

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF ANNUAL ESTIMATES MEETING OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD  
ON 7th SEPTEMBER, 1976.

PRESENT: Chairman: Commissioner Browne. Commissioners Keane, Joyce, Campbell, Stapleton, Kelly, O'Mara, O'Connell, Burke.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. J. Stewart, Assistant Co. Manager.  
Mr. J. T. Gibbons, Assistant Co. Engineer.  
Mr. F. Dawson, Acting Town Clerk.

ESTIMATES:

The Estimate for the financial year ending 31st December, 1977 was submitted by the Assistant County Manager and provided as follows:

Total Expenditure	.. .. .	£21,077
Total Receipts	.. .. .	£20,523
Difference	.. .. .	£554

Amount to be demanded = £554

In submitting the estimate as set out, the Assistant County Manager explained that housing insurance had been increased 100% this year to allow for increasing property values. This accounted for the substantial increase in housing insurance premiums. In previous years, 50% of the proceeds from annuities was transferred to Capital A/c. However, from this year only 25% of these annuities may be transferred to Capital A/c.. Expenditure on playground equipment was this year estimated at £215 in order to provide equipment to the park at St. Enda's Avenue.

After lengthy discussion, it was proposed by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Campbell that -

"A demand similar to the demand made in 1975 be made which would provide for an expenditure of £1,004 on Town Hall repairs and increase expenditure on playground equipment from £215 to £320".

An amendment "that 1p be added to the Manager's submission to provide for additional equipment only" proposed by Commissioner Keane, seconded by Commissioner Joyce was defeated by 7 votes to 2.

Commissioner Burke's proposal which provided as follows was then carried by 7 votes to 2 and it was resolved that a demand be made on Galway County Council for the sum of £1,163.

Total Expenditure	.. .. .	£21,686
Total Receipts	.. .. .	£20,523
Amount to be demanded	.. .. .	£1,163

*Chairman*

*Date*

*Town Clerk*

*Gerard Gleeson*

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*Date . 5/10/76*

1976 proposed by Commissioner Kelly and seconded by Commissioner O'Connell.

Railways: It was decided that the board should again request a meeting with Mr. Mac Giolla Rí at which the Manager might sit in.

Town Clerks' Hours: The board agreed to the closure of the Town Clerks' Office on Wednesdays in order to facilitate the checking of rents etc.

*G. Gleeson Town Clerk*

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Present: Chairman, Commissioner Browne, Commissioners Keane, Joyce, Campbell, Stapleton, Kelly, O'Mara, O'Connell, Burke.

In Attendance: Mr. K. Doyle, Acting Assistant County Manager; Mr. F. Dawson, Acting Town Clerk; Mr. G. Glennon, Town Clerk.

Mr. Frank Dawson was thanked by the Chairman and Commissioners for his invaluable work during a difficult period and best wishes for his future were also expressed. Mr. Doyle was requested to convey these sentiments to the County Manager. The new Town Clerk was welcomed.

NEW BARRACKS:

On a proposal by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Keane, it was decided that a letter be sent to the Board of Works requesting a meeting with a senior officer to discuss acquisition of a suitable site.

TOWN HALL REPAIRS:

It was suggested that the views of Tuam Theatre Guild be taken into account and that this subject be included on the next Agenda.

HOUSING:

The question was raised by Commissioner Browne and Mr. Doyle informed the meeting that the construction of 22 houses would begin shortly. The news was welcomed by the Chairman and Commissioners.

The question of congestion in building was raised by Mr. Kelly and the Chairman suggested that, with the advance of the industrial age, an overall plan for Tuam should be made available.

RAILWAY:

It was agreed unanimously that a meeting should be sought with Mr. Mac Giolla Ri to discuss (a) Lack of Sunday facilities and a bus timetable; (b) the possibility that "Sundries" services were to be withdrawn. It was also proposed to request a meeting with the Manager of the Sugar Factory to discuss his future plans for the use of "Sundries" service.

GARDA FORCE:

Concern was expressed by the Commissioners at the inadequacy of the Garda force particularly in view of recent hooliganism, by Sligo soccer fans. On a proposal by Commissioner Browne, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, it was unanimously agreed that a meeting with the Secretary of the Garda Representative Body be sought.

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PEACE MOVEMENT:

A notice of motion was submitted by Commissioner Campbell proposing that the board express support for the womens' peace movement in its efforts for peace with justice. It was agreed by the Commissioners that a letter of respect and thanks be forwarded to Mrs. Williams.

LIGHTING OF ESTATES:

In reply to a question by Mr. Stapleton re lighting of Estates, Mr. Doyle informed the board that there had been no representations from the contractors for the taking over of estates.

The Chairman introduced three proposals:

- (a) A letter to congratulate Killrerin on championship win;
- (b) A letter of congratulations and best wishes to Dr. Casey;
- (c) A letter to Dr. Fitzgerald asking him to use his influence in securing the release of Bishop Lamont.

These motions were seconded by Commissioners Keane and Campbell respectively and were carried unanimously.

Gaíriel Broome  
CHAIRMAN

John Glennon  
TOWN CLERK

Galway County Council Archives

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Tuam Town Commissioners

Minutes of monthly meeting of Tuam Town Commissioners held on the 2nd Nov., 1976.

Present: Chairman, Commissioner Browne, Commissioners Keane, Joyce, Campbell, Stapleton, Kelly, O'Mara, O'Connell, Burke.

In attendance: Mr. J. Stewart, Assistant Co. Manager.  
Mr. G. T. Gibbons, Assistant Co. Engineer.  
Mr. G. Glennon, Temporary Town Clerk.

New Barracks: The Chairman, Commissioner Browne informed the meeting that it was his understanding that a seven acre site was being sought in the town centre which was completely unrealistic. There was general dissatisfaction with the level of co-operation between the Board of Works, and the Town Board. It was decided that a letter should be sent to the Board of Works seeking a clarification of the position.

Fire Service: The Chairman Commissioner Browne was severely critical as a result of a recent fire which he witnessed of the pressures and conditions of fire hydrants in the town, and said that he was insisting on the attendance of Mr. Sugrue at the next meeting, and was proposing a motion to that effect. After lengthy discussion during which Mr. Stewart pointed out the danger to industrial promotion of adverse publicity, regarding the water situation. Commissioner Browne's motion requesting Mr. Sugrue's attendance was seconded by Commissioner Stapleton and carried unanimously.

Sugar Company: Commissioner Campbell proposed an expression of appreciation to the Government and Comhlucht Siuicre Éireann for showing their commitment to Tuam. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Joyce and carried.

Lighting: Commissioner Campbell proposed that the Commissioners should examine the overall lighting deficiencies in the town, and present proposals for equitable distribution of same to the Council. It was suggested that only one or two areas seemed to merit consideration at present. The motion was carried unanimously.

Fishing Limits: Commissioner Campbell proposed that the board support the call by the Irish Fishermen for a fifty mile limit and call on the government not to compromise on this issue, the motion to be circulated to all local authorities. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stapleton and carried.

Town Hall Repairs: Commissioner Campbell proposed that the board agree to commission an Architect to draw up proposals for the re-design, and modernisation of the interior of the Town Hall. After some discussion, Mr. Stewart suggested that he and Mr. Gibbons would inspect the Town Hall and report to the board at the next meeting.

Tuam Person of the Year: A meeting of the Committee was arranged.

Wage Agreement 1976: Implementation of Employer Trade Union Agreement, 1976 proposed by Commissioner Kelly, and seconded by Commissioner O'Connell.

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## MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

HELD ON TUESDAY, 14TH DECEMBER, 1976

### PRESENT:

Chairman, Commissioner Browne, Commissioners Keane, Campbell, Stapleton, Kelly, O'Mara, O'Connell, Burke.

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. J. Stewart, Assistant County Manager.  
Mr. G. Glennon, Temporary Town Clerk.

### MINUTES:

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Campbell.

### TOWN HALL REPAIRS:

The board was informed by Mr. Stewart that, as a result of an inspection of the Town Hall, he would suggest that the installation of storage heating and rewiring should have top priority. He also informed the board that a Consultant would be far too expensive.

### C.I.E. :

It was decided by the board that Mr. McGiolla Ri should be once again requested to attend a Meeting.

### TUAM PERSON OF THE YEAR:

The Chairman informed the board that it had been decided at a Meeting of the Committee that the proposed award could lead to jealousy in organisations doing good work and possibly split them. For this reason, the idea was being abandoned. It was suggested that the Junior Chamber might be a more suitable body for dealing with this matter.

### FIRE SERVICE:

A letter, from the County Secretary, regretting Mr. Sugrue's non-attendance was read to the Board. The letter pointed out that a comprehensive report was being prepared by Mr. Sugrue. There were expressions of dissatisfaction at both Mr. Sugrue's non-attendance and at the tone of the letter. The vast difference between facilities available to Galway and to Tuam were pointed out. Mr. Stewart promised to get a precise date for the report.

Mr. Doyle explained that the extensive survey was nearing completion and Mr. Sugrue would then meet the Fire Brigade Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Campbell pointed out that it was 2½ years since the last meeting of the Fire Committee and that the Fire Service in Tuam was being penalised for its efficiency. He said he could not understand why even one man could not be trained in using breathing apparatus.

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It was unanimously agreed, on the proposal of Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, that a meeting with the Manager be sought before taking further steps.

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## LIGHTING OF ESTATES:

Mr. Stewart informed the Board that the developers had been contacted and had replied quickly re their intention to implement all outstanding items. The Board was informed, in relation to Bel-Air-Drive, that all work should be completed before February. This information was welcomed by the Board. Mr. Stewart was congratulated on his handling of the situation.

## BATHROOMS:

As there was only one tender, it was accepted. Mr. Stewart said that there would hopefully be no delay.

## SEWERAGE SCHEME:

Commissioner Joyce's Motion asking for priority for Tuam in this matter was seconded by Commissioner Campbell and adopted. The Motion was proposed by Commissioner Burke in the absence of Commissioner Joyce.

## DUBLIN ROAD:

Commissioner Burke proposed that the Tuam/Athlone road be improved in view of additional industry. Mr. Stewart informed the Board that nothing could be done until Department inspectors decided to improve the road.

## PART 111 SUPERANNUATION ACT:

The adoption of this Act was proposed by Commissioner Campbell and seconded by Commissioner Kelly.

## MEETING WITH U.D.C.'s:

Commissioner Campbell proposed that Urban District Council Members should be met with a view to Tuam becoming an Urban District Council. This was seconded by Commissioner Burke. It was decided that Ballinasloe U.D.C., Castlebar U.D.C. and Westport U.D.C. should be contacted.

## APPRENTICES:

Commissioner Campbell's Motion re employment of Apprentices by the County Council was seconded by Commissioner Kelly. Mr. Stewart informed the Meeting that a system of apprenticeship was in operation in the County Council.

## CHRISTMAS LIGHTING:

After discussion it was decided that only £40 could be contributed by the Board this year, but provision would be made in the future.

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A.C.C.:

It was decided that a letter be written to the A.C.C. re interest rates.

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*Gabriel B. White*  
CHAIRMAN.

*J. Glenn*  
*Tommy O'Leary*

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## MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS ON JANUARY 4TH, 1977.

PRESENT: Chairman, Commissioner Browne, Commissioners Keane, Campbell, Stapleton, Kelly, O'Mara, O'Connell, Burke.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. J. Stewart, Assistant County Manager.  
Mr. G. Glennon, Temporary Town Clerk.

### MINUTES

The Minutes of the January Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Keane.

### C.I.E.

After lengthy discussion, it was decided that Mr. McGiolla Ri should be contacted by phone and invited to meet with the Commissioners.

### A.C.C.

The Clerk was requested to write to A.C.C. re interest rates.

### ROAD OPENING/FOOTPATHS

Mr. Stewart suggested that the Board should submit a list of footpaths most needing repairs to the County Engineer, Mr. Dunne.

### V.A.T.

Commissioner O'Connell's motion re removal of V.A.T. from newspapers was carried unanimously, and it was resolved that it should be circularised to all local Authorities.

### LAND FOR V.E.C.

Commissioner O'Connell agreed to leave his motion for another Meeting.

### SPORTS STAR

The Board unanimously extended their congratulations to Miss Marie Browne on her selection as sports star.

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ON THURSDAY, 20TH JANUARY, 1977

## LIGHTING

It was unanimously agreed that Christmas Lights in Tuam should be switched off in view of the power crisis.

*Samuel Brindley*

*Chairman*

*J. J. Doyle*

*John Kelly*

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## MINUTES OF MEETING WITH C.I.E. REPRESENTATIVES

ON THURSDAY, 20TH JANUARY, 1977

PRESENT: Commissioners Keane, Joyce, Campbell, Stapleton, Burke, O'Mara, and Kelly.

ATTENDANCE: Mr. F. Dawson, Acting Town Clerk.  
Mr. McGiolla Ri, Mr. B. Smitwick,  
Mr. T. Donnelly, Mr. Brennan.

The Chair was taken by Commissioner Keane in the absence of Commissioner Browne.

A prepared statement was read on behalf of C.I.E.

Commissioner Campbell expressed fears of extensive closures and asked for a statement of assurance from C.I.E.

Mr. McGiolla Ri stated that the decision is a National one and that C.I.E.'s dependence on the Sugar Company is just as great as the Sugar Company's dependence on C.I.E. He stated that there was no question of depriving growers of transport.

Commissioner Stapleton declared that the Board's concern was with Tuam Station and its development as a freight depot.

Mr. McGiolla Ri said that no decision to alter arrangements was taken, but the position was under review.

Commissioner Burke asked that the Board be kept informed of future developments and also inquired as to why cement traffic had not come as indicated.

Mr. McGiolla Ri informed the Board that the Cement Company had changed their plans and in reply to Commissioner Joyce he said that the possibility of a Tuam/Athlone Bus Route would be looked into.

Commissioner Kelly stated that he believed the policy was to close all rail, and inquired if anyone was under notice to which Mr. McGiolla Ri replied in the negative.

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Commissioner Campbell said that he would like to see a formal arrangement made for a Meeting each year between C.I.E. and the Sugar Company.

Mr. McGiolla Ri said that the arrangement is already there.

Mr. Smitwick informed Commissioner Burke that tenders had been issued for the transport of sugar to the ports.

Commissioner Campbell asked if C.I.E. would carry beet as long as the Sugar Company wished and Mr. McGiolla Ri replied that if it is on an economic basis they will.

*Commissioner Campbell: The situation has not changed and there was nothing in the meeting to alleviate fears*

*Gabriel B. Boyle*

CHAIRMAN

*J. J. Jones*

Town Clerk

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## MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 1/ 2/1977.

### PRESENT:

Chairman: Commissioner Browne.  
Commissioners Keane, Joyce, Campbell, Stapleton, Burke, O'Mara,  
Kelly and O'Connell.

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. J. Stewart, Asst. Co. Manager.  
Mr. J. Gibbons, Town Engineer.  
Mr. G. Glennon, Temporary Town Clerk,  
Dr. Claffey and Pupils.

The Minutes of the January meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Keane, seconded by Commissioner Campbell.

FOOTPATHS: The Chairman expressed a view that footpaths in Tuam were in a deplorable condition. Mr. Gibbons did not agree with this view and informed the Board that whereas nothing specific had been allocated last year, there would be funds available this year to provide for 1,000 yds.. On Mr. Stewart's suggestion, it was agreed that each Member should submit a list of footpaths to the Town Engineer as soon as possible. Mr. Gibbons stressed that the decision rested with him. Commissioner Campbell expressed a view that the answer is to have a programme implemented on an annual basis.

MEETING WITH C.I.E.: Commissioner Campbell proposed an addendum to the Minutes and the Minutes were then adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner O'Mara. Commissioner Campbell stated that there had been nothing in the meeting to alleviate fears and that the views of the Sugar Company and the Beet Growers Association should be sought. It was agreed that the views of the Minister should be sought re Tuam's position.

SITE FOR POUND: The Chairman proposed that the present site was in a very residential area and would be suitable for housing. Mr. Stewart informed the Chairman that the new development had priority at the moment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stapleton. Mr. Gibbons stated that the pound would be of no use if sited in a remote area and that it was at present being run satisfactorily and that the stray animal problem had been alleviated. Commissioner Campbell suggested that the motion should be left for consideration until alternatives to the present site could be suggested. The Board agreed to this.

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SUGAR FACTORY/TUAM/GALWAY ROAD: The Chairman suggested that both roads should be sealed better. Commissioner O'Mara supported the motion. It was agreed that the motion should be passed to the Co. Council and Mr. Stewart stated that the matter would be examined.

ROUNDAABOUT: In reply to Commissioner Keano, Mr. Gibbons stated that there was nothing in the Traffic Act re right-of-way on a roundabout. Mr. Gibbons pointed out that there had been no accident on the roundabout since it opened. He also stated that figures were below the requirements for either a pedestrian crossing or traffic lights. He suggested that new signs should be given a chance.

WITHDRAWAL OF WORN NOTES: It was agreed that a letter be written to the Central Bank requesting the withdrawal of all damaged notes.

ACQUISITION OF PREMISES AT WEIR ROAD: Commissioner Burke proposed that premises be acquired by the County Council on the town side of the Weir Road. He stated that, although the Board objected to planning permission on the Galway side of the road, it was given and the junction was still dangerous. The Chairman supported the motion. Mr. Gibbons said that permission has not yet been granted and there was still time for objections. Mr. Stewart informed the Board that the matter would be looked into.

EXTENSION OF MINI-INDUSTRIAL ESTATE: Commissioner Burke suggested there was ample room for more factories and recommended acquisition of land for smaller industries. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion.

PATH AT BALLYGADDY RD./ABBEY TRINITY: In reply to Commissioner Burke's motion, Mr. Gibbons stated that he would inspect the path and the matter would be rectified.

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCILS: Members agreed to attend a meeting of Ballinasloe Urban District Council on Tuesday, 8th February, 1977.

TUAM MILL MUSEUM SOCIETY: In reply to a letter from the Hon. Secretary of the Society, it was agreed that a meeting of the Board with members of the society be scheduled for 7.30 p.m. on 1/3/77. Mr. Stewart said he would investigate the availability of a grant to the society.

FAIRGREEN ROAD ESTATE: Commissioner O'Mara asked when the road would be done and was informed by Mr. Gibbons that it depends on boundary walls being finished. It was suggested that a letter be written to the Postmaster re kiosks for the area.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES: Commissioner Kelly suggested that the proposed Convention of Local Authorities be discussed at the next meeting.

TENANCY AGREEMENT: Commissioner Kelly deferred his motion until the next meeting and asked that Members be provided with a copy of the agreement before the meeting.

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TRAFFIC PLAN:

It was proposed by Commissioner O'Connell that an overall traffic plan in Tuam was necessary and that a greater effort should be made to improve the roads.

MINUTES of Monthly Meeting of Tuam Town Commissioners held on 1st March, 1977, at 8.00 p.m.

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PRESENT:

Chairman: Commissioner Browne. Commissioners Kelly, Stapleton, Campbell, Joyce, O'Connell, Keane, Burke and O'Mara.

Mr. K. Doyle, Acting Assistant County Manager.

Mr. G. Glennon, Temporary Town Clerk.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Keane.

FOOTPATHS:

Commissioner Kelly stated that work had not commenced on footpaths and appealed for an immediate start. The Chairman said that paths were very bad and that the Board did not know where it stood. He stated that the Town Engineer should attend all meetings. Commissioner Kelly said that the Board would have to keep shouting and Commissioner Campbell stated that there should be a plan on the basis of the Commissioner's submission. In reply to the Chairman, Mr. Doyle suggested that the weather may have been responsible for the delay in the commencement of improvements.

ROUNDAABOUT:

It was decided that the Board request the removal by the E.S.B. of trucks parked on Ballygaddy Road. It was also decided that the removal of a Telephone Kiosk be requested. Commissioner Campbell stated the fact that there had been no accident yet is weak ground and traffic must be stopped from all roads. Commissioner Campbell asked that the Clerk find out for the next meeting if there are any hard and fast rules re roundabouts.

TENANCY AGREEMENT:

Commissioner Campbell objected to part of Section 2 which provides for the alteration of rent on changes in the income of "any member of the family". Commissioner Stapleton disagreed and thought that the income of all members should be taken into consideration.

Mr. Doyle pointed out that both the Rent Scheme and the terms of the Tenancy Agreement were nationally adopted under guidelines laid down by the Minister. It was suggested that a special meeting would have to be held if the agreement was to be discussed in detail. Mr. Doyle agreed to circulate relevant provisions of Regulations dealing with Tenancy Agreements and Differential Rents.

FIRE BRIGADE:

Commissioner Burke said that the situation was becoming more and more frustrating and that the provision of breathing apparatus for Tuam Firemen was vital and that a meeting with the Chief Fire Officer should again be sought. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion and said that if the Board did not get satisfaction soon a meeting with the Minister should be sought. If life is lost he said the Board would be indicted.

The Chairman stated that we are entitled to the same service as Galway.

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TRAFFIC PLAN:

It was proposed by Commissioner O'Connell that an overall traffic plan for Tuam be made available as the traffic problem in Tuam was worsening. Commissioner Kelly agreed that a greater effort should be made to manage traffic.

Commissioner Campbell stated that the Board is the Authority for traffic and the matter rests with them. He suggested that the Board meet specially and choose their own traffic plan and then consult the Gardai and the Council.

Commissioner Burke stated that a one-way system was vital and also asked that a letter be written to the C.B.S. asking that teachers park their cars in the Car Park.

Mr. Doyle informed the Board that a traffic study was in progress.

Commissioner O'Connell said he would leave the motion for the time being.

BALLINASLOE U.D.C.

Commissioner Keane proposed a motion of thanks to Ballinasloe U.D.C. for their courtesy and co-operation during the visit of Members of the Board. He said that the advantages of urbanisation were fantastic and the Board should consider the possibility of taking a firm step in this direction.

Commissioner Burke seconded the motion.

CONVENTION OF

LOCAL AUTHORITIES:

Commissioner Campbell expressed concern at the dangers to small bodies in the proposals.

Mr. Doyle said the Managers had no part in suggesting that they be in the Convention. After some debate it was decided on a majority vote that affiliation was desirable. Commissioner Campbell asked that his objections be recorded.

On the proposal of Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Campbell it was agreed to increase the plot of land (Fairgreen) to be sold to Joseph O'Reilly to  $7\frac{2}{5}$  sq. perches at no extra cost to Mr. O'Reilly.

WESTPORT U.D.C.:

It was agreed that members would accept an invitation to attend a meeting of Westport U.D.C.

Commissioner Joyce agreed to leave his motions for discussion at the April Meeting.

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# Tuam Town Commissioners

## TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF MEETING WITH TUAM MILL MUSEUM SOCIETY ON 1st MARCH, 1977

PRESENT: Chairman: Commissioner Browne. Commissioners Keane, O'Connell, O'Mara, Burke, Campbell, Stapleton, Kelly and Joyce.

Mr. K. Doyle, Acting Assistant County Manager.

Reps of Tuam Mill Museum Society: Dr. Claffey, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Mannion  
Mr. Burke.

DR. CLAFFEY explained that the aim of the Society was to make a modern Museum in the Miller's house and it was hoped to have the work complete by the Summer season. There were plans for tours from Galway in the Summer. He pointed out that the project would be in the interest of the town as well as the Museum.

MR. O'BRIEN asked if the Board was permitted to aid the project.

MR. DOYLE read the relevant provisions of the Arts Act, 1973, and stated that while a Museum is not specified in the Act, it is likely that the Commissioners could give some assistance under the Act.

COMMISSIONER BURKE asked the members of the Society exactly what did they require?

MR. MANNION suggested subscriptions towards staffing and mentioned a figure of £300.

THE CHAIRMAN said that the matter would have to be examined further.

MR. MANNION promised the figures would be available for the next meeting.

The Board unanimously voiced its support for the venture and copies of the plans for alterations to the Miller's House were inspected by the Board.

### KIOSK, BALLYGADDY ROAD:

Mr. Gibbons informed the Board that a new kiosk had been decided on for the kiosk further up the new road.

It was decided that a meeting be sought with the County Engineer of the R.I.B. with a view to solving the traffic hazard on the Ballygaddy Road.

### FIRE BRIGADE:

After a letter from the Co. Manager, Mr. Keating had been read, Commissioner Campbell suggested that the Manager submit proposals to be accepted. It was decided that a special meeting be held to make a list of suggestions for submission to the Co. Manager.

### TRAFFIC PLAN:

Commissioner O'Connell asked if any progress had been made on a traffic plan. Mr. Stewart reported that money for the preparation of a comprehensive plan had been requested from the Department. Commissioner Kelly said that at a local level, more Gardaí were needed. It was agreed that a letter be written to the Superintendent requesting more Gardaí for traffic duty.

### ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

The Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Keane, seconded by Commissioner Joyce.

### SALE OF DWELLINGS:

The new sales scheme was unanimously adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Burke.

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MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 5/ 4/1977.

PRESENT: Chairman; Commissioner Browne,  
Commissioners Burke, Joyce, Keane, O'Connell, O'Mara,  
Kelly, Campbell, Stapleton.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. J. Stewart, Assistant County Manager.  
Mr. J. Gibbons, Town Engineer.  
Mr. G. Glennon, Temporary Town Clerk.

## SCOUT HALL:

Representatives of the scout movement agreed to submit a plan of the proposed new scout hall for the next meeting. They explained that under present arrangements, they had use of a hall for only one night per week and this was inadequate.

## TUAM MILL MUSEUM SOCIETY:

The minutes of the meeting with Tuam Mill Museum Society were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Keane, seconded by Commissioner Kelly.

## FOOTPATHS:

Commissioners Keane and O'Connell expressed satisfaction at the fact that work on the footpaths had begun. Mr. Stewart stated that contrary to any impression given at the March meeting, the Town Engineer was not obliged to attend all meetings of the Commissioners. Mr. Stewart said that the Engineer was obliged to attend only the Estimates meeting. Members of the Board commented on the good attendance of the Engineer. *Mr. Stewart added that the Engineer would attend meetings which he was asked to attend for a specific purpose.*

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## SEATS IN PALACE GROUNDS:

Mr. Gibbons informed Commissioner Joyce that another six seats were to be provided. Commissioner Joyce suggested that a sign 'Swimming Pool and Park' should also be erected.

## EXTENSION OF TOWN BOUNDARIES:

Commissioner Joyce stated that the obsolete nature of the boundaries had now been acknowledged by the County Council although the area suggested had not been agreed to. Mr. Stewart replied to Commissioner Campbell that the new boundaries would come in as soon as the Department approved the Development Plan. Mr. Stewart complimented Commissioner Joyce on his assistance to the planning people.

In reply to Commissioner Joyce, Mr. Stewart stated that the new boundaries would not be legal, e.g. for elections. Mr. Stewart said that the plan will expand Tuam and he thought this was the idea. Commissioner Campbell said that the purpose was to extend the power of the Commissioners. Mr. Stewart stated that he would examine the Plan from this point of view. Commissioner Burke said that the extension of town boundaries and urbanisation would come hand in hand.

## URBANISATION:

The members who attended a meeting of Westport U.D.C. stated that they had been very impressed. Commissioner Keane proposed 'going ahead' as soon as possible and this was seconded by Commissioner Campbell who said that there were many advantages in urbanisation. Commissioner Burke said that it was the most important decision the Board would take. Members decided to attend the April meeting of Castlebar U.D.C..

## TELEVISION RECEPTION:

Commissioner Keane asked if it was reasonable to expect the people of Tuam to pay an increased licence fee with reception in the area at such a low level. Commissioner Campbell agreed that people in single channel areas are discriminated against. The Chairman proposed amending the motion and requesting R.T.E. to send technicians to the area. Commissioner Keane agreed to the amendment.

## "GOLDEN YEARS":

Commissioner Burke proposed that a letter be written congratulating the Marian Choral Society on their splendid production. This was seconded by Commissioner O'Connell.

## NATIONAL WAGE AGREEMENT:

This was adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Joyce.

## PORTLAOISE HUNGER STRIKE:

After some discussion it was agreed that letters be written to both sides, one to Mr. O'Bradaigh requesting an end to the hunger strike and one to the Minister requesting an investigation of prison conditions. The discussion arose as a result of a letter submitted by local members of Sinn Fein.

The meeting then concluded.

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON 19/ 4/1977.

PRESENT: Chairman; Commissioner Browne,  
Commissioners Keane, Joyce, Burke, Stapleton, Kelly,  
O'Mara, Campbell.

IN ATTENDANCE: G. Glennon, Temporary Town Clerk.

The Chairman asked that it be recorded in the Minutes that a special meeting had been held to extend sympathies and regrets at the the death of Cardinal Conway who was a "dove of peace".

## FIRE BRIGADE:

Commissioner Campbell suggested that a series of recommendations be made to the Co. Manager. Each of the Commissioners gave his views on what should be included in the suggestions under the guidance of a report submitted by Commissioner Campbell. It was unanimously agreed that the Chairman, Commissioner Campbell and the Town Clerk would meet to place the thirteen points suggested in order of priority.

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## MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON 3/ 5/1977.

PRESENT: Chairman; Commissioner Browne.  
Commissioners Keane, Joyce, Burke, Campbell, O'Mara, Kelly,  
Stapleton, O'Connell.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. J. Stewart, Assistant County Manager.  
Mr. G. Glennon, Town Clerk.

### MINISTERS VISIT TO TUAM:

It was proposed by Commissioner Joyce, seconded by Commissioner Campbell that the visit of Mr. Keating to Tuam should be marked by his signing the visitors' book.

### MINUTES OF APRIL MEETING:

The Minutes of the April meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Keane, seconded by Commissioner O'Connell.

### SCOUT HALL:

The scout movement submitted a plan of the site which they proposed to purchase from Tuam Town Commissioners consisting of  $1\frac{1}{2}$  roods. Mr. Stewart pointed out that the area was a significant one and would mean the loss of one proposed housing site. He suggested that perhaps a camping site could be provided elsewhere. The Commissioners were in general agreement that the scouts should be accommodated as far as possible. Commissioner Burke proposed that Mr. Stewart should present the plan to the planning people. The Commissioners agreed that the matter be left with Mr. Stewart.

### FOOTPATHS:

The Chairman complimented the Engineer on the work done. On the question of the Engineer's attendance at meetings, Mr. Stewart stated that the Engineer would attend meetings apart from the Estimates meeting when requested, or when a matter requiring his presence arose. It was proposed that the Minutes be amended to include this.

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in his opinion, a permanent exhibition. Commissioner Kelly proposed that a letter be written to the Council proposing that a grant be made to the Museum Society of part of the amenity grant. The Chairman suggested that a special meeting could be held to decide what the Commissioners own contribution could be.

## ROUNDAABOUT:

Commissioner Campbell submitted a plan for altering the junction on the new road at Ballygaddy to that of a roundabout. Commissioner Kelly commended Commissioner Campbell on the plan. It was decided that the plan be submitted to the Engineer.

## NEW ESTATE, DUBLIN ROAD:

Mr. Stewart showed a copy of the scheme to the Commissioners and pointed out that back entrances are being provided where possible.

## CLAREMORRIS/SLIGO:

Commissioner Campbell proposed that the Council place a sign indicating Claremorris/Sligo at the junction from the Demesne cottages to the new road. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kelly.

## CASTLEBAR U.D.C.:

Commissioner Keane proposed a vote of thanks to Castlebar U.D.C. for their hospitality. It was decided that a special meeting might be called to decide how to take appropriate steps towards urbanisation. Mr. Stewart said he would submit a document showing what was involved and Commissioner Kelly proposed that the special meeting should not be called until the document was received from Mr. Stewart. Commissioner O'Mara agreed with this.

## BATHROOMS:

Mr. Stewart explained that the delay in starting the bathrooms was due to a mix up in the tender. In reply to the Chairman and Commissioner Kelly who suggested that the present design for bathrooms might be too expensive, Mr. Stewart said that the design would be looked at in the future.

## ITINERANT SITES:

Commissioner Joyce read a letter signed by a number of Tuam residents objecting to the condition of the itinerant site at Dunmore Road. After some discussion, it was agreed that a meeting with the settlement committee, whose work was commended, should be requested.

Commissioner Campbell was returned un-opposed.  
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## SUNDAY CLEANING SERVICE:

It was suggested by Commissioners that a Sunday cleaning service would be desirable and the matter should be referred.

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## MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON 5/6/'77

AT 8.00 P.M.

PRESENT: Chairman; Commissioner Keane.

Commissioners Browne, Joyce, Burke, O'Connell, Stapleton, O'Mara,  
Kelly, Campbell.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr J. Stewart, Asst; Co. Manager.

Mr J. Gibbons, Asst. Co. Engineer.

Mr F. Dawson, Asst; Staff Officer.

Mr T. Gilmore. Town Clerk.

The minutes of the June meeting were adopted on the proposal of  
Commissioner Campbell seconded by Commissioner Browne.

### DANGEROUS BEND AT DUNMORE ROAD.

Commissioner Browne referred to the dangerous situation at Bishop St;  
and Dunmore Rd; the Town Engineer informed the meeting that the matter  
had been referred to the Council Design Office and he hoped it would be  
remedied in the near future.

Mr Stewart apologized for the omission of this from the minutes of  
the previous meeting and said the matter was receiving his full attention.

### BATHROOMS:

Commissioner Kelly asked when work on the bathrooms would begin and  
Mr Stewart replied that the delay was caused by a problem with the  
contractor which had now been solved and he understood that work  
would begin within two weeks.

### SCOUT HALL - FAIR GREEN.

Complaints were made by Commissioners regarding the short notice given  
to them about the examination of the Fair Green site - it was decided  
that the Town Clerk would inform the members at least two days prior  
to the next inspection of the site which was agreed would take place  
within the next week.

Commissioner O'Connell asked if the Scouts could use the land in the  
meantime and the Asst; Co. Manager said they should wait until a  
decision had been reached by the board before allowing anyone to use  
the property. He said that the matter should be put on the agenda for  
the next meeting.

### MEETING WITH COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

Commissioners requested a more detailed Minute re the meeting between  
the board and the Community Council held on June 7th. Commissioners

Mr. Stewart stated that the Co. Council Social Worker had found the site to be a  
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O'Connell and Joyce were unanimously selected as delegates to the Community Council.

## TOWN CLERK.

The Chairman and members welcomed the new Town Clerk and wished him every success. They paid tribute to the former Town Clerk Mr Gerry Glennon and extended their best wishes to him in his new post.

## MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ASSOCIATION MOTION.

It was agreed that Commissioner Stapleton would place a motion at the next meeting re the high connection charges asked by the E.S.B for the ~~xxxxxxxx~~ connection of electricity to new houses.

## V.E.C. COMMITTEE.

It was proposed ~~xxxx~~ by Commissioner Kelly seconded by Commissioner Browne that the Commissioners should write to the new Minister for Education re granting the power to Tuam Town Commissioners to appoint at least one or two members to the board of the V.E.C. Committee.

## STALLS

Mr Stewart said that as the rents on the stalls at Vicar St; which was on a weekly basis had not been revised since 1962 it was now his duty to review same and he was informing the Commissioners that there would be substantial increases in those rents shortly, but account would be taken of long standing tenancy in respect of the rent increases on each stall.

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## CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman Commissioner Keane read a letter from residents of Dunmore Rd; area requesting that the speed limit be extended ~~to~~ as far as the old Golf Links. It was agreed to refer the matter to the Speed Limits Committee of the Co. Council with the request that they hold their next meeting in Tuam.

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Regarding Commissioner Burke's proposal re Tax Discs it was decided to wait and see what the new Government proposed to do about this matter.

## BATHROOMS:

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IN ATTENDANCE: Mr J. Stewart, Asst; Co. Manager.  
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MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON 7/ 6/'77 AT 8.50 P.M..

PRESENT: Chairman; Commissioner Browne  
Commissioners Campbell, Keane, Stapleton, O'Mara, Kelly, Burke.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. J. Stewart, Asst. Co. Manager.  
Mr. J. Gibbons, Asst. Co. Engineer.  
Mr. G. Glennon, Town Clerk

The Minutes of the May meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Keane.

## ROUNDAABOUT:

It was stated that Commissioner Campbell's proposed plan for the roundabout had been referred to the design office. Mr. Gibbons also informed the Commissioners that a Sunday cleaning service was being implemented.

## BATHROOMS:

Mr. Stewart informed Commissioner Kelly that altering the present design for bathrooms was not advisable. He also informed the Commissioners that the problems with the contractors had now been solved and construction should begin within a week.

## SCOUT HALL:

Mr. Stewart said that the matter had been referred to planning and housing engineers and a plan had been produced which was basically the area required. In reply to Commissioner Burke, Mr. Stewart stated that there would be  $1\frac{1}{2}$  acres of green playing area.

Commissioner O'Mara considered the green area very small.

The Chairman proposed leaving a final decision for a month.

## ITINERANT SITES:

The Chairman objected to a site which had been provided in the town for itinerants.

Commissioner Burke stated that this was an emotive issue. He said that it had been agreed that itinerants should be fairly distributed in all areas of the town and that the site was cleaner now than before itinerants went in.

Mr. Stewart stated that the Co. Council Social Worker had found the site to be a suitable one and that people should give reasons for objections.

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Commissioner Campbell said it was difficult not to side with Commissioner Burke in this issue.

Mr. Stewart suggested agreeing on a temporary arrangement.

## RAILWAY GATES:

Commissioner Kelly proposed moving back and extending railway gates as they were very dangerous at present.

Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion and suggested an examination of the railway gates situation generally.

## ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BOARD:

The Chairman proposed that the E.S.B. should give technical advice to users dissatisfied with charges.

Commissioner Stapleton supported the motion and said check meters should be installed free of charge.

Mr. Stewart suggested that a letter be written to the E.S.B. re check meters. The Commissioners agreed to this.

## WINDSCREENS:

The Chairman proposed that the Co. Council insure road users against windscreen breakage during resurfacing.

Mr. Stewart suggested that some sort of television campaign showing should be implemented.

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ON 5/7/77 at 7.30 P.M.

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Commissioners Keane, Campbell, Kelly, O'Mara, Burke, Stapleton,  
O'Connell, Joyce.

## IN ATTENDANCE.

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## MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON 5/6/'77

AT 8.00 P.M.

PRESENT: Chairman; Commissioner Keane.  
Commissioners Browne, Joyce, Burke, O'Connell, Stapleton, O'Mara,  
Kelly, Campbell.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr J. Stewart, Asst; Co. Manager.  
Mr J. Gibbons, Asst. Co. Engineer.  
Mr F. Dawson, Asst; Staff Officer.  
Mr T. Gilmore. Town Clerk.

The minutes of the June meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Campbell seconded by Commissioner Browne.

### DANGEROUS BEND AT DUNMORE ROAD.

Commissioner Browne referred to the dangerous situation at Bishop St; and Dunmore Rd; the Town Engineer informed the meeting that the matter had been referred to the Council Design Office and he hoped it would be remedied in the near future.

Mr Stewart apologized for the omission of this from the minutes of the previous meeting and said the matter was receiving his full attention.

### BATHROOMS:

Commissioner Kelly asked when work on the bathrooms would begin and Mr Stewart replied that the delay was caused by a problem with the contractor which had now been solved and he understood that work would begin within two weeks.

### SCOUT HALL - FAIR GREEN.

Complaints were made by Commissioners regarding the short notice given to them about the examination of the Fair Green site - it was decided that the Town Clerk would inform the members at least two days prior to the next inspection of the site which was agreed would take place within the next week.

Commissioner O'Connell asked if the scouts could use the land in the meantime and the Asst; Co. Manager said they should wait until a decision had been reached by the board before allowing anyone to use the property. He said that the matter should be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

### MEETING WITH COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

Commissioners requested a more detailed Minute re the meeting between the board and the Community Council held on June 7th. Commissioners

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O'Connell and Joyce were unanimously selected as delegates to the Community Council.

## TOWN CLERK.

The Chairman and members welcomed the new Town Clerk and wished him every success. They paid tribute to the former Town Clerk Mr Gerry Glennon and extended their best wishes to him in his new post.

## MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ASSOCIATION MOTION.

It was agreed that Commissioner Stapleton would place a motion at the next meeting re the high connection charges asked by the E.S.B for the ~~xxxxxxxx~~ connection of electricity to new houses.

## V.E.C. COMMITTEE.

It was proposed ~~xxxx~~ by Commissioner Kelly seconded by Commissioner Browne that the Commissioners should write to the new Minister for Education re granting the power to Tuam Town Commissioners to appoint at least one or two members to the board of the V.E.C. Committee.

## STALLS

Mr Stewart said that as the rents on the stalls at Vicar St; which was on a weekly basis had not been revised since 1962 it was now his duty to review same and he was informing the Commissioners that there would be substantial increases in those rents shortly, but account would be taken of long standing tenancy in respect of the rent increases on each stall.

Commissioner Kelly and Commissioner O'Mara questioned the possibility of a Purchase Scheme for the stalls and Mr Stewart said that the tenants would be given the choice of buying the stalls at a price decided by the Council but that a purchase scheme as such could not be introduced for commercial property. The Asst Co. Manager pointed out that appeals could be made through the courts re the increases in rent - he promised the Commissioners to have further details for the next monthly meeting.

## CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman Commissioner Keane read a letter from residents of Dunmore Rd; area requesting that the speed limit be extended ~~to~~ as far as the old Golf Links. It was agreed to refer the matter to the Speed Limits Committee of the Co. Council with the request that they hold their next meeting in Tuam.

A letter was read from the E.S.B. re irregularity of charges and the ~~xxxxx~~ installation of check meters and suggested that any irregularity in charges be referred to the E.S.B. for investigation.

A letter was also read from the Dept; of Local Government re damage to windscreens by loose chippings.

After much discussion it was decided that the following motion be put to

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the Municipal Authorities Association "that the new Minister for the Environment institute the necessary arrangements for the amendment of the relevant acts in order to provide for windscreen insurance as an integral part of all future ~~XXXXXX~~ Motor Insurance Policies. It was also decided to write to the Minister re the request ~~that~~ for T.V. and Radio publicity regarding the dangers of loose chippings. As the proposed meeting with the Itinerant Settlement Committee did not take place on the night it was suggested that the Town Clerk should write to the I.S.C. re arranging another meeting between themselves and the Commissioners.

## C.I.E. motion

Commissioner O'Connell's /// re the re-introduction of train passenger service on the Claremorris to Limerick line was seconded by Commissioner Burke. Commissioner Joyce suggested that people should give more support for C.I.E. services.

Commissioner Burke suggested support for Clr; Kilgannon's protest at Woodlawn, it was agreed that the Town Clerk write to the new Minister for Transport and Power requesting him to re-introduce passenger services between Claremorris and Athenry and his attention be brought to the efforts made by his party when the service was first suspended to have same re-introduced.

## TAX DISCS:

Regarding Commissioner Burke's proposal re Tax Discs it was decided to wait and see what the new Government proposed to do about this matter.

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## MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS WITH SUPERINTENDENT BREHENY HELD ON MONDAY AUGUST 22nd 1977

PRESENT: Chairman Commissioner Keane.  
Vice-Chairman Commissioner Campbell.  
Commissioners; Burke, Stapleton, Kelly.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr J. Stewart, Asst Co. Manager.  
Mr J Gibbons, Asst Co. Engineer.  
Superintendent Breheny.  
Garda Sergeant Gillispie  
Mr T. Gilmore, Town Clerk.

The Chairman Commissioner Keane and the other Commissioners welcomed the Superintendent and the Sergeant and as the Government had promised extra Gardai he hoped the Superintendent would put up a good case for extra Gardai for Tuam. The Chairman said there was a need for a Garda on traffic duty six days per week at The Square, there was a need for Pedestrian crossings at Ballygaddy Rd; junction and at the Square and for a change in the parking laws for Bishop St; Shop St; High St and The Square.

Superintendent Breheny said that a pedestrian crossing would be provided at McCormack's corner in the near future but the volume of traffic at Ballygaddy Rd; roundabout was not great enough to qualify for such a crossing. He was all in favour for the new traffic plan for the town but while Tuam had its share of traffic jams it was not as bad as other towns of its size.

He suggested that they prohibit parking in Bishop St, High St; and at the end of Shop St and in front of the Imperial Hotel. Commissioner Campbell stated that Traffic Lights should be their ultimate aim, he also referred to the dangerous situation at Dublin Rd; with school buses, he called for the extension of the speed limit in this road and for the erection of School Warning signs at Athenry and Dublin Roads.

Mr Gibbons informed the board that those two warning signs re the schools will be erected soon and that the pedestrian crossing at McCormack's corner had been sanctioned by the Garda Authority. Commissioner Burke said Tuam could be proud of the excellent job the Gardai did re the crime situation in the town, he was perturbed that the Superintendent was not consulted by the Co. Council re the traffic situation in the town, he felt that the Abbey Trinity Car



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Park plus the introduction of a one-way street system held the key to Tuam's traffic problem. Commissioner Stapleton said the corner at Shop St was a great danger to motorists and for children walking on the footpath and he suggested putting a barrier along the footpath at this corner, he asked for 10 extra Gardaí for the town and suggested that school buses drop off the children at the Railway Station.

Commissioner Kelly said they would have to forget the shopkeeper orientated attitude towards parking, he suggested a one-way street at Shop St, and that one Garda at the Square in charge of traffic would be as good as ten men.

In reply to questions from the Commissioners the Superintendent said that a solid white line broken at the point where cars should cross might be the answer to the problem at the dangerous bend at Dunmore Rd; while Mr Gibbons stated that the Commissioners must look into the possibility of a one-way street system for the town.

The Asst Co. Manager Mr Stewart said that since the last meeting in 1976 little action had been taken, he suggested that they take a look at the By-Laws and revise same.

The Commissioners suggested sending a letter to Mr Benny Connaughton re the display of his goods on the footpath at Shop St and they also said that the Superintendent should attend the special meeting with the Schools heads and the Commissioners.

The Chairman and Commissioners thanked the Superintendent and the Sergeant for coming along to the meeting and said they would adjust the Traffic By-Laws at their next meeting.

Signed.....

(Chairman)

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PRESENT: CHAIRMAN; Commissioner Keane.  
Vice-Chairman; Commissioner Campbell.  
Commissioners Browne, Burke, Stapleton, Kelly, O'Connell.  
IN ATTENDANCE: Mr J. Stewart, Asst Co. Manager.  
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The minutes of the July meeting were adopted on the proposal of  
Commissioner Campbell seconded by Commissioner O'Connell.

### BATHROOMS.

In reply to a question from Commissioner Kelly Mr Stewart said he hoped work on the bathrooms would start within a few weeks - the delay had been caused in getting the insurance bond signed but this was now in order. Commissioner Stapleton suggested changing contractor and could not understand why more contractors had not applied for the tender. In reply to questions from the Commissioners Mr Stewart said the architect advised against downgrading the standard of the bathrooms in order to build a larger number in this scheme.

### DUNMORE ROAD BEND.

Commissioner Browne informed the board of a recent accident at the bad bend in Dunmore Rd; and said the people of the area were worried about this. He suggested ridges on the road at this point or "Accident Black Spot" signs.

### FAIR GREEN SITE.

The Chairman read three letters objecting to three of the sites in the Fair Green. Commissioner Kelly asked who assured the people that a green space would be preserved there and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman said they had told the area representatives this at a meeting. Commissioner Browne said he did not recall such a meeting and in reply to questions re the fact that a house owned by a Mr O'Rourke would be "cornered in" by the new development Mr Gibbons said it was no more "cornered in" than any other end house in any other scheme. Commissioner Browne suggested eight houses leaving the other three in abeyance while the Chairman Commissioner Keane suggested that the area could accommodate a circus or carnival at any time but Mr Stewart did not approve of this. Commissioner Campbell suggested the possible use of this site for the new Scout Hall and Commissioner O'Connell said that he felt it would be better to build 11 houses. Mr Gibbons said that he thought they should adopt the plan with three minor modifications that 9, 10 and 11 be reduced in depth from 140 ft to 130 ft and develop the triangles in 8 and 9 as toddler areas.

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Commissioner Burke said Mr O'Rourke's complaint was reasonable and that he would not ~~obj~~ object to two houses on the site. Commissioner Stapleton then said that they should eliminate site 11 and he objected to the backs of the houses being to the road. Commissioner Burke's proposal seconded by Commissioner Stapleton for 10 houses was carried by 4 votes against 2 votes for Commissioner Keane's proposal for 8 houses seconded by Commissioner Browne.

## SCOUT HALL SITE.

It was decided to transmit the site to the Boy Scouts free with the appointment of a trustee Chairman and the charge of a nominal Ground Rent per year for the site.

## STALLS.

The Asst Co. Manager Mr Stewart informed the board that a new increased rent would have to be charged for the stalls at Vicar St; of £10, £8, £8, £7 and £7-50, he would notify tenants re same and if they wished they could appeal this to the courts. In reply to questions from the Commissioners he said the present rent was un-economic, he was not in a position to phase-in the increases but the stall tenants would be given the option of buying out the stalls at prices ranging from £3,000 to £5,000.

## CORROSPONDENCE

It was decided to write to a Mr McNice fro Co. Armagh to inform him that the only day he could sell fruit in the town was on Saturday's, also that a letter and a telegram be sent to the Minister for P&T and a letter to the Minister for Labour re the Phone dispute and that copies of the letter be sent to each town council in the West.

## TRAFFIC

It was decided to write to the Garda Superintendent to arrange a meeting re the traffic problem in Tuam.

## LIGHTING

In reply to Commissioner O'Connell Mr Stewart said he was on to the E.S.B. re the extra lights ~~xx~~ for the town. Commissioner Browne suggested cleaning the existing lights for brightness, Commissioner Stapleton suggested underground wiring for new housing estates and Commissioner Burke asked if this could be done with some of the wires in the town centre. The Asst; Co. Manager said he would note those points.

## TRAFFIC COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Campbell read his report on the Traffic Committee Meeting and the Commissioners congratulate Commissioner Campbell on his excellent report. It was decided that a motion be placed on the agenda for the next monthly meeting re the traffic situation in Dublin Rd;

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## FIRE COMMITTEE.

Commissioner Campbell said he had not time to have a written report on the Fire Committee meeting but would have one for the next meeting. In his verbal report he talked about the up-dating of the Tuam Fire Station and that the town is to get a new fire brigade. When questioned by Commissioner Burke Mr Stewart said that breathing equipment was available in ~~Galway~~ Loughrea with the staff to use in available in Galway at ~~any~~ anytime they were required.

## ST ENDA'S AVE PLAYGROUND.

The Chairman Commissioner Keane read several complaints from residents of the St Enda's Ave area re the Playground there.

After much discussion it was decided that the Town Engineer put a sign on the gate of the Playground closing it each night at 9.30 and putting an age limit of 14 on those using the playground.

A sub-committee of Commissioners Kelly, Campbell and Stapleton was appointed to look into the problems of the playground.

## HOUSE AT McHALE TCE:

The Commissioners raised the question re the proposed sale of a house at 20 McHale Tce; which was once owned by the board and in reply to questions Mr Stewart said it had not yet been possible to locate documents re this house and therefore he was at present un-able to do anything about the situation but promised to investigate the matter further.

## CAT'S ALLY.

Mr Stewart and Mr Gibbons promised to see what could be done re the suggestion from the residents re putting a gate at each end of "Cat's Ally".

## VESTING OF HOUSE FOR MISS GEDDES.

The Asst Co. Manager said they had been un-able to locate any previous letter from Miss Geddes, St Enda's re vesting her house under the last scheme.

Signed.....  
(Chairman)

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(Town Clerk)