had instructed the Town Ganger to keep the Shambles under observation in order to prevent dumping no case of dumping had been noted.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from the Castlebar Chamber of Commerce drawing attention to a conference of an Tuairim to be held at Castlebar on June 17th and 18th was read. The Clerk was directed to remind members of the Board of this a few days prior to the Conference, when a delegation might be arranged.

Letters from Miss Patricia Canavan; from the Galway Co. Council on the matter of pilot lighting at the junction of the Athenry and Dublin Road and at Loftus Terrace; from the the County Council on straightening the lane way parallel to Shop Street and on Road signs at Dublin Road and Vicar St. and a resolution on Flouradation of water from the Longford Urban District Council were read.

HOUSE PURCHASE SCHEME.

The Manager gave details of a Tenant Purchase Scheme which had earlier been circulated to members. The Legal Costs were

- (a) For hpuses at Parkmore andMcHale Terraces being leased at :-
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| 1) | £97.10/- | £13. 6. 6 |
| 11) | £130.0.0 | £13.11. 6 |
- (b) For houses at St Benin's Terrace
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| | | £14. 6. 6. |
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- (c) At St. Paul's and St. Bridget's Terrace.
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| | | £13. 16. 6. |
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- (d) At Athenry Road being leased at :-
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| 1) | | £14. 1. 6. |
| 11) | | £14. 11. 6 |
- (e) At Tobberjarlath Road
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Members expressed satisfaction with the scheme.

The Manager informed the Board that in applying a Town Planning Scheme to Tuam an eres around the Town was proposed for inclusion and detailed the Townlands involved, the Engineer indicating them on the map. These were:--

- AIRGLOONEY
- GARRACLOON
- BLACKACRE
- HALFSTRADDLE
- KILLALONTY
- FARANAMARTIN
- CLOONTOCA
- TIERBOY
- VICHARSCHORALAND
- TOBERJARLATH
- RINKIPPEEN
- CARROWPETER
- CARROWNAGURRANE
- PARKMORE
- FARANABOX
- GLEBE
- TOWNPARKS ALL DIVISIONS
- CORRALEA WEST
- CURRACREEN
- DEMESNE
- FORTYACRES
- SLIEVE DARRAGH

The area specified was, on the proposal of Commissioner Burke, approved by the Board.

WAITING LIST FOR HOUSES.

The Manager stated that nineteen applications for houses were received in response to an advertisement of March:-

Four of these had since been re-housed. Two had been offered houses and had not yet replied. Six who had been offered houses had refused them. Three were regarded as unsuitable tenants. Offers had not yet been made in four cases. Two vacancies existed in Tobberjarlath and six in Gilmartin Road. There were two further prospective vacancies in Gilmartin Road and one in Tobberjarlath.

The applications for houses of John Trayers and Patrick J McElligott were discussed and a recommendation made that Mr. Kemple be given a house in Tobberjarlath Road.

STREET NAMES.

Commissioner O'Brien proposed that new Street name plates in Irish and English be provided for the main streets leading from the Square. This was seconded by Commissioner Burke and agreed to, the Engineer being instructed to obtain quotations.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners,

John Coghlan CHAIRMAN
Quaid Horan TOWN CLERK

21 July 1961 DATE
4 July 1961 DATE

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF ABOVE LOCAL AUTHORITY AT ITS ANNUAL MEETING OF FRIDAY JUNE 23rd/RD. 1961.

ATTENDANCE The following Commissioners were in attendance, Messrs. Browne, Burke, Campbell, Coghlan, Heskin, O'Brien, O'Connor, Stapleton, and Mc Donagh

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

Commissioners Campbell proposed and Commissioner O'Brien seconded Commissioner Coghlan, and Commissioner Stapleton proposed and Commissioner McDonagh seconded Commissioner Browne. As no further candidate was nominated the Clerk invited a show of hands from those in favour of Commissioner Coghlan. The following voted in favour of this candidate, Commissioners Campbell, Heskin, O'Brien, Burke, and Coghlan. As these members constituted a majority of the Board, Commissioner Coghlan was declared elected. Mr. Coghlan then took the Chair and returned thanks to the members for his election.

The Chairman invited proposals for the position of Vice-Chairman. Commissioners Burke proposed and Commissioner Campbell seconded Commissioner Heskin, and Commissioner Stapleton who was proposed by Commissioner O'Brien declined to accept Office.

Commissioner Browne proposed and Commissioner McDonagh seconded Commissioner McDonagh and on a show of hands being taken, Commissioners Heskin, Burke, Campbell and O'Connor voted for Commissioner Heskin and Commissioners McDonagh, Browne, Stapleton and O'Brien for Commissioner McDonagh.

The Chairman then cast his vote for Commissioner Heskin who was thus elected.

Commissioner Heskin then returned thanks for his election.

This concluded the business of the meeting

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners:-

John Coghlan CHAIRMAN 4-7-61 1961 DATE
McDonagh TOWN CLERK 4-7-61 DATE.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF ABOVE LOCAL AUTHORITY AT ITS SPECIAL MEETING OF FRIDAY 23rd. JUNE 1961

FIXING OF DATES OF 1962 FAIRS.

The Clerk placed before the meeting a list of suggested dates for fairs for 1962.

The list was received by the Board and the following dates determined.

January 9th	Cattle & Sheep	2nd Tuesday.
January 17th	Pigs	3rd Wednesday.
February 13th	Cattle & Sheep	2nd Tuesday
February 21st	Pigs	3rd Wednesday
March 8th	Sheep	Old Fair
March 9th	Cattle	Old Fair
March 10th	Cattle & Sheep	Old Fair
April 10th	Pigs	2nd Tuesday
April 18th	Sheep	3rd Wednesday
May 9th	Cattle	Old Fair
May 10th	Pigs	Old Fair
May 16th	Cattle & Sheep	3rd Wednesday
June 12th	Pigs	2nd Tuesday
June 20th	Cattle Sheep & Lambs	3rd Wednesday
July 6th	Pigs	Old Fair
July 18th	Cattle & Sheep	3rd Wednesday
August 14th	Pigs	2nd Tuesday
August 16th	Ewes	Thursday
August 21st	Sheep great Ewe Fair	New Fair
September 11th	Cattle	Old Fair
September 12th	Pigs	Old Fair
September 19th	Cattle & Sheep	3rd Wednesday
September 28th	Sheep	Friday
October 16th	Cattle	Old Fair
October 17th	Horses	Old Fair
October 18th	Pigs	Old Fair
October 19th	Cattle & Sheep	Old Fair
November 13th	Pigs	2nd Tuesday
November 21st	Cattle & Sheep	3rd Wednesday
December 12th	Cattle Sheep & Horses	Old Fair
December 13th	Pigs	Old Fair

The Clerk was instructed to specially advertise the Fair of August 1961 it being a new fair.

This concluded the business of the meeting

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners:-

John Coghlan CHAIRMAN 4 July 1961 DATE
McDonagh TOWN CLERK 4/7/61 DATE

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its monthly meeting of July 4th 1961.

Attendance

The Chairman, Commissioner Coughlan presided. Other members present were Commissioners Browne, McDonagh, Campbell, Burke, Stapleton, O'Brien and Heskin together with the Assistant Co. Manager and the Engineer.

Minutes.

The minutes of the monthly meeting of June 6th 1961 and of the two special meetings of June 23rd 1961 were read and signed.

Arising out of the minutes - Sewerage at Ballinamona Park - Commissioner McDonagh stated he had written to one tenant and also to the Estate of Mrs Ryan relative to the removal of the gate which had been erected across the roadway. When the gate would be removed, he proposed having the tenants initiate a motion in the Co. Council to have the sewerage taken over. The Assistant Manager confirmed this to be the correct procedure.

Toilet in Shambles.

Commissioner Browne commented on the fact that the public toilet had not been kept open sufficiently on Sunday 2nd inst. on the night of the closing of the Fleadh Ceoil. Members expressed the view that the hours the toilet remains open should be extended on Sunday nights from 9 p.m. to 10 p.m. and the Assistant Manager stated that a case for this could be made for Sundays on which special events took place. Members expressed the view that signs should be erected indicating where the toilet is and the way to it. The Clerk noted this for the Assistant Manager.

Widening of Chapel Lane.

The Clerk read a letter from the Co. Engineer in which the proposal of the Board to widen this lane to take extra traffic was not favourably received. Members recommended that the lane be used for one-way traffic from High Street to Ballygaddy Road and the Clerk was directed to write to the Co. Engineer again recommending the widening of the lane by the removal of a protruding corner of Rooney's old Garage, so as to make the lane better fitted for such.

Extension of Tenant Purchase Scheme to include Gilmartin Road.

The Assistant Manager gave the following particulars of prices at which he proposed houses in this road be leased under the existing scheme -

Houses with basic rent of	3/3	3/9	4/6
Purchase price for cash	£195.	£210.	£234.

Weekly annuity instalments incl. ground rent, Insurance & over 20 years 7/8 3/2 administration costs. 9/-
The Board, on the proposal of Commissioner McDonagh, seconded by Commissioner O'Brien, unanimously approved these figures. Commissioner Campbell expressed the view that houses be repaired prior to being sold and the Manager explained that in general funds would not permit this.

Efforts to improve the town.

The Assistant Manager outlined the steps in view for the improvement of Tuam and instanced the clearing of the Square; the widening of Vicar Street; the application of the Town Planning Acts;

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survey of derelict sites; installation of litter bins; provision of a public park in the Palace grounds; provision of an information centre; plans for the utilisation of the Shambles and for the improvement of Gilmartin Road etc.

Commissioner O'Brien referred to the necessity to provide a new clinic and instanced a vacant site at Vicar Street which was suitable. The Engineer stated that the property in question was tied up and the Manager that while compulsory powers for the acquisition existed, their exercise would entail long delay. The unused premises of Mr. Fahy, Shop Street were adverted to: the Engineer recommended the service by the Town Steward of a notice in connection with dangerous eve gutters and chimney on the owner. The Clerk was directed to bring this matter before the Assistant Manager later.

The Engineer confirmed to the Board that the improvements to the Market Square would be completed in the current year.

SWIMMING POOL.

The Assistant Manager stated that the provision of a swimming pool was not a function of a Local Authority and Commissioner McDonagh that it should be a matter of interest to a Local Authority in so far as the County Council would provide a grant of 75% of the cost and the Department 50% of any loan charges incurred. The Chairman stated that the Board should recommend a Committee for the erection of the pool to the Minister and the Clerk was directed to write to the Secretary of the swimming pool Committee suggesting that a public meeting be called at which members of the Board could obtain an up to date knowledge of the position.

TRADERS USING CAR PARK FOR STALLS DURING THE FLEADH CEUIL.

Members complained that itinerant traders had used the car park for the sale of articles from stalls during the Fleadh Ceoil; that they had slept in the car park in the open during this period and that the Gardai had not forced them to leave despite various representations made. It was proposed by Commissioner Browne, seconded by Commissioner McDonagh and agreed that the Clerk should get Legal Advice on the matter and that he should write the Gardai Superintendent giving the views of the Board on the occurrence.

NOTICES OF MOTION OF COMMISSIONER MCDONAGH.

a) On the re-introduction of a night patrol by the Gardai Commissioner McDonagh read a statement on the crimes which may be committed under cover of darkness in the absence of police patrols and informed the meeting that a marauder had recently attempted to force an entrance to his house at Waterslade at night time. On this occasion, not only were no members of the Gardai on patrol, but, no reply was received at the Gardai station when help was summoned. He also referred to the removal of a safe from the Post Office in Glenamaddy. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Heskin and unanimously resolved upon.

b) On the management of the Children's Home. In introducing his motion Mr. McDonagh stated that he had heard many comments on the Press report of the meeting of the County Council at which this had been discussed and the Chairman that all the members were aware of the good work done by the Home Nuns under trying circumstances and called for a seconder. Commissioner Stapleton then seconded the motion. The Assistant Manager stated that he was not in a position to discuss the matter at a meeting of the Commissioners as it was a County Council function but informed the members that there would be a meeting of the Visiting Committee on the following Friday. Commissioner O'Brien commented that most of the healthy children had earlier been removed and the more difficult cases left to the nuns who had gone to great trouble with them. On further discussion it was thought best to amend the motion to read as follows:-

That this Board call on the visiting Committee of the Galway County Council to the Childrens Home Tuam to issue a report on the running of the Childrens Home to satisfy the disquiet of the people of Tuam aroused by the Press Report of the recent meeting of the Galway County Council at which this matter was discussed and failing the issue of such by the said Committee that the Assistant Co. Manager furnish a report to the Board"

The motion as thus amended was accepted by Commissioner McDonagh and agreed, Commissioner Burke dissenting.

ERECTION OF SIGNS.

Commissioner Campbell represented to the meeting the desirability of having signs erected in the Square and at Hayes corner Shop Street indicating the way to the Sugar Factory and stating the distance from Hayes corner to the Factory and of having lights erected to link the town lighting system with that of the Sugar Company. The Meeting unanimously agreed with those proposals.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners.

John Cahillan CHAIRMAN 1. 8. 1961 DATE

Guada McDonagh TOWN CLERK 1/8/61 DATE

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

To each Town Commissioner.

A CHARA,

1/7/61

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held on Tuesday 4th. July 1961. at 8.30 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

Guada McDonagh Baile Cleireach.

AGENDA

- Minutes.
- Correspondence.
- Purchase Scheme- Extension to Cilmartin Road.
- General review of efforts to improve the Town.
- Notices of Motion of Commissioner McDonagh-

1) "That the proposer strongly recommends that this Board by way of resolution directed to the Minister for Justice impress on the said Minister the dire necessity of reintroducing the Garda Night Patrol in the Town, in order that the public be assured of the protection they are entitled to in respect of their person and property.

That this Board instruct their Representatives on the Board of Municipal Authorities to introduce a similar Motion at the next meeting of that Body or at their earliest convenience."

2) "That this Board call upon the Assistant Co. Manager to fully explain the past management of the Childrens' Home at Tuam and thereby allay if possible the disquiet caused in the Town by the recent report of the Galway County Council meeting at which this matter was debated, as the proposer feels that this clarification of the conditions that prevailed in the Childrens' Home would be less harmful and cause less worry and anxiety amongst the people of Tuam than the innuendo contained in the Press report."

Galway County Council

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Signed:

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Dated this 1st day of *July* 1961.

Signed :

Stephen J. Mc Donogh

Minutes of proceedings of the above Local Authority at its monthly meeting of August 1st. 1961.

ATTENDANCE. The Chairman Commissioner Coghlan presided. Others present were Commissioners Burke, Browne, O'Brien, Stapleton and McDonagh.

The Chairman read a letter of apology from Commissioner O'Connor for inability to attend.

MINUTES. The minutes of the monthly meeting of July 4th, 1961 were read and signed.

Arising out of the minutes Commissioner Stapleton referred to the very poor facilities afforded by the toilet in the Shambles owing to its early closing on Sunday nights. Commissioner Browne who also complained asked if the Assistant Manager would guarantee to have the toilet open until 10.30 p.m. on the following Sunday and in reply the Assistant Manager stated that there were many toilets in the County which might have to have their hours of opening extended, if any extension of such was made in Tuam. For that reason he would not like to give a guarantee, but, would endeavour to do what he could in the matter.

HOUSE PURCHASE SCHEME In response to a query by the Chairman the Clerk stated that to date no offers to purchase houses under the House Purchase Scheme had come to hand.

CORRESPONDENCE A letter from the Co. Engineer on the matter of diverting traffic through Chapel Lane was read.

A letter from the Garda Superintendent in reply to representations made in connection with the use of the Car Park by itinerant traders on the nights of the Fleadh Ceoil, was also read. Members while disagreeing with a statement in the letter that the itinerant traders who had used the park for the purpose of the sale of articles, had not used it to camp in overnight, expressed satisfaction with an assurance of the Superintendent that the use of the car-park for trading purposes would not be permitted in future.

Also read to the meeting was a letter from the Group Secretary of the Nottingham No.4 Hospital Management Committee requesting parking facilities for a car and caravan touring on a recruiting campaign for nurses for Sept. 6th and 7th. Commissioners Browne and McDonagh objected to girls being interviewed in a caravan and expressed the view that the Hospitals Committee be written pointing out that it would be more appropriate to carry out such interviews in a hotel room. Other members felt that the car park and shambles might be indicated as suitable sites. The Assistant Manager confirmed that there was no shortage of Trainee Nurses for the Regional Hospital Galway, but objected to the car park being used for purposes other than normal parking. The Clerk undertook to reply to the communication in the light of the discussion.

REPRESENTATIONS BY CERTAIN RATEPAYERS AGAINST THE REMOVAL OF THE MARKET PLACE TO THE SHAMBLES.

The Clerk read to the Board a communication signed by some thirty ratepayers advocating the non removal of town markets to the shambles. As the Commissioners had not proposed such, but, instead the removal of the Market House, the Chair referred to a minute of the meeting of Feb.7th.1961 which read "The assistant Manager stated that for the improvement of the market square the County Council was agreeable to remove and re-erect at some other site the existing weigh-house----- It was proposed by

It was stated at the meeting by the members that on all movable stalls would be available for use in the square on existing market days 1961

Commissioner Burke and seconded by Commissioner O'Brien that the Board accept the County Council offer. An amendment was moved by Commissioner Heskin that a decision on the matter be deferred until the next meeting. In the absence of a seconder the amendment was lost and Commissioner Burke's motion to accept the County Council offer was adopted."

and ruled the representations out of order as if the Market House was envisaged a notice of motion to rescind this minute would first be necessary. Commissioner Browne stated that at a meeting of a prior Board a resolution to use the Shambles as a car park had been adopted and that prior to the resolution of Feb.7th being adopted the earlier resolution of the prior Board should first have been rescinded.

RIGHTS- OF-WAY THROUGH THE SHAMBLES. The Assistant Manager stated that in consideration of Messrs. Cahill & Co. Vicar St. Tuam agreeing to close up a gate way near the public street and into the Shambles, it had been agreed to allow them a right-of-way across the Shambles from another gate which they proposed to open further from the street; that an application had been made by the firms Engineer on its behalf for the right to open a further door way and window where the original gate way exists and that he did not favour granting this second concession. As the Engineer, however was not present he asked that the matter be deferred to the next meeting. It was agreed to so defer the matter.

HAYES CORNER SHOP STREET. Commissioner O'Brien advocated the erection of traffic signs to indicate to parties approaching the corner from the Tullinadaly Road side that a road to the right exists and Commissioner Burke referred to the added difficulty at an narrow and dangerous corner caused by the existence of a pole there. It was agreed that the Town Engineer be instructed to examine the corner and submit his recommendations.

VACANT HOUSES. The Clerk gave particulars of vacant houses at Gilmartin Road.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners.

John Coghlan

CHAIRMAN

5 Sept. 61

DATE

TOWN CLERK

DATE.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its monthly meeting of Tuesday, September 5th 1961.

Attendance.

The Chairman Commissioner Coghlan presided; others present were - Commissioners Heskin, Browne, O'Connor, Campbell, O'Brien, Stapleton and Burke, together with the Assistant Co. Manager and Engineer.

The minutes of the last monthly meeting were read. Commissioner Browne stated that he wished to have a remark made at the last monthly meeting that a small movable scale would be available for markets in the Square, included in the minutes. A note of the remark being inserted, the minutes were signed and adopted, Commissioner Browne proposing and Commissioner O'Brien seconding the adoption.

In connection with the removal of the Market house to the Shambles Commissioner Browne adverted to an old minute to the effect that the Shambles be converted into a car-park and to the necessity to rescind this minute prior to removing the market house there. It was agreed that in connection with the use of the small portable scale in the Square a shelter be provided in Winter for the weighmaster.

Toilet.

The Manager informed the meeting that it had been arranged to extend the hours of opening of the public toilet to 10 p.m. to Sept. 30th after which date the period the toilet would remain open would revert to the old hours. Commissioner O'Brien stated he had received a complaint of the ladys' toilet being in a dirty condition and the Chairman of a complaint that it was not easy to find.

Hayes Corner.

A letter from the Engineer reporting on the Traffic position at Hayes Corner was read and the Engineer explained that under the new Traffic Act he was prohibited from erecting any traffic signs whatever without the authorisation of the Garda Superintendent.

The Clerk was directed to make representations to the Garda Superintendent on the necessity of giving particular attention to traffic at this corner during the coming Sugar campaign and until such time as the position there could be dealt with under the said Act.

The Brigades Advisory Committee.

As Commissioner Heskin was unable to be present at the next meeting of the Committee, Commissioner Patk. O'Conner was deputised to attend instead.

Note of £111 extra Co. Rates.

The Clerk explained that as a result of the amount of the Rate which had been struck by the ~~County~~ Co. Council, the sum allowed by the Commissioners for Rates for the year ending 31/3/1962 would be insufficient and requested the authority of the Board to pay £111 more under this head. The additional amount required was on the proposal of Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Browne voted unanimously.

Commissioner Burke, in reference to vacant houses in Gilmartin Road, gave as his opinion that rates on unoccupied houses had to be paid.

Notice of Motion of Commissioner McDonagh, copy of which is appended hereunder

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In the absence of Commissioner McDonagh, Commissioner Browne moved the motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Heskin. The Chairman put the motion to the Board for discussion, stating that the Trades Council also stringly objected to the Children's Home being used as a Dispensary and that this Council had written to the Co. Manager and Co. Engineer stating their objections. Commissioner Campbell stated that the Children's Home was much too far from the centre of the town to suit old people. The Assistant Manager informed the meeting that no decision had yet been taken and that a number of sites had been inspected. Commissioner O'Brien urged that a derelict site in Vicar St., near the Station should be acquired by the Co. Council and used for the purpose.

On the proposal of Commissioner Browne seconded by Commissioner Heskin the Board instructed the Clerk to write to the Co. Council pointing out that the Children's Home was considered a most unsuitable site for a Dispensary and requesting that no final decision be taken until a deputat-ion of the Town Commissioners and of the Local Medical Officers and Local Co. Councillors be received.

Town Planning.

The Town Clerk read a notice of the making of a Planning Resolution received from the Co. Council.

Letter of the Minister of Local Government to the Hon. Sec., of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland - also appended hereunder, - The Chairman outlined the relevant sections to the meeting.

a) Mobile Canteens.

He explained that this was mainly of interest to the Bundoran Local Authority.

b) Swimming Pools

He explained that the increased financial assistance given resulted from the Association's efforts. The position now apparently was that the State contributed 50% of the Loan charges and in some cases 60%.

c) Street Trading.

The Naas Local Authority who had adopted market Bye Laws, got legal opinion and found that the Street Trading Act of 1926 instead of curtailing street trading had actually legalised it. It was agreed that the matter be referred to the Minister for Justice.

d) Date and time of first Statutory meeting subsequent to a Local ~~Rate~~ Election.

The Commissioners agreed with the resolution which had been sent to the Minister.

e) The resolution on the termination of the exemption of E.S.B. property from rates was read by the Chairman and the Board agreed that if such exemption were terminated the extra rate would be passed to consumers by the E.S.B.

SWIMMING POOLS.

It was proposed by Commissioner O'Brien seconded by Commissioner Heskin and agreed that a public meeting under the auspices of the Town Commissioners be held in the Theatre Room of the Town Hall on Monday the 18th inst., at 8.30 p.m., the object of the meeting being the election of an up-to-date swimming pool committee. The Clerk as instructed to insert a notice of the meeting in the Press.

Sewerage Nuisance in Shop St.,

Commissioner O'Brien complained of the sewerage in Shop St., being constantly clogged by the offal of animals slaughtered by a butcher there and the Clerk was instructed to again write the Co. Medical Officer in the matter.

Gilmartin Road.

The Chairman stated that the position at Gilmartin Road was most unsatisfactory and as it might make for free discussion, asked if the Board would consider the matter in Committee. Commissioner Campbell proposed that it should be so discussed. The proposal however, was lost for want of a seconder.

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

Co. Galway

To each Town Commissioner.

A CHARA,

The monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held
on Tuesday 13th. Sept. 1961. at 8.30 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

G. H. O'Connor
G. H. O'Connor

Baile Cleireach.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes.
2. Correspondence.
3. Consideration of vote of £111 : 0 : 0. to meet increase in rates not allowed for in estimates.
4. Notice of motion of Commissioner McDonagh.
" That this elected body, as public representatives of the town of Tuam, view with grave concern a rumour proposed to establish a new Dispensary in the premises of the old childrens' Home Tuam and that it's situation would be entirely unsuitable"
5. Letter of the Minister of Local Government to the Hon. Sec. of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland in reply to resolutions passed at the last conference.

The Assistant Manager then stated that there were thirteen vacant houses in Gilmartin Road and that two others would be vacant shortly and referred to the amount of vandalism in this Terrace and to the efforts which had been made to raise its status.

The Chairman observed that whole families had gone from Gilmartin Rd., to St. Britain and Commissioner Browne that old people were afraid to take a house there because of the frequent presence of an undesirable character known to the members. Commissioner O'Brien suggested changing the name of the Road as under its present name this road had a most undesirable reputation. Commissioner O'Brien suggested also the appointment of a temporary housing inspector. The Rent Collector, who was present, gave as his opinion that if the worst type of tenants were all transferred to the Coontooa Rd., end, vacancies in the other sections of the road would be much more easily filled. He instanced No. 73 which would shortly be vacant and the necessity of transferring two itinerants from Nos. 71 and 72 to facilitate its being re-let. Commissioner Browne suggested that awards for well-kept houses be instituted, as freedom from rent for two weeks for the best garden. Commissioner Burke felt that a number of the Commissioners should make periodical visits to the Terrace. The Town Clerk stated he had experience of the difficulties and he felt that the only remedy lay in having a number of the worst houses inspected thoroughly at absolutely regular intervals and very short intervals and the tenants there forced to put their houses in a clean condition and effect any painting or minor repairs they were liable for or be ejected. The Manager agreed to get the co-operation of the Co. Medical Officer to give effect to this.

Shambles.

The Engineer and Manager explained that Messrs T.J. Cahill & Co., had first requested a new right of way through the Shambles, connecting with their premises at a point where an unused gate existed, in return agreeing to close the existing entrance which was nearer the public street. This had been agreed to and the firm had then further requested the right to have an entrance for pedestrians and a window at the entrance they had offered to close. The Assistant Manager was averse to erecting additional rights-of-way. The Board however, was of opinion the concessions be granted and the Manager agreed.

The Chairman read letters requesting repairs from Peter Roache, 42 Gilmartin Rd., and from Miss B. Connaughton 22 Gilmartin Rd., and Commissioner Campbell advocated giving a house in Athenry Rd., to Mrs Jack Lynch.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners

John Connaughton
Chairman. Date 12/10/61

Town Clerk "

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Department of Local Government
Custom House,
DUBLIN.

G.232/29

R. de Barra, (Uas.),
Hon. Secretary, Association of
Municipal Authorities of Ireland,
Town Hall,
MALLOW, Co. Cork.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to the resolutions adopted at the 47th Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland, which were discussed by him on the 3rd instant with a deputation from the Association, and to transmit the following comments for the information of the Association:-

(1) MOBILE CANTEENS.

(Extract from Minister's letter G.232/28 of 10/8/1960 referred back to him by Conference:- "Difficulties of the nature experienced by Bundoran Urban District Council in regard to mobile canteens do not appear to be widespread and as there has been no general demand for a prohibition as suggested in the motion, the Minister would not feel justified in sponsoring the introduction of legislation on the lines suggested")

Local Authorities already have legal powers to control the operation of mobile canteens which are parked on beaches, promenades, etc. In the case of canteens which are parked on private property, proposals for legislation to amend the Town and Regional Planning Acts are being formulated including a proposal which would give Planning authorities power to control the placing or keeping on land of vans, tents and similar movable or collapsible objects. Such a provision would probably enable action to be taken by a planning authority in relation to mobile canteens where such action would be appropriate and warranted.

(2) SWIMMING POOLS.

(RESOLUTIONS: (a) "That the Minister for Local Government be requested to make long term loans and more generous state assistance available for the provision of swimming pools."
(b) "That the Minister for Local Government be requested to make available subsidies of 60% towards the annual charges on loans raised to finance or assist the provision of Swimming Pools.")

It is assumed that the Association's request for higher rates of State assistance towards the cost of swimming pools has been met by the concessions announced by the Department's circular letter of the 6th June, 1961.

(3) SALE OF HOUSES.

(RESOLUTIONS: (a) "That we call upon the Minister for Local Government to make immediate arrangements to introduce amending legislation to provide for the continuance of payment of the State contribution to loan charges on local authority houses, including the non-statutory interest subsidy, following the sale lease of such houses to occupying tenants as we consider that the existing conditions of purchase, particularly in the case of post-war housing schemes, are grossly unattractive."
(b) "That the high legal costs at present in operation regarding the scheme for the sale of urban houses having resulted in very few tenants purchasing their houses, we feel that the legal costs should be added to the purchase price of the house, and the whole amount paid on the annuity basis.")

The Minister has considered the representations submitted by the Association, but he does not feel that the introduction of amending legislation to provide for the continuance of state subsidy in respect of loan charges on houses provided by urban authorities following the sale of such houses to tenants would be justified. The purpose of the State subsidy is to enable working

class dwellings to be let at low rents. Urban authorities should always retain a proportion of their houses for letting. For the present they would be well advised to concentrate on sale schemes in respect of their pre-war houses which can be sold at attractive prices because of the low original cost and low rents.

No objection would be raised to the legal fees in respect of the purchase of urban authorities' houses being added to the sale price of the houses, and the gross cost being re-paid by the tenant-purchaser on the annuity basis.

(4) DEPOSITS BY CANDIDATES AT LOCAL ELECTIONS.

(RESOLUTION: "That the Government be requested to provide in the proposed legislation revising the law governing Local Elections that the deposit by candidates seeking election to Local Authorities be nominal.")

If provision is included in future legislation for the payment of deposits by candidates at local elections, the amount to be lodged will not be large and the deposit will be refunded to candidates who obtain a reasonable fraction of the quota.

(5) FIRST ANNUAL MEETING AFTER A LOCAL ELECTION.

(RESOLUTION: "That we request the Minister for Local Government to amend the Local Elections Act, 1927 to enable Urban Councils to hold the Annual Meeting first occurring after an election of members of such Council to be held at the same hour as that normally fixed by the Council for its ordinary meetings.")

The Minister sees no objection to the Association's proposal that the annual meeting of an urban district council first occurring after an election should be held at the same hour as that fixed by the Council for its ordinary meetings, and consideration will be given to the inclusion of a provision giving effect to the Association's wishes when legislation is being prepared to amend the Local Elections Act.

(6) ISSUE OF POLLING CARDS AT LOCAL ELECTIONS.

(RESOLUTION: "That proposals be submitted to the Minister for Local Government whereby,

- (1) Polling Cards be forwarded to each Local Government Elector.
- (2) Postage on these cards to be free.)

to permit local authorities to issue polling cards at local elections is under consideration. The cost of postage on such polling cards would, however, form part of the ordinary costs of the election and would properly be a local charge.

(7) DERELICT SITES.

(RESOLUTIONS: (a) "That the Minister for Local Government be requested to implement his promise in his reply to Youghal U.D.C. motion regarding Derelict Sites at the 1957 Conference."
(b) "That the Minister for Local Government be requested to amend the Housing Acts and Derelict Sites Act 1940 with a view to ensuring that the provisions of such Acts would be made applicable to all State Properties.")

The Derelict Sites Act, 1961, fulfills the Minister's promise to introduce amending legislation to remove the difficulties experienced by local authorities in the working of the Derelict Sites Act, 1940, which has been repealed. This recent legislation and the scheme of grants for the clearance and development of derelict sites which was brought into operation in December last should meet the wishes of the Association in this matter.

As regards the suggestion that the provisions of the Derelict Sites Act, 1961, should be made applicable to State property, it is open to a local authority to approach the State Departments concerned in regard to any derelict site in their area. If this direct approach fails to achieve a satisfactory response the matter can be brought to the notice of the Minister who will be prepared to take up the question with the Department concerned.

(8) CUL-DE-SAC ROADS.

(RESOLUTIONS: (a) "That the Minister for Local Government be requested to amend the law to enable Councils to undertake the repair and improvement of Stop-end and Cul-de-sac roads, without the fear of a surcharge."

(b) "That legislation be introduced to enable Local Authorities to take over and reconstruct cul-de-sac roads, particularly in Urban Areas."

Under Section 2 of the Local Government Act, 1953, a road authority may take over any road ^{over} which a public right of way exists, provided that they give the prescribed notice, and that they are satisfied that the road is of general public utility. While it is a matter for the elected members to decide in each case whether or not a road is of general public utility and should be taken over, it is open to the Manager to furnish advice to assist members in arriving at a decision. The Minister feels that the fears of members of local authorities in relation to the possibility of surcharge where they avail of their powers under the Act are groundless, and that the introduction of further legislation on the matter is unnecessary.

(9) HOUSING GRANTS.

(RESOLUTION: "That the present State Grant of £275 for the erection of a five roomed house should be increased to £300.")

It has not been established by the Association that a good case exists for increasing from £275 to £300 the present grant under the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Acts for the erection of a five-roomed private house in an urban area. The trend of allocations of new house grants under the Acts in urban areas indicates that the present scales of grants provide an adequate incentive. The number of grants allocated in urban areas rose from 690 in 1957/58 to 1,335 in 1959/60 and to 1,506 in the year ended 31st March last. If, however, urban authorities feel that there is need for an extra stimulant for new house building in their areas for the lower income groups, they can provide this by operating a scheme of supplementary grants. It is noted in this connection that only 13 urban authorities were operating supplementary grants schemes in 1960/61.

(10) GRANTS AND ADVISORY SERVICES FOR FARMERS IN URBAN AREAS.

(RESOLUTION: "That the appropriate Departments be requested to amend the law to enable farmers in Urban Areas to qualify for comparable building grants, subsidies and advisory services as are available to farmers in County Health Districts.")

The Minister has conveyed to the Minister for Agriculture the Association's views in regard to the desirability of providing farmers in urban areas with grants and advisory services comparable to those available to farmers in county health districts. The Minister understands that arrangements can be made by a vocational education committee to have full advisory services provided in an urban area by the county committee of agriculture.

(11) HOUSING SUBSIDY.

(RESOLUTION: "That the Minister for Local Government be requested to increase the current subsidisable cost limits of urban houses from £1,500 to £2,000 as the present subsidisable cost limits too low in view of the present cost of erection of urban houses.")

State Subsidies to housing loan charges exceed £2 million annually and the present maximum subsidy represents a contribution of 25/- a week towards the rent of each house or 30/- weekly for a flat. Where a differential or graded renting scheme is operated, subsidy at this level can be spread over a scheme of houses so that tenants in poor financial circumstances can obtain maximum assistance. Having regard to the current level of building costs the present subsidisable limits provide an incentive to housing authorities to keep down housing costs by economies in planning and design and by improved building methods and no alteration of the subsidisable limits is proposed for the time being.

(12) SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS LOANS.

(RESOLUTIONS: (a) "That the appropriate Minister be requested to reduce the interest rate on loans advanced under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts."

(b) "That we ask the Minister for Local Government to review his decision regarding Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts Loans whereby persons whose incomes exceed £832 per annum are excluded from the classes who may receive advances under the Acts." We feel that this restriction is unjust to persons who would be willing to build their own homes but feel that they are unfairly deprived of the facilities offered to people in the lower income group, and that the restrictions placed on loans from other sources are cumbersome and expensive."

The fixing of the rate of interest on issues to local authorities from the Local Loans Fund for the purpose of making advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts is a matter for the Minister for Finance who is required by statute to lend at a rate which will avoid loss to the Fund. He must, therefore, relate the interest rate on loans to the rate at which money for the Fund can be obtained.

As regards the maximum income limit fixed for persons to whom loans under the Acts may be advanced, it is assumed that the Minister's recent decision to raise the income limit from £832 to £1,040 per annum will meet the Association's wishes in the matter.

(13) UNFIT HOUSES.

(RESOLUTION: "That we view with concern the protracted delay in the rehousing of persons by local authorities, with accompanying loss of rent, occasioned by the necessity to comply with the statutory requirements in regard to the serving of notices relating to the unfit condition of residences from whence the prospective tenants are to be rehoused. We, accordingly, request that the Minister for Local Government cause suitable legislation to be introduced to provide that, in any case where a local authority certified a house to be unfit for human habitation, and notifies, in such a manner as would be prescribed, the person having control of the unfit dwelling, he should be prohibited from further letting such an unfit residence within the period following the rehousing of an occupier thereof and before existing statutory procedures have been duly compiled with.")

A review of housing legislation is at present being undertaken in the Department, and consideration will be given to any amendment of the law which may appear to be necessary or desirable, insofar as the statutory procedure dealing with unfit houses is concerned.

(14) CONTROL OF SEA FRONTS.

(RESOLUTION: "That we recommend to the Minister for Local Government that provision be made for the control by Local Authorities of Sea-Fronts in their areas, especially in relation to boats plying for hire and that they be permitted to exercise special controls at their own discretion, and that the Sanitary Services Code be amended for this purpose.")

The suggestion of the Association that more effective control over boats plying for hire at sea fronts should be given to local authorities will be considered in connection with a comprehensive review of the sanitary services law which is at present being carried out in the Department.

(15) LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1960.

(RESOLUTION: "That we request the Minister for Local Government to introduce legislation to grant to Borough Corporations the powers granted to County Borough Corporations by the Local Government Act, 1960.")

The Act applies only to corporations of county boroughs. The Minister informed the Dail when presenting the measure for second Reading that if evidence was forthcoming that other categories of local authorities wish to have the powers extended to them he would introduce legislation to meet their wishes. Evidence of such a demand has not manifested itself since the Act

was passed. However, if he is requested by borough corporations generally to have the provisions of the Act applied to them an amendment of the statute will be considered.

(16) EXEMPTION OF E.S.B. PROPERTY FROM RATES.

(RESOLUTION: "That the Minister for Local Government be requested to introduce legislation to terminate the exemption from rates enjoyed by the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1927, as amended.")

The Minister has conveyed to the Minister for Transport and Power, the representations of the Association in regard to the rate exemptions enjoyed by the Electricity Supply Board. He wishes to point out, ^{however,} that the Board does not get exemption from rates on the valuation of its offices, shops, showrooms and property other than the generation, transmission and distribution systems.

(17) FAIRS ON STREETS AND STREET TRADING.

(RESOLUTIONS: (a) "That the Minister for Local Government be requested to introduce legislation empowering local authorities to remove fairs from the streets of Urban areas, towns and villages."

(b) "That we call for the repeal or amendment of the Street Trading Act, 1926, and for the introduction of new or amended legislation which would empower Urban Authorities to prohibit or restrict street trading on any day, including market or fair days, either generally or in regard to certain kinds of street trading, without the necessity for making Byelaws and also to provide for heavier penalties for offences against the provisions of such legislation than those provided for in the 1926 Act.")

The law relating to fairs and markets is being reviewed at present as part of the general review of the sanitary services code referred to above. As pointed out to the Association last year, the question of amending the Street Trading Act, 1926, is a matter for the Minister for Justice. The only function of the Minister for Local Government under the Act is the confirmation of byelaws made by local authorities in regard to stall trading.

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S. O'HANLON.

(Note: Item numbers and text of resolutions submitted to the Minister have been inserted by me for convenience of reference. R. de Barra, Hon. Sec.)

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its monthly meeting of Thursday October 12th 1961.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Arising out of the minutes. Commissioner Browne commented on the public toilet having been found closed at 1 p.m. 4 p.m. and 9 p.m. on a previous Sunday one month earlier and the Chairman requested that inquiries be made and action taken to prevent any recurrence of such incidents.

With regard to housing inspection Commissioner O'Brien stated that he had received a strong protest from a tenant, whose house had been inspected recently, and who alleged that he had been singled out for inspection.

A letter from the Garda Superintendent, on traffic danger at Hayes corner Shop Street was read.

Also read was a letter from the Assistant Commissioner of the Garda Síochána in reply to representations from the Commissioners to have night Patrols revived in Tuam. The letter led to a discussion at which Commissioner McDonagh expressed extreme dissatisfaction with the tone of the reply, commenting in connection with a statement in the reply as to the number of parties chargeable with indictable offences who had been brought to trial, that no reference was made to the number who were not brought to trial. The Chairman stated he had moved a motion at the Association of Municipal Authorities conference for the restoration of Garda night patrols, that all delegates had agreed with it and that the Association would take steps to have the matter further considered by the Minister. The Clerk was directed to write the Assistant Commissioner stating the Board's dissatisfaction with the reply.

Next read was a letter from the Co. Manager on representations of the Board on the site of the proposed new Dispensary, grave dissatisfaction with the contents of this letter was also expressed, members commenting on the non central nature of the proposed site at the Childrens Home. The Clerk was directed to write Councillors Patten, Killilea, Burke and the County Council Chairman requesting that the Commissioners view point be put before the County Council and pointing out that there were central defecit sites which could be used.

The Clerk read a letter from the Co. Medical Officer on a sewerage nuisance at Shop Street. Commenting on sewerage defects in general, Commissioner Burke requested the Assistant Co. Manager to note and have investigated certain domestic sewerage which still was discharging through old open drains into a ravie river.

A letter from the Secretary Co.Co. on the appointment of Civil Defence Wardens was then read to the Board and the Assistant Manager outlined the Civil Defence Warden Scheme and the duties of Wardens and requested that the names of suitable persons whom the Commissioners might nominate to act as Wardens, be handed to the Town Clerk. Commissioner O'Connor stated he and Councillor Killilea were present at a meeting of the Fire Brigades' Advisory Committee and had been requested to supply names. He hoped to be in a position to do so in a few days.

TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION

The Clerk gave the results of Tuam's entry in the 1961 competition and the Assistant Manager dealt in detail with the marks obtained under various headings. It was noted that the marks awarded to the Town had improved by nearly 100% over those obtained in 1960. Comments were made by Commissioner McDonagh on an empty business premises in shop St.;

by Commissioner O'Brien on the fact that new street plates had not yet been erected; by Commissioner Browne on the drab appearance of the Town Hall and by Commissioner Burke on the existence of a dangerous shed at the Weir Rd. corner and of loose slates and stones on the roof of a premises which had been occupied by Messrs. Mulryan's at Vicar St. The Assistant Manager stated that the County Council was dealing with the matter of the premises at Shop St. and that the Board's Engineer be instructed to examine those at Vicar St.

TOLLS.

The Assistant Manager stated that he wished to inform the Board of the position of the collection of Tolls on animals sold in the Live Stock Mart. The promoters of the Mart had been notified as to the ownership of Tolls in Tuam and as they had done nothing he had personally written to the Chairman, who verbally informed him he had placed the matter before the Directors. Commissioner McDonagh advocated having the Board's Legal Adviser write to the Secretary of the Live Stock Mart for an immediate decision as to how and when the Mart would arrange payment. Commissioners O'Brien and Heskin stated that they felt that a lower rate of toll should be charged to the Mart in view of the fact that the Mart authority would act as collector. It was agreed to leave the matter in the hands of the Assistant Manager.

SWIMMING POOL.

The Manager read for the meeting the Departmental Circular governing the contributions which the State and the Local Authority would make towards the cost of a swimming pool.

NOTICE OF MOTION OF COMMISSIONER COUGHLAN.

As the Garda Superintendent was unavoidable absent, Commissioner Coughlan stated he would adjourn consideration of his motion to a later meeting. It was agreed that a special informal conference be held on some Monday, Thursday or Friday evening suitable to the Superintendent- on the following week if possible.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Chairman read letters addressed to him from

- (a) James Keating, Atherry Rd. Tuam requesting repairs
- (b) Mrs. King Gilmartin Rd. do. do.
- (c) Mrs. Fahy, Galway Rd. do. on his application for a house at Newtown Morris.
- (d) John McHugh, Atherry Rd. on the provision of fencing.
- (e) John Lynch, Circular Rd. on his application for house No. 8, Atherry Rd. Tuam

The Board recommended that Mr. Lynch be given House No. 8, Atherry Rd. and Mr. Burke of Milltown the next vacant House. It was also agreed to grant a house in Gilmartin Rd. to Miss Mary Moloney and one in the same Road to Mr. Meenan.

The Chairman urged that ranges in vacant houses be removed and installed in tenanted houses where they were urgently required.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners.

John Coughlan CHAIRMAN 7 Nov 1961 DATE
S. McDonagh TOWN CLERK. 7/11/61 DATE.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF ABOVE LOCAL AUTHORITY AT ITS
MONTHLY MEETING OF OCTOBER 7TH, 1961.

ATTENDANCE.

The Chairman Commissioner Coghlan, Presided. Others present were Commissioners Browne, McDonagh, Campbell, Stapleton, Heskin and Burke, together with the Assistant Manager and Engineer.

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of October 12th, 1961 were read and signed.

Arising out of the minutes Commissioner McDonagh inquired if any reply had been received from the Deputy Commissioner of the Garda on the question of night patrols by the Guards. The Clerk replied in the negative.

Commissioner McDonagh further inquired as to the result of writing the Chairman, and Councillors Patten, Killilea and Burke of the Galway County Council in the matter of the site of the new dispensary. The Clerk stated that Councillor Burke had called twice intimating he was and would do all possible in the matter and that no communication had been received from the other three.

Commissioner McDonagh then inquired as to the position of tolls due by the Livestock Mart Association and the Asst. Manager stated the Solicitor representing the Mart had written requesting a right of the Commissioners Charter and that he had arranged with the Board's Solicitor to reply. He explained that it was best to go on the powers obtained under the Public Health (Ireland) Act 1898 rather than to rely on old Charters. Commissioner McDonagh felt that legal costs should not be incurred except in an action against the Mart and Commissioner Browne that the Mart should pay the full rate of the tolls.

The Assistant Manager stated that in increasing the rate of the tolls some time previously sheep and lambs had been overlooked and requested a resolution to remedy this.

It was then proposed by Commissioner McDonagh, seconded by Commissioner Browne and unanimously resolved:-

"that the tolls payable to the Tuam Town Commissioners on sheep and lambs be increased from 2d. to 3d. per animal"

TRAFFIC BYE LAWS.

The Clerk explained that the conference on Traffic Bye Laws could not be convened as the Garda Supt. was extremely busy and therefore not available, that he would be free to attend in another week or thereabouts and that he would then convene the conference. The Chairman agreed to defer the matter until the Superintendent would attend.

PUBLIC TOILET.

The Assistant Manager read a letter from the Engineer which stated that the Caretaker of the public toilet had been questioned on a statement made at the meeting of Oct. 12th that the toilet had been found closed at 1 p.m. 4 p.m. and 9 p.m. on a Sunday one month earlier. The Caretaker had stated the toilet had not been closed and that possibly the door had been jammed by children. Commissioner Browne asserted that he and three other men had not been able to force it open.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A letter from Joseph Bloom, Esq., requesting the Board to provide housing accommodation for the Works Manager of Messrs. John Bruton & Co. The Weir Mills, Tuam was read, the Clerk was directed to forward a housing application form and explain that the case would be considered when the completed form was received and to draw Mr. Bloom's attention to the facilities by way of loan

and grants which were available for parties erecting their own house.

Commissioners Burke and Browne referred to numbers of better class prospective tenants who could not get houses and suggested inviting in a Building Society who would erect houses suitable for such, it being possible for tenants to arrange payments by loans from Insurance Companies, the County Council etc. The Manager agreed to make available names and addresses of suitable firms. Sites in the Palace were suggested.

The Assistant Manager stated that the Co. Medical Officer was pressing strongly to have a house provided in Tuam for Mr. Thomas McDonagh an itinerant. Members expressed themselves strongly against granting this man a house.

The Clerk stated he had applications from Fred Campbell Gilmartin Road, from a Mr. Rondle, Birmingham and from Mr. Patrick Gaynor, for houses. It was agreed Messrs. Gaynor and Rondle be housed in Gilmartin Road and the case of Mr. Campbell was deferred until members of the Board had further knowledge of him.

FINANCIAL POSITION.

A statement compiled by the Clerk giving an estimate of the financial position as it would be at the end of the financial Year was examined and discussed. The statement showed an estimated loss of £385.

Commissioner Campbell represented that the Town lighting be extended on the Ballygaddy Road to join up with the lighting system of the Sugar Co. and that the lighting period be extended for an extra half hour to 1 a.m. to facilitate employees, especially female employees of the Sugar Co. returning from 4 o'clock shift. He also made representations to have the Town Lighting system extended to include St. Patrick's Terrace. The Clerk was directed to write the County Council in the matter. The Assistant Manager stated there was little hope of getting the County Council to provide these extra facilities as the Council was flooded with such demands from all over the County.

Commissioner Campbell referred to Mrs. Flaherty and William Roche having to pay high rent, though their incomes were low and it was agreed that these parties should call to the Town Clerk and supply information as to their incomes and Dependants if they wished for a revision.

Commissioner McDonagh recommended that it be put to the Garda Supt. that Garda should patrol points where children coming and going to school cross the roads. This had been agreed by the predecessor of the present Superintendent.

The Chairman referred to a vacancy in Newtown Morris and reminded the Board of Mr. Fahy's case for a house there. Commissioner Heskin recommended that the Board should be given an opportunity of making recommendations at meetings prior to Housing vacancies being filled. The Assistant Manager stated the waiting list of applicants was always available for inspection by members.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners.

John Coghlan CHAIRMAN 5 December 1961 DATE
Quaid (McDonagh) TOWN CLERK. 5/12/61 DATE.