

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

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Tuam Clerk's Office,
Town Hall, Tuam

To each Town Commissioner

.....1st July, 1998.....

A Chara,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held
on Tuesday, 7th July, 1998 at 7.30 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

.....*Angel Nolan* Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Minutes of Chairman

Manager's Business

Correspondence

Note Audit Report on Abstract of Accounts for 1997

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, 2nd June, 1998

Present:

Chairman: Commissioner Reilly

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

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 May Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Joyce seconded by Commissioner Finnegan.

Matters arising from Minutes:

Level
Crossing:

Replying to Commissioner Kelly regarding the Level Crossing at Vicar Street the Town Engineer undertook to take the matter up with Iarnrod Eireann at a meeting during the week. Commissioner Kelly asked that a plot at Newtownmorris be attended to.

Pedestrian
Crossing:

Replying to Commissioner Browne-Lane the Town Engineer said quotations for the lights were awaited. The Pedestrian Crossing will be installed in conjunction with the re-surfacing of the Dublin Road.

Circular
Road:

Commissioner O'Grady asked that the Road Sweeper visit Circular Road.

Outer Relief
Road:

Replying to Commissioner Finnegan the Town Engineer said a Landscaping scheme was planned for the outer relief road. The County Council were complimented on the flowers and shrubs planted around the Town.

Town Hall:

The Assistant County Manager told the Members he planned to have a further meeting with F. A. S. A decision on funding from the Heritage Council is expected next week. A decision on the proposal to include the Town Hall in Galway County Council's millennium scheme will be taken later in the year. The Members urged the Manager to pursue with negotiations re: a F.A.S. scheme. They complimented the Manager and the Engineer on the work done so far.

Festival of
Tuam:

Commissioner O'Grady, Chairman of the Festival Committee, told the Meeting that the official launch of the Festival would take place at 6 p.m. on Friday, 5th June, 1998.

Manager's Business:

Urban/Village Renewal: The Assistant County Manager stated that approximately £50,000 was available under the Urban Village Renewal Scheme for 1998. The work has commenced and will include high output lights on Finnegan's Walk and the car park, undergrounding of services, new paving and foot-paths on Finnegan's Walk and work on the car park. Replying to Commissioner Kelly the Town Engineer said lights on the bridge will be considered in future schemes.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

1. Letter dated 15th May, 1998 from Office of Mr. J. McDaid, T. D., Minister for Tourism, Sport and Recreation - read
2. Letter dated 20th May, 1998 from Mr. R. Molloy, T. D., Minister for Housing & Urban Renewal - read
3. Letter dated 12th May, 1998 from Wexford Corporation - read
4. Letter dated 12th May, 1998 from An Bord Pleanála - read
5. Letter dated 18th May, 1998 from Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland - read
6. Letter dated 2nd June, 1998 from The Old Tuam Society - read
The Chairman thanked everyone involved in the preparations for the unveiling of the Dick Dowling plaque.
7. Letter dated 29th June, 1998 from Mr. John Raftery, Asst. Secretary, Cumann Peile Corofinne - read

Chamber of Commerce:

It was proposed by Commissioner Browne-Lane seconded by Commissioner Finnegan and agreed that the Chairman and Vicechairman represent the Board on the Committee to "develop and implement a millennium project" for Tuam.

A. M. A. I.:

It was proposed by Commissioner Kelly seconded by Commissioner Mongan and agreed that the following Notices of Motion be submitted to the annual conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland:

- (1) That the A. M. A. I. calls on the Government to provide the necessary funds to restore railway lines which are in need of repair in order to relieve congestion on the roads and boost tourism in an environmentally friendly way.
- (2) That this conference calls on the Government to put together a coherent plan to fight the scourge of litter which is destroying our towns and beautiful countryside. The Department of Environment, Education and Local Authorities should produce and implement a national plan through Schools, Media and the Law etc.

S. P. C.:

It was proposed by Commissioner Burke seconded by Commissioner Mongan and agreed that Commissioner Kelly represent the Town Commissioners on the Strategic Policy Committees.

Notice of Motion:

(1) The Chairman spoke on his motion to "locate a motor taxation office in Tuam". He said it was no longer attractive to go into Galway to tax your car. There was unanimous support for the Motion and the concept of a "one-stop-shop".

(2) Speaking on his Motion Commissioner Burke said in the interests of Tuam and the North Galway Area the Town Commissioners Nominee - Commissioner Kelly - should be included in the Roads, Transportation and Safety Committee. Commissioner Burke has been appointed to the Cultural, Corporate and General Services Committee and Commissioner Finnegan was on the Environmental & Emergency Services Committee so it was appropriate that the Area be represented on the Roads, Transportation & Safety Committee. There was unanimous support for the motion.

Peace Tree:

The Chairman informed the Meeting that the tree for peace which had been planted in the Palace Grounds on the 22nd May, 1998 had been sponsored by the Town Commissioners.

Twinning:

The Chairman told the Members that the second official visit of the "friends of Tuam" committee from Straubing will be visiting Tuam on Friday 5th June, 1998. A coffee morning has been arranged for Friday morning at 10 a.m. All Members are invited to attend.

Sympathy:

A vote of sympathy was passed with the following Families:

Mannion Family on the death of Sheila
King Family on the death of Bridie
Naughton Family on the death of Danny
Ward Family on the death of Paddy
Morris Family on the death of Mary Lyons
Presentation Sisters on the death of Sr. Aloysius

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED:

Midia O'Grady
CHAIRMAN

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To each Town Commissioner 27th May, 1998

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Tuam Chamber of Commerce

A. M. A. I.

Notice of Motion - (1) - Comm. Reilly

'I propose that Tuam Town Commissioners call on Galway Co. Co.
to locate a Motor Taxation office in Tuam to cater for the
North Galway Area.

(2) Commissioner Burke

'I will propose that the Town Commissioners Nominee to the
S. P. C. Committee opt for the Roads Committee to ensure the
interest of North Galway.

The Assistant County Manager informed the Members that further
discussions had been held with the National Heritage Council. It is
hoped that a grant of 17,750 will be made available this year.
Discussions have been held with one State Agency regarding a possible
lease arrangement and a decision as to their further interest is
awaited. As previously indicated he is also recommending that the
refurbishment of the Town Hall be considered under Galway County
Council's Millennium Scheme.

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Present:

Chairman: Commissioner Joyce in the Chair

Commissioners: M. O'Grady, F. Biggins, M. Kelly, E. Mongan
G. Browne-Lane

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 April Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Biggins seconded by Commissioner Browne-Lane.

Matters arising from Minutes:

Roads:

Replying to Commissioner Kelly the Assistant County Manager said the naming of both relief roads had been adopted by Galway County Council at meeting held on 27/4/'98. Arrangements are being made for signs etc.

Replying to Commissioner Biggins regarding re-surfacing of roads the Town Engineer said the roads damaged during work on the Water Scheme will be re-instated. Dublin Road will be re-surfaced in June. Work on other areas is ongoing.

Replying to Commissioner Joyce regarding litter and Gilmartin Road The Assistant County Manager said Tenders for the Knock and rebuild scheme and the refurbishment scheme are with the Department. A major tidy up will take place in conjunction with these works when they commence.

Manager's Business:

Strategic
Policy
Committees:

The Assistant County Manager informed the Meeting that the Commissioners may now nominate one Member to represent the Board on the Strategic Policy Committees being established by Galway County Council. Letter dated 22/4/'98 from Mr. T. Kavanagh, County Secretary was read. It was agreed to put the matter on the agenda for the next meeting.

Town Hall:

The Assistant County Manager informed the Members that further discussions had been held with the National Heritage Council. It is hoped that a grant of £7,750 will be made available this year. Discussions have been held with one State Agency regarding a possible lease arrangement and a decision as to their further interest is awaited. As previously indicated he is also recommending that the refurbishment of the Town Hall be considered under Galway County Council's Millennium Scheme.

COMHAIRLE CHIONTAE NA GALLEIDIE
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

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Town Hall:

It is proposed to carry out works to the value of £25,000 in 1998 and these will concentrate on continuing to conserve the Auditorium area. He said he will keep the Members informed of progress in relation to funding, possible Tenants etc., at each meeting.

Festival
of Tuam:

Commissioner O'Grady, Chairman of the Festival of Tuam Committee, told the Members that the plans for the festival have been finalised. He outlined the programme of events. He paid tribute to Dean Corbett and thanked all involved in the preparations.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

1. Letter dated 21st April, 1998 from Office of Mr. Brian Cowan, Minister for Health and Children - read
2. Letter dated 28th April, 1998 from Mr. Paul Connaughton, T. D. - read
3. Letter dated 5th May, 1998 from Tuam Chamber of Commerce and Industry - To be included on agenda for June meeting.
4. Letter dated 8th April, 1998 from Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland - To be included on agenda for June meeting.
5. Letter dated 6th April, 1998 from Mr. Michael Campbell, Director General, RGDATA - read

Notice of
Motion:

Commissioner Kelly spoke on the motion regarding the application by Tuam Stadium Committee for Lottery Funding. He said the development in the Stadium had to date cost £200,000. There was unanimous support for the Motion.

Sympathy:

A vote of sympathy was passed with the following Families:

Goode Family on the death of Bill
Burke Family on the death of Una
Melia Family on the death of Mrs. Melia
Roache Family on the death of Mrs. Roache

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:

Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

Geraldine Joyce
CHAIRMAN

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
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Date: 5th May, 1998

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

RE/: Tuam Town Hall

A Chara,

I wish to refer to my previous report dated 28th January, 1998 in connection with the above. Since 1995 approximately £55,000 has been spent on the conservation of the Town Hall.

To date the only grants which have been made available towards the project were:

- a) £6,000 from the Heritage Council in 1996 and
- b) £10,000 under the Urban Conservation Measure of OPLURD in 1997

Further discussions have been held with the Heritage Council and an Architects report has been forwarded justifying the works to date, improvements which could be made and additional work required to conserve the fabric of the building. The Heritage Council had some further queries and these have now been responded to. It is hoped that a further grant of £7,750 will be made available in the current year.

Discussions have been held with one State Agency to date regarding a possible lease arrangement and a decision as to their further interest is awaited. As previously indicated I am also recommending that the refurbishment of the Town Hall be considered under the County Council's Millennium Scheme and a decision on same should be made within the next few months.

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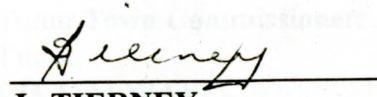
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In the meantime it is proposed to carry out works to the value of £25,000 in 1998 and these will concentrate on continuing to conserve the Auditorium area, i.e. a start will be made on the floor, ceiling, fire separation wall, heating and electrical wiring. This will bring the value of works carried out to £80,000 and again if Heritage Council approval is forthcoming a further grant of £6,250 should be paid bringing total Heritage Council funding to £20,000. This would also mean that the Commissioners net capital outlay in 1998 would be reduced to £6,000.

I will keep Members informed of progress in relation to funding, possible tenants etc at each meeting.

Mise le meas,



J. TIERNEY
ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER

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1. Corporate and General Services
2. Planning Services
3. Environmental & Emergency Services
4. Roads, Transportation & Safety
5. Planning & Economic Development

T. KAVANAGH
County Secretary

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22nd April, 1998

Mrs. Angela Holian,
Town Clerk,
Tuam Town Commissioners,
Tuam,
CO. GALWAY.

RE: TOWN REPRESENTATION ON STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES

A Chara,

I refer to Circular Letter dated 25th March, 1998 in relation to Town Representation on Strategic Policy Committees, a copy of which you have received from the Department of the Environment.

In accordance with the Guidelines, Galway County Council invites your Town Commission to nominate one of its Members to represent the Towns interests on the Council's SPC Framework. Accordingly, you are invited to nominate one of your Members for this purpose.

It is a matter for the County Council to decide to which SPC the nominee will be appointed. However, if you wish you are free to express a first and second SPC preference for the consideration of the Council. The Council proposes to establish 5 SPCs as follows and I look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible.

1. Cultural, Corporate and General Services
2. Housing Services
3. Environmental & Emergency Services
4. Roads, Transportation & Safety
5. Planning & Economic Development.

Is mise, le meas,

T. KAVANAGH,
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PROGRAMME OF EVENTS — JUNE 1998

Friday 5th	De Danann — 8 p.m. St. Mary's Cathedral.
5th or 6th	Saw Doctors. 8 p.m. Date and Venue to be confirmed.
Sunday 7th	Major G.A.A. fixture, Tuam Stadium Secondary Schools Concert — 8 p.m. St. Mary's Cathedral
Tuesday 9th	Dolores Keane — 8 p.m. St. Mary's Cathedral
Wednesday 10th	Play of Herod (12th cent. Mystery Play) — 8 p.m. St. Mary's Cathedral
Thursday 11th	Cois Cladaigh and Galway Early Music — 8 p.m. St. Mary's Cathedral
Friday 12th	Opening of Summer School and Exhibition of 12th century Religious Art — 8 p.m. St. Mary's Cathedral
Friday 12th - Sunday 14th — Summer School: A Vision of Connacht in the 12th Century St. Mary's Cathedral	
Sunday 14th	Straubing Early Music concert — 8 p.m. St. Mary's Cathedral
Tuesday 16th	Recital on the newly restored organ in the Cathedral of the Assumption 8.30 p.m.
Wednesday 17th	Douglas Gunne Ensemble — 8 p.m. St. Mary's Cathedral
Thursday 18th	Finalists of Galway Musical Festival — 8 p.m. Mall Theatre
Friday 19th	Brid Dooley — Irish Folk Songs from Mrs. Costello's Collection — 8 p.m. Mall Theatre Launch of Tuam 2000 — Modern Homes and Products Exhibition St. Patrick's School
Saturday 20th	Tuam 2000 — St. Patrick's School Celebration of Cong — 7 p.m. Pageant in Cong Abbey Matt Gormley — Talk on Fairs and Markets in Tuam over the Years, and Gary Hastings , musician, — 8 p.m. Canavan's
Sunday 21st	Festival Fair — Street Market, Street Theatre and Entertainment. Napa High School Choir (USA) — 8 p.m. St. Mary's Cathedral
Throughout the Festival: Exhibition of 12th century religious art, Synod Hall, St. Mary's Cathedral. Exhibition of Primary School Art in Tuam Library, Shop Street.	
Festival postscript	
Friday July 17th	Tuam Theatre Guild — The Coronation of Ruairi O'Conor — St. Mary's Cathedral
Saturday July 18th	Dara Molloy (Inis Mór, Aran Islands) — Celtic Spirituality — Day School at St. Mary's Cathedral

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RUAIRI O'CONOR

Last high king of Ireland

Under the reigns of Ruairi O'Conor and his father, Turlough, Connacht became the leading province in Ireland for the only time in its history. The O'Conors were great patrons of the church and of the arts, leaving many remarkable churches, castles and artefacts behind them, including the magnificent Romanesque arch and the High Cross in St. Mary's Cathedral.

It was a time of great change in both Church and State. There are parallels with our own time.

May this celebration of the Golden Age of Connacht be an inspiration for great times still to come!



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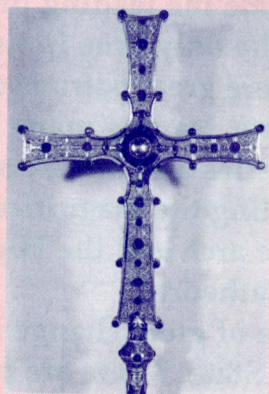
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Summer School – June 12-14, 1998
**A VISION OF CONNACHT IN
THE 12TH CENTURY**

*The Golden Age of Connacht and the Legacy of the
O'Conors*



Lecturers:

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Trinity College, Dublin

Dr. Peter Harbison,
Academic Editor, Royal Irish Academy

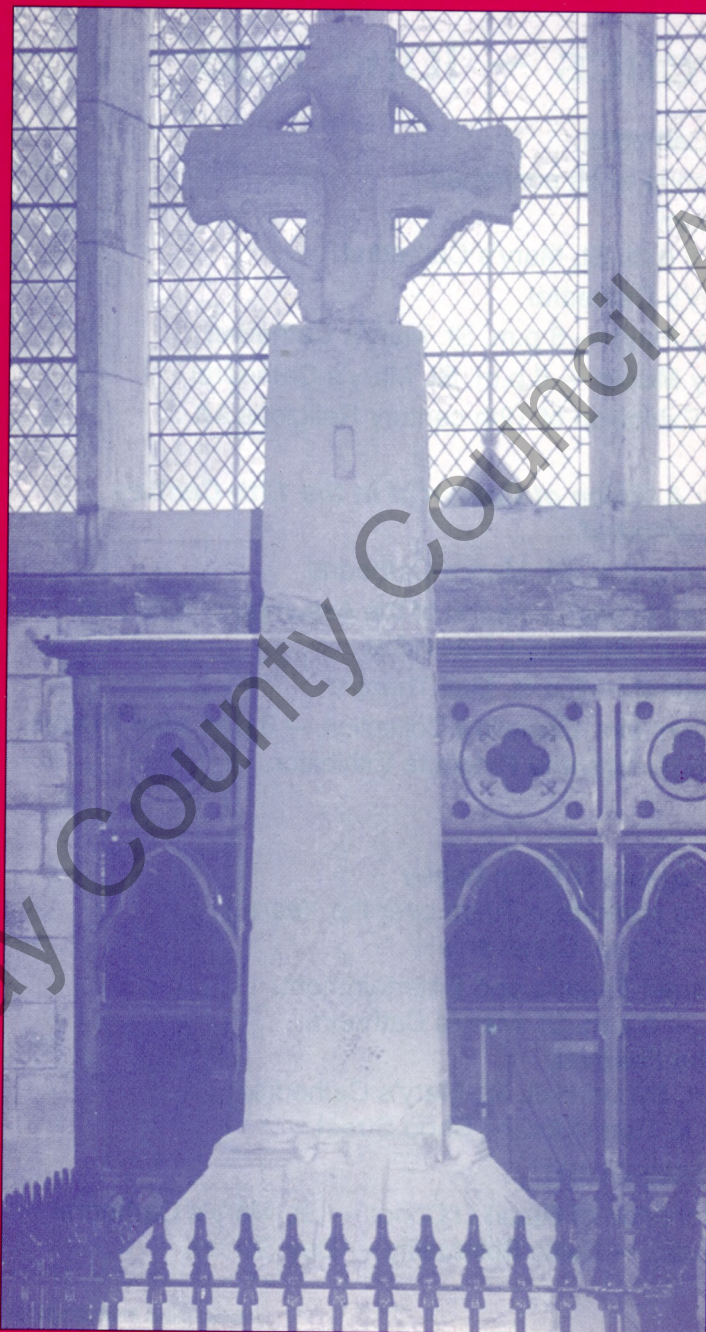
Dr. Sean Duffy,
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Dr. Colman Ethchingham,
NUI, Maynooth

Dr. Ragnall O Floinn
National Museum of Ireland, Dublin

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**CITY OF TUAM
Festival**

June 5-21, 1998

TO COMMEMORATE THE
800TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE DEATH OF
RUAIRI O'CONOR
Last High King
OF IRELAND



Tuam is a medieval city in Co. Galway whose origins lie
in the 5th century monastery founded by Jarlath.
It is home to some of the greatest architecture and monu-
ments of the romanesque period and is situated in a plain
full of ancient forts, castles and churches.

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29th April, 1998

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Angel Holias
Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Minutes

Manager's Business

Correspondence

Notice of Motion: Comm. O'Grady

"That Tuam Town Commissioners back the application of
Tuam Stadium Committee for immediate Lottery funding."

Manager's Business:

It was proposed by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner
Finnegan and agreed that the signatures for the Town Commissioners
Bank Account be updated and the form of resolution be signed by the
Chairman.

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Chairman: Commissioner Reilly

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

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 March Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Burke seconded by Commissioner Biggins.

Matters arising from Minutes:

Roads:

Replying to Commissioners Biggins the Town Engineer said there were no plans at present to have lights installed or footpaths provided on the outer relief road. The Town Engineer agreed to investigate complaints that vehicles entering the outer relief road from the Dunmore Road were using the area outside the houses/Hard shoulder as a slow down lane.

Replying to Commissioner Browne-Lane (who appealed to drivers not to park on the footpaths) the Town Engineer said he hoped to have the design for the Pedestrian Crossing at Dublin Road soon. The road would be resurfaced during the school holidays.

Replying to Commissioner O'Grady the Town Engineer stated that he expected to get the design of the proposed traffic islands shortly and the N17 would be re-instated in conjunction with the provision of the traffic islands. Commissioner O'Grady proposed that traffic calming measures such as used at Crusheen, Co. Clare be considered for the Galway Road area, that the 30 mph and 40 mph speed limits be moved further out and the footpath end be lowered. Commissioner Kelly asked that the level crossing at Vicar Street be dealt with urgently.

Traffic Plan:

Replying to Commissioner Finnegan the Assistant County Manager said the first element of the Traffic Plan would go on display after Easter.

Manager's Business:

It was proposed by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Finnegan and agreed that the signatures for the Town Commissioners Bank Account be updated and the form of resolution be signed by the Chairman.

Town Hall:

The Assistant County Manager informed the Members that there would be no grant under the Urban Conservation Measure for 1998. A further application will be submitted for 1999.

He hoped to respond to the National Heritage Council's request for further information within the next few days and to have a reply from them before the next meeting.

A meeting has been arranged for Wednesday 9/4/'98 with a possible Tenant for the Town Hall, however he said the difficulty in attracting a tenant should not be understated. He will have a further report for the next meeting.

**Urban/Village
Renewal:**

A programme of proposed works has been sent to the Department.

I.A.P.:

The Integrated Area Plan was submitted to the Department on 31st March, 1998. Two copies of the Plan will be on display in both the Town Hall and the Library. The Members complimented Mr. Tierney, Galway County Council and all involved in the preparation of the I. A. P.

It was proposed by Commissioner Biggins seconded by Commissioner Finnegan and agreed that a letter of support for the I. A. P. be sent to the Department.

**Abstract of
Accounts:**

The Abstract of Accounts was adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Biggins seconded by Commissioner Finnegan.

**Time of
Meeting:**

It was proposed by Commissioner O'Grady seconded by Commissioner Biggins and agreed that the Monthly Meetings continue to be held at 7 p.m.

Litter:

The Members called on Galway County Council to take action regarding Litter in Tuam. The Assistant County Manager stated that the areas mentioned in Gilmartin Road will be cleaned in conjunction with the final phase of the refurbishment scheme which is to start soon. It is planned to hold a course in estate management for the residents of Gilmartin Road when the scheme has been completed.

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

1. Letter dated 13th March, 1998 from Office of the Minister for Health and Children - read
2. Letter dated 30th March, 1998 from Mr. Noel Treacy, T. D., Minister for Science, Technology & Commerce - read
3. Letters dated 13th March and 18th March, 1998 from Mr. Paul Connaughton, T. D. - read
4. Letter dated 20th March, 1998 from Western Health Board - read
5. Letter dated 19th March, 1998 from County Secretary, Clare County Council - read
6. Letter dated 3rd April, 1998 from Mr. J. Cormican - Copy of letter to be sent to the Town Engineer.

Sympathy:

Commissioner Finnegan proposed a vote of sympathy to the Wife and Family of Joe McGlynn, R.I.P. The Chairman and Members paid tribute to Mr. McGlynn, former president of Tuam Chamber of Commerce, who was involved in a number of organisations in the town. A vote of sympathy was also passed with the following Families:

- Grealish Family on the death of James
- Reddington Family, Clonberne on the death of Mrs. Reddington
- Cashman Family on the death of Michael
- Seamus Healy on the death of his Mother
- Shaughnessy Family on the death of their son

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:

Mi Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

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CHAIRMAN

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, 3rd March, 1998

- Present: Chairman: Commissioner Reilly
Commissioners: M. O'Grady, M. Kelly, P. Finnegan, J. Burke
G. Browne-Lane, G. Joyce
Apology: Commissioners Biggins & Mongan
Officials: Mr. J. Tierney, Assistant County Manager
Mrs. A. Holian, Town Clerk
Apology: Mr. D. Croghan, Town Engineer
The Prayer was recited.
- Minutes: The Minutes of the February Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Kelly seconded by Commissioner Finnegan.
Matters arising from Minutes:
- Bus Shelter: The Assistant County Manager informed the meeting that the planning application for the Bus Shelter on the inner relief road would be submitted shortly.
- Roads: The Assistant County Manager outlined proposals for a refuge island at Abbey Trinity. He said the lights at the tractor garage had been re-aligned. Regarding the condition of the roads in the Town he said the Town Engineer would report further on this matter at the next meeting.
The Chairman and Members welcomed the announcement that the outer relief road will be called "Bobby Burke" road. They also welcomed the naming of the river walk "Finnegans Walk". It was proposed by Commissioner Kelly and seconded by Commissioner O'Grady that the inner relief road be called "Sean Purcell/Frank Stockwell" road. There was unanimous support for this proposal.
- Strategic Policy Committees: The Assistant County Manager said the composition of the Strategic Policy Committees was currently under consideration and the situation regarding Urban Representation would be addressed by the Minister.
- Festival: The Chairman welcomed Rev. Ian Corbett, Dean of Tuam to the Meeting. Dean Corbett thanked the Board for their support and encouragement. He said the steering committee was now in place. He outlined the events/activities proposed for the Festival in honour of the 800th anniversary of King Rory O'Connor. It was proposed by Commissioner O'Grady seconded by Commissioner Burke and agreed that the Town Commissioners would contribute £1,000 to the Festival Committee.

Manager's Business:

Town Hall: The Assistant County Manager said he had received a reply to his submission to the National Heritage Council. This was being dealt with in consultation with the Town Engineer. He is trying to progress the matter regarding a Tenant. He said he would keep the Board updated at each meeting.

Credit Union Tour: The Assistant County Manager informed the Members that the Town Engineer would meet with the organisers on 13th February, 1998 regarding arrangements.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

1. Letter dated 27th February, '98 from Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland - read
2. Letter dated 12th February, 1998 from Tuam Tidy Town Committee - read
Commissioner Kelly proposed that Iarnrod Eireann be requested to remove debris from the Level Crossing, Vicar Street.
Commissioner Reilly asked that hedging be removed at Abbey Trinity and flowers to be planted.
Replying to Commissioner Joyce regarding the Town Dump the Assistant County Manager stated that the Waste Management Strategy for Galway City and County is being prepared. The Consultants report is expected by September, 1998.
3. Letter dated February, 1998 from Irish Public Bodies Mutual Ins. Ltd. It was proposed by Commissioner Kelly seconded by Commissioner O'Grady and agreed that Commissioner Finnegan represent the Board at the Annual General Meeting of Irish Public Bodies Mutual Ins. Ltd.
4. Letter dated February, 1998 from Tuam Chamber of Commerce & Industry - The Assistant County Manager agreed to deal with the matter.
5. Letter dated 2nd March, 1998 from Youghal Urban District Council - read

Tuam Sewerage Scheme - Phase II:

Commissioner Burke told the meeting that Design plans were being drawn up to have Ballygaddy Road, Weir Road, Galway Road and Killiloonty dealt with as group schemes initially and later taken over as part of the next phase of the Sewerage Scheme. He said funding would be allocated. Ballymote, which is not included needs to be addressed. The Members welcomed this but agreed that Phase II should be pursued. The Assistant County Manager stated that a revised preliminary report was sent to the Department last year and a response is awaited. He will keep the Board informed.

Urban Renewal:

Urban/Village conservation: Under the Urban and Village Renewal Programme the Assistant County Manager outlined proposals for 1998. Replying to Commissioner Browne-Lane regarding an extension to the river walk he said this could be investigated in relation to the 1999 allocation.

I. A. P. The Assistant County Manager told the Meeting that a final consultation with the Consultants had been arranged for 13th March 1998. The Draft Plan will then go to Galway County Council on 23rd March, '98 for final approval.

Notice of Motion:

Commissioner Finnegan spoke on his motion regarding the Bon Secours Hospital. He said this matter was raised two years ago. It is now a matter of urgency as there are concerns that the Hospital would close down. He proposed that the Board write to the Minister for Health and the Western Health Board. There was unanimous support for the motion.

Litter: It was proposed by Commissioner Kelly and seconded by Commissioner Burke that the issue raised by the Litter Warden should be addressed by Galway County Council.

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

- Pierce Family on the death of Harry
- Heffernan Family of the death of Joe
- Hogan Family on the death of Jack
- Oonagh Mary Hyland on the death of Lady Molly
- Fahy Family on the death of Mrs. Fahy
- Folan Family on the death of Liam
- Lyster Family on the death of Martin
- Joyce Family on the death of Mary Connolly

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY _____

CHAIRMAN

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Telephone: (093) 24246

Tuam Clerk's Office,

Town Hall, Tuam

-Lane

To each Town Commissioner

25th February, 1998

A Chara,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on Tuesday, 3rd March, 1998 at 7 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

Angela Holian

Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Minutes

Manager's Business

Correspondence

Rev. Dean Corbett

Tuam Sewerage System - Phase II

Urban Renewal

Notice of Motion: Comm. Finnegan

That this Board calls on the Minister for Health and the Health Board to take the appropriate steps to ensure the survival and viability of our local Bon Secours Hospital which we consider a vital part of our local Community.

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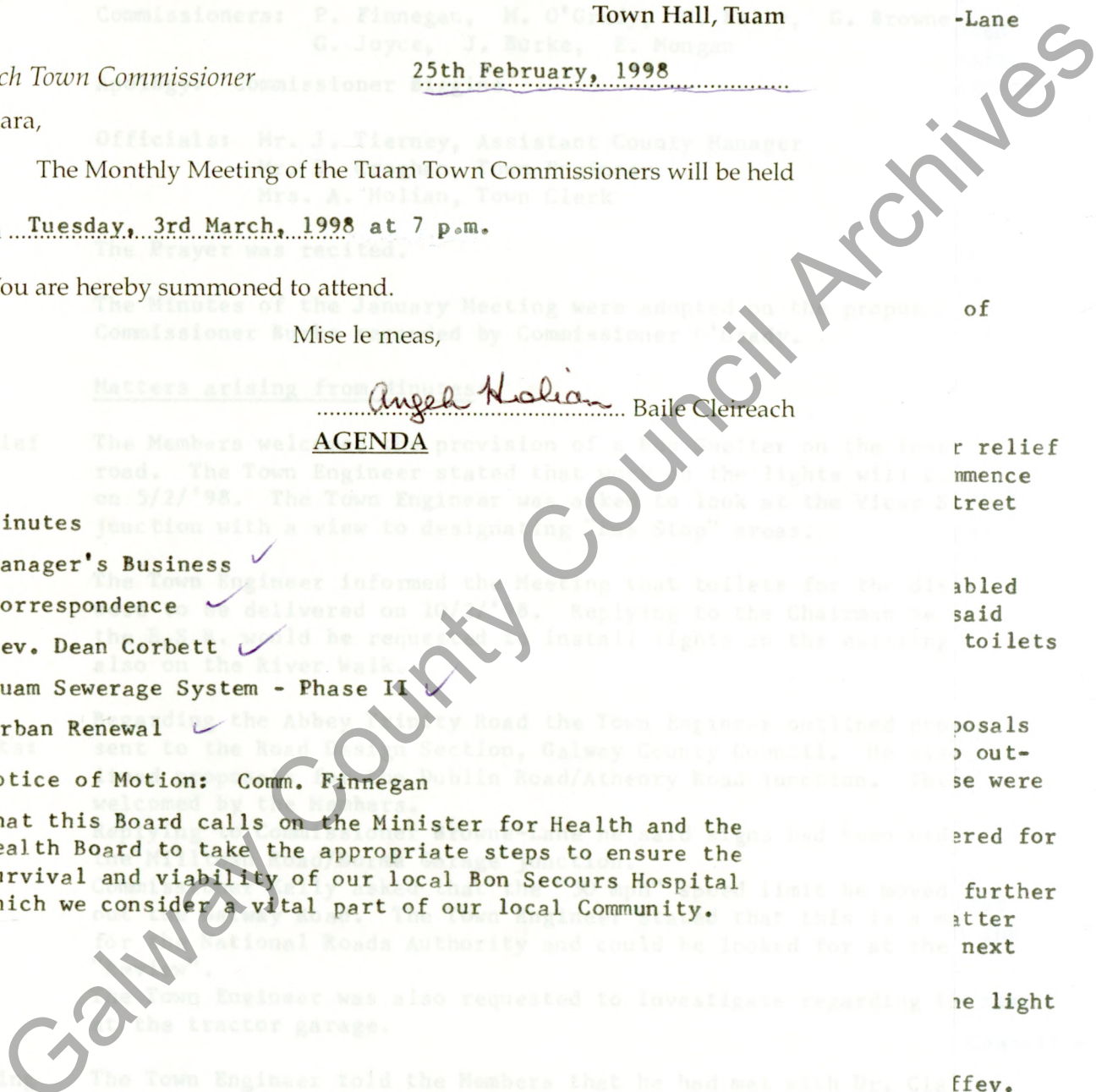
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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, 3rd February, 1998

Present: Chairman: Commissioner Reilly
Commissioners: P. Finnegan, M. O'Grady, M. Kelly, G. Browne-Lane
G. Joyce, J. Burke, E. Mongan

Apology: Commissioner Biggins

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

The Prayer was recited.

Minutes: (ii) The Minutes of the January Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Burke seconded by Commissioner O'Grady.

Matters arising from Minutes:

Inner relief road: The Members welcomed the provision of a Bus Shelter on the inner relief road. The Town Engineer stated that work on the lights will commence on 5/2/'98. The Town Engineer was asked to look at the Vicar Street junction with a view to designating "Bus Stop" areas.

Public Toilets: The Town Engineer informed the Meeting that toilets for the disabled were to be delivered on 10/2/'98. Replying to the Chairman he said the E.S.B. would be requested to install lights in the existing toilets also on the River Walk.

Speed restraints: Regarding the Abbey Trinity Road the Town Engineer outlined proposals sent to the Road Design Section, Galway County Council. He also outlined proposals for the Dublin Road/Athenry Road junction. These were welcomed by the Members.
Replying to Commissioner Browne-Lane he said signs had been ordered for the Milltown Road/Burma Garage junction.
Commissioner Kelly asked that the "30 mph" speed limit be moved further out the Galway Road. The Town Engineer stated that this is a matter for the National Roads Authority and could be looked for at the next "Review".
The Town Engineer was also requested to investigate regarding the light at the tractor garage.

Dick Dowling Plaque: The Town Engineer told the Members that he had met with Dr. Claffey. They had agreed a location for the Plaque. The size of the plaque has to be decided and he would have this information for the next meeting.

Manager's Business:

Town Hall: The Assistant County Manager informed the Meeting that since 1994 £55,000 had been spent on conserving the Town Hall. He said he has sent a submission to the National Heritage Council. An application for further funding under the Urban Conservation Measure for 1998 has also been submitted. He said the Town Hall would be recommended for consideration under Galway County Council's millennium proposals. He also stated that he would be having discussions with a State Agency with a view to securing a Tenant for the Town Hall. The Members welcomed the possibility of a State Agency coming to the Town Hall but emphasised the importance of maintaining a presence on the ground floor.

Urban Renewal: The Assistant County Manager referred to the Workshop held on 23rd January. He said there had been a good response to the invitation for submissions from the Public. A Clinic for the Public and a Community Groups workshop would be held on Thursday 5th February '98 in the Imperial Hotel.

It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Commissioner O'Grady that the Board consider a Deputation to Minister Molloy at the April Meeting.

Strategic Policy Committees: Replying to Commissioner Kelly the Assistant County Manager said the final composition of Strategic Policy Committees has yet to be agreed. He said one third of the representatives must be non-County Council elected Members.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

1. Letter dated 3rd February, 1998 from Mr. Paul O'Grady - The Town Engineer agreed a quantity of asbestos had been dumped in Tuam recently but it had been wrapped and buried immediately. He said he had arranged for a mobile sweeper to be in the town for 2½ days per week.
The Members objected to the dumping of asbestos in Tuam. They called on Galway County Council to take urgent action re: litter and proposed that video cameras be used in an effort to catch the people responsible.
2. Letter dated 20th January, 1998 from Mr. Joseph Connaughton - read
3. Letter dated 29th January, 1998 from Monaghan Urban District Council - read
4. Letter dated 2nd January, 1998 from Wesford Corporation - read
5. Letter dated 16th January, 1998 from Wexford County Council - read
6. Letter dated 22nd January, 1998 from An Board Pleanala re: Shopping Centre and Development on the N17 - read

Commissioner O'Grady told the Members that the Committee was now in place regarding the 800th Anniversary of King Rory O'Connor. He said Dean Corbett would come to the March Meeting.

Sympathy:

The Chairman proposed a vote of sympathy with the Carroll Family on the tragic death of Bernadette. Replying to Commissioner Browne-Lane the Assistant County Manager said both the County Council and the Gardai have a responsibility regarding wandering animals. The Draft Control of Horses Bye-laws under the Control of Horses Act 1996 would be considered by Galway County Council at their meeting to be held on 13th February, 1998. A vote of sympathy was also passed with the following Families:

Reynolds Family, Bishop Street on the death of Ted
Martin Family, Dunmore Road on the death of Dilly
Ridge Family, Galway on the death of Paul
John Mullrooney on the death of his Father, Joe
Ward Family, Gilmartin Road on the death of Mary

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

Tom Reilly

CHAIRMAN

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, 6th January, 1998

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Telephone: (093) 24246

Tuam Clerk's Office,
Town Hall, Tuam

To each Town Commissioner 28th January, 1998.....

A Chara,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held
on Tuesday, 3rd February, 1998 at 7 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

Angel Holian Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Minutes

Manager's Business

Correspondence

Rev. Dean Corbett

Commissioner Kelly asked that flooding between the railway gates and the Weir road be investigated.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, 6th January, 1998

Present:

Chairman: Comm. Joyce in the chair

Commissioners: M. Kelly, F. Biggins, J. Burke, M. O'Grady,
G. Browne-Lane

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

Apology: Commissioners Reilly, Finnegan, Mongan

The prayer was recited.

Minutes:

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

Matters arising from Minutes:

Inner relief
road:

Regarding a bus shelter the Assistant County Manager said he would have a report for the next Meeting. Commissioner Burke stated that an opportunity now exists for the inner relief road to be extended to the N17 as Mr. Parsons is seeking planning permission for a new building. Commissioner Kelly said there were rumours that the "Mart" was being re-located and a road there might be considered. The Town Engineer confirmed that the Road Design People were looking at the matter.

Public toilets:

The Assistant County Manager informed the Members that toilets for the disabled have been ordered.

Christmas
lights:

The Chamber of Commerce were complimented on the standard of the Christmas lights. Commissioner O'Grady proposed that in order to extend the lights next year the Board consider the allocation of extra funding. The Assistant County Manager said he would be meeting the Chamber of Commerce post Christmas. He will come back to a meeting with recommendations. Commissioner Joyce suggested that having people sponsor lights in aid of the hospice movement might be a good idea.

Abbey Trinity
road:

Regarding the provision of a Pedestrian Crossing the Town Engineer stated that the matter had been referred to the Road Design Section, Galway County Council. It is also being discussed with the N.R.A. He said Parsons Garage and Iarnrod Eireann were agreeable to have a pass inside the railway gates similar to Vicar Street and this has been referred to the Dept. of Transport.

Commissioner Kelly asked that flooding between the railway gates and the Weir road be investigated.

Milltown Road:

Commissioner Lane asked that the Milltown road/Tullinadaly road junction near the Burma garage be looked at.

Commissioner Burke asked that an island be marked at the crossroads beside Gardenfield school.

Manager's Business:

Urban/Village renewal:

The Assistant County Manager informed the Meeting that under the Urban/Village renewal scheme £50,000 had been spent during 1997. The programme for 1998 was being finalised.

Town Hall:

The Assistant County Manager told the Members he hoped to have the estimate of cost for the restoration of the Auditorium, new stairs and toilets and the Town Clerk's Office for the February or March Meeting. He said he hoped to talk to the Heritage Council about the possibility of grant aid. £27,000 had been spent on the building during 1997. The Members welcomed the installation of the new Clock.

Urban Renewal:

The Assistant County Manager confirmed that the firm of Brady Shipman Martin had been appointed as consultants. He had met with the consultants earlier and advertisements for submissions are being placed in the local papers. All organisations and groups are to be contacted. It is proposed to hold a workshop in Tuam on 23rd January, 1998.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

1. Letter dated 29th October, 1997 from Carlow Urban District Council. There was unanimous support for the following Motion:
"That this Council calls on the Minister for the Environment to amend existing legislation in order to give Urban Councillors and Town Commissioners the right of nomination for Presidential Elections and franchise in elections to Seanad Eireann".
2. Letter dated 6th November, 1997 from Portlaoise Town Commissioners - read
3. Letter dated 28th November, 1997 from Gorey Town Commissioners - read

Notice of Motion:

Commissioner Kelly said the situation was as outlined in Commissioner Reilly's Notice of Motion. Mr. Finnegan was at one time Assistant County Engineer and a native of Tuam. He felt this was a good way to commemorate him. There was unanimous support for the motion.

Regarding the plaque to Dick Dowling it was agreed that the V-chairman and the Town Engineer meet with Dr. Claffey and the Old Tuam Society before the next meeting.

Commissioner Biggins informed the Members that he had attended a meeting called by Dean Corbett regarding the 800th Anniversary of King Rory O'Connor. He outlined the matters discussed and said there would be another meeting on 26th January, 1998. There was unanimous support for the proposed activities. It was proposed and seconded that Commissioners Kelly, O'Grady and Biggins represent the Board at the Meetings.

It was decided to hold the Next Meeting at 7 p.m.

The Chairman, Commissioner Reilly and Commissioner Finnegan were wished a speedy recovery from illness.

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

Connolly Family on the death of Doris
Ansboro Family on the death of John
McWalter Family on the death of Ger

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY

Tom Reilly

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1998: 800th ANNIVERSARY of the DEATH of RORY O'CONOR

Proposals for Celebrations in Tuam and Cong

INTRODUCTION

Rory O'Conor was the last High King of Ireland and ruled from Tuam. He died in retirement at Cong Abbey and was buried in Clonmacnoise. With his Father, Turlough he made a great contribution to the art and architecture of the Celtic Church in the West.

EXHIBITION IN TUAM, JUNE 1998 onwards

IRISH CHURCH ART AND ARCHITECTURE IN THE TWELFTH CENTURY

- highlighting the legacy of the O'Conors in Tuam, Connacht and Ireland.

Consultants : Dr. Raghnaid O'Flainn - National Museum, Dublin
Prof. Roger Stalley - U. C. D.
Ms. Rachel Moss - Research Fellow, U. C. D.
Dr. Peter Harbison - Vice - Pr., Royal Irish Academy

Local Consultants (to be approached):

Prof. Etienne Rynne - U. C. G.
Mr. Jim Higgins
Dr. J.A. Claffey

In Association with THE COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC WORKS

through Mr. BRIAN MURPHY (Chairman)

re permission, artefacts, support, funding.

Approaches for Funding to :

THE COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC WORKS
THE MINISTER FOR ARTS AND CULTURE
THE HERITAGE COUNCIL
THE ARTS COUNCIL
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TUAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
TUAM LIONS CLUB

SUMMER SCHOOL in TUAM, 5th. - 8th. or 12th. - 15th. JUNE 1998

Title as for exhibition

Lecturers to be approached: Dr. Ragnal O'Flain
Prof. Roger Stalley
Prof. James Lydon
Dr. Peter Harbison

Programme planned, including site visits in Tuam, Cong and Clonmacnoise.

Accommodation arranged through Corrib Country Limited.

CELEBRATION of TUAM, June 1998

It is planned to hold a number of concerts and lectures in the two Cathedrals and other local venues to help the whole community remember its past, to commit itself to the development of the city in the present, and to look forward in the hope thus engendered to the millennium and the future.

Discussions will take place with our twin city of Straubing in Bavaria.

Funding will be sought, both for these events and the weekend Summer School, as a package with the exhibition.

CELEBRATION in CONG, June 1998, possibly 19th. - 21st. weekend.

This would be a much more modest and local event.

ASHFORD CASTLE is to be approached about hosting a reception including music and a lecture, on the Friday evening.

CONG ABBEY is hoped to be used as a venue for a pageant on the Saturday afternoon, including contributions from local artists, musicians and children.

Celebratory worship in the Churches on Sunday.

Cong Community Council and the Cong-Cross-Neale Festival Committee are being approached for funding and support.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, 2nd December, 1997

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Telephone: (093) 24246

Tuam Clerk's Office,
Town Hall, Tuam

To each Town Commissioner

23rd December, 1997

A Chara,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on Tuesday, 6th January, 1998 at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

AGENDA

Minutes

Manager's Business

Correspondence

Notice of Motion: Comm. Reilly

I propose the name 'Finnegan's Walk' be considered for the river path/walk. This name is to the memory of Harry Finnegan, one time Assistant County Engineer and a native of Tuam, whose idea the river walk originally was.

Re: the provision of a Pedestrian Crossing and speed restraints
The Town Engineer said that Pedestrian numbers are low. Commissioner
said there was a huge volume of traffic and it should be examined
regard to traffic. Commissioner Kelly said it was still dangerous
at the Railway gates and he supported the provision of a Pedestrian
crossing.

Commissioner Joyce stated that motorists, on the outer relief road,
turning right towards Milltown were experiencing long delays. The
Town Engineer agreed to investigate.

The Chairman asked that a sign indicating "traffic lights ahead" be
erected on the Milltown Road.
Commissioner O'Grady asked that the traffic lights at the Weir Road
be examined.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, 2nd December, 1997

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

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 Estimates Meeting and the Meeting held on the 28th October, 1997 were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Finnegan seconded by Commissioner Burke.

Matters arising from Minutes:

Public toilets: Replying to the Chairman the Town Engineer said toilets for the disabled would be provided.

Manager's Business: The Assistant County Manager told the Members that he had met with Mr. R. O'Driscoll and Mr. P. Keaveney from Tuam Chamber of Commerce. They outlined their three year plan for Christmas lights. They also discussed the Credit Union Junior Tour and the Chamber agreed to sponsor the Tuam stage. It was agreed to meet again in the new year.

Inner relief road: Regarding the provision of a bus shelter the Assistant County Manager said he had been in contact with Bus Eireann and the Adshel Company and hoped to have further discussions before Christmas. Replying to Commissioner Kelly regarding lights the Town Engineer stated that the ducting is now completed. The E.S.B. have been notified and lighting will be provided as soon as possible. Work on the footpaths will continue into next year.

Abbey Trinity Road: Regarding the provision of a Pedestrian Crossing and speed restraints the Town Engineer said that Pedestrian numbers are low. Commissioner Burke said there was a huge volume of traffic and it should be examined in regard to traffic. Commissioner Kelly said it was still dangerous at the Railway gates and he supported the provision of a Pedestrian crossing.

Outer relief road: Commissioner Joyce stated that motorists, on the outer relief road, turning right towards Milltown were experiencing long delays. The Town Engineer agreed to investigate.

Milltown Road: The Chairman asked that a sign indicating "traffic lights ahead" be erected on the Milltown Road.
Commissioner O'Grady asked that the traffic lights at the Weir Road be examined.

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

1. Letter dated 27/11/'97 from Old Tuam Society. The Chairman and Town Engineer agreed to meet the Old Tuam Society and report back to the next meeting.
2. Letter dated 1/12/'97 from Tuam Community Council. The Members agreed that speed restraints and a Pedestrian Crossing were urgently needed on the Dublin Road. The Town Engineer agreed to investigate.
It was proposed by Commissioner Finnegan that a roundabout at the Dublin Road/Athenry Road junction be looked at again. It was proposed by Commissioner Kelly that a special Meeting be held in January re: Traffic in the Town, Bye-laws etc.
3. Letter dated 5/11/'97 from D. H. Burke Cycling Club, Tuam - read.

Urban Renewal: The Assistant County Manager told the Meeting that the Guidelines for the 1988 Urban Renewal Scheme had been received. He said the guidelines were fairly complex and Galway County Council had decided to engage a Consultant to work on the Integrated Area Plans. Submissions must be with the Department by 31/3/'98.
Ms. Mary Flynn, Executive Planning Officer, Galway County Council explained that the guidelines were lengthy and complex and had only been received the previous week. The rules have been significantly changed and work is in progress to determine how best to present a case for Urban Renewal for Tuam. A copy of the guidelines was given to each Member. It was agreed that further meetings may be necessary in January to fully debate this issue.

Person of the Year: The Chairman informed the Meeting that Mr. Billy Kealy had been selected as "Person of the Year". A presentation will take place on Thursday 11th December, 1997 in Credit Union House at 9 p.m.

Sympathy: The Chairman proposed a vote of sympathy to the Family of Eileen Costello O'Shaughnessy, RIP. A vote of sympathy was also passed with the following Families:

King Family on the death of Paul
Ward Family on the death of David
Roache Family on the death of Bridie

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

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY: _____

CHAIRMAN

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

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Telephone: (093) 24246

Tuam Clerk's Office,
Town Hall, Tuam

To each Town Commissioner

26th November, 1997

A Chara,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held
on Tuesday, 2nd December, 1997 at 7.30 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

Angel Holan
Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Minutes

Manager's Business

Correspondence

Urban Renewal

Presentation to Supt. Fennell in Imperial Hotel
at 9p.m.

Gardai:

The Assistant County Manager stated that a presentation to mark 75 years in existence of the Garda Siochana is to be arranged for the December Meeting.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday 28th October, 1997

Present:

Chairman: G. Joyce - in the chair

Commissioners: M. Kelly, M. O'Grady, P. Finnegan, E. Mongan
J. Burke

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

Apology: Commissioners Browne-Lane, Reilly, Biggins

The prayer was recited.

The Members welcomed Mr. D. O'Donoghue, County Manager to the Meeting. They welcomed the works carried out in Tuam in recent years. The County Manager told the Members there had been a lot on investment in Tuam - the sewerage scheme, water scheme, the new relief roads, the proposed developments at the swimming pool and a new court house. He paid tribute to the Members for their co-operation over the years.

Minutes:

The Minutes of the October Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner O'Grady seconded by Commissioner Finnegan. The Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 7th October, 1997 were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner O'Grady seconded by Commissioner Kelly.

Matters arising from Minutes:

Public Toilets:

Replying to Commissioner Kelly the Manager said it was hoped to have a decision for the December Meeting.

Urban Renewal:

The Assistant County Manager confirmed that Ms. Mary Flynn would attend the December Meeting. He also said the final guidelines should be with the County Council within two weeks.

Playground:

The Town Engineer confirmed that the installation of equipment is complete. Quotations for fencing are being sought.

Parkmore:

The Assistant County Manager informed the Members that he had met with a deputation from the Residents Association. He said he was confident there would be a satisfactory resolution to the matters raised.

Gardai:

The Assistant County Manager stated that a presentation to mark 75 years in existence of the Garda Siochana is to be arranged for the December Meeting.

Footpaths:

The Town Engineer stated that a plan to re-instate the footpath at Tullinadaly Road has now been received.

Commissioner O'Grady asked that the road in Millstream Park be attended to.

Litter:

Replying to Commissioner Kelly the Town Engineer said he was looking at the feasibility of acquiring a small green machine.

Minutes:

The Minutes of the Meeting with Mr. John Mannion held on 13th October, 1997 were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Finnegan seconded by Commissioner O'Grady.

It was proposed by Commissioner O'Grady, seconded by Commissioner Finnegan and agreed that a letter of support for the development on the N17 be sent to An Bord Planala.

The Minutes of the Sub-committee Meeting held on 15th September, 1997 were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Kelly seconded by Commissioner O'Grady.

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

Letter dated 28/10/'97 from Tuam Chamber of Commerce and Industry - read.

Regarding Christmas lights for the Town Hall the Town Engineer stated that a quotation had been received from Mr. M. O'Rourke. He agreed to talk to Mr. O'Rourke again.

Letter from Irish Credit Union/Junior Ras Organisation re: Cycle Tour. The Assistant County Manager undertook to consider the letter and reply to it.

Letter dated 6th October, '97 from Dun Laoghaire - Rathdown County Council - read

Notice of Motion:

(1) Commissioner Burke spoke on his Motion re: de-centralising a service/services to the Town Hall. He said there was a difficulty in deciding what to do with the Town Hall and he felt that it was an ideal location for consideration as part of any plan to de-centralise Council Services. He proposed that the Board consult with Galway County Council with a view to locating Council Services in the Town Hall. There was unanimous support for the motion.

(2) Commissioner Burke said the inner relief road was working extremely well but on a wet evening it was disastrous for students with no shelter. The Assistant County Manager undertook to investigate and report back to the December Meeting.

Commissioner Finnegan asked that caravans parked beside a well at Cloonascaragh be investigated. He also asked that the wall at Parkmore be examined.

The Chairman was wished a speedy recovery.

Sympathy:

Commissioner Mongan proposed a vote of sympathy to the Family of Kwok Keung Soong. A vote of sympathy was also passed with the following Families:

- Corless Family on the death of Frank
- O'Dea Family on the death of Madge
- Walsh Family on the death of Kieran

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY Tom Reilly
CHAIRMAN

Galway County Council Archives

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY _____
CHAIRMAN

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Estimates Meeting held on Tuesday, 28th October, 1997

Present:

Chairman: G. Joyce - in the chair

Commissioners: M. Kelly, M. O'Grady, P. Finnegan

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

Apology: Commissioners Browne-Lane, Reilly, Biggins

The prayer was recited.

The Manager introduced the Estimate of Expenses for 1998 which had been circulated to each Member and advertised. He said total expenditure for 1998 is estimated at £62,250 while receipts are estimated at £24,000. Provision has been made for £11,000 as matching funding under the Urban Village Renewal Scheme. It is also necessary to provide £2,000 for Local Elections to be held in 1998. The Estimate prepared will require a rate in the £ of 186.92 for 1998 as compared with 159.2 in 1997.

The Commissioners examined the various items of expenditure and receipts proposed by the Manager in the draft estimate. Replying to Commissioner Finnegan the Manager said that there had been an under-provision in 1997 in the allocation for Municipal Authorities. Replying to Commissioner O'Grady the Manager stated that £6,350 for Urban Village Renewal and £10,000 for Urban Conservation for the Town Hall had to be funded from the Capital Account during 1997 hence the reduced figure for interest earned for 1998. It was agreed that £1,000 from Members Expenses for 1997 be allocated for Urban Village Renewal for 1998.

It was then proposed by Commissioner Kelly seconded by Commissioner Finnegan and agreed that the Estimate of Expenses as presented by the Manager be adopted by the Commissioners and that the net amount of £38,250 be demanded from Galway County Council in respect of the year ended 31st December 1998 and that the Form of Demand be signed by the Chairman and the Town Clerk.

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY _____

CHAIRMAN

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS
ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR TO 31.12.1997
TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Tel. 093-24246

TUAM CLERK'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

To each Town Commissioner

22nd October, 1997

A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held
on Tuesday, 28th October, 1997 at 8.00 p.m. after Estimates Meeting

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

..... *Angel Holian* Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

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NOTICES OF MOTION: COMM Burke

1. I will propose that Tuam Town Commissioners negotiate with Galway Co. Co. re: de-centralising a service or services to the town hall, Tuam.

2. I will propose that Tuam Town Commissioners ensure that a shelter is provided on the inner relief road.

Mise le meas,

J. Tierney
J. TIERNEY
ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER

55,790

62,250

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS
ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR TO 31/12/1998
TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS
EXPENDITURE

Town Clerk's Office,
Town Hall,
Tuam,
Co. Galway.

HOUSING

JT/AG

Date: 16th October, 1997

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

GENERAL

A Chara,

I attach hereto Estimate of Expenses for 1998 for Tuam Town Commissioners which will be considered at the Estimates Meeting to be held in the Town Hall, Tuam at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday 28th October, 1997. Total expenditure for 1998 is estimated at £62,250 while receipts are estimated at £24,000. Given the experience in 1997 it is necessary to provide £11,000 as matching funding under the Urban Renewal Scheme. It is also necessary to provide £2,000 for the local elections to be held in 1998.

The Estimate will require a rate in the £ of 186.92 as compared with 159.2 in 1997.

Mise le meas,

J. Tierney
J. TIERNEY

ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER

	Estimate Year	Estimate 31/12/98
1. Repairs.....	14,500	14,500
2. Capital Expenses.....	200	200
3. Insurance.....	5,000	5,200
4. Town Clerk's Salary (50%).....	3,500	3,500
5. Town Engineer's Salary (80%).....	2,600	2,600
6. Town Engineer's Pension (80%).....	1,200	1,200
7. Other Pension.....	700	700
8. Print, Post, Stationery and Advertising.....	250	250
9. Rent Collection.....	2,000	2,000
TOTAL	28,750	28,750
10. Rent, Rates, Tax and Insurance.....	350	400
11. Office Expenses.....	1,100	1,100
12. Municipal Authorities.....	250	1,100
13. Towns/Presentations.....	300	300
14. Training.....	200	200
15. Members Expenses.....	4,000	4,000
16. Contribution to Tuam Chamber of Commerce.....	2,500	2,500
17. Contribution to Tidy Towns.....	500	500
18. Urban Renewal.....	5,000	11,000
19. Local Elections.....	2,000	2,000
TOTAL	23,850	31,550
	55,790	62,250

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR TO 31.12.1998

EXPENDITURE

	Estimate Year Ending 31/12/97	Estimate Year Ending 31/12/98
	£	£
<u>HOUSING</u>		
1. Repairs	14,500	11,000
2. Legal Expenses.....	200	200
3. Insurance.....	5,000	5,200
4. Town Clerk's Salary(50%).....	3,500	3,500
5. Town Engineer's Salary(80%).....	2,550	2,600
6. Town Steward's Pension (80%).....	1,200	1,200
7. Other Pension.....	700	700
8. Print, Post, Stationery and Advertising.....	250	300
9. Rent Collection.....	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
TOTAL.....	29,900	26,700
 <u>GENERAL:</u>		
1. Rent, Rates, Tax and Insurance	350	400
2. Office Expenses.....	1,100	1,100
3. Legal Expenses.....	60	100
4. Town Clerk's Salary (50%).....	3,500	3,500
5. Town Engineer's Salary (20%).....	650	650
6. Town Steward's Pension (20%).....	310	350
7. Audit Fee.....	1,100	1,300
8. Print, Post Etc.....	420	400
9. Town Hall Maintenance.....	5,000	5,000
10. Town Hall Cleaner.....	200	200
11. Clock Maintenance.....	150	150
12. Municipal Authorities.....	250	1,600
13. Town Lighting.....	300	300
14. Receptions/Presentations.....	300	300
15. Twinning.....	200	200
16. Members Expenses.....	4,000	4,000
17. Contribution to Tuam Chamber of Commerce	2,500	2,500
18. Contribution to Tidy Towns.....	500	500
19. Urban Renewal.....	5,000	11,000
20. Local Elections.....	-	2,000
TOTAL.....	<u>25,890</u>	<u>35,550</u>
 GROSS TOTAL EXPENDITURE.....	 55,790	 62,250

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR TO 31st DECEMBER, 1998

RECEIPTS

	Year Ending 31.12.97	Year Ending 31.12.98
	£	£
HOUSING		
1. Rents.....	14,000	15,000
2. Annuities.....	3,300	3,300
3. Ground Rents.....	200	200
<u>TOTAL</u>	17,500	18,500
Contribution from Local Community for Urban Renewal	1,000	1,000
Transfer of £1,000 from Members 1997 Expenses.....	1,000	1,000
Interest.....	<u>4,200</u>	<u>3,500</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>6,200</u>	<u>5,500</u>
<u>GROSS TOTAL</u>	23,700	24,000
Estimated Expenditure for Year	55,790	62,250
Estimated Receipts for Year.....	23,700	24,000
Amount of Demand	32,090	38,250

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

TUAM CLERK'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

Tel. 093-24246

To each Town Commissioner

22nd October, 1997

A CHARA,

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

on ... Tuesday, 28th October, 1997 ... at 7.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

..... *Angela Holian* Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Estimate of Expenses for 1998

This concludes the meeting.

SIGNED

CHAIRMAN

Galway County Council Archives

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Special Meeting with Mr. John Mannion, Royal Rock,
held on Monday, 13th October, 1997

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Present:

Commissioner O'Grady for Chairman

Commissioners: E. Mongan, J. Burke, F. Biggins, P. Finnegan
G. Browne-Lane, M. Kelly

Mr. John Mannion, M. D. Royal Rock
Ms. Ethna Archer
Mr. Iggy Grainey

The Chairman and Vicechairman were wished a speedy recovery from illness.

Mr. Mannion outlined his plans for the proposed development of a Hotel, Shopping and Leisure complex on the N17. He thanked the Commissioners for their support and asked that a letter of support for the development be sent to An Bord Pleanala.

The Commissioners expressed regret that the proposed development was turned down by the Planning Authority. There was unanimous support for the Development.

The matter to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Board.

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY _____

CHAIRMAN

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, 7th October, 1997

Present:

Chairman: Comm. T. Reilly

Commissioners: F. Biggins, M. Kelly, P. Finnegan, M. O'Grady
J. Burke, G. Browne-Lane, E. Mongan

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

Apology: Comm. Joyce

The prayer was recited.

Minutes:

The Minutes of the September Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner O'Grady seconded by Commissioner Browne-Lane.

Matters arising from Minutes:

Public Toilets:

Replying to the Chairman the Town Engineer said a decision had not been taken regarding toilets for the disabled.

Playground:

Replying to Commissioner Kelly the Town Engineer said most of the equipment has been installed. The contractor is awaiting delivery of tiles to complete the job. Regarding the playground at St. Enda's Ave he said he would examine the situation.

Parkmore:

Replying to Commissioner Mongan Mr. Nelson said Galway County Council had commissioned the N. B. A. to prepare a plan for Parkmore. Phase I, the closing of some green areas, was almost complete. Phase II and Phase III together with application for funding is with the Department. Replying to the Chairman Mr. Tierney said he would meet with a Deputation from the Residents Association. He undertook to reply to a letter received from the Residents Association.

Commissioner Burke called on the County Council to investigate regarding wandering horses.

Commissioner Mongan queried if a walk area could be created near the river and a fence replaced on site owned by the V. E. C.

Gilmartin Road:

Commissioner O'Grady asked that an unoccupied house be investigated. Commissioner Burke asked that ramps/rumble strips be considered for Gilmartin Road because of speeding in the area.

Pedestrian Crossing:

Regarding the provision of a pedestrian crossing at Garda Station the Town Engineer agreed to have another traffic count carried out.

Road Works: (Water Scheme) Replying to the Members the Town Engineer stated that temporary re-instatement of the roads will be carried out in two to three weeks. All the roads involved will be resurfaced at a later date. Regarding the development at Tullinadaly Road he said the Contractor's Architect had undertaken to submit a proposal for re-instating the footpath.

Estimates Meeting: It was proposed by Commissioner Finnegan seconded by Commissioner Burke and agreed that the Estimates Meeting together with the November Meeting of the Board take place on Tuesday 28th October, 1997.

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

Letter dated 6th October, 1997 from Mr. John Mannion, Managing Director, Royal Rock (Tuam) Ltd.

It was proposed by Commissioner Biggins, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady and agreed that the Board meet with Mr. Mannion as soon as the meeting can be arranged.

Letter dated 12th September, 1997 from Penny Welch Bove, Ohio, USA
Letter to be sent to the County Librarian.

Letter dated 25th September, 1997 from Mr. Noel Dempsey, T. D.,
Minister for the Environment - read

Devolution Commission Report from Dept. of the Taoiseach -
Overview and covering letter to be circulated

Book of Condolence:

The Chairman told the Meeting that the Book of Condolence for Diana, Princess of Wales had been signed by over 2,500 People and would now be sent to the British Ambassador.

Gardai:

Commissioner Biggins told the Members that the Gardai Siochana are 75 years in existence this year. It was proposed by Commissioner Biggins, seconded by Commissioner Kelly and agreed that the Town Commissioners commemorate the occasion.

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

Keating Family, Gardenfield on the death of Jimmy
Monaghan Family, Athenry Road on the death of Johnny
Dolan Family on the death of Mrs. Dolan

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY _____

CHAIRMAN

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Special Meeting held on Tuesday, 7th October, 1997

Present:

Chairman: Comm. T. Reilly

Commissioners: F. Biggins, M. Kelly, P. Finnegan, M. O'Grady
J. Burke, G. Browne-Lane, E. Mongan

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

Apology: Comm. Joyce

The Prayer was recited.

The Chairman and Members welcomed Mr. John Tierney to the Meeting and congratulated him on his appointment as Assistant County Manager.

Urban Renewal:

Mr. Tierney told the Members that Galway County Council were awaiting the final guidelines from the Department. On receipt of same the application can be progressed.

It was decided to invite Ms. Mary Flynn (working on the application) to the December meeting of the Board.

Commissioner Browne-Lane requested that the draft guidelines be circulated.

Town Hall:

The Town Engineer told the Members that work was proceeding on the Clock Tower area, dampproofing the tower and electrifying the Clock. He said he hoped the work would be completed by the end of the year.

Mr. Tierney stated that it was proposed to get costings re: the completion of work to secure the fabric of the building, the provision of toilets and staircase and the refurbishment of the ground floor. These costings would be available in January.

It was decided that when the estimate of cost is available a meeting of the sub-committee would be called.

Regarding Christmas lights the Town Engineer said there were two spotlights on the Town Hall Already. He suggested a permanent light in the Clock Tower. It was agreed to have costings of Christmas lights for the next meeting.

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY

Tom Reilly
CHAIRMAN

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Tel. 093-24246

TUAM CLERK'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

To each Town Commissioner

1st October, 1997

A CHARA,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on Tuesday, 7th October, 1997 at 7.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

..... *Angela Holean* Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Urban Renewal ✓
Town Hall ✓

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Set date for Estimates Meeting

Dean Ian Corbett

Recorded by:
Angela Holean
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY *Tom Reilly*
CHAIRMAN

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Sub-Committee Meeting, held on Monday, 15th Sept. 1997

Present:

Chairman: T. Reilly

Commissioners: M. O'Grady, G. Joyce

Officials: Mr. Diarmuid Croghan, Town Engineer
Mrs. A. Holian, Town Clerk

Lions Club: Mr. Barry Egan
Mr. John Joyce

Mr. Egan told the Meeting that the Lions Club would see the Town Hall as a project for the People of Tuam and be the Fund raiser. He said the lions Club would have to have some say in the future use of the Town Hall. The Lions Club would be subject to another meeting.

The Chairman stated that Phase II of the work was ongoing - the work at the back of the building is completed, also the water-proofing. The Town Commissioners would have to get consensus regarding the future use of the Building.

The Town Engineer told the meeting that water ingress was under control. There are still leaks in the Clock Tower also the pointing, roof, floor and brickwork need attention. The stripping of the plaster is the next job.

It was proposed by Commissioner O'Grady and seconded by Commissioner Joyce that £5,000 in the estimates for maintenance on the Town Hall be spent on Clock Tower maintenance, the Clock and lighting.

The Chairman asked the Lions Club to prepare a submission.

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY

Tom Reilly

CHAIRMAN

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, 2nd September, 1997

Presnet: Chairman: Comm. T. Reilly
Commissioners: E. Mongan, P. Finnegan, G. Joyce, G. Browne-Lane
M. Kelly, M. O'Grady, J. Burke
Officials: Mr. E. Power, Acting County Secretary
Mr. D. Croghan, Town Engineer
Mrs. A. Holian, Town Clerk

The Prayer was recited.

Minutes: The Minutes of the monthly meeting held on 1st August, 1997 were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Finnegan seconded by Commissioner Kelly.

Matters arising from Minutes:

Cemetery: Commissioner Burke told the Meeting there had been a satisfactory conclusion to the problem re: access to the Cemetery. On behalf of the Athenry and Toberjarlath Roads Residents Association he thanked the Town Engineer.

Public toilets: The Town Engineer stated that quotations are being sought for toilets for the disabled.

Playground: Replying to Commissioner Browne-Lane the Town Engineer said the surface is being reinstated. Quotations for fencing are being sought.

Person of the year: The Chairman told the Meeting that three referees have been appointed. Nominations should be sent to the Town Clerk. It was proposed by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Joyce and agreed that an advertisement be placed in the local paper.

Manager's Business: Regarding Tuam Court House Mr. Power told the Commissioners that Galway County Council had a preliminary report compiled which favoured the building of a new Court House at Abbey Trinity. The report had been approved by Galway County Council and submitted to the Department of Justice for consideration.

Regarding Tuam Swimming Pool Mr. Power informed the Meeting that a report commissioned by Galway County Council had been approved by the County Council and an application for funding had been sent to the Department. The Commissioners welcomed the refurbishment and the provision of extra facilities and proposed that funding for equipment be sought at this stage.

Audit Report: The Audit Report dated 15th July, 1997 from the Department of the Environment was read and noted.

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

1. Letter dated 27th August, 1997 from Mr. Noel Treacy, T. D. - read
2. Letter dated 27th August, 1997 from Mr. Paul Connaughton, T. D. - read
3. Letter dated 8th August, 1997 from Tuam Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The Commissioners welcomed the proposed development on the N17.
4. Letter dated 7th August, 1997 from Monaghan Urban District Council re: the following Motion:
"The Council calls on the Government to immediately provide the Families and bereaved of those who died and those who were injured in the May 17th, 1974 bombings of Monaghan and Dublin with all the relevant information from the files of the Dept. of Justice, Defence and Garda Siochana and generally in the possession of the Government."
The Commissioners considered the Motion and agreed "That People who have been permanently effected by the bombings should be supported as far as possible and that basic information be made available to the relatives."
5. Letter dated 12th August, 1997 from Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland re: Annual Conference - read
6. Letter dated 1st September, 1997 from A. G. A. Palace - read

Town Hall: The Town Engineer informed the Commissioners that a report by Mr. A. Linsey on the Town Hall had been received. He outlined work to be carried out:

1. Elimination of water (work is continuing on the building)
2. All internal plaster work to be stripped
3. Decision on suitable use of the building in order to prevent decay
4. He proposed that a structural Engineer's report be sought
Mr. Power suggested that a decision be deferred to the next meeting.

It was decided that the Sub-committee should meet at 7 p. m. to discuss the Town Hall on Tuesday 7th October, 1997.

Xmass Lights: Mr. Power told the Meeting that Insurance cover for the Xmass Lights had been examined. The County Council's Insurance cannot be extended to cover same. Commissioner Kelly asked if permanent standards rather than overhanging lights could be covered by the Council's insurance. Mr. Power agreed to examine this.

Urban Renewal: Mr. Power outlined details of the draft guidelines received from the Department in respect of the compilation of the integrated area plans which form the basis of the next Urban Renewal Scheme. He said Galway County Council will proceed to draw up plans. It was proposed by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Mongan and agreed that the Person drawing up the plans attend the ordinary meeting of the Board. It was decided that a special meeting to discuss Urban Renewal be held before the next monthly meeting.

Refurbishment at Gilmartin Road:

Mr. Power stated that of a total of forty houses to be refurbished or knocked and rebuilt, twenty five have now been completed. Of the remaining fifteen houses eight are to be knocked and rebuilt and seven are to be refurbished. The design work on those is under way and work will commence in 1998.

Commissioner Kelly asked that a plot of ground at the rear of Gilmartin Road be looked at.

The Chairman asked if there was a scheme to facilitate People who vested their houses and are not in a position to refurbish them.

Parkmore:

Commissioner Mongan asked that 1) a fence at Parkmore be replaced 2) a walk area to be created 3) the estate to be upgraded.

Water Scheme:

Replying to the Members the Town Engineer stated that work on the water scheme would continue for another two to three weeks. He agreed to investigate the resurfacing of roads and repairs to the footpaths. Commissioner Joyce said that footpaths and flower beds at Parkview Drive had been damaged. Commissioner Burke said Dublin Road and the footpaths on Dublin Road were in a particularly bad state.

Commissioner Kelly suggested that a floral area be created beside the Health Centre.

Congratulations:

Congratulations were extended to the following:

Collette Ansbro on representing Galway at the Rose of Tralee D.H.B. Cycling Club who won 20 All Ireland medals in Kenturk Participants in the Community games at Mosney The Mayo Football team on their semifinal win The Galway hurling team on their semifinal win

Sympathy:

A vote of Sympathy was passed with the following:

McCabe Family, Corofin on the death of Sonny Reilly Family, Tullinadaly on the death of Pat Connors Family, Birmingham on the death of John

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY

Tom Reilly

CHAIRMAN

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Tel. 093-24246

To each Town Commissioner

A CHARA,

TUAM CLERK'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

27th August, 1997.

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held
on Tuesday, 2nd September, 1997 at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

..... *Angel Holian* Baile Cleireach

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Audit Report

Refurbishment at Gilmartin Road

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Public Toilets

The Town Engineer reported that the Temporary Toilets were now in place. He undertook to review the Public Convenience facilities in the town.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, 5th August, 1997

Present:- Chairperson:- Comm. T. Reilly
Commissioners:- M. Kelly, J. Burke, P. Finnegan & G. Brown-Lane

Officials: Mr. E. Lusby, A/Assistant County Manager
Mr. D. Croghan, Town Engineer
Ms. E. Hourigan, Acting Town Clerk

Apologies:- Comm. G. Joyce & E. Mongan.

The Prayer was recited.

VOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS

A Vote of Congratulations was passed with Comm. G. Browne-Lane on the birth of her new baby.

The Commissioners welcomed Mr. D. Croghan, Town Engineer.

Best Wishes were extended to Mr. Tom Darcy, Former Town Engineer.

DEPUTATION - ATHENRY/TOBERJARLATH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

The Commissioners received a Deputation from the Athenry/Toberjarlath Residents Association who outlined problems in relation to the opening hours of the new Cemetery.

After the Deputation left, the Town Engineer undertook to review the situation.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Monthly held on 1st July, 1997 were agreed on the proposal of Comm. J. Burke, seconded by Comm. Finnegan.

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 1st July, 1997 were agreed on the proposal of Comm. J. Burke, seconded by Comm. P. Finnegan.

Arising from the minutes

Public Toilets

The Town Engineer reported that the Temporary Toilets were now in place. He undertook to review the Public Convenience facilities in the town.

LANDFILL CHARGES

Mr. E. Lusby, Acting Assistant County Manager informed the Commissioners that the level of Landfill Charges in the Tuam Landfill site would be reviewed in the preparation of the 1998 Estimates.

URBAN RENEWAL

The Chairman read letter dated 28th July, 1997 from the Office of the Minister for the Environment regarding the inclusion of Tuam in the Urban Renewal Scheme.

Mr. E. Lusby, Acting Assistant County Manager outlined details of information received from the Department in respect of proposed new scheme for which the County Council would be required to prepare an Area Plan for submission by the 28th February, 1998. He advised the members to await details of the governments criteria for inclusion in the scheme before making any submission to Council.

On the proposal of Comm. Finnegan, seconded by Comm. Burke, the Members agreed that a letter be sent to the Minister for the Environment stating that preference should be given in the 1998 Urban Renewal Scheme to towns not having been included in previous schemes.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Comm. Reilly reported that the Chamber of Commerce had requested the Commissioners to investigate the possibility of extending the Council's Insurance to cover the erection of Christmas Lights. The Acting Assistant County Manager undertook to investigate same and report back..

PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD

On the proposal of Comm. Reilly, seconded by Comm. Kelly, the Members agreed that an advertisement be placed in the local newspapers requesting nominations for the Person of the Year Award. The Award Scheme to operate on a similar basis as last year.

Correspondence

1. A letter dated 15th July, 1997 from Croí was read. On the proposal of Comm. P. Finnegan, seconded by Comm. Browne-Lane, the Members agreed to endorse the need for a Cardiac Surgery Facility for the West of Ireland.
2. The Chairman read notice from the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland dated 8th July, 1997 regarding forthcoming Conference to be held in Birr, Co. Offaly from 15th to 18th September, 1997. The Members agreed that Comm. T. Reilly and M. Kelly be nominated to attend.

On the proposal of Comm. M. Kelly, seconded by Comm. P. Finnegan, the

Members agreed that the following Motion be forwarded for inclusion on the Conference Agenda.

“In regard to the Urban Renewal Scheme to come into effect on 1st August, 1998, that preference should be given to towns not already listed on Urban Renewal Schemes.”

3. A letter from the Order of Malta Ambulance Corps (Tuam Unit) outlining Proposed Programme for Investiture of Arch-Bishop Neary was ready and noted by the Commissioners.
4. A letter dated 2nd July, 1997 from Clare County Council regarding forthcoming National Tourism Seminar to be held in November, 1997, was read and noted by the Commissioners.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY

A Resolution of Sympathy was passed with the following:-

Mr. Frank Dawson, Snr. and Family (former Town Clerk) on the death of his Father.

Mrs. Julia Mullaney, Upper Dublin Road, Tuam on the death of her husband Tom.

Mrs. Sarah Murphy, Church View, Tuam on the death of her Husband, Tom.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed:

Tom Reilly
CHAIRMAN

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, 1st July, 1997

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Tel. 093-24246

To each Town Commissioner

A CHARA,

TUAM CLERK'S OFFICE,
TOWN HALL, TUAM.

30th July, 1997

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on Tuesday, 5th August, 1997 at 8.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

Angel Holian
Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

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The Manager was requested to write to the Department of the Environment for clarification on whether there is a new scheme and to submit a new application. The Chairman stated that a meeting to the new Minutes would be arranged as soon as possible.

It was proposed by Commissioner Finnegan, seconded by Commissioner and agreed that a meeting in expenses for Members per letter dated 15th June 1997 from the Dept. of the Environment be considered.

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

1. Letter dated 1st July, 1997 from Dunmore Road and Forty Acres Residents Association. The Town Engineer was asked to have a meeting the next meeting.
2. Letter dated 30th June, 1997 from Tuam Lions Club. It was proposed that a meeting of the Sub-committee be called as soon as possible.
3. Letter dated 24th June, 1997 from AbbeyTrinity/Trinity Court Residents. The Town Engineer stated that it is planned to clean the river in the near future. Mr. Kavanagh said nobody should drink water from wells.
4. Letter dated 25th June, 1997 from Tuam Straubing Twinning Committee - read.

Mr. James Keating, Gardenfield Engineering was wished every success with his "Foreign Driver Safety Devise".

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, 1st July, 1997

Present:

Chairman: T. Reilly

Commissioners: M. Kelly, F. Biggins, P. Finnegan, E. Mongan
M. O'Grady, G. Joyce, J. Burke

Officials: Mr. T. Kavanagh, for Assistant County Manager
Mr. T. Darcy, Town Engineer
Mrs. A. Holian, Town Clerk

The Prayer was recited.

Minutes:

Regarding Public toilets at Abbey Trinity the Members urged Galway County Council to provide a temporary structure as a matter of urgency. *Connected UK By End of week*

Playground equipment:

Replying to Commissioner Mongan the Town Engineer said there was no budget for playground equipment at St. Enda's Ave this year. Regarding the Palace Grounds it was hoped to have the equipment installed before the next meeting. *2 weeks.*

Urban Renewal:

The Manager was requested to write to the Department of the Environment for clarification on whether there is a new scheme and the necessity to submit a new application. The Chairman stated that a Deputation to the new Minister would be arranged as soon as possible.

Manager's Business:

It was proposed by Commissioner Finnegan, seconded by Commissioner Kelly and agreed that increases in expenses for Members per letter LG6/97 dated 15th May, 1997 from the Dept. of the Environment be implemented.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

1. Letter dated 1st July, 1997 from Dunmore Road and Forty Acres Residents Association. The Town Engineer was asked to have a report for the next meeting.
2. Letter dated 30th June, 1997 from Tuam Lions Club. It was proposed that a meeting of the Sub-committee be called as soon as possible.
3. Letter dated 24th June, 1997 from AbbeyTrinity/Trinity Court Residents. The Town Engineer stated that it is planned to clean the river in the near future. Mr. Kavanagh said nobody should drink water from wells.
4. Letter dated 25th June, 1997 from Tuam Straubing twinning Committee - read.

Mr. James Keating, Gardenfield Engineering was wished every success with his "Foreign Driver Safety Devise".

Sympathy:

The Chairman proposed a vote of Sympathy to the Wife and Family of John Connern, R.I.P. A vote of sympathy was also passed on the death of May Slayon, R.I.P. A vote of sympathy was passed with the Murphy Family, Ballygaddy Road on the death of Mick. One minutes silence was observed as a mark of respect for the deceased.

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED Tom Reilly
CHAIRMAN

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