

COMHARLE CHONIAE NA GAIR LIAMH

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Special Meeting with Mr. Gay Mitchell, T. D., Minister of State,
Department of the Taoiseach held at 5.30pm on Tuesday 21st March, 1995.

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Present: Chairman: J. Burke

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

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

The Chairman and Members welcomed the Minister to Tuam and thanked him for agreeing to meet the Members of the Town Commission. The Chairman outlined the need to proceed quickly with the Urban Renewal Scheme for Tuam. He also informed the Minister of the current position in regard to the development of the Town Hall and specifically the on-going difficulty with the payment of the grant from the National Heritage Council. Other Members joined with the Chairman in welcoming the Minister and requested him to use his office to further the Urban Renewal Scheme for the town and the grant application to the National Heritage Council for the refurbishment of the Town Hall.

Mr. Jarlath Canney and Mr. Seamus Davin, Tuam Chamber of Commerce and Industry also joined with the Members in requesting the Minister to advance the above projects.

In reply the Minister undertook to speak to the Minister responsible for Urban Renewal also the National Heritage Council. He said he would do everything possible to advance the projects discussed.

The Meeting concluded at 6.15pm

Recorded by
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk.

SIGNED BY _____
CHAIRMAN

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It now appears, following investigation by the Council, that the proposed site is the property of Fias Town Commissioners. Consequently, any disposal of the site must be approved by the Commissioners under S. 82 of the Local Government Act, 1946 as amended.

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have this matter included for consideration at a forthcoming meeting of the Commissioners, and I enclose herewith for your assistance.

(a) Draft Section 82 Notice

Cont/d...

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

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

MO THAG JON/MD
My Ref.
DO THAG CO6/1/44 (11)
Your Ref.



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ÁRAS AN CHONTAE,
CNOC NA RADHARC,
GAILLIMH.
Telephone:
(091) 63151
Ext.
Fax No. (091) 65817

14 October 1994,

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

Re: Tuam Sewerage Scheme: Disposal of pumphouse site at
Halligans Field, Abbey Trinity, Tuam.

A Chara,

I am requesting your assistance in relation to a matter which
has arisen regarding the acquisition of wayleaves in connection
with the above scheme.

In the course of negotiations with Mr. Cathal Lynch, 2 Abbey
Trinity Road, Tuam, it was proposed that Galway County Council
would transfer the site of a pumphouse which is now
defunct/outlined in red in the attached map] to Mr. Lynch in
return for the granting of a wayleave to the County Council.

It now transpires, following investigations by the Council's
Law Agent that the pumphouse site is the property of Tuam Town
Commissioners. Consequently, any disposal of the site must be
approved by the Commissioners under S. 83 of the Local
Government Act, 1946 as amended.

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have this matter
included for consideration at a forthcoming meeting of the
Commissioners, and I enclose herewith for your assistance:

(a) Draft Section 83 Notice

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- (b) Note outlining the background to that disposal and
- (c) Copies of Law Agents memo advising that the site is in the ownership of Tuam Town Commissioners.

If you require any further information or assistance, please contact Joe O'Neill at 091-63151 (Ext. 305)

Mise le meas,

Spent

 J. O'Neill,
 S.S.O. Environment.

To the Chairman and each member of the Commission
 Pursuant to the provisions of the Section 83 of the Land
 Government Act, 1963 notice is hereby given in pursuance
 to dispose of land, including purposes of the Act as set out
 hereunder:
 Land Acquired From: Mr. Patrick Hall
 Townspeople
 Location: Townspeople
 Area of Land: 0.99

*Extract from Minutes of Meeting of Ocean View
 Commission held on 28th Feb 95*

*on the proposal of _____ seconded by
 _____ the members unanimously
 agreed to dispose of lands at _____
 meaning _____ to _____
 in accordance with notice dated _____ Oct.
 served on each member in accordance
 with Paragraph 4 of Section 83 - _____*

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GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

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Galway



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GAILLIMH,
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Ext. 27
Fax No. (091) 65617

14 October 1994,

To the Chairman and each member of the Commissioners,

Pursuant to the provisions of the Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 notice is hereby given that it is proposed to dispose of land, including pumphouse thereon as set out hereunder:

Land Acquired From: Mr. Patrick Halligan, land acquired for Tuam Sewerage Scheme. Consideration unknown.

Location: Townparks, Tuam

Area of Land: .099 acres

To whom site is to be transferred: Mr. Cathal Lynch
2 Abbey Trinity Road,
Tuam,
Co. Galway

Consideration in respect of Disposal: f1

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

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14 October 1994,

Town Clerk,
Tuam Town Commissioners,
Tuam,
Co. Galway.

RE: Section 83 Notice Tuam Town Commissioners to Cathal Lynch

A Chara,

As part of a settlement with Mr. Cathal Lynch for the laying of a sewer through his property, it has been agreed to dispose of .099 acres of land at Townparks, Tuam. The land in question is in the ownership of Tuam Town Commissioners and includes a pumphouse which was maintained by Galway County Council but is now obsolete. I wish to inform you also that the land being transferred is completely surrounded by lands owned by Mr. Cathal Lynch.

Mise le meas,



J. O'Neill,
S.S.O. Environment.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

DLÍODÓR CHONTAE:
TOMÁS I. Ó DONNCHADHA,
CÚIRT BHARR CHALAIHDH,
BARR AN CHALAIHDH,
GAILLIMH.



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MO THAG TJO'D/BK W.S.210 (M) (3)
My Ref:
DO THAG AF/MD
Your Ref:

20th. September, 1994.

County Secretary/
A.O., Capital Section.

Re:- Tuam Main Drainage - Galway County Council
-and- Cathal Lynch - Sale of Site.

A Chara,

I would refer to previous correspondence re the above. The problem in this case was that the County Council could trace no title to the land in Halligan's Field. I have investigated the matter and I have now ascertained that in fact the sewerage pumping site is the property of Tuam Town Commissioners. It was bought by the Commissioners from a Michael Halligan on the 7th. May, 1940. Consequently any transfer of the site will have to be by the Town Commissioners then the appropriate resolutions will have to be passed by them also.

Mise, le meas,

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D.S. SHEET 2813-9.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS
 TUAM CLERK'S OFFICE
 TOWN HALL, TUAM
 22nd February, 1955

Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners was held on Tuesday 15th February 1955 at 8.00 pm.

You are hereby notified that the following resolution was passed:

Paul Hickey
 25/7/91

Abbey Trinity

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(2nd Division)

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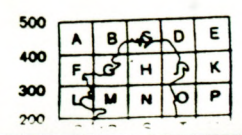
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DIAGRAM OF NATIONAL GRID

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Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday 7th February, 1995

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

TUAM CLERK'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

Tel. 093-24246

To each Town Commissioner

22nd February, 1995

A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on Tuesday, 28th February, 1995 at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

A. H. Nolan
..... Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

- Minutes
- Manager's Business
- Correspondence
- Water Supply - Belair Drive
- Discussion on Local Government Organisation
- Section 83 Notice

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CHAIRMAN

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday 7th February, 1995

Present:

Chairman: J. Burke

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

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

The Prayer was recited.

The Chairman welcomed a Deputation from Belair Drive Residents Association. The Deputation outlined the difficulties in the area since the Water Tower was damaged by storms. They appealed to Galway County Council to restore an adequate water supply to the area. The Deputation then left.

The Town Engineer informed the Meeting that the water tower was damaged beyond repair on 16th January. A decision was made to remove the tower and this work is ongoing. The tower moved again on the 31st January and caused a major leak in a pipe at the base. This resulted in the area being without water on January 31st and February 1st. The matter was dealt with urgently and Belair Drive is now on a temporary water supply from Ballygaddy Road. When the tower is dismantled it is proposed to give a water supply from adjacent to the tower. This will be adequate and should be available next week.

A major report has been prepared and an application for funds, to replace the old cast iron water mains, has been sent to the Department. The Assistant County Manager confirmed that he had also contacted the Dept. The matter to be included on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Minutes:
Town Hall:

The Assistant County Manager told the Members he had written to the Heritage Society. The Town Engineer confirmed that the Clock had been repaired. A letter from Xmass Craft Fair Committee was read. The Assistant County Manager was asked to deal with a request for the use of a room in the Town Hall. Commissioner Finnegan told the Meeting he had spoken to the Development Officer for the North East Galway Development Company. He submitted an application for a Heritage Grant for the Town Hall to the Department of Arts, Culture and the Gaeltacht. (application had to be in by 3/2/'95) A good deal of further material needs to be submitted. He proposed that if the Town Hall is not being used as an Office for the Local Authority a Heritage Centre would be ideal. The Meeting agreed that the application should be pursued.

Urban Renewal:

Letter dated 31st January, 1995 from the office of the Minister for Housing and Urban Renewal was read.

Manager's
Business:

The Assistant County Manager told the Meeting that the Town Clerk's office would in future be open from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

SIGNED BY:

CHAIRMAN

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

1. Ms. Niamh Bhreathnach, T. D., Minister for Education and Mr. Noel Treacy, T. D. - read
2. Tralee Urban District Council - read
3. Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland and Local Government Reorganisation Commission. The assistant County Manager was asked to prepare a document for the next Meeting.
4. Galway County Council - read
5. Mr. Finian McGrath - read
6. Rev. James Butler - refer to Galway County Council
7. Mr. Timothy Manghan, Oroville, U.S.A. - refer to Dr. T. Claffey

Notice of Motion: (1) Commissioner Reilly spoke on his motion that Galway County Council reply to the proposer of Notices of Motion. It was decided that the Clerk send a copy of the reply to the proposer.

(2) The Town Engineer advised the Members that the roads programme was not yet finalised. This information should be available in approximately six weeks and the Board would be informed.

Replying to the Chairman the Engineer said signs "This Town is twinned with Straubing" would be erected as resources permitted.

Replying to Commissioner Reilly the Engineer said he would prepare a report on Public toilets.

Replying to Commissioner Kelly the Assistant County Manager said the draft County Plan had not been adopted yet.

Commissioner Joyce told the meeting she had a number of complaints from elderly People re: lack of seating at the Post Office. It was decided to seek a meeting with Mr. J. Collins, Head Postmaster.

The Chairman informed the Meeting that a service to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Famine in Ireland would be held in St. Mary's Cathedral in September. This to be discussed at a future meeting.

The Board extended a "Cead Mile Failte" to Rev. Michael Neary on his installation as Archbishop of Tuam. They paid tribute to Archbishop Cassidy.

It was decided to hold the next meeting on Tuesday 28th February, 1995 to discuss the retirement of Archbishop Cassidy also Local Government reorganisation.

Sympathy:

A vote of sympathy was passed with the following Families:

- Begley Family, on the death of Jimmy
- White Family, on the death of P. J.
- Costello Family, on the death of Michael
- Martin Cassidy, on the death of Pat
- Connolly Family, on the death of Paddy
- Commissioner Mongan on the death of John Ward

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by
Angela Holian
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY:


CHAIRMAN

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

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Tel. 093-24246

To each Town Commissioner

A CHARA,

TUAM CLERK'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

3rd February, 1995

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on Tuesday, 7th February, 1995..... at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

..... *Angel Holian* Baile Cleireach

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

Deputation from Belair Drive Residents at 8p.m.

Manager's Business

Correspondence

Notices of Motion: Commissioner Kelly

1. I propose that Galway County Council reply by letter to the proposer of Notices of Motion.
2. I propose that Galway County Council inform Tuam Town Commissioners if the agenda for 1995 includes resurfacing of local roads and replacement of footpaths.

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received to date. He had requested a meeting with the Deputy Chairman of the National Heritage Council who is also Chairman of the Archeological Sub-Committee. There was a unanimous support for the Assistant County Manager's approach.

RECORDED BY:
ANGELA HOLIAN,
TOWN CLERK.

SIGNED BY

CHAIRMAN

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TOWN DUMPS: The Assistant County Manager advised the Members that a recently been

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TUAM CLERK'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

To each Town Commissioner

1/2/'95

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Tuesday, 7th February, 1995
on at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

..... *Angela Holian* Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Minutes

Manager's Business

Correspondence

Notices of Motion: Commissioner Reilly

1. I propose that Galway County Council reply by letter to the proposer of Notices of Motion.
2. I propose that Galway County Council inform Tuam Town Commissioners if the estimates for 1995 include re-surfacing of local road and replacement of footpaths.

received to date. He had requested a meeting with the Deputy Chairman of the National Heritage Council who is also Chairman of the Archeological Sub-Committee. There was a unanimous support for the Assistant County Manager's approach.

RECORDED BY:
ANGELA HOLIAN,
TOWN CLERK.

SIGNED BY

CHAIRMAN

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD AT 8.00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, 3RD JANUARY, 1995, IN TOWN HALL TUAM.

PRESENT:

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

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

The Prayer was recited.

The Chairman wished everyone a happy and prosperous New Year.

MINUTES:

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

**TRAFFIC
MANAGEMENT**

The Town Engineer advised the Members that the Chamber of Commerce were in favour of the three original loading bays. The Road Design Office, Galway County Council, are in favour of the proposed bay outside the car park at Bishop Street. He also said the result of a traffic count would be ready for the February Meeting.

V.E.C. SITES:

Commissioner Finnegan informed the Meeting that no offer had been made on the site at Dublin Road.

**MANAGER'S
BUSINESS**

The Assistant County Manager advised the Members that he had requested a meeting with personnel from the National Heritage Council to discuss the payment of the grant for the renovation of the Town Hall. In response to queries from the Members, the Assistant County Manager stated that he was not in a position to explain why only £6,000 had been received to date. He had requested a meeting with the Deputy Chairman of the National Heritage Council who is also Chairman of the Archeological Sub-Committee. There was a unanimous support for the Assistant County Manager's approach.

RECORDED BY:
ANGELA HOLIAN,
TOWN CLERK,

SIGNED BY

CHAIRMAN

TOWN DUMPS: The Assistant County Manager advised the Members that a discussion document on Waste Management had recently been presented to the Members of Galway County Council. No definite decisions had yet been taken on any of the proposals in the document. Due to the high cost of operating sites to acceptable E.C. standards, it was likely that there would only be one centrally located landfill site in the County operated jointly by Galway County Council and Galway Corporation. It would be a number of years before such a site would be developed. After discussion, it was proposed by Commissioner Finnegan, seconded by Commissioner Reilly, and agreed that Galway County Council would provide the transfer station in Tuam in advance of the closure of the Tuam Dump.

URBAN RENEWAL In view of the recent change in Government, the Meeting noted that Minister Stagg was no longer involved with Urban Renewal. It was agreed to write to Minister Liz McManus to ascertain the current position.

DUBLIN ROAD BY-PASS: The Town Engineer advised the Members that an Inspector from the Department of the Environment had recently visited Tuam at the request of the County Engineer. The Members expressed concern that adequate funding was not being made available for work in the Tuam Area.

The Members requested that the Acting County Engineer attend the next meeting of the Commissioners to discuss roadworks and other matters with the Commissioners. The Assistant County Manager advised the Members that the legal functions of the Commissioners did not extend to the provision of roads, water, sanitary services, which were the responsibility of Galway County Council.

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter from Mr. Noel Treacy, T.D., regarding the Ordnance Survey Office was read and noted.

PARKMORE ESTATE: The Assistant County Manager agreed that he would take immediate action in regard to stray horses and abandoned cars at Parkmore Estate.

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

Hennelly Family on the death of Mrs. Hennelly.

Reidy Family on the death of Jack Mullins.

Holian Family on the death of Eamon.

Kilkelly Family on the death of Joe.

Newell Family on the death of Tom.

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

23rd December, 1994

To each Town Commissioner

A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

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

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

..... *Angela Holian* Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

MINUTES

MANAGER'S BUSINESS

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Wexford Corporation - read
2. Balbriggan Town Commissioners - There was unanimous support for the following resolution: "Following the submission of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners to the Municipal Authorities conference in 1993 regarding reduction in V.A.T. on clothing, footwear and tourism, that we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners again call on the Minister for Finance to reduce V.A.T. levels to the rates applied prior to the 1993 budget."

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5th December, 1994
 J. Burke
 P. Finnegan, P.
 G. Tronca-Lane, N. Kelly, E. Mangan
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 The Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted on the proposal of
 Commissioner Finnegan and Commissioner Biggins.
 The Minutes of the last meeting were adopted on the proposal of
 Commissioner Finnegan and Commissioner O'Grady.
 It was proposed by Commissioner O'Grady, seconded by Commissioner Kelly
 and agreed that the Board approve an expenditure of up to €8,099
 for the year 1995/96. The Assistant County Manager stated that
 overexpenditure was in relation to the refurbishment of the Town Hall.
 The Assistant County Manager presented a copy of Draft Bye-laws entitled
 Local Government (Galway County) Bye-laws 1994. Replying to the
 Chairman, the Assistant County Manager stated that a public hearing would be carried out in
 January. He hoped to have a report for the February Meeting.
 The Assistant County Manager told the Meeting he hoped to have a report
 on the Town Hall for the January Meeting.
 The following letters were read, noted and agreed:
 1. Wexford Corporation - read

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, 6th December, 1994

Present:

Chairman: J. Burke

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

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

Apology: Commissioner Joyce

The Prayer was recited.

Minutes:

The Chairman welcomed Commissioner Reilly back after his illness. Congratulations was extended to "Tuam Stars" on their historic winning of the Connaught championship. Congratulations was also extended to Commissioner Mongan on her People of the Year award.

Loading Bays:

The Town Engineer confirmed that he had discussed the matter with the Traders. He would be making recommendations at a future meeting.

V. E. C. site:

Commissioner Finnegan told the Members the situation was still unsatisfactory. Letters from the Minister for Education and T. D.'s were read.

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

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

Manager's
Business:

It was proposed by Commissioner O'Grady, seconded by Commissioner Kelly and agreed that the Board approve overexpenditure in the sum of £8,099 for the year ended 31/12/'93. The Assistant County Manager stated that overexpenditure was in relation to the refurbishment of the Town Hall.

The Assistant County Manager presented a copy of Draft Bye-laws entitled Road Traffic (speed limits) County Galway Bye-laws 1994. Replying to the Chairman the Town Engineer said a traffic count would be carried out in the new year. He hoped to have a report for the February Meeting.

The Assistant County Manager told the Meeting he hoped to have a report on the Town Hall for the January Meeting.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

1. Wexford Corporation - read
2. Balbriggan Town Commissioners - There was unanimous support for the following resolution: "Following the submission of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners to the Municipal Authorities conference in 1993 regarding reduction in V.A.T. on clothing, footwear and tourism, that we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners again call on the Minister for Finance to reduce V.A.T. levels to the rates applied prior to the 1993 budget."

3. Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland - It was proposed, seconded and agreed that a copy of the Coat of Arms be sent to Councillor Patrick Power, President of the Association to be used in a book containing all of the Coats of Arms and Mottos of its member Authorities.
4. New Ross Urban District Council - There was unanimous support for the following resolution: "That New Ross Urban District Council support the Taoiseach and Tanaiste in their efforts to achieve a lasting settlement to the Northern Ireland conflict: 1) Bearing in mind the aspirations of all the People on the Island 2) That no one person or group should have a veto 3) That cross border structures be established to improve relations on the island, thus ensuring a balanced settlement."
5. Tuam/Straubing Twinning Committee - read

Motion: All Members spoke on Motions 1 and 2 and called on Galway County Council to prohibit the dumping of bellygrass at the Town dump. The Town Engineer stated that he had received no instructions to stop letting bellygrass into the dump. The Assistant County Manager informed the Meeting that the Draft plan for Galway was being prepared. There would be one major landfill site for the County. The site in Tuam will be closed in a year.

- 3: Commissioner Reilly spoke on his motion re: footpaths, potholes at Ballymote, parking and traffic problems and entry to the Cemetery. The Town Engineer said he hoped to have funding in 1995 to continue the restoration of footpaths. He also undertook to look at the Ballymote corner. He said the central island at the Square had now been lowered. Commercial vehicles are causing the traffic problems at the Square. He said he would explore the matter regarding the cemetery. There was unanimous support for the Motion.
- 4: Commissioner Reilly spoke on his motion re: a display area for vintage cars. He said such an area would improve tourism and draw more people into the Town. It was decided to talk to the Chamber of Commerce.

Replying to Commissioner Lane the Town Engineer said the Town Hall Clock would be repaired before Christmas.

The County Engineer, Mr. Pat Flood, was wished a speedy recovery from illness. It was decided to invite Mr. John Crotty, Acting County Engineer to the January Meeting,

Sympathy:

A vote of Sympathy was passed with the following Families

Garret Family on the death of Sean
Coleman Family on the death of Eugene
Grogan Family on the death of Mary
Presentation Sisters on the death of Sr. Anthony
Mercy Sisters on the death of Sr. Magdeline and Sr. Michael
C. B. S., Cobh on the death of Br. Vaughan
O'Grady Family on the death of Patrick Moran

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY _____
CHAIRMAN

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

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TUAM CLERK'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

Tel. 093-24246

To each Town Commissioner

30th November, 1994

A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

Tuesday, 6th December, 1994
on at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

..... *A. Nolan* Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Minutes

Manager's Business

Correspondence

Notice of Motion: 1) Commissioner Burke

"I will ask that the Tuam Town Commissioners register their objection to the dumping of bellygrass at Tuam Dump and see it is stopped forthwith."

2) Commissioner Reilly

"I request that We discuss the ongoing problem concerning the dumping at the town dump and to bring it up to E.E.C. standards."

3) Commissioner Reilly

"I request that the County Council do something positive concerning the remaining footpaths around town, the pot holes at Ballymote corner, the parking & traffic problem around town and the ongoing problem of entry to the cemetery."

4) Commissioner Reilly

"That Tuam Town Commissioners and Galway County Council discuss making arrangements to provide a permanent display area for a museum to display vintage cars and old agricultural machinery."

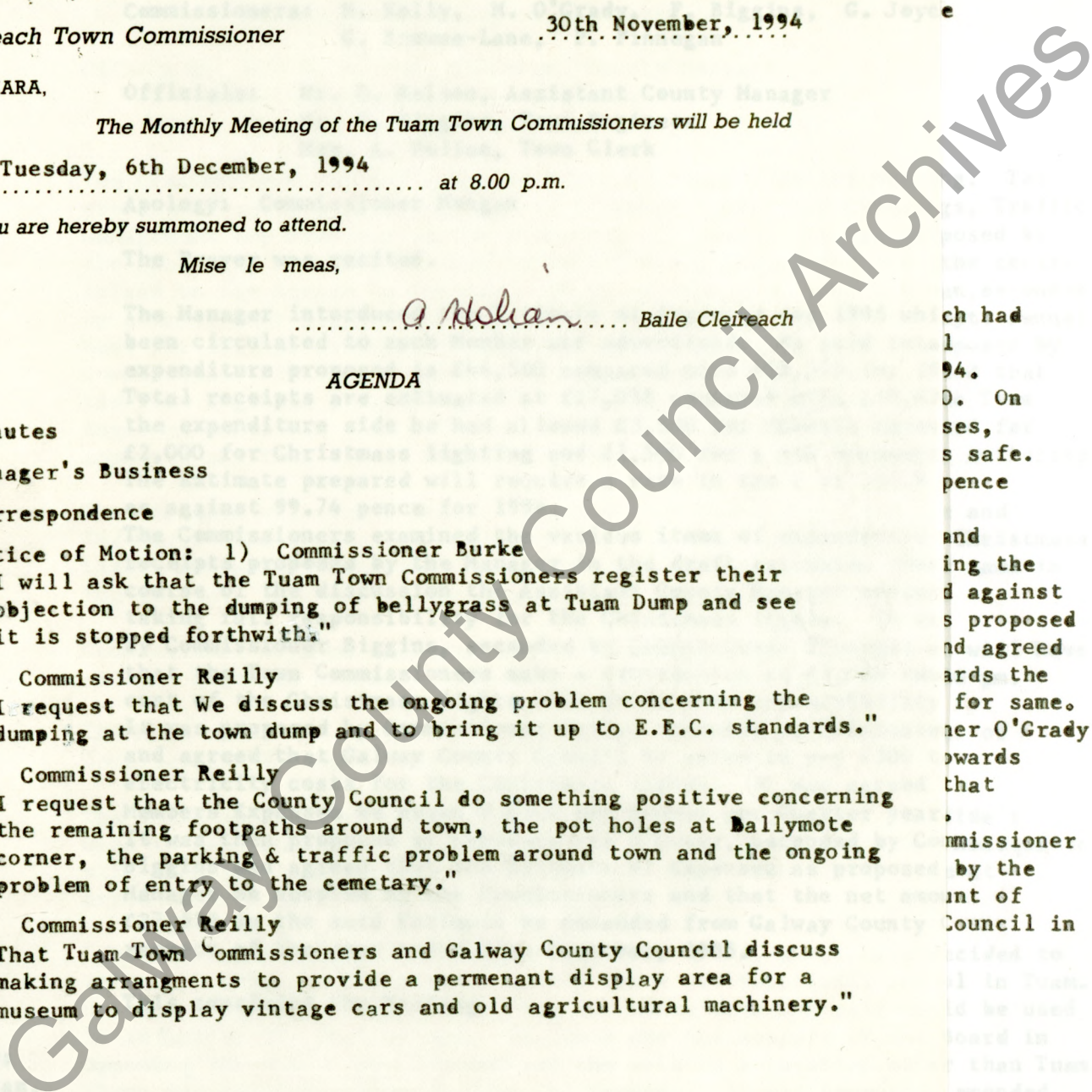
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Attendance: The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

1. Mr. F. Flood, County Engineer - It was decided to invite Mr. Flood to the December Meeting of the Board.
2. Ballymote Road Residents Association - The Town Engineer confirmed that a proposal for widening the road from its junction with the Elbowrne Road had been included in a list submitted for grants for

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Estimates Meeting held on Tuesday, 25th October, 1994

Present:

Chairman: J Burke

Commissioners: M. Kelly, M. O'Grady, F. Biggins, G. Joyce
G. Browne-Lane, P. Finnegan

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

Apology: Commissioner Mongan

The Prayer was recited.

Estimates:

The Manager introduced the Estimate of Expenses for 1995 which had been circulated to each Member and advertised. He said total expenditure proposed is £44,560 compared with £38,370 for 1994. Total receipts are estimated at £17,038 compared with £18,420. On the expenditure side he had allowed £3,600 for Members Expenses, £2,000 for Christmass lighting and £1,300 for a new Documents safe. The Estimate prepared will require a rate in the £ of 135.9 pence as against 99.74 pence for 1994.

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 Assistant County Manager advised against taking full responsibility for the Christmass lights. It was proposed by Commissioner Biggins, seconded by Commissioner Finnegan and agreed that the Town Commissioners make a contribution of £2,000 towards the cost of the Christmass lights with no further responsibility for same. It was proposed by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady and agreed that Galway County Council be asked to pay £300 towards electricity costs for the Christmass lights. It was agreed that Members Expenses be drawn @ £100 per Member per Quarter year. It was then proposed by Commissioner O'Grady, seconded by Commissioner Biggins and agreed that the Estimate of Expenses as proposed by the Manager be adopted by the Commissioners and that the net amount of £27,522 in the said Estimate be demanded from Galway County Council in respect of the year ended 31st December, 1995.

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY _____

CHAIRMAN

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

1. Mr. F. Flood, County Engineer - It was decided to invite Mr. Flood to the December Meeting of the Board.
2. Sallymote Road Residents Association - The Town Engineer confirmed that a proposal for widening the road from its junction with the Clonberne Road had been included in a list submitted for grants for

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, 25th October, 1994

Present:

Chairman: J. Burke

Commissioners: M. Kelly, M. O'Grady, F. Biggins, G. Joyce
G. Browne-Lane, P. Finnegan

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

The Chairman and Members welcomed Supt. W. Fennell to the Meeting. The proposed Loading bays, existing and proposed Pedestrian Crossings, Traffic Management and Bye-laws in the Town were discussed. It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady and agreed that the centre island on the Square be lowered. It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Commissioner Biggins and agreed that the Town Engineer and Supt. Fennell meet for further discussion before the next Meeting. It was proposed by Commissioner Finnegan, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady and agreed that the Town Engineer prepare maps of the proposed loading bays. The Town Engineer confirmed that all plans will be brought before the Board for approval and then before Galway County Council who are the roads Authority.

Christmass
Lights:

The Chairman welcomed a Deputation from Tuam Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The Deputation explained the situation regarding the Christmass Lights and asked that Town Commissioners take responsibility for same in the future. The matter was discussed at the Estimates Meeting.

Fire Safety
week:

Commissioner Biggins informed the Meeting that Tuam Fire Brigade will have an open night on Thursday 27th October, 1994 from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm.

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

Manager's
Business:

The Assistant County Manager told the Meeting 1) The V. E. C. didn't wish to continue with the Town Hall. 2) The Bishop's conference Headquarters will be based in Knock. 3) There are two F.A.S. schemes in Tuam at present. The situation to be looked at in 1995.

V. E. C.:

Commissioner Finnegan told the Meeting that the V. E. C. have decided to sell land which was originally bought for a new Vocational School in Tuam. He said there was no guarantee that the money from the sale would be used to refurbish the Tuam School. He asked for the support of the Board in opposing the use of the proceeds of the sale in a location other than Tuam. There was unanimous support from the Members. It was proposed, seconded and agreed to write to Minister Treacy, Deputy Kitt and Connaughton, also the Minister for Education.

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

1. Mr. P. Flood, County Engineer - It was decided to invite Mr. Flood to the December Meeting of the Board.
2. Ballymote Road Residents Association - The Town Engineer confirmed that a proposal for widening the road from its junction with the Clonberne Road had been included in a list submitted for grants for

non national routes for 1995.

3. Ms. Nuala Higgins re: Town Hall - The Manager undertook to deal with same.

Commissioner Reilly was wished a speedy recovery.

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

O'Gara Family, on the death of Mrs. O'Gara
Mercy Sisters on the death of Sister Michael Conroy
Rooney Family, on the death of Mrs. Ellen Rooney

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:

Cela 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

21st October, 1994.

A CHARA,

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

RS/

on Tuesday, 25th October, 1994..... at 7.30 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

..... *Angela Holian* Baile Cleireach

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ASSISTANT

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Town Clerk's Office,
Town Hall,
Tuam.

24th October, 1994.

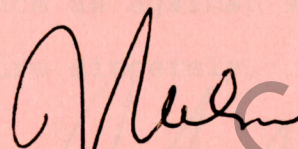
TO THE CHAIRMAN AND EACH MEMBER OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS/

Dear Member:

I attach herewith Estimate of Expenses for the year 1995 which will be considered at the Estimates Meeting to be held in the Town Hall, Tuam, at 8 p.m. on 25th October, 1994.

The figures in the Estimate for the year ended 31st December, 1995, are as forwarded to you with my letter of 12th October, 1994. However, please note that the figures in respect of 1994 are somewhat altered as originally presented. The figures were originally based on the Estimate for 1994 as presented at the Estimates Meeting, but these figures were subsequently changed by the Members. The enclosed estimate reflects the changes in the 1994 figures.

Yours sincerely,



D. NELSON,
ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER.

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Town Clerk's Office,
Town Hall,
Tuam.

24th October, 1994.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS/

RE: ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES, 1995

Dear Chairman and Members:

I attach herewith Estimate of Expenses for the year 1995 which will be considered at Estimates Meeting to be held in the Town Hall, Tuam at 8 p.m. on 25th October, 1994.

Total expenditure proposed is £44,560 compared with £38,370 for 1994. Total receipts are estimated at £17,080 compared with £18,420 for 1994.

On the expenditure side, I have allowed for £3,600 for Members Expenses, £2,000 for Christmas Lighting, and £1,300 for a new Documents Safe.

The Estimate prepared will require a rate in the £ of 135.9 pence as against 99.74 pence for 1994.

Yours sincerely,



DECLAN NELSON,
ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER.
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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR TO 31/12/1995

E X P E N D I T U R E

| | <u>ESTIMATE</u> <u>YEAR ENDED</u> <u>31/12/1994</u> £ | <u>ESTIMATE</u> <u>YEAR ENDING</u> <u>31/12/1995</u> £ |
|--|--|---|
| <u>HOUSING</u> | | |
| 1. Repairs | 14,000 | 14,000 |
| 2. Legal Expenses | 200 | 200 |
| 3. Insurance | 3,500 | 3,600 |
| 4. Town Clerk's Salary (50%) | 3,400 | 3,500 |
| 5. Town Engineer's Salary (80%) | 2,320 | 2,400 |
| 6. Town Steward's Pension (80%) | 1,130 | 1,160 |
| 7. Other Pensions | 670 | 700 |
| 8. Printing, Postage, Stationery and Advertising .. | 200 | 220 |
| 9. Collectors Commission | 1,600 | 1,700 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| <u>TOTAL</u> | 27,020 | 27,480 |
| | ===== | ===== |
| <u>GENERAL</u> | | |
| 1. Rents, Rates, Taxes and Insurance | 300 | 300 |
| 2. Office Expenses | 1,000 | 2,350 |
| 3. Legal Expenses | 60 | 60 |
| 4. Town Clerk's Salary (50%) | 3,400 | 3,500 |
| 5. Town Engineer's Salary (20%) | 580 | 600 |
| 6. Town Steward's Pension (20%) | 290 | 300 |
| 7. Audit Fee | 900 | 1,000 |
| 8. Printing, Postage, etc. | 400 | 420 |
| 9. Town Hall Maintenance .. | 750 | 1,000 |
| 10. Town Hall Cleaner .. | 120 | 150 |
| 11. Clock Maintenance .. | --- | --- |
| 12. Municipal Authorities .. | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| 13. Town Lighting | 300 | 300 |
| 14. Elections | 1,750 | --- |
| 15. Receptions/Presentations | 300 | 300 |
| 16. Twinning | 200 | 200 |
| 17. Members Expenses | --- | 3,600 |
| 18. Contribution to Christmas Lights | --- | 2,000 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| <u>TOTAL</u> | 11,350 | 17,080 |
| | ===== | ===== |
| <u>GRAND TOTAL - EXPENDITURE</u> | 38,370 | 44,560 |
| | ===== | ===== |

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR TO THE 31/12/1995

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| | <u>ESTIMATE YEAR ENDED 31/12/1994</u> | <u>ESTIMATE YEAR ENDING 31/12/1995</u> |
|--|---|--|
| | £ | £ |
| <u>HOUSING:-</u> | | |
| 1. Rent | 8,500 | 8,800 |
| 2. Annuities | 5,000 | 4,738 |
| 3. Ground Rents | 20 | 200 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| <u>TOTAL</u> | 13,520 | 13,738 |
| | ===== | ===== |
| <u>OTHER INCOME:-</u> | | |
| 1. Town Hall | --- | --- |
| 2. Interest | 4,900 | 3,300 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| <u>TOTAL</u> | 4,900 | 3,300 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| <u>GRAND TOTAL</u> | 18,420 | 17,038 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR | | 44,560 |
| ESTIMATED RECEIPTS FOR YEAR | | 17,038 |
| | | ----- |
| <u>AMOUNT OF DEMAND ON GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL</u> | | 27,522 |
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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

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Tel. 093-24246

TUAM CLERK'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

To each Town Commissioner

21st October, 1994.

A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on Tuesday, 25th October, 1994 at 7.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

Angela Nolan
Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Meeting with Supt. Fennell

Minutes

Manager's Business

Correspondence

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The Town Engineer informed that he had met with Supt. Fennell. He outlined to the Supt. his proposals for loading bays at Bishop Street, Vicar Street and the Abbey Trinity car park. These proposals would be submitted to Galway County Council for the approval of the County Engineer and the County Manager.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday, 3rd October, 1994

Present:

Chairman: J. Burke

Commissioners: E. Mongan, G. Joyce, M. Kelly, F. Biggins
M. O'Grady, 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.

Meeting with
T. D.'s:

The Chairman and Members welcomed Minister Treacy, Deputy Connaughton and Deputy Kitt to the Meeting. They outlined the situation regarding Urban Renewal also lack of funding for the inner relief road, the link road, the Tuam Engineering area and the Town Hall. They also sought support for projects at the Clare river, Teampeall Jarlath and Tuam Stadium. They asked the Minister and T. D's to use their influence to secure funding in order to complete the projects. They also asked the Minister to arrange a deputation with An Taoiseach. In reply Minister Treacy said he had met with Minister Smith regarding Urban Renewal for Tuam. He undertook to do all in his power to ensure funding is available for the various projects. He also promised to talk to An Taoiseach. Deputies Connaughton & Kitt also promised to do everything possible to secure funding for the various projects. It was proposed by Commissioner Biggins, seconded by the Chairman and agreed that Minister Stagg be invited to Tuam. It was proposed by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady and agreed to invite the County Engineer to the next meeting of the Board.

Minutes:

Replying to Commissioner Kelly regarding site at rear of Gilmartin road the Assistant County Manager said access would be a difficulty but the situation would be looked at again.

Town Hall:

The Chairman informed that the V. E. C. had found alternative premises but it was hoped another scheme would be available in October. The Manager was asked to investigate the V.E.C. scheme, the "West of Ireland" scheme and a F.A.S. scheme for the Town Hall and report to the next meeting of the Board.

Storing of Records:

Replying to Commissioner Browne-Lane the Assistant County Manager said that under an 1994 Act the Local Authority is obliged to preserve all records, books etc. The matter will have to be looked at on a county basis. To be discussed at the December Meeting.

Traffic Management:

The Town Engineer informed that he had met with Supt. Fennell. He outlined to the Supt. the proposals for loading Bays at Bishop Street, Vicar Street and the Abbeytrinity car park. These proposals would be submitted to Galway County Council for the approval of the County Engineer and the County Manager.

The provision of a lay by at Bishop Street will necessitate moving the Pedestrian Crossing further out - from footpath at St. Jarlath's to Quinns. Re: a Pedestrian Crossing from "Supermacks" to Leufers he said a survey would be carried out by the Road Design Department. Replying to Commissioner Browne-Lane he said he would look at "1 hour signs" for the Square when the inner relief road is opened. A letter from Supt. Fennell was read. It was decided to invite him to the next meeting of the Board.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

1. Supt. W. D. Fennell re: Civic Reception held at the Square. It was agreed to write to Supt. Fennell and apologise for not informing him of same. Commissioner Kelly also apologised on behalf of the G.A.A.
2. Mr. N. Treacy, T. D., Minister for Energy - read
3. Greencore - read
4. Dublin Corporation - read
5. Sligo Corporation - read

Sympathy:

A vote of sympathy was passed with the following Families:

Burke Family, Garra on the death of Mrs. Burke
Mrs. Ward, Parkmore on the death of Mrs. McDonagh
Connolly Family, Mervue on the death of Mrs. Connolly
Mary Kate Carroll on the death of Martin
Fahy Family, Barnaderg on the death of Mrs. Fahy

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY


CHAIRMAN

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

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

Tel. 093-24246

To each Town Commissioner

28th September, 1994

A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on Monday, 3rd October, 1994..... at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

..... *Angel Nolan* Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Minutes

Manager's Business

Correspondence

Meeting with T. D.'s at 9 p. m.

PLEASE NOTE: Meeting to be held on Monday, 3rd Oct.

Gilmartin Road:

Replying to Commissioner Kelly Mr. Kavanagh said he would investigate the knocking of a wall at 29 Gilmartin Road. He also said a plot of ground at the rear of Gilmartin road was not suitable for development. The Chairman asked that the report on same be made available at the October meeting of the Board.

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday, 6th September, 1994

Present:

Chairman: J. Burke

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

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

The Prayer was recited.

The Chairman and Members welcomed Mr. Declan Nelson to the Meeting and congratulated him on his appointment as Assistant County Manager. They paid tribute to Mr. Tom Kavanagh, County Secretary and thanked him for his co-operation over the years. He was particularly thanked for setting the Urban Renewal project in progress. Mr. Nelson thanked the Members for their words of welcome.

Minutes:

Replying to Commissioner Kelly regarding site at Weir road Mr. Kavanagh informed the Meeting that the site is now on the derelict site list. Statuary notices have been served on the Owner.

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

Manager's Business:

Mr. Kavanagh presented a detailed plan together with photographs of the areas of Tuam proposed for Urban Renewal. It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the plan as presented be adopted and that the said plan be submitted to the Department.

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that Deputies Treacy, Kitt and Connaughton be invited to a special meeting of the Board. It was proposed and seconded that a copy of the plan be sent to the T. D.'s without delay. Commissioner Biggins undertook to contact Minister Stagg on the matter.

Town Hall:

Mr. Kavanagh told the Members that he had again been contacted by the V. E. C. regarding the Town Hall. It appears the V. E. C. want the Town Commissioners to carry out restoration work in order to hold classes there. During the discussion which followed it was proposed by Commissioner Reilly and seconded by Commissioner O'Grady that the Town Commissioners seek a F. A. S. scheme and restore the Town Hall to its original state. It was proposed by Commissioner Biggins and seconded by Commissioner Mongan that the Chairman, V-Chairman and the Assistant County Manager meet with the V. E. C. and report back to the special Meeting.

Gilmartin Road:

Replying to Commissioner Kelly Mr. Kavanagh said he would investigate the knocking of a wall at 29 Gilmartin Road. He also said a plot of ground at the rear of Gilmartin road was not suitable for development. The Chairman asked that the report on same be made available at the October meeting of the Board.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read noted and agreed:

1. Gleeson & Kean, Solicitors: Consent to the sale of 10 Newtownmorris to Kevin Reidy & Anne Marie Brennan.
2. Galway County Council re: Vacant house at No. 3 Athenry Road - read
3. Daniel G. McGrath, Solicitor: Consent to the sale of 17 Gilmartin Road to Galway County Council.
4. Mark Killilea, M. E. P. - read
5. Office of an Taoiseach & National Roads Authority - Commissioner Finnegan was asked to arrange a meeting with An Taoiseach. The matter of the relief roads to be discussed with Deputies Treacy, Kitt and Connaughton.
6. Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland - Commissioner Reilly informed that he would be unable to attend the Annual Conference. He proposed that Commissioner Finnegan attend instead. This was seconded by Commissioner Kelly.
7. Tuam Chamber of Commerce and Industry re: Christmas lighting - the Assistant County Manager was asked to prepare a report for the October Meeting.

Traffic Management
at the Square:

Replying to the Chairman the Town Engineer said no official report was to hand. He presented a plan of the area outside the Town Hall in which it was proposed to narrow the paved area to allow a second lane for traffic going to High Street. This would mean loss of parking spaces and the narrowing of the footpath at the corner. The Members objected to the loss of any car parking spaces. Commissioner Browne-Lane said trucks were now parking on the roundabout. She also asked that the situation regarding pedestrian crossings be looked at. Commissioner Biggins said the overall traffic plan needed to be discussed also twoway traffic at High Street. The Town Engineer replied that he had submitted a report to Galway County Council. Mr. Gilmore, Design Dept., had given a commitment to examine the whole town. The Square is the first area. He said the lay-out of the Square was not responsible for traffic difficulties. The car parks at the Shambles and Bishop street were taken up by cars parked "all day" while Abbeytrinity car park was virtually empty at all times. A lay by was needed for vehicles to load and unload. He also told the Meeting it was his intention to have discussions with Supt. Fennell.

It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Commissioner Kelly that the Engineer meet with Supt. Fennell before the October meeting. It was decided to invite Supt. Fennell to the October meeting of the Board. The Clerk was asked to circulate a copy of the map presented by the Engineer for further discussion at the October meeting.

Notices of Motion:

1. Commissioner Joyce told the Meeting she had received a number of requests from long distance lorry drivers to park overnight in the Abbey-Trinity car park. There are no facilities in Tuam for the safe parking of lorries at night. Mr. Nelson said the noise from refrigerated lorries can be heard over a wide area. The Engineer was asked to discuss same with Supt. Fennell.

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Minutes of Motion: 2. Commissioner Kelly asked that the records of the Town Commissioners be put on micro film and that all the Minute Books be stored in a fire-proof cabinet. Mr. Kavanagh said a fireproof cabinet will be provided. he undertook to investigate regarding microfilm.

Commissioner Browne-Lane on behalf of Mr. Gabriel O'Connor, Bishop Street thanked the Members for letting him have access to the Minute Books.

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Engineering: It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the Chairman offer to mediate in the dispute.

Halting site: Replying to the Members Mr. Kavanagh said Galway County Council accepts a second halting site is needed. The County Council are actively seeking land for another site. The Members agreed a second site was urgently needed.

allygaddy Road: Replying to Commissioner Reilly re: bad footpaths the Engineer said minor repairs are being carried out.

Congratulations: Congratulations were extended to the Galway Minor Hurling Team, to Commissioner Mongan for appearing on the "Terry Wogan" show and to the Taoiseach and Tanaiste for their efforts in bringing about a ceasefire.

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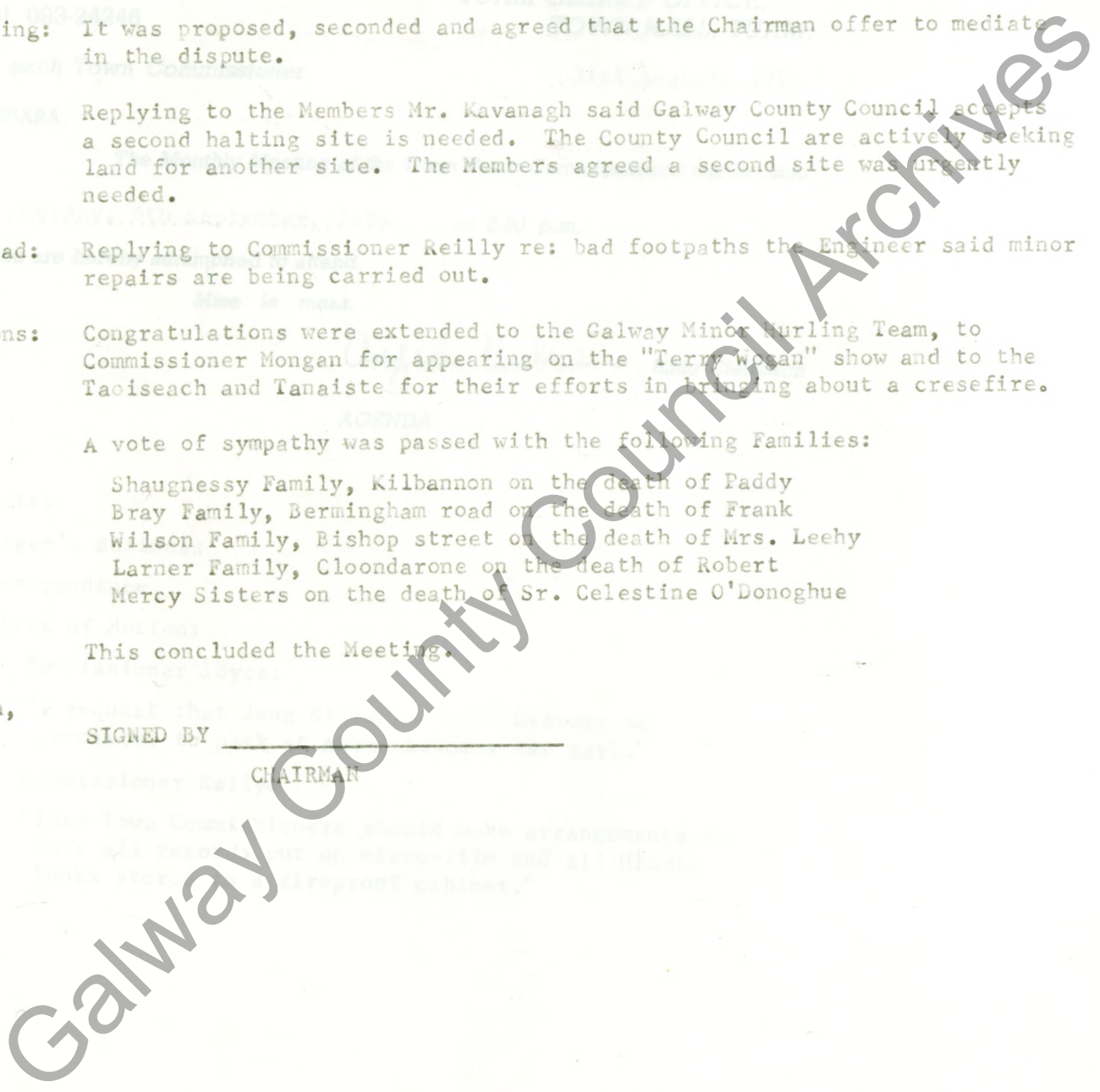
Sympathy: A vote of sympathy was passed with the following Families:

- Shaugnessy Family, Kilbannon on the death of Paddy
- Bray Family, Bermingham road on the death of Frank
- Wilson Family, Bishop street on the death of Mrs. Leehy
- Larner Family, Cloondarone on the death of Robert
- Mercy Sisters on the death of Sr. Celestine O'Donoghue

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Clerk

SIGNED BY _____
CHAIRMAN



TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 2ND AUGUST, 1994

PRESENT. CHAIRMAN: Mr. J. Burke

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

TUAM CLERK'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

Tel. 093-24246

To each Town Commissioner

. 31st August, 1994.

A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on Tuesday, 6th September, 1994..... at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

..... *Angel Holian* Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Minutes

Manager's Business

Correspondence

Notices of Motion:

(1) Commissioner Joyce:

"I request that long distance lorry Drivers be permitted to park at Abbey Trinity Car park."

(2) Commissioner Kelly:

"Tuam Town Commissioners should make arrangements to have all records put on micro-film and all Minute Books stored in a fireproof cabinet."

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approach roads leading out as far as the Golf Club to be repaired and improved.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 2ND AUGUST, 1994

PRESENT: **CHAIRMAN:** Mr. J. Burke

COMMISSIONERS: T. Reilly, G. Browne-Lane,
 F. Biggins, P. Finnegan,
 G. Joyce

OFFICIALS: Mr. E. Lusby, Acting Assistant
 County Manager
 Mr. O. Higgins, Town Engineer
 Ms. E. Hourigan, Acting Town Clerk.

APOLOGIES FROM COMMISSIONERS: M. O'Grady, M. O'Kelly and E. Mongan.

The Prayer was recited.

MINUTES: The Commissioners met a Deputation from the Athenry Road Residents Committee. The following points were raised by their spokesperson, Mr. T. Gavin.

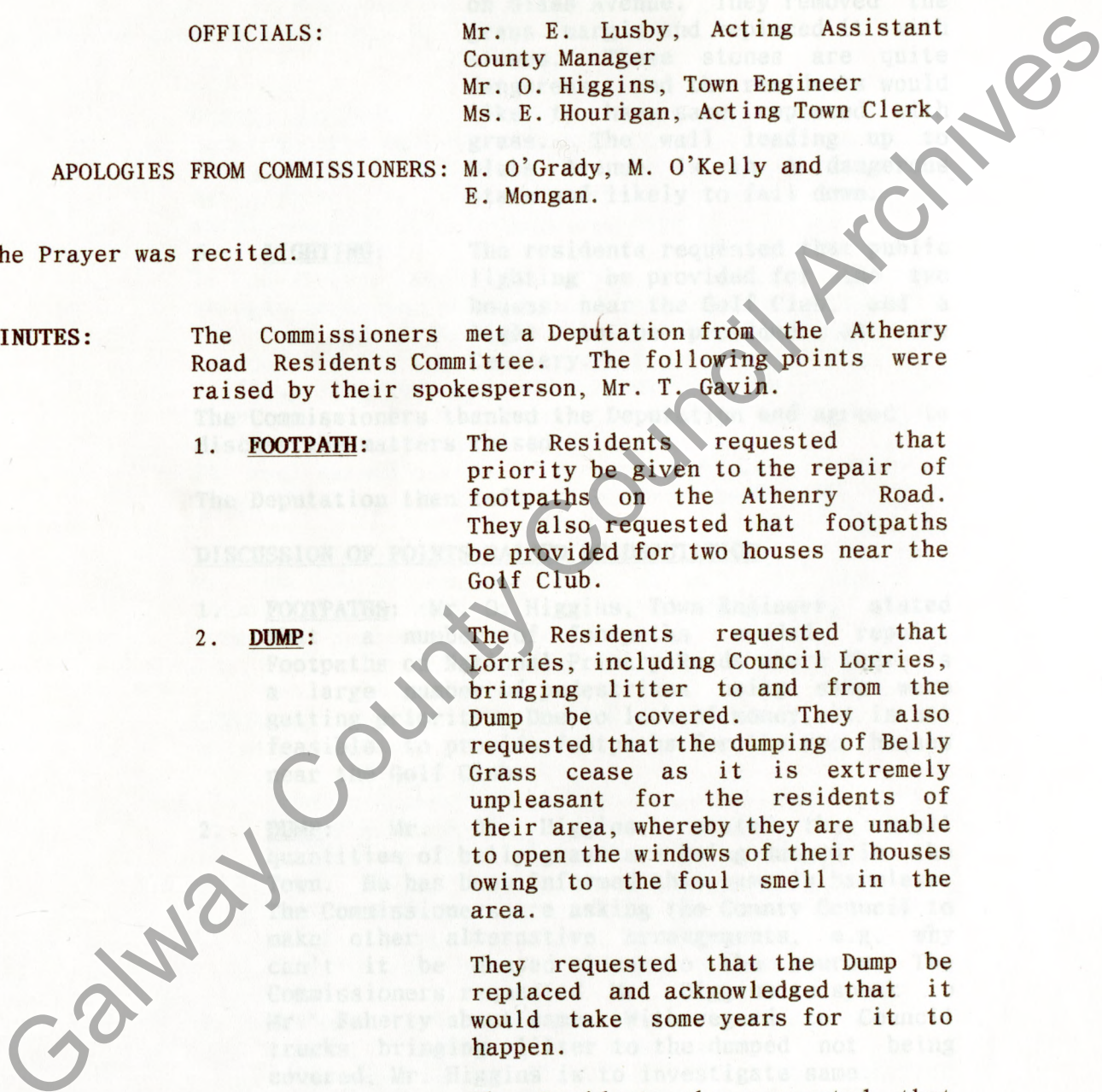
1. **FOOTPATH:** The Residents requested that priority be given to the repair of footpaths on the Athenry Road. They also requested that footpaths be provided for two houses near the Golf Club.

2. **DUMP:** The Residents requested that Lorries, including Council Lorries, bringing litter to and from the Dump be covered. They also requested that the dumping of Belly Grass cease as it is extremely unpleasant for the residents of their area, whereby they are unable to open the windows of their houses owing to the foul smell in the area.

They requested that the Dump be replaced and acknowledged that it would take some years for it to happen.

The Residents also requested that the Dump be maintained to EC standards.

3. **APPROACH ROADS:** The Residents requested that the approach roads leading out as far as the Golf Club to be repaired and improved.



4. **CEMETERY:** The residents stated while this was the Towns concern, they expressed problems with the Caretaking of the Cemetery.
5. **GLASS AVENUE:** Council laid pipes a few years ago on Glass Avenue. They removed the grass margin and replaced it with stones. These stones are quite dangerous, and the residents would like to have same replaced with grass. The wall leading up to Glass Avenue is in a dangerous state and likely to fall down.
6. **LIGHTING:** The residents requested that public lighting be provided for the two houses near the Golf Club, and a light to be provided at the Cemetery.

The Commissioners thanked the Deputation and agreed to discuss the matters raised.

The Deputation then left.

DISCUSSION OF POINTS RAISED BY DEPUTATION

1. **FOOTPATHS:** Mr. O. Higgins, Town Engineer, stated that a number of footpaths needed repair. Footpaths on National Primary Roads where there is a large number of pedestrians using same were getting priority. Due to lack of money, it is not feasible to provide footpaths for the two houses near the Golf Club.
2. **DUMP:** Mr. O. Higgins, stated that small quantities of belly grass are being dumped in the Town. He has been informed that same is harmless. The Commissioners are asking the County Council to make other alternative arrangements, e.g. why can't it be dumped closer to the source. The Commissioners requested Mr. Higgins to speak to Mr. Faherty about same. With regard to Council trucks bringing litter to the dumped not being covered, Mr. Higgins is to investigate same.
3. **CEMETERY:** Mr. Higgins stated that the person employed is doing a very capable job. He inspected the cemetery earlier that day. The grass was cut and the graves marked out in accordance with the relevant regulations. It was requested that the gates be opened on Sunday. The Town Engineer is to consider same.

4. **LIGHTING:** Mr. O. Higgins, Town Engineer, stated that the sum of £2,000 was the allocation for Public Lighting for whole area. There is no money available to provide the lights requested.

The meeting continued with the following.

URBAN RENEWAL: Since the last meeting, the Commissioners met with Minister Emmet Stagg. Minister Stagg stated that Tuam is the largest community without designation at this stage and that every endeavour should be made to forward our case.

It was stressed that this is one of the most important things to happen to Tuam and should be treated with the utmost speed and urgency. Mr. Kavanagh was in contact with Mr. B. Callagy for his assistance in drafting a Plan. The Chamber of Commerce could make submissions. It is hoped to have a Draft Plan available for the next meeting. It was agreed that a letter be written to Minister Stagg thanking him for his assistance and advice.

MANAGER'S BUSINESS: Mr. Lusby stated that Mr. Declan Nelson, will take up duty as Assistant County Manager with Galway County Council with effect from 5th September, 1994.

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

1. Lydon & Company, Solicitors - Re: Property at 41, Gilmartin Road, Tuam.
Letter to be sent confirming same.
2. T. A. O'Donoghue & Son, Solicitors - Re: Property at 27 Athenry Road, Tuam, County Galway.
It was agreed subject to Manager's approval.
3. Concanon & Meagher, Solicitors - Gerry Wande & Others, 64 Tobberjarlath Road, Tuam.
It was agreed to furnish the information requested subject to Manager's approval to same.
4. Letter from Ms. M. Murphy-Ryan, of Galway Road, Tuam, County Galway, regarding derelict site beside her residence.
Copy of letter given to Galway County Council for attention. A check will be made regarding the Owner and the appropriate action will be taken.

Commissioners also requested an up-to-date position with regard to the property at No. 3 Athenry, Road.

5. Acknowledgement letter from Deputy Paul Connaughton.
6. The letter from Department of Finance regarding the relocation of the Regional Office of the Ordnance Survey in Tuam stated that the premises were not ready for occupation. The Commissioner J. Burke stated that the premises appear to be in excellent condition. Tuam Commissioners have requested a meeting with the Minister, however, no date has been arranged to date. Commissioner Finnegan was requested to arrange a meeting as soon as possible with Minister N. Dempsey, and to invite Minister N. Treacy to attend same. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the Minister asking when the premises were last inspected.
7. Level Crossing at Galway Road, Tuam. - Agreement has been reached in principal. Iarnrod Eireann have been requested by the County Council to furnish detailed information to advance case for funding with the National Roads Authority.
8. Letter from Taoiseach's Office &
9. Letter from Minister M. Smith's Office - Funding for the Outer Ring Road Tuam and the Inner Relief Road Tuam. When the Commissioners last met with the Taoiseach, he gave a commitment that he would speak to Minister M. Smith about same. Approx. £157,000 is required to complete the inner relief road. The Commissioners stated that there was no ambiguity that the Taoiseach referred to the inner relief road and they requested an urgent meeting with the Taoiseach about same.
10. Letter regarding Tuam Regional Water Supply Scheme - Awarding of Contracts. The Commissioners wish to welcome the project and thank all concerned.
11. Letter from Minister M. Smith regarding the Law relating to Local Authority Meetings. Any observations or comments on same to be raised.

12. Kilbeg-Knockferry Bridge Project.
The Commissioners felt that this project would be extremely important to the development of Tuam Town. A letter to be sent to Organisers conveying the Commissioners support.
13. Letter from Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland.

OTHER MATTERS RAISED: The Commissioners wish to express their interest in the jobs being maintained in the Tuam Engineering Works. It is vital that the people involved offer their service to the community. Every effort should be made to bring about realistic conditions in order to ensure the viability of the jobs involved. The Commissioners stated that they would offer themselves as mediators if required.

Mr. O. Higgins is to investigate the following and will deal with same after the holidays.

Burst Pipes on Tuam Road.
Burst Pipes on Galway Road.
Flooding on Gilmartin Road - Gullies to be cleaned.
Gullies to be cleaned on Dublin Road.

Provision of a Loading Bay/Car Park in Abbey Trinity to be discussed at the next meeting. Mr. O. Higgins, to investigate same.

The Town Engineer is to consider erecting a "Children at Play" sign on Weir Road and Geraghty's Corner.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY: A vote of sympathy was passed to the family of Ms. Clare Burke, Bishop Street, Tuam, County Galway.

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by Ms. E. Hourigan, Acting Town Clerk.

SIGNED BY: _____

CHAIRMAN

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

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**TUAM CLERK'S OFFICE,
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To each Town Commissioner

27th July, 1994

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The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on Tuesday, 2nd August, 1994 at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

Angela Holian
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AGENDA

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Manager's Business

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday, 30th June, 1994

Chairman: J. Burke

Commissioners: M. Kelly, G. Joyce, T. Reilly, E. Mongan,
G. Browne-Lane

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

Apology: Commissioners Finnegan, O'Grady, Biggins

The prayer was recited.

The Manager presented a map of areas of Tuam, selected by the Planning Dept., Galway County Council, which it considered would qualify for Urban Renewal as per the guidelines set down by the Dept. Mr. Comer listed the areas: Area 1: This area is bounded by Foster Place on the north side, Shop Street on the east side, Chapel Lane on the west side and High Street on the south side. It has an area of approx. 2.5 acres (1.20 hectares). The area fronting Shop Street and Foster Place and High Street has a mixture of commercial developments with little first floor residential use. The Mill Museum, a heritage building, is located towards the centre of the riverside walk. It is an objective of the Town Plan to consider the preservation of this Mill. The remaining area is made up of back yards and sheds and is in an advanced stage of decay. In the Tuam plan which was adopted in 1992, this area is zoned commercial. This commercial zoning permits residential development in certain cases. Some refurbishment of commercial/residential use has already been carried out on premises in Shop Street which is one of the main shopping streets in the town. The designation would further encourage such development. Area 2: This area is bounded by Chapel Lane, the Telecom Eireann site and the Riverside Walk. It has an area of 0.22 acres (0.09 hectares) and is adjacent to Area No. 1. It consists mostly of derelict sheds. It is zoned commercial in the Town Plan. Area 3: This area is bounded by High Street/Galway Road on the south side, Chapel Lane on the east side the the public car park and supermarket property on the north side. It has an area of 1.6 acres (0.647 hectares). This area is zoned for commercial use. The area fronting Galway Road/High Street comprises a mixture of commercial developments and again with little residential development. The area at the rear i.e. fronting the car park is made up of unattractive rear views and is made up of back yards, sheds, etc. There is obvious development potential in this area which would be enhanced by designation status. Area 4: This area is bounded by the car park on the south side, the Palace grounds road on the east side, the Palace Grounds on the north side and a supermarket property on the west side. It has an area of 0.7 acres (0.78 hectares). This is made up of a plot of ground on which the Presentation Convent had a boarding school. This building has a facade and arch and it is an objective of the Town Plan to secure their preservation. Permission was granted a number of years ago to convert this

building to a supermarket with an office development overhead. Presently, it lies empty and is slowly deteriorating. This could be redeveloped as a commercial/technology based/residential property with apartments on the upper-floors. Designation would be a very strong promotional aid for this purpose.

Area 5: This area is bounded on the east side by Shop Street, on the south side by Bishop Street/The Square, on the north side by the River Nanny and on the east side by a car park, Palace Grounds and a supermarket. This block has an area of 3.5 acres (1.416 hectares). This area is zoned for commercial purposes in the Tuam Town Plan and at present there is a mixture of commercial properties, a milling area on the north side and a little residential use. This area fronts onto two of the main shopping areas in the town - Shop Street and the Square/Bishop Street. There are some properties which have been closed for a number of years and at the rear of the frontage development on both streets is a mixture of decayed buildings, sheds, back yards, etc. This area is a prime location for urban renewal where a mix of town house/apartments and commercial uses could be developed. There is adequate car parking nearby and all the other services are available. Area 6: This area is bounded by High Street on the north side, the Square on the east side, Church Lane on the west side and private property on the south side. The area of this is 1.0 acres (0.404 hectares). It is located in an area zoned commercial. The Town Hall forms part of the area and it is a heritage building. It is an objective of the current Tuam Town Plan to secure preservation of the 1870 facade of this building. The remainder of the area is made up of commercial development with back yards and sheds. There is little residential use at present in this area. It would be an ideal area to re-introduce residential development primarily to the upper floors if it secured designation status. Area 7: This is contained in lands bounded on the north east by the railway line, Church View on the south east, the Galway Road and rear access road on the west side and south side. This is the largest area put forward for designation with an area of 5.0 acres (2.02 hectares). It is zoned commercial in the Tuam Plan. At present this area contains the local mart and a garage/filling station. This area is probably in most need of designation because of its present use and is wrongly located adjacent to residential development. It causes severe traffic congestion in the town of Tuam and it would be of great advantage both to the town and to the farmers and those who use the mart, to relocate it to a more suitable site in the environs of Tuam where the road network would be more suitable to service same. This area could then be re-developed for commercial/residential use if designation were granted, which would be more suitable and would use the existing infrastructure rather than greenfield sites in the environs.

Replying to Commissioner Browne-Lane Mr. Comer said the areas selected were close to the centre of town and would cover an area of approx. 10 acres.

Replying to Commissioner Kelly the Manager said that if the plan was approved by the Town Commissioners it would be brought before a meeting of Galway County Council and then submitted to the Department. It would then have to be approved by the Department.

It was proposed by Commissioner Kelly seconded by Commissioner Joyce and agreed that the draft plan presented by the Manager be approved.

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

1. Commissioner Finnegan - read
2. Office of the Taoiseach - The Chairman informed that the Tuam Engineering area got no committment for this financial year. The Town Engineer confirme that special specific non-national road grants were funded by the E. U. and no funds were allocated to the Tuam area. The Dublin Road bypass and the outer ring road were included in the application for these funds. It was proposed by Commissioner Browne-Lane and seconded by Commissioner Kelly to seek a meeting with Mr. Mark Killilea, M.E.P. It was decided to write to

write to the Taoiseach and the National Roads Authority.
The Manager said according to the letter from the Dept. (read) the outer ring road (N17 to N83) would be a National Primary Road.

3. Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland - It was proposed by Commissioner Kelly and seconded by Commissioner Reilly and agreed that the following Notice of Motion be submitted for the Annual Conference:
"That Congress call on the Dept. of the Environment to expedite the setting up of a Committee to study the reform of Town Government."
4. T. A. O'Donoghue & Son, Sol. - Consent to the sale of 2 St. Enda's Ave to Michael O'Connor.
5. Gleeson & Kean, Sol. - Consent to the sale of 9 Toberjarlath Road to Colette McHugh and Kenneth Meehan.
6. McInerney Solicitors - Consent to the sale of 77 Gilmartin Road to Mary and Sylvia Collins.
7. Galway County Council - There was unanimous agreement for the following resolution:
"That the distribution of Non-National Road Funds should be the sole responsibility of Local Authorities."
8. New Ross Urban District Council - There was unanimous support for the following motion:
"That the Government institute an enquiry into the causes of the Dublin and Monaghan bombings as a matter of urgency, in response to the lack of information to the families affected."
9. Tuam Community Council - read

Notice of Motion: (1)

Commissioner Reilly spoke on his Notice of Motion regarding sewerage problems at Airgloney. He asked the support of the Members to ensure this area is included in Phase III of the sewerage scheme. There was unanimous support for the motion.

(2)

Commissioner Reilly said he welcomed the work carried out at Abbey Trinity Carpark in the past few weeks. He said the carpark was not developed to its full potential. The present toilets should be knocked down and new ones built. A telephone kiosk should be installed and a bus shelter erected and the buses directed to this area rather than the present area. There was unanimous support for the motion. It was decided to write to Galway County Council and ask them to consider this also to discuss same with Telecom and Bus Eireann.

(3)

Commissioner Reilly welcomed the work done recently on the green areas. He queried if this would be carried out on an on-going basis. Commissioner Burke informed that a scheme was being sought which would permanently solve the issue of maintenance of green areas. The Engineer stated that approval to start work on the green areas was not forth coming until May this year, but all green areas would be cut by F.A.S. Replying to Commissioner Browne-Lane he said an agreement had been signed with a private contractor re: the Palace Grounds.

Commissioner Kelly asked that the park at St Enda's ave be dealt with also an area at Newtownmorris.

Footpaths:

Replying to Commissioner Kelly the Engineer said a temporary surface would be put on a section of footpath at High Street. Circular Road would be dealt with before the holidays. Replying to Commissioner Mongan he said the Road sweeper is hired once a month.

Special Meeting held on Wednesday 20th July, 1999

It was proposed by Commissioner Browne-Lane seconded by the Chairman that a letter be written to the Archbishop expressing the Boards' sorrow on the announcement of his retirement.

It was proposed by Commissioner Kelly and seconded by Commissioner Joyce that Commissioner Browne-Lane continue to represent the Town Commissioners on the Board of Action Tuam.

Sympathy:

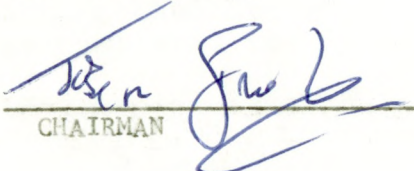
A vote of Sympathy was passed with the following Families:

The People of Loughlin Island on the recent murders
Bray Family on the death of Tim
Conniffe Family on the death of Martin

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY:


CHAIRMAN

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Special Meeting Held on Wednesday 20th July, 1994

The primary purpose of the scheme is to promote the redevelopment and upgrading of run-down urban areas. The Meeting was called to select Members to meet with Deputy Emmet Stagg, T.D., Junior Minister, Dept. of the Environment re: Urban Renewal.

Commissioners Burke, Finnegan, Kelly, Reilly, Browne-Lane and Biggins to meet with the Minister.

In general, areas located in or close to the centre of a city/town are considered most suitable for designation.

Designation is restricted both in terms of area and it is important that designation is not wasted by it to areas that will not be redeveloped.

The historic and architectural character of an area should be preserved and in hand with the development potential of the scheme to promote the preservation, and where appropriate, the bringing into use of buildings of architectural interest.

One of the primary aims of the scheme is to encourage people to live in urban areas of towns and cities. There is a strong emphasis on the promotion of residential development, especially the conversion of existing buildings for residential purposes.

You should note that in addition to residential development incentives are also available for commercial development (excluding offices) except where ancillary to other commercial or industrial development.

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PROPOSED DESIGNATED

AREAS FOR TUAM TOWN

The primary purpose of the scheme is to promote the redevelopment and upgrading of run-down urban areas. The term "urban decay" would embrace all types of dereliction, run-down buildings, low grade uses, poor environmental conditions etc.

In general, areas located in or close to the centre of a city/town are considered most suitable for designation.

Designation is restricted both in terms of area and time. It is important that designation is not wasted by applying it to areas that will not be redeveloped.

The historic and architectural character of urban areas should be preserved hand in hand with new development. The potential of the scheme to promote the enhancement, and where appropriate, the bringing into everyday economic use of buildings of architectural or historic interest should be considered in selecting designated areas.

One of the primary aims of the urban renewal scheme is to encourage people to live in the centre areas of towns and cities. There is a strong focus in the taxation incentives of residential development especially on refurbishment/conversion of existing buildings for residential purposes.

You should note that in addition to residential development, incentives are also available for commercial development (excluding office except where ancillary to other commercial development) and industrial development.

It is now ripe for the introduction of an urban renewal scheme which will promote redevelopment of decayed areas and encourage residential use in the town centre by refurbishing existing buildings as well as appropriate commercial and industrial development.

The following is a list of areas that should be designated for urban renewal in Tuam. It should be noted that all the following areas are located in an archaeological zone as designated by the S.M.R. Report prepared by the O.P.W. and U.C.G. and adopted in the Galway County Development Plan.

PROPOSED DESIGNATED

AREAS FOR TUAM TOWN

Tuam town is located in the north of County Galway about 20 miles from Galway city. It is the largest town in this half of the county and vies with Ballinasloe to be the second largest town in the county. It is a scheduled town as designated by the 1963 Planning Act.

Taking into account the boundary extension for electoral purposes, the population of the town is estimated at over 5,500 persons. The Galway/Mayo Regional Study of 1983 projected a future population of Tuam and its environs of 8,300 persons in the year 2004 assuming an annual increase of 1.35% per annum.

Tuam town is centred in a large area of good agricultural lands and draws its support from this hinterland. It is a very important regional centre with large educational institutions in the town. Tuam flourished in the 60's, 70's and early 80's until the Sugar Factory in the town was forced to close in 1986 due to the economy at the time and following this, the Coca Cola plant and Ix Ltd closed so that there was a large increase in unemployment and the economy of the town suffered as a result. The growth of Galway city and the proximity of Tuam was also a factor in the decline of Tuam. That was a low point in the town of Tuam and since the beginning of the 90's many new local industries have grown with the aid of the County Development Team and the I.D.A. For the last few years the Bishops Conference has also added a new impetus to the town and is backed by the local Chamber of Commerce and the Town Commissioners.

A new sewage treatment plant costing over £8 million pounds has been installed in the town and a new Regional Water Scheme has been designed and tenders received.

Tuam is a very old town, parts of it dating back to the 12th century. The streets are narrow and little development has taken place in the town centre since the foundation of the town. In the 70's and 80's most new developments took place on the perimeter of the town so that there was a decline in the centre of the town where residential use also declined, a trend that occurred in many other towns.

Tuam then is ripe for the introduction of an urban renewal scheme which will promote redevelopment of decayed areas and encourage residential use in the town centre by refurbishing existing buildings as well as appropriate commercial and industrial development.

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AREA NO. 1

This area is bounded by Foster Place on the north side, Shop Street on the east side, Chapel Lane on the west side and High Street on the south side. It has an area of approximately 2.5 acres (1.20 hectares). The area fronting Shop Street and Foster Place and High Street has a mixture of commercial developments with little first floor residential use. The Mill Museum, a heritage building, is located towards the centre of the Riverside Walk. It is an objective of the Town Plan to consider the preservation of this Mill. The remaining area is made up of back yards and sheds and is in an advanced stage of decay. In the Tuam Plan which was adopted in 1992, this area is zoned commercial. This commercial zoning permits residential development in certain cases. Some refurbishment of commercial/residential use has already been carried out on premises in Shop Street which is one of the main shopping streets in the town. The designation would further encourage such development.

AREA NO. 2

This area is bounded by Chapel Lane, the Telecom Eireann site and the Riverside Walk. It has an area of 0.22 acres (0.089 hectares) and is adjacent to Area No. 1. It consists mostly of derelict sheds. It is zoned commercial in the Town Plan.

AREA NO. 3

This area is bounded by High Street/Galway Road on the south side, Chapel Lane on the east side and the public car park and supermarket property on the north side. It has an area of 1.6 acres (0.647 hectares). This area is zoned for commercial use. The area fronting Galway Road/High Street comprises a mixture of commercial developments and again with little residential development. The area at the rear i.e. fronting the car park is made up of unattractive rear views and is made up of back yards, sheds, etc. There is obvious development potential in this area which would be enhanced by designation status.

AREA NO. 4

This area is bounded by the carpark on the south side, the Palace Grounds Road on the east side, the Palace Grounds on the north side and a supermarket property on the west side. It has an area of 0.7 acres (0.78 hectares). This is made up of a plot of ground on which the Presentation Convent had a boarding school. This building has a facade and arch and it is an objective of the Town Plan to secure their preservation. Permission was granted a number of years ago to convert this building to a supermarket with an office development overhead. Presently, it lies empty and is slowly deteriorating. This could be redeveloped as a commercial/technology based/residential property with apartments on the upperfloors. Designation would be a very strong promotional aid for this purpose.

TOTAL AREA OF THESE AREAS IS 14.6 ACRES APPROXIMATELY
(12.8 HECTARES)

AREA NO. 5

This area is bounded on the east side by Shop Street, on the south side by Bishop Street/The Square, on the north side by the River Nanny and on the east side by a car park, Palace Grounds and a supermarket. This block has an area of 3.5 acres (1.416 hectares). This area is zoned for commercial purposes in the Tuam Town Plan and at present there is a mixture of commercial properties, a milling area on the north side and a little residential use. This area fronts onto two of the main shopping areas in the town - Shop Street and The Square/Bishop Street. There are some properties which have been closed for a number of years and at the rear of the frontage development on both streets is a mixture of decayed buildings, sheds, back yards, etc. This area is a prime location for urban renewal where a mix of town house/apartments and commercial uses could be developed. There is adequate carparking nearby and all the other services are available.

AREA NO. 6

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AREA NO. 7

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THE AREAS PROPOSED FOR DESIGNATION ARE SHOWN ON THE ATTACHED MAP INLINED IN RED AND NUMBERED 1 - 7.

TOTAL AREA OF THESE AREAS IS 14.5 ACRES APPROXIMATELY (6.35 HECTARES).

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

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To each Town Commissioner

27th June, 1994.....

P. Finnegan

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Angela Nolea Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Urban Renewal

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Notice of Motion: Comm. Reilly

1. I propose that the Tuam Town Commissioners discuss the appalling sewerage problem at Ballygaddy road and Airglooney and the footpaths at Bishop street, both sides, also Tullinadaly road.
2. I propose that Tuam Town Commissioners discuss the problems at Abbey Trinity car park - Public toilets, Bus shelter, Seating, Phone kiosk and Embankment.
3. I propose that Tuam Town Commissioners discuss the problems of all the green areas - Ballygaddy road, Demesne, Milltown road, St. Joseph's Park, Newtownmorris, Upper Dublin road and Fairgreen Heights.

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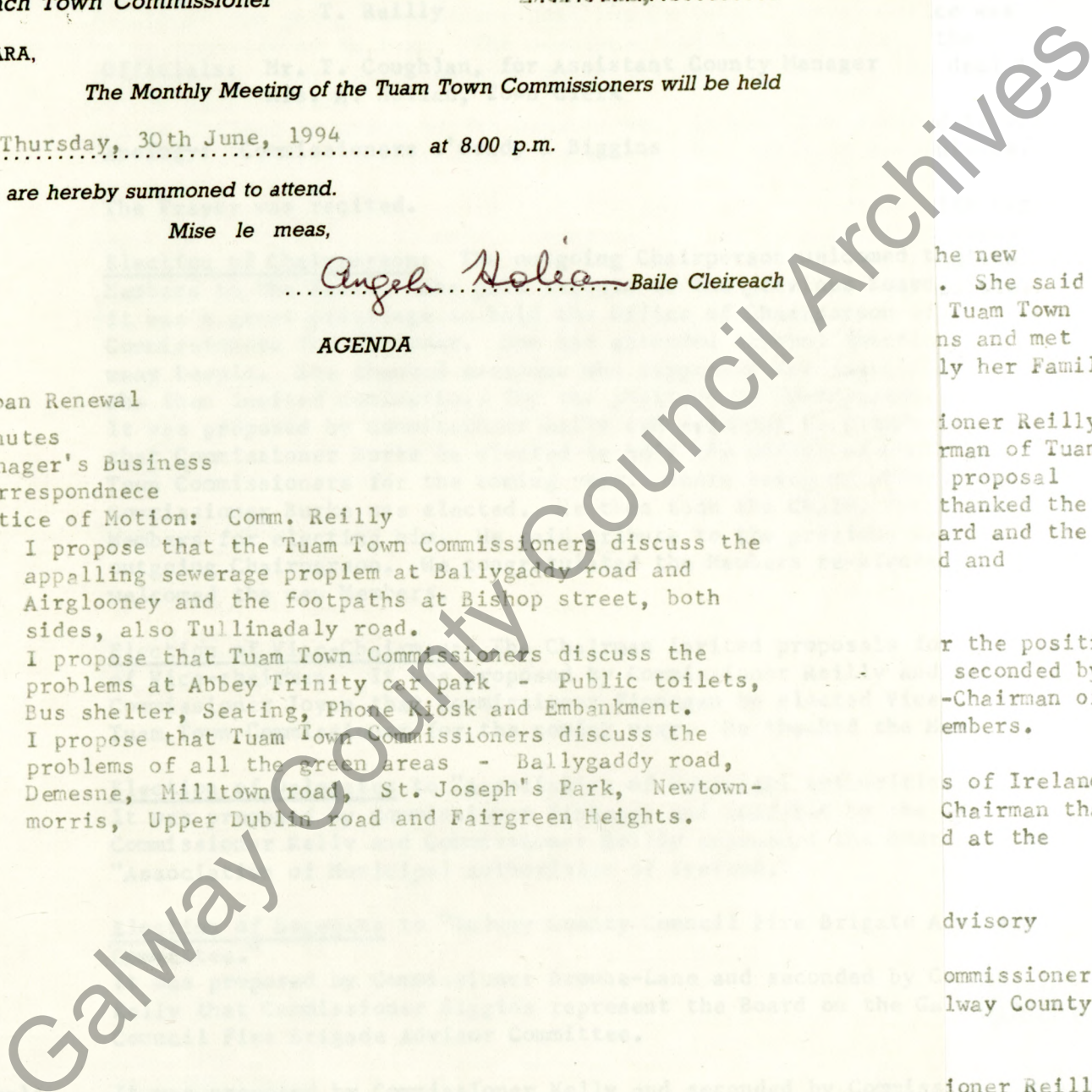
Urban Renewal.

Dublin Road
by-pass:

It was decided to write to the Taoiseach and the local T. D.'s re: funding for the Dublin Road by-pass.

Ring Road N-17
to N-83:

Commissioner Burke told the Members that Galway County Council had given a commitment that the ring road from the N17 to the N83 would be completed and it may not now be done for two or three years. Mr. Coughlan informed that planning of the road is proceeding, Purchase of the land is proceeding, C.P.O. is proceeding. He is not aware of the project being deferred.



TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Annual Meeting held on Monday, 20th June, 1994

Present:

Chairperson: G. Browne-Lane - outgoing

Commissioners: J. Burke, G. Joyce, E. Mongan, M. Kelly, P. Finnegan
T. Reilly

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

Apology: Commissioners O'Grady & Biggins

The Prayer was recited.

Election of Chairperson: The outgoing Chairperson welcomed the new Members to the Board. She paid tribute to the previous Board. She said it was a great privilege to hold the Office of Chairperson of Tuam Town Commissioners for the year. She had attended several functions and met many People. She thanked everyone who supported her especially her Family. She then invited nominations for the position of Chairperson. It was proposed by Commissioner Kelly and seconded by Commissioner Reilly that Commissioner Burke be elected to hold the Office of Chairman of Tuam Town Commissioners for the coming year. There being no other proposal Commissioner Burke was elected. He then took the Chair. He thanked the Members for electing him. He paid tribute to the previous Board and the outgoing Chairperson. He congratulated the Members re-elected and welcomed the new Members.

Election of Vice-Chairman: The Chairman invited proposals for the position of Vice-chairman. It was proposed by Commissioner Reilly and seconded by Commissioner Joyce that Commissioner Finnegan be elected Vice-Chairman of Tuam Town Commissioner for the coming year. He thanked the Members.

Election of Delegates to "Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland." It was proposed by Commissioner Finnegan and seconded by the Chairman that Commissioner Kelly and Commissioner Reilly represent the Board at the "Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland."

Election of Degegate to "Galway County Council Fire Brigade Advisory Committee."

It was proposed by Commissioner Browne-Lane and seconded by Commissioner Kelly that Commissioner Biggins represent the Board on the Galway County Council Fire Brigade Advisor Committee.

Urban Renewal:

It was proposed by Commissioner Kelly and seconded by Commissioner Reilly that the Chairman and the viceChairman meet with Mr. T. Kavanagh re: Urban Renewal.

Dublin Road
by-pass:

It was decided to write to the Taoiseach and the local T. D.'s re: funding for the Dublin Road by-pass.

Ring Road N-17
to N-83:

Commissioner Burke told the Members that Galway County Council had given a committment that the ring road from the N17 to the N83 would be completed and it may not now be done for two or three years. Mr. Coughlan informed that planning of the road is proceeding, Purchase of the land is proceeding, C.P.O. is proceeding. He is not aware of the project being deferred.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd May, 1994.

Present:

Chairperson: Gilleesa Browne-Lane

Commissioners: F. Biggins, J. Flaherty, J. O'Mara, M. O'Grady
J. Burke, N. Halion, M. Kelly, P. M. Stapleton

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

The Prayer was recited.

Minutes:

Regarding the extension of the Town Boundary the Manager informed that the Bill was to be signed by the President that week. The new register of electors would be available next week.

Scout Hall:

Replying to the Chairperson the Manager said the agreement had been completed.

Level Crossing:

Commissioner Burke stated that a new agency had taken over. The new County Manager had agreed to look at the matter and do his utmost to resolve the situation this year. The matter to stay on the agenda.

Dublin Road by-pass

The Chairperson stated that the Taoiseach had given a commitment to make funding available.

Water:

Replying to Commissioner Halion the Manager said everything was going along normally.

Town Hall:

The Manager informed that everything was going ahead as agreed. A letter from Tuam Theatre Guild was read. He also informed that a report requested was to be sent to the National Heritage Council.

Urban Renewal:

Replying to the Chairperson the Manager said plans were going ahead.

The Square:

The Chairperson welcomed Mr. Frank Gilmore, Design Dept, Galway County Council to the meeting. She explained the difficulties concerning the Square - large trucks and buses having difficulty getting round the Square, reduction of parking spaces, lack of Pedestrian crossings, trucks which had traditionally unloaded on the Square now unloading on Bishop street and causing obstructions. Commissioner Halion said High Street was the main entrance to the Town and should revert back to two-way traffic. Commissioner Burke said the complaints listed had been going on since the inception of the new Square. He also said traffic from Dublin road to High Street or Bishop street was prevented from moving at the same time. He said traffic should be permitted to stream both ways. He also said that if traffic from Tullinadaly road could turn right at Foster place it would make a difference. Commissioner O'Mara agreed with this and said at present all traffic has to go round a small island in the Square. Commissioner Kelly said the number of delivery trucks had multiplied in recent years and when one parked it delivered to a number of premises. Commissioner O'Grady suggested that part of the pavement outside the Town Hall be removed and let traffic slip onto High street also part of the pavement outside Square Deal. Commissioner Biggins agreed with this and said traffic

from Shop street to Bishop street could also slip away. Commissioner Stapleton said the design of the Square was excellent but traffic going to High street shouldn't have to queue behind traffic going to Bishop street. A reduction of the paved areas would solve this problem. He said the Square is Pedestrian friendly. He also said he would like to see the Dublin road to Vicar Street/Galway Road bypass completed immediately. He said the Taoiseach's comments the previous week were favourable and the onus was now on Galway County Council to finish the bypass also the Dunmore road to Milltown road link. He also said rumble strips were badly needed on Dublin road.

Replying Mr. Gilmore said People had asked for a roundabout at the Square. He would look at the central island with a view to reducing it. He said he had observed the Square area for 1½ hours the previous week. On one occasion two articulated trucks had passed with difficulty. On another occasion a bus couldn't get round because of a parked car. He said there was a need for definite control on parking and suggested that "1 hour" parking be strictly enforced. He said he wouldn't be gone on Pedestrian crossings at the Square because traffic moves so slow. The chains are there to guide the Pedestrians. Regarding pedestrian crossings in other areas he said he favoured Pelican crossings. A survey was to be carried out on Dublin road. He said rumble strips were still experimental but could be installed if they were legalised. He said he would look at the items mentioned.

The Chairperson thanked Mr. Gilmore for attending the Meeting. Replying to the Members the Town Engineer said some restoration work would be carried out at Vicar Street. He would recommend that Foster Place revert to two way traffic. He will be meeting with the new Superintendent shortly.

The Minutes of the April Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Biggins seconded by Commissioner Flaherty.

The Minutes of the special Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Burke seconded by Commissioner Flaherty.

Manager's Business: The Acting Assistant County Manager told the Members that there should be agreement between the Town Commissioners and Galway County Council regarding the refurbishment work at Gilmartin Road. It was proposed by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady and agreed 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, Tuam.

Replying to Commissioner Kelly the Manager said the 1993/94 scheme was in progress. Under the 1994/95 scheme it was proposed to demolish and rebuild eight houses. He also informed the Board that house No. 15 Gilmartin Road has come back into the ownership of the Town Commissioners. Refurbishment work has started at No. 75 Gilmartin Road. The Manager undertook to examine some spare ground at the back of Nos. 15 and 16 Gilmartin Road.

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:
Evelyn Nolan,
Clerk

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CHAIRMAN

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

1. Athenry Road Residents Association - The Town Engineer stated that the illegal dumping of dead animals had been stopped. He had been advised that bellygrass was harmless and a firm is employed for rodent control. Replying to Commissioner O'Grady, who asked if Galway County Council were looking for an alternative site the Engineer said the existing dump is satisfactory and is maintained to a high standard. Commissioner Burke was asked to take the matter of an alternative site up with Galway County Council. The Residents also complained about the bad condition of the footpaths and requested that a light be replaced and some new lights be installed beyond the bridge.
2. Office of an Taoiseach - read.
3. Concanon & Meagher, Solicitors - Consent to the sale of 64 Athenry road, Tuam to Mary Lunn.
4. Daniel G McGrath, Solicitor - Consent to the sale of 44 Toberjarlath road, Tuam to Noel Tighe & Avril Acton.
5. Bruen Glynn & Co., Solicitors - Consent to transferr of 9 Newtown-morris to Mary McGrath.
6. Tuam Theatre Guild - read.
7. Monaghan Urban District Council - read.

Congratulations: Congratulations were extended to Fr. Maloney and St. Jarlath's College on winning the College's Football final. It was decided to write to R.T.E. re lack of coverage of the College's final

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

- Brennan Family, Parkview Drive on the death of Brendan
- Brynn Family, Milltown Road on the death of John Joe -
- Henderson Family, Weir Road on the death of Seamus
- Sweeney Family, Gilmartin Road on the death of Mrs. Sweeney
- Farrell Family, Waterslate on the death of Ned
- St. John Family, Church View on the death of Noel
- Burke Family, Airglooney on the death of Tom
- Newman Family, Athenry Road on the death of John
- O'Connor Family, The Mall on the death of Kay

Commissioners Stapleton, O'Mara and Flaherty, who were retiring from the Board thanked Officials, Commissioners and Press for their co-operation down through the years. They complimented Commissioner Browne-Lane on her year as Chairperson. The Chairperson thanked the Manager, Engineer, Clerk and Press for their co-operation during the year. All Members paid tribute to Commissioners Stapleton, O'Mara and Flaherty and wished them a happy retirement. They thanked the Officials, Commissioners and Press for their co-operation during the year. The Manager joined in the tribute to Commissioners Stapleton, O'Mara and Flaherty. He thanked the Members, the Staff and the Press for their efforts over the years.

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

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CHAIRMAN