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# **TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS**



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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority  
at its Monthly Meeting of January 7th. 1969.

ATTENDANCE:

The Chairman Commissioner Browne presided.  
Other Members present were - Commissioners Farrell, McCormack, Stapleton, Joyce, O'Brien and Kelly, together with the Assistant County Engineer Mr. Kennedy.

The Chairman addressed the Meeting on the death of Mr. James O'Meara, father of Commissioner O'Meara, and proposed a vote of sympathy to the O'Meara family which was unanimously adopted. Commissioner Farrell proposed a vote of sympathy to Commissioner O'Brien on the death of his brother and to Mr. John Gormley an employee of the Board on the death of his wife and Commissioner Kelly similarly proposed a vote of sympathy to the Dillon family, Mountbellew, on the death of Mr. Michael Dillon, all of which were adopted unanimously.

The Meeting then observed one minute's silence.

It was decided that Mass Cards be sent to the relatives.

The Meeting was then adjourned, the 21st. instant., being fixed for the resumed meeting provisional on that date being suitable to the Assistant County Manager.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

SIGNED on behalf of the TUAM

TOWN COMMISSIONERS:-

Seán Browne Chairman. 21/1/69 Date.

Guada O'Donnell Town Clerk. 21/1/69 Date.



TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority  
at its adjourned monthly Meeting of January 21st. 1969.

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

A note of sympathy to Commissioner Kelly on the  
death of his father's cousin was proposed by the Chairman  
and seconded by Commissioner McCormack was unanimously  
adopted.

ESTIMATES:

The Assistant Manager gave a summary of the main  
points in the estimates for the financial year 1969/70 which  
were before the Board. On the suggestion of the Chairman,  
the individual items compiling the estimates were then  
examined.

In view of the number of houses sold the figure  
of £2,250 for repairs, to houses which remained the same as  
in the prior year, was discussed, and as the men engaged had  
to be temporarily dismissed, because of lack of funds, the  
Chairman enquired if £2,250, if allowed, would keep them  
employed during the whole of the coming financial year.  
The Engineer, in reply, stated that the figure aimed at  
completing a programme of work primarily, rather than at  
giving employment and that if all of the sum proved  
unnecessary for house repairs any balance left would be  
utilised for putting man holes in order, so that the  
sewerages could be taken over by the County Council, and  
in repairing or providing railings and walls round the houses.  
In response to Commissioner Kelly he stated that approx.  
£650 of this figure was spent on materials and the balance  
on wages.

In connection with the item - Refund of Deposits,  
Members asserted that certain tenants who had purchased  
had not succeeded in obtaining refunds and instanced:

- (I) Mrs. Lyons, 5, Athenry Road.  
Thomas Burke, Tobberjarlath Road, and  
Mrs. Hopkins, Athenry Road.
- (II)

The Clerk stated that these parties had been tenants for a  
very lengthy period, that no record of their having made  
deposits remained, and that they could not produce receipts.  
The Board argued that as it had always been a rule that  
deposits be made by incoming tenants, it was obvious such  
had been made in all cases and should be refunded. The  
Assistant County Manager promised to look into the matter.



(IV) The figure of £575 for Collectors Commission was then discussed and the Assistant Manager informed the Members that an increase of 2/5d. per house in the amounts paid to Rent Collectors had been allowed by the Department. It was decided, however, to reduce this sum by £15. 0. Od. to £560: 0: Od.

It was also agreed that the amount provided for County Rates on houses was excessive and to reduce this figure by £50: 0: Od. to £3000.

In connection with the sum allowed (£80) for expenses arising in connection with membership of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland, Commissioner Kelly, one of the Board's delegates to Conferences of the Association, proposed that delegates could do with a little less and that the figure be reduced by £10. 0. Od. This was also agreed, and in connection with legal expenses arising from Tolls and Customs matters, as it was felt that procedure with regard to marts and fairs had now been fixed and adhered to by the public, the sum of £30: 0: Od. allocated under this heading could be reduced to £10. 0. Od. The figure of £10. 0. Od. was decided on.

In connection with income the Chairman stated that in connection with a number of the Board's houses no rent was charged and that the total levy on the tenants merely amounted to the County Rates. The Rates thus collected amounted to some £180: 0: Od. and the cost of collection falling on the Commissioners to some £9.11. Od. He urged that the sum of £180: 0: Od. should be recouped by the Commissioners from the County Council and the estimated rent and annuity figure, accruing to the Board increased by this extent. The Assistant Manager stated such recoupment would be illegal and that the only possibility of obtaining any payments from such tenants would be through the County Council making Home Assistance available to them from which they could pay an additional sum to the Board. On further discussion it was agreed to leave the matter in the hands of the Assistant Manager but, to anticipate income from this source, by increasing the estimated rent and annuity income from £10,400 to £10,520.

The effect on the estimates as presented by the Assistant Manager thus was:

Expenditure allowances decreased as follows:-

(I)	Collectors Commission from £575 to £560	-	£15
(II)	County Rates from £3050 to £3000	-	£50
(III)	Municipal Authorities Expenses - £80 to £70	-	£10



(IV) Legal Expenses  
on Tolls and Customs  
£30 to £10 - £20

or a total decrease of £95: 0: Od. bringing  
the estimated expenditure down from £15,800 to £15,705.

and,

Income estimates increased as follows:-

Rents and Annuities from  
£10,400 to £10,520,  
or an increase of £120.

The overall effect was thus a decrease in the amount to  
be demanded from the County Council of £215, leaving the  
net figure to be demanded £2,487.

Correspondence:

It was proposed by Commissioner Browne, seconded  
by Commissioner Glynn and resolved that the estimates as  
thus amended be adopted.

Commissioner O'Meara then thanked the Board for  
its vote of sympathy on the death of his father.

The Minutes of the last monthly Meeting and of  
the adjourned Meeting of the 7th. inst., were read and  
signed.

FOLK MUSEUM:

In connection with the proposed Folk Museum,  
the Assistant Manager stated he had placed the Board's  
wishes as to the temporary use of the old Clinic as a Museum  
building before the Manager, but, had had not yet the  
Manager's decision on the matter

Scheme of Priorities in the Letting of Houses:

A scheme of priorities agreed to by the  
Department was on the proposal of the Chairman, seconded  
by Commissioner Stapleton unanimously adopted, a copy of  
the Scheme being initialled by the Chairman.

Sale of Part of the Fairgreen to the County Council as a  
Housing Site.

It was proposed by Commissioner Browne,  
seconded by Commissioner Stapleton and resolved "that an  
area of 5 acres 1 rood and 9 sq. perches on the Townland



of Townparks (1st. Division), in the District Electoral Division of Tuam Urban, being part of the Fairgreen, Tuam, acquired from the Handcock Estate be sold to the Galway County Council for £700: 0: Od. per acre plus costs of Conveyance for development by the Galway County Council as sites for the erection of private houses in accordance with the provisions of the Housing Act, 1966."

Increases in Remuneration:

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Commissioner Kelly and unanimously agreed "that the salary of the Town Clerk be increased by 9% with retrospective effect to 1st. June, 1968.

It was also proposed by Commissioner Browne, seconded by Commissioner Joyce and unanimously resolved "that the fixed portion of the remuneration of rent Collectors employed by the Board be increased by 2/5d. per house from 26/10d. to 29/3d. with retrospective effect to 1st. June, 1968.

Correspondence:

The Clerk read a letter from the E.S.B. on the lighting of Tuam, in which it was stated that a light should be erected on every E. S. B. Pole in the town; that a light on every Pole was the minimum standard of public lighting recognised, that there were at present 100 poles without lights in Tuam - normally 55 yards apart and that the annual light and maintenance charges for such 100 additional lights would be something under £900. It was also stated that on main traffic routes more powerful lights with larger brackets should be erected and that the Department of Local Government gave generous grants for the installation of these latter.

The Clerk was directed to thank the E.S.B. for its letter and to request the County Council to implement the Scheme outlined.

The Clerk then read letters from local T.Ds. on the matter of the Tuam Swimming Pool, which showed that the Minister would not sanction a loan of £39,600 from the Local Loans Fund for the Pool's construction. On the Assistant County Manager stating that the County Manager, so far, had failed to obtain a loan from other sources the Board decided to seek a joint meeting with the Local Swimming Pool Committee, with a view to making an approach to the local Banks on the matter of making such a loan available to the Galway County Council. The Clerk was directed to arrange such a meeting and invite Mr. Gabriel Walsh also to be present.

Letters from a number of Local Authorities endorsing the Commissioners representations to C.I.E. to extend cheap week-end fares to and from Dublin to every week-end were read.



Also read was a letter from the Galway County Council that little alteration in the old Graveyard at High Street was envisaged and one from The Shop Street Traders' association on the provision of a Car Park at Shop Street.

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ITINERANTS: monthly meeting of February 4th. 1969.

Commissioner Farrell stated families of itinerants had camped in the Palace Grounds near the Bridge there, and that various local people had objected. As it was understood that a local Priest interested in Itinerants' welfare had invited them, the Chairman agreed to meet him and discuss the matter.

The Chairman, Commissioner Browne presided. Other members present were Commissioner Kelly, Joyce, Stapleton, O'Brien, and the Assistant Manager. Commissioner Farrell also referred to a dangerous tree in the Palace near Mr. Melia's house of which the Assistant Manager took note.

MINUTES:

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

Arising out of the Minutes:

1). The Assistant County Manager stated he had no objection to the Folk Museum and Commissioner O'Brien who has been in touch with the County Manager felt that the expense of adopting the old Clinic to serve as a Folk Museum would be too great.

SIGNED on behalf of the TUAM

TOWN COMMISSIONERS:

Gavin Browne Chairman. 4/12/69 Date.  
Guaid Noorman Town Clerk. 4/12/69 Date.

3). Improved Lighting Scheme suggested by E. S. B.

The Clerk stated that to date he had no reply from County Council on this matter and the Manager asserted that Tuam Town lighting had already been improved. In response to Commissioner Joyce the Engineer agreed to examine the stretch of Bishop Street from Quinns Shop to the Curragh Bridge which Commissioner Joyce stated badly required extra lights.

4). SWIMMING POOL:

The Chairman stated he had replies from three of the four Banks on the matter of a loan, which were not favourable. The Assistant Manager, however, was able to inform the meeting that the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances, Ltd., would advance the necessary sum.



5). Itinerants in Palace.  
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The Chairman stated that the Priest active in trying to resettle itinerants had informed him that Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its monthly meeting of February 4th. 1969.

6). With regard to a dangerous tree in the Palace Grounds, the Engineer stated he expected this would be removed within the coming week.

ATTENDANCE:

7). Old Graveyard at High Street.

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

MINUTES:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:  
Arising out of the Minutes:

1). The Assistant County Manager stated he had no further news in connection with the Folk Museum and Commissioner O'Brien who had been in touch with the County Manager stated the County Manager felt that the expense of adopting the old Clinic to serve as a Folk Museum would be too great.

2). In connection with the Fairgreen the Assistant Manager stated that the layout plans which he had not yet obtained would have to be sent to the Department to obtain the necessary sanction.

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The Chairman stated that the Priest active in trying to resettle itinerants had informed him that Itinerant families, which would not be increased would only be kept in the Palace Grounds for a short time.

6). With regard to a dangerous tree in the Palace Grounds, the Engineer stated he expected this would be removed within the coming week.

7). Old Graveyard at High Street.

Commissioner O'Brien and the Chairman asserted this was an eyesore and urged that it and every other available area should be used as Car Parks and that the County Engineer should examine the Graveyard with a view to so converting it. The Assistant Manager informed the Board that the old Monuments here were the property of the Board of Works and the Graveyard proper of the County Council.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Clerk read a letter from the Minister for Transport and Power to Mr. Michael Carty, T.D., which went into various aspects of the activity of C. I. E. in providing cheap fares and which asserted that the extension of cheap week-end fares throughout the year, which the Board advocated, would not be warranted. Commissioner Kelly stated he felt this matter should not be allowed to rest at this and that a Representative Deputation should meet the Transport Authority. It was agreed that Commissioner Kelly should arrange such a deputation.

A letter from Mrs. Kathleen Dillon, Mountbellew, on the Board's vote of sympathy on the death of her husband was read.

Also read was a letter from Mrs. Angela Holian, 93, Athenry Road, Tuam, urging that her husband be allowed to purchase his house. Commissioner Kelly's Notice of Motion on the purchase of houses by certain tenants under the terms of the old Tenant Purchase Scheme was taken in conjunction with Mrs. Holian's letter. And the Assistant Manager stated that in the past certain parties who were not three years tenants, with the special consent of the Minister, may have been allowed to purchase, but, these would have been tenants for three years by 30/9/67, the closing date for receiving applications under the old Scheme. The Housing Act of 1967, however, terminated such extraordinary facilities, and that no such sale had been made since March, '67, the date he took over as Assistant Manager of the Tuam Town Commissioners.

Commissioner Kelly proposed that a special plea be made to the Minister. The Chairman asked Commissioner Kelly to leave the matter over to the following meeting for further consideration which Commissioner Kelly agreed to.



2nd. Notice of Motion - Commissioner Kelly:

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On the conversion of the Pound into a Childrens' Playground. This was supported also by the Chairman who, however, thought the Pound rather small and referred to two sites - one on each side of the Pound which might be included. Commissioner Kelly's Motion was unanimously agreed on, but, action on it was deferred to the next Meeting to give members an opportunity of suggesting alternative sites for a Pound.

ATTEN Notices of Motion - Commissioner Browne:

a) On the use of the grounds at the Old Childrens' Home for a site for a School for the Christian Brothers. The Manager stated, it had already been decided that Houses and a Playground be provided there, and that the Department had insisted that the layout plans should cover the entire area of these grounds. The Notice of Motion was unanimously agreed upon.

b) Provision of a Telephone Kiosk for the Athenry, Tobberjarlath and Upper Dublin Road area. It emerged that the Postal Authorities had proposed a Kiosk at a spot where the County Council deemed the pathway too narrow. The Engineer stated he would contact the Postal Authorities as there were other sites quite suitable which the County Council would be very agreeable to.

In response to representations made by Commissioner Farrell, the Engineer agreed to look into the matter of the provision of surface shores at Shop Street, and in response to Commissioner Stapleton who referred to flooding at St. Joseph's Park and the provision of kerbing there that the roadway here had not been a public road, but the making of a public road of it had been discussed at the County Council Meeting of the previous day.

c). It was agreed to send a telegraph to the Taoiseach urging his intervention in the Teachers' strike.

A rent query raised by Patrick Kelly, St. Enda's Avenue and the tenancy of the house at St. Enda's Avenue by Miss Frances ~~Norton~~ of which her mother up to her death, had been tenant, were left to the Assistant Manager and Clerk.

d). This concluded the business of the meeting.

SIGNED on behalf of the

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS:

Garrett Browne Chairman 4/3/69 Date.

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Town Clerk. \_\_\_\_\_ Date.



and Mr. Madsen be informed of the position.

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g). Town Pound - Notice of Motion Commissioner Kelly.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its Monthly Meeting of March 4th. 1969. Commissioner Kelly stated he would revert into a Childrens' Playground, but, agreed to allow it to stand over to the next meeting on the representations of the Chairman.

ATTENDANCE: Provision of a Site for a C. B. School in the Childrens' Home Grounds:

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

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

Arising out of the Minutes:  
A letter from the Postal Authorities on the provision of a telephone site was read and the site selected was approved by the Board.

a). Commissioner O'Brien stated that a real effort to establish the Folk Museum was not being made and that little help towards having it established was being obtained from the Co. Authorities. The Commissioner Kelly felt that the old Dispensary might be used as a building for the Museum, as a temporary measure and it was decided to write the County Manager asking him to reconsider his decision and allow the museum to be housed temporarily in the old Dispensary.

The Clerk was authorised to enter Tuam for the next Tidy Towns competition and the Engineer requested to paint the In connection with housing sites in the Fairgreen, the Manager informed the Board he had not yet obtained the layout plans from the Engineer.

A letter from Mrs. Gilmore, Gilmartin Road, requesting repairs was passed to the Engineer.

c). LIGHTING:

The Engineer reported that he had examined the stretch of Street from Quinns shop to the Curragh Bridge, that a light existed on every second pole there as in other similar places in the town. The Clerk had no further correspondence on the lighting problem.

Peter Gilmartin Road, the latter house being vacant and to grant the tenancy of No. 8, Gilmartin Road, to Mr. Patrick Ward of No. 7, Gilmartin Road, and to instruct the Rent Collectors to report any new cases of sub-tenants.

d). SWIMMING POOL.

The Manager assured the Board this was going ahead rapidly.

SETTING OF MEAT STALL VACATED BY MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM.

e). DEPUTATION TO C. I. E.: Commissioner Kelly stated he had discussed this with various people, who felt the matter should be more widely disseminated before arranging a deputation. It was decided to leave this over to the next meeting.

f). Applications to purchase by parties not three years tenants of Commissioners Houses.

Commissioner Kelly requested that Mrs. Holian



and Mr. Madsen be informed of the position.

g). Town Pound - Notice of Motion Commissioner Kelly.

On discussion Commissioner Kelly stated he would withdraw his Motion to have the Pound converted into a Childrens' Playground, but, agreed to allow it to stand over to the next meeting on the representations of the Chairman.

h). Provision of a Site for a C. B. School in the Childrens' Home Grounds:

This also was allowed to stand over to the next meeting when it was understood a report from the County Council on these grounds would be available

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter from the Postal Authorities on the provision of a Telephone site was read and the site selected was approved by the Board.

The Clerk read a letter from the County Engineer disapproving of using the site of the old Graveyard at High Street, as a Car Park. Commissioner O'Brien stated he would meet the County Engineer and go further into this matter with him.

The Clerk was authorised to enter Tuam for the next Tidy Towns Competition and the Engineer requested to repaint the face of the Town Clock.

A letter from Mrs. Gilmore, Gilmartin Road, requesting repairs was passed to the Engineer.

LETTING OF HOUSE NO. 22, GILMARTIN ROAD.

On discussion it was agreed to transfer Mr. Peter Shaughnessy from No. 8, to No. 22, Gilmartin Road, the latter house being vacant and to grant the tenancy of No. 8, Gilmartin Road, to Mr. Patrick Ward of No. 7, Gilmartin Road, and the Clerk directed to instruct the Rent Collectors to report any new cases of sub-tenants.

LETTING OF MEAT STALL VACATED BY MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM.

On the proposal of Commissioner Stapleton, seconded by Commissioner Farrell, it was decided to grant the tenancy of this stall to Mr. Owen Browne, Bishop Street.



Notice of Motion - Commissioner O'Mara:

to request the County Council to establish a car park over the River Nanny on Farrell's Mills side.

Commissioner O'Mara moved his Notice of Motion which was seconded by Commissioner Farrell and unanimously resolved upon.

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioner Browne and Members voiced congratulations to the Most Reverend Dr. Cunnane on his elevation to the Archbishopric of Tuam and wished the Most Reverend Dr. Walsh many happy years of retirement. O'Mara, McCormack, Farrell, Kelly, Joyce, Stapleton and O'Br together with the Assistant County Engineer Mr. W. Kennedy.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the last Month Meeting were read and signed. Arising out of the Minutes the following matters were discussed:-

"FOLK MUSEUM"

On discussion it was decided to SIGNED on behalf of the TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS:

CHILDRENS' HOME FUNDS:

The Chairman stated he had no further news of the proposed Housing for the Childrens' Home Funds and was Galvin Browne Chairman. 1/4/69 Date.

TOWN LIGHTING.

\_\_\_\_\_ TOWN CLERK. \_\_\_\_\_ DATE.

The Chair/re-asserted what had been stated at previous meeting, that very dark patches existed in stretch of Bishop Street, from Quinns Store to the Craugh Bridge, and the Assistant County Engineer was requested to re-examine the lighting in this area again.

DEPUTATION TO C. I. E.

Commissioner Kelly stated that parties with whom he was in touch were going into this matter and it was agreed to leave it over to a later meeting.

HOUSE PURCHASES:

The Clerk stated that he had written to Messrs. Holian and Madsen, tenants of the Board, explaining why they would not be allowed to purchase their houses under the old Tenant Purchase Scheme.



POUND, BISHOP STREET.

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It was also agreed to leave over the question of having this transformed into a Childrens' Playground.

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Reference was made to the wires around the small green park at Mr. Satchwell's being broken.

ATTENDANCE:

It was agreed that permission be granted to the authorities to erect a Telephone Kiosk at the house of Mr. Satchwell, 55, Athenry Road, Tuam.

The Chairman Commissioner Browne presided. Other Members present were: Commissioners O'Mara, McCormack, Farrell, Kelly, Joyce, Stapleton and O'Brien, together with the Assistant County Engineer Mr. W. E. Kennedy.

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting were read and signed. Arising out of the Minutes the following matters were discussed:-

"FOLK MUSEUM". On discussion it was decided to leave this over to a later meeting, but, following from it the Clerk was directed to let the upper portion of the Town Hall to the Theatre Guild on the same terms as in the preceding year.

CHILDRENS' HOME GROUNDS:

In regard to the matter of itinerants it was no committee was dealing effectively with this matter. The Clerk was agreed to inform Mr. Quinn that the dump was for the County Council to which Body his committee for the County Council to which was decided to obtain the names of the tenants of the stretch along Galway Road from Mr. Kennedy, Assistant County Engineer to transmit these to the Forestry Department presenting to this Department the desirability of having the bog margin on the sides of the road planted.

The Clerk stated he had no further news of the proposed Housing Scheme for the Childrens' Home Grounds and was directed to include it in the agenda for the next meeting.

TOWN LIGHTING.

The Chair<sup>man</sup>/re-asserted what had been stated at the previous meeting, that very dark patches existed in the stretch of Bishop Street, from Quinns Store to the Curragh Bridge, and the Assistant County Engineer was requested to re-examine the lighting in this area again.

DEPUTATION TO C. I. E.

Notice of Motion of Commissioner Browne on having a deputation to immediately attend to public lighting especially in the Fairgreen, in the event of the failure of such, on the nights preceding the March and October Commissioners' September Shear fairs.

Commissioner Kelly stated that parties with whom he was in touch were going into this matter and it was agreed to leave it over to a later meeting.

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The Clerk stated that he had written to Messrs. Holian and Madsen, tenants of the Board, explaining why they would not be allowed to purchase their houses under the old Tenant Purchase Scheme.



POUND, BISHOP STREET.

TOURISM:

It was also agreed to leave over the question of having this transformed into a Childrens' Playground. It was not getting sufficient publicity as a tourist centre and it was decided that the Western Regional Tourist Organisation Reference was made to the wires around the small green park at Newtown Morris being broken.

It was agreed that permission be granted to the Postal Authorities to erect a Telephone Kiosk at the house of Mr. Satchwell, 55, Athenry Road, Tuam.

On the proposal of Commissioner Joyce, seconded by Commissioner Farrell, it was decided to give sanction to the action of Mr. Luke Murphy, Shop Street, in erecting a gate across the passage down to the River Nanny next his premises beside the river at Shop Street.

A letter from Mr. Harry Quinn, Solicitor, Tuam, on behalf of Mr. Peter Quinn, Barnacurragh, Tuam, was read in which objections to the Public Dump being a menace to health and to the damage caused by itinerants in the area of Barnacurragh was made. The Engineer stated that the dump had been disinfested on several occasions; that it was examined by him regularly and that there was nothing objectionable about it.

TOWN COMMISSIONERS:

In regard to the matter of itinerants it was noted that the Itinerant Committee was dealing effectively with this matter. It was agreed to inform Mr. Quinn that the dump was a matter for the County Council to which Body his complaint was being transmitted.

On the initiative of Commissioner O'Brien, it was decided to obtain the names of the tenants of the stretch of bog along Galway Road from Mr. Kennedy, Assistant County Engineer and transmit these to the Forestry Department, representing to this Department the desirability of having the bog margins along the sides of the road planted with trees. It was noted that Mr. Guinan at present staying in Canavan's Hotel would give recommendations as to suitable trees or shrubs.

Notice of Motion of Commissioner Browne on having an Electrician available to immediately attend to public lighting especially in the Fairgreen, in the event of the failure of such, on the nights preceding the March and October Cattle fairs and the September Sheep fairs.

Commissioner Browne complained of the public lighting system having failed during the Cattle fairs of March 1968 and 1969, and of cattle being lost and damage caused because of these failures. He emphasised that he did not imply negligence to any official of the E. S. B. in any way. The motion was discussed, seconded by Commissioner O'Mara and agreed to.

Commissioner Farrell agreed to go into the matter of the sufficiency of water pressure in Tuam in the event of fire with Mr. Sugrue, the Fire Officer.



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TOURISM:

On discussion, it was felt that Tuam was not getting sufficient publicity as a tourist centre and it was decided that the Western Regional Tourist Organisation be written to include a representative from Tuam.

Commissioner Kelly enquired as to the commencement of construction of the pathway at the Weir Road which the County Council had agreed to include in its 1969/70 estimates and the Assistant County Engineer stated he would enquire into the position of this.

It was decided that a wall between the houses of Mr. Manning and Mr. Melia, Tullinadaly Road, owned by Mrs. Kelly should be inspected.

Commissioner Kelly congratulated the Chairman on his conduct of the presentation to the new Archbishop. This concluded the business of the meeting.

(a) The question of a folk museum.  
SIGNED on behalf of the TUAM

TOWN COMMISSIONERS:

Galvin O'Donoghue Chairman. 6/5/69 Date.

DUMP: \_\_\_\_\_ Town Clerk. \_\_\_\_\_ Date.

Water pressure in Tuam.

Commissioner Farrell said he had been in touch with Captain Sugrue, the Chief Fire Officer, and that a mile of hose was available, which would enable water from the river Nanny to be used on fires in practically any part of Tuam.

Path at Weir Road.

The Manager stated that he would enquire as to when work on this would commence.



TOURISM. TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

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ATTENDANCE:

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Chairman, Commissioner Browne presided. Other members present were: Commissioners Farrell, Joyce, Stapleton, McCormack, O'Brien and Kelly, together with the Assistant County Manager and Town Engineer. Messages from Commissioners Glynn and O'Meara regretting inability to be present were received.

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

Arising out of the Minutes:

(a) The question of a folk museum.

This was left to Commissioner O'Brien to attend to.

(b) Childrens Home Grounds.

The Assistant County Manager outlined the present position of the developments of these.

(c) Lighting of Bishop Street. The Engineer stated that there were lights on every second pole in the area complained of here, as in all other streets of the town.

TOWN DUMP:

The Engineer informed the meeting that further poison would be set for rats in the dump and that it was hoped to improve it further later and possibly plant part of it over.

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The Manager stated that he would enquire as to when work on this would commence.



TOURISM.

Commissioner O'Brien complained of a lack of hotel accommodation in the town and Commissioner Joyce advocated the compilation of a list of non-registered houses which would supply bed and breakfast to tourists and which would be made available to Hotels and Merchants. It was decided that Commissioner Joyce should request the Junior Chamber of Commerce to compile such a list.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter from the E. S. B. on the matter of the failure of lighting at important fairs, was read with which the Board professed itself satisfied.

Commissioner Joyce read a letter from the local F. C. A. Authority stating there was no information available as to the organisation of F. C. A. Camps in the West of Ireland. He agreed to write the Department of Defence for information.

Letter from Tuam Tennis Club:

A letter from the Tuam Tennis Club requesting the assistance of the Commissioners in obtaining a grant from the Galway County Council and in having the Council use some of the seats held for the Palace Grounds, near the Courts was read.

The Assistant Co. Manager promised to look into this.

The Engineer stated he would look into allegations that ashes was being dumped near the wall dividing the Palace Grounds from the old gardens there and, if necessary, pass the matter to the Public Health Section of the County Council for attention.

With reference to cheap week-end fares, Commissioner O'Brien read a letter from C. I. E. to the Hon. Secretary the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland inviting a representative of the Association to meet the Commercial Manager of C. I. E. to discuss this subject.

SALE OF NEWTOWN MORRIS HOUSES.

Further to notices under Sect. 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, sent to each Town Commissioner, it was proposed by Commissioner Joyce, seconded by Commissioner Farrell and resolved that House No. 6, Newtown Morris, Tuam, be leased to Mr. Kevin Costello the tenant, and

House No. 2, Newtown Morris, to Mr. Peter Gavin, the tenant, the leases to be under the Tenant Purchase Scheme of the Tuam Town Commissioners.

It was agreed that the use of the proceeds from cash sales of houses be discussed at the next meeting.



Leasing of Site in the Fairgreen to Cumann Rinnci Eireann, Thuama.

The Manager stated that this had already been agreed to and sanctioned, but, in the name of the Trustees of the Boy Scouts of Ireland. As this organisation no longer existed in Tuam it was proposed to make the Lease to the Trustees of Cumann Rinnci Thuama instead. On discussion it was decided that, in case the Boy Scouts Organisation should be revived in Tuam, a condition of the leasing of the site to any other organisation should be that accommodation should be reserved for the Scouts should they be so revived.

(a) Then as notice under Sect. 83, of the Local Government Act, 1946, had been sent to each Town Commissioner it was proposed by Commissioner Joyce, seconded by Commissioner Farrell and unanimously resolved that a plot of some 5¼ perches in the Fairgreen, Tuam, be leased to Cumann Rinnci Thuama for a period of 30 years at a rent of Five Pounds (£5) per year, it being a condition of the Lease that accommodation be reserved for the Tuam Branch of the Catholic Boy Scouts of Ireland should this in future be revived.

Further to notification under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, Ireland 1946, it was proposed by Commissioner Stapleton and seconded by Commissioner Farrell and resolved that a site 110' x 60' in the Fairgreen, Tuam, adjacent to the F. C. A. hut be sold to Dr. C. Horan, Tuam, for £400 = plus the costs of Conveyance.

The Members discussed and agreed to sell to the Galway County Council a plot of some 17 perches of the Fairgreen at the rear of the premises of Mr. Melia, Tullinadaly Road, for the sum of £200. O. Od. in order that the Council might later use this as part payment to Mr. Melia for another plot which would enable an opening for a new road on to Tullinadaly Road to be made

New Housing Scheme in Fairgreen.

The Manager showed a layout plan of this to the members and it was decided that a passage way for residents in Tullinadaly Road, through the fairgreen at the rear of their houses and leading on to the new road through the Housing Scheme be incorporated in the plan.

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Complaints were made by members that in addition to dangerous trees, some sound trees had been felled in the Palace Housing Scheme Grounds. The Manager undertook to discuss the matter with Mr. Silke the Engineer-in-Charge.

Increases in Rents.

Commissioner O'Brien complained of the rents of Mrs. Davin, St. Enda's Avenue and of Mr. Moggan, Gilmartin Road, having been increased and the Manager undertook to go into those cases.



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TRAFFIC BYE-LAWS.

The Clerk read to the meeting the schedules of a code of Traffic Bye Laws for the town submitted by the Assistant Commissioner Garda Siochana and on discussion the code on the proposal of Commissioner Farrell, seconded by Commissioner O'Brien was adopted.

Further to representations by Commissioner Stapleton the Engineer undertook to examine:

(a) A wall at the house of Mr. Harry Cassidy, St. Enda's Avenue.

(b) The gateway of Miss Curran, Gilmartin Road.

Commissioner O'Brien complained of pot holes in the grass plot at Newtown Morris and Mr. Kennedy, Town Engineer, stated that Mr. Ml. Mahon the Engineer-in-Charge of the area was on holidays and that the matter would receive attention on his return.

Commissioner Browne informed the meeting that an Engineer from the Board of Works had informed him that the Gardai Siochana desired a site for a new Barracks. He, Commissioner Browne felt that the premises of Messrs. M. W. Walsh might be suitable.

The Engineer stated to Commissioner Kelly that he hoped a new series of litter bins might become available for the town.

Votes of sympathy to Commissioner Farrell on the death of his uncle and to Commissioner Stapleton on the death of his father-in-law were adopted and it was decided to send messages wishing speedy recovery to Mr. Hession, Town Steward, and to Mr. Kelly, father of Commissioner Kelly.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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TOWN COMMISSIONERS:

Galvin Browne Chairman. 3/6/69 Date.

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Town Clerk. \_\_\_\_\_ Date.



(h) TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS. The Manager stated he would submit the scheme to the Department.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its monthly meeting of June 3rd. 1969.

Commissioner Kelly stated that a seminar on housing had been arranged at the Hermitage for June 24th. and the Manager promised to arrange to have a County Council Official present to lecture on the matter.

ATTENDANCE:

The Chairman Commissioner Browne presided. Other members present were Commissioners Stapleton, O'Mara, Mc Cormack, Farrell, Kelly and Glynn, together with the Assistant County Manager and Town Engineer.

MINUTES:

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

Arising out of the minutes -

(a) The Manager stated that revised layout plans for the development of the Children's Home site had been sent to the Department for approval.

(b) Public Dump: The Engineer stated fresh poison had been spread on this. No rats were observed.

(c) Commissioner O'Mara complained that the water supply had been cut off on a number of nights without notice and the Engineer in reply informed the Board that notice had been given to users who were expected to require water at night and that the matter had been an emergency one. He further stated the equipment available was outdated, but that a new electric pump which should improve pressure was expected in the very immediate future.

(d) Complaints were made by Members that the sewerage at Athenry Road was very unsatisfactory, but it was felt that it would be far too expensive to open up all the sewer here. The Engineer who had informed the meeting that he had ordered a number of man hole covers, stated he would give the sewers a ~~thre~~ thorough probing on the following day to ascertain if a defect could be discovered. ✓

(e) The Manager stated the Tourist Office would not agree to exhibit a list of non-registered houses.

(f) The Manager further stated that an application for facilities to have a pitch and put Course constructed in the Palace Grounds had been agreed to by the County Council who left the siting of the Course to its officers. Commissioner Kelly and other members urged that only the County Council and Town Commissioners should have the right to establish amenities in the Palace Grounds and objected to such rights being granted to private parties.

(g) The Engineer stated that he had given instructions for the removal of ashes which had been dumped near the wall dividing the Palace Grounds from nearby old Gardens.

(a) A site at Vicar Street, at the approach of the Railway Station.



(h) Development of the Fairgeen. The Manager stated he expected the layout plan on the following day, when he would submit the scheme to the Department.

Commissioner Kelly stated that a seminar on housing had been arranged at the Hermitage for June 24th. and the Manager promised to arrange to have a County Council Official present to lecture on the matter.

Pursuant to notices under Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1941. With regard to the felling of trees in the Palace, the Manager informed the Board that the Engineer who had ordered this had had advice from an Officer of the Department of Agriculture.

House No. 1, Newtown Morris, Tuam, be leased to the Tenant. The Town Clerk promised to go into the rent being charged to Peter Shaughnessy, Gilmartin Road.

The Engineer stated that the matter of a car park in Shop Street was under investigation in the drawing office of the County Council.

and that, Members complained of excessive litter in the town and it was ascertained that 4 dozen new litter bins were on order. It was urged that the Town Steward should get in touch with Merchants and the schools on the matter. With regard to a suggestion that the itinerants should be asked to manufacture litter bins the Engineer requested a price and a sample of their work.

He also stated he would arrange to put a block on the wall at the house of Mr. H. Cassidy in order to raise it and that he understood the park at Newtown Morris would be surface dressed to eliminate pot holes. He informed Commissioner Farrell that money was available for the paths at Shop Street, but, that the County Council awaited the introduction of the Traffic Bye Laws and that in regard to the fading of white traffic lines the County Council had to await a request from the Gardai to repaint them. He was requested by the Chairman to keep in mind the old dump at the Weir Road which was in a deplorable condition.

The Manager placed figures before the Board showing a loss of £1000. The Clerk read a letter from the Western Regional Tourism Organisation Ltd., on the possibility of having a member of the Tuam Town Commissioners amongst its Directors for further consideration.

The Manager undertook to ascertain if the Commissioners could contribute money towards prizes for houses and Gardens which would assist the Tidy Towns competition.

The Clerk also read a communication from the Forestry section of the Department of Lands on the planting of trees on the bog margins at Galway Road which intimated that the Department would consider the matter if the necessary land was offered for sale.

SIGNED on behalf of the TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS. A letter from the Board of Works, seeking a site for a new Garda Station was placed before the Board and on discussion it was decided that the Board of Works be informed of:

(a) A site at Vicar Street, at the approach of the Railway Station.



(b) The site of Farrells Mills which was available.

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The Engineer agreed to examine the stall of Mr. Patrick Gibbons and to consider painting parts of it.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its monthly Meeting of July 1st, 1969.

Pursuant to notices under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, having been sent to each Town Commissioner it was proposed by Commissioner Stapleton, seconded by Commissioner O'Mara and agreed that -

House No. 1, Newtown Morris, Tuam, be leased to the Tenant Mr. Anthony Mongan for a period of ninety nine years from 1st. July 1969 subject to a Ground Rent of £1 per year the purchase price to be payable by an annuity over a period of ten years by weekly instalments of £4. 13. 3d. which will include Ground rent and cost of Insurance,

and that,

House No. 12, Newtown Morris, Tuam, be leased to Mr. Thomas Devine, the tenant, for a period of ninety nine years from the 1st. July 1969 for a payment of £1702: 8: Od. plus a ground rent of £1 per year.

Commissioner Glynn commented on the provision in the Leases, whereby the Local Authority was entitled to a percentage of the proceeds should the Lessees transfer their leases and stated this did not appear in the outline of the scheme sent to the tenants and the Manager informed him that the amount at present which would accrue to the Local Authority was one third of any profit made, the profit being deemed any sum in excess of £2240 in the case of Newtown Morris houses and read sections of the Scheme to the meeting.

TOLLS AND CUSTOMS.

The Manager placed figures before the Board showing a loss on the Tolls over the preceding years two years and proposed that tenders from toll farmers be invited for them. The Board decided to leave the matter over for a month for further consideration.

Commissioner *Kelly* requested that the E. S. B. be thanked for the outing given to members of the Board.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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TOWN COMMISSIONERS

*R. M. Stapleton* Chairman. 1/7/69 Date

\_\_\_\_ Town Clerk. \_\_\_\_\_ Date.



6). Pitch & Put in Palace Grounds.

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Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its monthly Meeting of July 1st. 1969.

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

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

1). The Manager explained that the amount to be paid to the Local Authority by a Lessee under the new House Purchase Scheme, disposing of his Lease would be a percentage of the difference between the disposal price and the amount the house was actually leased to the particular tenant at and not such a percentage of the difference between the disposal price and the figure which the Lessee would have to pay had he been less than five years a tenant.

2). The Members discussed the fact that the Tourist Organisation would not agree to exhibit a list of non-registered houses providing Bed and Breakfast in its office and the Assistant Manager agreed that such a list might be exhibited in the Library room of the Town Hall independently of the Tourist Organisation.

3). WATER SUPPLY. Commissioner Browne complained of water pressure in the town being very low and Commissioners Kelly and Farrell of stoppages at Las Vegas Dance Hall and St. Joseph's Park. The Manager agreed to look into the matter of pumping facilities at the Tuam Reservoir.

4). Proposed Housing Scheme at Fairgreen, Tuam.

Commissioner Kelly advocated purchasing land adjacent to the site of this Scheme and the matter was noted by the Manager.

5). Commissioner Browne stated he was not satisfied with the condition of the sewer at Athenry Road, despite a report of the Town Engineer, that it had been rectified. Commissioners Browne and Kelly instanced complaints made by tenants - Michael Byrne and Joseph McGough of effluent from the sewer affecting their houses. In the case of tenant Joseph McGough, it had been impossible for him to use his garden for a number of years. It was directed that the condition of the sewer be immediately rectified.



6). Pitch & Put in Palace Grounds.

The Chairman wished a happy retirement to Mr. Hession and all members associated themselves there. Commissioner Browne complained of private parties being given facilities in the Palace Grounds for Pitch & Put and urged that only the Town Commissioners and County Council should have such rights. Commissioner Glynn a party to a private effort in the matter outlined the history of steps which had been taken and explained that any secrecy involved had been kept in order to avoid publicity until it was sure the idea would not prove futile.

7). Tenants Rents.

The rents of John Wood, 64, Toberjarlath Road, Peter Shaughnessy, Gilmartin Road, and Mrs. Davin, St. Enda's Avenue, were adverted to and the Clerk was directed to write Mrs. Davin explaining how her rent had been arrived at.

8). LITTER.

Commissioner Kelly appealed to County Council workers to make an extra effort during the following fortnight to clear grass verges and gutters in view of the Tidy Towns Competition. Commissioner O'Mara complained of the grass at St. Joseph's Park and Ballygaddy Road Park being overgrown. An appeal was also made that old Election Posters should be removed.

9). In connection with the possibility of the Commissioners becoming a member of the Western Regional Tourism Organisation Ltd., Commissioner Browne informed the meeting that Mr. Brian Flynn of Arus Failte would come to Tuam at any time if requested to explain the conditions of membership.

Commissioner Kelly protested against the position Mrs. Naughton had been left in by the County Council on the widening of Galway Road, as her house was left abutting dangerously on to the main road.

The Assistant Manager promised to look into the matter.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Clerk read a letter from the Hon. Secretary, of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland requesting the submission of Motions for the agenda of the Conference of the Association. It was agreed members would submit any motions they considered appropriate at the next monthly meeting.

The Clerk was directed to write the Gardai Authorities to repaint white lines on the Streets.

Resignation of Mr. John Hession, Town Steward.

The Manager explained that Mr. Hession, Town Steward, had been forced to resign owing to a heart attack and that Mr. John Gormley, Rent Collector, would act as temporary Town Steward until the 31st. instant.



The Chairman wished a happy retirement to Mr. Hession and all members associated themselves therewith.

The Manager further stated that Mr. O'Connor, Town Clerk, was retiring as on and from 4th. July, 1969, and that a gratuity of £1013: 6: 8d. was payable to him. It was proposed by Commissioner Browne, seconded by Commissioner Joyce and resolved,

"that a gratuity of £1013: 6: 8d. be paid to Mr. Gerald H. O'Connor, on termination of his service as Town Clerk."

The Chairman and Members wished success to the Clerk to which Mr. O'Connor replied.

#### Disposal of Tolls and Customs.

On the proposal of Commissioner Browne, seconded by Commissioner Farrell, it was resolved,

That the Tuam Town Commissioners advertise for tenders for the tolls and customs of the town of Tuam, exclusive of tolls on produce sold in Tuam Livestock Mart.

#### Prizes for Gardens in Local Authority Houses.

On the suggestion of the Assistant Manager, it was proposed by Commissioner Farrell, seconded by Commissioner Joyce and resolved

"that a sum of Ten Pounds (£10) be prizes for the best kept gardens of houses of Local Authorities in Tuam and the amount to be divided into three prizes: a First Prize of £5. 0. 0d. a second prize of £3. 0. 0d. and a third prize of £2. 0. 0d."

#### Disposal of Lease.

It was proposed by Commissioner Farrell, seconded by Commissioner O'Mara and resolved -  
Tuam

"That the/Town Commissioners consent to the transfer by Mr. Peter Gavin of his Lease of House No. Newtown Morris, Tuam, to Mr. Kevin Forde, Area Electrician, E.S.B., Tuam, subject to a sum of £150. 0. 0d. from any profit made by Mr. Gavin on the said transfer being paid to the Commissioners under Clause 5(b) of the Transfer Order under Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966."

It was agreed that the Fairgreen, Tuam, be let to the Tidy Towns Committee for the holding of a Carnival in conjunction with McFadden's Amusements for the period 31/7/69 to 10/8/69 inclusive for the sum of £10: 0: 0d.



It was also agreed that a telegraph be sent to An Taoiseach urging his immediate intervention in the Post Office crisis.

*Minutes of proceedings of above Local*  
A vote of sympathy to the Families of victims of the recent drowning tragedy of Clare Coast was proposed by Commissioner Farrell, seconded by Commissioner Browne and resolved upon, the sympathy of the Commissioners to be conveyed to the :

The Chairman Very Reverend C. O'Halloran, P.B., the chair.  
New Quay,  
Co. Clare.

ATTENDANCE:

This concluded the business of the meeting.  
McCormack, O'Mara, Stapleton, Joyce and Glynn, together with the Assistant County Manager.

The Chairman invited nominations for the position of Chairman for the coming year. Commissioner Stapleton was proposed by Commissioner McCormack and seconded by Commissioner O'Mara. In the absence of any other nomination he was duly declared elected having then taken the Chair, Commissioner Stapleton invited nominations for the position of Vice Chairman and Commissioner Farrell

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS:

The outgoing Chairman Commissioner Browne and the new Chairman and Vice Chairman Commissioners Stapleton and Farrell thanked the members present.

*P.M. Stapleton* Chairman. 2/9/69 Date.

*A. O'Mara* Town Clerk. 2nd September 1969 Date.

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TUAM COMMISSIONERS:

*P.M. Stapleton* Chairman. 2/9/69 Date.

*A. O'Mara* Town Clerk. 2/9/69 Date.



TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its annual General Meeting held on July 1st. 1969, at 8 p.m.

The Chairman Commissioner Browne took the chair.

ATTENDANCE:

Others present were Commissioners Kelly, Farrell, McCormack, O'Mara, Stapleton, Joyce and Glynn, together with the Assistant County Manager.

The Chairman invited nominations for the position of Chairman for the coming year. Commissioner Stapleton was proposed by Commissioner McCormack and seconded by Commissioner O'Mara. In the absence of any other nomination he was duly declared elected. Having then taken the Chair, Commissioner Stapleton invited nominations for the position of Vice Chairman and Commissioner Farrell proposed by Commissioner Glynn and seconded by Commissioner Browne was in the absence of any other nomination declared elected.

The outgoing Chairman Commissioner Browne and the new Chairman and Vice Chairman Commissioners Stapleton and Farrell thanked the Members present.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS:

P.M. Stapleton Chairman. 2/9/69 Date.  
[Signature] Town Clerk. 2/9/69 Date.





TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its Monthly Meeting of September 2nd., 1969.

The Chairman Commissioner Stapleton presided.

Other Members present were Commissioners Farrell, O'Meara, Browne, Kelly, Joyce and Mc Cormack; also present were the Assistant County Manager and the Town Engineer.

(1) The Chairman addressed the Meeting on recent events in Northern Ireland and commended local fund-raising efforts and the Government's moves to aid those who had suffered, and requested the pledging of the Boards' support for stricken people in the area. After a general discussion on Collections for relief being set up, Commissioner Kelly proposed that all Collections be coordinated and channelled through the Red Cross. At the request of the Chairman, Mr J. Joyce a Press representative present, gave the following statement:

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Minutes of proceedings of above local Authority at its meeting of 5th Aug 1969

(2) Commissioner Kelly thanked the Board for messages of sympathy on the death of his father.

In the Chair ..... COMMISSIONER STAPLETON.

Also present ..... COMMISSIONERS BROWNE, O'MEARA, O'BRIEN, MCCORMACK, FARRELL, and JOYCE.

MINUTES ..... The Chairman addressed the meeting on the death of

Mr. Michael Kelly, father of Commissioner Kelly. Commissioner Browne also spoke.

Commissioner O'Brien proposed and Commissioner McCormack seconded an adjournment of the meeting for one month, as a mark of respect. The Assist. Co. Manager suggested that the Minutes be sent to the County Council. On further discussion on Members proposals for improvement of roads, Commissioner Kelly proposed that the Minutes be sent to the County Council. The Chairman referred to works: Roadway at Mrs Naughtons, Galway Road, Tuam. Widening of roadway at Church of Ireland near Smiths Garage, and Parking-lot at Courthouse, Dublin.

The Meeting then adjourned for one month.

Signed on behalf of THE TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Ray Stapleton Chairman. 2/8/69 Date

Tom Town Clerk 2nd Sept 1969 Date

(6) Transfer of Lease No. 64 Gilmartin Road.

Commissioner Stapleton proposed and Commiss. O'Meara seconded a transfer of the lease on No. 64 Gilmartin Rd., from John Murphy to Hugh Brogan, Galway Road, Tuam.

(7) Salary-Town Clerk. was before the Board for approval. Commiss. Browne and Commiss. Kelly proposed that the position be made a full time appointment with an appropriate salary. The Assistant County Manager would not accept that the position should be made full time. Commissioner Browne suggested that the post of Town Clerk be amalgamated with that of Town Steward. The assist. Co. manager promised to look into the possibility of doing so. The approval of Salary was left over for one month. The salary of the acting Town Clerk was approved.



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(8) Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its Monthly Meeting of September 2nd., 1969.

(9) The Chairman Commissioner Stapleton presided.

Other Members present were Commissioners Farrell, O'Meara, Browne, Kelly, Joyce and Mc Cormack; also present were the Assistant County Manager and the Town Engineer.

(1) The Chairman addressed the Meeting on recent events in Northern Ireland and commended local fund-raising efforts and the Governments moves to aid those who had suffered, and requested the pledging of the Boards' support for stricken people in the North. After a general discussion on Collections for relief being taken up, Commissioner Browne proposed and Commissioner Kelly seconded, that all Collections should be co-ordinated and channelled through the Red Cross. At the request of the Chairman, Mr J. Fahy, a Press representative present, gave the Meeting a first-hand description of conditions in the North, having visited there recently.

(2) Commissioner Kelly thanked the Board for their messages of sympathy on the death of his father.

(3) The Minutes of the Meeting of July 1st., and the adjourned Meeting of August 5th., were then signed, having been previously circulated to the Members.

(4) Discussion on Minutes. There was a general discussion on the Minutes of the previous Meeting, concerning Water, Sewerage, Footpaths, Derelict Sites and New Housing Projects. Commiss. Kelly exhorted the Assist. Co. Manager to have the proposed Housing scheme and Fair-Green sites development with extension of area, put in hand without delay. On further discussion on Members proposals for improvements in the Town, Commiss. Browne proposed and Commiss. Kelly seconded that the County Engineer be requested to meet members of the Board at a date suitable to him. The Assist. Co. Manager suggested that the items to be discussed be sent to the County Engineer when writing. The items referred to were: Roadway at Mrs Naughtons, Galway Road, Tuam. Widening of roadway at Church Of Ireland near Smiths' Garage, and Parking-lot at Couthouse, Dublin Rd.

(5) Correspondence. There was a further letter from Mr. O'Neill, Western Reg. Tourism Board asking if it might be possible to provide alternative accomodation for Mr D. J. Murphy's Antiquarian Collection, now that the Old Dispensary was not available. Commissioner Joyce proposed that the Co. Council be asked to provide a temporary or prefab building at the Palace Grounds for this purpose. The Assist. Co. Manager suggested that the Board ask the Co. Council to include a Museum in the Plans for the Palace Grounds. Commiss. Farrell proposed and Commiss. Joyce seconded a motion to this effect, Commiss. Browne dissented.

(6) Transfer of Lease No. 64 Gilmartin Road. Commissioner Stapleton proposed and Commiss. O'Meara seconded a transfer of the lease on No. 64 Gilmartin Rd., from John Murphy to Hugh Brogan, Galway Road, Tuam.

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Dated..... Day of October 1969.

Signed..... Town Clerk.



TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

(8) Bye-Laws. Regarding the question in the delay in the sanction of the Bye-Laws for Tuam, Commissioner Farrello proposed that the Minister be again asked to deal urgently with the matter.

(9) Notices of Motion. Commiss. Browné's N.O.M. for the improvement of paths and roadway at Shop Street was supported by Commiss. O'Meara and Kelly. Commiss. Kelly asked if Shop Street could be black-topped, the Engineer replied that this would entail lifting manhole covers etc. but promised to get the footpaths done. The co-operation of the Gardai on traffic-control during this work. On a proposal by the Chairman it was decided to write to the Assist. Co. Engineer, Milltown regarding the condition of paths leading from the Town Bdy. toward the Sugar Beet Factory. N. O. M. by Commiss. Browne that Tuam get the immediate services of a new scavenging vehicle, the Assist. Co. Manager replied that vehicles are on order and that no doubt Tuam will be serviced by one of them.

(10) Notice of Motion by the Chairman for the preservation of the 'Church' at the Childrens Home, was supported by Commiss. McCormack. The Assist Co. Manager replied that this particular building was not being taken down at present.

(11) Commiss. McCormack spoke on recent reports of proposals to establish Physical Training Colleges in Ireland, suggesting that Tuam would be an ideal site. Commiss. Joyce also pointed out the many amenities offered by the town to qualify it as a site for such College. It was then decided to write to Mr. R. Molloy Parliamentary Secretary asking him to meet the Board on this matter.

(12) Commiss. Kelly spoke on recent press reports of Extra Mural Courses being granted to certain Towns, saying Tuam should make claim for such, it was decided to write to the Minister of Education in this Matter.

(13) Town Cross. It was decided to write to the Office of Public Works, Ancient Monuments Section, re the condition of the Town Cross, requesting an immediate clean up of same.

(14) Vote of Sympathy The Chairman proposed, Commiss. McCormack seconded a vote of sympathy with the Wynne Family Galway Hd., Tuam on the death of Mr James Wynne, a one-time Member of the Board.

(15) Vote of Congratulation. Commiss. proposed, and Commiss. McCormack seconded a vote of congratulation with Mr Mark Killilea (Jan) on his election as Senator.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

Dated... 7/10/69 Day of October 1969.

Signed... P.M. Stephens Chairman.

Dated... Day of October 1969.

Signed... Town Clerk.



TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Extra Expenditure-Housing. Sanction for the expenditure of £ 51230 Minutes of proceedings of the above Local Authority No's 9 and 10 Gilmartin Road, was proposed by the Chairman at its Monthly Meeting of the 7th., October 1969. Reported that work on the restoration of no 10 Gilmartin Road was at the half way stage and making steady progress.

Town Cross ... Commiss Browne again asked that the Office of Public Works inspect the Town Cross due to its dangerous condition, The Chairman, Commissioner Stapleton presided. Other Members present.....Commissioners Farrell, O'Meara, any vandals climbing thereon as was witnessed during the Browne, Mc.Cormack, O'Brien and Glynn.

Footpaths..Shop Street...Commiss Browne complimented the Officials present.....Assist. Co. Manager, Mr O'Luanagh, in conditions of heavy traffic acc on footpaths at Shop St. and Town Engineer, Mr Kennedy. the condition of the recent chipping on Ballygaddy Road, the Engineer explained the

1. The Minutes of the previous Meeting, having been previously circulated were accepted and signed.
2. Town Lighting Arising from a discussion on the Minutes Commiss Browne referred to poor lighting at Ballinamona Park. The Town Engineer replied that he considered the lighting sufficient but that due to the trees there it may not appear so. Commiss Farrell referred to a dark spot at St. Joseph's Park (inner scheme) and also to the felled trees still left there, on the proposal of Commiss Browne which was seconded by Commiss Farrell it was decided to write to Mr Togher, who was removing the trees, requesting him to have them moved before the October Fairs, it is proposed to plant some along
3. Sugar Beet Campaign. Commiss Browne moved that the Gardai be written to and requested to man the Schools in Town during the Beet Campaign because of the greater hazards to the children from the heavier traffic then.
4. Meeting with County Engineer. It was decided to fix Thursday the 18th Oct., at 3pm, in the Town Hall, Tuam. for the Boards' meeting with the County Engineer, who shall be written to and advised to this effect and of the items on the agenda for discussion with him.
5. Housing. ...The Assist. Co. Manager replying to Commiss. Browne, said that both schemes at Fairgreen And Childrens Home were progressing satisfactorily. The Chairman again asked for assurances that the 'Church' at Childrens Home would be preserved, the Assist Co. Manager stated that present works would not disturb it. However Layout Plans for the whole scheme did not seem to provide for its preservation, and Commiss Browne thought that no greater monument could be erected to those who gave their lives than a row of houses there and a childrens playground.
6. P&T Kiosk. ....Commiss Farrell reported a broken man-hole cover at the rear of a kiosk at Fairgreen, which he considered dangerous, it was decided that the P&T people be notified of this in writing.
7. Salary Scale-Post of Town Clerk. again came before the Board for their approval. The proposal of previous Meeting of combining the posts of Town Clerk and Town Steward had been investigated by the Assist. Co. Manager. and was not feasible, he said. Commiss Browne again pressed that the Town required the services of a full time Town Clerk and would also combine the position of house inspector, what was really needed was a Town Manager, he said. Commiss O'Brien Pointed out that the part time post lent itself to frequent changing of personell etc., and after further prolonged argument on the matter, Commiss O'Brien said that the board were given no option but accept the part time post, which salary scale was before them for approval. Acceptance was then proposed by Commiss O'Brien, seconded by Commiss Mc Cormack. Commiss Browne pointed out that he dissented from the Motion.



8. Extra Expenditure-Housing. Sanction for the expenditure of £ £1230 extra on Housing, arising out of fire claim for Nos 9 and 10 Gilmartin Road., was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Commiss Farrell. The Engineer reported that work on the restoration of no 10 Gilmartin Road was at the half way stage and making steady progress.
9. Town Cross ...Commiss Browne again asked that the Office of Public Works be again written to, requesting immediate inspection of the Town Cross due to its dangerous condition, and that the Gardai be asked to keep an eye to prevent any vandals climbing thereon as was witnessed during the Harvest Festival.
- 19.
20. Footpaths..Shop Street...Commiss Browne complimented the Co. Council Engineer, Foreman and Workers for the fine work done in conditions of heavy traffic etc on footpaths at Shop St., Commiss O'Meara Complained of the condition of the recent chipping on Ballygaddy Road, the Engineer explained that this was due to the heavy rains of that Weekend having lifted the new surface before fully bonded.
10. Vacant House..St .Joseph Park.....In reply to questions the Assist. Co. Manager informed the Board that the vacant house in question had not yet been let and that no decision on the letting had been made.
11. Tree Planting.The Chairman asked about the possibility of the County Council planting shrubs or trees on the approach roads to Tuam, especially at the new road works at Galway Road. The Engineer replied that this will be considered but pointed out that the Council could not plant on private property, also that it is proposed to do some planting along the Athenry Road houses on request of the residents there. The Board agreed that the Forrestry Dept., should be asked if they would consider sending a Forester to investigate planting on the Galway Approach road and any others suitable.
12. Driving Test Centre ... Commiss Browne supported by Commiss O' O'Brien again proposed that a further push be made to have a driving centre set up in Tuam and it was decided to write to the Dept. Local Government (Road Traffic Section) O'Connell Bridge House, Dublin) again in this matter, and also have local T. D's make representations in the matter.
13. Correspondence: A letter to the Chairman from Shannon Community Committee requesting data on the establishment of a Town Commissioners, there was read at the Meeting. Assistant Co. Manager agreed to reply giving the necessary information as available.
14. Illegal Dumping: Commiss. Farrell complained of dumping taking place again at Little Mill stream despite notices put up there. Commiss. Browne complains of the dirty condition of this stream at Palace Grounds, the Engineer undertook to contact Board Of Works Engineers re same.
15. Paths & Lanes: Commiss. Farrell asked that sections of Paths on Tullinadaly Road and Ballygaddy Road be replaced by the Co. Council and that the lane at Upper Old Road be taken over. Chairman asked if the laneway at rear of St. Paul's Terrace be taken over as a public roadway also. The Engineer reported that the latter was going through the legal procedure of adoption but advised Commiss. Farrell to see a Co. Councillor regarding the Old Road laneway.
16. Transfer Lease: The Board agreed to the transfer of lease 17, McHale's Terrace, Tuam, from Martin Connolly to Miss N. Dennisson if enquiries into the latter's suitability proved favourable, the Commissioners not to be involved in any expenses of transfer.



- 17. Mission Stall: Commiss. Browne and Chairman made reference to Stalls set up on Bishop Street Car Park for sale of religious goods which was contrary to the towns Market Bye-laws. Besides Commiss. Borwne claims they caused a hazard to cars leaving the Park because of their position. It was decided to advise the Commissioners Solicitor to proceed against the Owners of the Stalls under the Eye-laws.
- 18. Congratulations: Commiss. McCormack proposed a vote of congratulation with the Tuam Swimming Club on their winning Water Pole Championship.
- 19. Congratulation; Members of the Board congratulated Mr. Jimmy Fahy, Journalist, present, on his recent marriage.
- 20. Presentations: Presentations of Clocks were made to Mr. G. H. O'Connor (retired Town Clerk) and Mr. John Hession (retired Town Steward) by the Chairman on behalf of the Board and Officials. After many compliments having been paid to them both gentlemen made appropriate replies.

ROAD WIDENING AT CHURCH OF IRELAND: The Co. Engineer claimed that this will no doubt be done in connection with the arterial bye pass road which starts at that point. The Co. Engineer pointed out however that the Board did not have this traffic problem.

This concluded the Business of the Meeting.

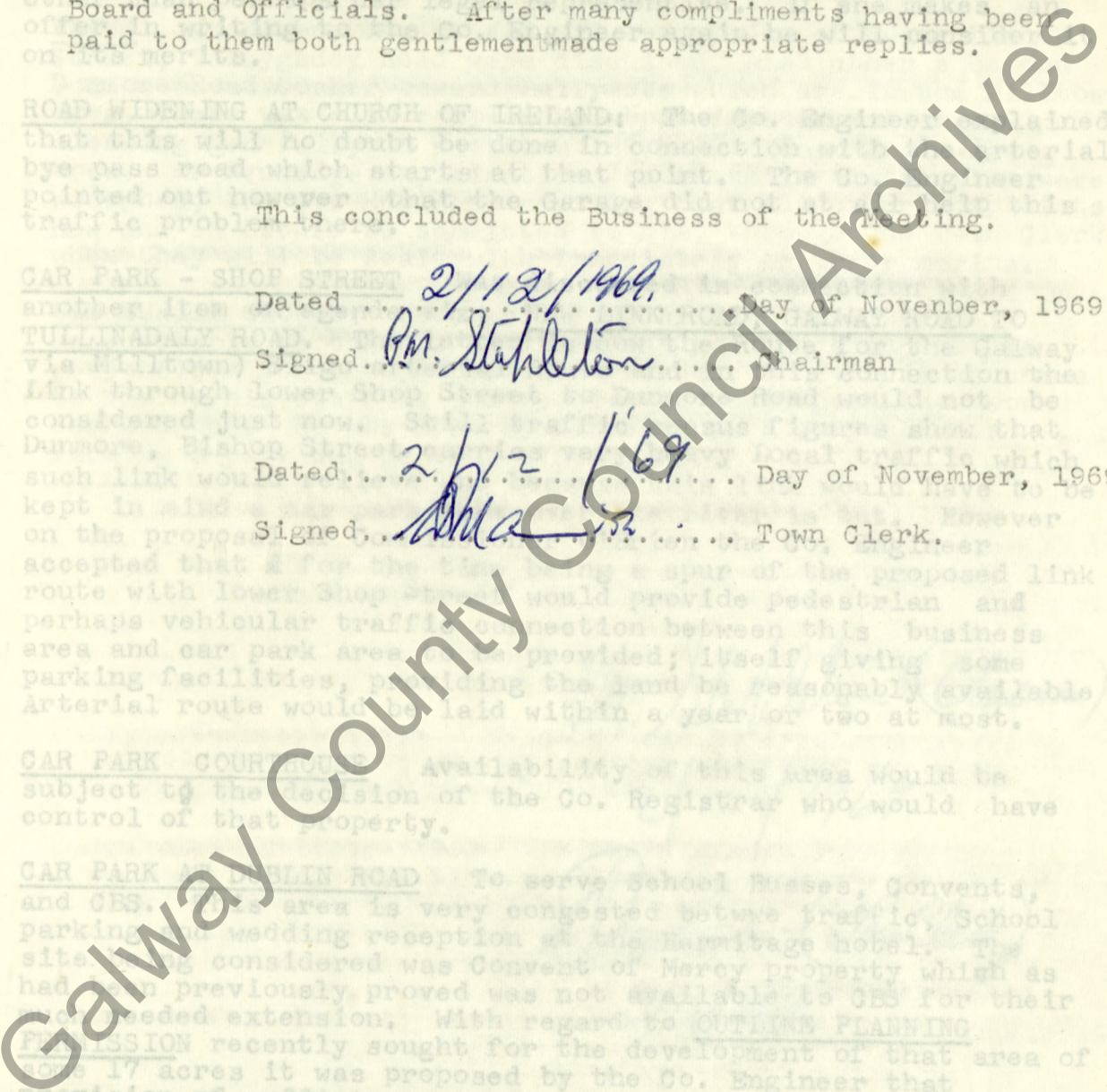
CAR PARK - SHOP STREET  
 Dated ... 2/12/1969 ... Day of November, 1969  
 Signed ... P.M. Stapleton ... Chairman

TULLINADALE ROAD  
 via Milltown) Signed ... P.M. Stapleton ... Chairman  
 Link through lower Shop Street to ... road would not be considered just now. Staff figures show that Dunmore, Bishop Street ... local traffic which such link would ... Day of November, 1969  
 kept in mind ... Town Clerk.

CAR PARK COURTYARD Availability of this area would be subject to the decision of the Co. Registrar who would have control of that property.

CAR PARK AND BILIN ROAD To serve School Buses, Convents, and CBS. This area is very congested between traffic, School parking and wedding reception at the Harritage hotel. The site being considered was Convent of Mercy property which as had previously proved was not available to CBS for their needed extension. With regard to OUTLINE PLANNING PERMISSION recently sought for the development of that area of some 17 acres it was proposed by the Co. Engineer that provision of sufficient parking allotment be sought as a qualification for permission.

PALACE GROUNDS DEVELOPMENT The Co. Engineer proposed that the Board should arrange a separate meeting to discuss this with Mr. Silk Chief Assistant Co. Engineer, who dealt with this particular matter and who had very strong views on same, this was agreed to. Co. Engineer pointed out that monies for this work would not be as easily forth coming as for the previously mentioned, Arterial Road Work.





MEETING OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS WITH CO. ENGINEER

TOWN CROSS AT TOWN HALL, TUAM. The expression of conflicting opinions on improvements including the lowering of the level of the Square. The Co. Engineer advised that they could not do this at the junction with the Market and Bye Law requirements. He thought that because of the type stone, there would be a danger on moving it that the High

Present were Chairman, Commissioner Browne, Farrell, Kelly, McCormack, Joyce, O'Brien, Town Engineer, and Co. Engineer.

ROAD WIDENING GALWAY ROAD, MRS NAUGHTON. The Co. Engineer explained that this widening and improvement was done as a minor works (not as a major arterial works) to improve the appearance at that entry into town. Differences with Mrs Naughton was, regarding what could be considered a business transaction between her and the Co. Council and the Co. Engineer was not prepared to discuss this with any third party other than perhaps her legal representative. If she makes an offer in writing to the Co. Engineer again he will consider it on its merits.

ROAD WIDENING AT CHURCH OF IRELAND: The Co. Engineer explained that this will no doubt be done in connection with the arterial bye pass road which starts at that point. The Co. Engineer pointed out however that the Garage did not at all help this traffic problem there.

CAR PARK - SHOP STREET Was discussed in connection with another item on agenda viz; NEW LINK ROAD, GALWAY ROAD TO TULLINADALY ROAD. The latter is now the route for the Galway via Milltown) Sligo arterial route and in this connection the Link through lower Shop Street to Dunmore Road would not be considered just now. Still traffic census figures show that Dunmore, Bishop Street carries very heavy Local traffic which such link would relieve and because this link would have to be kept in mind a car park here over the river is out. However on the proposal of Commissioner O'Brien the Co. Engineer accepted that for the time being a spur of the proposed link route with lower Shop Street would provide pedestrian and perhaps vehicular traffic connection between this business area and car park area to be provided; itself giving some parking facilities, providing the land be reasonably available. Arterial route would be laid within a year or two at most.

CAR PARK COURTHOUSE Availability of this area would be subject to the decision of the Co. Registrar who would have control of that property.

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TOWN CROSS AND THE SQUARE After the expression of conflicting opinions on improvements including the lowering of the level of the Square. The Co. Engineer advised that they consider any improvements in conjunction with the Market and Bye Law requirements. He thought that because of the type stone, there would be a danger on moving it that the High Cross might crumble, but this would be a matter for the office of Public Works Ancient Monuments. Blacktopping or tarmacadaming of the street would be done where feasible, due to services and levels, some at least would be done, such as Shop street which is proposed for this years schedule of works.

LIGHTING: The Co. Engineer explained the requirements of Arterial Road lighting explaining plans for Tuam which will be put in hand by E S B shortly together with Gort and Loughrea.

PATHS At Bishop Street and old tarmacadam at Upper Bishop Street, Ballygaddy Road were discussed, also others beyond Dunmore Road Corner toward Ballymote which are in the Milltown area. There was also complaints about improvements and cleaning generally in sections in the Milltown Engineering area. Mr Kennedys explanations on those in his section were accepted, the Co. Engineer advising that all other complaints now and in future be submitted to him, through the Town Clerk when they will be dealt with immediately on their merits.

OLD BURIAL GROUND; Prospects for Car Park here were unacceptable to the Co. Engineer who said he would not be responsible for the proposition of such, however if it comes to him or his staff as a directive he would have the work carried out. He was more sympathetic to a proposal for forming a park and general tidying up.

to.

This concludes the business of the Meeting.

*P.M. Stapleton (Chairman)*

*2/12/1969*

*D. Quinn (Town Clerk)*

*2/12/1969*

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
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Minutes of Meeting of the above Local Authority  
Special Meeting of the above Local Authority  
at its Monthly Meeting of 4th November 1969. to meet  
a deputation from the Shop Street Traders Association  
on the subject of the Parking Bye Laws, enacted as law.

The Chairman hoped that it was understood that  
Present. The Chairman Commissioner Stapleton presided,  
Other Members present, Commissioners O'Brien, Farrell,  
Other members present..... Commissioners Kelly, Browne,  
Town Engineer.  
O'Mara, McCormack, and Joyce.

The Chairman addressing the Meeting proposed a  
vote of sympathy with Commissioner Farrell and his family  
on the recent death of his sister Rita, and it was agreed  
that Members of the Board would have Holy Mass offered for  
the repose of her soul.

Commissioner Browne stated that he wished to be  
associated with this vote of sympathy and proposed an  
adjournment of the Meeting for one month as a mark of  
respect to the Farrell family, this was unanimously agreed  
to.

Commissioner O'Mara said the proposed car park  
was too small. This concluded the business of the Meeting.

Commissioners O'Brien and Browne  
pointed out that the Commissioners are not the traffic  
Authority though they advised on the Parking Bye Laws,  
and these regulations were well known to everybody in  
advance. Commissioner Browne proposed a car park for  
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scurrilous and objectionable letter from a most  
resident of the area. The Board has always considered  
Shop Street and promised whatever assistance the Board  
could give now too.

Signed *P. D. Stapleton* Chairman.

Dated *2/12/69* Day of December.

Signed *Alan in* Town Clerk.

Commissioner Kelly Dated *2nd* Day of December 1969  
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owned by Members of the Shop Street Traders Association  
and suggested that the Association make their yards  
available and show some initiative on their own.

Commissioner O'Brien suggested that the details  
of sites proposed for the car park by the Shop Street  
Traders Association be submitted to Mr Kennedy Town  
Engineer for investigation by him.  
In reply to a question by Commissioner Kelly if he  
considered any of the sites mentioned during the meeting  
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this would have to be reasonable.



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Commissioner O'Mara proposed that proposals be left to Mr. Kennedy for report to County Engineer and asked that they be treated with urgency.

A joint Special Meeting of the above Local Authority convened on Tuesday the 11th November 1969, to meet a deputation from the Shop street Traders Association on the subject of the Parking Bye Laws, enacted as law.

The Chairman hoped that it was understood that Present Chairman, Commissioner Stapleton, as it affected Other Members present, Commissioners O'Brien, Farrell, O'Mara, Browne, Kelly, also present Mr. W. E. Kennedy Town Engineer.

Mr McNamara on behalf of the Shop Street Traders Association thanked the Board for their attention and considered a big number of the Shop Street Traders Association Members attended, led by the Association Chairman Mr. Brian McNamara.

This ended the business of the Meeting.

The Chairman, Commissioner Stapleton welcomed the Association and invited them to state their grievances.

Mr. McNamara addressed the Meeting on the effects of the Parking Bye Laws to the detriment of business in their street and requested a change from 1 Hour to 20 minute parking there, and the provision of a car park in the vicinity, pointing out that the proposed car park in the " Priests Field " was totally unsuitable and said that more suitable sites were available.

Commissioner O'Mara said the proposed car park was too far out and asked the Board to press for a car park at the Bridge. Commissioners O'Brien and Browne pointed out that the Commissioners are not the traffic Authority though they advised on the Parking Bye Laws, and these regulations were well known to everybody in advance. Commissioner Browne proposed a car park for Shop Street last year and as a result received a most scurrilous and objectionable letter on the <sup>MATTER</sup> from a resident of the area. The Board he said always considered Shop Street and promised whatever assistance the Board could give now too.

Immediate changes in the Bye Laws could not be considered, at least 6 months must elapse before Garda Chief Commissioner could entertain such proposals.

Commissioner Kelly referred to previous proposals he made re the possible availability of certain yards owned by Members of the Shop Street Traders Association and suggested that the Association make their yards available and show some initiative on their own.

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Commissioner O'Mara proposed that proposals be left to Mr. Kennedy for report to County Engineer and asked that they be treated with urgency. A joint Meeting between the Board and the Shop Street Traders Association could be arranged with the County Manager.

- 1. The Chairman hoped that it was understood that all were willing to help in this matter as it affected the livelihood of so many Traders in the Street.

Other members present..... Commissioners Farrell,

O'Mara, Mr McNamara on behalf of the Shop Street Traders Association thanked the Board for their attention and consideration of their problem.

- 2. Regrets for their absence were conveyed on behalf of the Board. This ended the business of the Meeting.

Commissioners McCormack and Joyce.

- 3. Commissioner Farrell conveyed the appreciation and thanks of his family and himself to the Board for their messages of sympathy and Mass Cards on the death of his Sister.

- 4. The Minutes of the previous meeting had been previously circulated to members.

Signed. *P. Stahle* Chairman

- 5. A discussion on the items on the agenda ensued.

Commissioner Browne spoke. Dated. *27/12/69* Day of Dec 1969

Houses in Tuam and the part of the responsibility of Houses

would play in securing a... Commissioner Kelly spoke. Signed. *M. Manis* Town Clerk.

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Co. Manager stated that nothing... Dated. *27/12* Day of December 1969

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In reply to questions the Assistant Co. Manager reported that the vacant House at St. Josephs Park had been let on the recommendation of the G.M.O. to a Patrick Kenny of Tober, Tuam.

Members of the Board were very critical of the letting as applicants from the Town on the top of the list were not considered. Chairman thought a local man with a family in poor housing conditions should get consideration before any outsider.

The Assistant Co. Manager said the case had been fully investigated and he was satisfied the man who got the House was entitled to it. He was not swayed or knew of no political pressure in the matter.

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

In dealing with correspondence the Clerk reported that no reply had been received to letter sent to Department of Public Health, Tuam. It was decided to press for a reply on this. Authority at its Monthly Meeting of December 2nd 1969.

- Commissioner Browne then announced that as a mark of protest to the letting of the St. Josephs Park House he was leaving the Meeting.
- Commissioner Kelly then said he was supporting Commissioner Browne
1. The Chairman Commissioner Stapleton presided.  
Other members present..... Commissioners Farrell, O'Mara, Browne, Kelly and O'Brien, also Assistant Co. Manager and Town Engineer.

2. Regrets for their absence were conveyed on behalf of Commissioners McCormack and Joyce.
3. Commissioner Farrell conveyed the appreciation and thanks of his family and himself to the Board for their messages of sympathy and Mass Cards on the death of his Sister
4. The Minutes of the previous Meeting having been previously circulated to members, were signed.
5. A discussion on the items in the Minutes ensued.

Commissioner Browne spoke on the urgent need for more Houses in Tuam and the part the availability of Houses would play in securing a new factory for the Town. Commissioner Kelly asked for the latest report on the proposed Childrens Home Housing Scheme. The Assistant Co. Manager stated that nothing definite had been received on the approval, Contract Documents are being sent up this week, there is not much more he can do to expedite the matter.

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In dealing with correspondence the Clerk reported that no reply had been received to letter sent to Department requesting a Driving Test Centre for Tuam. It was decided to press for a reply on this.

Commissioner Browne then announced that as a mark of protest to the letting of the St. Josephs Park House he was leaving the Meeting. Commissioner Kelly then said he was supporting Commissioner Browne and also leaving. Both then left the Chamber.

Approval of transfer of lease of House No. Gilmartin Road, from Jessie Cole to M. J. Quirke, of Gallagher, was obtained on the proposal of Commissioner Farrell and seconded by Commissioner O'Mara.

On the proposal of Commissioner O'Brien and Commissioner O'Mara seconding, approval was given to Salary and other increases to workers, *in accordance with the terms of letter 20.10.1969 from Dept. of Local Government.*

On the formation of the Galway, Mayo Regional Planning Group, (Membership of which was agreed to on the proposal of Commissioner O'Mara, seconded by Commissioner Farrell) it was decided that the Chairman be the Board's permanent representative on the Group, Commissioner Farrell was nominated as his Deputy for such meetings.

Commissioner O'Brien asked the Assistant Co. Manager if the Board could be informed of Planning Applications within the Town monthly. The Town Engineer undertook to furnish this information

This ended the business of the Meeting.

Dated... 3<sup>rd</sup> ... Day of March 20.

Signed... *M. St. Peter* ... Chairman.

Dated... 4<sup>th</sup> February 1970 ... Day of

Signed... *M. O'Mara* ... Town Clerk.

It was requested that a date be fixed for the Estimates Meeting and the 27th January 1970 was agreed on by all.



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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of proceedings of the above Local  
Authority at its Monthly Meeting of January 6th 1970  
planning permission since the last Meeting viz;

1. The Arrow Oil Co. for a Service Station at Galway Road.  
Members present..... The Chairman Commissioner  
(Board of Works Site) and M. J. Keane for an office at  
Stapleton, also Commissioners Joyce, Browne, McCormack,  
and O'Mara. The Town Engineer also attended.

The Chairman addressed the Meeting proposing  
that the Meeting adjourn for one Month as a mark of  
respect on the death of John Hession an officer of the  
Board. He paid tribute to the late Mr Hession and  
conveyed his sympathy with his family. Commissioner  
Joyce also associated himself with the motion paying  
tribute to Mr Hession's integrity in his service to the  
Commissioners.

Mr Kennedy (Engineer) said Mr. Hession was a man  
of integrity with great loyalty to his Employers, a  
fine public relations officer to the Board at all times,  
all who came in contact with him held him in high  
regard. Commissioner Browne also spoke, referring to  
his popularity on the Market Square with farmers and  
all alike. Commissioner McCormack said that to many  
Mr. Hession was the Town Commissioner, and Commissioner  
O'Mara expressed his deepest sympathy with the Hession  
family.

The sympathy of the Board is to be conveyed to Mrs  
Hession and her family.

It was requested that a date be fixed for the  
Estimates Meeting and the 27th January 1970 was agreed  
on by all.



Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its  
Special Estimates Meeting of 27th January 1970.

Mr Kennedy the Town Engineer reported that

there were two applications from within the town for  
The Chairman Commissioner Stapleton presided.  
planning permission since the last Meeting viz;

Other Members present were;- Commissioners O'Mara, McCormack,  
Browne, The Arrow Oil Co. for a Service Station at Galway Road,  
and Town Engineer.

(Board of Works Site) and M. J. Keane for an office at

The Chairman introduced the business of the Meeting and  
The Assis. Manager produced his prepared Estimate  
which would produce a reduction of 4d in the £ on the Town  
Rate for Any further information on these could be had from the  
The Chairman went through the Estimate item by item.

Planning Officer, Galway Co. Council.

HOUSING: Commissioner Browne expected a greater drop in  
loan repayments, This concluded the business of the Meeting.  
The repayments were as yet expiring. Commissioner Browne  
asked that Moneys obtained from sale of Fairgreen Housing  
to Co Council be invested to earn a greater interest.

The Meeting observed one minutes silent prayer and then

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reply to adjourned. Kelly said, the amount allowed on estimates  
was still sufficient, but he would not be able to pay the  
men employed the whole year. The Assistant County Manager  
explained Gratuities to Town Clerk and Town Steward, the £50  
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that 50% of annuities must henceforth be transferred to  
Capital Account. There was a negative reply to Commissioner  
Browne's request for recoupment from Co Council toward  
collection of County Rates by the

Dated..... Day of March 70

GENERAL: On the Town Hall the Assis. Manager reported  
that flat roof of dressing room was to be replaced this year.  
Commissioner Browne asked if the Assis. Manager could make  
more presentable and accurate and perhaps better lit

Signed. Mr Stapleton Chairman

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and that new face glass in hand and will be fitted.

Dated..... Day of January 1970

It was generally felt that electrifying the clock would not  
help. Advice to be sought on this. Signed..... Town Clerk  
the Stalls and investing the money was raised, this was left  
in abeyance.

TOLLS & CUSTOMS: On the sale of sizeable portion of the  
Fairgreen and the continual drop in Tolls it was decided to  
have the valuation revised. *The amount provided for collection  
of tolls was reduced from £60 to nil.*

FAIRGREEN REPAIRS & CLEANING ESTIMATES:  
The Engineer reported that roadway needs taring and  
repairs attended to. On the proposal of Commissioner O'Mara  
it was agreed to reduce the estimate for this work by £40

RECEIPTS HOUSING:  
Commissioner Browne proposed and Commissioner  
O'Mara seconded to increase Housing receipts to £10,400.  
Commissioner Browne proposed an increase of £200 on the  
item of Bank interest. He again pressed the Assistant  
Co. Manager to negotiate immediately with Bank Manager  
for a suitable investment of proceeds of Fairgreen sale.  
Commissioner Kelly seconding proposed investment in A.G.C.  
which is guaranteed by the Government at 8%. Commissioner  
O'Brien thought these sensible and reasonable proposals  
and moved that the Bank interest figure be upped by at  
least £220 to £420. The Assistant County Manager did not  
concede to this increase but finally agreed to a figure of  
£350 which was accepted by the Board.  
The proceedings resulted in a rate of 42½d in  
the £, being a reduction of 10½d in the £.



TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of proceedings of above Local Authority at its  
Special Estimates Meeting of 27th January 1970.

The Chairman Commissioner Stapleton presided.

Other Members present were;- Commissioners O'Mara, McCormack, Browne, Kelly and O'Brien. Officials- Assistant Co. Manager and Town Engineer.

The Chairman introduced the business of the Meeting and the Assistant County Manager produced his prepared Estimate which would produce a reduction of 4d in the £ on the Town Rate for the coming year.

The Chairman went through the Estimate item by item.

**HOUSING:** Commissioner Browne expected a greater drop in loan repayments, the Assistant County Manager explaining that no repayments were as yet expiring. Commissioner Browne also asked that Moneys obtained from sale of Fairgreen Housing Sites to Co Council be invested to earn a greater interest than 4½%

On the item of Housing Repairs, it was pointed out that wages had gone up 80% since 1964, the Engineer in reply to Commissioner Kelly said, the amount allowed on estimates was still sufficient, but he would not be able to keep the men employed the whole year. The Assistant County Manager explained Gratuities to Town Clerk and Town Steward, the £50 for Town Steward being gratuity to his widow. He also said that 50% of annuities must henceforth be transferred to Capital Account. There was a negative reply to Commissioner Browne's request for recoupment from Co. Council toward collection of County Rates by the Commissioners.

**GENERAL:** On the Town Hall Estimate, Engineer reported that flat roof of dressing rooms needed attention this year. Commissioner Browne asked if the Town Hall Clock could be made more presentable and accurate and perhaps better lit up. We should preserve this little bit of old Tuam, we owe it to the Town. Engineer said that hands could be painted and that new face glass is to hand and will be fitted. It was generally felt that electrifying the Clock would not help, Advice to be sought on this. The question of selling the Stalls and investing the money was raised, this was left in abeyance.

**TOLLS & CUSTOMS:**

With the sale of sizeable portion of the Fairgreen and the continual drop in Tolls it was decided to have the valuation revised. *The amount provided for collectors Commission was reduced from £45 to Nil.*

**FAIRGREEN REPAIRS & CLEANING ESTIMATES:**

Engineer reported that roadway needs taring and fences attended to. On the proposal of Commissioner O'Mara it was agreed to reduce the estimate for this work by £40

**RECEIPTS HOUSING:**

Commissioner Browne proposed and Commissioner O'Mara seconded to increase Housing receipts to £10,400. Commissioner Browne proposed an increase of £200 on the item of Bank interest. He again pressed the Assistant Co. Manager to negotiate immediately with Bank Manager for a suitable investment of proceeds of Fairgreen sale. Commissioner Kelly seconding proposed investment in A.C.C. which is guaranteed by the Government at 8%. Commissioner O'Brien thought these sensible and reasonable proposals and moved that the Bank interest figure be upped by at least £220 to £420. The Assistant County Manager did not concede to this increase but finally agreed to a figure of £350 which was accepted by the Board.

The proceedings resulted in a rate of 42½d in the £, being a reduction of 10¾d in the £.



Commissioner Kelly proposed and Commissioner Browne seconded the adoption of this Rate, *and the making of demand on the County Council.*

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

CHAIRMAN: Commissioner Stapleton

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Farrell, O'Mara, McCormack; Browne, Kelly, Joyce.

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. L. O'Luanach, Assistant <sup>3<sup>rd</sup></sup> County Manager <sup>MARCH</sup>  
Dated....~~27<sup>th</sup>~~ day of ~~January~~ 1970

1. MINUTES: The minutes of previous meeting - 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 1969; 6th January, 1970 and 27<sup>th</sup> January 1970 have been previously circulated, were submitted and approved.  
Signed. *P. Stapleton* Chairman.

2. TOWN CLERK: The Chairman and members discussed the Town Clerk. A stiff criticism by Commissioner Browne and Commissioner Stapleton of his appointment followed during which it was stated that a man should be appointed to the town without a job should have been appointed. Mr. L. O'Luanach, Assistant County Manager replied that the normal procedure was followed in the making of this appointment.  
Signed. *P. Stapleton* Town Clerk.

3. CORRESPONDENCE:
- (a) A letter from outgoing Acting Town Clerk, Mr. W. Mannion, was read. Mr. Mannion was thanked for his efficient service and the best wishes of the Board are to be conveyed to him.
  - (b) Tuam G.A.A. Club: They requested permission to lease the Fairgreen from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 1970. This to be discussed further at the next meeting.
  - (c) Irish Schools Athletic Association: Requested accommodation for one night in Tuam. Commissioner Browne stated that this had already been arranged.

4. EMPLOYMENT: Speaking on employment in the town, Commissioner Browne said that the County Development Team and the Tuam Chamber of Commerce were to be commended for their efforts.

5. HOUSING: A letter from the Minister for Local Government confirmed that the housing authorities lay-out plans for the first eighteen houses, has been approved subject to one amendment and the Council have been told they may seek tenders for this work. A proposed arterial road is delaying proceedings at the Fairgreen.

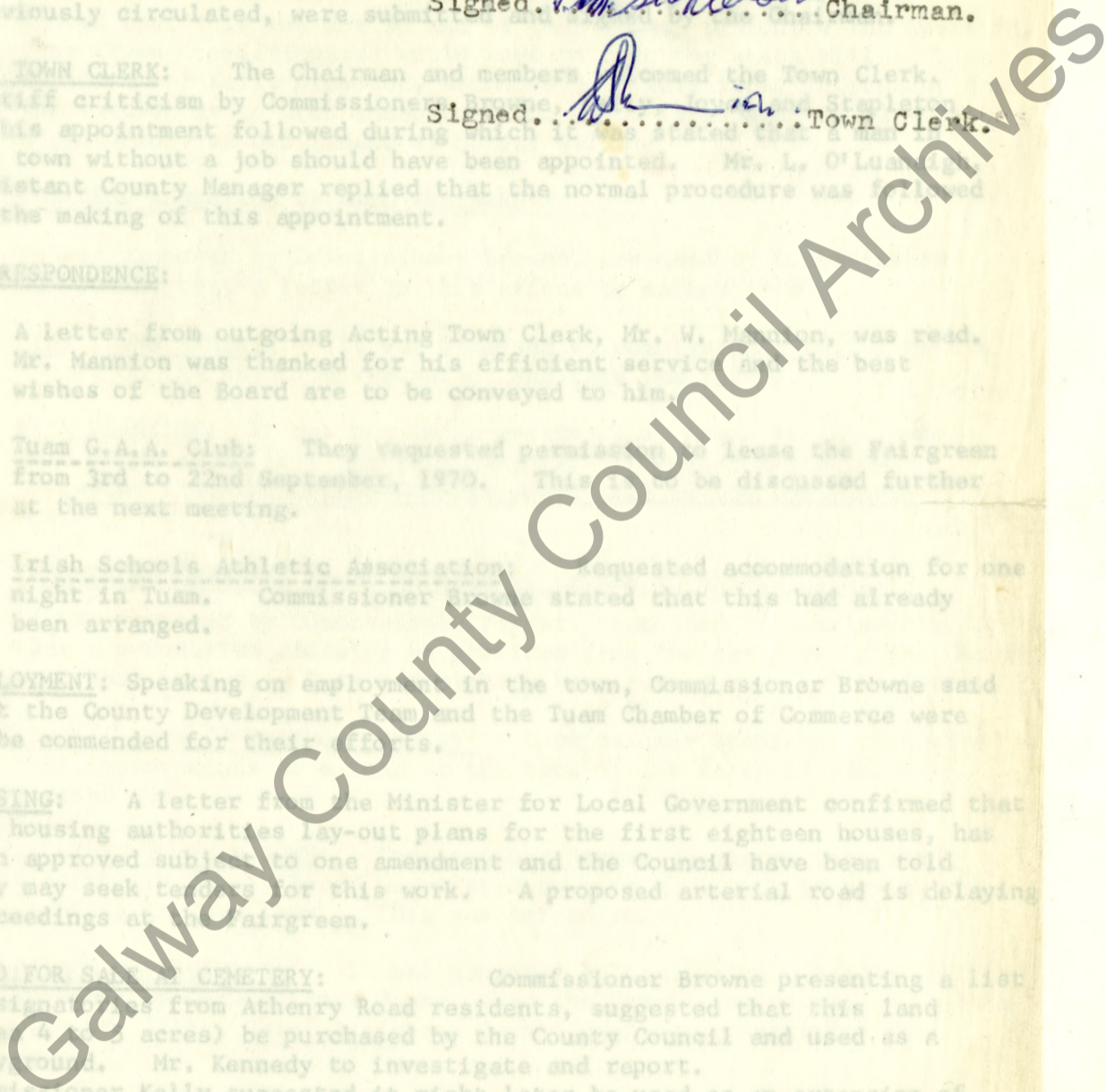
6. LAND FOR SALES CEMETERY: Commissioner Browne presenting a list of signatures from Athenry Road residents, suggested that this land (area 4 acres) be purchased by the County Council and used as a play ground. Mr. Kennedy to investigate and report. Commissioner Kelly suggested it might later be used as an extension of the cemetery. Commissioner Kelly also suggested that St. Jarlath's might sell some land on the Dunmore Road which would be suitable for housing.

7. OLD DISPENSARY: It was proposed by Commissioner Kelly that the old Dispensary be used as a Test Driving centre, as they were now seeking suitable premises. This was agreed, having been seconded by Commissioner Browne.

8. DRIVING TEST CENTRE: It was confirmed in a letter from the Department of Local Government that Tuam is to get a Driving Test centre. They are now seeking suitable premises in the town.

9. STALLS: Commissioner Stapleton reported a mixed feeling among tenants with regard to outright purchase. It was requested that a purchase scheme be introduced.

*Signed: - P. Stapleton, Town Clerk*





MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 3RD MARCH, 1970

CHAIRMAN: Commissioner Stapleton

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Farrell, O'Mara, McCormack, Browne, Kelly, Joyce.

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. L. O'Luanaigh, Assistant County Manager.

1. MINUTES: The minutes of previous meetings - 2nd December, 1969; 6th January, 1970 and 27th January, 1970, having been previously circulated, were submitted and signed by the Chairman.
2. NEW TOWN CLERK: The Chairman and members welcomed the Town Clerk. A stiff criticism by Commissioners Browne, Kelly, Joyce and Stapleton of his appointment followed during which it was stated that a man in the town without a job should have been appointed. Mr. L. O'Luanaigh, Assistant County Manager replied that the normal procedure was followed in the making of this appointment.
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6. LAND FOR SALE AT CEMETERY: Commissioner Browne presenting a list of signatories from Athenry Road residents, suggested that this land (area 4 to 5 acres) be purchased by the County Council and used as a playground. Mr. Kennedy to investigate and report. Commissioner Kelly suggested it might later be used as an extension of the cemetery. Commissioner Kelly also suggested that St. Jarlath's might sell some land on the Dunmore Road which would be suitable for housing.
7. OLD DISPENSARY: It was proposed by Commissioner Kelly that the old Dispensary be used as a Test Driving centre, as they were now seeking suitable premises. This was agreed, having been seconded by Commissioner Browne.
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10. - TOWN HALL CLOCK: Commissioner Browne suggested that it be electrified.
11. - RELIEF FROM RATES: It was stated by the Assistant County Manager that Contributory Pensioners could not be considered under the County Council's Relief from Rates scheme.
12. - TRANSFER TO BIGGER HOUSE: - P. Creeton, 26 Gilmartin Road  
Commissioner Browne suggested and it was agreed that this be left over until new houses were built. Commissioner Kelly seconded.
13. - CHEAP FUEL: Commissioner Kelly suggested that people in Tuam were entitled to cheap fuel. However the Assistant County Manager stated that this was not so and if they wished to pursue the question, they (Town Commissioners) would have to foot the whole bill. Commissioner Kelly proposed, seconded by Commissioner McCormack, that information as to when cheap fuel was to be introduced in Tuam be sought from the Department of Social Welfare.
14. - PROPOSED REDUCTION OF DAIL MEMBERSHIP:  
It was proposed by Commissioner Browne, seconded by Commissioner McCormack, that a letter to this effect be marked "read".
15. - TIDY TOWNS SEMINAR: It was proposed by Commissioner Kelly, that a report on the above be requested and this was agreed.
16. - TREE PLANTING: It was not known whether the owners of the lands were prepared to sell for this purpose. Commissioner Browne suggested that the County Council would tell us who the owners are.
17. - PEDESTRIAN CROSSING FROM CAR PARK TO CHURCH AT BISHOP STREET:  
It was proposed by Commissioner Farrell, seconded by Commissioner Joyce, that a pedestrian crossing be provided from the car park to the Church at Bishop Street. This had already been turned down by the Gardai.
18. - ROAD AT BACK OF PARKMORE HOUSES: Commissioner Stapleton requested that improvements to a road at the back of the Parkmore houses be carried out.
19. - LIGHTING IN TUAM TOWN: Commissioner Browne requested that the Electricity Supply Board be written to with a view to improving the lighting in Tuam Town. This was agreed to.
20. - PALACE DEVELOPMENT: It was proposed by Commissioner Browne and seconded by Commissioner Joyce, that the Commissioners seek a meeting with Mr. Silke, Chief Assistant County Engineer, concerning the above.
21. - MUSEUM: It was suggested by Commissioner Joyce, that a museum be provided in the Palace Grounds, while Commissioner Browne would prefer if it were provided in the Courthouse and the business of the Courts conducted in the Town Hall.
22. - SWIMMING POOL: Commissioners Kelly and Joyce wished to know when it was proposed to open the new swimming pool.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman

DATE: 7<sup>th</sup> April 70.

Signed: - Paddy and King. Town Clerk.



*For File*

52. Cleaning of St. Joseph's Park.  
Commissioner O'Mara proposed that the Co. Council speed up the cleaning of St. Joseph's Park. This was seconded by Commissioner Farrell.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 7th APRIL, 1970.

CHAIRMAN: Commissioner Stapleton.

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Farrell, O'Mara, O'Brien, Browne Kelly, Glynn, Joyce.

1. MINUTES: The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 3rd March, 1970, having been previously circulated, were submitted and signed by the Chairman.

2. On the proposal of Commissioner Stapleton, seconded by Commissioner Farrell a vote of sympathy on the death of Garda Fallon was passed. One minutes silence was observed.

3. ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

On the proposal of Commissioner Kelly seconded by Commissioner Farrell the Co. Council are to be requested to advertise for tenders for the proposed housing scheme in Tuam.

4. Commissioner Joyce proposed that the Co. Council be requested to submit thr plans for the above mentioned housing scheme. This was seconded by Commissioner Farrell.

5. SITE AT VICAR STREET:

On the proposal of Commissioner Kelly seconded by Commissioner Joyce the Co. Council are to be requested to buy this one acre site with a view to its future development.

6. Commissioner Joyce proposed that the Old Dispensary be demolished.

7. TOWN HALL CLOCK:

Commissioner Browne requested that it be electrified. Commissioner Joyce is to meet Mr. Leufer and report at next meeting.

8. TREE PLANTING:

Commissioner Glynn proposed that owners of lands on Galway Rd. be asked if they would sell these lands to the Forestry Dept. or if they would allow any planting. This was seconded by Commissioner O'Brien.

9. ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

CARNIVAL AT FAIRGREEN, TUAM:

Commissioner O'Mara proposed that Tuam Stars be granted permission to hold the Carnival. He was seconded by Commissioner Glynn on the understanding that they keep back 40 feet from the road to allow room for fairs. It was decided that the Chairman and Vice Chairman meet Tuam Stars representatives on this matter.

*and Commissioner Browne.*

10. CONRADH AN GAELIGE:

Commissioner Glynn proposed that Conradh na Gaeilge be asked in what way we could further the language and culture of Ireland in Tuam. This was seconded by Commissioner Farrell.

11. TIDY TOWNS:

ENTRY for this years competition was proposed by Commissioner



TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

12. Cleaning of St. Joseph's Park.

Commissioner O'Mara proposed that the Co. Council speed up the cleaning of St. Joseph's Park. This was seconded by Commissioner Farrell.

13. Agreement to right of way beside the Fairgreen requested by Mr. J. O'Reilly was proposed by Commissioner Kelly and Seconded by Commissioner Farrell subject to Mr. Kennedy's decision.

14. SALE OF HOUSES.

Sale of house No. 9 Newtownmorris to Mr. John Kelly was proposed by Commissioner Joyce seconded by Commissioner O'Brien.

2. Sale of house N<sup>o</sup>. 54 Toberjarleth Rd., to Mr. Carl Madson was proposed by Commissioner O'Mara and seconded by Commissioner Farrell.

15. Commissioner Browne proposed that the river Nanny be cleaned and inspected regularly. This was seconded by Commissioner Farrell.

16. Commissioner Kelly proposed that a footpath be provided at Ballinamona Park.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting then terminated.

Tuan Star's Carnival.

It was agreed **SIGNED:** R.M. Stafford 5/4/1920  
CHAIRMAN.

4. Town Hall **SIGNED:** Padraic O'Shea

TOWN CLERK.

Commissioner Joyce proposed that it would cost in the region of £800 to electrify the clock tower. He stated that the hands need greasing, the approach to the tower made safer and he urged that this work be carried out immediately.

5. Cleaning of River Nanny.

Commissioner Browne proposed that the Board of Works be requested to carry out this work as soon as possible. This was seconded by Commissioner O'Brien.

6. Shop Street

Commissioner O'Mara asked when it was proposed to provide a car-park in Shop Street. Commissioner O'Brien stated that the Co. Council was considering this proposal.

7. Cleaning of St. Joseph's Park.

Commissioner O'Mara proposed that the Co. Council be asked to carry out this work immediately.

8. FREE PLANTING.

Commissioner Kelly proposed that trees be planted in Gilmartin Road and St. Enda's Avenue. The Assistant Co. Engineer is to be consulted.

9. Fidy Towns.

Commissioner <sup>KELLY</sup> suggested that Tuzn might be more successful in the Fidy Towns competition if all approaches roads to the town and especially lay-byes were kept tidy. He also urged that the number of men employed in these areas be increased.