

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

TUAM CLERK'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

Tel. 093-24246

To each Town Commissioner

22nd December, 1995

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The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on Tuesday, 2nd January, 1995..... at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

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Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

- Minutes
- Manager's Business
- Correspondence

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

DUBLIN ROAD = ONE MILE= FROM HI.WAY GARAGE TO TOWN CENTRE.

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St. Patrick's Secondary School,
St. Patrick's Primary School,
Mercy Convent Junior school,
Mercy Convent Secondary School,
Mercy Convent Primary School,

Presentation Primary School,
Access to St. Jarlath's Secondary School, and Presentation Secondary,
Retired People's Nursing Home,
Three Main Entrances to Housing Estates,
Tuam Stars pitch,
Tuam Rugby Club pitch,
Tuam Celtic Club pitch,

On Monday 23rd., of Oct., at 8.50 A.M., a cattle trailer left a tractor and travelled up the path outside St. Pats Secondary School, missing a Mother and Child, and 20 or 30 Primary School children, running into a road sign, two bus loads of teenagers had just past the spot, how children were not killed is a miracle. Four year old Infants cross here at the Court-House entrance with great difficulty, as it is a turning point for cars and buses. Asit is the Main Dublin Road, traffic has gained speed by the time it reaches Sports Grounds and Housing Estates, again children crossing to Supermarket for lunch-snacks etc.

SUMMER TIME :

Hundreds of children leave the sports grounds after training from 7p.m., on, under 10's under 12's under 14's and under 16's, again no signs or warning as bicycles speed out onto the main road,

SPEED LIMIT SIGNS ARE IGNORED WITHIN THIS ONE MILE STRETCH

A number of people have been killed on this stretch of road over the years.

Minor accidents are happening every other day, four year olds having reversing cars frightening them as they make their way down the path, and some school-boys tumble over the handle-bars of their bikes, shaken mounting their bikes as they hurry to school afraid of being late.

PROPOSED SOLUTIONS TO THIS PROBLEM. :

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To each Town Commissioner

29th November, 1995

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The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

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You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

Angela Holian
..... Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Minutes

Manager's Business

Correspondence

Notice of Motion: (1) Comm. Burke

"That Tuam Town Commissioners ask Galway County Council, as a matter of urgency, to install rumble strips and speed limit repeater signs along Dublin Road."

(2) Comm. Reilly

"I propose that the Town Commissioners reject the imposition of a £50.00 sewage charge as proposed by Galway County Council. That no such charge be accepted until such time as the whole Population of the town is provided with adequate sewage facilities."

(3) Comm. Reilly

"I propose that the Council Members of Tuam Town Commissioners ensure that money is provided in the 1996 road work scheme for replacement of footpaths in Toberjarlath, Athenry road and the up-grading of roads and footpaths at Dublin Road Estate.

(4) Comm. Reilly

"I propose that the Town Engineer investigate the cause of road flooding at Dublin Road particularly from the entrance to the end of the Dublin Road Estate. That as a result of the investigation provision be made for carrying out necessary works in the 1996

ROADWORKS SCHEME.

There are no funds for this work at present.

Level Crossing: Replying to Commissioner O'Grady the Engineer said restoration work would be carried out before Christmas.

Shambles car park: The Engineer told the Meeting he had sent a detailed report on the car park to the County Council. He undertook to investigate regarding an exit from the car park to the Mall. Commissioner Browne-Lane asked that a few parking spaces be marked for disabled People.

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday 24th October, 1995

Present:

Chairman: P. Finnegan /
Commissioners: J. Burke, / M. O'Grady, G. Joyce, G. Browne-Lane /
M. Kelly, / E. Mongan /

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

Apology: Commissioners Biggins & Reilly

The Prayer was recited.

Deputation:

The Chairman welcomed a deputation from Parkmore Tenants & House Owners Association. The Deputation complained about illegal parking of caravans, noise from generators, wandering horses, goats and dogs and fighting by a small number of People in the Estate. They requested the support of the Commissioners in calling on Galway County Council to deal with the problems in the Estate. They thanked the Members and left the meeting. During the discussion which followed the Members agreed that the situation in Parkmore was as outlined by the Deputation. They asked that the horses be moved immediately and the situation regarding horses and animals be monitored continuously, that the caravans be moved to the halting site and that People who cause trouble be moved. They requested a report on the Halting site for the next Meeting. The Assistant County Manager said he would discuss the situation with his staff in the morning.

The Chairman and Members congratulated Commissioner Kelly on his promotion to Head Postmaster.

Minutes:

Replying to Commissioner O'Grady the Engineer said the water was safe. Recent tests conform with water regulations.
Replying to Commissioner Browne-Lane the Chairman said there was no reply from the Minister regarding a Deputation.
Replying to Commissioner Kelly the Engineer said flooding on land at Galway Road, caused by a "rising main", would be rectified. The "main" will be closed over the next few weeks.
Replying to Commissioner Burke the Engineer said Ballygaddy road would be restored shortly.
Replying to Commissioner Joyce the Engineer said Bishop Street is a national Secondary Route and funds will have to come from the National Roads Authority. There are no funds for this work at present.

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Gilmartin Road: The Acting Assistant County Manager informed the Meeting that it was planned to knock four houses, Nos. 51 52 53 54, under the 1995 programme. It is also planned to refurbish six blocks of two houses. Commissioner O'Grady told the Meeting that house No. 56 was in a terrible state. He urged the County Council to allocate the 3 houses at Liam Mellows Street as soon as possible and that the Tenant of No. 56 Gilmartin Road be considered for one. Commissioner Mongan supported.

Replying to Commissioner Kelly the Manager said No. 14 Gilmartin Road was being dealt with.

**Dublin Road/
Pedestrian
Crossing:**

Replying to the Members the Engineer said he expected a pedestrian crossing would be provided when the new road is constructed. Replying to Commissioner Kelly he said entry to the C.I.E. property is being held up because of a legal problem.

The Acting Assistant County Manager said Galway County Council were pushing the matter. The Law Agent was dealing with it.

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

1. Letter dated 6th October, 1995 from Portlaoise Town Commission. There was unanimous support for the following resolution: "That This Commission write to the French Twinning Organisation and the French Embassy expressing our total amazement at the apparent lack of consideration by the French Government to take on board the general feeling of disgust at their latest round of nuclear tests."
2. Letter dated 25th September, 1995 from Bundoran Urban District Council. There was unanimous support for the following resolution: "That this Council calls on the Departments of Finance and Tourism to investigate Bank Charges in general and particularly the handling charge on sterling, as it is affecting tourism."
3. Letters dated 24th October, 1995 from Daniel Fahy, Barry Ryan and the Boys of St. Patrick's School, Dublin Road re: the felling of the tree outside the school. The Engineer stated that the tree was rotten and had to be knocked.

**Document at
Square:**

The Acting Assistant County Manager presented a wording for the Sculpture from the submission made by the Sculptress incorporating two ideas, Tuam in History and Tuam Today. He said he would have to discuss same with the Engineer. Copies of the wording were circulated to the Members.

Palace Grounds: The Engineer informed the Meeting that surgery is required on some trees at the Palace Grounds also some trees have to be felled.

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

- Treacy Family, Old Road on the death of Mrs. Treacy
- Hyness Family, Bishop Street on the death of Tommy Fahy
- Fahy Family, Argloragh on the death of Tommy
- Flaherty Family, Forty Acres on the death of Mrs. Flaherty

This concluded the Meeting.

**Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk**

SIGNED BY _____
CHAIRMAN

**Parkmore
Tenants & House owners
Association**

16 October 1995

**invitation
to
Tuam Town Commissioners**

Dear Sir / Madam,

We the Parkmore Tenants and House owners Association have had numerous meetings and requests to representatives of Galway County Council and various other people of authority but nothing positive has happened regards the Estate.

The Estate has to many negatives and We wish these problems be addressed as soon as possible as many are losing faith and judging by the many that are leaving or seeking accomadation else where, something positive needs to be done.

In recent research on the Town of Tuam, it would be highly desirable that no further large housing development take place especially in Parkmore, but We feel that the proposed small house's to be built in the greens is a positive idea.

Parkmore Community:

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It would be highly desirable for the Parkmore Community, garden allotments with trees, shrubs, walkway and benches on the waste ground adjacent to the Curry river, all waste ground to be walled or fenced off.

On the other end of the estate sports pitch, play area and possible a running track which would be a great amenity to the area and town.

We have approximately three hundred children in the estate and we have no play area what so ever for them.

We must work together for a better future for the tenants and houseowner's and our children of Parkmore, failure to do so will in the very near future a petition of a high number of residents of Parkmore to Galway County Council seeking transfer out of Parkmore to other area's.

Negatives in Parkmore:

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No play facilities for the children,

Illegally parking of caravans,

Uncontrolled wandering of horses and dogs,

To much waste ground,

No internist from the revealent authorities or net working with the Parkmore Community for a positive future.

Threat of losing our public telephone due to vandalism.

No litter control or bins etc.

Unclean and untidy most of the year.
Very low morale in the Community about the place.
There is intimidation by a small minority in the Community.
Little respect for the elderly or their property by some children .

Positives:

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Good standard of house.
Good will power in the community to tackle negatives.

Sum up:

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We urge you to network and lobby with us to over come and do away with
negatives in Parkmore Community.

Thank You,

Parkmore Tenants and House owners Association.

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Secretary

Patrick Farragher


**102 Parkmore Est,
Tuam.
Co. Galway.**

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Town Clerk's Office

Minutes of Estimates Meeting held on Tuesday 24th October, 1995

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M. Kelly, E. Mongan

Officials: Mr. T. Kavanagh, Acting Assistant County Manager
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Apology: Commissioners Biggins & Reilly

The Prayer was recited.

Estimates:

The Manager introduced the Estimate of Expenses for 1996 which had been circulated to each Member and advertised. He said total expenditure proposed is £50,390 compared with £44,560 for 1995. Total receipts are estimated at £20,750 compared with £17,038 for 1995. The Estimate prepared will require a rate in the £ of 147.5 for 1996 as against 135.9 for 1995.

The Commissioners examined the various items of expenditure and receipts proposed by the Manager in the draft Estimate. During the course of the discussion the Chairman stated that Tuam Development Committee would contribute £1,000 for Urban/Village renewal. Commissioner Burke proposed that £1,000 of Members Expenses for 1995 be allocated for Urban/Village renewal for 1996.

It was proposed by Commissioner Burke seconded by Commissioner Kelly and resolved that the sum of £4,200 shown under other income be increased as follows: (a) By a sum of £1,000 to be contributed from the Members 1995 expenses (b) By a sum of £1,000 to be contributed from the local Community as outlined by the Chairman. This resulted in the demand on the County Council being reduced from £29,640 to £27,640 and a corresponding reduction in the rate in the £.

It was then proposed by Commissioner Burke seconded by Commissioner Kelly and resolved "that the Estimate of Expenses" as amended be adopted by the Commissioners and that the net amount of £27,640 in the said Estimate as amended be demanded from Galway County Council in respect of the year ending 31st December, 1996, 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

Patrick Finnegan
Chairman

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Town Clerk's Office,
Town Hall,
Tuam.

13th October, 1995

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS/

RE: ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES, 1996

Dear Chairman and Members:

I attach herewith Estimates of Expenses for the year 1996 which will be considered at Estimates Meeting to be held in the Town Hall, Tuam at 8.00 p.m. on 24th October, 1995.

Total expenditure proposed is £50,390 compared with £44,560 for 1995. Total receipts are estimated at ~~£20,750~~ compared with £17,038 for 1995.

The Estimate prepared will require a rate in the £ of 147.5 pence as against 135.9 pence for 1995.

The main reason for the increase is the provision of £5,000 for Urban Renewal. However, this is offset to some extent by increased rents, annuities, interest, and reduction in office expenses.

Yours sincerely,

T. Kavanagh,
ACTING ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER.

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GRAND TOTAL - EXPENDITURE

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR TO 31/12/1996

EXPENDITURE

	Estimate Year Ending 31/12/'95 £	Estimate Year Ending 31/12/'96 £
<u>HOUSING:</u>		
1. Repairs	14,000	14,000
2. Legal Expenses	200	200
3. Insurance	3,600	4,700
4. Town Clerk's Salary (50%)	3,500	3,500
5. Town Engineer's Salary (80%)	2,400	2,550
6. Town Steward's Pension (80%)	1,160	1,200
7. Other Pensions	700	700
8. Printing, Postage, Stationery and Advertising	220	250
9. Collectors Commission	<u>1,700</u>	<u>1,800</u>
TOTAL	<u>27,480</u>	<u>28,900</u>
 <u>GENERAL:</u>		
1. Rent, Rates Taxes and Insurance	300	320
2. Office Expenses	2,350	1,100
3. Legal Expenses	60	60
4. Town Clerk's Salary (50%)	3,500	3,500
5. Town Engineer's Salary (20%)	600	650
6. Town Steward's Pension (20%)	300	310
7. Audit Fee	1,000	1,050
8. Printing, Postage etc.	420	420
9. Town Hall Maintenance	1,000	1,000
10. Town Hall Cleaner	150	150
11. Clock Maintenance	---	150
12. Municipal Authorities	1,000	1,200
13. Town Lighting	300	300
14. Receptions/Presentations	300	300
15. Twinning	200	200
16. Members Expenses	3,600	3,780
17. Contribution to Christmas Lights	2,000	2,000
18. Urban Renewal		<u>5,000</u>
TOTAL:	<u>17,080</u>	<u>21,490</u>
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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR TO THE 31/12/1996

RECEIPTS

	Estimate Year Ending 31/12/95 £	Estimate Year Ending 31/12/96 £
<u>HOUSING: -</u>		
1. Rent	8,800	11,500
2. Annuities	4,738	4,850
3. Ground Rents	200	200
<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>13,738</u>	<u>16,550</u>
 <u>OTHER INCOME: -</u>		
<i>Contribution from local community for William Rowan</i> Town Hall		1,000
<i>Transfer of £1000 from members 1995 expenses</i> Interest	3,300	4,200
<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>3,300</u>	4,200 6,200
<u>GRAND TOTAL:</u>	<u>£17,038</u>	£20,750 £22,750
 ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR		
	£44,560	£50,390
 ESTIMATED RECEIPTS FOR YEAR		
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 <u>AMOUNT OF DEMAND</u>		
<u>ON GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL:</u>	£27,522	£29,640 £27,640

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<u>AMOUNT OF DEMAND ON GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL:</u>	<u>£27,522</u>	<u>£29,640</u>

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TUAM CLERK'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

Tel. 093-24246

To each Town Commissioner

18th October, 1995

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Estimates

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Remedial work at Gilmartin Road

Pedestrian Crossing at Dublin Road

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On the proposition of Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Reilly, the minutes of meeting held on 5th September, 1995 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, 3rd October, 1995

Present: Chairman: P. Finnegan ✓
Commissioners: M. Kelly, ✓ T. Reilly, ✓ J. Burke, ✓ E. Mongan, ✓
G. Browne-Lane, ✓ M. O'Grady, ✓ F. Biggins ✓
Officials: Mr. T. Kavanagh, Acting Assistant County Manager
Mr. O. Higgins, Town Engineer

The prayer was recited.

The Chairman and members wished Mr. Declan Nelson a speedy recovery.

Tuam Water Supply: The Chairman and members discussed the serious shortage of a water supply in Tuam in recent weeks. They complimented the Council staff on doing everything possible to alleviate the situation and notifying the public. They said that even when the new Tuam Regional Water Supply Scheme comes into operation, it might not benefit the town because of the faulty pipework system. This would be a ludicrous situation. Mr. Kavanagh agreed that the water shortage had been a serious one. The main cause was the drought which had affected many schemes but the old pipe network was a contributory factor resulting in loss of water through leakage. He said the Council had constantly monitored the situation and were in touch with the Health Board and only took water from the Clare River as a last resort. He said that a new pipe distribution system for the town had been planned as Stage Two of the Regional Scheme but the Council was now pressing the Department to bring that forward into Stage 1. The estimated cost was £350,000. On the proposition of Commissioner Browne-Lane, it was agreed to seek a deputation to the Minister to have the distribution system approved as quickly as possible. On proposition of Commissioner Burke, it was agreed to support Roscommon County Council's application for a sewerage scheme for Ballyhaunis which would improve the quality of the water of the Dalgan River which in turn flows into the Clare River.

Minutes: On the proposition of Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Reilly, the minutes of meeting held on 5th September, 1995 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising: Town Hall: The Chairman referred to the application of Tuam Theatre Guild for use of the old Library Room. Mr. Kavanagh advised that the Commissioners should not allow any group use any part of the Town Hall unless it was in good order, and appropriate rent paid and a leasing agreement entered into enabling the tenancy to be terminated at short notice. The Town Engineer stated that the Library Room was not in a safe condition and needed to be re-wired and heating provided. Following discussions it was agreed that the Town Engineer would meet representatives of the Theatre Guild and Christmas Craft Fair and show them the condition of the Library Room. The Commissioners asked that the Exhibition Room in the Library be considered as an alternative for the Craft Fair.

On the suggestion of Commissioner Biggins, it was agreed that the Assistant County Manager might meet Ms. Emer Colleran and Ms. Anna McHugh of the National Heritage Council, as an alternative to asking them to attend a Board Meeting.

Level Crossing: Replying to Commission Kelly, the Town Engineer said that the road works at the level crossing would be started as soon as work on the Inner Relief Road was finished.

Toilets: The Assistant County Manager said that the County Council was aware of the need and the Commissioner's desire for replacement toilets. The members asked that the Shambles Car Park be cleaned up and that the derelict site there be investigated with a view to incorporating it into the car park.

Urban Renewal: Commissioner Burke complimented the Council on the work being done and asked if walls would be provided at the River and alternative lights which would light the arches of the bridge. The Town Engineer confirmed that new walls would be provided and new lighting was also being considered.

Gilmartin Road: The Commissioners asked that the Council's further plans for remedial works on houses on Gilmartin Road and also No. 56, be put on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Nuclear Testing: On the proposition of Commissioner Burke, it was agreed that a further letter be sent to the French Embassy complaining about their Nuclear Testing.

Managers Business: The Acting Assistant County Manager informed the members that the audit for the year ended 31/12/94 had been completed and the report awaited. He requested the Commissioner's approval to over expenditure of £6, 837.00 for year ended 31/12/94. This was agreed on the proposition of Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Kelly.

Estimates Meeting: It was agreed that the meeting to consider the Estimate of Expenses for 1996 would be held on 24th October, 1995 and that the November meeting would also be held on that night.

- Correspondence:**
1. Letter from Ballymote Road Residents dated 5th September, 1995.
It was agreed that a reply should issue conveying the Commissioner's support for road improvements and public lighting.
 2. Letter from Irish Wheelchair Association dated 12th September, 1995.
The Commissioners supported an application for a public phone service for wheelchair users in Tuam.
 3. Letter dated 8th September, 1995 from Dublin Corporation -
Commissioners agreed to support.
 4. Letter from Cumann Comórtha 1798 dated 7th September, 1995
It was noted that there was no 1798 monument in the town.
 5. Letter from Vintners Federation of Ireland dated 30th August, 1995
The Commissioners couldn't support the full motion but would support the following motion:
"We the Tuam Town Commissions call on Minister Mervyn Taylor and the Government to ensure that the proposed Equal Status Legislation is balanced and fair and does not seriously undermine business confidence, lead to public disorder and/or unnecessarily clogging the courts with litigation and claims for damages/discrimination."

- Notices of Motion:**
1. "Monument at the Square"
The Assistant County Manager stated that a draft wording would be put before the Commissioners.
 2. "Teampall Jarlath "
The members agreed that the O.P.W. should be requested to take over Teampall Jarlath but that a representative from O.P.W. should first be invited to a meeting to discuss this historical site.

3. "Pedestrian Crossing at upper Dublin Road"
It was agreed to defer this to the next meeting

4. "Traffic Bye-Laws"
Mr. Kavanagh stated that the way forward would be to ask the County Council and the Garda Superintendent to update the schedules attached to the County Bye-laws insofar as Tuam was concerned. This was agreed.

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

Walsh Family, Ballygaddy Road
McGinn Family, Old Road
Treacy Family, O'Keefes Terrace
O'Brien Family, Vicar Street
Stockwell Family, Tullmadaly Road

This concluded the meeting.

SIGNED BY: _____
CHAIRMAN.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

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

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

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

Tel. 093-24246

To each Town Commissioner

27th September, 1995

A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on Tuesday, 3rd October, 1995..... at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

..... *Angela Hagan* Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Tuam Water Supply - Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

Minutes

Manager's Business

Correspondence

Public Toilets/Car park

Urban/Village Renewal

Letter from Vintners Federation of Ireland

Notices of Motion: (1) Commissioner Burke

"I propose that Galway County Council, who funded the erection of the Monument at the Square, put explanatory notes on the base of same."

(2) Commissioner Burke - "I will propose that Tuam Town Commissioners request the O.P.W. to formally take over Teampeall Jarlath, the most historical site in Tuam, for proper development."

(3) Commissioner Reilly - "I propose that Galway County Council provide a Pedestrian Crossing at upper Dublin Road before a major accident occurs."

(4) Commissioner Biggins - "I propose that Tuam Town Commissioners re-introduce the Traffic bye laws re: parking which would help to alleviate the traffic congestion in the Town."

Replying to Commissioner Burke the Town Engineer said work at the Level crossing at Galway Road is to be carried out immediately. The road will be closed from 6 a.m. on Sunday 10th September, 1995. The crossing will be repaired and further work will be carried out by Galway County Council. Repling to Commissioner Kelly he said there would be facilities for Pedestrians.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

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

Present:

Chairman: P. Finnegan

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

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

The Prayer was recited.

Minutes:

The Chairman congratulated all who took part in the Community games.

Commissioner O'Grady said he was of the opinion at the July Meeting that there would be no meeting in August.

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Kelly seconded by Commissioner Burke.

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F.A.S. Scheme:

Replying to Commissioner Reilly the Town Engineer said there was no date yet for the commencement of the F.A.S. scheme.

Public Toilets:

Commissioner Reilly told the Meeting he supported the demolition of the toilets at the Shambles. Commissioner Burke said the Members should have been consulted. He proposed that the toilets at Abbey Trinity not be demolished until replacements are ready. Commissioner O'Grady called on Galway County Council to examine the Shambles car park and regulate the situation there. The Chairman proposed that the matter be put on the agenda until such time as new toilets are erected and the car park is given a "facelift". The Assistant County Manager told the Meeting that two Members of the Board had called on Galway County Council to demolish the toilets and the Commissioners had been informed. The toilets at Abbey Trinity can remain for the present. Funding will be considered for replacement toilets. The Planning process will be adhered to and the Board will be advised. Commissioner Reilly thanked the Town Engineer for providing a skip at Abbey Trinity.

Inner relief road:

The Chairman told the meeting (re additional funding for roads recently allocated) that no consultation had taken place/no democratic decision locally. There was no time to press for the inner relief road. Replying to Commissioner Kelly the Town Engineer said there are not sufficient funds to complete the road this year.

Level Crossing:

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Urban Renewal: Commissioner Biggins stated that the Minutes of the August Meeting were incorrect "see page 2" last item. This should read "Minister Stagg gave a commitment to persue the Town Commissioners application for Urban Renewal." It was proposed, seconded and agreed to write to the T. D.'s for the area. The Assistant County Manager said he was of the opinion that no further designation would be made for the immediate future.

Road Sweeper: Replying to Commissioners Kelly and Burke the Town Engineer said it was hoped to make provision in the 1996 estimate for a mechanical/automated road sweeper.

Urban/Village Renewal: The Town Engineer informed the meeting that a new scheme had commenced at Shop Street/Bridge/River area. Replying to the Members he said discussions were held with the Office of Public Works and the Dept. of Fisheries. Commissioner Lane suggested that the Presentation Sisters be consulted. It was agreed that a sub-committee be formed with three People from the Town Commissioners, three People from the Chamber of Commerce and three People from the Community Council. The matter to be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

Station: Commissioner Burke informed the Meeting that Westrail had now taken possession of the Station. The toilets and waiting room would be available to the Public.

Phone: Regarding a phone for wheelchair users Commissioner Reilly asked that a letter be written to Ms. Patricia Conniffe, Telecom.

The Minutes of the August Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Burke seconded by Commissioner Kelly.

Manager's Business: The Assistant County Manager informed the Meeting that a submission under the Urban/Village Renewal Programme 1995 had been approved for Tuam. Under the Scheme expenditure for the year would be £20,000 £10,000 from the Dept. £5,000 from Galway County Council and £5,000 from Tuam. It was proposed by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Kelly and agreed that £5,000 be withdrawn from the Capital Account for the Scheme.

Town Hall: It was noted that Ms. Emer Colleran, Galway and Ms Anna McHugh, Headford have been appointed to the National Heritage Council. It was proposed that both be invited to a future meeting of the Board.

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

1. Letter dated 13th July, 1995 from Cobh Urban District Council: There was unanimous support for the following resolution: "That this Council calls on the Government to introduce a Constitutional amendment - at the next convenient occasion- to recognise the existence of Local Authorities and the important role that Local Government plays in our democratic system. That this motion be submitted to the Constitutional Review Group, and circulated to all local Authorities."
2. Letter dated 13th July, 1995 from Cobh Urban District Council - read.
3. Letter dated 10th August, 1995 from Westport Urban District Council: There was unanimous support for the following resolution: "That this Council deplores the action of the French Government in intercepting the Green Peace Vessel Rainbow Warrior II, that the French Embassy be written to expressing concern, and that this motion be circulated to each Local Authority."
4. Letter dated 8th May, 1995 from Sligo Corporation - read.

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- Correspondence:
5. Letter dated 9th May, 1995 from Monaghan Urban District Council: There was unanimous support for the following resolution: "That in view of the terrible conditions endured by Irish Prisoners in England, that this Council calls on both the Irish and British Governments to immediately introduce the transfer of sentenced persons".
 6. Letter dated 30th August, 1995 from Tuam Theatre Guild. It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Commissioner Lane that Tuam Theatre Guild be given use of the old Library room. The Assistant County Manager asked the Engineer to inspect the room and advise.
 6. Letter dated 30th August, 1995 from Mr. Paul O'Grady, Vintners Federation of Ireland. It was agreed to place same on the agenda for the next meeting. Each Member to be given a copy of the Letter.
 7. Letter dated 30th August, 1995 from Athenry & Tubberjarlath Roads Residents Association. The Engineer was asked to inspect the site in question and report back to the Board.

Notice of Motion: Commissioner Reilly told the Members that he felt that a replica of the High Cross should be erected in the Square. He asked for their support in calling on the O.P.W. to erect a replica in the Square. Commissioner Biggins explained that the O.P.W. will only erect a replica when a monument is being moved from its original place. The erection of a replica was investigated at the time the High Cross was moved but the cost was prohibitive. The Chairman said he would support a replica if it could be provided. It was decided to write to the O.P.W.

Commissioner Reilly requested that the loading Bays as agreed be provided. The Town Engineer stated that he proposed to move the Pedestrian Crossing further up Bishop Street. He also said he proposed altering the car park at Bishop Street - closing two entrances and exits and having traffic enter and exit through the Palace road. He said he would set things in motion.

The Town Engineer said the Plaque at Old Road would be erected.

Congratulations: Clare Hurlers were congratulated on their historic All Ireland win.

Commissioner O'Grady asked the Manager to investigate House No. 56 Gilmartin Road, Tuam. Commissioner Kelly thanked Galway County Council on behalf of Tenants recently allocated new houses.

Famine Rememberance: It was proposed by Commissioner Lane and seconded by Commissioner Mongan that the Board write to Dean Previte re: the remembrance ceremony.

Civic Reception: The Chairman informed the Members that there would be a Civic Reception for Francois Lally, Paris on Wednesday, 20th September, 1995.

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

Kearns Family, Athenry Road on the death of Declan
Archbishop Neary, on the death of his brother-in-law
Connolly Family, Old Road on the death of Mrs. McGinn
Nyland Family, Dublin Road on the death of Marion
Dooley Family, Belclare on the death of Mrs. Dooley
Quinn Family, Dublin Road on the death of Bunny
O'Donnell Family, Parkmore Estate on the death of Trevor

This concluded the Meeting

Recorded by Angela Holian, Town Clerk

Signed by: Patrick Finnegan

CHAIRMAN

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Tel. 093-24246

TUAM CLERK'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

To each Town Commissioner

30th August, 1995

A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on Tuesday, 5th September, 1995.... at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

Present: Chairman: *Angela Holian* Baile Cleireach
Commissioners: *G. Joyce, G. Browne-Lane, M. Kelly,*

AGENDA

Minutes

Manager's Business

Correspondence

Urban/Village Renewal

Notice of Motion: T. Reilly:

- (1) I request the support of the Members to call on the Office of Public Works to have a replica of the High Cross erected at the Square.
- (2) I request Galway County Council to provide Loading Bays as agreed.
- (3) I request Galway County Council to replace plaque at Old Road, Tuam

Mr. O. Higgins, Town Engineer, inspected the Public Toilet facilities and stated that they needed to be replaced. A quotation has been received from a company who supplies Public Conveniences on site. Money is to be provided for replacement of the Public Toilet facilities in the 1996 Estimates.

The Town Engineer was asked to provide a skip, at the Car Park at Abbey Trinity. This skip to be collected on a weekly basis if possible. The residents clean the area on a weekly basis and would appreciate same. It would also alleviate the problem of dumping at the Bottle Bank.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Wednesday, 9th August, 1995

Present: Chairman: P. Finnegan
Commissioners: G. Joyce, G. Browne-Lane, M. Kelly,
J. Burke, F. Biggins.
Officials: Mr. D. Nelson, Assistant County Manager
Mr. O. Higgins, Town Engineer
Ms. E. Hourigan, Acting Town Clerk.

Apology from Commissioner E. Mongan.

The opening prayer was recited.

Minutes: The minutes were read by the Chairman, Mr. P. Finnegan. The following matters were raised by the Commissioners regarding same.

Green Areas & Palace Grounds require regular maintenance and funds must be found in order for every area to receive the attention warranted.

It is important that the FAS Scheme commences as soon as possible.

The Assistant County Manager, Mr. Nelson, read a letter from Mr. C.D. Waters, Iarnrod Eireann, regarding the Widening of the Railway Gates at Tuam. It is hoped to have this work completed by 31st October, 1995.

The Assistant County Manager stated that there was no response to our letters from the National Heritage Council.

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Mary Corless:

A reception was held in the Imperial Hotel, this evening in honour of Ms. Mary Corless, Irish Swimming Champion. A piece of Galway Crystal was presented to Ms. Corless, by the Chairman of Tuam Town Commissioners, Mr. P. Finnegan.

Galway Football Teams:

The Chairman and fellow Commissioners congratulated the Galway Football Teams, both Minor and Senior and wished them luck in their forthcoming matches.

Reception:

A notice of a Civic Reception in honour of Professor and Mrs. Toma, Bulgaria, organised by Tuam Mental Health Association will be held on 19th August, 1995, was circulated at this meeting.

William Mannion:

A reception to honour Mr. William Mannion, Clerical Officer and Former Town Clerk, to be arranged. Mr. Mannion, who worked in the Tuam Area Office retired from Galway County Council after 44 years service on 29th July, 1995.

1995 Tenant Purchase Scheme

On the proposal of Commissioner J. Burke, and seconded by Commissioner T. Reilly, the members unanimously adopted the 1995 Tenant Purchase Scheme as circulated.

Urban Renewal

It was stated that the Department may include six additional towns to be designated since the plan for urban renewal was submitted. A letter to be written to the Department of the Environment, regarding any proposals to include additional towns. The Manager is to review the plan submitted.

Inner Relief Road

The meeting noted that additional road funds were recently allocated to the County Council. The Commissioners asked that the Inner Relief Road be included in the list of roads currently being drawn up by the County Engineer.

Mr. O. Higgins, Town Engineer, pointed out that this money is to be spent on surface dressing and surface restoration, (roads where we are continually filling pot-holes). There are certain conditions attached with regard to this money, mainly, that the work must be completed by September, 1995. The Inner Relief Road is not eligible for this money.

Commissioner Biggins stated that Minister. E. Stagg gave a commitment in writing to provide funding for the inner relief road and the Commissioners now wish to arrange a meeting with Minister Stagg to discuss same.

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Notice of Motions - T. Reilly

1. Request that Tuam Town Commissions call on Bus Eireann to construct a Bus shelter and time-table at Tuam Station and also Telecom to install a phone at same.

Commissioner J. Burke stated that a Caretaker Agreement has been reached between West Rail and Bus Eireann. West Rail will take over the Station Complex. It is intended to provide a Waiting Room, Toilets, etc., and may be a Hostel in this area.

2. Request that Tuam Town Commissioners call on Telecom to provide a phone for wheelchair users in Tuam.

The Commissioners agreed that a letter be written to Telecom Eireann requesting them to install Telephone facilities for Wheelchair users in the Town. Both Card and Coin Phones to be installed.

Purchase of Road Sweeper

The Town Engineer was asked to investigate the cost of purchasing a Suction Road Sweeper or a Battery Operated Truck and where possible to arrange a demonstration. The Commissioners complimented the man currently doing the work, but felt that the above may assist him more easily in his task.

Sympathy:

A vote of Sympathy was passed with the following families.

Mrs. Madge O'Dea on the death of her husband, Danny, and sister, Ms. Kitty Cooney.

Mrs. Ann Gallagher on the death of her husband, Peter.

Cahill Family, Church View, Tuam, on the death of Joseph.

Connolly Family, Church View, Tuam, on the death of John.

Cunniffe Family, Galway Road, Tuam, on the death of Patrick.

Mrs. Bridie Nolan, Vicar Street, Tuam, on the death her husband, Bertie.

Mr. Francis Raftery, Hillswood, Tuam, on the death of Liam.

Mrs. Paddy Higgins, College Road, Galway, on death of her husband.

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by E. Hourigan, Acting Town Clerk.

Signed:

Patrick Turney
Chairman.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, 4th July, 1995

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

TUAM CLERK'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

Tel. 093-24246

To each Town Commissioner

28th July, 1995.....

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on Wednesday, 9th August, 1995..... at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

..... *Angel Holian* Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Minutes

Manager's Business

Correspondence

Approval of 1995 Tenant Purchase Scheme

Approval of Vesting Order: Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Blade

Urban Renewal

Notice of Motion - T. Reilly

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2. I request that Tuam Town Commissioners call on Telecom to provide a phone for wheelchair users in Tuam.
3. letter dated 30/6/'95 from Dr. John Cunningham - The Town Engineer was asked to investigate re: repeated damage to wall, railings and gate pillars by trucks and large vans.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, 4th July, 1995

Present:

Chairman: P. Finnegan

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

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

Apology: Commissioner Mongan

The prayer was recited.

Minutes:

The Town Engineer told the Members that a parking space for wheel-chair users would be marked during the coming week also the ramps at Galway road/Gilmartin road.

Level Crossing:

The Town Engineer stated that Iarnrod Eireann had been informed of the views expressed at the last meeting of the Board. The Acting Assistant County Manager informed the Members that Galway County Council had been in contact with Iarnrod Eireann during the previous week. The Manager was asked to contact Iarnrod Eireann again the next morning.

Town Hall:

The Acting Assistant County Manager informed the meeting that the National Heritage Council had been contact with Galway County Council.

Urban Renewal:

Urban Renewal to be included on the agenda for the next Meeting.

Urbanisation:

Commissioner Biggins acknowledged receipt of copy of the submission to the Commission on Local Government Reform. He said that in future Local Authorities should set aside a percentage of revenue for Industrial Development.

Green Areas:

Replying to Commissioner Browne-Lane the Engineer said a F.A.S. scheme is to commence shortly.

Replying to Commissioner Burke the Acting Assistant County Manager said plans for the Bridge/shop Street/River project, approved by Galway County Council, had been sent to the Department.

Public Toilets:

The Town Engineer informed the Meeting that a decision to demolish the toilets had not been taken yet. The Engineer was asked to prepare an estimate of cost of replacement and this to be included in the Estimates for 1996.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

1. Letter dated 3/7/'95 from Irish Wheelchair Association - read
2. Letter dated 12/6/'95 from Allied Irish Bank - read
3. letter dated 30/6/'95 from Dr. John Cunningham - The Town Engineer was asked to investigate re: repeated damage to wall, railings and gate pillars by trucks and large vans.

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

- Fallon Family, Athlone on the death of Sean
- Wilson Family on the death of Gordan
- Lavelle Family on the death of Margaret
- Cruckshank Family on the death of Alan
- Gallagher Family on the death of Martin
- Rabbitte Family of the death of Mrs. Rabbitte
- Fallon Family, Toberjarlath on the death of Noel
- Gannon Family, Gorey on the death of Paddy

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY

CHAIRMAN

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The outgoing Chairman...
 His year in Office...
 of the Urban Water Scheme...
 crossing at Galway Road...
 In the coming year...
 Finance Officer, the Engineer...
 Galway Bay F.P., and Members...
 the year...
 It was proposed by Commissioner...
 Browne-Lane that Commissioner...
 Chairman of Tuam Town Council...
 other proposal Commissioner...
 he thanked the Members...
 Chairman...
 also Urban Renewal...
 role in promoting...
 Election of Vice-Chairman...
 position of Vice-Chairman...
 seconded Commissioner Burke...
 Chairman of Tuam Town Commissioners...
 no other proposal Commissioner Kelly...
 This concluded the Meeting.

SIGNED BY

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CHAIRMAN

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Annual Meeting held on Tuesday, 4th July, 1995

Present:

Chairman: J. Burke - outgoing

Commissioners: M. Kelly, M. O'Grady, G. Joyce, G. Browne-Lane
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Apology: Commissioner Mongan

The Prayer was recited.

Election of Chairman: The outgoing Chairman recalled events during his year in Office. He said it had been a quiet year but the provision of the Tuam Water Scheme was a major success. He said the Level crossing at Galway Road and the inner relief road would be completed in the coming year. He thanked the Manager, the County Secretary, the Finance Officer, the Engineer, the Town Clerk, Officials, the Press, Galway Bay F.M., and 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 Reilly and seconded by Commissioner Browne-Lane that Commissioner Finnegan be elected to hold the Office of Chairman of Tuam Town Commissioners for the coming year. There being no other proposal Commissioner Finnegan was elected. He then took the Chair. He thanked the Members for electing him. He paid tribute to the outgoing Chairman. He said the Board would continue to seek employment for Tuam also Urban Renewal. He hoped the Town Commissioners would have a greater role in environmental and heritage development.

Election of Vicechairman: The Chairman invited proposals for the position of Vicechairman. It was proposed by Commissioner Biggins and seconded by Commissioner Burke that Commissioner Kelly be elected vice chairman of Tuam Town Commissioners for the coming year. There being no other proposal Commissioner Kelly was elected. He thanked the Members.

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY

Patrick Finnegan
CHAIRMAN

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Annual Meeting held on Tuesday, 4th July, 1995

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This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY _____
CHAIRMAN

For August Meeting

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Tuam Town Commissioners,
Town Hall,
Tuam,
Co. Galway.

Ref. No. 51 Yoberjarlach Rd.

To: Each Member:-

Pursuant to Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 and in accordance with Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966 as amended by Section 4 of the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) Act, 1978, notice is hereby given that it is proposed to sell a dwelling owned by the Council to a tenant.

The particulars are as follows:-

Land Acquired From:-

Location:- 51 Yoberjarlach Rd

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:- Mr + Mrs Paddy Blade

OF:

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £7,150

The conditions to be included in the sale will contain, among others:-

the conditions as specified in the Form of Transfer Order prescribed in the Housing Regulations, 1980.

This matter will appear on the Agenda for consideration at the next meeting of the Council which will be held after the expiration of 10 days from the date of this Notice.

Signed Angela Holman

Date 17/7/95

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, 6th June, 1995

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Tel. 093-24246

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

To each Town Commissioner

28th June, 1995

A CHARA,

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

on Tuesday, 4th July, 1995 at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

Angela Holian
Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Election of Chairman

Election of Vicechairman

Minutes

Manager's Business

Correspondence

Replying to Commissioner Lane the Engineer said he expected to have confirmation of the maintenance budget this week and then the green areas would be dealt with. Commissioner Finnegan said leampei Jariacu also needed attention. Commissioner Reilly asked that Hog weed at the River Nanny be sprayed.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, 6th June, 1995

Present:

Chairman: J. Burke

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

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

The Prayer was recited.

Parking:

Replying to Commissioner Biggins the Town Engineer said a space in the car park would be marked for wheelchair users. Ramps at Gilmartin Road/Galway Road would be provided shortly.

Crossing:

The Chairman told the meeting that funds had been allocated and the work would go ahead. The Engineer stated that Iarnrod Eireann had been made aware of the condition of the crossing. It was decided to write to Iarnrod Eireann.

Town Hall:

The Assistant County Manager informed the meeting that acknowledgments had been received from Mr. Michael D. Higgins, Minister for Arts, Culture and the Gaeltacht also Mr. Gay Mitchell, Minister of State, Dept. of the Taoiseach.

Urban
Renewal:

Letter dated 31st May, 1995 from Mr. Paul Connaughton, T.D. was read. It was agreed that a joint deputation from the Town Commissioners and the Chamber of Commerce would meet with the Minister for Housing and Urban Renewal at a time and date convenient to her.

Urbanisation:

Replying to Commissioner Biggins the Assistant County Manager said a submission had been sent to the Commission on Local Government Reform. A copy of the submission to be circulated to the Members.

Public:

Commissioner Biggins complimented the Engineer on re-opening the dump on Saturdays. Regarding tickets the Assistant County Manager said three more outlets had been approached. This to be confirmed at next Meeting.

Tuam
Engineering
Area:

Replying to Commissioners Biggins the Engineer said work on the Dublin Road Bypass would continue for another four to six weeks. Replying to Commissioner Kelly he said excavation and construction work has been completed to the wall at carpark at the station. It was proposed by Commissioner Reilly and seconded by Commissioner Kelly that the Public toilets at the Shambles be knocked.

Green Areas:

Replying to Commissioner Lane the Engineer said he expected to have confirmation of the maintenance budget this week and then the green areas would be dealt with. Commissioner Finnegan said Teampel Jarlath also needed attention. Commissioner Reilly asked that Hog weed at the River Nanny be sprayed.

Environmental
Management Scheme: The Assistant County Manager informed the Meeting that following advertisements in the papers one project in Tuam was being proceeded with - the Bridge/Shop Street/River project.

Minutes: The Minutes of the May Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Kelly seconded by Commissioner Biggins.

Manager's
Business: Further to the approval of the Board, at the Town Commissioners Meeting dated 3rd May, 1994, "That Tuam Town Commissioners enter into an agreement with Galway County Council under "section 59" of the Local Government Act 1955 in relation to the remedial work scheme at Gilmartin Road" It was proposed by Commissioner Finnegan, seconded by Commissioner Biggins and agreed that the Legal Agreement be signed and sealed.

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

1. Letter dated 19th May, 1995 from Mr. Noel Treacy, T.D. - read
2. Letter dated 9th May, 1995 from Bundoran Urban District Council - there was unanimous support for the following resolution: "That Bundoran Urban District Council call on the Minister for Justice to immediately amend the Criminal Justice (Public Order) Act, 1994 to prohibit without exception the consumption of alcohol in public places."
3. Letter dated 23rd May, 1995 from Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland - read
4. Letter dated 2nd June, 1995 from Department of the Environment - It was agreed that Commissioner Finnegan attend the conference - "Social Housing - the way ahead".

Notice of
Motion: The Chairman spoke on his notice of motion regarding the disturbances in Tuam on Thursday night 25/5/'95. He condemned the behaviour of the People involved and called on everyone to ensure no repeat of such unacceptable behaviour. The other Members supported the Motion, condemned the violence and hoped it would never happen again.

Following a discussion the Chairman agreed to withdraw the second notice of motion.

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

O'Neill Family on the death of Mrs. O'Neill
Hession Family on the death of Jack
Quinn Family on the death of Freda
Kelly Family on the death of Christy
Roache Family on the death of Mick
Ward Family on the death of Mrs. Ward

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY _____

CHAIRMAN

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

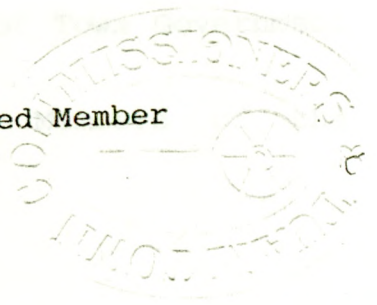
THIS AGREEMENT made the _____ day of _____ One
Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety Four between THE TUAM TOWN
COMMISSIONERS, Town Hall, Tuam, (hereinafter called "The
Commissioners" of the one part) and THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE
COUNTY OF GALWAY having their offices at County Buildings,
Prospect Hill, Galway (hereinafter called "the Council" of the
other part) WHEREAS

1. The Remedial Works Scheme at Gilmartin road, Tuam, is being carried out under the terms of reference set down in Department of the Environment Circular Letter HRT 2/85.
2. The Commissioners are of opinion that it would be more convenient that their powers under Housing Acts 1966 to 1992 should be exercised by the Council with regard to the completion of a Remedial Works Scheme at Gilmartin Road, Tuam.
3. The Council are able and willing to exercise the powers functions or duties of the Commissioners under the Housing Acts in this particular instance in accordance with Section 59 of the Local Government Act 1955.

IN WITNESS whereof the Parties hereto have caused their Seals to be affixed the day and year first herein WRITTEN.

PRESENT when the Seal of the Tuam Town Commissioners was affixed hereto:

[Signature] Chairman/Nominated Member
[Signature] County Manager
[Signature] Town Clerk



PRESENT when the Seal of the County Council of the County of Galway was affixed hereto:

_____ Chairman/Nominated Member
 _____ County Manager
 _____ County Secretary

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

Post Office Box No. 27,
County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

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Mr D Nelson,
Assistant County Manager,
Galway County Council,

12th June, 1995

Mrs. A. Holian,
Town Clerk,
Tuam Town Commissioners,
Tuam,
Co. Galway.

A Chara,

I enclose herewith submission re Review of Town Government
on behalf of Tuam Town Commissioners.

Please circulate the attached to the Members of the
Commission.

Mise, le meas,

D. NELSON,
DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER

Enc.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT
REORGANISATION COMMISSION

Marketing Centre,
Custom House Quay,
Dublin 1.

Tel: 01-8748591

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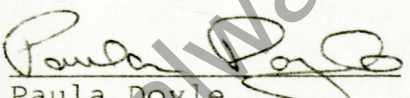
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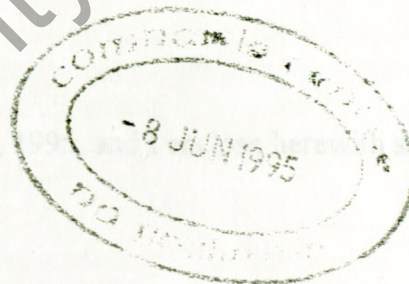
Mr D Nelson,
Assistant County Manager,
Galway County Council,
County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

Dear Mr Nelson.

Thank you for your letters of 9th May and 17th May, 1995
enclosing submissions from Tuam Town Commissioners and
Loughrea Town Commissioners. The contents of these
submissions have been noted for consideration by the
Commission.

Yours sincerely,


Paula Doyle.



D NELSON
ASST. COUNTY MANAGER

SUBMISSION ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT RE-ORGANISATION

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS - MAY 1995

DN/MMG

The functions and the staff of Town Government to be strengthened, particularly in existing large towns with Town Commissioners, so that Town Government is given a meaningful role in the administration of local services and is responsive to the needs of the local community.

9th May 1995

Mr. Dennis Conlon
Secretary
Local Government Re-organisation Commission
Marketing Centre
Custom House
Dublin 1

Re: Review of Town Local Government

Dear Sir

I refer to your letter dated 27th January, 1995, and I enclose herewith submission on behalf of Tuam Town Commission.

Yours faithfully

D. NELSON
ASST. COUNTY MANAGER

SUBMISSION ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT RE-ORGANISATION

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS - MAY 1995

- The functions and the staff of Town Government to be strengthened, particularly in existing large towns with Town Commissions, so that Town Government is given a meaningful role in the administration of local services and is responsive to the needs of the local community.
- The existing system has led to frustration among locally elected members of Town Commissions on the basis that the public perceive the Commission to be inactive and worthless while the reality is that the Commissioners have no effective statutory powers. The principle of subsidiarity should apply to Town Commissioners and services should be devolved to Town Councils which can adequately be performed by them.
- Town Councils should have responsibilities for the administration of housing, local roads, the distribution system of water supplies and sewerage, the provision and maintenance of footpaths, public lighting and green areas.
- Town Councils should have a consultative role with other statutory agencies (including representation on local committees for the delivery of health services, social services, education, industrial development and tourism promotion).
- The administrative area of the Town Council should be co-terminus with the franchise base, ie. all persons voting in the local elections in the town should have a voice on the Local Council and adequate financial resources should be made available to administer the Local Council including once-off starting funding together with annual disbursements thereafter from local sources (ie. proportion of the town rate, service charges, etc.).
- Formal linkages would be established with County Councils and Regional Authorities in the administration of local services, ie. the County Council would provide the headworks treatment plant etc., for sanitary services schemes with the distribution system being administered by the Town Council.

End.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, 2nd May, 1995

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Tel. 093-24246

TUAM CLERK'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

To each Town Commissioner

31st May, 1995

A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on Tuesday, 6th June, 1995 at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

Angela Holian
Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Civic Reception for Al O'Dea at 7.15 p.m. in Imperial Hotel.

Minutes

Manager's Business

Correspondence

Notice of Motion: J. Burke

- (1) I will propose that this Board call on all who live in this Community, Traveller and non Traveller alike, ensure no repeat of the unacceptable behaviour of Thursday night 25th May, 1995.
- (2) I will propose that this Board re-affirm the need for one hardstand, not two, as suggested in the draft document issued by Galway County Council.

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The Town Engineer confirmed that work on the Bypass had started that day.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, 2nd May, 1995

Present:

Chairman: J. Burke

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

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

The Prayer was recited.

Deputation:

The Chairman welcomed a Deputation from Tuam Wheelchair Association - Ms. Mary Holian and Ms. Ursula Clerke. Mrs. Holian told the Meeting that Tuam was very inaccessible for wheelchair users. There is no special parking space for the disabled or phone suitable for use by a person in a wheelchair. She presented the result of a survey carried out. The Deputation then left. During the discussion which followed the Members supported the provision of a car parking space immediately. It was decided to write to the Banks. The Engineer was requested to study the survey and report back to the next meeting.

Town Hall:

Commissioner Biggins told the Meeting that Mr. Michael O'Doherty had inspected the Town Hall on behalf of the Dept. of Arts, Culture and the Gaeltacht. Commissioner Finnegan told the Meeting that a sub-committee of the North East Galway Development Company would like to carry out a survey in the Town to see what the People would like done with the Town Hall. This was supported.

Urban Renewal:

Letters dated 24th and 27th April, 1995 from Ms. Liz McManus, T. D., Minister for Housing and Urban Renewal were read. The contents of the letters were described as totally unacceptable. It was decided to write again the Minister McManus also Deputies Kitt, Connaughton and Treacy.

Urbanisation:

Replying to Commissioner Biggins the Assistant County Manager said the correspondence from the previous meeting had been sent to the Dept.

Dump:

Replying to Commissioner O'Grady the Engineer said he would be recommending that the dump be open until 5pm on Fridays and all day on Saturdays. The Members requested that tickets for entry to the dump be sold at different outlets.

Tuam Engineering Area:

Commissioner Biggins thanked the Galway County Councillors for securing an extra £30,000 as well as the £50,000 allocated to proceed with the Dublin Road Bypass. The Chairman informed the Meeting that the County Manager had given a commitment that the Bypass will be opened in 1996. The Town Engineer confirmed that work on the Bypass had started that day.

Parkmore: The Chairman informed the Meeting that the Residents had met with the County Council. The Board supported the co-operation between the Residents and the County Council.

Green Areas: Replying to Commissioner Lane the Engineer said as soon as confirmation of a budget for Town maintenance was received the green areas would be attended to. She asked that the surface of the play area in the Palace grounds be attended to.

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

Manager's Business: The Assistant County Manager informed the Meeting that the Minister for the Environment had recently announced a new Environmental Grant scheme for Urban and Rural development. Between £20,000 and £40,000 could be available for Tuam provided there is a matching involvement from the community. Details will be published in the near future.

It was agreed that the Annual Meeting of Tuam Town Commissioners be held on Tuesday 4th July, 1995.

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

1. Letter dated 2nd May, 1995 from Old Tuam Society - read
2. Letter dated 26th April, 1995 from Clare County Council. It was proposed by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Lane and agreed that the Chairman attend a "Grasslands Seminar".
3. Letter dated 12th April, 1995 from Mr. Paul Connaughton, T. D. - read
4. Letter dated 22nd April, 1995 from North Galway Hunt - read
5. Letter dated 6th April, 1995 from Edenderry Town Commissioners - read

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the Chairman of the Commissioners and the Chairman of the Tuam Straubing Twinning Committee both sign a letter of greeting to the Mayor of Straubing.

Commissioner Kelly requested that land at the rear of houses at Gilmartin road be examined and the report be made available to the Board. Commissioner Reilly asked that fencing at Tirboy be repaired.

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

- Brady Family on the death of Stephen
- Higgins Family on the death of Alva
- Burke Family on the death of James
- Mongan Family, Belclare on the deaths in Kilarney

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY


CHAIRMAN



**Tuam/Straubing
Twinning Committee**

Mill Museum,
Tuam,
Co. Galway,
Ireland.

Telephone: (093) 24463

Fax: (093) 25111

Herrn
Oberbürgermeister
Fritz Geisperger
Rathaus
94315 Straubing

Dear Herr Oberbürgermeister,

we in Ireland were spared the horror, destruction and death suffered by all those involved in the Second World War.

On this day we celebrate 50 years of peace between nations in Europe and we rejoice at the reconciliation of peoples.

Our experience since twinning with your city in 1991 has been one of joy and fulfillment. Through our many meetings and exchanges we have built up what we hope will be a lasting friendship.

The most recent group of Tuam students to visit Straubing on the student Exchange Programme has just returned full of praise and gratitude for the warm and friendly welcome they received in Straubing. This is the 7th group of students from Tuam to exchange with students from Straubing.

We believe this is an ideal way towards a new and tolerant Europe which can have peace and understanding amongst all its citizens.

We in Ireland are also beginning to enjoy the fruits and joy of peace at home and hope to see the fall of barriers and experience reconciliation on our own island.

We welcome the end of the division of Germany and we hope that other peoples in Europe at present in conflict can find peace and reconciliation.

We wish all blessings upon our many friends in Straubing.

This 8th day of May, 1995

On behalf of the Tuam / Straubing Twinning Committee:

Martin McDonnell, Chairman

On behalf of Tuam Town Commissioners:

Joseph Burke, Chairman

Committee Members

Mr. Martin McDonnell (Chairman), Ms. Mary Turner (Secretary)

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, 4th April, 1995

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

TUAM CLERK'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

Tel. 093-24246

27th April, 1995

To each Town Commissioner

A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on Tuesday, 2nd May, 1995 at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

A. Nolan Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Deputation from Wheelchair Association

Minutes

Manager's Business

Correspondence

Galway County Council Archives

- Letter dated 23rd March, 1995 from North Galway Hunt. The following resolution passed at the February Meeting was rescinded by a vote of 10 in favour of maintaining the decision and six against. The Assistant County Manager advised the Meeting 4th March 1995 that Graystones Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Justice to enact legislation to ban fox hunting and hare coursing.
- Letter dated 23rd March, 1995 from Office of the Minister for Housing and Urban Renewal read.
- Letter dated 10th March, 1995 from Passage West Town Commission. There was unanimous support for the following Motion: "That we as a Local Authority express our appreciation of work done by former and present Governments in reaching an agreement with their British counterparts to lead to the publication of the Framework Document on Northern Ireland and the Government recognition of the right to consideration by all parties of the recently prepared Unionist Document and any other document as a step forward to the continuation of peace and the eventual establishment of a permanent peace in these Islands as approved by the democratic process in which all parties North and South would hopefully participate".

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, 4th April, 1995

Present:

Chairman: J. Burke

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

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

The Prayer was recited.

Town Hall:

It was decided to send a copy of the application for funding, made to the National Heritage Council, to Mr. Gay Matchell, T. D., Minister of State, Dept. of the Taoiseach also to Mr. Michael D. Higgins, T. D., Minister for Arts, Culture and the Gaeltacht.

Urban Renewal:

It was decided to write again to Ms. Liz McManus, T. D.

Minutes:

The Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Finnegan seconded by Commissioner Kelly.

Parkmore Estate:

Commissioner Finnegan told the Meeting that there had been an influx of parked caravans in Parkmore Estate. The Members spoke of complaints received regarding caravans, stray dogs and horses and called on Galway County Council to regulate the situation. The Assistant County Manager informed the Meeting that three Families were to be offered accommodation at the Halting site. He also said he was meeting a deputation from Parkmore Residents Association on Friday, 7th April. The Assistant County Manager was asked to have a report on the situation for the next meeting also a report on progress on the proposed new Halting site.

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

1. Letter dated 25th March, 1995 from North Galway Hunt. The following resolution passed at the February Meeting was rescinded by a vote of three in favour of maintaining the decision and six against:
"That Greystones Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Justice to enact legislation to ban fox hunting and hare coursing."
2. Letter dated 23rd March, 1995 from Office of the Minister for Housing and Urban Renewal - read
3. Letter dated 10th March, 1995 from Passage West Town Commission. There was unanimous support for the following Motion:
"That we as a Local Authority express our appreciation of work done by former and present Governments in reaching an agreement with their British counterparts to lead to the publication of the Framework Document on Northern Ireland and the Government recognition of the right to consideration by all parties of the recently prepared Unionist Document and any other document as a step forward to the continuation of peace and the eventual establishment of a permanent peace in these Islands as approved by the democratic process in which all parties North and South would hopefully participate".

4. Letter dated 8th March, 1995 from Tipperary SR County Council. There was support for the following resolution provided Ireland and the U. K. adopted the same time: "That this Council calls on the Government to give serious consideration to the adaptation to Central European Time for Ireland.
5. Letter dated 8th March, 1995 from Tipperary SR County Council. There was unanimous agreement for the following resolution: "That this Council requests the Government to demonstrate it's support for Local Government by putting into place a proper funding system and by signing relevant European Union Acts supportive of local Government and that this motion be circulated to all Local Authorities for their support".
6. Letter dated 16th February, 1995 from New Ross Urban District Council. There was unanimous support for the following resolution: "That this Council condemns the advantage taken by the Electricity Supply Board because of its momopoly in supplying electricity services. The Council particularly condemns the position whereby the Electricity Supply Board do not replace obsolete lights and require Local Authorities to pay for such replacemtns".
7. Letter dated 6th March, 1995 from Dungarvan Urban District Council. There was unanimous support for the following resolution: "That this Council seek the support of all local authorities in an appeal to those directly and indirectly involved in the peace process i.e. Minister for Foreign Affairs, Leadership of Sinn Fein, Unionist Leaders and British Ministers with responsibility for Northern Ireland, to bring about an end to punishment beatings in Northern Ireland as these beatings run counter to the principle of a cessation of violence".
8. Letter dated 21st February, 1995 from Shannon Town Commissioners - read
9. Letter dated 6th March, 1995 from Mr. Noel Treacy, T. D. - read
10. Letter dated 14th March, 1995 from Mr. Noel Treacy, T. D. - read
11. letter dated 29th March, 1995 from Athenry Road Residents Association. The letter was refered to the Town Engineer and a report was requested for the next meeting.
12. Audit Report dated 27th January, 1995 from Dept. of the Environment - noted.

Notice of
Motion:

1. Commissioner Reilly told the Meeting that the bricks to refurbish foot-paths were at the carpark. He called on the County Council to provide the funding to carry out the refurbishment work. The Town Engineer stated that funds for 1995 had not yet been allocated.
2. Commissioner Reilly proposed that the E. S. B. be requested to replace obsolete lights and install extra lights in Tuam. The Town Engineer informed the Meeting that Galway County Council are the lighting Authority for the Town. He had got an estimate recently from the E.S.B. and it is hoped to have lights replaced this year.

Dump:

Commissioner O'Grady queried why the town dump was now being closed at 4p.m. daily and at weekends, also why the introduction of charges to enter the dump. Commissioner Reilly stated that 300 vehicles per day use the dump. The Members objected to the closure of the dump at weekends. They also requested a report on plans for the provision of a collection station before the closure of the dump. Replying the Assistant County Manager said the charges were a matter for Galway County Council. He undertook to have a report for the next meeting.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Tuam Engineering Area:

Commissioner Biggins told the meeting he was aware that the Allocation for the Tuam Engineering area had been reduced for the second year running. While there has been a £100,000 supplementary Grant for the outer ring road there has been no allocation for the inner relief road. The Chairman and Commissioner Finnegan said the matter would be discussed at the next meeting of Galway County Council to be held on 10th April, 1995 and they would do everything possible to ensure Tuam got a fair allocation. It was decided to write to the other Councillors for the area seeking their support for extra funding.

Local Town Government:

It was proposed by Commissioner Biggins, seconded by Commissioner Kelly and agreed that the Town Commissioners have responsibility for the area within the extended Town Boundary, responsibility for housing, local roads, water and sewerage, footpaths, lighting, green areas/local amenities and should have a consultative role on Health services, Social services, Education, Industrial and Tourism promotion. The Assistant County Manager was requested to prepare a submission to be sent to the Committee on Local Government reform.

Sympathy:

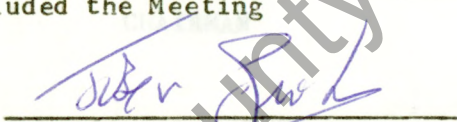
A vote of Sympathy was passed with the following Families:

- Fitzgerald Family on the death of Dr. Paddy
- White Family on the death of John
- Casserly Family on the death of Molly
- Larkin Family on the death of Kieran
- Meehan Family on the death of Tommy Penston
- McDonagh Family on the death of Kieran

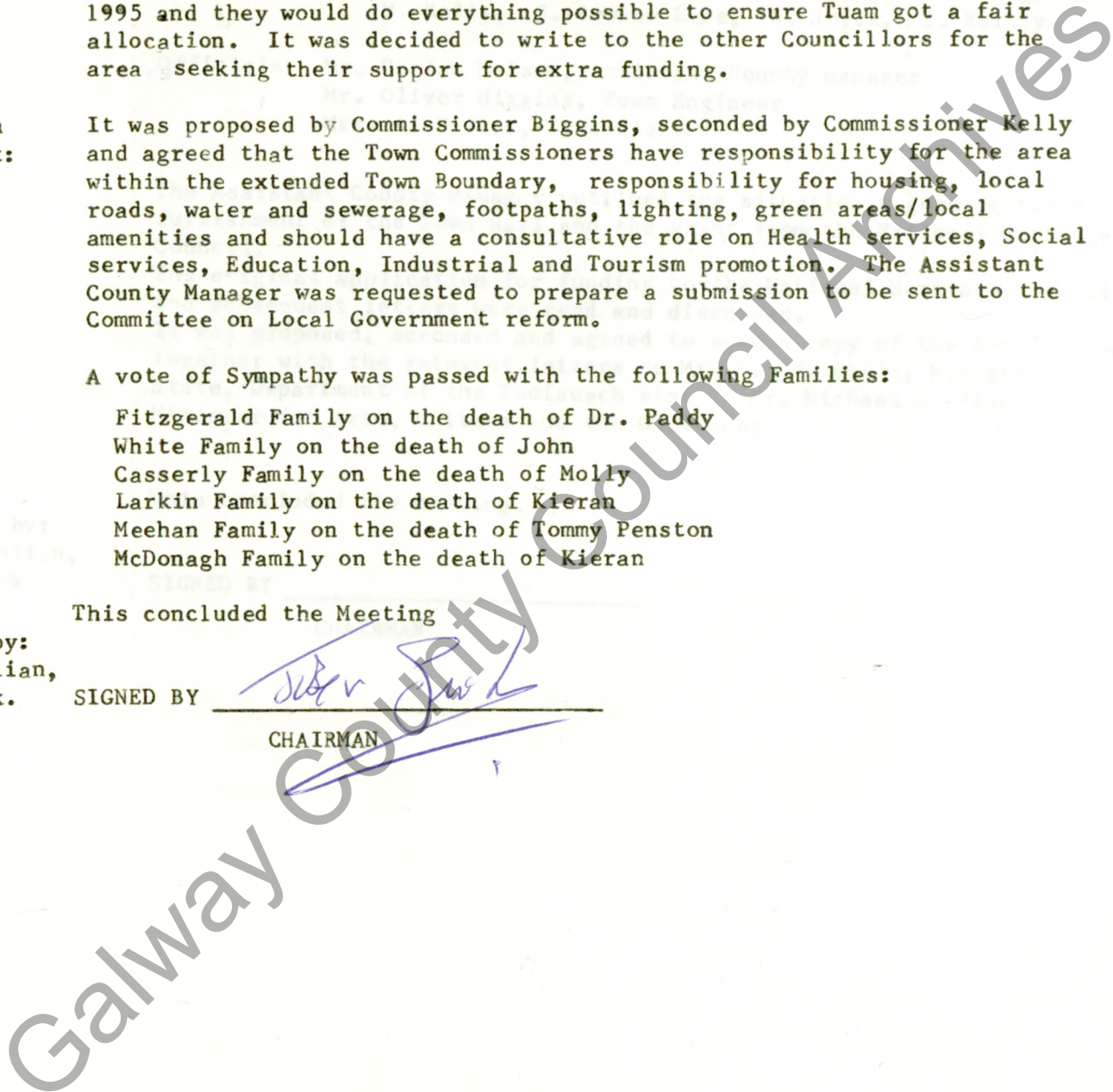
This concluded the Meeting

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk.

SIGNED BY



CHAIRMAN



TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Special Meeting held 7.15pm on Tuesday, 4th April, 1995

Present:

Chairman: J. Burke

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

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

The Assistant County Manager outlined the situation regarding the re-furbishment of the Town Hall and the grant from the National Heritage Council.

The original application for funding to the National Heritage Council and subsequent letters were read and discussed.

It was proposed, seconded and agreed to send a copy of the Application together with the relevant letters to Mr. Gay Mitchell, Minister of State, Department of the Taoiseach also to Mr. Michael D. Higgins, Minister for Arts, Culture and the Gaeltacht.

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY _____

CHAIRMAN

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, 28th February, 1995

Present:

Chairman: J. Burke

Commissioners: M. O'Grady, M. Kelly, P. Finnegan, E. Mongan

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

TUAM CLERK'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

Tel. 093-24246

To each Town Commissioner

..29th March, 1995..

A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on ..Tuesday, 4th April, 1995..... at ~~8.00~~ 7.15 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

A. Nolan

Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Discussion on Grant from National Heritage Society at 7.15p.m.
(in committee)

Minutes

Manager's Business

Correspondence

Abstract of Accounts

Notice of Motion - Comm. Reilly

- (1) I propose Galway County Council provide the monies necessary for completion of footpaths in Tuam plus extra funding for extra Council Workers to carry out the work.
- (2) I propose that Galway County Council replace obsolete lights and install extra lights where necessary in Tuam.

The Assistant County Manager agreed that he would take immediate action in regard to stray horses and caravans at Parkmore Estate. Commissioner Mongan called for the early provision of a second halting site. The Chairman asked that the Board be informed of the situation at the Halting site - is it fully occupied?

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, 28th February, 1995

Present:

Chairman: J. Burke

Commissioners: M. O'Grady, M. Kelly, P. Finnegan, E. Mongan
T. Reilly, G. Joyce, G. Lane, F. Biggins

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

The Prayer was recited.

Town Hall:

Commissioner Finnegan told the Members he had received an acknowledgment of the application, sent to the Department of Arts Culture and the Gaeltacht. Commissioner Biggins undertook to contact the Department with a view to having someone come to inspect the Town Hall and advise. It was decided to meet "in committee" prior to the next meeting of the Board re: the grant from the Heritage Society.

Minutes:

The Minutes of the February meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Finnegan seconded by Commissioner Reilly.

Urban Renewal:

It was decided to invite Minister McManus to Tuam.

Manager's
Business:

On the proposal of Commissioner Finnegan seconded by Commissioner Reilly the Commissioners unanimously agreed to dispose of lands at Townparks, Tuam (Abbey Trinity) measuring .099 acres to Mr. Cathal Lynch, 2 Abbey Trinity Road, Tuam in accordance with notice dated 14th October, 1994 served on each Member of Tuam Town Commissioners in accordance with the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1946.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

1. Letter dated 22nd February, 1995 from Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council - read
2. Letter dated 8th February, 1995 from Middleton Urban District Council - read
3. Letter dated 3rd February, 1995 from Dean Anthony Previte - referred to Galway County Council
4. Letter dated 14th February, 1995 from Greystones Town Commissioners - It was proposed by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Joyce and supported by Commissioner Mongan that the following Notice of Motion be supported by the Board. "That Greystones Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Justice to enact legislation to ban fox hunting and hare coursing." The resolution was passed, the other Members of the Board abstained from voting.

Parkmore
Estate:

The Assistant County Manager agreed that he would take immediate action in regard to stray horses and caravans at Parkmore Estate. Commissioner Mongan called for the early provision of a second halting site. The Chairman asked that the Board be informed of the situation at the Halting site - is it fully occupied?

Local Government re-organisation:

The Assistant County Manager presented an outline of the Local Government system which had been circulated to each Member of the Board. It was proposed by Commissioner Finnegan, seconded by Commissioner Reilly and agreed that the Town Commissioners should have responsibility for housing, local roads, green areas, lighting and footpaths. The Members agreed to make submissions to the Town Clerk by 24th March, 1995. On receipt of the submissions the Manager agreed to prepare a document for the next meeting of the Board to be held on Tuesday 4th April, 1995.

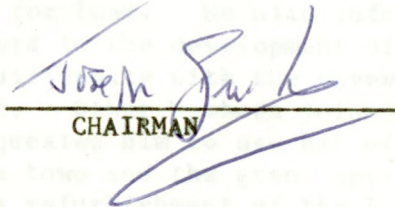
Sympathy: A vote of Sympathy was passed with the following Families:

- Hession Family, Birmingham road on the death of Frank
- Guinen Family, Dublin road on the death of Sean
- Reilly Family, Tullinadaly road on the death of Tony

This concluded the Meeting

Recorded by:
A. O'la Holian,
Town Clerk.

SIGNED BY


CHAIRMAN

Galway County Council Archives