

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

Tel.: 24246

To each Town Commissioner.

25th January, 1985

A CHARA,

The ~~Monthly~~ Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on Tuesday, 29th January, 1985..... at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

.....^{Al.}..... Baile Cleireach.

A G E N D A

- 1. Litter
- 2. Centenary Meeting

to discuss the litter problem.

It was requested that the Litter Warden provide brushes and shovels to the Street Traders and to get them to clean up after them.

Plan:

It was requested that the Draft Plan be circulated to the members of the Board.

Kevin Dwyer apologised for being unable to attend the meeting with CIE officials.

Jarlath Keane told the members that, due to conjection at the Schools, C.I.E. were requested to drop the children at the car parks, also they were requested to provide Shelters at the station and at the car parks at Dublin road and Bishop street.

P. M. Stapleton proposed the adoption of the November minutes. J. Keane seconded the proposal.

Signed: *John J. Keane*
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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,
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Tel.: 24246

To each Town Commissioner.

2nd January, 1985

A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on Tuesday, 15th January, 1985 at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

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

Estimates for 1985 A G E N D A
Draft Development Plan
Minutes

Correspondence

Manager's Business

Centenary Meeting

Notice of Motion: 1 - P. M. Stapleton

That the Commissioners implement the decision to erect a Guide Map on the Town Hall.

Notice of Motion: 2 - Joe Burke

That the Commissioners implement the decision to erect a Halo over the Statue at the Town Hall.

Notice of Motion: 3 - Joe Burke

That our Manager make provision in the Estimates for an increase in the Sub-scription made by the Commissioners toward the cost of Xmass lighting in Tuam.

Notice of Motion: 4 - Gay Browne

That the E.S.B. be requested to have office opened during Lunch hour to facilitate customers.

Notice of Motion: 5 - Gay Browne

That Tuam Town Commissioners request the Government to consult with all interested parties re proposed late opening of licenced premises.

Notice of Motion: 6 - Gay Browne

That the I.D.A. be requested to look more favourably at Tuam particularly as there are a great no of Youth Unemployed.

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John J. Keane

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Meeting held on Tuesday 4th December, 1984

Chairman: J. O'Meara

Commissioners: P. M. Stapleton, Joe Burke, M. O'Grady
Miko Kelly, Kevin Dwyer, B. O'Brien,
G. Browne, J. Keane.

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

The Opening prayer was recited.

The Chairman informed the members that there would be a civic reception at 7.30pm on Wednesday 5th December, for Dr. Michael Cooley, a native of Tuam.

The water situation was discussed. The Kilbannon Group scheme was mentioned, but it would be inadequate as regards Tuam. All agreed that the Corrib is the only solution. Mr. Howlett was requested to notify the Board when the Plans are with the Department.

The water situation is to be discussed with Paul Connaughton, TD when he meets with the Board on Monday 10th Dec. 1984.

Several of the Commissioners said they were approached by people complaining about raw sewage flowing into the river Nanny at Abbey Trinity.

Michael Nugent explained that the problem is in the Car park. A 15" pipe comes down by the D. & T. Building. The weir was put in by timber and the pipe system is overloaded. Work is being carried out at the moment. A steel plate is being installed which should rectify the problem.

A letter from the Town Clerk, Athlone Urban District Council was read concerning litter free zones.

Kevin Dwyer suggested that the Square area be declared a litter free zone, from McCormacks to the Church and from Quinn's to Fahy's.

It was decided to write to the Community Council, The Chamber of Commerce and the Schools, and to have a special meeting to discuss the litter problem.

It was requested that the Litter Warden provide brushes and shovels to the Street Traders and to get them to clean up after them.

It was requested that the Draft Plan be circulated to the members of the Board.

Kevin Dwyer apologised for being unable to attend the meeting with CIE officials.

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P. M. Stapleton proposed the adoption of the November minutes. J. Keane seconded the proposal.

Signed: *J. O'Meara*
Chairman

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

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TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

17th December, 1984

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Meeting: The Centenary meeting was discussed. This item is to be placed on the agenda for the January meeting. The Town Clerk was asked to write to the President and invite him to the centenary meeting, also write to Mr. Willie Mannion, Mr. Tom Gilmore, Mr P. King and Mr. N. O'Donoghue concerning same.

Correspondence: Letters were received from the following:

1. Order of Malta, Annual Social on 14th Dec. Commissioners requested to attend.
2. Mr. P. Connaughton, TD - will be in Tuam on 10th December, 1984.
3. Supt. T. J. Waldron - available for meeting on 11th December, '84.
4. Department of the Environment - receipt of letter.
5. Minister of Justice - receipt of letter.
6. T. A. O'Donoghue - requesting consent to the sale of no. 15 Athenry Road. K. Dwyer proposed that consent be given. B.O'Brien seconded.
7. J. P. Glynn - requesting consent to the sale of a premises at Vicar Street. P. M. Stapleton proposed that consent be given. J. Burke seconded.
8. T. A. O'Donoghue - requesting consent to the sale of no. 2 Parkmore Terr. P. M. Stapleton proposed that consent be given and M. O'Grady seconded.
9. Irish wheelchair Association - CIE House - Day care centre for the disabled.

Proposition of Motion:

A letter from Galway County Council was read by J. Burke concerning the Tuam/Athlone road. This was discussed at length, an exit to Dublin is urgently required and something must be done. It was decided to discuss the Tuam Athlone road with Mr. P. Connaughton, TD, when he meets with the Commissioners on Monday December 10.

Mr. Howlett explained that very little money is being allocated for secondary roads. He said he would write to the Department of the Environment and also to Roscommon County Council.

Joe Burke requested that the Engineer look into the flooding in the cemetery.

Bad lighting at Millstream Park was discussed, also there is a light missing at the Athenry road/Dublin road junction.

Expressions of sympathy:

were extended to the following families:

- O'Dwyer family, Bishop Street.
- Tracy family, St. Joseph's Park.
- Tobin family, Athenry road.
- Erdok family, Tullinadaly road.
- Davin family, Lissavalley.

The meeting concluded.

SIGNED:

Jimmy O'Mara
Chairman

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Clerk.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,
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Tel.: 24246

7th December, 1984

To each Town Commissioner.

A CHARA, Special
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on Tuesday, 11th December, 1984 at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

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

A G E N D A

1. Pedestrian Crossings
2. Junction of Weir Road/Galway Road
3. Roundabout - Ballygaddy Road with Old Road and Claremorris Road

water is 200%, more than twice what it should be. The Ballymote system is completely wrong as the water is coming through intensively farmed land.

Mr. Gavin told the meeting that the County Council have indicated that the water, though unpalatable, is completely safe.

Mr. Nugent said they have identified the good springs and only those would be used in future. They are confident of getting a supply from these sources.

The Engineer was requested to supply a copy of the Analysis done on the water.

Satisfaction was expressed with the meeting which was held with Supt. T. J. Waldron.

Noel Swithwicks has been appointed to replace the late Gene Tierney. A meeting is being held in the Imperial Hotel on Wednesday 7th November '84 regarding C.I.E. P. M. Stapleton proposed that Kevin Dwyer, Joe Burke and Jarlath Keane attend this meeting. Bernard O'Brien seconded this proposal.

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

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Tel.: 24246

6th December, 1984.

To each Town Commissioner.

A CHARA,

~~Monday~~ ^{Special} Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on Monday, 10th December, 1984 at 8.00 am. 5.00pm

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

.....^{al}..... Baile Cleireach.

A G E N D A

1. Sugar Factory
2. Water
3. Tuam Athlone Road

water is 120%, more than twice what it should be. The Ballymote system is completely wrong as the water is coming through intensively farmed land.

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To each Town Commissioner.

27th November, 1984

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on Tuesday, 4th December, 1984 at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

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

A G E N D A

1. Minutes
2. Correspondence
3. Manager's Business
4. Pedestrian Crossings, Junction of Weir Rd/Galway Road, Roundabout junction Ballygaddy road with Old road and Claremorris Road - Supt. T. J. Waldron.
5. Notice of Motion - Mr. Joe Burke
'I will propose that the road from Tuam to Athlone be upgraded.'

water is .209%, more than twice what it should be. The Ballymote system is completely wrong as the water is coming through intensively farmed land.

Mr. Gavin told the meeting that the County Council have indicated that the water, though unpalatable, is completely safe.

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Meeting held on Tuesday 6th November, 1984

Chairman: J. O'Meara

Commissioners: P. M. Stapleton, Jarlath Keane,
Joe Burke, Miko Kelly, B. O'Brien
M. O'Grady, Kevin Dwyer.

Officials: P. J. Gavin for Assistant County Manager
Michael Nugent, Engineer.

The Opening prayer was recited.

Votes of sympathy were passed with the families of:

Fintan Coogan
Christy Mannion
Bishop Cunnane on the death of his brother
Byrne Family, Athenry road
Raftery Family, Hillsboro
Mannion Family, Tubberjarlath
Varden Family, Tullinadaly Rd.

It was agreed to meet with the owners of the 'Take-away food' places. P. M. Stapleton told the members that he had already spoken to Con O'Connor, who felt he was doing everything he could as regards litter. It was felt that Eamon Geraghty, Chairman Community Council, might join with the Commissioners when meeting with the 'Take away Food' people.

It was agreed to write to the Town Clerk, Athlone Urban District Council and get their comments on 'Litter free Zones'.

It is hoped to declare a litter free zone on 1st January, 1985.

Minute of Motion:

There was a very heated discussion on the water situation. A commitment was got from the County Manager but a state of emergency should now be declared. This is the third major pollution crisis in recent times. An independent Analyst has stated that the ammonia content in the Tuam water is .209%, more than twice what it should be. The Ballymote system is completely wrong as the water is coming through intensively farmed land.

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Telecom

A deputation from the Tuam Town Commissioners met with Board Telecom officials, Enda Rohan and Owen Maguire, on Monday 5th November. There should be an improvement in the phone system when the digital system comes into being inside a month.

Minutes:

P. M. Stapleton proposed the adoption of the October minutes.

M. O'Grady seconded.

Correspondence:

Letters were read from the following:

1. Mr. Paul Connaughton, T.D. regarding the Sugar factory. It was decided to write again to the Minister in view of the urgency of the situation, and suggest a meeting with him at his earliest convenience.
2. Mr. Chris Comerfort, C.S.E.T.
3. Council of Irish and European Local Authorities - Annual Conference being held at Clonmel on the 22nd and 23rd November, '84.
Miko Kelly proposed that P. M. Stapleton attend the Conference. Midie O'Grady seconded. Joe Burke proposed that M. O'Grady also attend. P. M. Stapleton seconded.
4. Mr. M. J. Costello, Chairman National Commemoration Day Association. It was decided that a letter of support be written to Mr. Costello.
5. Irish Wheelchair Association - re CIE House.
6. Allied Irish Bank - re Banklink Machine.
7. Naas Urban District Council, requesting support for a motion recently passed by Naas U. D. C.
It was decided to write to the Minister of the Environment and support the motion.
8. Minister of Justice - Technology available to the Gardai.
9. Mr. Gay Browne - apology - unable to attend the meeting.
10. Mary Loftus, requesting permission to use electricity from the Town Hall, for a 48 hour fast in aid of Ethiopia.
11. E. S. B. - Bill for £7.56 being emergency repairs to 61 Gilmartin Road, Tuam. This to be paid subject to the approval of the Engineer.

The Commissioners requested that a copy of the Draft Development plan for Tuam be circulated to the members.

Joe Burke informed the meeting that the first Tuam Town Commissioners meeting was held on the feast of St. Jarlath June 6th 1885. The Tuam Town Commissioners will be 100 years old on 6th June 1985.

It was felt that the President, Dr. Hillary should be invited to the centenary meeting.

Also the County Manager should be asked to have the Library transferred before this date.

This to be discussed in the coming months.

Congratulations were extended to:

Br. Paddy McGrath, Ballygaddy Rd, on being 50 years a Christian Brother.

The Marian Coral Society on the presentation of "Brigadoon".

Mr. Miko Kelly on being nominated a selector on the Galway Team.

The meeting concluded.

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Meeting with Mr. T. J. Waldron, Supt. Gardai Siochana

Held on Tuesday 30th October, 1984.

Present:

Chairman: J. O'Meara

Commissioners: P. M. Stapleton, Joe Burke, Miko Kelly
G. Browne, Midie O'Grady, Jarlath Keane

Officials: Mr. J. Gibbons, Engineer, Supt. Waldron

The Chairman and the Commissioners welcomed Supt. Waldron to Tuam and thanked him for attending the meeting.

The Supt. thanked the Chairman and the Commissioners for their words of welcome.

Discussions were held under the following headings:

1. Bye-laws - Caravans in Car park
2. Pedestrian Crossings
3. Traffic - Cyclists
4. Junctions at the Weir Road and at Ballygaddy Road, the roundabout at Ballygaddy Road.
5. Additional Gardai
6. Underage drinking

The Supt. replied:

1. Under the present Bye-laws the caravans at Abbey Trinity Car park couldn't be moved. The complaints about dogs and fights in the car park would be investigated and dealt with.
2. The Supt. felt that Zebra crossings would be more suitable for this town. He is prepared to look at any ideas for pedestrian crossings. This is to be discussed further with Mr. J. Gibbons.
3. The Supt. said that the Gardai available would be on the streets at the peak traffic times - from 9am to 9.15am. 12.30pm to 1.30pm and from 3pm. to 3.30pm.
4. The Supt. undertook, with Mr. Gibbons, to examine the junctions at Weir rd and Galway Rd, Old rd and Claremorris rd. and the roundabout at Ballygaddy Rd and to come back at a later date with their findings.
5. The Supt. informed the meeting that he would not be allocated any additional Gardai. However he was allocated an additional squad car.
6. From his observations so far, the Supt. didn't think Tuam has any worse a problem than the rest of the country.

The Chairman and Commissioners agreed that it was a full and frank discussion and all were satisfied with the outcome of the meeting.

A vote of sympathy was expressed with Jarlath Keane on the death of his Aunt.

The meeting concluded.

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31st. October, 1984.

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Mise le meas,

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

A G E N D A

1. Minutes
2. Manager's Business
3. Correspondence

Notice of Motion - Joe Burke

'I will ask why the water pumped into Tuam week ending 19th October was so bad and what action is being taken to rectify the situation.'

Notice of Motion - Chairman, J O'Meara

'I will ask that the Report promised by Mr. Faherty on the short term work for Bel air drive and Upper Dublin road water be presented.'

every morning. The Take-away shops and the school children cause most of the litter.

The Chairman and Commissioners expressed satisfaction with their meeting with the County Manager on Monday, 1st Oct. The water situation was discussed at length. The solution to the problem is the Corrib and the County Manager undertook to have the plans with the Department of the Environment before the end of the year.

The problem at Bel-Air and Dublin Road is to be examined immediately.

A letter from the Gardai Commissioner, which was read at a previous meeting, was discussed.

Jarlath Keane proposed that a letter of approval be sent. Miko Kelly seconded.

Jarlath Keane proposed the adoption of the minutes of the September meeting.

P. M. Stapleton seconded.

congratulations:

Congratulations were extended to Tuam Stars for winning three County titles this year.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd October, 1984

Chairman: J. O'Meara

Commissioners: P. M. Stapleton, Jarlath Keane, Joe Burke,
Kevin Dwyer, Gay Browne, Miko Kelly,
Midie O'Grady.

Officials: John Howlett, Asst. County Manager, Michael Nugent,
Engineer.

The opening prayer was recited.

A message was received to say that Bernard O'Brien would be unable to attend the meeting.

The Chairman and the Commissioners welcomed Mr. Kileen, Environmental Engineer, and Mr. Hannon, Litter Warden.

The litter problem in Tuam was discussed at length - the dumping of litter along the roads leading to the Town, the bad containers used to hold litter, which can easily be damaged by dogs and birds, also the litter caused by the Take-away places.

It was suggested that a mechanical sweeper be provided, also a container be placed outside the dump to be used at any time. People should be encouraged to do something with their litter other than dumping it on the streets. Litter is created by irresponsible people.

Kevin Dwyer proposed that one area of the Town be declared a Litter free zone.

Joe Burke and Jarlath Keane supported that proposal - the area to be decided at a later date.

Mr. Kileen thanked the Commissioners for inviting him to the meeting. He said Tuam was not unique as regards litter. He discussed the various suggestions made by the Commissioners. He informed the meeting that there is provision in the current estimates for Bins. They will go where most needed.

Mr. Hannon told the meeting that the centre of Town is cleaned every morning. The Take-away shops and the school children cause most of the litter.

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Kevin Dwyer proposed that some kind of presentation be made to "Tuam Stars".

Gay Browne seconded this proposal.

Correspondence:

Letters were read from the following:

1. The South Eastern Regional Development Organisation.
2. Galway Mayo Regional Development Organisation - Conference being held on 23rd and 24th November, 1984.
Miko Kelly proposed that J. O'Meara and J. Keane attend.
P. M. Stapleton seconded.
3. United Towns Organisation - conference being held in Galway 19th and 20th October, 1984.
Kevin Dwyer proposed that J. O'Meara attend.
Jarlath Keane seconded.
4. The Manager, Ulster Bank.
5. The Manager, Allied Irish Banks.
6. The Manager, Bank of Ireland.
Dissappointment was expressed at the response to the request to provide Pass Machine facilities.
J. Keane proposed that the Commissioners meet the respective Bank Managers.
Kevin Dwyer seconded.
7. The Commissioner, Garda Siochana, re the Boards expression of sympathy on the death of Garda Hand.
8. C.I.E.
Jarlath Keane proposed that Mr. Colm MacGiolla Ri be invited to a meeting.
P. M. Stapleton seconded.
9. Minister of the Environment, re 'Necluer Free Zone'.
10. Minister of Justice - receipt of recent letter.
11. Mr. T. J. Waldron, Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Tuam.
P. M. Stapleton proposed that a special meeting be held on Tuesday 23rd October, to discuss the proposed meeting with Mr. Waldron, also the meeting with Mr. MacGiolla Ri, CIE.
Kevin Dwyer seconded.
12. The Editor, Connacht Tribune.
13. Athenry Road Residents Association.

Votes of sympathy were expressed with the following families:

- Manning Family, Tullindaly Rd.
- Tierney family, Doogra.
- Parents of Baby Michael Moggan, Parkmore estate.

Gay Browne proposed that a letter be written to the Minister of Justice - Jarlath Keane - Peace Commissioner.
Midie O'Grady seconded.

The Meeting concluded.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

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Tel.: 24246

19th October, 1984.

To each Town Commissioner.

A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on Tuesday, 23rd October, 1984 at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

A. Holian Baile Cleireach.

A G E N D A

1. Discuss forthcoming meeting with Mr. T. J. Waldron, Superintendent, Garda Siochana.
2. Discuss forthcoming meeting with Mr. C. MacGiolla Ri, C.I.E.

system and that he would have such defects examined with a view to seeing whether any small works could be carried out to effect an improvement.

Caravans at Carpark.

Mr. Howlett said that in the absence of By-Laws the Gardai were not prepared to move caravans from the carpark. Such By-Laws have been delayed because of legal technical difficulties but there was recently some progress and they should now be drafted without undue delay. Complaints of fires have been investigated by the Chief Fire Officer but he was unable to establish that they were caused by the caravan dwellers. In the normal course it was very difficult to have any caravans removed from a public place unless immediate and suitable accommodation could be found. Clr. Burke said that this underlined the need for a hardstand for travellers passing through the town.

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MINUTES OF MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS
IN COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE ON MONDAY, 1st OCTOBER, 1984.

PRESENT:-

Mr. S. Keating, County Manager, Mr. J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager, P. Flood, County Engineer, F. Monahan, Senior Executive Engineer, R. Faherty, Senior Executive Engineer, T. Coughlan, S.O., Sanitary Services.

MEMBERS OF TUAM TOWN
COMMISSIONERS.

Mr. J. O'Mara, Chairman, Mr. G. Browne, Mr. B. O'Brien, Mr. J. Keane, Mr. M. O'Grady and Clr. J. Burke.

Tuam Water Supply.

There was a lengthy discussion on the Tuam Water Supply under the headings of (a) Quality of the Water (b) Quantity and (c) Solutions to problems arising.

Council Engineers pointed out to the Members of the Town Commissioners that the present supply was safe to drink after treatment. They agreed that the appearance and taste of the water left considerable room for improvement. On the question of quantity it was agreed that there was no surplus water available during the current dry summer and that steps would have to be taken to find a more plentiful supply.

It was pointed out that the matter of improving the supply had been studied for some time and that it was not feasible to augment the present supply either from the River Nanny or from a ground water source.

Following exhaustive studies the only solution appeared to be to bring water to the town from the Corrib. Plans to do this were substantially complete, but its feasibility hinged on funds being available. After pruning this scheme as far as possible it would still cost approximately £10,000,000. This compared with an annual allocation of £2,000,000 to £3,000,000 for all schemes in the County. Nevertheless, the Manager agreed that in the absence of any alternative, he would arrange to have the remaining work on the planning of this scheme completed so that the proposal could be submitted to the Department of the Environment by the end of the current year.

The Commissioners expressed satisfaction at this solution, but then complained of shortages at Belair Drive and the Upper Dublin Road and Athenry Road areas. Mr. Faherty, Senior Executive Engineer, stated that these shortages were probably the result of defects in the distribution system and that he would have such defects examined with a view to seeing whether any small works could be carried out to effect an improvement.

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Refuse Collection.

The County Manager undertook to investigate the possibility of providing a mechanical sweeper to make the street cleaning service more efficient.

Lighting at Millstream Park.

The County Manager stated that no finance was available for additional public lights and that the scheme for collecting from residents apparently was not adequate.

Appointment of Law Agent.

Commissioners requested that existing firm of Solicitors be allowed to continue to provide a legal advice service. The County Manager pointed out that when the previous solicitor, Mr. Frank Meagher, had been appointed the Council had no County Solicitor. Since then a County Solicitor had been appointed whose duties included the carrying out of legal work on behalf of other local authorities within the County. The Manager said he was obliged to assign the legal work for Tuam Town Commissioners to the County Solicitor and that the service would be provided free of charge to the Commissioners. If any further legal assistance was required in particular cases he would consider giving the task to Concanon and Meagher.

Fairgreen Residents Association - Youth Employment Scheme.

The Manager stated that the County Council had no jurisdiction over such work and could not arrange to have it insured.

THE MEETING THEN CONCLUDED.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

Tel.: 24246

To each Town Commissioner.

26th. October, 1984.

A CHARA,

The ~~Regular~~ ^{Special} Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on Tuesday, 30th October, '84 at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

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Correspondence:

Letters were read from the following:

From TeleCom Eireann.

From Lucia Canavan, social worker, National council for the Blind.

From the E.S.B. regarding the new rationalisation proposals. There will be a special meeting at a later date, with the Chamber of Commerce and a Mr. Cassidy attending.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

Tel.: 24246

To each Town Commissioner.

24th September, 1984

A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on Tuesday, 2nd October, 1984 at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

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A G E N D A

1. Minutes
2. Manager's Business.
3. Correspondence.
4. Litter

Litter:

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Meeting held on 4th September, 1984

Present:

Chairman: J. O'Meara
Commissioners: P.M. Stapleton, Joe Burke, M. Kelly
B. O'Brien, G. Browne, J. Keane, Kevin Dwyer.
Officials: J. Howlett, Acn., M. Nugent, Engineer.

Minutes:

The adoption of the minutes of the August meeting was proposed by Jarlath Keane and seconded by Bernard O'Brien.

Water:

There was another long discussion on the water situation in Tuam. Joe Burke had a sample of brown water that was taken from the Dublin Road area. He said the water system in Tuam has collapsed. We are getting polluted water from our system. It is seriously unhealthy and discusting, and extremely dirty.

There have been persistent complaints about the water situation. If a company, with a high water need, came to Tuam we would be unable to accomodate them.

When the deputation meets the County Manager, the seven Tuam Councillers should be invited to come.

The Chairman and other Commissioners agreed with Mr. Burke, the answer to the problem is the Corrib - ample supply and quality.

Mr. Howlett replied that the County Manager is willing to meet with the Commissioners. He has been on to the consultants and expects a report within the next two weeks. He recognises that there is a problem but felt they would be able to cope with whatever demands that industry would make on the water supply.

Traffic:

The traffic situation was discussed - traffic going down one-way streets, McCormacks corner and outside the schools, also the caravans in the Abbey Trinity car park. G. Browne proposed that the Commissioners meet the new superintendent in Town. J. O'Meara seconded.

Mr. Howlett explained that the Gardai, at present, have no authority to move the caravans.

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL, TUAM

25th August, 1966

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held
Congratulatory were extended to: Tuam Stars. ✓
The Community Games people.
Sean Purcell and Enda Colleran for getting
on the centenary Team.

Notes of Sympathy were expressed with:
The wife and Family of Garda Hand.
The Duggan family, High Street.
The Hyness family, Sylane
The Harney family, Old Road
Mr. P Carroll, Old Road

Ray Browne and Kevin Dwyer proposed that a letter be written to the Minister
of Justice, requesting that more modern type of equipment be made available
immediately to the Gardai. J. O'Meara seconded.

The meeting concluded.

Galway County Council Archives

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

Tel.: 24246

To each Town Commissioner.

.28th. August, .1984..

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A G E N D A

1. Minutes
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Auth. of Ireland:

Commissioners J. O'Meara and Jarlath Keane were selected to attend the seminar in Sligo.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Meeting held in Mill Museum on 7th August, 1984

Present:

V. C. P. M. Stapleton

Commissioners:

Joe Burke, Bernard O'Brien, Miko Kelly, Jarlath Keane

Officials:

Mr. T Kavanagh, for Asst. Co Manager, Michael Nugent, Asst. Engineer, Angela Holian, Town Clerk.

The opening prayer was recited.

Mr Patsy Noone, Chairman of the Mill Museum Committee, welcomed everyone to the Mill Museum.

P. M. Stapleton thanked Mr. Noone for inviting the Commissioners to hold their meeting in the Mill Museum. He complimented the Committee on the good work being done on the Mill Museum. The rest of the commissioners also joined in the remarks.

P. M. Staple welcomed Mary O'Brien, reporter with the Tuam Herald, and wished her well in her new job.

Votes of sympathy were passed with the following families:

Killalea family	Holian family
McGrath family	Donnally family

Apologies were received from J. O'Meara, K. Dwyer, and M. O'Grady who were absent.

Minutes:

The Minutes of the July meeting were proposed by Jarlath Keane and seconded by P. M. Stapleton.

Water:

This was discussed at Length. Joe Burke said he was given a sample of water recently which contained foreign bodies. He believed that there was a filtration facility provided and found that it was not installed. There was a sum of money allocated to improve the water in Tuam. He complimented the Galway County Council on having water at all, but he said we should have top quality water in Tuam. Bernard O'Brien said, this is always coming up, there is nothing wrong with the water in his area. Jarlath Keane said the problem has existed for three years. Miko Kelly said that the water was perfect in one part of the town and a brown colour in another part. P. M. Stapleton said there is a serious problem in Tuam, and there will be no water supply at all if the County Council don't tackle the problem. The Tower should be taken down and erected somewhere else, it is not suitable for Tuam.

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Green Areas: Bernard O'Brien complimented the men on the excellent job done. Joe Burke complimented them on the grave yard, and queried if the blades for the machine could be got in Ireland. At this point Jarlath Keane condemned the 'houligans' that damaged the Padraig O'Connaire statue in Eyre Sq.

Traffic: X Michael Nugent informed the meeting that repeator signs will be erected on Gilmartin Road. Miko Kelly said that the railway track at Vicar street was in a bad condition. It was decided to write to the Area Manager, Mr Colm McGiolla Ri to express the sympathy of the Board on the death of Mr. G. Tierney and inquire as to who would take his place. Miko Kelly said there was no lights at the Galway road corner going into Church view. B. O'Brien said we should formulate a policy on parking. Joe Burke said we have a lot of Garda and seldom see them on foot patrol.

Phones: Jarlath Keane said the phone system was getting worse. We'll have to do something constructive about it. He proposed that Enda Rohan be invited to the next meeting to discuss the problem. Bernard O'Brien seconded that proposal.

Correspondance:

1. A letter was read from Mr. W. O'Connor, Bishop street, regarding a plaque near/on his property.
2. A letter from P. Connaughton, TD, regarding the Sugar factory was read.
3. A letter from the Minister of Agriculture also regarding the Sugar factory was read.
4. A letter from the Commissioner, Garda Siochana, regarding traffic and parking by-laws was read. This is to be discussed at the Sept. meeting.

Clean Streets: Bernard O'Brien complimented the Chamber of Commerce on the cleaning of the streets on Sunday mornings.

The meeting concluded.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL, TUAM.
30th July, 1984

Tel.: 24246

To each Town Commissioner.

A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on Tuesday, 7th August, 1984 at 8.00 p.m. in the Mill Museum.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

..... Baile Cleireach.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes

2. Managers Business.

3. Correspondence.

in the opinion of Tuam Town Commissioners, whenever relevant planning and policy decisions relating to Tuam area are being made.

That signs be erected to approaches to the Town stating that Tuam is a nuclear-free zone.

That Tuam Town Commissioners further recognises Irish neutrality as a means of promoting peace and disarmament and encourages the Government to make immediate efforts to secure guarantees from nuclear states not to use or threaten to use nuclear weapons against nuclear-free zones or non-nuclear states".

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF MEETING held on 3rd July '84 at 8.00pm

Present: Chairman: J. O'Meara
Commissioners: G. Browne, Joe Burke, Kevin Dwyer, Jarlath Keane,
B. O'Brien, M. O'Grady, P. M. Stapleton.
Officials: Mr. P Kearns, Assistant County Manager, Michael Nugent
Assistant Engineer, Angela Holian, Town Clerk.

The Prayer was recited.

M. O'Grady read an apology from Miko Kelly who was absent.

The Chairman and Commissioners welcomed Angela Holian as Town Clerk.

Sugar Factory:

There was a long discussion on the Sugar factory. It was felt that the position on acreage should be clarified. The Chairman said that packaging should be finished in Tuam on the 1st January '85, and this will result in a number of redundancies. The Commissioners felt that there should be a public enquiry into the Sugar Co. It was felt that the Sugar Co. are using Tuam. It was agreed to seek a meeting with the Minister of Agriculture and to call for a public enquiry into the Sugar Co.

Water:

The water was off for about four hours in the Dublin Rd/Athenry road area the previous week. It was felt that people should be notified when the water is being turned off. People are entitled to a notice in the paper. The Assistant Engineer explained that the particular job being done should only have taken about ten minutes but a problem arose with lead connections.

Minutes:

The adoption of the minutes of the previous meeting was proposed by Jarlath Keane and approved by the Chairman.

Nuclear-Free Zone:

Kevin Dwyer proposed that Tuam be declared a 'Nuclear free zone'. The proposal was unanimously adopted:

"That Tuam Town Commissioners declare the area under its jurisdiction to be a nuclear free zone, in recognition of the importance of the special session on disarmament of the United Nations general Assembly of June 1982.

The declaration opposes the manufacture, positioning, or temporary presence of nuclear weapons, related equipment or raw materials (i.e. uranium), land or water within Tuam. It refuses transit, docking and communications facilities to any vehicle or craft carrying such weapons or equipment and expresses its support for the region by region extension of such nuclear-free zones as first proposed by Ireland at the U.N. in 1959.

That this resolution be incorporated in the next Tuam development Plan.

That this resolution be communicated to the appropriate Government Department as the opinion of Tuam Town Commissioners, whenever relevant planning and policy decisions relating to Tuam area are being made.

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Solicitors:

Dissapointment was expressed at the changing of the firm of solicitors. Mr. Browne felt that the firm of concanon and Meagher should be retained. Mr. Kearns explained that the final decision lay with Mr. Keating.

Correspondence:

A Letter was read from the "Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland". P.M. Stapleton proposed that the following 'motion' be sent to the next Annual Conference:

"That the Association's Constitution and rules be amended to provide for the appointment of Honorary Life Delegates who shall have the full rights of duly appointed delegates from member authorities to speak and vote on any matter that may arise".
Mr. Burke seconded.

A notice was read about a series of regional seminars on local government in Ireland, one being held in Sligo on August 25th. P.M. Staple proposed that as many as possible should go. Jarlath Keane seconded this. This item is to be discussed further at the August Meeting.

A notice about a function marking the retirement of the County Secretary of Galway County Council was also read. It was suggested that P.M. Stapleton, Chairman should make a presentation to Mr. Doyle.

Fire Brigade:

It was felt that someone should be elected to the Galway County Council Fire Brigade committee, and it was agreed that Devin Dwyer should continue as representative of Tuam Town Commissioners. The Assistant County Manager was asked to call a meeting.

Green Areas in Town:

The Chairman said there were a number of the green areas in Town in a deplorable condition. It was suggested that something be done about the cemetery, perhaps allocate a man with a sythe to do between the graves. The Assistant Engineer explained that the blades in the machine were broken and that they are awaiting delivery of same from England.

Palace Grounds:

Kevin Dwyer said there should be a sandpit in the Palace grounds. Mr. Burke said that this was included in this years plans. Midie O'Grady said one of the swings needs to be changed as it was in a dangerous place.

Traffic:

The extra traffic and illegal parking on Galway/Gilmartin road was discussed, also the weir road corner and the corner at Bishop street going toward Birmingham. The Assistant Engineer said he would have a report next month.

Motions of sympathy were passed with:

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| The Shaughnessy family | The Killkelly Family |
| The Geraghty family | The Joyce family |
| The Mella family | The McHugh family |
| The King family | The Canavan family |
| The Carton family | The Tracy family |
| The Payne family | |

Congratulations were extended to:

- St. Benins training Centre
- St. Jarlaths - All Ireland video competition
- The Connaught Tribune - 75 years in business
- Dynamo Blues on winning the Lillis Cup and the Scheppes Cup

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Tel.: 24246

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL, TUAM.
28th June, 1984.

June, 1984,

To each Town Commissioner.

A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

Tuesday, 3rd July, 1984

at 8.00 p.m.

Stapleton,

Mr. M. Nugent,
Clerk.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

G. Heneghan.
Baile Cleireach.

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Minutes.

Notice of Motion - Commissioner Dwyer:-
"That Tuam Town Commissioners declare the Town
of Tuam a Nuclear Free Zone"

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Election of Vice-Chairman:

It was proposed by Commissioner O'Grady,
Seconded by Commissioner Stapleton

"that Commissioner Browne be elected Vice-Chairman of Tuam Town Commissioners
for the coming year."

Commissioner Browne indicated that he did not wish his name to go forward.

It was proposed by Commissioner Burke,
Seconded by Commissioner O'Grady

"That Commissioner Stapleton be elected Vice-Chairman of Tuam Town Commissioners
for the coming year."

It was proposed by Commissioner Dwyer,
Seconded by Commissioner Keane

"that Commissioner O'Brien be elected Vice-Chairman of Tuam Town Commissioners
for the coming year."

Commissioner O'Brien indicated that he did not wish his name to go forward.

Commissioner Stapleton was deemed to be elected and he thanked the members.

Sugar Factory:

The Chairman informed the Board that negotiations between the Sugar Company and the Workers Action Committee had broken down and that the Company were insisting on conditions which will make the viability of the factory impossible. All the members expressed concern and disappointment at the situation which has arisen. It was agreed that an immediate meeting would be sought with the Minister for Agriculture to discuss the situation. Commissioner Dwyer indicated that he would endeavour to arrange a meeting with the Tanaiste on the matter.

Minutes:

In reply to queries from members regarding the condition of footpaths at the Fairgreen, the Assistant County Manager explained that there is no money available in the current year to have the necessary repairs carried out. The Assistant Engineer indicated that he will consider if minor repairs can be carried out with what monies are available. The Assistant Engineer also undertook to investigate a footpath at the Glebe. The Assistant County Manager indicated that it will not be possible to retain the services of the firm of Solicitors formerly used by the Commissioners. All the members expressed dissatisfaction and it was agreed that the County Council would be asked to re-consider this matter.

Visit of President Reagan:

It was agreed that a letter would be sent to the Manager of Galway complimenting Galway Corporation on the dignified manner in which the ceremonies in Galway were conducted.

The Commissioners expressed their disappointment and annoyance at the letter which Commissioner Dwyer had published in the Tuam Herald asking the Commissioners not to attend the ceremonies. In reply Commissioner Dwyer indicated that he felt it was the best thing to do and that he had not considered calling a special meeting. He apologised to any Commissioner who felt insulted.

Votes of Sympathy were passed with:-

The Cooney family, Waterslade.
The Coyne Family, Bishop Street.
The McEvoy Family, Dublin Road.
The McGrath family, Dublin Road.
Mr. Dermot Healy on the death of his brother Miko, a former Commissioner.

The Meeting then terminated.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD
ON 1st MAY, 1984 at 8.00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:-

Chairman - J. Keane,

Commissioners - O'Meara, O'Grady, Browne, Stapleton
Burke, Dwyer, Kelly, O'Brien.

Officials - Mr. P. Kearns, Assistant County Manager,
Mr. M. Nugent, Assistant Engineer, and Mr. G.
Heneghan, Town Clerk.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

The Chairman and Commissioners extended their best wishes to Mr. J. Howlett,
Assistant County Manager, who was ill in Hospital and welcomed Mr. P. Kearns
Assistant County Manager, and Mr. G. Heneghan, Acting Town Clerk.

DEPUTATION:

A Deputation from the Fairgreen Residents
Association was received who complained that:-

- (1) A number of Sites had not been built on and
were in a derelict state.
- (2) Footpaths had been damaged.
- (3) The road surfaces have deteriorated

When the deputation left the meeting, the
Commissioners discussed the points they had raised
and it was agreed that the County Council would
be contacted in the matter.

NOTES:

Galway County Council were complimented on the
efficiency with which the Public Convenience had
been cleaned up. It was noted that there was
no progress on the request to the County Council
for an increase in the rent on the Library Premises,
the De-rating of the Town Hall and for a
Contribution of £5,000 for Housing Repairs. The
Engineer reported that a proposal had been drafted
for the Weir Road Junction but that money was
not available. It was agreed that the Gardai
would be asked to enforce the Speed Limits on the
Galway Road. The Engineer agreed to investigate
a derelict site at Liam Mellows Tce., and the
Gilmartin Road area in general. It was agreed
that the owners of Take Away's in the Town would
be asked to encourage tidiness in and around
their premises and that an Official of Galway
County Council would be invited to the next
Meeting to discuss Tidy Towns Competitions. The
Assistant County Manager indicated that the duties
of the County Solicitor included giving advice
to all Local Authorities in the County. The
Commissioners expressed the wish to retain the
services of the existing Firm of Solicitors and
The Assistant County Manager agreed to consider
the matter further.

It was proposed by Commissioner O'Grady and
seconded by Commissioner Burke that a letter
would be sent to the American Ambassador
informing him that the President of the United
States would be welcome in Tuam if he could Visit
the Town during his Visit to Ireland. The other
Commissioners agreed with the proposal with the

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exception of Commissioner Dwyer, who objected.

It was unanimously agreed that the best wishes of the Board should be sent to St. Jarlath's College Football and Hurling Teams who would be playing All Ireland Finals on the coming weekend.

It was proposed by Commissioner O'Grady, seconded by Commissioner Stapleton and resolved 'that the Minutes of the Meeting of Tuam Town Commissioners held on 3rd April, 1984 be adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE:-

A letter from the Society of St. Vincent De Paul regarding a range in a tenant's house was read. The Engineer explained that there was no problem with the range, but that he would examine the matter further.

A letter from the Regional Development Organisation regarding a conference on the 28th and 29th May was read and it was agreed that the Chairman and Commissioner O'Grady would attend on behalf of the Board.

A letter from the Minister for the Environment regarding representations was noted.

An acknowledgement from the wife and family of the John Croke was noted.

A Motion from Dungarvan Urban District Council asking the Minister for Justice to re-examine the Case of Nicky Kelly was agreed.

WATER SUPPLY:-

It was agreed that this item would be deferred to the next meeting.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS:-

The Assistant Engineer reported that the Executive Engineer and Senior Executive Engineer were submitting a report to the Gardai and progress would be reported.

OTHER MATTERS:-

The Commissioners referred to the deterioration in the telephone service in the area, over the past number of weeks and it was agreed that Bord Telecom Eireann would be invited to send a representative to visit the Commissioners. It was also agreed that An Post would be invited to send a representative. The Chairman referred to arrears of rent due by tenants of the Commissioners and the Assistant County Manager agreed to investigate the matter and report at the next meeting.

Replying to questions on the bathrooms which had been built on to some houses, the Assistant Engineer indicated that condensation was causing problems. He agreed to investigate the question of retention of money from the Contractor.

MOTIONS OF SYMPATHY WERE PASSED WITH:-

Relatives of Ms. Bridie Dillon, Bishop Street.
The Sloyan Family,
Relatives of Mr. P. Byrne, Lissa valley.
Relatives of M S. Walsh.
The Lyons Family, Tubberjarlath.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL, TUAM.
25th April, 1984.

Tel.: 24246

To each Town Commissioner.

A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

Tuesday, 1st May, 1984

at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

[Signature] Baile Cleireach.

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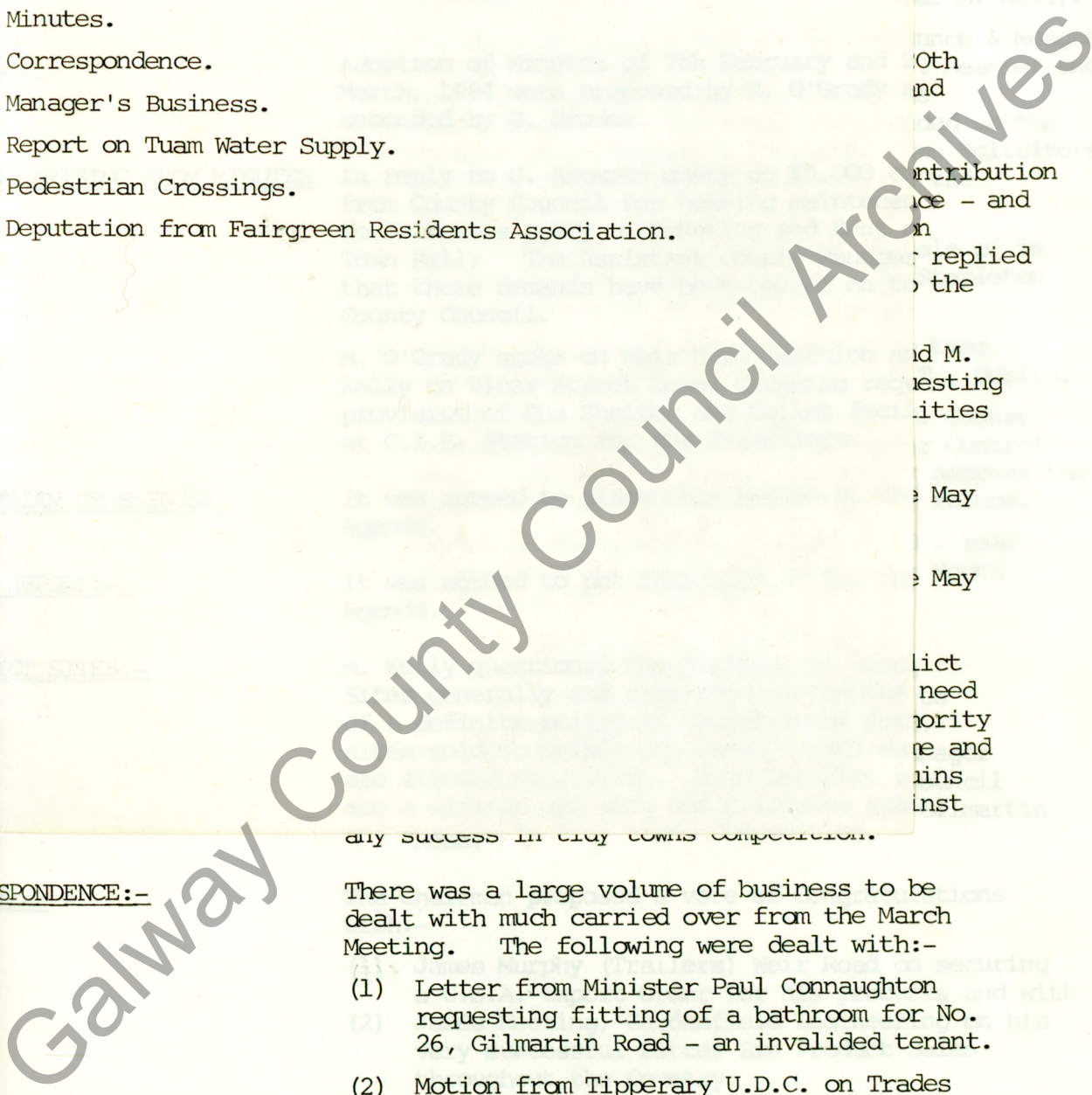
- (1) Minutes.
- (2) Correspondence.
- (3) Manager's Business.
- (4) Report on Tuam Water Supply.
- (5) Pedestrian Crossings.
- (6) Deputation from Fairgreen Residents Association.

CORRESPONDENCE:-

There was a large volume of business to be dealt with much carried over from the March Meeting. The following were dealt with:-

- (1) Letter from Minister Paul Connaughton requesting fitting of a bathroom for No. 26, Gilmartin Road - an invalided tenant.
- (2) Motion from Tipperary U.D.C. on Trades employment for Public Buildings which was supported.
- (3) Release of Charge Document - 5, Toberjarlath Road, Tuam - Signed and Sealed as proposed by P.M. Stapleton, seconded by K. Dwyer.
- (4) Letter from Clr. Burke on Level Crossings at Galway Road - Read.
- (5) Letter from Clr. Burke on Urbanisation and Boundary Extension Application:- Decided this warrants Special Meeting - Produce Dossier for circulation to T.D.'s.
- (6) Request for Authorisation to purchase Materials and Maps for Town Guide Map was approved.

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 3rd APRIL, 1984.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:-

Chairman - J. Keane, J. O'Meara, G. Browne
M. O'Grady, B. O'Brien, K. Dwyer, J. Burke,
P.M. Stapleton, M. Kelly.

OFFICIALS PRESENT:-

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

OPENING PRAYERS WERE RECITED.

MINUTES:-

Adoption of Minutes of 7th February and 20th
March, 1984 were proposed by M. O'Grady and
seconded by G. Browne.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

In reply to G. Brownes query on £5,000 contribution
from County Council for housing maintenance - and
to J. Burkes query on DeRating and Rent on
Town Hall; The Assistant County Manager replied
that these demands have been passed on to the
County Council.

M. O'Grady spoke on Weir Road Junction and M.
Kelly on Vicar Street Level Crossing requesting
provision of Bus Shelter and Toilet facilities
at C.I.E. Station for Bus Travellers.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS:-

It was agreed to place this matter on the May
Agenda.

WATER REPORT:-

It was agreed to put this also on for the May
Agenda.

DERELICT SITES:-

M. Kelly questioned the position of Derelict
Sites generally and referred also on the need
of a definite policy on unkept local authority
sites sold to people who haven't used same and
are allowed grow wild. Many derelict ruins
are a serious eye sore and militates against
any success in tidy towns Competition.

CORRESPONDENCE:-

There was a large volume of business to be
dealt with much carried over from the March
Meeting. The following were dealt with:-

- (1) Letter from Minister Paul Connaughton
requesting fitting of a bathroom for No.
26, Gilmartin Road - an invalided tenant.
- (2) Motion from Tipperary U.D.C. on Trades
employment for Public Buildings which was
supported.
- (3) Release of Charge Document - 5, Toberjarlath
Road, Tuam - Signed and Sealed as proposed
by P.M. Stapleton, seconded by K. Dwyer.
- (4) Letter from Clr. Burke on Level Crossings
at Galway Road - Read.
- (5) Letter from Clr. Burke on Urbanisation and
Boundary Extension Application:- Decided
this warrants Special Meeting - Produce
Dosier for circulartion to T.D.'s.
- (6) Request for Authorisation to purchase Materials
and Maps for Town Guide Map was approved.

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- (7) Letter of acknowledgement of Congratulations from Miss Mary Comer, National President of Junior Chamber Ireland - Read.
- (8) Solicitors request for approval of Sale of 99, Athenry Road to Ann Corless and Paul Madden - J. Keane proposed, M. Kelly seconded approval.
- (9) Deed of Release of Charge - 99, Athenry Road - approved unanimously.
- (10) Deed of Release of Charge - 87 Athenry Road - Approved - Proposer K. Dwyer, Seconder M. Kelly.
- (11) Letter from Board's Solicitors Concannon & Meagher advising of Death of Principal Mr. F. Meagher and seeking approval as Solicitors to the Commissioners. The Board recommended to the Manager their desire to have their own Solicitors here and recommended appointment of the existing Company.
- (12) Solicitors request for approval to sale of 56, Athenry Road to Joseph Kearns, P.M. Stapleton proposed J. Burke seconded approval.
- (13) Acknowledgement of Board's letter to them, received from General Manager C.S.E.T., Dublin.
- (14) Letter from Galway County Council (G. Conway) Environmental Campaign 1984 on Litter Control - Road - Decided to invite Mr. Conway address the Board and Invited Bodies in the near future.
- (15) Letter on Ballygaddy Road Playground - read - recommended that County Council seek Youth Employment Grant for this job.
- (16) Tenancy (Letting) Agreements No. 11, Gilmartin Road to Edward and Bridget O'Reilly and No. 50, Gilmartin Road to J & B. Ward both approved and signed. P.M. Stapleton recommended to the Manager (with general support) that County Council should purchase Al O'Dea's House in Gilmartin Road.

The Chairman proposed a vote of Congratulations with:-

- (1) James Murphy (Trailers) Weir Road on securing a U.S.A. Export Order for his products and with
- (2) James Keating, Gardenfield Engineering on his very successful Litter Bin Product Sales throughout the Country.

J. Burke proposed compliments to Tuam Community Entertainments on recent re-organisation and their efforts in providing the Town and Hinterland with a variety of 4 T.V. Channels. All were favourable toward the project except for the Chairman who was critical of the large amount of Money - £3,000 paid over to the Balla Group for picture concession, which he considered an unfair demand.

J. Burke with unanimous support congratulated St. Jarlaths & C.B.S. Schools for recent fine football and sportsmanship displays - giving Tuam two teams in the finals.

Votes of Sympathy were passed with:-
Gilmore Family, Gilmartin Road,

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INDUSTRY:-

SELECTED T.V.

S.A.

SYMPATHY.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

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2nd April 1914

Present

The Monthly Meeting of

Thursday 2nd April 1914

- Gearty Family, Abbey Trinity.
- McHale Family, Athlone.
- John Clarke Family late of Tuam.

For as hereby mentioned to attend.

THIS CONCLUDED THE MEETING.

AGENDA

- Minutes*
- Correspondence*
- Municipal Business*
- Deferred business from previous meeting*

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

Tel.: 24246

To each Town Commissioner.

2nd April 1984

A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on *Tuesday 3rd April 1984* at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

M. Munn Baile Cleireach.

A G E N D A

- Minutes*
- Correspondence*
- Managers Business*
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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 20th MARCH, 1984.

PRESENT:-

Chairman - P. Keane, J. O'Mara, M. O'Grady,
G. Browne, P.M. Stapleton, J. Burke, M. Kelly,
and B. O'Brien.

OFFICIALS:-

Mr. J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager,
J. Gibbons, Engineer, W. Mannion, Town Clerk.

Opening Prayers were recited.

LETTERS OF SYMPATHY:-

Were proposed with the Quinn Family, Ballygaddy Road, McGrath Family, Ballygaddy Road, St. John Family and Relatives of Nuala Costello, High Street.

CONGRATULATIONS:-

Were conveyed with Theatre Guild on their continuing success with the Play 'Famine' by Tuam Author Tom Murphy; and with Commissioner K. Dwyer who is a participant Actor.

ESTIMATES 1984:-

The Assistant County Manager presented the Estimate and stated that he had correspondence with the Department of the Environment seeking approval for the transfer of capital funds to revenue to avoid an undue increase in the rates. He read letter dated the 5th of March, 1984 which had been received on the 7th March after the date of the Estimates and which recommended that there should be a further rate increase rather than a transfer of capital funds.

Clr. Burke who was supported by all the other Commissioners stated that he strongly resented the Department's interference in the affairs and functions of the Town Commissioners, particularly in view of the fact that the rates support grant had been increased by less than 1% in the current year. It was resolved that the Commissioners would completely reject the Department's recommendation in view of the present state of business in Tuam, the present rate level, and the additional charges which have been imposed on rate payers over the past year.

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for the financial year ending on 31st December, 1984.

In relation to the house sold to Thomas and Mary McKenna at 15, Gilmartin Road

it was proposed by Commissioner M. O'Grady and seconded by Commissioner M. Kelly and resolved that disposal of house No. 15 Gilmartin Road be carried out in accordance with a Section 83 Notice issued to each Member of the Town Commissioners on 1st March 1984 and that the Tuam Town Commissioners formally adopt the terms of Department Circular Letter No. HR 7/81 of 16th October, 1981 which set out the terms on which the sale was made.

LIBRARY RENT:-

P.M. Stapleton proposed and J. Burke seconded an increase from £500 to £1,000 on the Rent for the Library premises in the Town Hall.

ROADS CONTRIBUTION:-

G. Browne proposed and J. Keane seconded a demand for £5,000 per Annum contribution by County Council to this Board (towards Maintenance) for use of Boards houses in Itinerant Settlement.

TOWN HALL RATES:-

M. Kelly proposed and B. O'Brien seconded a call for the de-rating of the Town Hall (a Community Amenity) and approved the withholding of the 1984 Rates.

BUYING:-

J. Keane proposed and J. Burke seconded the purchase of two Convecter Heaters (presently on loan) for the Boardroom to augment the low output storage heater.

MEMBER CLERK:-

P.M. Stapleton paid tribute to W. Mannion as this was the last Meeting he attends. To clarify Mr. Mannion reminded the Board that he so informed the December Meeting that he would be leaving the position on the 31st March, 1984 and so intended to do so.

HAZARDOUS JUNCTIONS:-

Mr. Richard Faherty, Chief Executive Engineer, Galway County Council attended at the request of the Board to discuss, traffic problems, Accident Black Spots and Pedestrian Crossings.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Faherty and outlined the points concerned - Weir Road Junction, Galway Road Railway Gates, Ballygaddy Roundabout, Dunmore Road Junction and Pedestrian Crossings. Mr. Faherty spoke on the difficulty of any improvement at Weir Road Road Junction. Acquisition of property was nigh impossible and would it really improve sight distance. Traffic Lights were not permissible in the County outside Galway City and space and Layout did not lend itself to Roundabout plans. The Board called for trial on some layout in an urgent effort to cut down on speeding and the big number of accidents (about two per week) at the spot. It was agreed that any solution is better than none and every effort will be made to find some suitable arrangement there.

RAIL CROSSINGS:-

At Blaneys Garage & Vicar Street were then discussed Mr. Faherty pointed out that Vicar Street maintenance is the responsibility of C.I.E because of the surface timber work and the Galway Road Crossing re design has been under negotiation between C.I.E. and County Council for a number of years and now finalised. However, funding of the works is totally in the hands of the Department of Environment who now decide what and where monies are allocated.

Recommendations by Council Engineers are not considered anymore, but early work here is desirable. He outlined the legal situation on roundabouts relative to the Ballygaddy Road Site and will investigate complaints of shrubbery blinding the view of Motorists at the Dunmore Road Junction and what if any other improvement is possible there.

DEPUTATION:-

The Chairman welcomed a Chamber of Commerce Deputation - President Seamus Davin and Vice President Pat Dwyer. They wished to meet the Board on the question of Pedestrian Crossings which matter was also to be discussed with Mr. Faherty.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS:-

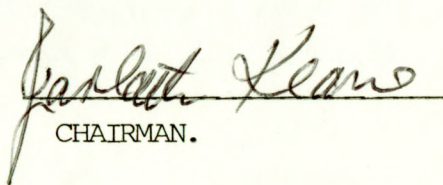
Both Mr. Davin and Mr. Dwyer spoke at length in support of the Board's call for Pedestrian Crossings in Tuam outlining the increasing high schools populations and Senior Citizen population. It was pointed out that the tried Lollypop Man was not feasible and that 'Winking Willie Crossings' is the only solution. A solution is imperative they said. The Chairman thanked the speakers and invited the Engineers' observations. Mr. Faherty outlined the European Standards Criteria used in approving crossings. He said School Wardens are the proper systems for Schools. Mr. Gibbons pointed out that the Crossings are Statutory Instruments requiring Garda approval and read a letter which he circulated to the Board in October, 1982 setting out the effects on parking in the vicinity of each location. Foras Forbartha Guidelines have to be applied in all cases and promised submission for approval of a Crossing at Bishop Street and Dublin Road Schools.

J. Burke with support from J. O'Mara and G. Browne said he could see no reason to object to Pedestrian Crossings on the Square without interference to free flow of Traffic nor parking in any significance; and so relieve the discomfort experienced by old and young. Mr. Faherty said he has to observe that Traffic Volume, Road Width and Pedestrian Volume are the Controlling Criteria and Mr. Gibbons said these will again be submitted for Garda Approval.

OTHER BUSINESS:-

A big volume of correspondence was to hand and it was decided, because of the late hour to leave same and the matter of the minutes, adoption etc., over for the April Meeting.

SIGNED:-


CHAIRMAN.

Recorded.
Mannion,
24/3/1984.

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