

# TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

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TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,  
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

To each Town Commissioner.

28-2-79.....

A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on Tuesday March 6th ..... at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

Tom Gilmore. .... Baile Cleireach.

## AGENDA

1. Minutes of Meeting held on Feb 6th.
2. Meeting with E.S.B.
3. Meat Stalls.
4. Pedestrian Crossings
5. Twinning of Tuam with Coigniers.
6. Wage Increases.
7. Business submitted by Asst; Co. Manager.
8. Correspondence.
9. Any Other Business.

Motion from Commissioner O'Connell: That The Council review the costings of the serviced sites at the Fairgreen

Motions from Commissioner Burke. (1) "That the Commissioners rescind their decision to sell land at the Fair Green to the Council until as an Urban Council we develop it ourselves at a reasonable cost"

(2) That the board request the Tourist Board to open its Tuam Office earlier this year to facilitate those attending the centenary celebrations at Knock Shrine.

## TRAFFIC PLAN

Mr Gibbons discussed the Traffic Plan for the town with the members who reviewed each aspect of it and the Engineer explained his plans to make it could.

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## MEETING OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON TUESDAY FEB 6th 1978.

Present;- Chairman Commissioner Campbell.

Vice-Chairman Commissioner Stapleton.

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

In Attendance ;- Mr K. Doyle, Co. Council.

Mr J. Gibbons. Town Engineer.

Mr T. Gilmore. Town Clerk.

Inspector William Lavery, Garda Station.

## DEPUTATION OF HIGH ST TRADERS.

A group of traders from High St; attended the meeting to complain about some aspects of the one-way traffic system in that area of the town, their spokesmen Mr Hession and Mr Canavan said that High St; had lost three of its four entrances due to the system, the fast flow of traffic in the lane and the lack of parking in the area were all creating problems for them.

The deputation presented maps and a detailed plan of what they would like to see in the area re the traffic situation.

The Chairman Commissioner Campbell and the rest of the board gave their views on the suggestions and thanked the traders for the careful planning they had done in the presentation of their case before the board.

The minutes of the Jan 2nd meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Keane seconded by Commissioner Joyce.

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Church View one way with traffic to Galway going via Gilmartin Rd; the Commissioners spoke about the danger to children in this road and Commissioner Stapleton called for the up-grading of the road there and lighting in the area.

Commissioners Kelly and Brown spoke about better signposting for Galway in this road as people who didn't know the area ended up in Cloomoo Village and Mr Gibbons said the signs and the lights would get top priority.

The Commissioners agreed on this on the proposal of Commissioner Browne seconded by Commissioner Kelly with Commissioner Stapleton asking that his dis-approval re some aspects of the above be recorded.

Commissioner Burke spoke about the fast moving traffic in the lane and the problem re Rooney's garage and a letter from the latter was read on the effects of the system on their business, In reply the engineer said that when the Abbey Trinity Car Park was complete he would then review the situation in the lane and if suitable they would consider making it one-way up to the Car Park Rd; and one-way down to the same road also and it was decided to reply to Rooneys along the lines of what the engineer had said.

After a long discussion on all the other points of the system the board approved of the one-way system subject to the changes outlined in the attached sheet on the proposal of Commissioner Kelly seconded by Commissioner Browne.

## PAYMENT TO MR P.Creavan.

Mr Doyle informed the board of the extra payment of £45 to former worker Mr P.Creavan and said this was the maximum gratuity the Dept would give in this case.

## MOTIONS FROM COMMISSIONER BROWNE .

Commissioner Browne spoke on his motion that the board consider rescinding the Gaming and Lotteries Act and asked Mr Doyle if this would have any affect on Bingo and similar operations and the Acting Asst; Co.Manager informed him that it could.

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## FLOODING ON ROAD NEAR TWO-MILE DITCH ON GALWAY/TUAM ROAD.

This was the second motion from Commissioner Browne and when speaking about it he told the board of having seen several cars skid on the slippery surface of the road at this point where there seemed to be constant flooding which must be due to poor drainage in that area, he had got complaints from many people about this and with the huge number of Tuam people having to travel this road to work and college in Galway each day it was a problem that effected the town and he asked that the Council give the matter urgent attention.

Mr Doyle promised that they would look into this matter.

## MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER BURKE RE SHORTAGE OF BRIQUETTS IN TUAM.

Commissioner Burke informed the board that for six weeks prior to Christmas the people of Tuam were left with no surply of briquettes by Board na Mona, while other areas experienced a shortage of briquettes, the problem was much more acute in Tuam and he suggested that a strong letter be sent to Board na Mona protesting about this and it was agreed that the Town Clerk write to them regarding the matter.

Votes of congratulations were passed with Tuam Rugby Club, Catherine O'Reilly and Frank Stockwell on recent success in th sporting events and votes of sympathy were passed with the Grealish and Byrne families on recent bereavements. That concluded the meeting.

Signed.....

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TUESDAY FEB 6th 1979

The oneway traffic system was approved subject to the following:-

- (a) That Church View become one-way from its junction with Galway Rd; to its junction with Cloontooa Rd; with traffic movement from west to east.
- (b) That Sawpit lane revert to two-way traffic.
- (c). That there be "no parking" at any time" on Galway Rd; south side from its junction with Church View south west to Telephone kiosk.
- (d) That there be "no parking at any time" on Cloontooa Rd; west side from its junction with Church View southwards to a point 100' south of Barrack St; junction.
- (e) That Pedestrian barriers 20' long be erected on either side of High St at its junction with Market Square.

Following discussion it was decided that the position in Chapel Lane and Egans Lane be reviewed when the new road is constructed from Abbey Trinity Car Park to Chapel Lane.

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## A G E N D A

1. Minutes of meeting held on Jan 2nd.
2. Town Engineers Pay.
3. Payment for Fairgreen Sites.
4. Traffic Plan Review.
5. Business Submitted By The Asst; Co. Manager.
6. Correspondence.
7. Any Other Business.

### Motions from Commissioner Browne.

1. That this board consider rescinding the Gaming & Lotteries Act 1956.
2. That this board request Galway Co. Council to examine road at Two Mile Ditch near Galway City re continual dampness which is dangerous to public.

### Motion from Commissioner Burke.

That this board appeal to Bord Na Mona to ensure that the shortage of briquettes experienced in Tuam during the Christmas will not occur in the future.

said the whole system ~~ax~~ should come up for review at the next meeting which would give the Commissioners time to put their views forward for this review.

### NEW ROAD AND POST OFFICE.

Commissioner Browne asked about the proposed new road linking Dublin Rd; with

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MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON TUESDAY JAN 2nd  
1979 AT 8 O'CLOCK.

PRESENT. Chairman Commissioner Campbell.

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

IN ATTENDANCE.

Mr J. Gibbons. Town Engineer.

Mr T. Gilmore. Town Clerk.

The minutes of the annual Estimates meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Browne seconded by Commissioner Keane.

TOWN ENGINEER

The Commissioners complained about the fact that the Town Engineer only gets approx £150 for services to the board per year? Commissioner Browne said this was a disgrace and with the current expansion of Tuam the Council should look into giving the town a full time Engineer this was supported by Commissioners Keane and Kelly who asked that the matter re payment to the Council re the services of the Engineer be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

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

SCHOOL WARDEN & TRAFFIC PLAN.

Complaints re the School Warden were mentioned by some of the members and Mr Gibbons said the time was not far away when Tuam would need to think in terms of a full time traffic warden.

In answer to questions from Commissioner Burke and Browne about the present traffic system and the need for pedestrian crossings at the Square Mr Gibbons said the whole system should come up for review at the next meeting which would give the Commissioners time to put their views forward for this review.

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Vicar St and was informed that the short term plan was for this road to join Dublin Rd; beside the Hermitage Hotel, Commissioner Joyce asked about a pathway linking Dublin Rd with the Post Office opposite the Bank of Ireland and Commissioner Burke asked that another letter be sent to the Dept; Of Posts & Telegraphs regarding a meeting about the situation at Tuam P.O.

## GAMING AND LOTTERIES.

As the Asst; Co. Manager was un-able to be present due to the bad road conditions Commissioner Browne decided to hold over his motion re above to the Feb meeting.

## FAIR GREEN SITES.

On the proposal of Commissioner Browne seconded by Commissioner O'Connell it was decided to transfer 3.7 acres at the Fairgreen to Galway Co. Council for Building purposes at a price of £9,750. ---00. Commissioner Burke asked that the matter re payment for the sites be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

## MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL RE THE PLAN BY R.T.E. TO AXE THE RIORDANS.

Commissioner O'Connell spoke at length about his motion and the fact that the Riordans reflected many aspects of rural life in Ireland and that the board should urge R.T.E. not to let the show go, he added that it was ideal viewing for any age group. He was supported by Commissioner Browne who said it was giving employment to Irish actors and was very popular especially with rural viewers. But Commissioners Burke and Joyce thought it was no longer the popular show that it used to be and the former commented on the bad service for rural viewers from R.T.E. with which Commissioner Keane also agreed.

Commissioner Felly spoke about developments regarding community T.V. and said that rather than having this in Dublin or Cork why not bring it to the Western area, he was seconded by Commissioner Joyce when he asked that R.T.E. be invited to do a programme on Tuam. The Chairman Commissioner Campbell said the whole lack of interest in rural Ireland shown by R.T.E. was deplorable but on a show of hands Commissioner O'Connell's motion was defeated by 6 to 2.

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Commissioner's Browne and Keane complained about horses trespassing on Town  
Commissioners property and in the Fairgreen the same man had been the cause  
of all the trouble having broken the lock on the gates on many occasions and  
Commissioner Keane suggested that a solicitors letter be sent to him.  
Commissioner Kelly asked that the sign outside the Grove Hospital be raised and  
in reply to a query from the Chairman it was suggested that the tenant of house  
No. 1 Atherry Rd; write to the Town Clerk about the danger of fire in that house  
so that he could pass on the letter to the insurance company.  
That concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed David Campbell .....

Chairman

Tom Gilmore  
Town Clerk.

Yours faithfully

Tom Gilmore

Town Clerk.

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RE:- Monthly Meeting To-Night  
(Feb 6th)

### TRAFFIC PLAN REVIEW

Dear Commissioner.

The Chairman and Commissioner

Burke have asked me to inform you that  
**representatives** of the High St; Traders  
wish to attend to-night's meeting at  
8 o'clock.

Yours faithfully

Tom Gilmore

Town Clerk.

### PRODUCTIVITY AGREEMENT

The Asst. Co. Manager detailed productivity agreement relating to the Commissioners workers. The rates were adopted on proposal by M. Kelly, seconded by J. Keane. Excess expenditure of £846.02 was approved.

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON 5th DEC., 1978.

PRESENT: Chairman, Mr. H. Campbell.  
Commissioners, J. Burke, G. Browne, J. Keane, J. O'Connell  
and M. Kelly.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. J. Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager.  
W. Mannion for Town Clerk.

MINUTES

Adoption of Minutes of November meeting and of Special meeting held 7th Nov. was accepted on the proposal of J. O'Connell, seconded by J. Keane.

FAIRGREEN SITES

In reply to questions from Commissioners Browne, O'Connell and Keane, the Asst. Co. Manager reported that contract for laying of services at Fairgreen sites has been advertised. Prices will depend on final costs of actual services and land cost less any grants payable.

DOMESTIC REFUSE SERVICE

Speaking on domestic refuse service, Commissioners Browne and O'Connell thought their working tempo very high - the men on the bins had to run after the truck. Commissioner Kelly remarked that the hand-carts on street cleansing badly need repair.

TOWN CLERK'S SALARY

On the question of Town Clerk's salary, the Asst. Co. Manager suggested that Mr. Gilmore should investigate salary scales in other counties and formulate a case for himself. The Board expressed support.

ONE-WAY TRAFFIC SYSTEM

Referring to the one-way traffic system, it was decided to write to the school principals and the Gardai requesting that a brief be given to pupils who risk life and limb cycling against traffic on Shop Street. It was also mentioned that some local motorists break the regulation on Shop Street early mornings making the risk of serious accident at the Bridge Bar corner. Commissioner Kelly said that as High Street is one-way and with the complaints of loss of business by traders there, consideration should be given to use of a single yellow line on the south side there. Commissioner O'Connell supported this view. Commissioners Browne and Keane suggested the same applied to Dublin Rd. and other parts of the town - but these streets carried two-way flow. Commissioner Keane recommended "one hour parking" as a solution to the problem of all day parking of workers' cars in the shopping areas - which would also give full employment to a traffic warden.

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## LEGAL COSTS

On the proposal of J. Keane, seconded by J. O'Connell, it was decided that excess expenditure be authorised in respect of the payment of legal costs amounting to £955 due to M/s Concannon & Meagher, Solicitors for costs and outlay from 1973 to 1978.

## SCHOOLS WARDEN

Dealing with the matter of wage increase to Schools Warden, the Asst. Co. Manager agreed to look into complaints by the Board about his attendance. J. Burke thought he attended fairly well but needed instruction.

## WATER AND SEWERAGE SERVICES

Motions by Commissioner O'Connell that improvements and extension to Tuam water and sewerage services be put in hand urgently were considered. The Asst. Co. Manager said that the Council accept the need of these works. Contracts have been awarded for the water extension works and investigation and survey works are progressing on the sewage works. Approval and funding by the Department are awaited.

## GAMING LICENCES

Replying to Commissioner Browne, the Asst. Co. Manager stated that if the Commissioners rescinded the Act adopted, licensing would cease to issue for such as gambling or pool halls. Those, however, presently licensed could operate until the renewal date. Further information was promised.

## BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

There was unanimous agreement to Commissioner Kelly's proposal that the Board request provision of a blood pressure clinic for Tuam and area.

## DRAINPIPES AND GUTTERS

Commissioner Keane referred to many complaints re damaged, choked and missing drainpipes and gutters in the town's business area. He was supported by Commissioners Browne and Kelly to refer this matter to the Chamber of Commerce though Commissioner Burke did not consider this a matter for the Board.

## FIRE TENDER

Commissioner Burke referred to the fact that though the extension to the Fire Station has been completed for some time, the new fire tender has not yet been delivered to Tuam as promised.

## SYMPATHY

Votes of sympathy were passed with the Fitzgerald Family on the death of Sr. Peter, with the Flaherty Family on the death of their son and with the C.B.S. Community on the death of Bro. O'Callaghan.

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL ESTIMATES MEETING OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON

TUESDAY NOV 28th AT 4.p.m.

PRESENT. Chairman Commissioner Campbell.

Vice-Chairman Commissioner Stapleton.

Commissioners. Burke, Kelly, Keane.

IN ATTENDANCE.

Mr J.Howlett. Asst Co.Manager.

Mr J.Gibbons. Town Engineer.

Mr T. Gilmore. Town Clerk.

The Chairman Commissioner Campbell explained that due to the engineer's go-slow the meeting was being held at this time of the evening and apologies were read from Commissioners Browne, O'Connell, Joyce and O'Mara.

In presenting the Estimate of Expences for 1979 the Asst Co.<sup>l</sup>anager Mr Howlett said that the proposed estimate would mean a rate of approx 11p in the f.

The Commissioners discussed each item listed in the estimate and questions were raised about the Town Clerks salery and Commissioner Burke asked that it be revised up to a reasonable level with any such raise being back-dated to the time the present Town Clerk took up duty.

Commissioner Kelly said the job should be made full-time as the volume of work at present demanded that the clerk work at night without any extra pay and Commissioner Keane seconded him in this .

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The Chairman and the other members all asked that the clerk's pay be revised and Mr Howlett promised to look into the matter.

## TOWN ENGINEER

The Commissioners were critical of the fact that the Town Engineer only got approx £150 out of the £1,100 paid out to the Council for his service to the town. Commissioners Stapleton and Keane remarked if they wanted the service of the engineer the man should be paid a reasonable salary for the work he did for Tuam Town Commissioners and they asked that the Asst Co. Manager see what could be done about this situation.

## TOWN HALL.

Commissioner Burke supported by Commissioner Kelly were not happy with the sum £500 suggested in the estimate for repairs to the Town Hall during 1979 and Commissioner Burke wanted this figure to be taken up to the £1,700 laid out for similar work in 1978, he asked that the rent on the library be increased to make up the difference and was supported in this by Commissioner Stapleton. The Asst Co. Manager said that this increase could cause the rate in the £ to increase a further 7p but if the board accepted the proposed expenditure for this item he would contact the Co. Council re the rent on the Library and Commissioner Burke<sup>asked</sup> that this matter also be included in the Feb Agenda.

Commissioner Kelly asked that quotations be obtained for a new clock on the Town Hall.

MEAT STALLS Mr Howlett informed the board that the question re increase in the rent of the stalls was still with the solicitors and after a further discussion re all the items on the Estimates the board adopted the Estimate of Expenses for 1979 as presented to them by the Asst Co. Manager on the proposal of Commissioner Kelly seconded by Commissioner Keane.

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS WITH TUAM THEATRE GUILD  
TUESDAY NOV 7th 1979 AT 7.30 p.m.

Estimated Expenditure for year ended Dec 1st 1979 = £23,374

Estimated Receipts for year ended Dec 31st 1979 = £21,685

Balance required. = £1,689.

## THEATRE GUILD PLANS.

Signed

Chairman.

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Commissioners: - Browne, Kelly, O'Connell, O'Mara, Keane, Burke.

In Attendance.

Mr T. Kavanagh. Galway Co. Council.

Mr T. Gilmore. Town Clerk.

Mr J. Donohue and Mrs P. King (Theatre Guild).

## THEATRE GUILD PLANS.

Mr Donohue and Mrs King produced two plans for improvement of the hall and circulated copies to each member, one plan for a more permanent job would cost in the region of £30,000 to £40,000.

The alternative plan which was also ~~discussed~~ discussed by the Commissioners included Toilets, new heating and the general re-conditioning of the present hall.

The matter was discussed in detail and some of the Commissioners favoured the Alternative plan while Commissioner Burke was more in favour of the major plan and Commissioners Kelly and Browne suggested a new Municipal Hall for the town.

The Chairman Commissioner Campbell suggested a more joint approach to the issue and it was decided that a working committee be formed consisting of The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Mrs King and Mr Donohue who would meet the Engineer about their plans.

Commissioner Kelly congratulated the Theatre Guild on the huge success of their recent play staged in the Town Hall.

Signed, .....

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TUESDAY NOV 7th 1978 AT 8 o'CLOCK.

Present. Chairman Commissioner Campbell.

Commissioners:-O'Connell. Kelly. Keane. Browne.O'Mara.Burke.

In Attendance.

Mr T.Kavanagh. Galway Co.Council.

Mr T.Gilmore. Town Clerk.

## CONGRATULATIONS

A vote of congratulations was passed by the board to Commissioner Stapleton on his recent selection onto Galway Co.Council, the V.E.C and the Health Committee.

## MINUTES

The minutes of the Oct 3rd meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Keane seconded by Commissioner O'Mara.

The minutes of the Oct 10th meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Keane seconded by Commissioner O'Connell.

## MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES.

Commissioner Browne asked if the serviced sites in the Fair Green would be ready by April and asked that he be given the opportunity to raise his six motions on the minutes of the previous meeting with the Engineer at a later date. Commissioner Kelly spoke about the signposting of the round-about at the Square and in Ballygaddy Rd; and Commissioner Browne asked that the matter re pedestrian crossings at the Square be agreed or rejected before the next meeting and Mr Kavanagh said the matter would be taken up but there was a go-slow on among the engineers at present. Commissioner O'Connell asked for consideration for the Hackney drivers in Tuam.

The signpost for Galway at Gilmartin Rd; and the provision of traffic lights at the Weir Rd; corner were also discussed.

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## MANAGER'S BUSINESS.

Regarding the Local Government Audit and on the proposal of Commissioner Kelly seconded by Commissioner O'Mara the board approved by 6 votes to 1 of the excess expenditure of £3486 for 1975. £4052 for 1976 and £3499 for 1977. Commissioner Browne had asked for more details regarding the figures.

## ESTIMATES MEETING

Mr Kavanagh informed the board that as the Council would be holding their Estimates meeting at the end of the month it would be in order that the Commissioners hold their meeting before then and after a long discussion it was decided that Tue 14th be fixed for the meeting if that date was suitable.

Due to the Engineers strike it was proposed by Commissioner Keane and seconded by Commissioner Kelly that if it was not possible to hold it at night time that it be held before 5 on the evening.

Commissioner Keane raised the question of expenses for members attending such special meetings.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

On the proposal of Commissioner Kelly seconded by Commissioner O'Connell the board approved of the sale of House No.10 Gilmartin Rd; to the Co.Council. It was decided that the meeting with the representative of the Road Safety Ass; be held over until the Engineer and the Manager could be present and that the matter be left on the minutes.

A letter re application for appeal for Certificate under the Gaming and Lotteries Act re Pool Hall at the Square was also read and Commissioner Browne asked Mr Kavanagh that the board be made aware of their right re any of those acts made over the years.

A letter was also read re increase of the cost of Fire Policy insurance.

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## MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER BURKE re FULL-TIME MANPOWER SERVICE FOR TUAM

Commissioner Burke spoke about the urgent need to have the present temporary National Manpower Service in Tuam extended to a Full-Time service as the demand for the present service had show that a full time office was vital for the town. Commissioner O'Connell said a full-time office was on the way. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Keane who said he had also raised this matter before and all the members present agreed that a Full-Time service was vital for the town and the huge area around Tuam and it was also decided that a letter be sent to the Minister re this matter.

## MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER BURKE re ENGINEERS GO-SLOW.

Commissioner Burke spoke about the long standing dispute between the Engineers and the Government since the Finlay Report back in 1968 and he said that any employee that had waited 10 years for settlement of a dispute could not be classed a rebel, he added that jobs, loans and planning applications etc were being held up and it was the duty of the Minister to ~~xxxxxx~~ settle the dispute without any further delay.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Keane who said that work on "Cats Alley" was being held up by the dispute also and all the members agreed that a telegram be sent to the minister as a very urgent request the he settle the dispute.

## MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER KELLY RE NON-COLLECTION OF REFUSE IN SMALL BINS Etc.

Commissioner Kelly was critical of the fact that refuse in plastic bags and small bins was not being collected by the Council dustmen and said it was too bad if old people with limited money had to buy special size bins for this reason.

Commissioner O'Mara supported this and Commissioner Brown said that he didn't

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think the Engineers dispute had anything to do with it, Commissioner Burke said ~~that~~ that a notice had been sent out that they would collect plastic bags and small bins but not cardboard boxes and Commissioner O'Connell said while he supported it he saw plastic bags as a health hazard and asked for an extension of the service to the Trinity Court area.

After much further discussion it was decided that the Engineer be contacted re this matter.

## DUBLIN DEPUTATION.

Commissioner Keane asked for a letter to be sent to the Chamber of Commerce re what was reported as a joint deputation from both boards in Dublin recently as this board had not been informed of same.

Commissioner Burke who was on the deputation said that he only got word at 11 o'clock that he was expected to be in Dublin for meeting at 4, he said they had met the Minister Mr Fitzpatrick who had informed them of major improvements in the phone service to Tuam over the next 3 to 4 years.

On the suggestion of the Chairman it was decided to leave the matter re the letter to the Chamber as responding to this would not be of use.

## ERIN FOODS

In answer to a question from Commissioner Browne the Chairman said they would have some details of the workings of the steering Committee re above in the near future.

Commissioners Kelly and O'Connell asked for more and brighter lights for Tuam and Commissioner Keane congratulated retiring firemen Joe Ward and Tom Murphy.

## TOWN CLERK OVER-WORKED.

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All the Commissioners spoke about/having to work at night time and during week-ends in order to keep up with the huge volume of work in the office, they also spoke about the lack of time and lack of money for the job and asked that this matter be attended to.

That concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed... ..

Chairman.

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

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

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

## TUAM RAIL LINK:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## CLORAN SALE:

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

## VISITING MAYOR:

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

## OTHER BUSINESS:

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

## POOL HALL:

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

## BOY SCOUT SITE:

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

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

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

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## SYMPATHY:

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

## PRESENTATION:

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

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

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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ACTING TOWN CLERK.

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## MINUTES OF MEETING OF 3rd OCTOBER 1978.

IN THE CHAIR: Mr. P. M. Stapleton, T.C..

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Messrs. T. Joyce, G. Browne, J. Keane, J. O'Meara,  
J. O'Connell.

A letter from Commissioner Miko Kelly was read, asking that his absence be excused due to illness. The Chairman proposed that a Mass Bouquet be sent to Commissioner Kelly and all present joined in wishing him a speedy recovery.

It was agreed to circulate to Members the listing of the 6 Notices of Motion submitted previously by Commissioner Browne.

The Chairman, speaking on the sudden death of His Holiness, Pope John Paul I, proposed a vote of sympathy with our Archbishop and clergy. Each Member paid a tribute and a minute's silence in prayer was observed.

The meeting then adjourned as a mark of respect, having fixed Tuesday, 10th October for the re-called meeting.

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Town Clerk.

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ON 6th SEPTEMBER, 1978.

In the Chair: Commissioner Harold Campbell.

Members Present: Commissioners P. M. Stapleton, Joseph Burke, Gabriel Browne, Jarlath Keane, J. O'Meara and J. O'Connell.  
(Commissioner T. Joyce asked to be excused.)

Officials: Mr. J. Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, Mr. W. Mannion, Acting Town Clerk.

The Minutes of the Meeting of 16th August, having been previously circulated to Members, were accepted as read, then adopted and signed. Commissioner Browne criticised the scimpy reference to 6 notices of motion he put in and requested that they be scheduled in detail.

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## Bathrooms

Replying to Commissioners Stapleton and Browne, the Manager detailed the progress to date - three houses are now complete and three more nearing completion.

## Urbanisation

Dealing with correspondence from the Department of the Environment on this matter, the Manager spoke at length on the various legal and financial aspects involved. Each Member spoke and raised certain questions. The Board expressed satisfaction but caution at what they considered a too easy passage to urbanisation. It was unanimously agreed that the more further investigation promised by the Manager be awaited and that certain ambiguities might be clarified by this report. The Board were pleased with the co-operation and open-mindedness now shown to the proposal by the Co. Council and complimented the Manager for the time and work put into his very detailed reports to date.

## Municipal Authorities Meeting

Enquiries indicated that the Town Clerk could attend this conference as a non voting official. Commissioner J. O'Connell proposed and Commissioner Keane seconded that Mr. Gilmore should attend.

DUBLIN TOWN COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD  
ON 24th SEPTEMBER, 1978.

In the presence of the following Commissioners: Harold Campbell, Chairman; Joseph Burke, Gabriel Brown, Michael Keane, J. O'Mara and J. O'Connell.

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Bathrooms

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 Chairman  
*Joseph Burke*  
 Town Clerk.

The meeting then concluded.

Signed.....  
 Replying to Commissioners Keane, Kelly and Browne, the Manager said N.B.A. sites had been recovered for re-sale. Certain legal difficulties on deed documenting have now been overcome also and he promised further information for next meeting.

Fairgreen Sites

In reply to queries by Commissioners Browne and Kelly, the Manager undertook to investigate further the calculation of this figure in view of ongoing amendments to regulations covering those payments.

F. Greaven - Gratuity

The Manager detailed the new scheme as circulated to the Members, dealing with revised purchase figures and transfer orders due to new ground rent laws. Comm. Kelly proposed that these figures be circulated to appropriate tenants.

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1978 AT 8 o'clock.

PRESENT. Chairman Commissioner Campbell.

Commissioners.. Stapleton (Vice-Chairman). Browne, Burke, Keane, Kelly, Joyce, O'Connell,  
O'Mara.

IN ATTENDANCE.

Mr J. Howlett. Asst Co. Manager.

Mr J. Gibbons, Town Engineer.

Mr T. Gilmore. Town Clerk.

The minutes of the July meetings were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner O'Mara seconded by Commissioner Keane.

BATHROOMS & RANGES.

In answer to a question from Commissioner Keane the Town Engineer Mr Gibbons explained to the board that 30 houses needed bathrooms, 22 of those also needed ranges and the total cost of the work would be in the region of £22,200 that was to install the ranges and hot water fittings etc in the houses mentioned. The work would be for Ranges, Hot Press, Cylinder, Roof Tank and Sink.

Commissioners Keane raised the question re grants and said that if they got grants for the work to the extent of £15,000 they would only need approx £7,000 for the work. The Town Engineer said the board should consider going ahead with the work as it would be many years before all the houses got bathrooms.

Mr Howlett said that if the board went ahead it would mean spending a large part of their investments which may affect the Town Rate and if the level of income drops considerably there might be danger here but he did promise to look into the commissioners suggestions re grants available for the work and he promised to report back to the board on the situation.

Commissioner Stapleton and Kelly raised the question about the fact the the

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present bathrooms were still not finished even though they had been told that they would be finished in July, Commissioner Kelly asked how was the contractor paid for this work and Commissioner Brown also queried this and the Asst Co. Manager said that he was paid on the advice of the architect and he had been informed that they were ~~xxxx~~ within a week's work of being finished.

## WORK AT THE MALL.

The Town Engineer was complimented on his work on the road at the Mall graveyard and he said that in time the aim was to extend the work to go right around the graveyard while preserving the main gate.

The minutes of the Special meeting held on July 19th were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Stapleton seconded by Commissioner Joyce.

## ST ENDA'S AVE PLAYGROUND.

In answer to questions from the Commissioners re dumping beside the Park at St Enda's Ave and complaints from residents re the behaviour in the Park the Town Clerk informed the board that the Gardai had been notified about this matter.

## SPECIAL MEETING.

Commissioner Brown said he was not carpeting the Engineer by asking for the special meeting re chips in the town and he called it for the betterment of Tuam.

Mr Gibbons said he had no intention of attending the special meeting and he did take exception to some of the things mentioned by Commissioner Brown in the minutes of that meeting, he added no chips had been 'scraped off' and it was not 'a rush job' both the Co. Engineer and the Asst Co. Engineer examined the job and found all to be in order. Commissioner Brown said he was not critical of the Engineer but the complaints had been brought to him - he still disagreed with the 3 engineers.

Mr Gibbons then said he was questioning the integrity and of the Co. Engineer and he would have no option but to report Commissioner Brown to the Co. Engineer in the morning.

Commissioner Keane said he had travelled through 20 counties during his holidays

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and the state of the streets in Tuam was comparable to any of them, he did not think there was any need for the vote of confidence in Mr Gibbons, a man who had done great work for Tuam, Commissioner Kelly also said he didn't see any need for the vote but Commissioner Burke and O'Connell who had proposed and seconded the vote upheld their decision and Commissioner O'Connell said the Engineer who had done tremendous work for Tuam had come under un-fair criticism. Commissioners O'Mara and Joyce said there was no need for that special meeting at all. Commissioner Campbell, Chairman said it was the general will of the people present at the special meeting that they express complete confidence in Mr Gibbons and that's what the vote of confidence did.

## MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ASSOCIATION.

The motions for the Municipal Authorities Association were formally adopted.

## TOWN STWARDS PENSION & PRODUCTIVITY.

The raise in the pension of the Town Stewart's widows pension was approved and Mr Howlett also spoke about a productivity raise for the workmen with further details for the next meeting.

## UP-GRADING OF THE TOWN

A letter was read re the up-grading of the Town and it was decided to put this on the agenda for the next meeting, the Commissioners complimented Mr Howlett on his speedy work on this matter.

## TRAFFIC BYE-LAWS

A letter re the above was also put on the agenda for the Sep meeting.

## MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER BURKE

The motion from Commissioner Burke re requesting the I.D.A. to look again at the Black Acre site was seconded by Commissioner Stapleton, Commissioner Burke when speaking on his motion asked that the board meet the I.D.A. The Co. Development Officer and the Chamber of Commerce re the industrial development planned for Tuam in the next 4 to 5 years. After some discussion the Chairman declared the motion carried and decided that a letter be sent to the above bodies.

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Commissioner Burke's second motion re speeding up the development of the old people's homes in the Deanery was seconded by Commissioner Keane and it was decided that a letter be sent to the Co. Council re this.

The Chairman decided to hold over his motion to the next meeting.

The six motions from Commissioner Brown were agreed on.

## E.S.B. STRIKE

At this stage the meeting was being held by candlelight and in opening the discussion on the E.S.B. strike Commissioner Stapleton called on the Government "never x̄ to allow a similar situation to happen again" each of the Commissioners spoke on this matter and agreed that the strike was causing serious damage to the country.

## VOTE OF SYMPATHY

A vote of sympathy was passed with the family of the late Mr Dan McCormack, Dublin Rd; Tuam.

Signed, *Harold Campbell* .....

(Chairman)

*Mamie* .....

(Town Clerk)

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MOTIONS FROM COMMISSIONER BROWN NOT INCLUDED IN MINUTES OF MEETING HELD

ON WED AUGUST 16th

Commissioners Browns six motions which were agreed on at the meeting were as follows.

- (1) Request Galway Co. Council to
  - (a) Put stop line on road from Ballymote to Upper Bishop St.
  - (b) From Cloonthue Rd; to Church View.
- (2). Galway Co. Council be requested to examine division between Sugar Factory Roads.
- (3). That Dublin Rd; near and opposite schools be examined re floodings.
- (4). That Galway Co. Council notify R.T.E. re all future road works particularly laying chips.
- (5). That road be ridged <sup>or improved</sup> on entrance to Tuam from Dunmore until such time as dangerous approach be examined.
- (6). That this Board request a meeting with the Road Safety Association of Ireland.

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON TUESDAY AUGUST 8th 1978.

PRESENT Chairman Commissioner Campbell.

Commissioners..Burke,Browne,Kelly,Keane,Joyce.

IN ATTENDANCE. T.Gilmore,Town Clerk.

The Chairman Commissioner Campbell told the meeting that a letter had been sent to the Archbishop that day to express the board's sympathy on the death of Pope Paul VI.

Tributes were paid by each of the Commissioners and by the Chairman on the work done by the late Pope and it was decided to adjourn the meeting for one week as a mark of respect.

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON WEDNESDAY JULY 19th 1978

AT 7.30.

PRESENT: The Chairman, Commissioner Campbell, Commissioners Stapleton, Brown, Burke, O'Connell, Kelly,

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. T. Gilmore, Town Clerk.

In opening the special meeting the Chairman, Commissioner Campbell said that he would take Commissioners Brown item re the resurficing of roads in Tuam as the first item.

Commissioner Brown said that he had asked for the Special Meeting after having received several complaints regarding what seemed like a rush job which was done with tar and chips on some of the streets in the town. It seems that some of the chips did not stick to the tar and the workmen had to scrape some of them off and they were also a problem to the public with dust and chips being brought into houses and business premises. He also spoke about damage to a newly painted front at Bishop St., and to the fact that some cars and cyclists he had seen skidding on loose chippings.

Commissioner Brown spoke about the fact that some of the loose chippings would get into the gullies in Town and stop the flow of water at a later date. He said this was one of the major dangers. Commissioner Brown added that some of the chips been scraped up that had been put down and he spoke of the cost of doing the job on the ratepayers.

Commissioner Brown added that he was not in any way carpeting the Town engineer over this matter and he regretted that the engineer was not at the meeting.

The Chairman, Commissioner Campbell read a letter from the Town Engineer Mr. Gibbons which said that he would not be at the special meeting on the night. It also added that he was happy about the conditions of road surfaces in the Town considering the job that is being done at present. Mr. Gibbons said, he had requested that the job be inspected by the acting assistant Co. Engineer and by the County Engineer and both had agreed that everything was normal. The letter stated that the work being done was only preparatory and arrangements were being made to apply the permanent wearing course in the coming week.

Commissioner Brown also complained about the condition a stretch of road from the

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Cathedral to the Dunmore Rd., Corner where several accidents had occurred and the surface of the road was a danger to the users. He said that the surface of this road seemed to contain a mixture of oil, grease, tar and petrol and he requested that a section of the road be taken up and analysed to see what could be done about this very serious matter.

Several of the other Commissioners had contacted Mr. Gibbons on the matter regarding the road surfaces in the Town and the loose chippings and had been told that the underdressing was necessary as the road had gone smooth.

The engineer had informed them that bleeding had occurred some of it due to the humid weather conditions of the previous week and this had been the cause of some of the problems with the loose chippings.

The Chairman, Commissioner Campbell, said that due to the humid weather conditions he had been told by the engineer that some of the chips had not held to the tar as well might have been expected but all possible steps had been taken by the engineer and his staff to minimise the problem.

He added that Mr. Brown's complaint was very genuine but they would be eliminated when the job was completed and the engineer would be supported in getting it done as quickly as possible.

Commissioner Brown added that he had been pretty mild about things but still disagreed with the three engineers regarding their views on the matter.

Commissioner Burke seconded by O'Connell proposed the following vote of confidence "that this board has complete confidence in the Town Engineer to carry out the current road surfacing work and to encourage him to finish the work he is doing within the programme he has outlined for us"

This motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Connell and agreed to by the other Commissioners, the motion was unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Brown once again added saying that he was not blaming the Town Engineer and he again said that he did not want to be seen as carpeting the Engineer over the work being done. Commissioner Brown concluded that any of the points he had raised were the result of valid complaints which had been made to him by several townspeople. It was then decided that a letter be sent to the Town Engineer regarding the result of the meeting.

## HOUSING REPORT.

The Chairman Commissioner Campbell read his report regarding the recent meeting he had attended in Galway about the housing situation in Tuam. Commissioner Campbell over...

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said he had attended a meeting along with Mr. Canney from the Chamber of Commerce and also represented at the meeting were The County Council, the I.D.A. and several of the Industrialists from the Town.

He said they had a very worthwhile discussion on the housing in Tuam and in reply to a question from Commissioner Brown the Chairman said that he did ask Mr. Howlett about the development of Park More, and the Assistant County Manager assured him that this matter was having his attention .

Commissioner Stapleton said that it was to be credited to Commissioner Burke for it was he who helped the County Council acquire Park More some years ago and the Board should be grateful to Commissioner Burke for the good work in this matter .

A lengthy discussion followed on Commissioners Campbells report on the meeting re housing in Tuam and Commissioner Burke was assured by the Chairman that Travinol were in fact coming to the town.

## GAS EXPLOSION.

Commissioner Stapleton spoke about the recent Gas Explosion that had been in Mexico and queried if a similiar incident occurred in Tuam regarding a gas or a petrol tank explosion, would the fire bregade in the Town be equipped to deal with this matter. He requested that the Chairman raise this issue at the next meeting of the Fire Bregade Committee.

## ST. ENDA'S AVENUE PLAYGROUND.

Commissioner Kelly requested that the Guards be asked to inspect the St. Enda Avenue Playground and see that it is closed at 9.30 in the evening as he had received several complaints regarding the misbehaviour of people in the playground.

Questions were also raised regarding the tenants of No. 15 Gilmartin Rd., and it was also decided that the engineer be contacted regarding dumping beside the playground at St. Enda's Avenue.

That concluded the business of the meeting.

## ROAD WORKS AT THE WALL

The Town Engineer Mr. Sibbans informed of a new scheme to knock down the wall beside the old graveyard and to widen the road by seven to

Signed.....

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## MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON TUESDAY 4th OF JULY 1978.

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

IN ATTENDANCE. Mr. J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager,  
Mr. J. Gibbons, Town Engineer,  
Mr. T. Gilmore, Town Clerk.

The minutes of the Jun<sup>e</sup> meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Keane, seconded by Commissioner Joyce.

### BATHROOMS.

The Commissioners asked when the Bathrooms, the present scheme would be finished as Commissioner Kelly stated the Contractor had promised to have the job finished in July. Commissioner Brown suggested that the job be finished immediately as people were complaining of the long delay and asked if the engineer could look into the matter. In reply Mr. Gibbons said it would be unethical for him to inspect the work at the moment as there had been an architect appointed in this job.

Commissioner Keane said some of the delay was caused by a delay in getting ranges for the Bathrooms and Commissioner Kelly added that should the work be still unfinished by the August meeting they would be raising the matter very strongly at the meeting.

Commissioner Stapleton said he did not accept that it should take so long for to finish the bathrooms, he also said that some of them were left in an unfinished state and he suggested the Chairman had a look at some of them on his road.

Commissioner Brown asked that the Manager phone the architect in the morning to see that the contractor finished the work and Mr. Howlett promised to do this.

### SEATS IN GRAVEYARD.

In reply to a question by Commissioner O'Connell, Mr. Gibbons said that he would investigate the Commissioners request for seats in the graveyard.

### ROAD WORKS AT THE MALL

The Town Engineer Mr. Gibbons informed of a new scheme to knock the wall at the Mall beside the old graveyard and to widen the road by seven to eight foot at that point.

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He also said they proposed to remove some of the older headstones in the area where they would be widening and that these they hoped to put in a vertical position in the old graveyard.

Commissioner Keane and the other Commissioners complimented the engineer on this work .

## MEETING WITH C.I.E.

In reply to a question from Commissioner Kelly, the Chairman said that the meeting with the action committee in Galway regarding the re-location of the Goods Depot at Tuam Station and the situation regarding the railway was a very worth while meeting and that another meeting regarding this matter was planned for August.

Commissioner Burke who also attended the meeting spoke at length about it and agreed with the Chairmans statement and said that there had been many jumps to be jumped yet but the meeting had been worth while.

Commissioner Brown asked who they had met from C.I.E. as he doubted the sincerity of Mr Mac Giolla Ri, Commissioner Joyce added that they should ensure that the railway line to Tuam was never taken up.

## SPANISH STUDENTS.

Regarding the Tuam visit of a party of Spanish students it was decided to contact the organiser Mr Dempsey re the Chairman welcoming them to the town.

## MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER KEANE.

"That This Board make the nessesary financial arrangements to provide ranges to their houses which will qualify for bathrooms"

Commissioner Keane said that as it may take some time before bathrooms are instaled in all of the Commissioners houses that they work towards this stage by putting in new white ranges where there were no ranges or where the houses only had the old black type range.

He suggested if nessesary that they introduce a supplementary budget for this, he was seconded in his proposal by Commissioner Kelly who said they should also provide a hot water cylinder and press to give the tenants the comfort of hot water and in repy to questions from the Commissioners Mr Gibbons said they would be no great difficulty in instalng the boiler and cylinder if the tenant provided the hot press and some of the plumbing could be used later if bathrooms were added. Commissioner Burke said that by doing this work now they would be able to save money at a later date when the bathrooms would be built, it was decided that the engineer look into the cost and have report for the next meeting.

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## CORRESPONDENCE.

Regarding a letter from Foss Electric about the house situation in Tuam Commissioner Keane was critical that they had not approached the Commissioners first about this matter, Mr Howlett said this matter would be discussed at a meeting in the Co. Buildings on the following Monday if the Commissioners wished to send a member to this and it was decided to have the Chairman represent the board at this meeting.

Commissioner Browne and Commissioner Keane spoke about speculation in house buying by professional people in the town which was very un-fair and pushed up the price of a house for young married ~~xxxx~~ people.

Commissioner Keane spoke about having seen fourteen people crowded into one caravan and commented that many people who bought houses in town never spent as much as an hour in their houses before re-selling them.

Commissioner Kelly spoke of three sites in the Fairgreen which had not been used by industrial workers coming to town and was glad that seeing they were not used they were now handed back to the locals. In reply to a question from Commissioner Brown Mr Howlett said he was hoping that Parkmore be developed as soon as possible. Commissioner Kelly was critical of interest rates being charged to young people for houses and suggested a motion for the Municipal Authorities Association re this.

## MOTIONS FOR MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ASSOCIATION.

It was decided that any Commissioners who had motions for the above should give same to Town Clerk at next meeting and that this be put on the next Agenda.

## A.C.C.

A letter from the A.C.C. was read re increase in interest rates and it was decided that the Chairman and Commissioner Browne ~~xx~~ call on the A.C.C. re this matter.

## POOL HALL.

Commissioner Browne spoke about complaints re the Pool Hall at the Square and it was decided to contact the person in charge of the Hall re this.

## PHONE SERVICES.

Complaints were made by the Commissioners about the terrible phone service in Tuam and after a long discussion it was decided to write to Mr McGuire of the P&T and to the Chamber of Commerce re a meeting with the P&T about the matter.

## SYMPATHY

Votes of sympathy were passed with the representatives of the late Miss Hoban, Bill Moggan, Joseph O'Reilly also to miss Gretta Reddin, Garda Barrett on bereavements and Commissioner Stapleton asked that a letter be sent to them expressing the sympathy of the board.

## NEXT MEETING.

Due to the Galway Races it was decided to hold the next meeting on August 8th.

SIGNED: *David Campbell*

Chairman.

*Tom Gilmore*  
Town Clerk.

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

IN ATTENDANCE. Mr. J. Howlett, Assistant Co. Manager.  
Mr. J. Gibbons, Town Engineer.  
Mr. T. Gilmore, Town Clerk.

The outgoing Chairman, Commissioner Keane welcomed back Mr. Howlett as assistant County Manager and Mr. Howlett was also welcomed back to the to the post of assistant County Manager by all the other Commissioners. Mr. Howlett replied that he was delighted to be back to Tuam and looked forward to cordial relations in the future years

### ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Commissioner Campbell was elected to the post of Chairman on the proposal of Commissioner Joyce, seconded by Commissioner Burke.

### TRIBUTES TO OUTGOING CHAIRMAN.

Led by Commissioner Kelly the other Commissioners all paid tribute to the work of the outgoing Chairman, Commissioner Keane during the year. The outgoing Chairman, praised for being so active throughout his year in office and in particular as far as meetings were concerned.

Commissioner Keane thanked the board and the officials, Town Engineer, Town Clerk and the Council Officials for all their help. He said he had fulfilled his political ambition by becoming Chairman and he was delighted to be Chairman during such a progressive year, when Tuam had seen the opening of Foss, the opening of the teacher <sup>CENTRE</sup> at Bishop Street and extensions to the Sugar Factory, Pulse, the C.B.S. and he said that the future of Tuam looked very bright and he was delighted that the wheels was now in motion for urbanisation and he was very happy to hand over the Chair to Commissioner Campbell.

### CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

Commissioner Campbell the new Chairman thanked his proposer and seconder and thanked all the Commissioners for electing him as Chairman for the coming year. He also paid tribute to the work of the outgoing Chairman Commissioner Keane and he promised to be fair and impartial in all his work with the board and he also promised to co-operate with all the members and with the officials in every way possible



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The new Chairman was welcomed by each of the Commissioners and they all wished him well in the coming year.

## ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN.

Commissioner Stapleton was elected as Vice Chairman on the proposal of Commissioner O'Connell seconded by Commissioner Brown. The new Vice Chairman was welcomed by the Chairman and by the other members of the Board.

In his reply Mr. Stapleton thanked the Chairman, the Board and the officials and he promised to co-operate with them in every way possible during the year.

## ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ASSOCIATION.

Commissioners Brown and Kelly was elected unopposed as the delegates to the Municipal Authorities Association.

## DELIGATES TO FIRE BRIGADE COMMITTEE.

The new Chairman Commissioner Campbell was reelected as the representative to the Fire Brigade Committee.

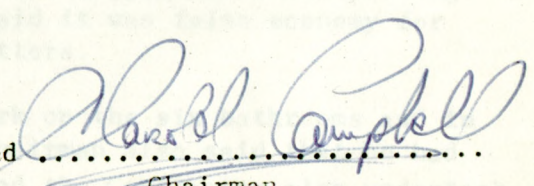
Commissioners Burke and Brown raised questions regarding meetings of the Fire Brigade Committee, and equipment to fight fires in the Tuam Station and Mr. Howlett promised to bring this to the notice of the Committee. He also promised to have further details re this for the next meeting.

## PROFOSAL TO HAVE SEAT COVERED.

Now that he was no longer Chairman Commissioner Keane requested that the seat for the Chairman be covered as all the other seats for the members was covered. He suggested that some kind of padding or a cushion provided for the Chairman's seat for future meetings.

That concluded the business of the meeting.

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## MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON TUESDAY

JUNE 6th AT 8 o'clock.

PRESENT. Chairman Commissioner Keane.

Vice-Chairman Commissioner Campbell.

Commissioners, O'Connell, Joyce, Stapleton, Burke, O'Mara.

IN ATTENDANCE.

Mr K. Doyle. Acting Asst Co. Manager.

Mr T. Gilmore. Town Clerk.

DEPUTATION FROM THEATRE GUILD.

The Chairman welcomed the members of the Theatre Guild and said the Engineer sent his apologies as he was unable to be present, Mr Joe Donoghue for the deputation thanked the Commissioners for their interest in the group, he also thanked the town engineer, the Guild had plans for setting up a Cultural and Civic centre in their part of the Town Hall and this was discussed at length and the Asst Co. Manager said that while some grant might be available for such work most of the money would have to come from the Guild's funds. All the Commissioners said they would be willing to give any help possible to the Theatre Guilds efforts and it was decided that the group come back to the board with more definite proposals from their architect before the annual Estimates meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday May 2nd were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner O'Connell seconded by Commissioner Campbell, the minutes of the special meeting held on May 2nd were adopted on the proposal of the Chairman Commissioner Keane seconded by Commissioner Joyce.

NEW ESTATES.

The Chairman spoke about the terrible condition of the road at Mill Stream Pk; and Commissioner Burke asked what was the legal position re a developer who would leave an estate in such a disastrous condition, Commissioner O'Connell also asked who was responsible for the road condition there and the Manager said it was the contractor's job and in reply to Commissioner Campbell's suggestion about putting together a guide for house buyers re this Mr Doyle said it was false economy for people not to employ their own solicitor in those matters.

BATHROOMS

The Asst Co. Manager read Mr Gibbons report on the work on the six bathrooms and in reply to questions from Commissioner Stapleton the Chairman also said that he had been with Mr Gibbons on his inspection of the work and the Contractor also undertook to have the bathrooms completed in July.