

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at it's Special Meeting of Wednesday September 20th. 1967.

In the absence of the Chairman, Commissioner Browne presided. Other members present were Commissioners Glynn, Farrell, O'Meara, Stapleton, McCormack and Joyce together with R. Lee Co. Council Planning Officer, Mr. Browne of the Co. Council Planning Staff and Mr. E. Kennedy Town Engineer.

Several members present expressed the opinion that a Public Meeting should be convened, but, as the last date for receiving representations was the 23rd. inst., this was found to be impossible, unless an extension in the time for the reception of such representations was granted.

The presiding Chairman then called on Mr. Lee to outline the plan.

Mr. Lee in his address gave details and stressed that an object of the plan was to impose compactness on the town, eliminating as far as possible ribbon development of approach roads. Factors in the plan making for this were the restriction of housing outside the town boundary to one house per 150 ft. of road frontage and the non extension of water and sewerage facilities beyond the boundary. The space reserved for site development for private housing comprised land in the Deanery area as indicated on Map 2/2. On this area sldo provisions were being made for extensions of school buildings by Educational Establishments. As over the past five years the average numbers of private houses erected in Tuam had been from 6 to 8, the Planning Officer felt that assuming a somewhat similar number in the future, the area in question would be adequate for both purposes.

The site of the old Children's Home was being allocated for Local Authority Housing and it was proposed to ~~reserve~~ the Palace Ground for a town Park recreational centre.

Mr. Lee also adverted to a proposed main traffic route along the North West side of the town and to the provision of two car parks. He informed the meeting that in the County Plan Tuam was envisaged as an Industrial centre for North Galway.

The meeting was then thrown open to question and answer.

The Chairman and Commissioner Joyce queried the non use of part of the Palace grounds for housing. Two reasons negavited this possibility.

- 1) The reservation of these grounds for a town park.
- 2) The overloading of sewers which would be involved.

The Presiding Chairman adverted to the non utilisation of racecourse in the Plan and the Planning Officer agreed that no plans had been made in regard to this land, but, stated that the plan, while it had to be reviewed at the end of five years, would also be reviewed at any time before the expiration of this period. Commissioner Glynn and Stapleton urged the use of part of the racecourse for private housing and the Chairman in response to the Planning Officer adverting to the expectation that the forecast demand of 6 to 8 houses per year could be met in the Deanery grounds, stressed that he fact that only 6 to 8 houses had been erected on average each year over the past five years was no indication of the real demand as had sites been available the number would have been much greater.

At this stage it was proposed by Commissioner Stapleton, seconded by Commissioner O'Meara and unanimously resolved :-

"That the County Council be requested the period during which representations on the Draft Development Plan for Tuam Town would be received by two weeks"

The Town Engineer, Mr. Kennedy in response to a request from Commissioner Glynn expressed general approval of the Plan as drafted.

Commissioner Glynn who felt that long delay might be involved in deciding what portion of the Deanery lands should be reserved for schools and that when such needs were satisfied insufficient land might remain over for private houses proposed:-

"That in addition to the area reserved in the Draft Development Plan for Tuam Town, for private housing a further alternative area be also allocated for this purpose"

This was seconded by Commissioner Browne and resolved unanimously.

In response to questions Mr. Lee indicated that Development costs might amount to £500. per site of which the State would supply £150.

Commissioner Farrell proposed that in so far as the Local Convents might be dispossed of land they should be given alternative accomodation but agreed to withdraw his motion on representation by the presiding Chairman.

The possibility of speculation in sites was discussed and Commissioner Glynn proposed:-

" That the County Council take all possible steps to prevent speculation in sites for private housing provided under the Draft Development Plan for Tuam Town"

This was seconded by Commissioner Stapleton and unanimously resolved upon.

It was also directed that submissions be made to the County Council to have the sewerage system in the Ballygaddy Road area extended to the Town Boundary.

The presiding Chairman then proposed a vote of thanks to the two Officers of the Planning Authority present. This was seconded by Commissioner Stapleton and the meeting concluded.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners.

W. Kelly CHAIRMAN

3 / x / 67 DATE.

J. M. O'Connell TOWN CLERK.

3 / x / 67 DATE.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at it's Monthly Meeting of October 4rd. 1967.

ATTENDANCE.

The Chairman Commissioner Kelly presided. Other members present were Commissioners Browne, O'Meara, Glynn, Farrell, McCormack and Stapleton; together with the Assistant Co. Manager and Town Engineer.

The Minutes of the last monthly meeting and of the Special Meeting of September 20th 1967 were read and signed.

Arising out of the minutes:-

a) The Clerk stated that particulars of the income and dependants of Mr. Patrick Moggan, Gilmartin Road, justified a rent of 10/- plus rates, but in view of his illness and the desire of the Board the Manager struct a rate of 5/- plus rates.

b) Traffic Bye-Laws Commissioner Browne proposed and Commissioner McCormack seconded and it was unanimously resolved:-
"That a special meeting be convened to discuss with the Garda Superintendent Traffic Bye-Laws for the Town."

c) It was proposed by Commissioner McCormack and seconded by Commissioner Stapleton and agreed "that the full plot of ground attached to the house of Mr. Al O'Dea, Gilmartin Road, as shown on the original map of Gilmartin Rd. be included in the lease of the said house viz No. Gilmartin Rd. to Mr. O'Dea. It was further proposed by Commissioner Browne seconded by Commissioner Farrell and agreed "That steps be taken to compel an adjoining tenant to demolish a shed built on part of the plot attached to Mr. O'Dea's House and to surrender back the portion of the plot so built on so as to restore Mr. O'Dea's plot to it's entirety.

REPAIR OF RANGES.

The Chairman stated he was in touch with a man who had offered to make parts of ranges and instal them in existing ranges at 7 to 8s. each where existing ranges were worn or defective. It was agreed that the Chairman would instruct him to report to the Engineer who would arrange for one such installation to be tesed out over a period of six months.

TOILETS.

Commissioner Browne referred to the provision of toilets and the Asst. Co. Manager stated that if a toilet were provided in the Fairgreen there would be two toilets in the town which would then be fairly adequately served. He agreed to press for a toilet in the Fairgreen and Commissioner Browne agreed to leave the question of a toilet at the Bishop St. Car Park in abeyance for the time being.

COMPENSATION FOR MR. REILLY FOR LAND AT GILMARTIN ROAD.

Commissioner Glynn stated it was invirable Legal practice to hand over Deeds of property on receipt of compensation and while £1100. had been paid to the Commissioner's Solicitor in respect of land acquisition in the area no deeds had been received indicating that Mr. Reilly had not been paid. The Asst. Manager stated that after a lapse of such a long period nothing was certain and that the round figure suggested an arbitrator's award for all lands acquired for the scheme. It was agreed to leave the matter over to the next meeting in case the Town Steward might locate any further documents bearing on the matter.

PLAY GROUNDS.

The Assistant Manager stated that in the general plan for Tuam the demolition of the Children's home was envisaged; the material resulting therefrom to be used in the construction of two car parks and the site to be used partly for Local Government Housing and partly as an open park. The Department had approved the provision of the houses and the County Council had commissioned an Architect to prepare a lay out plan.

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The provision of a play ground ~~to~~ be included. The housing site would hold about 8 houses. Commissioner Browne referred to the extreme difficulty private individuals have in obtaining housing sites and Commissioner Kelly that the very heavy deposits required and the fact that Insurance Companies and Building Societies will only consider those in secure positions prevented at least twenty young people in the Town from building. He further referred to a recent advertisement by Mr. Dempsey of a site in Galway Road. The Asst. Manager informed the Board that loans and grants would cover up to 95% of the cost of Building with a maximum of £2500. Commissioner Kelly read a letter from the National Building Agency outlining the conditions under which the Agency would be prepared to provide houses locally and requested that the housing list be available for the next meeting. Commissioner Browne advocated having Officials of the County Council make a survey of the Town for private housing sites

A letter from the County Manager in which he stated that an extension of the time for receiving representations on the Draft Plan for Tuam was not practical was read.

Commissioner Stapleton referred to the letting of a house in the Palace and the Manager informed the meeting that it was let to a Mr. Clarke in accordance with the recommendation of the County Medical Officer. Commissioner Browne expressed great disappointment that a recommendation of the Board to let this house to a Mr. Canavan was not given effect to. Commissioner Stapleton referred to a resolution of the previous Board to transfer Mr. Philip Larkin from Gilmartin Road to St. Enda's Avenue or Newtown Morris when a vacancy should arise in either of these two latter schemes. Commissioner Browne adverted to the powers of the Board to requisition the Manager in the case of lettings. Finally it was proposed by Commissioner Browne "that in future no house be let until the proposed letting be brought up at a meeting" This was agreed to by the manager.

A request from the County Council for authority from the Commissioners to have certain nominated officers have the right to enter on the Commissioners property for purposes involving the maintenance of water supplies was agreed to,

A Vote of congratulation to Commissioner O'Brien on his conduct of the Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland proposed by Commissioner Kelly and seconded by Commissioner Browne was adopted.

A letter from the tenants of Newtown Morris requesting certain improvements was read and it was proposed by Commissioner Kelly seconded by Commissioner Browne and resolved "That the County Council be requested to declare the road way at Newtown Morris a Public Road.

Commissioner Stapleton complained of the edging of the road way from the Duhmore Road ~~ornament~~ to Newtown Morris not being regularly maintained and Commissioner Browne of the pathway from the Curragh Bridge to the Mill Bridge having deteriorated. The Engineer stated he had part of the area scheduled for this year. It was directed that the Assistant Co. Engineer Milltown be requested to attend to the remainder.

It was decided to request the E.S.B. to remove from E.S.B. poles old posters advertising a Carnival at Milltown.

URBANISATION.

Commissioner Kelly introduced a motion to make Tuam an Urban Area. The Asst. Manager outlined points from a report on this matter by the preceding Manager and promised to prepare a further report in the ensuing two to three months.

The Engineer agreed to examine the road way outside the factory of Mr. Joyce Galway Road to ascertain if flooding there could be relieved. He also stated it would be feasible to re-erect a seat removed from the Car Park at Bishop Street at a different site in the Park

Commissioner O'Meara referred to the stench from Slaughter house at Egan(s) Lane.

The Clerk was directed to appeal to C.I.E. to provide a shelter at the Railway Station for parties awaiting buses.

Commissioner O'Meara also referred to danger at St. Joseph's Park from trees growing there being knocked by storms and Commissioner Kelly to having a speed limit imposed over the Road Way through this Park. Commissioner Kelly also referred to a corner of the Park being used as a loading bank. It was agreed to write the Gardai on both matters.

On the proposal of Commissioner Kelly seconded by Commissioner Browne it was agreed to write the local T.D.s. Messrs. John Donnellan and Michael Kitt to have Tuam included in those towns to which Government-- Departments would be moved in the proposed decentralisation process.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners

Yahiel Browne Vice 7/11/67 DATE
CHAIRMAN
S. J. O'Leary TOWN CLERK 7/11/67 DATE.

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

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minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its Monthly Meeting of Tuesday October 24th 1967.

TENDANCE. The Chairman Commissioner Kelly presided. Other members present were Commissioners BROWNE, FARRELL, MCORMACK, O'HEARA

STAPLETON JOYCE and O'BRIEN together with

(The Subintendant Jordai Siothchana and Town Engineer

A list of proposals for traffic regulations in Tuam compiled at earlier date was discussed and amended, the final proposals arrived at being as follows:-

1) The Square area

- a) That it be recommended to the Board of Works that the the Town Cross be moved some three or four yards to a more central position.
- b) That the parking of vehicles in the Square, other than at the following sites be prohibited,
 1. The space between the Town Hall doors on the Town Hall side.
 2. The space from the Imperial Hotel to Mr. Browne's shop on the Imperial Hotel side.
 3. The space from Messrs. Butler's shop to Mr. Garvey's archway on the third side.
- c) That a pedestrian crossing be established from Messrs. McCormack's corner to Mr. Byrne's shop.

2) High Street - Galway Road area.

That a pedestrian crossing from the Town Hall corner to Messrs. Fahy's corner be established. That single line parking only be allowed from Mr. Monaghan's corner to St. Mary's gate and that such be on the graveyard side and that alternative parking from the Town Hall to Messrs. Martin S. Walsh's shop be allowed.

3) The Mall.

- a) that there be no parking from the corner of M. S. Walsh's to Mr. Dan Gannon's house, the Mall.
- b) That there be single line parking only from Vicar St. corner to the Mall Cinema, the exact limits of this stretch being defined by two existing poles there and parking to be on the Cinema side.
- c) That there be single line parking from Mr. Goggin's House to the back entrance of St Mary's Cathedral.

4) Vicar Street.

- a) That no parking be allowed for thirty feet from the Circular Road corner in the Railway Station direction on both sides. That double parking be permitted from the Mall corner to the Railway Station.
- b) That no parking be allowed from the Circular Road to the Town Hall Archway.

5) CIRCULAR ROAD.

- a) That this be a one way traffic route running in the direction from Dublin Road to Vicar Street.
- b) That single parking only be permitted and on the side of the Post Office and Mr. McCoy's house.

6) Dublin Road.

- a) That only single line parking be permitted from 15 feet from Messrs. McCormack's corner to the pol; outside the National Bank and from Messrs. Burke's shop to 30 feet from the junction of Circular Rd. and from 30 ft. from the opposite side of this junction to opposite Mr. Long's house.
- b) That a pedestrian crossing be made from St. John's to Mr. McGrath's shop.

7) Bishop Street.

- a) That there be alternative parking from Mr. Browne's shop to Mr. Commin's shop.
- b) That there be single parking from a point outside Mr. Quibben's store to a point outside Mr. Brett's house.
- c) That no parking be permitted from Mr. Brett's house to a point outside Mr. Brendan Burke's house.
- d) That there be single parking from Mr. Burke's house onwards.
- e) That where single parking is permitted on this street that it be on the side opposite the Cathedral.
- f) That a pedestrian crossing be made from Mr. Browne's shop to Mr. Mullaney's shop.

8) Shop Street.

- a) That a pedestrian crossing in this street be made from the Post office pillar box to Messrs. Heskins.
- b) That there be single parking from the pedestrian crossing to the join of the shops of Messrs. McNamara and Mulryan.
- c) That no parking be permitted from the join of the shops of Messrs. McNamara and Mulryan to Mrs. Hayes shop.

This concluded the business of the meeting

Signed on behalf of the Team Town Commisariat

Gabriel Browne Vice Chairman

800 James 7/11/67 Town clerk
 7/11/67

① Town Town Commission

Minutes of proceedings of above
Local Authority at its Estimates
Meeting of Jan 25th, 1968.

Attendance

The Chairman, Commissioner Kelly
presided. Other members present were
Commissioners Browne, O'Meara, Farrell,
McCormack, Stahilton, O'Brien & Joyce &
~~Kelly~~ together with the Assistant
Co. Manager & Town Engineer.

The Assistant Co. Manager introduced the
Estimates for the 1968/1969 financial year
& referred to the main items appearing
thereon, in forming the meeting that an
additional amount of £450 would be
required for the shelter & weigh house
in the fangreen which it had been
decided to provide & that it was
proposed to charge £225 of this in the
estimate under review & £225 in the
following years estimate.

It was agreed ^{then} to examine
the items in detail ~~then~~
in connection with loan charges
the Manager & Clerk explained

That the sales of houses would only reduce this item in so far as the proceeds of such sales could be used towards the redemption of the loans outstanding; that only sales for buck sums ~~would~~ could be effective in this regard; and, of the latter only such sums as remained over on paying legal costs on anniversary sales. With regard to repairs the Engineer stated that in the plan for repairs over a number of years, some fifteen ~~at~~ houses in Gilmartin Rd remained to be repaired & that sales of houses above bid money in so far as special repairs to houses being sold had to be executed. The amount for house insurance had also increased due to an increase in cover obtained

Commissioner Brown quoted a figure of £3600 for rates on houses in view of the number of sales

But collector's commission on view of the
lower fig for rates to be collected
was discussed and a figure of
£25 for meal stall repairs was
substantiated by the figures for
external painting which it was
proposed to engage in at the
end of the present & commencement
of the next financial year. An increase
in Langueen repairs ^{to £150} was substantiated
as necessary to cover the cost
of cleaning consequent on the transfer of
all fans to the Green. The clerk
detailed how the figure for rent
income was arrived at. In connection
with a rental of £80 from the library
room in the Town Hall, as members
complained this was small the
club manager stated he would
see if it could be increased.
On re-examining the items
it was agreed with the club
manager that the sum of £2500 for house
repairs be reduced by £250

b) that £3,600 allowed for
hourly wages be reduced to 3450

or £/150

c) that £/570 for Collectors Commission

be reduced to £/550 a reduction of
£/20

d) that £/237 allowed for rates
on Collectors Customs be reduced by
20 to £/217

e) that the estimated income from
Bank Interest be increased from
£/156 to £/200

The net effect of those amendments
reduced the amount to be
demanded ~~£~~ from the
Council by £/484

The original amount estimated as to
be demanded was £/3412 & increased
this by £/225 the present year's
charge for the workhouse &
shelter in the Langreen & deacons
at £/484 gave an annual
demand of £/3153 which with
a somewhat increased valuation of the Tower

was estimated by the Assistant
Manager as giving rise to the
same rate in fact as in the
preceding year

The Estimates as thus amended
were on the proposal of
Commissioner O'Brien forwarded to
Commissioner Brown unanimously
adopted

New House Purchase Scheme

A copy of a New House Purchase
Scheme was placed before the
meeting. The Assistant Manager
explained the terms & provisions of this

The sharp increase in the value of
the houses for the purpose of the
scheme was complained of by
members & it was felt that under
the this scheme no or very few houses

25/1/68
Mr. Lawrence
James

was intended to be
would be purchased

It was agreed to defer
consideration of the scheme to
a further meeting

This concluded the
business of the meeting

Business finished
The meeting

copy of a report
has been
meeting
addressed the
the
scheme was
it was
the

22/1/68
Brown, Omasa, James, McLennan

Stahlion, O'Brien, Joyce, Kelly
(Flynn missing)

Man we have 225 to add (fourteen sheets)
450 uph & 225 on each
of two years

Man went through them, then
Manama outlined main changes to Kelly + Brown.

Loan repayments some with
bulk sales used to pay
solvent & do not reduce
Capdab. abstract + 98
when loans repay
given meeting

Repairs same as always
pressure to repairs

Big Mill 15 hours in set Rd
to repairs as much as
scheme about money
about £2000 of £2500 wages.

Inc in insurance - increase in
lover.

Rate would 3600 used
with sale of house

(...)

Coll. comm. debated because of
non call of rates.
but man me in 7/10/1911

Because we pleaded for yearly
Audit

✓ Hall cleaning brown's tanking
of her cord, decided to
leave as it is.

clock gaga. my hand has
healer.

what street by end market
stand for 25 ↓ start of street
1.25 to paint

Rate on Tolls reduction in
January this year. (Bureau)

7.9 Mthar inc to 150
to clean up after market
of fairs on 7.9 Col.
did it for streets previously

Enkland way not meant
was got.

Inc T Haer Brown 80 small
from library (in dooney
may set something in a way)

Check each how tall, & customs
collected.

Tolls from Mart Comodohunor
got etc.

Have history of Mart tolls
written for Mart meeting.

Who Kelly invest 1000 ^(Bank Mt)
in Puse bonds
2nd Browne.

Browne spec or 6/18.

Have rat of Int Bank
fixed to 100 for loan Browne.

Back on list ^{Houman} argued to reduce
because of sales
debated long internal
up and

Now OB seed Brown
Red 1/2500 by 250
areed

Now O'Brien

2nd Browne

Adopt as amended

New Housing
Purchase Scheme

Minister elaborated on
terms of the scheme

State payees req for £850

know we have to
adopt it or can we
amend

Minister proposed
under Housing Act 1966

What can we reduce
value of each house

Minister little use in
reducing if we do not
get sanction.

Bd was much against
value of houses

Minister asked Bd to delay
acceptance of scheme

Vote passed for A

Vote taken for B

Vote on motion

Rates on houses.

Rates taken for next year 3084

Rates hand this y

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Brown O'neala McLomark James
Hobbs Glen W.

Brown O'neale McLomark James
Jaye Kelly man Eng (all include O'Brien)
Paul Brown about man 2nd Jaye

McLomark Swimming Pool

Manager Jaden selected to
start to Dept.

Brown ask TD to hire ^{other} pool
(McLomark get 1 club with Dept)

Under the watch 2nd McLomark
agreed

chain agreed that 1 comes how
information re McLomark
the four outside parties (swimming pool on one
question)



Brown Toilet Wipkinds & Steelin
man Steelin Zoo Waghams £150

now we could we start
this earlier. & could we
get a loan or reduce, having affairs

Brown used go ahead. at
early stage. That also used.

man spread it over
next two years

I had £225 in hit

I 225 into next yr.

Brown start at once
2nd parcel I used
start at once

Kelly Milltown Bushin St
to Town Eng. Eng Pt T lugy
now cables I return it.

Eng I will mention it to
cchh. Council Eng.

man now down TH I cleaning
stonework door/300 cleaning
£450 I do not recommend
now

Kelly double glass door entry
out through. Eng might in an
emergency (Kelly I now suggest it
Theater I used to shift it
from TH)

O'Dea = better than O'Dea read by
Chair offered to my
argues. by Kelly
letter to Solicitor read

(3)

think we notified word to remove shed.
by 08/12/68. main debate

stop approach word again.

help with the better work
of Satchwell's stop closing down
- a stop rec. - that other
people could do what they
liked.

leave O'Dea open till March
on old scheme if we

Chau to Man

When will clinic open
man I will find out for you

Housing list

gone through I summed when man
with data information as possible
by T. C.

Bog Rd near Tiber's Nuclei - Chain

Catavans may be forthcoming
but can anything be done

with the road. man Prof-only

they might be Bog Rd or SESO
Eng to inquire - also at St. Paul's
catavans & div road

Stop Cumbering site man chairman Prof
by tenderness bogged this down.

Prove it was not best of best
C.C. involved - main aspect
long discussion.

Glynn used to make
small bank site at
the two areas situated
now are at.

Man only approved sketch
ask by his company site

Known adjacent man
to inform when of Council
ideas

Housing list

Suggested Councils no 17 & 18 be moved up
suggested

Stah part 14 be moved to no 4
Known Courtman agreed to suit
no house will discussed
at a meeting

Ad opted to its priorities
with itinerant have to be
left to C.C. to handle.

Larnell

write again re sit of
road to boundary Bgady Rd
2nd in Station
fourth application.

5

Stah Ballinacorney Sewage.
a one of water coming

After 10 scheme fans well
advanced.

James Kehun & O'Sullivan

not connected with sewage

but direct to river

Rept. letter to Council

Date of mt meeting

Chair ¹⁷ 1/1/68 - at 8.30h.m
Tuesday
wednesday

Work re light - surroundings

Develop site church view - (coronary)
big notice served
I understand.

McKassaki

wrote G.D. & writ of ~~stet~~

shell at Bishop to

facilitate people to willing

to D James Team for scheduled
services

6
E. W. Oakes letter read
Chair he has written small
ends in Tuam.

Chair playground with Rd
man sorry till he has a date

Kelly write W.C. for a title at
Home for playground

2nd known
among them are having a house
land them to them
for named lot.

Vote such. Kelly 2nd Joyce

to Holian family
write me Holian
St Joseph's Park

Pro Mc. 2nd Stok death
John Potts Moran brother
in law of Luke O'Brien

Parcel with. Vote such to
Gunnar James B Saddy Rd
2nd Kelly

such C B S dead Mr Ryan
Mr O'Meara 2nd James

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its Monthly meeting of November 7th 1967.

ATTENDANCE

Commissioner Browne in the absence of the Chairman Presided. Other members present were Commissioners O'Meara, Farrell, McCormack, Joyce Stapleton and O'Brien together with the Assistant County Manager and Town Engineer.

The Minutes of the last monthly meeting and of the special meeting of 24/10/67 were read and signed.

Arising out of the minutes

- a) The Clerk was directed to again write the Stationmaster pressing for a shelter at the railway Station bus stop and Commissioner Joyce agreed to leave over a proposal of his for a similar shelter at the Bishop St. Car Park.
- b) COMPENSATION TO MR. REILLY.
This was again adverted to. It was agreed that a trace be made for the relative Compulsory Purchase Order.
- c) FLOODING OPPOSITE THE FACTORY OF MR. Tim Joyce.
The Engineer stated he noticed very little flooding here, *but would look into the matter*
- d) The Manager stated the Housing List would be available for the next meeting and as it would be revised and up to date to have consideration of it on the Agenda for the next meeting.
- e) The Manager stated in regard to the house of Al O'Dea Gilmartin Road, it would be proper to sell the house and grounds as such existed when Mr. O'Dea became tenant, as it was very doubtful if the full original area could be recovered in court. It was agreed to leave the matter over to the next meeting.
- f) Commissioner McCormack referred to the offer made to the Commissioners to have new ovens installed in tenants ranges and the Engineer stated the individual making the offer had increased his price from £7 - £8. to £10 to £12. He would, however, recommend the latter, but, did not think any work had been yet done.

CORRESPONDENCE.

- 1) The Clerk read a letter from the Presentation Convent Nuns seeking the assistance of the Commissioners in preventing a new road being built through their land at the back of the Palace and it was proposed by Commissioner Browne, seconded by Commissioner O'Brien and resolved
" That the Planning Authority be requested to facilitate the Presentation Convent Nuns and other educational Authorities in regard to the draft plan for Tuam "
- 2) A letter from the E.S.B. in connection with old posters on E.S.B. poles was read.
- 3) TRANSFER OF LEASEHOLD RIGHTS.
In response to written requests, Commissioner Farrell proposed, Commissioner Stapleton seconded and it was unanimously resolved

1) That the Tuam Town Commissioners approve of the transfer by Mr. James Ronan 4, Parkmore Terrace, Tuam of his leasehold interest in 4 Parkmore Terrace, to Mr. Roger McGonagle, C/o Mr. Sean McManus Shop St. Tuam. and of the transfer by Mr. Michael

Ralph, 34, Athenry Road, Tuam of his leasehold interest in 34 Athenry Road, Tuam to Mr. Niall McGinn, 10, McHale Terrace Tuam and further of the transfer by Mr. Timothy Joyce, 40, Athenry Road, Tuam of his leasehold interest in 40, Athenry Road to Mr. Michael P. Reaney, C/o Messrs. Rooney's Garage, Tuam.

- 4) A letter from the Board of Works on the Nanny River drainage was read, and a letter from Miss Delia Fore seeking repairs was also read. The Engineer was requested to see if he could in any way facilitate her. It was also directed that a leakage in the roof of Mr. James Donnellan, Tobberjarlath Road, be remedied.

NOTICES OF MOTION COMMISSIONER BROWNE.

a) WATER TAPS.

Commissioner Browne stated he had two areas in particular in mind

- a) Cloontooa Road .
b) Dublin Road at C.B.S.

The Engineer stated the County Council intended to look into this.

Also instanced as areas for new water traps were

- 1) ~~The area of the Christain Brothers Schools and~~
2) The area near the Rustic Vaults.

The Engineer stated he would look into the first case, but, that a gully would not solve the problem at the Rustic Vaults. The only solution was for the Railway and the Livv Stock Mart to keep free a drain passing through their property.

FOOT PATHS.

A letter from residents in Bishop Street was read seeking a new concrete path from the Curragh Bridge to Dwyer's Mill and the Engineer stated he had men employed on such a scheme for a portion of this stretch.

Other areas requiring paths instanced were

- 1) The are of Mount Carmel where the path was stated to be dangerous.
2) Mr. Gay Browne's house to the Cathedral Gate.

The Engineer stated he would look into the matter of the Mount Carmel path. ~~A Bishop St.~~

The Manager noted a statement that a private sewerage was flowing on the public Road at Ballinamona Park.

It was directed that details of legal expenses charged Mr. Michael Kemple Tobberjarlath Road, be available at the next meeting.

The Manager was requested to have information as to the position of the swimming pool available for the next meeting.

Commissioners Browne and O'Brien congratulated the Assistant Manager on his appointment.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners

M. J. Kelly - Chairman
S. M. O'Brien - Town Clerk

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

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

ATTENDANCE?

The Chairman, Commissioner Kelly, Presided. Other members present were Commissioners Browne, Farrell, Glynn, Joyce, McCormack, O'Brien, O'Meara and Stapleton together with the Assistant C. Manager.

MINUTES. The minutes of the last monthly meeting and of the special meeting of 24/10/67 were read and signed.

Arising out of the minutes :-

a) Commissioners McCormack and Kelly referred to delay in the provision of a Swimming Pool in Tuam the Clerk was directed to write the County Council to expedite the provision of such. The Manager had stated that while tenders had been received one had not yet been selected.

b) Foot Paths.

Commissioner Stapleton complained of the state of the paths at Mr. Harry Cunningham's house, Commissioner Joyce of that at Mrs. Flaherty's house Ballygaddy Road, just beyond Mount Carmel and Commissioner Browne urged that a survey of all footpaths in the town should be made.

c) Sale of House to Mr. Al. O'Dea Gilmartin Rd.

It was agreed to have Legal advice on the matter of an adjoining tenant to demolish a shed erected by him on land shown on the original map of the property as pertaining to the house tenanted by Mr. O'Dea.

Notice of Motion Commissioner Browne.

Commissioner Browne moved a notice of motion that the pig scale be removed to the fair green and that a shelter and toilet be erected, all to be in one building. This was seconded by Commissioner Stapleton. Commissioner Glynn moved an amending motion that a toilet only be erected, though an estimate for Toilet, Shelter and Weigh house be obtained. Mr. Browne's motion was carried by six motions to two the Chairman not voting. It was then decided that the Engineer be requested to give an estimate for the combined structure.

Notice of motion of Commissioner O'Brien.

That the area from the Dunmore corner through the Urban Boundary be transferred from the administration of the Assistant Co. Engineer, Milltown to that of the Assistant Co. Engineer, Tuam. This was agreed to unanimously and the Clerk was directed to write the Co. Secretary in the matter.

Decentralisation of Government Departments.

Letters from deputies Kitt and Donnellan were read. It was agreed that the Thoiseach and His Grace the Archbishop of Tuam be approached on the matter together with Senator Killilea, Deputies Hogan O'Higgins, Millar and Mr. McCarty Parliamentary Secretary to the Thoiseach. Also it was directed that Deputies Kitt and Donnellan be again written to press the matter, as much as possible.

Commissioner O'Meara moved that representations be made to have a telephone Kiosk erected near the Fair Green pointing out that there were one hundred extra houses now in this area. This was seconded by Commissioner Browne and unanimously adopted. It was also directed to inquire how soon would the Kiosk in Athenry Road, Tobberjarlath Road area be put in hand and to urge the restoration of the door in the letter box at Bishop Street near St. Jarlath's College, old Building.

PUBLIC LIGHTING.

In a discussion on public lighting the Board instanced the following areas where it was considered extra lights would be necessary

- a) Ballinamona Park - Ballygaddy Road area.
- b) Entrance to St. Joseph's Park.
- c) Corner of Weir Road and Galway Road.
- d) Rear of McHale Terrace, Ballygaddy Road.
- e) Lights to link the E.S.B. lighting system with that of Comhlucht Eireann, Teo., on Ballygaddy Road.
- f) Outside the Houses of Mr. Hogge and Mr. Colleary, Dublin Road.
- g) Outside the house of Mr. John Hession, St. Bridget's Terrace, Galway Road.
- h) One in Barrack Street.
- i) Outside the house of Mr. Breslin, Weir Road.
- j) Outside the house of Mr. James Walsh, Tullinadaly Road.
- k) Outside the house of Mr. Patrick Quinn, Tullinadaly Road.

Gratings on Sewers.

It was directed to request the County Council to change where necessary, all gratings on sewers so that none of these would remain parallel to the road way and to recommend that a gully trap be provided outside the premises of Mrs. Hayes, Shop Street. It was further directed that the County Council again be written to extend the town sewerage system to the end of the town borough, Ballygaddy Road.

HOUSING LIST.

It was decided to leave this over for discussion at a later meeting. This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners

M. J. Kelly

CHAIRMAN

27 Jan 1968 DATE.

S. J. O'Connell

TOWN CLERK.

2/1/68 DATE.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

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

ATTENDANCE.

2 The Chairman Commissioner Kelly Presided. Other members present were Commissioners Browne, O'Meara, Glynn, O'Brien, Farrell and McCormack.

The Clerk stated that the purpose of the meeting was to adopt a scheme for priorities for the letting of houses in accordance with the requirements of the Department of Local Government.

On a short discussion a proposed scheme submitted by the Assistant County Manager was on the proposal of Commissioner O'Brien seconded by Commissioner Browne, unanimously adopted.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners.

Kelly CHAIRMAN 2.1.68 DATE.

S.H. Brown TOWN CLERK 2/1/68 DATE.

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Tuam Town Commissioners.

Minutes of proceedings of the above Local Authority at its monthly meeting of January 2nd, 1968.

The chairman, Commissioner Kelly, presided. Others present were Commissioners Brown, O'Meara, McCormack, Farrell, Joyce, Stapleton and Glynn, together with the Assistant County Manager and Town Engineer.

The minutes of the last monthly meeting and of the Special meeting of 21st December, 1967 were read and signed.

- (a) Arising out of the minutes, Commissioner McCormack inquired as to the position of the Swimming Pool project and the Assistant County Manager, in reply, stated a tender had now been selected and submitted to the Department. Commissioner Browne proposed that the local T.Ds. be requested to press the Department to sanction the tender and Commissioner McCormack that the Town Clerk should write the Department on the matter. The Chairman stated he wished to go on record as protesting against outside parties having information in connection with capital developments in the town in advance of the Town Commissioners as had happened in the case of the swimming pool.
- b) Commissioner Browne inquired as to the position of the toilet, weighbridge and shelter mooted for the fairgreen. The manager gave the engineer's estimate of £300 for the weighhouse and £150 for the shelter. It was agreed to go ahead with them at once, half the cost to be charged in the 1968/69 estimates and half in the estimates of the following year. *Excess expenditure £450 for this purpose, in the year 1967/68, was approved unanimously.*
- c) The Clerk stated in response to the Chairman that he had no reply from the Co. Council on the matter of transferring a portion of Upper Bishop St. from the administration of the Assistant County Engineer, Milltown, to that of the Assistant County Engineer, Tuam.
- d) The manager stated he would not now recommend the provision of a new door in the Town Hall at a cost of £300 nor the wire brushing of the stonework at a cost of £450. In connection with the Town Hall, Commissioner Kelly stated he would like to make it clear that he had never advocated in any way having the Theatre Room of the Town Hall taken from the Theatre Guild.
- e) A letter from Mr. Al. O'Dea was read on the matter of his purchasing his house and on a circular he had received in connection therewith. The Clerk read a letter from the Board's Legal advisor on its powers in connection with the dispute between those two tenants. It was decided to approach the second tenant, Mr. Ward, again and to extend the period during which Mr. O'Dea would avail of the present purchase scheme to March. The Manager, in response to the chair, stated he would ascertain when the new clinic would open.

Housing List.

This was examined and the priority order agreed to by the Commissioners, it being understood that no letting would be made without it first being submitted to a meeting and that the Co. Council be responsible for the housing of the itinerants who appeared on a special section of the list.

Housing of Itinerants.

The Chairman stated that he was in touch with a source which might provide caravans for itinerants and urged that the sites at the bog in Galway Rd. and at Cloontoo Rd., where itinerants were in the habit of camping without being objected to, be developed for them. The Manager and Engineer stated that the appropriate authority for such work was the Special Employments Schemes Office. In reply to Commissioner Stapleton, the Manager stated that the provision of a regular site was still delayed because of opposition by landowners.

Commissioner Glynn urged that the Co. Council should provide a small temporary camping site at the two places mentioned and Commissioner Browne that the Assistant Co. Manager inform the Co. Manager of the Commissioners' ideas.

As no reply was to hand from the Co. Council on the matter of extending the sewerage to the town boundary at Ballygaddy Rd., the clerk was directed to write the Council again.

The Manager/Engineer informed the Board that a scheme for rectifying defective sewerage arrangements at Loftus Tce., Ballygaddy Rd., was fairly well advanced.

The Clerk was directed to inform the Co. Council that the houses of Messers. Heskin and O'Sullivan, Ballygaddy Rd., were not connected with the public sewerage having instead their sewerage discharging into the Nanny river.

Date of Estimates Meeting

This was fixed for the 17th January, 1968 at 8.30 pm.

The clerk stated he had no reply from the Co. Council on the provision of extra lights which the Commissioners had recommended and was directed to write the Council again.

The clerk was also directed to write C.I.E. requesting the provision of a shelter at Bishop St., to facilitate people travelling to and from Tuam on scheduled services.

The clerk read extracts from a letter of the Secretary of the Co. Development team.

Playground at Athenry Rd.

In reply to the Chairman, the Assistant Manager stated that the Council could do nothing in this matter till the Development Plan for Tuam was adopted. The Board then directed, on the proposal of Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Browne, that the Clerk write the Co. Council requesting a site in the children's home grounds for a playground, pointing out that a portion of land in the past had been transferred to the Council at a nominal cost and was included now in the Home Ground.

The following votes of sympathy were adopted by the Board.

1. On the proposal of Commissioner Kelly seconded by Commissioner Joyce, to the Holian family on the death of *Mrs Mc Cormack*
2. On the proposal of Commissioner McCormack seconded by Commissioner Stapleton, to Commissioner O'Brien on the death of Mr. John Moran a brother-in-law of his.
3. On the proposal of Commissioner Farrell seconded by Commissioner Kelly, to the Brennen family, Ballygaddy Rd., on the death of Mr. Thos. Brennen.
4. And on the proposal of Commissioner O'Meara seconded by Commissioner Farrell, to the Superior of the Christian Bros., Tuam, on the death of Brother Ryan.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners.

M J Kelly Chairman

6.2.68 Date

Godwin Town Clerk

6.2.68 Date

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its Estimates Meeting of January 25th, 1968.

ATTENDANCE.

The Chairman Commissioner Kelly Presided. Other members present were Commissioners Browne, O'Meara, Farrell, McCormack, Stapleton, O'Brien and Joyce together with the Assistant Co. Manager and Town Engineer.

The Assistant Co. Manager introduced the Estimates for the 1968/69 Year and referred to the main items appearing thereon informing the meeting that an additional amount of £450. would be required for the shelter and weigh house in the Fairgreen which it had been decided to provide and that it was proposed to charge £225. of this in the estimate under review and £225. in the following years estimate.

It was agreed then to examine the items in detail.

In connection with loan charges the Manager and Clerk explained that the sales of houses would only reduce this item in so far as the proceeds of such sales could be used towards the redemption of the loans outstanding, that only sales for bulk sums could be effective in this regard; and of the latter only such sums as remained over on paying legal costs on annuity sales. With regard to repairs the Engineer stated that in the plan for repairs over a number of years, some fifteen houses in Gilmartin Rd. remained to be repaired and that sales of houses absorbed many in so far as special repairs to houses being sold had to be executed. The amount for house insurance had also increased due to an increase in cover obtained.

Commissioner Browne queried a figure of £3600 for rates on houses in view of the number of sales.

Rent Collectors Commission in view of the lesser figure for rates to be collected was discussed and a figure of £25. for meat stall repairs was explained by the Engineer as for external painting which it was proposed to engage in at the end of the present and commencement of the next financial year. An increase in Fairgreen repairs to £150. was explained as necessary to cover the cost of cleaning consequent on the transfer of all fairs to the Green. The Clerk detailed how the figure for rent income was arrived at. In connection with a rental of £80. from the Library room in Town Hall as members complained this was small the Asst. Manager stated he would see if it could be increased.

On re-examing the items it was agreed with the Asst. Manager that.-

- a) The sum of £2500 for house repairs be reduced by £250.
- b) That £3600 allowed for housing repairs be reduced to £3450 or by £150.
- c) That £570 for Collectors commission be reduced to £550. a reduction of £20.
- d) That £237. allowed for rates on Tolls and Customs be reduced by £20. to £217.
- e) That the estimated income from Bank Rate Interest be increased from @156. to @200.

The nett effect of those amendments reduced the amount to be demanded fro, the County Council by £484.

The original amount estimated as to be demanded was £3412 and increasing this by £225. the present years charge for the weighbridge and shelter in the Fairgreen and decreasing it by £484 gave an annual demand of £3153. which with a so,ewhat increased valuation of the town was estimated by the Ast. Manager as giving rise to the same rate in £1. as in the preceeding year.

The Estimates as thus amended were on the proposal of Commissioner O'Brien, seconded by Commissioner Browne unanimously adopted $\frac{1}{2}$.

NEW HOUSE PURCHASE SCHEME.

A copy of the new house purchase scheme was placed before the meeting. The Asst. Manager explained the terms and provisions of this.

The sharp increase in the value of the houses for the purpose of the scheme was complained of by members and it was felt that under scheme no or very few houses would be purchased $\frac{1}{2}$.

It was agreed to ~~defer~~ acceptance of the scheme to a further meeting.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS:-

M. J. Kelly CHAIRMAN 6.2.68 DATE

B. J. O'Connell TOWN CLERK. 6.2.68 DATE.

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its monthly meeting of February 6th, 1968.

ATTENDANCE: The Chairman, Commissioner Kelly, presided.

Other members present were: Commissioners O'Meara, Farrell, Joyce, Stapleton, Browne, McCormack, and Glynn, together with the assistant County Manager and Town Engineer.

MINUTES:- The minutes of the last monthly meeting and of the special meeting of January 25th, 1968 were read and signed.

SWIMMING POOL Letters from deputies Donnellan and Kitt on representations made by them in the matter of the Swimming Pool, to the Department were read and the clerk was in addition directed to personally write the minister.

EXTRA TOWN LIGHTING:- The clerk stated, in reply to a query of Commissioner O'Meara, that he had no reply from the Co. Council on representations made by the Commissioners for extra lights for the town, and the Engineer, that a report on the matter was being submitted to the Council and that the clerk would be written to in due course. The chairman urged the necessity of having a light at Las Vegas Ballroom, Dublin Rd.

NEW CLINIC:- The Manager, in response to the chairman, informed the Board that while he could not definitely state the date of the opening of the new clinic, it would be very soon, possibly in the next two months.

ITINERANTS:- The chairman informed the meeting that in connection with the Commissioners proposals to develop temporary camping sites at Galway Rd. and Cloontooa Rd., a local committee had been formed.

PLAYGROUND AT ATHENRY ROAD:- The Assistant Manager stated that nothing in regard to this playground could be done until the matter would arise under the implementation of the draft plan for Tuam. However, he would speak to members of the Planning Authority.

ATHENRY ROAD HOUSES:- With regard to nine extra houses to be erected at Athenry Road by the Co. Council, on inquiry as to the possibility of erecting a shopping premises together with those, the Manager informed the members that such was not the policy of the Co. Council, but, that a site might be sold on the open market for such.

TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION:- The meeting authorised the Town clerk to enter Tuam for the competition and instructed that Mr. Tony Claffey, Secondary Teacher, be informed.

DERELICT SITES:- On being informed that the roof of a derelict house, formerly occupied by a Mr. Michael Corcoran, Church View, had collapsed, the assistant Manager gave details of the action being taken on various derelict sites in the town and the position of each at the moment.

TELEPHONE KIOSKS:- The clerk was instructed to again write the Department of Posta and Telegraphs for

- a) a telephone kiosk at Tullinadaly Rd.,
- B) for one in the Athenry-Tobberjarlath Rd. area.

NEW HOUSE PURCHASE SCHEME:- The members decided to leave a decision on this in abeyance for a few months.

OTHER MATTERS RAISED:- Commissioner Farrell:

- a) Dumping at Ballygaddy Rd. playground:
- b) Dumping at the little Mill.

Commissioner Kelly:

a) Erecting a halo over the statue in the Town Hall wall.
Commissioner Stapleton stated that he had not time to get a figure of what this would cost.

b) arrears of rent, Patrick McDonagh, Athenry Rd. - some £13. The assistant Manager undertook to ascertain if he could get extra home assistance for Mr. McDonagh with which to pay the arrears.

Commissioner O'Meara:

a) referred to the condition of the road near Clorans, Shop St., when people were constantly splashed with water and the Engineer, in reply, stated that the matter was under investigation.

EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES IN TUAM, -NECESSITY FOR ROOM FOR EXPANSION.

Commissioner Stapleton asserted that the Presentation Convent nuns were to meet Co. Council officers in connection with a site for a new school building, and Commissioner Kelly, that the convents and Christian Brothers had met the Co. Manager and other officers on the future of the Deanery. He stated that the Christian Brothers had practically no room for expansion and suggested that the Courthouse be sold to them as a site for a new school. Commissioner Browne expressed support for this proposal. The clerk was directed to recommend this to the Planning Authority and Co. Council.

POST OFFICE STRIKE:- Commissioner Kelly outlined the position of the Post Office Unions and the cause of the trade dispute then in operation and on the proposal of Commissioner Browne, seconded by Commissioner Farrell, it was unanimously agreed to send a Telegram to the Ministers for Labour and Posts and Telegraphs urging them to meet representatives of the Irish Post Office Officials Association.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners

A. Kelly Chairman 5/3/1968 Date

Guada H. O'Connell Town Clerk 5/3/68 Date

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above
Local Authority at its Montly Meeting
of March 5th. 1968.

ATTENDANCE.

The Chairman, Commissioner Kelly presided. Other Members present were: Commissioners O'Meara, Farrell, Joyce, Browne, O'Brien, Glynn, Stapleton and McCormack, together with the Assistant County Manager and Town Engineer.

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last monthly Meeting of February 6th. were read and signed.

Arising out of the Minutes:

I.

- 1). Commissioner Farrell complained of dumping still taking place at-
- (a) the playground at Ballygaddy Road.
 - (b) the little Mill.
- 2) Commissioner O'Brien, of refuse being dumped at the margin of the official dump.
- 3) & Commissioner Kelly, of the types of containers being used by the public for refuse collection.

II.

Commissioner Farrell stated that a barrier at Hayes' Corner would be advisable and that members of the Gardai had agreed with him. The merits and demerits of such a barrier were discussed and it was decided to refer the matter to the Gardai Superintendent, Commissioners Stapleton, Glynn and Farrell to meet the Superintendent on the matter.

III.

SALE OF COURTHOUSE TO THE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS.

A letter from the Manager declining to consider this was read and on discussion it was decided to seek a meeting with the Planning Authority the whole of the Board to act as a delegation.

IV.

SWIMMING POOL.

A letter from the Minister on the provision of the Swimming Pool was read. In this connection the Chairman stated that Miss May Walsh had arranged for a number of Spanish Students studying English to reside in Tuam for a period and that to have a Swimming Pool at their disposal was essential. As it would not now be possible to have the Tuam Pool erected in sufficient time it was decided to write the President of St. Jarlath's College, requesting him to make the College pool available for them and stating that the Commissioners would co-operate by arranging for the attendance of adult attendants.

NEW CLINIC.

The Assistant Manager stated that no firm date for the opening of this had yet been fixed.

TIDY TOWNS' COMPETITION.

The Clerk informed the Board that Tuam had been entered. Complaints were voiced that Ballygaddy Road had not been viewed by the Adjudicators last year. The Chairman urged that Street competitions be arranged and it was decided that a meeting in the Imperial Hotel be held on the following Tuesday to which representatives of the Irish Country Womens Association, the Youth Club and the Tourist Association be invited, together with the Chairman and Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, the purpose of the meeting being to take all possible measures to enhance the chances of the town in the competition.

DERELICT SITES.

The Chairman commented caustically on a galvanised roof being provided on a structure at Galway Road corner.

Notices of Motion of Commissioner Kelly -

- (a) Resurfacing of road and repair of footpaths at Gilmartin Road.

Commissioner Kelly stated the road and paths here much needed repair and suggested the work could be done over a three year period. An estimate of the cost of a wall round each non-leased house was suggested.

The Clerk was directed to write the Co. Council.

- (b) Tidying Green Plot at St. Joseph's Park, Tuam.

The Engineer informed the Board that this was the responsibility of the Housing Section of the Galway County Council who had just commenced to tidy up this plot. Various measures for beautifying the plot were put forward, including landscaping. The Clerk was directed to write the Gardai urging that a ten mile speed limit on the roadway through this park, be imposed.

Commissioner Farrell stated that at the last meeting of the Fire Brigade's Advisory Committee which he had attended as delegate of the Commissioners a raise in pay for firemen had been secured. He also stated that the County Manager had strongly appealed to the Youth to join the Civil Defence Organisation.

Commissioner Farrell also urged the provision of a new path at Lower Athenry Road opposite the Technical School.

Votes of sympathy were adopted with -

- (a) the County Manager on the death of his son.
(b) Mr. Miko Healy, Tullinadaly Road, on the death of his sister.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam
Town Commissioners:-

H. J. Kelly Chairman. 2.4.68 Date.
____ Town Clerk. _____ Date.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority
at its monthly meeting of April 2nd. 1968.

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Attendance.

The Chairman Commissioner Kelly presided. Other members present were - Commissioners O'Meara, McCormack, O'Brien, Joyce, Farrell, Stapleton and Glynn, together with the Assistant County Manager and Town Engineer.

A vote of sympathy to Mrs. O'Malley and family on the death of Donagh O'Malley, late Minister of Education was, on the proposal of Commissioner McCormack, seconded by Commissioner Joyce unanimously adopted.

MINUTES:

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

Arising out of the Minutes.

I. Commissioner McCormack enquired as to whether Dr. Mooney, President of St. Jarlath's College, would make the College Swimming Pool available for the Spanish Students visiting Tuam and the Clerk in reply read a letter from Dr. Mooney pointing out that certain expenses would be involved in using the pool and inquiring if the Town Commissioners would defray these. It was decided that the Chairman and Commissioner McCormack would call on Dr. Mooney and discuss the matter.

II. Commissioner O'Brien inquired if there had been any reply from the Co. Planning Authorities on the matter of meeting the Board and on the Clerk replying in the negative it was decided to leave the matter over to the next meeting.

III. NEW CLINIC.

As no precise information was available as to the date of the opening of the Clinic the Chairman directed that if such information was not forthcoming within a week that a telegraph on the matter be sent to the Minister.

IV. TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION.

It was intimated to the Commissioners that they had no power to contribute money towards prizes for Street competitions in connection with the Tidy Towns' Competition. The Chairman stated that the Tidy Towns Committee for Tuam had met and that the town had been divided into nine divisions with a Sub-Committee for each.

Commissioner Joyce inquired if the Commissioners as such, could help with the Fleadh Ceoil and urged that public buildings should be made as clean as possible. The

Chairman stated that the front of the Town Hall should be cleaned up and the doors and windows painted. Commissioner Joyce asked that the Theatre Guild should be got to remove stage flats from behind the upper windows of the Hall and Commissioner Kelly - if weeds could be removed from around the fox. Commissioner Stapleton informed the Board that it would cost from £20 to £30 to place a halo round the statue in the Town Hall wall and he was then asked to get a quotation for a light on the statue instead.

It was urged that the public toilets be cleaned up and the Engineer stated he would have this attended to. It was also suggested that shrubs in tubs be placed on the pathway by the Grove Hospital and the Manager stated that agreement on this should be got with the County Council.

REPAIRS TO RAILINGS.

The Engineer stated it would cost £350 - £450 to remedy defects in railings and some £1760 to erect concrete walls round the front gardens of houses of the Board that remained unpurchased. The Chairman stated that Gilmartin Road presented the worst appearance in regard to railings and of the sum of £350 - £450 quoted by the Engineer, an amount of £200 should cover this road. He urged that the work here be undertaken on a three year basis, when the cost would amount to only £70 p.a. approx.

Complaints were made of dumping at Cloontooa Road corner near Mr. Grady's shop where the wall was so low that dumping was facilitated.

Extracts from the Auditor's report on the 66/67 audit were read by the Clerk, Complaints were made by members that one Collector did not call every week on tenants, and a directive was issued by the Board that rents be collected strictly every week.

A letter from Reverend Seamus Downey, The Presbytery, Tuam, seeking land on the Fairgreen on which to build an extension to the Scout Hall was read and on the proposal of Commissioner Stapleton, seconded by Commissioner Joyce it was resolved that such land be given.

A letter from Patrick Ward, Gilmartin Road, seeking permission to erect a shed was read and it was agreed by the Board to grant such permission.

A letter from Mr. Denis J. Murphy, Ballygaddy Road, requesting a decision on an earlier offer by him of a Folk Museum collection was read and, on discussion it was decided to hold a special meeting at 8.30 p.m. on the following Monday to discuss the question of a Folk Museum and to invite Mr. Murphy to this meeting. It was also decided to write him accepting the The Collection; the Manager dissenting and warning the Board they had no right to accept it.

July 2nd. 1968, was fixed as the date of the Annual Meeting.

It was agreed to leave over consideration of

a Bus Stop at Bishop Street to a later meeting.

Commissioner McCormack made representations to the Assistant Manager on behalf of Mr. Carl Madsen who wished to lease his house but, could not do so, not being three years a tenant.

Commissioner O'Brien urged the provision of a playground in the new eight house scheme for Athenry Road.

SWIMMING POOL.

The Manager stated the lowest tender received for the construction of the Pool was one for £39,445. and that the Department was prepared to sanction from Central and Local Government Council only from £25,000 to £30,000. The Department would not approve the tender unless at least £8000 was forthcoming from local sources. It was decided to hold a special meeting at 9.30 p.m. on the following Monday to consider what action could be taken and to invite any outside interested parties to attend.

NEW PLAN FOR TUAM.

The Clerk was directed to invite the Planning Officer to meet the Commissioners and any other interested parties.

Hour of Monthly Meetings.

It was decided these should commence, in future at 8 and not 8.30 p.m.

Notice of Motion of Commissioner Joyce on landscaping the Square. Commissioner Joyce agreed to defer this to the next meeting.

Use of St. Joseph's Park for the sale of Animals at Fairs.

To prevent the use of this park from trading in animals it was agreed to appeal for extra Gardai to be on duty in the area during the March and October fairs.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED on behalf of the
TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS:

W. J. Kelly Chairman. 7.5.68 Date.
S. J. O'Brien Town Clerk. 7.5.68 Date.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of the above Local Authority
at a special Meeting held on 8th. April 1968, at
8.30 p.m.

Attendance.

The Chairman Commissioner Kelly presided. Others present were - Commissioners Browne, O'Meara, Farrell, McCormack, Glynn, Stapleton and O'Brien, together with Mr. D. J. Murphy, Ballygaddy Road, Mr. Dennehy of the Tourist Organisation, who had been invited to attend, and the Town Engineer.

The Chairman explained that the purpose of the meeting was to consider the housing of a Folk Museum collection which Mr. Murphy was donating.

A statement of the Assistant Manager that the Commissioners had no authority to accept the collection was adverted to but Members felt that this only related to costs which such acceptance might involve, and that the question was how to house the collection.

Mr. Murphy intimated that the housing of the collection must be in a public building as he felt there was no guarantee of permanency elsewhere.

Commissioner Browne proposed that the Church of Ireland Authorities be approached for the use of the older portion of St. Mary's Cathedral,

and Commissioner O'Brien proposed that as he felt that the upper portion of the Town Hall was not really suitable for a Theatre that the matter be discussed with the Reverend Patrick O'Brien of the Tuam Theatre Guild, the tenants of the premises.

On discussion it was decided that Commissioners O'Brien and McCormack approach the Reverend Patrick O'Brien of the Theatre Guild and Commissioners Browne and Kelly the Dean of Tuam and that the results of both approaches be referred to a later meeting.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the
TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS:

Kelly Chairman. 7.5.68 Date.
Browne Town Clerk. 7/5/68 Date.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority
at a special Meeting of April 8th. 1968, held at
9,30 p.m.

Attendance.

The Chairman Commissioner Kelly presided. Other Commissioners present were Messrs. Browne, O'Meara, Farrell, McCormack, Glynn, Stapleton and O'Brien, together with the following parties who had been invited to attend the meeting; Very Reverend Canon Mooney, President, St. Jarlath's College, Tuam, Reverend D. Maloney, St. Jarlath's College, Brothers McQuillan and Lonergan of the Christian Brothers' Schools, Messrs. Burke and Glynn, Co. Council or Mr. Gabriel Walsh of the Tuam Swimming Pool Project, Dr. Cunningham and Mr. C. Meehan, Tuam Development Association, Messrs. Gay Heskin, Leo Lydon, Patrick Donnellan representing John Donnellan T.D., and John Farragher.

The Chairman stated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the position of the Swimming Pool Project. The lowest tender which had been received by the County Council was one of £39,000 odd and the Department of Local Government would only sanction from £25,000 to £30,000. The alternatives put by the Department were that local sources should contribute £8000, or that a smaller Pool should be accepted.

Mr. Gabriel Walsh gave an outline of the history of the efforts made to secure a pool. In 1962 it was agreed that the local contribution should be £1000; £500 to be paid at once to the County Council and £500 prior to the Council advertising for tenders. The £500 had been paid and a receipt for the sum was held. The Minister had then written that the matter was one completely between the local organisations interested and the appropriate Local Authority,

In 1966, the Minister of Local Government was interviewed again at the Hermitage Hotel, Tuam, by a local deputation and again emphasised that the matter lay between the Local Authority (the County Council) and local organisations. He had stated there was no ^{ceiling} on the amount to be spent, but, that technical details should be worked out at a meeting between Officers of his Department, of the County Council and of the local interests involved. The Department had continually referred to this meeting which was only held on 7th. April, 1967. Technical details were agreed to at this, and there was no question of costs being limited. A figure of £25,000 to £30,000 was mentioned by Department Officers as a rough tentative estimate of what the Pool might cost, but not in any sense as a limiting factor.

Now the Department had limited tenders which might be sanctioned to this figure.

It was estimated that the Dublin Corporation had got sanction for a £60,000 pool with no local contribution, but, as no other pools had been started for years, that no case comparable to that of Tuam existed.

A general discussion ensued in the course of which

the Chairman read a letter from the Department of Local Government to the Secretary of the Tuam Swimming Club confirming that the Department proposed to sanction only a sum from £25,000 to £30,000; that any further outlay would have to be met from local sources and that the only other alternative was a smaller pool.

Finally, it was proposed by Commissioner Browne, seconded by Councillor Burke and agreed that a deputation should call upon the Minister.

The following were nominated for the delegation - Senator M. Killilea, Deputy John Donnellan and Michael Kitt, Gabriel Walsh of the Swimming Pool Project and the Chairman of the Tuam Town Commissioners.

It was also decided that Deputy Kitt should be requested to arrange to have the deputation received.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED on behalf of the
TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS:

W. J. Kelly Chairman. 7.5.68 Date.
S. J. O'Connell Town Clerk. 7/5/68 Date.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its monthly meeting of May 7th. 1968.

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ATTENDANCE:

The Chairman Commissioner Kelly presided. Other members present were Commissioners McCormack, O'Meara, Joyce, Browne, Farrell, Stapleton and O'Brien, together with the Assistant Manager and Town Engineer.

The Minutes of the last monthly meeting and of the special meetings of *April 8 1968* were read and signed.

Arising out of the Minutes:

- 1). Commissioner McCormack adverted to the application to purchase of Mr. Carl Madden, who not being three years a tenant could not do so.
- 2). The Chairman referred to the date of opening of the New Clinic and the Manager stated it was already being used by Dentists and was ready for the Doctors. Commissioner Browne urged there should be an official opening with His Grace to perform the ceremony. It was agreed the Assistant Manager should convey the wishes of the Board to the Manager.
- 3). The Chairman stated the Youth Club was working energetically on tidying the town and that handbills had been got out. The Assistant Manager was requested to get the County Council to clean the approaches to the town and to contact the responsible Engineer on the state of a grass plot at Tullinadaly Road.
- 4). The Chairman referred to Mrs. Naughton's house in the Galway Road protruding out on to the highway, with grave danger to her from passing traffic, and the Clerk was instructed to request the County Council to move her house further back with the minimum expense to her, as she was a very poor woman.
- 5). Commissioner Browne referred to the dumping of offal at the Little Mill and Commissioner Farrell stated that notices forbidding dumping there had been removed by persons unknown.
- 6). Interview with Minister re Swimming Pool.
The Clerk gave the substance of a 'phone conversation he had had with Deputy Kitt. The Deputy had deferred a reply to the Board's request to arrange an interview with the Minister till he had something concrete arranged.
- 7). TOWN PLAN FOR TUAM.
The Clerk stated he had been in contact with the County Manager, Mr. Sharkey on the 'phone and that subsequently he had written him to arrange a lecture on the plan in Tuam.
- 8). Commissioner O'Brien stated that Father O'Brien had been interviewed on the possibility of using the upper part

of the Town Hall for a Folk Museum and that the question would have to be referred to the Little Theatre Guild Committee. Commissioner Browne then stated Dean Spence had been contacted and he had informed him that the Verger's house could be made available. A letter from the Dean setting out the conditions on which this Premises would be available was read and it was decided to write the County Council inquiring if the conditions stated would be acceptable, and requesting an answer, if possible prior to the 28th. instant. The Clerk was directed to write the Dean thanking him.

9). The Chairman paid a tribute to Mr. W. E. Kennedy and his staff for the work done on the exterior of the Town Hall for the Fleadh Ceoil, and Commissioner O'Brien to the Garda Superintendent and the Gardai on the handling of traffic during this event.

10). SITE FOR C. B. S.

The Chairman suggested a deputation call on His Grace in this matter, but, not till subsequent to the next meeting in view of the death of His Grace's sister. The Clerk was instructed to write conveying the sympathy of the Board.

HOUSING OF ITINERANTS.

The Chairman stated parties had approached him to convey to the Itinerant Committee that wherever itinerants are housed nearby property will deteriorate in value and Commissioner O'Brien stated the object of the Committee was only to house itinerants where they would be accepted so that they would be integrated into the Community.

NEW HOUSE PURCHASE SCHEME.

On discussion the Board refused to adopt this as it was felt the values placed on the houses except those in Newtown Morris and St. Enda's Avenue were much too high. The Clerk was directed to obtain a report from the Engineer on the house of Mr. Kelly, St. Enda's Avenue, which was stated to be in very bad repair.

Notice of Motion: Commissioner McCormack that the path at Saint Francis Terrace, Tuam, be further extended.

The Clerk was directed to write the County Council requesting this to be done in view of danger to children in the area.

CAPITALISATION OF ANNUITY INCOME.

As the capitalisation of income derived from annuities from the sale of houses would impose a heavy burden on the Town Rates the Clerk was directed to request the Minister to defer this to the 1st. April 1969, that only houses leased subsequently be included and that the proposal then be introduced on a sliding scale.

The Clerk was directed to write the Committee of Agriculture urging that a Poultry Instructress be appointed to Tuam.

ST. JOSEPH'S PARK.

In view of a recent accident here the Manager noted the necessity of having the County Council erect traffic signs there.

New Differential Rents.

Complaints from the following on increases in their rents were noted:

Mary Curran, 13 Gilmartin Road.


John Trayers Gilmartin Road.

Thomas Burke, 11 Tobberjarlath Road.

TUAM - DUBLIN ROAD.

Commissioner O'Meara represented the necessity of improving this road and the Assistant Manager agreed to any proposals the County Council might have in the matter.

HOUSING SCHEME AT THE CHILDRENS HOME.

 The Assistant County Manager informed the Board that the Engineer dealing with the matter had now got lay-out plans from the Architect.

Letters from the following were read:

1. From Mr. Thomas Mahon, 4, Newtown Morris, requesting repairs.
2. From the County Manager on meeting the Commissioners in connection with a site for the Christian Brothers.
3. From Deputy Donnellan and Senator Killilea each agreeing to act on a deputation in connection with the Swimming Pool.
4. From the County Secretary on the road and footpath at Gilmartin Road.
5. From Patrick Ward, 48 Gilmartin Road, requesting permission to erect a shed.
6. From the Passage West Town Commissioners conveying the following resolution which they had adopted.

"That we strongly protest against the proposed exorbitant increases in salaries of Ministers, Senators and members of Dail Eireann until a more opportune time arises".

Wages and Hours of Workmen.

It was proposed by Commissioner O'Brien, seconded by Commissioner Farrell and agreed :

"that workmen employed by the Tuam Town Commissioners be paid the same rate as employees of the Galway County Council engaged in similar work in the district and that their working week be reduced to 42½ hours".

This concluded the business of the meeting.

4/6/68

W. J. Kelly

Secretary

Chairman

John Clark. 4/6/68

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority
at its monthly Meeting of June 4th. 1968.

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Attendance:

The Chairman Commissioner Kelly presided. Other members present were Commissioners Browne, O'Meara, Farrell, Stapleton, McCormack, Kelly, O'Brien and Glynn, together with the Assistant County Manager.

On the proposal of the Chairman two minutes silence was observed in memory of Mr. Brendan Burke a deceased brother of a former Commissioner.

The Minutes of the last monthly meeting were read and signed, on a recording of a Notice of Motion of Commissioner McCormack that the path at St. Francis Terrace be further extended being amended to "that a path be constructed from the corner of the Galway-Weir Road to Mr. Feeny's House".

Application of Mr. Karl Madden to purchase his house. As it had been stated that Mr. Patrick Keane, 70 Athenry Road and Mr. Gavin, 59 Athenry Road, had both been allowed to purchase though not three years tenants; the Clerk was directed to have details of sales of these houses available for the next meeting.

RENTS:

Commissioner O'Brien referred to very high rents being levied on tenants and to the fact that in certain towns like Dundalk a sliding scale over a number of years had been adopted and the Assistant Manager read to the Meeting a copy of a document circulated to Members at the time the new Differential Rent System was brought into force, showing the necessity in the case of Tuam of bringing into force the full Differential Rent maximum at once. The Clerk went over several cases of Tenants' rents with the Board and agreed the rent of Mr. John Gilmore, Gilmartin Road, should be adjusted.

Commissioner Browne referred to the water supply of John O'Neill, Gilmartin Road, being cut off and legal proceedings being instituted against him. The Assistant Manager noted the matter for review.

The Chairman referred to repairs required for the house of Miss Una Naughton, Gilmartin Road, and the Engineer stated several houses in this road yet required repair before the schedule of repairs would be complete.

The Chairman also referred to the desirability of having swings etc., for children in the park at St. Enda's Avenue, as children in the area were causing annoyance to residents of St. Enda's Avenue and Gilmartin Road.

The Engineer agreed to investigate the siting of manholes outside Mr. Roche's, Gilmartin Road, and if they were in line with the entrance to the rear of his house to change them, as children playing at these manholes were in danger from Mr. Roche's lorry.

The Chairman informed the Board that in connection with the Tidy Towns' Competition, local contests had been arranged in different parts of the Town and various other measures taken and Commissioner Browne referred to the grass margin opposite Mr. John Quinn's, Tullinadaly Road, having been cut up by lorries and being dangerous to traffic.

SWIMMING POOL.

Commissioner Farrell stated that the Swimming Pool Committee was meeting the Manager during the week in connection with the new offer by the Department.

NEW HOUSE PURCHASE SCHEME.

Two parties wishing to purchase in Newtownmorris Housing Scheme could not do so as the Board had not accepted the Scheme presented by the Assistant Manager and it was agreed to reconsider the Scheme at the next meeting.

It was directed that the Engineer be again requested to give a report on the house of Patrick Kelly, St. Enda's Avenue.

Commissioner Farrell stated that there were eight complaints of dirty water in the Town supply and it was directed that the Engineer in Charge should be written.

Commissioner Farrell again complained of the houses of Messrs. O'Sullivan and Heskin, Ballygaddy Road, not being connected with the public sewerage and it was directed that the County Medical Officer be written again.

The following matters were adverted to:

- 1). The delay in installing a pump at Loftus Terrace, Ballygaddy Road, despite £70: 0: 0d. having been subscribed by four residents towards the cost of a pump.
- 2). Overflowing sewers outside Mr. Quinn's Shop, Bishop Street. It was decided to write the County Council.
- 3). The provision of seats on the Green outside Saint Joseph's Park. It was agreed to bring this to the notice of Mr. Kennedy.
- 4). Dunmore Road Junction. It was decided to write the County Engineer to have this bordered with yellow and black paint to help night drivers.
- 5). Footpath from Egans Garage to Dwyers Bridge which requires immediate attention.
- 6). The footpath on the Odeon side of Shop Street, which had been opened by the Post Office Engineering Branch and for the repair of which the County Council would be reimbursed.
- 7). The provision of protective clothing for the scavenging men - a matter for the Town Engineer.
- 8). It was agreed to write the Department of Local Government to have Tuam made a Driving Test Centre.
- 9). It was also agreed to write the County Council not to house any itinerants opposite Quinns house, or near Pierces on the Athenry Road and to call on the County Council to close the dump opposite Quinns and open one further from the Town. Further it was directed that the attention of the C. M. O., be drawn to the fact that rats infested the dump.
- 10). It was directed that C. I. E. be written to thanking them for the new services provided.
- II). It was decided to invite Gay Byrne to hold a session of the Late, Late Show in Tuam and also to invite Smiths Crisps to the Town.

On the proposal of Commissioner Stapleton, seconded by Commissioner Farrell, it was unanimously agreed

"that the Tuam Town Commissioners agree to the transfer of his Lease of house No. 52, Athenry Road, by Mr. Bernard Shaughnessy to his daughter"

and on the proposal of *the chairman* seconded by *Commissioner Farrell*

"that the annual subscription to the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland of the Tuam Town Commissioners be increased to £5."

The Chairman wished success to the new industry established in the Town - *Bonlin* Ltd.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Tuam Town Commissioners.

Samuel Browne Chairman. *2/7/68* Date.

_____ Town Clerk. _____ Date.