

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 7th FEBRUARY, 1984

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 6th MARCH, 1984

PRESENT:

J. Keane(Chairman), J. O'Mara,
M. O'Grady, C. Browne, P.M. Stapleton, B. O'Brien,

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Jarlath Keane, J. O'Mara, Gabriel Browne, P.M. Stapleton,
M. O'Grady, J. Burke, M. Kelly.

Officials: W.B. Mannion, Town Clerk.

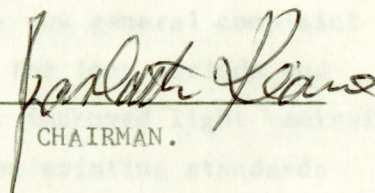
The Chairman J. Keane proposed adjournment of the Monthly Meeting as a mark of respect to Commissioner O'Mara and his family on the death of his mother. This was seconded by Commissioner J. Burke.

All members present spoke in tribute to the late Mrs. O'Mara as did the Town Clerk on behalf of the Officials. Commissioner O'Mara returned thanks and appreciation.

The Meeting stood in silent Prayer.

The reconvened Meeting was set for Tuesday, 20th March, 1984.

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CHAIRMAN.

RECORDED BY:-

W.B. MANNION

Town Clerk.

proposal which was adopted that members refrain from smoking between 8 p.m. and 9.30 p.m. during a Board Meeting.

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CAR-PARKS:

Kevin Dwyer complained of paths and surfaces, courthouse car-park, and G. Browne spoke on floods on paths at C.B.S. The Engineer reported that a survey on foot-paths in Tuam is completed, some is being done in Athenry Road out of maintenance funds, flooding and necessary drainage is being attended to and will further, he said. Youth employment works would not suit as materials funding from such a scheme is not allowed. It was accepted that private persons and developers should be charged appropriately for road opening and foot-path repair after their service openings. Members would not agree to bollards at courthouse car-park to help eliminate heavy vehicles which damage the surface there.

WATER:

P.M. Stapleton complaining of water again, put forward a number of queries as follows (relating to period of power loss during recent snow storms)

1. Why would the water supply run out?.
2. Has storage capacity increased with recent new works?.
3. What fire prevention measures in the case of such emergency where water pressure has gone?
4. Is there any alternative water supply for fire fighting?
5. Has the County Council any general emergency plan for such crisis situations?
6. Has the County Council emergency provision with the E.S.B. in such circumstances?
7. Are County Council personnel available on twenty-four hour attendance and available on the telephone. He mentioned the fact that many other counties has stand-by personnel on telephone contact and he wondered if we had in this county stand-by equipment pumps etc., maintained for emergency use.

Members supporting stated that many people stood in danger with the risk of back-boilers exploding from lack of water.

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WATER:

and Mr. O'Mara, Keane and Kelly supported the emergency listing and hope a report will be provided to the Board.

WEIR ROAD JUNCTION:

Commissioners Browne and Kelly again referred to this dangerous junction mentioning another recent crash there, and wished to know if the Design Engineer had been invited to meet the Board. The Town Clerk conveyed that he had a telephone conversation with Design office personnel who conveyed the view that improvement on the South West end would afford an almost nil line of sight improvement, whilst they see the Weir Road widening up to that point as being done on the North East side of the road, and because of that would desire the removal of the ruins on the North East corner so allowing the junction be removed from immediately opposite the Church View junction, and so reducing the possibility of drivers going straight across without stopping. This they view as the cause of most of the accidents there.

The Board asked the Town Clerk to have the Manager invite the Design Engineer to meet the Board on this, and other traffic related problems as soon as possible.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS:

To enquiries by B. O'Brien, Kevin Dwyer, Chairman and others, the Engineer reported that a prepared survey on the crossings is being submitted to Galway. The survey is according to new Foras Forbatha specifications, which he said would not seem to qualify Tuam for pedestrian crossings, but they are being put through however. All members were vociferous in their disappointment to hear this and demanded fair treatment for the town for the protection of its thousands of school going children and senior citizens who need such traffic protection. The Engineer stated that the qualifying specification is based on accurate traffic counting which was done in a fair and accurate manner on chosen busy week-days,

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PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS:

Sunday figures would, however, not qualify. The Board asked for details for the guidelines etc., in a report for the next meeting, and questioned the need for such further survey since the crossings had previously been approved by the authorities concerned. P.M. Stapleton proposed, and Bernard O'Brien seconded a proposal that the Board demand these necessary pedestrian crossings, and said that nothing other than pedestrian crossings will be acceptable to the members.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The following were read:

1. Letter of thanks from the Workers Action Committee C.S.E.T., for the Boards' support for the Sugar Companies' retention.
2. Letter of acknowledgement in reply to our letter of thanks for his support on C.S.E.T from Mr. Deasy, Minister for Agriculture.
3. Letter of acknowledgement of the Boards' expression of gratitude for his support in C.S.E.T. proceedings was also received from Junior Minister Paul Connaughton.

MANAGER'S BUSINESS:

The Assistant County Manager Mr. J. Howlett reporting on the position of Town Clerk conveyed Mr. W. Mannion's intention to resign, thanking him for his faithful and diligent service. The Chairman and all members, officials and press spoke in tribute to Mr. Mannion to which he suitably replied.

COUNTY DRAFT PLAN:

The Board asked that since no reply had been received to previous correspondence, that the Assistant County Manager make personal representations on behalf of the Board, conveying to the County Planning office the Boards' desire to contribute to the preparation of the plan for Tuam, it being hoped that a meeting be arranged as early as possible.

CONNACHT AIRPORT:

The Chairman called on the Board to express their support for Monsignor Horan's Connacht Airport. There was variance in reply. P.M. Stapleton supports the airport and Monsignor Horan's plans. J. O'Mara said he supports any such West of Ireland development

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as does G. Browne who supports this but he understands the Governments' financial plight, with which M. Kelly concurred. M. O'Grady would not support this, and B. O'Brien felt that the funding and attention should go to our roads as a first priority. J. Burke would rather convey thanks to the Government for the three hundred thousand pounds allotted to the Carnmore (Galway) Airport.

OLYMPIC GAMES 1984:

J. Burke proposed that the Board support him in a proposal to convey their abhorrence at the spending of one million pounds by R.T.E. in sending a camera crew to Los Angeles for the Olympic Games coverage. "We should", he said, "ask them to reconsider such waste of expenditure in the current financial climate". M. Kelly and J. O'Mara disagreed, saying our Government should rid themselves of other silly junkets saying, the country is entitled proper coverage by our own station. This view was also supported by G. Browne and P.M. Stapleton who would accept none other than by our own Irish commentary film. The Chairman consider that such Irish coverage would be well worth five million pounds. M. O'Grady supported J. Burke's notion, however.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations were proposed with the following:

1. Michael Mannion, on his appointment as Manager to Tuam Livestock Mart.
2. Mary Comer on her appointment as National President Junior Chambers of Commerce.
3. Michael Parsons on his selection as Snooker Player of the Year.
4. Gabriel Heskin on his selection as President Irish Amateur Swimming Association, 1984.

NOTES OF SYMPATHY:

Votes of sympathy were passed with the following families on recent bereavement:- Whelan Family, Balinfullie Corofin. Collins family, Galway Road Tuam. Daly family, Dawrows, F.B. Meagher family, Dublin Road Tuam. Winterlich Family, Atherry Road Tuam, Keane family, Atherry Road Tuam, Murphy family, Shrule.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

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Garland Keane
Chairman.

RECORDED BY:-

W.B. Mannion
Town Clerk.

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING ON ITINERANT SETTLEMENT HELD

ON THE 31st JANUARY, 1984.

Commissioners present: J. Keane(Chairman), J. O Mara, G. Browne, P.M. Stapleton, J. Burke, B. O'Brien and Kevin Dwyer.

Dr. Solon, County M.O.H attended, assisted by Chief Health Inspectors Mrs. Marian Caulfield and Mr. Andy O'Halloran. Mr. J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager attended.

The Chairman welcomed Dr. Solon and his colleagues, outlining the views and aims of the Board on itinerant settlement in Tuam. He instanced abuses by various interested bodies in obtaining itinerant housing here and the ever continuing problems of caravans on public roads and car-parks in and around the town with the attendant dirt and filth problems. He was critical of the faceless settlement boards who mislead officials in providing housing. He observed that it is expected that 15 young itinerant couples plan to marry in 1984 which sounded as a warning for the future on housing demand.

P.M. Stapleton complimented Mrs. Caulfield on her extensive report as presented to the Board. He emphasized once again that officials convey to all concerned that the Local Authority recognises no duty to housing itinerants in Tuam other than those verified as born in the town. He questioned the recent letting to an itinerant couple(with one child) of 25 Gilmartin Road. He said that no Local Authority tenant should have any say in who is housed or allow to dictate or abuse other residents beside them. Beggars should not be choosers. He proposed that the Council build houses in the Mart field in Cloontea Road and to a better design and spacing than those in Parkmore.

J. Burke welcomed the Health Board officials also briefing them on Tuams' itinerant housing record in Commissioners houses. He stated that the problem is near a solution but we must take stock. He agreed that we owe a duty to housing only our own town born itinerants. But we have a duty to all our own people also to house them and see that nuisance be not caused to them. We owe to our settled community the provision of a Hardstand which is the only answer to getting itinerant trader types off our roads and car-parks and advertise for a suitable site. He objects to any new National Agency(as recently reported) taking over the itinerant housing situation. This must be kept in the hands of our own towns' people.

G. Browne welcomed the officials especially Dr. Solon whose attendance he has been seeking over three years. He instanced many problems of overcrowding of itinerants especially in Gilmartin Road, of intermarriage and all its attendant human problems. In the future will bring chronic results, he said, and our Health Authority and Council officials will keep the problems in five to ten years time. He called for an organized and thought-out distribution of itinerant housing over various towns and villages in the County and away from labour exchanges with some planning towards the provision of suitable work and training for those people.

J. O'Mara complimented Mrs. Caulfield on this circulated report on itinerancy but expressed criticism of the fact that there is often no follow up in recommendations made. He pointed out that the mistakes in the Gilmartin Road overcrowded housing is now again being extended to the Dublin Road new houses. Giving transfers only extends the problems further. This in turn always unrests the settled community and officials should recognise that people will accept integration of small numbers only. He would not at all be agreeable to a Hardstand unless this can be provided in an area acceptable to all residents of the place, indeed an over-all County plan is desirable here, he said.

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Dwyer welcomed the Western Health Board Officials. He pointed out that in the past the County Council's plan for itinerant housing in Tuam has proved a total disaster. Because of the continuous use of Gilmartin Road both the traveller and the settled resident there has suffered a Stigma that can never be lifted. The whole area and its people now suffer from this Stigma insuring social death with no hope of work employment or improvement. The Council repeated this dose in Dublin Road more recently almost resulting in a chaotic open clash of people resulting in unknown frictions, factions and general unrest. The problem demands a bold approach. Nobody should have to live in a tent or caravan in this age. The itinerants are Irish people who given a chance will prove our trust in them. Young married itinerants will never get a flat and have to depend on some type of Local Authority housing. He expressed criticism of the Assistant County Manager for lack of public relations work with the public. People are frightened by overcrowding by itinerants of a cul-de-sac area in Dublin Road recently and by night movement on transfer of itinerants as sometimes seen in Tuam. He advised to continue with the policy of housing itinerants, just a few here and there with no overcrowding. This often proves acceptable.

Bernard O'Brien called on the Western Health Board officials to exert their influence and guidance in this problem since the County Council's plans incidentally do not, and have not worked. There is a need for education of the itinerant to respect their houses when given one and in a settled way of living. Little or nothing has been done in this regard. He reported two houses vacant and going derelict beside him in Bishop Street, an area which has got no itinerant settlement so far. He wondered if the Proposed provision of 15 houses somewhere in their own in town would be a successful answer but thought that a hardstand might bring some benefits.

Mike O'Kelly welcomed the officials and invited the County Medical Officer of Health to visit the filthy Cloontoa Road which is a disgrace to humanity. He criticised the County Councils' treatment of that road and area with foot-path work unfinished whilst many are being laid off redundant. "Blame for County Council's failures will come on to the Town Commissioners", he said. Most of our houses in 1984 have no bathrooms and no grants available for same. Community acceptance of the necessity of a convenient Hardstand in town would have to be negotiated. He called for public relations work between the County Council, The Health Authority and Clergy and an education programme before housing itinerants such as the 15 young couples reportedly intending marriage in 1984. He hopes to see the day that all itinerants will be settled and integrated into the community.

The Assistant County Manager in reply said he would accept some of the criticism but that the Gilmartin Road situation has always been there. Tuam is not the worst affected town and the County Council does its best with its limited power and funds, but it is not a policing authority and cannot control the morals of these people, nor has it the public relations facility to control prejudice etc. We cannot make people work or compel these people to live in places unacceptable to them as evidenced in the failure to maintain occupancy of rural houses by travellers. Power to move caravans off roads or car-parks is not there. The County Council have no hardstand commitments as yet and here their options are very limited. Only a small percentage of itinerants have been put into new estates. Concentration or dispersion is questioned since hardstand sites are limited. The obvious is an accelerated housing programme. He asked for the Boards own views or guidance on where to house or provide a hardstand.

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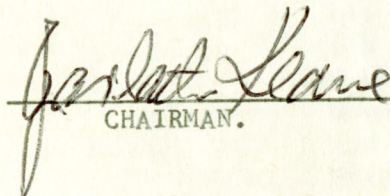
The Board generally agreed that the provision of a number of houses in the Mart Field, purchased in Cloontoa Road is acceptable with the integration of a very small percentage(perhaps five) of local itinerants.

Mr. Solon, County M.O.H. pointed out that the Western Health Board is not responsible for the policy on housing here. There are guidelines laid down by the Department of Environment and at the end of the day the County Manager makes the final decision. He said he observed the points raised on intermarriage and knows the problems insuing. Mrs. Caulfield confirmed that Western Health Board had no control on housing. A Health Inspector's function is to report on conditions as found to the County Medical Officer of Health but the final decision rests with the County Council(Manager) as to whom the letting is given. Mr. O'Halloran agreed and said that he accepted the Board's suggestion that a two-year local residential clause or certification of birth in Tuam is a necessity to control,"we are lucky that more outsiders do not move into Tuam,"he said.

The Chairman thanked all for their observations and thanked particularly the County Medical Officer of Health and his Health Inspectors for coming. "We must," he said,"prepare a definite plan to present to the County Council and such should not be left to any new body who maybe so appointed by Government. He felt the provision of forty houses with reasonable garden space at Cloontoa Road would be very desirable, integrating a small itinerant percentage, guaranteeing the removal of all caravans from roads and yards in the area.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

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CHAIRMAN.

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W.B MANNION
TOWN CLERK.

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Tel.: 24246

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

To each Town Commissioner.

..... 9 January 1984

A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

ON TUESDAY 7th FEB 1984 at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 3rd OF JANUARY, 1984.

PRESENT:

Commissioners: Jarlath Keane(Chairman), J. O Mara, M. O Grady, Kevin Dwyer, P.M Stapleton, M. Kelly, J. Burke.

Opening prayers were recited.

MEETINGS:

The Chairman conveyed New Year's greetings to the members of the Board, officials and the press. Apologies for their absence were received from Bernard O'Brien and Gabriel Browne.

MINUTES:

Minutes of previous meeting were adopted on proposal of P.M Stapleton. M. O Grady seconding.

ALWAY ROAD:

The Chairman and members referred to the deputation to a previous meeting and expressed concern about neglect of the green belt, road edge and the fact that trees in this area has been totally cut away evidentially by caravanners for fuel.

MILLINAMONA PARK:

The Chairman expressed hope that the engineer will try to carry out required works here in 1984 and proceed with negotiations for land acquisition.

COURTHOUSE CAR-PARK:

K. Dwyer once more called for repairs to this car-park especially the fronting foot-paths which have disintegrated under heavy traffic. He said that the sports club development lodged money to open the roadway here and that this money at least should be spent there. He was supported by M. O Grady who claimed that the raw sand patching done there is wasteful and ludicrous.

FOOT-PATHS:

The Chairman with unanimous support called for a re-survey of all paths in Tuam most of which are in an extremely bad condition. They would like the engineer's report on the possibility of estimating and funding such work in 1984.

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Members supported him saying that the delay in provision of filtration had become unreasonable and J. Burke called for the attendance of the chief engineer responsible at a forthcoming Board meeting.

RAVANS:

P.M. Stapleton spoke on nuisance being created by caravan dwellers to the residence at Abbey Trinity car-park and demanded that by law implementation be treated as very urgent. M. O'Grady said that the law of the land does not pertain any longer in Abbey Trinity saying that harassment and filth created there is now extreme. The Chairman said that people may have to take the law into their own hands. M. O'Grady suggested that to overcome the legal difficulties the elimination of the roadway through might be the solution.

J. Burke proposed that the only answer is the provision of a hardstand somewhere acceptable to all in the Tuam area where caravans must go. The Chairman suggested that members study the document report circulated to all members and that perhaps a special meeting might be called to discuss this problem. M. Kelly said that the provision of a hardstand is a County Council matter and Kevin Dwyer agreed that a hardstand is a necessity and that a letter of condemnation for failure to deal with this problem in Tuam should be sent to the County Council. It was agreed by all that the Board called a special meeting some time in September (before the February meeting of the Board) inviting the County Manager, the Assistant County Manager, The Housing Officer, The Health Board, M.O.H or deputy officer. Arrangement to be left in the hands of the Town Clerk.

P.M. Stapleton recommended that members should see the hardstand facility in Roscommon and stated that ~~no~~ site be acquired without consultation with and agreement by all the residents of the area concerned.

ER ROAD JUNCTION:

It was agreed to leave this on the February agenda.

ESTRIAN CROSSING:

P.M. Stapleton demanded to know how these crossings are not being implemented outlining the many problems experienced by old folk and children at Christmas. J. Burke stated that from what he can see every "Mickey Mouse town" in the country have some form of crossing control. Kevin Dwyer also asked that electronic beepers be incorporated into those fitted in Tuam as they make operation easier and safer for old folk. It was agreed unanimously that this matter be repeated on the February agenda with a call for a post-dated report from the engineer for that meeting.

SHOP STREET ARCHWAY

Chairman J. Keane spoke to his motion on surfacing of old bank archway at Shop Street which got general support. It was accepted that whilst several shared the archway by right of way the major inner-section is private property owned by Mr. O'Toole of V.G Supermarket.

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STREET ARCHWAY:

Chairman J. Keane outlined his proposal for extra housing for senior citizens in Tuam. It was accepted that there are more than twenty applicants in Tuam for such accommodation. Land is available at the Glebe and it is understood that the Archbishop accepts that such need exists and is favourable to such developments. M. Kelly suggested that we wait the decisions of the Housing Aid Society and it was agreed that we write to this society and call for urgent action to house the twenty to thirty people needing such accommodation. Some married couples with no families would also appreciate the availability of smaller houses.

RESPONDENCE:

The following letters were read:-

Letter to the Chairman from the Postmaster of the Penny Post first day offer. Letter on the combination of C.I.E fast-track with AVAIR services. C.I.E was criticized for the lack of services and its disuse of the station premises in Tuam.

OFFICE HEATING:

The Chairman and members expressed dissatisfaction with the Boardroom heating arrangements (all members in overcoats) It was decided to ask the engineer investigate provision of proper office heating.

POST-OFFICE:

Members discussed once again the appalling conditions and congestion in Tuam post-office, claiming the premises are totally unsuitable for to-days needs. Understandings that extra space would become available with the removal of the antique exchange and with the external resiting of the telephone kiosk do not seem to be coming through. The premises does not afford easy access to the invalided and infirm and on busy days queues overflowing on to the street often in extreme weather conditions, most of the customers, of course, being the aged and infirm.

It was felt that re-organization of the attendance at counter hatches would help to avoid such overflowing but the ideal generally acceptable is new premises more accessible to the public on a less congested street. It was decided to invite the new western area commander to meet the Board on this matter at a early date.

M.E.T.:

The Chairman and Board conveyed tributes to the workers action committee and to all organizations and individuals in the town and area especially our Archbishop for the successful outcome of the "Save C.S.E.T factory for Tuam" campaign. Everybody were happy with the results and with the fact that all social and community aspects were recognized by the Government in their eventual decision. Kevin Dwyer called on the unions in Tuam to form a Trades Council for the town and to use the combined energies of all the bodies who contributed so much in this campaign to provide further new jobs and win expansion and commitment to that end from our Government.

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C.S.E.T:

J. Burke supported this view and hopes this is only the start of a new sugar company in Tuam and perhaps many new jobs for Tuam. It was decided to write to Maurice Sheehy (Sugar Company chief) conveying the Boards wish that the Governments' recommendations on C.S.E.T Tuam be implemented forthwith. It was also decided to write and thank Minister Austin Deasy for his help and intercession in saving C.S.E.T Tuam and so meeting the wishes of the towns' people and farmers in the West. Thanks is also deserved to Junior Minister Paul Connaughton for his help. P.M. Stapleton expressed thanks to all his fellow commissioners and other town organizations but he said one man deserved the major thanks for the case which he put to his own party politicians making them stand up and pay attention. This political stand was made by our own councillor, Joe Burke, who alone took a very strong line, often to the point of embarrassment to his own party in power.

The Board conveyed tributes to the C.S.E.T Workers Action Committee and Archbishop Cuanne for their perseverance in the fight and wished the Sugar Company and their workers success in the future. J. O Mara on behalf of the Workers Action Committee thanked the Board for their unanimous support which was always available and said that the Sugar Company can have no doubt now of the Governments' view on keeping Tuam open. They must now plan Tuam into the system henceforth and the Action Groups with this Board must now see that this be done.

The Chairman with the Board and officials conveyed congratulations to the Lord Mayor of Galway wishing every success on the city's 500th Anniversary celebrations.

Galway Quincentennial Celebrations 1984 :

CONGRATULATIONS:


The Board congratulated Kevin Dwyer on his production and direction of the Christmas operetta "Cinderella".

SYMPATHY:

Votes of sympathy were passed with the families of the following who died since the last meeting. Joseph Hare, Jim Valelly, Mrs. Egan, Michael Hughes (Kilbannon), also with the families of the young Gardai recruit and the army Private who lost their lives in the Tidey kidnap rescue. A prayer was recited for the repose of their souls.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

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CHAIRMAN.

RECORDED BY:-

B. MANNION

Town Clerk.

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14th December, 1983.

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Minutes

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Managers Business

NOM - J. Keane. That Co. Council be requested to attend to surfaces through Old Bank Archway off Shop St., Tuam.

NOM - J. Keane. That Galway Co. Council be requested to construct more housing for Senior Citizens in Tuam.

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M. Kelly sympathised with the residents of the areas involved and sees no need for a Hardstand. A clean-up of Cloontoa, Gilmartin and Galway Road areas is urgent, he said. B.O Brien said it was a case of "House the Itinerants but not near me" and said some areas have got none at all. The Chairman said that Itinerants expect and get too much, he recommended the reading of the booklet on Itinerants circulated, for next

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 6th DECEMBER, 1983.

PRESENT:

Commissioners:- J. Keane(Chairman), J. O Mara, M. O Grady, G. Browne, P.M. Stapleton, J. Burke, B. O Brien, M. Kelly.

Officials:- J. Howlett A.C.M, Ml. Nugent(Engineer), W.B. Mannion, Town Clerk.

Opening Prayers were recited.

MINUTES:-

of previous Meeting were adopted and signed on proposal by J. O Mara, seconder M. O Grady.

DEPUTATION:-

The Board received a deputation on behalf of the Galway Road area residents(Patk Mannion, John O Grady, P.J. O Connor). The Speakers outlined their total objection to the proposals to site a Hard Stand at Galway Road(Bog Road area) as reports on the previous Commissioners Meeting suggests. They claimed the residents were not consulted on the matter and pointed out that the site mentioned is private property and not available, as is the bog road itself. They complained of the serious deterioration in that area resulting from Dumping by caravans there and scrap dealers. As a result not a tree remains of the area previously called "The Plantation"and they seek more attention to weeds and brush growing on paths and roadside in the area.

When the deputation left the Board discussed the matter. G. Browne said it was the Boards duty to listen to the rightful demands of these people whom he regards as respectable residents of the area and asked the Manager to have the Co. M.O.H. see the situation there for himself. P.M. Stapleton said Tuam is a "Soft Touch" to the travellers and he understands the concern of the people of Gilmartin Road and Galway Road, and called once more for a definitive statement that none but local born itinerants will be housed ever again in Tuam. J. O Mara expressed total objection to such a Hard Stand for strangers who will never move on. M. O Grady agreed and said he supported the deputation. J. Burke denied that he said land was being acquired in Galway Road for this purpose but had said there might be a site available there. He accepts that the area is a disgrace and a bridge is broken down etc., but as a County Councillor he must ensure that a suitable Hard Stand is provided to enable the authorities to move caravans off the public roads; where they can exist under control and out of the filth and dirt. He accepts the deputations arguments as fair and realistic and that facts say Tuam is a "Soft Touch".

M. Kelly sympathised with the residents of the areas involved and sees no need for a Hardstand. A clean-up of Cloontoa, Gilmartin and Galway Road areas is urgent, he said. B.O Brien said it was a case of "House the Itinerants but not near me" and said some areas have got none at all. The Chairman said that Itinerants expect and get too much, he recommended the reading of the booklet on Itinerants circulated, for next

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DEPUTATION:-

months discussion.

BALLINAMONA PARK:-

Chairman and J. O Mara stated that the engineer J. Gibbons may have funding under Youth Employment to carry out some work at Ballinamona Park.

ATHENRY ROAD:

M. O Grady thanked the County Council for help in planting trees and G. Browne thanked the traders and others who sponsored trees and congratulated the people of the area for their civic spirit.

FLOODING:-

P.M Stapleton referred again to the surface water flooding, which he said is extensive, resulting in school children getting drenched by traffic splashing, at CBS and Presbytery area, Dublin Road. Floods and bad paths at Courthouse and Athenry Road were also mentioned and M. Kelly sought a survey of all bad paths in Tuam.

LITTER:-

J. Burke claimed the litter situation in Tuam especially on Sundays is deplorable and was supported by G. Browne in a call for a christmas Day tidy up.

WATER:-

P.M Stapleton once again claimed that the town supply is bad causing illness to children and others. The Manager said the question of filtration is now in the hands of consultants.

CARPARKS:-

The Manager reported that revised wording on Bylaws are presently with the Minister.

PEDESTRIAN:-
CROSSINGS

There was a general request for installation of the recommended Pedestrian Crossings.

WEIR ROAD:-
JUNCTION

After a further extensive discussion by M. Kelly, G. Browne and Chairman it was decided that the County Council Design Officer be invited to Tuam to look at the possibilities of some layout of Gilmartin Road and Weir Road, Church View junctions as well as the Ballygaddy Rd., Roundabout which locations the Board consider dangerous and of bad design. The members would visit the locations with him.

MANAGERS BUSINESS:

Supplementary Estimate:- P.M Stapleton proposed and M. Kelly seconded the required supplementary Estimate of £531.00 to meet over expenditure 1981 as submitted by the Manager.

NOMS:-

B. O Brien spoke on his proposal regarding Pedestrian Crossings to which the engineer Ml.Nugent reported that traffic census as required by Foras Forbartha regulation, has been done and the results reported on: meanwhile we must await an early report and direction.

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CORRESPONDENCE:- The following were read:-

1. Letter from Solicitors on 40 Gilmartin Road was agreed to.
2. Letter from President of the G.A.A in reply to ours was read.
3. Resolution Dungarvan U.D.C on House Rents increases - agreed support.
4. Resolution Mullingar U.D.C on Irish Manufactured Tennis Balls supported.
5. Resolution Sligo U.D.C on C.I.E cut price fares to Dublin was read.
6. Letter Boy Scouts - request to attend a Meeting agreed.
7. Letter on Bowling Promotion for Middle Aged read.
8. Letters from Concannon & Meagher (Mr. O Doherty Solr) on Legal Advice and Guidance sought in connection with intimidation of a member on NOM proposed relating to a Club Liqueur Licence. The letter of advice and suggested reply to the Solicitors for the G.A.A Sports Club involved were discussed in detail, both being read to the meeting by the Chairman who said the advice was very informative and that the Board should direct a reply on the lines laid down.

G. Browne (proposer of the NOM in question) said that he withdraw the motion because of the Solicitors letter and approaches to him at the Town Hall door that night of the meeting. He said he has no personal differences with Mr. O Donoghue Solr. who sent the letter to the Board at that Meeting, he has always found him an honourable person. However, he found the said letter very offensive and personal as his motion was proposed in very good faith and intention. Many of those involved whose names were on the said letter apologised to him since, he said. He then recommend to the members that they take home the copy letters of advice and draft reply by Mr. O Doherty to study during the month until our January meeting when the matter will be considered in detail and the reply decided on.

C.S.E.T

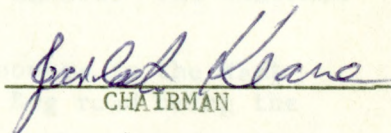
J. Burke proposed with unanimous support that a telegram be sent to An Taoiseach calling for an urgent affirmative reply on his decision for C.S.E.T Tuam.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

were proposed with the families of Mai O'Brien, Ballygaddy Road, Mrs. Curran Old Road, Mrs. Tierney Gilmartin Rd., Mrs. Flaherty Bishop St., Johnnie Kelly Tullinadaly Rd.

This concluded the Meeting.

SIGNED


CHAIRMAN

RECORDED:-
W.B MANNION.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

HELD ON THE 8th OCTOBER, 1983.

PRESENT

Commissioners J. Keane(Chairman), J. O Mara, M. O Grady,
P.M Stapleton, B. O Brien, G. Browne, K. Dwyer, M. Kelly, J. Burke.

OFFICIALS

Kevin Doyle for A.C.M, Ml. Nugent(Engineer), W.B Mannion, Town Clerk.

Opening Prayers were recited.

MINUTES

of the previous Meeting were adopted and signed on proposal of
K. Dwyer, J. Burke Seconder.

CHARGES ON
SERVICES

P.M Stapleton, supported by G. Browne and the Chairman voiced criticism
of the "Scandalous Charges" being made by the County Council for
Refuse Service and Water Supply in Tuam and County. The Manager
stated that funds be either procured so or cutback or eliminate
the services. M. O Grady considered non-payment as unpatriotic
and K. Dwyer said an installment payment system is needed to reduce
pressures on those in poor circumstances.

Exorbitant charges for grave spaces was also referred to and J. Burke
called for improvements to the side-paths at Tuam Cemetery in
keeping with the Main Roadway for which the Council Officials were
complimented.

BALLINAMONA
PARK

J. O Mara seeks information on Councils intentions on requested
improvements to this laneway.

FLOODING

G. Browne referred to continuing flooding/chokage of Gully at
Bishop St., and J. Keane mentioned serious wetting to schoolgoers
by flash floods at Dublin Road near Presbytery Gates.

WATER

P.M Stapleton complained of the continuing poor quality of water
delivered to Tuam. Hopes for the requested filtration may be
satisfied shortly.

SEWERAGE

The Engineer was thanked for urgent work on Athenry Rd., sewer.

CARPARK &
BYELAWS

The Manager said that the Department is drafting a new wording to
cover Tuams situation, and hopes same will come to hand shortly.

HARDSTAND

A deputation of six residents from Cloontoa Road area were received.
They expressed total objection to the rumoured siting of any Hardstand
on Cloontoa Road area and complained of the congestion of caravans
with resulting filth, dumping, property and fences damaged and fields
used for toilet in deplorable state and health hazard. The Chairman
for the Board promised full support.

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The Board recommended that the Council consider the acquisition of the ruins on the North West corner of the Weir Road to improve the blind view on that junction.

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4. Letter seeking approval on 99 Athenry Road - this was granted.
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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 6th SEPTEMBER 1983.

owes alot of rent thereon. The Meeting asked for 2 months stay of execution because of special circumstances of marriage breakdown here. Members promised to follow up the matter personally.

SYMPATHY

Votes of sympathy were extended to the families of the late George Colley T.D., R.I.P., Tom Malynn R.I.P., Tom Hanihan, R.I.P., Ml. Mullins, R.I.P., John Croke, R.I.P., Mrs. John Lardner, R.I.P., and Mrs. B. Mc Tigue, R.I.P.

This concluded the Meeting.

SIGNED

Gerard Keane
CHAIRMAN.

RECORDED:-
W.B MANNION.

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 6th SEPTEMBER 1983.

PRESENT:-

Commissioners J. Keane (Chairman), J. O Mara, G. Browne, Joe Burke, P. M. Stapleton, K. Dwyer, M. Kelly, and Bernard O'Brien.

Officials Mr. K. Doyle for Assistant County Manager, W. B. Mannion, Town Clerk.

Opening Prayers were recited.

MINUTES:-

Adoption was proposed by J. Burke and Bernard O'Brien seconded.

SYMPATHY:-

Votes of Sympathy were passed with relatives of the following deceased:- Mrs. Michael Ward, Dublin Road, Tuam, Mr. Patrick Mannion, Gilmartin Road, Tuam and Mr. K. Campbell, Bank of Ireland.

DEPUTATION:-

A Deputation (Mr. T. Folan & Mr. L. Cloonan) representing the Ballinamona Park Residents were welcomed.

They appealed for the widening of their Lane to facilitate lorries, vans and refuse truck etc., to use the roads with greater ease and safety for children and residents. A footpath is also desirable and a leaning high wall is a hazard. A request for name-plates was also made.

WATER:-

Commissioner Stapleton was critical of the quality of the water delivered to Tuam and asked if the reported proposed borehole source would be likely to provide a better quality water, and if any progress made on plans to provide filtration as is needed. Mr. Doyle explained that the borehole is intended only as an alternative source to permit drainage work of the Stream supply. He stated that Test results show the supply to be a perfectly good water and is regularly tested.

Commissioner O'Mara and Browne said the water was undrinkable, foul smelling and of bad colour.

WATER RATES:-

Commissioner Kelly was informed that the £35.00 per household fee is a necessary charge but that Old Age Pensioners could seek a waiver on Hardship Grounds.

THROOMS:-

A Report is expected from the Architect who has inspected the houses concerned.

CARPARK BYELAWS:-

Mr. Doyle informed the Board that the fact that a roadway runs through the Centre of the Abbey Trinity Carpark had presented legal difficulties but the Byelaws are presently awaiting Ministerial Approval.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS:-

The Meeting decided that a discussion with the Gardai on the implementation of the Pedestrian Crossings was desirable and a Meeting should be arranged.

CARPARK:-

Commissioner Dwyer complained of the condition of this Carpark with Potholes and Floods of Water - the footpath at Entrances too is in a desperate condition.

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BOARDROOM HALLWAY:-

Commissioner Stapleton conveyed compliments on the improvement and tidy up of the Boardroom Hallway which had become so delapidated and a dump of late.

YOUTH CARDS:-

It was decided to invite a speaker - Mr. Joe Mulhern from Balla, Co. Mayo to address the October Meeting on their success in organising a Youth Identity Card Scheme.

CORRESPONDENCE:-

The following were dealt with:-

- (1) Letter from Fire Authority on Charges, Services and Hydrants.
- (2) Letter from Solicitors on 40 Gilmartin Road (Graham to Ward) stated intention of Purchaser to let the house was not acceptable.
- (3) Letter on European Movement Seminar. Meeting proposed that the Chairman and Town Clerk should attend.
- (4) Letter from Health Inspectors on Itinerant Settlement in Tuam decided that this should be circulated to each Member.
- (5) N.O.M. Dungarvan U.D.C. re N.O.M. on V.A.T. on Gama Camara for Cork Hospital - supported.

PARKING:-

It was decided that when Meeting the Garda Authorities to also discuss Carpark Regulation/Caravans & Trading and other Street Parking Problems

REPORT:-

Commissioner O'Dwyer complained of Dump Fires and health risks to children who frequent the dump despite Notices to the contrary.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS:-

Roads:-

Commissioner Keane spoke on his Motion seeking an upgrading of the Tuam Athlone Road to National Standards (National Secondary Grade at Lease). All members were loud in support of this motion and Commissioner Burke promised to promote a similar Motion through Galway County Council Members, are to seek support from the Chamber of Commerce on this also, and the Notice of Motion is to be circulated to Galway, Mayo and Roscommon County Council.

RENTS:-

Commissioner Keane introduced his Motion on House Rent Collection and Maintenance which he described as diabolical. Maintenance Monies are exhausting and Rents are not coming in - effecting cash flow. Members were critical of Notices to Quit issued in efforts to get in outstanding rents but it was finally agreed, with Commissioner Stapleton proposing and Commissioner O'Brien seconding to go ahead on the collection campaign. Commissioner J. Burke said that withholding rent on the excuse of not getting repairs or for dissatisfaction on repairs is not on.

Club Licence:-

Commissioner Browne withdrew his Notice of Motion relating to a request to Tuam Stars G.A.A. Club to consult with parents, schools and other youth bodies before making Application for a Club Licence. He took this course of action as a result of a Solicitor's letter and of a delegation from the Tuam Stars Club, threatening litigation on a Claim that this matter is Subjudica .

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

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KNIGHTS OF MALTA:-

Commissioner Stapleton complimented a local lad John Brinn a member of the Knights of Malta who showed courage and application in his attendance at local accident scenes lately. The Order is to be complimented on providing the Calibre of training shown.

SIGNED

James J. Keane
CHAIRMAN.

RECORDED:- W.B. MANNION,
September, 1983.

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Tel.: 24246

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

To each Town Commissioner.

26 AUGUST 1983


A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on TUESDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 1983 at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

 Baile Cleireach.

A G E N D A

- 1 — MINUTES
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1st Sept 1983

A CHARA,

Additional Motion for Agenda of Meeting of 6 Sept 1983 at 8.00 p.m.

Mise le meas,

Baile Cleireach.

A G E N D A

NOM — COMMISSIONER G BREWDE

"That Tuam Town Commissioners request Tuam Stars GAA Club to consult with Parents, Schools Managements, Youth Club, Boy Scouts and other Bodies catering for the Welfare of Youth — before pursuing with Club Licence at Dublin Road, Tuam."

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 2nd AUGUST, 1983

PRESENT WERE:- Commissioners J. Keane, Chairman, J. Burke, P. M. Stapleton, B. O'Brien and M. Kelly.

IN ATTENDANCE:- Officials:- J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager, Miss O. Sullivan, Engineer, Mr. W. B. Mannion, Town Clerk.

EXCUSES:- M. O'Grady, K. Dwyer and J. O Mara.

Prayers were recited.

Messages of Sympathy were proposed as follows:-

Creaven Family, Bishop Street, Tuam.
Campbell Family, Vicarschoreland, Tuam.
Feehily Family, Ballygaddy Road, Tuam.
Farrell Family, Waterslade, Tuam.

Minutes were adopted on proposal by P. M. Stapleton, J. Burke seconding.

C.S.E.T. The Chairman read a letter from Mr. V. Gafney, Workers Representative of C.S.E.T. Tuam, thanking the Board for their support in the 'Save the Sugar Company' campaign. The Board once again expressed criticism of the way in which the Irish Independent gave such unjust coverage on the C.S.E.T question.

EXPENSES. On the request of the Chairman, the Manager authorised Train Fare and appropriate subsistence to those who attended the Dublin Meeting with Minister of State, Mr. Dick Spring.

REPORTS:- The Manager in reply to complaints and requests for filtration, read a report on Tuam Water Supply from the Deputy County Engineer. This stated that regular sampling indicates no contamination but there is some algae present. Costings on the provision of Micro Strainers in hand presently.

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TRIBUTE:-

Mr. M. Kelly proposed and P.M. Stapleton seconded a Vote of Tribute and Thanks for all her Social Work in Tuam to Sister Leo on the occasion of her transfer from Tuam.

CORRESPONDENCE:-

The following letters were dealt with:-

- (1) Letter in German to the Chairman delivered by German Youth Visitors from their Mayor - was translated by the Manager.
- (2) Letter from Solicitors on Sale of 65 Gilmartin Road - Approved.
- (3) Letter from An Cospoir on provision of Bowling Greens - favoured.
- (4) Regional Development Meeting Notice received.

MANAGER'S BUSINESS.

The Manager read a letter he received from the Minister of the Environment on Tuam Urbanisation outlining the Department's views thereon.

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.

The Chairman opened a discussion on the lack of Garda action on parking offences, pedestrian crossings and revisions of 30 m.p.h zones. P.M. Stapleton said parking is necessary for business life of Tuam - but abuses on the Square needs attention and demanded that pedestrian crossings as a must for the huge numbers of School Children and Elderly who need protection on these busy streets - we should act before accidents happen. This was supported by Bernard O'Brien who said these should be fitted and a Taxi rank provided also. Joe Burke said Pedestrian Crossings are vital on the Square especially at Mc Cormacks and at Fahy & Co., High Street. As the Traffic Authority we want and need these and Tuam People must have more say in what they want, we should request a meeting with the Garda Authorities now he said. Supporting a request by P. M. Stapleton for traffic control and more lighting for Weir Road and junction with Church View, J. Burke stated that whilst there is no money for lighting he would support a request for a Mini Roundabout there in view of the many accidents, thankfully none yet fatal. The Chairman supporting the call for Pedestrian Crossings said that there was about 4,000 children of all ages using the Centre of Town and crossing control is urgently needed. J. Burke asked that a report on Carparks and control of Caravan thereon be available for next Meeting.

CONGRATULATIONS:-

Were proposed by P.M. Stapleton to the Chairman on his Daughter's University Degree conferring.

MAP:-

It was decided that the preparation of the Town Guide Map be proceeded with on the basis of Draft in hand and that like other towns (such as Gort and others smaller than Tuam) a Greeting Plaque in Irish, English French and German and incorporating a Crest of the Town should be provided for all principal entrance roads to Town.

TOWN HALL:-

P.M. Stapleton asked the Engineer to investigate improvements/decoration of the Boardroom entrance hallway which is in poor repair with ladders and plackards being dumped there inconsiderately by the Theatre Guild etc.

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... MEETING OF THE 27th JUNE, 1983 WAS CONVENED TO OPPOSE
... CLOSURE OF TOWN

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J. Burke instanced a new youth identification system being proposed by a Balla County Mayo Group. It was decided to invite a speaker to address the Board and perhaps representatives of the 5 local schools on this matter. Contact is Thos. Higgins, Balla, Kiltimagh, Co. Mayo.

... Connoughton, (Junior Minister of Agriculture),
... Geoghegan Quinn, T.D., Mr. Ray McSharry, T.D., Mr. Noel Treacy,
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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE 27th JUNE, 1983 WAS CONVENED TO OPPOSE
THE CLOSURE OF IRISH SUGAR CO. LTD., TUAM BRANCH.

Following attended the Meeting which was Chaired by Jarlath Keane,
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Fien, Mr. Kevin Dwyer, Mr. M.O'Grady, Mr. G. Browne and Mr. J. O'Mara.

EXCUSES FOR THEIR ABSENCE WERE RECEIVED FROM THE FOLLOWING:-

Senator Brian Malooley, Elphin, Senator Michael D. Higgins, Galway, Deputy
J. Molloy, Claremorris, Deputy Enda Kenny, Castlebar, Deputy Bobby
Loy, Galway, Deputy Ber Cowan and Deputy Seamus De Brun.

The present spoke in favour of saving C.S.E.T. Tuam.

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TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,
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TUAM

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD 5/JULY /1983

PRESENT: Commissioners;-J. Keane chairman;J O'Meara, M O'Grady, K Dwyer, B. O'Brien, P.M. Stapleton, J. Burke, and M. Kelly.
Officials;- J. Howlett A.C.M. Olive O'Sullivan Engineer, and W. Mannion Town Clerk.

APOLOGY: Apology for his absence was received from Commissioner Browne who is presently ill in hospital. All members were associated in conveying wishes for a quick recovery to Mr. Browne and a Mass Bouquet is to be obtained.

WELCOME: The Chairman welcomed Mr. John P. Whyte, a past Town Clerk of Tuam and an uncle of Commissioner Dwyer. Members gave a standing ovation. Mr Whyte addressed the meeting, congratulating the Board for a progressive, peaceful and law-abiding town and expressing his fears at the loss the reported closure of C.S.E.T., Tuam would bring. He also related how he as Town Clerk helped to secure the Sugar Factory for Tuam. Commissioner Stapleton said that his father had served as a Commissioner with Mr. Whyte and invited him to sign the visitors book.

FIRE SERVICES Commissioner Stapleton criticised the proposed Fire Brigade attendance charges and hoped that such will not prevent the public calling the Fire Brigade with dangerous results. Commissioner O'Grady supported but accepts some charge as a necessity in present times. Commissioners O'Meara and Dwyer also objected to the charges and Commissioner Burke said that people should call the Fire Brigade first and dispute the charges later. Commissioner Kelly thought that these costs

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SERVICES Ctd/ might be recoverable from insurances and thought the charges unjust. The A. C. Manager said that these charges were subject to Departmental approval. Commissioner Dwyer was confirmed as the boards appointee to the Fire Brigades Committee- to which the latter has not been invited since 1979- such committee meeting should be reconvened and reactivated.

SUGAR

FACTORY

Chairman J. Keane spoke on the very bad press given by the Irish Independent on Tuam C.S.E.T. He reported calling up reporter Paul Drury who came to Tuam and met him. Though many interviews were given none were ever reported in the paper and they have continued to maintain their line on inevitable closure etc. The Archbishop's criticism of the media on this is both factual and timely. Members proposed a boycott on the purchase of this paper.

WATER

Members were critical again of the quality of the water supply from the Curraghreen new source. The presence of algae, worms and a disgusting taste were all mentioned. Filtration was called for as well as an investigation of a new source. The Manager and Engineer in reply dealt with the Co M O.D. and other monitoring and tests and with the normal filtration methods being used. The Manager was asked to take up the complaint at Co Council level.

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- SEWERS Commissioner O'Grady inquired if funds had been made available for the Athenry road sewer improvement and the chairman inquired about the flooding at Mrs. Kellys of Old Road, Tuam. Commissioner Stapleton also complained about bad odours from road gullies.
- MINUTES Were adopted Commissioner Burke proposed and Commissioner O'Brien seconded.
- BATHROOMS Miss O'Sullivan reported that many of the bathroom roofs were faulty and found to leak. Commissioner Kelly demanded an inquiry into these bad bathroom jobs. Chairman suggested that we consider making a bathroom grant available ourselves, but the manager pointed out such such would not be legal and that we would be subject to Audit Surcharge.
- G.A.A. Request for permission to use the playground at St. Enda'S Ave was granted. This was for a forthcoming fundraising venture.
- CONGRATS. Congratulations were passed with Cllr. Ml. Ryan on his election as chairman of Galway County Council
- THANKS Thanks were expressed to Co. Manager and to Co. Develop. Officer for attendance at both the Tuam and Dublin meetings of the save C.S.E.T. Campaign
The Tansiste and Jnr. Minister Connaghton are to be thanked for the Dublin meeting which was very useful to our cause.
- EXPENSES The Chairman spoke on expenses for such deputations and meetings and proposed that a fund for such purposes be set up, funding to be investigated at the next meeting.
- CHAIN OF OFFICE It is again necessary to insert links and medallions for some years back and the cost of this and possibly of robes of office are to be discussed at the next meeting.

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RAS TAILTEANN The chairman thanked the organisers of Ras Tailteann for the very successful hosting of a large number of visitors and competitors.

CORRESPONDENCE The following letters were read:

1. Request for transfer of a house from Mr. J. Donnellan at 38 Toberjarlath Rd. Was supported.
2. Letter from Cora McNamara on the Abortion Referendum was discussed and a vote that a petition be sent to hold the referendum resulted in 4 for and 2 against.
3. Letter from Ireland West in thanks for Tourist Office Accommodation.
4. N.O.M. on drug addicts from Castlebar U.D.C. was supported.
5. Request for submission of motions for meeting of Assoc of Munic. Authorities .
6. Letter on Bowling from COSPOIR.
7. Reply on ranges from Galway County Council.

N.O.M. On pedestrian crossings and 30m.p.h. signs, Car park regulations etc. Commiss STAPLETON spoke on his proposal and obtained unanimous support for the enforcement of proper car parking regulations in the town and of Traffic Regulations generally to ensure free flow of traffic through the town centre especially. It was also agreed to go ahead with the pedestrian crossings as planned and to discuss this and 30m.p.h. boundaries at the August meeting of the Board.

SIGNED.....CHAIRMAN.

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Opening Prayers were recited.

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