

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority
at its annual Meeting of July 2nd. 1968.

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Present were Commissioners Kelly, Browne, O'Mears, Farrell,
McCormack, Glynn, Stapleton, Joyce and O'Brien.

Commissioner Kelly took the Chair and on stating his appreciation of the co-operation of the Board during the past year, invited nominations for the position of Chairman for the coming year.

Commissioner Browne was proposed by Commissioner Stapleton and seconded by Commissioner Farrell and in the absence of any other nomination was declared unanimously elected. Commissioner Browne then took the Chair and thanked the members for his election. Nominations for the position of Vice Chairman were then invited and Commissioner Stapleton was proposed by Commissioner McCormack and seconded by Commissioner O'Brien and in the absence of further nominations was also declared unanimously elected.

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last monthly meeting were read and signed on the section stating "the provision of seats on the Green outside St. Joseph's Park" being amended to "the provision of seats at the borrom of Tullinadaly Hill".

Arising out of the Minutes.

1). It was decided to adjourn for one month for further consideration of the application of Mr. Carl Madden to purchase his house and the Clerk was directed to ascertain what other tenants, if any, who had not three years residence had applications to purchase refused.

2). SWIMMING POOL: Commissioner McCormack stated that the County Manager had been interviewed in connection with the Swimming Pool and that six members of the Swimming Pool Committee had guaranteed the payment of £3000 within three years and that a Solicitor was, at the moment, drawing up an agreement to this effect.

A vote of congratulation to the Swimming Pool Committee on their efforts over the years.

A vote of congratulation was also passed to the Chamber of Commerce on getting the Tennis Court under way.

PATHS AT BISHOP STREET.

The Clerk was directed to arrange an interview with Mr. McMahon, A.C.E., at present replacing Mr. Kennedy as Town Engineer, for the Chairman & Commissioners Glynn, Joyce and O'Brien on the matter of footpaths at Bishop Street.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Replies to representations made to the County Council on the following matters were read:-

1). Sign for night drivers at Dunmore Road, Corner.
It was stated this was receiving attention.

2). Seats at Saint Joseph's Park.

It was stated no provision had been made in the County Council estimates for such, but that the matter would be kept in mind when the next estimates were being prepared. The Clerk was directed to inform the Council that the seats were required at the bottom of Tullinadaly Hill, and not in Saint Joseph's Park.

3). Footpath at St. Francis Terrace.

It was stated this was receiving attention, that it would cost £300 and that it would be included in next year's estimates.

4). Connection of the Houses of Messrs. Heskin and O'Sullivan, Ballygaddy Road, to the main Sewer. The County Medical Officer states these houses were so connected and Commissioner Farrell undertook to demonstrate to the Town Engineer that this was not so.

5). Sewerage at Loftus Terrace. It was stated that there had been delay in the delivery of the pumping plant, but, that it was hoped the work would be completed very soon. It was directed the Council be again reminded of this matter.

6). The non housing of itinerants in Barnacurra area near the houses of Messrs. Quinn and Pierce. The County Council acknowledged receipt of the Commissioners representations.

A letter from the County Manager on the provision of a Folk Museum in Tuam was read and it was directed copies of it be sent to the Reverend Dean Spence and Mr. D. J. Murphy, N.T., Ballygaddy Road.

read was a letter from the County Medical Officer on rat infestation of the public dump. It was directed this be shown to the Engineer.

Letters from Mr. Kennedy, Town Engineer, on the condition of the house of Mr. Patrick Kelly, St. Enda's Avenue, and on the provision of protective clothing for scavenging hands were read.

Complaints in connection with repairs made by:

- (1) Mrs. Margaret McKenna, St. Enda's Avenue.
- (2) Mrs. Margaret Keegan, Gilmartin Road.
- (3) Thomas Mahon, Newtown Morris,

were placed before the Board.

The Town Steward undertook to have Mrs. McKenna's complaint remedied and it was directed that the Town Engineer look into the complaint of Mr. Mahon. With regard to that of Mrs. Keegan, it was decided that this be discussed with the Assistant Manager and Engineer later.

Details of amendments to the Draft Development Plan were read.

NEW TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME.

It was decided to leave this over for a further month and that in the meantime the Clerk write the Assistant Manager urging that the values placed on the houses and the corresponding annuities be reduced as follows:-

Gilmartin Road houses by 30%

Athenry Road, Tobberjarlath Road and St. Enda's Avenue by 20%;

Newtown Morris by 15%.

It was directed that the Department of Local Government be again written to have Tuam made a Driving Test Centre pointing out that such tests had recently been held in the Town for tractor and motor & Auto cycles.

The Clerk was reminded to write Smiths Crisps to hold a television Session in Tuam; to direct Seamus Mannion, St. Enda's Avenue, to cease having horses grazing on his front lawn and John Ward (Junr.), 6 Gilmartin Road, to have a caravan removed from his premises.

NEW HOUSES.

It was decided to press for the immediate erection of the new houses due for construction in the Home grounds, in view of the demand which would arise from Textile workers in the Weir Road Factory and to request the County Council to forward the plans of these for inspection by the Board.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Commissioner Kelly stated that he would move a notice of Motion at the next meeting

"that the Town Commissioners consider making the upper part of Fair Green available for serviced housing sites for private parties and for Local Authority Housing".

DATES OF FAIRS.

The dates of the 1969 Fairs were fixed and signed by the Chairman.

The Clerk was directed to write the County Council to:

- 1). Erect a kerb in front of the new houses at St. Joseph's Park.
- 2). On the urgent necessity to provide toilet accommodation in the Fair Green.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED on behalf of the TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Galvin Byrne Chairman. 6/8/68 Date.

_____ Town Clerk. _____ Date.

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority
at its special Meeting of July 16th. 1968.

ATTENDANCE.

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

The Chairman presided.

The Chairman explained that the purpose of the meeting was consideration of the letting of house No. 14, Newtown Morris and stated that whatever the recommendation of the Board might be he trusted it would be unanimous. As the Assistant Manager was not present members expressed a sense of frustration, but discussed the applicants whom they considered should be considered for the vacancy. It was decided the following four applicants should be recommended to the Manager.

Philip Larkin, Gilmartin Road, Tuam,
William Kelly, Bishop Street, Tuam,
Brian Gibbons, Galway Road, Tuam, and
Joseph O'Reilly, Dublin Road, Tuam.

It was then proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Commissioners Glynn and resolved "that the letting be left over until such time as the Manager was present".

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed on behalf of the TUAM
TOWN COMMISSIONERS:

Galvin Browne Chairman. 6/8/68 Da .
Stapleton Town Clerk. 6/8/68 D .

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

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

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

The Minutes of the last monthly meeting and of the special meeting of *July 16th, 1968.* were read and signed.

Arising out of the minutes, Commissioner McCormack adverted to the application of Mr. Karl Madden to purchase his house. The Clerk stated that ^{Mrs. D. Hoban} and O'Reilly were in the same position as Mr. Madden in so far as not being tenants for three years they could not purchase, and the Manager urged the Board to keep to the terms of the Scheme.

Mr. McCormack also stated a document to finalise the formalities precedent to the construction of the Swimming Pool had been passed to a special local Committee who had referred it to a Solicitor for advice.

Reference was made to a proposed interview with Mr. McMahon, Assistant County Engineer, and the Clerk stated that he had been in touch with Mr. McMahon on the matter, but that the latter felt he could not meet a delegation of members of the Board, without the consent of the Manager, Assistant Manager or County Engineer. The Clerk was directed to request the County Engineer to have Mr. McMahon attend a Board meeting.

Commissioner O'Meara referred to the proposed eight new houses in Athenry Road and the Assistant Manager informed him that the Department had returned the plans for amendment and that consequently they had again to be referred to the Architect.

Commissioner O'Brien stated that Mr. D. J. Murphy, N.T., Ballygaddy Road, Tuam, had agreed to the old Dispensary being converted to house his collection of antiques and Commissioner Kelly reminded the meeting that they had recommended the Sexton's house for this purpose. The Clerk was directed to write the Church Body thanking them and stating the old Dispensary was being accepted

Commissioner Farrell reasserted that Messrs. Heskins and O'Sullivans, Ballygaddy Road, were not connected with the public sewer, but, that he had not met the Engineer to demonstrate this to him.

NEWTOWN MORRIS PURCHASE SCHEME.

The Manager read his reply to representations of the Commissioners to make various reductions in the purchase price of houses under the new Purchase Scheme and pointed out he was already allowing a 5% reduction. On discussion it was agreed for a 7½% reduction all round.

Notice of Motion Commissioner Kelly to have the upper part of the Fair Green used for housing construction and developed housing sites.

Commissioner Kelly urged the advantages of this and the Manager in reply to Commissioner O'Brien stated the County Council had supplied serviced sites in Loughrea. He requested time to consider the Fairgreen as an area for such sites.

Letting of House - 14, Newtown Morris.

The Manager stated he had imagined the Board in general desired transfers. If they did not in this case they could revert to the County Medical Officer's List. On discussion, on the proposal of Commissioner Stapleton, seconded by Commissioner Kelly it was unanimously agreed that vacancies may be filled by transfers as in the past. The Assistant Manager then decided to transfer Philip Larkin, 18, Gilmartin Road to the vacant house and to house Mr. Boyle of *Barrack St.* in Mr. Larkin's house.

Commissioner Kelly referred to the unsatisfactory state of the toilet at Vicar Street, and inquired if it could be arranged with the County Council to have it inspected a few times a day. The Engineer stated he would inquire into this.

Commissioner Kelly urged the incorporation of a Playground with the new houses at the Children's Home and the Clerk was directed to get in touch with the Engineer-in-Charge and request such of him.

The case of Mrs. Owens, Parkmore Terrace, was discussed and the Manager stated no more repairs could be done for her. The Board were unanimous, however, on having her included under the old Purchase Scheme.

Commissioner Kelly complained of there being no Sign indicating the direction of Shannon Airport and it was agreed to request Bord Failte to supply such. The Clerk was also directed to write the County Council to expedite the supply of drugs to the new Clinic.

Notice of Motion Commissioner Joyce:

On the construction of a grass or concrete centre with fountain to the centre of the Square. Commissioner Joyce stated that all Town organisations were in favour of this and that he knew the County Council would favour it. The Engineer agreed the County Council would favour this, but, feared it would be impossible because of the position of the Town Cross. It was agreed to write the County Council.

It was also decided on reference to the matter by Commissioner Kelly to write the Gardai Authorities to expedite the bringing into force of a code of traffic bye-laws.

Second Notice of Motion : Commissioner Joyce That a covered truck for refuse be provided.

Commissioner Joyce stated that refuse was often blown off the present truck and it was agreed with the Engineer that such would be warranted if used for Dunmore and such small *towns* in addition to Tuam.

The Engineer agreed extra litter bins could be obtained and Commissioner Kelly gave details of places where such bins would be required ~~to him~~.

Third Notice of Motion Commissioner Joyce:

Obtaining a better array of lights on the Galway/Dunmore highway

through the town. The Engineer stated no better lighting system existed in any other town, but, that he would enquire into the types of lights existing. Commissioner Stapleton stated a light should be affixed to every pole and not merely every second pole as at present. Commissioner O'Meara referred to a light being required in a dark section of ~~St.~~ Joseph's Park.

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Commissioner Browne: Notice of Motion on inspection of River Nanny.

Commissioner Browne mentioned that the river through the town was in a disgraceful condition, that the local Medical Officers were dissatisfied with it and that it should be inspected personally by the County Medical Officer before the Winter floods. This was agreed and the Clerk was directed to write the County Medical Officer.

The Clerk was also instructed to write the Housing Section of the County Council on the state of the roadway in the Palace due to wear from heavy lorries bringing materials for the construction of the new tennis Court.

Notice of Motion - Commissioner O'Meara: Improvement of Tuam/Athlone Road.

Commissioner O'Meara stated that the Chamber of Commerce had met the County Manager on this matter and that the Town Commissioners should strengthen the case by adopting his motion. On the proposal of Commissioner O'Meara, seconded by the Chairman the motion was unanimously adopted.

OTHER POINTS RAISED.

- a) Commissioner O'Meara that the Fairgreen after Calf markets was not being cleaned. The Engineer stated this would be attended to when the mens' holidays ended. The Clerk was directed to write the County Council urgently on the provision of a toilet in the Fairgreen.
- b) Commissioner Kelly that flooding occurred outside Morans Garage, Vicar Street, and the Engineer commented that the area was vulnerable to such owing to an old drain which the Cattle Mart and C. I. E. should clean, not being cleaned by C. I. E. The Cattle Mart had done some work on the drain. The Clerk was directed to write C.I.E.
- c) Commissioner O'Meara referred to a dangerous tree in the grounds of St. Joseph's Park, opposite Mr. Melia's shop, Tullinadaly Road.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED on behalf of the
TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Samuel Browne Chairman. 3/9/68. Date.

Guaid H. O'Meara Town Clerk. 3/9/68 Date.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its monthly meeting of Tuesday, 3rd Sept., 1968.

Attendance The Chairman, Commissioner Browne, presided. Other members present were Commissioners Farrell, O'Meara, McCormack, Joyce, Stapleton, Kelly and O'Brien, together with the town engineer W.E. Kennedy B.E.

Minutes.

The minutes of the last monthly meeting were read and signed, having been adopted on the proposal of Commissioner O'Meara and Seconded by Commissioner Stapleton.

Arising out of the minutes

a) the Chairman enquired as to the position of the application of Mrs Owens, 9 Parkmore Tce., to lease her house, and the Clerk explained that her signing of the lease was late and that in consequence her application had to be rejected by the Assistant Manager, who, however had agreed to consider any representations she might make to him in writing.

b) House Purchase Scheme.

The Clerk, in response to a query reminded the Board that the last action in connection with this, which he was aware of, was a decrease in the purchase price of $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ by the Manager. An increase in interest rates would have nullified this, but, the Manager understood the Dept. would allow the old rate to apply in connection with the Scheme in consideration of the length of time which had elapsed since it had been drafted. He expected that the Scheme had been sent to the Dept. for sanction by the Manager.

c) Use of the Fairgreen as a housing site.

The Engineer gave details of a letter he had ~~written~~ written in which he expressed the opinion that the fairgreen would be most suitable for development for housing, but, that as full use of the available land there should be made, a proper ~~lay~~ lay-out design should first be prepared. Commissioner Kelly commented on the fact that expansion of the local textile works was held up for want of housing for extra workers and members stated that several contractors were anxious for sites on which to build.

d) Developmen of the centre of the Market Square.

~~but~~ The Engineer stated that this would be a very slow process but, that it would be gone into. The position of the market cross and ~~and~~ the necessity to move it would be the main obstacle. The Engineer agreed to survey, with Commissioner Joyce, the Square lighting system.

e) Provision of a covered truck for refuse collection.

The Engineer informed the Board that no decision had yet been made in this matter.

f) Town lighting.

Commissioner Joyce maintained that longer lighting brackets on poles would give better illumination. The Engineer informed the Board that the Co. Council had agreed to provide additional lights, but that these had not yet been put in hand by the E.S.B. The Clerk was directed to write the E.S.B. in the matter. He was also instructed to phone Mr Silke, Asst. Co. Engineer to have four to five temporary lights provided in the Las Vegas Ball-room area to facilitate people ~~attend~~ attending Mass in the mornings in Winter.

g) Drain at Vicar Street.

As C.I.E. had not replied to a communication of the Clerk requesting that organisation to fulfil their part in keeping this drain cleared, the Clerk was directed to write again in the matter.

Lettings of municipal property.

The Clerk was directed in all lettings to consult the Chairman and two members.

Condition of river Nanny.

As the Clerk had received no reply to a request to the C.M.O. to inspect the river which was stated to be in a disgraceful condition he was directed to get a report from the Town Steward and ring the C.M.O. It was stated that dumping in the river had occurred even in the last few days.

Litter.

Commissioner Kelly complained that the town, which had been relatively free of such recently, was now badly strewn with litter. Commissioner Joyce asserted that some of this, at least, was due to tourists.

St. Joseph's Park.

As no curb existed around the margin of the roadway past the recent additional houses at St. Joseph's Park and as the Board wished one to be provided, the Engineer stated the Co. Council could not provide such as this roadway was not a public road. The Clerk was directed to write Councillors Burke and Glynn and the Chairman of the Co. Council requesting that the Council declare this a public road.

The Clerk read letters from the following :-

- 1) From the Co. Secretary on sewage facilities at Loftus Terrace stating it was hoped a Scheme would be completed in a few weeks.
- 2) From the Co. Secretary on the supply of drugs to the new Clinic, stating there is no delay now in obtaining drugs.
- 3) From the Co. Secretary on -
 - a) toilet facilities in the fairgreen.
 - b) decorative plot and fountain in the Market Square.
 - c) covered truck for refuse collection stating that these matters were being attended to.
- 4) Letters requesting repairs from -

Joseph Connaughton, 6 St. Enda's Ave.
Mgt. Mooney, 5 " " "

were directed to be passed to the Town Engineer.

 - d) A letter from Mrs Gannon 20 Tubberjarlath Rd., who had got notice to quit, requesting time in which to pay her rent. The Clerk was directed to get a report from the Rent Collector and have an investigation form completed by Mrs Gannon. He was then to refer the letter to the Asst. Co. Manager.
 - e) A letter from the Co. Engineer stating that the Town Engineer would provide a seat in the railed in portion of Tullinadaly Rd.
 - f) A letter from the Co. Engineer requesting that any Engineering matters affecting the Co. Council and Town Commissioners jointly be first referred to him.
 - g) A letter from the Tuam Stadium Committee applying for the use of the fairgreen from Sept. 27th to Oct. 6th. It was unanimously agreed that the letting be made at a nominal fee.
 - h) A letter from the Asst. Commissioner, Garda Siotchana, Dublin stating traffic conditions in the town would be examined by an Officer of the traffic Section, Garda Headquarters, Dublin subsequent to 29th Sept. 1968 and suggesting that a date be fixed on which this Officer could discuss traffic problems with the Commissioners. It was decided the Board would meet him on Monday 30th Sept., or Monday 7th Oct. at 8 p.m.
- 1) Letters from 1 - Messrs Concannon & Meagher, Solicitors
and 2 - Messrs J.P. Glynn & Sons, "

the first requesting permission for Neil T Kedward to assign No. 1 Parkmore Tce., Tuam to his wife Eithne and the second requesting the consent of the Commissioners to Patrick and Mary Owens selling the lease of their house at 50 Athenry Rd., to Joseph Burke, Cloonsheen, Kilconly.

On the proposal of Commissioner Stapleton, seconded by Commissioner O'Meara permission was unanimously granted in each case.

Rent Rates Collection.

The Chairman and several Commissioners stated they had received complaints from tenants in one Collector's area, that weekly calls were not made on them by Rent Collector. It was agreed that the Chairman and Commissioner Kelly be given a list of the arrears in this Collector's area and that he meet them to give his observations.

Commissioner Joyce complained of there being insufficient seating in the new Clinic

Commissioner Joyce notice of motion.

In speaking on his notice of motion on inadequate public telephone facilities, Commissioner Joyce stated that more complaints had come from the public this year than in any former period and this was especially noticeable at the height of the tourist season. The Chairman stated that the exchange in Galway had been designed for a smaller amount of business and that the staff there were not at fault. On the proposal of Commissioner Joyce, seconded by Commissioner Farrell it was resolved that the Board meet the local Post Master at a date to be arranged, after working hours if possible.

It was directed that that the Co. Manager, Mr Sharkey be contacted in connection with the repairs and reconstruction of the old dispensary for use as a folk museum.

It was also directed that the question of Mrs Naughton's house be reopened with the Co. Council and the Council be requested to have the whole matter re examined as Mrs Naughton had been ill advised.

11/10/68 Galvin Browne Chairman
 11/10/68 Guada N. O'Brien Town Clerk

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority
at its monthly Meeting of October 1st. 1968.

ATTENDANCE:

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

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

Arising out of the Minutes:-

The Manager gave the position of the new House Purchase Scheme which was being submitted to the Department. He felt it possible that a 99 year Lease system with the Leases open to renewal at the end of the period might be required. The Scheme as drafted by the Manager was agreed to with the possibility of its having to be amended in regard to the Lease question.

Housing in Fair Green.

The Assistant Manager had the Engineer's report read & stated he would have definite proposals for the Board at the next Meeting.

Decorative Centre to Market Square.

Commissioner Joyce stated the Engineer had reported definite progress in the formalities in connection with this.

The Chairman complained of an incorrect report in the Press to the effect that the Commissioners had requested the Gardai to patrol the River Nanny at night in view of dumping there.

Lighting: The possibility of a different type of brackets for Town lights and of extra lights was discussed and a letter from the Electricity Supply Board read. The Manager agreed to inquire into the matter of temporary lighting in the area of the Las Vegas Dance Hall and Commissioner O'Brien complained of a light being removed from outside the premises of Bontex Ltd., although the bracket remained. It was also stated that the Manager of the local Textile Works had requested lights on the Weir Road. The Manager stated he would procure for the Board details of the new lights.

The Chairman stated in reference to the River Nanny that the Health Inspector and himself had inspected the river and Mr. Hession, Town Steward that he also had inspected it and that there did not now appear to be much dumping. Commissioner Farrell complained of dumping at a new spot in the Old Road, beside the loading pier and Commissioner Kelly of a grass grown dump opposite Mr. Kennedy's old house. The Town Steward was instructed to investigate.

Making of roadway at St. Joseph's Park a public road. The Clerk was instructed to get details from the Town Engineer of any moves to have this declared a public roadway, and to request him to check the gullies at the twelve new houses there. ays

With reference to an area in Bishop Street which the Board wished transferred to the area of Mr. Kennedy the Board's Engineer, the Assistant Manager read a letter from the County Engineer explaining why it was not practical to do this.

Sale of House to Mrs. Owens, Parkmore Terrace.
The Clerk stated that the Department had agreed to this.

The Clerk stated an interview with the local Postmaster and possibly an expert from the Telephone Branch of the Department of Posts & Telegraphs was being arranged.

House of Mrs. Naughton, Galway Road: The Clerk stated he had been in touch with the County Engineer and that the County Council could take no further initiative at least for some time in the matter.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(a) Letter from Mr. Kennedy, Town Engineer on footpaths, in which Mr. Kennedy stated he would forward the motion of the Board for a footpath at the Weir Road to the County Engineer, but, that following a previous recommendation of the Board the County Engineer intended to devote funds for relief Schemes to the paths in Gilmartin Road.

(b) A letter from the County Engineer explaining that provision for a Childrens' playground would be included in the Plan for the proposed Housing Scheme at the Childrens Home.

(c) A letter from the County Council intimating that it was hoped to purchase two new refuse collecting vehicles, one of which would be for Tuam and North Galway.

(d) Letter from Mr. Joseph Davin, St. Enda's Avenue, complaining of smoke nuisance in his house. This was taken in conjunction with a notice of motion of Commissioner Kelly, as was a letter from Mr. Kennedy on repairs at Saint Enda's Avenue, Newtown Morris and the employment of an additional tradesman

(e) It was decided in connection with a letter from Mrs. Gannon, 20 Toberjarlath Road, Tuam, that repairs she requested would be considered when she paid arrears of rent.

Notices of Motion - Commissioner Kelly.

(1). That the County Council expedite the provision of a footpath at the Weir Road. Commissioner Kelly urged that traffic in this road had greatly increased because of the new Factory and that some 30 to 40 children were using it. It was decided to write the County Engineer.

(2). That an extra tradesman be employed up to Christmas to expedite work at St. Enda's Avenue. Mr. Kelly stated that a great amount of work remained to be done at St. Enda's Avenue, and in this connection a letter from Mr. Davin on a smoke nuisance received very sympathetic consideration. A letter from the Engineer pointing out that if such a tradesman were employed it might shorten the period of employment of the existing staff and suggesting rotating work between St. Enda's Avenue and Newtown Morris, doing alternatively four houses in one Scheme and four in another was also considered. It was unanimously agreed that the extra tradesman be employed and work on repairs in St. Enda's Avenue and Newtown Morris be rotated as suggested by the Engineer.

(3). That the Board request a meeting with C. I. E. to advocate cheap week-end excursions from Dublin for young people,

This was unanimously agreed to it being decided that other towns and Representative Bodies in Tuam be requested to co-operate. Commissioner Kelly and the Clerk were to draft a circular on the matter.

It was directed that Letterkenny U. D. C. be written a letter of congratulation on its conduct of the Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland.

TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION:

The Clerk read the report which was discussed and compared point by point with the report for the prior year. A vote of congratulation to Commissioner Kelly on his work in helping to prepare the town for the competition, proposed by Commissioner Glynn and seconded by the Chairman was unanimously adopted.

The Manager in reply to Commissioner McCormack stated that he understood the Contract document for the new Swimming Pool had been signed.

Commissioner Stapleton:

Complained of Miss Mary Curran, Gilmartin Road, being abused by neighbours and of there being bare electric wires in the house of Patrick Burke, 32 Gilmartin Road,

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

SIGNED on behalf of the TUAM

TOWN COMMISSIONERS:

Galvin Browne Chairman. Date: 5/11/68

Town Clerk. Date: _____

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Proceedings of above Local Authority at its
Special Meeting of October 7th. 1968.

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ATTENDANCE:

The Chairman Commissioner Browne presided. Other Members present were - Commissioners Farrell, O'Meara, Joyce, Glynn, O'Brien, Stapleton and Kelly, together with Superintendents Clifford & Sloyan and Inspector REYNOLDS of the Gardai Siochana and the Town Engineer.

The Chairman welcomed the Gardai Officers and requested Superintendent Sloyan a traffic expert to outline proposals for traffic Bye Laws. Superintendent Sloyan then outlined such proposals for the various portions of the town which were in general discussed and agreed to except for a proposal that parking be allowed outside the premises of Messrs. Frank Moran, Patrick Byrne and Mrs. McTigue, in a line with the Town Hall. It was felt parking should not be permitted in front of these premises in view of the Dublin Road turn being opposite.

Superintendent Sloyan said the Board could hope for Traffic Bye Laws in about three months. First he would have to submit recommendations to the Gardai Commissioner, then a code would be returned for examination by the Board and finally this would have to be signed by the Minister for Local Government to become law.

A vote of thanks to Superintendent Sloyan was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Commissioner O'Brien and passed.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

SIGNED on behalf of the TUAM
TOWN COMMISSIONERS:

Samuel Browne Chairman. Date: 5/11/68

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Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its monthly meeting of November 5th. 1968.

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

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of October 1st. 1968, and of the special Meeting of October, 7th. 1968, were read and signed.

Commissioner Stapleton apologised for the absence of Commissioner McCormack and in Commissioner McCormack's absence it was agreed that consideration of his Notice of Motion to provide a serviced camping site in the Palace grounds for tourists, be deferred.

Arising out of the Minutes -

The Assistant County Manager stated that the Engineer was preparing a lay out plan and an estimate of the cost for the development of part of the fairgreen as a Housing Estate which he expected would be available for the next meeting. The Assistant Manager in reply to Commissioner Kelly further stated that he did not think it wise to prepare a list of Applicants for serviced sites until the costs of such would be available.

Commissioner O'Brien referred to the usual contribution of the Board to decorative lighting at Christmas and it was agreed to contribute Forty Pounds (£40) for lighting during the coming Christmas Season as estimated earlier. Commissioner Kelly stated he wished it to be recorded that such money constituted an extra burden on the Town Rates.

Commissioner O'Meara referred to the necessity of an extra light at Ballinamona Park, and the Engineer agreed to examine this area and the existing lights there.

The Clerk was directed to write the E. S. B. for full information on the most modern types of lights and brackets.

With regard to the position of the house of Mrs. Naughton, which protruded on to Galway Road, the Assistant Manager informed the Board that an appeal for Planning Permission for a Petrol Station next door had been made and that nothing in regard to Mrs. Naughton would be done until this was determined.

The Assistant Manager read a letter from the County Engineer intimating that a path two hundred yards in length would be provided at the Weir Road, starting from the corner of the Weir and Galway Roads and that this would be constructed early in the next financial year.

Commissioner Browne referred to obstructions on pathways in the Town caused by Post Office poles, and instanced with photographs the pathway at Ballygaddy Road, (a) outside the house of Matthew Murphy, and (b) near the Presbytery, and the Clerk was directed to take up the matter with the Post Office.

REPAIRS AT NEWTOWN MORRIS & ST. ENDA'S AVENUE.

The Engineer explained that an extra tradesman was not available for employment and Members undertook to make known to him any unemployed tradesman they might hear of.

Cheap week-end fares from Dublin on C. I. E. Service.

Commissioner Kelly read a circular which he had drafted and it was agreed that it be stencilled (one hundred copies) and circularised to appropriate parties and released to the Press.

Tuam Swimming Pool.

A letter from Gabriel Walsh, Secretary, Tuam Swimming Pool Project was read. The Assistant Manager stated the County Council now awaited Departmental Sanction for a loan and that he expected this would soon be forthcoming. The Clerk was directed to Mr. Michael Carty, Parliamentary Secretary, Minister of Finance and Messrs. Michael Kitt, John Donnellan, Anthony Millar, Mrs. Hogan O'Higgins, T.Ds. requesting their assistance in expediting the matter.

Re: Adult Itinerants using Park at St. Enda's Avenue for Football.

The Engineer was directed to have a Notice prohibiting this erected and the Clerk to write the Itinerants Committee informing them of the position.

Bare electric wires in the house of Patrick Burke, Gilmartin Road, were agreed to be the tenants own responsibility as was a complaint of Miss Curran, Gilmartin Road, of intrusion on her premises by itinerants playing "pitch & toss."

An unsigned letter stated to be from various residents in Tullinadaly Road, complaining of manure consignment on Calf Markets in the Fair Green being washed on to their premises due to inadequate drainage facilities was read.

The Engineer stated the site of the market had been cleaned since the complaint and that it would be hosed down after each market in future.

A letter from Mrs. Lilian McCarthy, McHale Terrace, claiming certain rights to a passage next her house and dividing McHale Terrace into two blocks was read.

The Board decided Mrs. McCarthy be written and informed it did not feel at liberty to interfere in this matter.

Letter from Mr. Patrick Gibbons, Hairdresser, Vicar Street, re door of stall he occupied.

The Engineer stated that Mr. Gibbons had in the past sought a new door, but, would now be satisfied to have it painted. The door was a good one and he would have it painted for him.

A letter from Mrs. Margaret Lydon, Gilmartin Road, seeking repairs was referred to the Engineer.

Leasing of Plot of Ground to Tuam Branch Catholic Boy Scouts of Ireland.

The Board had been circularised on the proposal to lease this Plot and the Assistant County Manager re-read the circular when it was proposed by:

Commissioner Stapleton, and seconded by Commissioner Browne and unanimously resolved that the Lease be made.

Notice of Motion of Commissioner O'Brien "that the Board suggest to the Planning Authority the removal of the old Graveyard at High Street and the Mall for the purpose of car park accommodation".

Commissioner O'Brien in introducing his motion stated that if relics and important Head stones were gathered into one place, old objections to utilising the Graveyard could be ignored. The Engineer gave information that the Planning Authority favoured a green park here. Commissioner O'Brien then amended his Motion to one inviting the Planning Authority to examine the Graveyard and inviting suggestions for its use.

The Chairman proposed and Commissioner O'Brien seconded that suggestions from interested parties in Shop Street, be invited for a car park there. This was agreed.

The Manager read correspondence on the transfer of the Lease of Neil Kedward of No. 1, Parkmore Terrace, Tuam, to his wife Eithne Kedward, and on the transfer by her in turn of this Lease to Mrs. Teresa Fahy, Bishop St. Tuam.

It was proposed by Commissioner O'Brien, seconded by the Chairman and unanimously agreed that consent to both transfers be given.

Commissioner Kelly inquired as to the present position of the provision of a local Folk Museum at the Old Clinic and the Assistant Manager in reply stated that the County Manager was awaiting an estimate of the cost of the necessary transformations at the Old Clinic.

The Assistant Manager in reply to Commissioner Stapleton stated the Tenant Purchase Scheme for Newtown Morris was with the Department for sanction, and stated he would write the Department

Commissioner Kelly stated that protruding balconies at Walshs, High Street, constituted a danger to the public and the Clerk was directed to write Mrs. Moira Walsh in connection with this.

The Clerk was also directed to write Canon Geraghty congratulating him on the dignity bestowed upon him.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

SIGNED on behalf of the

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS:

Gabriel Browne Chairman. 3/12/68. Date.

Guaid McDonna Town Clerk. 3/12/68. Date.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority
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ATTENDANCE:

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

PHONE ARRANGEMENTS IN TUAM GALWAY AREA.

The Chairman called on Commissioner Joyce who earlier had a Notice of motion on the matter to introduce to Mr. Dunne a Senior Official of the Post Office, who was present, faults found with the telephone service in the area and Commissioner Joyce stated that from personal experience and from numerous complaints received the telephone service, he was satisfied, was not up to standard during the last Tourist Season, in particular between Tuam and Galway. He stressed that this was not due to any fault of the staff in the Galway Exchange.

Mr. Dunne agreed such complains were justified. He explained that the telephone services had been overwhelmed during the Summer of 1968 by a very large and unexpected increase in the number of tourists visiting the area. The chief difficulty in meeting increased calls on the service was one of staff. New recruits were brought in in October and January each year and in June 1968, it was realised such staff was inadequate, and though all possible recruits were called up it was found impossible to make up the deficiency then. Measures were being taken to ensure that this trouble would not recur during the coming Tourist Season. It was proposed to take on up to 400 extra hands and continue training up to May. Further an order had been placed for additional switch boards and additional circuits were planned between Tuam and Galway, though it would take some time for the latter to be provided. Mr. Dunne apologised on behalf of the Department of Posts and Telegraphs. In reply to Commissioner O'Brien he stated that there was sufficient space in the Galway Exchange for the additional staff and equipment required, and in reply to the Chairman stated that the tendency now was to have 15 to 16 large Exchanges in the country and that therefore a small Exchange in Tuam could not be expected. He anticipated no trouble in the coming Season in view of the measures being taken.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Dunne was proposed by Commissioner Browne, seconded by Commissioner O'Brien and unanimously adopted.

(a) HOUSING SITES IN THE FAIRGREEN:

The Manager read the motion on this matter and supplied Maps to show the part of the Fairgreen it was proposed to devote to housing. He stated that he

considered £700 per acre would be a fair price for the land and that the area of the Green which it was proposed to dispose of would at this price realise £3,714: 7: 6d. and would provide sites for from 20 to 25 houses. It was proposed to make only those eligible for a Grant eligible for a site and to give preference to those already accommodated in Local Authority houses. The Manager also explained that the proposal to sell the land to the County Council was because the Commissioners had not themselves machinery for site development and that he hoped to have a detailed plan for the next meeting. It was agreed to accept the arrangement proposed.

LIGHTING OF BALLINAMONA PARK.

The Engineer stated that he would keep this under notice.

SALE OF NO. 6, PARKMCRE TERRACE, TUAM.

On the proposal of Commissioner O'Brien, seconded by Commissioner Kelly it was unanimously agreed to consent to the transfer of the Lease of No. 6, Parkmore Terrace, Tuam, by Mr. Colleran to Mr. James Keane, Doogra, Tuam.

FOLK MUSEUM.

In connection with the old Clinic which it had been proposed to use as a folk museum, the Assistant Manager stated that he feared that some land at the back suitable for housing construction could only have an entrance provided by the demolition of the building. The Commissioners protested that they had sought this Museum for some three to four years and requested that the building be used as temporary accommodation for a museum at least.

A letter from Mr. Sean O'Gorman, Foster Place, protesting against the construction of a car park over the River Nanny at Shop Street, was read. The Clerk was directed by the Chairman to write Mr. O'Gorman informing him of the Chairman's Notice of Motion on this matter which merely requested suggestions for a car park at Shop Street.

Notice of Motion - Commissioner O'Meara

"That the Board request the Galway County Council to continue the footpath around the park at Ballygaddy Road". Commissioner O'Meara stated that the original road by the Park had become neglected and overgrown with grass and that if a footpath were constructed there this would be remedies. The Engineer explained that the road was under his jurisdiction and the Park itself under the Board of Health. The Chairman objected that footpaths nearer the centre of the town were more important, and that it would tax the Engineer and his resources to take on footpaths such as this in addition which were on the outskirts of the town. Commissioner O'Meara then stated he would be satisfied to see the path constructed at some future date if the roadway was cleaned up now. The

Engineer agreed he would get it cleaned up and the motion was dropped.

2) Notice of Motion - Commissioner O'Meara.

"that the Board request the County Registrar to revise the Electoral areas allocated to the various polling booths in Tuam"

Commissioner O'Meara stated he had received many complaints from voters who in going to vote had to pass out a nearby booth and travel to a more distant one. The Manager stated this was reviewed a few years ago and a proposed new allocation to which the Commissioners had agreed, arrived at. Approval was still held up by the Department of Local Government.

Commissioner McCormack complained of the absence of a light outside the booth in the Courthouse and of the absence of one at the booth at Murphy's house, Dublin Road. The Clerk was directed to write the Returning Officer.

Notice of Motion of Commissioner McCormack on a serviced camping ^{site} in the Palace Grounds.

Commissioner McCormack stated he was withdrawing this.

In response to Commissioner O'Mears, the Engineer stated that the pathway from Tullinadaly Road to the Old Road was a private path and as such could not be resurfaced by the County Council.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED on behalf of the
TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS:

Garret Browne Chairman. 21/1/69 Date.
Guaid Horgan Town Clerk. 21/1/69 Date.

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