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17th December, 1980.

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON 2ND DECEMBER, 1980

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Messrs. Kevin Dwyer (Chairman); Luke O'Brien, Gabriel Browne; Jas O'Mara, Miko Kelly; Jos. Burke; Jarlath Keane, P.M. Stapleton; (Commissioner M. O'Grady was excused).

OFFICIALS: Mr. J. Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager,
Mr. J. Gibbons, Town Engineer.
Mr. W. B. Mannion, A/Town Clerk.

Mr. Cyril Bowman, Consultant Architect to Galway County Council on the Parkmore Housing Development, attended to address the Board on the Design and Layout of the Parkmore Scheme.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted on proposal of Miko Kelly, Seconder P.M. Stapleton.

HOUSE LETTINGS: Mr. Howlett, in reply to Commissioner Browne stated that he has promised to notify the Board of vacancies as they arise in Town Commissioners Houses.

TOURIST OFFICE: A letter from Mr. Lally, was read - proposing to meet the Board on the 6th January, 1981. Members would not accept a closed Meeting as stipulated by Mr. Lally and the Town Clerk is directed to write to Mr. Lally saying that it is intended to invite Chamber of Commerce, Junior Chamber and representation of any other interested bodies to that Meeting.

SCHOOLS WARDEN: The Chairman conveyed to the Board his discussions with Schools and Gardai and the need for parental opinion - his enquiries are continuing.

CALF MARKET: Commissioner Browne reported continuing negotiation on the provision of a Calf Market at the Mart.

LIBRARY PREMISES: The Manager informed Commissioner Browne that the County Council had purchased the Bank of Ireland premises at Shop Street, Tuam for Library use. Mr. Browne said the Boards intercession, if allowed, might have saved the Council thousands of pounds. Mr. O'Brien congratulated the Council on the purchase.

TOWN CLERK: A letter, from Secretary, Dept. of the Environment was read. Commissioners, Keane, Stapleton, Kelly and Burke spoke strongly on the Department's attitude to the Commissioners and the Assistant County Manager stated that the County Manager has again appealed for further consideration. It was decided to ask Deputy Hussey to set up a Meeting between the Board and the Minister on this and housing matters.

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TUAM P.O. & KIOSK AT ST. JOSEPH'S PARK:

The Town Clerk was asked to write to Minister Killilea on promised improvements at Tuam Post Office and on the negative reply in letter from his Department on request for a kiosk at St. Joseph's Park, Tuam.

TUAM SWIMMING POOL:

The Manager replied to queries on the Pool and the Engineer gave details of a visit to see the operation of Claremorris Pool.

TRAFFIC REGULATION:

A reply from Galway Co. Council to our letter on speed limits was read, and a letter from Mr. J.P. Burke of "The Herald", Tuam on the effects of "No Parking Zones" on his business was discussed. Mr. Gibbons promised to inspect the situation and to discuss with Garda Superintendent. Flooding at Mrs. Kelly's, Old Road, and surface water accumulation near the Presbytery on Dublin Road were also discussed.

N.O.M.:

Commissioner O'Mara's N.O.M. on Millstream Park Housing Estate road was considered. The Manager spoke on enquiries he made with the Planning Office which conveyed they had action on hand in relation to this Estate.

WATER RATES:

Commissioners Keane & Burke mentioned cases where Arrears Notices circulated were not correct and the effects of such threats on older citizens.

PARKMORE HOUSING:

Mr. Cyril Bowman, displayed the layout plans prepared by him for the Parkmore Housing Development, consisting of some 246 houses on approx. 50 acres of the old Racecourse. He specified the cul-de-sac layout to avoid through vehicular traffic whilst allowing pedestrian linkage between Groupings and provision for extensive childrens play spaces adjacent to each unit - some four acres in all. Some seven acres of the "Bottoms" land which is drainable is designated for playing pitches.

Whilst there was disagreement amongst members on the view that the siting of private sites along Dublin Road would create a "Snob Row" - mostly all opposed the lack of playing space in the upper (road) area which would service the 700 households of Tubberjarlath, Athenry Road, Existing and proposed Dublin Road and Parkmore Schemes. Provision of playing space in the wet "Bottoms" was not acceptable and even considered dangerous because of unstable river banks etc. A request for 4 acres of play space at the upper front of the development was tabled, or at the worst consideration of the unplanned 4 acre cul-de-sac at rear of G.A.A. plot.

The Manager pointed out that the land was acquired for housing which is an accepted urgent need. Co. Council must meet Departmental norms and densities and would not get approval for excessive open spaces. The Local Authority can not be expected to make up for the lack of facilities everywhere. Previous proposed private development there was much more restrictive and congested and the present plan proposes that 10 acres play area be developed hand in hand with the overall scheme which will be a 10 to 15 year development. If suitable reclamation of the 'bottoms' 7 acres, if found impossible an alternative play area will be provided.

The Board expressed a wish that Plans and a model thereof might be displayed in Tuam.

RECORDED W. B. MANNION

SIGNED

Kevin O'Dwyer

CHAIRMAN

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MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON 4TH NOVEMBER, 1980

- PRESENT: Commissioners K. Dwyer (In the Chair) - J. O'Mara,
L. O'Brien, P.M. Stapleton, J. Keane, J. Burke, G. Browne,
M. O'Grady, M. Kelly.
- OFFICIALS: John Howlett, Assistant County Manager. J. Gibbons, Town
Engineer and W. Mannion, Town Clerk.
- MINUTES: Jarlath Keane proposed and Luke O'Brien seconded the adoption
of Minutes on November Meeting.
- It was decided to include the question of N.B.A. Sites on the
the December Agenda, and also to repeat the G.A.A. negotiations
as a subject.
- SWIMMING POOL: Commissioners Bukre, Browne & O'Mara spoke on the closure of
the Pool. Calls for more Community involvement and for
reforming of the old Committee were voiced. The Town Engineer
J. Gibbons reported that it is now hoped to re-open the pool
on Monday November, 17th; he reported on the high running
costs (especially wages bill) and hopes for some economies
with installation of new "Heat Pump". He said he hoped to
visit Claremorris Swimming Pool shortly with a view to
evaluating the system there.
- TOURIST OFFICE: The Town Clerk reported that due to other earlier commitments
Mr. Lally of Ireland West was unable to meet the Board. All
members joined in expressing disappointment that Mr. Lally
did not keep his promise to meet them, (given to them when
they last visited him in his offices in Galway) Commissioner
Kelly & O'Brien asked that members draft a plan of action
and schedule our requirements to him. Commissioner Burke said
that after Galway & Castlebar our town is treated as 3rd class.
Commissioner Browne, Keane & Stapleton suggested we should be
in a position to appoint a Director to Ireland West. Chamber
of Commerce, Junior Chamber and Dr. Claffey on behalf of
Museum (and others) are willing to join in talks with Mr. Lally
also, the Board demands that he meet them as promised.
- SPEED LIMITS: Following discussions on many continuing infringements by
motorists, trucks and cyclists of the one way system in town-
the dangers due to speed on Dublin Road (Schools Area) and
Galway Road; dangerous points at Weir Road Junction and Egans
Lake/Carpark entry - Members called for a revision to the
30 mile zones at Dublin Road and Galway Road where "30" signs
should be moved out to that of the "40" signs. J. Gibbons
(Engineer) promised to discuss the Shop St. infringements with
Garda Superintendent- though he personally can't see why or
how a motorist could fail to see all the signs and road markings
there - he also stated that the Gardai should take action on
the cyclists who continue to infringe the one-way system,
especially on Shop Street, where there is serious risk of
fatal accident.

G. Browne reported that the Mart are agreeing to consider accepting the calf-market and K. Dwyer reported on Schools Warden Patrol - discussions with Schools, Parents and Gardai (Secondary Students only to be involved.).

NEWTOWNMORRIS PLOT: At the request of Commissioner O'Brien it was agreed to leave over a decision on "waste plot" for the time being.

PARKMORE DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Howlett reported that he hopes to have Mr. Bowman the Architect to attend the December Meeting. Commissioner Keane asked that plans be displayed publicly in Tuam. Commissioner Stapleton asked why is their objections now to this Local Authority development whilst not a word was voiced against an earlier private development granted. He suggested that those in houses who object, seem to have little consideration for those in rooms, flats and camps, who so badly need housing. The Manager in reply to him promised to show the earlier development plans which will show the proposed density as almost twice that now proposed by the Council. Commissioner O'Mara said we need to have consideration for proper blend and layout. Commissioner Stapleton said members are not planners and asked what Consultant Architects and Engineers are employed for. It was decided to meet the Architect for discussion first and later on out at the site when boundaries, building lines etc. would be ground marked.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letters and reports on the following were dealt with:-

- (1) Letter from Postmaster re P. & T Kiosk, St. Joseph's Park.
- (2) Report from Town Clerk on phone contacts with Officials of Bank of Ireland Galway on Tuam premises sale to Co. Council for Library Purposes.
- (3) Letter from N.B.A. on sites - Admission therein is noted - that sites at Fairgreen were only transferred to them this June, 1980.
- (4) Letter on Tidy Towns - Car Dumping etc. Our Engineer stated that vehicles could only be moved at the request of Garda Superintendent.
- (5) Letter on proposed Tuam Festival by Junior Chamber - Commissioners support.

N.O.M's.

- (1) Commissioner Burke spoke on need to alter path kerbing to facilitate wheelchair users, especially at crossings - called for a planned programme in all new work.- this was supported by Commissioners Stapleton, O'Brien & Browne. Mr. Gibbons said he would be happy to meet the W.C.A. people sometime and whilst he will provide ramping on new pedestrian crossings he would not accept any lowering of kerbs at junctions/comers where the kerb affords pedestrian protection from vehicles encroachment on paths.
- (2) Commissioner Burke - TV licence fees. General view expressed was that people in the west have only at best two Channel service whilst those in the East enjoy up to 6 Channels - west should only pay half fee - the Chairman felt that if all paid up their licenses then RTE could afford to give the Country the services sought.

- (3) Commissioner Burke - Town Clerkship - Commissioner Burke called on the Assistant County Manager for urgent attention so that Mr. Mannion will not be permitted to leave the position. Commissioner Browne, Keane, O'Mara and O'Brien spoke in support and a general request was made to Assistant County Manager to organise a Meeting between the new Minister and the members of the Board on this matter. Other "top pocket" matters tabled were (a) attic insulation cost increases by a figure equal to the new £40 grant nullifying the benefit of the Grant (Commissioner Keane). (b) Flooding at lower portion of New Cemetery - Engineer promises investigation of surface drainage as there is no soakage there (Commissioner Keane). (c) Criticism of no action at Tuam Post Office Entrance Door/Steps/Internal Kiosk/Staff facilities - promised improvements never implemented (Commissioner Stapleton).

ITINERANT LETTINGS
IN GILMARTIN ROAD:

Commissioner P.M. Stapleton asked the Assistant County Manager that any further Commissioners houses especially in Gilmartin Road, be given to "settled" people and said urgent attention is needed to upgrade the area. Commissioner Browne asked for an end to the creation of a Ghetto area in Gilmartin Road and sought a promise from the Manager that he would now desist from any further such abuse of the district. Commissioner Keane said the Commissioners should seek opinion on how the Board could recover its powers to allocate its own houses. Commissioners Kelly & O'Mara joined in a call to an end to the abuse of this area and asked the County Manager to get the Boards confidence in discussion on this matter, as the premier body in the town they are entitled to be consulted especially where their own houses are concerned.

Commissioner Burke would not agree to references of "Cloak and Dagger" actions by the Assistant County Manager and County Council but agreed that Gilmartin Road is being made a Ghetto area - a vital need exists for a housing programme for travelling people.

The Manager stated that Lettings were a function of the County Manager who has to consider the recommendations of the County Medical Officer and Social Workers. He agreed that it was wrong to have a preponderance of members of travelling folk in any one area. He pointed out that Commissioners and Co. Council have similar responsibilities to those travelling people. He would not agree that he has taken part in any underhand work in housing these people.

Commissioner Stapleton said the Co. Council is grabbing up Commissioners houses to fill what is only a County Council committment - he accepts the entitlement to houses but not all in one area. Houses now vacant should be given to settled people - some of the many applicants whom the Board can name.

Commissioner Kelly said the Council should re-inburse the Board for the houses used.

To Commissioner Browne's query the Assistant County Manager said the Council consulted the local Itinerant Settlement Committee from time to time.

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Commissioner Kelly proposed and Commissioner J. Keane seconded a proposal that this Board be notified when Commissioners houses became vacant and notified as to whom tenancy is granted before letting.

In reply to Commissioner Burke the Assistant County Manager said he would not discuss tenants areas publicly - he would look into the request to have the Rent Collector attend a Board Meeting.

The Meeting welcomed and wishes success to the new "No Name Club" being founded in Tuam.

THIS CONCLUDED THE MEETING.

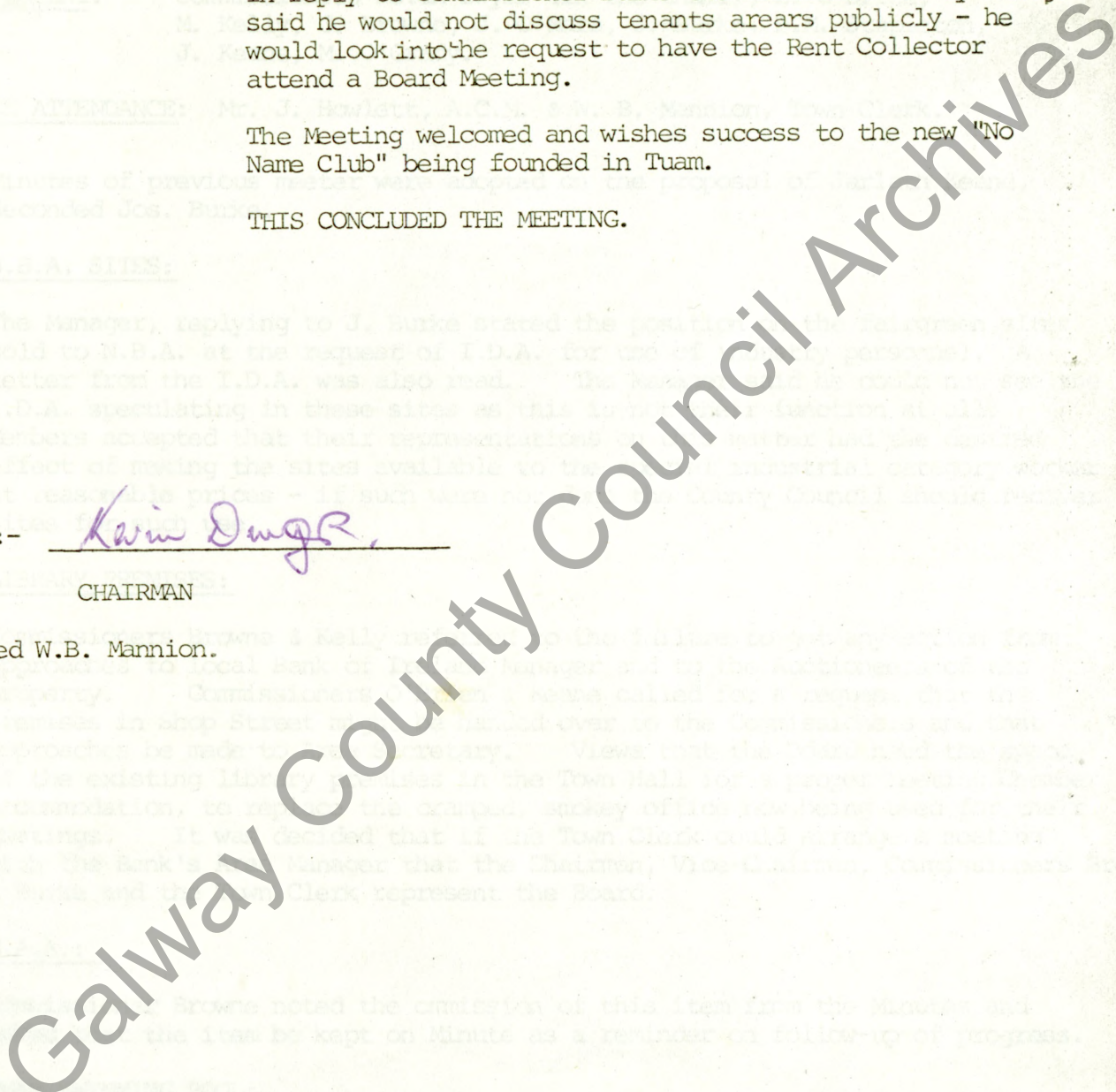
N.B.A. SITES:

The Manager, replying to J. Burke stated the position of the N.B.A. at the request of I.D.A. for use of the premises. A letter from the I.D.A. was also read. The Manager stated that the I.D.A. stipulating in these sites as this is to be a residential area. The Manager stated that the sites are available to the public and that the I.D.A. should be notified of any such use.

SIGNED:- Kevin Dwyer

CHAIRMAN

Recorded W.B. Mannion.



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MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 7TH OCTOBER, 1980

PRESENT: Commissioners Kevin Dwyer (in the chair), L. O'Brien,
M. Kelly, G. Browne, J. O'Mara, J. Burke, P.M. Stapleton,
J. Keane, M. O'Grady.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. J. Howlett, A.C.M. & W. B. Mannion, Town Clerk.

Minutes of previous meeting were adopted on the proposal of Jarlath Keane,
Seconded Jos. Burke.

N.B.A. SITES:

The Manager, replying to J. Burke stated the position on the fairgreen sites sold to N.B.A. at the request of I.D.A. for use of industry personnel. A letter from the I.D.A. was also read. The Manager said he could not see the I.D.A. speculating in these sites as this is not their function at all. Members accepted that their representations on this matter had the desired effect of making the sites available to the special industrial category worker at reasonable prices - if such were not done the County Council should recover these sites for such use.

LIBRARY PREMISES:

Commissioners Browne & Kelly referred to the failure to get any action from approaches to local Bank of Ireland Manager and to the Auctioneers of the property. Commissioners O'Brien & Keane called for a request that the premises in Shop Street might be handed over to the Commissioners and that approaches be made to Area Secretary. Views that the Board need the space of the existing library premises in the Town Hall for a proper Meeting Chamber accommodation, to replace the cramped, smokey office now being used for their Meetings. It was decided that if the Town Clerk could arrange a meeting with the Bank's Area Manager that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Commissioners Browne & Burke and the Town Clerk represent the Board.

G.A.A.:

Commissioner Browne noted the omission of this item from the Minutes and asked that the item be kept on Minute as a reminder on follow-up of progress.

TUAM SWIMMING POOL:

The Manager replying to complaints by Members on the closure of the pool stated that it was entirely due to shortage of funds. Hopefully, it might be possible to open again in December if funds allowed. Also, now, the new "Heat Pump" is being installed and substantial savings are expected in fuel costs, wages however remain the biggest burden here.

PARKMORE DEVELOPMENT:

The Chairman queried the position on any meeting with the Architects on the Parkmore Plans. Members were told by the Manager that criticism on such as Parkmore could be detrimental to housing work in Tuam and suggested that the first phase works should go ahead as these would have little or no

effect on the overall layout and open spaces. Housing density granted to Developers who sought planning permission for these lands, before the County Council purchased same- was one and a half times that now proposed by the Council - and there was no objection raised then. The Scheme and open space development will be on a phased basis. Members claimed that open spaces are relegated to swampland bottoms and not acceptable, and a meeting with the Architect would ensure that the views of the people of the area and the Town would be considered - Mr. Howlett promised to take this up with the County Manager.

TOURIST OFFICE:

It was agreed to invite Mr. Lally to a Meeting at 7 p.m. on 4th November (before our Monthly Meeting).

SPEED LIMITS:

A request was made for extra (small) reminder signs on speed limits within the town area, also for further warning signs for schools and children crossings. The Gardai are to be requested if they can provide any manpower to schools warden duty.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The following items were dealt with:-

- Letter from Solicitor on sale of 61 Athenry Road to Donal Donnellan - Agreed to.
- Letter from Roscam on U.D.C. - read - supported.
- Letter from Minister re Town Clerk - read.
- Letter from Junior Chamber on proposed Festival - read - supported.
- Letter on nuisance at Newtownmorris - read - suggest get Engineers Report on disposal to M/s O'Brien & Larkin.

MANAGER'S BUSINESS:

Approval was granted, on proposal of Miko Kelly, J. O'Mara seconding, to outstanding National Agreement payments to the Town Clerk.

WATER SUPPLIES:

Members complained of interrupted supplies over the past week, saying that no public notices of any cut-off were given. The necessity of a Caretaker being available on the telephone was voiced.

N.O.M's - COMMISSIONER J. BURKE:

- (1) On Graffiti - The Board supported the proposal and the County Council are requested to obliterate where possible.
- (2) Parking Bylaws - The Town Clerk convey the Assistant County Engineers views on these by-law amendments - relevant pedestrian crossings, signs and road markings cannot be done due to shortage of monies in this financial year.
- (3) P. & T. Kiosk for St. Joseph's Park - The Board supports the need there and decided to write to the Minister Mark Killilea on this and also to the Postmaster.

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VOTES OF SYMPATHY - were passed with the families of the late John Fahy,
Galway Road, Francie O'Toole, Gilmartin Road and Miss Connaty, Bishop St.
Tuan.

A Minutes silent prayer was observed.

THIS CONCLUDED THE MEETING.

Kevin Dwyer
Chairman

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MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON TUESDAY, 2ND
SEPTEMBER, 1980

PRESENT: Commissioner K. Dwyer in the chair.

Commissioners J. O'Mara, L. O'Brien, J. Keane, J. Burke,
P. M. Stapleton, M. O'Grady and M. Kelly.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. T. Kavanagh for Assistant County Manager; Mr. J. Gibbons,
Town Engineer and Mr. W. B. Mannion A/Town Clerk.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous Meeting were adopted on the proposal
of P. M. Stapleton; seconder Jarlath Keane.

E.S.B. TRANSFORMER: The Meeting received Mr. T. Muldoon, E.S.B. Engineer on the matter
of transformer site at Town Hall. Mr. P. McHugh whose premises
adjoins the Town Hall also attended. Mr. Muldoon in reply to
queries from the Commissioners, said that it is necessary to
site this transformer as close as possible to Square area, as
central as possible. The unit is of reasonably small size he
said and there should be no noise from it. Mr. McHugh queried
the possibility of interference to television from same. The
Commissioners pointed out that whilst they agreed in principle
to try facilitate with the site, they would like to be very
sure that no annoyance of any form would arise. Mr. Gibbons
proposed that if Mr. Muldoon could show Mr. McHugh and himself
a similar situation elsewhere so that they could satisfy
themselves on the absence of any nuisance. This was agreed
to by the Board.

54 GILMARTIN ROAD: Mr. Gibbons reported, after inspection, that this house is not
now at all as bad as previously reported. The husband
involved is now home and his wife is seriously incapacitated.
He said he would be sympathetic to fitting a new range and a
hot water system - which would cost up to £1,500. It was
agreed that to alleviate the misery in this case that this be
done if possible before Christmas if the money is at all available.

N.B.A. SITES: Commissioner Keane reported that he understood that N.B.A. sites
at the Fairgreen are now advertised for sale by tender. He
was supported by Commissioners Burke, Kelly & O'Mara in a call
on these bodies to stop this speculation in Local Authority
land - we have local applicants, qualified for such sites and
these will now be priced out. The I.D.A. and N.B.A. are to
be written to on this matter and the County Council are called
on to write on this matter.

NEW HOUSING, TUAM: Mr. Kavanagh reported that there is good hopes now of work
starting on St. Joseph's Park, also services and other
development works at Parkmore. Commissioner Keane asked that
the Parkmore Plans be displayed in town in some prominent
location and Commissioner Burke & O'Mara suggested that perhaps
a Meeting with the Architects on St. Joseph's Park and Parkmore,

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especially on the question of open spaces/recreational facilities there; would be most useful. The Chairman supported this idea also.

TOURIST OFFICE: Members who met with Mr. Lally in Galway (since our last Meeting) reported on the discussions. It was agreed that the Board invite Mr. Lally to our October Meeting here for further talks.

TOWN CLERK: The Board decided to draft a letter to the Minister requesting a Meeting with him on this matter.

LIBRARY PREMISES: A letter (reply to ours) was received from Manager of Bank of Ireland, Tuam - wherein he recommended the Commissioners to take the matter up with their Auctioneers M/s Tyrrells. The Board seeks that the old Bank Premises at Shop Street, Tuam be made available to Galway County Council at a reasonable price, for use as a new Library. It was decided to ask the County Manager if the Boards support is useful.

CORRESPONDENCE: Letters to the Board was read as follows:-

- (1) On matter of placing of priority order of our Municip. Authority proposals.
- (2) Solicitors Letter on 23 Athenry Road, Tuam - agreed to.
- (3) Copy of A.C.M. Letter to Minister on Town Clerk post - read.
- (4) Literature on Planing Conference in Brighton - read.
- (5) Letter from Minister for Labour on exclusion of Manpower Office in Tuam - read.
- (6) Letter from Cuspoir - Promotion of sport supported.

ONE-WAY STREETS: Mr. Gibbons replying to members complaints on increase in infringements of traffic regulations, especially in Shop Street said he would look into possibility of fixing further "No Entry" and "No right Turn" signs there.

Votes of Sympathy were passed with the following families:-

Relatives of late M. McHugh, Galway Road, Tuam.
 Relatives of Oliver Flaherty, Dublin Road, Tuam.
 Relatives of Ml. Lardner, Galway Road, Tuam.
 Relatives of Joseph Fahy, Bishop Street, Tuam.
 Relatives of Liam O'Connell, Ballygaddy Road, Tuam.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

RECORDED:- W. Mannion.

SIGNED:-

Kevin Dwyer
 CHAIRMAN

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON 5TH AUGUST, 1980

PRESENT: In the Chair: Commissioner Kevin Dwyer.

Commissioners Present: Messrs. P.M. Stapleton, Jos. Burke,
G. Browne and J. Keane.

Officials: Messrs. J. Howlett, A.C.M. and W.B. Mannion,
Town Clerk.

The Minutes of previous Meeting were read and adopted on the proposal of Jarlath Keane, P.M. Stapleton seconding.

NORTH/
SOUTH

CONFERENCE: The Chairman gave details of a meeting called by the County Development Office, at which he attended - dealing with a proposed North/South local authorities meeting scheduled for Enniskillen on 2nd September, 1980. The meeting authorised the Chairman (or Vice Chairman in his absence) to attend this conference in Enniskillen.

FAIRGREEN
SITES: Mr. Howlett, A.C.M. in reply to Commissioner Stapleton, said all the new Fairgreen sites have now been allotted and accepted. No sites have been handed back by N.B.A. and Co. Council have no control over these. Members called on the Council to recover these sites and/or notify Industry of availability of such sites through I.D.A.

TOWN CLERK: The Manager told Commissioner Keane that he has had no reply from the Department on the position of the Town Clerk.

MEAT STALLS: Commissioner Burke expressed the Boards wish that negotiation on sale of these premises to the occupiers be concluded - there is no wish to go to Court on the matter and the Manager was requested to negotiate a satisfactory agreement. The Manager outlined the negotiations to date and a Courts likely view - rents must be related to valuations as now assessed. Commissioner Keane confirmed this from his experiences in Court cases and recommended negotiated settlement.

HOUSES: An Engineers report on 54, Gilmartin Road, was requested for next meeting.

BYE-LAWS: Commissioner Browne outlined proceedings of a Meeting with Mart Officials on calf sales etc. and a Dept. of Agriculture directive is awaited by the Mart. A report is expected for next Meeting.

G.A.A. It was reported that no further information had come to hand on this matter.

MUNICIPAL
AUTHORITIES: Proposals from Commissioners Kelly, Browne and Keane were approved for submission to Conference.

HOUSING: The Manager replying to questions on housing development at Parkmore said that there is no allocation from the Department for this year - this also applies to the 8 houses at St. Joseph's Park for which a Contract was being negotiated. Commissioners Browne, Keane and Burke

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expressed shock to learn that the St. Joseph's Park housing was not going ahead and demanded a call for a Meeting with Minister Barrett urgently. The Chairman asked the Manager to seek an urgent Meeting at the Department.

LIBRARY: Commissioner Browne called on the Bank of Ireland Authorities to make their old premises at Shop Street, Tuam, available to the Co. Council at a reasonable price for library purposes. The Town Clerk is to write, conveying the Boards views to the local Manager of Bank of Ireland.

E.S.B.

TRANSFORMER: The Manager read letters from Mr. Gibbons, Town Engineer and from E.S.B. Engineers on their proposed Transformer siting at rear of the Town Hall. Members were not very happy about the proposal and Commissioner Stapleton wondered if there could be a noise problem. It was decided to ask E.S.B. Official to meet the Board.

TOURIST OFFICES: Commissioner Burke spoke in loud criticism of the fact that despite an offer by Chamber of Commerce to pay half the cost of maintaining a Tourist Office during season; Bord Failte West have closed the Tuam office. He said Tuam had several Tourist attractions and listed some of historical importance. The Board was unanimous in calling for an urgent appointment with Mr. Lally and an appointment is to be sought. Commissioner Keane suggested that the Board picket the Tourist H.Q. to get our demand.

CORRESPONDENCE: Letters before the Board were dealt with viz:-

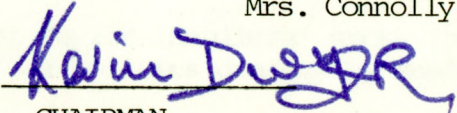
- (1) Motion from Mullingar U.D.C. on house grants - (agreed with)
- (2) Motion from Nenagh U.D.C. on rents - (not agreed with).
- (3) Department letter on L.A. Officials travelling.
- (4) Letter from National Manpower on Tuam Service.
- (5) National Road Hauliers Assoc. - complaining of vehicular congestion on St. Endas/Gilmartin Road areas - T/Clerk to reply herein that this letter is considered an unfair assessment of the situation there.

DEPUTATION COMMUNITY COUNCIL RE. PARKMORE HOUSING: The Board received a deputation - (Miss Fore, Mrs. Stewart, Mr. T. Lee and Mr. T. Creaven), on the matter of Parkmore Development Layout. The Manager produced for inspection plans/layout maps etc. on this Scheme. Development is to include 36 developed private sites, 246, Local Authority houses in cul-de-sac development - the first phase to be the 36 sites and 30 houses. The Deputation were critical of the Green Space areas and Playing Pitches not being provided for this area.

HURLING FINAL: It was decided to seek 12 tickets for the Hurling Final.

Votes of Sympathy were proposed with families of:-

Mrs. Eagleton, Galway Road, Tuam.
Mrs. Francis, Dublin Road, Tuam.
Mrs. Lydon, Athenry, Road, Tuam.
Mr. Joyce, Athenry Road, Tuam.
Mrs. Lohan, Galway Road, Tuam.
Mrs. Finnegan, Athenry Road, Tuam.
Mrs. Burke, Toberjarlath Road, Tuam.
Mrs. Connolly, Carrowpeter, Tuam.

SIGNED: 

CHAIRMAN

Recorded: W. B. Mannion,
Town Clerk.

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING CALLED AT THE INVITATION OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS BETWEEN OFFICIALS OF COMHLUCHT SUICRE EIREANN; CORAS IOMPAIR EIREANN; BEET & VEGETABLE GROWERS ASSOCIATION; INDEPENDENT HAULIERS ASSOCIATION; TUAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & MINISTER FOR STATE AT AGRICULTURE, MR. TOM HUSSEY, T.D.

MEETING CONVENED IMPERIAL HOTEL, TUAM, 7th JULY, 1980

PRESENT: In the Chair, Mr. Kevin Dwyer (Assisted by Town Clerk).

FOR C.S.E.T: Messrs. Sheehy, Commerford, Collins, Broderick, Foyle & Connem.

FOR C.I.E: Messrs. MacGiolla Riogh, Deveraux & Fitzgerald.

FOR B.V.A: Mr. Jim Plunkett.

FOR HAULIERS: Mr. R. Taylor & deputation.

FOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: Messrs. Tyrell, Canavan, McNamara & Roache.

FOR COMMISSIONERS: Mr. Kevin Dwyer (Chairman), P.M. Stapleton, G. Browne & J. O'Mara.

The Chairman opening the Meeting welcomed all to the Meeting. He outlined the business and aims of the Convention and hoped that the discussions would bear a successful conclusion here to-day resolving all the differences between the parties.

Mr. Sheehy speaking on behalf of the Sugar Company outlined the transport problems encountered with C.I.E. who seek the setting up of very expensive rail head handling facilities including weighting and sampling facilities at such points - these to require a heavy C.S.E.T. contributions of £140 to £150,000 from C.S.E.T. and £60 to £70,000 from C.I.E. He intimated that whilst Wellington Bridge was now a depot operated in this new scheme - that farmer producers do not favour this system for Tullamore.

Mr. Plunkett for B.V.A. said Portarlinton farmers will not accept such depot system at Tullamore and may cease beet growing if the new system be foisted on them.

Messrs. Fitzgerald & MacGiolla Riogh for C.I.E. outlined the development programmes at Wellington Bridge, Middleton and Tullamore - where the Company design a provision of facilities for the future of efficient beet transport. The C.S.E.T. contribution required was reasonable in their view, but not forthcoming.

Commissioners Browne, Stapleton & O'Mara were supported by Chamber of Commerce members B. McNamara & M. Tyrrell, in calling on both these semi-state bodies to agree on a policy that will not further injure the ailing western region especially, and to which a social conscience should be shown. The contributions referred to were considered small when weighed against the astronomical expenditure figure of both Companies - really pennies when weighed against the many jobs and people likely to be severely affected down at grass roots.

Mr. Robert Taylor (Hauliers) spoke in criticism of writing off a people and industries by injurious policies drafted by Managements - called for compromise and negotiation.

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Mr. Tom Hussey, Minister for State at Agriculture saying it was unfortunate that once again it is the Tuam Sugar Factory that is placed in jeopardy with such effect on farmers and workers of the region. He called for a guarantee of no threat to Tuam from both semi-state bodies.

Mr. Pat Power for the workers Unions spelt out the importance of these companies financial input in this western area. Both bodies should also recognise the effects of scare headlines on beet growing farmers.

Messrs. G. Browne, M. Tyrrell, P.M. Stapleton & B. McNamara joined in a call for action and a solution to differences, saying farmers wishes must also be considered. Both parties especially C.I.E. have previously promised not to cause any danger or risk by their policies to Western business and they should observe this undertaking. C.S.E.T. should also consider providing a land bank for beet growers to augment the 2,500 acres of beet being grown west of the Shannon.

Mr. Tom O'Neill proposed that C.S.E.T initiate a Scholarship project for boys and girls and this got great support from Mr. Plunkett, B.V.A. A discussion on by-products (e.g. beet pulp) prices ensued and Mr. Sheehy and colleagues gave their trade policies herein; the question of seed and fertilizer prices were also considered with a view to producers incentives.

After a coffee break the Minister for State & Agriculture Deputy Tom Hussey invited both C.I.E. & C.S.E.T. to meet at Department Offices shortly and expressed hopes of an early settlement of their differences.

The Chairman, Mr. K. Dwyer then thanked all for attending and contributing so openly to the discussions. Mr. McNamara spoke also for Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Sheehy for C.S.E.T. Mr. McGiolla Riogh for C.I.E. returned thanks also.

The Meeting, having learned of the deaths of 2 Gardai Siochana whilst apprehending Bank Raiders outside Ballaghadereen, expressed shock and sympathy and stood for a minutes silent prayer, in respect.

THIS CONCLUDED THE MEETING.

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Kevin Dwyer
CHAIRMAN

Recorded by W. Mennion
July, 1980.

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MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON 1/7/1980

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Joseph Burke; Kevin Dwyer; Jarlath Keane;
P.M. Stapleton; M. O'Grady; G. Browne;
Miko Kelly; L. O'Brien & J. O'Mara.

OFFICIALS:

T. Kavanagh for A.C.M; J. Gibbons, B.E. and W. B. Mannion.

The Chairman in his address gave a resume of the events of the year past. He thanked all the Members and Officials for their co-operation and help throughout his term of office. He then called for proposals to elect a new Chairman and retired. All Members congratulated Mr. Burke for the high standards set by him and for his fairness always in everything.

Commissioner G. Browne proposed and Commissioner O'Grady seconded Commissioner Kevin Dwyer as Chairman. There being no other proposal Commissioner K. Dwyer took the Chair.

Commissioner J. Keane proposed Commissioner O'Grady seconded that Commissioner Miko Kelly be Vice Chairman. He was declared elected, there being no other proposal.

Commissioner Browne suggested that next year recognition be given to the largest party on the Board in elections of officers. Commissioner Burke said the system in operation has proved very acceptable. Commissioner Stapleton would not agree with Mr. Burke and complimented Mr. Browne for the suggestion which he hopes will be implemented.

The incoming Chairman thanked the Members for his election and the Vice-Chairman returned thanks also.

In the proposal of Commissioner Stapleton, the Board and Officials posed for a Group photograph.

THIS CONCLUDED THE MEETING.

Recorded W. Mannion
1st July, 1980.

Kevin Dwyer

CHAIRMAN

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MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON 1/7/1980

PRESENT: Chairman: Kevin Dwyer.

Commissioners J. Burke, P.M. Stapleton; G. Browne; J. Keane,
M. Kelly, L. O'Brien; J. O'Mara, M. O'Grady.

OFFICIALS: Mr. T. Kavanagh for A. C. M; Mr. Gibbons, B.E. & Mr. W. Mannion.

The Minutes of previous Meeting were read and signed on the proposal of Commissioner Keane.

MARKET BYE-LAWS: A letter from our Solicitors on the Bye-Laws, was read confirming same as effective in law. A discussion followed on the many infringements that are taking place and on the calf dealers abuse of the new Abbey Trinity Carpark by using it as a sales place. This abuse, it was agreed must be stopped and it was decided that the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Commissioner Browne meet the Mart Officials on calf sale facilities there and to talk also with representatives of the calf dealers. The Town Clerk and Chairman is to visit the Garda Inspector and submit the copy of the Bye-Laws to him.

FAIRGREEN SITES: Mr. Kavanagh in reply to Commissioner Keane said that the 3 N.B.A sites at the Fairgreen were not offered back to the Council. Commissioner Browne & O'Mara criticised such non usage of sites and said the N.B.A. should be called on to hand back these sites. Mr. Kavanagh reported that the new 11 sites have been allocated - based on need on a first come first serve basis. The cost is £5,650 per site. The Board seek to be informed of the names of successful applicants.

GRASS CUTTING: Mr. Gibbons replied to criticisms by Commissioner O'Mara on grass cutting programme this year; said that effort is being made to conserve the little money available this year for labour employment in the months ahead. Mr. Kavanagh said the County Council priority now is to maintain employment, the financial situation is most critical he said.

TOWN DUMP: In reply to queries the Engineer said the new hours of opening at the dump are working well. A few individuals are spoiling our efforts at regulation and it is hoped to identify these. He reported no danger of Brucellosis arising from the Dump, from an opinion obtained from a Veterinary Officer.

TOWN CLERK: The Assistant County Manager hopes to have a definite reply from the Department soon. It was decided that the Chairman write on behalf of the Board pressing the Minister for action on this important matter.

CORRESPONDENCE: Letters from Municipal Authorities, Westport U.D.C., Cobh U.D.C.,

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and from M. O'Connor, Church View, Tuam (expressing an interest in purchasing waste ground adjoining Gilmartin Road housing estate). The Board considered this offer (£500) for a plot of waste ground. A question of any prior lease is to be investigated, as also some hassle over a R.O.W. there. Views that the Commissioners make some use themselves of the Ground, were expressed. It was decided that a few members have a look at the plot and report to the next Meeting when the A.C.M.s views would also be available. A Coursing Club letter was marked read - seven members showed in favour of the coursing and Commissioner Burke & Kelly against.

SUGAR FACTORY: The Clerk had to hand replies from C.S.E.T; C.I.E. and B.V.A. all agreeing to a Meeting under the auspices of the Board to discuss beet haulage dispute between C.S.E.T. and C.I.E. The Meeting was fixed for 7th July at 3 p.m. in Imperial Hotel.

PARKMORE: Commissioner Burke asked that the Council present their plans for development of Parkmore for inspection of the Board.

MEAT STALLS: A letter from Solicitors Concannon & Meagher on the present situation on rent increases action was read. Commissioner Keane proposed with general support from the Members, that the Board sell these stalls to the people now leasing same.

RANGE - 54, GILMARTIN ROAD: Mr. Gibbons was asked to inspect the range in this house.

SIGNS: Mr. Gibbons said he could not erect any other than official statutory signs (under E.E.C. Regulation) to warn of children playing in the Dublin Road Estate area.

G.A.A.: Commissioner Burke said we should write the G.A.A. Co. Board to meet the Commissioners so that we could put the voice of the people of Tuam before them - Commissioner Kelly and Commissioner Keane suggested that instead members should attend a forthcoming public meeting being organised - this was agreed.

VOICES OF SYMPATHY: were passed with family of Hugh McDonagh, the Dwyer family, Bishop Street on death of Mrs. Walsh, the Ralph family on death of Mrs. Ralph (Senior), the Joyce family, Circular Road on death of their Aunt.

THIS CONCLUDED THE MEETING.

Kevin Duggan

CHAIRMAN

Recorded
W.B. Mannion,
July, 1980.

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 3rd JUNE, 1980

PRESENT: Chairman: - Commissioner Joseph Burke.

Members Present: Commissioners J. O'Mara, J. Keane, G. Browne,
P. M. Stapleton, K. Dwyer, L. O'Brien.
(Commissioner Miko Kelly was excused).

Officials: Mr. J. Howlett, A.C.M., Mr. J. Gibbons, A.C.E.,
W. B. Mannion, Town Clerk.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous Meeting were adopted on the proposal of
P.M. Stapleton, Seconded by Jarlath Keane.

MARKET BYE-LAWS: The Chairman reported to the Meeting that the Vice Chairman and the Town Clerk had visited our Solicitors and Garda Inspector Lavery for their views and direction on the continuing arrangements of the Market Bye-Laws. It is found necessary that a copy of the Bye-Laws bearing the Ministerial seal and signature is required for any prosecution and our Solicitor has written for same. The Chairman, in reply to Commissioner Browne said efforts to remove these traders met with a blunt refusal to go. The Assistant County Manager, Mr. Howlett, denied that the officials were neglecting any action against these people and said the new County Council Bye-Laws on these carparks will be enacted by the Gardai. The Engineer promised to consider "No Hawkers" signs as suggested by Commissioner Keane and Commissioner Dwyer asked that the laws be applied equally to offending traders as well as the Hawkers.

IRGREEN SITES: Mr. Howlett again explained the delays in selling off these sites, due to title and R.O.W. questions. Commissioner Keane blamed the Commissioners themselves who sold the ground to the County Council with these snags there. He agreed with the Manager that disposing of the sites without clear title can cause great difficulties later with Grants, loans, etc. Commissioner Browne was not satisfied to accept the reply on delays.

GREEN AREAS: Mr. Gibbons replying to Commissioners O'Mara and O'Brien said that the frequency of grass cutting this year will not be great due to shortage on funds - grass cutting is now in hand but he would welcome community co-operation in any areas they decide to maintain.

TOWN DUMP: Commissioner Keane referred to the many complaints about opening hours at the town dump and Commissioner Dwyer complained of fire and rat infestation there. Mr. Gibbons spoke on the need for control at the dump to prevent indiscriminate and illegal dumping. The new manned opening times are to be:-

Monday to Friday 9.30 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

Additionally there would be late opening to 8 p.m. Wednesdays.

Special concessions would be provided to anybody needing to dump outside these hours.

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Commissioner Stapleton said the majority have to suffer for the abuse by the few who abuse public services like the Dump. Commissioner Dwyer asked if consideration be given to changing refuse collection times for Athenry Road so as not to clash with funerals. Commissioner Keane claimed that the smoke from the Dump could cause Brucellosis to neighbouring farmers cattle.

RESPONSE: Letters on the following were read:-

- (1) Letter of thanks from Cardinal Tomas O Fiach for the welcome and Scroll given him on his recent visit to Tuam.
- (2) Letter inviting the Board to partake in Corpus Christi procession.
- (3) Letter from P. & T. saying a commemorative stamp on the centenary of late Dr. McHale was not being issued (Great disappointment was expressed by the Board).
- (4) Letter on Civics Awards Scheme (Tuam not yet prepared to take part).
- (5) N.O.M. - Cobh U.D.C. on wage agreements and subsidy (read).
- (6) N.O.M. - Mallow U.D.C. on wandering animals (Read and agreed with).
- (7) Letter on Coursing - (Read - previous motion not received nor considered).
- (8) Motion - Westport U.D.C. on status and rights of illegitimate children (Read - unanimous support).

AGERS
INESS:

Mr. Howlett informed the members that their next Meeting on July 18th is statutory Meeting for election of officers.

Consideration of Letting to Theatre Guild and a Bord na Gaelige circular to Local Authorities are to be on the July Agenda.

O.M.'s:

Commissioner Burke spoke on his motion regarding difficulties on beet transport 1980 - involving C.S.E.T. and C.I.E., which could have serious effects for Tuam Sugar Factory which is so dependant on beet from outside the region. All members contributed to a very prolonged discussion on this matter, a most vital question for the survival of the Tuam Sugar Factory. It was decided to take up the question with C.I.E. (Mr. St. John Devlin) with C.S.E.T., the B.V.A. (Mr. Jim Plunkett) and Mr. T. Hussey, Minister for State. The Clerk is to write on this matter. The Board offers its services to co-ordinate or organise any necessary negotiations between C.I.E. and C.S.E.T. The Tuam Factory is considered as viable as ever and the life line of the small western farmer - the people of Tuam will not accept a closure of this factory ever.

A vote of sympathy was passed with relatives and the Sisters of Mercy on the death of Sister Concillio, R.I.P.

THIS CONCLUDED THE MEETING.

SIGNED:



CHAIRMAN

Recorded: W. B. Mannion, Town Clerk.

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 6TH MAY, 1980

PRESENT: Chairman - Joseph Burke;
Commissioners, G. Browne, M. O'Grady, P. M. Stapleton,
J. Keane, L. O'Brien, J. O'Mara, M. Kelly, K. Dwyer.
Officials: Mr. T. Kavanagh for A.C.M. and W. B. Mannion, Town Clerk.

MINUTES: Minutes of previous Monthly Meeting were adopted, Proposed by J. Keane; Seconded by Midie O'Grady.
Minutes of Special Meeting with Mark Killilea, T.D. (Junior Minister Communications) were also adopted - proposed by J. Keane, Seconded by L. O'Brien. The clerk, in reply to a complaint by Mr. P. M. Stapleton on the early hour of this Special Meeting, said that the date and time was stipulated by the Minister.

BY-LAWS: Arising out of a discussion on continuing infringements of the Market By-laws it was decided that the Chairman and Vice Chairman meet the Commissioners Solicitor and Garda Superintendent on this matter.

SWIMMING POOL: The Chairman, in reply to questions said that the Pool is now operating with reduced hours and staff and hopefully will stay open till late September at least.

FAIRGREEN SITES: The Meeting was informed that the matter of sites at the Fairgreen were now nearly cleared up and early disposal was requested.

G.A.A. The Chairman told Commissioner Browne that the G.A.A. matter was now in the hands of G.A.A. headquarters.

GILMARTIN ROAD: A letter from a new tenant Dermot McGrath asking for a new range was read. Mr. Kavanagh in reply to members criticism of this letting said the A.C.M. let the house as his function as Manager to Tuam Town Commissioners; on the advice of the County Medical Officer of Health and his inspectors; and on a differential rent basis. P. M. Stapleton pointed out that the County Council's own new houses in Tuam have no ranges and the Commissioner would need provide ranges for their old tenants before considering new ones. The Meeting decided that it was not possible to provide a new range and to investigate condition of the existing range for repair.

CORRESPONDENCE Letters on Traffic By-laws, Theatre Letting, Commemoration Stamp issue and McCartan Enterprises were read.

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS: Mr. Kavanagh, in reply to Commissioner J. Keane said the Council have no funds for provision of a Home for Stray Dogs. Mr. Keane complained of the numbers of dangerous dogs around Tuam and said the R.S.P.C.A. should be asked to appoint a local representative here to deal with the problem. Commissioner Browne said our Rent Collector should serve Notice on tenants who have too many dogs. Commissioner O'Brien pointed to the law which requires every dog leashed.

ABBAY TRINITY WELL:

Commissioner Stapleton asked that protective work be carried out at old Abbeytrinity Well which he was told is on private property. He also asked that the Chairman as a Councillor seek funding for further work on the Old Cemetery, Tuam.

TOWN DUMP:

The Chairman in reply to complaints said the Dump was being closed at night on his representations. Commissioner O'Brien asked that screen tree planting be considered there. It was decided to ask the Council to consider longer daylight opening hours with more flexible manning hours also in an effort to help control this late illegal dumping such as fish and carcasses.

N.O.M. FAIRGREEN SITES:

Commissioner Kelly, spoke on this N.O.M, saying that due to all these delays in sale of sites, building prices are daily soaring. He couldn't see why a Local Authority title should be in question and thanked Mr. Kavanagh for information to hand that this matter was now corrected and that payment to the Commissioners will be made in a couple of weeks.

N.O.M. PITCH & PUTT:

Commissioner Dwyer spoke on N.O.M. (with support generally from Members) proposing completion and use of the Pitch & Putt course at Palace Grounds. It was agreed to request the Engineer to get this facility operational as soon as possible.

N.O.M. INSULATION OF T.T.C. HOUSES:

Chairman J. Burke introduced this N.O.M. proposing installation of E.S.B. standard attic insulation in Commissioners Houses. The motion did not receive support.

VISIT OF CARDINAL TOMAS O FIACH:

The Chairman spoke on this visit to Tuam by the Cardinal on 19th May, and plans for civic Reception was discussed. The Board are to attend the Liturgical Reception and Mass, then give civic reception on stand near Chair of Tuam Monument which is also being unveiled by the Cardinal. Signing of our Visitors Book was also arranged.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY: Votes of Sympathy were passed with the following:

- Canavan Family; Hopkins Family;
- Reapy Family and Reps. of late Nellie King.

THIS CONCLUDED THE MEETING.

Joseph Burke.

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING WITH MR. MARK KILLILEA, T.D. JUNIOR MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS - HELD AT TOWN HALL, TUAM ON MONDAY 14th APRIL, 1980

PRESENT: Commissioners Joseph Burke (Chairman), Kevin Dwyer, Luke O'Brien, Gabriel Browne, James O'Mara and Jarlath Keane.

The Chairman welcomed the Minister and outlined the subject matters (1) poor telephone service, (b) poor post office accomodation.

Commissioner O'Mara spoke of the effects of this poor phone service on Industry and business generally and supported a call for a new, more comodious Post Office.

Commissioner Keane said the atrocious phone service was no incentive to new industry to the area and mentioned the high postal charges and the skimpy TV sports programmes, especially the Saturday racing programmes.

Commissioner O'Brien asked for immediate remedy to remove this criticism against one town - this phone service would kill any town.

Commissioner Dwyer said the post office accommodation was hopeless, especially at the rear where so many work in total congestion and also agreed on the TV sports coverage.

Commissioner Browne mentioned the particularly bad Galway Tuam line, the high postal rates and poor post office facilities where services to the public should be extended.

Mr. Killilea in reply said much of the phone problems have been due to several accidental severances of the Galway Tuam Coaxial line by mechanical diggers etc. He read a statement on Government policy on a Major National Improvement Programme to the telephone Service, improving the capacities, exchanges and meeting the new phone demands and upgrading services in this area intensely. The Department are looking at the local Post Office with a view to extension of the existing premises if such meets the need there. Post Office services are also being studied with a view to providing an advertising delivery service, a cheque changing facility and other facilities as a public service. He said our Postal Charges are the cheapest in Europe and this service must always pay for itself. He has little or no say in TV programming which is tightly retained within the R.T.E. Authority, but agreed certain facets needed a look at. He promised his personal attention to all the matters referred to him.

The Chairman thanked the Minister for his committment to improving the service and relations in the Post Office and telephone system.

THIS CONCLUDED THE MEETING.

Joseph Burke
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14 May 1980.

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 1ST APRIL, 1980:-

PRESENT: In the Chair - Commissioner J. Burke;

Commissioners M/s Miko Kelly, G. Browne, M. O'Grady, J. Keane,
J. O'Mara, L. O'Brien & K. Dwyer.

OFFICIALS: Mr. Joe Kelly for Assistant Co. Manager;
Mr. Redmond Lee, County Planning Officer;
Mr. J. T. Gibbons, Town Engineer;
Mr. W. Mannion, Town Clerk.

DEPUTATION: The Board met a deputation from Dunmore road residents on the question of itinerant caravans, unsightly dumping and traffic hazards along this section of road adjacent to the town.

The Group comprised Mr. Ml. Murray, Mrs. J. Mannion, Mr. Keith Somerscale of Foss Electric and Mr. S. Flaherty who spoke on behalf of the Group. Several photographs illustrating conditions there were circulated to members.

All Commissioners present expressed their views and support and in reply to the Chair, Mr. Gibbons said that the laying of hard shoulders on this section of road is possible and desirable but that the area Engineer whose district is concerned here, does not have funds for this work now. He also spoke on problems with the Dunmore Road booster pump and plans for similar pumps to be fitted at Ballymote and Dublin Road.

Mr. Joe Kelly denied that any but one, of these caravans were brought there by Galway Co. Council and this one has since gone back to Dunmore again. He spoke of difficulty in getting suitable sites for a hard-stand for the itinerants and the County haven't powers to move on the many caravanning traders now to be seen everywhere. Commissioner Browne called for some system of getting rid of the piles of rubbish generated by these travellers and complained of a recent case of two newly housed itinerant families not having electricity installed. Commissioner Dwyer called for provision of a hard-stand and Commissioner Kelly asked for extra monies for a quick re housing programme. The Chairman promised to take up at next Co. Council Meeting the questions of 5 acre hard-stand site and the attention to hard shoulders on this road section. The Deputation then left.

The Board agreed to meet the Itinerant Settlement Committee if same can be arranged by the Secretary.

MINUTES: The minutes of previous Meeting were adopted and signed on proposal of Commissioner Kelly, Seconder L. O'Brien.

SWIMMING
POOL:

Mr. Kelly gave a statement for the Manager on the proposed closure of Tuam Swimming Pool for a few weeks due to shortage in funds and also to facilitate fitting of a "Heat Pump". Mr. J. Gibbons stated that the funds allocated in 1980 will not keep the service open for the year. Members requested that everything be done to keep the pool open for as

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long as is at all possible.

FAIRGREEN SITES:

Mr. Kelly gave information on progress and delays with the Fairgreen sites and it was decided that the Chairman & Vice Chairman meet our Solicitors to try expedite legal end of things.

G.A.A.

Commissioner Keane & Commissioner Browne referred to discussions with G.A.A. Development Committee and the Chairman outlined progress to date - it was agreed that the 3 members appointed to the talks continue to represent this Board.

BYE-LAWS:

Two letters from Garda Superintendent were read expressing hopes of an early implementation of the new traffic bye-laws. Commissioner Browne, O'Grady and O'Bried complained of the illegal trading at Bishop Street Car Park over Christmas and of the need for re-arranged parking there.

TOWN PLAN:

Mr. Redmond Lee (County Planning Officer) attended on invitation to speak on Tuam Town Plan and relevant development. He spoke at length on his guidelines in drafting the Plan, his views and aims on development, housing, services, planning boundary etc. On members questions - traffic, ring roads, speed limits, recreation and playing spaces, water and sewage services and population figures were discussed. Extracts from the recent population census had been circulated to members who expressed dissatisfaction with the effects of present town boundary on official population figures; as so many of our houses lie just outside the boundary. Such figures can have serious effects on Building Society loans etc. and as Tuam is now designated the No. 1 development centre for county purposes the Commissioners fell that serious consideration must be given to Town boundary and planning boundary proposals.

The Chairman summarising the discussion thanked Mr. Lee, on behalf of the Board, for his very informative talk and for his personal interest and kindnesses to Tuam always.

The Board congratulated Commissioner Dwyer on his recent marriage and wished the couple every happiness.

Congratulations were also expressed to the CBS on their recent football victory over St. Jarlath's College in the Connaught Colleges Series.

Votes of sympathy were passed with Commissioner Stapleton's family on the death of his Mother-in-law Mrs. Devane and with the Gallagher family on a recent bereavement. A minutes silent prayer was observed.

THIS CONCLUDED THE MEETING.

Joseph Burke. 6/ May 1980.

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 5TH MARCH, 1980

- PRESENT: In the Chair - Commissioner Jos. Burke.
Commissioners M. Kelly, J. O'Mara, L. O'Brien, K. Dwyer,
J. Keane, M.O'Grady, G. Browne, Pat Stapleton.
- OFFICIALS: Mr. Kevin Doyle for Asst. Co. Manager and W. B. Mannion, Town Clerk.
- MINUTES: Minutes of previous Meeting were read and signed on proposal of P. M. Stapleton and seconder Miko Kelly.
- THEATRE GUILD: The Meeting received a deputation - Mrs. Patricia King and Mr. Joe O'Donoghue - on behalf of Tuam Theatre Guild, who outlined to the Board their progress of renovations and their extensive Schedule of events planned for opening week starting 18th May, 1980. It was agreed to ask our A.C.M. to instruct our Solicitors to draft a new lease agreement.
- TOWN PLAN: A Meeting to discuss the recently circulated documents on Tuam Town Plan and Urbanisation, was fixed for the 25th March, 1980. Mr. Howlett A.C.M. and Mr. R. Lee, Chief Planning Officer to be invited to attend and speak.
- STADIUM COMMITTEE: The Chairman reported that no reply had been received by the Commissioners for a request to meet the Stadium Committee but that he had also been directed at a recent Chamber of Commerce Meeting to meet said Committee as President of the Chamber; hopes of a Meeting with Father Hughes (for the Committee) early this week, was expressed. On the proposal of M. Kelly and P.M. Stapleton (seconding) the Chairman J. Burke, Vice Chairman K. Dwyer and Commissioner G. Browne were directed to meet with Father Hughes.
- BYE LAWS: It was agreed to ask the Garda Commissioner to speed up the Bye Laws for Tuam (arising from references by J. O'Mara and K. Dwyer to dangerous situations at Church View junction and at Level Crossing Smiths Garage area).

Correspondence addressed to the Board was read.

Commissioner Keane objected very strongly to the changing of the date of this Meeting to convenience the Chamber of Commerce and expressed a hope that such will not happen again.

Commissioner O'Brien thanked the Board for obliging in changing the date to allow Chamber Meeting set for the Tuesday on this month only.

C.S.E.T.

Commissioner Browne (referring to Press Report on Boards Meeting with C.S.E.T) said he did not think he was in anyway critical of the Agricultural Advisory Service. He thanked his fellow Commissioners who claimed that his remarks and observations at the said Meeting were worthy of compliment.

ITINERANT SETTLEMENT:

The Clerk conveyed to the Board that Galway County Council had housed 25 Itinerant families in Tuam and that the Commissioners housed 16 families, all in Gilmartin Road. Miko Kelly asked that refuse be collected from caravans on Dunmore Road and P.M. Stapleton asked for a "Hard Stand" facility to be provided.

PARADE:

The Board accepted an invitation to march in the St. Patrick's Day Parade, which takes place here on Sunday, 16th this year.

WATER:

Commissioner Keane and others mentioned various complaints on low water pressure in Tuam - the Clerk stated the position.

N.O.M's:

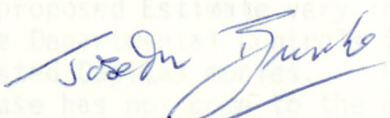
Commissioner Burke spoke on his N.O.M. to formulate a Schools Warden Patrol - the Clerk is to take up with Garda and Schools concerned. On Commissioner Burke's N.O.M. on Communications it was agreed to invite the new Junior Minister Mark Killilea to the April Meeting of the Board to discuss the telephone problems of Tuam and district. Commissioner Stapleton spoke on his N.O.M. that the Council purchase from the Board the houses used or let to Itinerant Settlement. The motion got general support and Mr. Doyle gave his views - A further Report is awaited from Mr. Howlett for the next Meeting.

PRESENTATION:

Members of the Board made a presentation to Commissioner Dwyer who is to wed shortly - congratulations were passed by all - Mr. Dwyer expressed his thanks.

Votes of Sympathy were passed with Tighe Family, Gilmartin Road on the death of Mrs. Tighe.

THIS CONCLUDED THE MEETING.



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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Town Clerk's Office,
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MINUTES OF ESTIMATES MEETING HELD 26TH FEBRUARY, 1980.

PRESENT: In the Chair - Commissioner J. Burke.

Commissioners - J. O'Mara, G. Browne, P.M. Stapleton, M. O'Grady,
M. Kelly, K. O'Dwyer, J. Keane.

OFFICIALS: Mr. J. Howlett, A.C.M., Mr. J. Gibbons, Engineer, Mr. W. Mannion,
A/Town Clerk.

The Manager spoke on the imposed 10% limit on rates control and gave a brief on the Boards financial position, and on Investments, etc. He replied to queries by Commissioner Stapleton on rent collectors fees and on capital withdrawals question by Commissioner O'Mara, the Clerk also gave a rental breakdown relative question on low rents. Members spoke on the need for extensive repair work to houses and on necessity of providing bathrooms. Criticism on Itinerant Settlement lettings by Co. Council on low rents of 10p per week was expressed and it was stated that 2 recent lettings of this nature could require a couple thousand pounds to meet repair. Mr. Gibbons specified his wages requirement for 1980 as £8,000 and this would only leave £700 for materials which is not a proper balance. The Chairman said our needs points to a £13,000 allotment for 1980 which evidently is not available. He referred to a recent Meeting of the Itinerant Housing Committee which sought a £100,000 grant for needs of the Tuam district.

The Manager, in reply to the concern expressed by all the members, who considered the proposed Estimate very insufficient, said the he is curtailed by the Departmental Controls imposed and would not recommend drawing on invested Capital monies. He said that the payment for fairgreen purchase has not come to the Boards credit yet due to delays in finalising the Agreement.

The Meeting approved fitting a new range in 45 Gilmartin Road - where a new tenant has two handicapped children.

The Estimate was adopted on the proposal of P.M. Stapleton being seconded by Jarlath Keane.

The Engineer gave details of toilet facility plans by the Theatre Guild.

A proposal by Commissioner Browne with unanimous support agreed that a letter be sent to An Taoiseach, calling on his to resolve the problems of the McCartin Bros. industries with urgency.

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Votes of Sympathy were passed with the following:-

- (1) With Archbishop Cunnane on the death of Dr. Browne (retired Bishop of Galway).
- (2) With Moran Family, Dublin Road, Tuam, on the death of Jack Moran, R.I.P.
- (3) With Glynn family, Vicar St., Tuam on death of Bill Glynn, R.I.P.

THIS CONCLUDED THE MEETING.

SIGNED:


CHAIRMAN.

Recorded W.B.. Mannion.

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS - SPECIAL MEETING CALLED ON 4/2/1980 WITH MANAGEMENT OF C.S.E.T. TUAM

The Meeting was chaired by Commissioner Kevin Dwyer.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Gaybriel Browne; Luke O'Brien; Jarlath Keane;
Jas. O'Mara and Midie O'Grady.

FOR COMHLUCHT SUICRE EIREANN:

Mr. Eamonn Collins, Area Manager and Dr. Cashman, Factory Manager.

IN ATTENDANCE:

W. Mannion, Town Clerk.

Commissioner Dwyer welcomed the representatives of C.S.E.T. and outlined the Boards worries in relation to recently announced E.E.C. sugar quotas and the effects on the Tuam Sugar Factory. Mr. Collins said that a 10% reduction is to be effected but he hoped that effect on Tuam would not be great. Contracts are presently being negotiated and the Company hope to get a land bank made available. This years throughput has over 2,000 tonns per days though the weather was a by-factor in slowing up deliveries to the factory. Commissioner Browne put forward the following suggestions:

- (1) That Department incorporate Beet production in their advisory service;
- (2) That the Company develop a seed strain to suit our weather conditions.
- (3) That the Harvest programme be planned to get out low-lying crops first.
- (4) That price and by-product (pulp etc) be made more attractive to producers.
- (5) That a "per acre" subsidy for beet and potatoes be given in place of Dole.
- (6) That a sufficiency of Harvesters and operators be always ensured.

Mr. Collins replying said the Company always work closely with the County Committees of Agriculture, seed is always being researched extensively and Delivery Dockets are always issued to low area earlier. The price is negotiated between the Growers and the Company and the lower pulp prices could be investigated. Commissioner Keane queried profitability of hired land in comparison to owner worked ground, and Commissioner O'Brien questioned the profitability as against cattle/beef production.

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Mr. Collins in reply to a suggestion by Commissioner Keane said liaison with Auctioneers on land availability could be an advantage and would welcome such approaches.

Mr. Collins thanked the members for the interest and encouragement shown to them.

The Chairman then thanked Messrs. Collins and Cashman for coming to meet the Commissioners and promised support in any manner possible.

THIS CONCLUDED THE MEETING.

PRESENT: Chairman: Joseph Burke. Commissioners Miko Kelly, P. M. Stapleton, Luke O'Brien, Gaybriel Browne, O'Mara, Jarlath Keane, Midie O'Grady and Kevin Dwyer.

SIGNED:

Joseph Burke
CHAIRMAN

The Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted and signed on the proposal of Jarlath Keane and seconder Kevin Dwyer.

ESTIMATES

It was decided to hold the Estimate Meeting on Tuesday 26th February.

Recorded: W. B. Mannion (Town Clerk).

4/2/1980.

W. B. Mannion
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ITINERANTS

Commissioner Browne spoke on itinerant crowding on the Dunmore Road, Tuam (referring again to his remarks on this matter at the previous Meeting) where so much dumping and nuisance is allowed on both sides of a National Road adjacent to the town. Commissioner Stapleton (with support from Commissioners O'Brien and Keane) objects strongly to outside itinerants who have no family connections in Tuam being brought into Tuam and also to the Assistant County Manager letting Town Commissioners houses at negligible rents. Commissioner Browne supported by Commissioner O'Mara asked that the advice and cooperation of the Board be sought on all such letting and Commissioner Kelly suggested a Meeting with the Itinerant Settlement Committee and the Asst. Co. Manager should be sought - Commissioner Stapleton seconded this proposal and also asked that a list of "native" itinerant families be provided to the Board.

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MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON 5TH FEBRUARY, 1980

PRESENT: Chairman: Joseph Burke. Commissioners Miko Kelly, P. M. Stapleton, Luke O'Brien, Gaybriel Browne, Jas. O'Mara, Jarlath Keane, Midie O'Grady and Kevin Dwyer.

OFFICIALS: Messrs. T. Kavanagh (For Mr. Howlett) J. T. Gibbons, Town Engineer & W. Mannion, Town Clerk.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted and signed - on the proposal of Jarlath Keane and seconder Kevin Dwyer.

ESTIMATES

It was decided to hold the Estimates Meeting on Tuesday 26th February.

TOWN PLAN

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R.O.M. - J. Keane

Commissioner O'Mara proposed and Commissioner Keane seconded that repair be done here (though vested). The Engineer stated that a wall at Athenry Rd. was not dangerous and being private property was responsibility of the particular landowner. He promised Commissioner O'Mara to have another thought on the Cats Alley Amenity project if conditions changed suitably and on Commissioner Brownes request to investigate an unsightly tree and dumping in areas of No's 1 and 2 Gilmartin Rd; if the occupiers agreed he would take action.

N.O.M. - J. Burke

TRAFFIC BY-LAWS

In reply to Commissioner O'Mara, Mr. Gibbons said that Garda approval is still awaited on the revised By-Laws.

MARKET BY-LAWS

Commissioner O'Brien was informed by the Town Clerk that the case of Infringement of the By-Laws by stall holders on the Bishop St. Carpark over Xmas, has been placed in the hands of our Solicitor.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letters were read as follows:- (1) Application for a house - Mr. T. McKenna; (2) Circular letter Fermoy D.C; (3) Circular on Swine Fever (referred to Chief Medical Officer of Health; (4) Letter re An Tasice Publication (2 copies ordered).

N.O.M. - M. Kelly

On House Letting Procedures - Commissioner Kelly spoke on his Motion saying he is very critical of lettings to Homeless People, done over members heads resulting in negligible revenue to the Commissioners. The Council should buy out these houses so used and allow us to so fund the very desirable bathroom schemes, etc. Commissioner Browne supporting said the County Council should reimburse this Board in these cases. Commissioner Keane & O'Mara agreed also and the latter proposed that Board adopt a policy that no lettings be allowed without the prior agreement of the Board; Commissioner Dwyer supported this also and asked for a Co. Council crash programme to house native homeless. Commissioner Stapleton demanded the provision of a serviced hard stand as an interim and Jarlath Keane seconded his proposal.

A letter from Department refusing to meet the Board on the subject of Revonvation Grants for our houses, said no purpose would be served by such Meeting; The Board directed the Clerk to write to the town local Junior Ministers on this matter enclosing copies of the letter received.

N.O.M. - J. Keane

- Commissioner Keane spoke on his motion on the Departments cancellation of House Reconstruction Grants, leading, he said, to lack of Planning Control and inferior design and workmanship. He was supported by Commissioner Burke, Dwyer, O'Mara & O'Grady who all agreed that the £600 allotted went a long way to help and an incentive that contributed much to extending the useful life of many houses. Commissioners suggested a Grant payment on a means test basis if necessary.

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N.O.M. - J. Keane - That a Commemorative Stamp be issued to celebrate the Centenary of Late Doctor McHale in 1981. Commissioner Keane's proposal was seconded by Commissioner Browne and received general support. Dept. P. & T to be so requested.

N.O.M. - J. Burke - Commissioner Burke spoke on his motion, saying that as Chairman of the Town Commissioners he was a Trustee of the Local G.A.A. Development Committee and seeks the Boards support in requesting the G.A.A. to provide better sports facilities for the Youth of Tuam, both in Parkmore and at the Stadium- and to seek more bigger games fixtures for the Tuam venue. Their very successful fund raising down the years should now be invested in provided back to the Town, the much needed facilities such as towns like Ballina and Claremorris enjoy.

Commissioner Keane asks why big matches are not fixed for the Tuam venue anymore, saying that the G.A.A. and Stadium Committees are two different organisations where relations between them leave much to be desired. Commissioner O' Dwyer agreed that we should give liaison in getting the two organisations together. He said Stadium caters for Schools Games and shower and dressing room facilities are made available. Commissioner Burke didn't accept that the Commissioners could provide any solution to the problems of the two organisations. Commissioner O'Mara supported the motion to ask both Parties to come together and to provide the facilities for the Youth of Tuam.

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CHAIRMAN

Commissioner Browne called on the Board to meet the Stadium Committee. He asked if that Committee was a "Closed Shop" and suggested that substantial sum of at least a half million pounds could be in the funds of the Stadium Committee.

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Commissioner O'Grady said that Championship Match venues are fixed by the Co. Board. He referred to Stand and other dug-out works at Stadium and said that whilst they had money, other works are planned. Gate revenue dependent on Central funds *GOES LARGELY TO THE FOOTBALL BOARD BUT THE COMMITTEE IS NOT DEPENDANT ON CENTRAL FUNDS.*

Commissioner Kelly speaking said he is an officer of the G.A.A. Club, spoke on their proposed works at Ball Alley site and at Parkmore, where down the years all codes have been facilitated. He congratulated other clubs and codes for their work for sport and recounted his clubs victories etc. He gave a history of the fund raising Committee and G.A.A. Club and blamed the County Board and Co-Administration as responsible for disagreements and past indecisions. The Stadium Committee should have provided a Hall Complex for the town. The new G.A.A. Clubs facility will be available to members on a non-profit making basis - any surplus will be ploughed back into the venture.

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Commissioner Stapleton said he supported our Chairmans efforts to close the gap of dissention between the G.A.A. and the Fund Raising Committee and paid tribute to the many who gave voluntarily of their time to build the Stadium.

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Commissioner Browne proposed and Commissioner Stapleton that our Chairman J. Burke call for a Meeting of all the parties involved, Commissioner Keane asked that Football Board be met with also. The Chairman agreed to meet as early as possible with the Tuam Stadium Committee and appealed to all elements of the G.A.A. to come together and to provide the facilities so urgently required by the Youth of Tuam and particularly the G.A.A. Youth. The Clerk was directed to organise this meeting as soon as possible.

SENT:

In the Chair

Votes of Sympathy were passed with the Waldron Family, Bishop Street on the death of Cis Goode, with the Geddes Family on the death of a brother and with the relatives of the late Mae Curran, R.I.P.

ATTENDANCE:

THIS CONCLUDED THE MEETING.

The Chairman conveyed New Year good wishes to the Board and officials and was joined by all members in congratulations to the newly appointed Junior Ministers, Mark Killip, Tom Hussey and Mrs. Geoghagan Quinn.

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STINGS:

Messrs. O'Mara and Kelly complained that houses vacant and that allocations made have not been brought before the Board. G. Browne complained that the Board is not afforded their right of letting information nor is their advice as elected representatives sought though this is evidently taken from other parties. J. Keane, questioned the negligable rents and the high cost of repairs to provide houses for such lettings. M. Kelly suggested that the Housing Authority (Galway Co. Council) responsible for meeting the needs being filled should purchase these houses from us.

NTS:

The Manager gave a report on rents assessments previously queried.

He was supported by J. Keane in a proposal to meet the local C.S.E.T. Manager here in Tuam., and G. Browne, K. Dwyer and M. Kelly supported the Meeting with local Management to which also the local Junior Ministers and local Directors of C.S.E.T. should be invited.

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MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON THE 8TH JANURAY, 1980

PRESENT: In the Chair: Commissioner Joseph Burke.

Commissioners Kevin Dwyer, Gabriel Browne, Jarlath Keane, Midie O'Grady, Jimmy O'Mara, Miko Kelly.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. John Howlett, A.C.M. and W.B. MANNION, A/Town Clerk.

The Chairman conveyed New Year good wishes to the Board and officials and was joined by all members in congratulations to the newly appointed Junior Ministers, Mark Killilea, Tom Hussey and Mrs. Geoghegan Quinn.

The minutes of the previous Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Jarlath Keane; being seconded by Miko Kelly.

HOUSING: J. O'Mara asked the Manager for a report on the housing position generally for Tuam and complained of a neglected report on, and minuting of, a reported wall crack in a house in St. Enda's Ave., He asked for a report on this at February Meeting - and the Manager detailed development stages for Parkmore (30 houses), St. Joseph's Park (8 houses) Old Folks Homes and site development at Fairgreen; which is delayed temporarily on R.O.W. legal aspects.

LETTINGS: Messrs. O'Mara and Kelly complained that houses vacant and that allocations made have not been brought before the Board. G. Browne complained that the Board is not afforded their right of letting information nor is their advice as elected representatives sought though this is evidently taken from other parties. J. Keane, questioned the negligable rents and the high cost of repairs to provide houses for such lettings. M. Kelly suggested that the Housing Authority (Galway Co. Council) responsible for meeting the needs being filled should purchase these houses from us.

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CHRISTMAS LIGHTING:

Jarlath Keane was critical of the poor decorative lighting this Christmas; and of the long (4 day) closure of shops over Christmas. The Chairman pointed out that Union requirements had to be met and that shops were actually open 1 day more than in 1978.

TOWN CLERK:

The Manager replied to Chairman that it is hoped to recruit help from staff panel for the Town Clerk- and is awaiting further discussion with Minister on situation of the appointment.

BIGGINS HOUSE:

Commissioners O'Mara, Kelly and Browne made recommendations on behalf of a Mr. P. J. Brogan for tenancy of Biggins House, purchased on Galway Rd. by the Co. Council and advised against an itinerant letting here. Commissioner J. Keane & O'Mara joined in recommending Mr. Brogan who has a handicapped child. G. Browne made reference to itinerants being brought into Tuam from Dunmore by Co. Council vehicles and asked the Manager to take the advice of the Board and to confide more in them on these matters. Mr. O'Grady pointed out that it is being seen that none other than itinerants are being allocated houses here and K. Dwyer expressed a warning on the dangers of itinerant overburden in Tuam.

AMENITY JOB:

J. O'Mara reported being unsuccessful in the Cats Alley acquisition negotiation but thought the job could proceed - widening not really essential and the members recommended surfacing on existing width.

MUNICIPAL
AUTHORITY:

A letter from Municipal Authorities was read and the Clerk was proposed for nomination thereto.

REFUSE
COLLECTION:

J. O'Mara complained of lack of publicity on Christmas Refuse Collection Service and J. Keane complimented the Co. Council for the service given over the period. K. Dwyer and G. Browne and M. O'Grady complained of the condition of the town dump and rat infestation and the Clerk was directed to report same to the County Medical Officer. A re-siting of the dump further out of town was requested and material burning in suitable wind direction was recommended.

URBANISATION:

The Chairman thanked the Manager for the fine report on Urbanisation (as circulated to Members) and J. Keane supported by M. O'Grady, asked that consideration and discussion be left over to a special meeting which the extensive report deserved.

NOM. C.S.E.T.

The Chairmans N.O.M. was read and he said he sought the support of the Board in getting the help of our new Junior Ministers in guaranteeing the maintaining of sugar production operations in Tuam. E.E.C. restrictions requiring a 10% reduction in production could have serious effects for Tuam. J. O'Mara thought that there was no need to go beyond C.S.E.T. officials here who wish to maintain operations in Tuam, the Board should use its influence to procure greater growing acreage in the western Counties as this is the greatest problem. He was supported by J. Keane in a proposal to meet the local C.S.E.T. Manager here in Tuam., and G. Browne, K. Dwyer and M. Kelly supported the Meeting with local Management to which also the local Junior Ministers and local Directors of C.S.E.T. should be invited.

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It was agreed to have all necessary information to hand for a discussion on this matter at February Meeting.

I.R.F.U.

On a proposal by J. Keane, with general support; it was decided to support Government request not to play South Africa. I.R.F.U. to be so written to.

TREE
NUISANCE :

G. Browne asked that Engineers consideration be requested on the discreet removal of a tree in front garden of No. 1 Gilmartin Road and removal of Garden Dump at rear of same (which is source of rat infestation).

VOTES OF
SYMPATHY:

Votes of Sympathy were passed with the families of the late Paddy O' Grady, R.I.P. and Cecelia Byrne, R.I.P.

THIS CONCLUDED THE MEETING

DATE:

5th February 1980

SIGNED:

Joseph J. Jacke

CHAIRMAN

*M. J. ...
Clerk*

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON 4th DECEMBER, 1979

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: - Joe Burke (Chairman), Miko Kelly, Jarlath Keane,
Jimmy O'Mara, Luke O'Brien, P.M. Stapleton, Gay Browne,
Kevin Dwyer and Midie O'Grady.

OFFICIALS:- John Howlett, A.C.M., J. Gibbons, A.C.E., and W. Mannion,
Town Clerk.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted and signed on the proposal of K. Dwyer; Midie O'Grady seconding.

The Manager replying to queries by J. O'Mara and P.M. Stapleton; said that a question of a right of way at the Fairgreen should be settled shortly and thus would finalize the site development there. The Engineer, J. Gibbons stated that unfinished footpath work on the earlier Fairgreen development would be tackled in the new year; he also promised to look at a wall crack in Athenry Road mentioned by K. Dwyer, and at small sections of paths at Gleasons, Shop St., and St. Jarlath's Place as mentioned by G. Browne- and to refer to the section responsible; complaint on the condition of roadway after drainage works at St. Bennins Tce., Ballygaddy Rd. He also replied on water pressures to Midie O'Grady.

It was agreed, in reference to previous proposal on refurbishing of Board Room etc. that all pictures, photoprints, and any such exhibits to be hung should be first authorised by the Board.

It was unanimously agreed that the Board directly pay the E.S.B.. demand for Christmas decorative lighting for Tuam in 1978.1

The Chairman read a letter from Mr. P. J. Brogan seeking a recommendation for tenancy of a house (Biggins) acquired by Co. Council at Gilmartin Rd., which received the full support of the Board - Mr. Howlett promised to investigate this and also a question of allotment of an Old Folks Home to John Coughlan; (a previous Chairman of the Board) which was raised by G. Browne.

A letter was read from the New York G.A.A. Group under John "Kerry" O'Donnell in thanks for a letter sent to them by the Town Clerk on the occasion of the invitation of Town Librarian Mrs. Grogan to New York.

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Commissioner Browne proposed congratulations to the Organisers of the recent opera production, complimenting especially members of the Board taking part therein.

Arising out of a letter received on Sports Seminar it was agreed that Miko Kelly be nominated as a second or substitute, with Kevin Dwyer on Sports Committee.

A report from the Manager on the financial situation and on Department Grants etc. had been circulated to Members together with a report by the Engineer on condition of houses generally. P.M. Stapleton complimented the Engineer for his report, and made a proposal which was seconded by J. Keane - that the Board seek a Meeting with the Minister for Environment and to seek realistic grant aid toward the extensive housing improvements need. Messrs. Browne, Kelly, O'Mara, O'Brien & O'Grady spoke on this item also.

It was unanimously resolved on the proposal of P.M. Stapleton; seconder Jarlath Keane that estimated expenditure amount to the nett sum of £1,806 in excess of the amount provided in the Estimate for 1979, be authorised in accordance with Schedule submitted.

Circulars on arrears of rents, sent recently to tenants, were queried by Commissioners Kelly, Browne, Burke and G. Browne asked that the 7 day notice be dropped for now. The Manager replied that books are being brought up to date resulting in arrears being accrued, he hoped to reply further to the January Meeting.

Flooding at Weir Road, Tuam was raised by J. Keane and J. Gibbons B.E. replied that drainage, fencing and pathway are scheduled for New Year. He said also that hold up of Environmental job at Cats Alley is due to differences over title there. J. O'Mara undertook negotiate here and report back next Meeting.

N.O.M. Chairman, J. Burke - On provision of a playground at Dublin Road (new houses). Development to give due respect to the sensitive nature of the area. P.M. Stapleton and M. Kelly supported the proposal. It was agreed that it is obligatory that the County Council plan for the area be implimented urgently.

N.O.M. J. Burke - requesting extension of footpath for upper Dublin Rd. Tuam, got general support - Mr. Gibbons promised to plan a gravel path there for whatever distance possible, during 1980.

N.O.M. K. Dwyer - Proposing naming of the Dublin Road new Housing Estates. Names put forward are H. Campbell (late Chairman) Padraig Pearse and Ml. Davitt. G. Browne referred to the fact that a previous Board put forward the name of the late Dr. Walsh (Archbishop). After discussion it was decided to pass the proposals to the Community Council who will be asked to discuss same with the Residents.

Town Clerk - The Manager in reply to Chairman gave details of the proposals made by him to the Department and which they turned down. He had a letter from Mr. Mannion tendering his resignation. The Chairman spoke, giving details of the demands by this town on the office of Town Clerk and the services needed. He requested assistance for the Clerk. P.M. Stapleton demanded a full time Town Clerk as the only solution and pressed for a Meeting with the Minister on the Managers proposal, this was supported by G. Browne who asked W. Mannion to reconsider and stay on for another month to await developments. K. Dwyer and M. Kelly joined in requesting a deputation with the Manager to meet the Minister on this and Mr. Mannion undertook to stay on for a month.

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REVISED ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE - 1979

It was decided also that the Chairman J. Burke and Vice Chairman, K. Dwyer meet with the County Manager Mr. Keating on this matter also and on the question of the promised assistance to the Clerk.

This concluded the Meeting.

	ORIGINAL ESTIMATE	REVISED ESTIMATE (Nov. '79)	
<u>Housing</u>			
House Repairs	7,600	8,800	
Legal Exps. & Insurance	560	2,035	
Town Clerks	840	750	
Town Eng. Salary	1,130	1,735	
Town Stewards Salary	280	310	
Printing & Advertising	180	160	
Collectors Commission	1,500	1,650	
	13,090	15,790	2,350
<u>General</u>			
Rents, Rates (Low Elect.)	750	860	
Office Exps.	450	750	
Town Clerks Salary (50%)	840	740	
Town Engineers Salary (20%)	280	440	
Town Stewards Salary (20%)	140	80	
Audit Fees, Printing & Advertising	430	400	
Town Hall & Clock	750	600	
Municipal Authorities	300	400	
Decorating	180	100	
Neat Stalls Repairs	150	-	
School Warden	1,300	400	
Election	550	750	
	6,050	5,520	

SIGNED: J. Burke
 CHAIRMAN
 DATE: 8/1/80

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

REVISED ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE - 1979

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ORIGINAL ESTIMATE</u>	<u>REVISED ESTIMATE (Nov. '79)</u>	+	-
<u>Housing</u>				
House Repairs	7,600	8,800		
Legal Exps. & Insurances	1,560	2,035		
Town Clerks Salary (50%)	840	750		
Town Eng. Salary (80%)	1,130	1,735		
Town Stewards Salary (80%)	280	310		
Printing & Advertising	180	160		
Collectors Commission	1,500	1,650		
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	13,090	15,240	2,350	
 <u>General</u>				
Rents, Rates, etc.	750	860		
Office Exps. & Costs	450	750		
Town Clerks Salary (50%)	840	740		
Town Engineers Salary (20%)	280	440		
Town Stewards Salary (20%)	70	80		
Audit Fees, Printing & Advertising	430	400		
Town Hall & Clock	750	600		
Municipal Authorities	300	400		
Decorating	180	100		
Meat Stalls Repairs	150	-		
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TOWN TOWN COMMISSIONERS

REVISED ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE - 1979

ITEM	ORIGINAL ESTIMATE	REVISED ESTIMATE (Nov. '79)
House Repairs	1,800	8,800
Legal Exps. & Insurance	1,200	2,032
Town Clerks Salary (50%)	840	750
Town Eng. Salary (80%)	1,200	1,032
Town Stewards Salary (60%)	600	310
Printing & Advertising	180	180
Collectors Commission	1,500	1,650
	<u>13,090</u>	<u>12,340</u>

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10115	Rates	100	134	100
	Other Items	134	234	100
	TOTAL	19,374	21,180	14
				Net Increase £1,806

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON THE 6th NOVEMBER, 1979

PRESENT: Chairman: Commissioner J. Burke.

Commissioners Attending - Kevin Dwyer, Midie O'Grady, Gay Browne,
Jarlath Keane, Miko Kelly, Luke O'Brien &
Jas. O'Mara. *+ P.M. Stapleton*

Officials Present: John Howlett, A.C.M., J. Gibbons, Town Engineer
& W. B. Mannion, Town Clerk.

Minutes of the previous Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Jarlath Keane with Luke O'Brien seconding.

The Manager told Commissioner O'Mara that on settlement of a legal question in a week or two, the sites at the Fairgreen would then be ready - and told Commissioner Keane that Old Folks Homes on Dublin Road would be allocated shortly.

Commissioner Dwyer raised queries again on footpaths at Athenry Road which need urgent attention on flooding. He was supported by Commissioners Kelly & Browne - the latter referring to his previous N.O.M. for a survey on paths needing attention. Mr. O'Mara referred to a job at Ballygaddy Road. The Engineer replying said that any further footpath work could not be embarked on until January, 1980 and told Commissioner O'Mara that the Co. Council never reneged on any agreement, the person involved in Ballygaddy Road had not the patience to wait for the Co. Council to do the work there. Mr. Gibbons agreed to seek funds on his Estimates for footpath works.

The Manager replied to queries on bathroom and essential repairs grants and Commissioner Keane specified the various monies available from Dept. Commissioner O'Brien questioned the value of a grant to poor people which may be payable only long after the work would be done. Commissioner Kelly thought a Deputation should be sent to the Minister to seek grants for tenants - quoting the Ministers promises in such regard at his address to Municipal Authorities Meetings. The Manager is to get figures on what is available and Commissioner Keane with Commissioner O'Dwyer supporting, said a Meeting should then be set up with the Minister. The Engineer read details of a previous survey done on needy cases for ranges, etc. giving costs, but stated that fitting bathrooms is not on, due to the high costs involved - outside the reach of our funds.

A letter from the Department, which did not give approval to expenditure to cover the cost of Tourist Leaflet on Tuam, was read. It was decided to place this on our 1980 Estimates.

Support for request to increase allowances for fuel funds this year (letter circulated from Kinsale U.D.C.) was agreed - Commissioner Keane proposing with Commissioner O'Brien seconding.

Commissioner Keane proposed support, Commissioner O'Mara seconding, to a circular (Monaghan U.D.C) requesting a bonus payment for aged this Christmas.

Commissioner Dwyer (on the proposal of Commissioner O'Brien and seconded by Commissioner O'Mara) was proposed to represent Tuam Town Commissioners at forthcoming Conference on Sport.

The Engineer replied to queries on water pressure in Dublin Road and told Commissioner O'Grady of hopes for improvements with the implementation of Extension/Improvement works now in hand which should be finished Mid Summer 1980.

Commissioner Browne proposed congratulations to the Organisers of the recent opera production, complimenting especially members of the Board taking part therein.

Commissioner Keane spoke on his N.O.M. requesting an extension and refurbishing of the Boardroom - providing a proper accommodation and comfort for Meetings and Reception of visiting Dignataries. There was general support for the Motion and Commissioners O'Brien, O'Mara, Brown, Dwyer, O'Grady and Stapleton spoke in support.

The Chairman congratulated Mrs. Grogan of Local Tourist Office on her invitation to the U.S.A. by the New York G.A.A. in appreciation of her kindnesses to them on their recent visit to Tuam on their Irish Tour.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

Joseph Finlay

*Chairman
4/12/77*

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(2) That the Co. Council provide funds for a ... Dublin Road, extending to the ...

N.O.M. - Commissioner Kevin Dwyer

That in order to commemorate ... the ... and Davitt - the Board shall ... to divide the Dublin Road ... sections, naming one ... after each of the ...

Chairman

Local Clerk

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS,

TUAM,

CO. GALWAY.

27th November 1979.

N.O.M. - Commissioner Joseph Burke

THE CHAIRMAN & MEMBERS OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

- (1) That this Board recommend that Galway Co. Council develop the unused ground at the Dublin Road Housing Estate as a playground for the area; with due respect for the sensitive nature of the area.
- (2) That the Co. Council provide funds for a footpath on Dublin Road, extending to the Toghermore entrance.

N.O.M. - Commissioner Kevin Dwyer

That in order to commemorate the late Chairman Harold Campbell, and the centenary of the births of both Pearse and Davitt- the Board should call on Galway Co. Council to divide the Dublin Road new housing estate into three sections, naming one section after each of the above named.

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On the general financial position it has already been pointed out that the liquidation of investments for earlier improvement works has caused a drop in the investment income accruing to the Commissioners funds. At the time when these improvement works were undertaken the Commissioners were prepared to face an increase in the loan rate. However, because of the provisions of the Local Government (Financial Provisions) Act, 1978, it has not been possible to increase the rate beyond the prescribed percentage for the past two years. This in itself has caused difficulty in relation to current expenditure and it is likely that there will be over expenditure during the current year. A separate report is being prepared on this matter and in the meantime the Department of the Environment has been advised of the position and informed that the Town Commissioners will examine their own financial arrangements can be made for the financing of their expenditure.

Yours sincerely,
A. BURGESS
ASSISTANT COUNTY FINANCER

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS,

Tuam,

CO. GALWAY.

27th November, 1979.

TO THE CHAIRMAN & MEMBERS OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS*

Dear Member,

RE: House Improvements and General Financial Position

As requested I enclose herewith copy of Town Engineer's Report on improvements which are deemed necessary in 30 of the Commissioners houses. I agree that it would be desirable to have these improvements carried out as soon as possible but it is necessary to explain the effect on finances which appears to rule out a comprehensive scheme at present.

The Commissioners would be entitled to a grant of two thirds of the cost up to a maximum of £600 for improvement works. This grant, however, would not be payable unless the houses were up to a prescribed standard in respect of a number of matters specified in grant regulations. This is likely to entail the expenditure of considerably more money than is required for the provision of the specific items of ranges and hot water supply.

If it is assumed that an average minimum of £1,000 per house would be spent under this scheme and that the full grant is obtained the Commissioners would have to borrow £30,000 in the first instance and they would have to make provision for a net amount of £12,000. The difference of £18,000 representing the amount of the grants would have to be carried for at least a year. Interest on this would amount to approximately £2,700 and an additional £2,700 would be payable in loan charges on a short term loan in respect of the net cost of the work. The addition to the town rate required would amount to approximately 33p for the first year and 16.5p thereafter until the loan was repaid. A seven year period has been taken for the purpose of this calculation and interest at the rate of 15%.

The County Council have recently applied to the Department of the Environment to borrow for the installation of ranges in Council houses and they have been informed that loan finance cannot be made available for this purpose. Rate increases were restricted by law in the current year and the amount of increase permitted for Tuam was 1p.

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Yours sincerely,

J. HOWLETT

ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER