

# TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

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TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,  
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

To each Town Commissioner.

12 JUNE 1981.

A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on WEDNESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> JUNE 1981 at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

M. J. Kelly Baile Cleireach.

## A G E N D A

- ① MINUTES.
- ② CORRESPONDENCE.
- ③ MANAGERS BUSINESS.
- ④ SALE OF GOODS ON FOOTPATHS
- ⑤ 15 GILMARTIN ROAD
- ⑥ URBANISATION.

M. J. KEANE — THAT THE BOARD OBJECTS TO THE PROPOSED ONE-WAY TRAFFIC SYSTEM IN GILMARTIN ROAD, TUAM.

M. P. M. STAPLETON — THAT THE BOARD GIVE FURTHER CONSIDERATION TO THE LETTING OF No 15 GILMARTIN ROAD.

M. K. DWYER THAT TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS EXPRESS THEIR TOTAL DISATISFACTION WITH DEPT. P+T ON ERECTING THE MONSTRIOUS COMMUNICATIONS TOWER IN THE CENTRE OF TUAM.

M. J. BURKE THAT TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS RECOMMEND A TELEPHONE KIOSK AND LETTER BOX FOR NEWTOWN MORRIS.

the 18th at 6.30 p.m., on the Chair of Tuam. The ceremony is to be organised by John Waldron antiquarian and Historian.

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SIGNED: M. J. Kelly

CHAIRMAN.

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON THURSDAY, 4TH JUNE, 1981 .

IN THE CHAIR: Commissioner Kevin Dwyer.

PRESENT: Commissioners Miko Kelly, Midie 'Grady, G. Browne, P.M. Stapleton, Jarlath Keane, Luke O'Brien, J. O'Mara .

IN ATTENDANCE : Mr. J. Howlett, A.C.M. J. Diskin, Engineer ; and W.B. Mannion, Town Clerk.

Opening prayers were said.

On the proposal of Commissioner Keane, which was seconded by Commissioner Stapleton; a minutes silent prayer was observed in respect to the deaths of Mc Creesh and O'Hara; H-Block Hunger strikers. (Commissioner Keane would not accept Commissioner Brownes' proposal to include "All who died for Ireland ")

Commissioner Stapleton proposed and Commissioner Keane seconded a minutes' silence and prayer on the deaths of local postman Pakie Walsh and of Mrs. Fallon of Shop Street.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS :

Chairman :

The chairman spoke ,outlining the year's work and the successes of the Board He thanked his fellow Commissioners and officials for their co-operation with him during the year. He then called for nominations for the office of Chairman.

Commissioner Browne proposed and Commissioner Stapleton seconded that Commissioner Miko Kelly take the chair. There being no further proposal Commissioner Kelly was elected, for the coming year. Commissioner Kelly returned thanks for his election, and all members congratulated him.

Vice-chairman :

Proposals for position of vice-chairman were invited, Commissioner O'Brien was proposed by Commissioner Browne, seconded by Commissioner Stapleton. Commissioner O'Grady was proposed by Commissioner Burke and seconded by Commissioner Dwyer.

On a call of votes Commissioner O'Grady was elected by 5 votes to 4 votes for O'Brien. Commissioner O'Grady returned thanks to those who voted for him expressing no animosity towards those who voted against.

Commissioner Stapleton, objecting, said that it was unfair of Fine Gael, Labour and Independants to monopolise the chair. He then left the meeting.

It was agreed that the new Chairman be enthroned on Thursday evening , the 18th at 6.30 p.m. ,on the Chair of Tuam. The ceremony is to be organised by John Waldron antiquarian and Historian.

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CHAIRMAN.

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MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 14TH MAY, 1981

PRESENT: Commissioners K. Dwyer (Chairman); J. Burke; P. M. Stapleton;  
J. Keane; L. O'Brien; J. O'Mara; M. Kelly.

OFFICIALS: John Howlett, A.C.M., Engineers J. Gibbons and J. Diskin;  
W. B. Mannion, Town Clerk.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous Meeting were adopted on proposal of  
Commissioner M. Kelly, seconded by Commissioner J. Keane.

TOWN ENGINEER: Mr. J. Gibbons (Engineer) introduced his colleague and new assistant  
Mr. John Diskin to each member of the Board. The Chairman welcomed  
him on behalf of the Board and Commissioner Stapleton said he was  
sorry and disappointed to see Mr. Gibbons delegating his Town Commissioner  
duties; in reply Mr. Gibbons said he will continue to attend the  
Board's Meetings occasionally.

A.G.M.: The Board fixed the 4th June, 1981 as the date for Annual General Meeting.

MAZE HUNGER  
STRIKE:

Commissioner Keane proposed (1) That the Board stand in Minutes silence  
as a vote of sympathy on deaths of hunger strikers Sands & Hughes at  
the Maze Prison, Belfast; and (2) that the Board call on our  
Government to withdraw Diplomatic Relations with England until such time  
as the British Government find a positive solution in Northern Ireland.

Commissioner Browne said we should include all who have died in our  
sympathy and Commissioner Burke would accept the vote if it included  
all who died e.g. the Father & Son who died on their milk round and  
hundreds like them he would not condone killing in cold blood.  
Chairman would ask that all who died for Ireland be included in the vote.  
Commissioner Stapleton said Britain should get out of Ireland and all  
our political parties should call for this. Finally two separate  
proposals were made of No. 1 viz. (a) Vote of Sympathy was agreed to  
Sands & Hughes; (b) Vote of Sympathy to all who have died from violence  
in Northern Ireland.

Motion No. 2 on withdrawal of Diplomatic Relations with Britain did not  
get support and Commissioner Keane said he was very disappointed with  
the lack of support from the Board. Commissioner O'Mara's proposal,  
(supported by Commissioners Burke, Browne, Kelly & Dwyer) " That  
telegrams be sent to leaders of all three political parties calling on  
British Premier, Mrs. Thatcher, to concede demands to Maze Prisoners  
and save further loss of life" was agreed to. Commissioner Burke  
said U.N. Forces should be brought in to handle the situation in  
Northern Ireland.

POPE JOHN PAUL: Commissioner Browne proposed, with unanimous support, that a letter  
(Attempted  
Assination) conveying our best wishes and prayers for a speedy recovery of the Holy  
Father be sent through our Archbishop Dr. Cunnane. A Pater, Ave &  
Gloria were said for the Popes recovery.

BISHOP STREET RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION:

Each member had received a letter from the Residents Association requesting attention to various matters in the area, most of which pertained to Galway County Council and other private responsibility. It was decided that the Members would reply as a Body and not individually on other matters.

BEET INCENTIVE SCHEME:

Commissioner Browne was informed that his N.O.M. herein had been circulated to the Local Authorities as directed, with a reply to hand from Loughrea Town Commissioners. He asked that this proposal be transmitted to the Taoiseach also.

FIRE BRIGADE:

A letter from County Secretary was read; in reply to a request to the Co. Fire Chief to meet the Board on fire matters; which letter promised a copy of the Fire Chiefs report to Galway County Council, on the recent Barrack St. fire, would be sent to this Board after consideration by Galway County Council. As the Board wish to meet the Fire Chief on fire brigade matters generally and not specifically the recent fire in which lives were lost; a further request is to be made to the Fire Chief to meet the Board.

15 GILMARTIN RD.

The Board received an invitation, Mr. B. Hardiman and Mr. Vincent Gafney, of St. Vincent De Paul to discuss the position of the men in occupation/shelter of this house. Mr. Hardiman said his organisation would pay £1 per week rent on behalf of these men and visit them twice a week. At the request of Asst. Co. Manager they undertook to place a proposal of what they would do, in writing, to the Manager and the Deputation left.

The Board, having read a letter requesting the tenancy, from Mr. T. McKenna considered the situation there in light of fire hazard and other risks and Commissioner Stapleton with support of Commissioner Kelly, outlined the nuisances caused by residents on the street and neighbourhood, called for letting of the house to some one of the many families needing housing, so upgrading the house and locality too.

The Manager said there is no responsibility or resources available to the Board to provide a shelter for such named men - there are other suitable public accommodations available for such people. The matter will be decided at the next Meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A large volume of correspondence was to hand. Letters were read dealing with the following:-

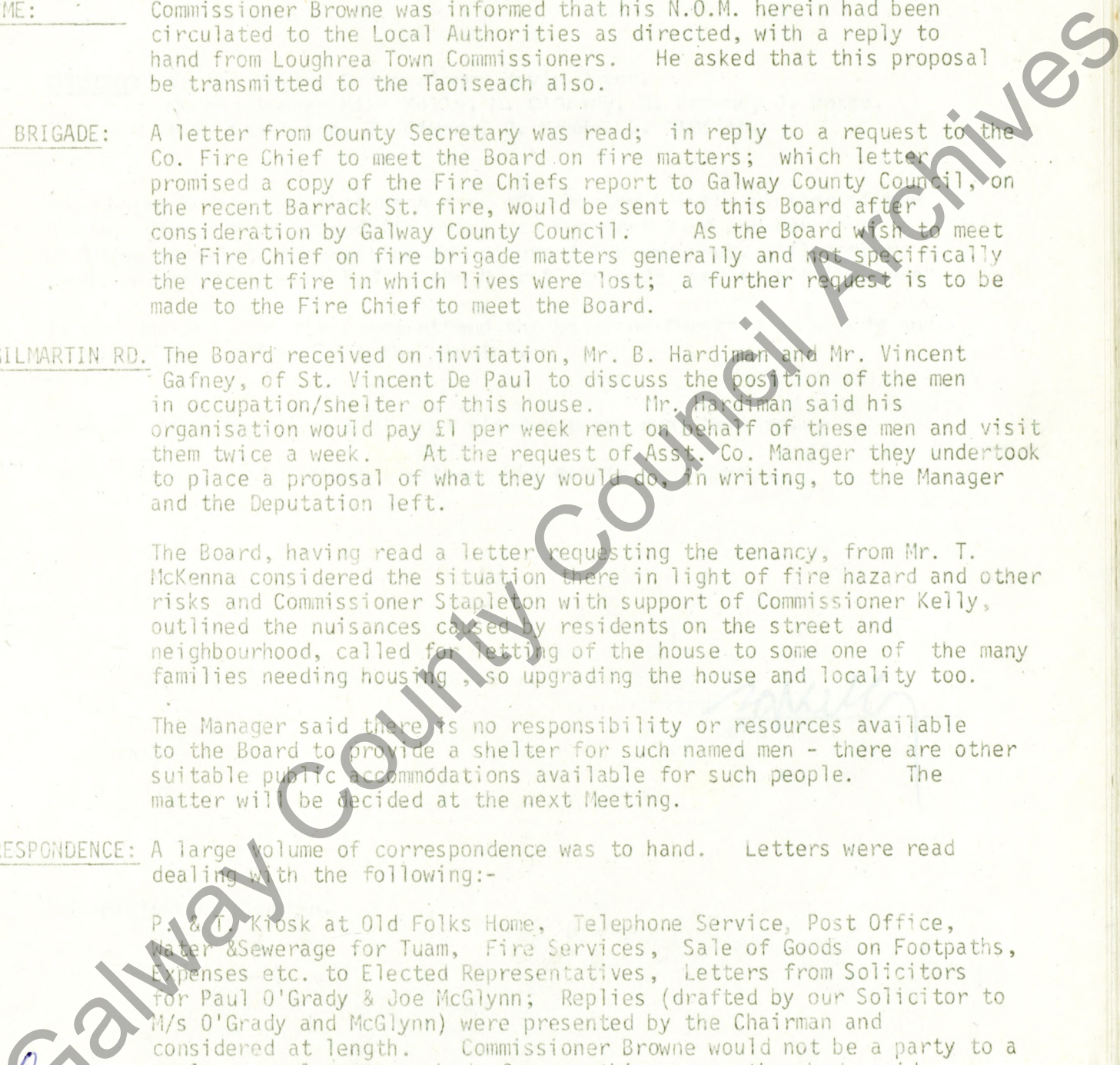
P. & T. Kiosk at Old Folks Home, Telephone Service, Post Office, Water & Sewerage for Tuam, Fire Services, Sale of Goods on Footpaths, Expenses etc. to Elected Representatives, Letters from Solicitors for Paul O'Grady & Joe McGlynn; Replies (drafted by our Solicitor to M/s O'Grady and McGlynn) were presented by the Chairman and considered at length. Commissioner Browne would not be a party to a reply or apology to anybody for something some other body said. Commissioner Kelly proposed and Commissioner Burke seconded that reply be sent to Paul O'Grady by Solicitors as per draft read. Commissioner Kelly proposed and Commissioner Stapleton seconded that the Chairman consult again with Solicitor in the case of Mr. McGlynn in the light of latter letter to hand from McGlynn's Solicitor.

SALE HOUSES:

Sale of <sup>10 Parkmore</sup> King to Concannon - approved on proposal Commissioner Kelly, Seconder Commissioner O'Mara.  
Sale of No. 24, Gilmartin Road - Brinn (Tighe) to Trayers approved on proposal Commissioner Kelly, seconder Commissioner Stapleton.

The Matter of "Sale of Goods on Footpaths" to go on next month's Agenda.

*Handwritten:* Kelly 17/6/87



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MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 5TH MAY, 1981 (ADJOURNED).

PRESENT: In the Chair: Commissioner Kevin Dwyer.  
Commissioners Miko Kelly, M. O'Grady, G. Browne, J. Burke,  
P.M. Stapleton, J. O'Mara, J. Keane, L. O'Brien.

The Chairman proposed that as a mark of sympathy for the victims of the Barrack Street fire tragedy (in which Mrs Margaret Ward and her four children perished) the Meeting be adjourned for one week. All members spoke on what was described as the "worst tragedy ever to hit the town".

It was decided that the Board attend the Mass and Funeral, as a body and to have a Mass offered for the victims.

Wednesday the 13th May, 1981, was fixed for the next Meeting.

After a prayer and a minutes silence the Meeting adjourned.

SIGNED Miko Kelly  
CHAIRMAN.

Recorded: W. J. Hanlon.

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SPECIAL MEETING CONVENED ON 7TH MAY, 1981, AT 12 NOON.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON TUESDAY, 7TH APRIL, 1981

PRESENT: Commissioners K. Dwyer, L. O'Brien, J. Burke, P.M. Stapleton,  
J. O'Mara, M. Kelly, J. Keane and M. O'Grady.

PRESENT:

Commissioners M. Kelly, G. Browne, P.M. Stapleton, J. Keane.

SUBJECT: The hoisting; by persons unknown; of two flags (Tricolour and  
a black flag) on the roof of the Town Hall, Tuam, without permission.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. T. Kavanagh for A.C.M. J. Gibbons, Engineer;  
W. B. Mannion, Town Clerk.

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The Chairman stated that the two flags on the building have been placed there without permission from anybody and presumably are an act of sympathy and respect toward the death of hunger striker Bobby Sands M.P. in the Maze Prison, Belfast on Tuesday last. Association received by the

Mr. Salvador Murphy spoke - outlining the area's roads, footpaths, and some dangerous. The Chairman proposed that, on public demand, the flags should be removed and was supported by Commissioner Burke who said the Board cannot condone such unauthorised use of a public building. The Chairman and Commissioner O'Grady agreed with these sentiments. The problem referred to and the Engineer, T. Gibbons and Kavanagh (for Manager) explained why County Council cannot expend

Commissioner Keane said he totally opposed any such action, to removed to these flags which he observed as being a peaceful demonstration of respect to Bobby Sands. This view was supported by Commissioners O'Brien, Stapleton, Kelly and O'Mara. County Council level Department of the Environment should be requested to consider a design for the Dunmore Road Junction where a traffic hazard

The Chairman then proposed that if members wished to show their sympathy; that the Board take down the unauthorised flags and hoist their own flags in place. This was not acceptable and got no support. Gilmartin Road, surface drainage at Church View and crossing between grave spaces in the Cemetery.

It was finally decided that the flags are in peaceful demonstration and be left there for three days, to be then taken down if still there.

(1) Letter from Minister for Posts & Telegraphs on requested Phone Kiosk for Senior Citizens Residences.

(2) Letter re "Sports Hall" on 3/5/1981.

(3) E.S.M. reply on lighting & mains voltages in Tuam.

(4) Letter from Minister for Post Office accommodation on 1/5/1981.

SIGNED

CHAIRMAN

The Board has notified that Minister Reynolds, Dept. of Post Office accommodation will meet a delegation of members at his offices, G.P.O. Dublin at 3.30 p.m. on Friday 10th April. Delegation selected is as follows:-

Commissioners J. Burke, J. O'Mara, J. Keane, P.M. Stapleton, M. Kelly and Town Clerk W. B. Mannion.

Recorded: W.B. Mannion. J. Keane, called for a payment of expenses for this Meeting.

The question of 15 Gilmartin Road (for long used as a night shelter for several men) was discussed at length. A request from the Itinerant Settlement Committee for the tenancy was not acceptable. A hope that St. Vincent De Paul might take an interest in the house, was expressed and a decision that the house be kept as a "shelter" was unanimous. A representative of St. Vincent De Paul is to be invited to meet the Board at the next Meeting of the Board.

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IN THE CHAIR: Commissioner Kevin Dwyer.

PRESENT: Commissioners M. Kelly, G. Browne, P.M. Stapleton, J. Keane, J. O'Mara & J. Burke.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. T. Kavanagh for A.C.M. J. Gibbons, Engineer; and W. B. Mannion, Town Clerk.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were adopted on proposal of Jarlath Keane with Midie O'Grady seconding.

A Deputation representing the Bishop Street Residents Association was received by the Meeting. Mr. Salvador Murphy spoke - outlining the area's needs - roads, footpaths and amenities. Condition of Road access to Parkview Drive and Curragh Park, dangerous wall and river bank were mentioned and a request for Speed Limit Signs.

When the deputation left, the Board discussed the problems referred to and the Engineer, J. Gibbons and T. Kavanagh (for Manager) explained why the County Council cannot expend monies on such private housing development schemes which have not been completed to planning requirements - also legal problems often stand in the way of taking over roads and services. The Board asked that perhaps Councillors J. Burke and M. Finnegan take up the problems at County Council level. The Department of the Environment should be requested to consider a design for the Dunmore Road Junction where a traffic hazard exists.

The Engineer replied to queries on lighting and road markings of Gilmartin Road, surface drainage at Church View and surfacing between grave spaces in the Cemetery.

Correspondence was dealt with on the following:-

- (1) Letter from Minister for Posts & Telegraphs on requested Phone Kiosk for Senior Citizens Residences.
- (2) Letter re "Sports for All" on 3/5/1981.
- (3) E.S.B. reply on Lighting & Mains Voltages in Tuam.
- (4) Letter from Minister Killilea on Post Office accommodation for Tuam.

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N.O.M. - Commissioner Browne spoke on his motion "That a request be made to the Department for a Beet Incentive Scheme". The proposal was fully supported and it was decided to circulate the Motion to Galway, Roscommon, Mayo & Clare Co. Councils and to Ballinasloe U.D.C. and Loughrea Town Commissioners. Officials of C.S.E.T. were complimented for their acreage canvas - gaining some 6,000 acres for 1981.

The Youth Movement, initiating a Sunday Street Cleaning Campaign in Tuam again this Summer, is complimented on their work.

Votes of Sympathy were passed with the Cummins, McHugh, McGuire, Walsh and Corcoran families on recent bereavements.

THIS CONCLUDED THE MEETING.

SIGNED: John Kevin Dwyer  
CHAIRMAN

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL MEETINGS

The Board held a Special Meeting on Friday 3/4/1981 with Officials of Comhlucht Suicre Eireann Teo. Messrs. Eamonn Collins, John Broderick and Dr. Cashman represented C.S.E.T. The Meeting dealt with ways and means of maintaining the Sugar Factory in Tuam and improving the acreage of beet in the West. The Meeting was most satisfactory, with hopes of acreage expansion locally.

The Board held a Special Meeting on Thursday 9/4/1981 with the Postmaster, Mr. Nial O'Dea - Mr. J. Moggan for P.O. Clerical and Mr. S. McGrath for Postman. The matter for discussion was the formulation of discussion ideas by the Commissioners on Meeting with Minister for Posts & Telegraphs this week. A recommendation that the Department purchase the premises, recently vacated by Allied Irish Banks on Vicar Street for Postal Counter Service, is to be put forward and some Commissioners & Postmaster are to look over the premises.

The Members selected at the April Meeting and the Town Clerk, met the Minister for Posts & Telegraphs Mr. Reynolds and Junior Minister Mr. Mark Killilea at G.P.O. Dublin on Friday 10th. The Board received a promise that everything possible will be done to procure a suitable premises on a Main Street to provide the much needed extended counter service needed in a Postoffice in Tuam. The deputation came away very hopeful of early results.

BOARDROOM

PHONE KIOSKS

19 ST. ENDA'S DRIVE

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MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON 3RD MARCH, 1981

PRESENT: Chairman - Commissioner Kevin Dwyer

Commissioners M. O'Grady; P.M. Stapleton; M. Kelly; J. Keane,  
J. Burke & G. Browne.

After opening prayers the Meeting stood in a minutes silence and  
prayer for the victims of the Dublin Stardust Ballroom disaster.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted on the proposal  
of P.M. Stapleton - seconder Jarlath Keane.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY: were passed with relatives of the late Jim Farrell, Miss Sweeney,  
Willie Higgins, Mrs. Foley & Mr. O'Neill, R.I.P.

15, GILMARTIN RD: A discussion on the situation and condition of this house, occupied  
by three men who should be housed otherwise, was contributed to  
by all members. The matter to be put on agenda for next meeting.

MINISTERIAL MEETING: A letter from Mr. T. Hussey, T.D. notifying the Board that a  
Meeting with the Minister for the Environment, as sought, is  
being set up for next week. The topics agreed - (a) Town  
Clerkship; (b) Housing repair funds; (c) water and sewerage for  
Tuam - are to be prepared in detail at a special meeting before  
the Dublin meeting.

A letter from Mr. Mcagher, Solr., enclosing a draft of suggested  
reply to be published by the Commissioners in response to J. McGlynn  
and P. O'Grady. After consideration of various views, a vote  
of 4 to 3 decided that the matter be left in abeyance. For  
abeyance were Keane, Browne, O'Grady and Kelly and for publication  
were Dwyer, Burke and Stapleton.

C.S.E.T.: The meeting discussed the reported closure of Tuam Sugar Factory  
and a Meeting is to be sought with local C.S.E.T. Management as  
early as possible.

BOARDROOM: The Chairman called for immediate improvement to the Boardroom  
heating which leaves much to be desired - storage heating is  
ancient and out of action. Commissioner Keane's proposal was  
seconded by Commissioner Kelly, that our Engineer inspect and  
propose a new system to next Meeting.

PHONE KIOSKS: A letter from M. Killilea, T.D. on Post Office improvements and  
St. Joseph's Pk Kiosk, was read. He is to be asked to provide  
a further kiosk at Old Folks Estate, Dublin Road.

19 ST. ENDA'S  
DRIVE: The Board approved transfer of tenancy to the name of Mrs. Julia  
Higgins, wife of the late tenant.

MILK RUN: A letter from organisers of Milk Run was read - agreed support.

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V.A.T. ON SOFT DRINKS:

Board supported a Cobh U.D.C. motion calling for removal of V.A.T. on soft drinks.

LEGAL DOCUMENTS:

The Board agreed to Sealing of Documents 43 Toberjarlath Road, and to sealing Transfer Order No. 11, St. Enda's Ave., and to signing of Letting Agreement for No. 47, Gilmartin Road.

N.O.M's:

Commissioner Keane spoke on his N.O.M. re Tuam Cemetary drainage - it was reported that such work is in hand by County Council.

Commissioner Kelly spoke on Lighting and Voltage problems and asked that E.S.B. Engineer be invited to give views on feasibility of increasing Lamp Wattages in Town areas.

Commissioner Stapleton asked for an additional Gulley on Church View.

Commissioner Keane spoke on outbreak of vandalism in Tuam - mentioning damage to Phone Kiosks, Lighting and trees near Museum - Clerk to contact P.& T and Gardai on these items.

THIS CONCLUDED THE MEETING.

SIGNED:

*Kevin Dwyer*

CHAIRMAN

Recorded: W.B. Mannion.

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON 10TH FEBRUARY, 1981

PRESENT: Commissioners K. Dwyer, (Chairman); P.M. Stepleton;  
Jos. Burke; Midie O'Grady; Gabriel Browne; Jarlath Keane;  
Luke O'Brien; Miko Kelly; James O'Mara.

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

Minutes of Special Meeting on Tourism were adopted - proposed by M.  
Kelly, seconded by P.M. Stepleton.

Minutes of previous monthly meeting were adopted on proposal by  
Jarlath Keane, seconded by Midie O'Grady.

HOUSING: In reply to questions and a letter on behalf of Thos. McKenna (an  
applicant for a house in Gilmartin Road) the Manager reported on the  
selection of a tenant (a Mr. Doolan) for No. 47, Gilmartin Road.  
Whilst some members were unhappy that a Mr. & Mrs. Ward was not successful,  
Commissioner Kelly expressed satisfaction that non itinerant applicants  
are again taking houses in Gilmartin Road.

ENGINEER: The Chairman read a letter from Galway County Council on restructuring  
of Engineering Services in the County. Members congratulated Mr.  
Gibbons on his promotion. Mr. Gibbons returned thanks and said he  
hopes that when possible he will be always available and will try to  
attend Meetings.

TOWN CLERK: A letter from Mr. T. Hussey, T.D. on the position of Town Clerk was  
read and the Manager replied to a query by P.M. Stapleton on the present  
situation.

MILLSTREAM  
PARK: The Manager reported that the Planning Department have taken the question  
of this Estate in hand with County Solicitor and J. Burke said local  
Councillors hope to pool funds under N.O.M. Scheme to do urgent improvements  
here.

DANCING  
LICENCE: The Planning Application for Dancing Licence at Odeon Cinema premises,  
Shop Street, Tuam, was discussed and two letters from Solicitors for  
(1) Jos. McGlynn and (2) Paul O'Grady (whose names were reported as  
mentioned at last months Meeting in conjunction with this development) were  
read to the Meeting. After a lengthy exchange; without any admission  
as to whom of the members mentioned the said names; it was agreed that  
the Chairman should instruct the Boards Solicitor to reply. Commissioner  
Browne made it clear that as he didn't mention the names referred to; he  
would not wish his name associated with any apology.

CORRESPONDENCE: Letters from (a) Mallow U.D.C. on Motion on wandering horses was read  
and supported; and (b) Letter on National Milk Run for Disabled was read.

ESTIMATES: The Manager had circulated his Estimate for 1981 and gave his report thereon. Members raised questions on (a) Engineers Salary, (b) Rent Collectors Commission (c) Schools Warden, (d) Christmas Lighting allowance; to which the Manager replied. Miko Kelly asked that the question of a small grant contribution to Boys Scouts and Mill Museum might be considered. The Manager replied to G. Brown's questions of Housing Annuities, subsidies and Loan repayments - these are not applicable any more, and to questions of Tolls and Customs, raised by P.M. Stapleton. Estimates were approved on the proposal of Jarlath Keane, being seconded by Miko Kelly.

N.O.M. - P.M. STAPLETON:

That an illuminated Guide Map of Tuam be erected on the Town Hall - Mr. Stapleton spoke on his motion. Members considered the idea a good one and the Manager stated that he agreed in principle - Approval of Tourist people and Dept. would be desirable. The Engineer recommended waiting for the issue of new Ordnance Survey Map of Tuam. The Town Clerk was recommended as the person to produce the said Guide Map.

N.O.M. - MIDIE O'GRADY:

Pedestrian Crossing at Clinic, Vicar Street. There was general agreement for the proposal but the Engineer stated that the site would not meet the guidelines set out for such crossings - he considered a survey would be a waste of money but will look into same and report back. He also reported that the Pedestrian Crossings on the Square would be in operation by Easter, all going well.

N.O.M. - JOE BURKE - Corrib Bridge at Kilbeg:

Mr. Burke made his case and it was decided to write to the County Manager on this proposal which is a County Council matter.

N.O.M. - JOE BURKE - C.S.E.T. Bogland Sale to Bord na Mona:

This proposal got lost in a prolonged discussion which arose on the more recent Press announcement of a proposed closure of Tuam Sugar Factory. All members contributed at length in condemning such closure proposals, pointing out that the Tuam Factory has also a Social content more important to the town now than ever before. References were made to the ridiculousness of such ideas in view of (a) recent sugar imports, (b) shortfall on E.E.C. quotas allowed, (c) recent reported £2 million embezzlement from the Company.

It was decided to leave the matter of fighting a case in the hands of an All Party Committee Meeting with the Government in the next few days. Members may meet local Sugar Co. Management, B.V.A. and ACOT very soon.

DOCOTR JOHN McHALE, LATE ARCHBISHOP OF TUAM:

It was proposed that the Town Clerk would write once again requesting the issue of a Commemorative Stamp in honour of the late Doctor McHale.

30 GILMARTIN ROAD - Approval was given to sealing of Deed herein.

Congratulations were passed to Commissioner Burke on reports of his intention to seek election to Dail Eireann at next Election.

Votes of Sympathy were passed with families of late:-

- (1) Brendan Nestor, Dunmore;
- (2) R. Ryan, Ballygaddy Road, Tuam;
- (3) Sister Lourde, Mercy Convent; R.I.P.

THIS CONCLUDED THE MEETING.

SIGNED:

*A. Dwyer*  
CHAIRMAN.

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TUAM,  
Co. Galway.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON 6TH JANUARY, 1981, ON TOURISM

Invited Guests: Mr. J. Lally and Mr. D. O'Neill (Ireland West).

Present: Commissioner K. Dwyer, J. Burke, M. Kelly, M. O'Grady and J. O'Mara. Also Messrs. P. J. Grealish, Jarlath Canney, J. O'Donoghue, W. B. Mannion.

Mr. K. Dwyer (Chairman made introductions and specified the subject of discussion

Commissioner J. Burke quoting from the "Tourist Development Plan of 1976-1980 - specifying comparable expenditure in various Western Towns should clear unfairness to Tuam, topped by the 1980 closure of our Tourist Office. He said this tourist plan gave Tuam a "hind-tit" treatment despite its many attractions such as Fox Hunting, Golf, Gun Clubs, Museum, Swimming Pool and 800 year old Cathedral (and many more).

Mr. Grealish spoke on the Commercial interests involved, maintaining our Tourist Office is essential as little or not accommodation booking to Tuam is done by Galway Office.

Mr. J. O'Donoghue on our Arts Centre and efforts to develop many new aspects, catering for the Tourist.

Mr. Jarlath Canney spoke on the Mill Museum, St. Mary's Cathedral and other local developments without any help from "Ireland West."

Commissioners O'Grady, O'Mara and Kelly called for the re-instatement of our Tourist Office as an essential to the Town.

Mr. J. Lally spoke in reply at length. He said he hoped this Meeting to be the first of many to come. However, Finance cutback caused the closure of 8 offices in 1980. Local Office callers were 7,500 in 1979. He said the Commissioners should have representation on the Tourist Board and he appreciated the need for an information centre in a town this size. A full service would cost approximately £80. per week.

Mr. Dan O'Neill, on advertising coverage given on Museum, tidy towns competitions, etc. and on the recent appointment of a Regional Arts. Development Officer.

Mr. W. Mannion, spoke on amenities in the surrounding region - Castlehackett House and Hill, Lough Hackett, various Historical Monuments and the need for a Lough Corrib Bridge crossing to provide a gateway to the lakes, and beautiful Connemara.

Mr. Lally said they were willing to support any new aspect or project and said there was certainly no antipathy toward Tuam.

Commissioner Joe Burke and Miko Kelly summarised Tuams demands and promised the towns support to Tourist Board.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Lally and Mr. O'Neill and said both sided had learned from each other on various aspects - evidence of our Communities support and needs were made known and he expressed hopes for better thanks for Tuam in this 1981.

THIS CONCLUDED THE MEETING.

SIGNED: Kevin Dwyer CHAIRMAN

Recd., -  
W. B. Mannion

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Town Clerk's Office,  
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MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON 13TH JANUARY, 1981

PRESENT: Chairman: Kevin Dwyer;  
Commissioners Miko Kelly, James O'Mara, Midie O'Grady,  
P.M. Stapleton, Gay Browne, Luke O'Brien, Joe Burke, Jas. Keane;  
Mr. J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager attended.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous Meeting were adopted - Proposed by  
P.M. Stapleton, Seconded by M. Kelly.

A 9.30 p.m. finishing time for the Meeting was set and agreed on  
proposal by G. Browne, seconded by J. O'Mara.

Commissioners and Officials complimented Vice Chairman, Miko  
Kelly on his appointment as Treasurer of Football Board.

HOUSE LETTING: The Assistant County Manager reported to the Meeting on the proposed  
letting of the vacant 49, Gilmartin Road to a Mr. and Mrs. Corless.  
He said he hoped that no squatter would succeed in getting a house  
and he stated it is not intended to house any further itinerant  
in the Gilmartin Road area. Commissioner G. Browne spoke at  
length on the dangers of overcrowding of itinerant families in  
an area and was supported by Commissioners Keane and Kelly.  
Representations were made for the housing of Mr. & Mrs. Paddy Warde  
now in a caravan at rear of 48, Gilmartin Road.

TOURISM: Commissioners Keane, Browne and Stepleton re-iterated their reasons  
for staying away from the recent meeting with Mr. Lally but  
expressed satisfaction on hearing of the favourable results.  
Commissioners Burke, O'Grady and Kelly spoke favourable of the  
propositions proposed by Mr. Lally to the town.

ENGINEER &  
TOWN CLERK: Commissioner O'Mara questioned the position on the Town Engineer  
and Town Clerk, supported by Commissioner J. Burke. The Manager  
promised to report in more detail to the next Meeting - he is not aware  
of any change effecting the Board in the National Restructuring of  
Engineering Grades.

The Manager replied to queries by Commissioner Keane on Water Rate  
Collection and recovery of arrears.

PARKMORE: Arising from a call by Miko Kelly for a display of a model of  
Parkmore Plans - G. Browne, J. O'Mara, L. O'Brien and M. O'Grady  
expressed dissatisfaction that their views on Parkmore are so  
ignored - and plans going ahead. J. Burke thought press reports  
were not entirely fair and that the members were basically in  
agreement with the overall plan. P.M. Stapleton thought the  
objections to be a disservice to Tuam - housing is a great necessity.  
The Chairman hoped playground requirements accessible to all will  
be considered.

MILLSTREAM  
PARK The Assistant County Manager replied to J. O'Mara's request that the  
County Council take over and maintain roads and services in Millstream  
Park.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter from Minister, Mark Kilillea, on Tuam P.O. and Kiosk was read. A letter from the Boards Solicitors, Concannon & Meagher on behalf of the Shop Street Traders and Residents - objecting to a planning application lodged for operation of a Dance Hall and Gaming Licence at Odeon Cinema premises at Shop Street, Tuam. Commissioner Jarlath Keane spoke strongly against such development and Commissioner O'Grady also objected and hopes there would be no slot machines allowed. Commissioner O'Brien questioned the law now in relation to such gaming licences. Commissioner Browne considered the application most unsuitable to the place in question and would be the cause of more noise and nuisance on our streets at night. He hoped reason would prevail and application withdrawn. Commissioner Burke said he would be wary of any application as published and wouldn't like to see any undesirable development in Shop Street. On a proposal by Commissioner Kelly that we decide to support the request in the letter to hand, or not, the Board decided to convey their objection to the Planning Authority, Galway County Council.

ESTIMATES:

The Manager stated that he hoped to present his Estimates for 1981 to the February Meeting.

N.O.M:

There was unanimous support to Commissioner Burkes request to Galway County Council for provision of a strongroom at the New Tuam Library to house the Board's Minute Books which should also be copied for display to public use.

Commissioner O'Mara made a request for provision of a range at 54, Gilmartin Road - McKenna's, Gilmartin Road.

SIGNED: *Kwinn Dwyer*

CHAIRMAN

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