

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority, at its monthly meeting of January 4th, 1966.

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

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

Arising out of the minutes, Commissioner Browne again stressed the necessity of cleaning the bed of the river through the Palace grounds. The Assistant Co. Manager stated the correct action to take would be to write the Co. Medical Officer to take up the matter with the Board of Works.

Also, in reply to Commissioner Browne, he stated that the position with regard to tolls from the Livestock Mart was unchanged and that he did not feel that legal action against the Mart should be embarked on.

The Assistant Manager also intimated that a caretaker had now been appointed to the cemetery and in reply to Commissioner Coghlan that arrangements for commencing work on the new clinic had not yet been finalised.

With regard to the conversion of the space outside the Courthouse into a car park, the Clerk was directed to again write the Co. Council.

The Clerk explained that he had written and 'phoned the Department with regard to sanction of the new code of market Bye Laws, but, so far, sanction had not been granted.

Correspondence:- The minutes of the last meeting of the Fire Brigades Advisory Committee were laid before the Board and, as the problem of fire control was related to Civil Defence, Commissioner Coghlan stated that he was now attending a special training centre in Galway as a Civil Defence Warden.

The date of the yearly estimates meeting was fixed for Monday, 24th inst.

Houses:- Commissioner Coghlan urged that something should be done for itinerants in the Tuam area and referred in particular to the application of a Mrs. Angelina Ward for the tenancy of a house. Commissioner Browne stated Kieran Douglas had been in England for some time and the house of which he was tenant should be recovered if he did not return within one month. This was ^{agreed} ~~opened~~ to.

The Clerk was directed to have the Health Inspector investigate Mrs. Angelina Ward's care.

The Board decided to send good wishes for a speedy recovery to Commissioner Stapleton who was in hospital.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners

John Coghlan Chairman 5th April Date 1966
Guada O'Connor Town Clerk 5/4/66 Date

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its Estimates Meeting of January 24th, 1966.

Attendance:- The Chairman, Commissioner Coghlan, presided. Other members present were Commissioners Browne, Burke, Heskin, O'Brien and O'Connor, together with the Assistant Co. Manager and Town Engineer.

The Clerk apologised on behalf of Commissioners Loftus and Purcell for inability to attend.

On the suggestion of the Assistant Manager the Board proceeded to examine the table of estimates placed before it item by item.

Item for Housing Repairs:- Commissioner O'Brien commented that internal repairs were being done for tenants despite the provision in the letting agreement that tenants be responsible for them. The Clerk stated that this provision had, from time to time, been modified by Managers' Orders, which relieved tenants from some of this responsibility. Generally, the Board's Engineer stated that the long term schemes for repairs were being carried out

satisfactorily and it was hoped to have this complete in another year, when the repairs bill could be

County Rates:- The sum of £5,020 allocated provisionally for 1966/'67 was reduced to £5,000.

Meat Stall Repairs:- The sum of £30 provisionally allocated was reduced to £5.

Town Hall Repairs:- The sum of £250 provisionally allocated for recoupment of extraordinary expenditure in the previous year was reduced to £200.

Income from Town Hall:- The fact that only £45 per annum was received from the Theatre Guild for the upper part of the Town Hall was commented on by Commissioner Burke. The Assistant Manager stated he would discuss this with the Guild when the letting agreement next fell due for renewal.

Tolls:- Commissioner Browne, in view of the non-payment of Tolls by the Tuam Livestock Mart, advocated the abolition of Tolls entirely. As this would, however, involve the consent of the Minister and the relinquishing by the Commissioners of their right to regulate markets, it was agreed, on the suggestion of the Manager, to defer further consideration of the matter until a code of market Bye Laws, at the moment before the Department were sanctioned. The Chairman referred to powers being granted to Co. Councils to contribute towards the relief of rates on Local Authority houses. The Assistant Manager, however, stated that as this was not yet law and that as it was impossible to forecast the attitude of the Co. Council on the matter, it would not now have any bearing on the Estimates.

Finally, on the proposition of Commissioner O'Brien seconded by Commissioner O'Connor, it was unanimously resolved that:

- "(a) The sum of £50 be deducted from the allocation for 1966/'67 for Town Hall repairs.
- (b) The sum of £8 be deducted from the 1966/'67 allocation for Housing repairs.
- (c) The sum of £25 be deducted from the 1966/'67 allocation for Meat Stall repairs.
- (d) The sum of £20 be deducted from the allocation for Co. Rates for houses, and that the Manager's Estimates as thus amended be adopted."

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners

John Coghlan Chairman 27/4/66 Date

Guada O'Connor Town Clerk 27/4/66 Date

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF ABOVE LOCAL AUTHORITY AT ITS SPECIAL MEETING OF MARCH 15th 1966.

ATTENDANCE.

The Chairman Commissioner Coghlan, Presided. Other members present were Commissioners Loftus and Heskin.

The Chairman stated the meeting was called for three purposes, to arrange for attendance by members of the Board at last Mass on St. Patrick's day, to arrange to have the national flag flown over the Town Hall from sun rise to sun set and to make preparations for the Municipal Associations conference which would be held in or about 14th to 15th Sept. 1966.

Members agreed to take their places in the seat reserved in the Cathedral at last Mass and the Town Steward undertook to arrange for the hoisting and lowering of the flag.

A discussion ensued on the matter of the Municipal Authorities Conference in the course of which the Chairman informed the Board that the Phoenix Hall would be available. It was agreed to go more fully into the matter at a later meeting when more members would be present.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners

John Coghlan CHAIRMAN. 5/4/66 DATE

Guada H. O'Rourke TOWN CLERK. 5/4/66 DATE.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF ABOVE LOCAL AUTHORITY AT IT'S MONTHLY OF APRIL 5TH. 1966.

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

MINUTES. The minutes of the meetings of Jan. 5th, Jan. 24th, Feb. 1st. and March 15th were read and signed.

MARCH FAIRS. The Chairman and Commissioner O'Connor complained of the stock at the March Cattle fair being sold to a great extent on the streets. Reference was made also by the Town Steward to the lighting arrangements failing for a period because of a faulty switch.

PALACE RIVER. The Cleerk was directed to write the Board of works requesting that the river through the Palace be cleaned and maintained.

TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION. It was proposed by Commissioner Heskin Seconded by Commissioner O'Connor and resolved that Tuam be entered for the 1966 Tidy Towns Competition.

A letter from C.I.O'Flynn, Esq., on resigning his post as Co. Manager was read. The Chairman, in commenting ststed he felþ Mr. O'Flynn during his term of office had always been helpful and courteous and that he and the Board wished him happiness and success in retirement.

A letter from Sinn Fein on the matter of Republican prisoners was then read to the Board.

A communication from the Minister for Local Government on a special "Summer Safety Week" from the 8th to the 14th May 1966 caused discussion on traffic problrms in the course of which the Engineer informed the Board that a traffic census on a Saturday showed 800 cars parked in the Town. The Chairman stated the Board would co-operate in every way on any measures taken for the "Summer Safety Week"

A letter from Mrs. Hopkins, Athenry Rd. Tuam was next read. She was having trouble with her neighbour on the matter of a dividing wall, which the neighbour Mrs. McHale proposed to end. The Clerk was directed to write Mrs. Hopkins stating the Board's Engineer would specify the line of the wall.

The Clerk was directed to request the Health Inspector to examine the premises at 19, Gilmartin Road as an allegation had been received from the tenant of No. 21, that manure accumulating there because of animals being kept, was the occasion of rats in the area.

A letter from Mr. James McGrath No. 8 Newtown Morris in connection with his range was passed to the Engineer.

CONFERENCE OF THE ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES OF IRELAND.

In preparation for this it was agreed that the Chairman together with Commissioner O'Brien and the Town Clerk should interview all hoteliers on the following Friday and that a special meeting of the Commissioners should be held on Tuesday 19th inst.

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS EASTER WEEK.

The Chairman stated was arranged that the Commissio-
-ers should head the Parade on May 1st. which would leave the
Square at 11.45 a.m.

TOWN LIGHTING

It was proposed by Commissioner O'Brien, Seconded by Commissioner Heskin and resolved unanimously that the Board contribute the sum of $\frac{1}{4}$ towards the expenses of the Christmas 1965 festive lighting.

DANGEROUS BUILDINGS.

Commissioner O'Connor of danger arising from unoccupied derelict houses and gave as an instance a slate falling off a house in the Mall and injuring a girl. The Board were informed that a notice had been served on the person having charge of this house and that the Town Foreman had also verbally drawn his attention to the danger existing.

Commissioner O'Brien served notice of motion for the next meeting that he would propose the co-option of a new member.

Votes of sympathy were extended to Commissioner Browne on the death of his uncle and to the family of the late Malachy O'Keefe Esq., on the death of the latter.

TOWN PLANNING.

It was agreed to leave this over to the next Monthly meeting.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

John Loughlan CHAIRMAN 3rd May 66 DATE
Guada Horns TOWN CLERK. 3/5/66 DATE.

Galway Road

Mrs. Sam Browne
Wm. Mannion
Mrs. Togher
Mrs. Pat McHugh
Ml. Cosgrove
Sadie Gannon
Peter Gallagher
Kathleen O'Connor.

SHOP ST.

Miss Begley
Mrs. Connaughton (Sr.)
Miss Casserly.

Tullinadaly Rd.

P.J.Mills
Dan O'Dea
Paul Severs
Mrs. Hughes

Bishop St.

Tom Garvey
John O'Reilly
Lily McElguinn
Mrs. Lynch
Mrs. Walsh (Teacher)
Mrs. O'Hagon
Dan Carroll
Mrs. T. Flannery
Mrs. Burke
Mrs. Keeley
Mrs Kelly
Tom Fahy
Ted Herbert
Pat McGuire
Nano Costello
Mrs. Hopkins
Thos. Devine.

It was suggested the I.C.A. be contacted to assist in preparing meals in houses in which the owners had no facilities and that the above list be discussed with that body.

It was agreed Telifis Eireann be contacted with a view to having it cover the Conference.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners:-

_____ CHAIRMAN _____ DATE

_____ TOWN CLERK. _____ DATE

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS?

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF ABOVE LOCAL AUTHORITY AT IT'S SPECIAL MEETING OF TUESDAY APRIL 19TH, 1966.

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

The following provisional programme programme for delegates attending the Irish Municipal Authorities Association Conference in September was on discussion arrived at

First day of the Conference Tuesday

Mass at 9 30. a.m. followed by a civic welcome to which His Grace the Archbishop, The President of St. Jarlath's College, His Lordship Bishop Butler, The Administrator, the Dean of Tuam, the Assistant Co. Manager, The President of the Chamber of Commerce, The Superior of the Christian Brothers Scheels and the Head Master of the Vocational Ed. Schools would be invited.

Conference activities then to 1 O'clock, lunch 1 to 2.30.p.m. and further conference activities to 6 p.m. Then a reception under the patronage of an Industrial firm to be arranged a floor show in a Social Hotel at 11 or 11.30 would complete the day.

Wednesday, second day of the Conference. Conference activities 6 to 1 p.m. followed after lunch by a tour of Erin Foods Ltd. and St. Mary's Cathedral. Conference dinner at 8 p.m. at which it was suggested that Mrs. Joyce be requested to sing.

Thursday Conference activities 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. tour of J.J. Egan & Sons Dublin Ltd., Hotel Floor Show and if possible to arrange a Conference dance.

In view of the fact that insufficient hotel accommodation would be available for delegates the following private house holders were listed for later canvassing

VICAR ST.

Luke Smyth
Thomas Hannon
Gretta Reddin.

Dublin Road.

P.J. Acton
Mrs. Colleary
Jack Hogge
Mrs. Quinn (Bunny Canavan)
Mrs. Davin
Mrs. P. Whyte
Mrs. Kedward
Mrs. O'Gara.

Ballygaddy Road.

D.J. Murphy
Mrs. Shannon
Mrs. O'Reilly
Mrs. Farrell
Mrs. Comer
Mrs. Fitzmaurice
Mrs. W. Lynch
David Stapleton

Church View.

Miko Kelly
Miss Reilly
Mrs. Murphy
Mrs. Lyons

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at it's monthly meeting of May 3rd. 1966.

ATTENDANCE.

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

MINUTES.

The minutes of the monthly meeting of April 5th, 1966 and of the special meeting of ~~April~~ 19th 1966 were read and signed.

Arising out of the minutes the Assistant Manager informed the Board that the method for the co-option of a new member had been changed. The main points now were that each Commissioner would have to be informed in writing by the Town Clerk and any person who would be proposed for co-option would have to signify also in writing to the Town Clerk his willingness to accept the office.

Also arising out of the minutes, Commissioner O'Connor informed the Board that the dangerous building in the Mall which had been the subject of discussion at the last meeting had now been rendered safe.

The Town Clerk was further directed to again approach the Resident Engineer, Corrib Drainage with a view to expediting the cleaning of the Palace river.

Reference in the minutes to March Fairs led to an animated discussion on the matter of fairs being held in the streets.

A letter from Sinn Fein on the arrest of Republicans in Dublin on April 20th 1966 was read.

WATER SUPPLIES.

Commissioner Browne stated that there had been several complaints of water supplies having been cut off in Ballygaddy and Dublin Roads without prior notification despite the fact that a water charge was now being paid by consumers. A note of the point was taken by the Assistant Co. Manager.

Letters were read from Mrs. Margaret McKenna and Mr. John Gilmore. Mrs. McKenna seeking a new door

Mr. Gilmore the rectification of dampness and the repair of a range

The cases were to be referred to the Engineer with a recommendation to have the repairs effected.

Commissioner Browne complained of weighing on market day being carried out in the Town Hall archway. The Town Steward stated there was difficulty in finding a level position for the scales elsewhere. It was agreed the Assistant Manager would discuss the matter with the Town Steward and report at the next meeting.

Votes of sympathy were adopted to Mr. Michael Brogan, Gilmartin Rd. on the death of his mother and to Mr. Wm. Deignan, Galway on the death of his sister Mrs. Cahill late of Ballygaddy Road, Tuam.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners.

John Coghlan CHAIRMAN 7 June 1966 DATE

Guard [Signature] TOWN CLERK. 7/6/66 DATE.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at it's monthly meeting of June 7th 1966.

ATTENDANCE.

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

MINUTES.

The minutes of the monthly meeting of May 3rd were read and signed.

Arising out of the minutes Commissioner Browne referred again to being cut off from consumers without notice being given and the Clerk was directed to write formally to the Co. Secretary in the matter.

Also arising out of the minutes the Town Clerk informed the meeting that the Corrib Drainage personnel were now engaged in clearing the Palace river and the Town Steward that the weighing scale was now being used in the Square on market days.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Chairman stated he had letters from Mrs. Cole and Mrs. King both of Gilmartin Road requesting repairs. A sharp discussion arose on the execution of repairs, in the course of which the Engineer stated he had still to concentrate on Athenry Road, as because of repairs for house purchasers etc. he could not get the houses in this road finished as early as expected. He also explained that repairs necessitated by damages caused by fire could not be carried out in winter.

The provision of a door for Mrs. McKenna was referred to and the Town Steward stated such would be ordered on the following day.

Co- option of Member.

Members having been circulated on this matter, the co-option of a new member to fill the vacancy created by the death of Commissioner Stapleton was taken up. The Clerk read letters from Mr. P.M. Stapleton Vicar St. Tuam and Mr. Timothy Joyce, Tobberjarlath Rd. signifying their willingness, if chosen, to accept office as a Commissioner.

Mr. Stapleton was proposed by Commissioner O'Brien and seconded by Commissioner O'Connor and in the absence of any other nomination, Mr. Joyce's name being withdrawn, was declared duly elected by the Chair.

The Clerk read a letter from Messrs. Concannon and Meagher, Solicitors requesting the Commissioners consent to the transfer of the lease of the house No. 4 Athenry Road, Tuam held by Mr. Curran to Mr. Paschal Leufer, Bishop St. Tuam. It was proposed by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner O'Brien and unanimously resolved that consent to the transfer be given.

Commissioner Burke referred to a tenant purchase scheme for Newtown Morris and the Clerk gave the figures which would apply in the case of any purchase scheme drawn up under present regulations and the maximum and minimum rents exclusive of rates at present applicable. He was directed to send the figures to the Assistant Manager for approval for submission to tenants.

Commissioner Browne referred to the necessity of advertising Fairs in the Local Press and those of September, October and March in the National Press. The dates of fairs for 1967 as drawn up provisionally by the Town Steward were with some amendments adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Browne seconded by Commissioner O'Connor. A list of such dates were signed by the Chairman.

Commissioner O'Connor referred to bills posted up by political parties in connection with the Presidential Election. It was directed that the Secretaries of the parties be written requesting their removal.

CONFERENCE OF ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES OF IRELAND.

The Chairman suggested calling a special meeting to which would be invited representatives of the I.C.A., Local Hoteliers and of the Chamber of Commerce together with Mr. Michael Heverin of West Regional Tourism. This was agreed to and the date of such meeting was fixed for Tuesday the 14th inst. at 8.30 p.m. In view of the dates of the September Fairs the Clerk was directed to ring the Hon. Secretary of Municipal Authorities Association and to request that the dates of the Association's Conference be changed from 13, 14, and 15th September to 20, 21st. and 22nd. of that month.

ANNUAL MEETING.

It was decided that this be held on Friday June 24th 1966.

The Clerk was directed to have Mr. Quinn, 36, Tobberjarlath Rd. approached for his key and to have action taken to recover possession of the house of Mr. Kieran Douglas, Gilmartin Road, Tuam.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners.

Luke Quinn

CHAIRMAN

5/7/66

DATE

G. O'Malley

TOWN CLERK.

7/7/66

DATE.

Galway County Council Archives

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of Proceedings of above Local Authority at it's Annual Meeting of June 24th 1966.

ATTENDANCE.

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

The Chairmab extended a welcome to Commissioner Stapleton on joining the Board and all present associated themselves with this.

The Chairman then on thanking members and officials for their co-operation during his period of office invited nominations for the position of Chairman for the coming year. Commissioner O'Brien proposed by Commissioner Burke and seconded by Commissioner Stapleton was unanimously elected.

Commissioner O'Brien then took the Chair thanked the Board and the outgoing Chairman for his election and requested nominations for the position of Vice-Chairman. Commissioner O'Connor proposed by Commissioner Stapleton and seconded by Commissioner Coghlan was unanimously elected for this Office. On Commissioner O'Connor thanking the Board, the meeting ~~and~~ concluded.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners.

Luk. Amin Chairman

5/7/66 DATE

S. J. O'Connor TOWN CLERK.

5/7/66 DATE.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at it's monthly meeting of July 5th, 1966.

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

The Minutes of the last monthly meeting were read and signed and the minutes of the Annual General meeting of June 24th were also read and signed.

Arising out of the minutes Commissioner O'Connor adverted to some Presidential Election posters being still displayed.

Also in reply to Commissioner Coghlan the Engineer stated repairs to Gilmartin Rd. were delayed as it was found impossible to complete those in Athenry Road up to schedule.

In general in connection with housing repairs the Engineer stated that while most complaints by tenants were legitimate it was impossible to catch up with them promptly and that in regard to the quality of repairs timber available over the past ten years to twenty years was every where failing. It was agreed that houses that houses repaired in the past few years need not have repairs effected again for the purpose of Tenant Purchase. It was also agreed that the Engineer give a report on houses repaired each month to the monthly meeting.

Delays ensuing in the purchase of houses by tenants were discussed in connection with which the Clerk stated that the date from which rent ceased to be payable was the date of signature of the lease by the Commissioners and that consequently during the period in which leases awaited the Minister's signature rent was not due.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Cutting off of water supplies. A letter from the County Council on this matter was read by the Clerk and the Engineer further explained the causes that led up to a recent stoppage of supplies in Ballygaddy Road. The Engineer agreed that in future where a stoppage of supply was necessary notice by loud speaker would first be given.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE FIRE BRIGADES ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Copies of these were circulated to the members.

A letter from residents in McHale Terrace bearing some signatures requesting the surfacing of the passage at the back of this Terrace was read. The Clerk was directed to recommend the work to the County Council and inform the residents at McHale Terrace that they should have a Co. Councillor introduce the matter by notice of motion at a Co. Council meeting.

TOWN LIGHTING.

It was unanimously agreed to recommend to the Co. Council

- McHale Terrace.
- 1) the provision of a light at the rear of
 - 2) of a pilot light in the car park at Bishop St.
 - 3) of a pilot light at the Railway crossing at Galway Rd. *Vicar St.*

The Clerk was directed to communicate with the Gardai Superintendent to enlist his support for the pilot light at Bishop St. Car Park.

LETTERS FROM TENANTS.

- Letters from:-
- a) Kitty Condon Gilmartin Rd.

- b) Bernard Shaughnessy, Athenry Rd.
c) and Mrs. Hopkins
were read.

It was agreed no action be taken on a notice to quit but, that that if the tenant was not in residence by the end of July a further notice be issued.

RECONSTRUCTION OF INTERIOR OF POST OFFICE.

The Clerk was directed to write the Secretary, Dept. of Posts and Telegraphs that work to be done on the Post Of if possible, completed by Mid September when the Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities would be held.

POSTAL DELIVERIES.

On the suggestion of Commissioner Burke it was agreed that the Clerk arrange for a meeting of Commissioners O'Brien, Burke, Browne and O'Connor with the Postmaster to discuss postal deliveries.

TRANSFER OF JOSEPH O'REILLY GILMARTIN ROAD.

On the suggestion of Commissioner O'Connor the Board recommended that a transfer to Athenry Rd. or Tubberjarlath Rd. be granted to Mr. Joe O'Reilly as early as possible.

TRAFFIC CONTROL.

On the suggestion of Commissioner Loftus, it was agreed that it be recommended to the Garda Superintendant to make the section of Ballygaddy Rd. from the show sign beyond the Sugar Factory to the Factory gate a stretch on which traffic is restricted to thirty miles per hour.

On the suggestion of Commissioner Burke it was also agreed to also recommend that keep to the left signs be erected at the island in Ballygaddy Rd.

BYE LAWS.

The Clerk stated that he was keeping the Department continually reminded of the Market Bye Laws sent for sanction.

Commissioner Coghlan stated that the drains from Vicar Street to the Nanny River was being polluted by sewerage and the Clerk was directed to write the County Medical Officer.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners.

L. M. M. M. CHAIRMAN. 2/8/66 DATE
James H. H. H. TOWN CLERK. 2/8/66 DATE.

6) TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its monthly meeting of August 2nd 1966.

Attendance.

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

Minutes.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, and, on amendment of an insertion requesting the provision of a pilot light at the Railway crossing at Galway Road to one requesting such at the crossing at Vicar St., signed.

Arising out of the minutes, members commented on the fact that the political parties had not removed posters in connection with the Presidential election, though requested to do so and felt the Local Authority would have to do this. The Chairman undertook to have them removed.

Correspondence.

The Clerk read

a) a letter explaining that the local postmaster was on leave and that arrangements for him to meet the Commissioners had been requested could not be made until his return.

b) a letter from the Secretary, Dept. of Posts & Telegraphs regretting that certain alterations in the public section of the Tuam Post Office, could not be put in hands until after Sept.

c) a communication from the Galway Co. Council acknowledging receipt of a request to provide certain additional public lights.

Proposed increase in wages and salaries in conformance with the 1966 National Agreement.

The Assistant Manager explained that to grant an increase of £1 per week to all employed would entail an increased expenditure of approx. £280 or an increase in Rates of roughly 6d in the £1 for the ten months of the current financial year from the 1/6/66 to the 31/3/67 and that he sought the Commissioners' approval for this. It was proposed by Commissioner Browne, seconded by Commissioner O'Connor and resolved unanimously -

" that approval be given to increasing the remuneration of all officers and servants of the Tuam Town Commissioners by the sum of £1 per week as from June 1st 1966."

Allocation of parts of the Market Place.

The Clerk gave a summary of suggestions for the regulation of markets in the town; the suggestions put forward were -

1) That the sale of green vegetables and small parcels of root crops be permitted along the stretch of street from the corner of Shop St and Bishop St. to Garvey's Archway, subject to regulations. The Board saw no objection to this.

2) That hawkers and vendors of all types of household articles and goods other than farm produce be confined to an area in the Mall from near the Mall Junction with High St. to the entrance gate of the old cemetery. The Commissioners in general approved, but felt that as

the Mall was narrow, only the portion around the cemetery entrance should be allocated for this purpose and marked out.

3) That the bonham market be confined to lower High St., from near the junction of Church Lane along the graveyard side of the street as far as necessary. The Commissioners generally thought well of this.

4) To remove all market produce from the Square to the Shambles. This provoked discussion and it was agreed that officers of the Commissioners would confer in general with the local Gardai Authorities and report back. The feeling of members was that produce in carts be sold as far as possible in the Shambles and in bags on the Square.

5) That all fairs of livestock be confined to the Fair Green. In so far as this applied to pigs ~~xxxx~~ members objected that such would kill the pig fairs and much discussion ensued. The general opinion of the Board was that pig fairs might be confined to the Shambles.

With regard to the sale of fish members urged that Mr Ralph who for a long period sold fish outside the Town Hall be facilitated as far as possible.

6) That all stalls and standings and goods for sale be prohibited in other streets of the town.

Dates of Fairs.

Conflict of dates fixed with those in the Bye Laws.

The Manager explained that this could be resolved by getting the approval of the Minister to amend the dates in the Bye Laws for the 1967 year. It was proposed by Commissioner O'Brien, seconded by Commissioner O'Connor and unanimously resolved -

" that where the dates of the Tuam Fairs for the year 1967 as fixed in the Bye Laws made by the Tuam Town Commissioners with respect to markets held in the town of Tuam are in conflict with those fixed by resolution by the Commissioners at this meeting of June 7th 1966, the sanction of the Minister for Local Government be sought to amend for 1967 such dates in the Bye Laws to conform with those determined at the said meeting."

All-Ireland G.A.A. Fixtures.

Commissioner Browne proposed, Commissioner Coghlan seconded and it was resolved -

" That the Tuam Town Commissioners request the Secretary of the County Board of the G.A.A. to provide the Commissioners with Hogan Stand tickets at the regular fee for all-Ireland finals, as is the practice in other counties."

Motions for the conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities.

The following motion for the Conference Agenda was proposed by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Stapleton and resolved.

" That Rates should be payable in at least four moities, each moiety to be payable on or before the last day of each quarter."

The Clerk was instructed to accept any motions handed into him during the following three days when signed by any two ~~Commissioners~~ members.

Folk Museum.

Commissioner O'Brien informed the meeting that His Grace had intimated to him that there was room in the parochial centre for a folk museum and that Mr Sharkey, Co. Manager intended coming to Tuam to view this location.

The following additional letters were read.

a) One from the Superior of the Christian Brothers in Tuam, advocating the transfer of Mr Joseph O'Reilly from Gilmartin Road to a vacant house in Athenry Road.

b) One from Mrs Boyle in connection with a fence, stated to have been taken down by the Town Engineer.

c) One from Mr Thomas Kerman, Gilmartin Rd., seeking repairs.

Commissioner Browne stated that Mrs Cunniffe, 25 Athenry Rd wished to purchase her house, but, as there had been a fire on the premises wished to know if the damage caused would be repaired first. As no report of the fire had been received, the Town Clerk was directed to obtain details from the fire brigade.

Sale to CO. Council of site in the Fair Green on which to construct a toilet.

The Commissioners having been circulated on this, a proposal by Commissioner Stapleton, seconded by Commissioner O'Connor -

" that a site on the Tullinadaly side of the Fairgreen fronting on the Tullinadaly Road be sold to the Co. Council for the erection by the Council of a toilet for the benefit of the town, for the sum of 1/- (one shilling)" was unanimously adopted.

This concluded business of the meeting.

Signed John Morris Chairman. 6/9/66 Date

Gerard McDonnell Town Clerk. Date

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its monthly meeting of September 6th 1966.

Attendance.

The Chairman Commissioner O'Brien presided. Other members present were, Commissioners O'Connor, Loftus, Brown, Coghlan, Stapleton, Burke and Heskin together with the town Engineer.

Minutes.

The minutes of the monthly meeting of August 2nd 1966. were read and signed
Arising out of the Minutes.

(a) Members inquired as to the position in regard to the fixing of parts of the market place. The Town Clerk stated that a further meeting with the Garda Officers had not yet been held and it was decided the Board would hold a special meeting on Sept. 20th to which the Garda Superintendent would be invited, to go into this question.

(b) Removal of old election posters. The meeting noted that these had been removed.

(c) Fire at Mr. Cunniffes, Athenry Road, Tuam.

The Clerk stated he had been in touch with the Fire Brigade which had no record of any such fire and further that he had no report from the tenant of such.

Tidy Towns Competition.

The Clerk read the adjudicator's report on Tuam in the 1966 competition. It was noted the town had slightly improved marks in comparison with 1965. The chairman stated he proposed to have a committee created in each Street to prepare for next years competition.

Correspondence.

(a) A letter from Mr. Sean Dunne, of the Co Board of the G.A.A. regretting inability to make tickets for all Ireland finals available to the Commissioners was read. Commissioner Browne felt that the request should have been made to the Head Quarters of the G.A.A.

(b) A letter from Messrs. Concannon and Meagher, Solicitors, Tuam, requesting the consent of the Commissioners to the transfer by Mr. James Kearney of his house of house No. 9, Tobberjarlath Road, Tuam. to Mr. Patrick Boyle, mechanic C30 Smiths Garage, Tuam was placed before the Board. On the proposal of Commissioner Heskin it was unanimously agreed :-

"that the Tuam Town Commissioners consent to the transfer by Mr. James Kearney of his lease of house No. 9, Tobberjarlath Road to Mr. Patrick Boyle, mechanic, of Smith's Garage, Tuam.

(c) A letter from Mr. M. Kitt. T.D., on the furtherance of a Swimming Pool project in Tuam was read.

(d) Letters from

Mr. M. Ward, 7, Gilmartin Road
and

Mr. James McGrath, 8, Newtown Morris

seeking repairs were passed to the town Engineer.

Correspondence.

(e) A letter from Mr. Ml. Clarke, Tullinadaly Road, requesting that steps be taken to protect his property from incursions by parties attending fairs in the fair green was considered and it was decided the Engineer would examine and report on the position.

Conference of Association of Municipal Authorities.

Commissioner Coghlan outlined the programme for the Conference and it was decided:-

1. to request the Co. Council to provide all night lighting in the town for the Conference Week.
2. to request the loan of a scroll of Welcome from the Presentation Convent and erect it in the Town.

The Chairman stated it was usual for the Chairman of Local Authority of the host town to be made President of the Association of Municipal Authorities for the ensuing year and requested the views of members as to what policy they would wish him to enunciate on his opening speech. It was decided that he should stress the very heavy burden of rates and the unfair distribution of this due to anomalies in the present valuation system, adverting to the very unfavourable position of the Western Seaboard Counties and the effect of Supermarkets on the capacity of small businesses to meet such commitments.

It was announced that :-

- (a) A sausage eating contest was being organised for the festival week of the Conference.
- (b) that open air dancing and singing could be held in the Shambles or the Square.

Commissioner O'Connor stated that complaints had been made by the nuns in the Bon Secours Nursing Home of disturbance of patients by the excessive volume of announcement on loud speakers by the Tuam Livestock Mart Authority. The Clerk was directed to write the Mart Manager and Commissioner O'Brien undertook to raise the matter at a Mart meeting.

Dumping of Refuse.

The Chairman commented on the dumping by butchers of objectionable animal products on the outskirts of the official dump, without having such materials covered and the Engineer informed the meeting that the Co. Council was endeavouring to catch the culprits.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners,

Chairman Luke Moran D.A. 4/11/66

Town Clerk R. G. Quinn D.A. 4/11/66

Tuam Town Commissioners.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its special meeting of September 26th, 1966.

Attendance.

The Chairman Commissioner O'Brien presided. Other members present were Commissioners O'Connor, Browne, Loftus, Coghlan and Burke, together with Inspector O'Connor of the Gardai Siochana, the Acting Assistant Co. Manager Mr. Maroney and Town Engineer, Mr. Kennedy.

The Chairman explained that the purpose of the meeting was to allocate various places for the various markets held in the town and the clerk read over a tentative scheme which had been put to and commented on, at the meeting of August 2nd, 1966.

In this scheme clause (1) that the sale of green vegetables and small parcels of root crops be permitted along the stretch of street from the corner of Shop Street to Bishop Street to Garvey's Archway subject to regulation was agreed to. Section (2) "that hawkers and vendors of all types of household articles and goods other than farm produce be confined to an area in the Mall from near the Mall Junction with High Street to the entrance gate of the old cemetery" was also approved subject to this market being confined to the cemetery ^{portion} and of the stretch in question, the Mall passage being deemed too narrow. Section (3) "that the bonham market be confined to lower High Street from near the junction of church lane along the graveyard side of the Street as far as necessary" was also approved subject to the site commencing at sufficient distance from Church Lane to eliminate the use of a too narrow portion of High Street. Section (4) "that farm produce in carts be sold as far as possible in the Shambles and that in bags in the Square" was amended to having all farm produce marketed in the Square. Section 5 "that pig fairs be confined to the Shambles" was amended to "that pig fairs be confined to the car park in Bishop Street." Section (6) "That all stalls and standings and goods for sale be prohibited from other streets in the town" was agreed to.

It was also decided that a notice be erected in the fair green, that all stock in the green for loading on vehicles be loaded in the Green.

A vote of congratulation to the Galway Senior Co. Team on winning the All Ireland football title and to the Mayo Minor team on winning the All Ireland Minor football title proposed by Commissioner O'Brien and seconded by Commissioner O'Connor, was unanimously adopted.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners

Luke O'Brien Chairman.

4/10/66

Gerard O'Connor Town Clerk

4/10/66

Tuam Town Commissioners.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its monthly meeting of October, 4th, 1966.

Attendance.

The Chairman, Commissioner O'Brien presided. Other members present were Commissioners O'Connor, Coughlan, Heskin, Browne, Stapelton and Burke, together with the Assistant Co. Manager Mr. Moroney and Town Engineer.

Minutes.

The Minutes of the September monthly meeting and those of the special meeting of the 26th Sept. were read and signed.

Arising out of the minutes.

(a) Commissioner Coughlan commented on old election posters not having yet been removed from poles and the Engineer stated that he would arrange for their removal with the exception of any on poles of the E.S.B.

(b) Commissioner O'Connor inquired if any reply had yet been received from the Livestock Mart Committee on the matter of excessive noise from loud speakers. As the Clerk had received no reply he was directed to write the Committee again.

(c) The Engineer stated he had inspected Mr. Clarke's house on the margin of the fairgreen and was of opinion that a wall at the rear of the house at a cost of approx. £10 would remedy the annoyance of intrusions from fair. Mr. Clarke, however, desired a much longer wall which would cost perhaps £25. The Clerk was directed to write Mr. Clarke setting out the Engineer's proposal.

(d) Commissioner Browne ^{commented} on the present state of the dump and of a terrible stink from it. The Clerk was directed to report the matter officially to the Co. Council.

(e) Commissioner Browne also complained that the body of a sheep had not been removed from the river at the rear of Garvey's Mills. The Assistant Manager stated Mr. Garvey had undertaken to have it removed, though the carcass had been swept down from higher up the river. As the Commissioners desired a further examination of this section of the stream, the Clerk was directed to write the Co. Council with a view to having this done.

Allocation of Parts of the Market Place.

The Clerk read through for the meeting a skeleton allocation he had made earlier directed. This was agreed to excepting the holding of pig fairs in the car park at the Palace, which as the Assistant Co. Manager explained would meet with objections from the Co. Council, the owners of the property. Much discussion on a site for pig fairs ensued and finally it was agreed to adjourn the matter to the next monthly meeting.

Correspondence.

(a) A letter from Philip Barkin of Gilmartin Road, seeking a transfer to a vacant house in St. Lenda's Ave, was read. This transfer had already been allocated to Harry Cassidy. Commissioner Browne instanced the urgent necessity of housing a Mr. Canavan who was at present in a flat over O'Malley Bros. Shop and had a disabled child.

Correspondence.

(b) The Clerk read a communication from the Co. Engineer, stating that the Co. Council could not at present agree to taking over the passage at the rear of McHale's Terrace.

(c) A Communication from the Garda Superintendent on traffic regulation at the island in Ballygaddy Road, was also read. On discussion it was agreed that the recommendations made to the effect that the island be widened, be agreed to. Commissioner Burke advocating that the problem be solved otherwise by keep left signs.

(d) Letters from Thos Gannon, 20 Tobberjarlath Road and Michael Dooley, 19 Gilmartin Road, seeking repairs were passed to the Engineer.

Commissioner Coughlan referred to the fact that houses No. 2 and 3 Gilmartin Road had no back entrances and requested the Engineer to examine them.

A Statement of the income and expenditure arising from the Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland, was placed before the meeting by the Clerk and the Chairman expressed thanks to the following, for their parts in making the Conference a success.

- (1) His Grace, The Most Rev. Dr. Walsh.
- (2) Gannon Harris and other speakers at the opening of the Conference.
- (3) Mr. Michael Keane for the use of the Phoenix Hall.
- (4) The Local Hotel Proprietors.
- (5) Messrs. J.J. Egan and Sons.
- (6) Erin Foods Ltd.,
- (7) Miss Fahy Shop Street, and all who helped to entertain the Delegates.
- (8) The Hermitage and Imperial Hotels, the Chamber of Commerce and the Tuam Development Association for subscriptions.
- (9) Miko Kehly and his Committee for arranging the Festival of Tuam.
- (10) All private house holders who had helped with accommodation
- (11) Radio Telefis Eireann and the Press, and Commissioner Coughlan added thanks to
 - (1) The Administrator for the loan of tables.
 - (2) The Stadium Development Committee for the use of seats and broadcasting equipment.
 - (3) Mr. Sean McManus for the use of broadcasting equipment at a nominal cost.
 - (4) Mr. Mulleney, Mr. Gerathy and Mrs Mc Tigue, Local Merchants for decorations and Mr Martin McCormack for the use of the National Flag.
 - (5) The Galway 1956 Senior Football Team and the All Stars team.

Commissioner Browne congratulated the Chairman for ably representing the town

The Chairman referring to urbanisation stated that he could get officers of other Local Authorities to lecture on the problem if the Commissioners desired it. It was agreed this should be arranged and that the meeting at which the lectures would be given would be open to the public, but, that steps towards this would not be taken until the Assistant Co. Manager returned from holiday.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed Luke Morris Chairman 7/11/66 Date.

Signed J. Rodmans Town Clerk. 7/11/66 Date.

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its monthly meeting of November 7th 1966.

ATTENDANCE?

The Chairman, Commissioner O'Brien presided. Other members present were Commissioners O'Connor, Loftus, Browne, Coghlan and Burke together with the Manager, Mr. C. Walsh.

MINUTES.

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

Arising out of the minutes Commissioner Browne referred to the very unsatisfactory condition of the Town dump and of the river at the rear of Messrs. Garvey's Mills and the Clerk read letters from the County Authorities promising to give further attention to these matters.

CORRESPONDENCE.

- a) a resolution from on freedom of Telefis Eireann was marked read.
- b) A letter from Michael Higgins Gilmartin Road, alleging assault and damage to his house by Mrs. Kerman of Gilmartin Road was also read, the Manager stating he would go into allegations when he had an opportunity to consult the letting agreement.
- c) A letter from Thomas McNally St. Endas Ave. on a dangerous channel in the roadway opposite to his house was referred to the Engineer with a recommendation to effect a remedy.
- d) A request from Mrs. Margaret Keegan, Gilmartin Rd. for repairs was referred to the Engineer with a recommendation to effect such repairs.
- e) A letter from Mr. Corbett St. Endas Ave. on the matter of repairs was also read.

This led to a general discussion on repairs which the Manager promised to go into with the Engineer, to ascertain how far departure from the letting agreement were justified.

ALLOCATION OF PARTS OF THE MARKET PLACE.

A skeleton draft prepared by the Town Clerk was again examined and as the siting of pig fair at the Car Park, Bishop St. would not be agreed to by the County Council it was on discussion decided to restrict such to the fair green. On further discussion it was also agreed to further amend the general draft by restricting the bonham and calf markets to the fair green also. Commissioner Browne then suggested it would be necessary to tarmacaden a portion of the green and the Manager agreed to examine this matter.

LIGHTING.

The Chairman urged ~~urged~~ that two lights were necessary in the Shambles and it was agreed that representations for these should be made in conjunction with the light requested for the Bishop St, Car Park earlier.

NOTICE OF MOTION COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN.

- a) Formation of a Road Safety Committee.
Commissioner O'Brien introduced the motion and on discussion it was agreed to initiate a public meeting in the Imperial Hotel on Friday the 18th inst. by notice in the Press, a special written invitation to be issued to firms and Societies who would be deemed to have an immediate interest in such and to the Road Safety Officer for the area.

b) URBANISATION

The Manager elaborated on this and briefly commented on each of

he of the extra services the town would be responsible for if urbanised, indicating in each case that little extra benefit would accrue. Commissioner Burke then introduced the matter of the extension of the town boundary and instanced the anomalous position of Tubberjarlath and most of Athenry Road which were outside the Town boundary, but shared in town services. The Commissioners recommended the extension of the boundary for serious consideration by the Manager, who then offered to go further into the questions of boundary extension and urbanisation and have a report for the Commissioners in a few months. It was stated that boundary extension had been proposed in the past and that Mr. Lardner of Messrs. Concannon and Maher's office might have any papers relating to this. The Clerk was directed to inquire.

NOTICE OF MOTION COMMISSIONER COGHLAN.

"that the name Barrack St. be changed to Mellow's Street"
This was proposed by Commissioner Coghlan, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Burke referred to a part of Bishop St. being deprived of water from 12.30 to 7.30 p.m. on Novr. 3rd. owing to some party having turned off a supply valve. It appeared that this was probably done by Mr. Casey the Water Inspector in the course of his duty.

A derelict house at Church View was referred to and the Manager directed that the Engineer be contacted in connection with it.

Commissioner Coghlan commented strongly on the long delay in providing a new clinic and proposed the Health Authority be formally requested to state how this matter stood. The Manager stated he would phone the information on the following day.

A vote of sympathy to Commissioner O'Connor on the death of his uncle Francis O'Connor proposed by Commissioner O'Brien, seconded by Commissioner Burke was unanimously adopted.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners.

Luke Morris CHAIRMAN 13/12/66 DATE.
Guada Moron TOWN CLERK. 13/12/66 DATE.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at it's
Monthly Meeting of December 6th. 1966.

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

The Chairman Commissioner O'Brien moved that the
meeting be adjourned for one week as a mark of respect to the
memory of the late Sean T. O'Kelly Ex. President of the Republic
and proposed a vote of sympathy to his relatives. Commissioner
O'Connor seconded both motions and on members present associating
themselves therewith the meeting concluded.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners,

Patrick O'Connor CHAIRMAN January 3rd, 1966 DATE

Yvonne O'Connor TOWN CLERK January 3rd 1966 DATE

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its adjourned monthly meeting of December 13th 1966.

ATTENDANCE. The Chair, an, Commissioner O'Brien presided. Other Members present were Commissioners Browne, Stapleton, Coghlan, and Burke together with the Town Engineer.

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

Commissioner Browne complained that when a meeting is adjourned without the members coming together, each Commissioner should be informed as he would have been of the convening of the of the meeting if it had been held. It was decided that this be done in future.

Arising out of the minutes:-

TOWN DUMP. The Engineer stated that the Health Inspector had visited the dump and recommended that the width of the head of the dump be narrowed. This was being done.

Lighting of Shambles and Car Park at Bishop St.

The Engineer stated he understood that an estimate had been obtained and that this was at present with the Manager.

Complaint of Thomas McNally St. Enda's Ave. of ridge in road opposite his house.

The Engineer stated that this would be attended to in due course and that it was a Co. Council matter.

CHANGING NAME OF BARRACK ST TO MELLOWS ST.

The Clerk was directed to proceed with the necessary advertisement.

DERELICT SITE AT CORCORAN'S CHURCH VIEW.

The Engineer stated that this and a derelict site at High St (Burke's old house) had been inspected by Mr. Treacy a Co. Council Engineer.

CUTTING OFF OF WATER SUPPLIES AT BISHOP ST. ON NOV, 3rd. by changing a valve.

The Engineer stated it was never known who was responsible, but that a water rate Collector had now been appointed and that such matters would be his responsibility in future. The Engineer also stated that water pressure varied over the town with the elevation of the locality.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Clerk was directed to write :-

Mr. Cassidy, St. Enda's Ave. Tuam.

Mr. Corbett, St. Enda's Ave Tuam and

Mr. Mahon Newtown Morris, Tuam

explaining why ranges would not be installed at present.

It was also suggested that a copy of the annuity payments and down payment for a House Purchase Scheme in Newtown Morris and St. Enda's Ave. be sent to the tenants in these two schemes.

Commissioner Browne stated two houses were vacant in Gilmartin Rd. The Clerk was directed to get a report from the rent Collector for the next meeting.

The Clerk stated that Thomas Kerman Gilmartin Rd. had applied for a transfer when a suitable house became vacant and that the Manager was agreeable to grant such. It was objected that such would lead to an extension of the annoyance caused by Mrs. Kerman and Mrs. Higgins in so far as they would be in two separate places in which to cause disturbance.

PUBLIC LIGHTING.

Commissioner Coghlan complained of lights not been on from 7.30 to 8.30 in the morning for early Mass goers and not being on to 1 a.m. at night.

The Clerk was directed to ring the responsible authorities to have these services provided and also to arrange halo around the head of the Blessed Virgin outside the Town Hall.

RELIEF GRANTS. The Clerk was directed to contact the Assistant Manager with a view to having him contact the Department to have this made available.

HOUSING REQUIREMENTS. The Clerk was also directed to request Co. Council to initiate a new survey of the housing requirements of Tuam.

FOLK MUSEUM. The Clerk was directed to ascertain from the Tourist Board what grant would be available for a Folk Museum as the old Clinic would be available when the new Clinic was erected.

The Chairman proposed a vote of congratulation to the Convent of Mercy and Christian Brothers' Schools on winning the Quiz competition of Connacht and to the Presentation Convent for winning the Group Talent competition.

FISH BUSINESS OF MR. MIKO TALPH.

It was proposed that the Manager, Clerk and a few members of the Board meet Mr. Ralph for a few minutes before the next meeting and explain to him his position under the proposed allocation of parts of the market place.

Votes of sympathy to the relatives of the late Mrs. Margaret O'Connor on her death and His Grace the Archbishop on the death of Canon Gunnigan were proposed by Commissioner Browne and unanimously adopted all members standing.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners.

Patrick M. O'Connor CHAIRMAN. January 3rd 1966 DATE.

Guada Moran TOWN CLERK. Jan 3rd 1967 DATE.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its monthly meeting of January 3rd 1967.

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

ATTENDANCE. In the absence of the Chairman Commissioner O'Connor presided. Other members present were Commissioners Coghlan, Heskin and Browne, together with Mr. W. E. Kennedy town engineer.

Arising out of the minutes:-

a) Commissioner Coghlan stated that Mr. Harry Cassidy, St. Endas Avenue would accept a grate instead of a range, if a boiler fitted at the back thereof would provide hot water.

b) The Clerk stated that the rent collector had reported on the two houses stated to be vacant in Gilmartin Rd. One of the houses had as tenant Mr. Kieran Douglas who had again gone to England and to whom a notice to quit had been issued. The other had a tenant Mr. Al O'Dea who had been in hospital, but who was now back at Gilmartin Road.

c) Light in Shambles and Car Park at Bishop St. The Engineer in reply to Commissioner Browne stated he would go into the matter with the Co. Council of having these on all night.

d) The Clerk was directed to write the Co. Council again on the matter of a local folk museum.

CORRESPONDENCE

a) The Clerk read a letter from the Dept. of *Local Comm. Co.* explaining why a Relief Scheme Grant had not been made available for Tuam during the Xmas 1966 period and was directed to take up the matter with the five local T.D, Miss Hogan O'Higgins and Messrs. Carty, Donnellan, Kitt and Millar.

b) A letter from the Engineer M. W. E. Kennedy, requesting, in view of the increase in wage rates during the year, the provision of a further £240. for repairs was read. On the proposal of Commissioner Coghlan, seconded by Commissioner Heskin it was resolved that this extra sum be provided.

Commissioner Heskin referred to the Town Clock in the Town Hall being very damp to the detriment of the clock. The Engineer stated that due to the heavy volume of repairs it had not been possible to attend earlier to this matter, but that workmen had been instructed to commence work on the tower on the following Monday.

Commissioner O'Connor referred to shop waste being dumped on private property in the Mall ~~area~~ and to the service provided for the collection of such not being availed of.

Commissioner O'Connor also thanked the Board for its votes of sympathy to members of the O'Connor family on recent bereavements.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

*Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town
Commissioners*

Chairman Luke Quinn Date 7/2/67

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at it's Estimates Meeting of Monday 16th January 1967.

ATTENDANCE.

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

The Manager in introducing the Estimates stated on re examination it had been found necessary to reduce the figure for Loan Payments from £6 £6540 to £6030 and that for Subsidy from £2460 to 2030. These reductions of @510. in expenditure and £430 in income entailed a reduction on the overall deficit of £80.

The Estimate was then examined item bt item.

In connection with repairs, Commissioner Coghlan pointed out that an extra sum of £240. allowed at the last meeting to cover extra wages for the current year was not included with the 1967 Estimate.

It was agreed not to amend the Estimate, but that the Engineer should bear this in mind and spend this much less in 1967/68. Mr. Kennedy, the Engineer, stated that the sum of £2500 requested for 1967/68 was mainly for the repair of some 50 houses in Gilmartin Road.

The Clerk explained that the reduction in the figure of Rates on from £5000 to £4174 arose from the sale of houses and that the reduction of £10. in the item for Collector's Commission was the net effect of the tenth wages round and a reduction consequent on a reduced rental arising from sales.

REPAIRS TO STALLS.

The increase of £60. was discussed in detail. This had been proposed chiefly to cover the coat of repainting the fronts of the stalls and it was decided not to repaint these, but, an increase of £20 was allowed under the heading to provide a new door in one of the Stalls and for other minor repairs.

With regard to the provision of £200. towards recouping an earlier expenditure of some £1000 on Town Hall repairs the Manager agreed to reduce this by £51. to £149. and with regard to the item of £70. for resurfacing road across the small fairgreen it was suggested that the Co. Council might be asked to take over this roadm but on this suggestion being shown to be un feasible the item as it stood was passed.

INCOME FROM TOWN HALL.

Commissioner Burke objected to the rent of the Theatre Room not being raised, as the Manager had proposed to raise the rent of the Stalls by some 25% and in general of houses under a new Differential Rent Scheme. The figure of £126 was amended to £133 as an increase of £7. had been obtained from the Theatre Guild during the year.

RENTS RATES AND ANNUITIES.

The Manager read and explained proposals for a new Rent Structure for all houses of the Commissioners and Mr. Doyle Housing Official of the Co. Council further elaborated on this. Commissioner Coghlan had objected that amenities in some of the houses e.g. in Gilmartin Road which were being bought under the Scheme were very poor, but did not press the objection in view of the fact that a lesser minimum rent was proposed for such houses. The Commissioners felt also that tenants would purchase under the existing Tenant Purchase Scheme, which would continue in force until the Minister provided guide lines for a new Purchase Scheme, if they wished to avoid falling under the new Differential Rent system.

RENT OF STALLS.

The Manager stated in regard to the rent of business Stalls of the Board that this might be increased by at least 25% and this was agreed to.

These amandments reduced the figure of £3232 requested by the Manager to £3082 (decreased expenditure £51 in Town Hall repairs

£40 in Stall repairs and increased income of £7. from Town Hall and £53 from rent of Stalls) or 5/7 rates in the £1.

It was proposed by Commissioner Coghlan, seconded by Commissioner Heskin and unanimously resolved that the estimates as thus amended be adopted.

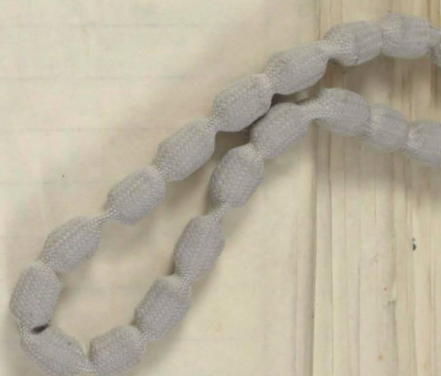
This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners:-

Luke Brien CHAIRMAN 7/ 2/67 DATE

Guada H. O'Connor TOWN CLERK 7/2/67 DATE

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF ABOVE LOCAL AUTHORITY AT IT'S MONTHLY MEETING OF FEBRUARY 7th 1967.

Attendance. The Chairman Commissioner O'Brien, Presided. Other member present were Commissioners Loftus, Coghlan and Burke.

MINUTES. The minutes of the monthly meeting of January 3rd were read and signed.

PUBLIC LIGHTING.

A letter from the County Council on Public Lighting at Vicar Street Tuam was read and as the letter had intimated that the Council was not prepared to provide a further light at the Railway crossing there, the Clerk was directed to write the County Council pointing out that what was required was not an additional light but, the conversion of the existing light to a Pilot Light.

EMPLOYMENT GRANTS.

As numerous letter from T.D.s. were to hand on this matter of employment grants for Tuam it was proposed by Commissioner Coghlan and agreed that the reading of them be adjourned to the next meeting.

Commissioner Coghlan also proposed that a discussion on the housing of Itinerants be adjourned to the next meeting when it was expected the Assistant County Manager would be present.

NEW ROAD FROM BALLYGADDY ROAD TO GALWAY ROAD.

The Engineer stated he did not know the position of this and the Clerk was instructed to write the Co. Council with a view to having it included in this years' roads estimate.

PURCHASE SCHEME FOR NEWTOWN MORRIS.

The Board felt that the figures which had previously been worked out for this were too high and the Clerk was directed to request the Manager to prepare another Scheme.

The Clerk read a letter from Mr. P. Treacy Assistant Co. Engineer which stated that no immediate danger to the Public existed in connection with the building on the derelict site at Church View which was being kept under observation.

Letters were also read from

- a) the County Council on the Stream at the rear of Garvey's Mills Shop St.
- b) Mr. Gabriel Walsh on action being taken in connection with the Tuam Swimming Club.
- c) and from the Director National Museum on the question of a Folk Museum in Tuam.

The Chairman referred to the report of the Interdepartmental Committee on Local Finance and Taxation on Valuation for rating purposes and stated it was of great importance that members should offer suggestions as invited in the report and required the Town Clerk to have copies of the report available at the next meeting.

This brought the business of the meeting to a close.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners.

Luke Morris CHAIRMAN? 7/3/67 DATE

Guinea Morris TOWN CLERK. 7/3/67 DATE

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at it's monthly meeting of Tuesday March 7th, 1967.

ATTENDANCE.

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

Mr. Miko Ralph fish Merchant made representations to the Board on the application of the Board's Byw Laws to him in respect of his fish stall outside the Town Hall.

MINUTES.

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

Arising out of the minutes:-

- a) Commissioner Coghlan adverted to the question of having a Pilot light at the level crossing at Galway Road and the Engineer explained that proposals for all night lighting for the Town were before the Manager which if approved would include the light at the crossing.
- b) The Assistant Co. Manager stated, in reply to a question, that he did not think that provision for the link road between Ballygaddy and Galway Roads was included in the current Co. Council Estimates.
- c) The clerk read letters from the Local T.D's on the provision of Employment Schemes Grants for the town and the position in connection with these were discussed.
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HOUSING OF ITENERANTS.

Commissioner Coghlan referred to the fact that itinerants housed by the Commissioners were confined to one part of one Scheme and stated he felt they should be more widely dispersed for proper intigration into the settled community. The Chairman also elaborated this point, but Commissioner O'Connor stated that he felt one could go too far in this regard and that consideration should be given to the wishes of other residents in areas where the housing of itinerants was proposed.

Commissioner Coghlan also stated that extra *losses* were sustained on houses in which itinerants were accomodated and that because of this a grant should be made by the Co. Council and *in general* as to the present position of the acquisition of camping sites. The Assistant Co. Manager pointed out that if the Commissioners had housed itinerants the Co. Council had housed townspeople. He stated that in regard to camping sites negotiations locally had not yet been completed and in reply to Commissioner Stapleton who felt more itinerants should be housed in Co. Council cottages said that few applications for such had been received from itinerants who desired to reside in or near towns to be near Schools and Churches etc. He explained that in regard to the acquisition of sites, compulsion was not the best procedure if it could be avoided.

The Chairman stated that the St Vincent De Paul Society would build one or two houses if it could get the sites for such.

RATING.

The Clerk distributed copies of *Rept on Valuation for Rating Purposes* to the members and the Chairman stated that suggestions as invited in the report should be put forward by those present. The Chairman also suggested that a meeting should be arranged with members of the Castlebar U.D.C. to go into the matter. Revaluation would take ten to fifteen years. It was agreed that suggestions should be handed in at the next meeting.

TIDY TOWNS.

Mention was made of the derelict house at Church View and of the

report of Mr. Treacy Assistant Co. Engineer in connection therewith and to dumping at the entrance to the Church of Ireland and in the Mall two old carts and a car body near the Church were left to the attention of the Town Steward.

REPAIRS.

Representations from Miss Winnie Cole for repairs were referred to and a letter from Annie Mannion 62 Gilmartin Rd. also seeking repairs was read.

TOWN CROSS.

Commissioner Coghlan referred to the bad condition of the railings surrounding this. It was agreed to write the Commissioner of Public Works.

ALLOCATION OF PART OF THE MARKET PLACE.

The Clerk was directed to take this up with the Board's Solicitor.

The Chairman then explained changes made in the fairs because of the N. F. A. strike.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Luke Mannion CHAIRMAN 4/4/67 DATE

Guada Adams TOWN CLERK. 4/4/67 DATE

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its monthly meeting of April 4th 1967.

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

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

Arising out of the minutes:-

1) A discussion on accommodation for Itinerants arose; Commissioner Browne inquiring as to the position in regard to the provision of camping sites. The Assistant Manager stated there was little change and that negotiations for a site in the Tuam area were still in progress. It was stressed by members of the Board that provision should be made for local Itinerants by the coming winter and the Commissioners inquired if the same difficulty existed in other areas. The Assistant Manager, in reply, instanced Loughrea where compulsory Purchase Orders had been made and where the corresponding public inquiry would not take place until the following January. He also stated there was strong resistance to providing sites amongst land holders in the Galway area. Commissioner O'Connor stated he feared that in regard to the provision of sites matters might drag on and ultimately be forgotten and Commissioner Burke that sites near towns like Tuam might not be the best approach to the problem and that certainly sites should not be designed to accommodate numbers as large as ten or fifteen families. Commissioner Browne urged that if it could be made plain that there would be no site round Tuam, many Itinerants would leave the area.

2) Dumping of old cars and carts in the Mall area. A report from the Town Sergeant was awaited when if necessary it was decided the Garda authorities be contacted.

3) Repairs for Niss Winnie Cole. The Engineer stated that he had seen the house and would effect certain repairs including the eve gutters as soon as possible.

4) Allocation of Parts of the Market Place. The Assistant Co. Manager stated that the provisional allocations should be referred to the Garda authorities as he felt that the approval of the Gardai was necessary in any matter affecting articles or conveyances on the streets. Counsel's opinion was read by the Town Clerk and the Assistant Manager advised that in the absence of a second resolution at the stage when the Bye Laws were finally correctly signed they should again be referred to the Department for an opinion as to their validity, the allocation of the market place being gone into with the Gardai in the meantime.

CORRESPONDENCE.

a) The Town Clerk read a letter from Office of Public Works stating the Board of Public Works had been in consultation with the Nation Monuments Advisory Council and would write further.

b) A letter from Mrs. J. Holian No. 3, Tobberjarlath Rd. on the leasing of her house was read. It was decided to ascertain if she intended the lease to be for a bulk sum, prior to deciding if the lease would be granted.

c) Complaint re range of Thomas Mahon, Newtown Morris. The Engineer stated he would look into the matter and would arrange to install an other fire place.

d) Letter from Mr. Joe O'Reilly Gilmartin Road on annoyance by neighbours. The Board directed that Mr. O'Reilly be reminded of his own responsibility in the matter.

SURVEY OF TUAM AREA IN THE MATTER OF HOUSING REQUIREMENTS.

Commissioner Coghlan stated it was reported in the Press that the County Council were engaged in a general housing survey of the County. The Assistant Manager confirmed this and stated that Tuam was included in the survey area, but that the work in the Tuam area was not yet finished.

Commissioner Coghlan referred to the old board of notice of former Tolls & Customs Charges and the necessity of preserving it carefully as an historic relic.

Commissioner Loftus referred to vile scribblings in the public Toilet.

The Chairman proposed, Commissioner Loftus seconded and a vote of sympathy was unanimously adopted to Mr. Joseph Mooney and family Vicar St. Tuam on the death of Mrs. Mooney.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners

Luke Quinn CHAIRMAN. 2/5/67 DATE.

Guada A'D'Comus TOWN CLERK. 2/5/67 DATE.

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at it's monthly meeting of May 2nd. 1967.

ATTENDANCE.

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

MINUTES.

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

1. Commissioner O'Connor inquired as to the position in regard to the acquisition of camping sites for itinerants and the Assistant Manager stated that there was a fair prospect of procuring by agreement the Tuam Site.
2. Commissioner O'Connor also inquired as to action being taken in connection with the dumping of old carts and a car in the Mall area. The Town Steward stated he could get no information on the ownership of these. It was stated that the Gardai, however, knew the owner of the old car body and would act to have it removed and the Engineer intimated that he would have the carts removed to the fair green or some dump.
3. The Clerk explained the position in regard to the allocation of parts of the market place and in connection with the code of Bye Laws which was with the Department. Commissioner Coghlan stated that if the fair green was to be used for the sale of all animals, part of the surface should be tar macadamised. The Chairman, however, objected that such a surface would not be acceptable to the Dept of Agriculture and the Clerk was instructed to write this Department on the point and on the standards required.
4. With regard to defective ranges in the houses of Mr. Mahon Newtown Morris and Mr. Cassidy St. Endas Avenue, the Engineer, stated that as new ranges were not provided he would instal an open fire grate for Mr. Mahon if the latter signified his acceptance of such in writing. Mr. Cassidy had failed so far to render such an acceptance.

HOUSING SURVEY OF TUAM.

The Chairman stated the Minister had fixed May 28th as the latest date for the rendition of housing surveys by Local Authorities and the Assistant Manager stated that such entailed a great deal of work for Co. Galway. He was arranging however, he said for the Officer in charge of the work in the Tuam Area to survey the town first. He also intimated to the Chairman that this Officer would be open to consider any suggestions that members of the Board might wish to offer. Members commented on the fact that the latest priority list for housing held was a year old.

HOUSES AT 65, Gilmartin Rd. and 26, St. Endas Ave.

Commissioner Browne asserted that the tenant of No. 65, Gilmartin Rd. who was rumoured to be leaving should hve it made plain to her that she could not hand over her house to any other party and the Clerk was instructed to do this. In regard to 26 St. Endas Ave. tenant Mr. Quinn, the Board unanimously agreed that should this ~~house~~ become vacant, it should be given to Mr. Philip Larkin of Gilmartin Road.

Commissioner Burke objected to the fact that on an earlier occasion when it was thought No 65 Gilmartin Rd was becoming vacant, the re-letting had been discussed by a few members instead of a full Board meeting being called as there had been mention of giving the house to an itinerant. The Chairman in reply stated that any decision had been put back for a full Board meeting.

A letter from Josephine Quinn Tobberjarlath was read requesting return of a deposit in view of her leasing her house and the matter was left to the Manager and Clerk.

A letter from Joseph O'Reilly, Gilmartin Road, requesting repairs was also read. The Engineer stated he would inspect the house.

A resolution from Cork Co. Council to have the means test for Old Age Pensioners abolished was placed before the Board and unanimously adopted. Commissioner Coghlan proposing and Commissioner Stapleton seconding.

FOOT PATHS.

FOOT PATHS.

Commissioner O'Connor asked the Engineer if a periodic survey of the footpaths in the town was made and in reply the Engineer stated such was done normally each year, but, that no grant was available for the purpose in the winter of 1966. Commissioner O'Connor drew attention to the bad state of the path at Quibbin's fruit store and Cahill's egg store Bishop Street

In response to Commissioner Browne the Engineer intimated that paths could be repaired apart from the question of a grant, if dangerous which the section of the footpath at McElguins and the Convent, Bishop St. might be. He also stated that the path at Loftus Terrace, Ballygaddy Rd. had not to his knowledge been taken over by the Co. Council.

PUBLIC LIGHTING.

Commissioner Burke referred to anticipated changes in the public lighting system of the town and the Engineer confirmed that a new type of lights, but, no extra ones would be installed. Commissioners Burke and Coghlan referred to Electric light poles being ill sited in many places and inquired as to the possibility of re siting them. The Engineer stated the E.S.B. would only agree to do this if the Co. Council bore the cost. The Clerk was directed to write the Co. Council on the changing of a pole at Frank Hessions shop and of one at Mr. Stockwells Waterslade.

The Chairman referred to the fact that of three ~~artisan's~~ dwellings in Dublin Road viz Messrs. Holden's Higgins and Gilligans two had had a small boundary wall erected in front while the third had not been facilitated. The Assistant Manager noted this point.

NEW DIFFERENTIAL RENT SCHEMES.

Members referred to the incidence of the new Differential Rent Scheme on certain tenants e.g. Messrs. Davin & Gilmore and the Manager explained how the assessment in the cases in question were arrived at. Commissioner Coghlan complained that in cases where the only income derived from the Old Age Pension, while no rent as such was levied a sum for the rates was and while the Council got its rates the Commissioners who were responsible for the upkeep of the houses got nothing. Moreover, the Minister had left it to the discretion of Co. Council to relieve Commissioners financially in the matter of housing costs.

Members complained that the Differential Scheme in force was not that placed before them at their Estimates Meeting, in so much as one seventh and not one eleventh of the assessable income was now fixed as the rent and Commissioner Coghlan declared he wished it to be recorded that he was totally opposed to the alteration. The Manager agreed that the cost of transport to a man's place of work, would be allowed off his income for assessmen purposes and that cases of hardship would be reviewed. The Clerk was directed to have available at the next meeting the No. of ~~bases~~ whose rent had been whosw rent had been reduced and the No. with increased rent.

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The Chairman stated it had been complained that there were available insufficient letter boxes and the Engineer in reply informed the meeting that some forty eight had been ordered for Tuam and Headford.

The Chairman complained that the town was dirtier on a Sunday than on any other day and the Engineer explained that the road cleaners come back on Saturday afternoon's to clean up, but, that the public houses emptying at 11 o'clock on Saturday nights gave rise to a lot of litter

A complaint from Mrs. Lawless, 21, Athenny Rd. as to defective slates was referred to the Engineer.

In regard to derelict sites the Engineer stated that Mr. Treacy, Engineer of the Co. Council had served notices.

With regard to a plot at Newtown Morris the Manager stated it would present a better appearance if wire strands surrounding it were removed.

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Commissioner complained of the Shambles that there was confusion between marketing and parking arrangements and the Clerk was directed to write the Gardai in the Matter.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners

Luke O'Connell CHAIRMAN 6/6/67 DATE.
Guada O'Donoghue TOWN CLERK. 6/6/67 DATE

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at it's Special Meeting of Monday 21st. May 1967.

ATTENDANCE.

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

The Chairman outlined the purpose of the meeting, which was consideration of the letting of the Town Hall for office accomodation.

Commissioner Burke stated that the public disapproved the letting of part of the Town Hall recently for private Auctioneers Offices and that further the Board was not informed in advance of the letting and Commissioner Browne also voiced these complaints, adding some of the public felt that such a letting led to an advantage for the tenant in the forthcoming local elections. He also adverted to danger to passers from a hoarding erected outside the Town Hall door by the tenant.

The Assistant Manager in reply stated that many things requiring attention arose between meetings, that the first application made by the tenant was for upstairs part of the Hall which was not acceded to, that the application for the present letting was made subsequent to the last meeting and that it was made on a week to week basis which might have been terminated by the Board at it's next monthly meeting.

Commissioners Burke and Heskin again complained of the application not being before the Board prior to any letting being made.

Commissioner Heskin then proposed that
"that the letting of part of the Town Hall to Senator Killilea for use as an Auctioneer's Office be terminated"
Commissioner Burke seconded the proposition.

An amedement by Commissioner Coghlan seconded by Commissioner O'Connor

"that the letting in view of the manner in which it was made be brought before the next Board meeting for consideration of whether or not such a letting should then be remade by the Board." was on discussion withdrawn.

The original motion of Commissioner Heskin was then unanimously adopted.

HOUSING.

The Clerk gave details of two vacant houses and the Assistant Manager outlined the priorities for houses on the waiting list for the members.

On representations by Commissioner O'Connor it was agreed to transfer Mr. Laurence Kavanagh to a vacant house No. 65, Gilmartin Rd. and to transfer Mr. James Mannion of 62, Gilmartin Rd. to No. 50 Gilmartin Rd. Mr. Kavanagh's house. It was also agreed to grant No. 62 Gilmartin Rd. to Mr. Bernard Ward of Cloontooa Rd. Tuam.

The Board also agreed to offer the tenancy of a vacancy at 13 Athenny Rd to Mr. James Reilly St. Benin's Terrace Tuam.

The Clerk was directed to write a note of sympathy to Commissioner Loftus who was ill in hospital.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners:-

Luke O'Brien CHAIRMAN 6/6/67 DATE

Guinea O'Donnell TOWN CLERK. 6/6/67 DATE

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at it's monthly meeting of June 6th, 1967.

ATTENDANCE.

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

MINUTES.

The minutes of the last monthly meeting and of the special meeting of May 21st. were read and signed.

ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

- 1) The Manager stated there were no further developments in the provision of camping sites for itinerants.
 - 2) He also stated that the housing survey of the County by the County Council was now complete.
 - 3) The Engineer stated that a sum would be available next winter for the usual winter relief scheme.
 - 4) Public Lighting. The Engineer stated that a new type of public lighting was now being installed, but that this present work did not make provision for any new lights. The Board noted that it had requested five extra lights and Commissioner O'Connor urged the need for an extra light in the Circular Rd. between the old clinic and the premises of Mr. Jack Moran.
 - 5) With regard to a wall erected by the County Council outside some Labourer's cottages in the Dublin Rd. the Manager explained that vested tenants can appeal to the Minister to have such erected and that in the case under discussion such an appeal had been made and allowed.
 - 6) Litter Boxes. The Engineer stated that most of those procured recently had been erected, some few were still available in store. Commissioner O'Connor complained that in some places, notably outside the Post Office, the litter boxes were erected too far inward on the pathway, with the result that people were inclined to collide with them and the Engineer explained that a special type of kirbing outside the Post Office made it impossible to make any other arrangements.
 - 6) The Manager informed the Board that the wire fence around a plot used as a playground at Newtown Morris had been removed. Members urged that a similiar plot at St. Enda's Ave. be removed altogether. Commissioner O'Connor stated that the grass had been allowed to grow wild in an island at the Dunmore Rd. corner and the Engineer stated that while this island was not in his own area he would arrange with the Engineer -in - charge to have it cut.
- CORRESPONDENCE.
- a) A letter from Mr. Miko Keane, Merchant High St. offering to relinquish a right of way at the rear of the Town Hall, in return for the old furnace shed there was read. The Manager requested that the matter be left over until the position could be examined.
 - b) A letter from Mr. Thomas McDonagh, 57, Gilmartin Rd. requesting a change of house and c) one from Mr. Patrick McDonagh, 54, Athenry Rd. on rent payable by him were also read.
 - d) A letter from a large number of the Board's tenants in Athenry Rd. against the housing of Itinerants in Athenry Road was placed before the Board. The Manager explained it had not been intended to house itinerants or erect houses for them there.

CLASSIFICATION OF DIFFERENTIAL RENT.

Members had been circularised with information on this by the Manager. From the Circular Commissioner Coghlan complained that while rents had been increased in 116 cases there were only 66 decreases. The Manager further explained that the original Differential Rent Scheme adopted by the Board had been drastically amended by the Department which would have led to grave financial losses, but for further changes which the Department had been induced to sanction. Commissioner Coghlan referred to a reduction of £430. in the subsidy as shown in the present Estimates and the clerk stated that this would partly arise from the sale of houses. The Manager stated he would have details of this for the next meeting.

Commissioner Coghlan complained that ^{the} charging of old age pensioners for their houses a sum only equivalent to the rates meant in effect that the Commissioners were supplying free houses, but, collecting the rates on them for the Co. Council.

Commissioner Burke stated he felt that this was a great injustice on small urban areas.

The Manager agreed that Mrs. Davin, St. Enda's Ave. be charged a sum for rates only until such time as her husband was again at work.

TOURIST OFFICE.

The Chairman referred to the doorway of the Tourist Office being crowded with idlers to the detriment of Tourism. He was instructed to interview the Garda Supt. in the matter.

TIDY TOWN COMPETITION.

The Chairman referred to an excavator being deposited on a site at Bishop St. near the pound and it was directed that the Town Steward inquire into the matter. Commissioner Coghlan complained of one being parked outside St. Joseph's Park and to the residents there being wakened in the morning by the starting of this machine. The Engineer promised to have a word with the driver. Commissioner O'Connor referred to House purchase at Newtown Morris and the Clerk explained the position.

Commissioner O'Connor also stated the letter collection box at the Cathedral entrance was much too small and the Clerk was directed to write the Post Office Authorities to have it replaced by a larger one. He was also directed to repeat a request to have a telephone kiosk installed to service the Athenry, Tobberjarlath Rd. area.

REPAIRS TO RAILINGS OF HOUSES OF THE COMMISSIONERS.

It was represented by Commissioner O'Brien that broken railings made many houses unsightly and that this was especially important in view of the Tidy Towns Competition. The Engineer reminded the meeting that this matter had been before several meetings in the past when it had been agreed that essential repairs ^{to houses in this category} to Gilmartin Rd. the last schemes for attention were now in hand.

FAIRS.

The schedule of dates of fairs for 1968 in the Bye Laws were amended as follows in view of existing dates leading to fairs on Saturdays or Sundays.

March 9th Sheep to March 12th
March 10th Cattle: March 11th
March 11th Pigs to March 13th

July 6th Cattle & Sheep to July 8th.

August 24th Sheep to August 23rd.

October 18th Sheep to Octr. 15th.
October 19th Cattle: Octr. 16th.
October 20th Horsesto Octr. 17th.
October 21st. Pigs to Octr. 18th.

December 14th. Cattle & Sheep to December 16th.
December 15th. Pigs to December 17th.

Commissioner Heskin proposed a vote of congratulation to the Tuam Fire Brigade on it's work st the fire at Merchant's Rd. Galway.

This was unanimously adopted.

As the present one was the last meeting prior to the dissolution of the Board the Chairman thanked the Manager, Members and Staff for their attention to duty during the year.

A vote of sympathy to Commissioner Browne on the death of his Mother in Law was unanimously adopted.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners

M J Kelly CHAIRMAN. 25/7/67 DATE.
Lucia H. Brown TOWN CLERK. 25/7/67 DATE

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above local authority at it's annual meeting of July 8th 1967.

The Chairman Commissioner O'Brien took the chair and invited nominations for the chairmanship for the coming year.

Commissioner Miko Kelly was proposed by Commissioner Browne and seconded by Commissioner Joyce and Commissioner O'Brien by Commissioner McCormack and seconded by Commissioner O'Meara.

On a show of hands Commissioner Kelly was elected by five votes to four. Commissioner O'Brien then presented Commissioner Kelly with the chain of office and Commissioner Kelly took the chair.

Nominations for the vice -chairmanship was then invited and Commissioner Browne was proposed by Commissioner Farrell and seconded by Commissioner Joyce and Commissioner O'Brien by Commissioner Stapleton. A show of hands showed the voting five to four in favour of Commissioner Browne who was then declared elected.

Commissioner Kelly proposed by Commissioner Stapleton and seconded by Commissioner O'Brien and Commissioner O'Brien proposed by Commissioner Stapleton and seconded by Commissioner Joyce were unanimously selected to act as the Commissioners delegates to the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland. It was decided that should one of the delegates be unable to act at any time a meeting of the Board should be convened to appoint a substitute and in the event of there being insufficient time to convene such a meeting that the Chairman and vice.Chairman have power to appoint the substitute.

Commissioner Farrell proposed by Commissioner O'Brien and Commissioner O'Brien proposed by Commissioner Stapleton and seconded by Commissioner Browne was unanimously selected as the Board's representative on the Fire Brigades Advisory Committee.

The next meeting of the Board was fixed for 25th July following and the usual monthly meetings for the first Tuesday of each month as heretofore the first such meeting to be held on ~~August~~ September 5th no meeting would be held in August the August meeting being deemed to have been held on July 25th.

Commissioners Kelly, Browne, O'Brien and Farrell thanked the Board.

Commissioner O'Brien stated that a free car-park in the Fairgreen had been requested on the Sunday of the Mayo Leitrim Match the 16th of the month and urged that it should be provided. He was supported by Commissioners Browne, Joyce and McCormack and it was unanimously decided the Clerk get in touch with the Assistant Co. Manager with a view to arranging such provisions.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners.

Ms. G. Kelly CHAIRMAN 25/7/67 DATE
Guaid H. O'Connor TOWN CLERK. 25/7/67 DATE

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its monthly meeting of July 25th 1967.

Attendance

The Chairman, Commissioner Kelly presided. Other members present were Commissioners Browne, Farrell, Glynn, McCormack, Joyce, O'Brien, O'Mara, and Stapleton together with the Asst. Co. Mgr. and Town Engineer.

Minutes.

The minutes of the June monthly meeting, and of the annual meeting of 8/7/67 were read and signed.

Arising out of the minutes -

1) Commissioner O'Brien inquired as to the possibility of obtaining extra Town lights. The Asst. Manager held out little hope of such at the moment but agreed to check on the position. Commissioner Stapleton complained of no light being provided outside the Courthouse and the Chairman of having found the space from the White Star Hotel to the corner of the Weir Road in darkness. The Chairman also stressed the necessity of a Pilot Light at the Cloontooa Rd. corner. Mr. Kennedy Town Engineer stated that the new lighting system being installed would operate all night and suggested that the position as to extra lighting might conveniently be reviewed when this was complete. It was agreed that with the coming of Winter each member should examine his own area and an agreed policy as to any extra lighting required be then arrived at and submitted to the Co. Council in time for the next Co. Estimate.

2) Commissioner Stapleton urged that the rent of Patrick Moggan, 3 Gilmartin Rd., be reduced to the minimum as he had been in hospital for a period and was at present convalescing, (This had been done in the case of Mr Joe Davin); the reduction to have effect from the date of Mr Moggan's hospitalisation.

3) Compensation of Mr Jack Reilly, Cloontooa Rd. Commissioners Stapleton and Farrell introduced this. No compensation was stated to have been made in respect of land acquired by the Commissioners from the Reilly family, in connection with the erection of Gilmartin Rd. Housing Scheme. The Clerk stated that as the acquisition dated from twenty five to thirty years back the facts were extremely difficult to satisfactorily establish. Commissioner Glynn volunteered to interview Mr. Hughes, Mr Reilly's Solicitor.

Correspondence.

(1) Copy of a letter to the Dept. of Local Government and the Department's reply on the anomaly existing in the case of tenants who were old age pensioners, whereby the Commissioners had to collect rates for the Co. Council but obtained no rent, were read. As the reply of the Dept. indicated no remedy it was decided this matter be brought up at the conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities Ireland and that a resolution be submitted for inclusion on the agenda of the conference.

The resolution read -

"that this Association represent to the Minister for Local Government the anomaly existing whereby under current Differential Rent Schemes Town Commissioners, in the case of tenants who are old age pensioners with no income into their households other than ~~the~~ the said pension, have to collect rates for their respective Co. Councils and receive no rent themselves and that he arrange for the elimination of this injustice."

2) Correspondence on the proposed transfer of his lease of 40 Athenry Rd. Tuam by Mr Timothy Joyce to a Mr Thomas Connolly was read and on discussion the following resolution, proposed by Commissioner O'Brien and seconded by Commissioner Stapleton was unanimously adopted.

" that the Tuam Town Commissioners consent to the transfer by Mr Timothy Joyce of his lease of house No. 40 Athenry Rd., Tuam to Mr Thomas Connolly of Tullinadaly Rd., Tuam "

3) Notice as to termination of existing House Purchase Schemes. On discussion it was agreed that copies of a notice informing tenants of the Board that present house purchase schemes would terminate on Sept. 29th, and should be posted to all tenants entitled to purchase under such schemes, providing a summary of the provisions of the existing applicable scheme accompany the notice in each case.

4) Letter from Dept. of Posts & Telegraphs on the letter box at the Cathedral entrance.

This letter which stated that the existing box was adequate to cater for the needs of the area it served and that the Dept. could not accede to the wishes of the Commissioners in providing a larger box was read. The letter also stated that a further communication, in reply to representations of the Commissioners to have a telephone kiosk provided in the Athenry, Tobberjarlath Rd. area, would be issued. The Chairman explained that from his personal knowledge the box could really be deemed to be adequate and Commissioner Browne stated that in view of the further communication on the matter of the kiosk, he would withdraw his notice of motion on the matter and tabled for the present meeting.

On representations of the Chairman it was agreed on the proposal of Commissioner O'Brien, seconded by Commissioner Stapleton

" that the Commissioners represent to the Dept. of Posts & Telegraphs the necessity of renovating the exterior of Tuam Post Office, and in particular the removal of bars from the front windows and the provision of an illuminated sign."

5) A letter from the Co. Council seeking authority for their officers to enter on the property of the Commissioners for the purpose of checking water mains and connections was placed before the Board. It was agreed that such permission be given, but that the necessity of courtesy and entry at reasonable hours by such officials be stressed.

6) The Clerk stated that the Board's rent collectors had received no increase in remuneration when the last round of National increases were granted, and read a letter from the Dept. to the effect - that a resolution by the Board approving of an increase of from £1.4.8 to £1.6.10 in fixed payment per house would be necessary, for such a proposed increase to be sanctioned. On discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Stapleton, seconded by Commissioner O'Meara and agreed that

" the Tuam Town Commissioners recommend that the fixed part of the remuneration of rent collectors be increased from £1.4.8 to ~~£1.6.10~~ £1.6.10 per house with effect from 1 June 1966 "

7) The Clerk read a communication from the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland requesting an increase of From £4.4.0 to £5.0.0 in the Board's annual subscription.

It was proposed by Commissioner O'Brien, seconded by Commissioner Joyce and agreed -

" that the Tuam Town Commissioners increase their annual subscription to the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland to £5.0.0. per annum.

8) A letter from the Co. Council on the cost of changing E.S.B. poles outside the premises of Mr Frank Hession High St. and Mr Jack Stockwell, Waterslade was discussed. The cost it was stated would probably exceed £400. The Engineer stated that £400 was a tentative figure and that a final figure which might not be so high would later be given. It was agreed to adjourn discussion till the ~~later~~ latter would be available.

Advertising of Fairs.

The Clerk stated it had been the custom in the past to advertise monthly the fairs in the Herald and it was agreed to continue doing so.

Allocation of parts of Market Place.

An allocation arrived at by the last Board and approved by the local Gardai Authorities was discussed and on the proposal of Commissioner Stapleton and seconded by Commissioner Kelly were adopted.

Development Plan for Tuam.

The Asst. Manager briefly outlined the main points in the plan, and as only one copy was available which was much too elaborate to read it was agreed members should call to the Clerk's office and further familiarise themselves with it. It could then be further discussed at a later stage.

Notice of Motion Commissioner Kelly.

a) That a report on the position as to repairs to houses be rendered.

The Engineer stated that some ~~xxxx~~ years ago it was decided that instead of piece meal repairs, a plan was adopted whereby groups of houses would be repaired out of hand ~~and~~ and continued until all the Board's houses would be covered. At the moment to complete the plan, only about half of Gilmartin Rd. remained for overhaul. It was hoped to complete this in the present financial year. Commissioner Kelly referred to a case in Athenry Rd. where eavesgutters were loose and in danger of falling, and the Engineer explained that apart from the implementation of the repair plan, care of leaks and loose ~~xxxx~~ slates etc. together with repairs for intending purchasers would get a priority, and requested the name of the house referred to. Commissioner Kelly also instanced two houses in Gilmartin Rd. with defective doors. It was noted that Toghermore Rehabilitation Centre would not in future be able to supply the Board's requirements in new doors. Commissioner Browne stated that since the repair plan got under way complaints had greatly ~~increased~~ decreased.

b) That the Commissioners do all possible to expedite the construction of the Tuam Swimming Pool.

Mr Kelly in moving his motion referred to the length of time this had been delayed and Commissioner McCormack recommended that the Co. Council be urged to submit to the Dept. immediately, a tender

Notice of Motion Commissioner Browne on the provision of a toilet at the car park, Bishop St.. Commissioner Browne moved his motion and stated the increase in Tourism, the parking of additional buses and the proposed new swimming pool and new Bye Laws would indicate the necessity for a public toilet at Bishop St. car park and on discussion it was unanimously decided to recommend its provision, the motion -

"that the Tuam Town Commissioners recommend to the Galway Co. Council the provision of a toilet at the car park Bishop St." being proposed by Commissioner Browne and seconded by Commissioner Stapleton.

c) That the adoption of standing orders be considered.

Commissioner Browne agreed to withdraw this for three months on it being represented to him that consideration of such now would be too early in the life of the new Board. Members were to consider the matter in the meantime and the Clerk to gather details of standing orders, if any, in force with other Local Authorities.

House Purchase.

Commissioner Stapleton referred to having House Purchase Schemes for Newtown Morris and St. Enda's Ave., terraces and the Clerk explained that such had not been brought in in the past, because it was considered they would be too expensive on the ~~xxxx~~ tenant.

Town Planning.

Commissioner Glynn stated he wished to protest most strongly against the action of the Planning Authorities in allowing the erection, in an area suitable and being used for the provision of modern bungalows, of a structure of the dimensions of a hen house. This was erected by the Artificial Insemination Authority as an office. Other members associated themselves with the protest and the Clerk was directed to contact the Planning Authority on the following morning on the matter.

Commissioner O'Brien proposed a vote of sympathy to the relatives of ~~the~~ late Commissioner Loftus. This was seconded by ~~xxxxi~~ Commissioner Joyce and a minutes silence observed; it was arranged that members should form a body guard at the funeral.

A vote of sympathy proposed by Commissioner Browne and seconded by Commissioner McCormack to the Mooney family on the death of a son was also unanimously adopted.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed *Ms Kelly* Date 5/9/67
Signed *J. O'Meara* Date 5/9/67

for sanction. The Asst. Manager stated the Dept. had sanctioned the expenditure of from £25,000 to £30,000 and that the Council's Engineer had been requested to prepare plans. Members desired to write the Engineer directly requesting urgency, but agreed to leave this to the Assistant Manager who undertook to do all possible to expedite the work.

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at it's monthly meeting of Tuesday September 5th. 1967.

ATTENDANCE.

The Chairman Commissioner Kelly presided. Others present were Commissioners Farrell, Joyce, McCormack, Stapleton, O'Meara, Browne, Glynn and O'Brien.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Arising out of the minutes.

1. Commissioner Stapleton inquired as to the rent being charged to Patrick Moggan, Gilmartin Road. The Clerk stated that an investigation form had been sent to Mr. Moggan and on return his rent would be adjusted with effect to the date of his hospitalisation.

2. Commissioner Glynn stated in connection with the application of Mr. O'Reilly for compensation for land, that when he called to Mr. O'Reilly's Solicitor, the file on the case was not available and that as later he had been on holidays and so far did not get an opportunity of going into the case.

3. Telephone Kiosk. Athenry - Tobberjarlath Roads.

The Clerk stated the Post Office Authorities had agreed to provide this.

4. Toilet in Car Park Bishop St.

The Assistant Manager stated there was provision in the plans for a sewerage pool in the Place for a toilet which would be convenient to the Car Park. Commissioner Browne expressed dissatisfaction with this, maintaining strongly that a separate toilet in the Car Park was necessary for tourists and parties passing through the town and commented on a toilet in the Fair Green not having been provided. On discussion the Clerk was directed to further write the Co. Council as to having toilets in both places.

5. Traffic Bye-Laws.

Commissioner O'Brien referred to the desirability of having an interview with the Garda Supt. prior to traffic Bye-Laws being brought into force by the Garda. The Town Clerk was directed to send copies of the appropriation of grants of the Market Place to the Garda and the Town Steward to direct vendors the appropriate places for their stands.

6. Palace development map.

Commissioner Kelly referred to having this displayed outside the Town Hall. The Assistant Manager stated that a new plan was being purchased and would be made available for this purpose. *referred*

7. Commissioner Kelly referred to the possibility of using the old cemetery as a car park if it was levelled off. The Engineer stated he had submitted certain proposals to the Co. Council in the matter and that the Council would consider any proposals the Commissioners care to make.

8. The Assistant Manager reminded the meeting that the general development for the Town would be in force in a month, but that the Council would probably consider any objections of the Board if submitted at once.

9. Commissioner Kelly urged having the front of the Town Hall cleaned up, more especially as a tourist office was now housed in the Hall and in view of the present entrance to this Office being rather untidy in appearance having a new entrance made where one of the windows existed. He stated that Mr. Lally of the Tourist Board would be in Tuam on the following week for the festival of Tuam and it could be ascertained from him if the Tourist Board would contribute. The Engineer stated

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10. The Clerk stated that he had no reply from the Post Office Authorities on the renovation of the outside of the Post Office. He was directed to follow up the matter with them.

11. It was decided that signs be erected indicating the whereabouts of toilets. The Manager agreed.

12. Office of artificial Insemination Authority, at Bishop St. Tuam. The Clerk was directed to request from the Planning Authority a copy of the advertisement proposing to erect this Office.

Commissioner Browne urged that the Assistant Manager interview the Planning Authority and inform them that the Tuam Townspeople objected to the structure.

The Assistant Manager informed the meeting that the Commissioners were not entitled to see plans sent to the Planning Authority.

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Commissioner Browne referred to the provision of ranges for tenants and the Assistant Manager stated that for lack of funds ranges could not be provided - the only alternative tenants had was open fire places, which would be provided.

Correspondence.

The report of the Tidy Towns Competition was read by the Clerk. This was discussed and found relatively satisfactory, there being a gain of six marks on last year.

Commissioner O'Meara noted a plot of land the property of the Presentation Convent near St. Joseph's Park which was heavily overgrown. Comment was also made on the state of a derelict site opposite the White Star Hotel which had become a dump and Commissioner Farrell adverted to the fact that the sewerage in Ballygaddy Road was not extended as far as the house of Mr. Canavan the Veterinary Surgeon and that the houses of Messrs. Heskin and O'Sullivan were not connected with it. The Clerk was directed to notify the County Medical Officer of the latter three cases.

Commissioner Kelly adverted to townsmen not being employed on work on a footpath at Church View and requested that a litter box be placed outside the shop of Mrs. Ryan, Ballygaddy Road. The Engineer agreed to the request and in connection with the employment of men at Church View stated regular Co. Council workers were employed, as this was not a relief scheme. Commissioner Stapleton referred to the Postal Authorities laying underground cables at Vicar Street leaving the road way in a dangerous condition afterwards.

A letter from Mr. Al O'Dea, Gilmartin Road was read, Mr. O'Dea who proposed to purchase his house was allocated on the map accompanying the lease a section of ground at the rear of the house less in extent than that set out for the house in the original plans of Gilmartin Road. The remainder of the plot had a shed erected on it by the adjoining tenant. The Engineer urged that the section of land allocated to him in the lease plan, was all Mr. O'Dea had since he became tenant, that he was hardly entitled to more, and that any action now against the adjoining tenant might become a precedent. The matter was discussed and left over to the next meeting, when it was hoped a solution would have emerged. The Chairman in the meantime was to see Mr. O'Dea.

Letters from:-

1. Mrs Christina Douglas, seeking a range and repairs to her toilet.
2. From Mr. Josep Davin seeking repairs to his chimney

Were read.

Provision of Playing Fields in Tuam.

In introducing this motion the Chairman stated that several tenants in St. Enda's Avenue had approached him to have seats swings etc. provided in a plot the Commissioners had at the rear of the avenue and that in view of a recent fatal accident to a child in Dublin Road the Co. Council be urged immediately to transform a portion of the grounds of the Children's Home into a playing field. The Clerk was directed to write the Co. Council on each site immediately.

Refuse Collection.

Commissioner Kelly stated he deplored the public placing non domestic refuse in refuse bins and that placing stones in a bin had recently led to a worker injuring himself.

In reply to a question as to whether a covered in collection could be provided the Engineer stated he could not say if the Co. Council would supply such.

Cleaning of the Nanny River at Shop Street and Egan's Lane Tuam.

Commissioner O'Meara stated the banks of the river had grown wild at Shop St. (a main street of the town) and that one arch of the bridge at Egan's lane had become blocked and the stream here a dumping ground.

Commissioner Browne stated in the Palace the river had again become stagnant as well as at the Curragh. The Clerk was directed to write the Board of Works, 51, St Stephen's Green Dublin.

Letting of Houses.

The Assistant Manager gave particulars of applicants on the housing list in connection with the filling of houses No. 22, Gilmartin Road. Commissioner Browne made representations on behalf of Mr. Canavan, O'Malley's flats, for a house in St. Joseph's Park. He was, however, far down on the list. It was agreed the County Medical Officer be requested to re-investigate his case.

Commissioner O'Brien referred to an old derelict building in Galway Rd. opposite St Mary's Cathedral the property of Mr. Kitt, T. D. Mr. Kitt could not use his property for any purpose because of the plan for Tuam and area and could get no direction from the Co. Council.

The Chairman urged that a tape recorder be provided for the use of the Secretary at meetings, because of the often heavy volume of minutes to record.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners:-

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