

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its Monthly meeting of December the 5th, 1961.

Attendance:- The Chairman Commissioner Coghlan Presided. Other members present were Commissioners Heskin, Browne, Campbell, O'Brien, Burke and McDonagh.

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

Arising out of the minutes it was agreed to meet the Garda Superintendent in an informal conference on Traffic Bye Laws on the Tuesday or Friday of the following week. Commissioner Burke recommended that the Superintendent be requested to prohibit parking of lorries outside the fire station.

Also arising out of the minutes the Clerk was directed to write the Manager representing again the necessity of extending the public lighting system at Ballygaddy Road to link with the Sugar Company's system and of having the lighting hours extended as recommended at the last meeting; both these measures being now more necessary than in the past in view of the amount of female labour which would be employed in the Sugar Company's Potatoe Plant.

The Clerk also informed the meeting that no further communication had been received from the Deputy Commissioner of the Garda on the matter of night patrol in the Town.

CORRESPONDENCE.:

A letter from Mr. Joseph Bloom in connection with a provision of a house for the works Manager of Messrs. John Bruton & Co., was read.

Letters from Mrs. Nerah Vallely, 27, Gilmartin Road, Tuam and from Mrs. Christina Keating were directed to be referred to the Engineer.

FENCING AT ATHENRY ROAD.

Commissioner O'Brien stated that because of the lack of a fence between the gardens of Mr. Curran and Mr. McHugh at Nos. 8, and 10, Athentry Road, cattle were straying into neighbouring gardens and that due to damages caused Miss Forde of No. 4, Athentry Road, was forced to contemplate selling her house. The Clerk explained that the Manager had decided because of lack of funds against repairing fences at the moment and that notice to quit had been issued to Mr. McHugh for keeping stock on his premises. Commissioner Campbell stated that Mr. McHugh had a big family and the Board directed that the Notice to Quit be withdrawn and the Engineer be instructed to urgently provide a fence.

NOTICES OF MOTION OF COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN.

a) Provision of a Christmas Tree

It was proposed by Commissioner O'Brien, Seconded by Commissioner Heskin and resolved, Commissioner McDonagh dissenting.

"that the Board donate ten pounds to provide a Christmas Tree for the Christmas period"

It was left to the Clerk and Engineer to make the best arrangements possible.

b) Improvement of Shambles Area

It was proposed by Commissioner O'Brien seconded by Commissioner Burke and resolved, Commissioner McDonagh dissenting.

"that the wall separating the Shambles from the Public be removed and the Shambles be transformed into a Car Park."

The Clerk was directed to request the Assistant Manager to have the wall removed in conjunction with the work of widening Vicar Street.

Commissioner O'Brien requested that the consent of the owners be obtained to have the small walls in front of houses in the Circular Road, removed and that of the County Council obtained to remove them.

TOWN HALL LETTING.

In response to inquiries the Clerk explained that the Manager had given permission to the Theatre Guild, the tenant of the upper portion of the Town Hall, to operate Pongo there through Mr. Claude Toft. Commissioner Browne complained of music being broadcast far into the night by the Pongo promoters. Commissioner McDonagh stated that if the Board's permission had been asked he would have bitterly opposed it and proposed the following resolution; which was seconded by Commissioner Browne and adopted, Commissioner Heskin dissenting.

" that the Assistant County Manager explain to this Board as to why he permitted the letting of the Town Hall by the Tuam Theatre Guild when he could have done so himself, for the purpose of playing the game of Pongo, where under his agreement with the Tuam Theatre Guild he had the right to collect one pound per day and that it is further the view of the proposer of this motion that if the proposed letting as made or consented to by the Assistant Co. Manager was before this Board that it would not be entertained for one moment despite the fact that it would bring in revenue at one pound per day, in as much as that the Board feels that monies that could be well spent at Christmas time were otherwise disposed of and that if the portion of one pound per day the letting rent from the date of the opening of Pongo to the date of its closing has been collected this resolution may be ignored."

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners.

John Coghlan CHAIRMAN 5th January DATE
Guada McDonagh TOWN CLERK 5 January 1962 DATE

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

4/12/61

To each Town Commissioner.

A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held
on Tuesday 5/12/61 at 8.30 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

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

Minutes

Correspondence

Motion of Commissioner

O'Brien

a) That a Christmas tree
be erected in the square for the
christmas period

b) That the wall separating the
shambles from the square shall
be removed & the shambles be
transformed into a car park

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

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1/1/62

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Minutes

Correspondence

Houses at Gilmartin Rd.,

Tolls: Tuam Livestock Mart

Fixing date of estimate meeting

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

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

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

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

Arising out of the minutes:-

a) the position as to the removal of the Shambles wall was queried and the Assistant Manager stated that while the Shambles was held on lease mager structural alterations could not be undertaken without permission of the owner, but, that he felt the removal of the wall could be undertaken without risk at once. Buying over the freehold of the Shambles from the owners, the Handcock Estate was discussed and it was agreed to ascertain if the Estate would dispose of this freehold to the Board.

b) The Chairman adverted to the fencing between the houses of Mr. McHugh and Mr. Curran, Athenry Rd. and the Manager stated that the Notice to Quit to this tenant was still in force, but, that if he erected adequate fencing around his garden to prevent animals straying on the property of his neighbors the Notice need not be enforced. The Commissioners would not erect any part of the fencing. The Board agreed to this arrangement deeming it reasonable.

c) the holding of Pongo in the Town Hall was referred to by Commissioner McDonagh. The Manager stated that he did not know the Commissioners would object and that he felt the Theatre Guild did not contravene its agreement. Commissioner McDonagh stated that in any further arrangements made with regard to property of the Board, three Commissioners should be first consulted. To this the Manager agreed and stated that the agreement with the Guild had now expired and that the new agreement when drafted would be placed before the Board prior to its being completed.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from Rev. Dean Jackson on traffic difficulties he had experienced in the Circular Road was read. The conference with the Superintendent of the Gardai, which had not materialised was discussed and it was agreed to hold a conference on Traffic Bye Laws on the 12th inst., to which the Superintendent would be invited and at which the points in the letter would be gone into. The Engineer stated that a conference on Traffic problems of a Committee consisting of the Superintendent, Chief Superintendent the Co. Engineer and two chief Assistants Co. Engineers would meet on the 20th inst. The Engineer further stated he would attend at the conference with the Commissioners on the 12th inst. and the Manager that he would endeavour to be present.

WAGES OF BUILDING TRADE OPERATIVES.

The Manager outlined changes in the wages and hours of building trade operatives made by the Galway Co. Council pursuant to an agreement between the Federation of Builders and the Irish Trade Union Congress. It was agreed that appropriate changes be made in regard to building trade operatives employed by the Board.

It was then formally proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Commissioner McDonagh and agreed unanimously that

" The hourly rates of wages of building trade operatives employed by the Tuam

operatives employed by the Tuam Town Commissioners be as follows as from the 4/10/61.

Tradesmen.....5/- per hour.
Labourers.... 3/10¹/₂ do.

and the working hours be forty five per week as from 1/1/62.

HOUSES IN GILMARTIN ROAD.

The Manager briefly reviewed the position of this Terrace and outlined three suggestions for improving further its status.

a) Convert the scullery and W. C. into a bathroom and toilet and construct a new kitchen; installing a new range, the existing kitchen to be transformed into a living room, the cost of these improvements being estimated at £400. per house.

b) Provide a tiled floor in the kitchen and scullery, a new range and sink and concrete a small surface area in the back yard; the cost of these improvements being estimated at £100.

To cover the loan charges, the rents would have to be increased by 3/5 per £100 spent or alternatively where tenants purchased their houses the cost would be added to the purchase annuity. The increase in the annuity would be 3/8 per £100.

c) That the tenants purchase the houses under the Tenant Purchase Scheme and do the work themselves, so that they would qualify for Improvement Grants and Co. County Council Loans in the case of the £400 Scheme the grants would amount to £205 and the loan £130 leaving only £65 to be found by each Tenant. The Loan Charge to the Co. Council would be 7/- per week for a ten year loan and 5/4 for a loan for 15 years. The purchase annuities were 7/8, 8/2 and 9/- per week do that for the £400 scheme the loan charges plus the purchase annuities would approximately be equivalent to the rent increase, if the Commissioners undertook the work. It was agreed to adjourn the matter to the next meeting to give those members who were not present an opportunity of considering it.

TOLLS. The Manager gave a brief historical outline of Tolls and Customs, which showed that the Commissioners were liable to provide plans for fairs and markets and weighing facilities. If the Tolls were abolished the provision of these services would necessitate an increase of 5d. in the £. in the rates. He stated that the Chairman of the Livestock Mart had intimated to him, that the Mart Promoters were agreeable to pay tolls, but, wished to do so by fixed lump sums. The Board agreed that the Manager meet the representatives of the Mart and arrive at a figure which would be submitted to it for approval.

The Manager also informed the Board that the Dept. of Agriculture might request the provision of a chute in the fairgreen which would of course necessitate extra expenditure.

It was further agreed that tenders for the Toll collection be invited in the Press.

DATE OF ESTIMATES MEETING.

Monday, January 29th was arranged for the holding of the Estimates Meeting.

TELEVISION ARIELS.

The Manager intimated that he proposed that when television ariels were required by tenants, the tenant would have to obtain permission and agree to an increase in their rents to cover the extra risks to the property and to the public which would be involved.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners.

John Coghlan

CHAIRMAN

DATE 13/2/1962

G. McDonnell

TOWN CLERK.

DATE 13/2/62

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its Estimates Meeting of Monday 29th. January 1962.

ATTENDANCE.

The Chairman, Commissioner Coghlan, Presided. Other members present were Commissioners Campbell, Heskin, Browne, Burke and O'Brien

VOTE OF SYMPATHY AND ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING.

The Clerk explained that the Assistant Co. Manager could not be present because of the death of his mother and a vote of sympathy proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Commissioner Campbell to the Assistant Manager on her death and to Mr. Liam O'Looney, County Secretary on the recent death of his brother, was unanimously adopted

As a further mark of sympathy to the Assistant County Manager the Estimates Meeting was adjourned until Monday 5th. prox.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners.

John Coghlan

CHAIRMAN

DATE 13/2/62

G. McDonnell

TOWN CLERK.

DATE 13/2/62

Galway County Council

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its Estimates Meeting of February the 8th, 1962.

ATTENDANCE. The Chairman Commissioner Coghlan Presided. Other Members present were Commissioners Burke, Browne, Campbell, O'Brien O'Connor and Stapleton together with the Assistant County Manager and Engineer.

Prior to commencement of formal business the Assistant Manager thanked the members for their expression of sympathy and their adjournment of the meeting from the 29th ultimo on his bereavement on the death of his Mother. He then introduced the Estimates.

EXAMINATION OF ESTIMATES. The Board agreed to adopt the usual custom of examining the Estimates item by item.

In connection with repairs to houses the Manager reminded the members that in the sum provided no allowance was made for the installation of ranges or for the erection of fences, intimating that the amount would be required for house repairs. In reply to Commissioner O'Brien the Clerk stated that the ratio of expenditure on wages and materials was as 60 to 40. The Chairman complained of tenants having experienced considerable delay in obtaining repairs, some having to wait a year or more for doors which had been promised them and inquired if there was any hope of expedition. The Engineer stated that in any cases where measurements had been taken and where it had been agreed to provide doors this would be done by the end of the financial year, i.e. 31/3/62. Commissioner Campbell stated that a tenant Patrick Grady, Gilmartin Road, would if supplied with material instal his own door and Commissioner Browne inquired if in general the Board would make an allowance to tenants who did repairs themselves. The Manager stated such a system would be hard to operate and the Engineer that where a figure could be placed on a job he would favour it. Commissioners O'Brien and Burke referred to the fact that £2,378. was now being annually expended and inquired if any diminution might be hoped for in future years. The Engineer stated he could give no guarantee of this and the Manager that he feared there would be little relief until the houses were sold.

SOLICITOR'S COSTS. Commissioner Burke stated that he felt there have been too many adjournments of business in Court and the Town Clerk replied that in recent years there were no adjournments that was aware of.

COUNTY RATES. Commissioner Burke inquired if any provision had made for striking off irrecoverable rates on vacant houses and the Manager stated that in respect of Gilmartin Road an estimated sum of £20 had been allowed as income from the refund of rates so paid. The Clerk informed the Board that provision had been made for an estimated increase of 5/- in the £. in the County Rates.

TOWN CLERKS SALARY. The Manager explained that provision was being made for granting an increase equivalent to that given to Clerical Officers in the County Council Staff.

TOWN STEWARD'S SALARY. In regard to this the Manager explained that a new method of charging was being adopted this year, half of the salary now being charged with Commission on Tolls as a Tolls and Customs expense. He felt this presented a fairer picture.

MEAT STALL REPAIRS. As new stalls were being provided Commissioner Browne felt that the amount allocated for repairs might be deleted. However a sum provision for maintenance was necessary. It was agreed to allow the figure in the estimate to stand.

INCOME IN connection with the estimated income from the Fairgreen and the Town Hall, the Clerk gave details of the headings under which such income was anticipated which included £7.10.0 from the letting of a site to the L. D. F. and £1.10.0 from the letting of a hall to the Boy Scouts. Commissioner Burke thought that the sum of £7.10.0 was not sufficient and also that £1.10.0 was too small an amount to derive from the Boy Scout's Hall, which it was held was not actually being used by the Boy Scouts at present. The Clerk reminded the meeting that the agreement for the letting to the L.D.F. had been placed before the Board by then then Assistant Manager Mr. McDermott and had been agreed to by it and the Manager stated that the agreement for the letting of the Boy Scouts Hall would be re-examined to ascertain if a new letting might be made in view of the fact that parties other than the Boy Scouts appear to be in occupation of the Hall.

TOLLS The Manager stated that he felt he had been a little optimistic in estimating the 1962/63 income under this heading but that in any case the figure realised would depend on the arrangements to be made with the cattle mart and it was best that these arrangements be deferred to the end of the Financial Year so that he would have the fullest possible data at his disposal when entering into them.

Commissioner Browne referred to the income derived by the Theatre Guild from the use of the Town Hall for Pongo and the Manager stated that he had an assurance from the Guild that the amount would be spent on improvements to the Hall.

Commissioner Burke stated that he had hoped for a rate reduction and asked if it would be feasible to obtain a loan of £10,000 for house repairs and lower the annual sum thus expended. The Manager in reply informed the Commissioners that they could hardly hope for a longer period for such a loan than five years and that the capital repayment would therefore be £2,000 per annum in addition to heavy interest payments.

ADOPTION OF ESTIMATES. It was then proposed by Commissioner Burke seconded by Commissioner O'Brien and unanimously adopted that the Estimate of Expenditure and Income and the figure of the amount to be demanded for the financial year ended 31/3/1963 as presented by the Manager be adopted.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners

John Coghlan CHAIRMAN DATE 13/2/62
G. H. O'Brien TOWN CLERK DATE 13/2/62

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF ABOVE LOCAL AUTHORITY AT ITS MONTHLY MEETING OF FEBRUARY THE 6TH 1962.

ATTENDANCE. The Chairman, Commissioner Coghlan Presided, other Members present were Commissioners O'Connor and Campbell.

ADJOURNMENT The Chairman requested that the meeting be adjourned until Tuesday the 13th inst., in view of the small attendance and on the proposition of Commissioner Campbell seconded by Commissioner O'Connor this was agreed to.

The Meeting then adjourned.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners.

John Coghlan
G. O'Connor

CHAIRMAN.

DATE 13/2/62

TOWN CLERK.

DATE 13/2/62

FORM E.3 (Continued).

TABLE C.

CALCULATION OF THE SUM TO BE DEMANDED.

Estimated Expenditure.	Estimated Receipts.	Net Estimated Expenditure.	Estimated Debit Balance (if any).	Estimated Credit Balance (if any).	Amount to be Demanded.
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
£ s d 16669 - -	£ s d 13870 - -	£ s d 2799 - -	£ s d 404 - -	£ s d - - -	£ s d 3203 - -

CERTIFICATE.

I hereby certify that at (an adjournment of) the Estimates Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners held this 8th day of Feb. 1962 the Commissioners did by resolution adopt the Estimate of Expenses set forth in Tables A, B and C, and did also by resolution determine in accordance with the said Estimate the sum set forth in Column 6 of Table C to be the sum to be demanded for the financial year ending on the 31st day of March, 1963.

Dated this 8th day of Feb. 1962.

To the Council of the County of Galway.

The Tuam Town Commissioners hereby transmit to the above-named Council the annexed Estimate of Expenses and calculation of the sum to be demanded for the ensuing financial year ending on the 31st day of March, 1963. The Commissioners hereby demand that the sum of £ 3,203 - - shall be supplied to them by the said Council.

Dated this 8th day of Feb. 1962.

Signed *John Coghlan*
Chairman.

Countersigned *Guada O'Connor*
Town Clerk.

DEMAND.

Signed *John Coghlan*
Chairman.
Countersigned *Guada O'Connor*
Town Clerk.

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

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS
ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES AND DEMAND FOR THE LOCAL
FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING ON THE 31st DAY OF MARCH, 19.....

TABLE A.
EXPENDITURE.

Purpose of Expenditure. 1.	AMOUNT ESTIMATED.					
	Estimated by Manager. 2.			Adopted by Commissioners. 3.		
	£	s	d	£	s	d
Houses of the Working Classes	14691	=	=	14691	=	=
Tourist Development	nil			nil		
School Meals	nil			nil		
Allotments Schemes	nil			nil		
Other Expenses	1978			1478	=	=
TOTAL	16669.			16664	=	-

TABLE B.
RECEIPTS.

Nature of Receipts. 1.	AMOUNT ESTIMATED.					
	Estimated by Manager. 2.			Adopted by Commissioners. 3.		
	£	s	d	£	s	d
Houses of the Working Classes	12738	-	-	12738	-	-
School Meals						
Allotment Schemes						
Other Receipts	1132	-	-	1132	-	-
TOTAL	13870	-	-	13870	-	-



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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of adjourned monthly meeting of the above Local Authority held on Tuesday February 13th. 1962 at 8.30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE. The Chairman Commissioner Coghlan presided. Other members present were Commissioners Campbell, O'Brien and Burke.

The Minutes of the adjourned meetings of the 6th and 8th instants and of the adjourned Estimates Meeting held on the 29th ~~Jan~~ were read and signed, *together with those of the monthly meeting of Jan 5th*

The Clerk reminded the Board that a loss of £404 on working for the year 6/1/62, was estimated in the Estimates for the financial year 62/63 comprising of a probable over expenditure of £114 on housing of the working classes, of the £175. on tolls and customs and of £30 on other heads together with an estimated deficit in income of £85. With regard to the extra expenditure it was proposed by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner O'Brien and unanimously resolved that the extra expenditure shown be approved.

NOTICE TO QUIT TO MRS JOHN MCHUGH 10 ATHENRY ROAD. The Clerk informed the Board that this was not being enforced.

Correspondence in connection with the purchase of the freehold of the Shambles was read and it was decided to adjourn the matter for further consideration.

The Commissioners confirmed that they did not favour giving a house to Mrs. Bridget Trayers resident in England, but until recently a tenant of Gilmartin Road.

The question of improvement schemes for Gilmartin Road was on the proposal of Commissioner Campbell seconded by the Chairman adjourned to the next meeting.

It was agreed that Tuam should enter into the Tidy Towns competition for 1962.

The Clerk was instructed to have action taken re an insightly site at the corner of the Weir Road and Galway Rd. and to contact Mr. Arthur Joyce Circular Rd. with a view to having low walls in front of his premises there removed.

PROPOSALS FOR TRAFFIC BYE LAWS. It was decided to adjourn this matter to a later meeting.

A resolution from the Athlone Urban Council as follows:-

It was proposed by Councillor F. J. Waters, seconded by Councillor T. D'Arcy and resolved:-

"That the Electricity Supply Board be requested to reduce the present charges for electricity and to abolish completely the fixed portion of the tariff where two part tariffs are applicable."

was read and adopted by the Commissioners unanimously its adoption being proposed by Commissioner Burke and seconded by Commissioner Campbell.

The Board at the instance of the Chairman agreed to recommend the provision of a pillar box at the Railway Station and at that of Commissioner Campbell one in the region of the cemetery to serve the corresponding areas of the town and directed the Clerk to inquire of the postal authorities as to the reason for the delay in the installation of an automatic telephone system in the Town.

The Clerk read a letter from the Tuam Swimming Club enclosing a copy of their letter to the Tuam Swimming Pool Project Committee on the holding of a Public Meeting.

Complaints were made as to

Complaints were made as to the failure of the Engineer's Office to have the streets hoses early on the 13th a Fair day while mud etc. was more or less liquid; of the Town Hall corner not being hosed subsequent to the sale of fish there on the previous day Friday and of the parking of heavy lorries outside schools for the loading of stock; the Clerk being instructed to take up these matters with the appropriate authorities.

Complaints were also made of the water supply to Ballygaddy Road cut off from 12 midnight to 12 O'clock on the following day on more than one occasion without warning being given to the inhabitants. It was proposed by Commissioner O'Brien and seconded by Commissioner Burke that a written explanation from the County Council be sought.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners.

Chris Coghlan CHAIRMAN 6 March 1962 DATE.

Guaid St. Connor TOWN CLERK 6th March 1962 DATE.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its Monthly Meeting of Tuesday March 6th 1962.

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

MINUTES. The Minutes of the adjourned Monthly Meeting of the 13th ult were read and signed.

Arising out of the Minutes, Commissioner McDonagh complained of cattle being kept standing outside the convents on Fairdays and the consequent effects to the Convent entrances and on discussion the Clerk was directed to write the Superintendent of the Gardai requesting the co-operation of the Gardai in keeping stock on the Streets on the move during fairs.

HOSING STREETS AFTER FAIRS. The Clerk stated he had written the Co. Council but to date had no reply.

PURCHASE OF SHAMBLES. Discussion of this matter was adjourned pending a communication from the Co. Council.

APPLICATION FOR HOUSE IN GILMARTIN ROAD BY MRS. BRIDGET TRAYERS.
It was agreed an application form be forwarded to Mrs. Trayers.

CORRESPONDENCE. The following letters were read by the Clerk:-

- 1) Letter from the Galway Junior Chamber of Commerce on a St. Patrick's Day Parade. The Commissioners expressed themselves much in sympathy with the project.
- 2) Letter from the Postmaster Tuam on the provision of Pillar Boxes at the Railway Station and at the Children's Home.
- 3) Letter from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs on the position of an automatic telephone service in Tuam and promising this amenity before the end of the year.
- 4) Letter from the Co. Council on representations made against laying off water supplies without notice in the Town. The Clerk was directed to write the Council emphasising that prior to the cutting off of water supplies for repair work adequate notice to the users affected should be given and that if at all possible supplies should not be cut off on Mondays or between the hours of 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. 12.30 p.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. on any day of the week.
- 5) Acknowledgment from the Garda Superintendent on the matter of the parking of lorries on Fairdays. Members discussed parking by Itinerants near the Park in Ballygaddy Rd. and the use of the Park by them. The Town Sergeant was directed where possible to obtain the names of any future Itinerants who might offend by using the Park or any other private property.
- 6) A letter from the Hon. Secretary, Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland on the matter of budgetary for rates prior to Co. Rates being struck,
- 7) A letter from John Heyworth & Co. The Mills, Tuam on the necessity for Public Toilets in Shop St.
- 8) Letter from Galway Trades Council on the provision of a Regional Technology College in Galway. The Commissioners expressed themselves as strongly in favour of this and directed the Clerk to write the Galway Trades Council assuring it of every possible support.

TIDY TOWN COMPETITION

TIDY TOWN COMPETITION. The Manager stated this should have more publicity and suggested and suggested the display of show cards in shops. Commissioner O'Connor referred the leaving of old materials on the road and pathway in the Mall area and it was agreed the Town Steward should request offenders to remove such articles in any areas necessary and should if necessary prosecute in the case of paths. Congestion caused by Traffic was also discussed and it was proposed by Commissioner McDonagh, Seconded by Commissioner Heskin and resolved

" That the Minister be urged to bring into force at the earliest possible date Sections 88, 89, 90, 91, 92 and 97 of part 8 of the Road Traffic Act. 1961"

It was also agreed to have on the Agenda for the next meeting the question of Market Bye Laws.

TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME GILMARTIN ROAD. Copies of the scheme were given to Members of the Board and it was agreed to circulate copies to all the tenants there. The question of the improvements to houses in this road was deferred until it would be ascertained how the Purchase Scheme was received by the tenants.

REPAIRS. On representations from Commissioner McDonagh, it was agreed that the Engineer be requested to have a statement available for the next meeting setting out his scheme for repair work to houses showing how priorities were arrived at and what delays might be expected. The Clerk was directed to refer the following matters to the Engineer for attention:-

- 1) Repairs to slates and eavegutters of the houses of Messrs. McPhillips and Cronin in Athenry Road, damaged in the storm of the proceeding year
- 11) Repair of ceiling of Mrs. Fleming, Tobberjarlath Road, here the ceiling had collapsed and while the debris had been removed by employees of the Commissioners no repairs had been effected.
- 111) Railings of house of Mr. Joseph Boyle, these had been removed by the Boards employees and never replaced.

DERELICT SITES. The Manager stated the most comprehensive survey to date of these had been carried out last year. Some had proved not to be derelict sites within the meaning of the regulations. Where they did fall under the regulations twenty five notices inviting offers from owners to carry out works had been issued and several offers had as a consequence been received and accepted. Recently also several several notices requiring the carrying out of works had been issued. Regarding the type of sites which did not come within the regulations, five owners had been written requesting the carrying out of works.

The Manager agreed to supply the members with particulars of cases where compulsion would not be applied so that they might use their good offices with the owners.

AUDITOR'S REPORT. The Auditor's Report for year ended 31/3/61 was approved.

VACANT HOUSES. The Manager stated it was proposed to give a vacant house in Tobberjarlath to Mr. Patrick Dolly and with regard to a vacant house in St. Enda's Avenue it was proposed by Commissioner Heskin and seconded by Commissioner Campbell and resolved that Mr. Frank McKenna be made the tenant provided the next vacancy be given to Mr. Thomas Naughton of Demesne Cottages. The Manager agreed with this arrangement.

PARK AT BALLYGADDY ROAD. The Manager agreed to meet a deputation of residents of Ballygaddy Rd. on his next visit to discuss the use of the park there.

TUAM GUIDE. The Board agreed to patronise another Guide to Tuam the Chamber of Commerce to arrange with the publishing firm.

CLINIC. It was agreed to adjourn discussion of a Clinic to a later meeting until the County Council would inspect various sites.

SEWERAGE AT LOFTUS TERRACE. It was agreed to recommend provision of sewerage facilities for this Terrace to the County Council.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY A vote of sympathy to the relatives of the late Thomas A. O'Donoghue, Esq., proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Commissioner McDonagh was unanimously adopted all members standing.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners.

John O'Donoghue CHAIRMAN 30 April 1962 DATE.

Guinea McDonagh TOWN CLERK. 30 April 1962 DATE.

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its monthly meeting of April 3rd. 1962.

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

MINUTES. The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of March 1962 were read and signed.

Arising out of the Minutes :-

1) the Town Steward stated he had approached on two occasions a party in the Mall to clear the road way of goods and articles he had deposited there and threatened prosecution. He was directed to approach the party again and the Manager requested a report on it.

11) The Clerk stated he had no reply from the County Council on the question of the hosing of the Streets on Fair Days. The Engineer informed the meeting that hosing commenced at 8 a.m. on the occasion of the March fair.

111) Commissioner O'Brien stated he had received another serious complaint of the dirty condition of the public Toilet. The Engineer in reply stated he had inspected the Toilet twice on recent occasions and found it fairly reasonably clean.

CORRESPONDENCE. Two letters from the Co. Medical Officer were read in which it was urged that to prevent nuisances on fair days the Commissioners as Market Authority should confine the sale of animals to the Fair Green. It was agreed that the Co Medical Offices be informed that while the Board would co-operate as far as possible in the matter, the Co. Health Authority was regarded as having primary responsibility.

A letter from the Department of Local Government to the effect that Sections 88 to 92 and Section 97 of the Road Traffic Act 1961 were in operation from 1st Octr. 1961 was read and the nature of the Sections mentioned given.

A report from the Engineer on housing repairs and of the method of giving priority which lead to a discussion by the Board, was read by the Clerk. The feasibility of supplying materials to tenants with which to do their own repairs was debated but, it was finally agreed not to alter the procedure in force.

A letter from the Gardai Superintendent stating the Gardai had been instructed to prevent lorries parking outside the gates of the schools at Dublin Road on fair days was also read.

TOLLS FROM CATTLE MART. The Manager gave figures of the ⁶²²profit from tolls and customs for the 1961/62 financial year. This amounted to some £70. He also stated the Co-operative Livestock Mart had offered a sum of £50. as a settlement for tolls on animals which would be handled by the Mart for its first years operations. The offer was discussed and declined it being resolved on the proposition of Commissioner McDonagh seconded by Commissioner Browne that the Board require the standard tolls on all animals sold at the Livestock Mart.

MARKET BYE-LAWS. The Clerk showed the last draft of code of Bye Law which the Board had prepared, to the members. On the advice of the Manager it was, however, decided to commence the procedure for the adoption of Bye Laws again and that a draft be prepared for submission to a meeting as soon as possible.

IMPROVEMENTS TO GILMARTIN ROAD. Consideration of the matter was again adjourned.

VICAR STREET LIGHTING. Commissioner O'Connor was informed by the the Engineer that extra lighting would not be especially provided for Vicar Street on the completion of the road widening scheme there. The Manager however stated that a general scheme for the improvement of lighting in all built up areas was being prepared.

TRANSPORT. It was agreed on representations from Commissioner Burke that a protest be made against the withdrawal of the Tuam Athlone Bus service and that C.I.E be requested to restore it as from 1/5/62. It was also agreed that C.I.E. be written on the compulsory closing down of a private bus service through Tuam, Barnaderg, Moylough and Mountbellew and informed that the Board protested against this and that Dr. Andrews of C.I.E and the Minister of Transport and Power be requested to hold an investigation into the latter matter.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners

John Coghlan CHAIRMAN. 1st May 1962 DATE.
Seamus McDonagh TOWN CLERK. 1 May 62 DATE.

Tuam Town Commissioners

GERALD H. O'CONNOR
Town Clerk.
Telephone: Tuam 104.

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL,
TUAM.

Your Ref.

Our Ref.

9-4-62

we the undersigned
Commissioners request
a special meeting of
the Board be held
on Tuesday 10 April
to consider the visit
of the Minister on the
opening of new potatoe
manufactary factory
on the 24 inst
Hampson & P Burke

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of special meeting of above Local Authority held on 9th April 1962.

Attendance. The Chairman, Commissioner J. Coghlan, Presided. Other members present were Commissioners Campbell, Heskin, O'Connor, Browne, O'Brien, Stapleton and Burke.

The Chairman stated the object of the meeting which was to consider measures to welcome the Taoiseach on his visit to Tuam on the 24th inst. to open the new Factory of the Irish Sugar Co., Ltd. On discussion it was agreed that an illuminated address be prepared and presented to him at the Town Hall and that the front of the Town Hall be cleaned and painted for the occasion. It was also decided that the County Council be requested to remove any tar barrells or similar objects from the route from the Square to the Beet Factory and that a visitor's Book be purchased and kept at the Town Hall.

In view of the May Day Parade due to be held on May 1st. following it was agreed that the Monthly Meeting also to be held on that day be deferred to 9 p.m.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners.

John Coghlan CHAIRMAN. 12 May 1962 DATE
Gerard O'Connell TOWN CLERK. 1/5/62 DATE.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its Monthly Meeting of May 1st. 1962.

ATTENDANCE.

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

MINUTES.

The minutes of the last monthly meeting and of the special meeting of the 9th April were read and signed.

ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

1) Commissioner O'Connor commented on the poor lighting facilities which existed in Vicar Street and inquired what steps if any, were envisaged to improve matters there. The Assistant Co. Manager stated that he was not aware of any plans for the purpose, but promised to inquire into the matter.

2) Commissioner McDonagh stated that the collection of tolls on live stock sold in the livestock mart should be brought to a head and the Assistant Managers suggested that the Board should appoint representatives to meet representatives of the Mart Committee and go into the matter. It was pointed out by Commissioner Browne and McDonagh that as the Board had previously resolved on the collection of tolls at the full rate from the livestock Mart, discussion with its representatives was pointless. It was pointed out in turn, by the Assistant Manager that no toll could now be collected for the period from October 1961 when the Mart opened, to date and that only by agreement with the Mart Committee could any sum be recovered for this period. The Chairman then ruled further discussion out of order unless and until the resolution requiring the collection of tolls from the Mart at the full rate be resinded.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT.

The Chairman commented on the poor morning transport service between Tuam and Galway and of the fact that many workers going to Galway to work had to arrange for private facilities. Commissioner Campbell stated he would have figures for the next meeting, showing the numbers of workers affected. The Clerk was directed to obtain data from the Trade Unions and write C.I.E. on the matter.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A letter from Mr. Michael Brogan requesting the provision of a new door at his house at 84, Gilmartin Road, was directed to be passed to the Engineer.

A letter from the Co. Council on interruptions of Tuam water supplies was read to the Board and deemed a satisfactory answer to representations made on the matter.

A letter from Mr. John Ward No. 6, Gilmartin Road complaining of annoyance from a neighbour Mrs. Cleary, resulted in the Clerk being directed to write warning both parties.

Letting of House No. 73, Gilmartin Road. This led to a lengthy discussion, the Clerk having explained that he had promised the house to Mr. Thomas Cullinane, Galway Road, while members of the Board felt that this house should be given to Mr. Martin Cahill who desired to be transferred from No. Gilmartin Road thereto. It was eventually agreed that Mr. Collinane, having been promised the house, should get it, but, that Mr. Cahill should be transferred to the next suitable vacant house.

Members stated that two houses were vacant in the Tobberjarlathia Athenry Road Scheme and that Mr. Naughtn Demesne Cottages to whom the Assistant Manager had agreed to give the next vacancy in this area, should be granted his choice of these and that Mrs. O'Neill of Athenry Road who desired to reside near her blind mother should be given the remaining house.

LETTING OF TOWN HALL.

It was agreed that the letting to the Theatre Guild of the upper portion of the Town Hall should be renewed, subject to the insertion of an additional clause in the letting agreement to the effect that sub lettings be prohibited, and that the Hall should close at a reasonable hour; that Pongo should not be engaged in, and that the use of loud speakers and noise should be forbidden.

SHOW CARDS.

It was decided that show cards bearing the slogan "make Tuam the Tidiest of Tidy Towns" be printed and distributed for exhibition.

MAINTENANCE OF TOWN HALL.

On the proposal of Commissioner Browne, seconded by Commissioner O'Brien it was resolved that the upper windows of the Town Hall should be painted on the outside.

HOUSE NO. 49 GILMARTIN ROAD.

A complaint from this tenant that water was percolating upwards in the toilet floor was directed to be referred to the Engineer.

SHAMBLES LETTING.

Commissioner O'Connor complained that a recent letting of the Shambles to Mc Faddens amusements was detrimental to the market and interfered with the Co. Council workers. It was decided that no lettings of the Shambles be made in future.

DUMP AT ATHENRY ROAD.

Commissioner Campbell complained that the use of an old quarry, just above Messrs. Delaneys house at the end of Athenry Road, as a dump would bring disease to the area and the Clerk was directed to make strong representations to the Co Council to have dumping there terminated. He was also directed to have the Engineer erect notices there indicating that dumping was prohibited.

It was directed that the Abbey Service Garage Galway Rd. be written requesting that the practice of leaving old unsightly car bodies outside the the firms premises be terminated.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners.

John Coghlan CHAIRMAN. DATE 5 June 1962
Bob O'Connor TOWN CLERK. DATE 6 June 1962

----- TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS -----

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its monthly meeting of June 5th 1962.

Attendance. The Chairman, Commissioner Coughlan presided. Others present were - Commissioners Stapleton, Browne, O'Brien, Heskin, Campbell, Burke, McDonagh and O'Connor, together with the Manager and Engineer.

The minutes of the monthly meeting of May 1st were read and signed. Arising out of the minutes

(a) Commissioner Campbell inquired if there had been any result from the Commissioners' representations for the termination of dumping by the CO. COUNCIL at the end of the Athenry Road. The Clerk read a letter from the Co. Medical Officer and the Commissioners heard a statement from the Engineer both to the effect that the use of the site for a dump was being discontinued. The Engineer also stated that if necessary, the dump would be covered over with clay. As members complained that the dump was infested with rats the Clerk was directed to write the Co. Medical Officer on this point.

(b) Commissioner Campbell stated that approximately 20 persons go to Galway each morning to work, but as their ultimate destinations varied he requested that for the moment no further representations to C.I.E. for morning transport be made. The Clerk read a letter from

on this matter and on the withdrawal of bus services from Tuam to Athlone and on the Tuam/Moylough/Mount Bellew route and was instructed to take up again with C.I.E. the question of services on the Tuam/Ballinasloe route where the Board held that services on 2 days per week - Wednesdays and Saturdays were urgently required.

(c) Tidy Towns Competition. Members referred to the benefit to visitors to the town of the erection of signs indicating the way to the Railway Station, the Cathedral, the Sugar Factory would be and Commissioner McDonagh complained of the condition of the river at Shop St. which had become choked with silt and weeds because of the operations of the Corrib Drainage Board. It emerged that Mr Kevin Doyle of the Co. Council had been written in this connection.

Correspondence.

A statement by the Engineer on the repair of the Commissioners' houses was read.

A letter from the Association of Municipal Authorities requesting an increase in the annual subscription was placed before the meeting and on the proposition of Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner O'Brien, it was unanimously resolved to increase the annual subscription from two to four guineas.

A letter from the Co. Secretary on certain amendments of the Polling Scheme for Local Elections was also read. Members agreed with the amendment outlined, but complained that at the last Local Election the Scheme for Tuam had been departed from in so far as no polling booth was in the Fire Station.

Two letters requesting repairs were referred to the Engineer.

Satisfaction was expressed at a letter from the Postmaster, intimating that a letter box would be provided at the Railway Station and one in the Athenry Rd., and Tobberjarlath area.

Deputations.

A deputation, of which Mr O'Halloran acted as spokesman, from the Tuam Theatre Guild was admitted.

Mr O'Halloran stated the Guild was not satisfied with the proposed new clause in its tenancy agreement, pointing out -

(a)

That the Guild had never made sub-lettings and that the insertion of a prohibition of such a restriction would imply they had sublet.

(b) That the determination of what was a reasonable hour would be impossible as on various occasions the Guild members had to remain late on the premises for various reasons.

(c) That loud speakers were necessary in the production of plays and for advertising of extra performances.

(d) He regretted the use of the loud speaker on the occasion Pongo was run and agreed that Pongo would not be engaged in again.

The deputation then withdrew.

On discussion the Board agreed not to insist on the extra clause, which prohibited sub-lettings, obliged the closing of the hall at a reasonable hour and prohibited loud speakers and to allow and to allow the old agreement to continue in force.

DATE OF ANNUAL MEETING.

It was agreed that this be held on Monday June 25th.

NOTICE OF MOTION OF COMMISSIONER COUGHLAN (APPENDED)

Commissioner Coughlan read the motion and the Manager requested that a small delegation of the Board be appointed to meet representatives of the Livestock Mart. Commissioner Browne objected to the motion being adopted holding that a month's notice of intention to rescind an earlier motion and a two third majority were necessary. The Chairman ruled that a month's notice was unnecessary and decided to put the motion to a vote. On a vote being taken Commissioner Burke, Campbell, O'Brien, O'Connor, Stapleton, Heskin and Coughlan were in favour of the motion and Commissioner Browne and McDonagh against. The motion was declared carried; Commissioner McDonagh, objecting to a shareholder in the Livestock having the right to vote on it.

It was then agreed that the Manager, and Commissioners Browne, Burke and Coughlan be appointed delegates to meet members of the Livestock Mart to discuss the question of tolls on animals sold at the Mart.

DATES OF FAIRS.

On discussion the following dates were agreed on for the Tuam 1963 Fairs:-

8th January	Cattle & Sheep	12th Novr. Cattle & Sheep
16 do	Pigs	20 do Pigs
12 February	Cattle & Sheep	12 Decr. Cattle, Sheep & Horses.
20 do	Pigs	
11 March	Pigs.	
12 do	Sheep.	13th Decr. Pigs.
13 do	Cattle	
9 April	Cattle & Sheep	
17 do	Pigs	
9 May	Sheep	
10 do	Cattle	
15 do	Pigs	
11 June	Cattle & Sheep	
19 do	Pigs	
6th July	Cattle, Sheep & lambs.	
17 do	Pigs	
13 Aug.	Cattle & Sheep.	
21 do	Pigs.	
20 do	Ewes.	
10th Septr.	Sheep: Great Ewe Fair.	
11 do	Cattle	
18 do	Pigs	
27th do	Cattle & Sheep	
15th October	Sheep	
16 do	Cattle	
17 do	Horses	
18 do	Pigs	

and adopted unanimously on the proposal of Commissioner O'Brien
Seconded by Commissioner Browne.

TRAFFIC AND MARKET BYE LAWS.

The Clerk was instructed to place on the agenda for the next meeting consideration of these.

The following matters were decided on:-

1) The Engineer was instructed to have a hole in the fairgreen wall repaired.

2) The Clerk was directed to write the Co. Council pointing out that the premises of Mr. Hession in the Mall were available for a Clinic.

3) The Clerk was directed to write the Co. Council on the repair of broken water mains and the steam rolling of the road at Ballinamore Park.

Commissioner Heskin complained of the sewerage at Loftus Terrace and stated that the tenants there were prepared to finance the provision of a septic tank if the Co. Council would provide a site.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners.

Sgt. Moran CHAIRMAN 3/7/62 DATE
Guad Adomus TOWN CLERK. 4/7/62 DATE.

*Galway Road
Tuam
14 5 1962*

I hereby give you notice that I shall move the following motion at the monthly meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners

of June 5th 1962

the Tuam Town Commissioners of

"That the resolution of April 3rd 1962,

that the Board require the standard tolls

on all animals sold at the Livestock Mart be

rescinded"

John Conboy (Chairman)

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 June 5th 1962 at 8.30 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

Guad Adomus Baile Cleireach.

A G E N D A

*Minutes
Correspondence
Deputation from Tuam Theatre Guild
on Town Hall siting*

Fixing of dates of 1963 fairs

Fixing of date of annual meeting

*Notice of motion of Commission
boghean*

*'That the resolution of the Tuam
Town Commissioners of April 3rd 1962,
that the Board require the standard
rate of tolls on all animals sold
at the livestock mart be rescinded*

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its Annual Meeting of June 25th 1962.

ATTENDANCE. The Chairman Commissioner Coghlan took the Chair. Other members present were Commissioners Burke, O'Connor, Browne, Campbell, Stapleton and O'Brien.

The Chairman invited nominations for the office of Chairman for the coming year.

Commissioner O'Brien was proposed by Commissioner Stapleton and seconded by Commissioner Burke and Commissioner Coghlan was proposed by Commissioner Campbell and seconded by Commissioner O'Brien, Commissioner Heskin, in his absence was proposed by Commissioner Browne, but owing to his absence the proposal was not seconded. It was then agreed to adjourn for ten minutes while a message was sent for Commissioner Heskin. On this Commissioner failing to appear within the said time Commissioner Browne withdrew his proposal. Commissioner Coghlan then also withdrew his name in order to allow the office to rotate yearly and Commissioner O'Brien was unanimously declared elected.

Commissioner O'Brien then took the Chair and invited nominations for the office of Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Burke was proposed by Commissioner O'Connor, seconded by Commissioner Campbell and in the absence of any other nomination unanimously elected.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners.

Luke M. Min CHAIRMAN 5/ 7/ 62 DATE
Guada O'Connell TOWN CLERK. 3/7/62 DATE.

Galway County Council Archives

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF ABOVE LOCAL AUTHORITY AT ITS MONTHLY MEETING OF JULY 3RD. 1962.

ATTENDANCE. The Chairman, Commissioner O'Brien, Presided. Other members present were Commissioners Burke, Stapleton, Heskin, Campbell, Coghlan and O'Connor together with the Toan Engineer.

DELEGATION. A delegation from the employees of John Bruton & Co. were received. Mr. Sean Gormley acting as spokesman for the delegation, explained that as a result of the closing of the Factory some seventy employees were rendered idle and requested the Commissioners to intervene. He stated the employees while being laid off for six weeks, had no guarantee of re employment at the end of this period and that while the reason given for the closing was lack of markets for the product, the Z Co. had requested the workers just prior to closing to arrange for a double shift. This the employees were perfectly agreeable to, providing the law relating to such a matter was observed by the Management. The employees were also agreeable to supply a skeleton staff if this were required. In view of the amount of public money sunk in the enterprise he stated it would be desirable for the Dept. of Industry and Commerce to look into the running and Management. The Delegation then withdrew.

The Commissioners then discussed the problems raised and it was agreed that the Minister for Industry and Commerce be telegraphed on the following day requesting his intervention. It was also agreed the firm be written requesting that the period of closing be shortened as far as possible and offering any co-operation possible by the Commissioners.

MINUTES. The Clerk read the minutes of the last Monthly Meeting and of the Annual Meeting of June 25th 1962. Commissioner Coghlan stated that the inclusion of his name amongst those of the delegates selected to meet representatives of the Live Stock Mart to discuss payment of Tolls was incorrect and on this Commissioner's name being deleted the Minutes were signed.

Arising out of the Minutes the Board expressed satisfaction with the manner in which the temporary dump at Athenry Rd. had been closed, but, directed the Clerk to again write the Co. Medical Officer on the problem of rat infestation of the area which the dump had given rise to.

LETTING OF SHAMBLES FOR CARNIVAL. The Clerk was directed to let the Shambles to the Tuam Stadium Development Association for the holding of a carnival for the period from Monday July 16th to Sunday July 22nd. inclusive at a charge of 10/- (ten shillings) per day, provide the Association agreed not to use external loud speakers after 12 o'clock midnight and to remove any obstructions to the Wednesday and Saturday Markets in advance.

Letters from the Minister of Transport and Power and from the area Manager, C.I.E. on the matter of Bus services were read. As C.I.E. still refused to re-instate a service in the Tuam, Ballinasloe and Athline Area, it was agreed that the area Manager again be written pointing out that the former service in this area would have been economic, but, for the inclusion of Shrule and Foxhall in the route and indicating the response the service provided by the Chamber of Commerce had met with.

A petition from the residents of Ballinamona Park, requesting that the Road there be taken over by the County Council was read and it was agreed that the County Council be written urging that this should be done. The Engineer stated that the proper procedure was to have Notice of Motion to this effect brought before the County Council.

The Clerk was also directed to write the Council on the matter of the sewerage system at Loftus Terrace.

A circular from the Castlebar Urban District Council suggesting the convening of a meeting of representatives from Local Authorities of Counties along the Western seaboard with a view to obtaining relief from the unfair burden of rates which these Counties have to bear was placed before the Board. Members felt the proposal was an excellent one and that it should be given full support. The Commissioners delegates to the Association of Municipal Authorities together with Commissioners Burke and Heskin were delegated to attend the proposed meeting.

Letters from one John Daly, 15, Tubberjarlath Rd. and two William Corless, Gilmartin Rd. requesting repairs were referred to the Engineer.

MARKET AND TRAFFIC BYE-LAWS. It was agreed to adjourn these to the next meeting to afford the Manager an opportunity of being present and that in the meantime the Clerk write the Garda Superintendent on the intolerable position created in the square by the parking of lorries there on market and Fair days and on the position in the Mall area where often pigs were allowed to run wild to the detriment of property.

The Chairman moved a vote of congratulation to the Knights of Malta on winning the President's Cup. This was seconded by Commissioner Coghlan and unanimously adopted.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners.

Luke O'Brien CHAIRMAN DATE 7/8/62
Guided Thomas TOWN CLERK DATE 7/8/62

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of the above Local Authority at its monthly meeting of August 7th 1962.

Attendance -

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

A delegation on behalf of the Tuam Swimming Pool Project was admitted. This consisted of Senator Killilea, Councillors Burke and Patton and Messrs Kilgarriff, Canney, Walsh and Maloney

Senator Killilea outlined the history of the efforts to get a swimming pool for Tuam and the Assistant Manager gave figures in connection with similar projects in Ballinasloe and Banagher. In Ballinasloe where the cost of the pool is £20,000 the Ballinasloe U.D.C. had contributed £4,000; the local people £5,000; the Co. Council £3,500 and the State £7,500. In Banagher where the cost of the pool is £7,000, £2,300 had been furnished locally.

A letter from the Co. Council to T. Heneghan Esq., Sec. of the Tuam Swimming Club and his reply to the County Council were read by the Club. These ~~showed~~ showed that the Swimming Club had guaranteed £1,000 - £500 at once and £500 when plans had been drawn up.

On some discussion it was agreed that the question of finance ~~would~~ would not be gone into further at this stage, and the following resolution proposed by Commissioner Heskin and seconded by Commissioner Burke was unanimously adopted -

"That the Tuam Town Commissioners recommend the suggestions of the Swimming Club and ask the Co. Council to take all the steps necessary to forward the project."

The delegation then withdrew.

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

Arising out of the minutes -

a) Commissioner Campbell

1) Stated that 14 of the hands of Messrs John Bruton & Co. were re-employed that morning and the remainder would be re-employed on the following Monday.

2) Queried the position at Ballinamona Park, which, the Chairman stated was in hand.

The financing of the Swimming Pool Project was again discussed and it was again agreed to take no steps for the present.

The following letters were read by the Clerk.

1. A letter from the Tuam Agricultural Society requesting the use of the Town Hall Porchway. This was agreed to.

2. A letter from Feile Thuama requesting the use of the Town Hall for a concert on Sept. 2nd and for a Documentary Play on Oct. 23rd and 24th. It was decided this letting should be made in accordance with the schedule of charges appended ~~to~~ to the agreement with the Theatre Guild.

3. A letter from the Co. Engineer specifying the site of the proposed new clinic.

4. A letter from the Secretary of the Minister for Industry and Commerce in reply to a telegram from the Board on the temporary closing of the firm of Messrs John Bruton & Co., Ltd.

5. A letter from John Bruton & Co. Ltd. on the same matter.

6. A letter from C.I.E. on bus services in the Ballinasloe, athlon Tuam area.

7. A further letter from C.I.E. on the closing down of an early morning bus service to Galway.

8. A letter from the Co. Medical Officer on rat infestation in Athenry Road, arising from a Co. Council dump which had been closed down.

9. A letter from the Co. Engineer on the roadway at Ballinamona Park.

Market and Fair Bye Laws. It was agreed to adjourn this to the next meeting.

It was agreed that the parking of cars on Butler's side of the Cross should be stopped and the Clerk was directed to take this up with the Gardai Supt., together with the matter of the marking off of a taxi rank in the Square.

It was agreed to give a house in Gilmartin Road to Mr McGlynn, Kilmore and the Board unanimously recommended Mr Heffernan of Athenry Road for the next vacancy other than in Gilmartin Road.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED on behalf of the TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Lutic Morris CHAIRMAN Date 4/9/62

Guaid 9/10/62 TOWN CLERK Date 4/9/62

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of the above Local Authority, at its monthly meeting of September 4th 1962.

ATTENDANCE

The Chairman Commissioner O'Brien presided. Other members present were Commissioners Campbell, Coghlan, Browne, Burke, Heskin, O'Connor and Stapleton.

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

Arising out of the minutes Commissioner Campbell inquired as to the position of the roadway at Ballinamona Park and was informed by the Engineer that there was a good chance that the Co. Council would take over this road.

LETTING OF HOUSES.

The Clerk showed the waiting list of applicants for housing accommodation to the meeting and on scrutiny and discussion it was unanimously agreed that of two vacant houses in Tobberjarlath Road No. 18 should be allocated to Mr. John Heffernan, 60 Athenry Road and No. 54, Tubberjarlath Rd, to Mrs. Teresa Sweeney, 56, Tobberjarlath Rd. With regard to two earlier applicants on the list viz., Mr. John Lowe and Mrs. Margaret Clarke, it was decided they should be housed in Gilmartin Road as they had family connections there.

MARKET AND TRANSPORT BYE LAWS.

It was agreed that consideration of these should be adjourned to the next meeting.

TAXI RANK IN SQUARE.

The Engineer stated that he had agreed with the Gardai Superintendent to defer the matter of a Taxi Rank, until the questions of Bye Laws and the use of the Shambles as a car park should be decided. The Clerk was, however, directed to write the Superintendent urging the prohibition of parking on the Shop Street side of the Market Cross and of double parking on one side of Vicar Street.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Clerk read the report, of the Adjudicator of the Tidy Town's Competition, on Tuam. This was discussed and compared with that of last year and the following points decided on:-

- a) To write C.I.E. on the Adjudicator's remarks on the Railway Bridge at Dublin Road.
- b) To draw the attention of His Grace, the Archbishop to the unpainted chains at the Cathedral entrance.
- c) To request the I.C.A. to enter the roadside Gardens' competition, stating the Co. Council would assist wherever kerbing etc might be required.

The Town Steward was directed to interview a party at Vicar St. who had the habit of sweeping litter on to the Street. The Engineer informed the Board that the Co. Council intended putting kerbing around a green at the end of Dublin Road and that notwithstanding the Derelict Sites Act had been served on the owner of an unsightly Derelict Site at the corner of the Galway Road and Weir Rd.

TEMPORARY DWELLINGS.

The Clerk read a letter, sent on behalf of the Co Manager, to the effect that the prohibition of Temporary Dwellings in specified regions in the County was under consideration and requesting the Commissioners views as to the areas in Tuam and its locality which they would consider as suitable for inclusion in the order. On discussion it was decided to recommend that the area comprised under the Town and Regional Planning Act, as applied to Tuam

and its environs, should be the area to which the order should apply and further to recommend the margins of all main roads in the County should be subject to the prohibition Order.

Request from Messrs. James J. Farragher and Co. to connect the sewerage and water supply of a house being erected at the end of Athenry Road for a Mr. John Hughes, with the sewerage and water mains of the Boards Houses at Athenry Rd. The Engineer recommended that permission be granted, stating that such a connection, together with the connections of certain of the Boards own houses already served by these mains when if sold under the Tenant Purchase Scheme, would lead to the main being made a public sewer and its maintenance a County Charge. The matter was discussed and in view of the fact that Mr. Hughes being outside the Town Boundary would not be liable for town rates it was unanimously resolved on the proposal of Commissioner Burke seconded by Commissioner Coghlan "that permission to connect with the Boards water and sewerage mains be granted to Mr. Hughes in consideration of his paying to the Board a yearly sum of £1. to 30/- the Board not to be liable to Mr. Hughes for any maintenance.

LETTER FROM THE TOWN STEWARD ON ADVT FAIRS.

It was decided that the dates of the September Fairs be advertised in the National and Local papers as some uncertainty existed amongst the public in connection with the change of the fairs of the 10th Sept. to 11th Sept.

FAIR GREEN LETTING.

It was stated that farmers had complained that they were not afforded sufficient time prior to fairs to erect pens in the Green and the Town Steward was directed to arrange with the grazier to have the green open for this purpose for sufficient periods.

Letter from Mr. Miland requesting permission to erect a garage at his house. The Clerk was directed to request Mr. Miland to submit a sketch of the proposed structure with details of finish and colouring.

LETTERS REQUESTING REPAIRS.

Mrs. Rose Gannon, Tobberjarlath Rd. and John Woods, 80 Gilmartin Rd were read and passed to the Engineer. Commissioner Campbell also made urgent representations on behalf of Mr. Frank McKenna, St. Endas Ave, who required repairs to his range.

LIGHTING.

Commissioner Coghlan referred to lights near McGrath's forge being broken on four consecutive nights. It was agreed the Chairman would make verbal representations to the area Electrician of the E.S.B.

TUAM WATER SUPPLY.

The Chairman stated that the Town Water supply was filthy and the Engineer pointed out that that it was not filtered. The Clerk was directed to write the Co. Council requesting a general statement on the Town supply and requesting that filtration be arranged. He was also directed to inform the Co. Medical Officer of the type of water available to users and on the proposal of Commissioner Coghlan seconded by Commissioner Browne to arrange to send a sample for analysis to an Analyst independent of the Co. Council. Commissioner Heskin pointed out the inadequacy of the supply, which might lead to the loss to the Town of an Industry which would depend largely on water.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES.

Commissioner Coghlan stated that he would be unable to attend the conference this year and it was arranged that Commissioner Stapleton would replace him.

AVAILABILITY OF CHILDRENS HOME AS A SITE FOR A LOCAL INDUSTRY.

Commissioner Heskin stated that a foreign Industrialist had examined the Home on the previous day and thought it would be very suitable for an industry he contemplated starting. As it was not

known if and when the Home might be available by the Co. Council and as it was urgent that the Industrialist be informed on these points the Clerk was directed to write the Co. Manager and Assistant Co. Manager inviting them to come to Tuam and discuss the position with the Board.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Luke Morris

CHAIRMAN

21/11/62
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TOWN CLERK

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