

# Tuam Town Commissioners

## TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

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TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,  
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

To each Town Commissioner.

26<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 1979

A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 1979 at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

*M. M. M. M.* Baile Cleireach.

### A G E N D A

- 1 MINUTES
- 2 CORRESPONDENCE
- 3 MANAGERS BUSINESS
- 4 OTHER BUSINESS — URBANISATION — ESSENTIAL REPAIR GRANTS  
BATHROOMS ETC.
- 5 NOMINATION REPRESENTATIVE SPORTS SHOW FEBY 1980

NOM — J. BURKE — DISCUSSION & SUBSCRIPTION TO PROPOSED  
CHAIR OF TUAM MONUMENT.

NOM — J. KEANE — CONSIDERATION OF RE-LOCATION & RE FURBISHING  
OF COMMISSIONERS BOARD ROOM.

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## MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING WITH MR. ST. JOHN DEVLIN AND MR. MAC GIOLLA RIOGH OF CORAS IOMPAIR EIREANN HELD IN TOWN HALL, TUAM, ON WEDNESDAY, 17th OCTOBER, 1979.

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TOWN COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Messrs. Joe Burke (Chairman), M. O'Grady, G. Browne, K. Dwyer, J. Keane, M. Kelly, L. O'Brien, J. O'Mara, W. Mannion (Town Clerk).

Mr. J. Burke (Chairman) welcomed Messrs. St. John Devlin and Colm Mac Giolla Riogh and introduced each member of his Board.

He said the main item for discussion was the Board's request to C.I.E. for the restoration of Rail Passenger Service on the Claremorris/Tuam/Athenry/Galway line to meet the needs of Workers, Students and the public Community between these towns together with the growing Knock Pilgrim traffic.

Commissioner Browne, on whose proposal (N.O.M.) the meeting was called; made a request for more comfort on the Galway Dublin Rail Passenger Service and asked for more attention to the chronic toilet facilities on this train. He asked for meals of a better quality and thought the prices high.

Commissioner Keane supporting the proposal of the Claremorris Galway train service asked for a 12 month trial at least - it would be a more convenient and cheaper service than the existing bus links.

Commissioner O'Mara proposed that the fuel crisis creates the case and need for such a passenger service and question the success and costing (due to delays, losses etc) of the truck/cage goods service, considering too the high capital expenditure involved.

Commissioner Kelly proposed that the closing of small spur lines had not really proved any saving in the long run.

Mr. H. J. Devlin in reply pointed out that neither Government nor E.E.C. funds are available for replacement of existing rolling stock. He accepted that many existing carriages are over 20 years old. He said C.I.E.

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He said in reply to K. Dwyer, that though he would accept rail services as a social need he had little hope that the Government would heed local agitation for a service - nor had he much hope of E.E.C. funding in the future either.

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Mr. Mac Giolla Riogh replied on items of market survey and research relative trains requirements - the working party will look into Student demand and Youth fares, bus routes and timetables as requested. He dealt with services and difficulties experienced at Knock on the occasion of the Papal Visit.

The Chairman extended the Boards thanks to M/s Mac Giolla Riogh and St. John Devlin for their kindness in meeting the Board and the considerations promised on various points raised. This concluded the Meeting.

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*Joseph Burke*

CHAIRMAN

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Mr. Rohan TUAM

M. Tyrrell ( for Chamber) referred to the continuing efforts of all local Bodies to obtain an efficient phone service as is every subscribers right.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING WITH OFFICIALS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF POSTS & TELEGRAPHS (TELECOMMUNICATIONS) HELD AT TOWN HALL, TUAM, ON MONDAY, 22nd OCTOBER, 1979.

This concluded the Meeting.

PRESENT: M/s J. Burke (In the Chair), K. Dwyer, M. O'Grady,  
The Town Engineer, J. T. Gibbons and W. Mannion, (Town Clerk).

SIGNED: Mr. M. Tyrrell represented Chamber of Commerce and Mr. T. Canney was excused, being away in Dublin.

CHAIRMAN  
P. & T. Officials: Mr. Enda Rohan, Mr. Desbonnet, Mr. Daly & Mr. McGuire.

The Chairman welcomed the P. & T. Officials and gave brief outline of matters discussed at a previous Meeting with them held under the auspices of Chamber of Commerce and of events since that Meeting.

Mr. Rohan and his colleagues replied on various points raised. He said the temporary exchange here is working for some time now and that 5 extra lines have been provided on Tuam/Galway link. 20 extra lines have been installed on Galway/Dublin link. Sligo/Tuam has also been improved, as has the Limerick/Tuam line.

Improvements on Trains lines to Waterford and to Cork are expected to be done by next January. The existing Galway Exchange is congested however and any further improvement on the Galway Tuam line is not easy. The new Mervue (all solid state) Exchange and the New Train Exchange (Crossbar type) would give Tuam and Region a pretty good service in 1980s. allowing for extension of phone numbers (issue of new phones is again now being handled too). Mr. Rohan said Tuam Exchange should be a very efficient unit and it is hoped to establish a second maintenance crewman in Tuam shortly.

He replied to M. O'Grady's criticism of poor service and delays on auto dialing- to Kevin Dwyers queries on Galway call costs in Tuam as against Loughrea where Galway is a local call. Chairman queried failure on various instances to get reply to 999 calls and he would not accept Mr. Rohans mentioning

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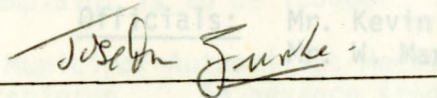
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cable breaks as an excuse for failure on this service. Mr. Rohan undertook to investigate the possibility of re routing (e.g. via Claremorris) to maintain service always on 999 facility.

M. Tyrell ( for Chamber) referred to the continuing efforts of all local Bodies to obtain an efficient phone service as is every subscribers right, and accepted the efforts being made. He was joined by Chairman in thanking Mr. Rohan and Colleagues. Mr. Burke paid tribute to their courteousness and open replies and looks forward to a better service in 1980. This concluded the Meeting.

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CHAIRMAN

Minutes of the previous Meeting were signed on proposal of M. Stapleton, with M. O'Grady seconding.

Commissioner M. Kelly congratulated the County Council for the completion of works on the Square, and Carpark etc. in preparation for Papal Visit. He also thanked the Ireland West people and local Tourist Officer Mrs. Grogan for the valuable service given over the period.

Commissioner Browne congratulated the members, the Chairman and Town Clerk on their organisation work in hosting the Lough Youth Pilgrimage to Galway for the Popes Visit. Commissioners O'Brien, Dwyer and Stapleton joined, saying that we were indeed privileged to witness such an historic and memorable event. The Chairman and Town Clerk thanked the members for their kind remarks and expressed gratitude also to all the Organisations in Town who helped, the Schools, Factories, Hospitals, Local Authorities, Gardai, E.S.B., P. & T. Tourist Office, and everybody who provided services and helped in anyway and made the Popes Visit such a success.

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The Board have arranged to Meet P. & T. Officials on Monday 22nd October,  
at 7.30 P.M. at the Town Hall, Tuam. On Wednesday, 18th October,  
MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON TUESDAY,  
2nd OCTOBER, 1979.

## PRESENT:

In the Chair: Mr. Joe Burke.

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

Officials: Mr. Kevin Doyle, Acting Asst. Co. Manager.  
Mr. W. Mannion, Acting Town Clerk.

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house is to be had. G. Browne thought our bathroom costs were twice that of other privately done jobs nearby. J. O'Mara thought we should go ahead with work from funds lodged in A.C.C.

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It was decided to write to thank Ireland Wests Mr. Lally for extension of opening times of local office and for facilities afforded during Papal Visit.

Criticism of the presentation of population figures, relative Town Commissioners areas vis a vis that of Urban Council Area were expressed. Tuam Town is not included as an identity in their preliminary report and a letter of complaint is to be lodged.

A report on Municipal Authorities Meeting was presented by M/s. M. Kelly and P. M. Stapleton. An advance stencilled report is to be sought in future, of the report which comes out almost a year after each Meeting.

An Notice of Motion by J. Burke requested an extension to Manpower Services in Tuam was unanimously agreed to - letter to be sent.

An Notice of Motion re 20 McHale Tce., by J. Keane - Mr. Doyle spoke on the planning and legal aspects. The minuted authorisation of the sale of this house was presented.

Notice of Motion on Swimming Pool Closures (J. Keane) was dealt with by Mr. Doyle who said fuel oil priority had to be given to operation of essential services. A proposal by K. Dwyer, seconded by P. M. Stapleton to request the County Council to reform the Pool Committee is to be sent to County Secretary. Mr. Kelly complimented Mr. Doyle on the forthrightness of his replies.

Votes of sympathy were passed with Smith Family, St. Endas Ave., Collins Family, Old Road and Murray Family, Athlone on recent bereavements. This concluded the Meeting.

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CHAIRMAN

  
(Sean Cleary)

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### AGENDA

- (1) Minutes of Previous Meeting
- (2) Correspondence
- (3) Managers Business
- (4) Any other Business.

NDM Dennis J. Burke

- ① That Mindpower Service be Extended in Yamm.
- ② From Previous Meeting - Bathrooms & Boilers

NDM Gerald Keane

From Previous Meetings

- ① Planning etc relative to 20 We Hale Lee,
- ② Report on Swimming Pool Closures

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## MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON THE 4th SEPTEMBER 1979

In the Chair Commiss. Jos. Burke,

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

Officials- J. Howlett A.C.M. J. T. Gibbons, Town Engineer,

W. B. Mannion, Town Clerk.

Minutes of previous Meeting were read and signed.

Superintendent Brian Brehony was welcomed and he addressed the Board on the Traffic Byelaws, introduced in 1974 and the new One Way System brought in, in 1978. He said traffic regulation is a Garda responsibility and this new system was devised by them in consultation with the Councils Engineers. He spoke on objections and amendments effected. He now finally concedes "One Hour" Parking on both sides of High Street (after a months trial) a concession he could not apply to other streets in Tuam. These alterations will go before the Board and he will request the Co. Council to erect necessary signs and markings, regulations will then be law.

He then gave a brief on traffic planning for the Papal visit and expects a full public response to comply with the Garda requirements.

The Superintendent replied to members queries and suggestions on Garda strength for the Papal visit - for which he gets no extra men. He thanked the Board for their co-operation and the Chairman thanked him for his fairness and attention always.

The Manager replied to queries on 20 McHalas Tec. stating that though planning requirements were not met, prosecution was difficult to establish. Further information is to be given at next Meeting.

Commiss. Stapleton with support from Commiss. Kelly and O'Grady recommended Jimmy Ward for tenancy of the vacant Mullaney House in Gilmartin Road. Commiss. Keane objected to too many itinerents being placed in Gilmartin Road.

The Board approved all proposals to Assoc. Municipal Authorities Convention. A satisfactory report on ACC financial situation was given by the members appointed to investigate - Interest rates to be revised soon.

On proposal by Commiss. Browne it was agreed that P. & T. officials be asked to meet the Board at a night hour, perhaps with the Co. Development Officer and Chamber of Commerce representative also in attendance.

On Managers Business. Board authorised National Pay Increase to Boards employees. Commiss. Stapleton proposed Commiss. Keane seconding

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This arose as a result of a letter received on condition of Doors and windows in her house by invalided Mrs Lydon of 58 Athenry Rd. (a vested house)

The A. C. M. is to look into a report on Swimming Pool closures in recent months.

The Chairman gave a brief on Meetings arranged by Town Clerk and himself at a request of the Co. Manager to arrange accommodation etc. for Tuams hosting of over 6000 youths from the Archdiocese of Armagh, attending the Galway Youth Ceremonies for the Papal visit

Chairman... *Joseph L. Burke*

Date... 2... 10... 1979

*M. Morris*  
*Secy Clerk*

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**A G E N D A**

- (1) Minutes of previous Meeting. (4)
- (2) Correspondence.
- (3) Managers Business
- (4) Any other Business
- (5) Urbanisation Further Study.

Notices of Motion.....Commiss Keane.

- (1) That the Board examine the reasons for recent closings of Tuam Swimming Pool.
- (2) That no other Elections be held on the same day as that on which Local Elections are held.
- (3) No 20 McHale Tce., Unauthorised Development, etc.,

Notice of Motion .....Commiss. Burke.

- (1) Co-ordination of services and facilities for the Papal Visit.

Regional Arts advisor, it is hoped to stage an opening exhibition early in 1980, all going well.

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Minutes of Meeting of Tuam Town Commissioners.....  
held on 7th day of August 1979.

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Present.....In the Chair...Commissioner Jos. Burke.

Members....Commissioners Midie O'Grady...P.M.Stapleton..

Gabriel Browne...Jarlath Keane...Kevin Dwyer.

( Apologies were received from absent Members ; Luke O'Brien, )  
( Miko Kelly, and Jas. O'Mara. )

Officials in Attendance.....Mr. J. Howlett. Assist Co. Manager  
J.T. Gibbons Town Engineer, W.B.Mannion.A/T/Clerk.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and signed, as  
proposed by Commiss. O'Grady and seconded by Commiss Dwyer.

TUAM THEATRE GUILD. The Board received a deputation from  
the Guild; Mrs G. King and Mr Joe O'Donoghue. Both spoke  
on their proposals to provide a Cultural Educational facility with  
with Theatre and Art Centre, in keeping with present European  
trends. It is hoped to make Tuam the Artistic Centre of the West  
of Ireland.The Government is benevolent toward such developments  
and the Guild have had very encouraging discussions with the  
Regional Arts advisor,it is hoped to stage an opening exhibition  
early in 1980, all going well.



Their requirements are; (1) Moveable stage, (2) Carpet-tiled floor, (3) Curtains, (4) Stage lighting, (5) Decoration of Theatre, (6) New seating (200 chairs) (7) New Box office (8) New sound system (9) Signposting, (10) Coffee bar, (11) Heating, all of which is expected to come to £10,000 plus. Items needing attention by the Landlord are new Toilets and windows. The group hope to raise the money in various ways and will qualify for grants now available, They seek a new lease-hold agreement with the Board. The Chairman said it is to be hoped we can meet some of the requirements in time and to get a lease drafted. He complimented them on their venture. P. M. Stapleton proposed that as a gesture of help we waive the £56 p a rent over 5 years.

HIGH ST. TRADERS; The Board again received a deputation from the High St. Traders, Messrs P. McHugh, V. Keaveney, Mrs McIntyre, and Mrs Hallion.

Mr. McHugh speaking for the group said that whilst they dont want to see congestion of the street neither did they want a freeway as is now.

Their three requests are; (1) Eliminate Yellow lines on High Street. (2) Widen Road on Cemetery side and remove lower half thereof for Car park. (3) Restore entry from Smiths up to T. Murphy's junction. The Chairman would not accept any demand to take away half the old Cemetery- which was not a previous demand - personally he would not condone any such move. G. Browne proposed and Kevin Dwyer seconded that we meet again with Garda Superentendant on the question of parking on both sides of the Street, Sec. to so arrange a meeting.

20 McHale Tce. Commiss. J. Keane raised a question (which he had mentioned at July Meeting) regarding the reported re-sale of 20 McHale Tce, which was not authorised by the Board to the present occupier and where unauthorised developments was carried out without planning permission also. The matter is to be placed on Sept. agenda for report.

URBANISATION The A. S. Co. Manager stated that as he proposes to have an additional Co. Council viewpoint (which is being prepared) inserted into his report, he asked that be left over to the Sept. agenda, this was agreed.

PROPOSALS FOR MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES : These are required by the 15th Aug. at latest per letter read. Proposals are to be handed into the Town Clerk directly.

LETTER FROM ST. V. DE, PAUL SOCIETY : On condition of Houses was read, referring to terrible conditions of a McDonagh and Mannion families- due to no hot water systems and no bathrooms. Mr. Stapleton verified the conditions in Gilmartin Road as appalling and suggested a re housing of this family in a hurry, houses should be handed over to the Co. Council, the Authority who are responsible to carry the burden of providing such facilities in such cases. The Chairman supported Mr Stapletons view. G. Browne was critical of the Co. Medical Officer who should take action here. Fumigation is needed and this cronic situation should be brought to his notice stating extreme urgency. He proposed and M. O'Grady seconded that Asst. Co. Manager take up the matter with Co. Medical Officer urgently.

LETTER FROM RESIDENTS OF CURRAGH PARK. complaining of the condition of the Estate was read. As the Estate is not the property of the Commiss. or the Co. Council the Board have no function in the matter, the Clerk to reply to this effect.

Letters from Bord na Mona on supply of Turf Briquettes to Tuam and the West was read and noted.

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS Revisions being proposed were specified to the meeting by Mr. J. Gibbons as follows.

(A) Chapel Lane - that flow of traffic be In at Rooneys Garage as far as Carpark entrance at Furniture Factory where traffic must enter Carpark. IN at Frank Hessions and North to Furniture Factory, thence into Carpark also. IN from Shop Street to Egans Lane and into Carpark, also. Traffic would not be allowed exit from Carpark at Furniture Factory entrance

(B) Reverse the present position on Church Lane, allowing traffic to exit at V. Keaveney's to High Street, this section remaining oneway.

(C) Two way flow to be restored to Sawpit Lane section of road, from the Mall to High Street.

In reply to Commiss. Browne, Mr Gibbons stated that the Co. Council are awaiting approval of ByLaws for the Carpark which will control the trading (calfs etc) being complained of there. Mr. Browne proposed that the Board seek a meeting with the Mart. Manager on the matter of calf trading, noise abatement and other matters.

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T U A M T O W N C O M M I S S I O N E R S

MEETING HELD ON 7/ 8/1979

Manager's Business

(a) Appointment of Town Clerk

The Assistant Manager referred to Resolution at the March meeting requesting the Minister to approve the creation of a whole-time office of Town Clerk. This resolution had been conveyed to the Department of the Environment and he had had talks with officers there who indicated that sanction would not be forthcoming to the proposal. The Manager explained that none of the Town Commissioners in the country were served by a whole-time Town Clerk.

In the circumstances, a proposal had now been submitted to the Department requesting the Minister to amalgamate the office of Clerical Officer in the Assistant Co. Engineer's office with that of Town Clerk. It was proposed that the holder of the former office be promoted to Staff Officer (Grade V) and that the Town Commissioners would have his services by paying the difference between the Clerical Officer and the Grade V rate. This would be less than they would have to pay for a part-time Town Clerk at the current salary scale. This proposal had been discussed with the Co. Manager before it was submitted to the Department and the latter had also agreed that he would second a Clerk Typist to the A.C.E.'s office to assist with the arrangement. The Co. Council would bear the cost of employing this officer.

Following a discussion on the matter, the Town Commissioners unanimously agreed to the Assistant Co. Manager's proposal in regard to the permanent appointment of Town Clerk.

(b) Financial position

The Assistant Co. Manager referred to proposal for new works on the Agenda and stated that it would not be possible to enter into a commitment for further new works pending the clarification of the financial situation of the Commissioners. This was causing concern and he was having the position examined. The basic cause of the problem was that approximately half of the investments held some years ago had been realised in order to defray the cost of bathroom additions. This meant that income from investments which had boosted the revenue account was reduced by approximately half. Formerly, this would have entailed an adjustment of the rate poundage, but in the years in question, a ceiling had been imposed on the amount of upward adjustment which could be made. The Assistant Manager undertook to bring the matter again before the Board when financial records had been brought up to date.

N.O.M. J. Burke (1) The matter of boilers - finance problem was left over to the next meeting

(2) Engineer reported that roads - paths at Fairgreen Estate will complete as soon as possible.

(3) The Asst. CO. Manager said the Councils Solicitor is investigating the Clarke right of way at the Fairgreen and will be dealt with as per his findings.

N.O.M. G. BROWNE (1) The Engineer promised early attention to urgent cases of bad footpaths

(2) The Town clerk is to ask G.I.E. officials Messrs St. J. Devlin and McGiolla Riogh to meet the Board on their to keep promises on services to the west of Ireland which are now deplorably poor.

(3) The Engineer reported that illuminated Traffic Bollards are to hand and will be fitted when men return from holiday. Delay was due to the continuing agitation thereon.

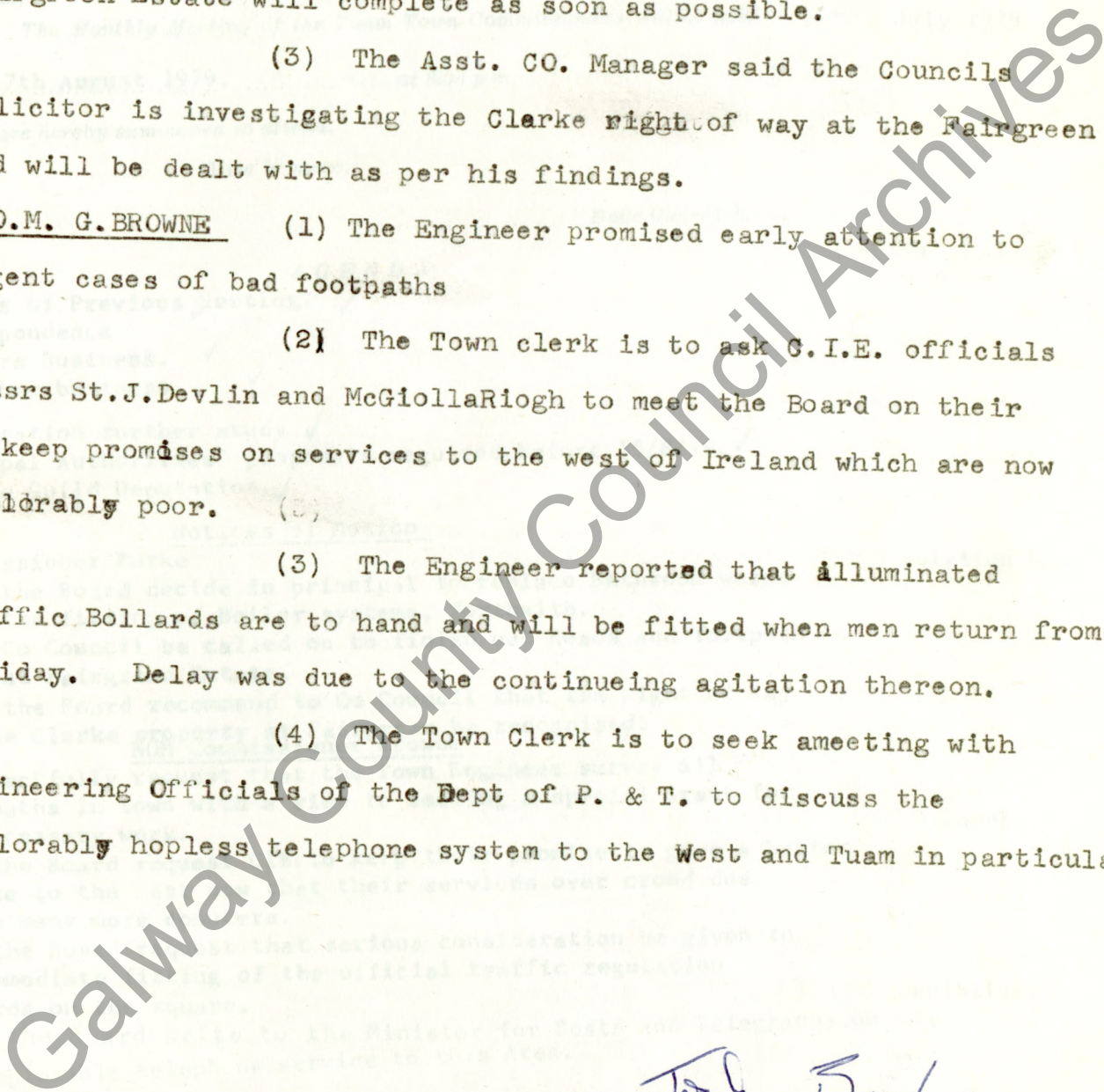
(4) The Town Clerk is to seek a meeting with Engineering Officials of the Dept of P. & T. to discuss the deplorably hopeless telephone system to the West and Tuam in particular

SIGNED... *Joseph Burke*

Chairman

*4th September 1979*

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# TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

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Tel.: 24246

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,  
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

30th July 1979

CLERK'S OFFICE,  
TOWN HALL,  
TUAM

To each Town Commissioner.

A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

July 1979

on 7th August 1979. at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

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## AGENDA

- (1) Minutes of Previous Meeting. ✓
- (2) Correspondence
- (3) Managers Business. ✓
- (4) Any other business. ✓

Urbanisation further study ✓

Municipal Authorities proposals required before 15/8/79. ✓

Theatre Guild Deputation. ✓

## Notices of Motion

NOM. Commissioner Burke

- (1) That the Board decide in principle to replace Bathroom works with the fitting of Boiler systems, forthwith.
- (2) That Co Council be called on to finish out Roads and footpath work at Fairgreen Estate.
- (3) That the Board recommend to Co Council that the Right of Way to the Clarke property at Fairgreen be recognised.

NOM Commissioner Browne

- (1) I respectfully request that the Town Engineer survey all footpaths in town with a view to seeking a special Grant for any necessary work.
- (2) That the Board request CIE to keep their promise to give a better service to the West now that their services over crowd due to the many more computers.
- (3) That the Board request that serious consideration be given to the immediate fitting of the official traffic regulation Bollards on the square.

- (4) That the Board write to the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs on the deplorable telephone service to this Area.

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# Tuam Town Commissioners

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..... 30th JULY 1979.....

Minutes of Meeting of Tuam Town Commissioners  
held on ~~2ND JULY~~ 1979.

Present Commissioner ..... Joseph Burke Chairman .....

Members present Commissioners Kevin Dwyer, Midie O'Grady, Jarlath Keane,  
Gabriel Browne, P.M. Stapleton, Miko Kelly, James O'Nara,  
Luke O'Brien.

In attendance Mr. J. Howlett Assist. Co. Manager  
Mr J. Gibbons Town Engineer.  
Mr W.B. Mannion Act Town Clerk.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and signed.

The Board received, at very short notice, a further Deputation from High Street Traders; on the subject of One Way Streets system. The Deputation comprised Mrs Hallion, Mrs McIntyre, Mr V. Keaveney, Mr J. McQuaide and Mr P. McHugh.

- There request was
- (1) That Parking be allowed on both sides of High Street.
  - (2) That entry of cars from Smiths Garage end be restored.
  - (3) Reversal of traffic flow Sawpit Lane & Church Lane?

When the deputation left various aspects and views of members on the traffic Byelaws were discussed with the Assist. Co Manager and the Town Engineer.

## Committee on Itinerary

The Chairman and Vice Chairman were elected as the Board's representatives on the Itinerary Committee—on the proposal of P.M Stapleton Miko Kelly seconding. Midie O'Grady was nominated Deputy for either.

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## Gaming and Lotteries Act 1956

On his Notice of Motion, Commissioner Browne proposed the rescinding of Part III of this Act. The Assist. Co Manager gave a brief on the effects and non effect of rescinding part III on Charitable Fund Raising, Bingo, etc; to the satisfaction of members Mr Browne's proposal to rescind part III was seconded by Kevin Dwyer; Secretary is to so notify Department of Justice accordingly.

## Urbanisation

The Assist. Co. Manager briefed the new members of the Board on the many aspects legal, Financial, Administration etc; effecting from proposed urbanisation. He quoted relative statistics for Ballinasloe U.D.C and Galway Corporation in comparison with County administration. Presently there are 600 acres and some 3800 population within present Boundary and a further 1100 people just outside the Boundary.

The Manager agreed to requests to circulate more extensive data to the Board before next months meeting when this matter will get further study.

A Vote of Sympathy was passed with Commissioner O'Brien on the recent Death of his Sister as a mark of respect. The Meeting stood in a minutes silent prayer.

  
CHAIRMAN

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To each Town Commissioner.

.....22nd. June. 1979.

### TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

#### GAMING AND LOTTERIES ACT, 1956

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- Minutes of June Meeting.
- Correspondence.
- Managers Business.
- Other Business.

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Commiss Burke.....(1) That Tuam Town Commissioners select Nominees to the Joint Committee on Itinerancy.

(2) That the Manager be Asked to bring the Members of this new Board up to date on the urbanisation of Tuam.

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## Election of Officers.

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Present.....Commiss. P.M.Stapleton. ....Outgoing Chairman.  
Commissioners..Jos. Burke,..Gabriel Browne,..Jarlath Keane,..  
Miko Kelly,..Jas. O'Mara,..Midie O'Grady,..  
Luke O'Brien,..Kevin Dwyer.  
Officials.....John Howlett, Assist CO. Manager,..  
W. B. Mannion, Act. Town Clerk.

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The Outgoing Chairman , P.M. Stapleton welcomed the new Board Members and congratulated them on their election.  
He then called for nominations to the posts of Chairman & Vice-Chairman.

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Chairman..Joseph Burke was elected Chairman...having been proposed by Gabriel Browne and seconded by Midie O'Grady.

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Vice Chairman...Kevin Dwyer was elected Vice Chairman on the Proposal of Jarlath Keane, seconded by Gabriel Browne.

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Outgoing Chairman, P.M. Stapleton placed the Chain of Office on the shoulders of Joseph Burke. Both he and Kevin Dwyer returned thanks to the Members for their election.

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Delegates..Municipal Authorities.....Two Members elected....Miko Kelly was elected on proposal of G. Browne, P.M. Stapleton seconding.....  
P.M. Stapleton was elected on proposal of J.Keane,..J.O'Mara seconding  
Luke O'Brien was nominated as a substitute on the proposal of M.Kelly with MO'Grady seconding.

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Fire Brigades Committee.....One Member...K. Dwyer elected on proposal by P.M. Stapleton,..Luke O'Brien seconding.

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Sealing of Documents.....J.Keane proposed and J.O'Mara seconded the Assist.Co.Managers request that all Members signatures be acceptable for signing and witnessing sealing of documents.

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V.E.C. Committee.....M.Kelly asked the new Chairman to investigate the possibility of the Board getting a representative on V.E.C. Comm.  
L.O'Brien...P.M. Stapleton...and G.Browne, also contributed to this proposal.

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This concluded the business of the Meeting.

DATE: Joseph Burke  
CHAIRMAN: 2/7/1979

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Minutes of Meeting of Tuam Town Commissioners held on  
June 5th 1979.

Present in the Chair; P.M. Stapleton.

Commissioners T. Joyce, G. Browne, J. Keane, J.O'Connell, J. O'Mara, J. Burke,  
M. Kelly.

Officials; T. Kavanagh (for Assist. Co. Manager).

J. Gibbons Town Engineer; W. Mannion Act. Town Clerk.

Minutes of previous Meeting were read and signed.

Theatre Guild The Board received a deputation from the Tuam Theatre Guild, Mrs Patricia King and Mr J. O'Donoghue; who circularised each member on their proposals for the Town Hall Theatre - cum-civic centre; and their proposed fund-raising campaign to that end. Commis. Burke said that relations between the Board and Guild have always been good, but he thought it unwise of a dying Board to decide on any future lettings ~~in future~~ etc. Commis. Keane questioned the removal of seating resulting in limiting seating capacity. Commis. Kelly said that new aluminium windows are badly needed in the Town Hall. The Town Engineer pointed out that due to the new rating system very little monies will now be available and housing will get priority here. The Chairman summing up said he hopes the new Board will help where possible, he accepts the need for new windows. He wished the Guild success in their plans for the future, saying their work was always appreciated. The deputation then left.

One Way Streets J. Gibbons, Town Engineer, reported on a recent meeting between the High- Street traders and the Co. Manager; and on a meeting he himself had since with the Garda- Superintendent. These resulted in no change other than that a "One Hour" parking was acceded on the north side of High Street. This would afford a two hundred % parking availability to shoppers. Commis. Bourke and Browne expressed hopes that both-side parking will be allowed. In reply to queries by Commis. Kelly, O'Connell and O'Mara the Engineer undertook to look into doing work on the High Street side of Templejarlath this year.

Postal Strike; .... Hopes were again expressed for an early solution in this strike.

Bath. Rooms.... The Chairman referred to complaints of dampness where new bathrooms were fitted. Commis. Kelly also referred to previous complaints and allegations on these bathroom works; the Engineer pointed out that the Board placed these works in the control and supervision of an Architect and it is hoped that any defects will be put right by the Contractors. Commis. Browne said he never heard a complaint in all his time about work done by our own men under our own Engineer.

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Vote of Sympathy.... was passed with the wife and family of the late Kevin Costello R.I.P.

The Chairman, Board, Members, Officials and Press joined in exchange of compliments on the good relations, co-operation and dignity always shown each other throughout the last five years. Board members wished to see each other back in office again for the next term.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

Signed *Joseph J. ...* Chairman

Date... *3/July/1979*

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TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,  
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

To each Town Commissioner.

11th June 1979.....

A CHARA,

~~A Monthly~~ Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on ~~Monday 18th June 1979~~ at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

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(1) Election of Chairman & Vice Chairman.

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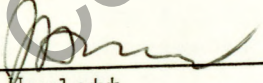
3rd May, 1979.

Town Clerk,  
Town Hall,  
The Square,  
Tuam,  
CO. GALWAY.

Dear Town Clerk,

The annual meeting of your local authority in an election year is on a date prescribed by law. The meeting is to be held ten days after polling day and accordingly it will fall on the 18th June next.

Yours sincerely,

  
J. Howlett.  
Asst. Co. Manager.

*Noted to Meeting 5/6/79*

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To each Town Commissioner.

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on Tuesday, 5th June 1979, at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

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Present ..... Deputy Chairman ..... P. M. Stapleton,  
..... Commissioners, T. Joyce, G. Browne, J. O'Mara, J. Keane,  
J. Burke, M. Kelly, J. O'Connell.

In attendance ..... J. Howlett Assist. County Manager, J. Gibbons Town Engineer,  
W. B. Mannion act. Town Clerk  
Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and signed.

The Board expressed sympathy with Commissioner Keane (and his family) on the death of his brother.

Replying to queries the Ass. Co Manager explained the situation regarding Diesel Fuel Oil shortage and its effects on the Swimming Pool, Waterworks etc.,

After a discussion on the Postal Strike and letter published in the Herald referring to remarks made by members of the Board at their previous Meeting - Members resented erroneous statements quoted, and also expressed support and wishes for a successful settlement to the Post Office personall.

Information sought per N.O.M. by members were dealt with. Arrising therefrom it requested that Sunday street cleaning should start 1st June. The A.C.M. is to seek Ministerial sanction for expenditure requested by Commiss. Burke ; to finance publication of a Tourist information leaflet on Tuam. Support for continuation of Environmental and Amenity Works was expressed .

GAMING & LOTTERIES ACT 1956 . The A.C.M. read a letter of legal advice herein. Commiss. Browne proposed that the Manager take necessary steps to rescind part three of the Act and the necessary notices will be published . Commiss. O'Connell seconded.

The Board agreed to meet Theatre Guild representatives at their June meeting.

Manager's Business ; The Chairman proposed Commiss. Joyce seconding, wage increases placed before the Meeting. A.C.M. notified members of Town Clerks appointment as Returning Officer, regulations arrangements etc, for Election, Poling and Count.

A letter from a Solicitor on behalf of High Street Traders relative one-way traffic on their Street. The Town Engineer J. Gibbons replied to various points in the letter, saying, this street had the best parking facilities of any street in Town. He suggested one hour parking to eliminate the average five hours parking by 60% of vehicles on this street. He recommended changing of Chapel Lane traffic to enter the Car Park from both ends. Reversal of High Street - Shop St. traffic flow was not possible , specifing many reasons favouring present flow.

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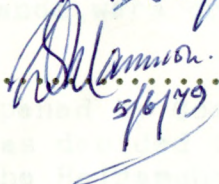
MEMORANDUM .....

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Dealing with works on the Old Cemetery, he pointed out that this work is an amenity improvement to this area and not ever intended to provide car-parking for High Street. Improvements at Abbey Trinity and Railway Gates junction will be taken care of by Arterial Road Grant Works about to be undertaken there shortly. A.C.M. pointed out that the traffic regulations were made by the Garda Commissioner who has the right to implement such laws. The Manager is to investigate matters in the letter and to reply if he so considers necessary.

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Minutes of Meeting of Tuam Town Commissioners 11th April 1979

Present ; PM. Stapleton Vice Chairman -.  
Commissioners T. Joyce, J. Burke, M. Kelly, J.O'Connell,  
G. Brown, J.O'Meara, J. Keane.

The Minutes of Previous Meeting were read and signed;

## Tourist Season -

Commissioners Stapleton and Burke reported meeting with Mr. Lally of Ireland West and got a promise to open Tuam's Tourist Office from June 1st to Sept. 30th this year. Mr. Lally hopes he will be able to visit and discuss Tourism here with the Board at some future date.

## Gaming & Lotteries.

Notice of Motion by Commissioner Browne was discussed and as further legal advice is awaited Mr. Browne agreed to leave this item over until the May Meeting.

## Street Cleaning.

Commiss. J.O'Connell proposed that Sunday Street cleaning commence as from 1st June next.

## Swimming Pool.

Commiss. J. Burke and other members spoke on the closure of the Pool due to shortage of Fuel Oil - it was accepted that industry and agriculture should have priority of supply, and hopes for early return of normal Petrol and Diesel supplies - panic buying and closing of Service Stations with supplies on hands, were criticised.

## Postal Strike.

After a prolonged discussion, opened by Commiss. Stapleton and Kelly, with all members speaking, it was decided that an approach be made through our Arch Bishop to have the Hierarchy intervene towards a settlement.

## Rodents.

Complaints of rat infestation in the Garvey's Mills area were made and the condition of slaughter houses in the Town and need for a central Abattoir in Town was discussed.

# Tuam Town Commissioners

## Amenity Grants.

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Relative points complained of were;

- (1) Lack of parking space on the street, and a request for parking at right angles to a widened High Street, (Cemetery section).
- (2) Complaints of excessive speed by cars on Chapel Lane.
- (3) Victimization by Gardai.
- (4) A request for reversal of traffic flow on High Street and Shop St.
- (5) A request to allow two-way traffic-Abbey Trinity to Sawpit Lane.
- (6) Request immediate attention to Abbey Trinity junction and pedestrian problems for young and old there.

The Commissioners pointed out that they agreed to ; but not decided the Traffic layout in Town.-- they would agree in principle with the widening of Road -way at High Street and suggested one-hour parking on that Street. They promised to investigate the other aspects and proposals put forward by the deputation.

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Town Clerk.

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- (3) Victimisation by Gardai.
- (4) A request for reversal of traffic flow on High Street and Shop St.
- (5) A request to allow two-way traffic-Abbey Trinity to Sawpit Lane.
- (6) Request immediate attention to Abbey Trinity junction and pedestrian problems for young and old there.

The Commissioners pointed out that they agreed to ; but not decided the Traffic layout in Town.-- they would agree in principle with the widening of Road -way at High Street and suggested one-hour parking on that Street. They promised to investigate the other aspects and proposals put forward by the deputation.

Signed  .....

Town Clerk.

Signed  .....

Chairman.

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To each Town Commissioner.

25/4/79.

A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on ...Tuesday.....2nd,..April...1979 at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

.....W.B.Mannion..... Baile Cleireach.

## A G E N D A

- I. Minutes of previous Meeting.
2. Correspondence.
3. Managers Bussiness.
4. Commissioners Notices of Motion.
  - (a) Commiss. Browne...." That the Board Rescind in full or part the Gaming & Lotteries Act."
  - (b) Commiss O'Connell...."That monies be allocated to footpath work in Ballygaddy Rd.,"  
"That Information be given on Sewage & Water Extension Schemes in Tuam."
  - (c) Commiss Burke....."That the Board finance the publication of a Tourist Brochure on Tuam."
  - (d) Commiss. Joyce....."I propose to present the Town Map, prepared in the Town Boundary Exten. Proposals; for hanging in the Town Clerks Office"
  - (e) Commiss, Stapleton....."That the Co.Council allocate Funds under Amenity and Environmental Works to get new and existing works in hand immediatly, and give the necessary Youth Jobs."  
"That Co. Council attend to road drainagexprablu problems at rear lane of McHale Terrace."  
"That the Co.Council provide access to green area to the Scout Hall site as was promised"

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Dear Town Commissioners,

As our elected body responsible for Tuams Traffic Laws, we again solicit your attention. We met you on a deputation and outlined our predicament - we submitted proposals for your examination.

Five members of our committee met Mr Gibbons B.E. He was sympathetic and intimidated that the Commissioners had the final say.

Our business is being interfered with, and as Rate Payers we feel you should now act in a responsible way.

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Mora Halion

Frank De Cecco

Gerard Farnham

Pat Mitchell

Thomas J Murphy

Vincent Heavensy

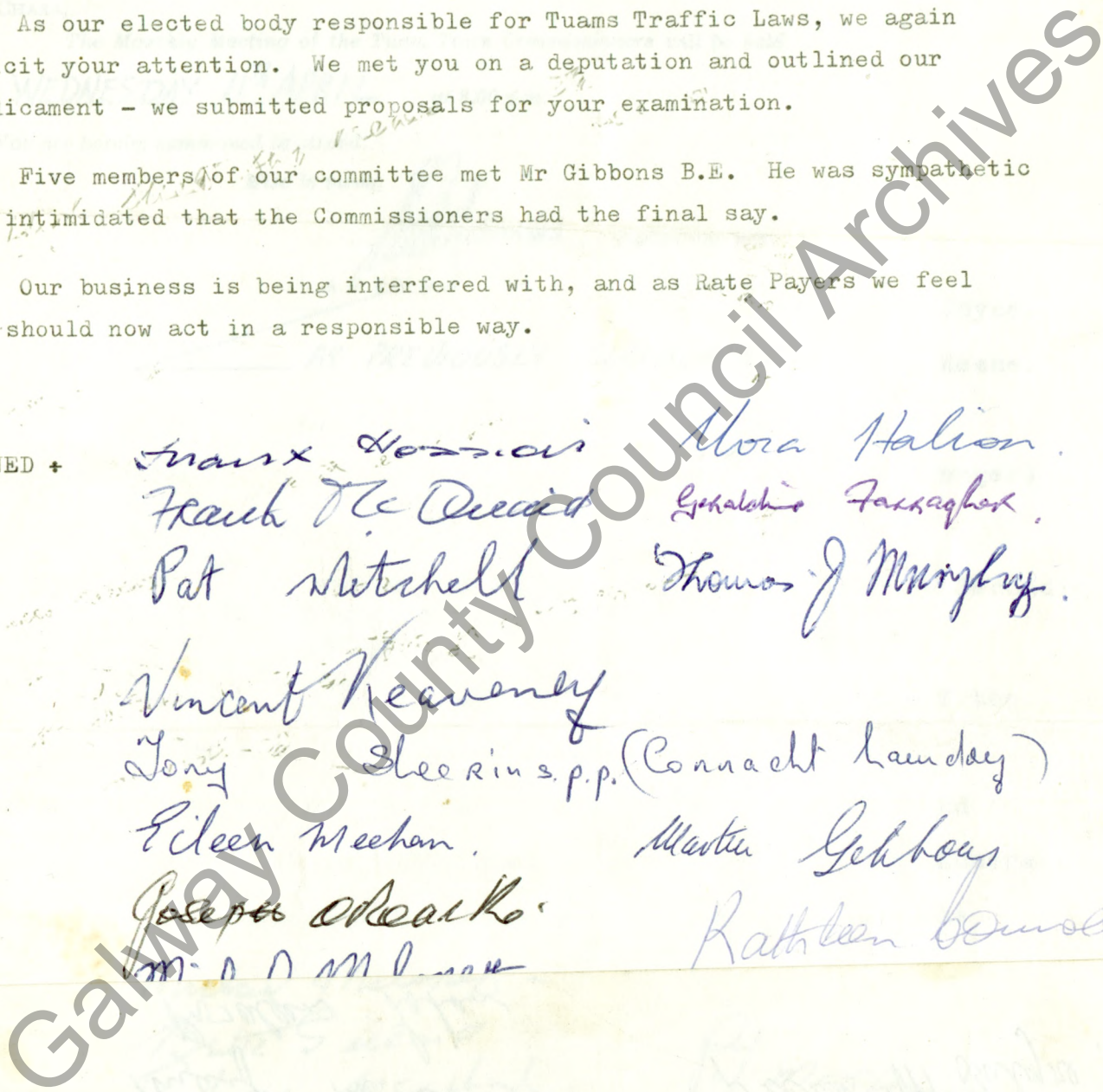
Tony Sheerin s.p. (Connacht Laundry)

Eileen Meehan

Martin Gibbons

Joseph O'Leary

Rathleen Connolly



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( Meeting to reconvene on Wednesday 11th April 1979.

SIGNED.  CHAIRMAN.

  
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Minutes of Meeting held 3rd. March 1979.

(Monthly Meeting)

Present....Commissioners ..PM Stapleton. Jos. Burke. T. Joyce.  
J. O'Connell. Gay Browne. J. Keane.  
Miko Kelly. J. O'Meara.

In Attendance.. Mr K. Doyle (representing The County Manager)  
and Wm Mannion Act Town Clerk.

On the proposal of Commiss J O'Connell ,with Commiss Joyce Seconding  
P.M.Stapleton took the Chair.

Commiss Stapleton paid tribute to Members and Officials of the  
Town Board; Reps of the Labour Party and Sugar Company ;  
the Boy Scouts and the general public , for the honour and  
dignity shown to the late Chairman Harold Campbell at the funeral.

Messages of sympathy were read and proposals  
to commemorate his memory made. ( Chain of Office Link & Portrait)

The Meeting decided to adjourn as a mark of  
respect. Members stood in a minutes silent prayer.

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..... Baile Cleireach.

### A G E N D A

- (1) Minutes of Meetings 6th March and 16th March.
- (2) Business submitted by Assis. Co. Manager.
- (3) Correspondence
- (4) Any other business.

N.O.M. Commissioner Browne --

That the Board rescind in full or part, 1956 GAMING & LOTTERIES ACT.  
Subject to consideration for existing  
Fund-raising organisations.

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Signed  
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The minutes of the Feb. 6th meeting were adopted by the approval of Commissioner

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..... *TUES 3/4/1979* .....

Minutes of Special Meeting called on the sudden death of  
Harald Campbell, Chairman of the Board.

Present, Commissioner P.M. Stapleton, J. Burke, G. Browne, T. Joyce,  
J. Keane, M. Kelly, J.O'Mara, J.O'Connell.

Vicechairman P. M. Stapleton chaired the Meeting.  
He paid tribute to the late chairman for his work on and  
off the Board and extended the sympathy of the Board to  
the Campbell family.

Each member joined in speaking-- paying glowing tributes  
to the late chairman's sincerity, enthusiasm and vision,  
expressing loss and sympathy with the family.

Mr. D. Burke for Press; Messrs T. Gilmore and W. Mannion  
also spoke.

A message of condolance was read from the Mayor of Galway  
on behalf of that corporation.  
After making arrangements for wreaths, Mass cards and a  
guard of honour-- the Meeting adjourned as a mark of respect--  
members stood in a minutes silent prayer.

Signed..... *P.M. Stapleton*

Chairman

*Mannion*  
*(A/ Town Clerk)*

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON TUESDAY MARCH 6th 1979

AT 8 o'Clock.

PRESENT. Chairman Commissioner Harold Campbell.

Commissioners. Burke, Browne, Kelly, Keane, O'Connell, O'Mara, Joyce

IN ATTENDANCE. Mr J.Howlett. Asst Co. Manager.

Mr J.Gibbons. Town Engineer.

Mr T.Gilmore. Town Clerk.

Mr Hunter & Mr Muldoon, E.S.B.

In opening the meeting the Chairman Commissioner Campbell said he would take the E.S.B. matter first and welcomed Mr Hunter and Mr Muldoon to the meeting. Mr Hunter explained that the E.S.B were looking for a site for a new transformer in the centre of Tuam and had found that a site at the rear of the Town Hall would be suitable. The engineer was in agreement with the site and the E.S.B. would pay for the site a similar sum to what they would give any private householder, for safety they would wall off the whole unit as a building inside a building with a door leading out to the yard at the rear of the hall, the new transformer would cater for the growing electrical load for the centre of Tuam for the next 20 years.

The Co. Manager Mr Howlett said he would need to check out the Insurance on the Town Hall and the Commissioners complimented the E.S.B. on moving so fast on this issue, on the proposal of Commissioner Keane, seconded by Commissioner O'Connell and subject to the terms being accepted by the Town Engineer and the board the Commissioners would be in favour of the siting of transformer in the Town Hall.

The minutes of the Feb 6th meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner

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Keane seconded by Commissioner Joyce.

## NEW REPORTER.

The new reporter with "The Herald" Miss Mary Fanning was welcomed by the Chairman and members of the board.

## TRAFFIC IN HIGH ST AREA.

Commissioner Burke said they needed some specific word from the meeting for the High St; traders re their deputation about the parking problems in that area, Commissioner Browne said the new system had affected business in all areas of the town and refered to two customers of his own who got tickets while parked to collect goods, Commissioner Keane said someone had to suffer to improve the old traffic system and the Chairman Commissioner Campbell said some of the affairs refered to by the Shop St traders were being attended to by the Town Engineer.

The engineer said he had done a survey of the traffic on Hight St and suggested better use of the Abbey Trinity Car Park which he said would be operational by April in reply to a question from Commissioner Kelly.

## GAMING AND LOTTERIES ACT.

Commissioner Browne proposed that the board recisend the Gaming & Lotteries Act the reasons he had given in past meetings but he did not wish to affect charitable organisations in this matter and in reply to questions Mr Howlett said the Commissioners could resving Part 3 of this act that they adopted in 1959 which would then prevent the opening of an Amusement Hall in the town.

In reply to Commissioner Browne he said he would consult with Loughrea Commissioners and with the board's solicitor on the whole legal aspect of this and the Chairman Commissioner Campbell said he could then entertain a formal motion on this when they had got full legal aid re the situtation.

## FLOODING ON TUAM/GALWAY RD:

Commissioner Browne asked if the Council had taken any action in this matter

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and Mr Howlett said a grant had been made available for this type of work and he would again ask that the part of road near Two-Mile -Ditch be attended to.

## MEAT STALLS.

Mr Howlett spoke of an increase in the rent on the Stalls at Vicar St up to a new rate of between £7 and £10 per week, the stalls were valued between £3,000 and £5,000 and as the tenants had not replied to an earlier letter re this matter it was now in the hands of the solicitor.

Mr Hopkins wished to buy his stall ~~xxx~~ <sup>at</sup> the price of £3,000 and the solicitor suggested that they accept this and have a formal motion to that effect on a future agenda, This was proposed by Commissioner Kelly seconded by Commissioner Joyce.

Commissioner Browne suggested that they treat all clients alike as the Library had been rented to the Council for half nothing over the years.

## PEDESTERIAN CROSSINGS.

The town engineer Mr Gibbons spoke of the proposed new pedestrian crossings for the town which had been agreed on also by the Gardai but Commissioner O'Connell said they also needed one on Dublin Rd; at McCormacks corner and Commissioner Burke said one was needed beside the schools there while Commissioner Keane said there was an urgent need for a similar crossing at the Ballygaddy Rd; Round-About. Commissioners Browne and Joyce suggestee one for Bishop St from the Car Pk to the Church entrance and in reply to questions the engineer said there would be an island in the Square of similar nature to a footpath in size where even a person with a pram would remain while crossing.

The engineer said he would look at the possibilities of the extra crossings at Dublin Rd; and at Smyth's and on the proposal of Commissioner Kelly seconded by Commissioner Keane the board accepted the suggested changes.



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## TWINNING WITH TOWN IN FRANCE.

The Chairman referred to the letter re the twinning of Tuam with Coigers in France and said they would need all the other bodies in Tuam in on this to form a sub-committee on this matter, Commissioner JKeane said that as the elected representatives they should go ahead on their own but Commissioner Kelly said that they ask Mr Cuzley of the organisation to meet them, and Mr Howlett said he would contact him re this, on the proposal of Commissioner Kelly seconded by Commissioner O'Mara it was decided to write to the Chamber of Commerce asking that they send a deputation to discuss the matter at the next meeting.

## TOWN CLERK RESIGNS.

The Town Clerk had given in his notice to leave to Mr Howlett before the meeting and the board regretted that he was leaving due to the amount of work involved and each of the members and the Chairman paid tribute to his work during his time in the Town Hall.

Mr Gilmore thanked the Commissioners, the Asst Co. Manager and the Town Engineer for all their help and kindness over the last year and a half.

## MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL.

Speaking about his motion re the Council be asked to review the costings of the sites in the Fairgreen Commissioner O'Connell said the price of £5,000 was far above what they had expected and as the first sites had been so much cheaper he did'nt think the present ones would cost more than £2,000 and was very disappointed with the figure.

## MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER BURKE.

Commissioner Burke spoke on his motions that the board rescind their decision to sell the land at the fairgreen to the Council until as an Urban Council the board develop it themselves at a reasonable cost and said he had been unable to get a

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full breakdown on the costings from the council, he said the Commissioners had sold the sites for 1973 prices to the Council and he could't ~~not~~ understand how sites sold for approx £900 could cost £5,000 when serviced and the board should not allow this un-fair deal to go through, that instead they leave the land until the board could develop it themselves at a reasonable cost.

Commissioner Browne complimented the others on the motions but would not agree that they leave it 'till the board became an urban council but the cost of service seemed very high.

The other commissioners agreed on this and Mr Howlett said the cost of service would be in the region of £36,000 and this would include water, sewers, footpaths etc and direct labour would not be any cheaper.

Commissioner Keane said the should leave the area as the only green patch left in the town and on a vote on Commissioner O'Connell's motion it was defeated by 4 votes to 2.

Commissioner Burkes motion was withdrawn.

## TOURIST OFFICE.

Commissioner Burke asked that the Tourist Office be opened earlier this year to facilitate people attending the celebrations as Knock and this was seconded by Commissioner Kelly and it was decided that a letter be sent to Ireland West re this matter.

That concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed..... 

Chairman.

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Town Clerk.