

Tuam Town Commissioners

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NATIONAL WAGE AGREEMENT

On the proposal of the Chairman Commissioner Keane seconded by Commissioner Kelly the board approved of the excess expenditure of £600 to implement the Employer Trade Union National Wage Agreement 1978.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Commissioners approved of granting the increase in subscription to the Municipal Authorities Association further to a recent letter from the association. Acceptance of the increase was proposed by Commissioner Stapleton seconded by Commissioner Joyce.

The Chairman Commissioner Keane read a letter from Mr Frank Dempsey re the visit to Tuam of a party of Spanish ~~xxxxxxx~~ students and it was decided to write to Mr Dempsey and discuss the matter further at the next meeting. It was also decided that Commissioners Burke and the Chairman Commissioner Keane would represent the board at the meeting with C.I.E. in Galway on the following Monday.

FOOTPATHS

Further to Commissioner Joyce's motion re footpaths at Dunmore Rd; it was decided that the Town Clerk send a letter to the Co. Engineer re this matter and also that a letter be sent to him re Commissioner O'Connell's suggestion re seats in the Tuam graveyard.

The engineer and his men were thanked for the work they did before the Corpus Christi parade in the St Joseph Pk; area.

TRAFFIC

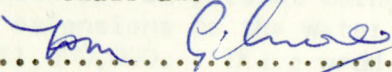
On the suggestion of Commissioner Burke it was decided to send a letter to ask that to help avoid problems with traffic that next time the post-primary schools were releasing ~~xxxxxx~~ pupils for a half-day before holidays that if possible they be released on a Thursday and not on Friday as happened that month.

CONGRATULATIONS

The Commissioners congratulated the Pulse Co. on the start of the extension to their factory at Dunmore Rd;

Signed 

Chairman.



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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON FRIDAY, 12TH
MAY, 1978 AT 8.00 p.m..

Present: Chairman; Commissioner Keane.
Commissioners Joyce, Stepleton, O'Connell, O'Mara.

In attendance: Mr. K. Doyle, Acting Asst. Co. Manager. Mr. T. Gilmore, Town Clerk.

EXTENSION OF BOUNDARY

Commissioner Joyce produced a map and outlined his proposals for the extension of the boundary and stated that in preparing this plan, he was looking ahead for up to 100 years to cater for anticipated development in Tuam.

The Asst. Co. Manager stated that as Town Commissioners, he could see no grounds for extending the boundary but that if the Council wished to go ahead with its application for urbanisation, it will be necessary for the purpose of calculating impact on rates, etc. to decide on the proposed extent of the urban district and of its boundaries. He suggested that the Commissioners' application for urbanisation and for the extent of the boundary should be based on the area enclosed with the draft development plan for Tuam which has been prepared by the County Council and which would, if adopted, as the urban area extend the present Commissioners area from 603 acres to 3,100 acres.

Mr. Doyle stated that if the large area proposed were to become an urban district, it would create considerable pressures for development on the outer boundaries while possibly leaving land undeveloped much nearer to the town. He also stated that if it became necessary later to extend the boundary that there is a relatively simpler procedure provided by law which provides for an application to be made to the Minister for an Order extending the boundary. **After a discussion boundary recommended by the Asst Co. Manager was agreed on.**

URBANISATION

The Asst. Co. Manager stated that the necessary preparation would now be undertaken for examining what the financial and other consequences would be of becoming an urban district. He pointed out that this would involve the new urban council, if established, taking over certain liabilities existing in respect of services provided in the town by the County Council and also undertaking the provision of further services in the town which are at present being planned. He mentioned that proposed improvements and extensions to the water and sewerage services in the town are estimated to cost £1,400,000. There would also be the problem of providing new offices, employing additional staff, etc.. He stated that it would not be possible to give a time within which the application for urbanisation could be dealt with but that it was unlikely that it would be

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decided before the next local elections.

Signed:

Garrett Keane
Chairman.

Town Clerk:

Tom Gilmore
Town Clerk

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING

ON TUESDAY MAY 2nd 1976 at 8 o'clock

PRESENT: CHAIRMAN Commissioner Keane.
Vice-Chairman Commissioner Campbell.
Commissioners, Joyce, O'Connell, Stapleton,
O'Hara.

The minutes of the April meeting were read and approved on the proposal of Commissioner Joyce seconded by Commissioner Keane, Chairman.

SYMPATHY.

The Chairman and Commissioners passed a vote of sympathy with former member P.M. O'Connor on the death of his wife and decided to send a Mass Card to the family.

REPARATION/EXPANSION OF BOURNE

It was decided to hold the meeting on this subject on Fri May 12th

NEW ESTATES.

Commissioners Kelly, Stapleton and O'Hara raised questions re the delay in lighting the new estates, the Chairman mentioned if people were to hold some of the money due to the builder until work was finished and the Asst Co. Manager said he would need to employ a solicitor in these matters.

BATHROOMS

Commissioners Kelly and Stapleton said the delay in finishing the bathroom was a disgrace, the Chairman asked if the Engineer was in a position to inspect them and Mr Gibbons read a report from the Engineer of work on this matter. Commissioner Kelly spoke about the delay in this and he and Commissioner Stapleton were told by the Engineer the bathroom refused to accept that they were so near completion.

BY-LAWS

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PARKING EYE-LAWS.

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The minutes of the special meeting held on Wed April 5th were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Stapleton seconded by Commissioner Joyce HUNGER STRIKE.

In a letter read to the board the three hunger strikers thanked all who had helped and gave apologies to the Asst Co. Manager for any inconvenience caused by the occupation of the Town Clerk's office during the strike.

Mr Doyle accepted this and said he had to do what he thought was in the best interests of the Commissioners. Letters of support were read from Ballina, Loughrea, Tullamore, Ballinasloe and Westport Urban Council and from former Asst Co. Manager Mr John Stewart and it was decided to send a letter of thanks to the Minister for Finance, the Chairman of C. I. E. the Chief Executive of the Sugar Co., Mr C. MacGiolla Ri, The Archbishop and Mr Tom Hussey and Mr Mark Killilea T.D.'s.

The Commissioners paid tribute to the hunger strikers on what they had achieved, the Chairman Commissioner Keanes said it was only in years to come people will see the real affects of what was gained by the strike. The press and T.V. were also thanked for their part.

EXPENSES.

The Chairman and Commissioners complained about the out-of-pocket expenses they were forced to pay to attend meetings in Dublin etc and the Asst Co. Manager said he would see what could be done about this. It was proposed by Commissioner Kelly seconded by Commissioner Joyce that this matter be raised at the Municipal Authorities meeting.

NATIONAL MANPOWER SERVICE.

The Chairman called for a full-time National Manpower Service for Tuam and it was decided to write to the Minister for Labour that as there were five finishing schools in Tuam the need was there for a full-time National Manpower office. Commissioner Kelly also said the Council should move some of their offices to Tuam..

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations were extended to Mr Peter Barrett, on the success of his essay on Denmark and to the St Jarlath's team on their success.

OPENING OF FOSS ELECTRIC

Commissioner O'Connell said the board had been slighted by not being invited to the opening and it was bad form when the Chairman had to look for an invitation, The chairman said they seemed to have been given an out of date list of names for the invitations.

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DENTAL SERVICE.

It was decided to write again to the Western Health Board re the lack of dental service for children at The Grove Hospital also that Mr Hannon C.E.O meet the Chairman and Commissioner Kelly on this matter and request the setting up of a blood pressure clinic in Tuam.

NO. PARKING SIGN AT FIRE STATION.

IN reply to a question from Commissioner Stapleton re parking outside the Fire Station the Asst Co, Manager said that Firemen had extraordinary powers to move these in emergencies and Commissioner Burke thanked the Council for the recent provision of cutting equipment at Tuam station he stressed the need for breathing apparatus as well.

ST JOSEPH'S PARK

Commissioner Kelly and Stapleton spoke about landscaping the St Joseph Pk; area and Commissioner O'Mara asked if something could be done with the footpaths in this area for the forthcoming Corpus Cristi parade ..

Signed.....
Chairman.

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Town Clerk.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr K.Doyle Acting Asst; Co.Manager.
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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON
APRIL 5th 1978 AT 7.p.m.

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

IN ATTENDANCE.

Mr K.Doyle. Acting Asst; Co.Manager.
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In opening the meeting the Chairman Commissioner Keane said the reason for it was to discuss the decision of two members of the board plus a member of the Chamber of Commerce to go on hunger strike because of the closure of Erin Foods and the downgrading of the railway link to Tuam. Regarding the venue for their strike Commissioner Kelly asked about the public liability on the Town Hall in such an event.

The Acting Asst; Co.Manager Mr Doyle said that among the problems was the fact that it was not a Town Commissioners function to use the Town Hall for this purpose, it would disrupt the workings of the Town Clerk, it would cause additional security problems because of the number of people who would start entering the office and the need arose for public liability insurance because of the danger of an accident.

Commissioner Joyce commented if additional insurance was needed that it be got and this was seconded by Commissioner Stapleton.

Commissioner Burke one of the hunger strikers suggested getting other accomodation for the Town Clerk for the duration of the strike, he said both he and Commissioner Campbell and Mr Brian McNamara the other strikers had the interests of the people of Tuam at heart and the people put the commissioners there, he thought the points raised re security etc were of a minor nature,

Mr Doyle commented that he never interfered with the workings of the Commissioners only to advise them on what was right and what was wrong, this decision did not involve the Commissioners ~~as~~ or the Co.Council as the three people were taking the decision as individuals, it was a private decision as they had not consulted the board in advance and if they were granted permission by the board it would then be open for any other three individuals to do likewise, the Commissioners were also not authorised to pay the extra insurance for such an event.

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Commissioners Burke and Campbell said the former question was un-reasonable, they said they wanted a return of the rail service and a stay of execution on Erin Foods until further investigations were carried out. Commissioner Browne said the Erin Foods issue was un-realistic as it was now getting late for people to plant potatoes and he was backed by Commissioner Kelly in his question if they planned to fast to death.

Commissioner Browne said he would not be involved in a death pact and and he would not support something that might end in failure in two or three days making fools of themselves and their supporters, he was also against it on medical grounds and he felt a lot of people did not agree with this step.

Commissioner Campbell said neither he or Commissioner Burk or Mr McNamara could be switched off doing what they decided, Commissioner Burke said they had a deep commitment not to disgrace the Commissioners but they also had given serious thought to the danger of death if their attempt failed to get the support of the people and bend the powers.

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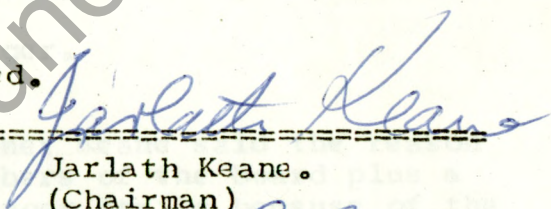
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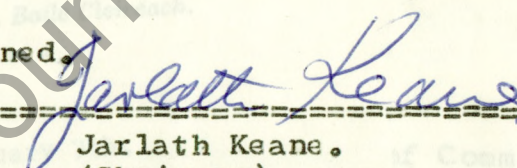
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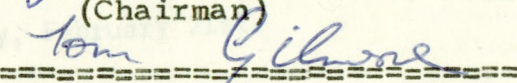
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Jarlath Keane.
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HELD ON TUESDAY

To each Town Commissioner.

A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on Tuesday, March 7th at 8.00 p.m.

Stapleton. Kelly

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

..... Tom Gilmore Baile Cleircach.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of meetings held on Tuesday, February 7th.
2. Minutes of Special Meeting held on Tuesday, February 21st.
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April 4th at 8.00.p.m.

PRESENT. Chairman Commissioner Keane.

Vice-Chairman Commissioner Campbell.

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

IN ATTENDANCE. MR K.Doyle. Acting Asst; Co.Manager.

Mr J.Gibbons. Asst; Co.Engineer.

Mr T.Gilmore. Town Clerk.

The minutes of the March meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Joyce seconded by Commissioner Stapleton.

ESTATES

Commissioner Browne suggested that an iron ladder be put in the wall at the river in the Curragh Pk; estate and Mr Gibbons said he would look into this matter while Mr K Doyle reported some progress with lights in other new estates.

ERIN FOODS

Commissioner Stapleton spoke about Fianna Fail meeting re above and Commissioner Browne said he had been given information that could cause grave concern in Tuam in four or five years time.

TRAFFIC PLAN.

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HOUSING

Commissioners Kelly and Stapleton complained about the delay in building the bathrooms and the deplorable condition of some of the houses and it was decided that a letter be sent to Mr Bowman and Mr Hackett re this.

URBAN COUNCIL & EXTENSION OF TOWN BOUNDARY

In the discussion on Commissioner Joyce's motion re above the Asst Co. Manager said "the first question to be considered would be urbanisation and afterwards that of extending the boundary" he explained the details re urbanisation and the Commissioners thanked him for his interest and agreed to look further into the matter. It was proposed by Commissioner Keane (Chairman) seconded by Commissioner Campbell that they adopt Commissioner Joyce's motion and hold special meeting to discuss it further at a later date. The Chairman was appointed nominee to the board of Irish Public Bodies. The supplement to the April Agenda was adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Kelly seconded by Commissioner Burke.

HUNGER STRIKE

Commissioners Burke and Campbell made statements informing the board that along with Chamber of Commerce member Mr Brian McNamara they proposed to go on hunger strike as a protest against the closure of Erin Foods and the downgrading of the rail link to Tuam, they hoped to carry out their hunger strike in the Town Hall and also hoped that the board would back their decision.

Commissioner Browne was shocked by their statement, he didn't doubt their sincerity but could not agree with this extreme action, he suggested a refusal of all goods delivered by C.I.E. Commissioner O'Mara was also in agreement with Commissioner Browne. The Chairman Commissioner Keane said words could not describe his admiration for the courage of those three men who were willing to go on hunger strike for their town, in reply to questions he said they had informed him about it 24 hours earlier but had asked that it remain a secret until the monthly meeting that night. The wished the Commissioners to be the first to know about it and he proposed that the Town Hall be made available for their hunger strike.

Commissioner Stapleton seconded the Chairman's motion re above and said he was sure they would have the support of the traders in their hunger strike also. Commissioner O'Connell also expressed shock and asked that for the sake of their families that they re-consider their action.

Commissioner Joyce asked that they think it over as it would be their own health they would affect. Commissioner Kelly said if Mr Devlin in C.I.E. was as shocked on hearing this as they were then he would re-consider his decision to close the station, he asked them to hold off their action until after Thursday's meeting re this in Dublin.

Mr Doyle said that this action might be much more extreme than Tuam would expect of them

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~~Both~~ Commissioners Burke and Campbell said their minds were made up on this matter, they refused to hold off until after Thursday's meeting and said their strike would start at 7.30 on Wednesday evening, they said they had first considered this action last August and on hearing ~~for~~ of the proposed closure of Erin Foods in Jan they had decided to take this action. After much further discussion where several of the Commissioners complained about not having been given notice of this hunger strike prior to the meeting it was then decided to hold a special meeting re this matter on the following night Wed April 5th at 7.p.m.

PHONE DISPUTE

The Commissioners asked that a letter be sent to the Minister re the current telephone dispute and its affects on business in the west and the Chairman also referred to the 45,000 people waiting on the list for telephones.

Signed.

Jarlath Keane

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A G E N D A

1. Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday March 7th.
2. Urban Council.
3. Business submitted by the Asst. Co. Manager.
4. Correspondence.
5. Any Other Business.
6. Motion from Commissioner Joyce:- That the Commissioners formally adopt the act re the extension of the Town boundary.

be re-located in some of the less well lit areas of the town.

3. C.I.E.

The Chairman Commissioner Keane spoke about the problems being caused

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PRESENT. Chairman Commissioner Keane. Vice-Chairman Commissioner Campbell.

Commissioners:- O'Connell. Kelly. Joyce. Burke. Stapleton.

IN ATTENDANCE:- Mr T.Kavanagh, Acting Co.Secretary.

Mr J.Gibbons. Asst; Co.Engineer.

Mr T.Gilmore. Town Clerk.

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In answer to questions from Commissioner Stapleton Mr Kavanagh and Mr Gibbons told the meeting that in the Abbey Trinity Estate it was now ready for taking over subject to lighting while the Developer had applied in the Curragh Pk; estate but there was a question here re a wall at the back of this estate which might be a danger to children. In Bel-Air Drive the developer had also applied while a number of things needed attention in the Park-View Drive estate before it was ready for taking over.

2. LIGHTS

Mr Gibbons informed the meeting that six or seven old lights would be re-located in some of the less well lit areas of the town.

3. C.I.E.

The Chairman Commissioner Keane spoke about the problems being caused

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by the C.I.E. delivery service from Claremorris and the Commissioners suggested that the Area Manager of C.I.E. meet them, Commissioner Burke spoke about a meeting on the following day with six major users of the C.I.E. service to the town to discuss other means of transporting goods into town. Commissioner Kelly and O'Connell said that C.I.E. should re-employ the two local men who had been doing the delivery service in the town in the past to transport the goods from Claremorris. After much discussion it was then decided that the Clerk write to the Area Manager of C.I.E. to arrange meeting between him and the Commissioners.

4. The minutes of the special meeting with the Mart officials were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Joyce seconded by Commissioner Stapleton while the minutes of the meeting re Erin Foods were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Campbell seconded by Commissioner Burke.

5. ERIN FOODS

The Chairman and Commissioners Stapleton and Kelly expressed disappointment at the outcome of the meeting re the closure of Erin Foods held by the farming organisations in the C.B.S, Commissioner Burke said the workers had taken the decision in a very quiet manner and the Chairman read a letter from Minister For State Tommie Hussy

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re the proposed closure where he stated he was not too ~~hopeful~~ hopeful of a change in that decision. Commissioner Campbell said people were far too quiet about the matter, some satisfied as long as their own job was secure, Commissioner Kelly raised the point about seasonal workers, Commissioner Burke said at their meeting with Mr Sheehy he was not let off the hook re this matter ~~and~~ and he said that as the Government had promised to back industry based on agriculture in their manifesto so it was now up to them to back that promise, Commissioner O'Connell spoke about raising the matter of running it on a co-op basis in the Dail. After much further discussion it was decided that letters be sent to the Minister for Finance and Minister for Agriculture to arrange a meeting with them re this matter.

6. TRAFFIC PLAN.

The Commissioners approved of the new one way street system and also the round-about arrangement at the Square incorporating the High Cross.

- (1) That Circular Road be retained as a one-way street (as existing) going from its junction with Dublin Rd; to its junction at Vicar St;
- (2) That Shop St; becomes a one -way street ; going south from its junction with Foster Place to The Square.
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Joyce from the Square to Abbey Trinity junction.

(4). That Church Lane becomes a one way street going south and west and Sawpit Lane a one way street, going north.

(5) That Foster Place becomes a one way street going East from its junction with Chapel Lane to its junction with Shop St:

(6). That Chapel Lane becomes a one way street, going North from its junction with High St; to its junction with Foster Place.

(7) That "Egans Lane" becomes a "no through road" with vehicular traffic stopped at its junction with Shop St: The adoption of the plan was proposed by Commissioner Kelly seconded by the

Chairman Commissioner Keane.

ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS ACT.

7. On the proposal of the Chairman seconded by Commissioner Kelly the board decided to adopt the Acceptance of Gifts Act 1945.

8. FAIR GREEN SITES.

On the proposal of Commissioner Kelly seconded by Commissioner Stapleton it was decided that the board sell 3.68 acres of the Fair Green to Galway Co. Council at the price of £9,750. The land to be used for 11 serviced sites. Commissioner Joyce suggested that the sites be allocated by pulling the names from a hat.

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Joyce it was decided to transfer the site at the Fairgree to the Catholic Boy Scouts of Ireland on a fine of £5 for Lease of 99 years plus a rent of £5 per annum.

13. NOTES OF BUSINESS.

10. URBAN COUNCIL

The Chairman explained that on talking to the Asst Co. Manager he was very interested in the proposal that they become an Urban Council and asked that the matter be held over until the next meeting.

Commissioner Joyce commented that he was delighted to see that at last the officials were taking a genuine interest in this matter.

11. CORRESPONDENCE.

The Chairman read letters from the Minister for Tourism and Transport re the closure of the railway, from Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Co; and also a letter re caravan parked at 15 Gilmartin Rd;

Further to a letter from Dr Maher Commissioner Kelly said the C.E.O had informed him that he had written to the matron at the Grove

Hospital, Tuam re the matter referred to in Dr Maher's letter - "Dental Extractions for children in Tuam".

The Chairman when speaking about this matter also referred to the fact that 14 to 16 year-olds were being left without medical cards.

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the new Foss Electric Factory that the Commissioners meet and have him sign the visitors book and that they also make a presentation to the Prince.

13. VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

Votes of sympathy were passed with the Connolly, Campbell and Clery families on recent deaths while it was decided that a letter be sent to Mr Hilton Edwards on the death of his friend Mr Micheal Mac Liamhair.

Signed.....

Jarlath Keane (Chairman)

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Tom Gilmore (Town Clerk)

This matter will be on the Agenda for the meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners which will be held on Tuesday, 7th March, 1978.

Yours faithfully,

W. Mannion.
Acting Town Clerk

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Town Hall,
Tuam,
CO. GALWAY.

24th February, 1978.

TO Each Member of the Tuam
Town Commissioners:

Dear Sir,

Formal notice under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 is hereby given of the intention to dispose of part of the Tuam Fair Green to the Trustees of the Tuam Committee of the Catholic Boy Scouts of Ireland as a site for the erection of a Scout Hall, viz:-

LAND TO BE DISPOSED OF: Plot of land - area 1 rood 20 square perches in the Townland of Townparks (1st Division) in the District Electoral Division of Tuam Urban, being part of Tuam Fair Green.

FROM WHOM ACQUIRED: Handcock Estate.

TO BE DISPOSED OF TO: Trustees of Tuam Committee of the Catholic Boy Scouts of Ireland.

CONSIDERATION: A Fine of £5 for Lease of 99 years plus a rent of £5 per annum.

- OTHER COVENANTS:
1. The land to be used for the purpose of erecting thereon a Hall for the Tuam Committee of the Catholic Boy Scouts of Ireland.
 2. The Chairman of the Tuam Town Commissioners or of the successors of the said Commissioners shall be a trustee on the Tuam Committee of the Catholic Boy Scouts of Ireland.
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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS RE THE CLOSURE OF ERIN FOODS. HELD ON TUESDAY FEB 21st AT 8 o'CLOCK.

Present Chairman Commissioner Keane.
Vice-Chairman Commissioner Campbell. COMMISSIONERS, Browne,
O'Connell, Stapleton, Joyce, Kelly
IN ATTENDANCE. Mr T.Gilmore. Town Clerk.

In opening the meeting the Chairman said the closure of Erin Foods would be a terrible loss to Tuam and the Commissioners all expressed shock at the decision to close down the potato plant. Commissioner Campbell said he was speaking both as a board member and as a very concerned individual and he made quotations from a very comprehensive report he had compiled on the closure and from the Fiana Fail manifesto he pointed out about the silence of the local T.D.'s on the matter and said if Tuam let this industry out of town Tuam would become a second class town and this would be only the start of what could lead to the closure of the Sugar Factory also. Commissioner Joyce said he too was shocked but he referred to an indifferent attitude among some of the younger farmers re the closure. Commissioner Browne was amazed at the move after hearing that C.S.E.T.O and Erin Foods had made a profit, as the Government owned 51% of the shares they had an obligation to the west to keep it open, he proposed that the board oppose the removal of any machinery from the plant. Commissioner Stapleton agreed with this and he was aware of moves made at the week-end to stop the closure, he was amazed that the employees were not given any notice about this shock decision to close the plant. Commissioner Kelly said the closure was a direct insult to the Minister for State Mr Hussey and the local T.D.'s especially the Fiana Fail ones should make a very firm protest to keep it open. Commissioner O'Connell said he too was shocked at the closure and said it was high handed by C.S.E.T.O that some of the T.D.'s knew nothing about the decision until it appeared in the papers, he said they were making moves behind the scenes to see that it be kept open. After much further discussion it was decided on the proposal of Commissioner Browne seconded by Commissioner Kelly that the Chairman contact the Minister of State Mr Tom Hussey in the morning and that the Chairman then make verbal contact with the members re a meeting with Mr Hussey if possible on the Sat night. Tributes were paid to the late Mr Tom Leo, a vote of sympathy was passed with his family and it was decided that the Town Clerk send a Mass Card to express the sympathy of the board to his relatives.

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Tom Gilmore (Town Clerk) Chairman
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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS WITH
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PRESENT.

The Chairman Commissioner Keane.

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Commissioners:- O'Connell, Burke, Kelly, Stapleton, Browne, Joyce.
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In conclusion the Chairman and Commissioners thanked the mart members for their co-operation in meeting the board and wished them well in the future.

Tom Gilmore
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Jackie Keane
Chairman $\frac{2}{3}$
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MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON
TUESDAY FEB 7th AT 8 o'clock.

PRESENT.

The Chairman Commissioner Keane.

Vice-Chairman Commissioner Campbell.

Commissioners:- Browne, Burke, O'Connell, Stapleton, Kelly, Joyce.
IN ATTENDANCE.

Mr K.Doyle. Acting Asst; Co.Manager.

Mr J.Gibbons. Town Engineer.

Mr T.Gilmore. Town Clerk.

The minutes of last months meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Stapleton.

NEW ESTATES

In reply to questions from Commissioners Stapleton and Kelly Mr Doyle said re the taking over of the new estates that they had no request in one estate but in two others he did say there was definite progress towards taking them over, he also stated the Council were not responsible for water and sewerage in those estates and re lighting it was ncessary for the developers to provide the lights etc.

Mr Gibbons said the third estate would also now be applying to be taken over by the Council.

Commissioner Browne asked if there was any point in the members seeing the developers and Commissioner Joyce suggested the Chairman and vice-Chairman meeting with the developers re setting a time limit on when the estates would be ready to be taken over.

LIGHTS.

Commissioner O'Connell suggested the transfer of some old lights in newly lit areas to some of the darker areas and in reply to Commissioner Kelly's question re extra bright light in one area Mr Doyle said this may be in use as a test by the E.S.B.

FOOTPATHS.

In reply to a question from Commissioner Browne Mr Doyle said the position if anyone was injured in a fall during work on the footpaths was that the P & T may accept responsibility while work is in progress.

TRAFFIC PLAN.

The Town Engineer Mr Gibbons presented a copy of a proposed new traffic plan for Tuam to each of the Commissioners and it was agreed

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to put this on the agenda for the next meeting.

TOWN CROSS.

It was decided that the Town Clerk should write to the Office of Public Works re looking into the present condition of the Town Cross.

TOWN STEWARD

Mr Doyle said as the Commissioners now had a lesser number of houses to maintain and as it was not provided for in the estimate he felt they should not re-introduce the post of Town Steward. Mr Gibbons said the appointment of a Co. Council overseer would mean more attention towards the Council's affairs in the town.

Commissioners Kelly and Browne suggested the combining of the job of Town Steward and Traffic Warden and the Chairman and Commissioner Joyce said to up grade the wages for this post, Commissioner Burke asked if women could also apply for the vacant post of School Warden and Mr Doyle said they could.

Commissioner Kelly also said the appointment of an overseer would mean one more post and better service for Tuam.

BOY SCOUTS.

Commissioner Stapleton raised the question re a loan for the Boy Scouts and Commissioner Kelly said they should help the Scouts in every way, he added that the town had not a decent hall to accommodate an event like the Municipal Authorities Association Conference and he would like the board to think about this matter.

Mr Doyle suggested a payment of £5 and a nominal rent charge ^{of £5} for the transfer of the site at the Fairgreen to the Boy Scouts, he said this would have to come before the board as a formal notice for their acceptance.

ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS

A copy of the Co. Council's form re acceptance of Gifts act was given to each member and it was decided to leave the matter over to the next meeting.

FAIR GREEN SITES

After some discussion Mr Doyle informed the Commissioners that re the sites at the Fairgreen it would be necessary to discuss the ~~development~~ development costs etc of those at the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Letters were read from the ~~Daoiseach~~ ^{Daoiseach}, the Minister for Tourism and Transport, the Minister for Economic Planning and the European Commissioner re the closure of the sundries service to Tuam Railway Station. An invitation was read from Tuam Branch Fine Gael to a seminar on the European Assemblies to be held in the C.B.S on Sun Feb 19th.

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MOTION RE PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO CLOSURE OF CIE SUNDRIES SERVICE

Commissioner Burke spoke at length on his motion, he expressed his dissatisfaction at the reply from the ministers, the Taoiseach and the European Commissioner and he asked the board to call on the Government for an independent public inquiry into the matter, he said no government should be allowed to duck issues such as this. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion and said it was just another move to downgrade the West in favour of the East. Commissioner Stapleton said moves should be made to abolish this 1958 act and people who were elected should be called upon to see that the passenger and goods service to Tuam was re-opened. Commissioner Browne also spoke at length on the subject and complained about the traffic problems being caused by the C.I.E. lorries and the delivery of goods at 6 and 7 in the evening. He asked the board to call on the Chamber of Commerce to arrange a day for the total refusal of all goods from C.I.E. in the town. Commissioner O'Connell referred to the loss of employment caused by the closure of the railway and Commissioner Kelly said C.I.E. were acting like the "Muppet Show" in their attitude to the needs of Tuam, he spoke about a delay of up to 16 days in the delivery of goods to the town, Commissioner Campbell said it might be playing into the hands of C.I.E. to refuse goods, he said to look for the public enquiry and to abolish the 1958 act first. Commissioner O'Connell said the matter would also be referred to at the Fianna Fail Ard Theis. After much discussion during which the possibility of a public protest meeting outside the church or in the Square, or getting a book of petitions for the people of the town to sign re the matter or to get the Community Council go house to house to gain more support were all discussed. It was decided that the Town Clerk write to the Minister for Tourism and Transport re getting a public inquiry into the closure of the passenger and goods service to Tuam Railway station.

MOTION RE URBAN COUNCIL.

Chairman Commissioner Keane spoke about his motion and said they would have a lot to gain by becoming an Urban Council, he asked for the Asst. Co Manager's views on this and that he look into the matter and ~~xxxx~~ get some data on it for the next meeting. Mr Doyle in his reply said he would do this and suggested a small committee to discuss the matter further. He also said it was necessary to withdraw £12,000 from the account with the A.C.C to ~~ixx~~ put in the Capital account in the Bank.

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POOL HALL

Commissioner Browne raised questions re planning permission for the Pool Hall at the Square and the age limit of young people attending it.

HOUSE AT McHALE Tce;

Commissioner Kelly read an add from the "Tuam Herald" re sale of house at 20 McHale Tce; Tuam, he asked the Asst Co. Manager to look into this matter urgently as the original sale of this house had never come back to the board for their approval. Along with the other Commissioners he said this matter had been glossed over in the past and the Asst Co. Manager said he would look into this urgent matter.

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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 Capavan 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.

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

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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 Clootooa 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 Commission 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 supply 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 ~~xx~~ sporting events and votes of sympathy were passed with the Grealish and Byrne families on recent bereavements. That concluded the meeting.

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Chairman.

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MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON

MONDAY JAN 3rd 1978.

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

IN ATTENDANCE.

Mr T. Kavanagh, Acting Asst; Co. Secretary.
Mr J. Gibbons, Asst Co. Engineer.
Mr T. Gilmore. Town Clerk.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY.

The meeting was adjourned for two minutes as a mark of respect to the late Mr Harry Finnegan. Tributes were paid to the work of Mr Finnegan by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, each Commissioner Mr Gibbons and Mr Kavanagh. The sympathy of the board was extended to the Finnegan and Kennedy families in their bereavement.

MEETING WITH C.I.E.

Commissioner Stapleton regreted that he could not be present for the meeting with C.I.E. in Galway and Commissioner Browne expressed dis-satisfaction with the attitude of the Chairman of C.I.E. towards the closure of the sundries service to Tuam, he regreted that no Council member was at the meeting and if the Dail had not been sitting on that day and the local T.O.'s were in a position to attend the meeting he felt Mr Devlin might not have got off so easily.

Commissioner Kelly also spoke about the way the meeting was called on the day that the Dail was in sitting and he agreed with Commissioner Browne that the Taoiseach and the Minister Martin O'Donoghue be contacted straight away regarding this situation.

Commissioner Burke said it had been the busiest Christmas in eight years at Tuam Railway Station, it was a waste of time talking to Mr Devlin but neither he or the Taoiseach or anybody else had the right to take ~~xxxx~~ those services away from the town. The Chairman Commissioner Keane said the board must do everything possible about this, Commissioner O'Mara said that now that this service was going it would affect the whole future of the town. Commissioner Campbell said that their backs were now to the wall and the board must think carefully about what they should now do, he

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suggested that the also write to the European Commissioner Mr Burke and request that he meet the board along with the Taoiseach and the Minister Mr O'Donoghue. Commissioner Joyce asked if they might get any adverse criticism re advance factories by suggesting that the town's lifeline the railway was closing. After much discussion it was decided that the Town Clerk write the following day to the Taoiseach, Mr O'Donoghue and Mr Burke to ask for a meeting between them and the deputation from the board, it was also suggested that the Chamber of Commerce and the I.D.A. be informed of any such meeting and that the Chairman call a special meeting of the board if those people were willing to meet the Commissioners to plan what action the deputation would take.

ABBAY TRINITY CAR PARK

Mr Gibbons informed the board that there had been no further progress re this but he was confident of early action re this Car Park.

NEW ESTATES

In answer to questions from Commissioners O'Mara, Kelly and Stapleton Mr Gibbons said while he did have some verbal applications they had not got any formal applications from developers re new Estates being ready for taking over by the council, it was decided that a letter be sent to the Council re this matter.

FOOTPATHS.

Commissioner Browne was critical of the the 'top brass' in the Post Office re the way they had ripped up footpaths in the town before Xmas, he said this was not to blame the workers in any way and he asked the Town Engineer to congratulate his workmen on the laying down of the new paths in good time. The Chairman said there should be more contact between the P&T and the Town Engineer and Mr Gibbons said the P&T did seek permission subject to some of the work being done on Sundays.

TRAFFIC BYE-LAWS.

Mr Gibbons produced a traffic plan for Tuam which he and the late Mr Finnegan had been working on, Mr Kavanagh informed the board re one set of Bye-Laws for traffic around the whole county and it was decided that when Mr Gibbons plan ~~xxx~~ was finalised the board would hold a special meeting to discuss it along with the Garda Superintendent.

TOWN STEWARD.

Commissioner Kelly called on the board to ask the Co Manager to re-introduce the post of Town Steward in Tuam, he

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felt that there was a lot of work for a Steward in Tuam and ~~the~~ when the position was done away with in the past it was a backward step, both he and the Chairman Commissioner Keane asked for the Engineers views on this.

Mr Gibbons said that while a man was needed for this type of work some of his duties might not be Commissioners work and he suggested a Council overseer to take care of the Commissioners duties also. Commissioner Burke also said that ~~the~~ he should also be given the job of school warden and it was decided to put it on the agenda for the next meeting.

POST OFFICE.

Commissioner Stapleton commented on the overcrowding at Tuam Post Office, he suggested that when the Telephone exchange was moved from the P.O. that the office be extended to give more counter space, it was also suggested to put the public telephone outside the P.O. and that the Clerk should write to the Dept; about those matters.

ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS.

Mr Kavanagh informed the Commissioners that the Co.Council would do a draft to enable the board to adopt the Acceptance of Gifts Act 1945.

A.C.C.

It was decided the the Chairman and Commissioner Browne should call on the local A.C.C. office re intrest from the board's investments

MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER BURKE.

Commissioner Burke spoke on his motion that "this board do their part to make Tuam the recognised centre for potatoes in Ireland", he suggested the setting up of a potatoe marketing board in Tuam, he added that we are talking in the region of 1,000 jobs, he suggested a meeting between the farming community and the Factory.

Commissioner Campbell thought it a good idea but it would be better to sift around in other areas first, moving out into the open might cause Tuam to loose out on something. Commissioner O'Mara did not think it a good idea to bring the farmers and the factory together for such a meeting and Commissioner Browne said he had read of late that the grading of potatoes would be implemented in the near future so he said to tread very carefully in this matter. After much discussion it was decided that a letter be sent to Mr Collins in C.S.E.T.O re meeting the board.

Signed *John Keane*

Chairman

Tom Gilmore
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Town Clerk.

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