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# **TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS**



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**7 January 1997 - 6 November 2001**



Tuam Town Commissioners

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# TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Telephone: (093) 24246

Tuam Clerk's Office,  
Town Hall, Tuam

To each Town Commissioner

28<sup>th</sup> November, 2001

A Chara,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held  
**Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2001 at 7 p.m.**

on ..... at 7.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

*Angela Hoban*  
..... Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

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Manager's Business

Correspondence

U.D.C. Status

By-pass

Person of the Year

Adolescent Support Project – Ms. Ger. McNamara & Ms. D. Collins

Litter Pollution Act 1997

Allocation of £1,000 (previously allocated For Tuam Festival)

Deputation from High Street Residents

Scout Hall

**Abbey Trinity Car Park:** Mr. Ridge presented maps of the proposed development and confirmed that planning permission had been applied for.

## **TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS**

### **Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2001**

**Present:**

**Cathaoirleach: Commissioner Kelly**

**Commissioners: P. McHugh, J. Burke, P. Warren,  
G. Browne-Lane, M. Ward, P. O'Grady,  
C. Keaveney,**

**Apology:**

**Commissioner Reilly**

**Officials:**

**Mr. Paul Ridge, Director of Services,  
Mr. Michael Gallagher, Town Engineer  
Mrs. Angela Holian, Town Clerk**

The Prayer was recited.

### **Minutes:**

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

### **Matters arising from Minutes:**

**Abbey Trinity Car Park:** Mr. Ridge presented maps of the proposed development and confirmed that planning permission had been applied for.



Commissioner O'Grady said he had no problem with content of the application but noted that the road was being moved. He hoped Galway County Council would inform a resident that the road would now go beside her house also the business's in the area regarding loss of parking facilities while work is being carried out.

Commissioner Browne-Lane said she was worried by the impact loss of parking facilities could have on business in the area. Replying to Commissioner O'Grady Mr. Ridge said the surface car park (75 spaces) will be addressed in phase II.

Commissioner McHugh said he was disappointed regarding the changing of the road - Tuam was losing the opportunity to create a new street. He felt the creation of a new street was central to the whole plan, and that the proposed plan deviated from the original I.A.P. Commissioner Burke said he welcomed the investment but was not impressed with the plan, which he said does not do justice to Tuam. On the basis of the guidelines for the original concept the present proposals have moved a million miles, the streetscape is gone, a major entry to the town is gone. He said re-adjustment of the road was a fiasco and unacceptable. It was extraordinarily important to keep the road through the center of the development. The original proposal had no phase i, ii, or iii. He said the Abbey Trinity area could not survive for twelve months without car parking facilities and insisted on a minimum number of parking spaces being left to the People. Commissioner Keaveney said he was concerned by the proposals - lack of an avenue/boulevard and the direction of the traffic being changed. He said this will bring traffic out close to the High Street/N17 junction where there are already major problems.

Mr. Ridge said the proposals were a reasonable balance and met the requirements of the I.A.P. He stated that the Developer would have possession of the full site and any arrangements in relation to car parking on the site would have to be agreed with the Developer. He also pointed out that the same situation would arise no matter who developed the site but reminded the Members that there would be 400 multi story car spaces and 75 surface car parking spaces when the work is complete. He pointed out that the construction period would extend for approximately 12 months. He said the planning application was being processed. He would inform the Developer of the concerns of the Board. He agreed to request the Developer to attend a meeting of the Board.

**Urban Renewal:** It was proposed by Commissioner Browne-lane and seconded by Commissioner Keaveney that a panel be drawn up of original designation which would ensure that in the event of a number of people not taking the original initiative others would be able to avail of the facility and that the town hold the benefits of Urban Renewal.



**Traffic Management/Litter Warden**: Replying to the Members Mr. Ridge said interviews for Community Wardens have now been completed. A Traffic Warden will be shared between Tuam and Loughrea. The Town Engineer stated that the appropriate people have been requested to come and put down yellow lines.

**Irish Business Against Litter**: Letter dated 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2001 from Dr. Tom Cavanagh, Irish Business Against Litter was read. Commissioner Burke welcomed the I.B.A.L. notion and said he supported anything that would highlight the huge litter problem. He felt Tuam may be in the wrong category. Commissioner McHugh queried the basis on which Tuam was selected. Commissioner Keaveney said Tuam would be at a disadvantage in a league system. It was agreed to invite a Person from I.B.A.L. to a meeting of the Board.

**Person of the Year**: It was decided to hold a special meeting on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November to select the Person/Group of the Year with a view to holding a function on 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2001.

**Tuam Livestock Mart Ltd.**: The Cathaoirleach stated that he had met with the Manager of the Mart. He had been informed of the proposed refurbishment plans and relocation of new business to the Mart site. Letter dated 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2001 from Mr. Michael Mannion, Manager was read. It was agreed to seek a meeting with Mr. Mannion and his Board.

**Town Twinning**: The Cathaoirleach stated that the Tenth Anniversary celebrations of the Twinning of Tuam and Straubing had been a great success. He thanked the Manager, the Clerk, the Leas-cathaoirleach, Commissioner Reilly, the Town Engineer and his staff, Mr. Cathal Reynolds, Mr. Michael Dempsey, Mrs. B. Connaughton, Mr. Jarlath Canney and all involved. He congratulated the Tuam/Straubing Twinning Committee. Mr. Ridge joined with the Cathaoirleach in thanking all involved. He also thanked the Press and Media.



### Manager's Business:

Regarding the **Shambles** Mr. Ridge stated that it was likely the proposals for the Shambles will have to be delayed for a time. He said he would keep the Board informed. Replying to Commissioner Burke, regarding access to High Street, he said the matter is being pursued.

Regarding the **Court House** Mr. Ridge said the site at Abbey Trinity had been offered to the Court Services at Commercial value less 20% discount. He had requested an outline of their requirements and hoped they can be accommodated somewhere else in Tuam. The Old Courthouse is a listed building.

Regarding **U.D.C. Status** Mr. Ridge presented maps which outlined the Urban boundary, area 249.69ha, in blue, the Environs Boundary, area 1070.52ha, in red and the extended Environs Boundary, 628.85ha, in green. U.D.C. Status to be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

### Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2001 from An Taisce re: a planning workshop to be held in the Imperial Hotel on Thursday November 8<sup>th</sup> at 8 p.m. - Commissioner Browne-Lane agreed to attend.

Letter dated 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2001 from Ms. Ger McNamara, Adolescent Support Project, Tuam - It was decided to invite Ms. McNamara to the December meeting of the Board.

Letter dated 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2001 from Supt. P. J. Forde - read.

Letter dated 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2001 from Muintir na Tire re: National Spatial Planning Conference - read.

Letter dated 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2001 from Nuclear Free Local Authorities Steering Committee - read.



**By-Pass**: It was agreed that the By-Pass be included on the agenda for the December meeting. Mr. Ridge agreed to invite someone from the N.R.A.

**Congratulations**: The Cathaoirleach congratulated An Taoiseach on the re-internment of the Bodies of the 1916 Volunteers.

Commissioner Browne-Lane congratulated Mr. Tony Galvin, Tuam Herald on being awarded "Provincial Journalist of the Year". All present joined in congratulating Mr. Galvin.

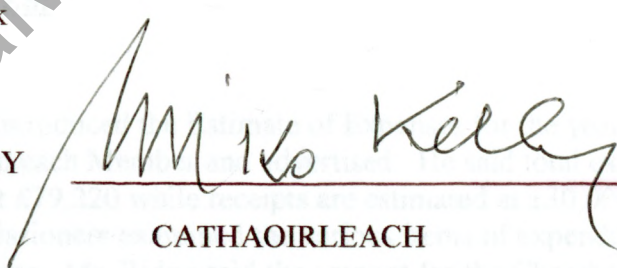
**Town Hall**: Replying to the Members the Town Engineer said work was ongoing. The kitchen and toilets have been installed. The lift has been installed. Work is continuing on the Clerks office.

**Afganistan**: It was proposed by Commissioner Ward and seconded by Commissioner Burke that the Board write to Minister Cowen and ask that he request the U.S.A. to stop the bombing of Afganistan.

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by,  
Angela Holain,  
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY

  
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CATHAOIRLEACH



## **TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS**

### **Minutes of Estimates Meeting held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2001**

**Present:** Cathaoirleach: Commissioner Kelly  
Commissioners: J. Burke, P. O'Grady, P. McHugh,  
G. Browne-Lane, P. Warren, M. Ward,  
C. Keaveney

**Apology:** Commissioner Reilly

#### **Officials:**

**Mr. P. Ridge, Director of Services**  
**Mr. M. Gallagher, Town Engineer**  
**Mrs. A. Holian, Town Clerk**

The Prayer was recited

#### **ESTIMATES:**

Mr. Ridge introduced the Estimate of Expenses for the year 2002, which had been circulated to each Member and advertised. He said total expenditure for 2002 is estimated at £79,220 while receipts are estimated at £30,000..

The Commissioners examined the various items of expenditure and receipts proposed in the estimate. Mr. Ridge said the amount for the Chamber of Commerce is conditional on a plan for the Christmas lights being submitted. Replying to the Members, regarding Galway County Council being requested to pay part of the electricity costs, he said he would take the matter up with the County Council. Commissioner O'Grady said Tuam Chamber of Commerce would also write to Galway County Council on the matter.



## Estimate of Expenses for the Year to 31st December 2002

### Receipts

The Members welcomed the increase from £1,000 to £3,000 for Tidy Towns. Commissioner McHugh said the increased allocation shows the Commissioners commitment to achieving a tidier town. Mr. Ridge said the increased fund would be spent in conjunction with the Tidy Towns Committee. There was also another dimension – the Irish Business Against Litter – which can be discussed at the ordinary meeting. Replying to Commissioner Browne-Lane regarding business premises being responsible for litter outside their premises Mr. Ridge said he would check the provision in the Litter Act. Commissioner Burke stated that he had received a notice regarding the Litter Act. He would leave a copy to the Town Clerk to be circulated to the Members. It was agreed to include the matter on the agenda for the December meeting. Regarding allocation for Urban Renewal Mr. Ridge said this amount may be used to balance funding for Teample Jarlath. He said a contribution of £1,000 had been given to Tuam Festival in previous years and he proposed that this amount be included under the heading Contribution to the Arts. He said a small amount could be given to a number of groups. They should apply to the Commissioners for this funding. It was proposed by Commissioner Burke and seconded by the Cathaoirleach that £1,000 allocation for Town Festival for Year 2001 be given to the Marian Coral Society in recognition of twenty five years of musical entertainment. It was proposed by Commissioner O'Grady seconded by Commissioner Keaveney and agreed that the matter be placed on the agenda for the December meeting. Mr. Ridge said receipts would be up due to a number of houses coming back to the Commissioners following refurbishment. He said the outturn for Year 2001 was Expenditure £78,462, Receipts 26,200, Demand £47,865 leaving a shortfall of £4,397. For Year 2002 opening debit balance of £4,397, estimated expenditure £79,220, estimated receipts £30,000, Demand £53,617. The estimate will require a rate of 2.327 in the pound, which is an increase of 7.37% on the previous year. He said there is no indication from the Dept. of the % increase designated for year 2002. If rate cap is less we can adjust. It was then proposed by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Keaveney and resolved, that the Estimate of Expenses as presented be adopted by the Commissioners, that the net amount of £53,617 be demanded from Galway County Council in respect of year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2002 and that the Form of Demand be signed by the Cathaoirleach and the Town Clerk.

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:  
Angela Holian,  
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY:

  
CATHAOIRLEACH



## Estimate of Expenses for the Year to 31st December 2002

### Receipts

	Est to 30/12/01	Est For 30/12/02
<b>Housing</b>		
1 Rents	IR£ 19,000	IR£ 23,000
2 Annuities	IR£ 3,000	IR£ 2,800
3 Ground Rents	IR£ 200	IR£ 200
Total	IR£ 22,200	IR£ 26,000
<b>General</b>		
2 Interest	IR£ 4,000	IR£ 4,000
Gross total	IR£ 26,200	IR£ 30,000
Opening Credit\Debit Balance		IR£ (4,397)
Estimated Expenditure for year	IR£ 78,462	IR£ 79,220
Estimated receipts for year	IR£ 26,200	IR£ 30,000
Final Estimated Outturn	IR£ 52,262	
Amount of Demand Initial 2001 and estimated 2002	IR£ 47,865	IR£ 53,617
Opening (Debit)\Credit Balance	IR£ (4,397)	

Summary for 2002	
Total Demand	IR£ 53,617
Rate in pound	2.32705402
Percentage Increase in rates	7.37%



## Estimate of Expenses for the Year to 31st December 2001

	Est to 30/12/01	Est For 2002
<b>Housing</b>		
1 Repairs	IR£8,000	IR£8,000
2 Legal Expenses	IR£2,280	IR£300
3 Insurance	IR£9,881	IR£12,000
4 Town Clerks Salary 50%	IR£4,125	IR£4,350
5 Town Engineers Salary 80%	IR£3,186	IR£3,320
6 Pension	IR£2,029	IR£1,400
7 Printing, Post, Stationery, Advertising	IR£220	IR£250
8 Rent Collection	IR£1,082	IR£2,000
	<u>IR£30,803</u>	<u>IR£31,620</u>
<b>General</b>		
1 Rent, Rates, Tax and Insurance	IR£436	IR£500
2 Office Expenses	IR£2,100	IR£2,200
3 Legal Expenses	IR£150	IR£150
4 Town Clerks Salary 50%	IR£4,125	IR£4,350
5 Town Engineers Salary 20%	IR£800	IR£830
6 Audit Fee	IR£1,692	IR£1,800
7 Print, Post etc.	IR£400	IR£420
8 Town Hall	IR£5,000	IR£5,000
9 Town Hall Cleaner		IR£200
10 Clock Maintenance	IR£200	IR£250
11 Municipal Authorities	IR£2,856	IR£3,000
12 Town Lighting	IR£400	IR£600
13 Receptions\Presentations	IR£2,000	IR£2,000
14 Twinning	IR£5,000	IR£1,500
15 Members Expenses	IR£4,500	IR£4,800
16 Tuam Chamber of Commerce	IR£4,000	IR£4,000
17 Tidy Towns	IR£1,000	IR£3,000
18 Urban Renewal	IR£12,000	IR£12,000
19 Contribution to the Arts	IR£1,000	IR£1,000
	<u>IR£47,659</u>	<u>IR£47,600</u>
<b>Gross Total Expenditure</b>	<b>IR£78,462</b>	<b>IR£79,220</b>



Estimates 200<sup>1</sup> - Town Charges

Tuam Urban

Total Valuation O.H.: 58940.75  
Less Remissions 268.03

		Nett Effective	Increase in
		35632	Valuation 2001 Valuation
Less Global Valuation:			
Estimated Net Effective Valuation 2002	IR£23,041	IR£22,085	IR£956
Estimated Non-Domestic Valuation	9285		

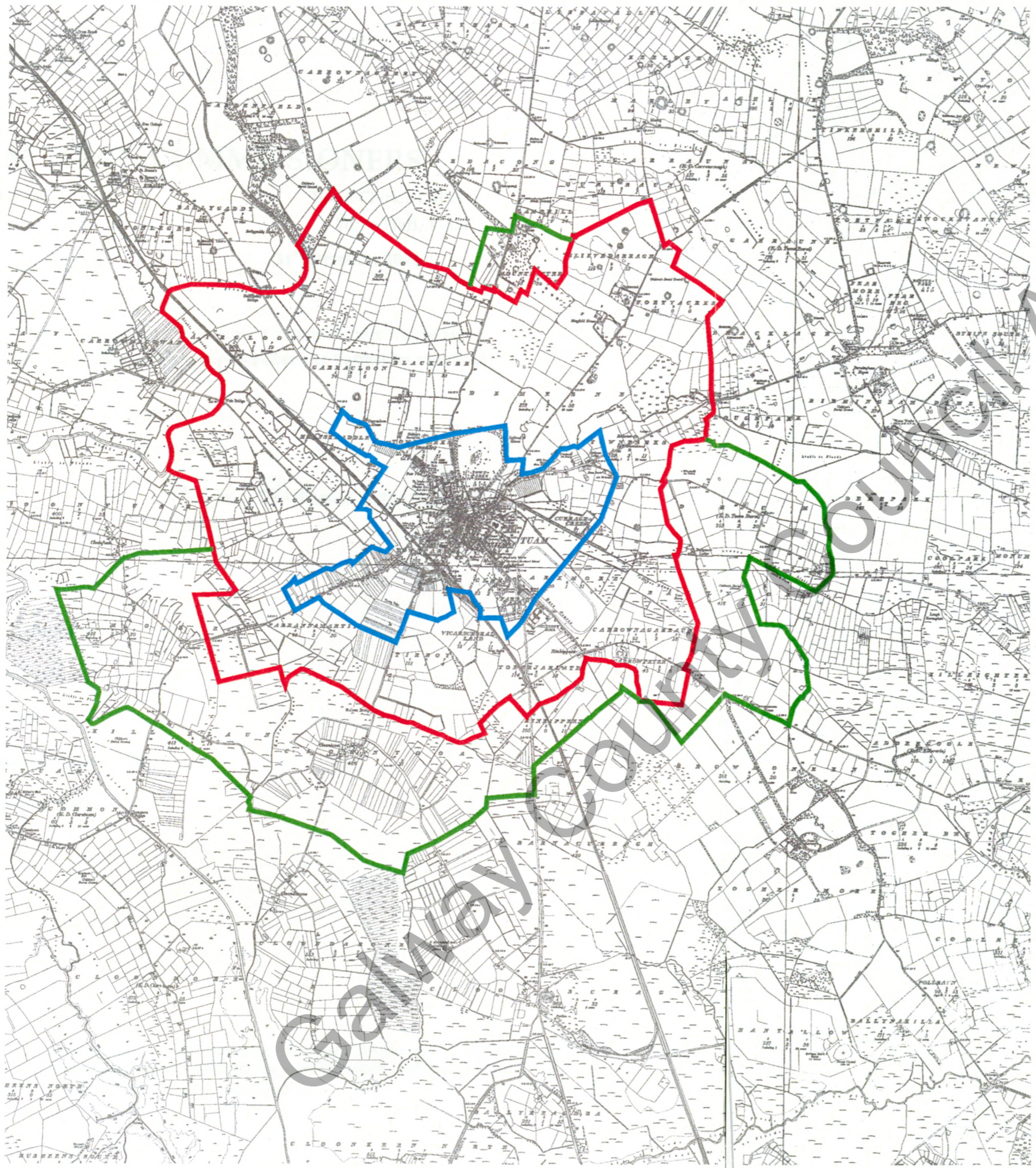
Rate in the Pound 2001	IR£2.167		
Anticipated Permitted Increase in Rates	7.50%		
Proposed Rate in the Pound in pennies	IR£2.330		IR£53,681

Total rate income in pounds	IR£53,681
Total Income per 1p in the pound	IR£230

Local Rate to be raised on Non-domestic premises	IR£21,633
Local Rate per 1p in the pound	IR£93

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LEGEND

Urban Boundary. —————  
Area = 249.69ha

Environs Boundary. —————  
Area = 1070.52ha

Extended Environs Boundary. —————  
Area (South) = 596.55ha  
Area (North) = 32.30ha  
Area (total) = 628.85ha

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL  
COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

Project	TUAM	Date Drawn	28/10/01	Sheet No.
	TOWN AND ENVIRONS	Drawn By	G.M.	
Sheet Title	Boundaries	Scale	N.T.S.	



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31<sup>st</sup> October, 2001

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**Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2001 at 8 p.m.(after the Estimates meeting)**  
on .....

You are hereby summoned to attend.

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AGENDA

**Estimate of Expenses for 2002**

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## TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

### Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2001

**Present:**

**Cathaoirleach: Commissioner Kelly**

**Commissioners: P. McHugh, T. Reilly, J. Burke  
G. Browne-Lane, M. Ward, P. O'Grady, P. Warren**

**Officials:**

**Mr. Paul Ridge, Director of Services,  
Mr. Michael Gallagher, Town Engineer  
Mrs. Angela Holian, Town Clerk**

The Prayer was recited.

### Minutes:

The Minutes of the September Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Reilly seconded by Commissioner Ward.

### Matters arising from Minutes:

**Bon Secours Hospital:** The Cathaoirleach welcomed the announcement that the Western Health Board had bought the Bon Secours Hospital. He said he hoped that Tuam would have a fully functional Health Facility.



He thanked the local Action Committee, Tuam Chamber of Commerce, Tuam Community Council, the Members of the Board and all involved in getting the message across. He also thanked the Press and Media. The Members all welcomed the announcement. It was proposed by Commissioner Reilly and seconded by Commissioner Burke that the Clerk write and thank the Western Health Board and the Bon Secour Sisters.

**Shambles:** Mr. Ridge told the Members there were no new developments and he would have a report for the next meeting.

**Abbey Trinity Car Park:** Mr. Ridge stated that he had met with the Developers yesterday. The planning application will be with Galway County Council this week or early next week. The proposals include a 400 space multi story car park. A surface car park is to be retained for ten years – 75 spaces. Commissioner O'Grady expressed extreme disappointment that the proposed hotel, office accommodation and retail units were no longer planned. The Manager advised the members to look at the planning applications and agreed to get a set of drawings from the Developer.

**Traffic Management/Litter Warden:** Commissioner Ward called on Galway County Council to bring back the Traffic/Litter Warden. He said there was indiscriminate dumping and parking in the town. Commissioner Reilly stated that in the absence of the Traffic Warden the loading bays are no longer being used. Commissioner Browne-Lane said she observed a truck parked across the pedestrian crossing at the square that morning. It was decided to write to the Gardai.

**Court House:** Mr. Ridge stated that his information was that the Court Services considered the Abbey Trinity site unsuitable. He agreed to ask the Court Services to outline why the site was unsuitable.

**Swimming Pool:** Regarding provision of a hoist the Town Engineer said an application has been sent to the Western Health Board by the Wheelchair Association.



**Social Housing: Weir Road:** Mr. Ridge told the Members he had talked to Housing Personnel who say there is no delay. Regarding housing lists he said there was no housing list as such. County Councilors don't get a housing list. Regarding representations he said County Councilors or Town Commissioners can make representation on behalf of People who live in their area and these will be heard. In the case of other People making representation the permission of the subject will be needed before being handled. Replying to the Cathaoirleach, he said a Town Commissioner will get a reply to a written representation on behalf of someone.

**BY-PASS:** It was agreed that the By-pass be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

### **Correspondence:**

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2001 from Department of the Environment and Local Government re: "The National Spatial Strategy – Indications for the Way Ahead" – read.

Letter dated 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2001 from Kilkee Waterworld - read.

### **Set date for Estimates Meeting:**

It was agreed that the Estimates Meeting be held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2001 prior to the monthly meeting. Mr. Ridge told the Members he had noted an amount of £4000 for Xmas lights in the Estimate for 2001. This item will have to be addressed at the Estimates meeting. Commissioner Burke stated that Tuam had to compete with Galway City and it would be retrograde step if the Commissioners withdrew or cut back their contribution to the Xmas lights. There was strong support for continuing the contribution to the Chamber of Commerce.

Commissioner O'Grady proposed that when work begins at Abbey Trinity the Lamps in the car park be moved to the Square.



### **Congratulations:**

Congratulations were extended to the Galway Team on winning the All-Ireland Senior Football Final. All involved in the homecoming were complimented and thanked. Tuam Stars were congratulated on winning the All-Ireland 7 a side Final.

### **Person of the Year:**

It was proposed by Commissioner McHugh and seconded by Commissioner Burke that an advertisement be placed in the Tuam Herald.

### **Tuam/Straubing Twinning Committee:**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Willie Kiefel, Mr. Martin McDonnell and Mr. Tony Claffey to the meeting. Mr. Kiefel presented an update of the programme of events, which will take place in celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the Twinning of Tuam and Straubing. He said everything was progressing satisfactorily. He asked that some of the Commissioners attend the guided tour of Tuam on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October also the Bavarian Night in Tuam Golf Club. He said the Transition Year Students in the Mercy convent are looking at the feasibility of producing flags as a business project. He presented an estimate of the cost of the celebrations and requested the Town Commissioners to underwrite an amount of 2930 euros. It was agreed that a subcommittee be set up to liaise with the Twinning Committee - consisting of the Cathaoirleach, Commissioners P. O'Grady, T. Reilly and P. McHugh. It was agreed a meeting be arranged for Tuesday night 9<sup>th</sup> October. It was agreed to invite the Chamber of Commerce and the Community Council to the meeting.

### **Teample Jarlath:**

The Members welcomed the allocation of a grant of £75,000. Commissioner Burke stated that Duchas should match this. Mr. Ridge said he would take the matter up with Duchas.



**Tuam Mart:**

The Cathaoirleach stated that he had been approached by Residents of Church View, who complained of cattle lowing, smells, flies and rats. He said the Town Commissioners cannot condone a mart in the middle of a community. It was agreed that a deputation from the area be met at the next meeting of the Board.

The Cathaoirleach also stated that Garvey's business has now moved from Shop Street to the Mart Grounds. It was agreed to invite the Management of the Mart to a meeting of the Board.

**Sympathy:**

A vote of Sympathy was passed with the McHugh Family, Ballymoate road and High Street on the death of Ann-Marie at the World Trade Buildings atrocity.

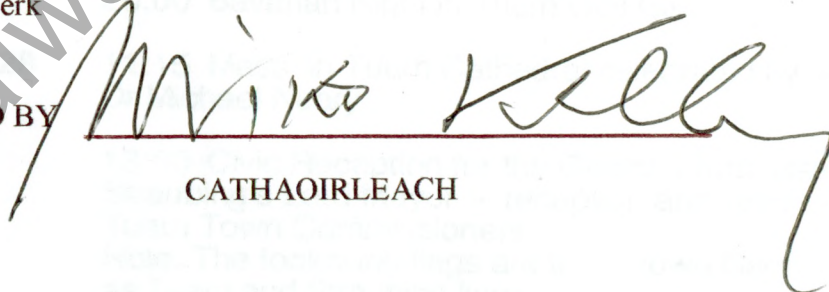
A vote of sympathy was also passed with the following Families:

Mannion Family, Galway Road on the death of Ann  
Monaghan Family, Ballygaddy Road on the death of Junior  
Connolly Family, The Mall on the death of James  
Mary Reilly, Carantanlass on the death of Tom  
Connor Family, Caherhugh on the death of Tom

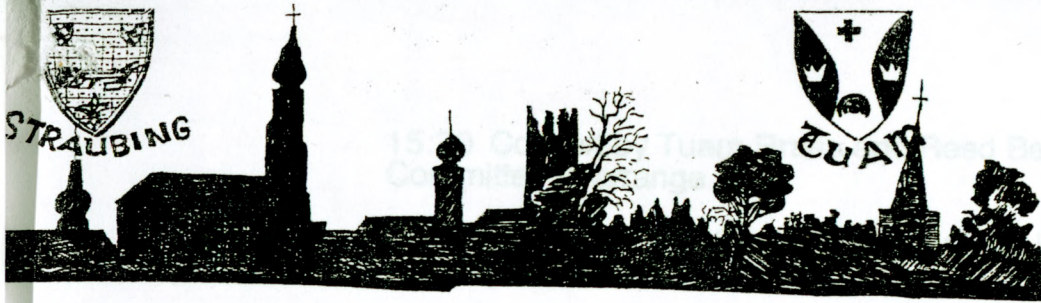
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Recorded by,  
Angela Holain,  
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY

  
CATHAOIRLEACH





**Tuam/Straubing  
Twinning Committee**

Mill Museum,  
Tuam,  
Co. Galway,  
Ireland.

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10th Anniversary of Town Twinning Tuam with Straubing from Oct, 26-29, 2001

**Programme for Tuam Town Commissioners**

Friday, Oct. 26. 13:10 Arrival of Straubing delegation at Dublin airport ①  
17:30 approx. arrival in Tuam

**Delegation:**

Mayor Frau Stelzl deputizing for Lord mayor, Herr Reinhold Perlak

**City councillors and Twinning Committee members:**

Frau Herta Neumeier  
Frau Schrock  
Herr Helmut Staubwasser  
Herr Martin Wackerbauer jun.

also: Frau Johanna Wagner,  
Dept. of Culture and Arts, City of Straubing

18:00 Opening of German Cultural Exhibition by Goethe Institute ②  
Guest Speaker: from German Dept. of Trinity College, Dublin

Saturday, Oct. 27 10:00 Official welcome of Straubing delegation by Tuam Town ①  
Commissioners - venue to be decided

12:00 guided tour of Tuam with Dr. T. Claffey. ②  
The German Ambassador, His Excellency Dr. Gottfried Haas, will attend. It is envisaged that the Town Commissioners are represented.

14:00 Tour to Rosserily Friary organies by Twinning Committee ③

20:00 Bavarian Night in Tuam Golf Club ④

Sunday, Oct. 28 11:15 Mass in Tuam Cathedral celebrated by Archbishop ①  
Dr Michael Neary

13:00 Civic Reception for the German Ambassador and  
Straubing's Lord Mayor - reception and venue is responsibility of  
Tuam Town Commissioners .

Note: The foolowing flags are to be flown: German and Irish as well  
as Tuam and Straubing flags. } ②

14:00 Lunch for offial party with Tuam Town Commisioners  
responsibility: TTC



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15:30 Concert by Tuam Brass and Reed Band ( Twinning 3  
Committee to arrange )

20:00 Bavarian-Irish informal "get -together" in Bermingham House  
with representatives of TTC

Monday, Oct. 29 3:30 a.m. departure of Frau Maria Stelzl to Dublin airport  
Flight EI-572, dept. 7:15 am

10:00 Tour of Connemara and visit to Turlough Folk Museum  
fro remainder of Straubing Delegation

20:00 Meal with Twinning Committee

Tuesday, Oct. 30 9:30 Dept. for Dublin, flight EI 578, dept. 15:40  
Farewell by TTC

Notes:

1) The Transition Year in the Mercy Convent is looking at the feasibility of producing the following flags as a business project: 20 Straubing, 50 Tuam and say 10 each of the German and Irish flags. These could be used for the celebrations

2) The TTC to arrange bunting and general decoration of the town.

3) The Twinning Committee will arrange accommodation and transport for the event

4) The Twinning Committee will stay in close contact with TTC and advise on any changes, etc.

4) TTC to inquire about protocol

Willi Kiefel, 29/9/01



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## AGENDA

**Minutes**

**Manager's Business**

**Correspondence**

**Bon Secour Hospital**

**U.D.C. Status**

**Set date for Estimates meeting**

**Tuam/Straubing Twinning Committee**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Willie Scanlon from Galway Bay FM.



## TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

### Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2001

**Present:**

**Cathaoirleach: Commissioner Kelly**

**Commissioners: C. Keaveney, G. Browne-Lane,  
J. Burke, T. Reilly, P. McHugh, P. O'Grady,  
M. Ward.**

**Apology**

**Commissioner Warren**

**Officials:**

**Mr. Paul Ridge, Director of Services,  
Mr. Michael Gallagher, Town Engineer  
Mrs. Angela Holian, Town Clerk**

The Prayer was recited.

### Minutes:

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

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

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Willie Scanlon from Galway Bay FM.



**Matters arising from Minutes:**

**Shambles:** Mr. Ridge told the Members he would have a report for the next meeting.

**Abbey Trinity Car Park:** Mr. Ridge informed the meeting that a Press Release regarding the proposed development would be available in the Independent on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2001. He said negotiations with Anchor Tenants were at an advanced stage. Commissioner Burke asked that the Press Release be made available to the local Press.

**Court House:** Mr. Ridge stated that his information was that the Court Services considered Abbey Trinity unsuitable. Commissioner Burke asked that the County Council go back to the Department, open negotiations, and ensure a Court House for Tuam.

**Special Olympics World Summer Games:** Commissioner Browne-Lane stated that a Public Meeting had been held. A sub committee of five had been selected. A bid has been submitted to the Department. A reply is expected in November or December.

**Swimming Pool:** Regarding provision of a hoist the Town Engineer said representation had been made to the Health Board who have agreed to cover half the cost. The County Council will cover the other half. The Irish Wheelchair Association is to make the application.

**Traffic Management:** Replying to Commissioner Ward, Mr. Ridge stated that interviews for the position of traffic Warden have not been held yet. Recently Galway County Council did make use of a rota of people covering for the Traffic Warden.



Replying to Commissioner McHugh regarding the implementation of parking laws, Mr. Ridge stated it is planned to outline further areas to restrict parking. Disc parking appears to be the preferred option. Replying to Commissioner Browne-Lane regarding long term parking, Mr. Ridge said a document expected from C.I.E. had not arrived yet. The Members asked Mr. Ridge to investigate an area at Dunmore Road.

Replying to Commissioner Keaveney, the Town Engineer said O'Tooles/Supervalue had been contacted regarding parking sign recently erected on public carpark adjacent to private carpark. It was proposed by Commissioner McHugh and seconded by Commissioner Reilly that the person formulating the parking plan for Tuam be invited to a meeting of the Board.

Mr. Ridge agreed to investigate regarding land at Bobby Burke road.

**Social Housing: Weir Road**; The Members expressed anxiety at the delay in the development of site at Weir Road.

**BY-PASS**; It was proposed by Commissioner McHugh and seconded by Commissioner Reilly that a presentation to the Town commissioners regarding the By-pass be arranged. Commissioner Burke proposed that the Town Commissioners be invited to the preview with the County Councilor's.

### **Correspondence:**

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letters dated 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2001 from Kilrush Urban district Council - read.

Letters dated 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2001 and 17<sup>th</sup> August 2001 from Monaghan County Council - read.

Letter dated 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2001 from Office of Mr. Tom Kitt, T. D., Minister for Labour, Trade and Consumer Affairs - read.

Letter dated 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2001 from Galway County Council - read.

Nomination Forms for People of the Year Awards - circulated.



## Tuam-Straubing Exchange and 10th Anniversary Programme

Straubing Youth visit from October 23- November 3, 2001 and visit by Straubing  
delegation from Oct. 25-29 for the 10th Anniversary Celebrations

**Western Strategic Corridor, Rail Link Project**, Summary submission to the  
National Spatial Strategy, Spatial Planning Unit, Dept. of the Environment and Local  
Government - The Members welcomed the concept of the rail link.

**Urban District Council Status**: Commission Burke asked the sub-committee  
to compare maps presented by Mr. Ridge with map prepared by the sub-committee.

**Congratulations** were extended to Mr. Michael Gallagher on his promotion to  
Town Engineer, to Mr. Diarmuid Croghan on his promotion to Area Engineer and to  
Commissioner McHugh on his appointment as Chairman of the Vocational Education  
Committee.

**Tuam/Straubing Twinning Committee**: The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr.  
Willie Kiefel, Mr. Frank Reynolds, Mr. Martin McDonnell and Mrs. Ann Geraghty to  
the meeting. Mr. Kiefel presented the programme of events, which will take place in  
celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the Twinning of Tuam and Straubing. He said  
the first week would be centered on Student exchange. He said the German  
Ambassador would stay overnight in Tuam.  
He hoped the Town Commissioners would help financially.

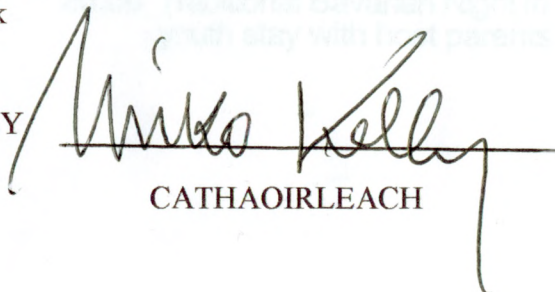
### **Sympathy:**

A vote of Sympathy was passed with the Family of Tommy Farragher, R.I.P. Corofin,  
the Family of Bill Leahy, R.I.P. formally of Dublin Road, the Wife and Son of  
Brendan Burke, R.I.P. St. Joseph's Park and the Family of James Connolly, R.I.P.  
The Mall.

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by,  
Angela Holain,  
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY

  
CATHAOIRLEACH



## Tuam-Straubing Exchange and 10th Anniversary Programme

Straubing Youth visit from October 22- November 3, 2001 and visit by Straubing twinning delegation from Oct. 25-29 for the 10th Anniversary celebrations

- Mon. 22/10/01 14:30 Arrive Dublin, EI-575, transfer to Tuam ( Burke's Bus)  
19:00 welcome by representatives of Tuam -Straubing  
Twinning Committee Cathedral Grounds), transfer to host  
parents/ accommodation
- Tues. 23/10/01 Welcome by Tuam Town officials  
Talk by local Twinning Committee member Dr. Tony Claffey;  
"Tuam through the ages" accompanied by an audio-visual  
presentation at St. Mary's Cathedral  
Lunch 12.30-2 PM  
2 PM: Visit to Costello farm in the area with talk / guide from  
Irish farming organisation. Illustration of EU schemes under the  
Common Agricultural ploicy to promote environmentally friendly  
farming
- Wed. 24/10/01 Attend local college with host youth ( same school as host)
- Thurs. 25/10/00 Attend local school with host youth
- Friday 26/10/00 10:00 Talk on St. Jarlath's College on its Bicentenary  
celebrations by a representative of the president of the  
college. St. Jarlath's is one of the last remaining diocesan  
colleges in the West of Ireland. Tour of college.  
14:00 Visit to St. Benin's Training Centre. Meeting with teachers  
and young travellers. Discussion with travellers on their view of  
"Europe against racism and Xenophobia"  
The Traveller community in Ireland is an indigeneous irish  
community living in caravans and Halting Sites on the roadside.  
They are a minority in Ireland. Tuam would be one of a few Irish  
communities where travellers are well integrated. The first ever Irish  
Town Commissioner from a traveller community was elected in  
Tuam.  
There is also has a "European Traveller Centre" in Tuam
- 17:30 Arrival of Straubing Delegation for Celebrations of 10th  
Anniversary of Town Twinning  
18:00 Opening of German Cultural Exhibition in Tuam Library  
by Honorary Council of Germany, Herr Philipp Hergett  
20:00 Musical performed by Marian Choral Society to coincide  
with their 30th Anniversary
- Sat. 27/10/00 10:00 Offical welcome of Straubing Delegation by Tuam Town  
Commisioners, tour of Tuam, reception by the Archbishop  
12:00 Visit to 15th century Rosserily Abbey and Lough Corrib  
20:00 Traditional Bavarian Night in Tuam Golf Club  
youth stay with host parents



- Sun. 28/10/01 11:00 festive religious service in St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral  
13:00 Civic reception for Lord Mayor of Straubing and German Ambassador  
15:00 Street Theatre and open air concert by Tuam Brass and Reed Band  
20:00 Bavarian Irish informal get together in Berminmgham house
- Mon..29/9/01 AM: departure of Straubing delegation  
PM : gaelic football match in Tuam  
youth stay with host parents /
- Tuesd. 30/10/01 AM Bus to Croagh Patrick, Ireland's "Holy Mountain" . This will be a guided tour. Guide will be Mr. Christy Kelly, Vice Principal, St. Jarlath's College and Geography teacher.
- Wed. 31/10/01 9:30 AM Burke's Bus. Meet Environmentalist Gordon D'Arcy at 10:00 sharp above the castle Ruins at the entrance to Knockma (Castle Hackett Hill) for morning climb.  
PM: Visit to a Kilbannon blanket bog .  
Return 4.30 - 5 PM. Packed lunch for picnic, weather permitting.  
20:00 Traditional Irish Music in "Reapy's"
- Thurs. 1/11/01 10:00: Visit Galway  
17:30 Return
- Frid.. 2/11/01 11:00 Depart Tuam ( Burke's bus)  
15:40 AM Depart Dublin EI-578

**Programme subject to change without prior notice.**

**All buses will depart from Cathedral Grounds.**

For day trips away a packed lunch should be provided for youths.  
Thank you.

Contact phone numbers:

Committee members:	Ann Geraghty	093-25780 or 093-24339
	Pat O'Dwyer	093-24159
	Willi Kiefel	093-28234

Teachers from Straubing: TBA



#### 7.4 Bon Secours:

- Tender invitations have now issued by the Bon Secours in respect of the property in Tuam. Members have been invited to consider extensive plans for a unique campus. These plans include a range of services and have a building cost of £22m including a new community hospital. In accordance with good practice and the plans, should the Board's tender not be successful, alternative locations have been identified. The closing date for receipt of tenders is 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2001.

### Tuam Town Commissioners

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2001

With

Mr. B. Hadigan, Chief Negotiator, Western Health Board.

#### 7.5 Capital Progress:

Present: Cathaoirleach: Commissioner Kelly, Commissioners: C. Keaveney, G. Browne Lane, T. Reilly, J. Burke, P. McHugh, P. Warren, P. O'Grady.  
Mr. D. Killilea, President, Tuam Chamber of Commerce,  
Dr. Mary, Waldron, Tuam Hospital Action Committee  
Ms. Attracta Behan, Tuam Community Council  
Councillor Tom McHugh

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Hadigan to the meeting. Mr. Hadigan said the Western Health Board had met yesterday in absolute confidentiality. He read a statement and outlined the plans for Tuam. These span a range of services and have a building cost of £22m including a new community hospital. Should the Board's tender for the Bon Secour Hospital not be successful alternative locations have been identified. The closing date for receipt of tenders is 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2001.

All present welcomed a £22m development in Tuam and supported the plans as outlined. Commissioner McHugh expressed frustration and said there is a Public perception that the Western Health Board do not want to buy the Bon Secour Hospital. He said the plan outlined will not become a reality for years and years. Commissioner O'Grady stated that if the Bon Secour Hospital is not bought the £22m will never be seen, he said three pieces of the land have already been sold.

Replying to the Members Mr. Hadigan said if the programme was tackled energetically the hospital would be open inside three years.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Mr. Hadigan for attending the meeting. He thanked the Chamber of Commerce, the Hospital Action Committee, and the Community Council for attending. It was agreed to include the Bon Secour Hospital on the agenda for the next meeting.

Recorded by:  
Angela Holian, Town Clerk



#### 7.4 Bon Secours:

- Tender invitations have now issued by the Bon Secours in respect of their property in Tuam. Members have been briefed on our extensive plans for a unique campus of health service developments on the site. These span a range of services and have a building cost of £22m (27,934,237.73 Euro), including a new community hospital. In accordance with good practice and the Board's wishes, we have also been prudent in identifying alternative locations for our plans, should the Board's tender not be successful. The closing date for receipt of tender is 12<sup>th</sup> September, and we should know the position within a matter of weeks thereafter.

#### 7.5 Capital Progress:

- Work has started on the replacement X-ray screening room at Roscommon County Hospital and is on schedule for completion by the end of September. We have applied for planning permission to proceed with work on refurbishing theatres and it is anticipated that this work will commence before the end of the year. Planning permission for the Accident and Emergency Department was also received on the 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2001 and we will be going to tender in November.

#### 7.6 Payments:

- We have been notified by the Department of Social Community and Family Affairs of rate changes for people receiving rent supplements, fuel allowance, lone parent allowances and payments to asylum seekers in direct provision. A copy of the circular is attached for your information.
- Following a recent Supreme Court decision (Crilly Case) about the costs associated with treating RTA victims, Health Boards have been advised by the Department to apply a revised method of calculating such hospital charges. This will mean that the average daily cost in hospitals should be made on the basis of total annual hospital cost divided by the number of occupied hospital bed days during the same year. I am not yet in a position to say whether additional monies are due to the Board. I will advise the finance committee in due course.



## Tuam Town Commissioners

Special meeting held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2001

**Present:** Cathaoirleach: Commissioner Kelly, Commissioners: C. Keaveney, G. Browne-Lane, P. Warren, P. McHugh, J. Burke, P. O'Grady, M. Ward.  
**Apology:** Commissioner Reilly

### Special Olympics World summer Games – 2003:

Commissioner Browne-Lane said Bank of Ireland are the main sponsors of the event. She met with Mr. Kavanagh on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July. A public meeting has been arranged for Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> in the Credit Union building when a local Committee would be selected.

It was agreed that Commissioner Browne-Lane represent the Town Commissioner at the meeting.

### Bon Secour Hospital:

Letter dated 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2001 from Dr. Seheelah Ryan, Chief Executive Officer, Western Health Board was read. It was agreed to write to the Chief Executive Officer, W. H. B. again, express the disappointment of the Board, and request that she meet with the Commissioner urgently. It was agreed to write to the Minister for Health and include copy of the letter from W.H.B.

### Tuam/Straubing Twinning:

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Ms. Ann Geraghty, Mr. Pat O'Dwyer, Mr. Willie Kiefel and Mr. Tony Claffey to the meeting. Mr. Kiefer said the main events, relating to the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Twinning, will take place on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> October. He said the German Ambassador, Dr. Haas and his wife together with Mr. Perlak, Mayor of Straubing and four Councilors from Straubing will be in Tuam. A programme of events is being drawn up. The Cathaoirleach thanked the Deputation for attending. He said the County Manager and the Director of Services for Tuam will be invited to the functions. He invited the Twinning Committee to the September meeting of the Board. He also said a Member of the board would attend the twinning meetings.

### Sympathy:

A vote of Sympathy was passed with the Family of Niall McGinn, R.I.P.

Recorded by:  
Angela Holian, Town Clerk



# TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Telephone: (093) 24246

Tuam Clerk's Office,  
Town Hall, Tuam

To each Town Commissioner

29<sup>th</sup> August, 2001

A Chara,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

**Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2001 at 7 p.m.**

on .....

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

*Angel Holian* Baile Cleireach

## AGENDA

Minutes ✓

Manager's Business ✓

Correspondence ✓

U.D.C. Status ✓

Tuam/Straubing Twinning Committee ✓

SHAMBLES. MS. ROSIE WEDD, Architect presented a model of the proposed development work at the Shambles. Mr. Ridge stated that it would be some time before the proposed development work could proceed as planning permission has been granted to a Developer on one side of the Shambles. ✓



## TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

### Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2001

**Present:**

**Cathaoirleach: Commissioner Kelly**

**Commissioners: T. Reilly, M. Ward, P.O'Grady,  
P. Warren, C. Keaveney, G. Browne-Lane, J. Burke,  
P. McHugh,**

**Officials:**

**Mr. Paul Ridge, Director of Services,  
Ms. Rosie Webb, Architect  
Mr. D. Croghan, Town Engineer  
Mrs. Angela Holian, Town Clerk**

The Prayer was recited.

### Minutes:

The Minutes of the June meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner McHugh seconded by Commissioner Reilly.

### Matters arising from Minutes:

**Shambles:** Ms. Rosie Webb, Architect presented a modal of the proposed development work at the Shambles. Mr. Ridge stated that it would be some time before the proposed development work could proceed as planning permission has been granted to a Developer on one side of the Shambles. ✓



This work will have to be completed before Galway County Council can proceed. The Commissioners instructed Mr. Ridge to meet with the relevant developers to see if agreement on how to advance the project could be achieved.

**Bon Secours Hospital:** It was proposed by Commissioner Browne-Lane and seconded by Commissioner Reilly that the Board seek an urgent meeting with the Minister for Health. It was proposed by Commissioner Burke and seconded by Commissioner McHugh that a meeting be again sought with the Western Health Board. It was proposed by Commissioner Burke and seconded by Commissioner McHugh that a picket be placed at the Headquarters of the Western Health Board until such time as the matter is resolved. Commissioner Burke invited Tuam Chamber of Commerce, Tuam Community Council and the Hospital Action Committee to join in the picket. Commissioner Reilly told the Members that a meeting between Tuam Chamber of Commerce and the Western Health Board was to take place on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July, 01.

**Abbey Trinity Car Park:** Replying to the Members Mr. Ridge stated that a number of meetings had been held with the Developer. The Developer is now more optimistic that an anchor Tenant will be attracted. ✓

**Meeting with Supt. Forde:** The Cathaoirleach stated that they had met with Supt. Forde. Commissioner McHugh stated that the Superintendent stressed that Tuam was no worse than other towns and he undertook to investigate complaints of harassment and intimidation. The matter of C.C.T.V. was also discussed. Replying to the Members Mr. Ridge stated that a Community based Scheme will be published. Garda approval will be needed but the scheme will be operated by local people. The Cathaoirleach thanked the Superintendent for meeting with the Commissioners.

**Special Olympics World Summer Games:** It was proposed by the Cathaoirleach and seconded by Commissioner Burke that the relevant application forms be obtained. Commissioner Browne-Lane undertook to investigate. ✓

**Swimming Pool:** Regarding provision of a hoist Mr. Ridge said he would have a report for the next meeting.



Letter dated 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2001 from Dept. of the Environment re: Local Environmental Partnership Fund - noted

Letter dated 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2002 from Tralee Urban District Council - There was unanimous support for the following motion:

“That Tralee UDC call on the Irish Government to support the current Trocaire campaign to abolish bonded labour and all forms of slavery and that the Irish Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment bring the recommendations of the campaign to the meeting of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) in June”.

Letter dated 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2001 from Local Authority Members Association - read

Letter dated 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2001 from Navan Urban District Council - There was unanimous support for the following motion: “That this Council passes a resolution asking the Government to enact legislation, that any tickets for concerts, football matches or any other outing requiring a ticket to gain admission, can only be sold at the price on the ticket. Anyone trying to sell above that price shall face prosecution”.

Letter dated 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2001 from Rattoo Heritage Society -- read

Letter dated 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2001 from Willie Kiefel, Chairman, Tuam-Straubing Twinning Committee read

### **Urban District Council Status**

Mr. Ridge gave an outline of the procedures for extending the town boundary. Notice of intention to extend the town boundary should be sent to the County Council. The County Council has six months to respond. Then a public notice should be displayed and a submission made to the Local Government Commission. The Commission on boundary changes would consider the matter and report to the Minister.

It was proposed by Commissioner O’Grady seconded by Commissioner McHugh and agreed that Tuam Town Commissioners apply to extend the town boundary and formally notify Galway County Council of same.

Mr. Ridge said he would arrange to have maps for the next meeting.

### **Notices of Motion:**

There was unanimous support for Commissioner Burkes Notice of Motion: “I will propose that Mr. Perlak, Mayor of Straubing be awarded a Civic Reception when he is in Tuam in October, further we should invite the County Manager and the Assistant County Manager to the occasion”.



**Tidy Towns:** The Town Engineer stated that he had met with Mr. Cullinane. Mr. Cullinane had a number of small lawn mowers and didn't think there was a need for a ride-on mower.

### **Manager's Business:**

**Abstract of Accounts:** Mr. Ridge told the Members that the Abstract of Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2000 was now finalised. In the Capital Account there was a credit balance of £93,820 at 31/12/2000 in comparison with 89,642 at 1/1/2000. Revenue expenditure for the year was £56,839 while receipts were £113,529 bringing the credit balance to £88,006 at 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2000. The Abstract of Accounts for Year 2000, and overexpenditures, which were met from savings under other headings, were approved on the proposal of Commissioner Burke seconded by Commissioner Keaveney.

### **Correspondence:**

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2001 from Athenry & Tubberjarlath Roads Residents Association - The Town Engineer said he would have a report for the next meeting.

Letter dated 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2001 from Tuam Tidy Towns - The Town Engineer stated that he was working on the list and would have a report for the next meeting. Replying to Commissioner Browne-Lane he said he had already met with the Developer at Tullinadaly Road and would be meeting him again in the morning. Replying to Commissioner Keaveney regarding resurfacing of Bishop Street and Dunmore Road the Town Engineer stated that the work from Egans to the bridge was delayed because of extensive rock. Resurfacing would be carried out as soon as possible.

Letter dated 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2001 from Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland - Notice of Annual Conference in September - noted

Letter dated 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2001 from Kilrush Urban District Council - There was unanimous support for the following motion: "That this Council calls on the Minister for Justice to introduce legislation to reform the financial regulation of charities to prevent the issue of public donations".



There was unanimous support for Commissioner Burkes Notice of Motion: "I will propose that Old Ballygaddy Road be made into a one-way street". The Town Engineer said he had already indicated that he would have no problem with this proposal.

**Traffic Warden:**

Replying to Commissioner O'Grady Mr. Ridge said the position of traffic warden has not been advertised yet. The Members paid tribute to Ms. Annette Woods.

**NEXT MEETING:**

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the Board on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2001.

**Congratulations** were extended to Mr. Steve Lane on his National Poetry Award.

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by,  
Angela Holain,  
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY



CATHAOIRLEACH



## Tuam Town Commissioners

### Minutes of Annual Meeting held on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2001

- Present:** Cathaoirleach: Commissioner Burke – outgoing
- Commissioners: T. Reilly, M. Ward, P. O'Grady, P. Warren,  
C. Keaveney, M. Kelly, G. Browne-Lane, P. McHugh.
- Officials:** Mr. Paul Ridge, Director of Services  
Mr. D. Croghan, Town Engineer  
Mrs. A. Holian, Town Clerk

The Prayer was recited.

#### Election of Cathaoirleach:

The outgoing Cathaoirleach thanked Assistant County Managers John Tierney, Ernie Lusby and Paul Ridge for their assistance during the past year. He thanked the Town Clerk, the Town Engineer, Assistant Engineer, the Members of the Board and the Press. He paid particular tribute to Leascathaoirleach, Commissioner Kelly. He thanked Supt. Forde who made himself available to meet with the Board. He recalled events during the year, the Civic Receptions for the Cancer Care Group, Person of the Year and former Employees. He welcomed the allocation of £100,000 for Teample Jarlath and stated that ideas and proposals may be sent to Ms. Mary Flynn, Forward Planning, Galway County Council.

He said the past year had been his 5<sup>th</sup> term as Cathaoirleach - he had began in 1974 as a Town Commissioner but would not be standing in a future election. He said he hoped to have a lung transplant before the end of the year. He thanked his Wife and Family, his canvassers and all who helped him over 27 years of Public Life.

The Huge event in the past year had been the closure of "The Grove". He said the People of Tuam want the Western Health Board to buy "The Grove" and they demand that the W. H. B. and the Bon Secours get together and solve the



issue. In the event of the matter not being solved he said he would consider standing for election as a Hospital Candidate. He proposed that the Commissioners picket the headquarters of the Western Health Board. He invited the Chamber of Commerce, Tuam Community Council and the Hospital Action Committee to join the picket with the Commissioners to ensure that a Community hospital is provided for Tuam People.

He then invited nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach. It was proposed by Commissioner Reilly and seconded by Commissioner Keaveney that Commissioner Kelly be elected to hold the office of Cathaoirleach of Tuam Town Commissioners for the coming year. There being no other proposal Commissioner Kelly was elected. Commissioner Kelly took the Chair. He thanked his proposer and seconder. He said this would be his 6<sup>th</sup> term as Cathaoirleach. He has been a Member of the Board for thirty five years and enjoyed every minute of it. He paid tribute to the outgoing Cathaoirleach and his tremendous year's work. He said Commissioner Burke had worked diligently for Tuam through the years and he hoped his health would improve rapidly.

#### Election of leas-cathaoirleach:

The Cathaoirleach invited nominations for the position of leas-cathaoirleach. It was proposed by Commissioner Reilly and seconded by Commissioner Burke that Commissioner Keaveney be elected Leas-cathaoirleach of Tuam Town Commissioners for the coming year. There being no other proposal Commissioner Keaveney was elected. Commissioner Keaveney thanked the Members.

All present expressed surprise and shock at Commissioner Burkes announcement. They paid tribute to his immense contribution to Tuam over the years. They described him as deeply committed and a hard worker in the interests of Tuam. They wished him success with his transplant and many years of good health.

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by:  
Angela Holian,  
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY

  
CATHAOIRLEACH



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Tuam Clerk's Office,  
Town Hall, Tuam

To each Town Commissioner

27<sup>th</sup> June, 2001

A Chara,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held  
**Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2001 at 8 p.m. (after Annual Meeting)**  
on .....

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

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

## Minutes

## Manager's Business

## Correspondence

## U.D.C. Status

## Notices of Motion: (1) - Commissioner Burke:

"I will propose that Mr. Perlak, Mayor of Straubing be awarded a Civic Reception when he is in Tuam in October, further we should invite the County Manager and the Assistant County Manager to the occasion."

## (2) - Commissioner Burke:

"I will propose that the Old Ballygaddy Road be made into a one-way street".

Commissioner McHugh that the Commissioners meet with the relevant minister.



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Tuam Clerk's Office,

Town Hall, Tuam

27<sup>th</sup> June, 2001

To each Town Commissioner .....

A Chara,

The ~~Monthly~~ <sup>ANNUAL</sup> Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> 2001 at 7 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

..... *Angela DeLeon* Baile Cleireach

## AGENDA

### **Election of Cathaoirleach**

### **Election of leas chathaoirleach**

### Minutes:

### Arising from Minutes:

Commissioner McHugh that the Commissioners meet with the relevant minister.



## TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

### Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2001

**Present:** Cathaoirleach: Commissioner Kelly

Commissioners: P. O'Grady, T. Reilly, P. Warren  
G. Browne-Lane, P. McHugh, M. Ward

**Officials:**

Mr. Paul Ridge, Director of Services,  
Mr. D. Croghan, Town Engineer

The Prayer was recited.

### Minutes:

The Minutes of the May meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Warren seconded by Commissioner Ward.

### Matters arising from Minutes:

**Bon Secours Hospital:** General discussion re-emphasised the need for the hospital, its importance to Tuam and the desirability that it should be retained as a hospital. Letter dated 10/5/01 from Dr. Sheila Ryan regarding the sale of the hospital was noted. It was proposed by Commissioner O'Grady and seconded by Commissioner McHugh that the Commissioners meet with the relevant minister.



Commissioner McHugh advised the meeting that the minister was awaiting a report from the Western Health Board and it was agreed that the meeting with the minister should not take place until the Health Board had submitted this report.

**Abbey Trinity Car Park:** Commissioner Browne-Lane complimented Galway County Council on the provision and operation of the bottle bank at Abbey Trinity car park.

**Town Hall:** The Town Engineer informed the meeting that the layout of the finished hall will be available and presented to the next meeting of the Board.

**Swimming Pool:** The Town Engineer informed the meeting that it would cost £10,000 to provide the necessary hoist. It was agreed that the possibility of sharing the cost of this between the County Council and the Health Board should be explored. Commissioner McHugh strongly recommended that we proceed now and move the hoist to a new pool when and if appropriate. It was agreed that the Commissioners write to the Health Board for advice on the hoist, if it can be transferred and if they are willing to share the cost. Commissioner Browne-Lane undertook to check the matter out with the minister.

**Palace Grounds:** The restoration works on the Palace Grounds was noted.

**C.C.T.V.:** Mr. Ridge advised the members that the Department of Justice were preparing a new scheme for funding of Community based CCTV and that this scheme would be published within the next five to six weeks. The implications of this scheme would have to be considered particularly the need for community involvement in manning the cameras. It was agreed to arrange a meeting with Superintendent Ford of the local Garda Siochana to discuss this and other matters.

**Tidy Towns:** There was discussion on the suitability of the current arrangements for maintaining grass areas in the town and specific areas were mentioned by various Commissioners as being in need of attention.



Amongst these areas were Tullinadaly hill, Bobby Burke road, St. Joseph's Park, entrance to Palace Grounds and it was agreed that liaison between Galway County Council and the Tidy Towns Committee needs to be improved. The Town Engineer advised that he had approached the Developer regarding the condition of the Tullinadaly road and said he would approach him again. It was stated that there was no money to provide a footpath on the Bobby Burke road, the question of a cycle lane on this road was raised by Commissioner Kelly, and annoyances were expressed by some Members at the closure of roads without proper notice.

**Litter Warden:** Commissioner O'Grady noted the retirement of the litter warden and it was decided that a "thank you" letter should issue to the litter warden to acknowledge the contribution she had made to the town.

**C.I.E. Car Park:** The current position with regard to the development of this car park was outlined by Mr. Ridge, and it was indicated that CIE would issue a report within a matter of weeks, and on receipt of this report he would be able to advance the matter further.

As a result of further discussion of the train station in Tuam, Commissioner McHugh recommended that the Board write to CIE, to stress the importance of retaining the train station in Tuam.

**Shambles:** Mr. Ridge told the Members that proposals by Galway County Council to develop the Shambles car park have been diverted somewhat by the granting of planning permission to a Developer on one side of the Shambles car park to carry out extensive works which would interfere with proposals by Galway County Council for the car park, and consequently it is desirable to postpone Galway County Council's proposed works until the Developer is completed. This situation is compounded by the fact that the other developer with whom it was planned to enter into a land swap has withdrawn his application for planning permission and it is presently unclear as to how the proposed land swap is to proceed. The possibility of carrying out minor restoration works as a matter of urgency is to be considered.

### **Correspondence:**

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:



Letter dated 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2001, the role of Local Authorities and Tourism, Sport and Recreation - Town Clerk to respond outlining what is being done.

Letter dated 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2001 from Local Authority Members Association - It was agreed that letter be acknowledged and that LAMA be encouraged to pursue the enactment of the bill.

Letter dated 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2001 from Balbriggan Town Commissioners - It was proposed by Commissioner McHugh and seconded by Commissioner Warren that the following motion be supported: "Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Environment and Local Government to provide all Local Authorities with the necessary finance needed to install central heating in all local authority rented accommodation as a means of heating the entire house".

Adolescent Support Project: It was proposed by Commissioner Browne-Lane and seconded by Commissioner Kelly that a letter of support and praise for the project be sent.

#### **Urban District Council Status:**

The response of the Minister of the Environment and Local Government, issued in a question and answer session in the Dail outlining the likely future status of towns within the local government framework, was read out and it was agreed to provide population statistics for all U.D.C.'s at the next meeting.

#### **Special Olympics:**

It was agreed to get details of the project and to consider formula linkage with a team or a county.

#### **Notice of Motion:**

Commissioner Reilly spoke on his motion re: National Identity Card. He stated that there was a fourteen week delay in obtaining a card due to lack of staff, and proposed that it should automatically issue once people reach the age of 18 - the proposal was seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. It was suggested that the problem required a three-way solution involving Parents, Publicans and Children - this was supported by Commissioner Ward.



Commissioner Browne-Lane, whilst accepting that the problem be addressed, was not in favour of using mandatory Identity Cards. Commissioner McHugh was fully in favour of mandatory Identity Cards. Commissioner Warren agreed with the need for an Identity Card but not that it should be mandatory. Commissioner Kelly agreed but questioned why so many people were served excessive amount of drink in public houses. The Commissioners again stressed the complexity of the issue and this discussion ended the meeting.

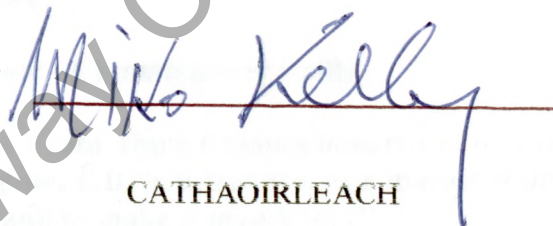
**Sympathy:**

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

Keating Family, Annagh, Ballyglunin on the death of Michael  
Murrey Family, Church View on the death of Tom  
Finnerty Family, Cloonascragh on the death of John  
Fleming Family, Tubberjarlath on the death of Thomas  
Conroy Family, 25 Dublin Road on the death of Rosie

Recorded by,  
Paul Ridge,  
Director of Services,  
Galway County Council,

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# TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Telephone: (093) 24246

Tuam Clerk's Office,

Town Hall, Tuam

30<sup>th</sup> May, 2001

To each Town Commissioner .....

A Chara,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2001 at 7 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

*Angel Hoban*  
..... Baile Cleireach

## AGENDA

**Minutes**

**Manager's Business**

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**U.D.C. Status**

**Special Olympics**

**Notice of Motion: - Commissioner Reilly**

**"I propose that Tuam Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Justice, Mr. John O'Donoghue, T.D. to introduce, as a matter of urgency, the National Identity Card and to make it mandatory".**

## Minutes:

The Minutes of the April meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Kelly seconded by Commissioner Reilly.



## **TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS**

### **Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup>. May, 2001**

**Present:**

**Cathaoirleach: Commissioner Burke**

**Commissioners: M. Ward, M. Kelly, C. Keaveney,  
P. Warren, T. Reilly, G. Browne-Lane, P. O'Grady,  
P. McHugh.**

**Officials:**

**Mr. Paul Ridge, Director of Services,  
Mr. M. Gallagher, Assistant Town Engineer  
Mrs. A. Holian, Town Clerk**

The Prayer was recited.

The Cathaoirleach stated that he had visited Straubing for the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the twinning of Tuam with Straubing. He said the Archbishop was represented at the event. The friends of Tuam were represented. The Tuam Brass and reed Band were very well received. It was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to the Mayor of Straubing. The celebrations for the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the twinning will take place in Tuam from October 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>. It was agreed that the Mayor of Straubing be invited to the celebrations in Tuam.

### **Minutes:**

The Minutes of the April meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Kelly seconded by Commissioner Reilly.



### **Matters arising from Minutes:**

**Bon Secours Hospital:** The Cathaoirleach stated that he was aware that serious negotiations were taking place this week. The Clerk was asked to acknowledge letters received from the Western Health Board and the Bon Secours and to inform them that the only satisfactory outcome is the purchase of the Grove by the Western Health Board at a reasonable price.

**Abbey Trinity Car Park:** Mr. Ridge told the Members that Galway County Council were in contact with the Developers and would be meeting with them inside two weeks to discuss the plans. An anchor Tenant is the problem but they are still proposing to make a planning application. He said he would keep the Board informed.

**Town Hall:** Commissioner Reilly complimented the Engineer and his staff on the work done on the exterior of the Town Hall. The Engineer stated that work has now started on the interior.

**Waste Management:** Commissioner Ward asked that the Public be notified that monthly payments for waste collection are acceptable. It was agreed to invite Mr. Paul Gleeson to the next meeting. Replying to Commissioner Keaveney Mr. Ridge said any subsidies would have to be paid for by the Local Authority.

**Shambles:** Mr. Ridge told the Members that constructive discussions had taken place with two property owners regarding the Shambles. Other issues are being dealt with. He said he wanted to get this important project right. Commissioner O'Grady asked that a copy of the plans be sent to the area Committee.

**Traffic Management:** Regarding loss of parking spaces at Vicar Street the Cathaoirleach stated that he would be meeting with representatives of C.I.E. Replying to Commissioner Browne-Lane regarding disc parking the Engineer said he would bring the plans to the next meeting.

**Court House:** Mr. Ridge read letter dated 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2001 to Galway County Council from Courts Service. It was agreed to write again to the Courts Service.

**Swimming Pool:** Replying to Commissioner Browne-Lane the Engineer said that regular maintenance will be carried out on the existing pool. Replying to Commissioner McHugh he said he would investigate regarding the installation of a lift/Hoist.

**Palace Grounds:** Replying to Commissioner Keaveney the Engineer said he would investigate regarding damaged benches and table tops. Commissioner Reilly thanked the Engineer for work carried out at St. Joseph's Park.



## **Correspondence:**

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2001 from Dept of Social, Community and Family Affairs – read

Letter dated 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2001 from Mr. Eugene Veldon, St. Joseph's Park – read

Letter dated 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2001 from Ms. Fiona O'Loughlin, Host Town Programme Manager, Special Olympics World Summer Games 2003. Special Olympics to be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

Letter dated 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2001 from Kilrush Urban district Council – read

Letter dated 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2002 from Dr. Sheelah Ryan, C.E.O., Western Health Board – read

Letter dated 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2001 from Mr. Michael Minch, Chief Executive, Bon Secours Health System – read

Letter dated 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2001 from City Link – read

Letter dated 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2001 from Association of Municipal authorities of Ireland – read

## **C.C.T.V.**

Following a discussion on incidents in the town at weekends it was decided to write to the Department of Justice regarding C.C.T.V. Mr. Ridge agreed to have a report for the next meeting. It was proposed by Commissioner Kelly and seconded by Commissioner Browne-Lane that Supt Forde be invited to a meeting of the Board. It was proposed by Commissioner Reilly and seconded by the Cathaoirleach to write to the Minister for Justice and request him to look at the cost and delay in getting National Youth Cards, also stating that National Youth Cards should be issued to everyone on reaching eighteen years of age.

## **Tidy Towns:**

Commissioner Browne-lane paid tribute to the work done by the Tidy Towns Committee. She proposed that a large lawnmower be provided. This was seconded by Commissioner Reilly. The Engineer agreed to investigate.



**Ballygaddy Road:**

Replying to Commissioner Reilly regarding Phase II of sewerage scheme at Ballygaddy Road and Airglooney Mr. Ridge said he would bring plans to the next meeting.

**Urban District Council Status:**

It was agreed to include Urban District Council Status on the agenda for the June meeting.

**Notice of Motion:**

Commissioner Ward spoke on his motion regarding a pro-life referendum. He said this was the third time he has brought this matter up. He said he didn't know the outcome of the All Party Committee. He sought the support of the Members in calling on the Government to proceed with a referendum. There was unanimous agreement among the Members not to support the Motion.

**Sympathy:**

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

Stephens Family, Church View on the death of Nancy  
Mongan Family, Galway Road on the death of Tom  
Kelly Family, Bishop Street on the death of Francie  
McIntyre Family, High Street on the death of Alan

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by,  
Angela Holian,  
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY



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**Notice of Motion: - Commissioner Ward**

**I call on Tuam Town Commissioners to request the Government to give the People the opportunity, without delay, to vote on a pro-life referendum. I also ask that this be circulated to all Council and Commissioner Bodies in the Country.**



## TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

### Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2001

**Present:** Cathaoirleach: Commissioner Burke  
Commissioners: M. Kelly, P. McHugh, P. O'Grady,  
G. Browne-Lane.

**Apology:** Commissioners: P. Warren, T. Reilly, C. Keaveney,  
M. Ward

**Officials:**

Mr. D. O'Donoghue, County Manager  
Mr. E. Lusby, Head of finance,  
Mr. Paul Ridge, Director of Services,  
Mr. D. Croghan, Town Engineer  
Mrs. A. Holian, Town Clerk

The Prayer was recited.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Donal O'Donoghue, County Manager to the meeting. He welcomed Mr. Paul Ridge and congratulated him on his appointment as Director of Planning and Economic Development Services and Management responsibility for Tuam Town Commissioners. He congratulated Mr. E. Lusby on his new appointment as Head of Finance.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Ms. Rosie Webb, Architect to the Meeting and congratulated her on her appointment with Galway County Council.



### **Shambles:**

Ms. Webb presented her proposals for the Shambles. She said the Shambles had historically been used as a market and Public meeting place in Tuam. She felt the area could function as a gathering place – festivals etc. An archaeological investigation will be carried out. She said facilities would be pushed to the perimeter with provision for landscaping, Public lighting, bins, seating and a public toilet. All overhead cables would go underground. The plan consists of twenty eight parking spaces.

It was agreed that the plans would go on display in order to get the People of Tuam involved. Mr. Lusby stated that nobody's legal right would be interferred with and property owners would be consulted.

### **Minutes:**

The Minutes of the March meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Kelly seconded by Commissioner McHugh.

### **Matters arising from Minutes:**

**Bon Secours Hospital:** Replying to Commissioner Kelly the Cathaoirleach stated that meetings between different groupings were ongoing. The Minister for health had announced a sixty bed hospital for the town. Commissioner McHugh said responsibility for provision of health services lay with the Western Health Board and continued and repeated announcements were not good enough. He said a facility was proposed but there is no site to provide same. He said the Western Health Board owe it to the People of Tuam to make known what progress is being made. He called on the Bon Secours to take a generous and charitable approach toward the sale. Replying to the Members Mr. O'Donoghue said it would be inappropriate of the County Council to take any action which could jeopardise the issue. It was proposed by the Cathaoirleach and seconded by Commissioner Kelly that an urgent deputation be sought with Dr. S. Ryan, W.H.B. It was also agreed to seek a deputation with the Bon Secours.

**Abbey Trinity Car Park:** Mr. Lusby told the Members that discussions between the Planning People and the Developers are ongoing. Regarding additional parking space he said he was going to talk to C.I.E. re: site at station.



**Town Hall:** The Town Engineer stated that the roof and all external work is now completed. The interior work will be slower. The work should be completed in 2002.

**Town Twinning:** The Cathaoirleach stated that he had ordered eight flags, four to go to Straubing and four to remain in Tuam.

**Swimming Pool:** Mr. Lusby stated that the Department has written for further information and this had been sent.

**Court House:** Mr. Lusby stated that he had written to the Court Services and requested them to provide adequate premises in Tuam.

### **Manager's Business:**

**Waste Management:** Regarding waste collection Mr. Lusby said he contacted W.E.R.S. following the last meeting. He said they agreed to talk to anyone who has difficulty and will take monthly payments. Replying to Commissioner Kelly Mr. Lusby said a Waste Management Bill was going through the Dail at the moment. Regarding recycling he said, £1m was being provided by Galway County Council this year, also two new Environmental Officers were being recruited. Replying to Commissioner Kelly re: sites the Town Engineer said he would investigate.

**Section 83 Notice:** Approval of sale of very small parcel of land at old Ballygaddy road to Mr. Joseph O'Reilly, had been circulated to the Members. The sale was approved on the proposal of Commissioner Kelly seconded by Commissioner O'Grady.

### **Correspondence:**

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2001 from Mr. Robert Molloy, T. D., letter dated 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2001 from Mr. Michael Kitt, T. D., letter dated 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2001 from Mr. Noel Treacy, T. D., regarding City Link - read.

It was agreed to invite Mr. Jim Burke to the next meeting.

Letter dated 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2001 from Association of Health Boards in Ireland - read.

Letters dated 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2001 and 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2001 from association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland - read.



**Urban District Council Status:**

It was agreed to include Urban District Council Status in the agenda for the May Meeting.

**Notice of Motion:**

It was agreed to defer discussion on Notice of Motion until the next meeting.

**Palace Grounds:**

Replying to Commissioner Browne-Lane Mr. Ridge said restoration of the Palace Grounds would take place when weather conditions permit.

**Sympathy:**

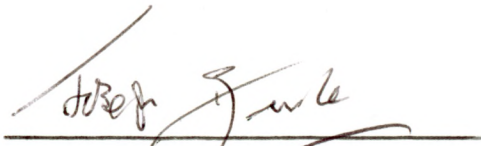
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O'Grady Family, Rusheens on the death of John  
Skelly Family, Church View on the death of Christina  
Geoaghan Family, Parkview Drive on the death of Nancy  
Flaherty Family, Bishop Street on the death of Mrs. Flaherty  
Reidy Family, Bishop Street on the death of M. Burns  
Begley Family, Ballymoate on the death of John  
Trainer Family, Ballygaddy Road on the death of Eric  
McCarthy Family, Shannon on the death of Mr. McCarthy

This concluded the meeting.

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