

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

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TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,  
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

Tel.: 24246

To each Town Commissioner.

1st February, 1989

A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

Tuesday, 7th February, 1989

at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

*Angela Holian*

Baile Cleireach.

A G E N D A

Minutes

Manager's Business

Correspondence

Notice of Motion: J. Burke

I will propose that Galway County Council compulsorily acquire the derelict site adjacent to the Mart entrance on the N. 17.

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 11th January, 1989

Chairman: J. O'Mara

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

Commissioner Biggins  
Commissioner Browne

The Prayer was recited

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Stream Park: The Engineer said work would commence inside two weeks on the Industrial Estate. The funds allocated for the Industrial Estate could not be re-directed to the sewerage.

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Green: The Engineer stated that the work would be carried out when the weather is conducive.

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Electric Lights: The Engineer said agreement had been reached with a property owner in the area subject to the final agreement of Galway County Council.

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Martin Road: Re: the refurbishment of houses at Gilmartin road the Manager said he was going to the Department for discussion of same and would have some information for the next meeting.  
Replying to Commissioner Stapleton he said Tenants with complaints about recently built houses should write to the County Council, give examples and the complaints would be investigated.  
Replying to Commissioner Burke he said 6 Tenants had applied to vest under the 1988 scheme.

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Cemetery: The Engineer said the Headstones were back to back. The original plan was that the bodies would all be faced the same way. There were four rows of graves there, the bases for the Headstones were put in. One complaint was now resolved. Commissioner Stapleton felt that there would be more difficulties in the future and he suggested that if people wanted to express their view on the matter they could write to the Commissioners. Commissioners Burke and Kelly requested that the road into the new section be surfaced, also the wall between the top part and the lower part of the old section be demolished.

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Bingham Road: The Engineer said he had written to the design dept. Some other areas were due to be inspected and this junction would also be inspected.

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about at Ballygaddy Road: The Board requested that the Island at the Ballygaddy road junction with Milltown road be completed as soon as possible and that the island be at least 4' 6" wide.

The Manager read a letter from the Chief Herald re: 'Coat of Arms'. He said a fee of 2400 would be payable to the Department of Tourism. It was proposed by Commissioner Burke and seconded by Commissioner Flaherty that the County Council request the Chief Herald to design a coat of arms in consultation with Tuam Town Commissioners. The Manager pointed out that no amount was provided in the estimate for this.

The atrocious condition of the water was discussed at length. Commissioner O'Grady said it was deplorable when children had to go to school without a hot drink. Commissioner Stapleton queried if there was any truth in a rumour that a lessor scheme than the corrib was planned for Tuam. The Chairman asked if the Corrib scheme would qualify for E. E. C. structural funds. Commissioner Burke said he had visited the source at Ballymote and found only sand bags seperating the bad springs. Commissioner Kelly called on the County Council to notify people when the water is bad by putting a notice in the paper. The Board appealed to the Manager to contact the County Medical Officer and get an update on the condition of the water. Commissioner Kelly proposed and the Chairman seconded that three T.D.s for the area and Mr. Mark Killilea, M.E.P. be asked to meet with the Commissioners at their earliest convenience to discuss the matter.

The Engineer stated that the water was tested on a continuous basis, both at source and the treated water. The quality of the water can't be anticapted. The water has never been certified as unfit to drink. Replying to Commissioner Halion he said there was one days storage in the system.

The Manager said there was no truth in the rumour re: an Alternate water scheme. The Tuam Water scheme has been submitted to the Department for structural funds. The water was being monitored at all times and the people would be notified if the County Medical Officer informed the County Council that the water was bad.

Rates:

The Board asked the Manager to investigate the situation where people who have paid their water rates are still being asked to pay.

The adoption of the Minutes of the December meeting was proposed by Commissioner Stapleton and seconded by Commissioner O'Grady.

er's Business:

Re: The Goodman Planning Application the Manager said the decision of an Board Planala confirms substantially the planning conditions laid down by Galway County Council. The Council is in touch with the Dept. and will be in touch with the developer. The Chairman welcomed the development and said he hoped negotiations with the Dept. and the Goodman Organisation will be successful. Jobs were needed urgently and he hoped there would be no further delays and that work would commence quickly. Commissioner Burke said he hoped all the condition would be regidily imposed and that there would be no environmental damage. He felt the decision was wrong but hoped it would be the best factory in Europe. All the other members present welcomed the decision to grant planning permission to the Goodman Organisation.

espondence:

Letters were received from the following:

1. Marian Choral Society - read
2. Mr. N. Treacy, TD, Minister of State re: The removal of the High Cross to St. Mary's Cathedral. - read.

Commissioner Halion asked the Engineer to investigate if High Street would revert to "Two-way" traffic when the High Cross is removed.

Twinning:

The Manager read a letter from the Chief Herald re: 'Coat of Arms'. He said a fee of £400 would be payable to the Department of Education. It was proposed by Commissioner Burke and seconded by Commissioner Flaherty that the County Council request the Chief Herald to design a coat of Arms in consultation with Tuam Town Commissioners. The Manager pointed out that no amount was provided in the estimate for this.

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TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,

TOWN HALL, TUAM

9th January, 1969

The Commissioners requested that a sum of £400 be provided from any funds available.

Crossing: Replying to Commissioner Burke the Manager said he spoke to the senior Engineer. An Estimate had been done and furnished to the Department of the Environment. The Engineer said a survey was submitted to Galway County Council in the last week.

Notice of Motion: There was unanimous support for the following Notice of Motion submitted by Commissioner Biggins:

"This Motion is calling on Tuam Town Commissioners as elected representatives of the people of Tuam to actively support Abbeyknockmoy, Sylane and Tuam Hurling Clubs endeavours to have the National Hurling League game between Galway and Tipperary on March 5th fixed for Tuam.

Commissioner Stapleton called on the County Council to provide facilities for wheelchair users at Abbey car park.

Replying to Commissioner Burke the Engineer said that the Library/old Bank and other derelict buildings at Shop Street were inspected.

Replying to Commissioner Stapleton the Engineer said a window would be installed at 15 St. Enda's Ave.

Congratulations: Congratulations were extended to Louise Purcell and Margarie Croke on being selected sports stars.

Motion: A vote of sympathy was passed with the families of the victims of the Lockerbie and East Midlands disasters. A vote of sympathy was also passed with the following families:

Higgins Family Parkview Drive on the death of Lil  
Sweeney Family St. Joseph's Park on the death of Mrs. Sweeney  
Donnelon Family Milltown on the death of Sean  
Burke Family Bishop Street on the death of Richard  
Hare Family Dublin Road on the death of Maureen  
McIntyre Family High Street on the death of Katherine  
Tom Devine Newtownmorris on the death of Alice

This concluded the Meeting.

Witnessed by:  
John Holian,  
Clerk

SIGNED

*Jimmy D'Mara*  
CHAIRMAN

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## A G E N D A

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Manager's Business

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Town Twinning

Level Crossing

Notice of Motion: F. Biggins

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The Engineer was asked to investigate complaints about the way coffins are being put into the graves at the new cemetery, also the space between the graves. He undertook to have a report for the January Meeting.

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, 6th December, 1988

Chairman: J. O'Mara

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

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

Commissioner Flaherty  
Commissioner O'Grady

The Prayer was recited.

It was decided to hold the January meeting on Wednesday, 11th  
January, 1989.

Reply to the members the Engineer stated that £8,000 was a realistic  
estimate of the cost of rectifying the sewerage problem. He said  
that £5,000 was available for improvements at the Industrial Estate.  
It was proposed that funds available be redirected and that the  
sewerage be rectified as speedily as possible.

The Engineer stated that re-surfacing of a section of road would be  
done as soon as possible.

The Manager said he had written to the Chief Herald but had not yet  
received a reply. This item to be placed on the agenda for the  
January meeting.

The Engineer stated that the Traffic Lights were ordered. He is  
negotiating with land owners in the area. The lights will not be  
erected before Xmass.

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

The Assistant County Manager referred to the need for refurbishment  
of old Town Commissioner houses at Gilmartin Road and said that work  
of this nature was inhibited to date for financial reasons. A new  
100% grant scheme with provisions in the recent Housing Act would  
enable the County Council to initiate a scheme and he proposed to  
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The Engineer was requested to have the Design Department, Galway County Council prepare a report on this junction.

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Letters were received from the following:

1. Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland - re the exclusion of urban authorities under a population of 15,000 from committees set up by the Minister for Finance to advise on the preparation of regional programmes in preparation for the doubling of the E.E.C. Structural Funds commencing from 1989.  
It was proposed by Commissioner Kelly and seconded by the Chairman the Board seek representation.
2. Mr. Feargal Quinn, Chairman, An Post - It was decided to write again to Mr. Quinn.
3. Mr. Noel Treacy, T.D., Minister of State - re the removal of the High Cross to St. Mary's Cathedral. It was decided to write to the Minister and seek a meeting with him.
4. Ceanannus Mor Urban District Council seeking support for the following resolution:  
"That we call on the Government to introduce, without delay, legislation prohibiting enclosed hare coursing. That we seek the support of every other local Authority in the country to achieve this objective."  
The Board were in agreement with the motion.
5. The Senior Burgermeister, Straubing, Germany - read
6. Lydon & Co re: 72 Atherry Road, Tuam - Consent to the sale and mortgaging of the property was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Commissioner Stapleton.
7. Galway County Council to Clr. Burke re: Tuam Station Level Crossing - read. This to be placed on the agenda for the January meeting.

Commissioner Stapleton protested that Galway County Council were demanding Water Rates which were not due until 1989. He had also received complaints from people who had paid but were issued with another demand. He also said that the Water in the Town had deteriorated in the last week. Other members had also received complaints re: the water charges and the County Council were requested to approach people who had not paid.

As regards the new water scheme the Manager stated that the Abstraction order is being proceeded with.

and:

Replying to Commissioner Burke the Manager said that this would be proceeded with quickly as soon as funds were available.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,  
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

20th November, 1959

Approval of Vesting  
Orders:

The Vesting of the Following houses was approved:

- 36 Tubberjarlath Road to Mr. & Mrs. P. Gilmore
- 63 Tubberjarlath Road to Mr. & Mrs. P. Clerke
- 64 Tubberjarlath Road to Warde Family
- 9 St. Enda's Ave to Mr. and Mrs. M. Douglas
- 24 St. Enda's Ave to Mr. T. McNally

Vote of Sympathy:

A Vote of Sympathy was passed with the following Families:

- Moran Family, Dublin Road on the death of Tommy
- Moran Family, Killaloonty on the death of Terry
- Heskin Family, Trinity Court on the death of Mrs. Heskin
- Sice Family, Sylane on the death of Mrs. Nora Sice
- Joyce Family, Kilconly on the death of Mrs. Molly Joyce
- McHugh Family, Athenry Road, on the death of John
- Mrs. Mary Folan, Cloonmore on the death of Delia Lerner
- Treacy Family, Cloonmore on the death of Stephan

This concluded the Meeting.

Resolved by:  
John Holian,  
Clerk

SIGNED

*James Sherry*  
CHAIRMAN

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## A G E N D A

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Manager's Business

Correspondence

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High Kings and the seat of the Archbishop. It was usual for twinned towns to have their coats of arms displayed in each others towns. Mr. Jarlath Canney said they were in contact with Teachers of German in the town, also they had written to the Minister of Education re: funding.

Commissioner Burke proposed that the Board officially seek the Herald re: a Crest, also that a legal entity/company be set up with members of the Board, members of the Chamber of Commers and Corrib Country. The Acting Assistant County Manager pointed out that the Commissioners had no financial resources or staff resources but said the group/committee could seek sponsorship.

It was proposed by Commissioner Stapleton and seconded by Commissioner Browne that the recommendations of the group be accepted and that they proceed with arrangements to twin with Straubing.

The Chairman paid tribute to the group for their hard work and thanked them for coming to the meeting.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, 1st November, 1988

Chairman: J. O'Mara

Commissioners: M. Kelly, P. M. Stapleton, J. Flaherty  
J. Burke, G. Browne

Mr. Edmund Gleeson, Acting Assistant County Manager,  
Mr. Joe Tansey, Acting Town Engineer,

Commissioners Halion, Biggins, O'Grady

The prayer was recited.

Reply to questions from the members the Engineer stated that some funds were now available and the estate would be cleaned up, but this would not include the sewerage. The Acting Assistant County Manager said it would cost approximately £8,000 to rectify the sewerage. It was a difficult legal problem as the developer didn't comply with regulations. The County Council are going into the estate on an ongoing basis to abate a nuisance. The Board again called on the County Council to resolve the problem.

Commissioner Stapleton proposed that a short stretch of road be surfaced when payment for a site was received.

The Engineer was asked to inspect a house at Liam Mellow's street, also the road at St. Enda's Ave and Gilmartin Road.

A Deputation from Tuam Chamber of Commerce was welcomed by the Chairman. Mr. Martin McDonald told the Board that they had settled on a Town in Germany called Straubing, which is 50km north of Munich with a population of approx. 40,000 people. Mr. Tony Claffey said a group/committee was needed to investigate ways to establish further links. One of the advantages of twinning with Straubing would be pupil and youth exchange. He said it was necessary for Tuam to acquire an official Crest - and suggested that a crest should have something to say about Tuam, the broken Chariot wheel, the seat of High Kings and the seat of the Archbishop. It was usual for twinned towns to have their coats of arms displayed in each others towns. Mr. Jarlath Canney said they were in contact with Teachers of German in the town, also they had written to the Minister of Education re: funding.

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The Chairman paid tribute to the group for their hard work and thanked them for coming to the meeting.

ost: The Clerk was instructed to write again and inform Mr. F. Quinn, Chairman, An Post of the present position re: the former Garda Barrack.

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

fic Lights: The Engineer informed the Board that funds were now available for the erection of Traffic lights at Weir road and they would be ordered that week.

spondence: Letters were received from the following:

1. Mr. A. G. Tighe re Site at Gilmartin road, Tuam. Commissioner Stapleton proposed that Tuam Town Commissioners acquire the site. The Manager agreed to investigate.
2. Deputies Treacy, Connaughton and Kitt re: Lottery Funds - read.
3. Gleeson & Kean re 11 McHale Terrace, Tuam - Consent to the sale was proposed by Commissioner Burke seconded by Commissioner Stapleton.
4. Marketing Co-ordinator for Community Development Programme - read.

thy: A Vote of Sympathy was passed with the following families:

Ward Family, St. Patrick's Terrace on the death of Charlie  
Ward Family, 4 Gilmartin road, on the death of Michael  
Maughan Family, Cloonthue road, on the death of Kate  
Malynn Family, Galway road on the death of Mrs. Malynn  
Quinn Family, The Fairgreen on the death of Sean  
Flattery Family, Corthoonrue on the death of Jack  
Harney Family, on the death of Mrs. Harney  
Gilmore Family, on the death of Padraig  
Willie Gleeson, Ballygaddy road on the death of John  
Conroy Family, Renmore, Galway on the death of Noel  
Connor Family, Barnaderg on the death of Mary

This concluded the meeting.

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*Jimmy O'Connell*  
CHAIRMAN

MOTION

Council of Straubing shall examine the conditions for a  
Partnership with the Town of Tuam, County Galway, Republic of Ireland

## Translation

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the City of Straubing  
The Lord Mayor, Ludwig Scherl  
Townhall  
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### Partnership with a town in the Republic in Ireland (Tuam)

My Honourable Lord Mayor,  
I refer to a meeting on 12/08/88, in which I had the honour to discuss with you, in the presence of Herr Wilhelm Kiefel, the matter of a partnership with the Irish Town of Tuam.

In view of the above, I propose the following

### MOTION

The Council of the City of Straubing shall examine the conditions for a partnership with the Town of Tuam, County Galway, Republic of Ireland

REASONS:

The most important reason for a partnership with a town in the English-language area, is the pupil's and youth-exchange. As local teachers assure me, it is getting increasingly difficult to organise language holidays for groups of pupils to Great Britain, which already has a tight network of partnerships with towns in the Federal Republic of Germany and in the whole of Europe with the primary purpose of pupil-exchange.

~~Part 2 of the letter of Dr. Wackerbauer~~

The town of Tuam in Ireland would be a suitable town in every regard in the English language area for a partnership with Straubing. Also the exchange of pupils and language holidays would be without problems with (such) a partnership.

The town of Tuam (for further details, please see the enclosed description) is enthusiastically interested to establish a partnership with a town in Bavaria, in particular with Straubing. I have received a letter from the Tuam Chamber of Commerce and the Tuam Town Commissioners, dated July, the 26th, 1988 to the Mayor (they meant the Lord Mayor) of the City of Straubing. I have enclosed this letter.

Mr Wilhelm Kiefel (a native of Steinach), who has been living in Tuam for several years as a Manager of an electronic company with approximately 500 employees and who has good contacts to public offices and institutions, has established the connection with Straubing.

As regards the Town of Tuam, it is assumed that no elaborate mutual visits by Town or City Councils should take place, but that the partnership should primarily serve the youth and pupil-exchange. Of course, this should not exclude the exchange of theatre-, music-, and folklore-groups (Gaubodenfest = Beer Festival). So contacts from clubs and associations would be desirable.

Yours faithfully

Dr. M. Wackerbauer

STRAUBING

nt to the letter of 08/09/88

uam, County Galway, Republic of Ireland

the West of Ireland with approximately 10 000 inhabitants, 50% of  
under 25 years

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District Court, Labour Exchange, (regional) Health Board

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s with 100-500 employees

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s centre: seat of an archbishop, cathedral

activities: three theatre groups, music- and folkloristic groups .

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and Electrical Engineering, Glass, Breweries, Building industry, few smaller

companies (less than 20 employees)

- Historic buildings and sites (Celtic and Roman excavations, churches,

monument)

- Extensive sports and Leisure facilities, Gateway to the Bavarian Forest (skiing)

- Beer Festival ( largest in Bavaria after Munich)

- Good traffic connections (motorways from Munich, Frankfurt, railway station,

regional airport)

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## TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,  
TOWN HALL, TUAM

20th October, 1985

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

Monday, 21st November, 1985, at 8.00 p.m.

It is hereby requested to attend.

Agenda Item No. 1  
Matter in respect of

### STRAUBING

- an old and historic city in Northern Bavaria on the Danube river
- Founded by Celts, taken over by the Romans, Bavarian city since 1218
- District town (equivalent to county town) with 40 000 inhabitants
- Regional centre with District Administration, District Court, Health Office, Labour Exchange, Regional Hospital
- Commercial Centre for agricultural hinterland with mart, agricultural fairs, department stores, general shopping centre
- Cultural Centre with Regional Theatre, Museum, annual exhibitions
- School Centre with 5 Secondary Schools with 3 500 pupils
- Industry: primarily small to middle sized companies in the Textile, Mechanical and Electrical Engineering Industries, Breweries, Building Industry: few larger companies (less than 300 employees)
- Historic buildings and sites (Celtic and Roman excavations, churches, monuments)
- Extensive Sports and Leisure facilities, Gateway to the Bavarian Forest (skiing)
- Beer Festival ( largest in Bavaria after Munich)
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26th October, 1988

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## A G E N D A

Deputation from Tuam Chamber of Commerce re Town Twinning

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Manager's Business

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Commissioner Stapleton asked if Miss D. Maloney was successful in her application for No. 75 Gilmartin road but was informed that the house was let to a Mr. Staunton. Commissioner Stapleton appealed to the Manager to let the vacant house in Liam Mellows Street to one of the applicants which he had named on previous occasions. The Manager noted his request. Mr. Howlett also informed the Board that there were 2 sites for sale at the Fairgreen. Replying to further questions the Manager said that there was no money available for building any more houses in Tuam at present.

The Board agreed to write to Tuam Statium Committee re: replacing the surface properly in the playground after recent work there.

Enda's Ave  
yground:



TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 12th October, 1988

Chairman: J. O'Mara

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

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

Commissioner Browne  
Mrs. Angela Holian

The prayer was recited

A Deputation from Millstream Park Residents Association was welcomed by the Chairman. Mr. P. Murphy, spokesman, read a list of complaints from the area, especially the condition of the Industrial Estate. After the Deputation left Commissioner O'Grady who is a resident in Millstream Park supported the Residents requests and complained about the long grass, car wreck and untidy condition of the Industrial Estate. A site was recently sold in the Industrial Estate and Commissioner O'Grady proposed that the money for the sale of the site should be spent on clearing and cleaning up the area. Other members of the Deputation with Mr. Murphy were Mr. B. Triggs, Mrs P. Monaghan and Mrs. B. Carroll. The Engineer said he believed some money was set aside to clean up the Estate and Commissioners Stapleton and Biggins urged early action on the matter.

At this stage the Chairman welcomed Mr. Tansey to his first meeting of the Board and hoped that his stay in Tuam would be successful. The Chairman also paid tribute to Mr. J. Gibbons who had recently retired and thanked him for his great work for the Board and the Town during his term as Town Engineer. The other Board members also welcomed Mr. Tansey and paid tribute to Mr. Gibbons. The Manager also welcomed Mr. Tansey and said he was very sorry to see Mr. Gibbons leave. He was a very good Engineer and gave good service. We were all at a loss at his resignation.

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The Board agreed to write to Tuam Stadium Committee re: replacing the surface properly in the playground after recent work there.

Commissioners O'Grady and Stapleton expressed dissatisfaction at the attitude of Mr. Feargal Quinn, Chairman, An Post and proposed that the Board write again to Mr. Quinn re: the now vacant old Garda station as a very suitable site for a new Post Office.

The Manager introduced the Estimate of Expenses for 1989 which had been circulated to each member and advertised. He said the Estimate shows variations from last year under a number of headings, but it has been necessary to curtail expenditure as far as possible because of the economy guidelines prescribed generally for local authorities and also 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. The cumulative effect of the various adjustments produces a rate of 78.13p in the £ as compared with 74.96 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 stated that despite some increase, the funds for house repairs were still inadequate, having regard to the condition of houses. Commissioner Stapleton exhorted the Manager to be slow in transferring Tenants from one house to another as this was costing the Board big money in repairing the vacant houses before reletting. A proposal was made that the rent of the Town Hall should be increased. The Manager refused to accept this proposal on the grounds that it would need the consent of the County Council and that there was no guarantee that this would be forthcoming. He agreed, however, that a case would be made to the County Council to increase the rent and that they would also be asked for their intentions in regard to the development of the new library premises. He also agreed to arrange a Deputation from the Board to meet the County Manager re: Library rent and the new Library premises.

Following some further discussions it was proposed by Commissioner Stapleton and seconded by Commissioner O'Grady and resolved that no changes be made in the Estimate of Expenses 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 £14,900 in the said estimate be demanded from Galway County Council in respect of year ended 31st December, 1989.

Mr. Howlett presented the Report on Rent collection and when questioned by Commissioner Biggins re: outstanding rent said that every effort was being made to collect arrears and action would be taken in bad cases. Commissioner Stapleton asked if consideration of arrears was pursued when allocating new houses and Mr. Howlett assured him it was. Commissioner Stapleton then recommended Mr. John Ward, an occupant of a caravan in the car park, for a house in Gilmartin road.

Letters were received from the following:

1. Department of the Environment re: New Water supply.  
The Manager informed the meeting that an Abstraction order re: the new supply was made but the new sewerage scheme would have priority.

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2. Minister of State, Dept. of Education, Letter re: Lottery funding for Tuam projects receiving attention.
3. St. Jarlath's Credit Union - Matter receiving attention
4. Tuam Community Council - Invitation to Chairman, A. G. M. at 8.30pm on the 18th October, 1988.
5. Tuam Literature Guild - Invitation to Literary evening re: Galway Simon Community in Sportman's Inn 20th October, 1988.
6. Dept. Of the Environment - Planning applications - proper addresses.
7. Galway County Council - Traffic Lights at Galway road - The Engineer said he was currently negotiating with land owners as he understood funds were now available to install the lights.
8. Tuam Chamber of Commerce - wishing to be involved in a presentation to Mr. J. Gibbons. After a discussion on the matter the Board decided to mark the occasion of Mr. Gibbons retirement with a presentation to him at the next meeting of the Board.

Votes of Sympathy were passed with the following:

Flynn Family, Millstream Park on the death of Michael  
Brehony Family, Curragh Park on the death of Brian  
Hallinan Family, Galway Road on the death of Michael  
Mullins Family, Cloonthue on the death of Julia  
Cunniffe Family, Claremorris on the death of Joe  
Niland Family, Doonbeg, Ballyglunin on the death of James  
Frank Flattery, Ballygaddy Road on the death of Michael

This concluded the Meeting.

*Jimmy O'Mara*  
CHAIRMAN

# Tuam Town Commissioners

Telephone: Tuam 24246.

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,  
TOWN HALL,  
TUAM

Your Ref. ....

7th October, 1988

Our Ref. ....

To: Each member of  
Tuam Town Commissioners

RE: ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES, 1988.

Rent Collection

A Chara,

In his report on the collection for 1986 the Local Government Auditor referred to the fact that the amount collected represented 82.79% of the total amount accrued.

During 1987 there was some improvement in the collection and the percentage collected increased to 84.25%. This improvement has been maintained for the first half of this year.

The Auditor also noted that nearly all of the arrears were accounted for by a few Tenants. At the end of 1987 an amount of £2574 out of a total arrears of £2596 is accounted for by eight defaulters. All of these cases were referred to the Solicitor when they fell into arrears. We have since gained possession of two of the houses and arrears of £1324 will probably have to be written off. Five other Tenants are paying off arrears by instalment. We are about to start proceedings for the recovery of possession of the final house.

In the circumstances action will have been taken on most of the outstanding cases by the end of the present year.

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*Angela Holean*  
Town Clerk

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Town Lighting.	300		300
	300		300
<u>TOTAL:</u>	8,890		9,066
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<u>GRAND TOTAL - EXPENDITURE.</u>	33,925		34,420
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# Tuam Town Commissioners

Telephone: Tuam 24246.

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,  
TOWN HALL,  
TUAM

Your Ref. ....

Our Ref. JH/ROB. ....

3rd October, 1988.....

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

RE: ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES, 1989.

Dear Chairman and 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, 12th October, 1988.

The Estimate shows variations from last year under a number of headings, but it has been necessary to curtail expenditure as far as possible because of the economy guidelines prescribed generally for local authorities and also 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.

The cumulative effect of the various adjustments produces a rate of 78.13p in the £ as compared with 74.96p in the £ for the current year.

Yours faithfully,

J. HOWLETT,  
ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER.

	ESTIMATE YEAR ENDED 31/12/1988	ESTIMATE YEAR ENDING 31/12/1989
Rents, Rates, Taxes and Insurance.	2,000	2,000
Office Expenses.	900	950
Travel Costs.	50	50
Town Engineer's Salary	1,900	1,900
Town Steward's Pension	450	450
Audit Fee.	250	250
Printing, Postage	600	830
Town Hall Expenses	400	400
Town Hall Repairs	900	900
Town Hall Insurance	120	120
Grants from Authorities	150	150
Grants to Authorities	800	750
Town Lighting.	300	300
<b>TOTAL:-</b>	<b>8,890</b>	<b>9,080</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL - EXPENDITURE:</b>	<b>33,925</b>	<b>34,430</b>

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

ESTIMATES OF EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR TO 31/12/1989

	ESTIMATE YEAR ENDED 31/12/1988	ESTIMATE YEAR ENDING 31/12/1989.
	£	£
<u>HOUSING:</u>		
1. Repairs.	12,000	12,900.
2. Legal Expenses.	200	200
3. Insurance.	4,000	3,500
4. Town Clerk's Salary (50%).	1,900	1,990
5. Town Engineer's Salary (80%)	1,835	1,864
6. Town Steward's Pension (80%)	900	900
7. Other Pensions.	1,750	1,750
8. Printing, Postage, Stationery and Advertising.	250	250
9. Collectors Commission.	2,200	2,000
<u>TOTAL:-</u>	25,035	25,354
<u>GENERAL:-</u>		
1. Rents, Rates, Taxes and Insurance.	2,000	2,000
2. Office Expenses.	900	950
3. Solicitor's Costs.	60	60
4. Town Clerk's Salary (50%).	1,900	1,990
5. Town Engineer's Salary (20%)	460	466
6. Town Steward's Pension (20%)	250	250
7. Audit Fee.	650	830
8. Printing, Postage etc.	400	400
9. Town Hall Repairs	900	800
10. Town Hall Cleaner.	120	120
11. Clock Maintenance	150	150
12. Municipal Authorities.	800	750
13. Town Lighting.	300	300
<u>TOTAL:</u>	8,890	9,066
<u>GRAND TOTAL - EXPENDITURE:</u>	33,925	34,420

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

RECEIPTS

	ESTIMATE YEAR ENDED 31/12/1988	ESTIMATE YEAR ENDING 31/12/1989.
	£	£
<u>HOUSING:-</u>		
1. Rent.	7,000	6,500
2. Annuities.	8,000	8,000
3. Ground Rents.	25	20
	<u>15,025</u>	<u>14,520</u>
<u>OTHER INCOME:-</u>		
1. Town Hall	2,000	2,000
2. Interest	3,000	3,000
3. Transfer from Reserves.	--	--
	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
	<u>20,025</u>	<u>19,520</u>
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR.		34,420
ESTIMATED RECEIPTS FOR YEAR.		19,520
		<u>14,900</u>

1. Mr. A. Reynolds, J.D., Minister for Industry and Commerce for European Seminar to be held 10th September, 1989 at University College Galway. It was proposed and resolved that Commissioners Stapleton, Brown, Fallon and Burke attend.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 6th September, 1988

**TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS**

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,  
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

5th September, 1988

Tel.: 24246

To each Town Commissioner.

A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on Wednesday, 12th September, 1988 at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

..... *Angela Holian* ..... Baile Cleireach.

A G E N D A

- Deputation from Millstream Park
- Estimate of Expenses
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O'Brien Family on the death of Kate  
Connolly Family on the death of Nealeen  
Burke Family on the death of Mr. Flattery  
O'Grady Family on the death of Mrs. Walsh  
Fisherty Family on the death of Lil

This concluded the Meeting.

*Angela Holian*



TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 6th September, 1988

- Present: Chairman: J. O'Mara  
Commissioners: F. Biggins, J. Flaherty, M. Kelly, P. M. Stapleton  
G. Browne, N. Halion, J. Burke
- Officials: Mr. E. Gleeson, Acting Assistant County Manager
- Agenda Item: Commissioner O'Grady
- The Prayer was recited.
- Congratulations was extended to the Galway Hurling Team who won the All Ireland hurling final for the second year, also the Ann-Marie Hyness, Dublin road, who won a gold medal in the Community Games.
- Empty Houses: It was proposed and seconded that Miss D. Maloney be allocated a vacant house at Gilmartin Road also Mrs. V. Mullins be considered for a house at Barrack St.
- Green Sites: The Acting Assistant County Manager stated that applications are being dealt with.
- Stream Park: A Report is being prepared.
- By-laws: This item is with the Law Agent.
- Traffic Lights at Air road: The Acting Assistant County Manager said the County Council are fully aware of the situation. It is hoped to make some start in the current year - subject to available finance.
- Planning permission: The Acting Assistant County Manager agreed to talk to the Law Agent. He agreed to convey the sentiments of the Board to the County Council with a view to having the regulations changed to include the full postal address.
- Open Areas: Commissioner Stapleton asked that trees at "The Glebe" be pruned as they are interfering with the lights. Commissioner Kelly suggested that weedkiller be used on the grass growing along the edges of the footpaths in the Town. He complimented the Tidy Town Committee. Replying to Commissioner Biggins the Acting Assistant County Manager said the Social Employment Schemes were ongoing.
- Enda's Ave: A report was requested for the next meeting.
- The adoption of the Minutes of the August meeting was proposed by Commissioner Stapleton and seconded by Commissioner Flaherty.
- Correspondence: Letters were received from the following:
1. Mr. A. Reynolds, T.D., Minister for Industry and Commerce re: European Seminar to be held 12th September, 1988 at University College Galway. It was proposed and seconded that Commissioners Stapleton, Browne, Halion and Burke attend.

This concluded the Meeting.

*John O'Mara*

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

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TOWN HALL, TUAM

25th August, 1982

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2. Mr. J. O'Shea, An Post. It was decided to write again to Mr. Feargal Quinn.
3. Gleeson & Kean re: 23 St. Enda's Ave Tuam. It was proposed by Commissioner Burke and seconded by Commissioner Kelly that consent be given to the transferring of this property into the name of Stella Concannon.
4. T. A. O'Donoghue & Son re: 78 Athenry Road, Consent to the sale, to Walter and Kathleen Coleman, was proposed by Commissioner Stapleton and seconded by Commissioner Burke.
5. T. A. O'Donoghue and Son re: 5 St. Enda's Ave, Tuam. Consent to the sale, to the Sisters of Mercy, was proposed by Commissioner Stapleton and seconded by Commissioner Biggins.

Approval of Vesting

Order:

The Vesting of House No. 6 Gilmartin was approved on the proposal of Commissioner Burke seconded by Commissioner Stapleton.

Mayor's Report:

Replying to the members questions the Acting Assistant County Manager said the Accounts were well and truly in order. It was normal practice for the Auditor to write to the Manager or the Town Clerk, and his recommendations were being followed. Dissatisfaction was expressed at the interval between Audits and it was proposed by Commissioner Burke and seconded by Commissioner O'Mara that the Department of the Environment be asked to have the Audit carried out Annually. The Report was accepted with the reservations expressed.

A Report on the present position re: Rents, arrears etc was requested for the next meeting.

Resolution of Motion:

Commissioner Burke spoke on his Motion re: the suspension of Commissioner Flaherty as Office Manager, St. Jarlath's Credit Union. He asked the support of the Board in requesting the Credit Union to give a reason for the suspension or lift it. Commissioner Browne said he had signed a pledge of confidentiality and couldn't take part in the discussion. It was decided, on a proposal by Commissioner Burke seconded by Commissioner Biggins, that a letter be sent to St. Jarlath's Credit Union and that the Board be requested to give a reason for the suspension or lift it.

Commissioner Burke spoke on his Motion re: Lottery money for Tuam GAA Centre, Tuam Celtic and Westrail. He said all areas should be treated equally and any assistance forthcoming would be appreciated. There was unanimous support for the Motion. A copy of the Motion to be sent to the 3 T.D.'s.

Commissioner Burke spoke on his Motion re: the Water Supply. he said it was extremely urgent and vital to look at and get an alternate supply for this winter. It was essential to meet with the Minister and have the water problem resolved with Department funding. The Acting Assistant County Manager stated that the County Council did a full review for an Alternate supply. A Modified Preliminary Report is being prepared. Abstraction rights going ahead and the notices will be in the papers in the coming weeks. A new lining is being fitted to the Water tower and it is being put back into operation.

Resolution:

A Vote of Sympathy was passed with the following Families:

- Tobin Family on the Death of Harry
- Coady Family on the death of Paddy
- McBride Family on the death of Pat
- O'Brien Family on the death of Kate
- Connolly Family on the death of Noeleen
- Burke Family of the death of Ms. Flattery
- O'Grady Family on the death of Mrs. Walsh
- Flaherty Family on the death of Lil

This concluded the Meeting.

Resolved by:  
Stella Holian,  
Town Clerk

Jimmy O'Mara CHAIRMAN

# TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Tel.: 24246

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,  
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

To each Town Commissioner.

29th August, 1988

A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on Tuesday, 6th September, 1988, at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

*Angela Nolan* Baile Cleireach.

Kelly, J. Burke

## A G E N D A

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Approval of Vesting Order:- 6 Gilmartin road

Auditor's Report

Notices of Motion: J. Burke

1. I will propose that this Board pass a motion abhorring the suspension of Mr. John Flaherty, Town Commissioner as Manager of St. Jarlaths Credit Union and seek that the Board of St. Jarlaths Credit Union be requested to give reason for the suspension or lift it.
2. I will propose that this Board request the Minister for Sport, a fellow Galway man, give Lottery money to Tuam G.A.A. Centre, Tuam Celtic and Westfail. North Galway is just as entitled as other areas to Lottery funding.
3. I will propose that this Board seek an urgent deputation to the Minister of the Environment so that the dreadful condition of Tuam Water supply be resolved immediately with Department funding. The County Manager and the Assistant County Manager be invited to attend with members of the Board. I will further ask why the Water Tower at Milltown road which was installed at huge cost is no longer functioning. The Tower gave the facility to divide the sources when problems arose.

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Commissioner Kelly, on behalf of the Stadium Committee, thanked the Board for their approval to the laying of a sewer pipe through the St. Enda's Ave playground. The Engineer was asked to have the playground and the roadway put back to the proper standard as soon as possible.

Commissioner Stapleton asked the Engineer to investigate a hole in the road opposite the Court House.

The adoption of the Minutes of the July meeting was proposed by Commissioner Stapleton and seconded by Commissioner Biggins.

Correspondence:

Letters were received from the following:

1. Noel Treacy, T.D., - read
2. Michael Kitt, T.D., re: Post Office - read
3. Paul Connaughton, T.D., re: Post Office - read  
Grave disappointment was expressed at An Post's Chairman's refusal to meet the Board. It was decided to write again to Mr. Quinn.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd August, 1988

- Present:** Chairman: J. O'Mara  
Commissioners: P. M. Stapleton, F. Biggins, M. Kelly, J. Burke  
G. Browne, N. Halion, M. O'Grady
- Officials:** Mr. T. Kavanagh for Assistant County Manager
- The Prayer was recited.
- Vacant Houses:** The Board asked that 2 vacant houses be repaired and relet as soon as possible.
- Door at rear of stalls:** Commissioner Stapleton asked that the door be repaired as soon as possible.
- Fairgreen Sites:** The Acting Assistant County Manager stated that there were two sites remaining at the Fairgreen. The County Council are obliged to sell the sites in fee simple, and are in communication with 2 applicants. It was proposed by Commissioner Kelly and seconded by Commissioner Browne that the County Council not sell the sites unless it is guaranteed that they be used for the purpose of building houses.
- Millstream Park:** The Acting Assistant County Manager stated that a report was being prepared on estates not taken over by the County Council.
- Bye-laws:** This item has been referred to the Law Agent.
- Planning permission:** It was decided to write to the Department and ask that when planning permission is being sought, the full postal address be included with the townland or townspark division.
- Traffic Lights at Weir road:** The number of accidents at this junction was discussed at length. It was decided to write to the County Engineer and propose that a temporary job be erected.
- Green Areas:** Commissioner Stapleton requested that the green areas be maintained.
- St. Enda's Ave:** Commissioner Kelly, on behalf of the Stadium Committee, thanked the Board for their approval to the laying of a sewer pipe through the St. Enda's Ave playground. The Engineer was asked to have the playground and the roadway put back to the proper standard as soon as possible.  
Commissioner Stapleton asked the Engineer to investigate a hole in the road opposite the Court House.
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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,  
TOWN HALL, TUAM

25th July, 1988

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The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

- 4. Monaghan Urban District Council - There was unanimous support for the following Notice of Motion:  
"That this Council calls on the Minister for Justice to multiply the maximum fine for illegal money lending which presently stands at £200 and also calls for a full investigation into the whole money lending business".
- 5. Monaghan Urban District Council - There was unanimous support for the following Notice of Motion:  
"That this Council calls on the Government to institute an independent body to allocate the National Lottery Fund".  
It was proposed by Commissioner Biggins and seconded by Commissioner Burke that a letter be sent to the Minister of Sport, Frank Fahey requesting sponsorship for the several worthy activities in the Tuam area - the applications having been submitted.
- 6. Department of the Environment re: Auditor's Report - This item to be placed on the Agenda for the September meeting.

Commissioner Biggins told the members that arrangements for the tribute to Bobby Burke were now finalised. An address of welcome followed by the unveiling of a plaque would take place at the Square at 2pm on Sunday 14th August, 1988, followed by a function at Toghermore at 3pm.

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Bobby Burke:

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A vote of Sympathy was passed with the following Families:

- Hussey Family on the death of Kate
- Keane Family on the death of Frank
- Canney Family on the death of Christy
- O'Dea Family on the death of John
- Sean Walsh on the death of Ms. Jane Rabbitte
- Gormally Family on the death of Michael
- Cooney Family on the death of Joe

This concluded the meeting.

recorded by:  
Angela Holian,  
Town Clerk

SIGNED: Jimmy O'Mara  
CHAIRMAN

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The Acting Assistant County Manager agreed to investigate if a correct address ie house number and street name, not townpark, be listed when planning permission is being sought.

The Engineer stated that the entrance to the car park will be at the Vicar street end and the exit at the barracks. The parking bay will be laid out differently, the old weigh house will be demolished. Amendments to the traffic bye-laws will be carried out in the foreseeable future.

The Acting Assistant County Manager agreed to check the position with the Law Agent.

# TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,  
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

Tel.: 24246

25th July, 1988

To each Town Commissioner.

A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on Tuesday, 2nd August, 1988 at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

..... *Angela Holian* Baile Cleireach.

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 5th July, 1988

Chairman: P. M. Stapleton .... outgoing

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

Mr. E. Gleeson, Acting Assistant County Manager,  
Mr. J. Gibbons, Area Engineer

Commissioner Kelly

The prayer was recited.

Election of Chairman: The outgoing Chairman recalled events during his year in office. He thanked the Manager, Officials, the members of the Board and the Press for their co-operation during the year. He then invited nominations for the position of Chairman. It was proposed by Commissioner Stapleton and seconded by Commissioner Burke that Commissioner O'Mara be elected to hold the office of Chairman of Tuam Town Commissioners for the coming year.

Commissioner O'Mara 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 hoped to work in co-operation with all agencies in securing replacement industry for Tuam.

Election of Vice-Chairman: The Chairman invited proposals for the position of Vice Chairman. It was proposed by Commissioner O'Grady and seconded by Commissioner Halion that Commissioner Flaherty be elected Vice-Chairman of Tuam Town Commissioners for the coming year.

There being no other proposals Commissioner Flaherty was elected. He thanked the members.

Condition of Houses: The Acting Assistant County Manager told the members that 7 houses had been repaired and were being allocated. There were 3 houses under repair and 3 houses which need substantial repairs. All the names on the waiting list were being considered.

Rear of stalls: Commissioner Stapleton was asked to talk to the Tenants and report back to the Board.

Fairgreen: The Manager was asked to have a report on the remaining sites for the next meeting.

Team Park: The Board asked that an abandoned car be removed from Council property in this area, also the bad condition of the road and lack of lights be dealt with.

Building permission: The Acting Assistant County Manager agreed to investigate if a correct address ie House number and street name, not townspark, be listed when planning permission is being sought.

Car Park: The Engineer stated that the entrance to the car park will be at the Vicar street end and the exit at the Barracks. The parking bay will be laid out differently, the old weigh house will be demolished. Amendments to the traffic Bye-laws will be carried out in the foreseeable future.

Insurance re: Casual: The Acting Assistant County Manager agreed to check the position with the Law Agent.

at Town Hall: The Engineer stated that materials had been purchased and the flowers would be erected this week.

Flag: The Acting Assistant County Manager stated that the National Flag may only be displayed in the open from sunrise to sunset.

crossings: The Acting Assistant County Manager was asked to check if an application for a National Primary Grant, towards the cost of repairs to the level crossings, had been submitted to the Dept.

Lights at road: *y* The Members spoke of a number of accidents at the Weir road corner and called on the County Council to have the lights erected as soon as possible. The Acting Assistant County Manager stated that the County Engineer was extremely aware of the situation and was treating the matter as urgent, however the erection of traffic lights was dependent on available funds. \*

The adoption of the Minutes of the June meeting was proposed by Commissioner Burke and seconded by Commissioner Flaherty.

Attendance: Letters were received from the following:

1. Tuam Stadium Committee - seeking a wayleave through the playground at St. E nda's ave for a sewer pipe. Approval was proposed by Commissioner Burke and seconded by Commissioner O'Mara.
2. Mr. Noel Treacy, Minister of State, re: sewerage - The acting Assistant County Manager explained: the Preliminary Report, the first major report, has been approved. The next step is the preparation of Contract Documents. These would be prepared by a consultant, approved by the Minister and then put out for tender.

to Bobby Burke: Commissioner Biggins told the members that the tribute to Bobby Burke would take place on Sunday 14th August, at 2pm. Commissioner Burke stated that the Western Health Board would provide refreshments.

charges: Replying to Commissioner Stapleton the Acting Assistant County Manager stated that the principle of charges remain but the level of charges was being looked at.

areas: Replying to Commissioner Stapleton the Engineer said the green area at the Glebe would be maintained.

A vote of Sympathy was passed with the following Families:

- Quinn Family, Cedar Court on the death of Murdeach
- Hyland Family, Killiloonty on the death of Jack
- Conniffe Family, Ballygaddy road on the death of Frank
- Kilgannon Family, Caltra on the death of Peter
- Farragher Family, New Ross on the death of Norman
- Garvey Family, Belair on the death of Mrs. Fitzmorris
- Devane Family, on the death of Christy
- Foster Family, Barrack Street on the death of Robert

This concluded the meeting.

SIGNED: *James O'Mara*  
CHAIRMAN



For September Meeting

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Tuam Town Commissioners,  
Town Hall,  
Tuam,  
Co. Galway.

Ref. No.

6 Cilmartin Rd.

To: Each Member:-

Pursuant to Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 and in accordance with Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966 as amended by Section 4 of the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) Act, 1978, notice is hereby given that it is proposed to sell a dwelling owned by the Council to a tenant.

The particulars are as follows:-

Land Acquired From:-

Location:-

6 Cilmartin Rd.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Mr. Liam Ainsworth

OF:

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is

£4,000

The conditions to be included in the sale will contain, among others:-

The conditions as specified in the Form of Transfer Order prescribed in the Housing Regulations, 1980.

This matter will appear on the Agenda for consideration at the next meeting of the Council which will be held after the expiration of 10 days from the date of this notice.

Signed

Angela Nolan

Date

26/4/88

To be paid in Cash

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, 7th June, 1988

**TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS**

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,  
TOWN HALL, TUAM.  
27th June, 1988

Tel.: 24246

G. Browne

To each Town Commissioner.

A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on Tuesday, 5th July, 1988 at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

*Angela Holian* Baile Cleireach.

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The Adoption of the Minutes of the May meeting was proposed by Commissioner O'Mara and seconded by Commissioner Burke.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, 7th June, 1988

Chairman: P. M. Stapleton

Commissioners: J. O'Mara, N. Halion, M. Kelly, J. Burke, G. Browne  
J. Flaherty

Commissioners: M. O'Grady, F. Biggins

Mr. E. Gleeson, Acting Assistant County Manager  
Mr. J. Gibbons, Area Engineer

The Prayer was recited.

A vote of Sympathy was passed with the following families:

Burke Family, St. Joseph's Park, on the death of Tommy  
Sullivan Family, Bishop street, on the death of Olive  
McGrath Family, Ballygaddy Road, on the death of Michael Leonard  
Cummins Family, Ballinrobe, on the death of Dr. Cummins  
Gannon Family, Demerse, on the death of Paddy  
Parsons Family, St. Francis Terr, on the death of Ann  
O'Brien Family, Galway, on the death of Michael  
Kelly Family, Birmingham road, on the death of Mrs. Kelly

The problems at Tuams housing estates were discussed at length. Commissioner Kelly asked that Tenants be educated to respect the houses. A case where a Tenant was served Notice to Quit for non-payment of rent, left the house for a time and then came back and broke into the house again was discussed. The Board called on the County Council to provide a hardstand in Tuam. The Acting Assistant County Manager stated that Social workers work successfully with most travelling families. A small minority cause trouble and legal action would be taken where necessary. As regards a hardstand, final arrangements have been made to test a site for suitability.

The Chairman asked that the door to the back entrance of the stalls be repaired and erected again.

The Board called on the County Council to house the following people as soon as possible:

Willie and Mary Ward:	Mary Higgins
Gerry and Mrs McHugh:	Joe Stephens
Martin and Teresa Ward:	Pat Fox
Ailish and Mary Mannion:	John Ward

boundary: A letter from the Assistant County Manager was read. Having considered the matter the Board decided to agree, on the proposal of Commissioner O'Mara seconded by Commissioner Burke, to submit to the Department a Draft map of the Boundary enclosing 2,677 acres, in accordance with the recommendation made by the County Manager in his report dated 15th April, 1988. The Board requested that the Clerk record regret at not having reached agreement with the County Manager and Galway County Council on the larger area and expressed the view that there might be regrets about this in the future.

The Adoption of the Minutes of the May meeting was proposed by Commissioner O'Mara and seconded by Commissioner Burke.

pendence:

Letters were received from the following:

1. An Post - Disappointment was expressed at An Post's decision not to purchase the old Garda Barrack. It was decided to write to Deputies Kitt, Connaughton and Treacy and request that they organise a deputation from the Board to Mr. Fergeal Quinn, Chairman, An Post.
2. Mr. Noel Treacy, Minister of State - read.
3. Supt. J. Kilgannon - Commissioner Burke said the Board had designated an area at the Mall for Casual Trading. The Clerk was asked to check the Minutes (1974 to 1980) This to be discussed at the July meeting.
4. Mr. Michael Kitt, T.D. - read
5. Mr. Paul Connaughton, T.D. - read
6. Mr. Seamus Keating, County Manager re: Goodman International ( A copy of the letter to be circulated to each member of the Board urgently)
7. I.D.A. re site at Fairgreen - Commissioner Browne proposed that an up to date opinion be sought from the Law Agent, also the position regarding the other sites.
8. Bantry Town Commissioners - There was unanimous support for the following resolution: 'That Bantry Town Commissioners call on the Government to revise the legislation regarding the removal of wrecks abandoned along the coast so as to impose an obligation on some Government authority to remove them.'
9. Millstream Park Residents Association - The County Council were requested to discuss this matter with the County Development Team and money forth coming from the sale of properties in the area be used to upgrade the area.
10. Tuam Chamber of Commerce re: Town Twinning - There was unanimous support for the proposal to consider twinning with a town in Germany, also the setting up of a sub-committee to examine same.
11. Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland - This to be placed on the agenda for the July meeting.

of Motion:

Commissioner Burke spoke on his Notice of Motion re: the exit from Tuam Mart onto the Galway/Sligo road. He said there was considerable difficulty coming out on to a national primary road and there had been a number of accidents recently, also the County Council and C.I.E. had promised to carry out work there. Commissioner Browne said that the car park should be available on Mart days. He requested the County Council to examine the situation of Mart days. The Engineer stated that negotiations with C.I.E. were complete re: the level crossing. This item to be placed on the agenda for the July meeting.

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(3) Commissioner Burke spoke on his Notice of Motion re: the Shambles car park being altered to make 'one way in' and 'one way out'. The Engineer stated that the car park leads itself particularly to one way traffic. He agreed to have maps ready as soon as possible.

(4) Commissioner Burke spoke on his Notice of Motion re: the National Flag. He said that if the National Flag was floodlit it could be left up at night. He asked that this be investigated, also that flowers, such as at the Imperial Hotel, would enhance the Town Hall.



TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, 3rd May, 1988

Chairman: P. M. Stapleton

Commissioners: F. Biggins, J. O'Mara, M. O'Grady, N. Halion,  
M. Kelly, G. Browne

**TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS**

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,  
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

Tel.: 24246

1st June, 1988

To each Town Commissioner.

A CHARA,

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on Tuesday, 7th June, 1988 at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

*G. Halion* Baile Cleireach.

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Minutes

Manager's Business

Correspondence

Notice of Motion: J. Burke (1) I propose that Tuam Town Commissioners investigate how we can improve the exit from Tuam Mart on the main Galway/Sligo

(2) I will propose that Tuam Town Commissioners designate an area for street trading and to resolve the problem emerging recently.

(3) I will propose that some thought be given to the Shambles car park particularly that it be made 'one way in' and 'one way out' and that our Engineer be requested to draw up a plan.

(4) I will propose that the National Flag be flown at the Town Hall and illuminated at night time, and also a fascia Board with flowers behind it, the same as the Imperial Hotel should be erected at the Town Hall.

(5) I will propose that Tuam Town Commissioners set up a Social Employment Scheme for Environmentally worthy projects.

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, 3rd May, 1988

Chairman: P. M. Stapleton

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

Mr. S. Keating, County Manager, Galway County Council  
Mr. J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager  
Mr. J. Gibbons, Area Engineer

The Prayer was recited.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. S. Keating, County Manager, He thanked him for giving the Commissioners the opportunity of addressing Galway County Council at their meeting on Monday 25th April, 1988. He hoped that agreement could be reached between the Board and the Manager re: the inclusion of extra townlands in the proposed extension to the Town boundary.

Mr. Keating stated that normally the extension of a town boundary was related to development needs. There is no development need in Tuam as the Commissioners are not a planning Authority, providing services - water, sewerage, roads etc. It is a representation question. He said the proposed extension was quite excessive. He had doubts that the Minister would approve because of the size of the increase, from 603 acres to 2,677 acres. He agreed there was no precedent to guide them and advised against increasing the acreage over that proposed in his memo.

The Assistant County Manager stated that he agreed with the County Manager. Guidelines were laid down by the Department when enquiries about extension of the Town boundary were first made.

All present expressed the opinion that if agreement could be reached between the Town Commissioners and Galway County Council the Minister would also agree. It was noted that in the 1986 Census the population inside the existing boundary dropped while the population of the environs increased, and that current development is taking place in the environs. It was agreed the County Council had done an indepth study and what was offered was reasonable, but the Manager was asked to reconsider and include Kilcloghens (40 houses) and Drum (24 houses) where development is already taking place.

The Manager stated that Urban Status may be a factor. The size of the Town raised important implications if it became an Urban Council in the future and would involve the transfer of resources - related to the size of acreage - from Galway County Council. He refused to include the two townlands proposed by the Board.

It was then proposed by Commissioner Browne that the smaller area be accepted. This was supported by Commissioners O'Mara and O'Grady. It was proposed by Commissioner Burke that the Board go to the Minister and seek the two extra townlands. This was supported by Commissioners Kelly, Halion, Biggins and Chairman Stapleton. It was finally resolved to go back to the County Council and seek their support in having Drum and Kilcloghens included in the extension before submitting the proposal to the Minister.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Correspondence:

Letters were received from the following:

Lydon & Company, re 60 Gilmartin Road, - Consent to the sale was proposed by Commissioner O'Grady and seconded by Commissioner O'Mara.

The Clerk was instructed to write to the Gardai re: A trader obstructing traffic at the Square.

The Clerk was also instructed to write to the Department of the Environment and request that sufficient Testers be allocated to Tuam to clear the backlog of people waiting to have their driving test.

This concluded the meeting.

Presided by:  
John Holian,  
Clerk

SIGNED:

  
CHAIRMAN 7/6/1988

Galway County Council Archives

Special Meeting: Extension of Town Boundary - Mr. J. Kea  
County Manager to attend.  
Ordinary Meeting: Minutes  
Manager's Business  
Correspondence  
Notice of Motion: J. Kea proposes that  
Tuam Town Commissioners should consider how we can  
improve the exit from the town on the main  
Galway/Sligo road.  
The meeting was held on 7th June 1988 at 7.30pm in the  
Town Hall, Tuam.  
Present: Commissioners O'Grady, O'Mara, Kea, and  
Clerk.  
The meeting was opened by the Chairman, Mr. J. Kea.  
The Chairman proposed and Commissioner O'Mara seconded  
that the County Manager be invited to attend the meeting.  
The County Manager agreed to attend.  
The Chairman proposed and Commissioner O'Mara seconded  
that the meeting be adjourned until 7.30pm on 14th June 1988.  
The meeting adjourned at 8.15pm.  
The Chairman proposed and Commissioner O'Mara seconded  
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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, 5th April, 1988

**TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS**

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,  
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

Tel.: 24246

To each Town Commissioner.

27th April, 1988

A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on Tuesday 3rd May, 1988 at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

*A. Nolan* Baile Cleireach.

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Special Meeting: Extension of Town Boundary - Mr. S. Keating  
County Manager to attend.

Ordinary Meeting: Minutes  
Manager's Business

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Notice of Motion: J. Burke - I propose that  
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Commissioner Browne proposed and Commissioner seconded that Hal-Al be  
officially invited to Tuam.

It was decided to write again to An Post re the Tuam Post Office, also  
Deputy Treacy.

Galway County Council Archives

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, 5th April, 1988

Chairman: P. M. Stapleton

Commissioners: J. O'Mara, F. Biggins, G. Browne, N. Halion,  
M. Kelly, J. Burke

Mr. T. Kavanagh, Acting Assistant County Manager

Mr. J. Gibbons, Area Engineer  
Commissioner O'Grady  
Commissioner Flaherty

The Prayer was recited.

A Deputation from Tirboy Residents Association asked the Commissioners support in calling on Galway County Council to have caravans, horses and animals removed from the estate, also that a section of road, leading to the town be surfaced. They complained of a burst water pipe in their area and the vandalism of trees.

After the Deputation left the problems in Tuam's housing estates were discussed at length. Commissioner Kelly proposed and Commissioner Browne seconded that the County Council monitor the situation in the Housing estates. It was decided that members of the Board would accompany a deputation from the Residents Association to meet the County Manager and Commissioner Burke was requested to arrange same. The Board called on the County Council to provide a handstand in Tuam.

A Letter from the Law Agent was read. A letter from Galway County Council stated that the original planning permission, granted in 1973 had now ceased to have effect, and planning permission had not been granted for the present arrangement. Commissioner Browne proposed and Commissioner <sup>Bissim</sup> seconded that the County Council recover the site and make it available to a worthy couple. The Acting Assistant County Manager stated that Planning permission ceases after 5 years. The I.D.A. had been contacted regarding the site and a reply was awaited.

Commissioner Burke stated that the County Engineer was anxious to resolve the Weir Road junction. Commissioner Browne suggested that the Road Safety Council be asked to inspect the junction and Commissioner Kelly suggested that the Gardai be asked to monitor speeding in the area.

A letter from the County Manager was read. The Board welcomed the response from the County Manager and agreed that each member attend the County Council meeting of the 25th April, 1988 when the proposed extension of the Town Boundary will be discussed.

The Board welcomed the announcement by the Minister for Industry and Commerce that morning, also that Hal-Al were interested in coming to Tuam. Commissioner Browne proposed and Commissioner Burke seconded that the I.D.A. be requested not to sell any of its land in the Tuam area. Commissioner Browne proposed and Commissioner seconded that Hal-Al be officially invited to Tuam.

It was decided to write again to An Post re the Tuam Post Office, also Deputy Treacy.

Team Park: Commissioner Burke stated that this had been discussed at a recent County Council meeting and the County Manager had agreed to investigate. It was decided to write to the County Manager and convey to him the urgency of have the matter dealt with.

Houses: It was proposed and seconded that a vacant house at Liam Mellows street be allocated to Mr. Pat Fox.

Office: The Clerk was instructed to contact the Insurance Company.

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

Correspondence: Letters were received from the following:

1. Goodman International - read
2. Department of Energy - read
3. Office of the Taoiseach - read
4. Galway County Council - read
5. Galway County Council re Speed Limits. It was proposed and seconded that Commissioner Burke represent the Board at a special meeting.
6. Athlone Urban District Council re fishing licence - It was proposed by Commissioner Browne and seconded by Commissioner Burke that the following Fax message be urgently sent to the Minister: Tuam Town Commissioners respectfully request the Government to revoke immediately the recently introduced Trout Rod Licence. The Commissioners request this in the interest of harmony and in order to protect the very valuable Tourism spin off from fishing.
7. Tuam Community Council - read

Notice of Motion: Commissioner Burke spoke on his Notice of Motion re: a house at Gilmartin road. He proposed that where a Tenant is in arrears of rent for over 10 weeks the Board be made aware of the situation. Also that a Tenant with arrears not be transferred or a Tenant who leaves with arrears not be rehoused. There was unanimous support for the Motion.

Motion (2): Commissioner Burke stated that the difficulty re: water at Galway Road had been resolved by the County Council.

Motion (3): Commissioner Burke called on the County Council to provide a trailer to take wandering animals to the Pound, also that the Gardai be notified each time animals are taken to the pound. There was unanimous support for the Motion.

Motion (4): Commissioner Kelly spoke on his Notice of Motion re: centralisation. He proposed that the Board call on the Government to locate a Department or section of a Department in Tuam, possibly the Dept. of Social Welfare. There was unanimous support for the Motion. It was decided to write to Deputies Kitt, Treacy and Connaughton.

Motion (5) Commissioner Biggins spoke on his Notice of Motion re: a tribute to Mr. Bobby Burke. Mr. Burke, he stated had done an enormous amount of good for Tuam and the Locality. He inherited Togher House in 1920 and donated the house to the Minister for Health and Galway County Council during the 1950's. He donated the land to the Tenants of the area. He was involved in a housing Co-op in the 1930's and the planting of trees. He then worked in Nigeria but has now returned to Ireland and lives in Belfast. Commissioner Biggins suggested erecting a plaque in his honour. There was unanimous support for the Motion. It was decided to call a special meeting and invite a number of people to discuss this.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,  
TOWN HALL, TUAM

25th March, 1988

Cross: It was decided to write to Deputy Treacy re: the Town Cross.

Herald: It was noted that the Tuam Herald was 150 years old in 1988. It was proposed and seconded that a Civic Reception be held to honour the occasion. The Clerk was asked to contact the Editor re: a date.

y: A vote of Sympathy was passed with the following families:

- Waldron family on the death of Mrs. Waldron
- Ivory family on the death of Liam
- Cronin family on the death of Gerry
- Meehan family on the death of Mrs. Meehan
- Maloney family on the death of Mrs. Maloney
- Fr. Fergus on the death of Mrs. A. Fergus
- Mrs. C. Donlon on the death of Miko

This concluded the meeting.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

CHAIRMAN

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