

Tuam Town Commissioners

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Tuam Clerk's Office,
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To each Town Commissioner

4th April, 2001

A Chara,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on **Tuesday, 10th April, 2001 at 7 p.m.**

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AND

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

Angel Holian Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Minutes

Manager's Business

Correspondence

U. D. C. Status ✓

Section 83 Notice

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 Councils and Commissioner bodies in the country.

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Date 21/3/2001

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To: Each Member:-

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

The particulars are as follows:-

Land Acquired From:-

Location:- Old Ballygeddy Road.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:- MR Joseph O'Reilly

of:

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £1000

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

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

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

Signed Angela Nolan

Date 21/3/2001

TIAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday 5th March 2001

Present:

Cathaoirleach: Commissioner Burke

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

Officials:

**Mr. E. Lusby, Acting Assistant County Manager
Mr. M. Gallagher, Assistant Town Engineer
Mrs. A. Holian, Town Clerk**

The Prayer was recited.

Commissioner O'Grady read statement, copy attached to Minutes.

Minutes:

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

Matters arising from Minutes:

Bon Secours Hospital: It was proposed by the Cathaoirleach and seconded by Commissioner Reilly that if there are no developments in the next week regarding the Bon Secours Hospital a special meeting of the Board be called.

Teample Jarlath: The Acting Assistant County Manager stated that proposals were being put together Teample Jarlath to be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

Footpaths: Mr. Gallagher told the Members that a list of proposed works had been sent to the County Council

Roads: Commissioner Kelly said there were a number of potholes on the streets of the town and asked when resurfacing would be carried out. Commissioner O'Grady requested that the Manager investigate the number of Public Liability Claims in the past five years.

Regarding Dublin Road the Assistant Engineer said proposals were not available yet.

Town Hall: The Engineer was complimented on the work on the Town Hall.

Town Twinning: The Cathaoirleach told the Members he had received a request from the Tuam/Straubing Twinning Committee to provide appropriate flags to bring to Straubing for "Tuam Week". It was agreed that £500.00 be provided for the flags. Replying to Commissioner Reilly re. the foot and mouth scare the Cathaoirleach said he would contact the Department and liaise with the Tuam/Straubing Committee.

Swimming Pool: Commissioner Reilly thanked the People who went on the Deputation to the Minister for Tourism, Sport and Leisure. He said Tuam had been granted £3m for a new pool.

Court House: The Acting Assistant County Manager informed the Members that he had received a letter from the Court Services indicating that they were not proceeding with the Abbey Trinity site for the provision of new courthouse facilities. Replying to the Cathaoirleach Mr. Lusby said the Architects for the Development Company had met with the County Council Planning and Roads People and an application for planning permission is expected to be with the County Council in mid April.

Shambles: Replying to Commissioner Browne-Lane the Acting Assistant County Manager said the plans were being worked on

Church View: Replying to Commissioner Ward regarding two-way traffic at Church view the Assistant Engineer said this would be examined

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 30th January, 2001 from Longford Urban District Council - read

Letter dated 5th February, 2001 from Mr. R. Perlak, Mayor of Straubing - read

Copy of letter dated 12th February, 2001 from the Cathaoirleach to Mr. Michael Minch, C.E.O., Bon Secour Headquarters.

Letter dated February, 2001 from office of Mr. M. Minch, Bon Secours Health System - read.

Letter dated 14th February, 2001 from Dr. Sheelah Ryan, C.E.O. Western Health Board - read.

Letter dated 21st February, 2001 from Mr. B. Haddigan, Regional Manager, Western Health Board - read

Letter dated 14th February, 2001 from Waterford Corporation - read.

Letter dated February, 2001 from Mr. Michael McGrath - read.

Letter dated 16th February, 2001 from Ms. Margaret Feely, Chairperson, Tuam Cancer Care - read.

Letter dated 19th February, 2001 from Leixlip Town Commissioners - read.

Letter dated February, 2001 from Ms. Brid Leo - read.

Letter dated 20th February, 2001 from Tuam Chamber of Commerce & Industry - read.

Copy of letter dated 24th February, 2001 from the Cathaoirleach to Mr. D. Killilea, President, Tuam Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

Letter dated February, 2000 from Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd. Re 75th General Meeting of the Company. Commissioner Keaveney to attend.

Letter dated 20th February, 2001 from Sherkin Island Marine Station - read.

Letter dated 22nd February, 2001 re Local Authority Members Association 18th Annual Conference - read.

Letter dated February, 2001 from European Movement - read.

Letter dated 2nd March, 2001 from Mr. Paul Gleeson, W.E.R.S. - Replying to the Members regarding the increased cost of waste collection the Acting Assistant County Manager said the matter of waste disposal was ongoing. At the moment the County Council are not in a position to force any agreement. He suggested the Town Commissioners make their views known to Galway County Council. Replying to the Cathaoirleach the Assistant County Manager agreed to contact W.E.R.S. regarding the difficulties of some townspeople meeting the payment instalment demands to see if a more suitable method could be arranged.

City link:

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Noel Treacy, T. D. Minister for Science, Technology and Commerce, Mr. Paul Connaughton, T. D., Mr. Michael Kitt, T. D. and Mr. Ulick Burke, T. D. to the meeting. The Cathaoirleach stated that when the withdrawal of the Tuam Dublin service was announced by City Link a campaign to save the service was initiated. Over 11,000 People had signed a petition to keep the service in place. He said North Galway and Tuam depend on City Link. If this service is lost to Tuam it will not be retrieved. Apparently the number of People using the Tuam route is down and the Galway Dublin route is required to subsidise the Tuam Dublin route. The Public Service Vehicle Licence was granted on 16th February. It now appears that the retention of the Tuam Dublin service is dependent on a similar licence being granted for the Galway Dublin route. He asked the T.D.'s. to arrange a deputation to Minister Jacob.

Deputy Kitt said he had spoken to Mr. Burke and apparently the Galway Dublin route is restricted. The bus goes directly to Dublin Airport and is not allowed to stop in the city. The 1932 Act catches private enterprise and while liberalising of services has taken place in Dublin it has not taken place around the country.

Deputy Connaughton said he was delighted when the licence was granted but the matter now was whether Bus Eireann should have a monopoly.

Deputy Burke said the Dublin Galway route was useless if it goes directly to the Airport. It was vital to maintain the link to Dublin City. He said he would support the Commissioner and his colleagues in seeking and urgent meeting with Minister Jacob

Minister Treacy said he had met with Minister Jacob on the matter. He said Bus Eireann is the national Licence Holder on these routes. A licence has been granted for one route and the campaign for the other route will continue.

Urban District Council Status:

The Cathaoirleach stated that the sub-committee had met with the Acting Assistant County Manager. Commissioner McHugh had drawn up a map. The Manager had put forward the down side as well as the advantages. The Manager had undertook to get more information and when the sub-committee examine this they will be in a position to discuss U. D. C. Status further. U.D.C. Status to be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

Commissioner Browne-Lane said she saw an article in a paper, which stated that a Town Commissioner had asked that a parking fine be set aside. She said the Commissioners had no hand act or part in that.

Sympathy:

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

Sean Rice, Castlebar on the death his Mother
Comer Family, Ballygaddy road on the death of Mary
Quinn Family, Ballygaddy Road on the death of Mary Brett
Rattery Family, Bishop Street on the death of John
Barrows Family, Circular Road on the death of Patricia
Kelly Family, Argloragh on the death of Mrs. Kelly
Burke Family, Cloontad on the death of Pascall

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY

CATHAOIRLEACH

Comms. Meeting 5/3/01.

Mr. Chairman,

If you can afford me a moment before you proceed with ~~the~~ meeting, on a personal matter.

" Colleagues, Fellow Commissioners & Friends.

You will be aware as it is now in the public domain - courtesy of Grayson Bay News, that I am facing certain charges following Juam District Court on 21st last.

The matter is now sub-judice & may not be heard for many months.

In the interim to protect my good name and also my wife, family & staff, the presumption of innocence should be maintained & remembered.

I ask you for your understanding in these difficult times and I ask the Commission for patience & ~~understanding~~ ^{kindness}. I cannot comment further at this stage but propose to get on with my life.

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made a statement, copy attache
to Miller.

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Present:

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

AGENDA

Minutes

Manager's Business

Correspondence

U. D. C. Status

Consider appropriate presentation for retired Kent Collector and retired Craftsman

Minutes:

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

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday 6th February, 2001

Present:

Cathaoirleach: Commissioner Burke

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

Officials:

**Mr. E. Lusby, Acting Assistant County Manager
Mr. D. Croghan, Town Engineer
Mrs. A. Holian, Town Clerk**

The Prayer was recited.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Frank Dawson, Director of Community & Enterprise, Galway County Development Board to the meeting. Mr. Dawson gave an outline of the workings of the County Development Board since its inaugural meeting on 30th March, 2000. Presentation attached.

It was agreed that Mr. Dawson would attend the May meeting of the Town Commissioners. The matter to be included on the agenda for May.

Minutes:

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

Matters arising from Minutes:

Bon Secours Hospital: The Cathaoirleach appealed for the immediate start of negotiations between the Western Health Board and the Bon Secour Sisters. He appealed to the Western Health Board to address the question of acquiring the Grove and the adjoining lands. He said the Minister for Health had given a commitment and it was vitally important that services be continued by the state body. It was proposed by Commissioner O'Grady and seconded by Commissioner Reilly that the Cathaoirleach write to the C.E.O. Western Health Board and Mr. M. Minch, C.E.O. Bon Secours.

It was proposed by Commissioner Reilly and seconded by Commissioner Kelly that a letter of thanks be sent to the Bon Secour Sisters and the Staff for their continued efforts over the years. Commissioner Keaveney stated that there would not be a smooth transfer for the workers and he supported Commissioner O'Grady's proposal to hold the letter for the moment.

Teample Jarlath: The Assistant County Manager told the Members that he had requested Ms. Marie Mannion, Heritage Officer and Ms. Rosie Webb, Architect to prepare a report on Teample Jarlath. It is hoped that Duchas will come on board. The new caretaker has been appointed.

Cemetery: Replying to Commissioner Ward the Town Engineer stated that the caretaker will have the key to the new cemetery.

Footpaths: The Town Engineer told the Members that work at St. Joseph's Park was included on a list to be approved for funding.

Town Twinning: Letter dated 23rd January, 2001 from Mr. Willi Kiefel, Chairman, Tuam/Straubing Twinning Committee was read also letter dated 31st January, 2001 from Mr. Bernard O'Brien, Chairman, Tuam Brass and Reed Band. It was proposed by the Cathaoirleach and seconded by Commissioner O'Grady that the Commissioners make a once off contribution of £1,000 to the Brass and Reed Band – this to come from the Members Expenses fund for year 2000 which had not been drawn down. The Band will be travelling to Straubing to participate in celebrating the 10th anniversary of the twinning between Tuam and Straubing. The Cathaoirleach informed the members that he and his wife would be travelling to Straubing for the event but he said he would be travelling at his own expense. It was proposed by Commissioner McHugh and seconded by Commissioner Reilly that the Commissioners pay the travelling expenses of the Cathaoirleach.

Court House: Regarding the old Court house the Assistant County Manager said he had failed to get a response from the Court Services People. He said the building of a new Court House was a matter for the Court Services People.

Dublin Road: The Town Engineer said he would have a report for the next meeting.

Shambles: The Acting Assistant County Manager stated it had been agreed at the last meeting to seek planning permission. The Town Engineer would draw up plans. Rights of access were raised. The Architect has been asked to advise.

Swimming Pool: Letter dated 1st February, 2001 from Mr. Noel Treacy, T.D. was read. The Deputation to Minister for Tourism, Sport and Leisure, Mr. J. McDaid, T.D. has been arranged for Wednesday 7th February at 5.30p.m.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 11/1/01 from Ms. Noreen Rushe, Secretary, Bermingham Road Residents Association re: Christmas Lights and letter dated 27/1/01 re: Burke's Buses - read.

Letter dated 12/1/01 from Leixlip Town Commissioners re: setting up a network with other Town Commissioners - agreed.

Letter dated 12/1/01 from Nuclear Free Local Authorities Steering Committee - read.

Urban District Council Status:

To be included on the agenda for the March meeting.

Tuam Town Commissioners Meeting February 6th
Galway County Development Board
Status Report for Tuam Town Commissioners
February 6th 2001

NOTICE OF MOTION: COMMISSIONER REILLY

Commissioner Reilly spoke on his motion regarding Burke's Buses City Link which have provided a Bus service from Tuam to Dublin for the past twenty years. He proposed that the Board seek a deputation to Minister Mary O'Rourke. He congratulated the Cathaoirleach on his petition. The Cathaoirleach stated that the petition had been a huge success. Over 11,000 People had signed the petition in ten days. It is vital that this service is retained for the People of Tuam. Letter dated 1st February, 2001 from Mr. Noel Treacy, T. D., Minister for Science, Technology & Commerce was read. It was decided to wait and see if present application for a licence is successful.

NOTICE OF MOTION: COMMISSIONER O'GRADY

Commissioner O'Grady spoke on his motion regarding refuse collection. He said the situation is going downhill. Costs are creeping up and the matter of dumps and who pays will have to be resolved. The Assistant County Manager stated that Waste Contractors and Ballinasloe U.D.C. have reached agreement and full collection services had been restored that day. The Ballinasloe landfill, owned and operated by the Urban District Council, must comply with the terms of the E. P. A. licence which imposes strict tonnage limits for the lifetime of the operation. The situation in relation to waste is an evolving issue. Regarding composting units he said he would get a response for next month.

Sympathy:

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

Barrows Family, Bishop Street on the death of Patsy
Collins Family, Old Road on the death of Gerry
Connelly Family, Cortoon on the death of Peggy
Mannion Family, Athenry Road on the death of Kathleen

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY _____
CATHAOIRLEACH

Galway County Development Board

Status Report for Tuam Town Commissioners

February 6th 2001

Introduction

Just over nine months ago on the 30th March 2000 the inaugural meeting of Galway County Development Board at which Councillor Tomas Mannion was selected as Chair, took place. The Board was established by Government on the recommendation of the Task Force on the Integration of Local Government and Local Development Systems and forms part of a nation-wide initiative through which such boards are appointed in twenty-nine counties and five cities. The Task Force is chaired by the Minister for Environment and Local Government Mr Noel Dempsey T.D.

The primary function of the Board is to promote and encourage co-operation and co-ordination between various agencies and interests, through the preparation of a ten-year county strategy for economic, social and cultural development, covering all major service areas. The initial strategy will be in place within the first quarter of next year, thereby providing a "shared vision" for the development of County Galway. The Board will subsequently review and monitor its implementation.

Galway County Development Board has 31 members drawn from Local Government, Local Development, State Agency and Social Partners.
The Board has to date met on five occasions.

Board Membership

Local Government

Cllr. Connie Ni Fhatharta: Cathaoirleach, Galway County Council.
Donal O'Donoghue, County Manager, Galway County Council
Cllr. Seamus Gavin, Chair Cultural & General Services SPC
Cllr. Josie Conneely, Chair Planning & Economic SPC
Cllr. Michael Connolly, Chair Roads & Transport SPC
Cllr. J. J. Mannion, Chair Housing SPC
Cllr. Tomás Mannion, (Chair of Galway County Development Board)
Chair Environment SPC
Cllr. Lucy Lloyd-Keighrey, Ballinasloe UDC

Local Development

Gearóid Ó Cosgora, MFG Teo
Eamonn Kealy, Galway Rural Development
Máire Uí Ghiobuín: Cumas Teo Partnership
Bridget McGuane, Galway Rural Development
Charles P. Lynch, Galway City & County Enterprise Board
Bertie Cummins, Galway City & County Enterprise Board

State Agencies

Ms. Priya Prendergast, Western Health Board
Tony Barrett, FÁS
Brendan Heneghan, Teagasc
Pierce O'Malley, VEC
Seamus Bree, Enterprise Ireland
Jim Murren, I.D.A. Ireland
Mairtin O'Conghaile, Údarás na Gaeltachta
Padraig O'Biadha, Údarás na Gaeltachta
Martin Bradley, Ireland West Tourism
Barry Kennedy, Dept. of Social, Community & Family Affairs
Chief Super. Tom Monaghan, Garda Síochána
Cariosa Lynch, Western Development Commission

Social Partners

Mr. Joe Greaney, Business & Employers Organisations
Pat Hardiman, Trade Unions
Tom Comer, Farming Organisations
John Joe Conwell, Community & Voluntary
Sorcha O'Toole, Community & Voluntary

The secretariat to the Board is provided by the Office of the Director of Community & Enterprise within Galway County Council.

Government have defined our role as being part of a wider regional development process which includes Strategic Policy Committees; the West Regional Authority; the BMW Regional Assembly; the National Development Plan and; the National Spatial Strategy.

The Approach

The Board have agreed a general statement of aims and philosophy based on the following principles;

- Openness and a commitment to change
- Participation and equality
- Consensus and mutual respect
- Sustainability
- Consciously Proofing against national policies governing social inclusion, rural development, sustainability and equality
- Added value

The First Step

The County Community & Voluntary Forum

In order to appoint Community & Voluntary representatives to the Board as well as Strategic Policy Committees, (SPCs) a Forum of interested groups was established.

Following a complex campaign aimed at encouraging groups to register their interest in participating in the process fourteen representatives were nominated to the CDB and SPCs.

The County Forum at present has 300 registered groups and has recently been structured on an Electoral Area basis. Conamara has two, one based in the Gaeltacht and one in North Conamara.

Community and Voluntary Fora have the following functions:

- Nominating Representatives to Statutory Committees
- Enabling groups to receive feedback from such representatives on an ongoing structured basis
- Involving local communities in the process of developing the Board's Social, Economic and Cultural Strategy
- Networking through exchange of knowledge and experience

Additional functions and objectives of the Community & Voluntary Forum may be specified based on ongoing review and consultation with members of the forum.

The Fora are to be served by recently appointed Community and Enterprise Development Officers.

Working Groups

Following consultation at Community, stakeholder and Board levels it was agreed that the strategy should focus upon a total of 26 issues that influenced the quality of life for the people of County Galway.

Four Working Groups were appointed to address the issues attributed, with a view to recommending to the Board a range of strategies which they consider will economically, socially and culturally best meet the counties expressed needs. Final Reports will be presented to the Board by end of June 2000.

Issues were clustered under four headings as follows;

- **Infrastructure**
 - Public Transport
 - Energy
 - Health Capital
 - Roads
 - Housing
 - Environment
- **Employment and Social Inclusion**
 - Education & Training
 - Youth Services/Sport & Recreation
 - Crime Prevention/Equality
 - Entrepreneurship/Employment Support Services/Social Economy
 - Childcare/Community Development/Family Support
- **Economic**
 - Research, Technological Development, Innovation/Marketing
 - Tourism
 - Forestry/Fisheries/Aquaculture
 - Micro Enterprise/Agriculture
 - Rural Development/Urban & Village Renewal
 - Industry
- **Gaeltacht, Islands and Culture**
 - Economic Development of the Gaeltacht
 - Social Development of the Gaeltacht
 - Culture & Heritage
 - Irish Language Development
 - The Islands

Membership of Working Groups comprise Board members and nominees of Board members.

Working Group 1 Infrastructure	Working Group 2 Employment & Social Inclusion	Working Group 3 Economic	Working Group 4 Gaeltacht, Islands, & Culture
<p>JJ Mannion SPC Chair</p> <p>Micheal Connolly SPC Chair (Chair Working Group 1)</p> <p>Tom Mannion SPC Chair</p> <p>John Colleran County Engineer</p> <p>Lucy Lloyd Keighrey Town Rep</p>	<p>Cllr Connie Ni Fhatharta Cathaoirleach</p> <p>Tom Kavanagh A/Assistant County Manager</p>	<p>Josie Conneely SPC Chair</p> <p>Ernie Lusby A/Assistant County Manager</p>	<p>Seamus Gavin SPC Chair (Chair Working Group 4)</p> <p>Rod Killeen Acting Deputy County Engineer</p>
<p>Maire Ni Ghiobuin Partnership</p> <p>County & City Enterprise Board</p>	<p>Bridget McGuane Partnership Rep.</p> <p>Gearoid O'Cosgora Leader (Chair Working Group 2)</p>	<p>County & City Enterprise Board</p> <p>Eamon Kealy Leader</p>	<p>Sean O'Loingsigh Leader</p> <p>Maire Ni Ghiobuin Partnership</p>
<p>Priya Prendergast WHB</p> <p>Seamus Carroll IDA</p> <p>Mick Curley Gardai</p> <p>Sonya Ni Lochlainn Udaras</p>	<p>Ann Mc Govern FAS</p> <p>Pierce O'Malley VEC</p> <p>Barry Kennedy DSCFA</p> <p>Tony Finnerty Gardai</p> <p>Alex McLean WHB</p>	<p>Brendan Heneghan Teagasc</p> <p>Victor Andrews Ent.Irl</p> <p>Martin Bradley Irl West</p> <p>Seamus Carroll IDA</p>	<p>Mairtin O'Conghaile Udaras na Gaeltachta</p> <p>Padraig O' Biadh Udaras</p> <p>Tony Barrett FAS</p> <p>Pierce O'Malley VEC</p> <p>Hugh Farrell WHB</p>
<p>Sharon Timothy. C/V Representative</p>	<p>Sorcha O'Toole C/V Representative</p> <p>Pat Hardiman ICTU</p>	<p>John Joe Conwell C/V Representative (Chair Working Group 3)</p> <p>Joe Greaney Business & Employer Organisations</p> <p>Tom Comer Farming Organisations</p>	<p>Meta Ui Mhaille C/V Representative</p>
<p>Tom Conlon GMIT</p>	<p>Andrew Darcy GMIT</p> <p>Professor Jim Ward NUIG</p>	<p>Prof Micheal Keane NUIG</p> <p>Bernard O'Hara GMIT</p>	<p>Uinseann MacThomais Roinn na Gaeltachta</p> <p>Seosamh Mac Donnacha NUIG</p> <p>Mairead O'Reilly Comhdhail Oilean na hEireann</p>

Working Group meetings are hosted by the Western Health Board; FAS, Teagasc and Udaras na Gaeltachta.

To date Working Groups have received 55 presentations from organisations with statutory responsibility for particular issues. Our desire is to be informed through these presentations of individual organisations action plans for the future in respect of County Galway.

Schedule of Meetings and Organisations represented to January 12th

Working Group One

Date	Issue	Speakers
September 14th	Public Transport	Iarnrod Eireann Bus Eireann Rossaveal Harbour Authority Galway County Council Aer Arainn
October 12 th	Energy	Bord na Mona ESB Bord Gais Department of Public Enterprise
November 16 th	Health Capital	Western Health Board
December 7 th	Roads	ADM Galway County Council

Working Group Two

Date	Issue	Speakers
September 7 th	Education & Training	NUIG GMIT FAS VEC CERT
October 19 th	Youth Services/Sport & Recreation	Foroige Youth Federation of Ireland(Galway) National Sports Council of Ireland
November 9 th	Crime Prevention/Equality	Garda Siochana Equality Authority
January 18th	Entrepreneurship Employment Support Services/Social Economy	Westbic Department Social Community & Family Affairs FAS

Working Group Three

Date	Issue	Speakers
September 14 th	Research, Technological Development, Innovation/Marketing	Enterprise Ireland GMIT NUIG Westbic
October 12 th	Tourism	Western Regional Fisheries Board Udaras na Gaeltachta Teagasc Ireland West
November 16 th	Forestry/Fisheries/Aquaculture	Bord Iascaigh Mhara Shannon Regional Fisheries Board Udaras na Gaeltachta Forest Service Teagasc Coillte
December 14 th	Micro Enterprise/Agriculture	City & County Enterprise Board Teagasc
January 11th	Rural Development/Urban & Village Renewal	Galway County Council Galway Rural Development MFG Teo Comhdhail na nOileain

Working Group Four

Date	Issue	Speakers
September 7 th	Economic Development of the Gaeltacht	Udaras na Gaeltachta
October 18 th	Social Development of the Gaeltacht	Cumas Teo MFG Teo
November 9 th	Culture & Heritage	Galway County Council Plearaca Teo MFG Teo Department of Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht & the Islands
November 16 th	Forestry, Fisheries, Aquaculture	Bord Iascaigh Mhara Shannon Regional Fisheries Board Udaras na Gaeltachta Forest Service Teagasc Coillte

The remaining issues will be addressed before the end of February.

Through sharing such information it will be possible to identify options for collaboration between organisations and also importantly to identify gaps in service provision.

In acknowledgement of the close partnership between the CDB and Galway County Council there is agreement that in drawing up housing, roads, environment, planning and economic development elements of the CDB Strategy, we will have particular regard to the County Councils strategy articulated through the respective Strategic Policy Committees. Likewise we will be informed by the recently formed Galway County and City Childcare Strategy Group and by the Social Economic and Cultural strategy being prepared by Udaras na Gaeltachta.

Social Inclusion

In September drawing from the findings of a special report it had commissioned, the Task Force concluded that the County Development Board was the appropriate co-ordinating mechanism for social inclusion measures under the National Development Plan at local level.

The practical arrangements for implementation of new co-ordination measures at local level as set out in the Task Force Report have now been developed.

- A Social Inclusion Measures Working Group, serviced by the Office of the Director of Community and Enterprise and chaired by the Director, has been established comprising the full membership of the Employment and Social Inclusion Working Group together with additional representatives from Respond, Teagasc and the Community and Voluntary Sectors.
- The Working Group will act as broker/facilitator of protocols between agencies at local level.
- The initial tasks of the Working Group will include an audit of social inclusion measures being delivered by statutory funds in County Galway. This audit is due for completion shortly. It will then be possible to assess the extent of co-ordination of Social Inclusion Measures at local level, identifying gaps and overlaps in the delivery of services, information sharing, mutual knowledge of each organisations key roles and personnel as well as an exchange of views and insights.
- This Working Group will report through the Director on a regular basis to the County Development Board and Interdepartmental Task Force.

Conclusion

The Next Step

The County Development Board is pursuing an eight-step approach towards completing the social, economic and cultural strategy.

The next step, scheduled for completion within a month is to answer the question "who does what and where?" It will provide an initial overview of service provision in the County, that can be added to, based on ongoing consultation with agencies, further research and review of published strategies. This overview will cover local authorities, other statutory agencies, local and community bodies as well as activities of voluntary groups.

Step 3, due to be completed before the end of March, which together with the audit of services, will analyse the present social, economic and cultural situation through the

- Establishment of appropriate information levels on the key issues facing the County;
- A full understanding of the operational plans and strategies of organisations concerned with both internal and external aspects to the County;
- A full understanding of the planning and service boundaries in the County
- Establishment of attitudes regarding the county which might be held by the general population as well as the key stakeholders.

This step will include our publication of the first substantial atlas of County Galway. The atlas is being developed as part of a parallel initiative by Galway City Development Board and will therefore provide a comprehensive overview of the County at large.

In May it is proposed to hold a one-day conference to facilitate input from the community and voluntary sector, and the stakeholders. It is intended that the Conference will contribute to the prioritisation of actions under the various headings.

I propose to report in future on a quarterly basis to you and I suggest next May as the next occasion. You will also be aware that following your earlier nomination of Cmmr. Tom Reilly it was agreed that he would take his seat on the Board with effect from 1st August next, for a period of twelve months.

Conclusion

As Chair of the Task Force on Integration the Minister for the Environment and Local Government has said that the County Development Board represents a new way for the public service to think and operate. It draws on the traditional Irish concept of *meitheal*-of working together.

Tá an earnáil phoiblí mór agus coimpléasc agus soláthraíonn sí an iliomad seirbhísí éagsúil. Tá socruithe áitiúla ag formhór na n-eagrais poiblí chun a seirbhísí a sholáthar. Ach níl frámaíocht chomhtháite a gcuirtear na seirbhísí seo agus na seirbhísí forbartha áitiúla ar fáil tríthi. Is é na Boird Fhorbartha Contae an mheicníocht trína socróidh an rialtas áitiúil, an córas forbartha áitiúla, na heagrais Stáit agus na comhpháirtithe sóisialta dearcadh aontaithe dá gcontae nó dá gcathair. Soláthróidh an Straitéis le haghaidh Forbartha Geilleagraí, Sóisialta agus Cultúrtha an fhrámaíocht trína dtabharfar gach seirbhís phoiblí agus gach seirbhís fhorbartha áitiúla ar an leibhéal áitiúil.

The public sector is large and complex, delivering many essential and varied services. Most public sector organisations have local arrangements for delivering their services. But there is no coherent framework within which these and local development services are delivered. The County/City Development Boards are the mechanism for local government, local development, the State agencies, and the social partners, to work out an agreed vision for their county or city. The Strategy for Economic, Social and Cultural Development will provide the framework within which all public and local development services will be implemented at local level.

Frank Dawson
Director of Community & Enterprise
06/02/01

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Telephone: (093) 24246

Tuam Clerk's Office,
Town Hall, Tuam

31st January, 2001

To each Town Commissioner

A Chara,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

Tuesday, 6th February, 2001 at 6 p.m.

On ~~at 8.00 p.m.~~

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

Angela Holman

..... Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Minutes

Manager's Business

Correspondence

U. D. C. Status

Presentation – County Development Board – Mr. F. Dawson

Notice of Motion: Commissioner Reilly:

I propose that Tuam Town Commissioners seek a deputation to Minister Mary O'Rourke to ensure that Bus Service, already in place for the past 20 years- Burke's/City Link- Tuam to Dublin be retained and de-regulation take place before 5th March, 2001.

Notice of Motion: Commissioner O'Grady:

“That Galway County Council immediately and on this date give guidance as to what the situation is in relation to Commercial Waste and access to Dumps – particularly concerning Commercial Refuse Disposal from Tuam and surrounds – owing to the current crisis in County Galway's Refuse Disposal System. Clarification is also required in relation to the Litter Warden and what policing she can give if we do not have any Dump to use”.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd January, 2001

- Present:** Cathaoirleach: Commissioner Burke
Commissioners: M. Ward, C. Keaveney, T. Reilly,
G. Browne-Lane, P. O'Grady, P. Warren.
- Apology:** Commissioner Kelly.
- Officials:** Mr. J. Tierney, Assistant County Manager
Mr. E. Lusby, Acting Assistant County Manager
Mr. D. Croghan, Town Engineer
Mrs. A. Holian, Town Clerk

The Prayer was recited.

The Cathaoirleach wished everyone a happy New Year. He paid tribute to all concerned on how well the town looked over Christmas. Regarding the Christmas lights he asked Commissioner O'Grady to convey the congratulations of the Board to Tuam Chamber of Commerce for a job well done.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Ernie Lusby to the meeting. He congratulated him on his appointment as Acting Assistant County Manager. He congratulated Mr. Tierney on his appointment as Galway City Manager. All present congratulated Mr. Tierney and paid tribute to his work for Tuam.

Minutes:

The Minutes of the December meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Reilly seconded by Commissioner Ward.

Matters arising from Minutes:

Town Twinning: The Cathaoirleach stated that he objected to an article in the Tuam Herald following the November meeting. He said the article was derisory and without balance. At no time was it suggested or proposed that rate payers money be used to fund a trip to Straubing by all the Members of the Board.

Commissioner Browne-Lane said she was extremely disconcerted by the article and felt it was unbalanced. She said the Board had nominated a sum of £500 for the Tuam Straubing Twinning Committee that night. She proposed that in future any group seeking funding come and put their case to the Members.

Commissioner O'Grady said the article was written with a slant. He seconded the proposal. Commissioner Reilly said he was disappointed by the article.

Commissioner Keaveney asked that the discussion be ended as nobody was actually going to Germany.

It was proposed by Commissioner O'Grady and seconded by Commissioner Reilly that the Cathaoirleach talk to the author of the Herald report.

The Assistant County Manager stated that he had met with the Tuam Straubing Twinning Committee prior to the last meeting. No decision had been taken as to who would go to Straubing for the naming of the street. This event may not happen in 2001. A decision will be taken in due course.

Bon Secours Hospital: The Cathaoirleach confirmed that Health Board Officials met on 10th January 2001. Commissioner Keaveney stated that it would be remiss of this community not to call on our T.D.'s to resign if the Government can't guarantee a hospital for Tuam.

Teample Jarlath: The Assistant County Manager told the Members that he hoped to meet with Duchas and report back. He said the recommendations for caretaker were being considered.

Cemetery: The Town Engineer was asked to investigate regarding a shed or trailer at the New Cemetery.

Footpaths: Replying to Commissioner Reilly the Town Engineer said he had looked at the situation at St. Joseph's Park. He will talk to the Residents.

Church View: Replying to Commissioner Ward the Town Engineer said he would have a report for the next meeting.

Court House: The Assistant County Manager said he had written to the Court Services People and asked them to outline the position.

Car Park: Replying to Commissioner O'Grady regarding suggestion that the Council yard at High Street be used as a car park the Assistant County Manager said this would be looked at in conjunction with de-centralisation.

Scout Hall: The Assistant County Manager informed the Members that the Law Agent had been asked to investigate.

Snow: Replying to the Cathaoirleach the Assistant County Manager stated that Graders had to be brought to the N17 to clear it. Salt was not effective because of the cold. Certain issues are being dealt with.

Manager's Business:

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 Reilly seconded by Commissioner O'Grady.

Shambles: The Assistant County Manager told the Members that the cost of the planned refurbishment works at the Shambles would be between £35,000 and £40,000. He proposed that the Shambles be leased to Galway County Council.

He said profits would go to pay for the refurbishment work and maintenance initially, after that profits would go to the Town Commissioners. He said he would bring a draft Lease before the February or March meeting. Replying to Commissioner Browne-Lane, he said parking would be one hour or two hour periods. It was proposed by Commissioner Reilly, seconded by Commissioner Ward and agreed that planning permission be applied for.

The Cathaoirleach asked the Town Engineer to consider moving the loading bay closer to the Shambles – maybe outside Mongans.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 30th November, 2000 from Sligo Corporation – read.

Letter dated 21st November, 2000 from Balbriggan Town Commissioners – There was unanimous support for the following motion recently passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners: “Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Social, Community and Family affairs to review the current method of means testing for Careers Allowance with a view to accessing an applicant in their own right and not on what their spouse or partner is earning.

Letter dated 6th December, 2000 from Mr. Gerry Winters, E.S.B. – read.

Letter dated 5th December, 2000 from Frances Best, Garda (admin.) Division re: C.C.T.V. – read.

Letter dated 31st December, 2000 from Commissioner Mike Kelly – read.

Notice of Local Authority Members Association Annual conference 2001.

Tuam By-pass:

The Cathaoirleach told the Members that he had received a request for a deputation to the meeting from People concerned that the proposed by-pass would run through Toghermore. He felt a deputation at this time would be premature. Galway County Council are aware of the case for Toghermore.

The Assistant County Manager said anybody who wishes to make a submission may do so.

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TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
TOWN HALL
TUAM

Urban District Council Status:

It was decided to write to Commissioner McHugh regarding maps.

Tullinadaly Road:

Replying to Commissioner Browne-Lane regarding Flooding and Footpaths at Tullinadaly Road the Town Engineer said surface water will be diverted into the storm sewer. A footpath will be considered for next year. He said the work at the palace grounds is subject to a contract between sanitary services and the Contractor on the job.

Dublin Road,

Replying to the Cathaoirleach, the Town Engineer said all traffic movement was recorded for two weeks to seek how quick it took traffic to get to Vicar Street. He hoped to have a Report for the next meeting.

Sympathy:


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

- Brogan Family, Headford on the death of P.J.
- Leonard Family, Rusheens on the death of John
- Donlon Family, Athenry Road on the death of May
- Kavanagh Family, Bishop Street on the death of May
- Reilly Family, Trinity Court on the death of Pat Faftery

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY



CATHAOIRLEACH

Date

Tuam Town Commissioners

Telephone: Tuam 24246

Your Ref.

Our Ref.



TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL,
TUAM

To: Each Member:-

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

The particulars are as follows:-

Land Acquired From:-

Location:- *old Ballygaddy Road.*

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:- *Mr Joseph O'Reilly*

of:

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is *£1000*

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

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

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

Signed *Angela Holian*

Date *15/12/2000*

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Telephone: (093) 24246

Tuam Clerk's Office,
Town Hall, Tuam

To each Town Commissioner

29th December, 2000

A Chara,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held
on **Tuesday, 2nd January, 2001 at 7 p.m.**

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

Angela Holian
Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Minutes

Manager's Business

Correspondence

Urban District Council Status

Section 83 Notice

Council The matter to be discussed at the meeting is as follows:

Town Twinning:

The Assistant County Manager told the Members that he had met with the Tuam/Straubing Twinning Committee and he was recommending a grant of £1000 for year 2000. It was proposed by the Cathaoirleach and seconded by Commissioner McHugh that a contribution of £1,000 be given to the twinning committee for the year 2000. It was proposed by Commissioner Kelly and seconded by Commissioner O'Grady that an amount of £500 be given. Following a vote it was resolved that £500 be given to the twinning committee for Year 2000.

Bon Secours Hospital:

The Cathaoirleach stated that the Committee had met with the Minister for Health.

Footpaths:

Commissioner Reilly asked that a footpath be constructed outside houses at St. Joseph's Park. He asked that part of the green area be removed and the road widened as the bin lorry cannot go into the narrow road and elderly people have to bring bins out to the Tullinadaly Road. The Town Engineer agreed to investigate.

Teample Jarlath:

Replying to Commissioner Browne-Lane the Assistant County Manager said he will meet with Duchas on 19th December 2000. He also stated that interviews for the position of caretaker will be held before Christmas.

Shambles:

The Assistant County Manager stated that the proposals are on display. There has been one submission regarding a right of way and another regarding public toilets. If the proposals are approved a planning application can be made to Galway County Council. The matter to be discussed at the January meeting.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday 5th December, 2000

Present: Cathaoirleach: Commissioner Burke

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

Officials: Mr. J. Tierney, Assistant County Manager
Mr. D. Croghan, Town Engineer
Mrs. A. Holian, Town Clerk

The Prayer was recited.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Gerry Winters, E.S.B. to the meeting. Replying to questions from the Members regarding the lights in Tuam Mr. Winters said the E.S.B. patrol Tuam twice per month in winter and once per month in summer and any faults detected will be repaired following these patrols. Reports of damaged poles or live wires are considered an emergency and are responded to immediately. At the moment there are six lights in Tuam which can no longer be maintained. The E.S.B. has given a quotation to Galway County Council for the replacement of all white lights in the town by yellow lights. A very time consuming task for the E.S.B. is tracing damaged or broken wires and the E.S.B. appeals to all contractors to notify them of same. The E.S.B. will rejoin broken cables free of charge before roads are refilled. Mr. Winters said the E.S.B have two call centres and all complaints are logged. The local E.S.B. office will deal with complaints or transfer the calls. Mr. Winters agreed to send a list of Phone Numbers to the Commissioners. The Cathaoirleach thanked Mr. Winters for attending the meeting.

Manager's Business:

Regarding Tuam Swimming Pool the Assistant County Manager informed the meeting that Galway County Council were preparing revised proposals. It has been decided to build a new pool rather than refurbish the existing pool.

Replying to the Cathaoirleach regarding the Court House the Assistant County Manager said he was meeting with the Court Services People on 12th December, 2000.

Regarding the By Pass the Assistant County Manager reminded the Members that 15th December, 2000 was the closing date for submissions.

Regarding the Town Hall the Town Engineer informed the meeting that the lift was being installed this week. The building will be re-roofed in the new year. Replying to Commissioner O'Grady regarding the Clock he said he would arrange a temporary supply of power.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letters dated 18th September, 2000 and 29th November, 2000 from Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland. It was agreed that Commissioners Kelly and Browne-Lane attend the A.M.A.I. Seminar in Tralee on 9th and 10th February, 2001.

Letter dated 31st October, 2000 from Mr. Noel Treacy, T.D., Minister for Science, Technology and Commerce - read.

Letter dated 16th November, 2000 from Institute of Public Administration - read.

Letter dated 8th November, 2000 from Waterford Corporation - read.

Letter dated 9th November, 2000 from Wexford Corporation - read.

Notice of General Council of County Council Annual Seminar 2001

Land at Old Ballygaddy Road:

It was proposed by Commissioner Kelly and seconded by Commissioner Reilly that a very small parcel of land at Old Ballygaddy Road be transferred to Mr. Joseph O'Reilly. This to be formally approved by Section 83 Notice at the January Meeting.

Scout Hall:

The Members requested that the position regarding ownership of the Scout Hall be clarified at the next meeting.

Traffic Management:

The Town Engineer stated that the 'one-way' trial on Dublin Road was working very well. Commissioners Browne-Lane and McHugh said they had received a lot of complaints. Commissioner Browne-Lane said people coming in Dublin Road to get to the Mercy Convent had to go down the new road up Vicar Street and Dublin Road. She felt that the traffic should be split at Circular Road and parking on both sides of Dublin Road prohibited. Commissioners Warren and O'Grady stated that a roundabout would be needed on the Dublin Road and another at the Vicar Street junction. Commissioners Ward and Reilly said that traffic on the relief road is held up because the road is too narrow at the Vicar Street end and School Buses park at the Vicar Street end.

The Town Engineer noted comments regarding roundabouts. He said if the 'one-way' system was recommended a slip road would have to be provided. He said he would request the Traffic Warden to police the area until 15th December when the trial will end.

Church View:

Replying to Commissioner Kelly the Town Engineer said that if Church View became two-way, parking would have to be prohibited. Commissioner Ward suggested that Church View be made two-way for cars only. The Town Engineer was asked to investigate regarding sites at Church View/Galway Road corner and Galway Road/Weir Road corner.

The Town Engineer told the Members he would request the Road Design People to investigate

Urban District Council Status:

It was proposed by Commissioner O'Grady and seconded by the Cathaoirleach that Tuam Town Commissioners talk to the County Councillors for the Tuam Area and also initiate talks with Galway County Council. It was agreed that the sub-committee meet before Christmas and prepare a presentation for the January meeting.

Notice of Motion – Commissioner O'Grady:

Commissioner O'Grady spoke on his motion regarding C.C.T.V. He said the Department had invited applications for a second allocation. He proposed that the Board make application to be included in the second round of allocations. The Assistant County Manager stated that County Galway had been selected as a pilot scheme. There will be priority areas. The support of the Gardai will be needed in defining requirements. There is also an element of local funding. Application Forms will be available after Christmas. He said he had contacted the Department who have agreed to forward application Forms and particulars to the Town Clerk. Commissioner Reilly seconded the proposal. Commissioner Keaveney stated that where C.C.T.V. has been installed there have been less Gardai on the beat.

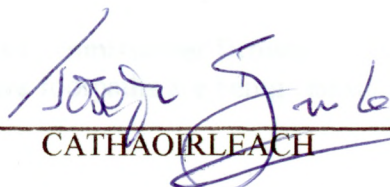
Sympathy:

The Cathaoirleach proposed a vote of sympathy with the Stapleton Family on the death of P. M. He invited his good friend Commissioner Kelly to speak on behalf of the Members. Commissioner Kelly said he was shocked and saddened by P. M.'s death. P. M. had been a member of the Board from 1966 to 1994 and had been Chairman on a number of occasions. He had also served on the A.M.A.I. He described P. M. as a true Gentleman. He said everyone had been delighted that P. M. had been able to attend the recent civic reception for the Tuam Pioneers. He said P. M. will be missed. He extended sympathy to his wife Julie and Family. A vote of Sympathy was also passed with the Family of Mike Cullinane R.I.P. who died in a traffic accident. One minutes silence was observed as a mark of respect for the deceased.

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY


CATHAOIRLEACH

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Telephone: (093) 24246

Tuam Clerk's Office,
Town Hall, Tuam

To each Town Commissioner

1st December, 2000

A Chara,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held
on Tuesday, 5th December, 2000 at 7 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

Angel Nolan Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Officials:

Minutes

Manager's Business

Correspondence

Urban District Council Status

E.S.B. - Mr. Gerry Winters

Notice of Motion:- Commissioner O'Grady

"In light of the Department of Justice recent announcement that applications for CCTV Systems were invited from interested areas, that Tuam Town Commissioners immediately make a submission on and an application for funding plus formal permission for same on behalf of Tuam Town Centre, as the relevant statutory body".

Matters arising from Minutes:

The Cathaoirleach stated that a worthwhile meeting had been held with Supt. Forde on 14/10/2000. Matters discussed included Drugs, Speed limits, C.C. T.V. Monitoring and the poor image of Tuam. The Commissioners' observations will be seriously considered. On intimidation Supt. Forde said a Garda will be visiting the Schools. Good progress is being made on the drugs issue.

Regarding footpaths Commissioner Browne-Lane stated that not enough lighting was being provided where footpaths are being reinstated by Developers.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 7th November, 2000

Present: Cathaoirleach: Commissioner Burke
Commissioners: T. Reilly, P. O'Grady, P. McHugh,
G. Browne-Lane, M. Kelly, P. Warren, M. Ward

Officials: Mr. J. Tierney, Assistant County Manager
Mr. D. Croghan, Town Engineer
Mrs. A. Holian, Town Clerk

The Prayer was recited.

Minutes:

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

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

Matters arising from Minutes:

The Cathaoirleach stated that a worthwhile meeting had been held with Supt. Forde on 19/10/2000. Matters discussed included Drugs, Speed limits, C.C.T.V., Revolving doors and the poor image of Tuam. The Commissioners observations will be seriously considered. On intimidation Supt. Forde said a Garda will be visiting the Schools. Good progress is being made on the drugs issue.

Regarding footpaths Commissioner Browne-Lane stated that not enough lighting was being provided where footpaths are being reinstated by Developers.

The Town Engineer agreed to investigate. Commissioner Reilly asked that footpaths at Old Road be attended to also an area at St Joseph's Park where there is no footpath. Replying to Commissioner McHugh regarding footpaths at Galway Road the Town Engineer said that concrete paths are being replaced by concrete and tarmacadam paths are being replaced by tarmacadam. Replying to the Cathaoirelach the Town Engineer stated that locking bricks at the Abbey Trinity car park will be used in the context of the Urban Renewal Scheme in the coming year. He said £15,000 together with £10,000 from the Commissioner had been spent on footpaths during the year. The Assistant County Manager stated that Galway County Council had not been notified yet regarding funds for Urban Renewal for year 2000. He said a total of £50,000 had been spent on footpaths in Tuam this year. An additional amount of £20,000 had been spent on Gilmartin Road. He said the £10,000 provided by the Commissioners will be reflected in the Abstract of Accounts..

Regarding Teample Jarlath the Assistant County Manager stated that he was meeting with Duchas on 7th December, 2000.

Replying to Commissioner Browne-Lane, regarding Milltown Road, the Town Engineer said that Traffic Calming was being looked at. The 30mph speed limit was being extended out.

Regarding the Bon Secours Hospital the Cathaoirleach stated that a meeting had been held earlier that day. The Executive of the Western Health Board support what has been suggested by the town of Tuam -- a Community hospital. The Western Health Board are to recommend this to the Department of Health. Commissioner O'Grady said he had requested a meeting with the Mother Superior of the Bon Secours with a view to keeping "The Grove" open until the new hospital is ready.

Manager's Business:

The Assistant County Manager informed the Members that the closing date for submissions on the Tuam By Pass route options would be the 15th December, 2000.

Shambles:

The Town Engineer presented a plan for the Shambles. He said it was proposed to provide 48 parking spaces plus 3 for disabled drivers. It was agreed to display the plan at the area office. This to be discussed further at the December meeting.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 28th September, 2000 from Sligo County Council - read.

Letter dated 9th October, 2000 from European Movement Ireland - read.

Letter dated 11th October, 2000 from Ballyshannon Town Commissioners - read.

Letter dated 10th October, 2000 from Mr. Noel Treacy, T. D., Minister for Science, Technology and Commerce re: C.C.T.V. and letter dated 26th October, 2000 re: Bon Secours Hospital - read.

Letter dated 16th October, 2000 from office of Mr. Noel Dempsey, T. D., Minister for the Environment and Local Government - read.

Letter dated 24th October, 2000 from Ms. Mary Queally, Acting Principal, St. Patrick's School, Tuam - read.

Letter dated 25th October, 2000 from Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland – It was proposed by Commissioner O'Grady and seconded by Commissioner Reilly that £1,000 of amount allocated for receptions and presentations be an expenses allowance for the Cathaoirleach.

Traffic Management:

The Town Engineer told the Members that a two week 'one-way' trial was proposed for Dublin Road – traffic coming in Dublin Road would go down the inner relief road up Vicar Street and back up Dublin Road. The Members supported the proposal. It was proposed by Commissioner Reilly and seconded by the Cathaoirleach that Foster Place be made two-way.

Regarding Old Ballygaddy Road it was decided to put discussion of a 'one-way' system on the agenda for the February, 2001 meeting.

Commissioner Ward asked that abandoned cars and Tirboy and Cloonthue be removed. Commissioner O'Grady asked that caravans on the Galway Road (near entrance to handstand) be removed.

Commissioner Reilly asked that the Cloonthue/Cloonascragh junction be inspected.

Urban District Council Status:

It was agreed to defer discussion on Urban District Council Status until the preferred route for the new By-pass was agreed.

Person of the Year:

The Cathaoirleach stated that the sub-committee had met and it was recommended that the Board meet 'in camera' to select the Person of the Year. It was agreed to place advertisement in the Tuam Herald and to hold reception on Wednesday 13th December, 2000

Lighting:

Regarding delay in having a light installed at Dublin Road/Athenry Road junction and Pedestrian lights near Parkmore Estate it was decided to invite Mr. Joe Waters, Area Manager, E. S. B. to the December meeting.

Sympathy:

The Cathaoirleach proposed a vote of Sympathy with Commissioner Kelly on the death of his Mother-in-law. A vote of Sympathy was also passed with the following Families:

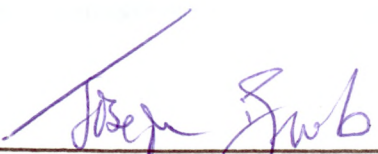
Stockwell Family, Tullinadaly Road on the death of Pauline
McElroy Family, Dublin Road on the death of Jackie
Ward Family, Gilmartin Road on the death of Mary
Daly Family, Bermingham Road on the death of May

Congratulations were extended to Ms. Rosemary Callanan, Tullinadaly Road on winning the All Ireland Fashion Designer Taispeantas Award.

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY



CATHAOIRLEACH

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Estimates
Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 7th November, 2000

Present: Cathaoirleach: Commissioner Burke
Commissioners: T. Reilly, P. O'Grady, P. McHugh,
G. Browne-Lane, M. Kelly, P. Warren, M. Ward,

Officials: Mr. J. Tierney, Assistant County Manager
Mr. D. Croghan, Town Engineer
Mrs. A. Holian, Town Clerk

The Prayer was recited

ESTIMATES:

The Assistant County Manager introduced the Estimate of Expenses for the year 2001, which had been circulated to each Member and advertised. He said total expenditure for 2001 is estimated at £74,065 while receipts are estimated at £26,200. The estimate prepared will require a rate in the £ of 216.73 as compared to 206.41 in 2000.

The Commissioners examined the various items of expenditure and receipts proposed in the estimate. Replying to the Members Mr. Tierney said the amount provided for Twinning includes provision for the celebration of the naming of "Tuam Street" in Straubing. The increased amount for the Chamber of Commerce is conditional on a plan being submitted. He said receipts would be up due to a number of houses coming back to the Commissioners following refurbishment.

It was proposed by Commissioner Burke and seconded by Commissioner Reilly that under receptions and presentations an amount of £500 be provided for the Marion Coral Society. It was agreed to make a submission for funding for footpaths to the Dept.

It was then proposed by Commissioner Kelly seconded by Commissioner O'Grady and resolved that the Estimate of Expenses as presented be adopted by the Commissioners and that the net amount of £47,865 be demanded from Galway County Council in respect of year ending 31st December, 2001 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

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR END
31ST DECEMBER 2001

Town Clerks Office,
Branch Library,
Tuam,
Co. Galway.

Date: 24th October, 2000

TO : THE CHAIRMAN AND EACH MEMBER OF
TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

A Chara,

I attach herewith Estimate of Expenses for 2001 for Tuam Town Commissioners which will be considered at the Estimates Meeting to be held in the Branch Library, Tuam on Thursday 7th November, 2000 in conjunction with the Monthly meeting on the same night.

Total expenditure for 2001 is estimated at £74,065 while receipts are estimated at £26,200. The Estimate will require a rate in the £ of 216.73 compared to 206.41 in 2000.

Mise le meas,

JOHN TIERNEY
ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER

Galway County Council Archives

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR TO 31ST DECEMBER, 2001

Expenditure

Housing		Estimate	Estimate	Euros to
		y/e/ 31.12.2000	y/e/ 31.12.2001	31.12.01
1.	Repairs	£8,000	£8,000	10,158
2.	Legal Expenses	£ 100	£245	311
3.	Insurance	£8,200	£9,000	11,428
4.	Town Clerks Salary (50%)	£3,700	£3,900	4,952
5.	Town Engineers Salary (80%)	£2,800	£2,980	3,784
6.	Pension	£ 800	£840	1,067
7.	Printing, Post, Stationery, Advertising	£ 200	£220	279
8.	Rent collection	<u>£2,000</u>	<u>£2,000</u>	<u>2,539</u>
		£25,800	£27,185	34,518
General				
1.	Rent, Rates, Tax & Insurance	£ 400	£420	533
2.	Office Expenses	£3,010	£2,100	2,666
3.	Legal Expenses	£ 100	£150	190
4.	Town Clerks Salary (50%)	£3,700	£3,900	4,952
5.	Town Engineers Salary (20%)	£ 700	£750	952
6.	Audit Fee	£1,600	£1,700	2,159
7.	Print, Post etc	£ 400	£400	508
8.	Town Hall,	£4,000	£5,000	6,349
9.	Town Hall Cleaner	£ 200	£200	254
10.	Clock Maintenance	£ 200	£160	203
11.	Municipal Authorities	£2,000	£2,200	2,793
12.	Town Lighting	£ 300	£400	508
13.	Receptions/Presentations	£ 6,000	£2,000	2,539
14.	Twinning	£ 1,000	£5,000	6,349
15.	Members Expenses	£4,300	£4,500	5,714
16.	Tuam Chamber of Commerce	£2,500	£4,000	5,079
17.	Tidy Towns	£ 700	£1,000	1,270
18.	Urban Renewal	£11,200	£12,000	15,237
19.	City of Tuam Festival	<u>£1,000</u>	<u>£1,000</u>	<u>1,270</u>
	Total	<u>£43,310</u>	<u>£46,880</u>	<u>59,525</u>
	Gross Total Expenditure	£69,110	£74,065	94,043

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR TO 31ST DECEMBER, 2001

Receipts

Housing		Estimate	Estimate y/e	Euros to
		y/e ending 31.12.2000	31.12.01	31.12.01
1.	Rents	£16,000	£19,000	24,125
2.	Annuities	£ 3,200	£3,000	3,809
3.	Ground Rents	£ <u>200</u>	<u>£200</u>	<u>254</u>
	Total	£19,400	£22,200	28,188
General				
1.	Transfer of £1,000 from Members Expenses	£1,000	-	
2.	Interest	<u>£2,000</u>	<u>£4,000</u>	<u>5,079</u>
	Total	£3,000	£4,000	5,079
	Gross total	<u>£22,400</u>	<u>£26,200</u>	<u>33,267</u>
	Estimated Expenditure for Year	£69,110	£74,065	94,043
	Estimated Receipts for Year	<u>£22,400</u>	<u>£26,200</u>	<u>33,267</u>
	Amount of Demand	£46,710	£47,865	60,776

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

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Tuam Clerk's Office,
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To each Town Commissioner

1st November, 2000

A Chara,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held
on Tuesday, 7th November, 2000 at 8 p.m. (after the Estimates meeting)

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

Angel Nolan Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Adoption of Minutes of Annual Meeting

Minutes

Manager's Business

Correspondence

Traffic Management

Speed Limits

U. D. C. Status - Population & Boundary extensions

Tuam Boundaries

Person of the Year - Sub-committee report

with Duchas in November and would raise the matter with them. It was agreed to defer discussions until after this meeting.

Commissioner McHugh asked that the footpaths at the Pedestrian Crossing on Upper Dublin Road be lowered to facilitate People with disabilities.

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1st November, 2000

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^{ESTIMATES}
The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

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You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

Angel Holan Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Apology:
ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR 2001

Officials:

Mr. J. Tierney, Assistant County Manager
Mr. D. Croghan, Town Engineer
Mrs. A. Holan, Clerk

The Prayer was recited

The Cathaoirleach welcomed members and guests, Tuam Herald to the meeting

Minutes:

The Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Tierney and seconded by Commissioner McHugh

Arising from Minutes:

It was agreed that a Deputation consisting of the Cathaoirleach, Commissioners Kelly, McHugh, Ward and O'Grady would meet with Supt. Forde

Regarding Temple Inish the Assistant County Manager stated that he was meeting with Duchas in November and would raise the matter with them. It was agreed to defer discussions until after this meeting.

Commissioner McHugh asked that the footpaths at the Pedestrian Crossing on Upper Dublin Road be lowered to facilitate People with disabilities.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd October, 2000

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

Apology: Commissioners T. Reilly and P. Warren

Officials: Mr. J. Tierney, Assistant County Manager
Mr. D. Croghan, Town Engineer
Mrs. A. Holian, Town Clerk

The Prayer was recited.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Ms. Aoife dePaoir, Tuam Herald to the meeting.

Minutes:

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

Matters arising from Minutes:

It was agreed that a Deputation consisting of the Cathaoirleach, Commissioners Kelly, McHugh, Ward and O'Grady would meet with Supt. Forde.

Regarding Teample Jarlath the Assistant County Manager stated that he was meeting with Duchas in November and would raise the matter with them. It was agreed to defer discussions until after this meeting.

Commissioner McHugh asked that the footpaths at the Pedestrian Crossing on Upper Dublin Road be lowered to facilitate People with disabilities.

Replying to Commissioner McHugh re: the provision of a "Bus set down Bay" the Town Engineer stated that he had agreed to meet with the owners of the Hotel.

Commissioner Browne-Lane asked if there were restrictions on Developers regarding footpaths. She said a lot of footpaths are being taken up at present and queried if the refurbishment of the footpaths will be carried out quickly. The Town Engineer stated that Developers have to apply to the County Council for scaffolding and road opening licences.

Manager's Business:

Regarding the Shambles the Assistant County Manager told the Members that the County Council were proposing refurbishment works. He said he hoped the Town Commissioners and the County Council could come to an agreement regarding Disc Parking. He had met with the local Traders who are supportive of the proposals. He said he would bring a formal proposal before the Commissioners as quickly as possible.

Regarding the Tuam By-pass the Assistant County Manager stated that Public consultation would begin on 26th October, 2000. There will be a meeting with the Area County Councilors and the Town Commissioners prior to that date. The Members will be notified.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 20th September, 2000 from Mr. J. Ferry, 23 Marymount, Sligo re: Referendum on Abortion. The Members objected to the language used in the letter and again agreed to wait until the Dail Committee made their recommendations.

Reminder re: Joint Annual Conference 2000 of Local Authority Members' Association, National Association of Councilors' (N. Ireland) and National Association of Councilors' (Britain) – read

Letter dated 20th September, 2000 from Waterford Corporation - read

Letter dated 25th September, 2000 from Portlaoise Town Commission - read

Letter dated 25th September, 2000 from Mr. Noel Treacy, TD, Minister of State - read

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS:

The Assistant County Manager gave details of the Audit Report approving the Abstract of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1999.

Estimate of Expenses:

It was agreed to hold the Estimates Meeting on Tuesday 7th November, 2000.

Urban District Council Status:

Replying to the Members the Assistant County Manager agreed to circulate a copy of presentation, prepared for Galway County Council, to the Members. Regarding the Boundary the Cathaoirleach said that the sub-committee would like to meet with officials of Galway County Council. They would need to know the proposed route of the Tuam By-pass. Commissioner McHugh stated that the By-pass should be outside the town boundary. The Assistant County Manager stated that the route options for the By-pass would be available week commencing 23rd October, 2000 and as stated a meeting with the consultants will be arranged. Replying to Commissioner Kelly he said when the sub-committee prepare a map their proposals may be sent to the County Council for further consideration.

Person of the Year:

It was agreed that a sub-committee consisting of the Cathaoirleach, Commissioners Browne-Lane, Keaveney and O'Grady meet and draw up guidelines.

Bon Secours Hospital:

Grave disappointment was expressed on the announcement of the closure of the Bon Secours Hospital. It was proposed by Commissioner McHugh, seconded by Commissioners Keaveney and agreed that a meeting be arranged with the Chief Executive Officer, Western Health Board. It was proposed that three Commissioners,

two Members of the Chamber of Commerce, one person from Tuam Community Council, one Member of Staff and one Doctor represent the Community at the meeting. It was agreed that the Cathaoirleach, Commissioners Browne-Lane and Commissioner Keaveney represent the Commissioners. The Cathaoirleach stated that he would arrange the meeting.

Graveyard:

Commissioner Kelly and Commissioner Ward appealed to the people who removed mementoes/ornaments and an eternal light from the graveyard to return them.

Milltown Road:

Replying to Commissioner Browne-Lane the Town Engineer said a plan was being prepared for the Blackacre area. Traffic Management to be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

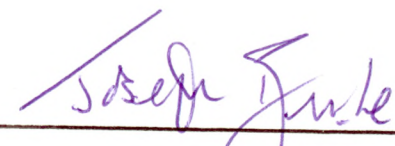
Galway Senior Football Team:

The Cathaoirleach stated that the Galway Senior Football Team would be in Tuam by 5 p.m. on Sunday 8th October, 2000.

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY



CATHAOIRLEACH

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To each Town Commissioner

27th September, 2000

A Chara,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held
on Tuesday, 3rd October, 2000 at 7 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Present: Cllr. Mise le meas,

Commissioner Angel Nolan Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Officials: Mr. T. Kavanagh, County Secretary
Mr. D. Craghan, Town Engineer

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Audit Report

Set Date for Estimates Meeting

U. D. C. Status

Matters arising from Minutes

Regarding the people Jarlath Commissioner McHugh asked that the wall on the High Street be lowered similar to the Mill area. The Cathaoirleach stated that the Council could be contacted. Teampall Jarlath to be discussed at the next meeting of the Council.

A letter from Mr. Neil O'Flanagan, Mr. Phil Archaological & Historical Consultant was read.

Mr. Kavanagh stated that Mr. Flanagan would be retained.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 5th September, 2000

Present: Cathaoirleach: Commissioner Burke
Commissioners: M. Ward, C. Keaveney, M. Kelly, P. O'Grady
T. Reilly, G. Browne-Lane, P. McHugh

Officials: Mr. T. Kavanagh, County Secretary
Mr. D. Croghan, Town Engineer
Mrs. A. Holian, Town Clerk

The Prayer was recited.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. T. Kavanagh, County Secretary to the meeting.

Minutes:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 27th June, 2000 were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Reilly seconded by Commissioner Kelly.

Matters arising from Minutes:

Regarding Teample Jarlath Commissioner McHugh asked that the wall on the High Street side be lowered similar to the Mall area. The Cathaoirleach stated that the O.P.W. should be contacted. Teample Jarlath to be discussed at the next meeting of the Board.

A letter from Mr. Neil O'Flanagan, Ma, PhD., Archaeological & Historical Consultant was read.

Mr. Kavanagh stated that Mr. Flanagan would be facilitated.

In relation to the minutes of the meeting held on 27/7/2000 Commissioner Keaveney stated that it would not be his view that all Members were in favour of C.C.T.V. but Commissioner Ward said C.C.T.V. would provide a permanent record of goings on at the Square.

The Members praised the work of the Tuam Tidy Towns Committee, Galway County Council and the Gardener and deplored recent vandalism in the town.

Replying to the Members regarding the proposed Ring Road for Tuam Mr. Kavanagh stated that the Consultants would come forward with a number of options. The Board will be advised. The Members requested a copy of the Brief and a presentation on the matter.

Commissioner Browne-Lane welcomed the installation of Traffic Lights at Dublin Road. She stated that she had recently observed a drink's lorry parked on the pedestrian crossing at the Square. The Town Engineer said he would ask the Traffic Warden to pay particular attention to this.

Commissioner Reilly complimented the Town Engineer on the refurbished footpaths.

Congratulations were extended to the Galway Senior Football team on reaching the All-Ireland Final.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 17th July, 2000 from Archbishop Neary – It was agreed to hold the reception for the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association on Thursday, 21st September, 2000.

Letter dated 11th July, 2000 from Superintendent P. J. Forde - read.

Letter dated 12th July, 2000 from Balllyshannon Town Commissioners - read.

Letter dated 12th July, 2000 from Tipperary SR County Council - read.

Letter dated 12th July, 2000 from Muinebheag Town Commissioners - read.

Letter dated 18th July, 2000 from Bantry Town Commissioners - read.

Letter dated 31st July, 2000 from Institute of Public Administration - read.

Letter dated 8th August, 2000 from Mr. S. Gleeson, Area Manager, Bus Eireann. It was agreed that a deputation consisting of the Cathaoirleach, Commissioners Kelly, Reilly and O'Grady meet with Mr. Gleeson.

Letter dated 17th August, 2000 from Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland - read.

Letter dated 17th August, 2000 from Bardas Shligish - read.

Letter dated 23rd August, 2000 from Department of the Environment and Local Government - read.

Letter dated 5th September, 2000 from Mr. Vincent Conniffe, Dublin Road, Tuam. The Cathaoirleach stated that the Board would continue to highlight such occurrences. Commissioner O'Grady said the Tuam had been awash with petty crime for the past few weeks also there is a serious drugs problem in Tuam. The Members agreed that the Gardai were doing a good job but more Gardai were needed on the ground. It was proposed by Commissioner Kelly and seconded by Commissioner Reilly that the Board meet with Supt. Forde as soon as possible.

Urban District Council Status

Commissioner McHugh said the Sub-committee had met in relation to the Boundaries. Replying to the Members Mr. Kavanagh said the Local Government Bill was on the agenda for the next meeting of Galway County Council. He said the Bill provides for the Minister to add or take away functions from Local Authorities. A Bill also deals with Boundary extensions. It was proposed seconded and agreed to write to the Department and request that "A new census be taken before any new Bill is passed". The Members requested that the Manager prepare a presentation on the Local Government Bill for the next meeting.

NOTICE OF MOTION;

Commissioner Ward spoke on his motion regarding a pro-life referendum. He asked the support of the Board in calling on the Government to proceed with a referendum. There was unanimous agreement among the Members to wait until the Dail Committee made their recommendations.

GILMARTIN ROAD:

Commissioner Ward asked that ramps be considered for Gilmartin Road to curtail speeding. It was agreed to raise the issue of speeding with Supt. Forde. Replying to Commissioner Ward the Town Engineer said he would consider installing a roundabout at the Gilmartin Road/Cloonthue Road junction.

SWIMMING POOL:

Commissioner Reilly asked the Town Engineer to consider the provision of two parking spaces for disabled drivers adjacent to the swimming pool.

Sympathy:

A vote of sympathy was passed with the following Families:

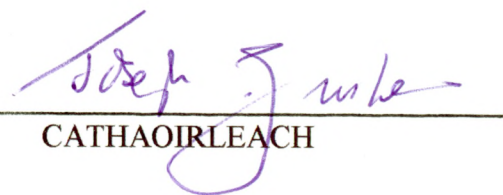
Daly Family, Kilcloghans on the death of David
Kelly Family, Kilcloghans on the death of John
Moggan Family, Ballygaddy Road on the death of John
Byrne Family, Cloonfush on the death of Michael
Daly Family, Shop Street on the death Dennis
Keating Family, Atherry Road on the death of Christina

One minute's silence was observed as a mark of respect for the deceased.

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY



CATHAOIRLEACH