

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,  
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON THE 10th MAY, 1983

Re:- Threatened Closure of Tuam Sugar Beet Factory

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS WITH MR. PAUL CONNAUGHTON, JUNIOR  
MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE.

PRESENT:-

M. O'Grady, Chairman, Commissioners Browne, O'Mara Keane, Dwyer, Burke, O'Brien, Stapleton and Town Clerk attended.

A Message was received from Commissioner Kelly who was unavoidably absent.

The Chairman welcomed the Junior Minister and outlined the Subject Matter and called on Deputy Connaughton and Mr. Deacy (Minister) to look at and meet the problem with an open mind. He invited Commissioner O'Mara, a C.S.E.T. Official himself and Sugar Factory Workers Representative to state their facts and figures.

Mr. O'Mara firstly outlined a previous written commitment from the Minister for Agriculture in 1982 not to close the Tuam Plant. He then went on to outline the supposed operating losses of £1.4 million which he claimed should read much below the £1 Million. Capital Equipment sought and refused to Tuam would have increased product output and reduced losses drastically.

Workers have done everything to help reduce losses and Costs Beet Acreage of 4½ Thousand Acres a few years ago has now risen to some 10 Thousand Acres in 1983. The case made by Minister's Department that Closure of Tuam would save the Company is nonsense - no doubt next year they'd need close yet another such as Thurles. Loss by Closure would be substantial. The State would stand to lose Six to Seven Million Pounds for Redundancies and over One million in P.A.Y.E./P.R.S.I. - VATS and other taxes would make a total loss of some £2.8 Million - On the Farm side it is estimated the loss would reach some £15 Million.

All Members present contributed at length to a case calling on the Government and Minister for Agriculture to reconsider and not to go along with this mad proposal by the Directors who so advise Closure of Tuam as the only solution - this has never proved the correct move to make. This rather would be the death of a total community and one more death knell to the West.

The Junior Minister promised to do everything in his power to keep Tuam Factory Open. The Company will have to do what the Government wishes. He went along with remarks by Member of the Board when he stated that he never accepted that the Sugar Company Management was up to the demands of the 1980's. Headquarters have become Top Heavy who regard closure as the easy solution. He accepts, he said, that some pruning and modernisation is necessary for survival and that he could not see any replacement Factory in the Pipeline for Tuam. He shared the Board's anxiety and will fight within the Cabinet but would not promise to vote against a Government decision on Closure. He promised to organise a Meeting with the Minister for the Board and Factory Workers

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.



# TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Tel.: 24246

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,  
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

To each Town Commissioner.

26<sup>th</sup> April 1983

A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on TUESDAY 3rd MAY 1983 at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

*[Signature]*  
Baile Cleireach.

## A G E N D A

- No 1 — MINUTES
- No 2 — CORRESPONDENCE
- No 3 — ESTIMATES
- No 4 — MANAGERS BUSINESS

Now Commissioner PM Stapleton

That Galway Co Council be called upon to install Solid Fuel Cookers (with Boilers) in houses recently built without such, at Dublin Rd, Tuam

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**CHALLENGE:**  
Legal proceedings pending.

**Dumping:** Commissioner Kelly complained about the extensive dumping on the plot of land on the North East end of Gilmartin Road, suggesting that it should be sold off to the local farmer who previously offered to take it, perhaps we should have our Solicitor investigate the position of the old lease which seems lapsed.

**C.A. Victory:** Commissioner Burke proposed congratulations to St. Jarlatha College and C.B.S. on reaching the Hogan Cup Finals and also the Vocational Schools on recent football victory.

**CIE Station:** Commissioners Keane and Kelly complained of the urgent need of a shelter and toilet facility at the local C.I.E. Bus Depot where station premises are closed-up and left unguarded and abused. Commissioners Burke and Browne supporting said C.I.E. promised such facilities for the user customers of the Public Transport Authority.

**Rail Crossing:** Miss O'Sullivan to query said complaints passed to C.I.E. Engineers on the condition of the Vicar Street Crossing had fallen on deaf ears. This is a double line with sleepers inlaid and is maintainable as permanent way only not as a road surface such as the Abbey Trinity

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Special Meeting on Monday, 4th April, 1983

Meeting of the Board with Executive Engineer, Mr. E. Rohan and Officials of P & T Engineering Branch, Galway.

Present: Commissioners M. O'Grady (Chairman), B. O'Brien, M. Kelly, J. Burke, K. Dwyer, J. Keane, G. Browne.  
Olive O'Sullivan (Engineer) W.B. Mannion, Town Clerk.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Rohan and his colleagues and outlined the members complaints on a general bad telephone service to Tuam Town users. He outlined the facts of all public kiosks being out of order on various dates - exchange difficulties and lines into and out of town being out of order or not working. Commissioners Keane, Burke, Dwyer, Kelly, O'Brien and Browne made contributions on various irritating aspects of the service and there was a demand for more exchange personnel, more spot checks on callers using others numbers (which is now becoming very regular) and more urgent attention to repairs.

Mr. Rohan said that all kiosks are now functioning but repairs are often hindered by lack of parts. The system generally should improve within 2 months when the Mervue new Exchange becomes operational. Vandalism and dampness are the major trouble makers as far as kiosks are concerned and he was prepared to consider once again the Board's demand for an extra kiosk at Senior Citizens Estate in the Glebe. The Town Clerk pointed out that Tuam had the service of only one kiosk per 1000 residents which alone left alot to be desired - mostly only half of these work, for one reason or another, and enquired about provision of the new 'pay phones' which may be less open to vandalism.

Commissioner Burke would not accept Mr. Rohan's view that the Tuam service had improved much over the last couple of years and demanded more urgent repairs.

Chairman O'Grady thanked Mr. Rohan and colleagues for attending and looks forward to greater improvements to the service to Tuam.

Signed

*Midie O'Grady*  
CHAIRMAN.



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Minutes of Meeting held on 12th April, 1983.  
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Present: Commissioners M. O'Grady (Chairman), J. Keane, J. Burke, G. Browne,  
B. O'Brien, J. O'Mara, M. Kelly and P.M. Stapleton.

Officials: J. Howlett, Asst. County Manager, Miss O'Sullivan, Engineer,  
W. B. Mannion, Town Clerk.  
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Minutes Minutes of previous meetings were adopted and signed.  
J. Burke proposed and M. Kelly seconded.

Litter

Bins

Miss O'Sullivan in reply to Commissioner Burke said that persons  
sponsoring bins should contact the manufacturers - Gardenfield  
Engineering who will deliver the bin to the County Council for fitting.  
So far only one such has been supplied.

Bathroom

Extensions

P. M. Stapleton recommended that in view of all the complaints thereon,  
a general inspection be carried out on the bathroom roofs. Miko Kelly  
seconding asked for an inspection report on these leaking roofs for  
the May Meeting.

Ranges

A tenant, Thos. Carmen attended to complain of the ineffective boiler  
system in a stanley range supplied to his house by the Board a couple  
of years ago. Later the members got a detailed report of inspections  
by Miss O'Sullivan herself; and by a Waterford Ironfounders Engineer;  
as well as by two plumbers - none of whom found anything seriously wrong  
with the range. Cleaning of the range and chimney regularly would help  
as well as conservation of hot supply and perhaps fitting an electric  
immersion unit to help the high demand of this large household -  
mostly adults.

Caravans

Commissioner Kelly & Browne called for a clean up and provision of  
paths and lighting at Cloontoa Road to eliminate caravan parking with  
its attendant dangers to children and motorists. The Manager stated  
that plans for the area are to be processed under a Local Amenity Scheme.

Squatting:

The Manager replying to queries said that 3 Co. Council houses at  
Dublin Road, Barrack St and Cloontoa Road are being squatted in and  
legal proceedings pending.

Dumping:

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An offer by Miss Farrell of Waterslade House, Tuam, to provide an electric lighted halo for the statue of Our Lady on Town Hall clock tower. E.S.B. wiring costs is to be investigated and a letter of acknowledgement in thanks is to be sent to the Donor.

A solicitor's letter documenting a Will in favour of Delia Warde, 4 Gilmartin Road, Tuam, was noted as requested, by the Board and returned.

A Vesting Order in favour of Michael & Margaret Tierney of 31 Gilmartin Rd., Tuam, was signed and sealed on the proposal of M. Kelly, seconded J. Burke.

Representation by the Chairman on behalf of Collector John Donnellan who retired recently without gratuity or pension. The Manager said this part-time employee made no contribution to any pension fund for this part-time work and therefore no gratuity or pension is payable here.

The Manager presented his Estimates for 1983 (as previously circulated to members) outlining the increase therein. Our financial situation is not good necessitating an increase in rate from 15½p to 20p in fl. Commissioner O'Mara proposed and Commissioner Browne seconded that the rate not be increased.

The Manager said this proposed rate was not excessive in view of inflation costs and no increase will only make things worse in 1984. Finance provided for only keeps maintenance going and perhaps try meet rewiring of a few more houses which is now our No. 1 priority. Requests by Commissioner Burke and Kelly to help fund fitting extra bathrooms would demand more money which the Board won't provide in the rate. Commissioners Browne and Kelly queried the A.C.C. investment interest rates and Commissioner Browne proposed that he was prepared to negotiate a higher rate with A.C.C. which would return an income sufficient to obviate any need to increase the rate. Commissioner Browne proposed and the Chairman seconded that a decision on striking the rate be left over to the May Meeting of the 3rd May to allow time to seek A.C.C. interest increase and Commissioner Browne, Chairman M. O'Grady and Town Clerk were nominated to meet A.C.C. personnel early as possible. Commissioner Stapleton then proposed and Commissioner Kelly seconded adjournment of Estimate Meeting (for 21 days) to next monthly Meeting. Commissioner Keane said he agreed with the Managers Estimates the increase in which would only cost about 90 pence per business premises on average.

Commissioner Keane spoke on his motion on Tuam's itinerant problems and circulated an extensive written statement prepared on same. The ghetto being formed in the Gilmartin Road, Barrack Street and Cloontoa area is now cronic. Commissioner Browne congratulated Commissioner Keane for the report which he finds very correct. Newcomers into the area make a bad situation worse, he said. Future generations will curse those who made this ghetto. Several families have handicapped children in terrible conditions and officials who push in more travellers here make a ghetto more cronic than any Harlem in New York.

Commissioner Burke said that of all the caravans in the area there are less than 10 local travellers.

The Manager said the Council are not housing outsiders here - outsiders will be told they will not be put on a housing list. He accepted the Boards support for a hard stand which is a facility needed when trying to move vans off the public roads. Commissioner Kelly pressed for a speed up of improvements to this Cloontoa Road area.

Commissioner Browne spoke on his motion - he called for information to be made available to the Board on Project Funding in the West especially County Galway.

General support was given by members and it was assumed that such information only comes from Department of Finance.

The Manager said in reply to J. Burke that a County Plan review is in hand. The Board seeks opportunity to make an input in regard to Tuam and district.



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An Application for provision of a bathroom is sought by the tenants and a report is asked for next Meeting.

Meeting

The Chairman informed the Commissioners that the May County Council Meeting will be held in Tuam at the St. Marys Cathedral Synod Hall. It was decided to write the Council saying that the Commissioners wished to meet and welcome the Council to Tuam on that date.

Votes of Sympathy were passed with the following:-

- Superintendent Garda Siochana on the Sergeant McLoughlin fatality
- Treacy family, Tullinadaly Road, Tuam.
- Kilkelly family, St. Enda's Ave., Tuam.
- Higgins family, Woodquay, Tuam.
- Dooley family, Cloontoa, Tuam.
- Conneely family, Cloondarone, Tuam.
- Casserly family, Lisavalley, Tuam.
- Grady/Browne family, Church View, Tuam.
- Lyons family, Athenry Road, Tuam.
- Presentation Sisters on death of Sister Matilde.
- St. John Family, Galway Road, Tuam.

This concluded the Meeting.

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Signed:

*Midge O'Grady*  
CHAIRMAN

W.B. Mannion.

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TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,  
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**30 MARCH 1983**

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

**TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 1983** at 8.00 p.m.

are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

*M. Stapleton* Baile Cleireach.

**AGENDA**

- 1 — MINUTES
- 2 — CORRESPONDENCE
- 3 — ESTIMATES 1983
- 4 — MANAGERS BUSINESS
- 5 — MEMBERS N.D.M.s.

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Meeting held on 1st February, 1983.

Present: Commissioners M. O'Grady (Chairman), J. Keane, P.M. Stapleton, G. Browne, M. Kelly, J. O'Mara and K. Dwyer (Acting Secretary).

Officials: J. Gibbons, Engineer.

Opening Prayers were said.

The Chairman then expressed sympathy with Mr. Willie Mannion (Town Clerk) and his family on the death of his brother Patrick.

He said this was a heavy cross to bear and he prayed that God would give the mourners strength and aid to do so.

All present, including the Press extended their sympathy.

The Chairman then proposed that as a mark of respect the meeting be adjourned.

This was agreed to and all joined in a short prayer for the repose of the soul of the deceased.

The Meeting then adjourned.

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Meeting held on 1st March, 1983.

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

Officials - Mr. K. Doyle for Asst. County Manager, Miss Olive O'Sullivan, Engineer and W. Mannion, Town Clerk.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous Meetings were adopted and signed - J. Keane proposed, M. O'Grady seconding adoption.

Welcome: The Chairman on behalf of the Board extended a Cead Mile Failte to newly co-opted member Bernard O'Brien who also replied in thanks.

N.O.M. Commissioner Keane remarked on the omitted seconding of his N.O.M. on increased grave space charges by the County Council. Mr. Doyle related that the increases were county-wide and only meets part of the actual service costs involved.

Planning: Commissioner Keane complained of the new Planning Application charges which can only hinder development and progress.

Cemetery: Commissioner Kelly complimented the County Council for the improvement to the Cemetery's main driveway. Commissioner Burke joined in saying the work was a compliment to all involved. Commissioner Browne recommended that provision be made in the new extension for an area assigned for cremated remains.

Litter Bins In reply to Commissioner Burke, Miss O'Sullivan stated that she understood Mr. Gibbons was prepared to have any new sponsored bins provided, erected without delay. Commissioner Burke said a recommendation to Chamber of Commerce on provision of such bins would not go amiss. Mr. Doyle, in reply to Commissioner Kelly, said that the Council have several court actions against litter louts around the county in hand, members gave instances of several serious cases of dumping locally.

Travellers Commissioner Burke reported that 8 additional caravans had moved into Cloontoa Road from outside the County - he was supported by the Board in a call on the County Manager that Tuam not be asked to accept any responsibility for such new comers. Tuam has a proliferation of travellers in houses and otherwise and we have more than enough in hand to cater for our own. The Chairman, Commissioner Browne & Commissioner Stapleton demanded that these families crowding into Tuam not go on any housing list and that they be asked to return to Tipperary from whence they reportedly came.

"Simon" Commissioners Stapleton, Kelly and Dwyer joined in a condemnation of a reported provision of a house in Tuam for certain "knights of the road" - the Board have only recently cleared up such a situation in one of the Board's houses. Any new developments will only invite more vagrants back to Tuam. A known vagrant who comes and goes should get treatment and Mr. Doyle promised attention by a Social Worker.

Cloontoa Road. Members called on the Engineer to consider the cleaning of Cloontoa Road, provision of paths, kerbs etc and the elimination of this eyesore area where people as well as rubbish, are being dumped. The Chairman asked that this be incorporated into the promised consideration of revision of the Cloontoa Gilmartin Road traffic routing and improvement of this area generally.

Phones: It was decided that the Board should press for a Meeting with Mr. Rohan, P & T Chief Engineer before April Meeting.

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Estimates: Mr. Doyle said that no increases to meet inflation or otherwise will be permitted for 1983. Local authorities are expected to rouse £65 million from direct charges for services etc. He outlined Galway's charges for planning, refuse services, water supplies etc. Commissioner Browne expressed opposition to any return to rates on houses and Commissioner Keane criticised the Council's delays and non submission of valuation lists to Government. Commissioner Kelly recommended a setting up of a savings or investments funds to local authorities as a possible source of funding. Mr. Doyle said that based on population Galway receives only 6% from Regional Fund. Central Government submits qualifying schemes to Brussels and projects on bridges, roads and general development of an area are acceptable.

Colleges  
G.A.A.

Commissioner Keane proposed, Commissioner Dwyer seconded a vote of congratulations to both C.B.S. and St. Jarlaths Colleges for winning their matches in Connaught Colleges series and called for the local G.A.A. stadium being made available for the final between these two local teams who bring honour to our town.

Commissioners Kelly and O'Grady explained the difficulty here in that a re-sodding and seeding of the goalmouth areas of the stadium are in progress and that the Ground may not be ready to accept the Game. Commissioners Burke, O'Mara, O'Brien, Browne and Stapleton appealed that everything possible be done to have the stadium available. The Chairman promised that if the pitch be playable it would be made available.

C.I.E.  
Station:

Commissioner Stapleton, supported by Commissioner Browne complained of the disgraceful conditions; lack of waiting and toilet facilities etc afforded to bus passengers at Tuam Station where these buildings stand closed to the public.

Rail  
Crossing:

Commissioner Kelly complained of the dangerous condition of the level crossing surface at Church View. Rails and sleepers are subsiding and despite previous reports on this to C.I.E. Rail-line maintenance Engineer in Athlone nothing has been attended to.

Craftsman:

In reply to queries Miss O'Sullivan reported that interviews had been held recently but no final appointment has yet been made.

Votes of  
Sympathy:

Sympathy was conveyed to the following:-

Bon Secour Nuns on death of Sr. BonaVenture.  
The King Family, Athenry Road, Tuam.  
Relatives of Wm. Heneghan, Barrack St., Tuam.  
Relatives of Miss Carr Newtown.

This concluded the Meeting.

*Midie O'Grady*

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Minutes of Meeting held on the 15th January, 1983

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

Officials: J. Howlett, Asst. County Manager, J. Gibbons, Engineer and W. Mannion, Town Clerk.

Minutes: Commissioner J. Keane proposed and Commissioner P.M. Stapleton seconded the adoption of the Minutes.

Historian: The Board welcomed Tuam Historian John Waldron who addressed the Meeting. He presented to the Board for safe-keeping, preservation and display - several old publications relating to past events in Tuam; also a copy of the "Charter of Tuam dated 1817" an Electoral Division Book of Tuam dated 1842; a Notice relating to "Tuam Union" dated 1908; a Notice relating to the "Old Tuam Society"; an Engineers REport (undated) on Old Tuam Waterworks proposals. Mr. Waldron outlined the history of some of the items. The Chairman and all members replied in thanks and appreciation and Mr. Waldron was invited to sign the visitors book before leaving the Meeting.

House

Applicants: Mr. P.J. Mannion entered the Boardroom, addressing members outlining his case of qualifications for a house from Galway County Council or the Commissioners. Members conveyed their agreement and support to Mr. Howlett, Asst. County Manager.

Litter

Bins:

The Board received Mr. Jimmy Keating of Gardenfield Eng. Co. who displayed a new prototype self supporting Litter Bin, designed and constructed locally by his firm; recommending them to Community conscious businessmen and others who might subscribe for the provision of same for their town. Mr. Gibbons (Engineer) said the County Council would erect and maintain bin so provided. Members spoke in praise of the design and quality of the prototype recommending them as suitable and needed to help clear up our town, affording some small advertising also to subscribers if desired. Mr. Keating then thanked the Board and presented the first bin to the Commissioners for erection at the Town Hall.

Co-Option  
of Member:

Commissioner P. M. Stapleton proposed Bernard O'Brien to the seat vacated on the death of his father Luke O'Brien, Commissioner J.O'Mara seconded. Commissioner J. Burke said Fine Gael put forward Mrs Mary Quinn but she proposed to withdraw her name at her request. This was acknowledged acceptable in tribute to the late Mr. O'Brien and Mrs Quinn was congratulated for withdrawing. The Chairman declared Bernard O'Brien elected and he and all members spoke in congratulation.

Estimates:

The Manager stated that as yet no information was to hand to enable preparation of estimates.

Expenditure

Approval:

Commissioner Stapleton proposed, Commissioner Burke seconded approval of overexpenditure £480 in year 1981.

Phones:

The members were once again critical of the telephone service to Tuam, most public kiosks are regularly out of order. Meeting called for a get together with Mr. E. Rohan, Dept. of P & T. Galway earliest possible.

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WORKING ORDER and referred again to the P. & T. refusal to fit a Kiosk at the Glebe Senior Citizens' Estate - the reason given that several Kiosks were available in the Town the nearest a ¼ of a Mile away - little comfort to an old person who might need call Priest or Doctor late at Night.



TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS:

Minutes of Meeting held 4th January, 1983.

Present: Chairman M.O'Grady.

Commissioners J. Keane, P.M. Stapleton, G. Browne, M. Kelly, K. Dwyer, J.O'Mara and W. Mannion, Town Clerk.

The Chairman proposing a Vote of Sympathy on the recent death of Colleague Commissioner Mike O'Brien - spoke in tribute of him as a great Tuam man.

All members present spoke describing the late Commissioner O'Brien as a great ambassador of Tuam and the West of Ireland; a father figure on this Board and a man of Wisdom; a great sportsman, gunman and racing patron; sincere and charitable always.

Commissioner O'Mara proposed adjournment for one month as a mark of respect - Comm. O'Dwyer seconded. The Chairman declared the Meeting adjourned for a month and the Commissioners stood in a minutes silent prayer.

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*22/12/1982*

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SCHOOLS WARDEN:-

Replying to Commissioner Dwyer who asked the position on provision of a Warden and stated that a Mrs. S. Gannon would consider taking up the Position, the Manager said that we would consider this again at Estimates if finance control so allowed.

CRAFTSMAN:-

The Meeting authorised the Engineer to fill the Craftsman Vacancy arising from the retiral of Mr. P. O'Donnell on Pension.

CHRISTMAS TREES:-

The Board expressed thanks on the offer of two Christmas Trees by Christy Mannion.

N.O.M.

A letter from Westport Urban District Council on Attendances at Conferences abroad was supported.

PUBLIC TELEPHONES:-

Commissioner Keane with support by Commissioner Dwyer complained that on a recent check not even one of the 10 Telephone Kiosks in Town were in working order and referred again to the P. & T refusal to fit a Kiosk at the Glebe Senior Citizens' Estate - the reason given that several Kiosks were available in the Town the nearest a 1/4 of a Mile away - little comfort to an old person who might need call Priest or Doctor late at Night.

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7th DECEMBER, 1982.

PRESENT:-

Chairman, M. O'Grady, Commissioners, P.M. Stapleton, J. Keane, K. Dwyer, J. O'Mara, L. O'Brien, M. Kelly.

OFFICIALS:-

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

MINUTES:-

The Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as proposed by J. Keane and seconded by K. Dwyer.

LITTER:-

Mr. Gibbons replying to Commissioner Keane said that the prototype Litter Bin for erection in town was not delivered as promised.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS:-

Commissioners Keane, Dwyer and O'Mara expressed dissatisfaction on neglect of consideration of Crossings for Ballygaddy Road children and the Chairman asked if a Yield Right of Way Sign might help at that Roundabout. J. Gibbons (Engineer) said that he will not make any changes without a Garda Siochana request that he do so. He expressed regrets that he had not yet to hand the Survey Report he promised on Pedestrian Crossings for Bishop Street and Dublin Road.

Commissioner O'Brien said that all types of traffic now controls itself beautifully in the Town Centre - he would disapprove of these Crossings on High Street and on the Square area totally.

Commissioner Dwyer asked for consideration of surface printed 'Slow', and 'Slower' on approaches to C.I.E Athenry Road, Bridge - and Commissioner Kelly requested similar control to slow down traffic on Galway Road Area.

The Chairman said all traffic systems are working well but said the Residents of Gilmartin Road still seek a 'One Way' traffic system there and asks for an early review. Commissioners Stapleton and Dwyer supported this request for Gilmartin Road.

SCHOOLS WARDEN:-

Replying to Commissioner Dwyer who asked the position on provision of a Warden and stated that a Mrs. S. Gannon would consider taking up the Position, the Manager said that we would consider this again at Estimates if finance control so allowed.

CRAFTSMAN:-

The Meeting authorised the Engineer to fill the Craftsman Vacancy arising from the retiral of Mr. P. O'Donnell on Pension.

CHRISTMAS TREES:-

The Board expressed thanks on the offer of two Christmas Trees by Christy Mannion.

N.O.M.

A letter from Westport Urban District Council on Attendances at Conferences abroad was supported.

PUBLIC TELEPHONES:-

Commissioner Keane with support by Commissioner Dwyer complained that on a recent check not even one of the 10 Telephone Kiosks in Town were in working order and referred again to the P. & T refusal to fit a Kiosk at the Glebe Senior Citizens' Estate - the reason given that several Kiosks were available in the Town the nearest a  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a Mile away - little comfort to an old person who might need call Priest or Doctor late at Night.



CONGRATULATIONS:-

Were passed with the Dunleavy Brothers, Bishop Street on winning the Snooker Finals and to the Martyn Brothers of Tuam also, who were Semi Finalists.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY:-

Were passed with the Families of Mrs. Loftus, Birmingham, Tuam and of Mr. P. Hession, Dublin Road, Tuam, who died recently.

GENERAL ELECTION:-

The Board complimented Commissioners Dwyer and Burke on their efforts to represent the Town and District in the recent General Election.

HEALT INSPECTOR -  
WATER REPORT.

The Assistant County Manager introduced Mr. E. Halloran, Senior Health Inspector attached to the Office of The Chief Medical Officer, Western Health Board.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Halloran.

Mr. Halloran addressed the Board - he said Samples of Tuams Water Supply at various points have been taken very regularly over the past nine months. These prove the water to be bacteriologically perfectly sound. The Assistant County Manager and Engineer have been given results regularly. Only one poor result showed up last July. Chlorination is a necessity as in all supplies, tests gave a 0.4 parts per Million, slightly excessive but certainly not dangerous. The Health Authority would have advertised if there was any or slightest risk with the Supply.

Commissioner Stapleton asked why the supply contained objectionable insects, taste and greasy scum on the tea etc.

Commissioner Keane said the condition of source is disgusting with 2,000 Acres of flooded land where fertiliser and all kinds of waste wash into supply source. He referred to his previous Report on Donkey carcasses and he said he now knows a Farmer who said that 12 Cattle have drowned in the stream there - he will name the Farmer to Officials. Further he said he has a Doctor's Statement to say that this water is and will be a hazard and is contaminated with Chlorine; this Doctor reported the conditions without results. What he has said is true and he has no intention of withdrawing anything he has said.

Commissioner Dwyer asked if any tests are available on analysis of Chemical Salts; He said that a College Science Graduate friend informed him that Chlorine in Water is harmful and not suitable for drinking. He also wondered if slurry and artificial fertilizer filters through to contaminate underground water sources.

Commissioner O'Mara asked if the Meeting can be told the cause of the contamination last July and complained of the excess Chlorine still there at tap.

Commissioner O'Brien said he never had any reason for complaints and drinks much water regularly.

Commissioner Kelly expressed dis-satisfaction at neglect by the Authority concerned not having Reports to the General Public. He questioned the lack or absence of a filter system. He called on Officials of the Health Board and County Council



to visit the location of reported dead animals with Commissioner Keane and inspect this matter.

The Chairman then invited replies from the Officials present.

Mr. Howlett, Assistant County Manager reported checking out on the reported dead animals mentioned at the previous meeting - no evidence was found. He repeated that he and the Engineer had reported regularly that tests proved the supply safe and good. He asked Members to accept Mr. Hallorans statements and not continue to condemn their Town's Water Supply - maybe even to the hinderance of any Industry from coming to Tuam.

Mr. Gibbons said that Tuam's Water Supply is the most analysed water in the Country and has shown consistantly good results.

Aesthetically the water may not be 100% but it absolutely bacteriologically safe to use. Filtration would not be justified he said. He added that Chlorine is used to sterilise water and the only guideline to adequate treatment is by the presence of a small residual - the 0.4 parts per Million mentioned is acceptable. The taste of Chlorine in the old supply was not noticeable as that Scheme had large capacity reservoir storage which disipitated any excess Chlorine. The new supply has very limited storage hence the smell remains in the mains delivery.

Mr. Halloran said that the Health Authority would have advertised if there was any danger. Chlorination is usual and necessary for all supplies and expressed concern at references to people using water from wells etc., which could be really a hazard. He said he is willing to take tests anywhere if requested and said they had only received one complaint report from Tuam on this matter. The Chlorine residue is perfectly safe and chlorination renders the supply bacteriologically good and safe. Filtration might improve the elimination of any suspended matter and perhaps help the colour somewhat.

Mr. Gibbons said that both sources were always safe. The Ballymote source was cut off once or twice for short periods because he found it was aesthetically objectionable - treatment at both sources are always maintained and monitored, he said both he and the Water Caretaker walked the areas where dead animals were mentioned and found nothing. In the County, Big Areas are supplied from Lough Corrib; he said and any further water requirements in Tuam would most likely have to come from the Corrib.

Chairman thanked Mr. Halloran for coming and for all the information supplied

THIS CONCLUDED THE MEETING. *M. J. O'Keefe*



TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 2nd NOVEMBER, 1982.

PRESENT:-

COMMISSIONERS:- M. O'Grady (Chairman) K. Dwyer,  
J. Burke, J. Keane, P.M. Stapleton, G. Browne,  
L. O'Brien, M. Kelly.

OFFICIALS:- J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager,  
J. Gibbons, Engineer, W. B. Mannion, Town Clerk.

MINUTES:-

Adoption of Minutes was proposed by J. Keane and seconded by P.M. Stapleton.

LITTER:-

Commissioner Browne complained of the litter problem and resultant chokeage of shores around Town Centre. The Chairman said late opening hours of certain food premises is cause of trouble, disturbance and litter.

Commissioner Kelly pointed out that Refuse Collection is for domestic refuse only and any other collection should be appreciated as a concession over the years.

Commissioner Dwyer strongly objects to any charge for this service and was supported in a call for bigger and better street bins by Commissioners Stapleton, Keane and Browne. The Town Engineer, J. Gibbons said he hoped that a prototype of a new bin would be erected on trial within 10 Days.

WATER:-

Commissioners Stapleton, Keane, Kelly and Browne voiced criticisms of shortage of water in Belaire and other areas and of the bad colour and taste of the supply. Reference was made to the report of dead animals in the Supply Source as reported by Nanny Drainage Committee at an earlier meeting. Commissioner Keane claimed the stream contains dead donkeys carcasses and stagnant water and the taps produce flies and maggots and not suitable for human consumption.

Mr. Howlett Assistant County Manager stated that such reports of animals in the stream will be investigated directly and proceedings taken against those found responsible. Regular testing of the supply is carried out and nothing found wrong - the water is quite fit for use, he said. Commissioners Browne and Dwyer called on Assistant County Manager to have the Chief Medical Officer meet the Board on this matter, as previously requested. Commissioner Keane said people should not pay Water Rates for such service until action to remedy is taken and suggested that members should visit the area and inspect these dead animals in the source area for themselves. He proposed that proper official reports on the supply should be provided.

The Manager said his own and the Engineers views should be taken and that a Public Scare (which could result from statements made) should not issue from the meeting.

Commissioner Kelly asked if the Corrib might be the only proper and eventual source of a Supply for Tuam and asked that this aspect be considered in any Report on the Supply.

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WATER DRAINAGE:-

Commissioner Dwyer proposed and Commissioner Keane seconded a proposal that the Board support a call on the County Manager to order the Board of Works to go ahead with the River Nanny Drainage and have the work supervised by a Council Engineer. Commissioner Browne said the work has to be done sometime and should be resolved now these are responsible people in that area who don't wish to disturb the Town's supply and he asks the Assistant County Manager to convey the Board's Wishes to the County Manager.

Commissioner Keane supported this call for action saying that there are some individuals in the area who should not be drawn into more serious action.

The Assistant County Manager said he did not wish to comment much as the matter is now sub-judice, Legal Action has been instituted against those interfering with the Water Supply. The Board of Works he said are the drainage authority but the County Council have a responsibility for the provision of Water to the people of Tuam.

All expressed a desire for an early and peaceful settlement to the conflict.

RESPONDENCE:-

The following were received:-

- (1) N.O.M. Dungarvan Urban District Council calling for Loan Increases for House Builders (from £7,000 to £13,000). Supported on proposal M. Kelly; Seconded P.M. Stapleton.
- (2) Letter from Minister on Expenses on Conferences abroad - This was marked read.
- (3) Legal Deed on 49, Toberjarlath Road was signed and sealed.
- (4) Lease - The documents proposing the Vesting of 15, Gilmartin Road to Mr. & Mrs. T. McKenny was approved and signed.

WAGESMAN:-

Commissioner Kelly asked that the vacant position of Carpenter for the Board's House Maintenance be filled and be considered at the December Meeting, Commissioner Dwyer seconded.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS:-

The Chairman welcomed Sergeant Joseph Rushe to the Meeting and asked for his and Town Engineer's views and proposals on Pedestrian Crossings for Tuam.

J. Gibbons (Engineer) said that serious consideration had not been given to this matter till now, and it is now seen that implementation would seriously effect parking in the vicinities of the Crossings recognising the statutory requirements involved.

Sergeant Rushe said that both the Superintendent and himself thought the Crossings are not now an absolute necessity as the traffic islands provide sufficient refuge on most streets. Crossings would definitely slow down traffic flow again. Pellican Crossings are the type now authorised and people would have delays with these due to button control - as well, he felt that loss of valuable parking spaces adjacent to each will be a major concern, the crossing at the Town Hall doorway for instance would eliminate Parking right up to the Clock Tower.



Commissioner Browne said Crossings further out, say to serve the Cathedral and Schools on Dublin Road, should be considered.

Commissioner Keane called for Crossings at Ballygaddy and Shop Street, saying he was very disappointed at suggested abandoning of plans. Commissioner Dwyer proposed Crossings also at Cathedral and McGraths Shop and McCormacks Shop on Dublin Road for Schoolgoers.

Commissioner Kelly expressed sorrow to see Pedestrian Crossing protection of young and old being abandoned for parking considerations seeing all the Carparks not being utilised in Town.

Commissioner O'Brien felt that new systems confuse old people and that children will not observe anyway - certainly none should be on the Centre of Square, he said.

Commissioner Stapleton supports need for 10 Crossings for protection of Elderly and Children from the mad motorists; specifying Dublin Road, Vicar Street at Clinic - Cathedral area, perhaps not a serious need on the Square.

Commissioner Burke supported view to facilitate Pedestrians at Dublin Road Schools Area- and Cathedral - would accept that there is no real need around the Square, but would propose one on High Street, and McCormacks on Dublin Road, both as near as permissible to the corners.

It was agreed to try these few for now.

Mr. Gibbons said he would report back on these points at next Meeting. Sergeant Rushe said that the implications on elimination of Parking Spaces needed to be emphasised and also called on the Board not to leave the Byelaws in abeyance too long. Action is being taken on end parking on the Square, he said.

The Members thanked the Sergeant for coming and for his help.

SYMPATHY:-

A Vote of Sympathy was passed with the Family of the late Mrs. Corbett.

THIS CONCLUDED THE MEETING.

Midie O'Shedy



TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF MEETING WITH A DEPUTATION FROM BIRMINGHAM AND CORTOON  
FARMERS ON RIVER NANNY DRAINAGE, HELD ON THE 2nd NOVEMBER, 1982 at  
7.30 p.m.

PRESENT:-

M. O'Grady (Chairman,) G. Browne, L. O'Brien,  
J. Keane, K. Dwyer, P.M. Stapleton and Miko Kelly.

DEPUTATION:-

Ted Conway (Birmingham) Martin Conway (Cortoon),  
Eamon Connolly (Lavalley), Francis Holliman (Cortoon),  
Seamus Flaherty (Cortoon), T. Kelly (I.F.A. Liason  
Officer, Athenry).

Mr. T. Conway spoke - outlining a Meeting with the County Manager and all the groups efforts down the last 20 years to have the Nanny drained. Their only hindrance is lack of co-operation by the County Manager who continues to demand undertakings from Board Of Works which no man can give and who will not accept the Board of Works proposals.

The Group have decided to go ahead with the Drainage themselves at their own expense - and do not intend or wish to interfere in any way with Tuam's Water supply. The work now in hand has not affected the Reservoir height one inch, and the supply remains crystal clear. They claimed that the work can be carried out without any interference to pumping resulting in a better and clearer supply - their Engineer Mr. Kenneth Price also supports this view; they said:-

The Deputation expressed disappointment that only one Commissioner, Jarlath Keane, thought it worthwhile to come out to support them in their plight.

Mr. Kelly I.F.A. gave the Board of Works view that the County Council hold up the progress and said his organisation supported these Farmers. Mr. Conway said the flooded Farms and condition of the stream is all due to the Council's mismanagement and misappropriation of Public Funds. These Farms are more beneficial to Tuam than Companies such as Travenol, who never came to Tuam and for whom Water Supply was provided. A member of the Deputation speaking on the poor quality of the water said he would not drink what Tuam gets, saying that presently there were three dead donkeys in the supply source, dumped there by a person from Tuam.

Members of the Board claimed they were not aware of these recent happenings in the Nanny Area, and asked what support they could give. Commissioner Keane said he was out there and supports the effort to have this 2000 Acres of Farmland drained. He was disappointed that the Assistant County Manager did not bother to attend this Meeting. He said this pollution by dead animals was atrocious and that it was no wonder our water supply is as it is. Commissioner Dwyer expressed concern that Drainage and subsequent fertilisation would have effects on supply. Commissioners Stapleton and O'Brien offered good will but felt that the work would be more properly done by the Board of Works who are the responsible authority.

Commissioner Browne said he wanted to make a point that any remarks or comments he made about the responsibility of these Farmers were complementary and wants to emphasise this. He further stated that he always found the County Manager to be a Gentleman and would not agree with remarks made about him. He questioned whether a Compensation Grant for flooded lands be acceptable.

The Chairman and Commissioner Kelly recommended the Commissioners support on the matter for the good of all Communities.

The Chairman then closed the discussion and promised the Boards further consideration later at the Monthly Meeting.

He thanked the Deputation who then left.



TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Minutes of Meeting held on the 5th October 1982.

Present ..... Commissioners McGrady (Chairman)....J.Keane,..K.Dwyer,..G.Browne,  
J.O'Mara....J.Burke,..P.Stapleton,..L.O'Brien.

Officials.. Kevin Doyle . Act A. C. M.  
Paul Mannion. Act Town Clerk.

Minutes...of the previous Meeting were adopted and signed

Litter.....A discussion on the litter problem in Tuam developed, arising from  
reference thereto in the previous Minutes.  
Commissioner Browne complained of being flooded due to the shores being blocked by  
litter and cartons from take-away-food shops around the Square. On a question of larger  
bins being provided, Commissioner Stapleton recommended a local firm who design and  
manufacture such. It was suggested that Business Houses might provide or sponsor bins

Water Supply.....Members again complained of the quality of the town ~~water~~ water  
supply. The Manager in reply said that on the one or two occasions that the regular  
tests indicated that the supply was unsuitable the scheme was switched off immediately.  
He also pointed out that "unsuitable" did not mean the supply was unsafe to use,  
surveying of lands and streams of the area for pollution source continues and early  
results are expected, he said.

Urbanisation.....The Minutes of the Special Meeting of Thursday 23rd Sept and of  
a subsequent Meeting were circulated but it was agreed to leave over the discussion  
thereon for the October meeting.

Legal.....Request from Lydon & Co Solrs.....for approval to a Galway Co. Co.  
mortgage on the premises ...29 Athenry Road was agreed to.

Correspondence..... The Following were read to the Meeting.....

- (1) From Tuam Community Council on Litter in Tuam.
- (2) Managers Order appointing Acting Town Clerk.
- (3) Letter from Galway Co. Co. on Cinematographic Licences.
- (4) Circulated Motion from Castlebar U. D. C. re control of Festivals.

Market Bye Laws.....Consideration of these was postponed awaiting a report from  
the Engineer who is presently away on Annual Leave.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

Signed *Midie O'Grady*  
Chairman.



## TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

Deputation to Galway Co. Council. .. RE: Urbanisation. 27 SEPT 1982

Commissioners present; M. Kelly, K. Dwyer, M. O'Grady, J. Keane. Cllr. Burke was also present. P. Mannion, Acting town Clerk.

Cllr. Burke welcomed the Commissioners and introduced them to the Council.

M. O'Grady introduced the case (excusing the absent Comm.s) by briefly outlining the history of the question of Urbanisation in Tuam, from 1934 to the present deputation. The importance of local government was also referred to.

K. Dwyer spoke generally about Local government, saying that reform was due Urban status for Tuam being the aim of the Commissioners in this reform. He went on to quote from the Assoc. of Munic. Authorities report on the effectiveness of smaller units in Local Gov. Reference was also made to the A.C.M.s' report saying that Urban status would not involve any change in plans for new water/sewage schemes etc. Comm. Dwyer also referred to the deceptive figures which, he explained, were deceptive to say industry considering investing in the Town. He also outlined the decline in the role of directly elected representatives in local government, and especially in the decisions made for the development of the town.

Comm. Keane spoke about the question of finance pointed to the imbalance in the income vs expenditure in regard to rates etc. in the Town. He talked about Shannon Town as an example of a Town which recently achieved urban status. He ended with a plea for the support of the council in this matter.

Comm. Kelly also spoke briefly on the issue calling again for the unanimous support of the council.

IN REPLY.....

Cllr. Killilea - using Ballinasloe as an example said he did not see what effect urban status could have on the council's position. With the condition that the People of Tuam were in favour he went on to say that the capital of the Archdiocese should be a U.D.C. and called for the unanimous support of all parties in the matter.

Cllr. Mc. Cormick - Questioned the manager as to the authority of the council to deal with this issue in the first place, but he added that he was essentially in favour of the proposal.

Cllr. Cannaghton - wondered why Tuam did not already have an U.D.C., saying that he had always believed that population and status always went hand in hand. He said also that he recognised that the Council would be financially worse off as a result of such an arrangement. He expressed sympathy to the Commissioners in their dilemma.

Cllr. Finnegan - referred to the strange boundary situation existing in Tuam in regard to voting rights in Town Commissioners elections. He pointed to Tuam as a centre of education and said that many towns of lesser population and importance had greater status.

Cllr. Glynn - expressed his support for the commissioners, outlining Tuam as a large centre of population with significant historical interest and called for support in giving Tuam the status it deserved. He asked the Co. Manager to explain the role of the Council in the matter and what action should be taken. He also proposed that the council meet in Tuam in the near future.

Cllr. F. Coogan - Called for support in the issue and described the boundary as figuratively 'bursting at the seams'.

Cllrs. Donnellan, Brennan, Ryan and Kitt also expressed their support.

Cllr. Burke - seconded Cllr. Glynn's proposal to hold a council meeting in Tuam in the near future. He outlined many of the benefits of a U.D.C. including representation on Ireland West. He ended with a thanks to those who had expressed their support.



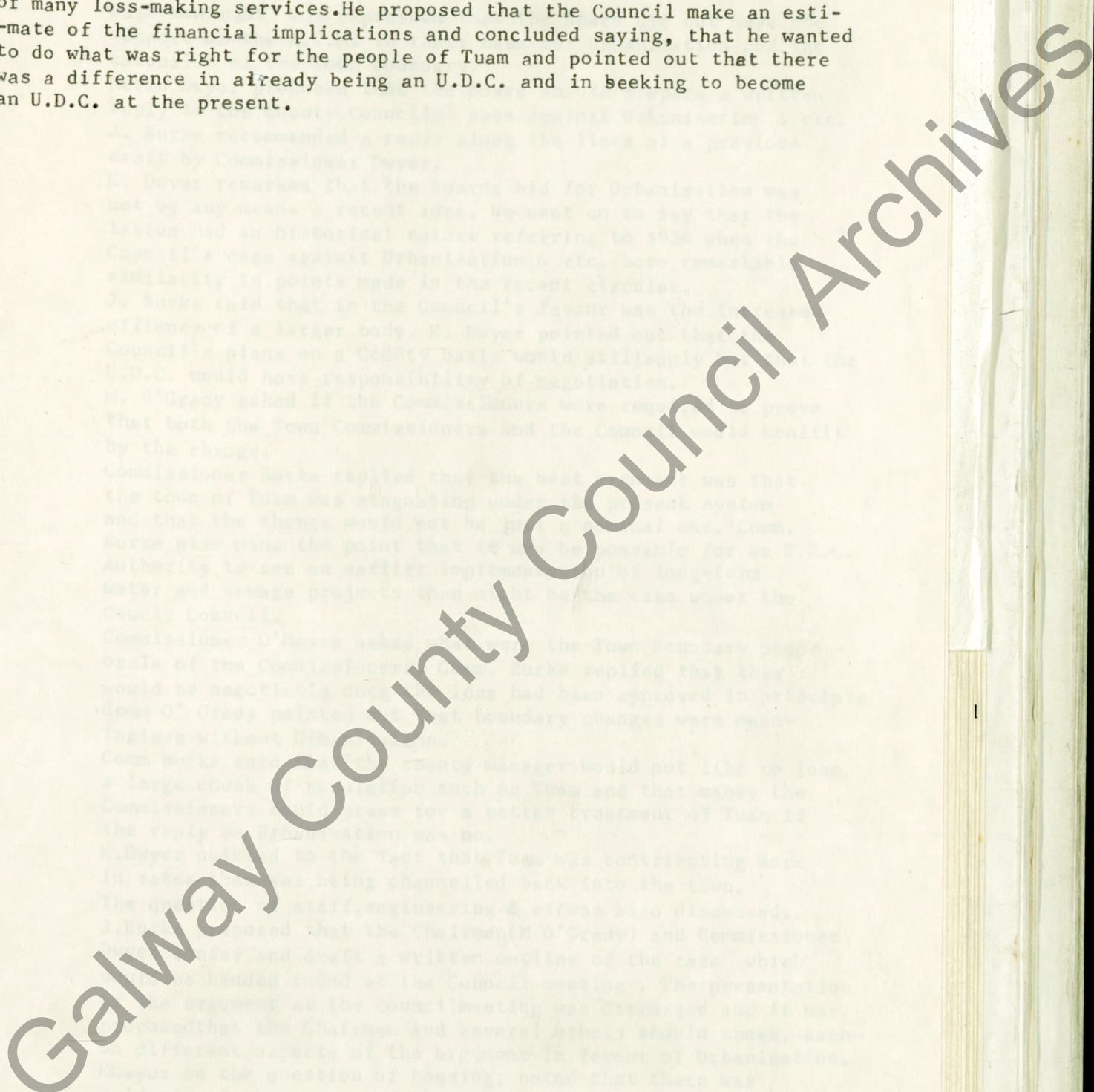
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Cllr Kilgannon.- Complemented the Commissioners on a well presented case, but qualified his support saying that he wished to do what was right for the people of Tuam in the end.

Cllr. Kitt.-welcomed the proposal in terms of possible developments in housing and industry and offered his support.

Co. Manager- S.Keating.-sain that there were many snags in relation to the financing of the change and that many of the smaller U.D.C.s were now in serious financial trouble.He pointed out that there were many start up expenses and that the new Authority would have to take control of many loss-making services.He proposed that the Council make an estimate of the financial implications and concluded saying, that he wanted to do what was right for the people of Tuam and pointed out that there was a difference in already being an U.D.C. and in seeking to become an U.D.C. at the present.

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERSMINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON THE 23rd. SEPTEMBER, 1982.

Special meeting to discuss policy on Urbanisation and the extension of the Town Boundary for the forthcoming meeting with Galway Council.

PRESENT:- COMMISSIONERS:- M. O'Grady(Chairman), J. Burke, J O'Meara, K. Dwyer,

OFFICIALS:- P. MANNION, Acting Town Clerk.

Disappointment was expressed that the Board did not have the support of the A.C.M. in their case for Urbanisation and the extension of the Town Boundary.

Kevin Dwyer proposed that the Board should prepare a written reply to the County Councils' case against Urbanisation & etc.

J. Burke recommended a reply along the lines of a previous draft by Commissioner Dwyer.

K. Dwyer remarked that the Board's bid for Urbanisation was not by any means a recent idea. He went on to say that the issue had an historical nature referring to 1934 when the Council's case against Urbanisation & etc. bore remarkable similarity to points made in the recent circular.

J. Burke said that in the Council's favour was the increased efficiency of a larger body. K. Dwyer pointed out that the Council's plans on a County basis would still apply but that the U.D.C. would have responsibility of negotiation.

M. O'Grady asked if the Commissioners were required to prove that both the Town Commissioners and the Council would benefit by the change.

Commissioner Burke replied that the best argument was that the town of Tuam was stagnating under the present system and that the change would not be just a nominal one. Comm. Burke also made the point that it may be possible for an U.D.C. Authority to see an earlier implementation of long-term water and sewage projects than might be the case under the County Council.

Commissioner O'Meara asked what were the Town Boundary proposals of the Commissioners. Comm. Burke replied that this would be negotiable once the idea had been approved in principle. Comm O' Grady pointed out that boundary changes were meaningless without Urbanisation.

Comm Burke said that the county manager would not like to lose a large chunk of population such as Tuam and that maybe the Commissioners could press for a better treatment of Tuam if the reply on Urbanisation was no.

K. Dwyer pointed to the fact that Tuam was contributing more in rates than was being channelled back into the town.

The question of staff, engineering & etc was also discussed.

J. Burke proposed that the Chairman (M O'Grady) and Commissioner Dwyer confer and draft a written outline of the case which would be handed round at the Council meeting. The presentation of the argument at the council meeting was discussed and it was proposed that the Chairman and several others should speak, each on different aspects of the argument in favour of Urbanisation.

K. Dwyer on the question of housing, noted that there was evidence of the powers of the Commissioners to act as a housing Authority within the existing town boundaries in the past.

J. Burke noted that there would be an objection at Department level if the Commissioners were to apply for capital for a new scheme.

M. O'Grady pointed out that although the construction and allocation of Local Authority housing was out of the control of the Commissioners, that they still were subject to criticism.

Comm. Burke said that the people outside the Town would wish to become part of the town. It was agreed however that this was not a sufficient case for a boundary extension and



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Contd'... that Boundary extension without Urbanisation was not enough but that it would be a benefit for the Town. Comm. Burke quoted from the circular to the councillors where it was shown what limited powers the commissioners had left. It was agreed that this should make their case for upgraded status even more important.

K. Dwyer referred to a special meeting of the Council where they discussed the loss of powers to the Council and to the speech of the Co. Manager stressing the importance of Local Government. It was mentioned before the meeting ended that better notice could have been given to the Commissioners in order to prepare their case.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

*Midie O'Grady  
(Chairman)*

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RE: URBANISATION & Etc.

.....27/09/82.....

To each Town Commissioner.

A Chara,

A meeting with the Galway County Council to discuss Urbanisation and the extension of the town boundary will take place at 4.45 p.m. Commissioners who can take part in this deputation should meet at this office at 4.00 p.m. Apologies for the short notice.

Enclosed is the outline of the commissioners case for urbanisation drawn up as a result of the special meeting of this Board of Thursday 23 of September.

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*A. Hannigan*  
(Acting) Town Clerk.

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## HOUSE FIRES:-

Arising out of a recent fire in Athenry Road where two houses (Nos. ) were destroyed it was conveyed that both were purchased out from the Board. K. Dwyer and M. O'Grady expressed anxiety on the matter of Hydrants serving this housing scheme- some of which may be inaccessible due to buildings over same. The Engineer replied that the Hydrant used in this fire was inside a shed (which should not have been built over the Hydrant in any case) but pointed out that there was another much nearer the fire location which was operational and clearly marked for all to see.

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 7th SEPTEMBER, 1982.

PRESENT:-

COMMISSIONERS:- M. O'Grady (Chairman) L. O'Brien, J. Burke, J. O'Mara, K. Dwyer, M. Kelly, G. Browne, J. Keane and P.M. Stapleton.

OFFICIALS:- J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager, J. Gibbons, Executive Engineer, and W. B. Mannion, Town Clerk.

MINUTES:-

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were adopted and signed - being proposed by K. Dwyer and seconded by P.M. Stapleton.

TRAFFIC:-

Members once again expressed dissatisfaction with continuing infringement of Parking Regulations on the S/E side of Market Square. The Clerk reported writing to Garda Superintendent on the end-to kerb parking there (amongst other things) and a reply was before the Board in writing. The Engineer said all parking in Tuam is parallel to Kerb only by Regulation.

LITTER:-

A prolonged discussion ensued on the growing litter problem in Tuam with a shortage of Bins - and of an open type which are inadequate in size.

Members complemented the Chamber sponsored summer sweep-up which is so necessary at weekends.

K. Dwyer proposed (with unanimous support from colleagues and officials) that Business people in Town should contribute to, or sponsor the provision of a proper closed bins in the business area (where the litter largely originates) perhaps provide a Bin per Premises and maintain it- County Council to service same. J. Keane suggested that local Engineering Firms could manufacture/supply such Bins. In reply to criticisms on lack of County Council finance and manpower in Tuam, the Manager said that County Councillors are kept informed and are well aware of the limitations and restrictions on finance - they being the people who are responsible for, and approve the Estimates.

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P. M. Stapleton, enquiring if the source of the contamination to the Town's Water Supply had been located; was told by the Engineer that he and his staff have done a lot of investigation on this matter - it is hoped he said, to be able to identify this pollution very shortly. He mentioned that it will be necessary to use dyes in the water which may show in tap but will be harmless.

HOUSE FIRES:-

Arising out of a recent fire in Athenry Road where two houses (Nos. ) were destroyed it was conveyed that both were purchased out from the Board. K. Dwyer and M. O'Grady expressed anxiety on the matter of Hydrants serving this housing scheme- some of which may be inaccessible due to buildings over same. The Engineer replied that the Hydrant used in this fire was inside a shed (which should not have been built over the Hydrant in any case) but pointed out that there was another much nearer the fire location which was operational and clearly marked for all to see.

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The Water Superintendent inspects and checks as operational all Hydrants in Tuam on a regular basis; he said.

The Clerk was directed to convey the Boards anxiety to the Chief Fire Officer mentioning the nearer available hydrant and enquiring if the local Fire Crew are made aware of Hydrant locations, recommending that that such Map and listing be so provided by the Fire Chief.

The Board conveyed thanks and gratitude on behalf of the Families involved in the Fire (an/on their own behalf) to the Manager for his sympathetic attention in providing alternative housing accommodation.

COUNTY MEDICAL  
OFFICER OF HEALTH:-

K. Dwyer, G. Browne and P.M. Stapleton referred again to the requested Meeting with the County Medical Officer of Health to discuss Itinerant Housing and Water Supply contamination. No reply had been received to the request for such Meeting. G. Browne said that the County Medical Officer for Health should have issued a Public Statement on the matter of Water Pollution in Tuam and so help allay peoples worries and fears. It was stated that stomach illnesses suffered by many was attributed to the Pollution. The Manager said the County Medical Officer of Health was kept informed and only he could decide if such a Statement was warranted.

J. Burke proposed that all Fire Hydrants located off the road should be extended to so locate for Public Access. The Engineer said this would be very costly but he would propose at Estimates time.

CORRESPONDENCE:-

The following letters were read.

- (1) From Garda Superintendent on Traffic Regulation.
- (2) Letter Department of Social Welfare re Their Office Accommodation in Tuam.
- (3) Letter from Assistant County Manager re Tolls Collector.
- (4) N.O.M. from Ennis Urban District Council - supported.
- (5) Letter from Sawpit Lane Residents on Two Way Traffic.
- (6) Letter from Gilmartin Road Residents on Two Way Traffic.

Previous Meetings undertook to recognise the Engineer's advice to give reasonable time for trial in various traffic regulation proposals.

MANAGER'S BUSINESS:-

The Board gave approval to National Understanding Agreements as payable for 1979/80 and 1981/82.

MARKET BYELAWS:-

This matter was on Agenda for consideration. A photocopy of existing Byelaw was distributed to each Member. It was decided that each member with Engineer and Town Clerk would present their proposed revision at the next Meeting.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS:-

M. Kelly spoke on his N.O.M. on Resiting of Pound in Tuam, saying it was not acceptable to residents as presently sited. J. Burke, K. Dwyer and J. Keane supported this view saying an adjacent site was available. L. O'Brien would not agree as a Resident of the Area, saying an entrance would still be required there for any access to backlands. J. Gibbons, Engineer said the present siting was ideally situated

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and convenient, that any nuisance was questionable. He said that the Poind was there long before some of the houses whose Residents now complain. County Estimates do not allow for any alternative Site Purchase.

LEGAL:-

J. Burke proposed, J. Keane seconded approval to Signing and Sealing of Legal Documents in the Sale of 18, Athenry Road - Campbell to Kilkenny.

TELEVISION:-

J. Keane said that Tuam Town Commissioners object to the unauthorised use of the Boards name in Circulars being circulated - conveying that the Board supports the venture involved - this was not a fact and Clerk should write the Secretary involved - Mr. R. Canavan.

SYMPATHY:-

Votes of Sympathy were passed with Commissioner J. Burke on the death of his Father in Law and the Meeting observed a Minutes silent prayer in respect. Sympathy was also conveyed to the Family on the death of Martin Dunleavy, Bishop Street.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

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*Maidie O'Grady*  
(Chairman)

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 3rd AUGUST, 1982.

PRESENT:-

Chairman - Jarlath Keane (M. O'Grady unavoidably absent). Commissioners - M. Kelly, J. Burke, and P.M. Stapleton.

(Messages excusing their absence were received from G. Browne and M.O'Grady)

OFFICIALS PRESENT.

John Howlett, Esq., Assistant County Manager, Olive O'Sullivan, Engineer and W. B. Mannion, Town Clerk.

MINUTES:-

The Minutes of Traffic Meeting were adopted - proposed by Kevin Dwyer, seconded by Jarlath Keane.

The Minutes of the July Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Kevin Dwyer and seconded by Miko Kelly.

TRAFFIC BYE LAWS:-

J. Burke proposed and J. Keane seconded that the Meeting seek negotiation with County Council Engineer, J. Gibbons and Superintendent T. Walsh (Garda) for reconsideration of traffic flow on Gilmartin Road to 'One Way' only.

The Meeting asked the Town Clerk to write to the Garda Superintendent requesting action on 'end-on' parking on the Square, infringement of 'One Way' traffic on Church View and serious speeding within the Limits on Galway Road and Athenry Road, Tuam.

MARKET BYE LAWS:-

It was decided to put this subject on August Agenda for discussion and revision of designations.

LITTER:-

The Meeting called for installation of Freestanding Covered Bins at many more locations within the business area of Town. Criticism was voiced on the many Election Posters still remaining.

ELECTION REGISTER:-

Miko Kelly proposed, K. Burke seconded; a vote of congratulations with Noel Treacy T.D., on his Bye Election success- and with Kevin Dwyer for his good showing, extending his vote. Shortcomings in the Electoral Register and confusion on issue of Votes - were criticised by the Board.

LEGAL:-

Re No. 70, Toberjarlath Road, B. Gibbons to Louise Whooley. A further letter from Solicitors was received. J. Burke proposed and K. Dwyer seconded approval to transfer on the recommendation by the Manager that information to hand was reasonable.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY:-

Were passed with the families of the late Dick Leake, Mrs. Murphy, (Athenry Road), Christy McSweeney, Michael Holian and Bernie Shaughnessy R.I.P.

WATER SUPPLY:-

The Manager in reply to serious concern by the Board; said that Tuam's Water Supply was a good and clear quality, regular tests are being carried out and results are informed to the County Medical Officer of Health. He added that the source of the pollution has not been located. Members called for a publication of a public statement or report and expressed worry at a re-occurrence of pollution in hot weather. Commissioners Burke, Dwyer, Stapleton and Chairman instanced many continuing complaints of contamination. Miss O'Sullivan promised that samples would be taken on the points mentioned and reports obtained. The Board called once again on the Town Clerk to arrange Meeting between the Board and the County Medical Officer of Health on this matter and on Itinerant Settlement in Tuam.



PALACE GROUNDS:-

The Board called for immediate action on impounding of cattle now straying at St. Joseph's Park and Palace Grounds. Disappointment was expressed on the failure to complete the Pitch and Put Course there but congratulations were conveyed on the fine job done on the 'Crazy Golf' construction near the Swimming Pool.

SWIMMING POOL:-

Members queries on changes of the Administration of the Swimming Pool was replied to by Commissioner Burke who stated that the running of the Pool was now in the hands of a local group who form a Limited Company to whom the Council make a contribution of £20,000 plus £8,000 p.a. Maintenance Contribution. Facilities shall be available as usual to the Public, Schools and Factories.

VANDALISM:-

The Chairman called for more vigilance by the Gardai to Vandalism and House Break-ins which are becoming an 'every day' occurrence in Town. He called for a better civic spirit amongst the Public in helping to apprehend such law breakers, stating that there is a need for more Gardai in Town.

JOHN WALDRON:-

Sketch Plans on design of Commemorative Plaque celebrating the work of Local Historian John Waldron. (as prepared by Paul Mannion) was displayed to members who approved of the general design. Further detail is to be prepared and the Town Clerk is to investigate certain materials for use therein, with the O.P.W. It was decided to incorporate in the work all places of interest in Town.

CORRESPONDENCE:-

The following correspondence was dealt with:-

- (1) Ennis U.D.C., Motion on 'Regulation of Itinerants' - supported.
- (2) Letter from An Bord Gaeilge - read - Commissioners Burke, Dwyer and Town Clerk nominated on Committee.
- (3) Letter on Office Accommodation, Department of Social Welfare was read.
- (4) Circular on 'People of the Year' Awards - recd.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS:-

- (1) Commissioner J. Keane spoke on his Notice of Motion re House Loan. J. Burke claimed that people on Housing List have always been entitled to Loans for older houses and the Manager outlined the new rules thereon.
- (2) Commissioner K. Dwyer spoke on his Notice of Motion re Urbanisation. The Manager conveyed that the County Council hope to set up a Committee to meet with the board on this matter hopefully on 4th Monday in September.
- (3) Commissioner O'Meara was absent but Miss O' Sullivan (Engineer) said monies for Youth Employment Schemes have now been allocated to Tuam Town.
- (4) Commissioner J. Burke Notice of Motion of Gratuity to John Donnellan (Tolls & Customs Collector) - this matter shall be investigated by the Manager whether any Gratuity be payable here.

THIS CONCLUDED THE MEETING.

SIGNED *M. J. O'Grady* CHAIRMAN



TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 6th JULY, 1982.

PRESENT:-

COMMISSIONERS: M.O'Grady, (Chairman), G. Browne, M. Kelly, J. O'Mara, L. O'Brien, P.M. Stapleton, K. Dwyer and J. Keane.

OFFICIALS:- John Howlett, Assistant County Manager, Olive O'Sullivan, Engineer, W. B. Mannion, Town Clerk.

MINUTES:-

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were adopted on the proposal of J. Keane and Seconded by P.M. Stapleton.

SYMPATHY:-

Votes of Sympathy were passed with the following:-

Keaveney Family, High Street, Tuam.  
Gallagher Family, Athenry Road, Tuam.  
Mulligan Family, Galway Road, Tuam.

CORRESPONDENCE:-

The following letters were read:-

- (1) Motion on E.S. B. Allowances to Pensioners (by Cable U.D.C.) - supported.
- (2) Reply from Department of P. & T. re Telephone Kiosk at Glebe.
- (3) Circular from Municipal Authority Association re Annual General Meeting proposals.
- (4) Copy letter sent by Boards Solicitors to tenant John Bodkin, Gilmartin Road, Tuam.
- (5) Reply on action taken by Gardai on Abandoned Vehicles in Town.
- (6) Letter from Galway County Council advising intention to pay increase (500 p.a.) in Library Premises Rent.
- (7) Letter - Co. Registrar re Electoral Registers.

LEGAL:-

The following Applications came before the Meeting.

- (1) Sale 29, Athenry Road, Tuam - Steedman to Sealey. Meeting approved conditional on purchaser becoming the Resident and observes all covenants in lease thereof - M. Kelly proposed - K. Dwyer seconded.
- (2) Sale Meat Stall to tenant C. Sweeney. Proposal was approved, documents signed and sealed - on proposal of K. Dwyer - Seconded by M. Kelly
- (3) Sale of 18, Athenry Road, Campbell to Kilkenny. This was not approved as information was not sufficient on the purchaser - request same from Purchaser's Solicitors
- (4) Sale of 20 McHale Tce., Tuam to Sean Egan. O'Connors Flats, Tuam. This was approved - G. Browne proposing and K. Dwyer seconding.
- (5) Sale of 70, Toberjarlath Road, Tuam to Mrs. Louise Whooley. - This was not approved - further information on Purchaser and intentions to reside therein - to be sought from Solicitors.
- (6) Sale of 24 Gilmartin Road, Tuam - Tighe to Thomas and Anne Monaghan. Approval was proposed by P.M. Stapleton and seconded by Luke O'Brien.
- (7) Commissioners to Timmins - Solicitors file and legal documents on transfer of plot - was considered - signed and sealed on the proposal of J. O'Meara and seconded by J. Keane.

GENERAL:-

The Manager in reply to Members said that 34, Gilmartin Road would be let to an ordinary tenant - definitely not to an itinerant.

CONGRATULATIONS:-

The Board congratulated Commissioner K. Dwyer on his Nomination as a Labour Candidate in forthcoming Bye-Election.

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CONNAUGHT FINAL:-

The Board approved entrance through St. Enda's Playground to G.A.A. Stadium to patrons attending Sunday's Game.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT:-

The Engineer, replying to queries, said no monies for Youth Employment had yet been allotted to this Area.

SOCCER CLUB - DEPUTATION.

A three man Deputation (Messrs. Seamus Sweeney, John G. Davin, and Mat Coleman) met the Board - seeking support in acquiring a Playing Pitch for Tuam Celtic Soccer Club. The Club cater for some 300 young players in Tuam, which was indicated as very valuable and laudable work indeed.

The Board discussed the Clubs problems and felt that the County Council should have a Committee to provide for Sport and Youth, and members questioned the lack of support to such by Community Councils. The Manager was asked to investigate the provision of a Site (at rear of G.A.A. Plot) at N/E end of Parkmore, perhaps the Athenry Road field purchased for Cemetary extension (which useage still seems a bit distant) could continue to be leased to the Club. Refer the matter to the Minister for Sport for consideration of the Parkmore Pitch recommendation.

TUAM THEATRE GUILD:+

Mrs. King and Mr. O'Donoghue of the Theatre and Arts Centre met the Board and presented their Annual Report on progress and circulated an extensive programme of events held during the year. They outlined their aims and plans - relating through various Art Media to all branches of our Community. Improvement works to the centre in the Town Hall has cost some £18,000 of which £7,000 was Grant Funded by County Council and Arts Council. A request for further Commissioners investment in external improvement work to the Town Hass, especially windows which have no further useful life and can't be opened. Members promised consideration on this in future months and thanked the deputation for the fine facilities provided to the Town.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Commissioner Keane spoke of his motions on house loand for older houses and on Itinerant Housing in Tuam. The Board supported both Motions and K. Dwyer and P.M. Stapleton demanded that the Commissioners seek a meeting with the County Medical Officer of Health on the Itinerant overcrowding in Tuam, stating that we have more than met our duty in housing our own, but certainly not the many new stranger itinerants flocking to Tuam for an 'easy' house. Gilmartin Road and Dublin Road; already overcrowded and creating major unrest to other residents witnessed by the many seeking transfers from these areas. The Board wish to meet the County Medical Officer of Health and call for a new Plan for better distribution of settlement over the County.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS.

- (1) Commissioner Dwyer agreed to leave his Urbanisation Motion over to the August Meeting to allow a more extensive discussion and to consider further the Co. Councils ignoring their request for a Meeting on the Subject (Repeat N.O.M. on August Agenda).
- (2) Main Sewer Flooding at Athenry Road, Tuam. Commissioner Dwyer and Kelly criticised the Council Planning Department who permit daily the extra loading of this Sewer System by more and more housing etc., and the Board called for urgent County Council attention



to a new enlarged Sewering in this and many other areas of Town presently under load.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS.

Commissioner Burke was absent (Electioneering) and the Board supported the Motions - viz.

(1) Path Standard Closed Litter Bins. The Engineer said that limited funds did not permit purchase of these expensive Bins.

(2) Shambles R.O.W. The Clerk pointed out that no R.O.W. existed - the property belongs to John Rhattigan & Co., and is the subject of private negotiation between Rhattigans & County Council.

DAM WATER SUPPLY:-

The Board complained of the serious contamination of the Town's Water Supply which people can't use because of bad taste and worms etc. Members said a public statement on the position should be published and asked the Manager to state the nature of the Pollution and if such be the cause of the many suffering from Gastric illness in Town. The Manager outlined the trouble caused by pollution of the new Ballymote source - which has not been located nor identified despite constant sampling. Consideration will be given to any alterations necessary to supply source - the nature of the pollution cannot be stated but there is no danger in using the water - if this were so the Council would have stated so. The Engineer (to questions) said that these worms can be a seasonal problem in water systems.

Commissioner Keane instanced cases of Gastric Illness and Commissioner Stapleton quoted a Nurses advice against using the water.

Commissioner Kelly said that the Council should keep the public informed of position in such difficulties and so avoid public scare. He proposed that the matter be discussed by deputation with County Medical Officer of Health- when they meet him on Itinerant matters later.

The Clerk is to arrange the Meeting with the County Medical Officer of Health.

THIS CONCLUDED THE MEETING.

James Keane



TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON 28th JUNE, 1982.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS WITH GARDA SUPERINTENDENT

PRESENT:-

Commissioners:- M. Grady (Chairman), J. Keane,  
K. Dwyer, L. O'Brien, G. Browne.

SPECIALS:-

J. Gibbons, Executive Engineer, W. B. Mannion, Town  
Clerk.

PRESENT:-

Thomas Walsh, Garda Siochanna, Tuam.

Chairman introduced Members to the Garda Superintendent.

Commissioner Browne told the Superintendent that the Members were grateful to him for the changes granted on the Lanes and attention to abandoned vehicles. He stated that the Superintendents 'One hour Parking' would be very desirable from a traders view point. He also asked for support in enforcing the Market Byelaws as the regulation has become chaotic. Commissioner Dwyer supported the 'One hour Parking' proposed and specified necessary amendments to the Market Byelaws designating trading areas to help enforcement.

Commissioner Keane asked for attention to the recent practise of Right Angle to Parking around the Market Square but was not supportive of the Gilmartin Road and Church View routing.

Commissioner O'Brien said every possible system which would give any traffic movement would be considered but he would have thought Church View capable of two way flow, however, he accepted the Engineers observation that this road could not discharge its traffic quickly nor safely on to Galway Roads Arterial Road.

Gibbons stated that all can be given a reasonable trial period to show if it is operational - if not then alternatives could be reconsidered. He thought the Board had an exaggerated view of the likely volume of traffic using Gilmartin Road and he might consider a round-about at St. Endas/Gilmartin Road Junction. He would not approve of Traffic Lights in Tuam as they interrupt the Traffic Flow, although they do give equal rights to motorists.

Superintendent Walsh said that use of Traffic Lights at Dublin Road Junction and Ballygaddy Round-about was questionable - Approval of these on a National Primary Route and qualification by traffic numbers on exits would not be given.

Commissioner Browne recommended revision of designation to support enforcement of Market Byelaws as Drafted by Galway County Council (the responsible Authority) as they have not yet been approved by the Department of the Environment.

Galway County Council has yet enacted the Casual Trading Act though it is Law. Cultural Goods and certain other goods are exempted. The Superintendent advised the Board of the proposed Charges and Fines on this Act to the Board. He said the Gardai have powers to prohibit pathway and Roadway display and sale of goods in the town and that unaided obstruction of entranceways is illegal.

Commissioner Browne on traffic byelaws he pointed out that the 'One Hour Parking' was the only fair system and will be enforced, when adopted. The prime function in this regard of the Gardai is to keep traffic moving always. He instanced the abuse of traffic byelaws by the public and of the parking regulations by traders themselves on a regular basis. One hour parking has become a necessity in the trading areas of town anyway - parking (other than linear) on the south east side of the town would be dealt with as it is illegal.

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The Chairman thanked Superintendent Walsh for his discussion and consideration of the many problems mentioned; expressing hopes for further co-operation in future. It was decided that Mr. Gibbons would re-draft the Traffic/Parking regulations as soon as possible so that early approval could be in Garda Hands.

THIS CONCLUDED THE MEETING.

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*Jarvath Keane* <sup>3/8/52</sup>

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE 1st JUNE, 1982 (ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING)

PRESENT:-

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

Officials - J. Gibbons, Executive Engineer and W. Mannion, Town Clerk.

The election of Officers for 1982/83 was the matter before the Meeting.

The outgoing Chairman, Miko Kelly, recalled progress and events during his year in Office and expressed his thanks for help and co-operation given him by all his colleagues and officials.

He then invited nominations for the position of Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Commissioner J. Burke proposed Commissioner M. O'Grady for the Chair and Commissioner G. Browne seconded the proposal. Mr. O'Grady was elected there being no other proposal.

Commissioner P. M. Stapleton proposed Commissioner Browne for position of Vice Chairman but Mr. Browne declined acceptance.

Commissioner Browne proposed and Commissioner Stapleton seconded that Jarlath Keane be elected Vice Chairman. There being no other proposal Mr. Keane was so elected.

Commissioners O'Grady and Keane returned thanks on their election, and all Members congratulated them in turn.

The Meeting then fixed that the Enthronement of the new Chairman be held on the Chair of Tuam after Mass following the Corpus Christi Procession.

This concluded the Meeting.



TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 1st June, 1982.

PRESENT:-

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

Officials - J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager, J. Gibbons, Executive Engineer, W. Mannion, Town Clerk.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY were passed with Austin Winston, Church View, Tuam on the death of his sister, and with the O'Neill Family, Galway Road on the death of Mr. Mae Kelly, St. Francis Terrace, Tuam.

VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS were passed with:-

- (1) St. Jarlaths College on winning their 9th Hogan Cup.
- (2) C.B.S. Tuam on winning the Under 14 Connaught Title.
- (3) The Galway Minor Football Team.

MINUTES:-

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were adopted and signed being proposed by J. Keane, and seconded by P.M. Stapleton.

TRAFFIC BYE LAWS:-

The Meeting devoted some considerable time on discussion of the Traffic and Parking Byelaws. The Town Clerk reported that he is trying to set up a Meeting with the Garda Superintendent but he is away on sick leave presently.

Mr. Gibbons reported having discussed the traffic problem with the Deputy Superintendent on the ground and detailed a decision to de-control Egans Lane, Carpark Lane and northern end of Chapel Lane; a bollard on Egans Lane Exit to Shop Street would be desirable. In reply to the Chairman who suggested a Stop Sign be there; Mr. Gibbons pointed out that a Garda Authorisation for Stop Signs would be required. Commissioner Keane recommended a Stop Sign also for Carpark entry to Lanes and Commissioner Dwyer recommended a ramp for Egans Lanes Exit to Shop Street. In reply to Commissioner Keane's request that Sawpit Lane revert to one-way, Mr. Gibbons said this Lane was widened recently and is quite capable of handling two-way traffic. Commissioners Burke, Browne, Dwyer, O'Mara agreed to two-way system there, and to no change in proposals for Gilmartin Road and Church View One-way system - it being felt that such would improve Gilmartin Road no end. Commissioner Stapleton objected to One-way system in Church View saying the residents should be consulted. Chairman said the Residents had not objected as far as he knew. Mr. Gibbons, in reply to Commissioner Keane and Browne (who believe that traffic lights are the only solution for Tuam traffic problems) said that lights, whilst they give equal rights to all, they decrease traffic flow considerably

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He also pointed out that Church View, whilst it can handle two-way flow, cannot discharge same safely into Galway Road. Commissioner O'Brien recommended availing of any system that will improve traffic flow in our town.

All Members seemed favourably disposed to One Hour Parking - a proposal being made by Garda Superintendent. The recommendations and amendments prepared by Mr. Gibbons were accepted on a show of hands - 7 for and 1 against.

LEGAL:-

Documents were signed and sealed for Sale of 3 No. Meat Stalls.

Approval was granted for sale of Stall to C. Sweeney, the tenant, pending Departments approval also.

Proposed sale of 29 Athenry Road was approved.

SHIELD:-

Commissioner Kelly proposed, Commissioner Dwyer seconded that a Cross of Tuam Shields (with historical Script thereon) be available for presentation purposes always.

COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE:-

Preparation of Plans and Design Data for the proposed John Waldron Memorial is to be put in hands for next Meeting's inspection. Town Clerk to attend thereto.

PROCESSION:-

The Commissioners are to take part as a body in the forthcoming Corpus Christi Procession.

Commissioner O'Mara called on County Council for attention to the route and also asked for application of some Youth Employment monies to St. Joseph's Park Open Space area.

This concluded the Meeting.