



TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS



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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

TUAM CLERK'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

3rd January, 1990

Tel. 093-24246

To each Town Commissioner

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The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

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Wednesday, 10th January, 1990 at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

..... *Angela Holian* Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Minutes

Manager's Business

Approval of increases in Salaries and Pensions

Correspondence

Filling of Vacancy

Notice of Motion - M. O'Grady

"That this Board give the lead in demanding that Tuam Stadium be retained as one of 3 or 4 venues where Connaught Football finals will continue to take place".

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CIVIC RECEPTION

ENTERPRISE DRAW - 11.15 A.M.

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Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Clerk

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John Flaherty
CHAIRMAN

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

TUAM CLERK'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

29th November, 1989

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 5th December, 1989

5th December, 1989, at 8.00 p.m.

Present: Chairman: John Flaherty

Commissioners: M. O'Grady, J. O'Mara, F. Biggins, J. Burke
P. M. Stapleton, M. Kelly,

The prayer was recited.

The Chairman proposed a vote of Sympathy on the death of Commissioner Gay Browne.

All present paid tribute to the late Commissioner Browne who was a member of the Board for 36 years and was Chairman on a number of occasions. He was described as a man of wisdom, sincere and charitable at all times and an outstanding spokesman for Tuam. The Chairman proposed adjournment of the meeting for 1 month as a mark of respect to the late Commissioner Browne. Commissioner Stapleton seconded.

A vote of Sympathy as also passed with the following Families:

Holian Family, Athenry road on the death of Mary
Maloney Family, Bishop Street on the death of Jim
Cunningham Family, Belclare on the death of Anthony
McGrath Family, Parkmore on the death of Dermot
Farragher Family, Ballygaddy road on the death of Sybina
Davin Family, Lisavalley on the death of John
Corless Family, Dunmore road on the death of John
Holland Family, Galway on the death of Brendan
Kennedy Family, Limerick on the death of D. P. Kennedy

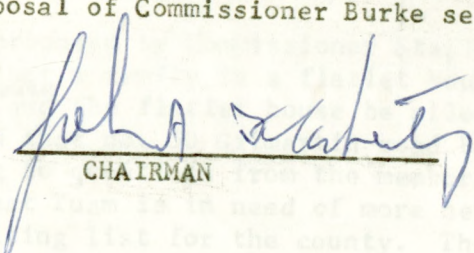
The meeting was declared adjourned and all joined in a prayer for the souls of the deceased.

Correspondence:
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Recorded by:
Ela Holian,
Clerk

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CHAIRMAN

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- Set date for January meeting

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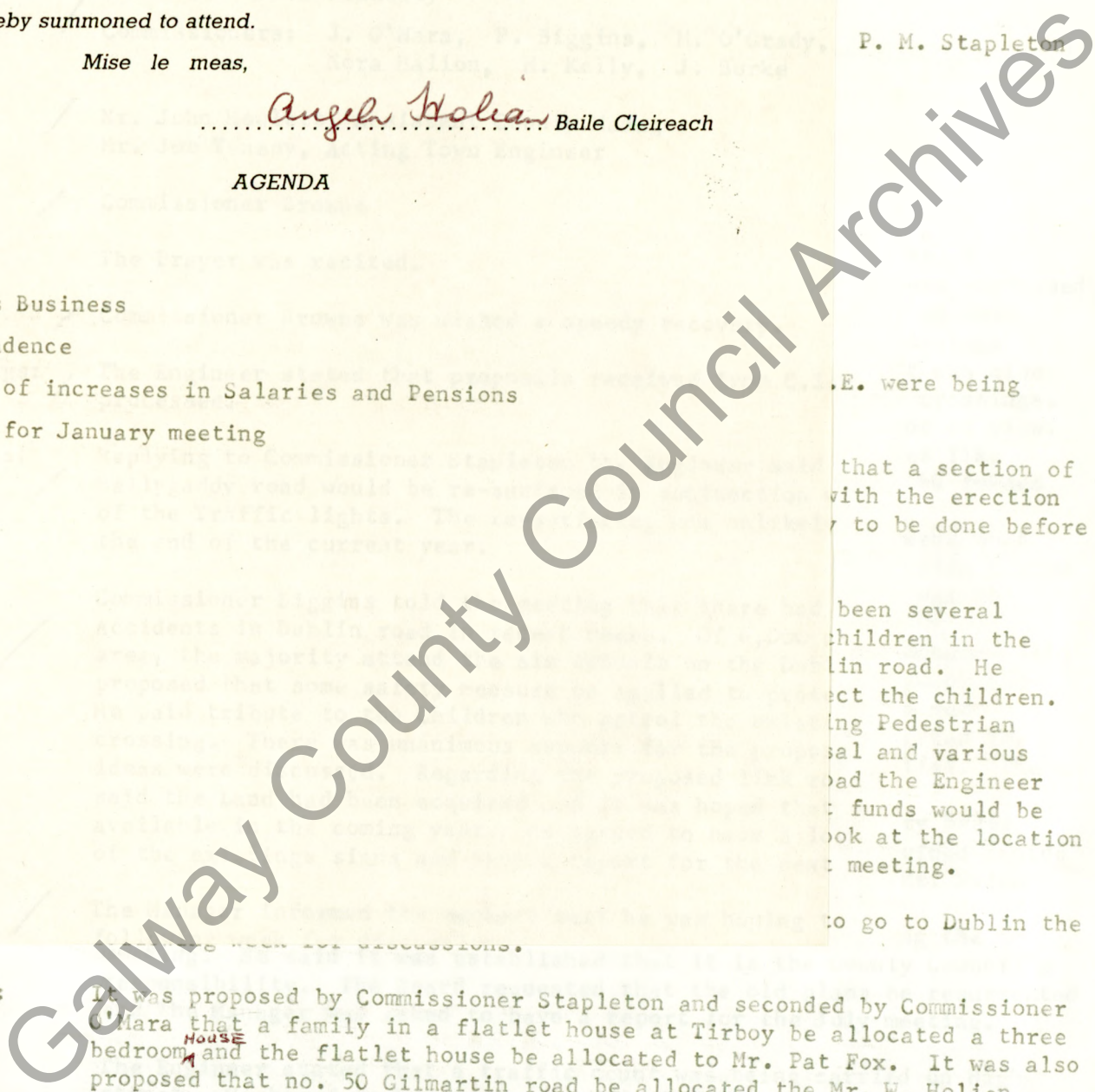
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The members requested that three houses at Gilmartin road (Nos. 37, 38) be re-acquired and re-let. The Acting Assistant County Manager said he couldn't give an undertaking to re-acquire them but the matter would be examined.



TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

28th June, 1989

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 7th November, 1989

- Present: / Chairman: John Flaherty
Commissioners: J. O'Mara, F. Biggins, M. O'Grady, P. M. Stapleton
Nora Halion, M. Kelly, J. Burke
- Officials: / Mr. John Howlett, Assistant County Manager
Mr. Joe Tansey, Acting Town Engineer
- Apology: / Commissioner Browne
- The Prayer was recited.
- Minutes: / Commissioner Browne was wished a speedy recovery.
- Road Crossings: / The Engineer stated that proposals received from C.I.E. were being processed.
- Traffic Lights: / Replying to Commissioner Stapleton the Engineer said that a section of Ballygaddy road would be re-surfaced in conjunction with the erection of the Traffic lights. The re-surfacing was unlikely to be done before the end of the current year.
- Dublin Road: / Commissioner Biggins told the meeting that there had been several Accidents in Dublin road in recent weeks. Of 4,000 children in the area, the majority attend the six schools on the Dublin road. He proposed that some safety measure be applied to protect the children. He paid tribute to the Children who patrol the existing Pedestrian crossing. There was unanimous support for the proposal and various ideas were discussed. Regarding the proposed link road the Engineer said the Land had been acquired and it was hoped that funds would be available in the coming year. He agreed to have a look at the location of the existings signs and have a report for the next meeting.
- Stand: / The Manager informed the members that he was hoping to go to Dublin the following week for discussions.
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To each Town Commissioner.

28th June, 1989.....

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on Tuesday, 4th July, 1989..... at 8.00 p.m.

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Manager's Business

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday, 6th June, 1989

- ent: Chairman: J. O'Mara
Commissioners: M. Kelly J. Flaherty F. Biggins G. Browne
N. Halion P. M. Stapleton J. Burke
- cials: Mr. Edmund Gleeson, Acting Assistant County Manager
Mr. Joe Tansey, Acting Town Engineer
- ogy: Commissioner O'Grady
- The Prayer was recited.
- The Chairman welcomed Mr. R. Nolan, Regional Manager and Mr. R. Garvey, Irish Rail to the Meeting. The Chairman and members expressed concern at the dangerous condition of the level crossings at both Vicar Street and Galway Road, the delay in having both crossings widened and having new gates installed at Galway road. It was also felt that some kind of pathway should be provided at both crossings. Mr. Nolan said both crossings are safe from a railway point of view. C. I. E. had agreed with Galway County Council to put gates like Ballindine at the Galway road crossing. The scheme would be funded by Galway County Council.
- The Engineer stated that he had met with Irish Rail Engineers that day. The proposal of two years ago is to be re-activated with a view to having somethin done at Vicar Street this year. There was no definite committment re: funds.
- Re: The Galway road crossing the Acting Assistant County Manager said the County Council had no finance, (estimated cost is £90,000) but would be seeking a National Primary grant. It is hoped to get additional funds from the structural fund. Money is allocated for specific jobs and the County Council have a long waiting list. The Department decides on the Allocations.
- Commissioner Burke asked if it was possible, on a temporary basis, in the interest of pedestrians, to have a wicket gate provided inside the gate at Halligans side of the Galway road crossing. Mr. Nolan undertook to look at the suggestion.
- The Chairman thanked Mr. Nolan and Mr. Garvey for attending the meeting. He said it was established that it is the County Council's responsibility. The Board requested that the old plans be resurrected and the Manager was asked to have a report for the July meeting.
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The Board again called on the County Council to implement the rules and regulations and persue where animals are wandering. The Engineer said he hoped to put some fencing around the green area at Tirboy inside the next two or three weeks. Removal of unoccupied caravans will continue. The matter of wandering animals will be persued.

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Still no word from the Department of the Environment re: the Scheme to refurbish the houses at Gilmartin road. The People of St. Enda's ave/Gilmartin road area were complimented on how well the area looked for the procession.

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er: ✓

Replying to the members the Acting Assistant County Manager said the water charges are due to the County Council and the County Council has a legal right to disconnect water for non-payment. The County council will continue to send Bills. They are available to deal with anybody who has problems. There is a waiver scheme. He also said the plans for the new water scheme are going ahead. Replying to the members the Engineer said the taste in the water was due to inadequacy of supply. He said supplies were dangerously low and he appealed to people to conserve water.

re Guild: ✓

The Acting Assistant County Manager told the members that the Rates issue had been resolved, also the Lease had been returned.

The Minutes of the May meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Stapleton seconded by Commissioner Flaherty.

l Meeting: ✓

It was agreed on the proposal of the Chairman and seconded by Commissioner Stapleton that the Annual Meeting be held on Tuesday 4/7/'89. This is also the date of the monthly meeting.

spondence: ✓

Letters were received from the following:

1. National Commemoration Day Association - read
2. Monaghan Urban District Council - There was unanimous agreement for the following resolution: "That this Council states it's opposition to the introduction of a property tax while the exist- ing tax structure remains in place".
3. Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland - Motions for Annual Conference.

e Grounds: ✓

The Chairman called on the County Council to maintain the Palace Grounds also the Green areas at St. Joseph's Park and Demesne Cottages. He paid tribute to the Tidy Towns Committe also the Residents Associations. Commissioner Biggins asked that grass at the edge of footpaths on the approach road into the town be removed. Commissioner Halion asked that fencing at the Curragh river be repaired. Commissioner Kelly appealed to people to refrain from dumping food into the letter box at the Square. Regarding the Green areas the Engineer replied that a new machine had been purchased. The Palace Ground were now at a managable stage.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

11th May, 1949

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A Vote of sympathy was passed with the following families:

- McNamara Family, Ballymote on the death of Tom
- Morris Family, Gardenfield on the death of John
- Long Family, Galway road on the death of Mrs. Long
- Frawley Family, Dublin road on the death of Kathleen Naughton
- Reidy Family, Ballygaddy road on the death of Alfred

This concluded the Meeting.

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Ma Holian,
Clerk

SIGNED:

John A. Flaherty
CHAIRMAN

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The members protested strongly at the present manner of collecting the water charges. During a lengthy debate the members related incidents where people who had paid their charges had the water cut off, also cases where people who got a waiver one year and were billed for the amount waived the following year, also people threatened with a charge of £150 to have the water re-connected. It was proposed by Commissioner O'Sullivan and seconded by Commissioner O'Grady that "The Board call on the Galway County Council to credit the re-connection fee (£150) to the persons account for the following year".

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

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To each Town Commissioner.

31st May, 1989

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The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on Tuesday, 6th June, 1989 at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

..... *Angela Nolan* Baile Cleireach.

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Minutes

Manager's Business

Level Crossings - Mr. Nolan, Irish Rail attending meeting

Correspondence

Approval of Vesting Order - change of name

SET DATE FOR Annual MEETING

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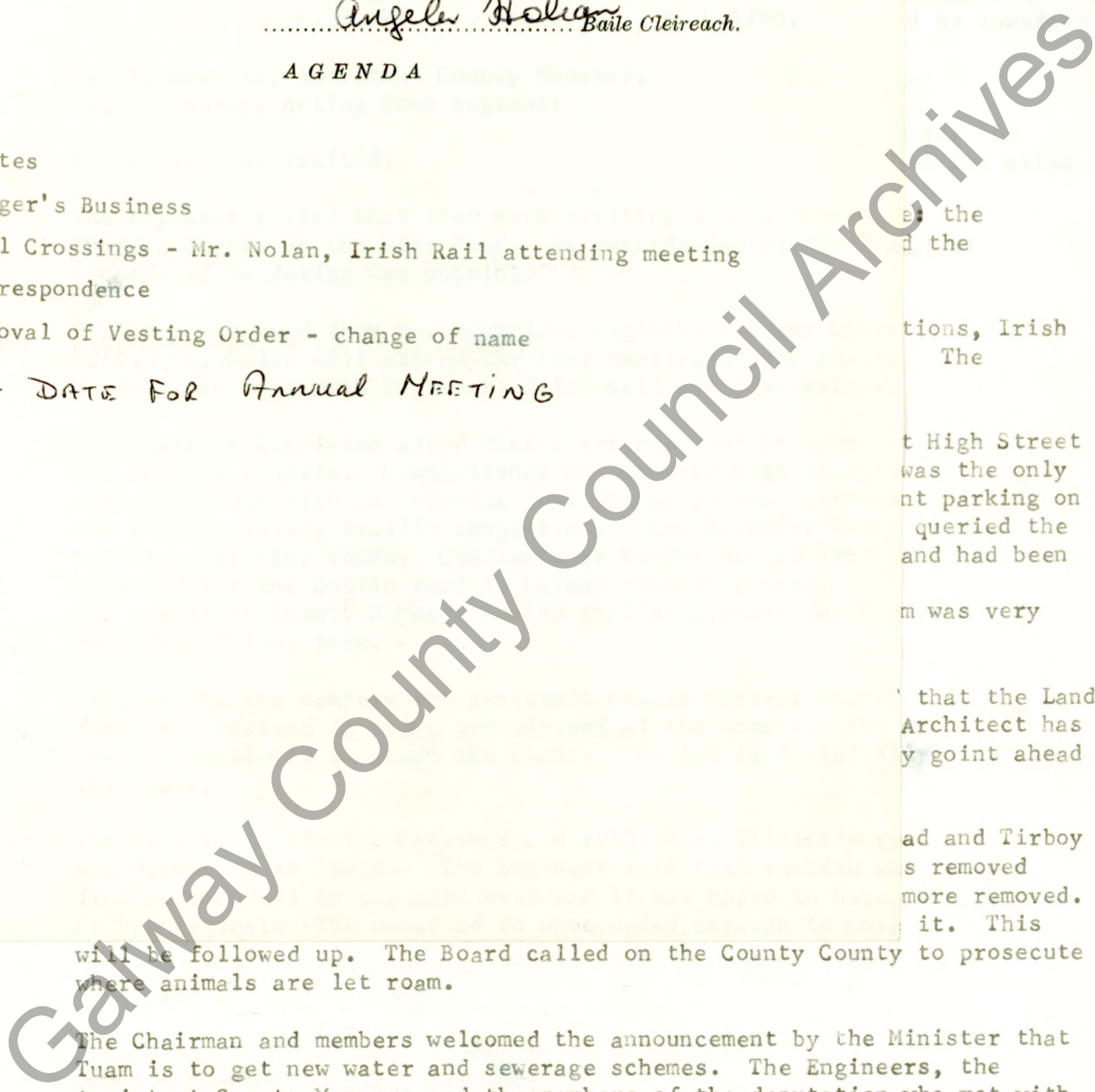
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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday, 2nd May, 1989

- sent: Chairman: J. O'Mara
Commissioners: F. Biggins, M. Kelly, P. M. Stapleton, M. O'Grady
J. Burke, J. Flaherty, N. Halion,
- icials: Mr. J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager,
Mr. J. Tansey, Acting Town Engineer
The Prayer was recited.
- utes: The Engineer stated that they were awaiting land purchase re: the
Traffic lights at the Weir Road. As regards Ballygaddy Road the
process of tendering was ongoing.
- el Crossings: A Letter was read from Mr. R. Nolan, Regional Manager Operations, Irish
Rail. Mr. Nolan will attend the June meeting of the Board. The
Engineer to meet with Engineer, Irish Rail for discussions.
- n Street: Commissioner Stapleton asked that a serious look be taken at High Street
re: two-way traffic. Commissioner Halion said High Street was the only
street in Tuam with no incoming traffic and so much permanent parking on
the street causing traffic congestion. Commissioner Kelly queried the
position re: Ring roads. Commissioner Burke stated that land had been
acquired for the Dublin road to Galway road ring road.
The Assistant County Manager stated that Ring roads for Tuam was very
much in the long term.
- istand: Replying to the members the Assistant County Manager stated that the Land
for the Hardstand is being transferred at the moment. The Architect has
been commissioned to start the plans. The job is definitely going ahead
this year.
- martin road/
rboy: The wandering animals, caravans and rubbish at Gilmartin road and Tirboy
was discussed at length. The Engineer said that rubbish was removed
from some houses in the past week and it was hoped to have more removed.
He had requested the owner of an unoccupied caravan to move it. This
will be followed up. The Board called on the County Council to prosecute
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Stapleton and seconded by Commissioner O'Grady that "The Board call on
Galway County Council to credit the re-connection fee (£150) to that
persons account for the following year".

Replying the Assistant County Manager said that the system of collection in Tuam is County wide. There were heavy arrears of water charges in the Tuam area. The Demands were sent out with a circular advising people of the waiver scheme, also warning that the water was liable to be cut off if the charges are not paid. A second warning was being sent out at a later date. The fee of £150 for re-connection was costed. He said the majority of people pay regularly. Specific complaints would be investigated.

The Manager was asked to have a report for the next meeting.

Theatre Guild:

The Chairman said he had spoken to the Theatre Guild people re: the Lease. The Manager advised that an application for waiver of the Rates by the Theatre Guild would be considered.

The Minutes of the April Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner O'Grady seconded by Commissioner Burke.

Correspondence:

Letters were received from the following:

1. Mr. Noel Treacy, T.D. re: Water - read.
2. The County Manager, Galway County Council - read

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A vote of sympathy was passed with the following Families:

- Maloney Family, St. Joseph's Park on the death of Pat
- Gilligan Family, Kilmore on the death of Mrs. Gilligan
- Meehan Family, Cladagh on the death of Mrs. N. Walsh

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by:
Ela Holian,
Clerk

SIGNED: *[Signature]*
CHAIRMAN

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of special Meeting held on Wednesday 26th April, 1989

sent:

Chairman: J. O'Mara

Commissioners: G. Browne, Nora Halion, M. O'Grady, F. Biggins
M. Kelly, P. M. Stapleton, J. Burke

icials:

Mr. E. Gleeson, County Secretary
Mr. Joe Tansey, Town Engineer

o:

Mr. William Cumming, Arch. O. P. W.
Mr. P. Heraghty, O. P. W.

Mr. Michael McGrath, Cross preservation committee
Mr. T. Claffey, Old Tuam Society
Mr. W. Mannion, Old Tuam Society

logy:

Commissioner Flaherty

The prayer was recited.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Cumming and Mr. Heraghty from the Office of Public Work and thanked them for attending the meeting.

Mr. Cumming said the Tuam High Cross which dates from the period 1126 - 1156 is showing marked signs of decay. The deterioration has been caused by a number of different factors: Continuous exposure to wind and rain has had the effect of wearing down the carved surfaces. There is also evidence of frost damage - where the water absorbed by the stone freezes and causes the surface to spall. Emissions from industries, vehicles and domestic buildings combine with water to form a mild acid. This acid chemically reacts with the stone and causes erosion. There is also the continuing possibility of the total destruction of the Cross by a truck or car crashing into it. He recommended that to ensure the preservation of the High Cross that it be moved indoors as soon as possible.

Replying to the members he said the Office of Public Work had carried out similar work on crosses at Cashel, Clonmacnois and Drumcliffe, Co. Sligo. It was also planned to move the stone at Newgrange (out for 5000 years) to an indoor location. It is hoped to move all the High Crosses eventually. The Cross would be erected indoors at St. Mary's. It originally came from the area of St. Mary's. He would not recommend erecting a replica so close to the original Cross as the replica would de-value the original.

Mr. Cumming said it was not within his power to finance a replica. Regarding the Cross at Cashel he said a replica was erected because the Cross was being moved from its original location. It was O. P. W. policy not to erect replicas where artifacts were not in their original location.

A deputation from the Cross preservation Committee and the Old Tuam Society was welcomed to the meeting. Mr. Michael McGrath, Cross preservation Committee said his committee didn't want the Cross moved from the Square. If it had to go a replica would have to be erected. If the Cross was indoors at St. Mary's people wouldn't be able to view it.

Mr. Tony Claffey, Old Tuam Society said the interior of St. Mary's was constructed in sandstone. The High Cross would upgrade this prime Tourist attraction. It would be in the right atmosphere with sufficient light and daylight conditions. As St. Mary's was a place of worship there would be no charge going in.

The Members all agreed the Cross must be replaced by a replica or something else of consequence. Commissioner Browne said a lot of people felt the Cross should remain at the Square and while one person objected to the move he would also object. Commissioner O'Grady proposed that a replacement be prepared before the Cross is moved. It was proposed by Commissioner Burke and seconded by Commissioner Biggins that the people of the town be asked for their opinions.

The Chairman said the general feeling of the people was that a replica should be erected. The Board would reserve their final decision until September, discuss the options, see about cost of replica etc.

Mr. Cumming pointed out that the job of moving the Cross would have to be done during the longest days. He said the O. P. W. had the finance available now to move the Cross. He asked that the O. P. W. be notified of the Board's decision before mid June.

It was resolved to insert the following notice in the Tuam Herald without delay and give a final decision to the O. P. W. following the June meeting: "Tuam Town Commissioners invite submissions from interested parties on the proposal to remove the High Cross to St. Mary's. Any such submission should be submitted to the Town Clerk before Friday, 12th May, 1989."

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by:
Ela Holian,
Clerk

SIGNED:

CHAIRMAN

TEAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

SPECIAL MEETINGS

CLERK'S OFFICE
TOWN HALL, TUAM

18th April, 1989

The Board held a special meeting on Tuesday 18th April, 1989 with Mr. T. Hyland, I.D.A. and Mr. C. Lynch, County Development to discuss "Future employment prospects for Tuam". Discussions ongoing with Goodman International. The following item of correspondence was dealt with: Consent to the sale of 43 Athenry road, Tuam, proposed by Commissioner Stapleton and seconded by Commissioner Burke.

AGENDA

The Members selected, Commissioners Browne, Burke, Flaherty and Kelly and the Town Clerk met with Mr. Fergeal Quinn, Chairman, An Post, on Friday 28th April, 1989. The plans for the refurbished Post Office in Tuam were discussed and it was hoped to have the work completed by the end of the year.

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A letter and the Architect's report on the High Cross was read. Also a copy of a letter from the representatives of the Church of Ireland to the County Manager, Galway County Council dated 18th February 1989, showing that the Representative Body agreed to the Commissioners of Public Works taking into guardianship the Cross of Tuam, subject of the condition that in the event of the Commissioners wishing to move the Cross from its present site it be re-erected in the burial ground of the Church of Ireland Cathedral in Tuam. A copy of a Deed was attached. A letter from Stone Developments Ltd. on the condition of the Cross was also read. It was finally agreed to invite a member of the Office of Public Works to a Public meeting, a short meeting with the Commissioners to take place first.

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To each Town Commissioner.

26th April, 1989

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday, 4th April, 1989

ent: Chairman: J. O'Mara

Commissioners: F. Wiggins, M. Kelly, P. M. Stapleton, M. O'Grady,
J. Burke, J. Flaherty, G. Browne, N. Halion

cial: Mr. E. Gleeson, Acting Assistant County Manager,
Mr. J. Tansey, Acting Town Engineer,

The Prayer was recited.

tes: The Engineer confirmed that Traffic lights will be erected on the Ballygaddy road at the junction with Milltown road. He also stated that the Traffic lights at the Weir road would be erected inside six weeks.

ay gates: The Engineer said that the County Council had received the request from the Commissioners and the matter is being considered. The Engineer was requested to look at the railway gates at Vicar street. It was also decided to invite the Area Manager, C.I.E. to a meeting to discuss the matter.

Street: ✓ The Engineer stated that the matter was tied up with the issue of the High Cross.

es at Martin road: The Acting Assistant County Manager said it was hoped to have some information in the very near future.

The question of animals and rubbish etc. was discussed at length. It was suggested that the Health Inspector visit the area on a weekly basis. The Engineer was asked to have abandoned caravans at Tirboy moved. Regarding a hardstand for Tuam the Acting Assistant County Manager said the matter has to go through the revision process. The Department had agreed in principle regarding the site. It is hoped to make a start this year. This item to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. The Engineer was asked to have a report re: Animals and rubbish for the next meeting.

The Chairman said it was hoped that a Deputation from the Board would meet the Minister on the 19th April. (This date has to be confirmed) Replying to Commissioner Stapleton the Engineer said there was no result yet from samples of water supplied at an earlier meeting.

Cross: A letter and the Architect's report on the High Cross was read. Also a copy of a letter from the Representatives of the Church of Ireland to the County Manager, Galway County Council dated 18th February 1960, advising that the Representative Body agreed to the Commissioners of Public Works taking into guardianship the Cross of Tuam, subject of the condition that in the event of the Commissioners wishing to move the Cross from its present site it be re-erected in the burial ground of the Church of Ireland Cathedral in Tuam. A copy of a Deed was attached. A letter from Stone Developments Ltd. on the condition of the Cross was also read. It was finally agreed to invite a member of the Office of Public Works to a Public meeting, a short meeting with the Commissioners to take place first.

The Clerk was instructed to send copies of above letters to the Community Council.

The adoption of the minutes of the March meeting was proposed by Commissioner Biggins seconded by Commissioner Stapleton.

the Guild: Commissioner O'Grady asked the Acting Assistant County Manager to investigate how the Theatre Guild had received a summons for non payment of Rates. The Manager stated that the Theatre Guild were the rated occupiers. He also stated that the Lease regarding the Town Hall had been sent to the Theatre Guild but had not been returned yet.

se tags: Commissioner Stapleton suggested that an outlet to sell refuse tags be selected in each area of the town. Commissioner Browne suggested that more people be employed for street sweeping etc.

spendence: Letters were received from the following:

1. Office of the Minister for Health - read
2. Mr. Desmond O'Malley, T.D. - read
3. Gleeson & Kean, Solicitors - Consent to the sale of 59 Tubberjarlath road to Daniel and Collette O'Connell was proposed by Commissioner Stapleton seconded by Commissioner Burke.
4. Gleeson & Kean, Solicitors - Consent to the mortgaging of 6 Tubberjarlath was proposed by Commissioner Burke seconded by Commissioner Stapleton.
5. The Secretary, Galway County Council - read
6. Mr. Alan Dukes, T.D. Ceannaire, Fine Gael, - read

Replying to Commissioner Stapleton the Engineer said that Road surfacing would take place at Bishop street and at the Milltown/Ballygaddy road later in the year.

thy: A vote of sympathy was passed with the following Families:

Biggins Family on the death of Mrs. Ann Martin
Colleran Family on the death of Mrs. Colleran
P. Fitzpatrick on the death of Mrs. McMahon
Rafferty Family on the death of Ailish
Connolly Family on the death of James
McDonagh Family on the death of Anne
Ms. May Daly on the death of Anne
Ms. Elizabeth Meagher on the death of Fr. William
Fr. Fergus on the death of Bishop Fergus
McGrath Family on the death of Bertie

This concluded the Meeting.

ded by:
a Holian,
Clerk

SIGNED:

Jimmy O'Mara
CHAIRMAN

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Tel.: 24246

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

To each Town Commissioner.

31st March, 1989

A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on Tuesday, 4th April, 1989 at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

Ruadh Nolean Baile Cleireach.

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Minutes

Manager's Business

Theatre Guild

Correspondence

Notice of Motion - J. Burke

I will request that Tuam Town Commissioners invite the Community Council to a meeting to discuss the report issued by the Office of Public Works, also that a copy of the report be sent to the Community Council immediately.

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Commissioners write to the Manager, Galway County Council, and request that £90,000 be sought from the Minister for the Environment for widening of the railway gates at Galway Road."

Street:

No Report:

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday, 7th March, 1989

Chairman: J. O'Mara

Commissioners: F. Biggins, M. O'Grady, G. Browne, M. Kelly,
P. M. Stapleton, J. Burke, J. Flaherty, N. Halion

Mr. J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager,
Mr. J. Tansey, Acting Town Engineer

The prayer was recited.

The Chairman welcomed a deputation from the Cross Preservation Committee. Mr. M. McGrath, spokesman, explained that their committee was formed as a result of a public meeting, for the purpose of exploring all possibilities of retaining the High Cross in its present position. They requested the Commissioners to rescind the decision to have the High Cross moved to St. Mary's, for 1 year. The Committee intend to get expert advice but conceded that if the experts insist the High Cross should be moved, they will be insisting on a replica at the Square.

A deputation was also received from the Old Tuam Society. Mr. T. Claffey, spokesman, said they had expressed anxiety about the condition of the High Cross, conveyed their anxiety to the Town Commissioners who in turn sought a remedy from the Office of Public Works. The Old Tuam Society welcomed the move to St. Mary's which would provide the Cross with shelter etc and preserve it for future generations. He urged the Town Commissioners to stand their ground on the decision, the condition of the Cross is precarious and if it fell it would be gone forever.

During the discussion which followed it was decided to write to the Office of Public Works and get a written report on the condition of the Cross, also to request a member of the Office of Public Works to a meeting of The Town Commissioners, The Old Tuam Society and the Cross Preservation Committee. It was also decided to contact Deputy Treacy, Minister of State and invite him to a meeting to discuss funding re: a replica.

Replying to the members the Engineer said he had conveyed the concern of the Board to the County Council and the matter is under investigation. Traffic Lights are being considered for this junction.

The Engineer said he had looked at the positions marked out by the Firm supplying the lights. The poles will be relocated and work will start in the near future.

The Engineer stated that the estimate of the cost of widening the gates was £90,000. There was no indication of when the work would be carried out. There was unanimous support for the following proposal: "That Tuam Town Commissioners write to the Manager, Galway County Council, and request that £90,000 be sought from the Minister for the Environment for widening of the railway gates at Galway Road."

No Report:

at Gilmartin Rd: The Manager stated that a report and survey had been completed and sent to the Department of the Environment. He hoped to have some information for the next meeting.

The Engineer was asked to have a look at hedges at Togher Road also Birmingham Road.

The Chairman and members welcomed the County Engineer's Report on the Water. The Manager stated that the Minister was out of the country but Deputy Kitt had been written to re: a deputation to the Minister.

The Engineer stated that he had no results of the analysis of samples of water supplied at the previous meeting. He also said that the water was cut off at Church view that week because of a fractured Main.

The Minutes of the February Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Stapleton seconded by Commissioner Kelly.

pendence:

Letters were received from the following:

1. I.D.A. and County Development. A Meeting will be held on 18th April, 1989.
2. Westport Urban District Council. There was strong support for the following resolution "That Westport Urban District Council call on the Minister for Education to (a) withdraw sections 7 and 8 of the circular 8:88 which gives the Department of Education alone the power to determine whether or not a student may repeat a year of post-primary school, and which restricts the grounds upon which a repeat year may be undertaken, and (b) drop the £200 charge for repeating the Leaving Certificate examination".
3. Carlow Urban District Council. There was unanimous support for the following resolution: "Carlow U.D.C. expresses its deep concern at the refusal of the Fianna Fail Government to allocate adequate finance for the construction of Local Authority Housing, especially in rural urban areas and believes that it is now Government policy either deliberate or by design to force young married couples to emigrate."
4. Mr. Alan M. Dukes, T.D., - read.
5. Mr. M. Ginley, Manchester, - read.
6. Institute of Public Administration re: Property Tax - read.

of Motion:

Commissioner Browne spoke on his Notice of Motion re: a Legal Advisor. He said it was hard for a solicitor to advise both parties, eg: Water Rates. He asked the members to consider the motion for 1 month. The Manager pointed out that the County Solicitor has, as a condition of his appointment, to act for Tuam Town Commissioners. It was then proposed that the Town Commissioners appoint their own Solicitor when in disagreement with Galway County Council. There was unanimous support for this proposal.

Engineering Areas:

Replied to questions from the members the Manager said a proposal to merge the Tuam and Milltown Engineering areas was put to the last meeting of Galway County Council and was adjourned. It was agreed to write to the County Manager and object to the proposed merger.

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A vote of Sympathy was passed with the following families:

- McDonagh Family, Galway on the death of Canon Geraghty
- Costello Family, Belclare on the death of Joe
- Lynch Family, Brooklaw, on the death of Pat
- Brogan Family, Gilmartin Road on the death of Mrs. Brogan
- Maloney Family, Gilmartin Road on the death of Mary
- Connolly Family, Weir Road on the death of Katie
- Gaffney Family, Ballygaddy road on the death of Breda Fisher

This concluded the meeting.

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SIGNED: _____

CHAIRMAN

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SPECIAL MEETINGS

The Board held a special meeting on Thursday 8th June 1989 with workers from Homecare Fabrics (IX) Ltd. re the delay in the re-opening of the factory. The situation at the factory was discussed and it was decided to contact Mr. T. Hyland, I.D.A. and meet with him as a matter of urgency.

Workers who attended the meeting: John Tighe, Martin Roache, Paddy McCabe, Paul Walsh, Martin Keane, Jarlath Monaghan, Frank Gannon, Union Rep.

A special meeting with Mr. T. Hyland and Ms. M. Molloy, I.D.A. was held on Friday 9th June, 1989 to discuss the situation at Homecare Fabrics (IX) Ltd.

Attendance: Commissioners Browne, Halion, Burke, Flaherty, Kelly

Chamber of Commerce: M. Gormally, M. McDonall, P. O'Grady

Workers: Martin Keane, John Tighe

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John A. Flaherty
Chairman

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Annual Meeting held on Tuesday 4th July, 1989

onned Houses: The Acting Assistant County Manager said he had received a report on the condition of the three houses. He would examine the legal position in each case.

ishment of The Acting Assistant County Manager said application for capital monies had been made to the Dept. early in the year.

Areas: The Members expressed total dissatisfaction with the state of the green areas in the town, the state of the palace grounds, the cemetery, the approach roads and other green areas. Replying the Engineer said the County Council had taken over the maintenance of the Palace grounds. The green areas there were in fair condition. He said it was the peak period for road works. The County Council has 420 miles of roads to maintain in the Tuam area. Also it was the hottest weather in fifteen years. Weedkiller had been applied but to be effective weedkiller depends on moisture in the atmosphere. Two large areas of grass had been cut in the cemetery. The rest was labour intensive. Other green areas in the Town had been cut in the past two or three days. It was proposed that five extra men be allocated for Maintenance work and the County Council were urged to go to the Community Council and solve the Palace grounds problem, also to look for Social Employment Schemes.

The Acting Assistant County Manager said there was no funds for taking on additional men. He paid tribute to the Community Council for the work done in the Palace grounds in the past. He agreed to examine the possibility of the County Council promoting a S.E.S. for the Palace grounds.

The Minutes of the June Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner O'Grady seconded by Commissioner Biggins.

Letters were received from the following:

Mr. J. Kilgannon, Supt., Garda Siochana - The Clerk was instructed to invite Mr. Kilgannon to a meeting of the Board.
William B. Glynn, Solicitors, re: 69 Athenry Road, - Consent to the sale was proposed by Commissioner O'Grady and seconded by Commissioner Burke.

A vote of Sympathy was passed with the family of David Butler, R.I.P.

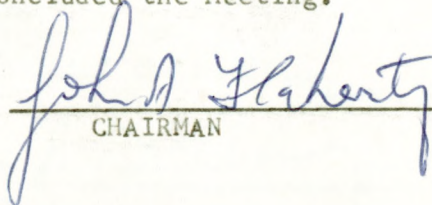
Congratulations were extended to Mr. Kevin Dwyer, Mr. B. Triggs and Mr. J. O'Donoghue on their recent Drama awards. Congratulations were also extended to Mr. S. Lane on his appointment as principle of the C. B. S, also to Mr. N. O'Dea and Mr. S. O'Reilly, An Post on their promotions.

It was agreed that the Town Commissioners would not hold a meeting during the month of August, 1989.

This concluded the Meeting.

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Clerk,

SIGNED


CHAIRMAN

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Annual Meeting held on Tuesday 4th July, 1989

ent: V.Chairman: J. Flaherty

Commissioners: F. Biggins, G. Browne, J. Burke, P. M. Stapleton
Nora Halion

ogy: Commissioners Kelly, O'Grady

The Prayer was recited.

The V-Chairman proposed a vote of sympathy to the Chairman on the death of his sister. All present also extended their sympathy to the O'Mara Family.

The V-Chairman then proposed that as a mark of respect the meeting be adjourned to Thursday 6th July, 1989. This was agreed to and all present joined in a prayer for the repose of the soul of the deceased.

A vote of sympathy was also passed with the following Families:

McGrath Family, Belair drive on the death of Philip
Fahy Family, Shop street on the death of May
Mrs. Leo, The Square on the death of Fr. O'Brien
Pat Lane, Shop Street on the death of his father
Walter King, Oakwood on the death of Martin

The meeting was then adjourned.

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J. A. Flaherty
CHAIRMAN

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Memorial: It was proposed by Commissioner Stapleton and seconded by Commissioner O'Grady that funds be made available to keep the Memorial in a proper state of repair, also the Chair of Tuam.

Boundary: The Assistant County Manager told the members that he had written to the Minister after the October Meeting and was awaiting a reply.

Employment: The Engineer told the Meeting that after the Insurance is sanctioned interviewing of the workforce will begin.

Streets: Commissioner Burke asked that better "One-way Street"/"No Entry" signs be erected at Fahy's corner because of the number of motorists still driving down shop street. Commissioner Stapleton asked that a sign be erected at the Mall, opposite Gilligans, warning people that High is also a one-way street. Replying to Commissioner Halion the Engineer said He had no report yet on High Street.

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Congratulations: The Assistant County Manager was congratulated on his fluency of the Russian language when members of the Russian Orthodox Church visited Tuam recently.

The Minutes of the October Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Stapleton seconded by Commissioner Biggins.

Correspondence: Letter were received from the following:

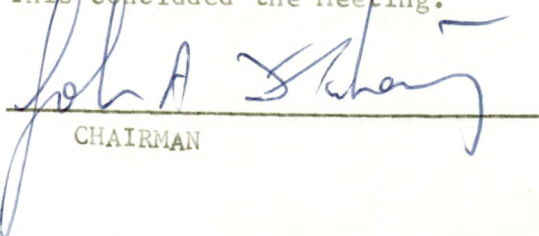
1. John C. O'Donnell & Sons re: 2 Parkmore Terrace - Consent to the sale and mortgaging of the property was proposed by Commissioner Stapleton seconded by Commissioner Burke.
2. Concanon & Meagher re: 17 Tobberjarlath road - Consent to the sale was proposed by Commissioner Biggins seconded by Commissioner Burke.
3. Office of the Minister for the Environment - read.
4. Office of Public Works re: The High Cross - It was decided to write to Galway County Council, Board Fáilte and the Irish Heritage Fund.
5. Olwyn McWeeney/Siobhan Burke, Students requesting the use of section of the Town Hall as a centre for collectors and organisers of a 24 hour fast on December 21 and 22. It was agreed the Students could use the Hallway.
6. Tuam Cancer Care Fundraising Committee requesting the use of the Hallway for the purpose of selling tickets for the Carcer Care Ball. It was agreed the hallway be made available.

Following the transfer of Mr. John Doherty, to the Midlands, it was decided to seek a meeting with Mr. T. Hyland, Regional Manager, I. D. A., re: the appointment of a replacement for Mr. Doherty.

Y: A vote of Sympathy was passed with the Families of Bernard O'Donnell, R.I.P and James Ward, R. I. P. also with the people involved in the fire at the Weir Road.

This concluded the Meeting.

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CHAIRMAN

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 18th October, 1989

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

TUAM CLERK'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

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6th November, 1989

M. Stapleton,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

Wednesday, 7th November, 1989..... at 8.00 p.m.

are hereby summoned to attend.

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..... *Angela Dolan* Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

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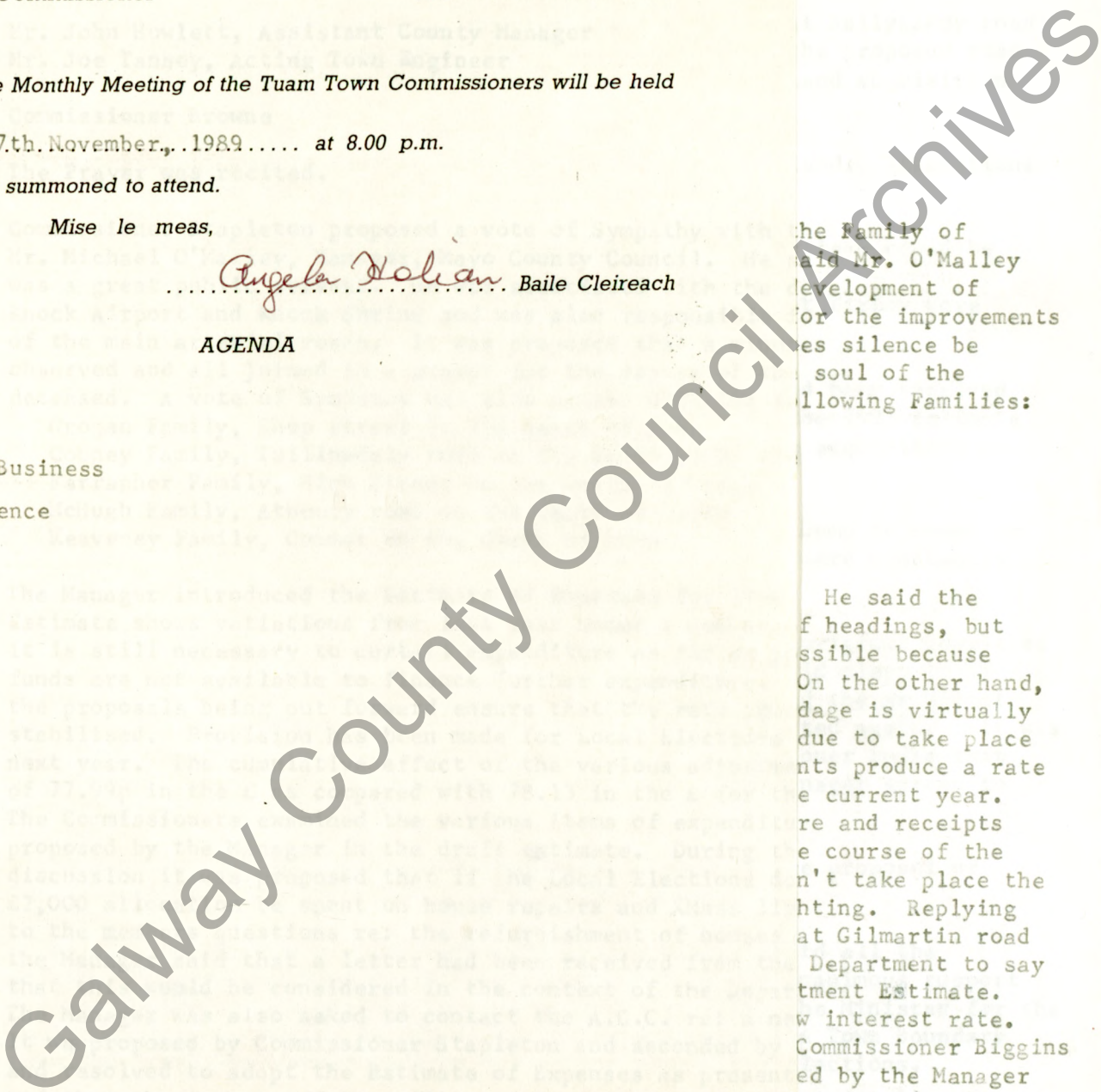
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31st December, 1990.



TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 18th October, 1989

Chairman: J. Flaherty

Commissioners: J. O'Mara, M. O'Grady, F. Biggins, P. M. Stapleton,
J. Burke, Nora Halion, M. Kelly

Mr. John Howlett, Assistant County Manager

Mr. Joe Tansey, Acting Town Engineer

Commissioner Browne

The Prayer was recited.

Commissioner Stapleton proposed a vote of Sympathy with the Family of Mr. Michael O'Malley, Manager, Mayo County Council. He said Mr. O'Malley was a great public servant. He was associated with the development of Knock Airport and Knock Shrine and was also responsible for the improvements of the main arterial roads. It was proposed that a minutes silence be observed and all joined in a prayer for the repose of the soul of the deceased. A vote of Sympathy was also passed with the following Families:

Grogan Family, Shop street on the death of Joe
Cooney Family, Tullinadaly road on the death of Mattie
Farragher Family, High Street on the death of Madge
McHugh Family, Athenry road on the death of Garry
Keaveney Family, Cumber on the death of Nora

The Manager introduced the Estimate of Expenses for 1990. He said the Estimate shows variations from last year under a number of headings, but it is still necessary to curtail expenditure as far as possible because funds are not available to finance further expenditure. On the other hand, the proposals being put forward ensure that the rate poundage is virtually stabilised. Provision has been made for Local Elections due to take place next year. The cumulative effect of the various adjustments produce a rate of 77.99p in the £ as compared with 78.13 in the £ for the current year. The Commissioners examined the various items of expenditure and receipts proposed by the Manager in the draft estimate. During the course of the discussion it was proposed that if the Local Elections don't take place the £2,000 allocation be spent on house repairs and XMass lighting. Replying to the members questions re: the refurbishment of houses at Gilmartin road the Manager said that a letter had been received from the Department to say that this would be considered in the context of the Department Estimate. The Manager was also asked to contact the A.C.C. re: a new interest rate. It was proposed by Commissioner Stapleton and seconded by Commissioner Biggins and resolved to adopt the Estimate of Expenses as presented by the Manager and that the amounts of Expenditure and Receipts set out therein be adopted by the Commissioners and that the nett amount of £14,946 in the said Estimate be demanded from Galway County Council in respect of the year ended 31st December, 1990.

Commissioner Browne was wished a speedy recovery.

Crossings: The Engineer told the Meeting he had met with C.I.E. Work at the Vicar Street crossing will go ahead this year. There was a proposal for the re-alignment of the Galway road crossing. Replying to Commissioner Kelly he said the County Council couldn't provide funds from their National Primary allocation. The Assistant County Manager said that as far as National Primary funds are concerned the Department decide where funds are spent. It was decided to write to the County Engineer and seek an urgent meeting.

Lights: The Engineer told the meeting that the Traffic lights at Ballygaddy road should be installed by the end of the year. Regarding the proposed road from Dublin road to Galway road he said negotiations re: Land acquisition were ongoing.

nd: The Assistant County Manager said the plans were finalised. Negotiations were taking place re: sewerage.

leak: Replying to Commissioner Stapleton the Engineer said no leak could be found at The Glebe. Commissioner Stapleton asked that a case where a Family at Tirboy were left without electricity for a week be investigated.

The Assistant County Manager confirmed that a letter had been received from the Department to say funds were being provided in the 1991 Estimate for the Tuam Water Scheme. Negotiations had begun for the acquisition of land.

Commissioner Stapleton appealed to everyone going to the Dump to cover or tie down rubbish. He said the Residents of Athenry Road were constantly having to remove rubbish from the road and footpaths.

Memorial: The Assistant County Manager told the meeting that the original Committee were deceased. Mr. W. Kelly erected the memorial and would clean it if funds were available. Regarding the Chair of Tuam he said the Architect for O'Tooles had informed him that the slab would be erected again. It was proposed by Commissioner O'Grady and seconded by Commissioner Burke that the County Council take both Monuments into care. The Manager agreed to investigate.

The Minutes of the September Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Biggins seconded by Commissioner O'Mara.

oundary: Replying to the members the Assistant County Manager said all the information had been sent to the Department. There was unanimous support for the following proposal by Commissioner Kelly: That the Minister for the Environment be requested to expediate the extension of the Town Boundary also the Local Government reforms before the next Local Elections.

pendence: Letters were received from the following:

1. R. G. Emerson & Co. re: 99 Athenry Road - Consent to the sale was proposed by Commissioner Stapleton and seconded by Commissioner Burke.

Town Commissioners

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2. Damien Tansey & Co. re 13 Newtownmorris - Consent to the Mortgaging of the property was proposed by Commissioner Burke seconded by Commissioner O'Grady.
3. Maguire and Brennan re: 15 McHale terrace - Consent to the transfer was proposed by Commissioner O'Mara and seconded by Commissioner Biggins.
4. T. A. O'Donoghue & Son re 4 Newtownmorris - consent to the transfer was proposed by Commissioner Stapleton seconded by Commissioner O'Grady.
5. G. A. A. Commissioner O'Grady expressed disappointment at the reply from the G. A. A. He called for consistency in relation to players going to America and said the rules should be changed.
6. Mr. Noel Treacy, T.D., Minister of State re: Library - read.
7. Athlone Urban District Council - There was unanimous support for the following resolution: "That the promised reform of Local Government be introduced by the Minister of the Environment before the next Local elections."
8. Castlebar Urban District Council - There was unanimous support for the following resolution: "That the members of Castlebar Urban District Council resolve to call on all other Local Authorities within the 26 counties to call on Mayo County Council to ensure the preservation of Croagh Patrick and other High Amenity Areas within Mayo County by way of a special Amenity area Order under Section 42 of the 1963 Planning and Development Act."
9. Ms. Mary Savage, 14 Downfine Gardens, Turf Lodge, Belfast - read

The Engineer said it was hoped to maintain the Palace grounds and other green areas. He asked the Commissioners for proposals on areas where the Scheme could be employed. He also said Resident Associations should feel free to submit their plans. 40 people would be employed on a week on week off basis. The scheme will run for 12 months.

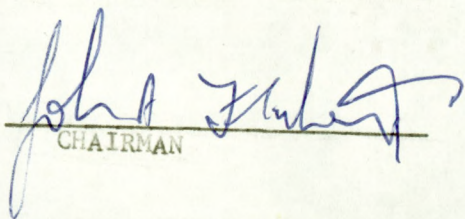
of Motion: Commissioner Stapleton said that since putting in the Motion, the matter was discussed by the Chamber of Commerce. He asked the Town Commissioners to support the Chamber of Commerce in calling on Board Telecom to give Tuam the benefit of being charged at the local rate for phone calls to Galway. The present situation was anti employment. There was unanimous support for the Motion. The Town Clerk was instructed to write to the Chamber of Commerce also Board Telecom.

Commissioner Burke spoke on his Notice of Motion. He said he has been approached recently by 3 people who feared they would be incarcerated for debts under £500. He said this Country could ill afford the cost of £500 per week to hold a person for small debts while hardened criminals are being kept out because of no room. Community work would be a better option. There was unanimous support for the Motion. It was decided to write to the Department of Justice.

ulations: Congratulations was extended to retiring Fire Captain Timothy Desmond.

This concluded the Meeting.

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CHAIRMAN

Tuam Town Commissioners

Ref: Tuam 24246.

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL
TUAM.

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Ref: JH/ROB.

6th October, 1989.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

RE: ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES, 1990

Dear Chairman & Members,

I attach herewith Estimate of Expenses which will be considered at Estimates Meeting to be held in the Town Hall, Tuam at 8 00 p.m. on Wednesday, 18th October, 1989.

The Estimate shows variations from last year under a number of headings, but it is still necessary to curtail expenditure as far as possible because funds are not available to finance further expenditure.

On the other hand, the proposals being put forward ensure that the rate poundage is virtually stabilised.

Provision has been made for Local Elections due to take place next year.

The cumulative effect of the various adjustments produces a rate of 77.99p in the £ as compared with 78.13p in the £ for the current year.

Yours faithfully,

J. HOWLETT
ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER.

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

ESTIMATES OF EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR TO 31/12/1990

	ESTIMATE YEAR ENDED 31/12/1989 £	ESTIMATE YEAR ENDING 31/12/1990 £
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Repairs.	12,900	13,500
Legal Expenses.	200	200
Insurance	3,500	3,200
Town Clerk's Salary (50%)	1,990	2,050
Town Engineer's Salary (80%)	1,864	1,840
Town Steward's Pension (80%)	900	986
Other Pensions	1,750	1,700
Printing, Postage, Stationery and Advertising.	250	200
Collectors Commission.	2,000	1,800
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>25,354</u>	<u>25,476</u>

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Rents, Rates, Taxes and Insurance	2,000	2,000
Office Expenses.	950	1,000
Solicitor's Costs	60	60
Town Clerk's Salary (50%)	1,990	2,050
Town Engineer's Salary (20%)	466	460
Town Steward's Pension (20%)	250	250
Audit Fee	830	650
Printing, Postage etc.	400	400
Town Hall Repairs	800	1,000
Town Hall Cleaner	120	120
Clock Maintenance	150	150
Municipal Authorities.	750	750
Town Lighting	300	300
Elections	-	2,000
<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>9,066</u>	<u>11,190</u>
<u>GRAND TOTAL - EXPENDITURE:</u>	<u>34,420</u>	<u>36,666</u>

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

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR TO 31/12/1990

R E C E I P T S

	<u>ESTIMATE YEAR ENDED 31/12/1989</u>	<u>ESTIMATE YEAR ENDING 31/12/1990</u>
	£	£
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Rent	6,500	8,000
Annuities. .. .	8,000	8,000
Ground Rents .. .	20	20
<u>TOTAL:-</u>	<u>14,520</u>	<u>16,020</u>
OTHER INCOME:-		
Town Hall	2,000	2,000
Interest. .. .	3,000	3,700
Transfer from Reserves. .. .	-	-
<u>TOTAL:-</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,700</u>
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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

Tel.: 24246

To each Town Commissioner.

...11th October, 1989

A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on Wednesday, 18th October, 1989, at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

Angela Holian Baile Cleireach.

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Estimate of Expenses - 1990

Minutes

Manager's Business

Town Boundary
Correspondence
Social Employment Scheme

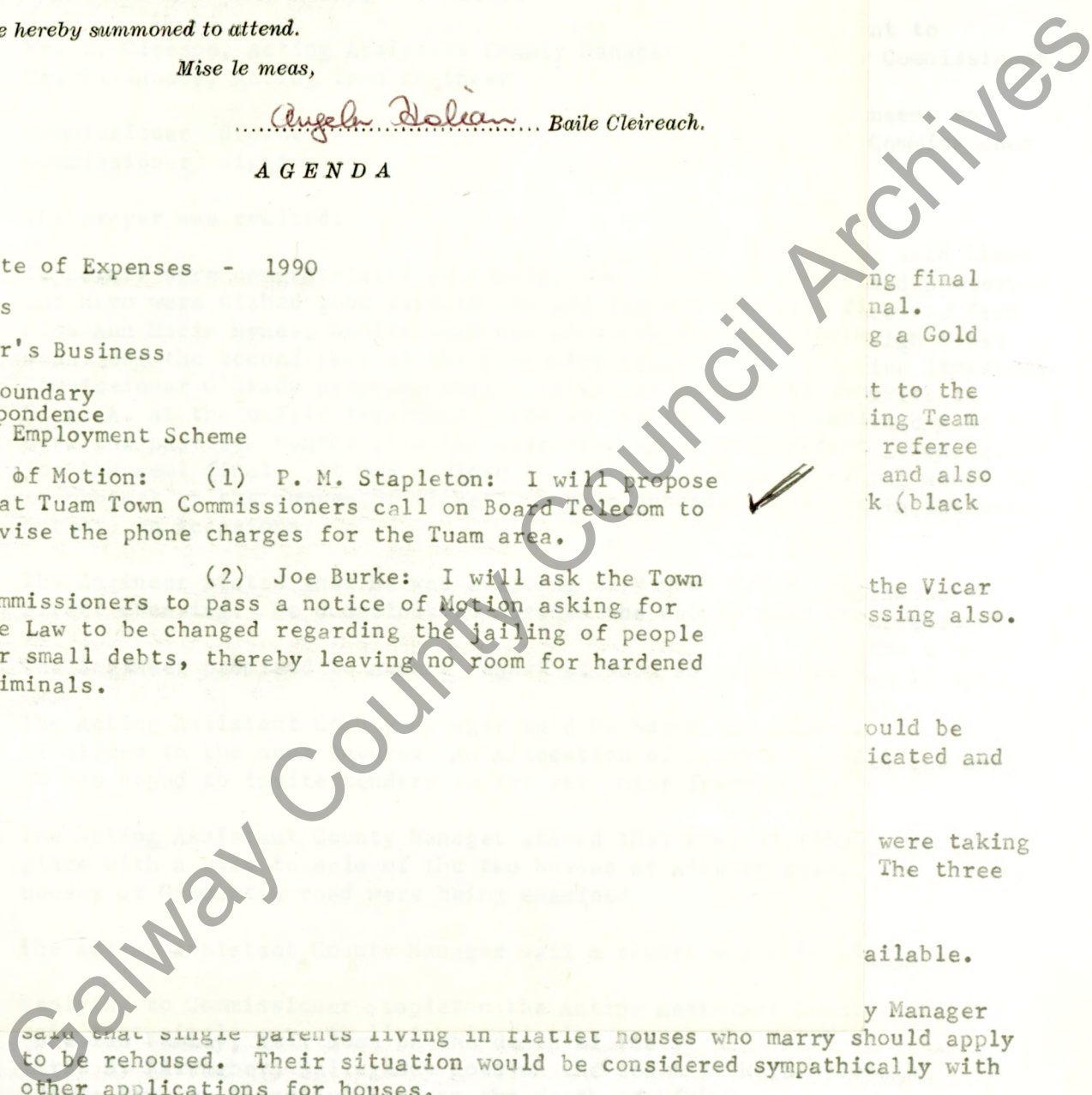
Notice of Motion: (1) P. M. Stapleton: I will propose that Tuam Town Commissioners call on Board Telecom to revise the phone charges for the Tuam area.

(2) Joe Burke: I will ask the Town Commissioners to pass a notice of Motion asking for the Law to be changed regarding the jailing of people for small debts, thereby leaving no room for hardened criminals.

...that single parents living in flatlet houses who marry should apply to be rehoused. Their situation would be considered sympathically with other applications for houses.

Areas: The Chairman informed the meeting that a Social Employment Scheme has been approved for the Town. He thanked Galway County Council, Mr. J. Tansey, Engineer, Mr. M. McGrath, FAS and Mr. F. Gannon, I.T.G.W.U. for their co-operation.

The Minutes of the July meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Kelly seconded by Commissioner Stapleton.



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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 5th September, 1989

Chairman: J. Flaherty

Commissioners: J. Burke, P. M. Stapleton, M. O'Grady, J. O'Mara
M. Kelly, N. Halion

Mr. E. Gleeson, Acting Assistant County Manager
Mr. J. Tansey, Acting Town Engineer

Commissioner Browne
Commissioner Biggins

The prayer was recited.

ulations: Tipperary were congratulated on winning the All Ireland Hurling final and Mayo were wished good luck in the All Ireland football final. Miss Ann Marie Hynes, Dublin road was congratulated on winning a Gold medal for the second year at the Community Games. Commissioner O'Grady proposed that a letter of protest be sent to the G. A. A. at the unfair treatment meted out to the Galway hurling Team over the past few months also the selection of an incompetent referee for the semi final. It was decided to write to the G. A. A. and also to protest at the number of tickets on sale outside Croke Park (black market) on occasions.

rossings: The Engineer stated that he was awaiting word from C.I.E. re the Vicar Street crossing. He undertook to discuss the Galway road crossing also.

reet: The Engineer promised to have a report as soon as possible.

nd: The Acting Assistant County Manager said he hoped the plans would be finalised in the near future. An Allocation of money was indicated and it was hoped to invite tenders in the very near future.

ed Houses: The Acting Assistant County Manager stated that consultations were taking place with a view to sale of the two houses at Athenry road. The three houses at Gilmartin road were being examined.

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ses: The Acting Assistant County Manager said a report would be available.

Replying to Commissioner Stapleton the Acting Assistant County Manager said that single parents living in flatlet houses who marry should apply to be rehoused. Their situation would be considered sympathically with other applications for houses.

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Tuam Town Commissioners

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Commissioner Stapleton asked that the trees at the Glebe be examined. Commissioner Burke asked that a "Dogs prohibited" sign be erected at the Cemetary.

6th October, 1989

Attendance: Letters were received from the following:

1. Concanon & Meagher, Solicitors re: 21 Toberjarlath road. Consent to the sale was proposed by Commissioner Burke seconded by the Chairman.
2. T. A. O'Donoghue & Son, Solicitors re: 16 McHale Terrace. Consent to the sale was proposed by Commissioner Burke seconded by Commissioner O'Grady.
3. J. P. Glynn & Sons, Solicitors re: 13 Newtownmorris. Consent to the sale was proposed by Commissioner Stapleton seconded by Commissioner Kelly.
4. T. A. O'Donoghue & Son, Solicitors re: 69 Athenry road. Consent to the mortgaging of the property to I.P.B.S. was proposed by Commissioner Stapleton and seconded by Commissioner Kelly.
5. National Association of Widows of Ireland - read

of Motion: Commissioner Burke spoke on his Motion re: the High Cross. He said there was a dire need for this precious piece of stone to be protected and preserved provided a satisfactory replacement can be found. A plan, received from Kellys' Monumental works, for the Square, in the event of the High Cross being moved was discussed. A replica of the High Cross in native limestone costing £4,400 was one of the suggestions. It was decided to write to Galway County Council and request that the Square area be examined also that a development plan incorporating a replica Cross be prepared. It was also decided to write to the Office of Public Works and ask if funding would be available for the construction and erection of a replica Cross in the event of the High Cross being moved.

There was unanimous support for the following proposal by Commissioner Stapleton: 'That Tuam Town Commissioners call on Goodman International to give a commencement date or announce their non-interest in the town of Tuam in the near future. Goodman International are very welcome if they come to Tuam but at the moment a very valuable site is locked up.

The Acting Assistant County Manager said the plan as agreed with the Dept. is going to Tender.

Replying to Commissioner Stapleton the Engineer said the barrier at the dump was lowered in an effort to control weekend dumping.

A vote of Sympathy was passed with the following families:
 Loftus Family, Kilaloonty on the death of Hugh
 Mahon Family, Newtownmorris on the death of Tom
 Gilmore Family, Toberjarlath on the death of Patrick
 Breslin Family, Weir Road on the death of Paddy
 Mrs. B. Farragher, Ballygaddy Road on the death of Nora McDonagh
 Doyle Family, Cloonthue Road on the death of Mick

This concluded the Meeting.

led by:
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 Clerk

SIGNED: John A. Stapleton
 CHAIRMAN

Tuam Town Commissioners

Re: Tuam 24246.

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL
TUAM.

JH/ROB.

6th October, 1989.

THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

RE: ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES, 1990

Dear Chairman & Members,

I attach herewith Estimate of Expenses which will be considered at Estimates Meeting to be held in the Town Hall, Tuam at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 18th October, 1989.

The Estimate shows variations from last year under a number of headings, but it is still necessary to curtail expenditure as far as possible because funds are not available to finance further expenditure.

On the other hand, the proposals being put forward ensure that the rate poundage is virtually stabilised.

Provision has been made for Local Elections due to take place next year.

The cumulative effect of the various adjustments produces a rate of 77.99p in the £ as compared with 78.13p in the £ for the current year.

Yours faithfully,

HOWLETT
ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER.

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

ESTIMATES OF EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR TO 31/12/1990

	ESTIMATE YEAR ENDED <u>31/12/1989</u> £	ESTIMATE YEAR ENDING <u>31/12/1990</u> £
ING:		
Repairs.	12,900	13,500
Legal Expenses.	200	200
Insurance	3,500	3,200
Town Clerk's Salary (50%)	1,990	2,050
Town Engineer's Salary (80%)	1,864	1,840
Town Steward's Pension (80%)	900	986
Other Pensions	1,750	1,700
Printing, Postage, Stationery and Advertising.	250	200
Collectors Commission.	<u>2,000</u>	<u>1,800</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>25,354</u>	<u>25,476</u>

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Rents, Rates, Taxes and Insurance ..	2,000	2,000
Office Expenses.	950	1,000
Solicitor's Costs	60	60
Town Clerk's Salary (50%)	1,990	2,050
Town Engineer's Salary (20%)	466	460
Town Steward's Pension (20%)	250	250
Audit Fee	830	650
Printing, Postage etc.	400	400
Town Hall Repairs	800	1,000
Town Hall Cleaner	120	120
Clock Maintenance	150	150
Municipal Authorities.	750	750
Town Lighting	300	300
Elections	-	2,000
<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>9,066</u>	<u>11,190</u>

GRAND TOTAL - EXPENDITURE:

<u>34,420</u>	<u>36,666</u>
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ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR TO 31/12/1990

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	<u>ESTIMATE YEAR ENDED 31/12/1989</u>	<u>ESTIMATE YEAR ENDING 31/12/1990</u>
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Rent	6,500	8,000
Annuities. .. .	8,000	8,000
Ground Rents .. .	20	20
<u>TOTAL:-</u>	<u>14,520</u>	<u>16,020</u>
R INCOME:-		
Town Hall .. .	2,000	2,000
Interest. .. .	3,000	3,700
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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

Tel.: 24246

To each Town Commissioner.

30th August, 1989

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You are hereby summoned to attend.

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Notice of Motion: J. Burke

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County Manager

County Engineer

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Date

TUAM WATER SUPPLY SCHEME

22/2/89

Minutes of re-convened Annual Meeting held on Thursday, 6th July, 1989

Chairman: J. O'Mara outgoing

Commissioners: J. Flaherty, M. O'Grady, F. Biggins, G. Browne
P. M. Stapleton, M. Kelly, N. Halion, J. Burke

Mr. E. Gleeson, Acting Assistant County Manager,
Mr. J. Tansey, Acting Town Engineer,

The Prayer was recited.

Election of Chairman: The outgoing Chairman thanked the Board for their kind expression of sympathy on a recent bereavement. He thanked the Manager, Officials, the members of the Board and the press for their help and co-operation during the year. He also thanked the Vice-Chairman for standing in at short notice on occasions. He then invited nominations for the position of Chairman.

It was proposed by Commissioner Browne and seconded by Commissioner Halion that Commissioner Flaherty be elected to hold the office of Chairman of Tuam Town Commissioners for the coming year.

Commissioner Flaherty was elected, there being no other proposal. He then took the chair and thanked the members for electing him. He paid tribute to the outgoing Chairman. He said he looked forward to working with the Board for the coming year, to work for the betterment of Tuam, more jobs etc. He would like to see a greater effort to keep Tuam, an old and historic Town, tidy and promote the tourist Industry.

Election of Vice-Chairman: The Chairman invited proposals for the position of Vice-Chairman. It was proposed by Commissioner Kelly and seconded by Commissioner Browne that Commissioner Biggins be elected Vice-Chairman of Tuam Town Commissioners for the coming year. There being no other proposals Commissioner Biggins was elected. He thanked the members.

crossings:

The Engineer said improvements are to be carried out at Vicar Street this year. The proposal for pedestrian access at Galway road may be carried out early next year.

The Board called on the County Council to pressure the Department to deal urgently with the Galway road crossing which is on a main National Primary road.

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The Engineer said he hoped to have a report for the next meeting.

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PRODUCTION

There are two sources of supply as follows:

- Birmingham (a) Surface Water from the River Nanny
(b) Well

Tobernanny Springs

Quantity of water available from each source is in the region of 0.6m. g.p.d. However, this quantity is considerably reduced during periods of drought and was as low as 0.5m. g.p.d. of a total output from both sources in August, 1984.

Water from the Birmingham source is pumped to a reservoir at Fearmore and the Spring Water is pumped to a tower on the Milltown Road. Though the two sources are linked to the town system at different points, certain areas of the town are supplied primarily by one of the two sources. Bishop Street, The Square, Dublin Road and the general south eastern section of the town are supplied by water from Birmingham. Quay Road, Gilmartin Road, Ballygaddy Road, Abbeytrinity and the general north western section of the town are supplied by the Tobernanny Spring Water.

Treatment consists of chlorination only. Regular tests are carried out locally to ensure that there is always a minimum residual chlorine in the treated water at the

WATER QUALITY

Going complaints made of taste and odour problems have been traced to difficulties at Tobernanny. Tobernanny consists of up to ten separately identifiable springs, some of which are affected to varying degrees by the intermittent discharge of pollutants carried in a stream which flows through Ballymoat to the south east of Tobernanny. This has been confirmed by investigative work carried out by Dr. Drew at Trinity College, Dublin. Dr. Drew has been studying groundwater in County Galway for many years.

Ballymoat stream drains an area of bog and marshy land containing many marshy hollows not normally connected to the stream channel. Several of these hollows fill with water and overflow into the stream channel following an extended period of heavy rainfall. The stream disappears into the ground through a swallow hole and reappears again at Tobernanny. The flow in the Ballymoat spring varies according to weather conditions, increasing in wet weather conditions to a maximum flow rate equivalent to 50% of the Tobernanny outflow and reducing to a basic flow rate of 1% in dry weather conditions.

Contamination of the spring water appears

- i) during the summer and autumn months
- ii) following very heavy rain.

Investigations indicate that significant contamination is preceded by heavy rainfall with circa 8 day time lag. Following heavy rain, the marshy hollows adjacent to the Ballymoat stream slowly fill and overflow into the Ballymoat channel. Chemical analyses of water from these marshy hollows indicate that they are sufficiently high in iron, manganese, ammonia and coloration to constitute the source of the contamination in the Ballymoat stream and hence at Tobernanny. This particular phenomenon makes it very difficult to record contamination peaks through a systematic and regular programme of monitoring.

The concentration of iron has exceeded the imperative standard of 0.3 mg/l for raw surface water. Iron in solution precipitates with oxidation and there is evidence of this taking place at Tobernanny. There are some complaints of staining but mainly of taste and odour. The significance of the iron and other contaminants in solution in the context of taste and odour is considered to be related to the treatment of the water. Chlorination is a means of sterilisation of water but for use with water which is treated. Whilst sterilisation and the maintenance of a chlorine residual ensures the safety of the water, the chlorination of a contaminated water can give rise to complex compounds generating taste and odour problems.

WATER TREATMENT

The present Tuam Water Supplies receive no treatment other than chlorination. Based on the cost of Treatment Works completed by the Council in recent years at Biddal, Dughterard and Ballinasloe, the cost of one Treatment Works, including Civil Works and Mechanical Plant to provide treatment for the quantity of water at present used by Tuam would be in the region of £1m. and would include Coagulation, Settlement, Filtration and PH Correction. However, the problem in Tuam is further complicated by the fact that two separated sources of supply are used and therefore two separate Treatment Works would be required or else substantial works would be required to link both sources of supply before treatment. The result of this complication is that the cost of Treatment Works for Tuam would be increased to an amount in the order of £1.3m.

There is a further complication in so far as the intermittent pollution associated with the Tobernanny source might arrive at the Treatment Works as a shock load and could not be dealt with in the normal way and would require additional expensive measures to deal with it.

Recently a scheme was examined to treat water from the River Clare and this was rejected for a number of reasons, one being limitation of quantity and another being cost of treatment.

RECOMMENDATION

Having studied all the options for Tuam I now recommend that all attempts to deal with the situation locally be abandoned and that the Council take the Tuam Regional Water Scheme to the top of the priority list and press ahead to have this scheme implemented. In my opinion the provision of a potable water supply for the town of Tuam should be the single most important objective of the Council and I recommend that it take precedence over all other schemes and that pressure be applied to have funding made available for the commencement of the scheme forthwith.

If my recommendation is acted upon with urgency it will be at least 3 years before the scheme comes into operation so in the meantime certain measures will have to be put in place such as extending the programme of monitoring, equipping the local office with better sampling/testing equipment, and intensifying the waste water survey in the town. This latter measure is necessary irrespective of what source is ultimately used.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

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TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
TOWN HALL, TUAM

27th February, 1957

hally therefore I recommend and press that urgent action be taken on the Tuam
gional Water Supply Scheme on the basis that there is no real alternative to
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at funds be made available to press forward with the scheme forthwith.

Very truly yours,

Yours faithfully,

Patrick J. ...

County Engineer

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

Tel.: 24246

To each Town Commissioner.

27th February, 1989

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The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on Tuesday, 7th March, 1989..... at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

Angela Holian

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Minutes

Manager's Business

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Notice of Motion - G. Browne

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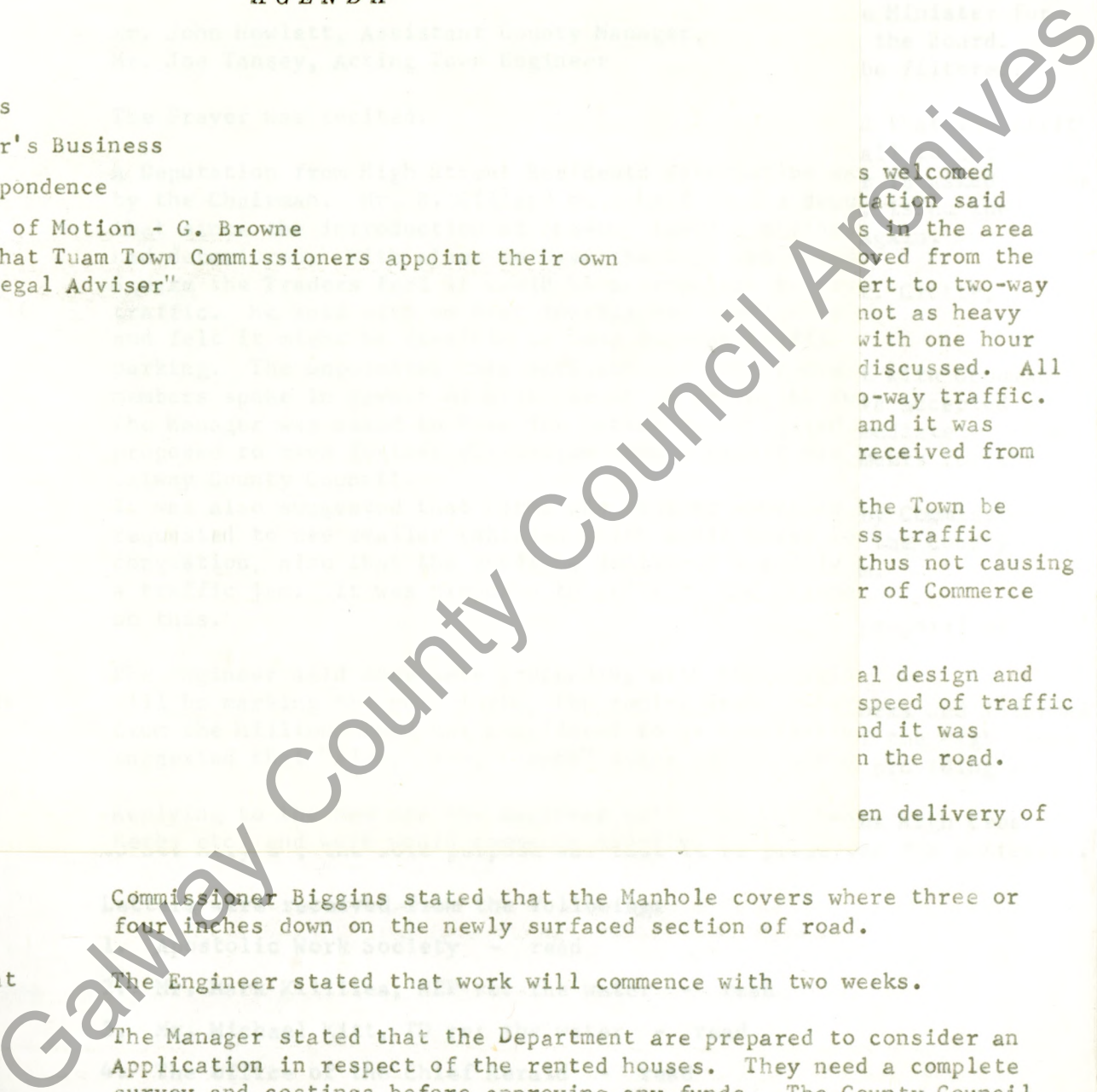
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B. The Old Tuam Society had a lecture on Urban development and this is to be held on 16th February. The members to be notified.



TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 7th February, 1989

Chairman: J. O'Mara

Commissioners: J. Flaherty, M. O'Grady, G. Browne, N. Halion
P. M. Stapleton, F. Biggins, J. Burke

Commissioner Kelly

Mr. John Howlett, Assistant County Manager,
Mr. Joe Tansey, Acting Town Engineer

The Prayer was recited.

A Deputation from High Street Residents Association was welcomed by the Chairman. Mr. B. Gillard on behalf of the deputation said that since the introduction of one-way traffic business in the area had deteriorated. With plans to have the High cross removed from the Square the Traders feel it would be appropriate to revert to two-way traffic. He said with no beet lorries now traffic is not as heavy and felt it might be feasible to have two-way traffic with one hour parking. The Deputation then left and the matter was discussed. All members spoke in favour of High Street reverting to two-way traffic. The Manager was asked to have the matter investigated and it was proposed to have further discussion when a report was received from Galway County Council.

It was also suggested that Firms who deliver goods in the Town be requested to use smaller vehicles which would cause less traffic congestion, also that the goods be delivered speedily thus not causing a traffic jam. It was proposed to write to the Chamber of Commerce on this.

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addy Road:

The Engineer said they were proceeding with the original design and will be marking the road during the coming week. The speed of traffic from the Milltown road was considered to be too fast and it was suggested that "Slow, Slow, Slower" signs be painted on the road.

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Replying to the members the Engineer said they had taken delivery of Kerbs etc. and work would commence shortly.

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B. The Old Tuam Society set A lecture on Urban Development and Planning to be held on 16th February. The members to be notified.

ard:

Replying to the Chairman the Engineer said the alteration of the design was not envisaged. It was decided to invite the Deputy County Engineer to a meeting to discuss the matter.

gham Road:

The Engineer said he had raised the issue with the Design Department and heard nothing since.

The Engineer was requested to have two samples of water, taken from different areas of the Town, analysed. It was noted that a meeting with MEP, Mr. Mark Killilea and the three TD's for the area was arranged for Monday 20th February. It was also proposed that the Minister for the Environment be asked to meet with a deputation from the Board. It was also suggested that in the short term the water be filtered.

ates:

Replying to questions from the members the Engineer said that the first to people is a letter. When County Council personnel call to cut off the water for non payment of water rates the householder is asked if the amount is paid, if yes this is checked with the Council, if no the Householder is given two or three days and called upon again.

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Replying to Commissioner Burke the Engineer said that Mr. Crotty, Senior Engineer is aware of the situation.

ment Industry:

The Manager stated that County Council Officials had met with Goodman Personnel at the end of January. The County Council have accepted a tender for site investigation and work will commence immediately. The Consultant has been asked to proceed with Contract Documents for the main Scheme.

It was proposed by Commissioner Stapleton and seconded by Commissioner Burke that the Board seek a meeting with the I.D.A. and the County Development re: The future employment prospects for Tuam.

The Minutes of the January meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Biggins seconded by Commissioner O'Grady.

's Business:

The Manager stated that he had spoken to the Board of Works and informed them that the Commissioners had agreed to the removal of the High Cross to St. Mary's. The Board of Works are not agreeable to providing a replica.

The Board were unanimous in supporting the removal of the High Cross to St. Mary's, the sole purpose was that it be preserved for posterity.

ondence:

Letters were received from the following:

1. Apostolic Work Society - read
2. Mr. Mark Killilea, MEP re: the water - read
3. Mr. Michael Kitt, TD re: the water - read
4. The office of the Chief Herald - read
5. Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland - read
6. Mr. Noel Treacy, TD, Minister of State re: The High Cross - read
7. Mr. Noel Treacy, TB, Minister of State re: Sewerage - read
8. The Old Tuam Society re: A lecture on Urban development and renewal to be held on 16th February. The members to be notified.

9. Mrs. K. Coffey, 30 Tubberjarlath road, re: Garage. The Engineer was asked to investigate.
10. John C. O'Donnell and Sons, Solicitors, re: sale of No. 2 Parkmore Terrace to Mr. Thomas Moggan, Dunmore Road. Consent to the sale was proposed by Commissioner Stapleton and seconded by the Chairman.
11. T. A. O'Donoghue & Son, Solicitors re: sale of No. 2 Athenry Road to Ms. Marie Burke, Ballygaddy Road, Tuam. The house in question is vested in present Tenant and annuity has been paid in full. Commissioner Burke stated that he had an interest in this matter, the applicant being his daughter, and he withdrew from the meeting. The Assistant County Manager said this procedure was necessary in the circumstances in order that the matter be considered on its merit. The Commissioners unanimously decided that permission be given for the sale. The Assistant County Manager said that the normal condition would apply and would be conveyed to the applicant.
12. Mr. Cathal Flynn, Purer Water Systems, Douglas, IOM. Mr. Flynn who will be in the Galway area in the near future would like to meet with the Commissioners to discuss water filtration units. The Board agreed to meet Mr. Flynn when he visits the area.
13. Edenderry Town Commissioners re: Notice of Motion. There was unanimous support for the following Notice of Motion: "That Edenderry Town Commissioners request all Town Commissioners, Urban District Councils and County Council to call on the Government to make available a major portion of the National Lottery funding to maintain our hospitals". It was proposed by Commissioner Stapleton that the Minister for Health be requested to bring a motion to the Dail to have the V.H.I. drug refund scheme restored. There was unanimous support for the proposal.

of Motion:

Commissioner Burke spoke on his Notice of Motion re: the N.17. He said it was extremely dangerous when people are forced out onto a road that instantly narrows at the level crossing. There was unanimous support for that Notice of Motion. The Manager was asked to have a report for the next meeting.

Commissioner Stapleton asked the Engineer to consider providing some lights around the walk in the palace grounds. Commissioner Browne said that lights were needed in the Weir Road area.

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A Vote of Sympathy was passed with the following Families:

Keane Family, Galway road on the death of T.J.
Treacy Family, Old road on the death of Pa Mchugh

l of Vesting

The vesting of the following houses was approved:

20 Athenry road to Mr. & Mrs. William Mills
12 Gilmartin road to Mr. Robert Coen

This concluded the meeting.

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SIGNED:

Jimmy O'Mara.

CHAIRMAN