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Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd December, 1996

Present:

Chairman: M. Kelly

Commissioners: E. Mongan, M. O'Grady, F. Biggins, T. Reilly
G. Browne-Lane, J. Burke, P. Finnegan

Officials: Mr. Declan Nelson, Assistant County Manager
Mr. Oliver Higgins, Town Engineer
Mrs. A. Holian, Town Clerk

Apology: Commissioner Joyce

Notes:

Commissioner Finnegan, on behalf of Tuam Development Committee presented a cheque for £1,000.00 to the Chairman. This is a contribution to the Urban Village Renewal Scheme for 1996. The Chairman thanked Commissioner Finnegan and the Tuam Development Committee.

Christmas lights:

The Members expressed concern at an item in a local Paper saying the Town Commissioners were holding back the provision of Christmas lights in Tuam. The Members stated that Tuam Chamber of Commerce had approached the Commissioners in 1994 and an allocation of £2,000.00 for provision of new lights for 1995 was provided for in the Estimates. This was thought to be a once off contribution. A further contribution of £2,000.00 was provided in the Estimate for 1996. During the Estimate Meeting for 1997 a letter from Tuam Chamber of Commerce was read requesting an increase in the contribution. The matter was discussed and an extra £500.00 was provided in the estimate for 1997 as a contribution towards the annual costs of the Tuam Chamber of Commerce. The Town Commissioners also contribute £300.00 per annum for cost of electricity.

The Minutes of the Estimates Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Burke seconded by Commissioner Biggins.

Court House:

The Assistant County Manager told the Meeting that an Architect has been appointed to inspect the structural condition of the Building. A decision will be made when his report is received. It was proposed by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Reilly and agreed that a new Court House be constructed in Tuam, and the existing Court House be demolished.

Link Road:

Replying to the Members regarding the inner relief road the Town Engineer said it was originally proposed to site the Pedestrian Crossing between St. Patrick's School and the Vocational School. Before making a final decision on the location it was hoped to have the agreement of Bus Eireann, Galway Co. Co. and the School Managements. He said he would again talk to all concerned and endeavour to resolve the problem. It is hoped to have funding early in the new year for the necessary works. The Commissioners urged all concerned to have the matter resolved in the interest of the safety of the School Children. Letters from Mr. C. Greaney, Acting School Principal, St. Patrick's School and an Garda Siochana were read.

- Roads: Replying to Commissioner O'Grady the Engineer said repairs would be carried out at Ballygaddy Road before Christmas. Replying to Commissioner Mongan he said damage to the road at Parkmore was the responsibility of the Contractor. Repairs would be carried out.
- Abbey Trinity: Replying to Commissioner Reilly the Engineer stated that a Traffic/ Pedestrian survey had been carried out. Abbey Trinity road does not meet the requirements for the provision of a Pedestrian Crossing. He said it was expected the new link road would be open in May. It was agreed that a new survey be carried out at Abbey Trinity road when the new link road is opened.
- Tuam Stadium: The Town Engineer presented his report. The Assistant County Manager said he would be coming to the January meeting with a proposal to dispose of .4 of an acre of ground to the Tuam Stadium Committee.
- Insulation: The Town Engineer told the Meeting that the cost of the materials for insulation was £108.00 per house. The Assistant County Manager stated that the cost of the materials would be borne by the Commissioners. The Rent Collector to inform Tenants of the scheme.
- Award of the Year: Commissioner Biggins told the Meeting that the referee's (who wished to remain anonymous) had now selected a winner of the Town Commissioners "Award of the Year" - Sr. Lorota Slattery. A presentation will take place on Wednesday 11th December at 9 p.m. in Credit Union House, Hermitage, Tuam.
- The Minutes of the Meeting held on 29th October, 1996 were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Reilly seconded by Commissioner Burke.
- Manager's Business: The Assistant County Manager informed the Members that he and the Chairman had met with the Lion's Club. An inspection of the Town Hall has been arranged for Monday 11th December, 1996 at 11 a.m.
- Deputation: Commissioners Biggins, O'Grady and Reilly met with Mr. Brendan Howlin, Minister for the Environment. They impressed upon the Minister the need for Urban Renewal for Tuam. They also outlined the situation if the Town Board should be downgraded. They stressed that the "Lacey Report" did not do justice to towns west of the Shannon. The Minister promised to look at the Town Commissioners submission and write to the Board. Commissioner Biggins was thanked for arranging the Deputation.
- Correspondence: The following letters were read, noted and agreed:
1. Letter dated 29th November, 1996 from Mr. Enda Kenny, Minister for Tourism and Trade - read
 2. Letter dated 12th November, 1996 from Balbriggan Town Commissioners. There was unanimous agreement for the following: "That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Finance to make provision for Access in the 1997 Budget either by grant aid to Access groups or to members of the private sector who make their premises accessible to persons with disability".

3. Letter dated 12th November, 1996 from Balbriggan Town Commissioners - read
4. Letter dated 19th November, 1996 from Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd. - read
5. Letter dated 29th November, 1996 from Tuam Christmas Craft Fair Committee. Permission to hang a banner on the Town Hall granted.
6. Letter dated 21st November, 1996 from Mr. P. J. Hobert, Warrington, England re: railways - read
7. Letter dated 4th November, 1996 from Mr. Trevor Sargent, T.D. - read
8. Letter dated 11th November, 1996 from Office of the Minister for the Environment - read

Violence: Commissioner Burke told the Meeting there had been 275 punishment beatings in Northern Ireland in the recent past. He asked the support of the Members in writing to Gerry Adams and David Ervine to object to the continued violence. There was unanimous support for the proposal.

Sewerage scheme: It was decided to write to the Minister for the Environment regarding Phase II of the sewerage scheme.

Bus Shelter: The Chairman told the meeting that a grant is being sought from Galway Rural Development Committee for the provision of a Bus Shelter. Commissioner Reilly asked that the "lights" around the Station be attended to.

Sympathy: A vote of sympathy was passed with the following Families:

Gavin Family, Milltown Road on the death of Lourda Flynn Family, Abbey Trinity Road on the death of Johnny Donnellon Family, Ballymote on the death of Kevin Morris Family, Gardenfield on the death of Kate O'Donnell Family, Bishop Street on the death of Mrs O'Donnell Morris Family, Caltra on the death of Mrs. Morris Donnellon Family, Milltown on the death of Michael Quinn Family, Demesne on the death of Michael Hayworth Family, Ballymote on the death of John O'Heiher Family, Dublin on the death of Michael

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY


CHAIRMAN

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

**TUAM CLERK'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL, TUAM.**

Tel. 093-24246

To each Town Commissioner

27th November, 1996

A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on Tuesday, 3rd December, 1996 at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

Angela Nolan Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

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document to the Minister for the Environment.

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 29th October, 1996.

Present:

Chairman: M. Kelly

Commissioners: J. Burke, F. Biggins, T. Reilly, P. Finnegan
M. O'Grady, G. Joyce, G. Browne-Lane

Officials: Mr. Declan Nelson, Assistant County Manager
Mr. Oliver Higgins, Town Engineer
Mrs. A. Holian, Town Clerk

Apology: Commissioner Mongan

Minutes:

It was proposed by Commissioner Burke and seconded by Commissioner Reilly that the Court House in Tuam be demolished and a new one built.

Black Road:

Replying to the Members the Town Engineer said that a Pelican Pedestrian crossing similar to the one on Bishop Street will be provided. Regarding lights all underground services are in place. A detailed estimate has been submitted to Galway County Council and it is hoped funding will be available in 1997. It was decided to ask the Gardai to put a Patrol there in the short term.

Flooding:

The Town Engineer told the Meeting that work at Ballygaddy Road will be carried out before Christmass. He said the situation at Galway Road had been resolved.

Footpaths:

Replying to Commissioner O'Grady the Engineer said that the E.S.B. and Telecom had work to complete before the footpath at Galway Road could be resurfaced. It was hoped the work would be completed before Christmas.

Abbey Trinity:

Regarding a Pedestrian Crossing the Engineer stated that the survey would be carried out before the next meeting.

F.A.S.

It was decided to invite a person from FAS to the January Meeting of the Board.

Tuam Stadium:

The Engineer said he hoped to have a report for the next Meeting. It was decided to write to the St. Enda's Ave Residents Association.

The Minutes of the October Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Browne-Lane seconded by Commissioner O'Grady.

Manager's

Business:

The Assistant County Manager told the Members that their comments re: "Report of Re-Organisation Commission toward Local Government Town and Country" had been sent to the A.M.A.I. It was agreed to send the document to the Minister for the Environment.

Correspondence: The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

1. Letter dated 15th October, '96 from Dept. of the Environment - read
2. Letter dated 16th October, '96 from Dept. of Agriculture, Food and Forestry - read
3. Letter dated 18th October, '96 from Managing Director, Galway Advertiser - read
4. Letter dated 18th October, '96 from Trevor Sargent, T.D. - read
5. Letter dated 21st October, '96 from Tuam Theatre Guild - The Members agreed a banner for the forthcoming play "Harvey" could be hung on the Town Hall.

Award of the Year:

Commissioner Biggins stated that there had been some confusion re: the advertisement which had appeared in the Tuam Herald. He said the "award of the year" was intended for Clubs, Groups, Societies, Associations or Individual's. The closing date to be extended to 15/11/'96 and another advertisement to be put in the Tuam Herald.

Railway Line:

Commissioner Finnegan told the Meeting that there were reports that the Railway line from Claremorris to Gort was to be closed. It was proposed by Commissioner Finnegan and seconded by the Chairman to write to Ministers Higgins and Kenny and the local T.D.'s.

Sympathy:

A vote of Sympathy was passed with the following Families:

- Doyle Family on the death of Mrs. Doyle
- Canavan Family on the death of Seamus
- McDonagh Family on the death of Mrs. Nickelson

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY

Mike Kelly

CHAIRMAN

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Estimates Meeting held on Tuesday 29th October, '96

Present:

Chairman: M. Kelly

Commissioners: J. Burke, F. Biggins, T. Reilly, P Finnegan
M. O'Grady, G. Joyce, G. Browne-Lane

Officials: Mr. Declan Nelson, Assistant County Manager
Mr. Oliver Higgins, Town Engineer
Mrs. A. Holian, Town Clerk

Apology: Commissioner Mongan

The Prayer was recited.

The Manager introduced the Estimate of Expenses for 1997 which had been circulated to each Member and advertised. He said total expenditure for 1997 is estimated at £54,790, while receipts are estimated at £23,700. Provision has been made for £5,000 expenditure on Town Hall renovations and £500 as a contribution towards Tuam Tidy Towns Committee. Provision for the A. M. A. F. has been reduced in accordance with the revised arrangements approved by the Minister for the Environment. A sum of £2,000 as a contribution to Tuam Chamber of Commerce for the provision of Christmas Lights has been provided. The Estimate prepared will require a rate in the £ of 154.25 pence for 1997 as compared with 137.55 pence in 1996.

The Commissioners examined the various items of expenditure and receipts proposed by the Manager in the draft estimate. During the course of the discussion Commissioner Finnegan confirmed that Tuam Development Committee would contribute £1,000 for Urban Village Renewal for 1997. It was also agreed that £1,000 of Members expenses for 1996 be allocated for Urban Village Renewal for 1997.

It was proposed by Commissioner Burke that £1,000 from Members expenses be allocated towards the provision of a machine to clean the streets of Tuam. The Manager advised against this. The Chairman urged Commissioner Burke and Commissioner Finnegan to take this matter up at Council level. The Manager told the Members an application to refurbish the Town Hall had been made to FAS. The estimated cost of materials for this is £92,000. He proposed starting a fund with a £5,000 allocation for 1997. It was proposed by Commissioner Burke and seconded by Commissioner Reilly that the Manager meet with the Lion's Club and report back to the next meeting.

It was proposed by Commissioner Reilly and seconded by Commissioner Joyce that an amount of £500 extra be included in repairs in order to provide attic insulation in houses not yet refurbished-rebuilt. It was proposed by Commissioner Burke and seconded by Commissioner Biggins that £500 extra be included in the contribution to Tuam Chamber of Commerce for the provision of Christmas lights. This resulted in the demand on Galway County Council being increased from £31,090 to £32,090. The rate in the £ consequently would increase from 154.25 as set out in the estimates to 159.2 pence.

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It was then proposed by Commissioner O'Grady seconded by Commissioner Biggins and resolved that the Estimate of Expenses as amended be adopted by the Commissioners and that the net amount of £32,090 in the said estimate as amended be demanded from Galway County Council in respect of the year ending 31st December, 1997 and that the form of Demand be signed by the Chairman and the Town Clerk.

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY

Miss Kelly

CHAIRMAN

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COUNTY MANAGER

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR TO 31.12.1997

EXPENDITURE

Town Clerk's Office,
Tuam Hall,
Tuam.


Date: 14th October, 1996

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND EACH MEMBER OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS/

I attach hereto Estimate of Expenses for 1997 for Tuam Town Commissioners which will be considered at Estimates Meeting, to be held in the Town Hall, Tuam at 8.00 p.m. on Tuesday 29th October, 1996. Total expenditure for 1997 is estimated at £54,790, while receipts are estimated at £23,700. I have provided for £5,000 expenditure on the Town Hall renovations and £500.00 as a contribution towards Tuam Tidy Towns Committee. The provision for the AMAI has been reduced in accordance with the revised arrangements approved by the Minister for the Environment. I have provided a sum of £2,000 as a contribution to the activities of Tuam Chamber of Commerce (to include the provision of Christmas lighting).

The Estimate will require a rate in the £ of 154.25 pence as compared with 137.5 pence in 1996.

137.5



D. NELSON
ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER

10. Town Clerk's Office 1,000
11. Clerical 150
12. Maintenance 1,200
13. Repairs 300
14. Fuel 100
15. Officers Expenses 4,000
16. Contribution to Tuam Chamber of Commerce 2,000
17. Contribution to Tidy Towns 500
18. Urban Renewal 2,000

TOTAL 21,350

GRAND TOTAL - EXPENDITURE 54,790

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ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR TO 31.12.1997

EXPENDITURE

	Estimate Year Ending 31.12.96 £	Estimate Year Ending 31.12.97 £	
<u>HOUSING</u>			
1. Repairs	14,000	14,000	<i>14,500</i>
2. Legal Expenses	200	200	
3. Insurance	4,700	5,000	
4. Town clerk's Salary (50%)	3,500	3,500	
5. Town Engineer's Salary (80%)	2,550	2,550	
6. Town Steward's Pension (80%)	1,200	1,200	
7. Other Pensions	700	700	
8. Print, Post, Stationery and Advertising..	250	250	
9. Rent Collection	<u>1,800</u>	<u>2,000</u>	
TOTAL:	28,900	29,400	<i>29,900</i>
<u>GENERAL:</u>			
1. Rent, Rates, Tax and Insurance.....	320	350	
2. Office Expenses	1,100	1,100	
3. Legal Expenses	60	60	
4. Town Clerk's Salary (50%)	3,500	3,500	
5. Town Engineer's Salary (20%)	650	650	
6. Town Steward's Pension (20%)	310	310	
7. Audit Fee.....	1,050	1,100	
8. Print, Post Etc	420	420	
9. Town Hall Maintenance.....	1,000	5,000	
10. Town Hall Cleaner.....	150	200	
11. Clock Maintenance	150	150	
12. Municipal Authorities.....	1,200	250	
13. Town Lighting	300	300	
14. Receptions/Presentations	300	300	
15. Twinning.....	200	200	
16. Members Expenses	4,000	4,000	
17. Contribution to Tuam Chamber of Commerce	2,000	2,000	<i>2,500</i>
18. Contribution to Tidy Towns	500	500	
19. Urban Renewal	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>	
TOTAL:	21,490	25,390	<i>25,890</i>
GRAND TOTAL - EXPENDITURE...	50,390	54,790	<i>55,790</i>

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ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR TO THE 31.12.1997

RECEIPTS

	Estimate Year Ending 31.12.96	Estimate Year Ending 31.12.97
	£	£
<u>HOUSING:</u>		
1. Rent.....	11,500	14,000
2. Annuities.....	4,850	3,300
3. Ground Rents	<u>200</u>	<u>200</u>
Total	16,550	17,500
 <u>OTHER INCOME:</u>		
Contribution from Local Community for Urban Renewal	1,000	1,000
Transfer of £1,000 from Members 1996 Expenses	1,000	1,000
Interest	<u>4,200</u>	<u>4,200</u>
TOTAL	<u>6,200</u>	<u>6,200</u>
GRAND TOTAL	22,750	23,700
Estimated Expenditure for Year	50,390	54,790 <i>55,790</i>
Estimated Receipts for Year	22,750	23,700
Amount of Demand on Galway County Council	27,640	31,090 <i>32,090</i>

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Tel. 093-24246

TUAM CLERK'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

To each Town Commissioner

23rd October, 1996

A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on Tuesday, 29th October, 1996 at 8.30 p.m. after Estimates Meeting

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

..... *Angela Holean* Baile Cleireach

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Mise le meas,

Angel Holian
..... Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Estimate of Expenses for 1997

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It was agreed to hold the Meeting to consider the Estimate of Expenses for 1997 on Tuesday 29th October, 1996 and to bring the November meeting forward by one week to that date.

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, 1st October, 1996

Present:

Chairman: M. Kelly

Commissioners: F. Biggins, M. O'Grady, G. Joyce, P. Finnegan
T. Reilly, E. Mongan, J. Burke, G. Browne-Lane

Officials: Mr. T. Kavanagh, Acting Assistant County Manager
Mr. O. Higgins, Town Engineer
Mrs. A. Holian, Town Clerk

The Prayer was recited.

Regarding Meeting with Mr. John Joyce and Mr. Martin Buckley of Tuam Lions Club it was decided that a meeting be arranged with the Town Engineer.

Minutes:

It was proposed by Commissioner Reilly and seconded by Commissioner Finnegan that a letter of apology be requested from the Editor, Galway Advertiser.

On the proposal of Commissioner Finnegan, seconded by Commissioner Reilly it was agreed to write to the Minister for Agriculture and ask that 1) all subsidies/premiums for 1996 be paid now 2) create a definite intervention price 3) establish the live export of cattle trade.

Regarding the Court House Mr. Kavanagh stated that the Architect had been appointed. He will inform the Members of progress at the next meeting.

Replying to the Chairman the Town Engineer said that flooding at Abbey Trinity/Galway Road was being persued. He said it was hoped to carry out emergency work at Athenry Road in the next few weeks, and flooding at Ballygaddy Road will be resolved in the near future.

It was proposed by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Biggins and agreed that the Town Commissioners write to Galway County Council and request that the link road be called "Bobby Burke Road".

Regarding a pedestrian crossing at Abbey Trinity Commissioner Reilly told the Meeting He and the Chairman had met with Insp. Broderick. The Gardai are in favour of the pedestrian crossing. The Town Engineer stated that a survey would be carried out before the next Meeting.

The Minutes of the September Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Biggins, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady.

Manager's
Business:

It was agreed to hold the Meeting to consider the Estimate of Expenses for 1997 on Tuesday 29th October, 1996 and to bring the November Meeting forward by one week to that date.

Correspondence: The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

1. Letter dated 19th September, '96 from Mr. M. Kitt, T.D. together with letter dated 17th September, '96 from Mr. B. Howlin, T.D. re: Urban Renewal Status for Tuam. It was proposed by Commissioner O'Grady, seconded by Commissioner Reilly and agreed to write again to the Minister.
2. Letter dated 26th September, '96 from Dept. of Arts, Culture and the Gaeltacht re: Temple Jarlath. It was agreed to get the advise of the National Monuments and Historic Properties Service.
3. Letter dated 1/10/'96 from Mr. Seamus Kelly & Associates for Tuam Stadium Committee. The Commissioners favoured the request and asked that the Residents be consulted. The Town Engineer was asked to have a report for the next Meeting.

Motion of Motion: Commissioner Reilly spoke on his Motion re: Litter. He said the Town was appalling with litter in the past few weeks. He called on Galway County Council to provide extra workers on a full time basis. Comm. Joyce told the Meeting that Tuam was down eleven marks in the Tidy Towns Competition. Commissioner Browne-Lane proposed that a mechanical sweeper be considered. It was then proposed by Commissioner Reilly, seconded by Commissioner Joyce and agreed that a mechanical sweeper be requested. The Town Engineer was asked to investigate and the matter to be discussed further at the next meeting.

Festive Lights: The Chairman welcomed a deputation from Tuam Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Jarlath Canney, on behalf of the deputation, told the Meeting that additional financial assistance for the Christmas festive lighting was needed. He presented a breakdown of the costs involved. He said the most equitable way of collecting the funds is to charge same against the rates. He said the Chamber of Commerce are happy to administer the scheme. He asked the Commissioners to consider the matter at the Estimates Meeting.

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Commissioner Finnegan and agreed to invite a Person from FAS to a future meeting of the Board.

Footpaths: Replying to Commissioner O'Grady the Engineer said work on the footpaths was ongoing. He hoped funding would be available in 1997 for both footpaths and streets.

M.A.I. It was noted and agreed that Commissioner O'Grady attended the Annual General Meeting of A.M.A.I. on 17th to 19th September, '96 instead of the Chairman.

Sympathy: A vote of Sympathy was passed with the following Families:

- Garrett Family on the death of Eva
- McDonagh Family on the death of Tom
- Kelly Family on the death of Mary Alice
- McHugh Family on the death of Mrs. McHugh
- The Chairman on the death of his Sister-in-law

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED: L. Kelly
CHAIRMAN

Prof. Finnegan
Reed. W. Lane

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25th September, 1996

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AGENDA

Tuam Lyons Club at 7p.

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Manager's Business

Correspondence

Notices of Motion - Comm Reilly

- (1) I propose that Galway County Council erect a pedestrian crossing on the N17 between the Traffic lights at Milltown Road and the Abbey service filling station.
- (2) I propose that Galway County Council provide extra workers on a full time basis to clean all areas of litter and to cut bushes where access is partly blocked.

Tuam Chamber of Commerce at 9pm

Set date for Estimates Meeting

noted. The Chairman stated that the Minister's Press release together with a government statement which sets out the measures taken to date in order to combat the scourge of organised crime is available to the Commissioners.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Monthly meeting held on Tuesday 3rd September, 1996

- Chairman:** Com. M. Kelly
- Commissioners:** Com. T. Reilly, J. Burke, G. Lane, M. O'Grady, F. Biggins, and P. Finnegan.
- Officials:** Mr. D. Nelson, Deputy County Manager
Mr. O. Higgins, Town Engineer
Ms. E. Hourigan, Acting Town Clerk
- Apologies:** Com. E. Mongan and G. Joyce

The Minutes of the August meeting were adopted on the proposal of Com. Reilly, seconded by Com. Burke.

Matters arising from Minutes

Com. Reilly read an article which appeared in the Galway Advertiser on 8th August, 1996. The article was in connection with Notice of Motion for the erection of "Drive on the Left side of the Road" signs. The request is a result of a large number of accidents and is to act as a reminder to foreign tourists to drive on left side of road. It was stated that the newspaper article made light and undermined the seriousness of the situations. On the proposal of Com. O'Grady, seconded by Com. Reilly, the Commissioners agreed that a letter of apology be requested from the Editor of Galway Advertiser.

Correspondence: The following letters were read, noted and agreed.

1. Letter dated 21st August, 1996 from the **Office of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and Forestry**, regarding the need to re-establish the live export of cattle, was noted.
2. Letter dated 2nd August, 1996 from the **Office of the Minister for Justice** was noted. The Chairman stated that the Minister's Press release together with a government statement which sets out the measures taken to date in order to combat the scourge of organised crime is available to the Commissioners.

3. Letter dated 9th August, 1996 from **Mr. P. Farrell**, General Secretary, Fianna Fail was noted.
4. Letter dated 26th July, 1996, from **Michael Neary**, Archbishop of Tuam, was read and noted.
5. Letter dated 7th August, 1996 from **Ms C. Greene**, S.S.O. Environment regarding Tuam Sewerage Scheme was read and noted
6. Letter dated 16th August, 1996, from **Mr. E. Power**, Acting County Secretary regarding Weir Road was read and noted.
7. Letter dated August, 1996, from **T. Murphy**, Acting Town Clerk, Greystones Town Commissioners was read. The Commissioners agreed with the issues raised.
8. Details regarding **Conference Local Government Against Drugs** to be held in Bundoran, on 3rd & 4th October, 1996 was read.
9. Letter dated 26th August, 1996 from **Wexford County Council** regarding conference entitled "The United Irish Rebellion 1798" being held in Rosslare on 27th September, 1996 was read.
10. Circular letter LG 7/96 dated 16th August, 1996 from the **Department of the Environment** to be circulated to each member.

Weir Road: Mr. O. Higgins, Town Engineer stated that the present flow of traffic in Church view will be reversed, and alterations at Weir Road Junction will be made to facilitate such changes.

The Commissioners wished to know what hazards, if any, may arise and how will the proposed changes effect traffic going to the local mart. Mr. Higgins said that the traffic going to the mart has increased considerably over the last few weeks, however, it was felt that this is a once-off situation. The proposed changes have been discussed with the local Gardai and they are in full agreement with the changes. Com. Burke asked that the Town Engineer meet with people from the mart with a view to discussing car-parking facilities and above proposed changes.

Abbey Trinity Road: Com. Reilly requested that a double solid which line be placed on road from level crossing to traffic lights in order to prevent traffic overtaking at this point. He also requested 30mph speed limit be put in place. Town Engineer to consider same.

The Commissioners welcomed the opening of the new road. They queried the possibility of erecting street lights and improved fencing along same. Mr. O. Higgins Town Engineer, stated that the stakes and wire fencing is a temporary fixture, as the accommodation works will not be completed until 1997, due to lack

of funding, and also stated that there are no immediate plans to provide lighting along this road.

Com. Finnegan stated that the President is opening a school for handicapped people on 25th October, 1996, at Curragurraun. He wished to know when improvements to the Housing Estate will take place. Mr. Higgins said that the proceeds of sale of site will go towards the up-grading of the Housing Estate.

Sympathy: Com. Kelly proposed a vote of sympathy with Com. J. Burke on the death of his brother, Tom. A minutes silence was observed as a mark of respect. A vote of sympathy was also passed with the following families.

Mr. Martin Kiely, Ardglooney, (wife Gertie)
Hession Family
Mallon Family
Mrs. C. Hynes, death of father.
Heneghan Family, Rusheens, Tuam

This concluded the meeting.

The minutes were recorded by E. Hourigan, Acting Town Clerk.

Signed by : _____
CHAIRMAN

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Tel. 093-24246

TUAM CLERK'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

To each Town Commissioner

28th August, 1996
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A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on Tuesday, 3rd September, 1996..... at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

..... *Angela Holian* Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

- Minutes
- Manager's Business
- Correspondence

Delay introduction of this new legislation

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, 9th August, 1996

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Tel. 093-24246

TUAM CLERK'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

To each Town Commissioner

28th August, 1996

A CHARA,

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

on Tuesday, 3rd September, 1996 at 7 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

Angel Holian Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Local Government Town and Country and Financing of
Local Government

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

1. Letter dated 1/8/96 from the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland. It was decided to circulate same to the Members and to hold a special meeting on Tuesday 3/9/96 to discuss same.
2. Letter dated 28th July, 1996 from Galway County Council. There was unanimous agreement with the motion: "That Galway County Council condemn Manchester bombing and call on the Provisional I.R.A. to renounce its cross-fire immediately".
3. Letter dated 28th July, '96 from General Secretary, The Labour Party.
4. Letter dated 29th July, '96 from General Secretary, Fine Gael.
5. Letter dated 23rd July, '96 from Ms. S. Gleeson, District Manager, Bus Eireann. The Members expressed disappointment with response from Bus Eireann. It was decided to write to Bus Eireann again.
6. Audit Report dated 12th June, 1996 from Department of the Environment - noted

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, 6th August, 1996

Present:

Chairman: M. Kelly

Commissioners: F. Biggins, T. Reilly, P. Finnegan, G. Joyce
J. Burke

Officials: Mr. D. Nelson, Assistant County Manager
Mrs. A. Holian, Town Clerk

Apology: Comms. O'Grady, Lane, Mongan

The Prayer was recited.

Minutes:

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Finnegan seconded by Commissioner Biggins.

Regarding Public Toilets the Assistant County Manager said the matter will have to be debated at the Estimates Meeting. Regarding No. 14 Gilmartin Road the Law Agent has been instructed to proceed with the legal formalities to recover possession.

The Minutes of the July Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Reilly seconded by Commissioner Joyce.

Correspondence: The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

1. Letter dated 2/8/'96 from Assoc. of Municipal Authorities of Ireland. It was decided to circulate same to the Members and to hold a special meeting on Tuesday 3/9/'96 to discuss same.
2. Letter dated 28th June, 1996 from Galway County Council. There was unanimous agreement with the motion: "That Galway County Council condemn the Manchester Bombing and call on the Provisional I.R.A. to reinstate its cease-fire immediately".
3. Letter dated 28th July, '96 from General Secretary, The Labour Party - read
4. Letter dated 29th July, '96 from General Secretary, Fine Gael - read.
5. Letter dated 23rd July, '96 from Ms. S. Gleeson, District Manager, Bus Eireann - the Members expressed dissatisfaction with response from Bus Eireann. It was decided to write to Bus Eireann again.
6. Audit Report dated 12th June, 1996 from Department of the Environment - noted

Notice of
Motion:

Commissioner Reilly spoke on his motion re: "Drive on the left side of the road". He said there had been several fatal accidents over the years in which tourists had been involved. He requested that more "Drive on the left side of the road" signs be erected. He said he would also like if car hire firms displayed "Drive on the left side of the road" on their vehicles. There was unanimous support for the motion and it was agreed to send same to the Annual Conference of Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland.

Replying to Commissioner Burke re: intimidation of Residents in housing estates the Assistant County Manager said all complaints will be followed through.

Commissioner Reilly told the Meeting that he had received complaints regarding caravans at Weir Road and a problem with sewerage. He asked that the matter be investigated.

Sympathy:

Commissioner Finnegan proposed a vote of sympathy with the Family of Noel O'Donoghue, R.I.P. One minutes silence was observed as a mark of respect. A vote of sympathy was also passed with the following Families:

O'Neill Family, Belclare
Bray Family, Bishop Street
Staunton Family, Church View
McKenna Family, St. Enda's Ave
Cummins Family, Ballygaddy Road

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY _____

CHAIRMAN

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

**TUAM CLERK'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL, TUAM.**

Tel. 093-24246

To each Town Commissioner

..31st July..1996...

A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on Tuesday, ..6th August, ..1996..... at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

..... *Angel Holian* .. Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Minutes ✓

Manager's Business ✓

Correspondence

Abstract of Accounts

Notice of Motion: Commissioner Reilly

"I propose that Tuam Town Commissioners request Galway County Council to erect signs 'drive on the left side of road' on all national routes and that a motion be sent to the Annual Conference of A. M. A. I. requesting all County Councils to erect same also that all car hire firms be requested to display 'drive on the left side of road' on their vehicles". ✓

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1. Letter dated 2nd July, 1996 from Mrs. Christina Keating re: given to Manager
2. Letter dated 27th June, 1996 from Office of the Minister for Health - read
3. Letter dated 25th June, 1996 from Office of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and Forestry - read
4. Letter dated June 1996 from An Post - read

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, 2nd July, 1996

Present:

Chairman: M. Kelly

Commissioners: J. Burke, M. O'Grady, F. Biggins, G. Joyce
E. Mongan, T. Reilly, G. Browne-Lane, P. Finnegan

Officials: Mr. T. Kavanagh, Acting Assistant County Manager
Mr. O. Higgins, Town Engineer
Mrs. A. Holian, Town Clerk

The Prayer was recited.

The Chairman and Members condemned the recent murders of Veronica Guerin and Garda Gerry McCabe. It was proposed by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Reilly and agreed that a letter be written to the Minister for Justice demanding that serious action be taken.

Minutes:

Regarding Public Toilets the Town Engineer told the Meeting that it was proposed to upgrade the Abbey Trinity car park under the Urban/Village renewal scheme and toilets would be provided not far from the present location. The Manager informed the Meeting that funding would have to be considered at the next estimate meeting. Replying to Commissioner Reilly he said the County Council would meet with the Residents before a final decision is made. The matter of opening the car park and the parking of refrigerated trucks to be discussed also. Regarding access from Shambles car park to the Mall the Engineer said he had been unable to pursue the matter in June and hoped to have information for the next meeting.

The Minutes of the June Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Finnegan seconded by Commissioner Reilly.

Commissioner Biggins proposed that a letter be written to Bus Eireann re: errors in their new timetable. Commissioner Burke proposed that the Transport Liaison Officer be written to and a meeting set up with the School Bus transporters regarding the new system when the link road is opened. Replying to the Chairman Commissioner Burke said the station would be left open until 6p.m. The provision of a coffee shop was under discussion.

Correspondence: The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

1. Letter dated 2nd July, 1996 from Mrs. Christina Keating re: house - given to Manager
2. Letter dated 27th June, 1996 from Office of the Minister for Health - read
3. Letter dated 25th June, 1996 from Office of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and Forestry - read
4. Letter dated June 1996 from An Post - read

5. Letter dated 14th June, 1996 from Ballyshannon Town Commissioners. There was unanimous support for the following motion: "That the Ballyshannon Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Transport, Energy and Communications to review the law relating to the E.S.B. and the current situation, whereby local authorities are charged by the E.S.B. for the undergrounding and upgrading of their network."
6. Letter dated 27th June, 1996 from Nenagh Urban District Council. There was unanimous support for the following motion: "That Nenagh Urban District Council seek the support of all Local Authorities in supporting Mrs. Nora Owen, T.D., Minister for Justice in her efforts to eradicate the drugs scourge which is rampant in Ireland."
7. Letter dated 20th May, 1996 from Dublin Corporation - read
8. Letter dated 10th May, 1996 from Wexford Corporation - read
9. Letter dated 11th June, 1996 from Galway County Council - read

Notice of Motion:

The Chairman stated that House No. 14 Gilmartin Road should be re-possessed. The Manager told the Meeting that a certain procedure has to be followed and that procedure has been commenced.

Notice of Motion (2)

Commissioner Finnegan spoke on his motion re: the ceasefire. He said he condemned all violence and urged all parties to increase their efforts to get another cease fire. He said private contact would be more effective than public debate. There was unanimous support for the call to urge all parties to increase their efforts to get the ceasefire re-established.

Sympathy:

A vote of Sympathy was passed with the following Families:

Ryder Family, Doogra on the death of Marion
Woods Family, Gilmartin Road on the death of Mrs. Woods
Heffernan Family, Cemetary Lodge on the death of Bridie
Moran Family on the death of Ita Collins
Concanon Family on the death of Malachy

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY


CHAIRMAN

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Annual Meeting held on Tuesday, 2nd July, 1996

Present:

Chairman: P. Finnegan - outgoing

Commissioners: J. Burke, M. O'Grady, F. Biggins, G. Joyce
E. Mongan, T. Reilly, M. Kelly, G. Browne-Lane

Officials: Mr. T. Kavanagh, Acting Assistant County Manager
Mr. O. Higgins, Town Engineer
Mrs. A. Holian, Town Clerk

The Prayer was recited.

The Chairman proposed a vote of sympathy to the Families of Veronica Guerin and Det. Gerry McCabe. One minutes silence was observed as a mark of respect.

Election of Chairman: The outgoing Chairman recalled events during his year in office. He felt it had been a year of achievement. The new water scheme would be completed in a few months. Every effort must be made to have Phase II of the sewerage scheme put in place. Regarding traffic he said there had been a noticeable improvement in the past two months and the inner relief road is well on course to be finished in July. Progress has also been made on the outer relief road. He said problems still exist regarding the FAS scheme for the Town Hall. In the past year the Town Commissioners had welcomed to Tuam the descendents of the Lally Family of Tullinadaly also the descendents of Dick Dowling and honoured the Mercy Sisters and the Archbishop. He thanked the Manager, the County Secretary, the Engineer, the Town Clerk, Officials, the Press, Galway Bay FM and the Members of the Board for their co-operation during the year. He then invited nominations for the position of Chairman. It was proposed by Commissioner Burke and seconded by Commissioner Biggins that Commissioner Kelly be elected to hold the Office of Chairman of Tuam Town Commissioners for the coming year. There being no other proposal Commissioner Kelly was declared elected. He then took the Chair. He thanked the Members for Electing him. He said it was his 30th year on the Board and his 5th as Chairman. He paid tribute to the outgoing Chairman.

Election of Vicechairman: The Chairman invited proposals for the position of vicechairman. It was proposed by Commissioner Finnegan and seconded by Commissioner Joyce that Commissioner Reilly be elected vicechairman of Tuam Town Commissioners for the coming year. There being no other proposal Commissioner Reilly was declared elected. He thanked the Members.

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY


CHAIRMAN

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Tel. 093-24246

**TUAM CLERK'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL, TUAM.**

To each Town Commissioner

24th June, 1996
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A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on Tuesday, 2nd July, 1996 at 8.30 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

..... *Angela Nolan* Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Minutes

Manager's Business

Correspondence

Notice of Motion: Comm. Kelly

That the Board should repossess No. 14 Gilmartin Road, Tuam, the house previously occupied by James Burke deceased.

Notice of Motion: Comm. Finnegan

"That Tuam Town Commissioners would urge all concerned Parties to cease violence and hostile public debate in order to re-establish the Cease Fire."

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Western Health Board - read

- Letter dated 22nd May, 1996 from Alan Browne, Chariman, Ballymote & Drum Residents Association. The Town Engineer agreed the Ballymote Road is very narrow and widening is desirable. He said a scheme had been planned approx. two years ago but there had been a problem with land acquisition. There was unanimous support for widening the road.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, 4th June, 1996

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Tel. 093-24246

**TUAM CLERK'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL, TUAM.**

To each Town Commissioner

24th June, 1996

A CHARA,

The ~~Monthly~~ ^{Annual} Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on Tuesday, 2nd July, 1996 at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

..... *Angela Nolan* Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Election of Chairman

Election of Vicechairman

- The Minutes of the Meeting were adopted as proposed by Commissioner Kelly.
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- Mr. Kelly said the Meeting that Galway County Council had acquired house at Newtownrye, Tuam under the shared ownership scheme. The Council need to acquire the Fee Simple in the property in order to give a ninety nine year Lease to the Tenant. The sale of the house to Ailie and Ann Reidy was proposed by Commissioner Burke and approved by Commissioner Kelly.
- The following letters were read, noted and agreed:
1. Letter dated 30th May, 1996 from Office of the Minister for Health - read
 2. Letter dated 27th May, 1996 from Office of Chief Executive Officer, Western Health Board - read
 3. Letter dated 22nd May, 1996 from Alan Browne, Chariman, Ballymote & Drum Residents Association. The Town Engineer agreed the Ballymote Road is very narrow and widening is desirable. He said a scheme had been planned approx. two years ago but there had been a problem with land acquisition. There was unanimous support for widening the road.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, 4th June, 1996

Present:

Chairman: P. Finnegan

Commissioners: M. Kelly, J. Burke, T. Reilly, G. Joyce
G. Browne-Lane, E. Mongan, F. Biggins
M. O'Grady

Officials: Mr. T. Kavanagh for Assistant County Manager
Mr. O. Higgins, Town Engineer
Mrs. A. Holian, Town Clerk

The Prayer was recited.

Minutes:

Regarding Public Toilets the Town Engineer was asked to consider locations for the next meeting.

Regarding access from Shambles car park to Mall the Engineer said he hoped to have information for the next meeting.

Replying to Commissioner Kelly the Engineer said there would be no more resurfacing this year.

Replying to Commissioner Reilly the Engineer said a section of footpath at Athenry road would be repaired after the holidays.

The Members welcomed the Pedestrian lights at Bishop Street.

Replying to Commissioner Lane the Engineer said Pedestrian lights would be erected on Dublin road when the new road is opened. The Members expressed concern at persistent speeding at Dublin road. They asked that "rumble strips", a roundabout at the Athenry road junction or some speed control system be considered.

The Minutes of the March Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Kelly seconded by Commissioner Mongan.

The Minutes of the April Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Burke seconded by Commissioner Joyce.

The Minutes of the May Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner O'Grady seconded by Commissioner Kelly.

Manager's
Business:

Mr. Kavanagh told the Meeting that Galway County Council had acquired house No. 3 Newtownmorris, Tuam under the shared ownership scheme. The County Council need to acquire the Fee Simple in the property in order to give a ninety nine year Lease to the Tenant. The sale of the Lease to Alfie and Ann Reidy was proposed by Commissioner Burke and seconded by Commissioner Kelly.

Correspondence: The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

1. Letter dated 30th May, 1996 from Office of the Minister for Health - read
2. Letter dated 27th May, 1996 from Office of Chief Executive Officer, Western Health Board - read
3. Letter dated 22nd May, 1996 from Alan Browne, Chariman, Ballymote & Drum Residents Association. The Town Engineer agreed the Ballymote Road is very narrow and widening is desirable. He said a scheme had been planned approx. two years ago but there had been a problem with land acquisition. There was unanimous support for widening the road.

The Town Engineer was asked to look at the matter again.

4. Letter dated 22nd May, 1996 from Alan Browne, Chairman, Tuam and District Licenced Vintners Association. The Engineer stated that the yellow lines at the Square were to highlight no parking. Replying to the Chairman he said the slipway to High street was not going ahead because it would mean losing the parking spaces outside the Town Hall. A meeting to be arranged between the Engineer and the Licenced Vintners Assoc.
5. Letter dated 3rd June, 1996 from Ms. Eibhlis McManus, Airglooney re: sewerage problem.
It was proposed, seconded and agreed to write to the Department regarding Phase II of the Sewerage scheme. The Manager was asked to investigate re: Airglooney, Killalooty, Weir Road and Ballygaddy road.

Person of the Year:

Commissioner Biggins told the Members he proposed putting an Add in the paper in September/October asking for submissions for the "Tuam Person of the Year". He proposed that all the submissions be dealt with by an independent panel. It was agreed that the Chairman, V.Chairman and Commissioner Biggins contact People and have the names of People willing to be on the panel for the next Meeting.

Notice of Motion:

The Chairman told the Meeting he was requesting Galway County Council to discuss the sewerage charge before the next Estimate Meeting. He said the new charge was not the way forward. He said People already had water charges of £127.00 p.a. Refuse collection £72.00 p.a. and now a sewerage charge of £50.00 p.a. He said these were unreasonable charges on services that can be done without. He would like it reviewed and abolished.

Mr. Kavanagh stated that there had been a huge investment in Water and sewerage in Tuam. You have to levy for expenditure or cut back services. There was unanimous support for the Motion.

The Chairman spoke on his motion regarding the cattle trade. He called on the Minister for Agriculture to take all possible steps to re-establish the live export of cattle and bring an end to the livestock scare. He said more efforts should be made to show that the Irish product is safe and persuade Government that Irish beef is safe. The Members paid tribute to the Dept. of Agriculture for their efforts over the years in destroying whole herds where B.S.E. was confirmed. There was unanimous support for the Motion.

Sympathy:

A vote of Sympathy was passed with the following Families

- Maher Family, Portarlington
- Connolly Family, Church View on the death of Vera
- Mongan Family, Cluide on the death of Mr. Mongan
- Burke Family, Claretuam on the death of Mrs. Burke
- Collins Family, Athenry Road on the death of Mrs. Collins
- Keaveney Family, Dunmore on the death of Mrs. Keaveney
- Brogan Family, Gilmartin Road on the death of Mick

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY


CHAIRMAN

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, 7th May, 1996

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Tel. 093-24246

**TUAM CLERK'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL, TUAM.**

To each Town Commissioner

29th May, 1996.....

A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on Tuesday, 4th June, 1996..... at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

..... *Angel Dolan* Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Minutes

Manager's Business

Correspondence

"Person of the Year"

Notice of Motion: Commissioner Finnegan

"That Tuam Town Commissioners request Galway County Council to review the question of sewerage charges in County Galway before the next Estimates meeting.

"That Tuam Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Agriculture to take all possible steps to re-establish the live export of cattle. This is the only way the disastrous situation in the cattle trade can be relieved."

The Chairman decided to defer discussion on his remaining Notice of motion until the June Meeting.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, 7th May, 1996

Present:

Chairman: P. Finnegan

Commissioners: J. Burke, M. O'Grady, F. Biggins, G. Browne-Lane
T. Reilly, M. Kelly, G. Joyce

Officials: Mr. T. Kavanagh for Assistant County Manager
Mrs. A. Holian, Town Clerk

Apology: Mr. O. Higgins, Town Engineer
Commissioner Mongan

The Prayer was recited.

Minutes:

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the Chairman represent the Board at the Ordinary General Meeting of Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Co. to be held on 30/5/'96.

The Town Engineer was complimented on the amount of work done in the town in the past month - road resurfacing, grass cutting etc. Commissioner Reilly requested that a section of footpath outside a wheelchair users house at Athenry road be repaired.

Public toilets: Mr. Kavanagh told the Meeting there was no great demand for Public toilets since the existing one had been demolished. He said automatic toilets were prohibitive because of cost. It was agreed there was a need for a replacement toilet.

Person of the Year: Commissioner Biggins proposal for a "Person of the Year" was discussed. It was agreed to discuss the matter further at the next meeting of the Board.

Notice of Motion:

The Chairman spoke on his motion regarding the Western Health Board's request to the Department of Health to expand facilities at the "Grove" hospital. He said People were undergoing very long waits at University College Hospital and the "Grove" could be used to relieve Galway. He said it would be the Health Boards decision as to what facilities would be provided at the "Grove". There was unanimous support for the Motion. It was decided to write to the Western Health Board and the Department of Health.

Regarding the loss of jobs at Pulse Engineering the Chairman proposed that the I. D. A. and the Minister for Industry be contacted. Commissioner O'Grady undertook to contact Minister Bruton urgently. Commissioner Burke proposed that the Chairman talk to Pulse Management the next morning, also to contact the Chamber of Commerce. There was unanimous agreement to above.

The Chairman decided to defer discussion on his remaining Notice of motion until the June Meeting.

The Chairman and Members welcomed Mrs. Liz Hannon to the Meeting. They sympathised with her on the recent tragic loss of her Daughter. Mrs. Hannon told the Meeting her Daughter had always carried a signed donor card. When she died her organs saved six lives. At present donor cards are only available at Chemists. They should be more readily available - at Banks, Post Offices, Libraries etc. She also felt that Students should be spoken to as a lot of young People would carry donor card. When a tragedy occurs it is most difficult for a Family to make the decision to donate organs and a signed donor card would relieve the Family of the trauma of making such a decision.

Commissioner Burke stated that his knowledge of the Hannon tragedy and discussion with Mrs. Hannon prompted him to propose the Motion before the Members. He agreed with Mrs. Hannon that the present situation where doctors have to approach a Family in grief is an extremely difficult problem.

It was decided to write to the Dept. of Health and the Kidney Assoc. It was agreed to circulate the Notice of Motion to all other Local Authorities.

Correspondence: The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

1. Letter dated 7/5/'96 from "Happy Days" Creche/Playgroup - read
2. Letter dated 6/3/'96 from office of the Minister for Justice - read
3. Letter dated 2/4/'96 from office of the Taoiseach - read
4. Letter dated 4/4/'96 on behalf of the Tanaiste - read
5. Letter dated 9/4/'96 from Ard Runai, Seinn Fein - read
6. Letter dated 7/4/'96 from Ardee Town Commissioners - read
7. Letter dated 17/4/'96 from Balbriggan Town Commissioners - read
8. Letter dated 18/4/'96 from Sligo Borough Council - read
9. Letter dated 16/4/'96 from Bantry Town Commissioners - read
10. Letter dated 16/4/'96 from Kilkee Town Commissioners - read
11. Letter dated 10/4/'96 from Newbridge Town Commissioners - read
12. Letter dated 10/4/'96 from Killarney Urban District Council - read
13. Letter dated 9/4/'96 from Mallow Urban District Council - read
14. Letter dated 4/4/'96 from Cashel Urban District Council - read
15. Letter dated 15/4/'96 from Castleblayney Urban District Council - read
16. Letter dated 25/3/'96 from Navan Urban District Council - read
17. Letter dated 2/5/'96 from Fingal County Council - read
18. Letter dated 23/4/'96 from Loughrea Town Commissioners - read
19. Letter dated 17/4/'96 from Tralee Urban District Council - read
20. Letter dated 19/4/'96 from Kells Urban District Council - read
21. Letter dated 30/4/'96 from Ennis Urban District Council - read
22. Letter dated 15/4/'96 from Macroom Urban District Council - read
23. Letter dated April, '96 from Patricia Lawler, Irish Council, European Movement - read
24. Mr. Noel Treacy, T.D. re: Vocational School - read

Congratulations: Congratulations was extended to Mr. Joe McDonagh on his election as President of the G.A.A., to Mr. Paul O'Grady on his election as President of the Licenced Vintners of Ireland, to Mr. Frank Barret on his achievement in Boxing and to St. Benin's training Centre on the opening of new premises.

The Chairman told the Members a civic reception would be arranged for the Mercy Sisters at a date to be set.

Sympathy:

A vote of Sympathy was passed with the following Families:

Tierney Family, Ballymote on the death of John Joe
Brogan Family, St. Enda's Ave on the death of William
Burke Family, Milltown on the death of Willie
Noone Family, Blackacre on the death of Mrs. Noone
Payne Family, Belclare on the death of Mrs. Payne
O'Grady Family, Belclare on the death of Mrs. O'Grady
Clampett Family on the death of Tom
Demangeat Family on the death of Mrs. Henry

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY _____
CHAIRMAN

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

**TUAM CLERK'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL, TUAM.**

Tel. 093-24246

To each Town Commissioner

1st. May, 1996.....

A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on ..Tuesday, 7th May, 1996..... at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

Angela Holian

Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Minutes

Manager's Business

Correspondence

Public Toilets

Person of the year

Notice of Motion - Commissioner Burke

"I will propose that we request the Department of Health to introduce legislation that when a person dies their remains be available for spare parts. Obviously any person who wishes to opt out may do so. The existing situation that each individuals Family must give permission is extremely difficult in practice.

Additional Notices of Motion: Commissioner Finnegan

1. That Tuam Town Commissioners request the Department of Health to expand facilities at the Grove Hospital to relieve the situation at University College Hospital, Galway.
2. That We request the I. D. A. to take all possible steps to retain the jobs in Pulse Engineering at their present level.
3. That Tuam Town Commissioners request Galway County Council to review the question of sewerage charges in County Galway before the next Estimates Meeting.

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, 2nd April, 1996

- Present: Chairman: P. Finnegan
Commissioners: M. O'Grady, G. Browne-Lane, F. Biggins, T. Reilly
J. Burke
- Officials: Mr. D. Nelson, Assistant County Manager
Mr. O. Higgins, Town Engineer
Mrs. A. Holian, Town Clerk
- Apology: Commissioner Joyce
- The Prayer was recited.
- Town Hall: The Assistant County Manager informed the Meeting that he was persuing funding under an Urban Renewal Conservation Scheme. Galway County Council had selected the Town Hall for this scheme. It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the Manager have discussions with the Heritage Council.
- Palace Grounds: The Members welcomed the work carried out in the past few days. The Engineer stated that grass cutting will commence shortly. An entrance/exit to Tullinadaly road is to be tarmaced. Commissioner Reilly said the Boy Scouts were starting a scheme the next day whereby all litter etc. would be collected and removed.
- Parkmore: The Commissioners again called on Galway County Council to take action regarding Horses and animals at Parkmore and Tirboy.
- Traffic flow: The Engineer stated that re-lining is taking place and will continue for the next few days. The Shambles car park is being re-aligned and there will be one entry point and one exit. The Bishop Street and Shambles car parks will be for short term parking. Abbey Trinity car park will be for long term parking. A slip road onto High Street is to be available. Quotations for Pedestrian lights at Bishop Street are being sought. Spaces for wheelchair users will be provided when the car parks are re-surfaced and re-aligned. A Pedestrian crossing will be provided at Dublin road and the inner relief road will be opened in July. £500,000 will be spent on construction of the outer relief road this year with a committment that further funding will be available next year. He said the Superintendent had assured him that the parking laws will be vigorously enforced.
- Public toilets: To be included on the agenda for the next Meeting
- Person of the year: To be included on the agenda for the next Meeting.

Congratulations: Congratulations were extended to Tom Gilmore on his recent award.

Sympathy: A vote of Sympathy was passed with the O'Grady Family, Cloonfush on the death of John.

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY _____
CHAIRMAN

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Special Meeting held on Wednesday 20th March, 1996

Present:

Chairman: P. Finnegan

Commissioners: T. Reilly, M. Kelly, G. Joyce, J. Burke, F. Biggins
M. O'Grady, E. Mongan

Officials: Mr. Oliver Higgins, Town Engineer
Mrs. A. Holian, Town Clerk

Also Present: Inspector Jim Broderick
Mr. Paddy Keaveney

The Prayer was recited.

The Chairman proposed a vote of Sympathy with Commissioner Browne-Lane on the death of her Mother. One minutes silence was observed as a mark of respect. A vote of sympathy was also passed with the Pierce Family on the death of Louis and the Families of the victims of the Dunblane tragedy.

The special Meeting was called because of traffic congestion and long delays getting through the town experienced over the previous weekend.

The Town Engineer explained that proposals for the work being done at Bishop Street had been brought before the Commissioners and agreed to eight or nine months ago. The provision of the loading bay at Bishop Street had been agreed to by the Town Commissioner, County Council, Gardai and the Chamber of Commerce. He said the pedestrian crossing is to be re-located to outside Quinn's shop. The road into the car park/School/Palace Grounds has been widened by twelve feet to thirty nine feet and a "yellow box" will be marked adjacent to the entrance. He said there had been no delays and traffic had moved very well that day and the previous day. He attributed this to Garda cones and no parking at Bishop Street.

Inspector Broderick told the Meeting that at present the Bye-laws are made by the Local Authority in consultation with the Gardai. The Gardai have no objection in principle to loading bays. They received several complaints regarding the wall around the car park. They had to have a number of Gardai directing traffic. It is not possible to have personnel there at all times during rush hours. The job of the Gardai is Law enforcement and the law will be vigorously enforced from now on.

Letters from Presentation College, Concanon & Meagher, Solicitors on behalf of Super value supermarket and the Chairman of the Tuam and district Vintners Association were read.

During the discussion the Members welcomed Inspector Broderick's assurance that the parking laws will be vigorously enforced. They called on the County Council to have the schedule updated and the Bye-laws implemented. They welcomed the Engineer's assurance that all yellow lines will be replaced in the next few weeks also the opening of the inner relief road in July.

Regarding the wall around the car park at Bishop Street the Engineer said it was better to delineate the road and channel traffic in one direction. He agreed to look at the wall with a view to shortening it.

He said he was not in favour of an access near the Phone kiosk.

The County Council were asked to look at the Square with a view to providing a slip road onto High Street.

It was agreed to have further discussion on the matter of a traffic Warden at a later meeting.

The Commissioners felt that more discussion was need on Loading bays also more consultation with the People was suggested.

The Chairman undertook to respond to the letters.

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY: _____

CHAIRMAN

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday 5th March, 1996

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

**TUAM CLERK'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL, TUAM.**

Tel. 093-24246

To each Town Commissioner

27th March, 1996..

A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on Tuesday, 2nd April, 1996..... at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

Angel Holcan Baile Cleireach

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Palace Grounds

"Person of the Year"

the next Meeting.

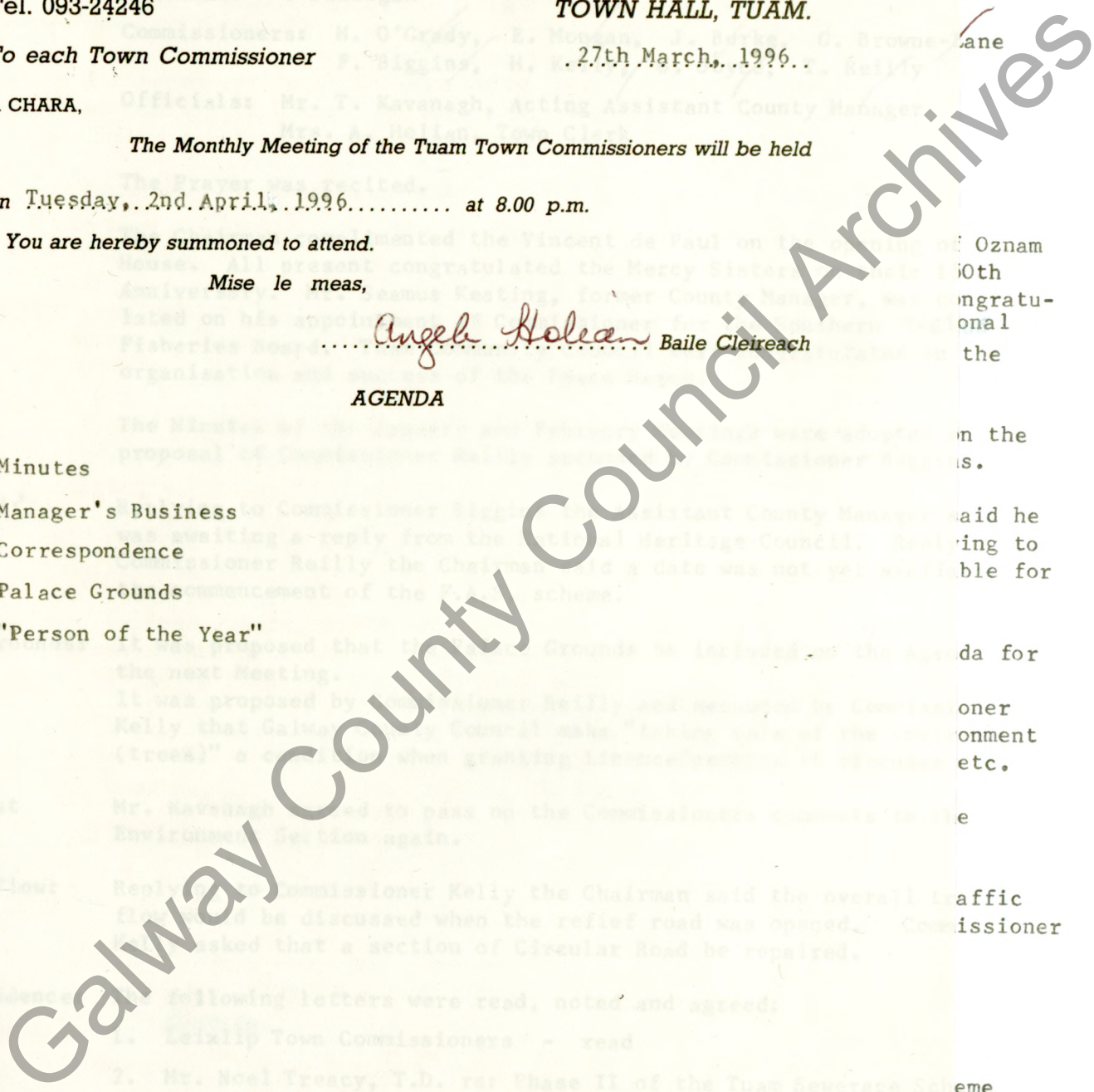
It was proposed by Commissioner Kelly and supported by Commissioner Kelly that Galway County Council make "taking care of the environment (trees)" a priority when granting licences for the removal of trees.

Mr. Kavanagh moved to pass on the Commissioners' minutes to the Environment Section again.

Reply: Commissioner Kelly the Chairman said the overall traffic issue should be discussed when the relief road was opened. Commissioner Kelly asked that a section of Circular Road be repaired.

Following letters were read, noted and agreed:

1. Leixlip Town Commissioners - read
2. Mr. Noel Treacy, T.D. re: Phase II of the Tuam Sewerage Scheme. It was decided to write to the Minister for the Environment and the T.D.'s for the area.
3. Headford Drama Group - permission was given to hang a banner on the Town Hall.



TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday 5th March, 1996

Present:

Chairman: P. Finnegan

Commissioners: M. O'Grady, E. Mongan, J. Burke, G. Browne-Lane
F. Biggins, M. Kelly, G. Joyce, T. Reilly

Officials: Mr. T. Kavanagh, Acting Assistant County Manager
Mrs. A. Holian, Town Clerk

The Prayer was recited.

The Chairman complimented the Vincent de Paul on the opening of Oznam House. All present congratulated the Mercy Sisters on their 150th Anniversary. Mr. Seamus Keating, former County Manager, was congratulated on his appointment as Commissioner for the Southern Regional Fisheries Board. Tuam Community Council were congratulated on the organisation and success of the Peace March.

Minutes:

The Minutes of the January and February Meetings were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Reilly seconded by Commissioner Biggins.

Town Hall:

Replying to Commissioner Biggins the Assistant County Manager said he was awaiting a reply from the National Heritage Council. Replying to Commissioner Reilly the Chairman said a date was not yet available for the commencement of the F.A.S. scheme.

Palace Grounds:

It was proposed that the Palace Grounds be included on the Agenda for the next Meeting.

It was proposed by Commissioner Reilly and seconded by Commissioner Kelly that Galway County Council make "taking care of the environment (trees)" a condition when granting Licence/permits to circuses etc.

Charges at
Dump:

Mr. Kavanagh agreed to pass on the Commissioners comments to the Environment Section again.

Traffic Flow:

Replying to Commissioner Kelly the Chairman said the overall traffic flow would be discussed when the relief road was opened. Commissioner Kelly asked that a section of Circular Road be repaired.

Correspondence: The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

1. Leixlip Town Commissioners - read
2. Mr. Noel Treacy, T.D. re: Phase II of the Tuam Sewerage Scheme
It was decided to write to the Minister for the Environment and the T.D.'s for the area.
3. Headford Drama Group - permission was given to hang a banner on the Town Hall.

Regarding the Peace Process Commissioner Biggins told the Meeting he fully agreed with the resolution passed at the February Meeting. He proposed that the Board write to Gerry Adams and implore him to use his influence to get the ceasefire re-instated. He further proposed that "Tuam Town Commissioners strongly support the request, to re-instate the ceasefire, from the Irish and British Governments". There was unanimous support for the proposal and it was agreed to circulate same to all Local Authorities in the Country. Copy of letter to be sent to An Taoiseach and An Tanaiste.

Parkmore: The Board called on Galway County Council to take action regarding complaints of horses and dogs at Parkmore. Commissioner Reilly asked that a sewerage blockage at the Estate be rectified.

Ballygaddy Road: Commissioner Browne-Lane asked that a flooding problem be rectified. Commissioner O'Grady asked that a pedestrian light at Weir Road be repaired.

Person of the year. Commissioner Biggins proposed, in view of all the voluntary work being done in Tuam, that the Board discuss the idea of a Tuam "Person of the year". The matter to be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

Sympathy: A vote of Sympathy was passed with the following Families:

Burke Family, Parkmore on the death of Michael
Laffy Family, Galway Road on the death of Matt
McHugh Family, Beaughmore on the death of Mrs. McHugh
O'Toole Family, Claran on the death of John
King Family, Gilmartin Road on the death of Maggie Keegan
Roach Family, Dublin Road on the death of Bridie
Desmond Family, St. Enda's Ave on the death of Tim
Egan Family, Bishop Street on the death of Mrs. Egan
Corcoran Family, Ballygaddy Road on the death of Martin
Cleary Family, Ballygaddy Road on the death of Nora
Feely Family, Dublin Road on the death of Mrs. Holmes
Geraghty Family, St. Enda's Ave on the death of Tony
Ward Family, Gilmartin Road on the death of Mrs. Ward

This concluded the Meeting

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY _____

CHAIRMAN

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, 6th, February, 1996

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Tel. 093-24246

**TUAM CLERK'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL, TUAM.**

To each Town Commissioner

28th February, 1996
.....

A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on Tuesday, 5th March, 1996 at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

..... *Angela Holian* Baile Cleireach

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, 6th February, 1996

- Present: Chairman: P. Finnegan
Commissioners: M. O'Grady, T. Reilly, G. Browne-Lane, F. Biggins
G. Joyce, J. Burke
Apology: Commissioner Kelly
Officials: Mr. T. Kavanagh for Assistant County Manager
Mr. O. Higgins, Town Engineer
Mrs. A. Holian, Town Clerk
- The Prayer was recited.
- Minutes: Replying to the Chairman the Engineer said the Design section, Galway County Council were examing the Athenry road junction.
- Town Hall: Mr. Kavanagh informed the Meeting that a letter had been written to the Heritage Council. The Chairman stated that he was confident a F.A.S. scheme would go ahead.
- Charges at Dump: Mr. Kavanagh informed the Members that the Environment section, Galway County Council had been informed of their concerns.
- Link Road: The Commissioners welcomed the announcement that the inner relief road would be completed and open before the summer holidays, also the allocation of £500,000 towards the outer relief road.
- Traffic/
Parking: Replying to the Members the Town Engineer said he would be recommending that the traffic flow in Church View be reversed. Foster place could also be changed. He said some of the schedule has to be re-written because of changes at the Square. He proposed to have the schedule revised and corrected when the new road is opened. Mr. Kavanagh agreed that talks could begin between the Manager, the Engineer and Supt. Fennell. Commissioner Biggins asked that there be more discussion on Loading Bays.
- Manager's
Business: Regarding wording for the Monument at the Square Mr. Kavanagh told the Members that agreement had been reached. It was proposed by Commissioner Burke, seconded by the Chairman and agreed that the wording as presented by Mr. Kavanagh be used.
- Mr. Kavanagh informed the Meeting that Galway County Council is obliged to make Bye-laws for Casual Trading for the County. Licencing has now been transferred from the Department to the County Councils. Galway County Council have set up a sub committee and they have been asked to report quickly. The Commissioners agreed that there was no objection to allowing the two traders continue trading at the Square.

Correspondence: The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

1. Letter dated 9th January, 1996 from Monaghan Urban District Council. There was unanimous support for the following resolution: "This Council, recognising the seriousness of the current impasse in the Peace Process, calls on the Dublin and London Governments to immediately set a date for the commencement of all inclusive talks, the essential forum for the realisation of a negotiated settlement and wherein all issues can be addressed".
2. Letter dated 24th January, 1996 from Monaghan Urban District Council. There was unanimous support for the following resolution: "That Monaghan Urban District Council views with concern the serious increase in crime in the Country and calls on the Minister for Justice to take the necessary steps to solve the problem as a matter of extreme urgency and that this motion be circulated to all Local Authorities throughout the Country".
It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the following resolution be sent to the Minister for Justice: "While recognising the efforts of the Minister to control a difficult situation at the moment Tuam Town Commissioners see the necessity to employ more Gardai in East Galway for the purpose of protecting the elderly and preventing future crime, also to amend the laws to ensure the penalty fits the crime."
3. Letter dated 3rd January, 1996 from Portlaoise Town Commission. There was unanimous support for the following resolution: "That this Commission call on the Minister for the Environment to re-introduce Home Improvement Grants."
3. Letter dated January 1996 from Northern Ireland Housing Council - read
4. Audit Report dated 9th November, 1995 from Dept. of the Environment - noted.

Notice of Motion:

Commissioner Reilly requested Galway County Council to ensure that Postal address be included as well as townland when planning permission notices appear on National Papers.

Mr. Kavanagh replied that where only the townland appears ie: Townparks on an application for planning permission People are asked to re-advertise.

Commissioner Reilly stated that Tuam Court House was in an appalling condition - no facilities - no heat etc.

Mr. Kavanagh told the Members that sanction to appoint an Architect had been got from the Department. The Architect had been asked to submit a report.

Commissioner Reilly asked that a section of footpath be constructed at Milltown Road.

The Town Engineer stated that it was proposed to carry out this work over the next few weeks.

Commissioner Burke told the Members that it had been suggested to him that the new inner relief road be called "Bobby Burke Road". He asked the support of the Board in requesting Galway County Council to consider this. There was unanimous support for the Motion.

Sympathy: A vote of sympathy was passed with the following Families:

Quinn Family, Millstream Park on the death of Peter
Kelly Family, Bishop Street on the death of Mrs. Kelly
Skelly Family, Galway Road on the death of Tom
McHugh Family, Gardenfield on the death of Tom
Corbett Family, St. Enda's Ave on the death of Peg
Rooney Family, Old Road on the death of Tom Murrey

This concluded the Meeting

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY

Patricia Finney
CHAIRMAN

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, 2nd January, 1996

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

**TUAM CLERK'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL, TUAM.**

Tel. 093-24246

To each Town Commissioner

..31st. January, 1996

A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on Tuesday, 6th February, 1996
..... at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

..... *A. Holian* Baile Cleireach

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Notice of Motion - Commissioner Reilly

1. I request that Galway County Council implement, as agreed at a previous meeting, that the postal address be included as well as the townland when planning permission notices appear in the National newspapers.
2. I request that the Town Commissioners write to the Minister for Justice regarding the appalling condition of the Court House at Dublin Road. £2,000
3. I request that Galway County Council construct a section of footpath on the Milltown road from O'Rourke's HiFi shop to existing footpath.

Notice of Motion - Commissioner Burke

1. I will propose that the new road from Dublin Road to Vicar Street be called Bobby Burke Road, out of respect for the excellent contribution he had made to Tuam town.

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The Manager informed the Meeting that an action plan for Parkmore Estate had been drawn up and proposals have been sent to the Dept.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, 2nd January, 1996

Present: Chairman: P. Finnegan
Commissioners: G. Browne-Lane, F. Biggins, T. Reilly, J. Burke
E. Mongan, M. Kelly
Apologies received from Comms. Joyce and O'Grady
Officials: Mr. D. Nelson, Assistant County Manager
Mrs. A. Holian, Town Clerk

The Prayer was recited.

Sympathy: On the proposition of the Chairman, a vote of sympathy was passed with the Heneghan Family on the death of Gerry. All present paid tribute to the late Gerry Heneghan who was County Secretary in Kerry and had also worked with Galway County Council and Mayo County Council. As a mark of respect 1 minutes silence was observed. A vote of sympathy was also passed with the following Families:

Farrington Family, Abbey Trinity on the death of Christina
McGough Family, Arglora on the death of Mr. McGough
Gannon Family, Ballygaddy Road on the death of Jack
Mitchell Family, Weirs on the death of Sonny
Cunningham Family, Milltown on the death of Peter
Lynch Family, Bishop Street, on the death of Joe
Canney Family, Belclare on the death of David
O'Grady Family, Belclare on the death of Paddy
O'Grady Family, Cloonmore on the death of Paddy
Delaney Family, on the death of Fr. Delaney

Minutes: The Assistant County Manager was welcomed back after his accident.

Christman
lights: Replying to Commissioner Burke the Assistant County Manager said £2,000 had been paid.

Monument at
the Square: The Assistant County Manager informed the Members that the County Secretary had written to the Sculptress. It was also proposed to have discussions with Dr. Claffey. The wording will be brought before a meeting of the Board.

Charges at
Dump: Commissioners Kelly and Reilly stated that the £10.00 charge for a van carrying domestic waste was unfair. The difference between commercial and domestic refuse should be recognised. The Manager agreed to look into the matter.

Parkmore
Estate: The Manager informed the Meeting that an action plan for Parkmore Estate had been drawn up and proposals have been sent to the Dept.

Traffic/
parking

The Chairman requested that a report prepared on the Athenry Road junction. All Members spoke on the need to address the parking problems in the town. Commissioner Biggins proposed that a traffic plan be drawn up and parking Bye-laws be put in place. He also proposed that the loading bays be discussed at the next meeting. Commissioner Reilly proposed that a Traffic Warden be employed.

Link Road:

Replying to Commissioner Kelly the Chairman said the next allocation should complete the inner relief road. It was proposed by Commissioner Burke and seconded by Commissioner Reilly that the road be continued to Abbey Trinity. The Manager was requested to arrange to have Personnel from the Design Office, Galway County Council attend the next meeting of the Board to discuss same.

Town Hall:

It was proposed by Commissioner Biggins and seconded by Commissioner Reilly that Ms. Anna McHugh and Ms Emer Colleran be invited to the next Meeting of the Board.

Level
Crossing:

Commissioner Reilly proposed that yellow or white lines be put down at the Abbey Trinity level crossing. Commissioner Kelly proposed that negotiations be initiated with Iarnrod Eireann re: the provision of a pedestrian crossing on the left side of the level crossing.

Phones:

Commissioner Reilly informed the Meeting that two new Public Phones are to be provided in Tuam, 1 for wheelchair users. The Members agreed that the phone for wheelchair users be erected outside the Town Hall - discussions to be held with the Town Engineer.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

1. Letter dated 15/12/'95 from Telecom Eireann - read
2. Mr. Leo Pelho, Koukkutie 41B25, Finland - read
3. Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland - It was proposed by Commissioner Kelly and seconded by Commissioner Biggins that Commissioner Reilly attend seminar in Bundoran.

All present wished Commissioner O'Grady a speedy recovery.

This concluded the Meeting

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY

Patrick Funege
CHAIRMAN

Tuam Town Commissioners

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, 5th December, 1995

Present: Chairman: P. Finnegan ✓
Commissioners: J. Burke, M. O'Grady, G. Joyce, G. Browne-Lane, M. Kelly, T. Reilly ✓

Apologies received from F. Biggins, E. Mongan

Officials: Mr. T. Kavanagh, A/Asst. County Manager
Mr. O. Higgins, Town Engineer

Apology from Town Clerk who was ill.

The prayer was recited.

Sympathy: On the proposition of the Chairman, a vote of sympathy was passed with the Town Clerk on the death of her father. Votes of sympathy were also passed with the following:

Connolly Family, St. Joseph's Park,
Greaney Family, Mill Stream Park,
Higgins Family, Athenry Road.

Minutes: On the proposition of Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady, the minutes of Estimates Meeting and monthly meeting held on 24th October, 1995 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Christmas Lights: The Commissioners asked that the £2,000 for the Christmas Lights be paid as soon as possible.

Shambles Car Park: The Town Engineer confirmed that there was a piece of private property between the car park and the Mall. He was asked to re-examine it to see if any arrangements could be worked out.

Dublin Road Pedestrian Crossing: Commissioner Lane and other members stressed the need for a pedestrian crossing and the need to undertake any preparatory works as soon as possible.

Flooding at Ballygaddy Road: The Town Engineer agreed to have this examined.

Monument at Square:

Following discussion it was agreed that Mr. Kavanagh would discuss the proposed wording with Dr. T. Claffey.

Correspondence:

The following items from a letter from Parkmore Residents Association were discussed.:

Transfer of Keys of houses - Mr. Kavanagh stated this was not allowed and proceedings are instituted against any unauthorised tenants.

Dump Charges - There is a big gap between the £1 charge for cars and £10 for a van and the Commissioners asked that this be examined.

Erection of signs prohibiting horses and caravans.

Name of Estate - There appears to be two names for the estate and this should be corrected.

Gully at entrance to estate - Have flooding checked.

Vtos Scheme:

Commissioner Burke referred to a cutting from the Tuam Herald and urged that the Commissioners strongly support a Vtos Scheme for Tuam and that a letter be written to the Department of Education. This was agreed.

Letter from O.P.W. in relation to drainage of river Nanny was noted.

Letter from Private Secretary to Minister for Environment regarding deputation was noted.

Letter from Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland in relation to closure of E.S.B. shops was noted.

Motion from Leixlip Town Commissioners was noted.

Letter from Patrick McMyler, Foxrock, Dublin who is doing research into the life of a James J. Corbett was read. It was agreed the Town Clerk would give whatever assistance possible

Notice of Motion:

1. Commissioner Burke proposed the motion and stressed the need for something to be done to slow traffic in the interest of safety. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reilly and supported by other members. The possibility of a roundabout was also mentioned. The Town Engineer said that the traffic calming schemes mentioned by the Commissioners were on National Routes.

2. Mr. Kavanagh stated that motion was out of order as it proposed to reject a decision lawfully made by Galway County Council at its statutory Estimates Meeting. He said the motion would undermine the authority of the County Council to do its work and would have serious implications for the good relationship that existed between the two bodies. Commissioner Reilly said his complaint was that a number of houses were not connected to the sewerage scheme. There was a general discussion on charges including a proposal that there should be uniform charges throughout the country.

3. This motion about the replacement of footpaths was proposed by Commissioner Reilly who said that he had got complaints from residents and the cutback on the workforce seemed to be the cause of the problem.

4. Flooding at Dublin Road - Mr. Kavanagh stated that this motion was out of order but could be put in order by substituting the words "County Council" for Town Engineer. The Town Engineer said that he hoped to rectify this problem early in 1996.

Referendum Posters:

Commissioner O'Grady mentioned that many referendum Posters were still in position and asked that those responsible have them removed.

The meeting then ended.