

# Tuam Town Commissioners

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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 a 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'nt 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.....  
*J. J. Keane*  
(Chairman)

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*Tom Gilhooley*  
(Town Clerk)



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## MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON 2/8/77

AT 8.00 P.M.

PRESENT: CHAIRMAN; Commissioner Keane.

Vice-Chairman; Commissioner Campbell.

Commissioners Browne, Burke, Stapleton, Kelly, O'Connell.

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

Mr J. Gibbons, Asst, Co. Engineer.

Mr T. Gilmore, Town Clerk.

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'nt understand why more contractors had'nt 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 dept 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 ~~not~~ 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.

## CORRESPONDENCE

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 ~~at~~ 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 updating 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 ~~xxxxx~~ Loughrea with the staff to use in available in Galway at ~~xxxx~~ 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.....

*Gerard Keane*  
(Chairman)

*Tom G. Moore*  
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Commissioners Stapleton, Kelly, Burke.

### IN ATTENDANCE

Mr J. Stewart, Asst Co. Manager.  
Mr J. Gibbons. Asst Co. Engineer.  
Mr T. Gilmore. Town Clerk.

### COMMISSIONER BROWNE.

The Chairman and Commissioners wished Commissioner Browne a speedy recovery from his illness and asked that the Town Clerk send him a get well card.

### C.I.E. CLOSURE OF TUAM RAILWAY STATION.

The Town Clerk read a letter from the area manager of C.I.E. which stated that they had decided to withdraw the rail service for sundries and wagon load traffic (except cement and fertiliser) from Tuam Railway Station from 1st Nov 1977.

The Chairman said it was sad news for Tuam and that this further ~~is~~ downgrading of the station would mean more hardship for the people of the town if they were to let C.I.E. away with it and the board would just have to stop C.I.E. from taking this action.

The jobs of five to six men at the station would be lost and he pointed out that C.I.E. lose more in vandalism in Dublin that they would by keeping all the services to Tuam open.

He was opposed to big trucks adding to the traffic situation in town by delivering goods that should be brought in by rail, he suggested they call on the Tuam representative on the C.I.E. board to resign in protest.

Commissioner Campbell said C.I.E. had once again shown their contempt for the people of the west and broken their ~~all~~ their promises re Tuam Railway station, it was just another step towards closing down the railway system west of the Shannon and the next step might be to close down the Sugar Factory service on which so many people depended for jobs etc. The railway was needed to attract new industry because the road from Tuam to the capital was useless for industrial traffic. He proposed that they meet C.I.E. and ask the Government for a public inquiry because the whole future of Tuam was at risk.



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Commissioner Kelly said they should get the local T.D.'s and Senators to take up the fight against C.I.E.'s plan to de-rail the West, that they get the Nov. 1st closure deferred until they had time to take full action and that the minister be made take action now.

Commissioner Burke said the board was fortunate that this was their second campaign and that it would not be a political one - they would all be working together as Tuam people, he said it was vital that C.I.E. should not be let away with this and if they did close down the station Tuam would then be treated as a country area with delays of up to 14 days on delivery of goods from Dublin, he asked that Commissioner Stapleton organise a meeting with the Taoiseach about this.

The Asst. Co. Manager said they should seek the meeting with the minister before they ask for the public enquiry.

It was decided that the Town Clerk should write an urgent letter to the Minister for Transport and Power requesting a meeting between him and the board to prevent the closure of the station, it was decided to acknowledge the C.I.E. letter stating the board's disappointment at their decision, and the Commissioners said they would contact the local T.D.'s and Senators re taking up the fight against the closure.

## CONGRATULATIONS

The board congratulated the new Primate of All-Ireland and Mr Paul Connaughton and Mr Michael Kitt on their election to the senate.

Signed.....*James Keane*.....

(Chairman)

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS WITH THE LOCAL T.D.'s and SENATOR'S AND THE CO.MANAGER RE THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF THE C.I.E. SUNDRIES SERVICE TO TUAM. 6/9/77

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr T.Hussy, T.D.; Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister For Agriculture. Mr J.Callanan, T.D. Senator Paul Connaughton. Senator Michael Kitt. Mr S.Keating Co.Manager. Mr F.Dawson, Staff Officer. Mr T.Gilmore Town Clerk.

In his address of welcome to the Co.Manager, T.D's and Seanators the Chairman said the proposed C.I.E. closure would affect Tuam in many ways and apart from affecting new factories that might be coming to the town the proposed use of C.I.E. lorries to deliver goods would add to the acute traffic problem in the town.

The Co.Manager Mr Keating said it was another step in C.I.E.'s plans to downgrade the railway system in the west, he warned of the danger of the total closure of the line in the future and suggested that the deputation to meet the minister should contact their counterparts in Athenry re the proposed closure there also.

Mr T.Hussy, T.D. said he would be available for any deputation to meet the minister, regretably the 1973 traffic act gave C.I.E. full power to close lines but he would do everything possible to retain the service. Senator Connaughton said in no way should they accept this proposed closure, he would go on any deputation and hoped the results would be better than the last time. Senator Kitt said C.I.E. never seem to keep their word and the alternatives they provided were never up to standard he agreed with the suggestion of a meeting with the minister and would be available for such a deputation.

Mr J.Callanan, T.D. said that C.I.E. did'nt seem to understand the normal language of negotiation -- there was a need for the minister to take immediate action as this situtation affected the whole west and the people in the street should protest as well as the public representatives to get action on this situtation.

Commissioner Browne said the board of C.I.E. were incompetent and they only seem to worry about Dublin, Cork, Waterford, Tralee and Galway and forget the rest, the idea of having caged lorries to deliver the goods



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would only add to the traffic problem and as taxpayers the people in the West were paying to keep C.I.E. in other areas, he asked the T.D's and Senators to seek a fair deal for the west.

Commissioner Campbell said they were not fighting this as a political campaign, he asked that the minister repeal the act giving that power to C.I.E. and also for a public enquiry into the workings of C.I.E. he said that they needed immediate action as in the past C.I.E. were working on closures while action committees were thinking about what action to take.

Commissioner Kelly asked if it was C.I.E's policy to do away with the service to all small towns in the west, he said they had refused business in the past and said what they needed now was a postponement of the closure for at least six months, he suggested schoolchildren writing to the Minister to retain the service.

Commissioner Burke said it was vital to get the I.D.A. involved in this campaign, he asked for a public enquiry into C.I.E. as they were taking away their services when the West was booming with industry and asked the Fianna Fail deputies to get together to have the Government take action now.

Commissioner O'Connell said he would go along with anything the board did regarding this matter and it would be a poor reflection on the new Government if they let C.I.E. do this to the people of the West.

Commissioner Stapleton said C.I.E. had made so many bad decisions in the past that the Minister should sack the board, he asked the T.D's to arrange a meeting with the Minister as soon as possible.

It was decided that the T.D's would arrange this meeting with the Minister and they along with the local Senators, the Co. Manager, a representative from the I.D.A., the Co. Development Officer and the Commissioners would go on this deputation. It was also decided to write to Athenry Chamber of Commerce and Community Council informing them of the action being taken by Tuam Town Commissioners in this matter.

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Signed.....  
(Chairman)

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## MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS RE SCHOOL BUSES, HELD ON FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 16th AT 8.p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Commissioner Keane.

Vice-Chairman Commissioner Campbell. Commissioners Browne, Burke, O'Connell, Stapleton, Kelly.

IN ATTENDANCE: Inspector W.A. Lavery.

Mr Christy Fitzgerald. C.I.E.

Mr J. Gibbons, Asst; Co. Engineer.

Mr J. Burke. Tuam Vocational School.

Sr De Lourdes. Presentation Convent.

Sr Gertrude. Presentation Convent.

Sr Leo. Mercy Convent.

Brother O'Ceallagain. C.B.S.

Mr T. Gilmore. Town Clerk.

The Chairman Commissioner Keane welcomed the school principals, Inspector Lavery, Mr Fitzgerald and the Town Engineer to the meeting and said that at their meeting some weeks ago the Commissioners had decided to seek the co-operation of the schools, the Gardai and C.I.E to help solve the traffic problem in Tuam.

Inspector Lavery suggested keeping the school buses off Dublin Rd; with stop-off and collection points for pupils at the Car Park, Bishop St; the Railway Station, Vicar St; and Athenry Rd;

Mr Fitzgerald said that C.I.E. would co-operate with any change in the present system but he was not aware of any complaints ever being made to C.I.E. re delays caused by school buses in Tuam.

Commissioner Burke asked if C.I.E would have any objection to school Buses collecting pupils at the Railway Station and Mr Fitzgerald said



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he could not give a firm answer on this but would look into the matter.

Mr J. Burke, Tuam Vocational School said that he was totally against the idea of having students walking from pick-up points like the Railway Station or the Car Park as some of those pupils might be on the road since before eight o'clock in the morning having walked perhaps over a mile to the bus in their own area and he could not see why they should then be made walk for a further twenty minutes when they arrive in the town. He added that buses would have to pass through the town anyway as for example when a driver living in Ballyglunin might have to do a run in the Milltown area. In reply to the later statement Commissioners Campbell and Kelly said that those buses would not then be going through the town at a peak period and Commissioner Kelly questioned Mr Fitzgerald about the re-routing of drivers or having drivers from the town on the buses, he also asked Mr Fitzgerald about the number of buses coming into the town and was told that approx 13 school buses took the students to the five schools in the town.

Brother O'Ceallagain said the only objection he would have to the new plan would be the delay caused by the students having to walk from the drop-off point to the school, Sr Gertude, Sr De Lourdes did not agree at all with students having to walk from places like the Railway station to the schools while Sr Leo asked why not change the parking laws in the town to solve the traffic problem and in reply to this the Chairman said they hope to do this but it would take some time to do so.

Commissioner Browne said he could see the point of view of the teachers regarding pupils from seven and eight miles out the country having to walk a further half mile on arrival in the town, he had three requests to make, (1) That a letter be sent to the Mart to request that they continue their two sales on Monday and Thursday's of each week. (2) That the teachers in the Dublin Rd; Schools use the Car Park at the Courthouse and (3) that a link road be made from the station to Dublin Rd; and he also made a request for more Gardai in the town.

The Asst Co. Engineer Mr Gibbons said the ideal solution to the problem would be a new ring road system and he said the Council had plans for a link road from the station to Dublin Rd; and from Milltown Rd; to Dunmore Rd but he did'nt know when those would be started - he suggested loading and un-loading pupils at the Cathedral grounds.



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Commissioner O'Connell said the purpose of the meetin was to get the school's view on the situtation and Commissioner Campbell said they shoul go away from the meeting with something achieved re the traffic problem in the town he proposed another meeting with the school principals, the Gardai and parents, he said that while the Railway Station drop-off point might be un-realistic they should look into the other ones.

Commissioner Stapleton commented that he did not see why children could'nt walk the distances from the drop-off points to the schools and said that in the past people had to cycle six and seven miles to school.

The Chairman said he appreciated the good work being done by the schools but he was disappointed that more progress had not been made at this meeting.

The school principals decided to bring the matter up at their next meeting and Commissioner Campbell's proposal for another special meeting on the matter was seconded by Commissioner Burke.

The Chairman thanked all who had attended the meeting.

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Signed... *Garret Keane* ...  
(Chairman)

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SEPTEMBER 6th 1977.

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

In Attendance: Mr S. Keating Co. manager.  
Mr Frank Dawson, Staff Officer.  
Mr T. Gilmore. Town Clerk.

The minutes of last months meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Kelly seconded by Commissioner Campbell. On the proposal of Commissioner Campbell seconded by Commissioner Burke it was decided to arrange a meeting with the principals of the five post primary schools in town, C.I.E. and the Gardai re school buses in Tuam. Commissioner Kelly asked about the fact that there was no traffic warden at present and the Commissioners welcomed back Commissioner Browne and wished a speedy recovery to Mr J. Stewart, Asst; Co. Manager and to former member of the board Luke O'Brien who were both ill at the time. The Chairman read a letter from Miss Forde, Athenry Rd; re a fire claim and also a letter from Miss Mary McKenna re the playground at St. Enda's Ave; Commissioner Campbell said they were examining this situation at present and were trying to get the opinion of all the people in the area re this, he added that he was totally against the elimination of such playgrounds. Commissioners Kelly and Browne said the swings in this playground may be too high but they saw no other problem with this playground at present, the Chairman Commissioner Keane commented on problems at the Ballygaddy Rd playground. Commissioner Browne said he wished to amend his notice of motion re site for car park at the rear of the Bank of Ireland, Shop St; to include the words "purchase property at market value", he presented each member with a plan for the proposed car park and said it contained approx one acre with room for over 200 cars and the possibility of adding a second tier to accomodate more cars in the future he asked the Co. Manager to take up the matter with the Bank, Commissioner Browne suggested a pedestrian entry to the park at Shop St; and the entry for cars from the adjoining car park which it would link up with at Bishop St.

The Chairman and Commissioners congratulated Commissioner Browne on his excellent plan, Commissioner Burke suggested writing to the Board of Works asking them to look into the possibility of building a new Garda Station at the Bank of Ireland in Shop St.



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A letter re nominations for the "People of the Year" awards was read by the Chairman and the commissioners decided to refer this to the next meeting, they also said to put a "no dogs" sign on the notice at the St Enda's Ave; Playground.

The Chairman Commissioner Keane congratulated the youths from Tuam who had been so successful at the Community Games in Butlins and the commissioners asked that a letter be sent to R.T.E in protest at the lack of coverage for the games on radio and T.V.

The Chairman Commissioner Keane referred to two caravans on the new road linking Ballygaddy Rd; with Milltown Rd; and it was decided to contact the Gardaire the removal of those people from this road.

## TUAM RAIL LINK

Members of the Tuam Town Council and County Council met together with representatives of the association on the 14th and 15th of September and met with Mr. Devlin and Mr. O'Connell of Tuam's rail link.

Signed.....

*James Keane*  
Chairman.

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Town Clerk.

Commissioner Keane read a prepared statement to the Council. He appealed to the members to support the link to all the services more and complimented the members, especially Mr. Stewart and Mr. Charles Lynch, Co. Development Officer, for the superbly documented case presented giving trojan help in the process.

Commissioner Draycott said they succeeded for the first time ever to get G.I.R. through their application at least a reprieve.

Commissioner Keane read in the compliments especially to the Assistant County Manager who had been in the brochure prepared. However, "we have won a battle not a war" he said. A word of advice from Mr. Devlin that the traffic and the goods will be a "bore".

Commissioner Draycott expressed his view of results as no more than a temporary reprieve.

Commissioner Brown proposed that Tuam be made a Guinness distributive centre and Commissioner Joyce pointed to the possibility of a fertilizer and cement distributor point here.

All members joined in discussion resulting in a proposal that the Council take the initiative and seek to set up a working party with the Chamber of Commerce and to meet with them at an early date.

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MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON 4th OCTOBER, 1977.

PRESENT: Commissioners: J. Keane (In the chair), H. Campbell, T. Joyce, J. Burke, M. Kelly, J. O'Meara, J. O'Connell, G. Browne and Pat Stapleton.

In attendance: J. Stewart (Assistant County Manager).

The minutes of the September meeting of the Board were adopted and signed on the proposal of Commissioner Campbell, Commissioner O'Connell seconding.

## TUAM RAIL LINK:

Members of the Board, County Council and County Development Team officials together with representatives of other associations in Tuam travelled to Dublin on the 29th September and met with Mr. Devlin and officials of C.I.E. on the proposed closure of Tuam's rail link.

Commissioner Keane read a prepared statement summarising their four-hour meeting. He appealed to the business people of the town to utilise the rail service more and complimented the members, officials and especially Mr. Stewart and Mr. Charles Lynch, Co. Development Officer for the superbly documented case presented giving trojan help in the success obtained.

Commissioner Campbell seconding said they succeeded for the first time ever to get C.I.E. change their minds, gaining at least a reprieve.

Commissioner Burke joined in the compliments especially to the Assistant County Manager and Charles Lynch on the brochure prepared. However, "we have won a battle, not a war" he said, "and we must convince Mr. Devlin that the traffic and the goodwill is available here".

Commissioner Stapleton expressed his view of results as no more than a temporary reprieve only.

Commissioner Browne proposed that Tuam be made a Guinness distribution centre and Commissioner Joyce pointed to the possibility of a fertilizer and cement distributor point here.

All members joined in discussion resulting in a proposal that the Board take the initiative and seek to set up a working party with the Chamber of Commerce and to meet with them at an early date.

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## CLORAN SALE:

Commissioner Browne asked the Assistant County Manager to request the County Council to acquire the ground offered for sale by the Bank of Ireland. The area is ideal and necessary for carparking space and the Board and townspeople would support the move, he said. Mr. Stewart replying said the Council's engineers are pursuing this through the usual channels.

## VISITING MAYOR:

The Chairman introduced to the Board the visiting Mayor of Belmore, New Jersey, Mr. Clarence Reed who with his wife signed the visitors' book. Mr. Reed was invited to sit through the rest of the meeting and speaking afterwards mentioned the similarity of problems here and in the U.S.A.. He complimented the Board for their concern and attention to their affairs as evidenced in their deliberations.

## OTHER BUSINESS:

The Assistant County Manager briefed the Board on the Abstract of Accounts as circularised dealing with credit and indebtedness and bathroom contracts. He also dealt with queries of the Fairgreen housing sites costings and reported that the Council's legal advisors have instructions for the recovery of certain sites unused there.

## POOL HALL:

Mr. Stewart also instructed the Commissioners on recent developments relative to a pool hall planning appeal which has recently been granted on appeal. It will now follow that the applicant must seek Court licence and Town Commissioners permission under the Gaming and Lotteries Act adopted by this Board. Public Health and Co. Fire Officers will have to report on sanitary facilities, fire hazards, if any, in compliance with the planning conditions applied.

## BOY SCOUT SITE:

Mr. Stewart reported that the necessary Lease Agreement on the site being given to C.B.S.I. is being drafted.

Commissioner Browne asked the Assistant Co. Manager to make all information relating to Commissioners' affairs available to his successor. The Asst. Co. Manager replied that he has already prepared copious notes on all of importance.

Commissioner Kelly raised queries on regulations relative to private water connections and also registered a complaint on the repeated spillage of slurry on Galway Road whilst being transported from the cattle mart in open trucks - the Clerk was asked to write to the mart authorities on the matter.

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## SYMPATHY:

Votes of sympathy were passed on recent family bereavements to the Togher family, Galway Road, the Hannon family, Cloonascragh and the Heneghan family, Bishop Street.

## PRESENTATION:

The Chairman then announced a presentation by the members to Mr. Stewart to mark his departure from the county to take up a new post as County Engineer in Sligo. A rocking chair was then presented to Mr. Stewart and all members joined in expressing praise of Mr. Stewart's sincerity, honesty and frankness shown to them at all times. Each member offered best wishes and Mr. Long for the press joined saying Mr. Stewart "was all a good manager should be".

Mr. Stewart replying expressed regrets on having to leave especially now at a time showing all signs of the town's progressive future. He thanked the Commissioners, Town Clerk and Town Engineer for their kindness always to him and the members of the press for their tremendous reporting always.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

W. Mannion.

ACTING TOWN CLERK.

*Garleth Keane*  
*Chairman*

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 4th OCTOBER, 1977 BETWEEN MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SCHOOLS OF THE TOWN, OFFICIALS OF C.I.E. AND GARDAI REGARDING SCHOOL BUS TRAFFIC.

The meeting convened at the Town Hall, Tuam at 7.30 p.m..

PRESENT: Commissioners: Jarlath Keane (Chairman), Harold Campbell, Thomas Joyce, Joseph Burke, Miko Kelly, James O'Meara, Jack O'Connell, P. M. Stapleton and Gay Browne.

For the Schools: Joseph Burke (Principal, Ceard Scoil)  
Sister De Lourde (Presentation Schools)  
Father Waldron (St. Jarlath's College)  
Sister Leo (Mercy Convent Schools)

For C.I.E.: Mr. Fitzgerald and another.

Gardai: Inspector William Lavery.

Minutes of Special Meeting on school buses held 16th September were adopted and signed.

Opening the meeting, Commissioner Jarlath Keane congratulated Fr. Waldron on his recent appointment as President of St. Jarlath's College.

Mr. Fitzgerald (C.I.E.) then spoke on plans they had now drafted. It is proposed to have one "set-down" and one "pick-up" point at the Courthouse on Dublin Road and understands this to be acceptable to the schools.

Commissioner Burke asked that not more than three buses be stopped at any one time and that provision of a shelter be considered.

Commissioner Stapleton suggested rostering buses to suit class times.

Commissioner Campbell agreeing with the proposals asked that they be implemented on trial basis and this received general agreement.

It was also decided that the parties meet regularly in the future to monitor and act on any aspects arising.

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Sr. De Lourde and Father Waldron spoke favourably but Mr. Burke (Ceard Scoil) could not accept that the proposals would relieve any traffic problems.

Inspector Lavery expressing satisfaction on the progress made between the parties said the Gardai would propose that buses coming in Dublin Rd. should enter via Tubberjarlath Road and together with Athenry Road buses should swing right at vocational schools to park opposite Parkmore Terrace on Dublin Road - he would also strongly recommend that Dunmore Road buses not pass the Bishop Street car-park.

Commissioner Kelly was critical of congestion generated by private cars on the Dublin Road and Commissioner Browne again referred to his 4 point plan put at the last meeting, especially his request for more Gardai for Tuam.

Commissioner Campbell proposed to implement the proposals on a trial basis and Commissioner Burke seconded the proposal.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

W. Mannion.

ACTING TOWN CLERK.

*Jarlath Leane*  
*Chairman*

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## MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 7th AT 8.p.m.

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

IN ATTENDANCE:- Mr K.Doyle, Asst; Co.Manager.  
Mr J.Gibbons. Asst; Co.Engineer.  
Mr T.Gilmere. Town Clerk.

The minutes of last months meeting were adopted on the proposal  
of Commissioner Kelly seconded by Commissioner O'Mara.

### PARKING.

Commissioner Stapleton referred to the need for an extra  
Car Park in town and to complaints about the instant fines and  
said he hoped this would'nt affect business in town. The Chairman  
and Commissioner O'Connell agreed that the Gardai were doing a good  
job re parking.

Commissioner Browne wished the purchaser of Clerans well but was  
critical of the Bank in this sale and thought the area at the back  
of Clerans should be presented to the town at a realistic figure  
for a Car Park and asked that the Asst Co.Manager look into this  
matter.

### MART

Commissioner Kelly spoke about slurry from Mart lorries on  
Galway Road area and both he and Commissioner Burke agreed that  
the Town Clerk write to the Mart Manager re a meeting in the New  
Year.

### POOL HALL.

Commissioner Browne referred to complaints re the Pool  
Hall at the Square, Commissioner Kelly said the owner would have  
been given planning permission if he had complied with specifications  
of the Planning Board, Health Board, and Co.Council. Re questions  
from the Commissioners the Asst Co.Manager said he would look into  
this matter.

### BOY SCOUTS

Commissioner Stapleton spoke about an appeal for funds  
by the Boy Scouts and asked could the Commissioners help, the Asst;  
Co. Manager said he would examine this.



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The minutes of the Special Meeting re School Buses held on Oct 4th ~~XXXX~~ were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Burke seconded by Commissioner O'Connell.

## EMPLOYER TRADE-UNION WAGE AGREEMENT.

On the proposal of the Chairman, Comm. Keane seconded by Comm. Kelly it was resolved that in accordance with Section 11 of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955 the Board approve excess expenditure of £95 to implement Stage 2 of the Employer-Trade Union National Wage Agreement 1977.

## ESTIMATES MEETING.

It was decided to hold the Estimates Meeting at 7.30 on Tue Dec 6th before the next monthly meeting.

## FAIR GREEN SITES.

The Asst Co. Manager informed the board about the proposal of the Co. Council to purchase a 1½ acre portion of the Fair Green for £5,000 and to spend £20,000 on developing same for ten housing sites at approx £2,500 each.

Commissioners Browne and Burke urged that the development figure be reduced, in reply to questions both Mr Gibbons and Mr Doyle said that they assume that this is a realistic figure and that the sites would probably be given to people in a low income bracket.

After much discussion Commissioner O'Mara proposed that they agree on the price and this was seconded by Commissioner Keane. Regarding the suggestion that the development figure be reduced Mr Doyle said he would report back to the board on this matter.

## BORD NA MONA.

Commissioner Burke spoke on his motion that Bord na Mona be urged to "leave a minimum of 36 inches of peat on top so that the options of future generations remain open" and it was agreed that the town Clerk write to the board re this.

## ABBAY TRINITY CAR PARK.

Commissioner Kelly supported Commissioner Burke's motion re appealing to the Co. Council re finishing the work on the Abbey Trinity Car Park and in reply to questions the Town Engineer said two issues were causing the delay, (1) Finance, but he hoped to have more funds for this in the coming financial year. (2) They had met with some delay re land acquisition in this area but hoped to have that sorted out soon.

## ST MARY'S TCE:

The Chairman Commissioner Keane was supported by the other members when he spoke about the danger re traffic to residents of St. Mary's Tce and in reply to questions the Asst. Co. Engineer said he would



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examine the situation regarding making the street wider at this point by removing or changing the position of the wall of the old graveyard on this street, he said he did not think funds were available for this type of work this year as it would be an expensive job because a lot of the work would have to be done by hand.

## DENTAL EXTRACTIONS.

The Chairman Commissioner Keane deplored the fact the dental extractions for children was no longer done in the Bon Secours Hospital, Tuam and he was in receipt of several complaints re the fact that parents had now to bring their children to Galway Hospital for this service thus causing great hardship and extra expense on them. He also pointed out that the free dental service applied only to children up to the age of fourteen. Commissioner O'Connell said it was un-fair on children to have to travel to Galway and the Chairman asked that this service be re-introduced in Tuam's Bon Secours hospital.

Commissioner Kelly agreed to raise the matter with the Health Board and Commissioner Burke said it was a disgrace and the C.E.O. should be made come here and explain before the board what they think they're doing. It was agreed that the town Clerk write to the C.E.O. re this.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

The Chairman said he would reply to a letter from a Mr Salvador Escarre, from Colonia Napoles, Mexico re getting a copy of the Tuam Coat of Arms. The Chairman also read a letter from residents in the Dublin Rd; area re the activities of some school students along the road after school hours and it was agreed to reply to the letter and send copies of it to the Gardai and the school principals. The Asst Co. Manager read a letter re "Galway Co. Traffic & Parking Bye-Laws" and said a copy of same would be sent to each member before the next meeting. Commissioners Burke and Kelly spoke about the traffic situation and it was agreed to put this matter on the Agenda for the next monthly meeting. It was also suggested that the Town Clerk write to the School Warden re his absence from that post. Commissioner Stapleton complained about lightning in the new estates in town and Commissioners Burke, Kelly and O'Connell questioned the Asst Co. Manager re what power the Co. Council had over developers. The Chairman spoke about briars growing along the side at Ballygaddy Rd; and also said that re the water in Pel-Air Drive the E.S.B had now got everything ready there for the Co. Council. It was also agreed that the Town Clerk would write to the E.S.B re removal of pole at the Courthouse park, Dublin Rd. Votes of sympathy were passed with the McCormack, Healy and Grealish families on recent bereavements.

Signed... *James Keane* Chairman.  
..... *Tom Gilmore* Town Clerk.



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## MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS RE GALWAY V DUBLIN FOOTBALL MATCH. HELD ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 21st AT 8.p.m.

PRESENT. The Chairman Commissioner Keane, Commissioners, Campbell, Stapleton, O'Mara, Burke and Kelly.

### IN ATTENDANCE

Inspector W. Lavery.  
T. Gilmore. Town Clerk.

### LETTER RE MEETING

The Chairman Commissioner Keane read a letter from Commissioner Joyce saying that he was un-able to attend and that he did not see any reason for holding this special meeting without consulting the other members and that he had complete confidence in the ability of the Gardai and the G.A.A. officials re this matter.

The Chairman welcomed the Inspector and outlined the purpose of the meeting and refered to the problem with Sligo Rovers supporters in Tuam some months ago and said he would not like to see a repeat of what happened in Cork some weeks ago. Commissioner Campbell said the holding of the meeting was a responsible one but he did not agree with the views of the Chairman, it would be a backward step to seem afraid of what might happen, he had complete confidence in the Gardai and the G.A.A. to handle the situation.

Commissioners O'Mara, Burke, Stapleton and Kelly all said they were in agreement with what Commissioner Campbell had said and as Chairman of the Football Club Commissioner Kelly said he was pleased to welcome the Dublin team to Tuam and the G.A.A. and the Gardai should see that any special train for the match would arrive just before and leave as soon as the game was over.

Inspector Lavery said they did not expect any trouble but would still have extra Gardai in town for that day and they would also be in contact with the Dublin Gardai re spot checks on supporters. A ban would be put on all parking in Vicar St from 1 o'clock on that day and he asked that the Abbey Trinity Car Park be cleaned up for use on the day of the game. Commissioner Kelly said he did'nt see why any member should challenge the right of the Chairman to hold special meetings.

It was agreed that the Town Clerk contact the Town Engineer re cleaning up the Abbey Trinity Car Park for this day.

Signed. *J. Keane*.....

Chairman.

*T. Gilmore*.....

Town Clerk.



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## MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON DEC 6th 1977.

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

### IN ATTENDANCE.

Mr K.Doyle. Asst Co.Manager.  
Mr J.Gibbons. Asst Co.Engineer.  
Mr T.Gilmore. Town Clerk.

The minutes of the November meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Stapleton seconded by Commissioner O'Mara.

### TRAFFIC

Commissioner Stapleton said he would hate to think that the instant fines would harm Christmas business in town, Commissioner Kelly said the parking at Dublin Rd; corner was un-fair and Commissioner O'Connell said double parking had been the cause of many problems - it was then decided to hold over the debate on the new By-laws re traffic to the next meeting.

### C.I.E.

The Chairman informed the meeting of a proposed meeting with C.I.E. re the Tuam Railway closure in the Great Southern, Galway on Mon 13th at 4 o'clock and Commissioner O'Connell commented on the un-fair time of the meeting for people who were working. Commissioner Browne said it was regrettable that the Dail was also in session on that same day.

### ABBAY TRINITY CAR PARK

In reply to questions from the Commissioners Mr Gibbons said that he was hopeful that the land owner at Abbey Trinity would agree to the proposal for purchase of plot of land there.

### LINK Roads.

Commissioner Joyce raised the question re development of pathway linking the Mall with Vicar St and Mr Gibbons referred to plan re ring roads linking Tullinadaly Rd; with Dunmore Rd; Dublin Rd; with Vicar St; Dublin Rd with Bishop St, he also said they had the link between the Mall and Vicar St under consideration.

### POOL HALL.

In reply to a question from Commissioner Browne, Mr Doyle said this matter had now been settled in the court, Commissioner Browne said he was not happy with the way the Council had dealt with this matter.



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## SPECIAL MEETINGS.

Commissioner Joyce said Monday was not a suitable day for himself or Commissioner Browne for special meetings and asked that in future as many of the Commissioners as possible should be informed re holding any special meetings. The Commissioners complimented the Gardai on the excellent job they did re the Galway v Dublin match.

Commissioner Burke said he upheld the right of the Chairman to call special meetings.

## FAIR GREEN PLOT.

Re sale of the Fairgreen Plot Commissioner Browne said they should ensure that none of the sites were sold to Building Agencies and that work should commence on the development as soon as possible. The Commissioners decided not to let the Fairgreen for grazing at the moment.

## CORROSPONDENCE.

The Chairman read a letter from Canadian Mr J.P. Patton seeking relatives in the Tuam area. Letters were also read from the Western Health Board re the lack of Dental Services for children in Tuam and Commissioner Kelly said he would table a motion at the next Health Board Meeting re this, it was also decided that he and the Chairman have a private meeting with Dr Maher re the matter.

## MOTION RE POTATO ALLOCATIONS

After much discussion it was decided that Commissioner Burke should re-word his motion re "Potato Allocations" and submit same for inclusion in the agenda for a future meeting.

## COURTHOUSE CAR PARK.

In reply to Commissioner Burke's motion re marking the Courthouse Car Park, Mr Gibbons said the Car Park would be marked when the surface was completed by the Co.Council. Commissioner Burke suggested providing a slipway for Buses there plus a shelter. Commissioner Kelly said school buses use it as a turning space and Mr Gibbons said parking laws would have to be brought out to prohibit the use of it for such a purpose.

## NEW ESTATES

The Asst Co. Manager referred to the situation re lighting in Park View, Abbey Trinity and Curragh Park, and Commissioner Joyce asked the Town Clerk write to the Co. Engineer re lighting, a Phone Box and Letter Box for the Newtownmorris area, Commissioners Browne and Stapleton requested that a letter be sent to the Co. Engineer re erection of "Accident Black Spot" and having the road ridged at bad bend at Bishop St.



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## POST OFFICE

It was decided that overcrowding at Tuam Post office was a problem at present and that this should be put down on next month's Agenda for discussion.

## SYMPATHY

Votes of sympathy were passed with the Clarke, Cahill and Keating families on recent deaths.

Signed.....  
Chairman.

*Tom Gilmore*  
Town Clerk.

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ESTIMATES  
The estimate for the financial year 1978 was submitted by the Asst. Co. Manager. The following table shows the details of the estimate.

Total Expenditure	£25,349
Total Receipts	£24,500
Difference	£849

Amount to be provided £1,349.

In submitting the estimate as set out, the Asst. Co. Manager said that the Government had advised that they may not strike a rate which exceeds the average rate over last year's rate. Rates would be assessed in the usual way but all commercial property would still be liable for rates. In reply to a question by Commissioner Burke he said that a domestic area of commercial property could be de-rated to a rate of £18.

The Commissioners and the Asst. Co. Manager checked over each area in the town. In reply to questions the Asst. Co. Engineer Mr. Gibbons said they hoped to spend some of the extra money for houses on putting ranges and in fencing at the Commissioners' house. Commissioner Kelly questioned about the building of more houses and also asked if the Commissioners could accept gifts. The Asst. Co. Manager said they could if they adopted the "acceptance of Gifts Act 1949" and it was suggested that this be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

The Chairman read a letter from the Theatre Guild re their room in the Town Hall and it was suggested they meet the board early in the New Year. Commissioner Kelly said the town needed the Engineer on a full time basis and the Commissioners requested that the Town Clerk get estimates for a new town clock.

In answer to a question re sending a member to a European Conference at any time in the future, the Asst. Co. Manager said they could



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## MINUTES OF ANNUAL ESTIMATES MEETING OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON DEC 6th 1977.

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

In Attendance:- Mr K.Doyle. Asst Co.Manager.  
Mr J.Gibbons. Asst Co.Engineer.  
Mr T.Gilmore. Town Clerk.

### ESTIMATES

The estimate for the financial year ending 31st Dec 1978 was submitted by the Asst Co. Manager and provided as follows:

Total Expenditure.....	£25,849
Total Receipts.....	£24,500
Difference..	£ 1,349

Amount to be demanded = £1,349.

In submitting the estimate as set out, the Asst Co. Manager said that the Government Circular stated that they may not strike a rate which exceeds 11% over last years rate. Rates would be assessed in the usual way but all commercial property would still be liable for rates. In reply to a question by Commissioner Burke he said that the domestic area of commercial property could be de-rates to a max of £18.

The Commissioners and the Asst Co. Manager checked over each area in the Estimates, In reply to questions the Asst Co. Engineer Mr Gibbons said they hoped to spend some of the extra money for housing on putting ranges and in fencing at the Commissioners houses. Commissioner Kelly questioned about the building of more bathrooms and also asked if the Commissioners could accept gifts. The Asst Co. Manager said they could if they adopted the "Acceptance of Gifts Act 1945" and it was suggested that this be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

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vote for this extra money if this matter came up in the New Year.

Commissioner Burke asked the board to reject the rent of £280 for the Town Hall and if the Library was moved that some Co.Council offices be put in the Town Hall and the Asst Co. Manager said he would look into this matter.

Commissioner Kelly asked that the matter re the re-establishment of the Town Sergeant be put on the Agenda for the next meeting. The adoption of the Estimates was proposed by Commissioner Stapleton, seconded by Commissioner O'Mara.

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