

# TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

TUAM CLERK'S OFFICE,  
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

Tel. 093-24246

30th June, 1992

To each Town Commissioner

A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on Tuesday, 7th July, 1992 at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

*Angela Holian* Baile Cleireach

## AGENDA

Election of Chairperson

Election of V-Chairperson

Minutes

Manager's Business

Correspondence

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Replying the Assistant County Manager said the refurbishment plan had been designed to technical standards. When the work is complete an Architect will be requested to view the Square and give suggestions re the type of Monument and the best location. He said he would come back again to the Board and seek to get agreement re: a replacement monument. The overall situation regarding traffic management will be looked at as another exercise.

It was proposed by Commissioner Burke and seconded by Commissioner Flaherty that the plan as presented by the Manager be adopted by the Board.



TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday, 2nd June, 1992

Present:

Chairman: M. Kelly

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

Officials: Mr. P. J. Gavin, Assistant County Manager  
Mr. O. Higgins, Town Engineer  
Mrs. A. Holian, Town Clerk

Apology:

Commissioner O'Grady

The Prayer was recited.

Minutes:

Level Crossings:

The Board welcomed the announcement that work at the Vicar Street Crossing will commence on Monday, 22nd June. The work will involve the removal of the overbridge and erection of wicker gates to facilitate a footpath. Discussions are still taking place regarding the Galway Road crossing. The Town Engineer stated that the gates will be widened and relocated.

Town Hall:

Replying to Commissioner Stapleton the Assistant County Manager said he would arrange a fresh inspection of the Town Hall. He would also request an Architect to examine the facade and the tower and advise re: cost. He said he hoped to have a report for the next meeting. He said the Town Commissioners had the right to raise a loan and this can be considered at Estimate time. A letter from the Minister for the Environment was read and it was decided to write again to the Minister and send some photos of the Building.

Square Area:

The Assistant County Manager told the Meeting that he and the Town Engineer had met with the Residents of the Square Area earlier that day. He referred to the Map circulated to the Members and said the total effect on car parking space was a net reduction of five spaces. The underground servicing was completed and the next job was the erection of the roundabout. Replying to the Chairman he said that if Shopkeepers and Business people used off street parking there would be thirty or forty more car parking spaces available.

Commissioner Lane said she was disappointed at the reduction of car parking spaces also there was no provision in the plan for a pedestrian crossing at the Square. A car parking space for the disabled should be considered. Commissioner O'Mara said there had been reservations at the earlier meeting on the narrowing of the road area around the Square. He queried how far the paving was going in each direction and where the replacement monument was to be erected.

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BALLINASLOE UDC  
WESTPORT UDC

BALLINA UDC  
NCRANA UDC

CASTLEBAR UDC  
BUNDORAN UDC

Green Areas:

The Town Engineer told the meeting that all green area's would be cut soon. Regarding the Cemetary he said from Thursday 4th June the Gate would be open from 9am to 5pm.

Gilmartin Road:

The Assistant County Manager told the Meeting the situation was being examined.

Water:

The Assistant County Manager told the Meeting that the Department were seeking a "Cost benefit Analysis". A letter had been sent to the Minister requesting that he meet with a deputation from the Board at his earliest convenience.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Seamus Davin and Mr. James Maguire of Western Alliance Association who spoke on regionalisation. It was proposed and seconded that the Chairperson of the day attend the meetings of the Western Alliance Association for 1993.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

1. Tuam Brass and Reed Band - read
2. Iarnrod Eireann - level crossings - read
3. Gleeson & Kane, Solicitors: Consent to the mortgaging of 6 Toberjarlath to ICS Building Society.
4. Catherine J. Hughes & Co. Solicitors: Consent to the sale of 24 Gilmartin Road to Brigid Ward.
5. Athenry & Toberjarlath Roads Residents Assoc. - read
6. Donegal County Council: There was unanimous support for the following Motion recently adopted by the Council: "That this Council initiate a movement, with all party consensus, to campaign for the introduction of real Local Government Reform in Ireland".

Congratulations:

Congratulation were extended to Dr. Michael Neary on his appointment as Auxiliary Bishop of Tuam also to Fr. Kevin Blade on his ordination.

Sympathy:

A vote of Sympathy was passed with the following Families:

- McCoy Family, Circular Road on the death of Tony
- Reynolds Family, High Street on the death of Hilda
- Burns Family, Ballyglunin on the death of Todd
- Lynch Family, Blackacre on the death of Finola
- Cooney Family, Waterslate on the death of Tom
- Jordan Family, Church View on the death of Mary
- Mrs. J. Connern, St. Enda's Ave on the death of Reggie Ormsby
- Mrs. Ann Killilea, Caherhugh House on the death of Paul Severs
- Gannon Family, Woodquay on the death of Winnie
- White Family, Ballyglunin on the death of Mrs. White
- The Family of Inky Flaherty
- The Family of C. I. O'Flynn
- The Family of Richard DeBarra

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:  
Angela Holian,  
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY: ASSOCIATION, AN SPIDÉAL, CO NA GAILLIMHIL  
FON & FACS 091-23480



**TO EACH MEMBER OF THE FOLLOWING UDC'S AND TOWN COMMISSIONERS**

BALLINASLOE UDC  
WESTPORT UDC

BALLINA UDC  
BUNCRANA UDC  
LETTERKENNY UDC

CASTLEBAR UDC  
BUNDORAN UDC

BALLYSHANNON TOWN COMM.  
TUAM TOWN COMM.

LOUGHREA TOWN COMM.  
BOYLE TOWN COMM.

11/5/92

A Cháirde

Enclosed is literature on the proposed Forum by Regionalism.

***You are invited to nominate a member to represent your Council to attend the Forum 1993 meeting in Boyle on Saturday 4th July next.***

Travelling Expenses will not be paid by the Western Alliance Association to attend this particular meeting but a credit will be entered on our expense sheet and retrospective payment will be made if and when the Forum takes off by the end of this year.

If you read the enclosed notes you will see that your Council is not asked to commit itself in any way whatsoever financially or otherwise at this time.

***The following have nominated representatives to attend.***

***Letterkenny UDC  
Boyle Town Comm.***

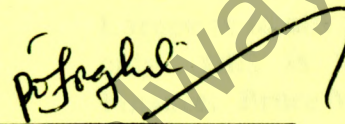
***Jim Larkin  
Eithne Sheridan***

The following three members of our organisation are prepared to attend by invitation one of your meetings during May or early June to give a 10 minute presentation on Forum 1993.

***Seamus Davin (Treasuer) 3 minutes  
Fidelma Healy Eames (Committee) 3 minutes  
Pól Ó Foighil (Chairman) 4 minutes***

Your representative is not being asked to attend any meeting until 4th July.

Le deá ghuí agus buíochas

  
PÓL Ó FOIGHIL

PS

I will be posting out a document within the week setting out a proposal to ensure that all Public Elected Representatives nation wide will have a vote and a say in electing the 9 Irish Members to the European Committee of the Regions as contained in the Maasticht agreement.

**WESTERN ALLIANCE ASSOCIATION, AN SPIDÉAL, CO NA GAILLIMHE.  
FÓN & FACS 091-83480**



# WESTERN ALLIANCE ASSOCIATION

## *Cumann Aontas an Iarthair*

Presentation by Séamus Davin MBA

(Treasurer Western Alliance Association)

### REGIONALISATION

\*People, thro' their politicians, have power to:

- \* Plan projects in their own region
- \* Fund these projects themselves
- \* Implement an action strategy for each project

\*Regionalisation is wished for & supported by:

- \* People in the Western Region
- \* Councillors: (FF, FG, PD, Lab, and Indep, in Co Councils, Urban Councils & Town Commissioners)
- \* National Party Leaders eg An Taoiseach & Mr John Bruton TD have indicated support for an Ireland of the Regions and for a Western Region in particular.

NB Over 2/3 of politicians of ALL parties, surveyed by the WESTERN ALLIANCE, indicated 100% support for Regionalisation.

### \*EC and REGIONALISATION

Europe is totally regionalised; Ireland, however, is considered to be 1 region only. **THIS IS NOT EC POLICY**, but the choice of our own Department of Finance. Bruce Millan, EC Commissioner for Regions, supports and Ireland of the Regions in a Europe of the Regions.

Regionalisation: the single most important point is that we could apply directly to Brussels for finance. **Údarás na Gaeltachta can do this and does it well: what's so different about the rest of the West? At present, for any particular project, we have to apply to Dublin: we can be either turned down or be interminably delayed.**

### THERE IS A BETTER WAY: REGIONALISATION

Regionalisation means we are put on an equal footing with the East Coast. EC grants would come here directly.

IN BRIEF, THE BEST PEOPLE TO RUN THE WEST ARE THE PEOPLE OF THE WEST



## A NOTE ON STRUCTURAL FUNDS AND THE GAELTACHT

PRESENTATION BY FIDELMA HEALY-EAMES

During the period since Ireland joined the European Community, the Gaeltacht Regions have benefited very significantly from the Community's Structural Funds - the European Social Fund (ESF), the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund, Guidance Section (EAGGF) and the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). To date these funds have contributed *£31 million* directly to Udarás na Gaeltachta, funding which has been used to implement vocational training programmes in Gaeltacht industries, to develop resource-based industries such as fish processing and agriculture, and to provide the essential infrastructure for industrial development in a peripheral region.

In addition to these direct receipts, Gaeltacht Regions have benefited substantially as a result of the co-finance which the Exchequer receives on foot of its funding of programmes that are implemented by Udarás na Gaeltachta, and there has been a major increase in such funding since the reform of structural funds in 1988.

Thus, for example the Operational Programme for industry and services, 1989 - 1993, includes a sub-programme for the Gaeltacht which provides co-finance at a rate of 75% from the ERDF for the implementation of Udarás na Gaeltachta's industrial development programme. The estimated cost to the Exchequer of implementing this programme over the five year period 1989 - 1993 is *£24 million* of which the ERDF will contribute *£18 million*. In addition, the Sub-programme for land and buildings provides ERDF co-finance



for the development of the industrial buildings and associated infrastructure without which the job creation programme for the Gaeltacht could not be successfully implemented.

Udarás na Gaeltachta's investment in training and related human resource measures is also being supported by the ESF under the Operational Programme for industry. Over the period 1990 - 1993 the ESF will contribute £4.0 million, or 65% of the projected cost of £6.1 million.

The Community Support Framework (CSF) for the processing of Fishery and Aquaculture Products, which provides co-finance from the EAGGF, Guidance Section for the development of added value fish processing facilities, will also benefit the Gaeltacht Regions over the period 1991 - 1993, as this industry is a significant employer in coastal regions. Eligible projects which are included in the various Operational Programmes under this CSF qualify for an EC capital grant of 45%. Similarly, aquaculture projects in the Gaeltachta will continue to benefit from EC capital grants of 40% under a separate structural instrument of the Community.

In addition to the above, Udarás na Gaeltachta has had (a number of) major projects approved under both the Euroform and now Community Initiatives - relating to Vocational training and employment opportunities for women, respectively and it is anticipated that projects in Gaeltachta, a consortium of local community development groups Roinn na Gaeltachta and Udarás na Gaeltachta, has been approved for funding under the Community's LEADER programme for rural development. EC funding of £1.6 million will be provided for the implementation of a wide range of rural development projects, including tourism and resource development.



**PRESENTATION BY SENATOR PÓL Ó FOIGHIL**  
**(CHAIRMAN WESTERN ALLIANCE ASSOCIATION)**

**Institutional change is essential to create effective Regional authorities.**

**These authorities must have sufficient autonomy and resources and also have sufficient capacity to analyse Regional problem.**

**They must be able to develop strategies to act decisively to achieve economic and social development in such practical matters, as Education, Location, Development, Planning, Manufacture, Transport, Employment and Social Services.**

**We need strong new Regional Authorities with power delegated by Central Government and Brussels.**

**This Authority will have real decision making power and the resources necessary to effect change.**

**A Europe of the Regions automatically implies an Ireland of Regions as well.**

**Without a realistic across the board political unit representing the West of Ireland it is probably fated to continue in rapid decline and become a European playground.**

**I need not develop this theme. You are all only too well aware of what I mean.**



When the Forum meets on the 4th July a Steering Committee will be set up to study all the practical implications of running the 1993 Regional Forum such as

Meetings

Submissions

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A detailed summary of the Format of the proposed Forum will be completed by the Steering Committee on 30th September. A copy will be sent to all Public Representatives in Connacht/Donegal.

Western Alliance Association will request all Chairpersons of Local Authorities to hold a special meeting before the end of October 1992 to consider the proposal and to decide if their Council will be involved in the Forum which will commence operations on 3rd January 1993.

Western Alliance is not attempting to set up a new Authority.

Western Alliance is facilitating all elected Representatives on a non-party / no party basis to meet in Forum 1993.

All aspects of Regionalisation as effecting Local Government will be on the table for discussion.

There will be no hidden Agenda.

Its deliberations will be in public.



To effect meaningful change Public Representatives will have of necessity to confront the Doubting Thomas' and tumble a few Sacred Cows on the way.

The Western Alliance is not in conflict with the Bishops "Building the West Together" concept.

It is attempting to give an all party and no party political dimension to the Bishops initiative.

The Bishops are using their collective voice to highlight an ever growing social problem - the problem of serious decline in the West of Ireland.

The Western alliance is non-political with members from all parties and none. We believe however that the achievement of our goal necessitates real political movement from local authority elected representatives.

That is why we are here.

We are asking your Council to become part of a process which may or may not result in the setting up of a Forum for Regionalisation in 1993.

The only commitment being asked of you to-day is to nominate 3 delegates to represent this Council at the Forums Inaugural meeting on Saturday July 5th.

We are not asking you or your Manager to commit your Council to expenditure of any kind at this time.



Submissions from interested individuals, parties, groups or organisations will be sought and examined.

The Forum's deliberations will be fully recorded and all Local Authorities will be presented with a copy of its findings and recommendations by September 1993.

Government will be asked to implement the agreed recommendations by way of special resolution from all assenting local authorities by end of November 1993.

Ireland shall have its first region up and running by January 1994.

Whereas

A democratically elected Committee was established in Kerry, November 1991 to promote Regionalism and carried out a Questionnaire/Survey among all Public Representatives in Connacht/Donagh in December 1991.

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The questionnaire result was overwhelming in favour of Regionalism - 100%.

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**REGIONALISM FORUM 1993**

**Whereas**

*Extensive publicity was undertaken in the West of Ireland to get across the board popular support for the principle of subsidiarity as defined in the Maastricht Treaty which means that decisions and actions are only to be taken at a National Level when they cannot be taken at a lower level closer to the citizens.*

**Whereas**

*The Treaty sets up a new "Committee of the Regions" to advise the Commission and Council in Community policies which in affect means for the first time that the Treaty has recognised levels of Government below the national level.*

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**Whereas**

*Public Delegates from the 6 Counties of Connacht and Donegal were selected to get approval from the local authority bodies (Co Co's, UDC's, and Town Commissioners) in each of the 6 counties to appoint delegates to make up the 1993 Regionalism Forum.*

**Whereas**

*The selected Public Delegates (Totalling 42), are to meet in session on Saturday 4th July 1992.*

**It was resolved to approach the Department of Environment and its Minister and request them to make an application to Bruce Millan's Department for Regionalism in Brussels for funding to advance the concept of Democratic Regionalism in Ireland before the Community Support Framework is decided for the next 5 years.**

*CC Government Ministers*

*Office of Bruce Millan in Brussels*

*Public Reps. in Connacht/Donegal*

*Bishops Advisory Council*

*General Council of Co Councils*

*General Council of Municipal Authorities*



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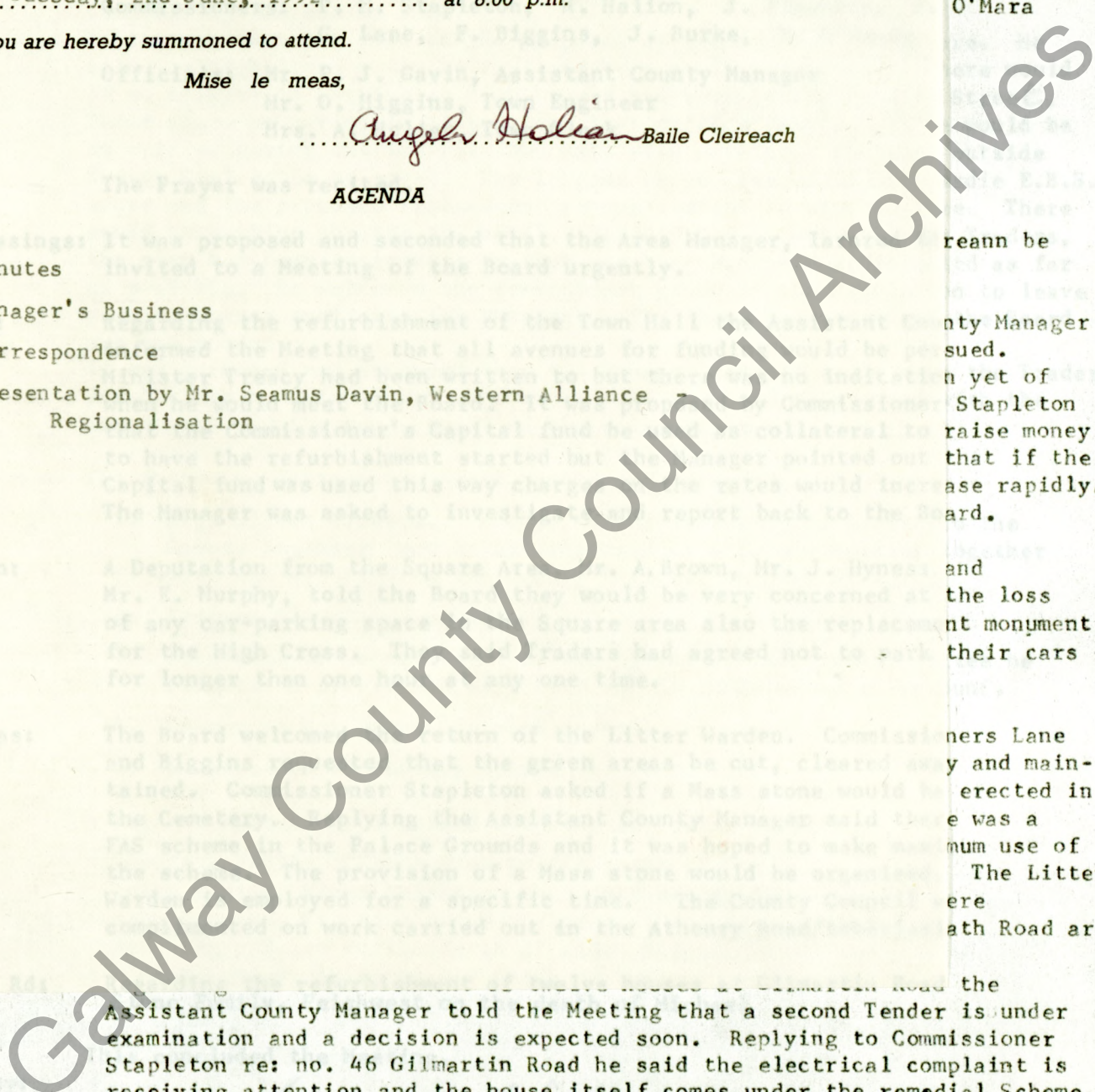
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Water:

It was proposed by Commissioner Burke and seconded by Commissioner Stapleton that the Board seek a Meeting with the Minister for the Environment at his earliest convenience.

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





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Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday, 5th May, 1992

**Present:**

Chairman: M. Kelly

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

Officials: Mr. P. J. Gavin, Assistant County Manager  
Mr. O. Higgins, Town Engineer  
Mrs. A. Holian, Town Clerk

The Prayer was recited.

**Minutes:**

**Level Crossings:** It was proposed and seconded that the Area Manager, Iarnrod Eireann be invited to a Meeting of the Board urgently.

**Town Hall:**

Regarding the refurbishment of the Town Hall the Assistant County Manager informed the Meeting that all avenues for funding would be pursued. Minister Treacy had been written to but there was no indication yet of when he would meet the Board. It was proposed by Commissioner Stapleton that the Commissioner's Capital fund be used as collateral to raise money to have the refurbishment started but the Manager pointed out that if the Capital fund was used this way charges on the rates would increase rapidly. The Manager was asked to investigate and report back to the Board.

**Deputation:**

A Deputation from the Square Area, Mr. A. Brown, Mr. J. Hynes and Mr. E. Murphy, told the Board they would be very concerned at the loss of any car-parking space in the Square area also the replacement monument for the High Cross. They said Traders had agreed not to park their cars for longer than one hour at any one time.

**Green Areas:**

The Board welcomed the return of the Litter Warden. Commissioners Lane and Biggins requested that the green areas be cut, cleared away and maintained. Commissioner Stapleton asked if a Mass stone would be erected in the Cemetery. Replying the Assistant County Manager said there was a FAS scheme in the Palace Grounds and it was hoped to make maximum use of the scheme. The provision of a Mass stone would be organised. The Litter Warden is employed for a specific time. The County Council were complimented on work carried out in the Athenry Road/toberjarlath Road area.

**Gilmartin Rd:**

Regarding the refurbishment of twelve houses at Gilmartin Road the Assistant County Manager told the Meeting that a second Tender is under examination and a decision is expected soon. Replying to Commissioner Stapleton re: no. 46 Gilmartin Road he said the electrical complaint is receiving attention and the house itself comes under the remedial Scheme.

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Manager's  
Business:

The Assistant County Manager informed the Meeting that the Office of Public Works had been working on the High Cross and it is now ready for moving to Athenry for cleaning and then to St. Mary's Cathedral. Work on the Square area will begin the day after the removal of the High Cross. The first jobs would be the replacing of underground water pipes and ducting for the E.S.B. He said the County Council would provide £7,000 towards a replacement monument. It is hoped the refurbishment of the Square will be complete by the end of June.

He then presented a plan of the proposed development at the Square. He said the High Cross would be replaced by a small roundabout. There would be no changes in parking at High Street and very little in Shop Street. There would be paving on Shop Street just outside Fahy's. There would be an area of paving outside the Town Hall also parking. The area outside Square Deal would be paved. The largest paved area would be outside E.B.S. house and the proposed replacement monument might be erected here. There would be parking outside the Hotel. He said he had met with the Traders, the plan had been acceptable to them and they had been accommodated as far as possible. He welcomed the commitment given by the Deputation to leave parking spaces available for Shoppers. The formal agreement of the Board was now needed.

It was proposed and seconded that the Manager consult again with the Traders and Residents of the Square and facilitate them and to proceed with the roundabout and the replacement of the water pipes etc.

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

1. High Street Traders. A copy of the letter to be passed to the County Engineer and to be discussed at a future Meeting together with the Report from the County Engineer on High Street.
2. Iarnrod Eireann - read
3. Tuam Stadium Committee. It was agreed the Stadium Committee be allowed to provide an exit onto the St. Enda's Ave playground.
4. Ceanannus Mor Urban District Council - read.
5. Information Technology Centre - read.

Sympathy:

A Vote of Sympathy was passed with the following Families:

Cosgrove Family, Church View on the death of Tom  
Quinn Family, Vicar Street on the death of Jackie  
John Connern, St. Enda's Ave on the death of Mrs. Lavelle  
Mrs. Peggy Fagen on the death of Aiden Ridge  
O'Gara Family, Sligo on the death of Ruth  
Stone Family, Feighwest on the death of Michael

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:  
Angela Holian,  
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY:

  
CHAIRMAN



TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS & GALWAY  
COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICIALS,  
c/o Town Hall,  
TUAM

5.5.92

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

We the undersigned Business people in the Square object to any parking spaces being reduced in the Square. We also undertake to park our personal cars for no longer than one hour at any given time, to leave room for valued customers and visitors passing through. We also support the idea of Fish and Vegetable sales on the Square, but, not of casual traders coming in taking up car-parking space.

We feel that the present proposal to lose car parking facilities in and around the Square will damage our business even further.

SIGNED BY THE FOLLOWING RATE PAYERS OF THE SQUARE:-

*L. Joyce*  
*Thomas J. Loftus.*  
*Pat Lane*  
*Geel. Ligney (mg) Sansa's Fashions*  
*Michael Mulgan*  
*Joe Hogan*  
*Michael Murphy*  
*Thomas Ryan*  
*John McManus*  
*Michael Burke*  
*P. J. Rafferty*

*Yvonne Begley*  
*Michael Fallon*  
*Eileen Murphy*  
*T. Tamm*  
*Patricia Collins*  
*E. L. L.*

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It was proposed by Commissioner Stapleton and seconded by Commissioner Burke that Mr. P. J. Rafferty, 46 Gilmartin road be transferred to No. 7 Tirboy. The Manager stated that all applications would be considered and allocations made on a scheme of priorities.



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E. O. B. Murphy.  
Michael Laughrone  
Claire Finnerty  
Paddy Hynes  
Alan Browne.  
Dina Hayes  
Shae Browne  
Maie Browne  
Patrick Browne.  
Maie O'Donnell.  
Aime Mubabe  
Aime Shatt

~~Sheila P. Doherty~~  
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MARITA HOLLAND  
Margaret Holliman.  
Fannie McManus.  
Lance J. J. J.  
Carmel Hare  
James B. Glynn  
Aida O'Donoghue  
SCARLETT MCHT  
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Galway County Council Archives

**Halting Site:**

Replying to the Members the Assistant County Manager said that every bay at the Halting site is occupied. It would not be possible to move the caravans on the Galway road into the Halting site. Another Halting site was needed. The Chairman asked that the Social Worker visit the site and see if more than one Family could be accommodated in a bay or if a caravan became vacant that a family from the Galway road be moved in. It was proposed by Commissioner Stapleton and seconded by Commissioner Burke that Mr. P. J. Rafferty, 46 Gilmartin road be transferred to No. 7 Tirboy. The Manager stated that all applications would be considered and allocations made on a scheme of priorities.



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Apology:

Commissioners Halion, O'Mara, Biggins, Flaherty

The Prayer was recited.

Minutes:

are Area:

The Assistant County Manager told the Meeting that details were being finalised. Arrangements are in hand to have the High Cross moved. The Chairman, Manager and Members congratulated everyone involved with the St. Patrick's day Parade.

Level Crossings:

The Members condemned the delay in having repairs carried out at both Level Crossings. Commissioner Burke stated that he had been in touch with Iarnrod Eireann who said that a letter from Galway County Council was in the active file. The Engineer told the Meeting that a Legal Agreement between Iarnrod Eireann and Galway County Council had been signed and the commencement of the work by Iarnrod Eireann was awaited. The Manager was asked to look at the house beside the Galway road Crossing.

Town Hall:

It was proposed by Commissioner Burke and seconded by Commissioner Stapleton to invite Minister Treacy to the next meeting of the Board. Commissioner Lane asked that the windows of the Town Hall be cleaned.

Litter:

The Board condemned the appalling way people are dumping on roadsides, in drains and abusing the environment. The Engineer was asked to visit Cloonthue road and Weir road and have the litter there removed to the Dump. They also requested that the Litter Warden, on his return, inspect these areas. The Manager paid tribute to the work being done by Communities, Tidy Towns Committees and the schools. He said the situation would be monitored and Offenders would be prosecuted.

The Minutes of the March Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Burke seconded by Commissioner Stapleton.

Manager's Business:

The Assistant County Manager told the Members that the contractor selected to carry out the refurbishment of houses at Gilmartin road had withdrawn. It would be at least a month before another contractor would be appointed.

Halting Site:

Replying to the Members the Assistant County Manager said that every bay at the Halting site is occupied. It would not be possible to move the caravans on the Galway road into the Halting site. Another Halting site was needed. The Chairman asked that the Social Worker visit the site and see if more than one Family could be accommodated in a bay or if a caravan became vacant that a family from the Galway road be moved in. It was proposed by Commissioner Stapleton and seconded by Commissioner Burke that Mr. P. J. Rafferty, 46 Gilmartin road be transferred to No. 7 Tirboy. The Manager stated that all applications would be considered and allocations made on a scheme of priorities.



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

1. Tuam Hairdressers re: Water supply. The Assistant County Manager agreed to investigate and have a report for the next meeting.
  2. Dept. of the Environment re: Speed Limits. It was proposed by Commissioner Stapleton and seconded by Commissioner Burke that Rumble strips be installed at all "30 mile" speed limits especially at Dublin road.
  3. Mr. Noel Treacy, T.D., Minister of State re: Town Hall. It was decided to invite Minister Treacy to the next Meeting of the Board.
  4. Clare County Council - read.
  5. Skibbereen Urban District Council - read.
  6. Listowel Urban District Council - There was unanimous support for the following resolution:- "That we request the Minister for Education to reconsider his proposal to subject ESF Higher Education grants to means testing".
  7. Institute of Public Administration - read.
  8. Concanon & Meagher, Solicitors: Consent to the sale of 76 Athenry road to Kathleen Kavanagh.
  9. Gleeson & Kean, Solicitors: Consent to the sale of 20 Tobberjarlath road to Mr. Tim Rooney.
  10. Tipperary (N.R.) County Council - read.
  11. T. A. O'Donoghue & Son, Solicitor - Consent to the sale of 43 Tjarlath
- Replying to the Chairman regarding No. 6 St. Enda's Ave the Engineer said an inspection had been carried out on the Chimney. There was no crack on the Gable on the inside of the house. All that is required is to strap the Chimney and point the crack on the outside.

The Chairman on behalf of the Executive of A. M. A. I. thanked everyone, especially Minister Treacy, Deputy Kitt, Senator Hussey and Fr. Michael O'Malley of the Developing the West Together Committee, for attending the very successful meeting on unemployment held recently in Tuam. Replying to Commissioner Stapleton the Engineer said the E.S.B. proposed to put all cables underground.

The Board called on the people involved in the Bank strike to spare no effort in resolving the dispute, also that negotiations regard U.M.P. be brought to a successful conclusion.

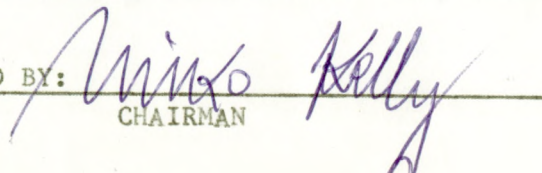
Congratulations: Congratulations were extended to St. Jarlath's College on their County Final win, Convent of Mercy on their Volleyball win and the success of the Choirs, also Kiltormer Hurling Team.

Sympathy: The Chairman proposed a vote of Sympathy with Commissioner O'Mara on the death of his Aunt. A vote of sympathy was also passed with the following Families:

- O'Grady Family, Church View on the death of Irene
- Mullins Family, Killaloonty on the death of Bill
- Farrell Family, Togher on the death of Mrs. Farrell
- Mannion Family, Dangan on the death of Mrs. Mannion
- McGough Family, Argloragh on the death of Mrs. McGough
- Shryne Family, Belclare on the death of Tom
- Philip Larkin on the death of Tom
- Mannion Family, Athenry road on the death of Eddie
- J. P. Keane, Claremorris 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

1st April, 1992

To each Town Commissioner

A CHARA,

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The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on Tuesday, 7th April, 1992 at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

*Angela Holean* Baile Cleireach

**AGENDA**

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*FEBRUARY*

The Minutes of the ~~March~~ Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Burke seconded by Commissioner O'Grady.

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



TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday, 3rd March, 1992

Present:

Chairman: M. Kelly

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

Officials: Mr. P. J. Gavin, Assistant County Manager  
Mr. O. Higgins, Town Engineer  
Mrs. N. Holian, Town Clerk

The Prayer was recited.

A vote of Sympathy was passed with the following Families:

Higgins Family, Athenry Road on the death of Julia  
Maguire Family, Gilmartin Road on the death of Barney  
Leonard Family, Liam Mellows Street on the death of Jenny  
Jordan Family, Church View on the death of Frank  
Cooney Family, Waterslate on the death of Sadie  
Fitzgerald Family, Weir Road on the death of Tom  
Carroll Family, Rusheens on the death of Mrs. Carroll  
Mary Dolan, Galway road on the death of Mrs. Dolan

Minutes:

Following the visit to the European Centre for Travellers at Egan House and the viewing of the proposed development plans the Members congratulated everyone involved on the refurbishment of Egan House and wished the project every success in the future.

Square Area:

The Assistant County Manager told the Meeting he had met with Residents of the Square area. Some amendments to the proposed development plan were suggested and the County Engineer will be looking at these. He said the plan would be back again for the formal agreement of the Board. The Chairman stated that he had attended the Meeting and the general feeling was that the Plan was acceptable. Commissioners O'Grady and O'Mara expressed dissatisfaction at not being invited to the Meeting. It was agreed to write to Minister Noel Treacy and seek a deputation regarding Lottery funds for the refurbishment of the Town Hall.

Level Crossing:

The Engineer told the Meeting he was awaiting a response from Iarnrod Eireann. He said the Crossing at Galway Road would have to be lifted to facilitate the laying of pipes for the new sewerage scheme and this would be an ideal opportunity to carry out improvements. This to be included on the Agenda for the May Meeting.

Dump:

The Members welcomed an announcement by the Assistant County Manager that as and from the 9th March 1992 the dumping of dead animals and offal would not be accepted at any dump in County Galway. He said this was now official County Council policy. He said rendering plants were available and the I.F.A. were advising people to dispose of fallen animals properly.

The Minutes of the <sup>February</sup> ~~March~~ Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Burke seconded by Commissioner O'Grady.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:



1. Tuam Chamber of Commerce re: St. Patrick's Day - read
2. Irish Guide Dogs Association - read
3. Dublin Corporation - read
4. Listowel Urban District Council - read
5. Department of Finance - read
6. Office of the Minister for Energy - read

It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Commissioner O'Grady that the Town Commissioners give a grant of £200 towards the publication of "History of Tuam" by Dr. Tony Claffey and £100 towards the Tuam Brass and Reed Band.

The Assistant County Manager told the Members that under new legislation the Commissioners were permitted to make such a contribution.

Notice of Motion: Commissioner O'Grady spoke on his motion re: the refurbishment of 12 houses at Gilmartin Road. He said there was an inordinate delay in starting the work. People were living in appalling conditions. The Assistant County Manager told the Meeting that the Department had raised queries on receipt of the County Council's approved Tender. These were replied to and the Department had informed the County Council that £300,000 was now available for Gilmartin Road. Final clearance should come in a matter of weeks. He also said the County Council had commenced work on two houses at Gilmartin road which were outside the scheme and these would be available for letting soon. There was unanimous support for the Motion and it was proposed to discuss this with Minister Treacy.

Replying to Commissioner Burke the Assistant County Manager said the matter of stray horses at Parkmore would be followed up.

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:  
Angela Holian,  
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY:

*Maria Kelly*  
CHAIRMAN

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The Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted on the proposal of  
Commissioner O'Grady.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 4th February 1992

**TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS**

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

Tel. 093-24246

To each Town Commissioner

26th February, 1992

A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on Tuesday, 3rd March, 1992 at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

.....*Angela Holian*..... Baile Cleireach

**AGENDA**

Visit to Egan House at 7 p.m.

Minutes

Manager's Business

Correspondence

Notice of Motion: M. O'Grady

"I propose that the Scheme to refurbish twelve houses at Gilmartin road be treated with urgency and proceeded with immediately."

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at Athenry Road be dealt with. The Deputation then left. During the discussion which followed the Assistant County Manager said that charges would be introduced shortly to discourage the dumping of dead animals. It is hoped that people would take the dead animals to rendering plants. He said no decision would be taken regarding the Dump until a study being conducted was completed. Regarding the two houses he said the site was being used to accommodate caravans. Improvements cannot be carried out until another site for caravans is acquired.



The Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted on the proposal of  
Commissioner O'Grady.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday, 4th February, 1992

Present:

Chairman: M. Kelly

Commissioners: J. Burke, J. O'Mara, M. O'Grady, J. Flaherty

P. M. Stapleton, F. Biggins, N. Halion, G. Lane

Officials: Mr. P. J. Gavin, Assistant County Manager

Mr. O. Higgins, Town Engineer

Mrs. A. Holian, Town Clerk

The prayer was recited.

Commissioner Biggins proposed a vote of Sympathy with the Family of Mr. Jack Coughlan, R.I.P. He said Mr. Coughlan was a member of the Board for 27 years and was Chairman on a number of occasions. All present paid tribute to Mr. Coughlan. It was proposed and seconded that a minutes silence be observed as a mark of respect. A vote of Sympathy was also passed with the following Families:

Kelly Family on the death of Paddy

O'Rourke Family on the death of Peter

Mullins Family on the death of James

Mary Feerick on the death of Nora Moyless

Tighe Family on the death of Christy

A minutes silence was observed and all joined in a prayer for the souls of the deceased.

Minutes:

Regarding the Level Crossings the Engineer told the Meeting that correspondence and sketches of the proposed improvements at both Vicar Street and Galway Road crossings had been sent to Iarnrod Eireann and he hoped to hear favourably from then.

Square Area:

A letter from Tuam Chamber of Commerce regarding the proposed re-development of the Square was read. Commissioner Stapleton said High Street should now be opened up to two way traffic. He proposed that the decision to move the High Cross to St. Mary's be implemented and the Office of Public Works be so notified. This was seconded by Commissioner Burke. Commissioner O'Grady and Commissioner Lane objected to the removal of the High Cross from the Square. The Assistant County Manager confirmed that an amount of £7,000 would be provided by Galway County Council for a replica/replacement monument. He said he proposed to meet with the Residents of the Square area shortly.

Deputation:

The Chairman welcomed a deputation from Tuam Community Council. Mr. Mattie Mannion of Athenry and Toberjarlath roads Residents Association told the Meeting that while a number of improvements had been carried out at the dump conditions there were still bad. The Deputation asked that the dumping of Bellygrass and dead animals be stopped immediately they called for the removal of the Dump in the long term. They also asked that screening promised, be erected and that two derelict houses at Athenry Road be dealt with. The Deputation then left. During the discussion which followed the Assistant County Manager said that charges would be introduced shortly to discourage the dumping of dead animals. It is hoped that people would take the dead animals to rendering plants. He said no decision would be taken regarding the Dump until a study being conducted was completed. Regarding the two houses he said the site was being used to accommodate caravans. Improvements cannot be carried out until another site for caravans is acquired.



The Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Flaherty seconded by Commissioner O'Grady.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

1. Mr. M. Kitt, T.D. re: Local Government reform - read
2. Old Tuam Society re: "History of Tuam" - read
3. Mr. M. Tuttle re: "Tuam Brass and Reed Band" - read
4. Gleeson & Kane Solicitors: Consent to the sale of 24 Gilmartin road to Raymond Beazley and Freda Ward.
5. Greencore plc. - read
6. Corporation of Dun Laoghaire - read
7. Wexford Corporation - read
8. The National Lottery - read
9. Pol O'Foighil, Western Alliance Association - It was proposed and seconded that the Board support the existing structures and the organisation set up by the Bishops.
10. L. A. M. A. - It was proposed by Commissioner Burke and seconded by Commissioner Stapleton that Commissioner Biggins represent the Board at the annual Conference of L. A. M. A.

Notice of Motion:

Commissioner Kelly spoke on his Motion re the Litter Warden. He appealed to the County Council to re-employ the Litter Warden. An excellent job had been done by the Warden and widescale dumping of litter would occur if he was not re-instated. There was unanimous support for the Motion

The Assistant County Manager stated that the Litter Warden was employed for a specific time - May to October and will be employed again.

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:  
Angela Holian,  
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

CHAIRMAN

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

**TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS**

1992

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

Tel. 093-24246

29th January, 1992

To each Town Commissioner

F. Biggins  
Stapleton

A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on Tuesday, 4th February, 1992 at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

...*Angela Holian*... Baile Cleireach

**AGENDA**

Minutes

Manager's Business

Correspondence

Deputation from Tuam Community Council

Notice of Motion: M. Kelly

"I propose that Tuam Town Commissioners call on Galway County Council to continue the services of the Litter Warden which had been so successful in the Town."

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This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:  
Holian, Town Clerk

Signed by:

*M. Kelly*



The Deputation then left. During the discussion which followed the Assistant County Manager said the report being prepared by the County Engineer might be available for the next meeting. The Board agreed that High Street should be made T. TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS Commissioner Burke also stated that there was no allocation

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday, 7th January, 1992

Present:

- Chairman: M. Kelly  
Commissioners: J. Burke, J. O'Mara, M. O'Grady, F. Biggins  
G. Browne-Lane, J. Flaherty, P. M. Stapleton  
N. Halion  
Officials: Mr. P. J. Gavin, Assistant County Manager  
Mrs. A. Holian, Town Clerk

The prayer was recited.

Deputation:

Mr. P. J. and Mrs. Bernie King addressed the Meeting. They said they were concerned Residents and Parents who lived at Dublin road. In view of the number of Residents, the number of school Children using Dublin road and the high volume of traffic the present street lighting was totally inadequate. They said there were several minor accidents and four fatal accidents on Dublin road in recent times. They appealed to the Commissioners to urge Galway County Council to provide sodium lights from the Bank of Ireland up to Highway Garage.

The Chairman welcomed a deputation from Tuam Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Paul O'Grady, on behalf of the deputation, said he would like to direct his comments to the Assistant County Manager. He said the Town Hall was the centrepiece of the Town but is being let run down. The Building needs attention, new windows, Floodlighting etc. The Traders, the Chamber of Commerce and the Resident Associations would like to see some expenditure on the Town centre and would like to see a plan where the wishes of the Residents and Ratepayers of the town centre is taken into account. He said the footpaths were in a deplorable state and public lighting also needs urgent attention. He said the Chamber of Commerce and the Business people want to work along with the Town Commissioners and the County Council in the interests of the Town. The I. D. A. have declared 1992 "Help Tuam year". The Deputation also proposed that High Street revert to two-way traffic.

Replying the Assistant County Manager said many of the points raised were raised by the Commissioners at a recent meeting in the Library. He said the Square has tremendous potential. The Town Hall is a historic and attractive centre-piece. Funding for major refurbishment of the Town Hall has been sought from the National Lottery. He said the County Council has commenced a new sewerage Scheme costing £8m and a new water scheme costing £20m will commence this year. The Square area needs very little investment. The draft plan outlined how it could be done. A roundabout seems to be the best alternative. Paved areas would have the effect of reducing traffic and making the Square attractive for pedestrians. He said the points submitted previously by the Chamber of Commerce are being examined by the County Engineer who is preparing a report.

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:  
Holian, Town Clerk

Signed by:

*M. Kelly*



TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

The Deputation then left. During the discussion which followed the Assistant County Manager said the report being prepared by the County Engineer might be available for the next meeting. The Board agreed that High Street should be made Two-way and this should be tried on a temporary basis. Commissioner Burke also stated that there was no allocation for lights in Tuam this year.

Minutes:

Level Crossings: It was proposed by Commissioner O'Mara and seconded by Commissioner Halion that Mr. George Watters, Managing Director, C.I.E., be invited to Tuam to meet with the Board. It was also proposed that Commissioner Burke talk to the Area Engineer. A letter from Iarnrod Eireann was read.

Halting Site:

The Chairman and Members congratulated the Assistant County Manager, the County Council and everyone involved with the Halting site, also the work presently being carried out at Tirboy and Cloonhue road. Replying the Assistant County Manager paid tribute to Ms. R. Burke, Social Worker, the County Council housing staff, the County Engineer and the Town Engineer. He said 17 families were being accommodated on the site. It was hoped to facilitate the 6 remaining Families on the Bog road in the near future. Replying to further questions he said standards will be maintained. If caravans move onto the streets the County Council will act quickly.

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

1. Athenry and Toberjarlath Roads Residents Association. Replying to Commissioner Burke the Assistant County Manager said the question of the Dump is being examined. Replying to Commissioner Biggins he said the concrete apron which has broken away will be checked out.
2. Telecom Eireann. The Board welcomed the extension of the local call area, and hoped the next move would see the whole Western Region becoming one call area.
3. Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland re: The future of local Government. A meeting to be held in Tuam on 18th January, 1992.
4. A. M. A. I. It was proposed and seconded that the Chairman represent the Board at the A.M.A.I. seminar on Local Government in Kinsale on 14th and 15th February, 1992.
5. Gleeson & Kean, Solicitors: Consent to the sale of 24 Gilmartin Road, Tuam to Mr. Michael Ward.

Sympathy:

A vote of Sympathy was passed with the following Families:  
Burke Family, Galway Road, on the death of Mary  
Finnegan Family, Curragh Park on the death of Ailish  
Higgins Family, Cloonfush on the death of Peter  
Kelly Family, Aurglora on the death of Lill  
Ward Family, 61 Parkmore on the death of Bridget  
Gilligan Family, Dangan on the death of Catherine

The Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Burke seconded by Commissioner Flaherty.

Congratulations: Congratulations were extended to Dr. M. Leahy, Mayor of Galway on his retirement, also to the Saw Doctors on their continued success.

The Chairman thanked Mr. J. McGlynn for the Flag recently presented to the Commissioners.

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:

A. Holian, Town Clerk

Signed by:

*M. Kelly*

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**TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS**

Tel. 093-24246

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

To each Town Commissioner

30 December, 1991

A CHARA,

*The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held*

on Tuesday, 7th January, 1991, at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

*Angela Holean*  
..... Baile Cleireach

**AGENDA**

- Deputation - Tuam Chamber of Commerce
- Minutes
- Manager's Business
- Correspondence

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The Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Burke seconded by Commissioner Biggins.

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

- Canney Family on the death of Frances
- Purcell Family on the death of Michael Shannon
- McGuire Family on the death of Myra
- Ferguson Family on the death of Gerry
- Tighe Family on the death of Kathleen
- Carney Family on the death of Anne
- V. Ryan on the death of Gerard Flannery
- Henderson Family on the death of Mary



TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 26th November, 1991

Present:

Chairman: M. Kelly

Commissioners: M. O'Grady, J. O'Mara, P. M. Stapleton  
G. Browne-Lane, F. Biggins, N. Halion  
J. Burke

Officials: Mr. P. J. Gavin, Assistant County Manager  
Mrs. A. Holian, Town Clerk

The Prayer was recited.

Minutes:

The Board welcomed a letter from Iarnrod Eireann stating that the Station would be available as a Bus Shelter again. There was unanimous condemnation of Iarnrod Eireann for removing the railway tracks between Tuam and Claremorris and the proposed removal of the tracks between Tuam and Athenry. Commissioner Burke told the meeting that a deputation from Westrail would be meeting Iarnrod Eireann on the 28th November in an effort to have the tracks restored. It was decided to write to the Managing Director, Iarnrod Eireann urgently and the Board called on Iarnrod Eireann to stop the removal of the tracks forthwith, to replace the tracks removed and to give a written commitment that same will be replaced as soon as possible. It was also decided to write to the Minister for Transport on the matter.

Severage:

The Members complained of long delays on the Galway road and suggested that some adjustment be made to the lights especially in the morning and evening when traffic is heaviest. They also complained of badly erected warning signs and the condition of the road after dark. They asked that the road surface be kept in as reasonable a state as is possible while the work continues. Replying the Assistant County Manager said there will be a certain amount of disruption while the sewerage work is going on. He said he would pass their observations to the appropriate Official.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Burke seconded by Commissioner Biggins.

Sympathy:

A vote of Sympathy was passed with the following families:  
Canney Family on the death of Frances  
Purcell Family on the death of Michael Shannon  
McGuire Family on the death of Myra  
Ferguson Family on the death of Gerry  
Tighe Family on the death of Kathleen  
Carney Family on the death of Anne  
V. Ryan on the death of Gerard Flannery  
Henderson Family on the death of Mary



Manager's Business: The Assistant County Manager told the Meeting that the Department had approved the Council's proposal to accept a tender for the refurbishment of twelve houses at Gilmartin road. He said some matters need to be responded to and it is hoped to proceed early in the new year. A letter from Mr. Noel Treacy, T.D. regarding same was read.

Halting Site: Replying to the Members the Assistant County Manager said the Halting site should be open in three weeks. The position of caretaker has been advertised. It is then proposed to remove all caravans from the Cloonthue and Gilmartin road area. He said all the Travellers in the Town may not be accommodated and the County Council are looking for a facility for another halting site. The Members stated that Tuam will not accept Travellers from other areas and they called on the County Council to remove all vacated and derelict caravans from the town.

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

1. Mr. N. Treacy, T.D. re: the Town Hall. It was proposed to write to the National Lottery and query what excavation work in Tuam was funded by the National Lottery.
2. Mr. N. Treacy, T.D. re: Greencore. It was proposed by Commissioner Lane and seconded by Commissioner Halion that the Board insist that the interest accrued on the £2M promised to Tuam two years ago be included with the £2M.
3. Lydon & Company, Solicitors: Consent to the sale of 79 Gilmartin Road to Paul and Caroline Kelly.
4. Seanadóir Pól Ó Foighil. The Assistant County Manager told the Meeting that the "Developing the West together Seminar" drew attention to the West of Ireland - emigration and the move away from the land. No definite decision was taken but it was agreed the E.C. commission a study of the West of Ireland, also meetings would be convened in the West in the coming months. The Chairman congratulated the Bishops on their stand.

the Square: A letter from Tuam Chamber of Commerce together with observations regarding the Square area, the plan presented at the previous meeting, the removal of the High Cross and iron gates which were at the entrance to the original Market House on the Square were discussed at length. Commissioner Lane suggested that two Pedestrian crossings are needed on the Square - from Square Deal to Leo's and from Supermac's to Vicar Street, also lighting seems inadequate on the crossing at Bishop Street and needs to be looked at. The Assistant County Manager said he had noted the views of the Members, he would have the observations of the Chamber of Commerce considered and get back to the Board. He would arrange to have the Gates examined and taken into the care of the Commissioners. He also said if the High Cross should be replaced by a replica the proposed roundabout will accommodate same.



TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

TUAM CLERK'S OFFICE,  
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

Tel. 093-24245

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To each Town Commissioner

19th November, 1991

Water:

A CHAIR

Replying to Commissioner Stapleton the Assistant County Manager said the cutting of of the water supply would continue. It is a last resort and the people being cut of have been notified. Replying to Commissioner Lane he said the water is monitered on a regular basis.

Congratulations:

Congratulations were extended to Supt. Kilgannon on his promotion to Chief Supt. to Archbishop Cassidy on the refurbishment of the Cathedral, to Commissioner Burke on his appointment, and to Commissioner Biggins on "Fire Awareness Week".

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:  
Angela Holian,  
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY:

*Miss Kelly*

CHAIRMAN

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**TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS**

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

Tel. 093-24246

To each Town Commissioner

20th November, 1991

A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on Tuesday, 26th November, 1991 at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

*Angela Nolan*  
..... Baile Cleireach

**AGENDA**

Minutes

Manager's Business

Correspondence

Town Square/Traffic Management plan for Square

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The Minutes of the October Meeting was adopted on the proposal  
of Commissioner Halion.  
TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 29th October, 1991

Present: Chairman: M. Kelly  
Commissioners: M. O'Grady, J. Burke, J. O'Mara, N. Halion  
J. Flaherty, P. M. Stapleton, F. Biggins,  
G. Browne-Lane  
Officials: Mr. P. J. Gavin, Assistant County Manager  
Mr. O. Higgins, Town Engineer  
Mrs. A. Holian, Town Clerk

The Prayer was recited.

Minutes: The Manager introduced the Estimate of Expenses for 1992. He said the estimate shows variations from last year under a number of headings. Total Expenditure proposed is £39,274 compared with £39,140 for 1991. Total receipts are estimated at £22,020 compared with £23,020 for 1991. On the expenditure side he said he had included a sum of £1,000 toward Twinning expenses. On the income side he reminded the Members of a reduction of £2,000 under the heading of Town Hall Rent. This arises from the fact that the new Library has been opened and rent is no longer payable by the County Council in respect of the area of the Town Hall formerly used as a Branch Library. The cumulative effect of the various adjustments produces a rate in the £ of 85.57 pence compared with 79.86 pence in the £ for the current year. The Commissioners examined the various items of Expenditure and receipts proposed by the Manager in the draft Estimate. Replying to Commissioner Burke, who said a 7% increase in rates was unacceptable to Business people, the Manager said 6 pence in the £ was in no way excessive in expenditure. It was proposed by Commissioner Stapleton and seconded by Commissioner O'Grady to adopt the Estimate of Expenses as presented by the Manager and that the amounts of Expenditure and receipts set out therein be adopted by the Commissioners and that the nett amount of £17,274 in the said Estimate be demanded from Galway County Council in respect of year ended 31st December, 1992.

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The Minutes of the special meeting held on 26th September were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Stapleton seconded by Commissioner Halion.

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A Vote of sympathy was passed with the following Families:

Fitzgerald Family, Bishop street on the death of Patricia  
Cooney Family, Waterslate on the death of Myra  
Murphy Family, Parkview Drive on the death of Frank  
King Family, Gilmartin Road on the death of Bridget  
Ward Family, Gilmartin Road on the death of Ann  
Ryan Family, Cloonascaragh on the death of Philip  
Collins Family, The Weirs on the death of Frank

Commissioner Biggins informed the Members that "Fire Awareness Week" would run from 29th October to 4th November. He said the Fire Officer had visited the Primary Schools in the Town. An Art display would take place in the library in conjunction with "Children's Book Week". The Fire Station will be open to the Public on Thursday 31st from 7.30pm to 10pm.

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

1. Olympic Sport & Leisure Centre requesting permission to use the Coat of Arms on a Flag. It was agreed a limited number of Flags be produced.
2. The Diocesan Office, Galway Cathedral - It was proposed by Commissioner Stapleton and seconded by Commissioner O'Mara that the Chairman attend the "Developing the West Together Seminar".

Notice of Motion: Commissioner Stapleton said he wished to withdraw the first Notice of Motion. He then spoke on his notice of motion regarding the new sewerage scheme. He said in lights of developments at Galway road - a number of houses would'nt be connected to the service in Phase I of the scheme. He said there were people in other areas also where Phase I would be passing their door and they wouldn't be in a position to be connected to the service. He said people in these areas feel that it would be practical to put in all the pipes. He called on the County Council to seek funding to have these areas included in the scheme as soon as possible. The Assistant County Manager said the situation was as outlined in a letter to the Paranamartin Residents Association. Replying to Commissioner Stapleton he said the sentiments of the motion are in accordance with the plans the County Council are working on and will continue to work on. There was unanimous support for the Motion.



COMHAIRLE - 3 - ANONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

the Square:

The Engineer presented a map of the proposed developments at the Square. Commissioner Lane said Tuam has adequate Pedestrian facilities. Parking in the Square is already limited - business dependson the parking of vehicles adjacent to the shops. This plan would deprive people of a livelihood. Commissioner Burke said the proposed plan would facilitate High Street being made two-way. Commissioner Stapleton said he would be worried about losing car parking space and until more parking facilities are provided he wouldn't like to see this plan implemented. Replying to the Members the Engineer said many improvements could be made to the Town. At the moment considerable heavy traffic has to come through the Square. 30% of traffic from Tuallinadaly road comes up Shop street when it could go out Foster Place. This should be made two-way. High Street also could be made two-way. Heavy traffic could come up High street and go out Bishop Street - the shortest route. Egans Lane should be made one-way. There are excellent car parks which are under-utilised, access to them could be improved.

Because of the late hour it was decided to discuss this further at the next Meeting. The Engineer was asked to put his observations in writing and same to be circulated to the Members. A copy of letter and observations from Tuam Chamber of Commerce also to be circulated for the next Meeting.

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by: Angela Holian, Town Clerk

SIGNED BY

CHAIRMAN

- The pumping station rising main which are installed to service the other halting site have been used to cater for the service other properties on the Galway in the future when the treatment plant is in place.
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  - The installation of this gravity sewer is planned as the next phase of development.
- Once the gravity sewer has been installed and the treatment plant commissioned, it will be possible to allow the houses at present served by septic tanks to connect to the public sewer.
- The necessary design work will be completed for the gravity sewer within six months and subject to funds being made available, it will be possible to allow connections as soon as the treatment plant is operational which is expected to be the case in two years time.

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

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22nd October, 1991.

Mr. Joe McGlynn,  
Faranamartin Residents Association,  
Galway Road,  
Tuam,  
CO. GALWAY.

Dear Mr. McGlynn,

I refer to meeting with deputation from Galway Road residents of the 21st October regarding the Council's plans for the provision of sewerage services on the Galway Road. I outline to you the Council's position as follows:

1. The pumping station and rising main which are being installed to service the traveller halting site have been designed to cater for the servicing of other properties on the Galway Road in the future when the new treatment plant is in place.
2. In order to facilitate properties on the Galway Road, at present served by septic tanks, to connect to the public sewer in the future, it will be necessary to lay a gravity sewer to transport effluent to the pumping station from where it will be pumped to the town system.
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4. The necessary design work will be completed for the gravity sewer within six months and subject to funds being made available, it will be possible to allow connections as soon as the treatment plant is operational which is expected to be the case in two years time.



5. A question was raised as to whether effluent other than from the traveller halting site was to be allowed to discharge into the rising main prior to the coming on stream of the treatment plant. I am to advise that it is not proposed to allow any such discharge.

Yours sincerely,



P.J. GAVIN,  
ASST. COUNTY MANAGER.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

I attach herewith Estimate of Expenses which will be considered at Estimates Meeting to be held in the Town Hall, Tuam at 8.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 29th October, 1991.

The Estimate shows variations from last year under a number of headings.

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On the expenditure I have included a sum of £1,000 towards Training Expenses. On the Income side Members will note a reduction of £2,000 under the heading of Town Hall Rent. This arises from the fact that the new library has been opened and rent is no longer payable by the County Council in respect of the area of the Hall formerly used for the Branch Library.

The cumulative effect of the various adjustments produces a rate in the £ of 85.7 pence compared with 79.86 pence in the £ for the current year.

Yours sincerely,

P.J. GAVIN,  
ASST. COUNTY MANAGER.

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# Tuam Town Commissioners

Telephone: Tuam 24246.

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,  
TOWN HALL  
TUAM.

9th October, 1991.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR TO 31/12/1992

RECEIPTS

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

RE: ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES, 1992

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Yours sincerely,

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P.J. GAVIN,  
ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER.



TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR TO 31/12/1992.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

EXPENDITURE

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR TO 31/12/1992

R E C E I P T S.

	ESTIMATE YEAR ENDED 31/12/1991	ESTIMATE YEAR ENDING 31/12/1992
	£	£
<u>HOUSING:-</u>		
1. Rent .. .. .	9,000	7,500
2. Annuities .. .. .	8,000	8,000
3. Ground Rents. .. .. .	20	20
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	<u>TOTAL:-</u>	<u>TOTAL:-</u>
	17,020	15,520
	=====	=====
<u>OTHER INCOME:-</u>		
1. Town Hall .. .. .	2,000	--
2. Interest. .. .. .	4,000	6,500
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	<u>TOTAL:-</u>	<u>TOTAL:-</u>
	6,000	6,500
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	<u>GRAND TOTAL:-</u>	<u>GRAND TOTAL:-</u>
	23,020	22,020
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ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR		39,294
ESTIMATED RECEIPTS FOR YEAR		22,020
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<u>AMOUNT OF DEMAND ON GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL.</u>		17,274.

GRAND TOTAL - EXPENDITURE:-

39,140

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR TO 31/12/1992.

E X P E N D I T U R E

	ESTIMATE YEAR ENDED 31/12/91 £	ESTIMATE YEAR ENDING 31/12/92 £
<u>HOUSING.</u>		
1. Repairs. . . . .	14,700	15,000
2. Legal Expenses. . . . .	200	200
3. Insurance . . . . .	3,250	3,300
4. Town Clerk's Salary (50%)	2,700	2,966
5. Town Engineer's Salary (80%)	1,840	1,912
6. Town Steward's Pension (80%)	990	1,067
7. Other Pensions . . . . .	1,750	750
8. Printing, Postage, Stationery and Advertising. . . . .	200	200
9. Collectors Commission. . . . .	1,800	1,800
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<u>TOTAL:</u>	27,430	27,195
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<u>GENERAL.</u>		
1. Rents, Rates, Taxes and Insurance.	1,500	500
2. Office Expenses . . . . .	1,000	1,000
3. Solicitor's Costs . . . . .	60	60
4. Town Clerk's Salary (50%)	2,700	2,966
5. Town Engineer's Salary (20%)	500	515
6. Town Steward's Pension (20%)	260	268
7. Audit Fee. . . . .	700	800
8. Printing, Postage etc., . . . . .	400	400
9. Town Hall Repairs. . . . .	1,000	1,000
10. Town Hall Cleaner. . . . .	120	120
11. Clock Maintenance . . . . .	150	150
12. Municipal Authorities . . . . .	750	750
13. Town Lighting . . . . .	300	300
14. Elections . . . . .	2,000	2,000
15. Miscellaneous Travelling	270	270
16. Twinning	--	1,000
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<u>TOTAL:-</u>	11,710	12,099
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<u>GRAND TOTAL - EXPENDITURE:-</u>	39,140	39,294
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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

**TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS**

Tel. 093-24246

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

To each Town Commissioner

23rd October, 1991

A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on Tuesday, 29th October, 1991 at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

*Angel Holian* Baile Cleireach

**AGENDA**

Estimates

Minutes

Manager's Business

Correspondence

Notice of Motion: P. M. Stapleton

(1) "I propose a Sociological Study be done for Tuam and Environs re: impact on Schools and Population of development as proposed at Egan House."

(2) "I propose that Tuam Town Commissioners request Galway County Council to carry out the necessary design work in any area in Tuam Town which is not included in Phase 1 of Tuam sewerage Scheme and to seek costings and call on the Department for funding to have all these areas connected to the new service as soon as possible."

include a Library and administration office. Employment will be provide for 6 people. Phase 11 will involve a museum and workshops.

Mr. P. O'Grady, on behalf of the Deputation thanked the Members for their time. On behalf of the Business Community he said he would like a public Meeting called. The Deputation then left and the matter was further discussed by the Board.

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 1st October, 1991.

Present:

Chairman: M. Kelly

Commissioners: J. O'Mara M. O'Grady P.M. Stapleton  
J. Burke J. Flaherty F. Biggins  
G. Browne-Lane N. Halion

Officials: Mr. P. J. Gavin, Assistant County Manager  
Mr. Oliver Higgins, Town Engineer  
Mrs. Angela Holian, Town Clerk

The Prayer was recited.

A letter was read from Mr. P. O'Grady, President, Tuam Chamber of Commerce, informing the Board that a Deputation from the Chamber of Commerce, the Community Council and the Resident Associations of the Town would arrive at 8.30pm to address the Board re: the proposed European Travellers Centre at Egan House.

This was discussed and it was unanimously agreed to suspend normal procedure and allow Members to reply to points made if they so wished.

Mr. Paul O'Grady addressed the Meeting. (listed separately) Mrs Attracta Behan, Chairperson, Tuam Community Council also addressed the Meeting. She said senior citizens in the area were particularly worried about this development. They were worried that the site around Egan House would be developed for residential accommodation. She also referred to a recent occasion when Travellers took over the ground in front of the Railway Station and asked if the present development would be a hinderance to the Town which is looking for major Industry. The Chairpersons of the various Resident Association spoke of the fears of people especially of further development and residential accommodation. They complained about the number of caravans parked around the town also of fighting at Gilmartin road. They said Tuam has housed its fill of Travellers and had enough.

Commissioner Burke told the Deputation he had been approached by Mr. J. Flaherty before Coolarne broke. At that time he would have no objections to selling the premises. He will not now sell the building because of the fears and what has been said. He promised Phase ll and lll will not go ahead without Public discussion. He said there was no hidden agenda, no Coolarne factor and no residential centre.

Commissioner Flaherty stated that Phase 1 of the project would include a Library and administration office. Employment will be provide for 6 people. Phase ll will involve a museum and workshops.

Mr. P. O'Grady, on behalf of the Deputation thanked the Members for their time. On behalf of the Business Community he said he would like a public Meeting called. The Deputation then left and the matter was further discussed by the Board.



Commissioner Lane proposed that it might be of benefit if the Board met with the Developers. This was seconded by Commissioner Burke. The Chairman and other Members said the general opinion was that this development is not suitable or wanted in Tuam and again appealed to the Developers to withdraw from the agreement.

Minutes:

Replying to Commissioner Stapleton the Assistant County Manager said the County Council had bought No. 9 Gilmartin road and it would be added to normal housing stock for letting. He also said houses are let based on circumstances and the advice of the Social Worker.

The Minutes of the September Meeting was adopted on the proposal of Commissioner O'Mara seconded by Commissioner O'Grady.

It was decided to hold the Estimates Meeting on Tuesday 29th October, 1991.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

1. P. McDunphy, Comdt., O.C. 5th Fd Arty Regt. Galway - read
2. Tuam Community Council - As the Town Hall is in need of major refurbishment it was decided not to invite an observer at this time.
3. T. A. O'Donoghue & Son, Solicitors: Consent to the sale of No. 6 Parkmore Terrace to Anthony and Kathleen Scully.
4. C. I. E. - read
5. Balbriggan Town Commissioners: "That Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Justice to ban the sale of all solvents to persons under 18 years of age and that the items be listed by name." Strong support.
6. Dublin County Council: "That Dublin County Council, on behalf of the people of the County of Dublin hereby express its fundamental opposition to the proposal to extend its facilities for the dumping and storing of radioactive waste at Sellafield and expresses its concern for the well being of people on both sides of the Irish sea at this unacceptable proposal. (b) Further that this County Council invites all local authorities in Ireland to join in a sustained campaign of opposition to the proposal by all methods at their disposal including contacting local authorities throughout Ireland and Great Britain and giving support to interest groups and organisations in both countries who are dedicated to providing a danger free living and working environment for their people." Strong support.
7. Wexford Corporation: "That this Borough Council condemns the decision to site a Nuclear Waste Dump at Sellafield and agrees to co-operate with other Local Authorities in opposing this decision."
8. Mr. Philipp Hergett, German Consulate - read



STATEMENT ISSUED BY TUAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESIDENT, PAUL O'GRADY,  
IN RELATION TO THE PROPOSED - 3 - STATION CENTRE FOR RESEARCH INTO THE  
TRAVELLERS COMMUNITY, AT EGAN LEUNE, CHURCH VILL, TUAM.

Town Twinning: Commissioner Stapleton proposed a vote of thanks to the  
Manager, Galway County Council and all involved in the  
Town Twinning. The Assistant County Manager paid tribute  
to the Twinning Committee - W. Kiefel, M. McDonnell,  
Anna Conrady and T. Claffey.

Notice of Motion: Commissioner Stapleton proposed that his Notice of Motion  
be deferred to the next meeting.

Sympathy: A vote of sympathy was passed with the following Families:  
Presentation Sisters on the death of Sr. Fursa  
O'Rourke Family on the death of Jimmy  
Nestor Family on the death of John  
O'Halleron Family on the death of Elizabeth

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:  
Angela Holian,  
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY \_\_\_\_\_

CHAIRMAN

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We already have the weekly spectacle of returning caravans/trailers to our locality  
of young people - many returning from the U.K., to our town, a town with  
County Council housing, hard street entry and go into our houses. We are an  
an extremely charitable town, famous for its caring attitude, and there  
can be a valid argument in relation to our total assimilation and integration  
into the Community of our own travelling community.

I might point out that we cared and are continuing to care for people that are  
well over the National Average and the swelling numbers in our non-board National  
Schools are causing a good deal of local concern. There is no one addressing  
themselves to the fact that there is a most urgent need for at least 4 qualified  
teachers in our town schools and 6 to 8 Social Workers - who should, well and  
also live, in the town. This is real employment and it is the responsibility of  
the State Agencies to immediately put same in place, and finance this under the  
European Research.



STATEMENT ISSUED BY TUAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESIDENT, PAUL O'GRADY,  
IN RELATION TO THE PROPOSED ADMINISTRATION CENTRE FOR RESEARCH INTO THE  
TRAVELLERS COMMUNITY, AT EGAN HOUSE, CHURCH VIEW, TUAM.

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Lest the complete issue be clouded by the introduction of other matters not directly relevant, I might point out that this statement by Tuam Chamber of Commerce - through me as President, is in response to general concern being expressed by some members of the business community and also representations made to me from people living in the general area - particularly elderly people, on the complete vexed issue.

On Monday September 23rd, I spoke to Mrs. Mary Moriarty on the telephone in relation to the proposed opening of an Administration/Research Centre for the European Travellers Grouping - to give it a name, at Egan House, Tuam. I was assured, and accept, that this development is for a maximum of 8 persons to be employed, approximately 6 of these positions will involve locals, to include graduates from the excellent St. Benins Training Centre, Tuam. The other 2 or so positions would be for visiting researchers who would assist the project and who would use local commercial accommodation as required. This was to be and is Phase One of an ambitious 10 year plan - obviously co-ordinated from Europe.

What I now want to very unambiguously point out, is that owing to what we would call "The Coolarne Factor", our fears would be for further phased development - which very necessarily involve an extensive residential facility to be located in Tuam. To state the obvious and give written commitments in relation to Egan House and no residential facility is totally unacceptable, as there is no sustainable commitment being given in relation to the long term intentions of the Promoters - that a residential facility won't be bought, built or rented in Tuam or surrounds in the future - foreseeable or not? What would the scenario be if those present promoters were replaced in future years by others, Irish or not?

What use or value would personal guarantees be then?

Over the weekend, I had the opportunity of speaking to some of the most senior and best respected Tuam Born and reared members of the Travelling Community, for many years housed and settled in town. The fears that I express were echoed and confirmed to me - we do not want any caravans/trailers etc. of non Irish travellers or minority groups in Tuam or surrounds. It is not a fear of the unknown etc. that bothers, but the reputations, temperaments, morals, problems etc. of some of these groups are already well known and would be totally unacceptable to us as residents etc.

We already have the weekly spectacle of returning caravans/trailers etc. to our locality of young travellers - many returning from the U.K., to our town, as they await County Council housing, hard stand entry and go onto our housing lists. Tuam is an extraordinarily charitable town, famous for its caring attitude, and there can be no valid argument in relation to our total assimilation and integration into the Community of our own travelling community.

I might point out that we cared and are continuing to care for numbers that are well over the National Average and the swelling numbers in our Town based National Schools are causing a good deal of local concern. There is no one addressing themselves to the fact that there is a most urgent need for at least 4 remedial teachers in our town schools and 6 to 8 Social Workers - who should, work and also live, in the town. This is real employment and it is the responsibility of the State Agencies to immediately put same in place, and finance this rather than European Research,



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This town continues to welcome her own and their families with very obvious open arms, despite a County Council and Department of the Environment Housing Policy that flies in the face of any logic or sociological dimension. Over concentration of any one sect, caste or group in adjacent houses, in crowded estates can, will and is, having downstream catastrophic effects.

Once again, on the positive side, it is felt with some pride that we are making progress - albeit slowly, in relation to the overall question of travellers in Tuam. Much has been done, St. Benis, the Training Centre at Tuam Stadium Houses, the great advances in Primary Education, with some Secondary success - but much more needs to be urgently done locally - without any involvement or acceptance of Non National Minorities.

There is no question of I or anyone else scaremongering on this question. There are certainly no points to be scored by even addressing the vexed question. Everyone in Tuam is entitled to their point of view, - myself included, without being shouted down, threatened, denigrated, derided, coerced, frightened or intimidated. As Civic Leaders - it is our duty to raise and consider all the issues that might evolve, either obvious or downstream - hidden or not. This issue is outside party politics - it is all about real people - our people - our old and our young - and the quality of life in Tuam, and we should adjudicate on it.

There is absolutely no point, in allowing an "us versus them" syndrome to develop. All that the Chamber of Commerce, through me, is asking, is that all issues involved, be thoroughly debated - particularly with local residents. The right of consultation and consideration is surely a right applicable to all. There is nothing sinister in our stance, no point in being wise after an event. We have many local problems in our town with unemployment and emigration rampant, but yet our spirit is unbroken, and we don't need others.

To conclude, - on a very personal and local note, I have many good and personal friends in and from the travelling community - and their views would not be far from those now set out. If all of these matters were submitted to a local referendum or a signature book/petition, the Community would copperfasten the valid points raised here. Mrs. Mary Moriarty and her team and Committee have done and are doing trojan work - I wish we had someone of her drive and achieving nature represent us in Dail Eireann, they are to be congratulated.

But any town and residents can only do and accept so much. Continuous pushing is only advancing them to breaking point. Unless a fully representative, open and frank public meeting finds to the contrary, it is felt that we would prefer that any further phases of this project locate elsewhere.

SIGNED: Paul O'Grady

PAUL O'GRADY.

PRESIDENT - TUAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Oct. 1st, 1991.



# Tuam Chamber of Commerce

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CO. GALWAY

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

CUMANN TRACHTALA THUAMA

Member Chamber of the Association of Chambers of Commerce of Ireland

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Vice-President: JIM KEATING

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Hon. Treasurer: TOM JOYCE

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Mon. 30/9/91

Tuam Clerk  
Tuam Hall  
Tuam

re Tuam Comms. Meeting - Tue. 1/10/91

Dear Angela.

You might please inform the Comms. & your  
Chairman, that a small delegation from above  
would like to attend at approx 8.30 pm a  
address there re. the proposed European Travelless  
Development.

We understand that there will also be a group  
from Community Council / Residents Associations on  
the same issue.

Yours sincerely  
Paul O'Grady  
President



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27th Sept. 1991

To each Town Commissioner

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

A CHAIR

1991

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Thursday 26th Sept. '91

Present: Chairman: M. Kelly  
Commissioners: G. Browne-Lane, J. O'Mara, J. Flaherty  
P. M. Stapleton, N. Halion, J. Burke

The Meeting was called in response to objections from Townspeople to the European Centre for Travellers being based at Egan House, Tuam.

Commissioner Flaherty, one of the promoters, stated that Phase 1 of the project would be a Library and Administration Office. Phase 11 will include the setting up of a Heritage centre for Travellers and a workshop.

Commissioner Burke, Owner of Egan House, told the members that he had been contacted some weeks before, by Mr. Flaherty. It had been suggested that he sell Egan House but because of the fears and objections to the proposed development he will not now sell the premises. He also said Phase 11 and Phase 111 will not go ahead without being discussed by the Board.

The other Members stated that they had been approached by people who all objected to the proposed development and called on the Commissioners to lead the way in opposing same - the greatest fear being that there will be residential accommodation for those people in the vicinity in the future. The Members also said they were 100% supportive of anything done for Travellers born in Tuam but the town is not in a position to deal with one extra Traveller. The Members appealed to Commissioner Burke to cancel his agreement with Sr. Collette. It was decided to discuss the matter further at the monthly meeting of the Board.

The County Engineer informed that water and sewerage schemes had been approved. He also stated that a new library was recently constructed. A new halting site was provided and the bus shelter at Gilmartin road are to be refurbished.

The County Engineer stated that maintenance funds are allocated on a mileage basis. Tuam gets the highest allocation for national primary maintenance, second for national secondary maintenance, third for regional and county road maintenance and fourth and fifth for



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The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held  
on Tuesday, 1st October, 1991 at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

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

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

Notice of Motion: P.M. Stapleton

"I propose a Sociological Study be done for Tuam and Environs re: impact on Schools and Population of development as proposed at Egan House."

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**AGENDA**

- Minutes
- Manager's Business
- Correspondence
- Traffic Management Plan/the Square

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 3rd September, 1991

PRESENT:

Chairman: M. Kelly  
Commissioners: J. Burke, P.M. Stapleton, N. Halion,  
G. Brownlane, O. J'Meara, F. Biggins,  
J. Flaherty, M. Grady

Councillor T. Walsh, Chairman Galway County Council  
Councillors: P. Connaughton, K. Quinn, P. Finnegan,  
Senator T. Hussey

Officials: P. J. Gavin Assistant County Manager  
P. Flood, County Engineer  
O. Higgins, Town Engineer  
C. Wallace, Acting Town Clerk

The prayer was recited

The minutes of the August meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner O'Meara and seconded by Commissioner D. Flaherty.

MINUTES:

All the Commissioners stated that the County Council was not spending enough maintenance funds in Tuam particularly the repair of footpaths, cutting of grass around the town and the maintenance of the public grounds. The Commissioners also stated that the existing public lighting system was inadequate and requested replacement. Improvement works are also required at the Vicar Street and Galway Road level crossings. They also stated that there was not sufficient men available to carry out maintenance work in the town.

The Chairman of Galway County Council and the other Councillors present stated that they appreciated the problems in Tuam, but that the same points could be made with regard to any other town or village around the County. They agreed to give all the help possible to the Tuam cause. They identified additional problems i.e. the dump, housing shortage, and housing repairs.

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strengthening and surface restoration of regional and county roads. He also stated that there are no specific funds provided for towns. He recognised that more maintenance needs to be carried out in towns, therefore, he took £60,000 of the top of the maintenance funds and distributed same among five towns including Tuam. He also quoted from his road works programme stating that he would require a rescue programme of at least £12 million per annum for county roads and £3 million per annum for regional roads.

The County Engineer stated that the E.S.B. and the Department of the Environment are replacing public lights on the N.17 and N.83. He also stated that he will be requesting the provision of £40,000 in the 1992 estimates for the replacement of non national lights and that Tuam would be a priority.

The County Engineer stated that the carrying out of improvement works on the Galway road level crossing is dependant on funds been made available by the Department of the Environment. He said that the Town Engineer is in contact with Irish Rail regarding the level crossing at Vicar Street and that the Council are willing to provide their portion, approximately £6,000.

He stated that consultants are being appointed to report on the three dumps in Tuam, Ballinasloe and Carrowbrowne.

The Assistant County Manager stated that it was not possible to maintain the same level of grass cutting etc. this year due the fact that a social employment scheme with forty participants was not continued this year.

THE SQUARE  
TUAM:

This item is to be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

CONGRATULATIONS: 1. Superintendent Gerard Kelly on his promotion  
2. Declan Murphy, Ballygaddy Road  
3. Tuam Community Games swimmers  
4. Fergal King, Bishop St., Tuam  
Further details available from the Chairman

This concluded the business of the meeting

Recorded by  
Colm Wallace  
Acting Town Clerk

SIGNED BY \_\_\_\_\_  
CHAIRMAN

