

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

Minutes of Meeting held on 12th August 1987

RE: EXTENSION OF TOWN BOUNDARY

Present: Chairman: P.M. Stapleton

Commissioners: J. O'Mara, J. Flaherty, F. Biggins,  
N. Halion, J. Burke

Apology: G. Browne, M. Kelly, M. O'Grady

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# STADT WALDKRAIBURG

DER BÜRGERMEISTER

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Waldkraiburg am 28. Juli 1987

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Recorded by,  
Angela Holian:  
Town Clerk

  
CHAIRMAN

6/10/87

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DER BÜRGERMEISTER

Waldkraiburg, den 28. Juli 1987

Herrn  
Chairman P. M. Stapleton  
Town Clerk's Office  
Town Hall  
Tuam  
Irland

Sehr geehrter Herr Stapleton!

Für Ihre freundlichen Zeilen vom 17. Juli dieses Jahres und für das von Herrn Niall Mc Ginn überbrachte Geschenk bedanke ich mich recht herzlich.

Während der Europäischen Jugendkulturtage 1987 stand unsere Stadt kurze Zeit ganz im Zeichen der Jugendlichen aus den verschiedensten europäischen Ländern sowie aus Israel. Neben Jugendgruppen aus Mohács (Ungarn), Slowenska Bistrica (Jugoslawien), Jerusalem (Israel) und Bayern, musizierten, sangen und tanzten sich die Jugendlichen aus Limerick in die Herzen unserer Bevölkerung.

Ihre Jugendlichen sind seit Jahren gern gesehene Gäste in unserer Stadt und wir freuen uns immer wieder aufs Neue, wenn sie im "Haus Sudetenland" Quartier beziehen. Es gehört schon zur Tradition, daß ich die Jugendlichen, meist unter der Leitung von Herrn Mc Ginn, hier im Rathaus empfangen. Die Aufgeschlossenheit und Frische die dabei aus ihren Gesichtern strahlt erfreut mich und zeigt mir, daß trotz Sprachschwierigkeiten eine Völkerverständigung unter Jugendlichen aber auch unter den Erwachsenen möglich ist.

Der offene und freie Umgang aller Jugendlichen untereinander läßt hoffen, daß sie auch in ihren Heimatländern für die Verständigung über alle Grenzen hinweg werben.

Es würde mich sehr freuen, wenn es Ihnen einmal möglich sein sollte, mich hier in Waldkraiburg zu besuchen. Vielleicht ist es mir einmal möglich, das Land zu besuchen, aus dem jedes Jahr nette, aufgeschlossene Jugendliche zu uns kommen. Es bleibt zu wünschen, daß diese Freundschaftsbände weiter ausgebaut werden und auch auf unsere älteren Generationen übergreifen.

Mit dem Wunsch an Sie und die Bevölkerung Ihrer Stadt auf eine weitere Vertiefung unserer Beziehungen, verbleibe ich

Ihr

Joachim Fischer  
1. Bürgermeister



TOWN TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Meeting held on 17th August 1987

EXTENSION OF TOWN BOUNDARY

STADT WALDKRAIBURG

DER BURGERMEISTER

Waldkraiburg, 28 JULY 1987

Chairman P. M. Stapleton  
Town Clerk's Office  
Town Hall  
Tuam

Ireland

Dear Mr Stapleton,

For your friendly lines on 17/7/87 and for the present delivered by Mr. Niall McGinn, I thank you.

During the European Youth Culture days, our town was the centre for youths from various European countries as well as Israel. Neighbouring youth from Hungary, Yugoslavia, Jerusalem, and Bavaria had music sessions and sang and danced with the Youth of Limerick into the hearts of our people.

Your Youth have been for many years welcome guests to our town and we would look forward to having new friends in "Haus Sudetenland" quarters. It went with tradition that I received the youth under the guidance of Mr Mc Ginn in our town hall. The open mindedness and freshness of their countenance delighted me and showed me that despite the language difficulty, an understanding among youth is possible.

The open and free understanding of all youth with each other, I hope, will transcend all boundaries even in your home country.

It would please me very much if you would visit me sometime in Waldkraiburg. Perhaps I may visit the land from whence such nice youth comes every year.

It remains to wish that these bonds of friendship will expand and extend to our older generations. With the wish that you and your people will have a deeper relationship with our people.

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Joachim Fischer  
Mayor

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TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,  
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

Tel.: 24246

29th July, 1987

To each Town Commissioner.

A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on Tuesday, 4th August, 1987..... at 8.00 p.m.

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You are hereby summoned to attend.

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..... *A. Nolin* ..... Baile Cleireach.

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## A G E N D A

Minutes

Manager's Business

Correspondence

Notice of Motion:

1. J. Burke: The St. Joseph's Park have a name plaque erected to assist people locate it.
2. J. Burke: I will propose that the Airglooney sewerage problem be resolved as it is becoming more and more a health hazard.

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 7th July, 1987

Chairman: M. O'Grady - outgoing

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

Mr. John Howlett, Assistant County Manager  
Mr. Jack Gibbons, Area Engineer

Commissioner Kelly

The prayer was recited.

Election of Chairman: The outgoing Chairman recalled events during his year in Office - especially the closure of the Sugar Factory. He said progress was slow as regards the water and sewerage. The number of caravans at the Abbey Trinity Car Park was greatly reduced and he hoped the problem would be solved shortly. He thanked the Manager, the 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 O'Mara and seconded by Commissioner Browne that Commissioner Stapleton be elected to hold the office of Chairman of Tuam Town Commissioners for the coming year.

Commissioner Stapleton 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 was first co-opted to the Board in 1966 on the death of his father and served as Chairman in 1969. He hoped to see the Town Boundary extended and Urban Status granted to Tuam in the near future.

Election of Vice-Chairman: The Chairman invited proposals for the position of Vice Chairman, The Chairman proposed and Commissioner Browne seconded that Commissioner O'Mara be elected Vice-Chairman of Tuam Town Commissioners for the coming year.

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Towns:

Commissioner Burke asked the members to take part in the "Weekend Clean Up" organised by the Tidy Towns Committee, the next weekend. It was agreed that four hanging baskets be provided at the Town Hall.

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The owners of buildings at Circular road and Weir road were commended on the restoration of same.

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The Engineer stated that there was no provision in this years estimate for traffic lights at the Galway road/Gilmartin road junction. The Manager was asked to contact Mr. P. Flood, County Engineer and also to direct funds immediately for the provision of Traffic lights. The Manager said that money for National Primary roads was outside the control of the County Council, but he undertook to discuss the matter with the County Engineer.

ng Field at  
Enda's Ave:

Replying to the Chairman the Engineer said that if a Social Employment scheme was sanctioned for St. Enda's ave the playing field would be dealt with.

ring Animals:

The problem of wandering animals was discussed at length. The Engineer agreed to have a night survey carried out but he said the Gardai have the resources to impound animals at night. It was proposed to write to the Gardai.

Repairs:

The Chairman asked the Engineer to investigate complaints of leaking roofs at three houses in Gilmartin road.

Engine:

Commissioners Biggins informed the Board that a second Fire Engine had been acquired last week and he queried when the next Fire Brigade Committee meeting would be held.

t facilities:

The appalling condition of the Public Toilets at the Shambles and the Abbey Trinity Car park was discussed. The Engineer stated that a lot of money was spent on the provision of new toilets at the Shambles in the past year. The workmen asked to be relieved of the task of cleaning the Abbey Trinity toilets. Now that problems at the car park will be solved shortly it is hoped that the toilets can be refurbished and maintained.

Commissioner O'Grady proposed and Commissioner Burke seconded the adoption of the minutes of the previous meeting.

Boundary:

The Manager was complimented on the map prepared. It was decided to hold a special meeting on Wednesday 26th August, 1987 to discuss the proposed extension.

pendence:

It was decided to defer correspondence to the next meeting. The Town Clerk was asked to arrange a meeting with Officials of An Post.

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A Vote of Sympathy was passed with the following families:

- Mr. Jarlath Burke - death of his sister
- Mr. Pat Dwyer - death of his sister
- Gaffney Family - death of John
- Sister Damien - death of her father
- Howard Family - death of Pascal



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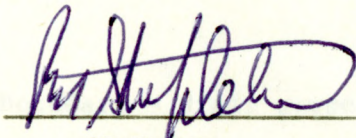
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1st July, 1987

- McGrath Family - death of Mick
- Senator T. Hussey - death of his Brother
- Mr. Gay McManus - death of his sister
- Melia Family - death of Mrs. Melia
- Cunningham Family - death of Paddy
- Mercy Sisters - death of Sister Ann Hoare
- Flynn Family - death of Brendan
- Mr. Bertie Gillard - death of his sister
- Aiden Donoghue - death of his Mother
- Monaghan Family - death of Mrs. Monaghan
- Byrne Family - death of Luke Byrne

This concluded the Meeting

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a Holian,  
Clerk:

 4/8/1987  
CHAIRMAN

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Baile Cleireach.

## A G E N D A

- Election of Chairman ✓
- Election of Vice-Chairman ✓
- Minutes
- Manager's Business
- Extension of Town Boundary - draft proposal
- Correspondence

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

Mr. J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager

Mr. J. Gibbons, Area Engineer

Mr. T. Coughlin, Acting Town Clerk

Commissioner Kelly

The Prayer was recited.

It was agreed that the A.G.M. of the Tuam Town Commissioners be held on the date on which the next meeting of the Board is due to be held.

A deputation was received from Millstream Park. The deputation informed the Commissioners that various problems had arisen in the estate over the years, most of which have now been resolved due to the efforts of the Commissioners and the County Council. A serious problem now exists regarding sewerage, in particular at 6 houses on the approach to the estate. The deputation requested that this problem be solved as a matter of urgency. The deputation also requested that Millstream Park be listed for a Social Employment Scheme. The Chairman thanked the deputation and informed them that the point raised would be discussed at the meeting. The deputation then left meeting.

The Chairman informed the meeting that the problem regarding sewerage at Millstream Park has been apparent for some time, and the Commissioners agreed that the County Council should investigate and resolve the problem as quickly as possible. Mr. J. Howlett stated that the estate was not built in accordance with planning permission and it would be impossible for the County Council to supervise the works carried out by the developer. Legal proceedings were taken against the Builder, but he had no assets. The fund administered by the Dept. of the Environment for unfinished estates is depleted, but the matter will be brought to the attention of the County Manager. It was agreed that Mr. J. Gibbons would investigate the estimated cost of rectifying the sewerage.

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Civic Reception: The Chairman informed the meeting that a provisional date - 22/6/'87 - has been set for the Civic Reception in honour of Mr. Mark Killilea, M.E.P. It was agreed that future Civic Receptions be arranged in the evening if possible.

Adoption of Minutes: Commissioner Stapleton proposed and Commissioner O'Mara seconded the adoption of the minutes of the May meeting.

Fire Engine: Commissioner Biggins requested information regarding the provision of a second fire engine.

Correspondence: The Chairman read a letter on behalf of Mr. F. McKenna, Church View, Tuam, regarding the insurance of his house. The Acting Town Clerk informed the Chairman that the matter would be investigated before the next meeting.

Congratulations: Congratulations were passed to Ms. Marie Loche on her achievement regarding the Special Olympics.

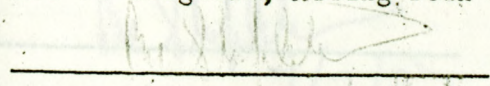
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Resolved by: Mr. T. Coughlan, Acting Town Clerk



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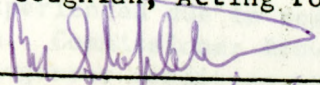
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ed by: Mr. T. Coughlan, Acting Town Clerk

  
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EQUIPMENT NECESSARY FOR THE VARIOUS DISTRICT OFFICES

1 No. 8 Cu. Yd. Lorry.  
Twin Cab Pick Up Truck - at least one per Area - these would be more suitable for road maintenance than the present lorries.

Four ton 4 wheel Drive Dumper with Cab - at least 1 per area.

Tractor with Power Loader.

Trailer for Same.

Vibrating Hand Roller with Trailer.

Concrete Mixer with Trailer.

300 Gallon Tar Spray Unit.

Hedge Trimmer attachment for Tractor - Heavy Duty Type.

Grader Blade Attachment for Tractor.

Chain Saw.

Disc Cutter - for installation of Cate Eyes.

Lawn Mower.

Strimmer.

MOBILE LABORATORY - THIS CAN BE USED TO MEASURE  
FLOURINE, CHLORINE, IRON, ALUMINIUM, MANGANESE,  
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# TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,  
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

Tel.: 24246

27th April, 1987

To each Town Commissioner.

A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on Tuesday, 5th May, 1987 at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

*A. Nolan* Baile Cleireach.

## A G E N D A

Minutes

Manager's Business

Correspondence

Notice of Motion:

1. G. Browne - That Tuam Town Commissioners request an urgent meeting with the Minister of the Environment re: Water and Sewerage in Tuam.

*any other business*

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The problems regarding caravans at Tirboy were discussed and the Commissioners were informed by the Acting Manager that the law as it stands prevents the Council from moving the caravans. Commissioner Stapleton stated that traveller families from outside Tuam should not be housed in the town and the Commissioners requested that the Council take action to have the caravans removed and the road restoration completed. The Acting Manager informed the meeting that the Council will discourage any detrimental development at Tirboy, and that the road restoration will be completed shortly. Commissioner Burke informed the meeting that he will raise this matter at the next meeting.

Commissioner Stapleton asked the Area Engineer if any problem had been experienced due to road and footpath restoration by Telecom. Commissioner Browne stated that footpaths in the town are in a dangerous condition and that a special allocation should be



TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 5th May, 1987.

Chairman: M. O'Grady.

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

Mr. E. Gleeson, Acting Assistant County Manager.

Mr. J. Gibbons, Area Engineer.

Mr. T. Coughlan, Acting Town Clerk.

The prayer was recited.

The following letters were read, noted and agreed.

1. J.P. Glynn, Solicitors: consent of sale of house at 13' Newtownmorris.
2. Concannon & Meagher (Solrs): consent of sale of house at 23' Tubberjarlath Road.
3. Concannon & Meagher (Solrs): release of charge on house at 32' Tubberjarlath Road.
4. Copy of motion NO. 94' from Tralee U.D.C. - "that the 1916 Proclamation be hung in the Council chambers of all local authorities".
5. James Cormican and Associates: "Start your own business" (noted).

A Letter from the Secretary of St. Enda's Residents Association was read to the meeting. It was agreed that the request for a Social Employment Scheme be sent to the County Engineer and that the Scheme be included in the next allocation. It was also agreed that the residents should meet the Area Engineer to discuss the proposed Scheme.

The Area Engineer informed the Commissioners of the proposals for the Clean Up Campaign and that the Council has arranged to provide a trailer at the Square to alleviate the build up of litter during week-ends. He also stated that extra litter bins have been provided. The Acting Manager informed the meeting that a refuse collection service would commence at Tirboy within one week, and that the Council will do whatever possible to improve the environment in both urban and rural areas during the National Clean Up Week. Commissioner Burke complimented the Tidy Towns Committee and Commissioner Brown paid tribute to Shopkeepers who swept outside their shops. It was agreed that the Senior Executive Engineer (Environment) be requested to visit Tuam. Commissioner Browne stated that he had been misquoted in recent newspaper reports and requested that this be noted.

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Commissioner Stapleton asked the Area Engineer if any problem had been experienced due to road and footpath restoration by Telecom. Commissioner Browne stated that footpaths in the town are in a dangerous condition and that a special allocation should be



sought to remedy the problem. Commissioner Burke questioned the amount allocated to the Tuam area in respect of the "Roads Strengthening Programme", and proposed that an allocation be made for footpaths. The Area Engineer undertook to investigate the problems raised by the Commissioners. There are no special grants for footpaths and maintenance monies are distributed on a mileage basis. The Area Engineer stated that it is proposed to install traffic lights at the Weir Road, and that damage caused to the pedestrian lights at Dublin Road will be investigated.

ous Structures:

The Commissioners expressed satisfaction at the work carried out to the dangerous structure at Weir Road. The Area Engineer informed the meeting that work will shortly commence at the dangerous structure at Circular Road, and that he will investigate reports of a dangerous yield sign at Weir Road.

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The Chairman read letters received from the Assistant County Manager and the Department of the Environment regarding urbanisation, the contents of which were noted. Commissioner O'Mara requested that the matter be included in the Agenda for the next meeting of the Commissioners. It was subsequently agreed that a special meeting be arranged to discuss the area effected, the detailed requirements as set out in the minutes of previous meetings and any other matters arising. The Acting Manager informed the Commissioners that a Planning Official from the Council could be made available and that although the Minister did not set a dead-line, the Commissioners should define the boundry in preparation for the Minister's general revision.

strike:

The Commissioners unanimously agreed that the E.S.B. Strike should be settled, and it was proposed by Commissioner O'Kelly and seconded by Commissioner Halion that a telegram be sent to An Taoiseach requesting that the strike be resolved within 48 hours.

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Approval to the increase in salaries as set out in Circular EL 9/87 was sought and agreed.

to Houses:

Commissioner Stapleton informed the meeting that a number of houses in Gilmartin Road are in need of repairs, and the condition of houses vacated by tenants was discussed. It was agreed that Rent Collectors should be directed to report on the condition of houses in their areas, and that houses should be inspected prior to vacation by tenants being transferred. The Area Engineer informed the Commissioners that a concentrated effort is being made to repair vacant houses and that extensive repairs are necessary in some cases. The Acting Manager informed the meeting that the Council is concerned about the condition of the housing stock and that the Rent Collectors are informed of their duties from time to time. The rationalisation of Rent Collectors and the appointment of Revenue Collectors may improve the situation.

of Motion:

Commissioner Borwne spoke on his notice of motion that the Commissioners meet the Minister of the Environment regarding the provision of Water and Sewerage for Tuam. It was agreed that only these matters be discussed at the meeting, and that an official from the Town Commissioners attend this meeting.

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It was decided to write again to Mr. Fergal Quinn.

7, Sewerage:

Commissioner Burke requested that this matter be discussed at the next meeting.



Receptions:

It was noted that a Civic Reception has been arranged for Brigadier General Murphy. It was proposed and agreed that a Civic Reception be arranged for Mr. Mark Killilea M.E.P.

Congratulations:

Congratulations were passed to:

- Galway Hurling Team.
- Vocational Hurling Team.
- Mark Killilea M.E.P.

Vote of sympathy:

A vote of sympathy was passed with the following families:

- Mrs. Annie McGrath - death of her sister.
- Mrs. Jim Farragher - death of her sister.
- Ms. Nellie McHugh - death of her father.
- Mr. Tom Creaven - death of his mother.
- The Cooke family - death of Padraic.
- The Flanagan family - death of Mr. Oliver J. Flanagan.

This concluded the meeting.

Concluded by:

Mr. T. Coughlan, A/TOWN CLERK.

*M. N. O'Grady T.C.*

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 7th April, 1987

Chairman: M. O'Grady,

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

Commissioner Stapleton,

Mr. John Howlett, Assistant County Manager,  
Mr. Jack Gibbons, Area Engineer,

The prayer was recited.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. J. Jyland, Western Manager, I.D.A. and Mr. Frank Dawson, County Development Team to the meeting. All present spoke of the vacuum created since the closure of the Sugar Factory the full impact of which will not be felt until next year, and the uncertainty of the proposed new Plant. Mr. Hyland confirmed that the I.D.A. were having discussions with three companies who are interested in the proposed new premises. The final plans for the premises were being put together and planning permission would be sought inside three weeks. There are 1850 people unemployed in Tuam. The I.D.A. are seriously committed to co-operating with Tuam. Mr. Dawson said the County Development Team are ever present in Tuam. Their brief is with the smaller operations. There are sound business propositions coming forward by the week. He also said that the threat of the closure of the Railway Line has receded. Mr. Hyland and Mr. Dawson promised to attend wither the September or the October meeting of the Board.

The Engineer explained that as both the workmen are off sick nothing has been done with the clock.

Replying to the members queries re: urbanisation the Manager said this was a matter for the Minister of the Environment. He agreed to write to the Minister, present the facts and find out the current policy.

As regards the dangerous building at the Weir road the Manager said that the County Council had served notice on the owner. Commissioner Browne stated that the wall had shifted in the last week and he asked the Manager to have something done immediately. As regards the Weir road junction the Engineer stated that he had submitted proposals to the County Council. The demolation of the building would not solve the problem and serious consideration should be given to the provision of traffic lights. Commissioner Burke appealed to the Manager to ensure that money is provided to make this junction safe. Replying to Commissioner Biggins re: a building at circular road the Manager said he would persue this and let the Board know.

A letter was read from Alison Byrne, Retail Manager, An Post. Commissioner Browne proposed and the Chairman seconded that the staff of the Post Office be requested to discontinue selling Lottery tickets. It was decided to write again to Mr. Fergal Quinn.

Commissioner Kelly proposed and Commissioner O'Mara seconded the adoption of the Minutes of the March meeting.

Business:

The Manager sought sanction to the percentage increase in the Town Clerk's salary Department reference No. EL 115/1. Commissioner Kelly proposed and Commissioner O'Mara seconded.



Replying to Commissioner Burke the Manager said that no estimate has yet been adopted by the County Council but he would inform the Board of the Rent allocation for the Library.

Letters were received from the following:

1. Garda Siochana re: caravans at Abbey trinity car park.  
The Manager was asked to have a report of the number of families and caravans in Abbey trinity car park for the next meeting.
2. Catherine J. Hughes & Co. requesting consent to a change of ownership of 60 gilmartin road, Tuam to Tommy Mullins. Commissioner Burke proposed and Commissioner Flaherty seconded.
3. Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland - read.
4. The Secretary, Pdraig Cooke benefit fund - read.
5. Tuam Unemployed Self Help Group - Commissioner Kelly proposed and Commissioner Flaherty seconded that Commissioner Browne represent the Board on the Committee.

Commissioner Burke proposed and Commissioner Biggins seconded that the Chairman represent the Board on the Town Twinning Committee. Commissioner Biggins proposed and Commissioner Browne seconded that Commissioner Flaherty also represent the Board on the Town Twinning Committee.

Commissioner Browne requested that his Notice of Motion re: water and sewerage be discussed at the May meeting.

Commissioner Burke spoke on his Notice of Motion re: sewage overflow at Airglooney. He said the new sewerage scheme for Tuam would not incorporate the Airglooney sewage. He asked if there was any major septic tank near the factory which could be used. The Engineer was asked to investigate and report to the next meeting.

Commissioner O'Grady spoke on his Notice of Motion re the Phonebox at Ballygaddy road, the Phonebox at Galway road and the Post Box outside Square Deal. He requested that Board Telecom be asked to lower the footpath outside the Kiosk at Ballygaddy Road, and that the Kiosk at Galway road be cleaned. He said the Post Box outside Square Deal was being used as a litter bin and maybe An Post could provide a better type of post box. There was unanimous support for this motion.

Commissioner Browne spoke on his Notice of Motion re: a running track at the Palace grounds. He asked the support of the Board in requesting The Palace grounds committee to cite the running track in another area. All present supported the motion and paid tribute to the people who worked so hard over the years on the Park.

Commissioner Burke spoke on his Notice of Motion re: a footpath from Hi-way garage to Toghermore. He said there are 80 residents at Toghermore and they are entitled to walk into town in safety. He felt that this would suit an S.E.S. scheme and be a major improvement to the environment. The Engineer said it was a practical proposition but in the present financial climate there was no chance of doing it now. Replying to Commissioner Burke he promised to do it on an phased basis. All present supported the motion.

Commissioner Burke then spoke on his Motion re: the Memorial Plaque at Dublin Road. The Engineer said he would not be prepared to do anything without consulting with the Committee who built the Plaque. He promised to report back to the next meeting.



Commissioner Kelly called on the County Council to deal with illegal dumping in Tuam. The Engineer said that solid evidence was needed but there was a number of prosecutions pending at the moment.

A vote of Sympathy was passed with the following families:

- Fr. O'Grady on the death of his father.
- Mr. M. Clerke on the death of his father.
- Tuttle family on the death of Mrs. Tuttle.
- Daly Family on the death of Mrs. Daly
- DeMangeat Family on the death of Mrs. DeMangeat.
- Mrs. E. Lydon on the death of Pete Quinn.
- Murphy Family on the death of Martin Murphy.
- President and Mrs Hillary on the death of their daughter.

This concluded the meeting.

by: *Mildred O'Grady T.C.*  
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Manager's business  
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Notice of Motions

*C. Browne* - That Tuam Town Commissioners request an urgent meeting with the Minister of the Environment re Water and Sewerage in Tuam.

*J. Burke* - I will propose that some emergency work be done to stop sewage overflow from septics coming out on to the main road at Aghlenny.

*M. O'Grady* - That vandalisms be put at a number of Telephone kiosks and letter boxes be provided and that improvements be carried out to give a better service to the public and less offence to staff of the office.

*C. Browne* - That the people of Tuam be given an opportunity to decide whether or not a running track be provided in Tuam, after advice from the Police and the planning section of Galway County Council.

*J. Burke* - I propose that soil on both sides of Dublin road be cleared so that pedestrians can safely walk along the road. I will also propose that the current S.L.S. put in a path from Hi-way garage to Aghmore.

I will propose that the Memorial Plaque in the road estate be made more accessible to the public by taking the wall and replacing wall to meet the Memorial. This would also create proper access to back entrances for ten houses.

In reply to questions on the matter the County Secretary said the Contract Documents have gone to the Department for approval. Commissioner Browne suggested the Board make direct contact with the new Minister for the Environment.



TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd March, 1987

Chairman: M. O'Grady

Commissioners: J. Flaherty, M. Kelly, P. M. Stapleton, N. Halion

**TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS**

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,  
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

Tel.: 24246

1st April, 1987

To each Town Commissioner.

A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on Tuesday, 7th April, 1987..... at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

..... *A. Halion* ..... Baile Cleireach.

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Minutes

Manager's Business

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Notice of Motion:

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2. J. Burke - I will propose that some emergency work be done to stop sewage overflow from septic tanks coming out on to the main road at Airglooney.
3. M. O'Grady - That vandalism and abuse at a number of Telephone kiosks and letter boxes be condemned and that improvements be carried out to give a better service to the public and less offence to staff of An Post.
4. G. Browne - That the people of Tuam be given an opportunity to decide ~~if~~ and where a running track be provided in Tuam, *(after advice from An Taisce and the planning section of Galway County Council, and not be provided at the balance grounds)*
5. J. Burke - I will propose that soil on both sides of Dublin road be cleared so that pedestrians can safely walk along the road. Also that the current S.E.S. put in a path from Hi-way garage to Toghermore.
6. J. Burke - I will propose that the Memorial Plaque in the Dublin Road estate be made more accessible to the public by knocking the wall and replacing wall to meet the Memorial. This would also create proper access to back entrances for ten houses.

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd March, 1987

Chairman: M. O'Grady

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

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

The Prayer was recited.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. William O'Connor, Bishop Street, to the Meeting and read a letter on his behalf, regarding the proposed erection of a statue at Bishop Street. Mr. O'Connor then left and the matter was discussed. There was no change since the previous meeting and the Clerk was instructed to write to Mr. O'Connor and inform him that the matter was in the hands of the Law Agent.

Commissioner Stapleton supported by Commissioner Browne asked the County Secretary to see that a reasonable rent of between £7,000 and £8,000 per annum be paid for the Library section of the Town Hall. Commissioner Burke pointed out that the £3,500 Library Rent which had been estimated for 1986 was totally disregarded. The County Secretary replied that the Library service provided is for the people of Tuam. An increase in Library rent was being negotiated for 1987 and he would report back to the next meeting.

Commissioner Kelly asked that the Town Hall Clock be properly serviced. The Chairman suggested that the walls of the tower be studded to alleviate dampness and that heating be provided. The Engineer stated that he had spoken to Mr. Leufer, there was nothing major wrong with the clock. Dry lining and heating can be provided.

Commissioner Stapleton asked the Manager to make provision for extra hours for the Town Clerk. He said there was sufficient work to warrant a full time Town Clerk. A number of people now pay their rent through the office, but Tenants often have to go to the County Council offices with their complaints. Commissioner Kelly stated that if Tuam got Urban District Council status the position of Town Clerk would be full time. Tuam is the biggest Town Commissioner area in the country and the co-operation of the County Council is a must if the Town is to become an Urban District Council. Commissioner Biggins said the boundary will eventually have to be extended and this would be the first step towards urbanisation. All agreed the Board should be pressing for urbanisation. The County Secretary replied as regard the Town Clerk this is a matter for the Manager but the conditions are prescribed by the Minister. As regards Urbanisation the Board were advised against urbanisation because of financial conditions. Becoming a U. D. C. would mean taking on all services, housing maintenance, Rents, Water, Sewerage etc.

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Crossings:

A letter from C.I.E. was read. The Engineer told the members he was meeting with the Regional Manager, C.I.E., on the 4th March.

Office:

A letter from Mr. T. Kane, An Post, was read. It was decided to write again to Mr. Fergal Quinn.

Buildings:

The Engineer stated that the dangerous building at the Weir Road had been reported to the County Council. As regards the dangerous building at circular road a letter has emanated from Galway County Council to the owner. As regards the exit from the Weir road, there is no provision in the 1987 estimate for this work. Commissioner Burke stated that the County Council estimate has not been agreed yet and he asked the County Secretary to see that provision be made for the Weir road corner.

Commissioner Kelly proposed and Commissioner Biggins seconded the adoption of the minutes of the February meeting.

Business:

The County Secretary informed the members that May 4th to the 10th would be clean-up-week 1987. The Clerk was asked to write to the Gardai re: having an abandoned caravan removed from the Abbey Trinity car park.

Correspondence:

Letters were received from the following:

1. Mr. T. Hyland, Regional Manager, I.D.A. Mr. Hyland to be informed of the time and date of the April meeting of the Board.
2. Office of Public Works, It was decided to write to the Office of Public works and request that the Nanny River, as it comes through the town, be cleaned again.
3. Concanon & Meagher, requesting consent to the sale of No. 37 Tubberjarlath road, Tuam. It was proposed by Commissioner Kelly and seconded by Commissioner O'Mara that consent be given.
4. Concanon & Meagher, requesting consent to the mortgaging of No. 2 Newtownmorris to the Bank of Ireland. Commissioner Kelly proposed and Commissioner Flaherty Seconded that consent be given.
5. The Secretary, Tuam Community Council, re Town Twinning - It was decided to hold a special meeting in the Town Hall, on Wednesday 18th March, 1987. Representative of Tuam Community Council and Tuam Chamber of Commerce to be invited.

Motion:

Commissioner Stapleton spoke on his Notice of Motion re: getting funds to renovate the exterior of the Town Hall, the pointing of the stonework, etc. He said the Town Hall had been sand blasted some years ago and this had removed some of the pointing. He said the Town hall should be kept in the best possible state of repair. He asked the Manager to investigate re: funds.

The Engineer said he did not recommend sand blasting the building again and suggested that wire brushing would get rid of the green scum which is coming on it. The pointing is in fairly good condition. The members felt an S. E. S. might be the answer. There was unanimous support for the motion.

Resolutions:

The Chairman congratulated Mr. M. Kitt, Mr. P. Connaughton, and Mr. N. Tracy on being re-elected to Dail Eireann. He also congratulated Commissioner Burke on his performance. He congratulated Commissioner Biggins on becoming a Peace Commissioner. He congratulated Mr. R. Ryan who won a national award for photography.



TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

A vote of Sympathy was passed with the following families:

- Togher Family on the death of Michael February, 1987
- Prendergast Family on the death of Paddy
- Carroll Family on the death of Padraig

Chairman: N. O'Grady

This concluded the meeting.

*Midie O'Grady*  
CHAIRMAN

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,  
TOWN HALL, TUAM.  
25th February, 1987

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

Thursday, 3rd March, 1987 at 8.00 pm.

The agenda is as follows:

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Minutes

Manager's Business

Water & Sewerage

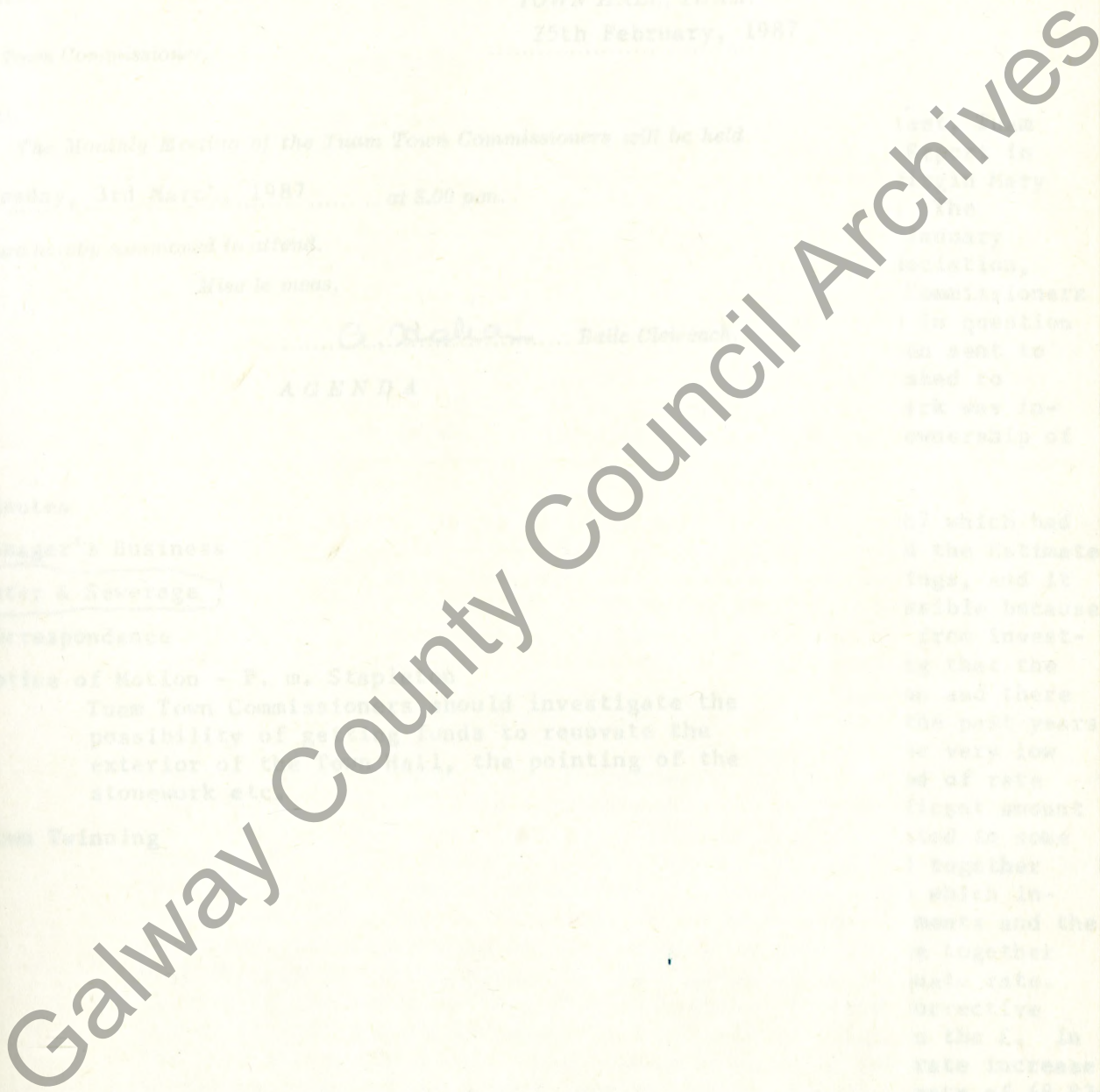
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Motion of Motion - P. M. Stapleton

Tuam Town Commissioners should investigate the possibility of... to renovate the exterior of... the pointing of the stonework etc.

Town Planning

Council let the House to... The Manager stated that the housing bill being debated might change this situation when enacted but pointed out that if the allocation for repairs was to be increased now the rate also would have to be increased. Commissioner Stapleton queried if the position of Town Clerk could be full time and asked the Manager to investigate. The Manager replied that conditions were laid down by the Minister, also salary. There is a national scale for Rent Collectors. Audit fees are also prescribed by the Minister.





TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday, 11th February, 1987

Chairman: M. O'Grady

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

**TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS**

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,  
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

25th February, 1987

Tel.: 24246

To each Town Commissioner.

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P. M. Stapleton, G. Browne, M. Kelly.

Commissioner Burke

Mr. J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager,  
Mr. J. Gibbons, Area Engineer,

The prayer was recited.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. William O'Connor, Bishop Street, Tuam to the meeting. Mr. O'Connor spoke re: a Tuam Herald Report in relation to the proposed erection of a statue of the Virgin Mary at Bishop Street. Mr. O'Connor then left the meeting. The Chairman explained that a letter had been read at the January meeting of the Board, from Bishop Street Residents Association, requesting support for the erection of a statue. The Commissioners supported the erection of the statue provided the site in question was owned by Galway County Council. The letter has been sent to the Law Agent, Galway County Council and he has been asked to clarify the question of ownership of the site. The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr. O'Connor and advise him that ownership of the site was being investigated.

The Manager introduced the Estimate of Expenses for 1987 which had been circulated to each member and advertised. He said the Estimate shows variations from last year under a number of headings, and it has been necessary to curtail expenditure as far as possible because of the decline in receipts, particularly in the income from investments. It has been stated at previous estimates meeting that the Commissioners are facing a difficult financial situation and there has been a significant deterioration in finances over the past years which can be attributed to three main factors:- 1. The very low level of the Town Rate at the commencement of the period of rate limitation and the failure to increase it by any significant amount when this limitation was removed. This has been corrected to some extent. 2. Rising costs over the whole of this period together with the effect of decisions made at Estimates Meetings which increased the deficit. 3. The fall in returns on investments and the cumulative effect of this on the income from this source together with the use of some reserves in the absence of an adequate rate. In view of the above factors it was necessary to take corrective action in 1986 and to increase the Town rate to 66.2p in the £. In the current year an attempt has been made to limit the rate increase to the minimum and the amount required would produce a rate of 68.83p in the £ - an increase of approximately 2½p in the rate. During the discussion which followed the amount provided for repairs was criticised. It was felt that Galway County Council, as the housing Authority, should make a contribution towards the upkeep of houses or else the Government should make funds available. The present situation whereby the Commissioners repair a house and the County Council let the house is unsatisfactory. The Manager stated that the housing bill being debated might change this situation when enacted but pointed out that if the allocation for repairs was to be increased now the rate also would have to be increased. Commissioner Stapleton queried if the position of Town Clerk could be full time and asked the Manager to investigate. The Manager replied that conditions were laid down by the Minister, also salary. There is a national scale for Rent Collectors. Audit fees are also prescribed by the Minister.



Commissioner Stapleton proposed that the Town Hall Clock be given an new and up-to-date look. Commissioner Browne said the ladder up to the clock was unsafe and the clock should be made to work properly. Commissioner O'Mara seconded the proposal and asked that a halo for the statue (mentioned some years ago) be investigated. The Engineer was asked to prepare a Report on the clock. It was proposed by Commissioner Browne and seconded by Commissioner Stapleton that rent on the Library be increased to £2,500 p.a. and the extra £1,000 be used for repairs bringing the total allocation for repairs to £13,000. The adoption of the Estimate was proposed by Commissioner Stapleton and seconded by Commissioner O'Mara.

Sewerage:

Commissioner O'Mara suggested that pressure be put on the Department. The Manager replied that the procedure was taking the normal course. This item to be placed on the Agenda for the March meeting.

Crossings:

The Engineer explained that agreement had been reached on details with C.I.E. An estimate from C.I.E., who will be doing the main body of the work, is awaited. The Clerk has written to C.I.E. re: the Vicar street crossing. Commissioner Flaherty said he will be having a meeting with Mr. Noel Smithwick of C.I.E. on the 25th March and will have a full report for the April meeting. Commissioner Kelly thanked the Engineer for repairing the footpath.

Buildings:

The Chairman asked that a building on the Weir Road corner, which has deteriorated badly in the last few weeks, be attended to urgently. Commissioner Biggins queried the position regarding overhanging slates on a building at circular road. The Engineer replied that the building at the Weir road corner was being investigated and had been brought to the attention of the owner. As regards the building at Circular road several promises to make the building safe had been got from the owner. Once notified there is a limited time on a property owner to rectify the situation then the County Council would move in and do the job and recoup the cost from the owner. Commissioner Kelly asked that a derelict site at Cloonthue road also be investigated.

It was proposed by Commissioner Browne and seconded by Commissioner Stapleton that a letter received from An Post be replied too and a Senior Person be requested to arrange a time and date to meet with the Commissioners.

Commissioner Stapleton proposed and Commissioner Biggins seconded the adoption of the minutes of the January meeting.

Attendance:

Letters were received from the following:

1. The Minister for the Environment re: driving tests - read
2. James M. Hession, Solicitor - requesting consent to the mortgaging of No. 10 Newtownmorris to Galway County Council. It was proposed by Commissioner O'Mara and seconded by Commissioner Stapleton that consent be given.
3. Regional Engineer, Office of Public Works, Headford - read
4. Cospoir - A copy to be given to each member of the Board.
5. Department of Finance re: National Monuments

Resolution:

The Chairman told the members that a special meeting of Tuam Credit Union would be held on Sunday, 15th February, 1987 at 3pm in the C.B.S. hall, Tuam.







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An Chomhairle Náisiúnta Spóirt

COSPOIR

To the Manager of Each Local  
Authority.

27 January, 1987.

Re: Rights of Way Survey

A Chara,

As you may be aware, COSPOIR's Long Distance Walking Routes Committee was established in 1978, its main aim being the establishment of a national network of paths and tracks for public use and enjoyment.

In pursuing this aim, the Committee's policy is, whenever possible, to use natural routes on existing paths and tracks. Also, where a trail crosses private land, a formal legal agreement with the landowner is frequently necessary unless such a path is a long-standing Right of Way, known to and accepted by local residents.

In this regard, the Committee now wishes to compile records of existing Rights of Way in all parts of the Country. Accordingly, I would be most grateful if your authority could consider the carrying out of a local survey of Rights of Way, and forward the results to COSPOIR for consideration by the Committee. Maps or illustrations of paths or trails would be much appreciated.

Mr. J.B. Malone, who is the Committee's Field Officer, would be pleased to offer you any assistance or advice you might require, and he can be contacted at (01)714311, extension 75.

I look forward to your valuable co-operation and assistance in this matter.

Mise, le meas,

*Con Haugh*

Con Haugh,  
Deputy Chief Executive Officer.

Chairman R M Delany Vice Chairman R Ó Buachalla Chief Executive Officer B Ó hUallacháin

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Tom Healy Claire Hourihane Con Houlihan Noel Keating Rose Lamb Joe Lynch Jack Mahon Noel Murphy Barry McGuigan Prof Moira Ó Brien Caroline Ó Shea

Barney Rock Lorna Siggins Pat Stanton Paddy Thornton Liam Tuohy Sean Walsh

Chief Technical Adviser Capt M McDonough Secretary Christopher Philpott

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

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TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,  
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

9th February, 1987

Tel.: 24246

To each Town Commissioner.

A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on Wednesday, 11th February, 1987 at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

*A. Nolan* Baile Cleireach.

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Manager's Business

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Meeting held on Tuesday, 20th January, 1987

Chairman: M. O'Grady

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

Mr. J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager

Mr. E. Gleeson for Assistant County Manager  
Mr. J. Gibbons, Engineer

The prayer was recited.

Commissioner Stapleton proposed and Commissioner Biggins seconded the adoption of the Minutes of the December meeting.

Guild:

The Engineer told the members that the work on the Theatre Guild section of the Town Hall has been completed to the Fire Officer's approval. Commissioner Biggins read a letter from the Presentation Convent thanking the Commissioners for their co-operation with the recent series of lectures and videos on fire prevention provided by the Fire Officer.

Sewerage:

Commissioner Browne said that Tuam has lost its priority as regards water and sewerage and was fast becoming an under-privileged area. Commissioner Burke said that on a priority list of 15 schemes Tuam is no. 13. He urged the County Council to go to the Minister for a special allocation in view of the urgency of the Tuam case. Planning permissions are being refused because of the inadequacy of the sewerage system. Commissioner Kelly asked if the proposed water scheme would benefit outer areas and how many years it would take to complete. Commissioner Biggins asked if an industry with a heavy usage of water were to come to Tuam would the town cope? He proposed that the water and sewerage be discussed at all future meetings. Commissioner Stapleton seconded the proposal by Commissioner Biggins and he accused the County Council of not making sufficient representation on behalf of Tuam.

Mr. Gleeson replied that the Tuam schemes are included in a 3 year programme. He said the County Council had no access to E.E.C. funds. The Department of the Environment make application to the E.E.C. and decide on national allocations. The Preliminary report had been approved. The technical queries raised by the Department have been answered and the County Council are now awaiting the formal approval.

The Engineer stated that there was no available surplus water. He is not involved with the proposed water scheme but he expected that outer areas would be accommodated.

Crossings:

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ing horses:

Commissioner Burke asked that the Rent Collector be reminded to report wandering horses.

Office:

The members expressed deep concern at the conditions at Tuam Post Office and the evasive letter from Mr. F. Quinn. It was decided to write again to Mr. Quinn.

factory:

A letter was read from the Taoiseach stating that due to previous commitments he would be unable to visit Tuam. Commissioner Browne said that the Government had given a commitment to keep the Tuam Sugar factory open. Mr. Comerford had said that he kept the Government informed but there was complete silence now. He said the workers were walked into a situation. It was a deplorable act and no new jobs are being created in Tuam. Commissioner O'Mara said he regretted the closure of the Sugar factory. It was a tremendous loss to Tuam and the west of Ireland. The factory was being dismantled and the proposed replacement industry was not adequate. It was now up to the Commissioners to press for more industry for Tuam. It was vitally important to have infrastructure, water sewerage etc. He proposed that the Regional Manager, I.D.A. be invited to a meeting. Commissioner Burke stated that when the Taoiseach visited Galway he was requested to meet a deputation from the Board but declined. In 1983 a joint all party committee advised the closure of Tuam Sugar factory but stressed that alternative employment be provided. 60 or 70 jobs are no alternative to the 900 jobs lost over the past 10 years. Commissioner Biggins stated the workers were offered redundancy or part-time work with loss of privileges. He hoped the Engineering and Forestry would be maintained and expanded. Commissioner Kelly condemned the Sugar Company and the Government - who was the major shareholder. He paid tribute to the workers who maintained the factory over 50 years. The Chairman stated that the replacement industry was only one third adequate but hoped it would come into being. He seconded the proposal to invite the Regional Manager, I.D.A. to a meeting.

Mr. P. White, General Manager, I. D. A., met a deputation from the Board during his recent visit to Galway - Commissioners Burke, Stapleton and Halion. Mr. White spoke about Tuam with hope and vigor and confirmed that the Sugar Company are currently negotiating with three companies regarding the proposed food processing plant.

The Chairman paid tribute to the Management and Staff of Pulse Engineering - 80 extra people employed since Christmas. He also paid tribute to the older established industries in the town Coca-Cola, D. Williams, IX, Western Refrigeration and Tighe's Dairy.

Commissioner Stapleton proposed and Commissioner Browne seconded the adoption of the minutes of the November meeting.

Business:

Fire safety Equipment: Commissioner Stapleton proposed and Commissioner Flaherty seconded extra expenditure of £1,000 on the Town Hall - Theatre Guild. Estimates: The Manager stated that the Estimates meeting would be held on February 10th or 11th. It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Commissioner Stapleton that the meeting be held on Wednesday 11th February, 1987



Letters were received from the following:

1. Minister for the Environment re: water and sewerage - read.
2. Telecom Eireann - read.
3. Higgins, Chambers & Co re 70 tubberjarlath road, Tuam  
It was proposed by Commissioner Burke and seconded by Commissioner Biggins that consent be given to the mortgaging of the property to the Bank of Scotland.
4. Monaghan Urban District Council - Unanimous support for the following resolution: "That this Council calls on the Department of Health to include Coeliacs under the category of Long term illnesses, as in relation to medical cards."
5. Monaghan Urban District Council - Unanimous support for the following resolution: "That this Council demands that the laws relating to the sale of alcohol to under age drinkers be enforced nationally."
6. Loughrea Town Commissioners - Unanimous support for the following resolution: "That this Body condemn the continued practise of strip searching of women prisoners in Maghaberry Prison and we call for its immediate cessation."
7. Wexford Corporation - Unanimous support for the following resolution: "That this Council urges the Government to review immediately the present situation relating to motor insurance with a view to making it fairer, less expensive and more effective, particularly with regard to third person insurance cover which is compulsory. A detailed study of other systems should be undertaken."
8. Monaghan Urban District Council - read.
9. Tipperary (north riding) County Council - Unanimous support for the following resolution: "This Council urge the Minister for Foreign Affairs to make continued strong representations to the British Home Office for a review of the case involving the six persons imprisoned for the Birmingham Bombings in 1974 and that their case be referred to the Court of Appeal."
10. Eastern Regional Development Organisation re: Radioactive Pollution. It was decided to write for details.
11. Bishop Street Residents Association requesting permission to erect a statue at Bishop Street. This was strongly supported. The letter to be sent to the County Council re the site.

of Motion:

As the Board of Works operations at Headford had already closed Commissioner Burke asked that the Managing Engineer be asked to verify if maintainance work will continue.

Commissioner Burke then spoke on his motion that driving Tests be carried out regularly in Tuam, He said he knew of a person who had to wait 10 months for a test. He also suggested that anyone who did not succeed in passing the test the first time be charged no more than £5 for subsequent tests.  
There was unanimous support for the Motion.

Planning:

A Special meeting to be held after the election.

Commissioner Stapleton complimented the County Council on the new housing estate at Tirboy. Commissioner Kelly complimented the Contractor, the Engineer and all involved in the building of the estate. The County Council were aksed to invetigate and move any unoccupied caravans remaining in the area. Commissioner Burke appealed to the County Council to estend the footpath leading to the estate and urged that money be allocated to extend the road.



A Vote of Sympathy was passed with the following families:

- Nestor Family, on the death of Veronica and John Paul
- Wilson Family, on the death of Con
- Cunniffe Family, on the death of Teresa
- Moran Family, on the death of Fr. Sean
- Acton Family on the death of Mrs. Acton
- Donoghue family, on the death of Peter
- Quinn Family, on the death of David
- Mannion Family, on the death of Martha

This concluded the meeting.

*Midie O'Grady*  
CHAIRMAN

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Oifig an Taoisigh  
Office of the Taoiseach

26 November, 1986.

Mrs. A. Holian,  
Town Clerk,  
Tuam Town Commissioners.

Dear Mrs. Holian,

The Taoiseach, Dr. Garret FitzGerald, T.D., has asked me to thank you for your letter of the 10th November, 1986, requesting him to reconsider your invitation to visit Tuam.

The Taoiseach regrets that due to the number of commitments already entered into for the foreseeable future it is not possible for him to accept your kind invitation on this occasion.

However, the Taoiseach will bear your invitation in mind and when a suitable opportunity presents itself the Taoiseach will contact you again.

Yours sincerely,

*Pauline Dolan*  
Appointments Secretary.

Oifig an Taoisigh, Tithe an Rialtais, Baile Átha Cliath 2.  
Office of the Taoiseach, Government Buildings, Dublin 2.





Oifig an Taoisigh  
Office of the Taoiseach

20 November, 1986.

Mrs. Angela Holian,  
Town Clerk,  
Town Clerk's Office,  
Town Hall,  
Tuam.

Dear Mrs. Holian,

The Taoiseach has asked me to thank you for your letter of the 29th October. He has also asked me to say that there has been no change in the Government's views since the decision of December, 1983, there is no proposal to cease sugar production in Tuam.

Yours sincerely,

Private Secretary  
to the Taoiseach.

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TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,  
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

Tel.: 24246

To each Town Commissioner.

7th January, 1987.

A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on Tuesday, 13th January, 1987, at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

..... *A. Nolan* ..... Baile Cleireach.

**A G E N D A**

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Manager's Business

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Notice of Motion: J. Burke

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Town Twinning

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,  
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

15th November, 1986

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd December, 1986

Chairman: M. O'Grady

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

The Prayer was recited.

The Chairman proposed a vote of Sympathy to Commissioner Halion on the death of her son following an accident.

All present also extended their sympathy to the Halion family.

The Chairman then proposed that as a mark of respect the meeting be adjourned to the 13th January, 1987.

This was agreed to 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:

Kavanagh Family,  
McGrath Family,  
Hopkins Family,

The meeting was then adjourned.

*Midie O'Grady*

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26th November, 1986

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Replying to Commissioner Burke the Engineer stated that the Hydrants in Tuam are cleaned out regularly. A number have been moved out of private properties. Pressure within the Hydrants is adequate. Commissioner Stapleton paid tribute to the local firemen who are doing an excellent job.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Shaugnessy for coming to the meeting. It was decided to have the items mentioned dealt with immediately.

Water:

The Chairman stated that the Tuam sewerage scheme had lost its priority. Commissioner Burke said the people of Tuam were drinking polluted water and urged the Manager to support the case on behalf of Tuam. Commissioner O'Mara said that the water and sewerage are two major problems and should be followed up most urgently. He asked the Manager if the information (mentioned at the last meeting) had been forwarded to the Department. Commissioner Kelly asked when work on the sewerage scheme would start. The Manager replied that both the sewerage and the water were large and expensive scheme



TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Meeting held on Tuesday, 4th November, 1986

Chairman: M. O'Grady

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

Commissioner Flaherty

Mr. John Howlett, Assistant County Manager  
Mr. Michael Nugent, Engineer

The prayer was recited

The Chairman welcomed Mr. John Shaugnessy, Chief Fire Office, Galway County Council to the meeting. He explained that the top floor of the Town Hall was a derelict place until the Theatre Guild people took it over. A lot of improvements had been carried out and there are still improvements to be done. He asked that the Fire Officer's report on the Theatre Guild area be discussed. Mr. Shaugnessy stated he had advised that the premises should not be used for public performances until the deficiencies listed in the report be rectified. Regarding the absence of emergency lighting he said the light over the exit door and on the front of the balcony were not working. This would have to be remedied also an additional light for the main stairway plus a light on the exterior stairway should be installed. As regards the absence of adequate means of escape from the building, he said there were double doors leading from the small yard. The doors open inwards instead of outwards also there are three bolts on the doors when one would be adequate. He said he would consult with the owner of the other premises involved. Absence of adequate fire extinguishers - He said the existing fire extinguisher had not been checked for years. There was a type of extinguisher on the market suitable for this type of premises. The combustible materials and the gas heaters had been removed. Absence of an alarm system to give early warning of the outbreak of fire. He said there was a basic alarm system that, should fire break out downstairs, upstairs would be aware of it. Absence of fire separation of stage area from the auditorium - He said the props had been removed, and advised that a more flame retardant material be used in future. When above items were attended too performances may go ahead.

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He regarded them as very important. There was a difficulty in acquiring land but the sewerage scheme was planned for next year. Commissioner Browne proposed and Commissioner Biggins seconded that the Board seek a meeting with the Minister for the Environment.

Commissioner Kelly complimented the County Council on the drainage repairs carried out recently in the Galway road/Gilmartin road area and asked if other areas would be considered for such repairs. The Engineer replied that repairs were being dealt with on an ongoing basis.

crossings:

Commissioner Stapleton asked the Manager to investigate why repairs at the level crossings at Abbey Trinity and Vicar street have not been attended to, and to ensure that money is allocated in the Estimate for 1987 for such repairs. The Manager agreed to check with the County Engineer and report back to the next meeting.

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The Engineer told the members that a copper boiler had been installed at 61 Gilmartin road, and the problem has now been solved.

ng horses:

The Engineer stated that the Pound Keeper had been alerted to the problem. There was unanimous support for Commissioner Browne's suggestion that the Rent Collector be asked to Report regularly on wandering horses, dogs etc.

office:

A letter was read from Mr. H. Cooke, secretary to Mr. Fergal Quinn, Chairman, An Post, stating that Tuam Post Office was being examined by an Post's property Department. It was unanimously agreed to write again to Mr. Fergal Quinn and extend another invitation to him to visit Tuam and see people queueing on the street, lack of facilities for the disabled, no parking facilities and staff working in antiquated conditions.

seach:

A letter was read from an Taoiseach, Dr. Garret Fitzgerald, to say that his schedule would not include a visit to Tuam. Commissioner Browne proposed and Commissioner Biggins seconded that another invitation, to visit Tuam, be sent to the Taoiseach.

Commissioner Stapleton proposed and Commissioner Burke seconded the adoption of the October minutes.

s Business:

The Commissioners agreed to excess expenditure under the following headings: Municipal Authorities: provision of £600 to be increased to £1,000. It was pointed out that, because of a bereavement, two members had to travel separately to the Municipal conference in Arklow. Fire safety equipment: The Manager asked for agreement to provide excess expenditure on fire safety equipment - amount to notified at the next meeting.

The Manager also referred to the reduction of income on investments due to the DIRT Tax and stated that the increase in this item made by the Commissioners had not been realised and would cause a problem for the 1987 Estimate.

ndence:

Letters were received from the following:

1. The Taoiseach, Dr. Garret Fitzgerald, re: Sugar Factory - read
2. J. P. Glynn & Sons, Solicitors requesting consent to the sale of No. 10 Newtownmorris to Mr. Kevin Ryan. Commissioner Burke proposed and Commissioner Stapleton seconded that consent be given.
3. James M. Hession, Solicitor requesting consent to the sale of No. 2 Newtownmorris to Mr. Thomas Corcoran. Commissioner Burke proposed and Commissioner O'Mara seconded that consent be given.



COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
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- 4. Westport Urban District Council - read.
- 5. United Towns Organization re: Town Twinning. It was decided to hold a special meeting to discuss Town Twinning.

Commissioner Halion was congratulated on being appointed a Peace Commissioner.

Tuam C.B.S. was congratulated on being 125 years at Dublin Road. A plaque is being unveiled at prospect house on Sunday, 9th November, 1986 after 12.30 Mass.

A Vote of Sympathy was passed with the following families:

- Burke Family, High Street
- Donaghue Family, Abbeyknockmoy
- Keady Family, Glenafoshia
- Keane Family, Sylane
- McCarthy Family, Ballygaddy Road
- Mahon Family, Bishop Street
- King Family, Kilcloghans
- Mother Carmel, Mercy convent on the death of her brother

This concluded the meeting.

*M. J. O'Grady*  
CHAIRMAN

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