

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Special Meeting held on Wednesday 21st August, 1991

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Present:

Chairman: M. Kelly

Commissioners: N. Halion, J. Burke, G. Browne-Lane  
J. Flaherty, P. M. Stapleton

The Meeting was called in response to a request from Gilmartin road Residents.

The Deputation objected to the allocation of House No. 75 Gilmartin road to a travelling Family. They said that area of the road was quiet and it was hoped to keep it that way. They objected to travelling Families keeping caravans with family members living in them in their gardens, to shouting and fighting especially late at night and at weekends, also abuse especially to elderly people in the area. The Deputation then left.

During the discussion which followed the members expressed the view that the settled community should not be abused. It was proposed that the Chairman talk to Supt. Kilgannon urgently. It was also proposed and seconded that the Supt. be invited to a future meeting of the Board.

It was proposed and seconded to write to Galway County Council and request that Thomas and Teresa Sweeney, Parkmore not be transferred to Gilmartin road because of serious Family problems and threatening behaviour. Also there was unanimous support for the following proposal: "That Tuam Town Commissioners request the Assistant County Manager to put resources into No. 9 Gilmartin road (recently acquired by the County Council) and transfer the Tenant from 75 Gilmartin road to No. 9.

This concluded the Meeting.

Members of the Deputation:

Mrs. Catharine Duffy  
Mr. John Joe Kelly  
Ms. Teresa Kelly  
Mrs. Tess Cassidy  
Mr. Thomas Cahill  
Mr. Richard Jordan  
Mr. Tom Maloney  
Mrs. P. J. Mannion



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Tel. 093-24246

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

To each Town Commissioner

23rd August, 1991

A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on Tuesday, 3rd September, 1991 at 8.00 p.m. in the Library.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

..... *Angel Nolan* Baile Cleireach

**AGENDA**

MEET with County Engineer, Chairman Galway County Council and Elected Representatives

Minutes

Manager's Business

Correspondence

Notice of Motion: Comm. Burke

I will ask that the Traffic Management Plan for Tuam is circulated to Tuam Town Commissioners and is discussed at the next meeting.

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Recorded by:  
A. Nolan,  
Clerk

Signed by *Angel Nolan*  
CHAIRMAN

The Minutes of the July Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Burke seconded by Commissioner Halion.

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday, 6th August, 1991

Present:

Chairman: M. Kelly

Commissioners: J. Burke, P. M. Stapleton, N. Halion  
G. Browne-Lane

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

The Prayer was recited.

Twinning:

The Assistant County Manager told the meeting that the representatives, including the Chairman and himself would be in Straubing from 12th to 16th August when the Twinning Charter would be signed. He said the Chairman would be presenting a copy of the Book of Kells to the Mayor of Straubing also a plate with the Coat of Arms of Tuam. He paid tribute to Martin McDonnell and the twinning Committee. The Chairman and members paid tribute to the Twinning Committee, the Manager and the County Council for their efforts.

Coat of Arms:

It was proposed by Commissioner Stapleton and seconded by Commissioner Burke that the present draft be adopted, and the copy to be returned to the Chief Herald be signed by the Chairman and the Vice Chairman.

Minutes:

Commissioner Stapleton asked that repairs be carried out to the footpaths. Commissioner Burke appealed to the County Council to have the Green Areas brought up to the standard of last year. There was unanimous support for a proposal by the Chairman to invite the Chairman of Galway County Council and the other elected members for the Tuam area to the September meeting of the Board. There was unanimous support for the following proposal by Commissioner Burke: "That a full time caretaker be appointed in the Cemetery also in the Palace grounds and between them both places be maintained." Replying the Assistant County Manager said Galway County Council will be preparing the Estimate of Expenses for next year shortly. If resources are there everything will be maintained.

Hardstand:

Replying to the Members the Assistant County Manager said because of the withdrawal of one contractor a new contractor had to be appointed to build the sewer. The Hardstand can't be occupied until the sewer is completed. Commissioner Burke asked that the last 20 houses in Galway road be linked to the new Town Sewerage System.

The Minutes of the July Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Burke seconded by Commissioner Halion.

Read by  
Mrs. A. Holian,  
Clerk

Signed by

Chairman



Manager's Business: The Assistant County Manager told the meeting that the closing date for Tenders regarding the refurbishment of 12 houses at Gilmartin road and the building of 12 houses at Tirboy was 16th August.

Notice of Motion: Notice of Motion No. 1 to be included on the Agenda for the September Meeting.

Commissioner Burke spoke on his Motion re: speeding. He said traffic coming into the Town doesn't slow down making it impossible to get out of Cedar Court. He requested some method be introduced to slow traffic - ramps. The Assistant County Manager said "Rumble Strips" are being used as an experiment and make for better traffic control in areas. There was unanimous support for the Motion.

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


1. Gleeson & Kean, Solicitors: Consent to the sale of 13 Athenry Road to Ms. Mary Sharkey, also the mortgaging of the property to the First National Building Society.
2. Concanon & Meagher, Solicitors: Consent to the assignment of 67 Athenry road to Francis Charles Holian.
3. Concanon & Meagher, Solicitors: Consent to the transfer into the joint names of William, Margaret and Gerard Brogan.
4. Castlebar Urban District Council: "That this Council calls on RTE to reverse its decision to take Airs and Races off the air and that this Council further deplores RTE's lack of coverage of the Tour de France Cycle race." unanimous support.
4. Granard Town Commissioners re: The Report of the Advisory Expert Committee on Local Government Reorganisation and Reform. - unanimous support.
5. A.G.C. enterprises Ltd. re: the High Cross. - read Copy of the letter to be passed to the County Council.
6. Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland - read.

Commissioner Stapleton told the meeting that he was aware that a number of business premises in the Town had been visited by people trying to collect levies on background music - approx. £100.00 per year. He said he deplored this type of thing and asked that it be discussed at a future meeting of the Board.

Sympathy: A vote of sympathy was passed with the following Families:  
Carrol Family on the death of Danny  
Naughton Family on the death of Delia  
Kelly Family on the death of Mrs. Kelly  
O'Shea Family on the death of Mrs. O'Shea Snr.  
Meenaghan Family on the death of Mary  
Ms. Marie Reegan on the death of Kevin Howley  
Ms. Violet Reidy on the death of Eamon  
Salmon Family on the death of Joe

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:  
Angela Holian,  
Town Clerk

Signed by   
CHAIRMAN



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To each Town Commissioner

31/7/91

A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held  
on Tuesday, 6th August, 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

Level Crossings

Notices of Motion: Comm. Burke

1. I will ask that the Traffic Management Plan for Tuam is circulated to Tuam Town Commissioners and is discussed at the next Meeting.
2. I will ask that the 30 m.p.h. speed limit be moved out beyond Elm Court on the Galway Road. ✕

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Annual Meeting held on Tuesday, 2nd June, 1981

Chairman: F. Higgins ... outgoing

Commissioners: F. Higgins, J. O'Connell, J. O'Connell-Lane, N. O'Gray, J. Burke

**Tuam Town Crest**

The plain red latin cross represents Tuam's ecclesiastical importance. The flanges in green on either side of the cross - the two shoulders or hills represent the original name of the town - Tuaim-da-gualain. The crowns represent the most important civic event, when Tuam was the headquarters of two O'Connor kings of Ireland. The motto, Tuath Thuma go Buan, means the people of Tuam forever.

Galway County Council Archives

welcomed Mr. T. Kavanagh, Acting Assistant Chairman, to the meeting and congratulated him on his appointment as secretary. Commissioner Burke was elected as Chairman of Galway County Council as was the outgoing Chairman. The Chairman recalled events during his tenure and thanked the Manager, Officials, and the Press for their co-operation. He also thanked the members for their nominations for the positions of Chairman and Commissioner. It was proposed by Commissioner Burke that Commissioner Fieherly should be elected to the office of Chairman of Tuam Town Commissioners for the year 1982. Commissioner Fieherly was elected on the proposal. He then thanked the members for electing him. He stated that he was privileged to be elected Chairman and had previously been Chairman of the Tuam Town Commissioners in 1974 and 1981. He sincerely hoped that the next few years would be the best years for the town and he intended to do all in his power to ensure the status of Tuam Town. He paid tribute to the outgoing Chairman.

Election of Vice-Chairman: The Chairman invited the members to elect a Vice-Chairman. It was proposed by Commissioner Burke that Miss M. O'Connell should be elected as Vice-Chairman of Tuam Town Commissioners for the year 1982. There being no other proposals, Miss O'Connell was elected. She thanked the members.

Commissioner Burke told the Meeting he was sorry discussions were taking place with C.I.F. This to be included on the agenda for the next meeting. It was decided to inform the Property Council, C.I.F., of the Commissioners support for the acquisition of the Tuam station by Bechtel.



TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Annual Meeting held on Tuesday, 2nd July, 1991.

Present: Chairman: F. Biggins .... outgoing

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

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

The Prayer was recited.

Election of Chairman: The outgoing Chairman and Members welcomed Mr. T. Kavanagh, Acting Assistant County Manager to the Meeting and congratulated him on his appointment as County Secretary. Commissioner Burke was congratulated on his election to Galway County Council as was the other successful candidates. The Chairman recalled events during his year of Office. He thanked the Manager, Officials, Members of the Board and the Press for their co-operation during the year. He then invited nominations for the position of Chairman.

It was proposed by Commissioner Stapleton and seconded by Commissioner Flaherty that Commissioner Kelly be elected to hold the office of Chairman of Tuam Town Commissioners for the coming year. Commissioner Kelly was elected, there being no other proposal. He then took the Chair. He thanked the Members for electing him. He said he was privileged and honoured to be Chairman and had previously been Chairman of the Board in 1967, 1974 and 1983. He said he sincerely hoped he would not be the last chairman and he intended to do all in his power in the coming year to ensure the status of Town Commissioners remain. He paid tribute to the outgoing Chairman.

Election of Vice-Chairman: The Chairman invited proposals for the position of Vice-Chairman. It was proposed by Commissioner Burke and seconded by Commissioner Lane that Commissioner Halion be elected Vice-Chairman of Tuam Town Commissioners for the coming year. There being no other proposals Commissioner Halion was elected. She thanked the Members.

Minutes: Commissioner Burke told the Meeting he was aware discussions were taking place with C.I.E. This to be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

Level Crossing: It was decided to inform the Property Manager, C. I. E. of the Commissioners support for the acquisition of the Tuam station by Westrail.



Urban Renewal: A letter from the Minister for the Environment was read. Commissioner Stapleton Complimented the Planning People in Galway for preserving old Galway and blending the old and the new.

Litter Warden: The Board congratulated Mr. P. McGrath on his appointment as Litter Warden.

Green areas: The Engineer told the Meeting that he had just been informed that five men were being transferred to Tuam from the Milltown area. The Board welcomed this but Commissioner Lane said it would take five men to restore the Palace Grounds alone. Commissioner Stapleton asked that the trees in the Palace grounds be inspected. Commissioner Burke asked that the St. Enda's park be attended to. Commissioner O'Grady asked that a light be replaced at Liam Mellow's Street. Commissioner Halion complimented the County Council on the work carried out at the cemetery. It was proposed by Commissioner Burke and seconded by Commissioner Stapleton that a Mass Stone be erected in a section of the cemetery in memory of famine victims.

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

The Chairman congratulated the County Council on the opening of the new Library in Tuam.

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

1. Concanon & Meagher, Solicitors: consent to the assignment of 74 Gilmartin road to Richard Jordan.
2. Gleeson & Kane, Solicitors: Consent to the sale of 9 Gilmartin road to Galway County Council.
3. Office of the Minister for the Environment re: refurbishment of Town Hall - read.
4. Mr. Noel Treacy, T. D., Minister of State re: refurbishment of Town Hall - read.
5. Office of the Minister for the Environment re: Meeting - read.
6. Telecom Eireann re: the extension of the local call boundaries - strongly welcomed.
7. Fermoy Urban District Council: "That all Local Authorities support the retention and licencing of the Deflector System of rebeaming British television" - unanimous support also a copy of letter to be sent to the President, Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland. A copy of the letter to be sent to the Secretary, Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland with a request that same be included on agenda for the next ordinary meeting of A. M. A. I.
8. Mr. Noel Treacy, T. D., Minister of State re: Tuam Water Scheme - read.
9. Mr. Noel Treacy, T. D., Minister of State re: Tuam Sewerage Scheme - read.



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26th June, 1991

To each Town Commissioner

A CHAIRMAN

- 10. Mr. Noel Treacy, T. D., Minister of State re: Grant to Westrail - read.
- 11. Therese King, Special Olympics - read.
- 12. Niall McGinn, Irish Cultural Organisation - read.
- 13. German Honorary Consul - Mr. Hergett to be invited to the September Meeting of the Board. The September meeting to be held in the new Library.

Town Crest:

There was unanimous agreement that the present draft be registered as the official Coat of Arms for Tuam.

Hardstand:

Replying to Commissioner Stapleton the Acting Assistant County Manager said the Hardstand should be ready by the end of the Month.

Sympathy:

A vote of sympathy was passed with the following Families:

- Kelly Family on the death of Patrick
- Cunningham Family on the death of Paddy
- McHugh Family on the death of Paddy
- Desmond Family on the death of Paddy Gullinan
- Walsh Family on the death of Martin
- Costello Family on the death of Patrick

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:  
Angela Holian,  
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY

*A. J. Kelly*  
CHAIRMAN

6/18/91

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**SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

- 1. Election of Chairman
- 2. Election of V-Chairman

Correspondance

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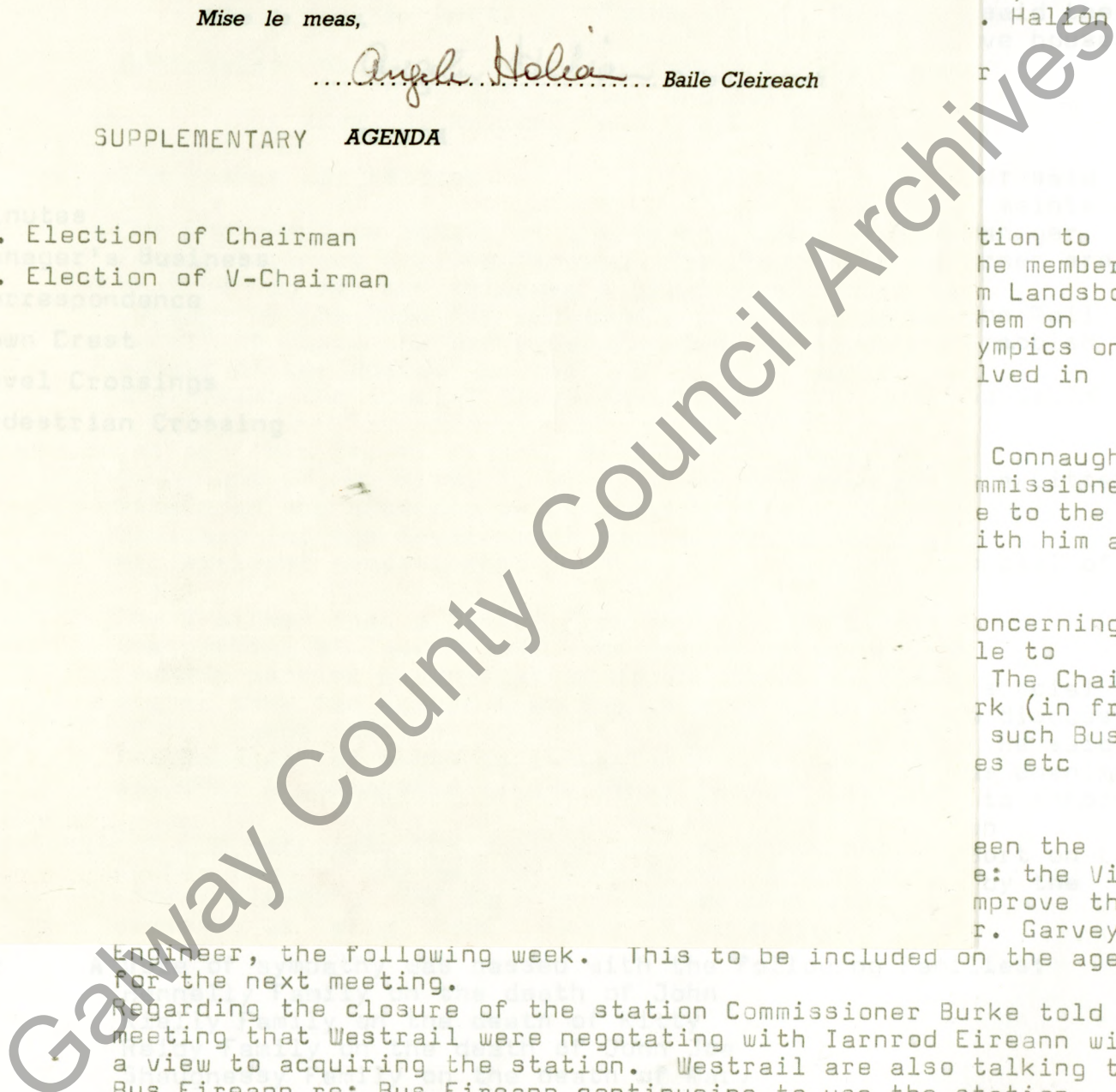
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atre Guild: Concerning the closure of the Theatre Guild Commissioner Stapleton said he would like to have been made aware of events. While he agreed that Public performances would have to be stopped he felt that the Theatre Guild shouldn't have been put out completely. Replying the Assistant County Manager said the situation was as outlined in the Minutes of the last Meeting.





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**AGENDA**

- Minutes
- Manager's Business
- Correspondence
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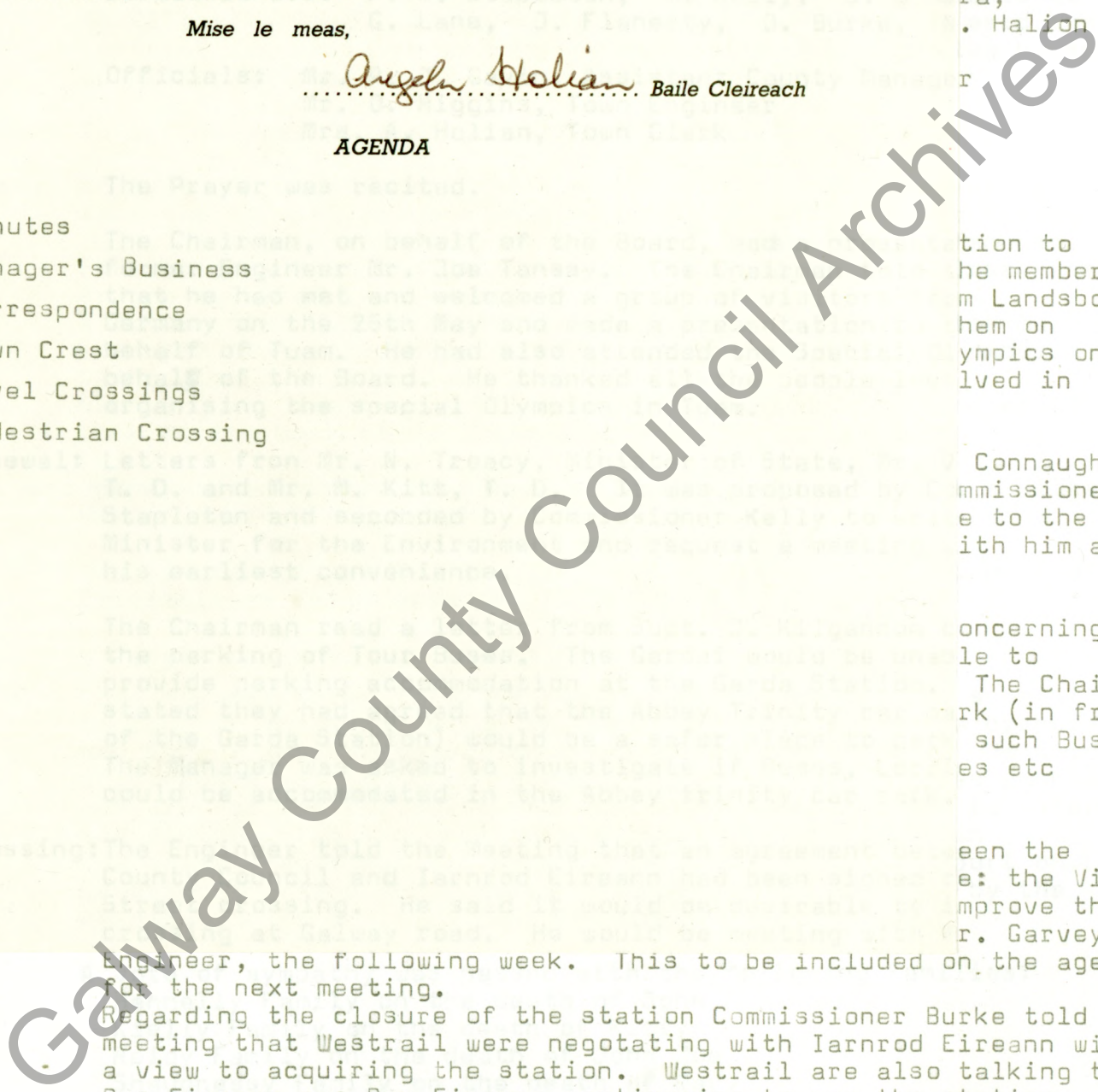
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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday, 4th June, 1991

Present:

Chairman: F. Biggins

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

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

The Prayer was recited.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Board, made a presentation to former Engineer Mr. Joe Tansey. The Chairman told the members that he had met and welcomed a group of visitors from Landsborg, Germany on the 25th May and made a presentation to them on behalf of Tuam. He had also attended the Special Olympics on behalf of the Board. He thanked all the people involved in organising the special Olympics in Tuam.

Minutes:

Urban Renewal: Letters from Mr. N. Treacy, Minister of State, Mr. P. Connaughton, T. D. and Mr. M. Kitt, T. D. It was proposed by Commissioner Stapleton and seconded by Commissioner Kelly to write to the Minister for the Environment and request a meeting with him at his earliest convenience.

Car Park:

The Chairman read a letter from Supt. J. Kilgannon concerning the parking of Tour Buses. The Gardai would be unable to provide parking accommodation at the Garda Station. The Chairman stated they had agreed that the Abbey Trinity car park (in front of the Garda Station) would be a safer place to park such Buses. The Manager was asked to investigate if Buses, Lorries etc could be accommodated in the Abbey trinity car park.

Level crossing: The Engineer told the Meeting that an agreement between the County Council and Iarnrod Eireann had been signed re: the Vicar Street crossing. He said it would be desirable to improve the crossing at Galway road. He would be meeting with Mr. Garvey, Engineer, the following week. This to be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

Regarding the closure of the station Commissioner Burke told the meeting that Westrail were negotiating with Iarnrod Eireann with a view to acquiring the station. Westrail are also talking to Bus Eireann re: Bus Eireann continuing to use the station. There was unanimous support for the following proposal " That Tuam Town Commissioners support Westrail's development in Tuam and hope negotiations with Iarnrod Eireann and Bus Eireann will be brought to a successful conclusion in the short-term."

Theatre Guild:

Concerning the closure of the Theatre Guild Commissioner Stapleton said he would like to have been made aware of events. While he agreed that Public performances would have to be stopped he felt that the Theatre Guild shouldn't have been put out completely. Replying the Assistant County Manager said the situation was as outlined in the Minutes of the last Meeting.



It was decided to include this for discussion with the Minister for the Environment.

Arbroy: The Assistant County Manager told the Meeting that it is hoped the Hardstand will be ready for letting in July. He also stated that Mr. & Mrs. P. J. Rafferty have been appointed Tenants at 46 Gilmartin road. Replying to Commissioner Kelly he said the contract documents regarding the refurbishment of twelve houses at Gilmartin road would be ready soon.

Pedestrian Crossing: To be included on the agenda for the July Meeting.

Green Areas: Replying to the Members re: the Green Areas the Engineer said that due to sick leave there were five people less for maintenance work. A detailed report had been sent to the County Manager. The Board call on the County Council to maintain the Green areas to the level of Last year. A letter from Cumann Rince Thuma re: lack of bins in the Mall area was read, also a letter from Ms. C. O'Connor re: rubbish being dumped in the river Nanny. Replying to Commissioner Stapleton the Engineer said he would look at the park at Ballygaddy road.

Litter Warden: The Assistant County Manager informed the Meeting that a Litter Warden would take up duty on 5th June.

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

Expert Advisory Report on Local Government Reform:

Commissioner Kelly told the Meeting he had attended a special meeting of the Association of Municipal Authorities to discuss the Expert advisory report on Local Government reform. He said this report was rejected by every Authority. There was unanimous support for the following proposal and it was decided to inform the Minister for the Environment thus: "That Tuam Town Commissioners reject the expert advisory Committee report on Local Government reform and endorse the reforms put forward by the Association of Municipal Authorities."

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

- Hennelly Family on the death of John
- Kielly Family on the death of Kitty
- Reidy Family on the death of John Joe
- Shaugnessy Family on the death of Mary
- Larkin Family on the death of Patrick
- Farrell Family on the death of Marie

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by,  
Angela Holian,  
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY *Mr. Kelly*  
CHAIRMAN

4/7/91

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

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29th May, 1991

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**AGENDA**

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Commissioners Lane and Kelly objected to the sudden closure of the Town Hall Theatre and the letter issued to the Theatre Guild. Repeating the Assistant County Manager said, a previous report had been received from the Fire Officer. On the advice of the Law Agents he had decided to have the letter issued - one to each of the signatories of the agreement between the Town Commissioner and the Theatre Guild. He said the Fire Officer's report, which had to be acted on immediately, was not available at the last meeting when a deputation from the Theatre Guild met with the Board. He said a submission on behalf of the Board had been sent to the National Lottery.



TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday, 7th May, 1991.

Present:

Chairman: F. Biggins

Commissioners: J. O'Mara, J. Burke, M. Kelly, G. Browne-Lane,  
N. Halion

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

Apology: Commissioner Flaherty

The Prayer was recited.

The Chairman and members welcomed Mr. O. Higgins to the Meeting and wished him every success in Tuam. The Assistant County Manager also welcomed Mr. Higgins.

Coat of Arms:

Dr. T. Claffey told the Meeting the plain red latin cross represented Tuam's ecclesiastical importance. The flanges in green on either side of the cross - the two shoulders or hills represents the original name of the Town - Tuaim-da-gualain. The motto, Tuath Thuama go Buam, means the people of Tuam forever. He felt there was no reference to the most important civic event, when Tuam was the headquarters of two O'Connor Kings of Ireland. He suggested that a crown, a symbol of the two High Kings be included. After further discussion it was decided to ask the Chief Herald to submit another draft. The Chairman thanked Dr. Claffey for his continued advise.

Minutes:

Regarding the incident with the Tour Bus the Chairman told the Meeting that he and the President of the Chamber of Commerce had met with Supt. Kilgannon who suggested that in future the Gardai be notified when tours are expected and they would provide parking accommodation.

Level Crossings:

Replying to Commissioner O'Mara the Assistant County Manager said it was proposed to proceed early at the Vicar Street Crossing. The Galway road crossing was not a priority. The Members insisted the crossing be made safe for pedestrians - that the footpath on either side of the crossing meet and not have a situation where people have to go out on the road. The Engineer was requested to look at the situation.

Theatre Guild:

Commissioners Lane and Kelly objected to the sudden closure of the Town Hall Theatre and the letter issued to the Theatre Guild. Replying the Assistant County Manager said a serious report had been received from the Fire Officer. On the advise of the Law Agent He had decided to have the letter issued - one to each of the signatories of the agreement between the Town Commissioner and the Theatre Guild. He said the Fire Officer's report, which had to be acted on immediately, was not available at the last meeting when a deputation from the Theatre Guild met with the Board. He said a submission on behalf of the Board had been sent to the National Lottery.



It was proposed by Commissioner Lane and seconded by Commissioner O'Mara that in the event of a similar occurrence in the future the members be informed.

Tirboy:

Replying to Commissioner Kelly the Assistant County Manager said a section of footpath was constructed. When the Hardstand is opened in June it is intended to have the remaining caravans removed and the footpath completed. The Architect has been appointed and the refurbishment of twelve houses at Gilmartin road will be started this year.

The Minutes of the April meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Kelly seconded by Commissioner O'Mara.

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

1. J. P. Glynn, Solicitors: consent to sale of 46 Gilmartin road to Galway Co. Co.
2. Gleeson & Kean, Solicitors: consent to sale of 39 Athenry road to Michael Carter.
3. Concanon & Meagher, Solicitors: consent to sale of 55 Athenry road to Ronan Gavin.
4. Concanon & Meagher, Solicitors: consent to assignment of 68 Athenry road to Esther and John Geraghty.
5. Regional Manager, Bus Eireann - read.
6. Monaghan Urban District Council: " (a) That Monaghan U.D.C. call on the Minister for Communications to ensure that the minimum time for local telephone call be at least ten minutes. (b) "In view of the forthcoming celebrations of the 75th Anniversary of the 1916 Rising we call on this Council to agree to display the 1916 Proclamation in this Council Chamber."
7. Wexford Corporation: "Family Law cases have widened considerably at District Court and Circuit Court level since the Family law Act of 1981: Thus, this Corporation calls on the Minister for Justice and the Government to urgently introduce Family law courts to counteract the heavy workload which is causing serious problems particularly for litigants under the present system.
8. Mr. F. Jackson, International fair of Bordeaux - read.
9. Honorary Consulate of the Federal Republic of Germany in Galway. Herr Hergett to be invited to a Meeting.

Pedestrian Crossing:

The Assistant County Manager told the Meeting that draft proposals are to be put to the County Council and a report should be available for the next Meeting. The Engineer was asked to examine the situation.

Town Dump:

Replying to Commissioner Burke the Assistant County Manager said the first part of a study should be available in a few months. The Town Dump will be examined and a decision on action will be taken then. He also informed the Board that instructions had been issued to recruit a Litter Warden for Tuam.

Green Areas:

The Chairman requested that the Green areas be maintained up to the standard of last year. Commissioner Lane asked that an area beside the Traffic Lights at Ballygaddy road be re-seeded and a section of footpath at the Palace grounds be repaired.



COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
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Sympathy: A vote of sympathy was passed with the following Families:

- Carty Family on the death of Frank
- McCoy Family on the death of Geraldine
- Mannion Family on the death of Oliver
- Turner Family on the death of Kathleen
- Tighe Family on the death of Mary

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:  
Angela Holian,  
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY

*Frank Biggins T.C.*

CHAIRMAN

RE: Theatre Guild Licence

Dear Sir,

I received your letter dated 10 April re the above with enclosures and note what you are enclosing herewith, a form of letter which should be sent to each member of the Committee and their Solicitor. You should at the same time secure the premises so that access may not be gained. If the Committee have keys to the premises, as they probably have, I would advise that in the interests of safety, although it may cause trouble you would be better off to have the locks changed but put a note on appropriate doors that the key is in the custody of your Town Clerk and stating your office hours so that it may be borrowed for the purpose of removing property. If any property is to be removed, the removal should be supervised by any member of the Committee should for any reason be necessary to go into occupation of the premises,

In the situation, the Theatre Guild have only a right to use a premises from time to time as they require it and the Town Commissioners have an inherent right to refuse such use on their own terms with a notice, although in the present circumstances the notice probably is not reasonable but this is due to the fire warning which I believe the Commissioners must act on immediately. If you have any difficulty please let me know. For your information, I am sending a copy of this letter and the enclosure to Mrs Muriel Nolan in the County Council.

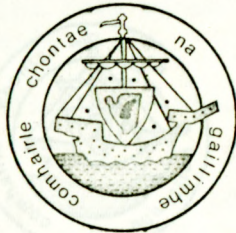
Yours faithfully,

Galway County Council Archives



COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

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29th April, 1991.

Angela Holian,  
Town Clerk,  
Tuam Town Commissioners,  
Town Clerks Office,  
Town Hall,  
Tuam,  
Co. Galway.

RE: Theatre Guild Licence  
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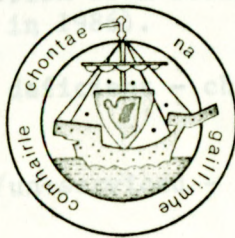
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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
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19th April, 1991

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

**RE: FIRE SAFETY AT TOWN HALL THEATRE, TUAM.**

A Chara,

Following an inspection of the above premises by a Fire Officer, it is evident that there is no level of fire safety management in existence. You should discontinue use of the hall forthwith until such time as adequate fire safety standards have been achieved on the premises. If you fail to agree to this within one week, the Fire Authority will have no option but to issue a Fire Safety Notice under the Fire Services Act, 1981.

The following works are required:

1. Panic bar assembly missing from emergency exit door leading to external stairway. This door would not be available for use in an emergency. (Opened by screw driver with difficulty during inspection). Effective panic bar assembly to be fitted and door to open freely on application of pressure. Wording "push bar to open" to be marked over horizontal bar (min. 25mm height).
2. Passageway leading from base of external stairway obstructed - 1.1m wide passageway to be clearly designated and marked "Fire exit keep clear".
3. Doors leading to laneway at rear fitted with three sets of shot bolts. All bolts to be removed and door to be opened by use of panic bar assembly (& lettering as above).
4. Emergency lighting system deficient. Exit signs not in working order. System to be upgraded to I.S. 3217 standard and maintained to requirements of same (including external bulk head units).

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TUAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS

5. No automatic closers fitted to doors to theatre (to avoid entry of smoke in event of fire in remote areas). Doors require to be upgraded also.
6. Inadequate structural protection to main stairway - to be separated by ½ hour fire resisting construction from rooms at ground floor level (understood to have been done in 1986).
7. Electrical system seems to be deficient - check/test and certify (E.T.C.I. rules or equivalent).
8. Fire extinguishers discharged/un-serviced - to be maintained to I.S. 291 requirements.
9. Escape stairway from stage obstructed - to be cleared of all rubbish, etc.
10. Paraffin heater in hall. L.P.G, heater at base of stairway from stage shall be removed.
11. Shot bolts fitted to exit door from hall and door at base of main stairway shall be removed.
12. Flammable material discarded/stored throughout - remove/store in locked presses, etc. Props, scenery, etc., to be flame retarded quality to appropriate standard.

You should submit proposals to resolve the above serious deficiencies if it is intended to allow members of the public entry in future. All works will have to be carried out before this is allowed and you will be required to demonstrate that a system to ensure future fire safety management exists. Department of Environment publication, "Code of practice for the Management of Fire Safety in places of assembly" would be relevant.

Mise le meas,

M. Nolan  
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**TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS**

Tel. 093-24246

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

To each Town Commissioner

1st May, 1991

A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

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

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

*Angele Holia* Baile Cleireach

**AGENDA**

"Town Crest"

Minutes

Manager's Business

Correspondence

Pedestrian Crossing/Traffic Management Plan

Town Dump

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A deputation from Tuam Theatre requested that repairs be carried out to the top section of the Town Hall (used by the Gaidhealtachas). The Engineer took to have the repairs carried out. Regarding the refurbishment of the Town Hall the Assistant County Engineer advised that an application for funding had been made to the National Lottery which had been held with the National Heritage Society. It was decided to write to the Minister for the Environment and the local T. D.'s.

Regarding the repairs to the Town Hall the Assistant County Engineer said the works could be completed in June. It was decided to have the works removed, a new footpath constructed and the works received at the end of the month.

The Chairman and members of the Tuam Town Commissioners had discussed the Level crossings with the County Engineer. He had contacted Eirann Eireann and hoped to meet with them shortly. It was decided to include the matter on the agenda for the next meeting.

Urban Renewal: Disappointment was expressed at the Minister's refusal to designate Tuam under the Urban Renewal Scheme. It was decided to write to the local T. D.'s and ask them to ensure that Tuam be included in any future extension of the scheme. Commissioner Lane proposed that the Minister of the Environment be asked to state the criteria used in the selection of Towns for urban renewal.

Town Twinning: The Chairman told the meeting that representatives from Tuam would sign the Twinning Charter when in Straubing in August and a group from Straubing would visit Tuam from the 4th to 8th September 1991.

Recorded by:  
Angele Holia,  
Clerk

SIGNED BY: *John Bogue*  
CHAIRMAN



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The Board also discussed the draft of a "Coat of Arms" for Tuam. Dr. Tansey advised the Meeting that the Coat of Arms should be highlighted with either a symbolic cross or an oak tree. It was decided to refer the draft to the draft.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday, 2nd April, 1991

Present:

Chairman: F. Biggins

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

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

Apology: Commissioners O'Grady and Flaherty

The Prayer was recited.

Sympathy:

The Chairman proposed a vote of Sympathy with the Family of Stephen Nickelson R.I.P. A minute's silence was observed as a mark of respect. A vote of sympathy was also passed with the Mullins Family on the death of Mrs. Mullins.

Deputation:

A deputation from Tuam Theatre Guild was welcomed. They requested that repairs be carried out to the top section of the Town Hall (used by the Theatre Guild). The Engineer undertook to have the repairs carried out. Regarding the refurbishment of the Town Hall the Assistant County Manager told the meeting that an application for funding had been made to the National Lottery also talks had been held with F. A. S. An application would also be made to the National Heritage Society. It was decided to write to the Minister for the Environment and the local T. D.'s.

Minutes:

Boy:

Replying to Commissioner Kelly the Assistant County Manager said the hardstand would be completed in June. It was intended to have the caravans removed, a new footpath constructed and the road resurfaced. He confirmed that sanction had been received from the Department for the refurbishment of 12 houses at Gilmartin road.

Level Crossings:

The Assistant County Manager told the Meeting he had discussed the Level crossings with the County Engineer. He had contacted Iarnrod Eireann and hoped to meet with them shortly. It was decided to include the matter on the agenda for the next meeting.

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Recorded by:

Mrs. A. Holian,  
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY: *F. Biggins*



TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

TUAM CLERK'S OFFICE,

TOWN HALL, TUAM

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The Board also discussed the draft of a "Coat of Arms" for Tuam. The Assistant County Manager advised the Meeting that Dr. Tony Claffey felt that the O'Connor connection should be highlighted with either a symbolic crown or an oak tree. It was decided to ask the Chief Herald to add the broken chariot to the draft.

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

Correspondence: Letters were received from the following:

Wexford Corporation - There was unanimous support for the following resolution: "In view of the huge cost of Car Insurance in this County, that Wexford Borough Council call for a public inquiry into the matter".

Tuam Community Council re: Pedstrian crossing from Byrnes to Supermack. Replying to Commissioner Stapleton the Engineer said the situation would improve when the Dublin Road by-pass is in place. The Assistant County Manager told the Meeting that a traffic management plan for the Square was being prepared by the County Council. It was decided to include this on the agenda for the next meeting.

Gleeson & Kean re: 33 Gilmartin road - Consent to the sale was proposed by Commissioner Stapleton seconded by Commissioner Halion.

Dump: The Members acknowledged that a lot of improvements had been carried out at the dump but Commissioners Kelly & O'Mara said they had complaints of animals being dumped over the weekends, also animals from outside the Tuam area being dumped. The Engineer stated that the dump was monitored continually for 2 1/2 days recently. He said no dead animals were coming from outside the area. The Chairman asked for a report on the time the dump was monitored. He said the ideal situation would be to have the dump moved. It was decided to discuss the matter further at the next meeting.

Post Office: Commissioner Kelly asked that suitable signs, directing people to the Post Office, be erected.

Notice of Motion: Commissioner Kelly spoke on his motion. He said he was delighted to hear of the plans for the Town Hall. He said Tuam was privileged to have valuable records that go back so far. These should be properly bound, preserved and recorded for posterity. He was hoping the Manager would take this on board and report back in due course. The Assistant County Manager said he was very supportive of the motion. Whether the records can be accommodated in the Town Hall or the new Library, arrangements to preserve and protect the records will be made. There was unanimous support for the motion.

The Chairman and Members paid tribute to the Town Engineer and wished him well in his new position. The Assistant County Manager also thanked him for his support and commitment and wished him well in the future.

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by:  
Angela Holian,  
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY: Frank Biggins  
CHAIRMAN



# TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

TUAM CLERK'S OFFICE,  
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

Tel. 093-24246

To each Town Commissioner

27th March, 1991

A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on Tuesday, 2nd April, 1991..... at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

..... *Angela Nolan* Baile Cleireach

## AGENDA

Deputation from Tuam Theatre Guild

Minutes

Manager's Business

Correspondence

Level Crossings

Town Dump

Notice of Motion: M. Kelly

"That the Board initiate a suitable arrangement with the County Manager to maintain all records etc. of the Board for posterity".

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Correspondence: Letters were received from the following:

Office of the Chief Herald of Ireland - read

Department of Labour re: Social Employment Scheme - read

Galway County Council re: Dump - this to be included on the agenda for April

Galway County Council re: Gritters - read

Tuam Theatre Guild - A Deputation to be received at the April Meeting.



TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday, 12th March, 1991

Present:

Chairman: F. Biggins

Commissioners: M. Kelly, J. Burke, J. Flaherty, G. Browne-Lar  
P. M. Stapleton, N. Halion, J. O'Mara  
M. O'Grady

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

The Prayer was recited.

Minutes:  
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The Engineer was complimented on work carried out at Cloonthue road. Dissatisfaction was expressed at the delay in the allocation of funds for the refurbishment of houses at Gilmartin road. The Assistant County Manager told the Meeting that the Department were expected to release figures of Capital allocations for housing in the next week and he was hopeful that there would be an allocation for Gilmartin road.

Level Crossings: The Assistant County Manager undertook to have discussions with the Town Engineer, the County Engineer and C. I. E. and the matter to be discussed at the next meeting.

Urban Renewal: A letter from the Department of the Environment was read.

The Minutes of the <sup>February</sup> March meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Kelly seconded by Commissioner Burke.

Manager's Business:

Town Twinning: The Assistant County Manager gave a report on his recent visit to Straubing. He also said he had talked to Board Failte and Ireland West. The formal twinning is arranged for 12th to 15th August 1991. It was proposed by Commissioner Burke and seconded by Commissioner Kelly that "Tuam should formally twin with Straubing". It was proposed by Commissioner Stapleton and seconded by Commissioner Flaherty "That Galway County Council be involved in the Twinning".

Correspondence: Letters were received from the following:

Office of the Chief Herald of Ireland - read

Department of Labour re: Social Employment Scheme - read

Galway County Council re: Dump - this to be included on the agenda for April

Galway County Council re: Gritters - read

Tuam Theatre Guild - A Deputation to be received at the April Meeting.



# Tuam Town Commissioners

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Telephone: Tuam 24246

TOWY CLERK'S OFFICE.

Notice of Motion: Commissioner Kelly spoke on his Motion re: the introduction of limited local telephone calls. He proposed that private phones not be limited as alot of old people depend on the Phone. There was unanimous support for the Motion.

Your Ref

PJG/ROB

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Commissioner Kelly spoke on his motion re: a report that Bus Eireann are to discontinue to operate a Bus depot at Tuam station. He said as the station is there it is an ideal shelter particularly from a safety point of view. There was unanimous support for the Motion.

Sympathy: TO THE CHAIRMAN AND EACH MEMBER OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS A vote of Sympathy was passed with the following Families:

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Moran Family on the death of Betty  
Tierney Family on the death of Tommy  
John Morris on the death of Pierce Keane  
Malynn Family on the death of Bill  
Lynch Family on the death of Tom  
Hennelly Family on the death of John  
V. Reidy on the death of Mr. Godfrey  
Mrs. N. Watson on the death of Pat  
Finnerty Family on the death of Paddy  
Morrin Family on the death of Joe

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by  
Angela Holian,  
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY:

Jack Biggins

CHAIRMAN

## THE TWINNING PROPOSAL.

The proposals that Straubing and Tuam should twin have been put forward for some time by the Twinning Committees in Tuam and Straubing. These committees comprise members who have been active for the past 3 years in arranging exchanges of



# Tuam Town Commissioners

Telephone: Tuam 24246.

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,  
TOWN HALL,  
TUAM

Your Ref. ....

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6th March, 1991:.....

**TO THE CHAIRMAN AND EACH MEMBER OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.**

**RE: TUAM/STRAUBING TWINNING.**

A Chara,

The delegation which visited Straubing from the 20th to the 23rd of February consisted of Dr. Tony Claffey, Mrs. Teresa Burke, Mr. Paul O'Grady and myself. We were very warmly received by the Mayor of Straubing and by Members of the Straubing Committee. A very comprehensive programme had been arranged by the Town Council for our visit and we had the opportunity to meet members and officials of the Town Council, to visit schools and training centres, to visit local industries and to meet representatives of the Chamber of Commerce and Tourist Officials. Our hosts could not have been more helpful or attentive during our stay.

Straubing is a very beautiful historic city situated in the south east of Bavaria on the river Danube. Its history as a settlement stretches back 1500 years to Celtic and Roman times. It was founded as a town in 1218 receiving its coat of arms in 1270 and its charter 10 years later. It is the economic and cultural centre of the Bavarian rich corn growing region. The local government administrative area comprises Straubing City and its rural district of Straubing/Bogen. Straubing City has a population of 42,000 and its rural district has a population of 80,000 giving a total of 120,000 inhabitants. Straubing represents the dominant labour market centre of this large catchment area. As a result of its importance as a shopping and service centre about 60% of the Straubing labour force is engaged in the service sector with the remaining 40% engaged in industry. In the rural district of Straubing/Bogen 40% of the labour force is engaged in agriculture, 33% in industry and 25% in the service sector. The City of Munich is located approximately 80 miles from Straubing.

Straubing and its rural district is a self governing unit. It has 41 members on its Council and has a Mayor who is directly elected and 2 Assistant Mayors. It employs a total of 1400 staff and it has an annual budget in the region of £70 M.

## **THE TWINNING PROPOSAL.**

The proposals that Straubing and Tuam should twin have been put forward for some time by the Twinning Committees in Tuam and Straubing. These committees comprise members who have been active for the past 3 years in arranging exchanges of



students between schools in Tuam and Straubing. Citizens of Straubing who have visited Tuam have been taken with the Irish way of life, the friendliness of people and the Irish landscape. They have for some time been pressing the Straubing Council to arrange a formal twinning. The Mayor of Straubing explained that the Council were at first reluctant to agree the twinning having regard to the distance between the two towns. However, they had received very good reports of Tuam and were impressed by the enthusiasm of those who had visited Tuam. Having considered the benefits which could come from the twinning by helping to bring closer together communities within the European Community as we all move closer to 1992 when many remaining barriers to trade and movement of labour will be lifted, the Straubing Council had agreed to formally twin with Tuam. He emphasised that the twinning arrangement should be one of partnership at community level and not solely a formal twinning at Council level. The Mayor undertook to give his full support to the twinning. The Tuam delegation also indicated that we considered the involvement of the general public in the twinning arrangement to be of paramount importance if the partnership was to develop and realise its full potential.

#### BENEFITS OF TWINNING.

The formal twinning will facilitate the development of a special affinity between the peoples of Tuam and Straubing. It will open up the potential for an expansion in the exchange of students between Tuam and Straubing by which the language and culture of each area can be more readily learned and understood.

It will afford an opportunity for industry in Tuam and Straubing to see whether they can mutually trade services. In this regard the delegation had meetings with I.D.A. representatives in Munich and arrangements are in hand by the I.D.A. to examine profiles of a number of industries in the Galway region to see whether useful linkage can be established.

In the area of tourism there would appear to be tremendous potential for developing traffic. In the State of Bavaria alone there is a population of 11 million while in West Germany as a whole there is a population of 63 million with a further 17 million recently added with the incorporation of East Germany.

#### STRAUBING FAIR.

A 10 day fair is held each August in Straubing which attracts visitors from a very wide area. This fair has now grown to be the second largest fair held in Bavaria and numbers attending exceed 1.2 million people. The Council of Straubing has very generously reserved a stand at the fair free of charge for Tuam for next August. This presents Tuam with a marvellous opportunity to publicise the Twinning to raise the profile of Tuam in Straubing and to make the people of Germany aware of the attractions of the Tuam region



as a place to holiday. It is very important that this opportunity be taken up and that the stand be properly manned for the duration of the fair. On this occasion the stand will not be available for the sale of goods, but it should contain displays and literature to give a profile of Tuam and in particular dwell on the attractions of the West of Ireland as a tourist venue. Approaches have been made to the Regional Tourism Manager, Ireland West with a view to getting help to put in place the necessary arrangements. The fair will run from the 9th to the 20th of August.

#### DATE OF FORMAL TWINNING.

The wording of the Twinning Charter has been prepared and will shortly be brought before the Commissioners for your approval. The delegation issued an invitation to Straubing representatives to come to Tuam next September to sign the Charter. It is suggested that the date of the visit might coincide with the Oyster Festival which it is understood will run from the 6th to the 8th of September. This will also coincide with a visit of students to Tuam as part of the exchange programme.

It has been tentatively agreed that Tuam representatives will go to Straubing next August to sign the Charter there during the Straubing Fair. The occasions of the Charter signing should be used to highlight and publicise the twinning in both communities.

It will have been noted that the Straubing Council has responsibility for its rural district giving it a total population of 120,000. Having regard to the joint responsibility of Tuam Town Commissioners and Galway County Council for Tuam and district, I recommend that Galway County Council be invited to support and be regarded as part of the formal twinning arrangement.

#### ONGOING COMMITMENT.

The proposal that Tuam and Straubing should twin was first mooted by Dr. Tony Claffey of Tuam. Dr. Claffey is a very active member of the Tuam Twinning Committee and if the twinning is to function properly and develop it is important that this committee continue to promote the concept and provide the organisational framework necessary to support the twinning. On the Straubing side a twinning association has been recently put on an official footing known as the "Friends of Tuam" which on the day of its inauguration secured over 60 committed members.

#### GREETINGS

On behalf of the Chairman and Commissioner I conveyed your good wishes to the Mayor of Straubing. The Mayor in turn asked that I convey to the Tuam Town Commissioners his warmest greeting, his commitment to fully support the twinning and his determination to come to Tuam in September.



TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

TUAM CLERK'S OFFICE,  
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

tel 093-24246

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I had the privilege to represent the Commissioners on the Tuam delegation to Straubing. I would like to thank my fellow delegates, Dr. Tony Claffey, Mrs. Teresa Burke and Mr. Paul O'Grady for their commitment and hard work. I would also like to thank Mr. Willie Keifel for his assistance.

Mise, le meas

AGENDA

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**P.J. GAVIN,**  
**ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER.**

Galway County Council Archives

Notice of Motion: M. Kelly  
1. "That Tuam Town Commissioners protest at the introduction by Telecom Eireann of local telephone calls."  
2. "That Tuam Town Commissioners call Eireann to continue to operate of a bus depot at Tuam Station."  
3. "That the Board initiate a suitable arrangement with the County Manager to contain all records etc. of the Board for posterity."  
Employment  
The Engineer, the County Council, the workers and Mr. B. McGrath, F. A. S. The Tuam Engineer also thanked all involved. The Assistant County Manager proposed that arrangements would be put in place to continue work until a new S.F.S. could commence.  
Crossing: Replying to Commissioner Kelly the Engineer said proposals had been submitted to C.I.E.  
The Minutes of the January meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Burke seconded by Commissioner Kelly.  
Renewal: Replying to the Members the Assistant County Manager said this was a matter for the Minister for the Environment. The Scheme was originally for larger urban areas. There was unanimous support for the following proposal: "That Tuam Town Commissioners ask the Minister for the Environment to agree to designate Tuam for urban renewal purposes."



# TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

TUAM CLERK'S OFFICE,  
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

Tel. 093-24246

To each Town Commissioner

6th February, 1991

January, 1991

A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on Tuesday, <sup>12th</sup> 12th February, 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

Notice of Motion: M. Kelly

1. "That Tuam Town Commissioners protest at the introduction by Telecom Eireann of limited local telephone calls."
2. "That Tuam Town Commissioners call on Bus Eireann to continue to operate the facilities of a bus depot at Tuam Station."
3. "That the Board initiate a suitable arrangement with the County Manager to maintain all records etc. of the Board for posterity."

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Level Crossing: Replying to Commissioner Kelly the Engineer said proposals had been submitted to C.I.E.

The Minutes of the January meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Burke seconded by Commissioner Kelly.

Urban Renewal: Replying to the Members the Assistant County Manager said this was a matter for the Minister for the Environment. The Scheme was originally for larger urban areas. There was unanimous support for the following proposal: "That Tuam Town Commissioners ask the Minister for the Environment to agree to designate Tuam for urban renewal purposes."



TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday, 5th February, 1991

Present:

Chairman: F. Biggins

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

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

The Prayer was recited.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Borad, presented Certificates of Commendation to Mrs. Maureen Farragher, Det. Matt Melvin and Lt. John Brinn who rescued a man from the river nanny on 9th January, 1991.

Minutes:  
Tirboy:

The Assistant County Manager told the meeting that the Halting site is due for completion in May, 1991. An application for funding for thirty houses for Travellers has been made to the Dept. also an application for special houses for young married Travellers as well as the application for houses for the settle Community. There was unanimous support for the following proposal: "That Tuam Town Commissioners abhor the delay in the allocation of funds for the refurbishment of houses at Gilmartin road, and intend to seek a meeting with the Minister to discuss the delay."

Horses:

The Assistant County Manager told the Meeting that nine stray horses had been taken to the pound in Ballinasloe the previous night. These would not be released until evidence of a place to keep them was submitted to the County Council. It is intended to prosecute the Owners. The Board welcomed the initiative and suggested that the same action be repeated again in a week. The Assistant County Manager thanked the members of the Gardai for their support.

Palace Grounds:

Commissioner Flaherty told the members the Social Employment Scheme would finish on Friday 8th. He paid tribute to all involved, the Engineer, the County Council, the Workers and Mr. M. McGrath, F. A. S. The Town Engineer also thanked all involved. The Assistant County Manager confirmed that arrangements would be put in place to continue maintenance until a new S.E.S. could commence.

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# Tuam Town Commissioners

Correspondence: Letters were received from the following:

- 1. Tuam Community Council - read
- 2. Belclare Community Council - read
- 3. Mr. M. Kitt, T.D. read
- 4. Dept. of the Environment - read

Rent Arrears: A report on rent arrears was considered satisfactory.

Congratulations: Congratulations were extended to Fergal King, Deirdre Newell and Louise Purcell on recent achievements.

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

- Waldron Family on the death of Eamon
- R. Millane on the death of Dorothy

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:  
Angela Holian,  
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY Frank Biggins  
CHAIRMAN

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Angela Holian  
Town Clerk



# Tuam Town Commissioners

Telephone: Tuam 24246.

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,  
TOWN HALL,  
TUAM

Your Ref. ....

Our Ref. ....

..1st..February,..1991.....

To: Each member of  
Tuam Town Commissioners

Rent Collection.  
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A Chara,

During 1990 the improvement in rent collection has continued. The overall percentage collected increased to 93.30%.

Arrears at 31/12/'90 were £1375, of which £240 was paid in January, 1991. Six Tenants are paying arrears by installments and three cases have been referred to the Law Agent. An amount of £200 may have to be written off because of inability to pay. One house has just been purchased by the County Council and it is expected that this account will be closed during 1991 - arrears in this case are £70.

There are arrears of £190 due by a Tenant who has been served Notice to Quit and this case has still to be resolved.

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Angela Nolan  
Town Clerk

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**TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS**

Tel. 093-24246

TUAM CLERK'S OFFICE,  
TOWN HALL, TUAM.  
1st February, 1991

To each Town Commissioner

A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on Tuesday, 5th February, 1991 at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

*Angela Nolan* Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

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Refurbishment at Gilmartin Road

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Level Crossing: The Engineer told the Meeting that work is imminent at Vicar street. As regards Galway road he was negotiating with C.I.E. to acquire a separate pedestrian crossing.

Horses: The Assistant County Manager told the meeting that steps were in place to deal with stray horses. Commissioner Stapleton proposed that a Vet be invited to a Meeting. As regards the Fence at Parkmore the Assistant County Manager said it was being examined.

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 22nd January, 1991

Present:

Chairman: F. Biggins

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

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

The prayer was recited.

Notes:  
Carboy:

The Engineer told the Meeting that approaches had been made to the people in the caravans and it was hoped to carry out some improvements.

Dublin road  
By-pass:

The Engineer told the meeting he had not been notified of any allocation yet.

Refuse charges:

Replying to the Members the Assistant County Manager said there was no 100% waiver of refuse charges. He said the present waiver system would continue and he undertook to check out individual complaints. As regards the water charges he said the County Council offer a waiver system for people in poor circumstances. People are notified if in arrears and the Revenue Collector calls. The Board appealed to the County Council not to cut off the water supply.

Town Twinning:

Mr. Martin McDonnell told the meeting that Tuam would be taking a stand at the August Fair in Straubing. The Twinning Committee had been in touch with the I. D. A. and had a very positive response. A working Delegation from Tuam was going to Straubing from the 20th to 24th February. The Delegation would consist of a representative from the Town Commissioner, the Chamber of Commerce, the I.D.A. and Corrib County together with Dr. T. Claffey. It was proposed by Commissioner Kelly and seconded by Commissioner Burke that the Assistant County Manager represent the Commissioners on the Delegation. Mr. Gavin said he fully supported the Twinning. He was impressed with the amount of hard work done on the project. He would be happy to represent the Town Commissioners. The Board complimented Mr. McDonnell on the time and effort put into the venture.

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Palace Grounds: The Board appealed to the County Council to ensure that maintenance work be carried out until another S. E. S. was in place. It was decided to write to the Dept. of Labour.

The Minutes of the December Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Stapleton seconded by Commissioner Kelly.

Manager's business:

The Assistant County Manager informed the Meeting that the new "Derelict site" Act is now operational. Replying to the Members he said all derelict sites in the Town will be listed in a register. Owners will be notified and there will be heavy penalties for not tidying up a site. A 3% tax on the value of the site will be levied. The Board welcomed the introduction of the Act but Commissioner Stapleton objected to further taxation on people.

It was proposed by Commissioner Kelly and seconded by Commissioner O'Mara that a case be made to the Minister for the Environment re: funds for Urban renewal. This to be discussed at a future meeting.

Replying to the Chairman the Assistant County Manager said the Department had not given clearance yet regarding the refurbishment at Gilmartin road. This item to be included on the agenda for the February Meeting.

Correspondence: Letters were received from the following:

1. T. A. O'Donoghue & Son re: 43 toberjarlath. Consent to the Mortgage was proposed by Commissioner Kelly seconded by Commissioner Burke.
2. Concanon & Meagher re: 7 McHale terrace. Consent to the sale was proposed by Commissioner Burke and seconded by Commissioner Kelly.
3. Emerson & Conway re: 57 Gilmartin road. Consent to the sale was proposed by Commissioner Burke seconded by Commissioner Kelly.
4. Wexford Corporation. There was unanimous support for the following resolution: "That Wexford Corporation call on the Minister for Industry & Commerce to immediately compel Publicans to retract the increase of 5p on the pint imposed in November 1990."
5. Balbriggan Town Commissioners. There was unanimous support for the following resolution: "That the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the National Lottery Company to take a more positive attitude in the provision of signs which are more environmentally friendly and that they phase out the use of self illuminating plastic signs which detract from the appearance of buildings."
6. United Towns. read.

M. M. D. S.:

It was decided to hold a public meeting on Wednesday 7th February, 1991.



Footpaths:

Replying to Commissioner Stapleton the Engineer said the footpath at Athenry road would be put in order, also it was planned to put a flower bed, where the phone box was removed, at Ballygaddy road. He also said the installation of a light at Athenry road was delayed because of the storms in January. Replying to Commissioner O'Grady he said a lens for the traffic lights at Weir road was ordered.

Commissioner Kelly queried why a gritter was not available during the spell of frost and snow. He said the situation in Tuam was disastrous as people were unable to get across the town. Commissioner Burke told the Meeting the County Council had now purchased two new gritters. It was decided to write to the County Manager and request that one of the gritters be based in Tuam. The Engineer and the Men were complimented on the good work done in the circumstances.

Replying to Commissioner Stapleton the Assistant County Manager said a submission for storm damage had been sent to the Dept.

Sympathy:

Commissioner Stapleton proposed a vote of Sympathy with the Chairman on the death of his Mother. A vote of Sympathy was also passed with the following Families:

Tighe Family, St. Bridgets Terrace on the death of Michael  
Ivers Family, Toberjarlath on the death of Walter  
Naughton Family, Tullinadaly on the death of Mrs. Naughton  
Nickelson Family, Milltown on the death of John  
Ray McSharry, M. E. P. on the death of Padraig

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:  
Angela Holian,  
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY

*Frank Biggins*

CHAIRMAN

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1. T. A. O'Donoghue & Son ret: 7 Dublin Terrace. Consent to the assignment was proposed by Commissioner Stapleton seconded by Commissioner O'Mara.
2. Catharine J. Hughes & Co. ret: 13 Toberjarlath. Consent to the sale was proposed by Commissioner Burke seconded by Commissioner Flaherty.
3. Office of the Chief Herald - read.
4. Action Tuam Ltd. It was resolved that the Vice-Chairman represent the Commissioners on the Board of Action Tuam Ltd.
5. Mr. P. Deering - read.



**TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS**

Tel. 093-24246  
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TUAM CLERK'S OFFICE,  
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

To each Town Commissioner

18th January, 1991

A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on Tuesday, 22nd January, 1991 at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

*Angela Holian* Baile Cleireach

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3. Office of the Chief Herald - read.
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Recorded by:  
Angela Holian,  
Town Clerk



## TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

TUAM CLERK'S OFFICE,  
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

Tel. 093-24246

To each Town Commissioner

4th January, 1991

A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held  
on Tuesday, 8th January, 1991. at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

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5. Mr. P. Deering - read.



TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Meeting held on Tuesday, 4th December, 1990

Present:

V. Chairman: M. Kelly

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

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

Apology: Commissioner Biggins

The Prayer was recited.

Minutes:

Tirboy:

Replying to Commissioner Stapleton the Assistant County Manager said the County Council would seek to improve the surroundings before the end of the year. As regards further housing he would be making an application to the Department for funding for next year.

Dublin road

By-pass:

Replying to Commissioner Burke the Engineer said Land purchase is concluded. An application had been made for funding to put down a hard surface. Commissioner Kelly suggested that a bicycle lane be included.

Dump:

Replying to the Members the Engineer said because of concern at dumping of Offal on the entrance road the barrier was lowered to 5ft. He said there was no charge for domestic refuse. It was proposed that the County Manager and the County Engineer be informed of the Board's support for the recent call to have the dump re-located inside 3 years.

Level Crossing:

Replying to Commissioner Stapleton the Engineer said work would be progressing early in the new year.

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

Correspondence:

Letters were received from the following:

1. T. A. O'Donoghue & Son re: 7 McHale Terrace. Consent to the assignment was proposed by Commissioner Stapleton seconded by Commissioner O'Mara.
2. Catherine J. Hughes & Co. re: 19 Toberjarlath. Consent to the sale was proposed by Commissioner Burke seconded by Commissioner Flaherty.
3. Office of the Chief Herald - read.
4. Action Tuam Ltd. It was resolved that the Vice-Chairman represent the Commissioners on the Board of Action Tuam Ltd.
5. Mr. P. Deering - read.



6. Tipperary (North Riding) County Council - There was unanimous support for the following resolutions:

"That this Council request the Government to re-introduce the house improvement grants to help up-grade the housing stock and to help lower-paid and pensioners, do necessary repairs."

"That the method of assessment for applicants of Higher Education Grants, whose Parents or Guardians are on the P.A.Y.E. system, be revised so as to be based on Gross income less tax rather than gross Income, as heretofore. Dissatisfaction was also expressed at the delays incurred in the award of grants, a major fact in this is the delay in the Colleges notifying confirmation of registration".

Notice of Motion:

Commissioner Burke spoke on his motion re: horses in the Parkmore housing estate. He said he had received numerous complaints from Residents who fear that Children will be hurt. The Assistant County Manager stated that action would be taken inside the month - the Legal process would be pursued. Commissioner Burke also asked that the field beside the estate be fenced off. There was unanimous support for the Motion.

Commissioner Burke said there were legitimate health fears concerning the M. M. D. S. He said the Community based service in operation at the moment is excellent, cheap and there is no health hazard. All present expressed concern re: microwave exposure. There was unanimous support for the motion and it was resolved to discuss the matter at the January meeting and to call a public meeting in Mid January.

Commissioner Burke informed the meeting that another S. E. S. had already been applied for. He congratulated the Engineer, M. McGrath, FAS, the Workers and Commissioner Flaherty for the excellent work done by the Social Employment Schemes. Commissioner Stapleton asked that the Graveyard be included in a future S.E.S. and that some kind of permanent platform or alter be erected.

It was decided to hold the next meeting on January, 8 1991.

Congratulations: Congratulations were extended to Mrs. Mary Robinson on her election as President of Ireland also to Mr. P. Hillary on his retirement.

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

O'Donnell Family, Toberjarlath on the death of Paddy  
Ward Family, Church view on the death of Joe  
Kelly Family, Lissavalley on the death of Margaret  
Quinn Family, Belair on the death of Mrs. Burke  
Moran Family, Dublin road on the death of Mrs. Moran  
Stapleton Family, on the death of Mr. Horan  
Biggins Family, on the death of Mr. Jennings  
Broderick Family, on the death of Mrs. Melia  
Fr. Quinn, on the death of Patrick Quinn

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:  
Angela Holian,  
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY:

Frank Biggins  
CHAIRMAN



# TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

TUAM CLERK'S OFFICE,  
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

Tel. 093-24246

To each Town Commissioner

28th November, 1990

A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on Tuesday, 4th December, 1990 at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

..... *Angela Holian* Baile Cleireach

## AGENDA

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Dublin Road By-pass

Notice of Motion: J. Burke

I will propose that urgent action be taken to resolve the persistent difficulty with horses in Parkmore, it should not be necessary for a Child to be hurt before any action is taken.

2. I will propose that the Commissioners object to M.M.D.S. coming to Tuam until the health hazard is resolved also the price they are charging is drastically reduced.
3. I will propose that the very successful F.A.S. scheme introduced by Tuam Town Commissioners be sought for a further 12 months

Set date for January Meeting

in the £ as compared with 77.99p 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 the members questions re the refurbishment of house at Gilmartin road the Manager said that on contacting the Dept. he had been told to expect an early decision. It was proposed by Commissioner Stapleton and seconded by Commissioner Kelly 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 £16,020 in the said Estimate be demanded from Galway County Council in respect of the year ended 13th December, 1991.

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 30th October, 1990

Present:

Chairman: F. Biggins

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

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

The Prayer was recited.

The Chairman welcomed a deputation from Tirboy Residents Association. The Deputation complained of the number of caravans dangerously parked in the area. They also complained about stray horses, dogs and rats. They also asked that a section of footpath leading to the Estate be completed. They appealed to the Board and Galway County Council to do something immediately.

The Engineer stated that regular maintenance was carried out at the Estate. The footpath extends to McNally's house but because of parked caravans couldn't be completed.

The Assistant County Manager said the County Council are in the process of providing a halting site and an application for further housing is with the Department. He said the Dog Warden could be alerted straight away also Rentokill. Every effort will be made to get the caravans to move in order to complete the Footpath. A survey of Traveller needs for the next ten years will be carried out in conjunction with a national census planned for November. He assured the Board that whatever can be done at Tirboy will be done.

Estimates:

The Manager introduced the Estimate of Expenses for 1991. He said the estimate shows variations from last year under a number of headings. Total expenditure proposed is £39,140 compared to £36,666 for 1990. However an increase in the rateable valuation enables the rate increase to be kept modest at 1.73p representing an increase of 2.2%. Provision has been made for Local Elections due to take place in 1991. The cumulative effect of the various adjustments produces a rate of 79.86p in the £ as compared with 77.99p 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 the members questions re the refurbishment of house at Gilmartin road the Manager said that on contacting the Dept. he had been told to expect an early decision. It was proposed by Commissioner Stapleton and seconded by Commissioner Kelly 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 £16,020 in the said Estimate be demanded from Galway County Council in respect of the year ended 13th December, 1991.



Travelling expenses:

It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Commissioner Burke and resolved that Tuam Town Commissioners pay expenses in accordance with the terms of Para. 5, Department of the Environment circular G.290 for not more than two meetings of the Commissioners during 1991.

Minutes:

Replying to Commissioner Burke re: the Dump the Assistant County Manager said the results of a study will be available in a few months. Funds were being made available for the provision of a pump to deal with outbreaks of Fire. Replying to Commissioner Kelly he said an application for funding to refurbish the two derelict houses was with the Dept.

Town Twinning:

The Chairman told the members that Tuam would be taking part in the Annual Fair at Straubing. The Chamber of Commerce would deal with this, also a meeting was planned with the I.D.A. and Board Fairte. A letter from Dr. T. Claffey re: a coat of arms for Tuam was read.

Scout Hall:

The Assistant County Manager told the meeting that the Town Engineer took possession of the Scout Hall. Cumann Rinne Thuma do have a lease and it has been ascertained that the Hall is used regularly. The Boy Scouts will also be accommodated.

Level crossing:

Replying to Commissioner Kelly the Engineer said the Legal process was about to be finalised regarding the refurbishment of the Vicar street Crossing. Commissioner Kelly complimented the County Council on the new footpaths at Galway road.

Dublin road by-pass:

This item to be placed on the agenda for the December Meeting. Replying to Commissioner Stapleton the Engineer said that pot holes on the Dublin road were caused by a leak in the water main.

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

Correspondence:

Letters were received from the following:

Rev. D. Moloney, St. Jarlath's College - read

Ms. Mary Kilroy, Presentation College - read

Concanon & Meagher re: 7 McHale Terrace. Consent to the assignment was proposed by Commissioner Burke seconded by Commissioner O'Grady.

Creen O'Cleirigh & O'Dwyer re: 61 Toberjarlath. Consent to the sale was proposed by Commissioner Burke seconded by Commissioner O'Grady.

Sympathy:

A vote of Sympathy was passed with the following Families:

Hussey Family, Ballygaddy road on the death of Eileen

Joyce Family, Athenry road on the death of Mrs. Martin

Mannion Family, St. Enda's Ave on the death of Seamus

Farell Family, St. Joseph's Park on the death of Val

Flattery Family, Monacow on the death of Joe

Fallon Family, Clonberne on the death of Kitty

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:

Angela Holian,  
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY h. J. Kelly  
acting CHAIRMAN



# TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Tel. 093-24246

TUAM CLERK'S OFFICE,  
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

To each Town Commissioner

24th October, 1990

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Estimates meeting and the  
The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

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on Tuesday, 30th October, 1990 at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

*Angela Nolan*  
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## AGENDA

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Commissioner Kelly the Engineer said there was no commercial dumping of offal but there was vast amounts of dumping of small quantities of dead animals and offal especially at weekends. There are no funds to employ a caretaker full-time at weekends. He also said that top soil was being drawn and re-seeding had been carried out on the Athenry road side. The tip head had been diverted away from the Town side. The burning of refuse is a major problem and is in contravention of County Council policy.

The Assistant County Manager told the meeting the dump would be there for the foreseeable future. He said bog is suitable terrain for dumping. The whole question of waste disposal, recycling etc will have to be looked at. The situation re: rats will be monitored.

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday, 2nd October, 1990

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Chairman: F. Biggins

Commissioners: P. M. Stapleton, J. O'Mara, M. O'Grady  
J. Burke, M. Kelly, G. Browne-Lane

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

Apology: Commissioners Halion and Flaherty

The Prayer was recited.

The Chairman welcomed a deputation from Athenry and Toberjarlag roads Residents Assoc. and Tuam Golf Course. The Deputation called on Galway County Council to have the dump re-located inside three years. They said all promises to improve the dump seem to have fallen down. There is a major problem there with rats and flies also large quantities of dead animals and Offal are dumped over the weekends. The deputation also said the Golf course is a tourist amenity which is visited by three or four thousand people each year. On several occasions during the past year half the course was covered in smoke. The Deputation also asked that the two derelict houses be attended too immediately. The Deputation then left.

During the discussion which followed Commissioner O'Grady praised the excellent work done by the Residents Association in the area. He also said it was planned to carry out further improvement work and to go out beyond the Golf course. He said the dump and the two houses are a major problem. Commissioner Burke said the dump was not acceptable so close to a major housing estate and the Town Commissioners should support the Resident Association in calling on the County Council to look for an alternate site inside three years. Replying to Commissioner Kelly the Engineer said there was no commercial dumping of offal but there was vast amounts of dumping of small quantities of dead animals and offal especially at weekends. There are no funds to employ a caretaker full-time at weekends. He also said that top soil was being drawn and re-seeding had been carried out on the Athenry road side. The tip head had been diverted away from the Town side. The burning of refuse is a major problem and is in contravention of County Council policy.

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In conclusion the Chairman said the residents were entitled to live in peace and tranquility. He supported the call to have the dump re-located inside three years. He asked the Assistant County Manager to report on the County Council's plans inside six months.

**Town Twinning:** The Chairman welcomed Mr. M. McDonnell, Mr. T. Claffey and Mrs. Ann Conrady of the Town Twinning Committee. Mr. McDonnell told the meeting that talks had been ongoing since 1988 with a view to twinning Straubing, Germany with Tuam. He presented a letter from the Mayor of Straubing in which it was stated that the Straubing City Parliament had decided at their meeting of 23/7/'90 to propose to the town of Tuam an official twinning from 1991. The Straubing Parliament are of the view that the already working pupil exchange shall remain an essential part of the relationship - Two groups of German Students and a Choir visited Tuam during the Summer and a group of Tuam Students travelled to Straubing. A Mr. M. Newmeyer would be visiting Tuam at the weekend and it was hoped that representatives from the Town Commissioners, the Chamber of Commerce and the Community Council would meet with him on Monday night. The Chairman and Members congratulated the Twinning Committee for their tremendous efforts and there was unanimous support for the concept of twinning as outlined. The Twinning Committee were invited to submit ideas for a "Coat of Arms" for Tuam.

**Scout Hall:** The Assistant County Manager told the meeting that work is being completed on the Scout Hall and the Town Commissioners will take possession. The matter can then be discussed. He had also talked to the County Development people and they would be talking to Mrs. Ward and Mrs. McDonagh. It appears the Scout Hall is not suitable for their needs.

**Level Crossing:** Commissioner O'Mara complimented the Engineer on repairs to the Level crossing at Galway road. Replying to Commissioner Kelly re: Vicar street crossing he said he had contacted C.I.E. and would do so again.

**Dublin road by-pass:** Commissioner Burke told the meeting that the County Engineer is going to prepare a report and it is hoped the By-pass gets the priority it deserves.

**Hardstand:** Replying to Commissioner Burke the Assistant County Manager said that people who want access to the Hardstand should contact their Social Worker. Commissioner Kelly said he was incorrectly quoted after a previous meeting and would like to assure the people of Cloonthue road that there would be no caravan site there. He proposed that a vacant house at Tirboy be allocated. The Board asked that in allocating houses and places at the Hardstand recognition be given to the Traveller problems in Tuam. The Assistant County Manager assured the Board that the County Council are moving ahead with several halting sites in the County.



TEAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

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TOWN HALL, TEAM

26th September, 1990

refurbishment of houses: The Assistant County Manager told the meeting that the Department will be making a decision as soon as possible. Replying to Commissioner Kelly re: two derelict houses he said the County Council were moving through the legal process.

Town Hall: The Assistant County Manager told the Board that a submission to the Lottery or the National Heritage Council must now be prepared.

Galway Road: The Engineer was complimented on work carried out at Cloonmore bridge. Replying to the Chairman re: "raised strips" to slow traffic the Assistant County Manager said if studies prove they are useful they will be coming in on a permanent basis.

Manager's business: It was decided to hold the Estimates Meeting on Tuesday 30th October, 1990.

Correspondence: Letters were received from the following:

1. J. Flanagan re: circul at Abbey Trinity - The Board had no objection to accommodating a circus at Abbey Trinity provided the Residents were in agreement.
2. Granard Town Commissioners - read
3. Concanon & Meagher re: 54 Athenry road - Consent to the sale was proposed by Commissioner O'Mara and seconded by Commissioner Biggins, provided the normal requirements are met.
4. Athenry and Toberjarlath roads Residents Assoc. re: facilities for the disabled - read
5. Simon McGrath - read
6. Order of Malta Ambulance Corps - read

Sympathy: A vote of Sympathy was passed with the following families:  
Cloonan Family on the death of Frank  
Costello Family on the death of Kathleen

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:  
Angela Holian,  
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY

Frank Biggins  
CHAIRMAN



**TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS**

TUAM CLERK'S OFFICE,  
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

Tel. 093-24246

To each Town Commissioner

26th September, 1990

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The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on Tuesday, 2nd October, 1990 at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

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**AGENDA**

- Minutes
- Manager's Business
- Correspondence

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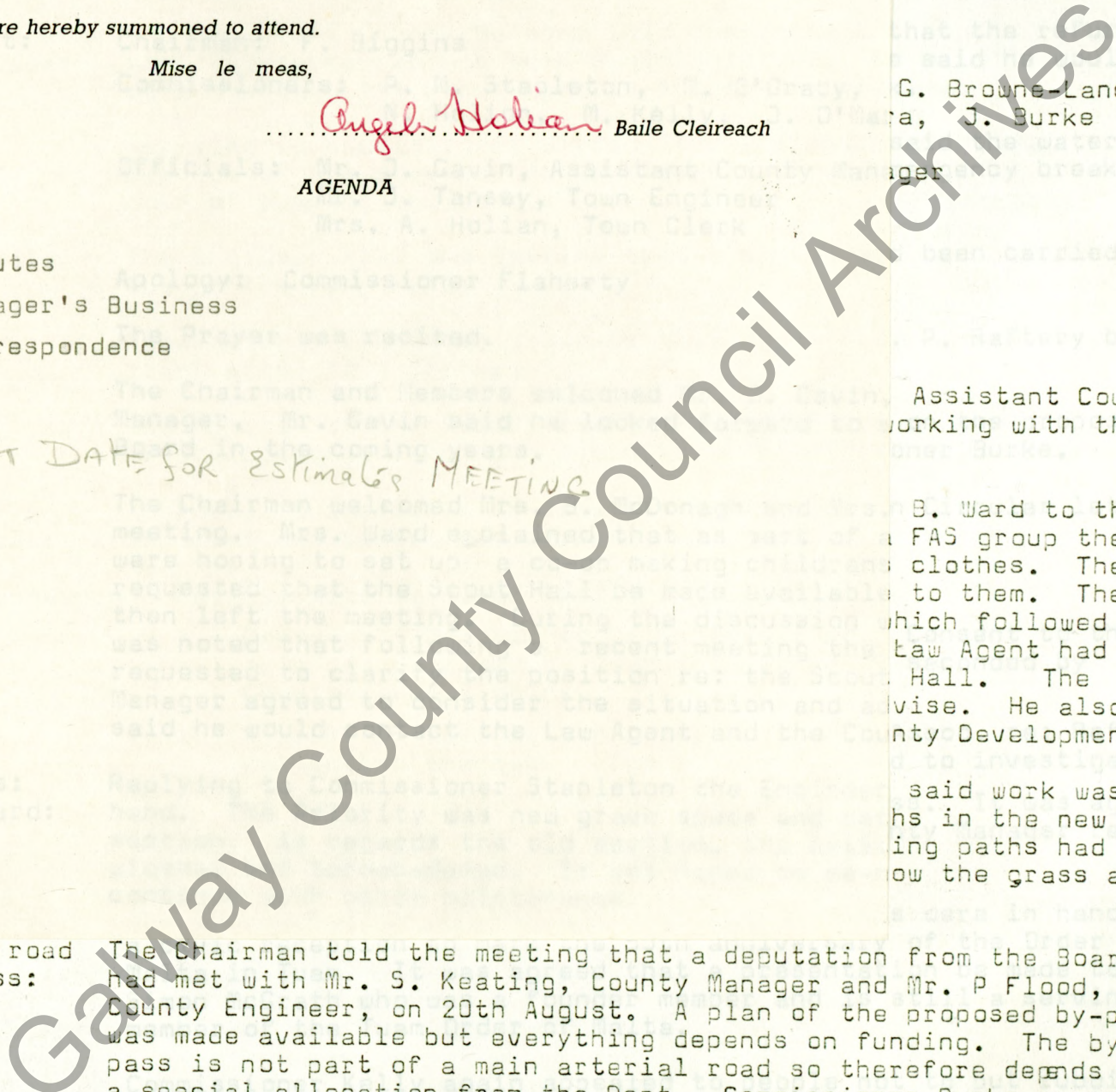
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Level Crossing: Replying to Commissioner Kelly the Engineer agreed to contact C. I. E. re a hole in the road at the Vicar Street crossing.





TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 4th September, 1990

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

Apology: Commissioner Flaherty

The Prayer was recited.

The Chairman and Members welcomed Mr. J. Gavin, Assistant County Manager. Mr. Gavin said he looked forward to working with the Board in the coming years.

The Chairman welcomed Mrs. B. McDonagh and Mrs. B. Ward to the meeting. Mrs. Ward explained that as part of a FAS group they were hoping to set up a co-op making childrens clothes. They requested that the Scout Hall be made available to them. They then left the meeting. During the discussion which followed it was noted that following a recent meeting the Law Agent had been requested to clarify the position re: the Scout Hall. The Manager agreed to consider the situation and advise. He also said he would contact the Law Agent and the County Development.

Minutes: Graveyard: Replying to Commissioner Stapleton the Engineer said work was in hand. The Priority was new grave space and paths in the new section. As regards the old section, the existing paths had been widened and tarmacadamed. It was hoped to re-mow the grass and continue with other maintenance.

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Hardstand: The Engineer told the meeting that work on the Hardstand was progressing extremely well. The Board called on the County Council to allocate space in the Hardstand to the people living in caravans at Tirboy. The Manager was asked to investigate the possibility of buying a vacant house at Cloonthue Road.

Refurbishment of houses: The Assistant County Manager told the meeting that the refurbishment programme had not been sanctioned yet. He said he would be contacting the Department in the coming week.

Replying to Commissioner O'Grady the Engineer said the water was cut off the previous Sunday because of an emergency breakdown of pumping equipment.

Town Hall: The Engineer told the Meeting that a survey had been carried out on the Town Hall.

Commissioner Stapleton proposed that Mr. & Mrs. P. Raftery be transferred to 7 Tirboy.

The Minutes of the August meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Stapleton seconded by Commissioner Burke.

Manager's Business: Approval to increases in salaries as set out in Circular letter EL/115-1 was sought and agreed.

Correspondence: Letters were received from the following:

1. Concanon & Meagher re 21 Athenry road. Consent to the sale was proposed by Commissioner Kelly seconded by Commissioner Biggins.
2. Athenry & Toberjarlath roads Residents Assoc. re: Refuse collection charges. The Manager agreed to investigate.
3. Office of Public Works re: the High Cross. It was agreed that Commissioner Burke talk to the County Manager re: funding of a replica Cross.

The Chairman told the meeting that arrangements were in hand for a civic reception to mark the 50th anniversary of the Order of Malta in Tuam. It was agreed that a presentation be made to Simon McGrath who was a founder member and is still a serving member of the Tuam Order of Malta.

Commissioner Kelly again appealed to people not to put rubbish into the letter box outside Square Deal.

Cloonmore Bridge: Replying to Commissioner O'Grady re; Cloonmore Bridge and a request to have a steel fence erected on a section of the Galway road, the Engineer said the County Council were aware of the situation and were actively looking at the possibility of erecting a crash barrier. It was hoped to carry out remedial work at the Bridge before the end of the year. Replying to Commissioner Stapleton he said the "raised strips" on the road



at Lucan were an experiment by the Department of the Environment.

Congratulations:

Congratulations were extended to the Cork and Galway All-Ireland hurling Teams, also to the members of the Community Games.

Sympathy:

A vote of Sympathy was passed with the following Families:

- Kelly Family, Birmingham on the death of Margaret
- Kelly Family, Church View on the death of Anne
- Mulvey Family, Tullinadaly road on the death of Frank
- Fahy Family, Kilerarin on the death of Phil
- Coen Family, Gardenfield on the death of Peter Mannion
- McCabe Family, Bishop Street on the death of Eugene
- Dempsey Family, Church View on the death of Mrs. Dempsey
- Moggan Family, on the death of Josephine
- Courtney Family, Cortoonroe on the death of Bartley
- Joyce Family, Old road on the death of Mrs. Donoghue
- Henry Family, Tullinadaly on the death of Mr. Henry
- Levins Family, Ballyhaunis on the death of Mr. Levins

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:  
Angela Holian  
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY:

Frank Higgins  
CHAIRMAN



TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Special Meeting held on Monday 20th August, 1990

Present: Chairman: F. Biggins

Commissioners: G. Browne-Lane J. Flaherty M. Kelly  
P. M. Stapleton N. Halion

Officials: Mr. S. Keating, County Manager  
Mr. P. Flood, County Engineer  
Mr. J. Tansey, Town Engineer  
Mrs. A. Holian, Town Clerk

Minutes: The Chairman welcomed the County Manager and the County Engineer to the Meeting.

Dublin road pass: The County Engineer presented a map of the proposed by-pass from Dublin road to Vicar street. He said the legalities re property was being sorted out. It is hoped that the land will be bought and paid for by the end of the year. The next stage is the construction of the road estimated in 1987 to cost £320,000. The Dublin road By-pass was included in a list of works submitted to the Department last year and would be included also in this years submission. Funding would be by special grant. The By-pass is not a national primary road. The County Manager stated that funding for this category of road is very limited. The County road grant could not be applied in this case.

Traffic survey: Replying to the Chairman the County Engineer said it was hoped to have the Traffic survey for Tuam completed by the end of this year or early next year.

Level Crossings: As regards the Galway road Level crossing the County Engineer said this was on a National Primary road. Funding for the project would be a special grant from the Department.

Birmingham road Bridge: The County Engineer told the meeting that a new bridge was low in the order of priorities, however an estimate would be prepared.

Footpaths: The County Engineer stated that £10,000 had been allocated for footpaths in urban areas in 1990.

Water & sewerage: The County Manager told the meeting that new water and sewerage schemes had been accepted for funding by the Government. Contract documents are being prepared.

Abbey Trinity car park: Replying to the Chairman re a Social Employment Scheme for the car park the County Manager said the situation would be looked at when the annual estimates are being prepared in September.

Litter Warden: The County Manager told the Meeting it was hoped to appoint a Litter Warden on a part-time basis. Mr. Gerry Conway could liaise with the Tidy Town Committee with regard to giving talks in the schools. He said he would also ask the incoming Assistant County



to talk to the Tidy Towns Committee.

Refurbishment of Town Hall: The County Manager said he was particularly interested in the refurbishment of the Town Hall and would like to see it stay as a Civic office. The County Council will apply to the Department for grants, also the Engineer will talk to FAS. He undertook to discuss the matter with the incoming Assistant County Manager.

Refurbishment at Gilmartin road: The County Manager said he would discuss this also with Mr. Gavin

This concluded the meeting. The Chairman thanked the County Manager and the County Engineer for coming to Tuam and giving of their time.

Recorded by:  
Angela Holian,  
Town Clerk

SIGNED:

*Frank Biggins*

CHAIRMAN

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Scout's Hall was the property of the Town Commissioners and that the file on same was referred to the Council's Law Agent for advice.