



# TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS



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Meetings

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# Tuam Town Council

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Town Clerk's Office,  
Town Hall,  
Tuam.

5<sup>th</sup> January, 2005

To each Member of Tuam Town Council

A Chara,

The Monthly meeting of Tuam Town Council will be held in the Town Hall on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2005 at 7.30 p.m. You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise, le meas,

Angel Holian Baile Cleireach

## AGENDA

Minutes

Manager's Business

Correspondence

The Grove Hospital/Deputation to An Tanaiste

Pollution of Lough Corrib

Deputation from Abbey Trinity Developers

Matters arising from Minutes:

Replying to the Mayor Mr. Kelly and the Council

'Casual Traders License' 111

Shambles

Finalise the

Councillor Reilly and seconded by

the Chamber of Commerce

## **TUAM TOWN COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2004**

Road Traffic

Mr. Ridge

January, 2005

**Present:** Mayor Councillor M. Kelly

by the previous

and the Galway

agenda for a

The Road Traffic

proposal of

The Mayor

**Councillors:** A. O'Donnell-Brady, G. Browne-Lane,  
T. Reilly, P. Warren, T. McHugh, S. A. Flanagan,  
P. O'Grady, M. Ward.

**Officials:**

Mr. Paul Ridge, Director of Services,  
Mrs. Angela Holian, Town Clerk

Managers

**The Prayer was recited.**

Final Acceptance

**Minutes:**

The Minutes of the November Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by Councillor Browne-Lane.

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

Replying to the Mayor Mr. Ridge said the People trading at the Square should have a "Casual Traders Licence". Replying to Councillor O'Grady regarding a road from the Shambles to the Mall Mr. Ridge said the County Council were now in a position to finalise this. This area would be ideal for the planned Tuam Market. It was proposed by Councillor Reilly and seconded by Councillor Warren that a meeting be arranged with the Chamber of Commerce with a view to getting the Market up and running.

### **Road Traffic (Speed Limit) County Galway Bye-Laws 2004**

Mr. Ridge told the members it was proposed to change to metric speed limits by 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2005. Before that the Bye-Laws need to be implemented otherwise the whole process has to be gone through again. The Bye-Laws before the meeting had been agreed by the previous Board. The Members expressed concern regarding the Milltown Road and the Galway Road. Councillor O'Grady asked that the Bye-Laws be included on the agenda for a future meeting of the Board.

The Road Traffic (Speed Limit) County Galway Bye-Laws 2004 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Browne-Lane seconded by Councillor Reilly.

The Mayor appealed to People to drive carefully during Christmas and beyond.

### **Managers Business:**

Mr. Ridge welcomed the opening of the new car park at Abbey Trinity. He said the balance of the development should be complete in March.

### **Final Accounts for 2003 (Abstract of Accounts):**

Mr. Ridge told the Members that the Abstract of Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2003 was now finalised. In the Capital Account there was a credit balance of E129,669 in comparison with E126,565 at 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2003. Revenue Expenditure for the year was E101,188 while receipts were E200,168 bringing the credit balance to E154,616. The Final Accounts/Abstract of Accounts for the year 2003, and over-expenditures, which were met from savings under other headings, were approved on the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by Councillor Browne-Lane.

## **Correspondence:**

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter from Mr. Willie Kiefel, Chairman, Tuam/Straubing Twinning Committee re: status of Straubing Street. It was agreed to ask for suggestions. Mr. Ridge stated that the issue of Pedestrianisation at Chapel Lane will also have to be addressed.

Letter from Wicklow County Tourism – read.

Letter from Mr. Michael D. Ringrose, Chief Executive, P.w.D.I. - read.

Letter from Clonmel Borough Council re: 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Clonmel Conference - read.

Letter dated October 2004 from Co. Niall Dennehy, - read.

Letter from Waterford County Council re: Local Government Planning Service Seminar, - read.

Letter dated 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2004 from German-Irish Chamber of Industry and Commerce, - read.

Letter dated 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2004 from Mr. Frank Dawson, Director of Services, Community & Enterprise Unit, Galway County Council. It was proposed by Councillor O'Donnell-Brady and seconded by Councillor Warren that Councillor Reilly represent the Tuam Town Council on the Galway County Development Board.

Letter dated 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2004 from Ballina Town Council - read.

Letter dated November from Northern Tourism Conference - read.

## **The Grove Hospital:**

Councillor O'Donnell-Brady informed the Members that the Tainiste will meet a Deputation from the Board in January 2005. It was agreed to include "The Grove" on the agenda for the January meeting. Councillor O'Grady proposed that Archbishop Neary be invited to accompany the Deputation.

SIGNED BY

### Any Other Business:

It was agreed to hold the January meeting on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2005.

Replying to Councillor Reilly Mr. Ridge said that a planning application for a bus shelter would be processed.

Replying to Councillor Browne-Lane Mr. Ridge said provision for a toilet had been included in the County Council's draft Budget of Expenses.

Replying to Councillor Warren Mr. Ridge said the O.P.W. cleans the river and Galway County Council disposes of the debris on a regular basis.

Replying to the Mayor Mr. Ridge said Dr. Clune will be making a presentation to the County Council.

Replying to Councillor Browne-Lane Mr. Ridge said charges at the Civic Amenity Centre will probably be increased in the new year. Councillor Browne-Lane said recycling is not being encouraged in Tuam. Councillor Warren complained of illegal dumping at Athenry Road and Cloonthue Road. Councillor Ward said refuse collection was too expensive. He complimented the Community Wardens on a good job.

### Sympathy:

A vote of sympathy was passed with the following:

Flynn Family, Dublin Road on the death of Mae  
Byrne Family, Old Racecourse on the death of Joe  
Newell Family, Dublin Road on the death of Willie  
Dolan Family on the death of Maggie  
Quinn Family, Cloonfush on the death of Joe  
Cooney Family, Tullinadaly on the death of Gerard O'Dea

The Mayor wished everyone a happy and safe Christmas.  
This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by,  
Angela Holian,  
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY:

  
MAYOR

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Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

Mo Thag:

Do Thag.



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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

Ms Angela Holian  
Town Clerk  
Tuam Town Council  
Town Hall  
Co. Galway

4<sup>th</sup> November 2004,

**Re: Road Traffic (Speed Limit) County Galway Bye-Laws 2004.**

A Chara,

Galway County Council is at present in the process of revising the Road Traffic (Speed Limit) Bye-Laws which were adopted in 1998.

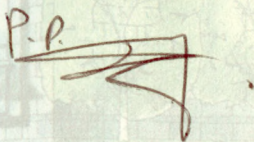
In accordance with the procedure, set out in Part V of the Road Traffic Act 1994, I now enclose herewith a copy of the **Draft Road Traffic (Speed Limits) County Galway Bye-Laws 2004.**

The existing Speed Limits and proposed changes which relate to Tuam Town, are outlined on the attached document.

Representations in writing regarding the Draft Bye-Laws, received from Tuam Town Council on or before Tuesday 7th December 2004 will be considered by Galway County Council before the adoption of new Speed Limit Bye-Laws.

Is Mise le Meas,

  
JOHN MORGAN  
DIRECTOR OF SERVICES  
ROADS & TRANSPORTATION UNIT



Housing Loans/Grants

(091) 509 301

Housing Applications

(091) 509 300

Environment

(091) 509 302

Personnel

(091) 509 303

Motor Taxation

(091) 509 099

Driving Licences

(091) 509 305

Water Services

(091) 509 306

Community & Ent.

(091) 509 066

Planning

(091) 509 308

Engineering

(091) 509 309

Register of Electors

(091) 509 310

Higher Ed. Grants

(091) 509 310



## **ROAD TRAFFIC (SPEED LIMITS) BYE-LAWS 2004 (DRAFT)**

### **TUAM:**

#### **Existing 30mph Limits**

1. Galway-Sligo Road (N17) between a point 195m south-west of its junction with the Killaloonty Road LS6228 and a point 460m north of its intersection with the Town Boundary of Tuam.
2. Toberjarlath Cottages Road.
3. Killaloonty Road LS6228 for a distance of 18m from its junction with the Galway-Sligo Road (N17).
4. Athenry Road R347 for a distance of 526m from the boundary of the town of Tuam.
5. Tirboy Road LP2113 for a distance of 201m from the point where the boundary of the town of Tuam intersects the western side of the road.
6. Ballygaddy (Old) Road R332 between the point where the town boundary intersects the northern side of the road and a point 5m north-west of the point where the said boundary intersects the southern side of the road.
7. Weir Road LP2105 between the point where the boundary of the town of Tuam intersects the south-western side of the road and a point 27m north-west of its junction with the entrance road to Millstream Park housing estate.
8. Dunmore Road (N83) between the point where the town boundary intersects the western side of the road and a point 125m north of the northernmost entrance road to Parkview Drive housing estate.
9. Dublin Road R332 between the town boundary and a point 82m east of its junction with the Toberjarlath Road LT61491.
10. Birmingham Road LP2107 for a distance of 30m from the boundary of the town of Tuam.
11. Ballymoat Road LS6113 for a distance of 40m from the boundary of the town of Tuam.

#### **Proposed 30mph Limits**

9. Dublin Road R332 between the town boundary and a point 480m east of its junction with the Toberjarlath Road LT61491.

**This revision is listed in the Second Schedule to the bye-laws.**

### Existing 40mph Limits

1. Dublin Road R332 between a point 82m east of its junction with the Toberjarlath Road LT61491 and a point 130m east of its junction with the Ballymoat Road LS6114.
2. Galway Road (N17) between a point 195m south-west of its junction with the Killaloonty Road LS6228 and a point 786m south-west of the said junction.
3. Milltown Road (N17) between a point 460m north of the boundary of the town of Tuam and a point 330m south of its junction with the Gardenfield Road LS6110.
4. Dunmore Road (N83) between a point 125m north of the northernmost entrance Road to the Parkview Drive housing estate and a point 1064m north of the said junction.

### Proposed 40mph Limits

1. Dublin Road R332 between a point 480m east of its junction with the Toberjarlath Road LT61491 and a point 130m west of its junction with the Ballymoat Road LS6114.
5. Bobby Burke Road for a distance of 20m from its junction with the Dunmore Road N83.
6. Weir Road LP2105 between a point 27m north-west of its junction with the entrance to the Millstream Park housing estate and a point 617m north-west of the said junction.
7. Killaloonty Road LS6228 for a distance of 70m south-west of its junction with the Weir Road LP2105.
8. Ballygaddy Road R332 between a point 5m north west of where the town boundary intersects the southern side of the road and a point 821m north-west of the said boundary.
9. Kilcloghans Road LS6109 for a distance of 30m from its junction with the Ballygaddy Road.
10. Birmingham Road LP2107 between a point 30m from the town boundary and a point 830m east of the said boundary.
11. Ballymoat Lodge Road LS6114 for a distance of 30m from its junction with the Dublin Road R332.
12. Carrowmoneen Road LS6149 for a distance of 30m from its junction with the Dublin Road R332.

**These revisions are listed in the Third Schedule to the bye-laws.**



**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE**  
**ROAD TRAFFIC (SPEED LIMITS) COUNTY GALWAY BYE-LAWS SITE LOCATION MAPS 2004**  
**TUAM ELECTORAL AREA**

Scale	Date	Drawing No
1:25,000	Nov. 2004	84
Town		Eng. Area
Tuam		Tuam West

REVENUE ACCOUNT

**TUAM TOWN COUNCIL**

**ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS**

FOR THE

YEAR ENDED ON THE 31st DAY OF DECEMBER 2003

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Abstract of Accounts of the TUAM Town Commissioners

REVENUE ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS		Amount	Total	EXPENDITURE		Amount	Total
Balance (if any) in favour at close of <u>2002</u>			<u>55635-96</u>	Balance (if any) against at close of.....			
Money supplied by the County Council		145,583.00		Housing of the Working Classes:—			
State Grants:—				Maintenance and Repair of Houses		21,829-81	
Housing Fund				LEGAL		725.00	
Housing Subsidy				INSURANCE		14,618.05	
Recoupment of Losses on Allotments				SALARIES		10,961.25	
School Meals				WORKER PENSION		1875.14	
Others:—				PRINT, POST, STAT		354.71	
				RENT COLLECTION		2186-38	
Housing:—				Town Hall Expenses			
Rents		39,065.10		CLEAN TOWN HALL			
Instalments of Purchase Money		2,737.26		Painting, Stationery and Advertising		490.34	
Other Receipts				Rents, Rates, Taxes and Insurance		686.93	
REDEMPTIONS				Office Expenses		2865.94	
GROUND RENTS		1351.49		Salaries, Fees, Etc.		7253.91	
TENANCY DEPOSITS		60.00		Retiring Allowances and Gratuities			
BANK INTEREST		1311.41		Elections, Law and Audit			
FIRE CLAIM		9986.57		MEMBERS CLUB Expenses		6680.00	
REFUND OF LEGAL FEES		73.49		CLOCK MAINT		500.00	
				ANAI		4064.39	
Allotments							
Contributions from other Local Authorities (Details to be specified)				RECEPTIONS / PRESENTATIONS		1094.44	
				TWINNING		1443.12	
Grants from Corporate Estate, Town Hall and other properties				CONTRI TO TUAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE		5079.00	
				TIDY TOWNS			
Fairs, Markets and Weighbridge Tolls				URBAN RENEWAL		3,000.00	
Paths and Wash-houses				CONTRI TO ARTS		1,000.00	
Other Receipts (to be specified):—				RETERS ALLOW		14461.60	
				Loan Charges			
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<u>20016832</u>	<u>255804.28</u>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<u>101,188.01</u>	

754,616.27

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF REVENUE ACCOUNT

CHARGE			TOTAL	DISCHARGE		
Balance in favour at close of last year	Receipts	Balance against at close of this year		Balance against at close of last year	Expenditure	Balance in favour at close of this year
55,635.96	200,168.32		255,804.28		101,188.01	154,616.27
55,635.96						
<u>Co Co Investment Account</u>						
				111,594.58		
				3,103.55		
				114,698.13		

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**RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE OF CAPITAL MONEYS**

FOR WHICH OBTAINED	CHARGE						TOTAL £ s. d.	DISCHARGE		
	Balance (if any) unexpended at close of last year	Instalments Received	Grants	Other Receipts	Total Receipts	Balance (if any) expended in excess at close of this year		Balance (if any) expended in excess at close of last year	Expenditure	Balance (if any) unexpended at close of this year
Add Int Earned Co Co	126565.18			3103.55						129668.73
<b>TOTALS</b>	126565.18			3103.55						129668.73

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**STATEMENT OF BALANCES AT CLOSE OF FINANCIAL YEAR**

Dr.			Cr.	
Treasurer, due by him :-			Treasurer, due to him :-	
Revenue Account	99417.02		Revenue Account	
Capital Account	81,371.65	180,788.67	Capital Account	
Officers' Imprest Accounts		3.81	Unpaid Bills	11,205.10
Receipt and Expenditure of Capital Moneys :- C. Co. Co.		114,698.13	Receipt and Expenditure of Capital Moneys :-	
Expenditure in Excess			Unexpended Balance	129,668.73
Provisions against Account :-			Balances in favour of Account :-	
			O/L by R/c	154,616.87
				51
<b>Total</b>		<b>295,490.64</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>295,490.61</b>

**DEBTEDNESS ON FOOT OF LOANS**

For Sundry Purposes		Due to Lenders	
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**STATEMENT OF CASH ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

Assets		Liabilities	
Cash in hands of Treasurer at close of 2002	180,788.67	Balance due to Treasurer at close of	
Cash in hands of other Officers :- at close of Imprest	3.81	Balances Due to Other Officers :- at close of	
Way Co. Co.	114,698.13	U.P. B's	11,205.10
		O/L by R/c	51
Assets (specify) :-		Other Liabilities (specify) :-	
Officers	1478.76		
City Admin	381.78		



**PARTICULARS OF RENT COLLECTION**

	Arrears Due at close of last year	Rents and Purchase Annuities Accrued	Total for Collection	Collected	ARREARS	
					Irrecoverable	Due at close of this year
Rents	112.77	40548.69	40,661.46	39065.10	117.60	1478.76
Annuities	445.66	3564.70	3119.04	2737.26		381.78
TOTALS	332.89	44113.39	43,780.50	41,802.36	117.60	1860.54
			PERCENTAGES	95.5%	27%	4.25%

**STATEMENT OF NET CHARGE ON REVENUE IN RESPECT OF THE PROVISION OF HOUSES**

Total Number of Houses	Expenditure (including Loan Charges)	Receipts (including Government Subsidy) (Note)	Deficit falling on Rates	Loss per House
47	£ 52,550	£ 53,200	£ .....	£ .....

**CERTIFICATE BY CLERK**

I certify that the foregoing figures are correctly abstracted from the Books and Accounts of the TUAM Town Commissioners.

Dated this 9 day of NOV 04

a. Baker Clerk.

**AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE**

I have audited the Books and Accounts of the ..... Town Commissioners for the ..... ended the ..... day of ..... 19..... and I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true Abstract therefrom.

Dated this ..... day of ..... 19.....

..... Local Government Auditor

# TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

## Minutes of Draft Budget of Expenses Meeting held on Monday 6th December, 2004

**Present:**

**Mayor: Councillor Kelly**

**Councillors: A. O'Donnell-Brady, G. Browne-Lane,  
T. Reilly, P. Warren, T. McHugh, S. A. Flanagan,  
P. O'Grady, M. Ward**

**Officials:**

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

**Budget of Expenses:**

Mr. Ridge introduced the Draft Budget of Expenses for the year 2005, which had been circulated to each Member and advertised. He said total expenditure for 2005 is estimated at E136,150.00 while receipts are estimated at E50,600.00.

SIGNED BY

MAYOR

Mr. Ridge told the Members he would be holding discussions with Galway County Council regarding rent for the Town Hall. The repayment of the money provided by the County Council for the refurbishment of the Town Hall will also have to be addressed. He said some of the Town Councils Capital Account should be drawn down for this. He said he would come back to the Board in the new year with proposals. There will also have to be a division of the cost of maintaining the Town Hall. Regarding the contribution to Tuam Chamber of Commerce he said it had been his intention that the capital contribution would cease but following strong representations from the Members he had doubled the operational costs contribution. Regarding the Local Elections held in 2004 over-expenditure had occurred because of having to revert to a manual count. He said he had decided to include a small amount each year for the Local Elections. He said Galway County Council were about to finalise the purchase of land at the Mall, the Tuam Town Plan includes a policy to facilitate a "Country Market" and this should be advanced. The Shambles should be considered for the Market as there will now be an opening out to the Mall and Teample Jarlath.

Mr. Ridge said the estimated outturn for Year 2005 is E89,179.00 - to be collected from Galway County Council. The rate in the euro is 3.14 and the percentage increase is 4.60%.

The Councillors examined the various items of expenditure and receipts proposed in the Budget of Expenses. Replying to Councillor Browne-Lane Mr. Ridge said the Local Election is one of the functions of the Local Authority and must be paid for by them. He agreed electronic voting would have been cheaper. It was proposed by Councillor Browne-Lane and seconded by Councillor O'Grady that the Board write to the Department of the Environment and seek compensation for the overrun in the costs of the Local Elections. Replying to Councillor O'Grady Mr. Ridge said the money raised from the traffic meters has to fund the capital programme and the operation and running costs first.

It was then proposed by Councillor Reilly, seconded by Councillor O'Donnell-Brady and agreed that the draft Budget of Expenses be adopted by the Councillor's, that the net amount of E89,179.00 be demanded from Galway County Council in respect of year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2005 and that the Form of Demand be signed by the Mayor and the Town Clerk.

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:  
Angela Holian,  
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY:

  
MAYOR

Draft Budget of Expenses for the Year to 31st December  
2005 Tuam Town Council

Receipts

Accounting

1. Finance

2. Assets

3. Board Fees

General

4. Finance

5. Finance

6. Finance

7. Finance

8. Finance

# Tuam Town Council

## Draft Budget of Expenses

for

Year Ending December 31st 2005

Presented to the Council  
Date: 06/12/2004

Adopted  
Date:

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**Draft Budget of Expenses for the Year to 31st December  
2005 Tuam Town Council**

**Receipts**

	<b>Outturn 2004 Est For 2005</b>	
<b>Housing</b>		
1 Rents	€ 42,000.00	€ 43,500.00
2 Annuities	€ 3,500.00	€ 3,500.00
3 Ground Rents	€ 1,900.00	€ 500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€ 47,400.00</b>	<b>€ 47,500.00</b>
<b>General</b>		
2 Interest	€ 3,800.00	€ 3,100.00
<b>Gross total</b>	<b>€ 51,200.00</b>	<b>€ 50,600.00</b>
Opening Credit\Debit Balance		(€ 3,629.00)
Estimated Expenditure for year	€ 134,329.00	€ 136,150.00
Estimated receipts for year	€ 51,200.00	€ 50,600.00
Final Estimated Outturn	€ 83,129.00	€ 89,179.00
Amount of Demand 2004 and estimated 2005	€ 79,500.00	€ 89,179.00
Closing (Debit)\Credit Balance		(€ 3,629.00)

<b>Summary for 2005</b>	
Total Demand	€89,179.00
Rate in Euro	€3.14
Percentage Increase in rates	4.60%

**Draft Budget of Expenses for the Year to 31st December 2005  
Tuam Town Council**

<b>Housing</b>	<b>Outturn 2004</b>	<b>Est For 2005</b>
1 Repairs	€ 15,000.00	€ 15,000.00
2 Legal Expenses	€ 210.00	€ 700.00
3 Insurance	€ 18,100.00	€ 20,000.00
4 Town Clerks Salary 50%	€ 7,000.00	€ 7,350.00
5 Town Engineers Salary 80%	€ 5,800.00	€ 5,800.00
6 Pension	€ 2,070.00	€ 2,170.00
7 Printing, Post, Stationery, Advertising	€ 320.00	€ 350.00
8 Rent Collection	€ 2,500.00	€ 2,500.00
	<b>€ 51,000.00</b>	<b>€ 53,870.00</b>
<b>General</b>		
1 Rent, Rates on Town Hall	€ 1,000.00	€ 1,000.00
2 Office Expenses	€ 3,200.00	€ 3,300.00
3 Legal Expenses	€ 0.00	€ 0.00
4 Town Clerks Salary 50%	€ 7,000.00	€ 7,350.00
5 Town Engineers Salary 20%	€ 1,000.00	€ 1,000.00
6 Audit Fee	€ 2,350.00	€ 5,400.00
7 Print, Post etc.	€ 540.00	€ 570.00
8 Town Hall	€ 8,500.00	€ 10,000.00
9 Municipal Authorities	€ 4,500.00	€ 4,500.00
10 Receptions/Presentations	€ 960.00	€ 1,250.00
11 Twinning	€ 1,000.00	€ 1,500.00
12 Members Expenses LG14-02	€ 6,550.00	€ 7,810.00
13 Representational Allowance	€ 16,500.00	€ 18,000.00
14 Tuam Chamber of Commerce Christmas Lights		
Operational Costs	€ 3,000.00	€ 6,000.00
Once off Capital Contribution	€ 3,000.00	€ 0.00
18 Town Enhancement	€ 3,600.00	€ 3,600.00
19 Local Elections Expenses	€ 11,385.00	€ 2,000.00
20 Urban Village Renewal	€ 8,000.00	€ 8,000.00
21 Contribution to the Arts	€ 1,000.00	€ 1,000.00
22 Miscellaneous and other expenses	€ 244.00	€ 0.00
	<b>€ 83,329.00</b>	<b>€ 82,280.00</b>
<b>Gross Total Expenditure</b>	<b>€ 134,329.00</b>	<b>€ 136,150.00</b>

# TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Telephone: (093)24246

Town Clerk's Office,  
Town Hall,  
Tuam.

1<sup>st</sup> December, 2004

To: each Member of Tuam Town Council

A Chara,

The Budget of Expenses meeting of Tuam Town Council will be held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2004 at 6.30 p.m. prior to the ordinary meeting. You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise, le meas,

Angela Holman Baile Cleireach

## AGENDA

Budget of Expenses for 2005

# Tuam Town Council

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Town Clerk's Office,  
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Tuam.

1<sup>st</sup> December, 2004

To each Member of Tuam Town Council

A Chara,

The Monthly meeting of Tuam Town Council will be held in the Town Hall on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2004 at 7.30 p.m.** following the Budget of Expenses meeting. You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise, le meas,

*Angela Holian* Baile Cleireach

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# **TUAM TOWN COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2004**

**Present:**

**Mayor Councillor M. Kelly**

**Councillors: A. O'Donnell-Brady, P. Warren, P. O'Grady  
T. McHugh, T. Reilly, S. A. Flanagan, M. Ward,  
G. Browne-Lane**

**Officials:**

**Mr. Albert Comer, for Director of Services,  
Mr. Lian Gavin, Senior Engineer  
Mr. Stephen Lally, Town Engineer  
Mrs. Angela Holian, Town Clerk**

**The Prayer was recited.**

**Minutes:**

The Minutes of the October Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by Councillor Ward.

## **Matters arising from Minutes:**

**Tuam Local Area Plan:** It was proposed by the Mayor and agreed that the Board discuss the Tuam Local Area Plan at the conclusion of the meeting.

Councillor Reilly thanked the Town Engineer for having the wall at the Cluide Development on Purcell/Stockwell Road lowered.

Replying to Councillor Reilly regarding a Bus Shelter at Vicar Street, the Town Engineer stated that he had contacted Clear Channel who informed him that a planning application had been submitted.

Regarding a Public Toilet for Tuam the Town Engineer said that the County Council are adjudicating on the tenders. The Members called on the County Council to have the toilet provided as a matter of urgency.

Councillor Warren thanked the Town Engineer for the replacement of a seat at Tuam Cemetery also the removal of a tree at Athenry Road.

It was proposed by Councillor Warren and seconded by Councillor Reilly that speed ramps be installed at Parkmore Estate, Dublin Road and Gilmartin Road. The Town Engineer stated there is no policy to install speed ramps. Signs have been erected to warn motorists that there are "Children at play".

Mr. Comer said speed ramps create a lot of noise. He said he would ask the Road Design People to look and make recommendations.

## **Managers Business:**

Mr. Comer told the Members a circular would be distributed on foot of Dr. Clunes address on recycling. Regarding Representatives of the Town Council on County Development Boards Mr. Comer said Mr. Ridge would be writing to the Members regarding this.

Regarding the Christmas lights it was suggested by Councillor Browne-Lane that the Board make a formal request to Galway County Council to contribute a percentage of the money collected from the "Pay and display" to the Christmas lights. Councillor O'Grady asked that a chart showing what E1, E2 etc can do, be made available. Councillor McHugh asked that the Manager clarify what the Traffic Management money can be used for. It was agreed to forward Councillor Browne-Lanes proposal to Galway County Council.

## **Correspondence:**

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2004 from Nenagh Town Council. There was unanimous support for the following Notice of motion:

“In light of the fact that there are forty five undetected cancers in women over fifty in North Tipperary every year, this council calls on the Minister for Health to ensure that breast check is given the funding necessary to immediately begin the roll out of the screening program for women of North Tipperary”.

Letter dated 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2004 from Environmental Protection Agency – noted.

## **The Grove Hospital:**

Councillor McHugh informed the Members that Deputy McHugh has raised the issue of the Grove Hospital with the Taoiseach and the Tanaiste and Minister for Health in the Dail. It is being considered with other proposals. Nothing will happen until the Department of Health makes a decision. Regarding an article in the Tuam Herald the previous week Councillor Reilly said he intended to follow this up and hoped there would be a response before the December meeting. He said the building was going into a state of decay. He wanted to see a hospital in Tuam, an ambulance base, cancer care facility etc. Councillor O'Donnell-Brady said she had met with the Tanaiste on 8<sup>th</sup> October and raised the matter with her. She will continue to highlight “The Grove”. Councillor Flanagan complimented Deputy McHugh and Councillor Reilly for highlighting “The Grove” and said a breast screening facility should also be provided there. Councillor O'Grady warned against selling any part of the land in Tuam. He said it was a perfect step-down facility, the W.H.B. had identified what was needed and he hoped the new Minister for Health would do something good for Tuam. Councillor Browne-Lane said a commitment had been given to a hospital in Tuam and she proposed that the Board write to the Taoiseach and the Tanaiste.

It was agreed to seek a deputation with the Tanaiste.

## **Person of the Year:**

It was agreed to place an advertisement in the Tuam Herald.

### **Budget of Expenses:**

It was agreed to hold the Budget of Expenses Meeting on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2004 at 6.30p.m. prior to the ordinary meeting at 7.30p.m.

### **Tuam Town Plan:**

Replying to Councillor O'Grady Mr. Gavin said seventy-five submissions had been received. A copy of the report had gone to the County Councillors and a meeting of the Area Councillors will take place on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November, which the Mayor will attend. A full Council meeting will take place on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2004. If the Town Council wish to go through the submissions that is ok. The final decision will be made at a full Council Meeting. Councillor O'Grady said the By-pass also needs to be discussed. It was proposed by Councillor Browne-Lane and seconded by Councillor O'Grady that a meeting be arranged with the Area Councilor's. The Mayor agreed to raise this at the meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Any Other Business:**

The Mayor congratulated the People of Ballymote on the restoration of the Ballymote Famine and Childrens Graveyard which was opened and blessed on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2004.

The Mayor welcomed the Straubing Students on this the 14<sup>th</sup> year of the Student Exchange Programme.

Councillor Reilly asked that the plaque commemorating the late Harry Finnegan be erected.

Councillor Reilly asked that the pictures of previous Chairperson's be displayed in the Town Hall.

**Sympathy:**

A vote of sympathy was passed with the following:

Foley Family, Ballinamona Park on the death of Tommy  
Barrows Family, Circular Road on the death of Joan  
Higgins Family, Dublin Road on the death of Sean  
Ward Family, Tirboy on the death of Margaret

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by,  
Angela Holian,  
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY:

  
MAYOR

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27<sup>th</sup> October, 2004

To each Member of Tuam Town Council

A Chara,

The Monthly meeting of Tuam Town Council will be held in the Town Hall on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2004 at 7.00 p.m. You are hereby summoned to attend.

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*A. Nolan*

Baile Cleireach

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Set date for Budget of Expenses Meeting

Tuam Town Plan

# **TUAM TOWN COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of meeting held on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2004.**

### **Present:**

Mayor Councillor M. Kelly

**Councillors:** T. Reilly, P.O. Grady, P. Warren, S.A. Flanagan,  
A. O'Donnell-Brady, T. McHugh,  
Gilleesa Browne-Lane, M. Ward.

**Officials:** Mr. Albert Comer, Acting Director of Services  
Mr. Liam Gavin, Senior Engineer  
Mr. Steven Lally, Town Engineer  
Ms. Mary Dunne, Acting Staff Officer

The prayer was recited.

The Mayor welcomed Council Officials Mr. Albert Comer, Liam Gavin, Mary Dunne.

Mayor Kelly proposed that a Civic Reception be held by Tuam Town Council for the Ladies Football All Ireland Winners.

Cllr. Ward seconded the proposal.

### **1- Minutes of meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2004**

Election of member of Tuam Town Council to Housing S.P.C.

Error in minutes of 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2004 was corrected.

It should read, It was proposed by Cllr. Reilly and seconded by Cllr. O'Grady, that Mayor Kelly be the Tuam Town Council nominee to Housing S.P.C.

The minutes of September meeting were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Reilly, seconded by Cllr. O'Grady.

## 2- *Matters Arising From Minutes*

Cllr. O'Grady made a formal request that the amendments to Draft Development Plan for Tuam be put before the Tuam Town Council. Liam Gavin, Senior Engineer informed the meeting that the Draft Plan has been produced, submissions have been invited and 72 received. A report is being prepared at present which must go before Councillors of Tuam Electoral Area by 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2004.

It is intended to bring the draft plan before November meeting of full County Council. Mr. Gavin has no problems with bringing it to Town Council if time allows.

Cllr. Browne Lane raised the issue of longterm parking on Old Road as people are continuing to park there all day. Cllr. Ward stated that there are problems also at Vicharschoreland and Liam Mellows Street and requested that road lining be put in place.

In reply, Town Engineer Steven Lally stated that the provision of new lining would require a review of the Traffic Management Plan and he has submitted a request for a review.

Cllr. O'Donnell-Brady stated that people are refusing to pay €2.00 for longterm parking and to avoid doing so are parking in housing estates and suggested that maybe they should be named and shamed.

Cllr. Reilly stated that the wall at the Cluide Development on Purcell/Stockwell road is too high, and for the safety of all, the wall should be lowered.

The Town Engineer informed Cllr. Reilly that he will be meeting the developer later this week and he hopes they will come up with a solution.

Cllr. Browne -Lane stated there is a school bus stop at the top of Tullinadaly Hill and as there are cars continually parked on the the opposite side of the road ,it is impossible for traffic to get through while the school buses are collecting and dropping off students, she asked if some parking restrictions could be put in place to alleviate the problem.

Cllr. Warren asked if the seat could be replaced in Tuam Cemetery and if a tree on the Athenry Road outside Mrs. Cunniffes house could be removed altogether as residents are anxious about its safety.

Town Engineer stated that one seat would be provided at Tuam Cemetery and with regard to the tree on Athenry Road, if there is a safety issue involved, he will have an expert examine the tree in question.



Cllr. O'Donnell Brady enquired if the Notice of Motion she had raised at last months meeting has gone to County Council. Mayor Kelly informed her that the motion was passed and had been forwarded to the County Council.

In reply to queries from a number of Town Councillors A. Comer, Acting Director of Services stated that there are no plans at the moment to build a road skirting the Palace Grounds, that is it not in the Development Plan and if there is to be one everyone will have full knowledge of it.

L. Gavin, Senior Engineer, explained the Part 8 process whereby plans and particulars of the proposed development would go on public display for a specified period and people from the area could make their submissions on it during this period. A report would then be prepared based on submissions received and it would go to the full Council to make a decision.

Cllr. Reilly referred to a group of people from Tuam who have an alternative plan. The Mayor replied that if there is a body planning roads for Tuam they should let the Town Council know about it.

Cllr. Browne - Lane stated that people would like to see the plans for the Tuam Bye - Pass resurrected .

Cllr. Reilly asked if there was any development on the provision of a bus shelter at Vicar Street.

The Town Engineer informed him that he intends to meet an individual from Clear Channel, the company providing same, later this week. Drawings have been sent and once agreed the company can seek Planning Permission. If Planning is granted, Garda approval will be sought to remove bus stop from present position to outside Grove Hospital.

Mayor Kelly requested information on the up-to-date position of the provision of a Public Convenience.

Town Engineer stated that tenders have been received and are being adjudicated on by Council at present.

Cllr. Reilly asked if extra Personnel can be employed in Tuam Cemetery as one man cannot carry out the job.

Town Engineer stated that he had spoken to the caretaker who informed him that he is able to carry out his duties within his hours of employment. With regard to grass cutting, a cap on Community Involvement Schemes led to a shortfall in resources. An application has been made for a new Community Involvement Scheme and this issue can then be addressed.

### **3- Correspondence**

Mayor Kelly requested reply from Director of Services to request made by Chamber of Commerce, at meeting with them last month, to have running cost of Christmas Lighting taken over by Town Council.

Letter dated 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2004 from Vocational School, Tuam

- Requesting use of Town Hall on October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2004 for Annual Prize Giving.
- Cllr.Reilly proposed granting request.
- Cllr.O'Grady seconded the proposal.

Mayor Kelly raised question as to whether Council should charge for use,

- Cllr. Reilly proposed that Council should charge and
- Cllr. O'Grady seconded the proposal.

### **4- Any Other Business**

- Cllr. Ward requested to have Grove Hospital back on the agenda.
- Mayor Kelly suggested that an accident & Emergency Unit should be open there.
- Cllr.McHugh informed the meeting that Deputy P. McHugh will raise the issue with new Minister for Health next week.
- Cllr.O'Donnell-Brady said she will raise the matter with the Tanaiste through the P.D. organisation.
- Cllr.McHugh proposed vote of congratulations to Galway All Ireland Ladies Football team.
- Cllr.Reilly also congratulated All Ireland Ladies team, and also congratulated Killarerin on winning County Title.

- Cllr. O'Grady asked why Council houses in Tuam Town are left vacant for long periods of time during change of tenants. He also requested details of number of housing stock vacant at present and the extent of the Housing waiting list .
- Cllr.Reilly asked if extra lights could be provided at Barrack Street.
- Cllr.Ward agreed that light were necessary there.

Mayor Kelly read out letter from Town Council congratulating All Ireland Ladies Football team. This letter was presented to the team when they visited Tuam on Monday night.

The meeting concluded and Dr.Niamh Clune addressed the Town Council on Recycling (details attached).

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## Resource Recovery Parks:

### A Twenty-First Century Solution to a Nineteenth-Century Problem

#### Introduction

The **EPA** in the USA define Resource Recovery Parks (RRPs) as: a group of reuse, recycling, and composting processing, manufacturing, and retail businesses receiving and selling materials and products in one location. RRP's differ from Amenity Sites, as all materials for recovery and recycling are brought to and recycled on the same site; thus, cutting down on the costs of transportation and traffic volume. There are **RRPs** in: Rakaia New Zealand; Cabazon, Monterey, Berkley California, San Leandro; and Canberra Australia. Resource Recovery and the Zero Waste approach to waste management are also being developed and used in Nova Scotia Canada, Scotland and Britain.

**Resource Recovery Parks** are today's most progressive waste management system and are an essential mechanism for **Sustainable Resource Management**. **RRPs** have their origins in the highly successful Japanese car manufacturing system of Total Quality Management control (or TQM). In other words, this economic system operates on the principle that if a company is to maximize profit margins, there should be zero defects at the end of the manufacturing chain. When transferred to industry at large, if we are left with waste at the end of a manufacturing process, this is considered a defect. Waste is; therefore, a design problem.

RRPs do not rely on high-tech methods designed to eliminate waste, as more often than not, these systems generate yet more waste and create further environmental problems. Rather, they rely on the creation of wealth-from-waste industries and small businesses. In this way, RRP's provide a tangible example of best practice that changes public awareness from thinking of waste as rubbish to be buried or burned, to recognizing that waste is potential wealth. Waste is, in fact, the new gold-mine of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

An RRP provides many varied opportunities for value-added eco-businesses, which are located on site. They work on the principle of diverting usable materials from the waste stream and making those materials into new, *value-added* products. Charities, scrap dealers and second-hand shops have always been an important part of a local economy. RRP's simply expand on this good idea with a well coordinated strategy that not only benefits the greater community through new business opportunities and jobs, but also helps reduce or eliminate waste with its related management costs, both financial and environmental.

The green industry, in particular recycling, represents the fourth largest economic power in the world; and it is the most rapidly growing. Resource Recovery creates jobs. In the

U.S., the reuse and recycling industries support more than 56,000 establishments, employ over 1.1 million people, and generate annual revenues of 236 *billion* dollars. Sorting and processing recyclables sustains five to ten times more jobs than land-filling or incineration. Further, the Zero Waste Trust predicts 40,000 jobs will be created in New Zealand over ten years as they convert transfer stations into Resource Recovery Parks.

The price of recycled materials has tripled in three years. This is a gold mine on our back doors and we've ignored it. Waste is a new resource. We own it; we have bought it in the supermarket. We can get the value of it only when we put it back into local communities rather than shipping it to other countries for reprocessing. RRP's would "put the emphasis on a new Irish enterprise strategy focused on indigenous industry."

Whilst RRP's sustain fully commercial enterprises, they also offer not-for-profit partnership with the community in order to maximise community Wealth from Waste projects. It has been found that labour intensive solutions lead to local regeneration. The RRP multiplier effect of creating new local opportunities reinforces this. In other words, one eco-business creates new opportunities for other businesses. RRP's have an inbuilt strategy for local development. This leads to greater self-sufficiency, self-reliance and greater competence within the community. It also increases local wealth. This enables population migration back to less populated areas. And it offers long-term sustainability. Therefore, we are not only recovering resources, we are recovering people.

RRPs operate successfully in conjunction with an MBT or Mechanical Biological Treatment Plant. In other words, at the end of the recycling, reuse and repair chain, anything that cannot be recycled back into nature or back into the market place is put through an MBT. This end user facility is a low-tech operating system. It removes all putrescibles or organics so that the biological breakdown processes do not occur. The highly reactive substances are also removed so that the final residuals are rendered truly inert. These materials are then "Clean-filled" in sites where there are no green house gas emissions and no leaching of toxins into the ground. So RRP's are an incinerator-free approach to resource management, and are widely supported by environmental groups around the world.

There is no longer any doubt that global warming is a reality. Almost two decades ago leading international scientists warned us all about the ill effects that uncontrolled environmental pollution would have on the world. Today we are seeing those effects. General practices of mining the world's resources often amidst great destruction to local environments then burying or burning those resources approximately six months later is confronting the international community with the three most imminent threats to world security. These are Global Warming, Pollution and Resource Depletion.

The future is on loan to us from our grand-children. Now is the time to take good care of their inheritance. Mass producing cheap goods for our throw-away societies is unsustainable. Ireland, like most of its European neighbours is now faced with the realisation that we can no longer ignore the problem of waste. With its rapidly growing economy, Ireland has also developed a rapidly growing need for a Waste Management Plan that is truly *sustainable*. The central government in Ireland, along with the EU, are working to set out a general plan, some guidelines and regulations. But what we need at this crucial time in the future development of our country is real vision from Ireland's

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counties and cities. Galway could take the lead in this, by spear-heading this individualised and specific Waste Management Strategy. This would set an example, not only to the rest of Ireland, but to the whole of Europe.

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### **The Benefits of a Resource Recovery Park**

There are well defined benefits from resource recovery parks (RRPs). There are well documented examples from working RRP's in Canberra Australia, Rakaia New Zealand and in four locations in California USA.

**They report that the main benefits are:**

- Decreasing the costs of waste management
- Decreasing the distances that waste is transported
- Increasing recycling rates
- Creating jobs
- Creating new opportunities for small and medium size businesses
- Attracting small and medium size industry
- Contributing to the local economy Increasing public participation in and awareness of recycling
- Contributing to public education on waste management and recycling
- Stimulating local innovation in value added processes

## The Right Thing to Do

- RRP's form part of Zero Waste Approach to Waste Management
- Requires a paradigm shift from thinking of waste as rubbish to be buried or burned to thinking of waste as valuable resources
- New gold-mine of the 21st century
- Price of recycled materials has tripled in 3 years
- Instead of thinking of it as recycling, think in terms of diversion and recovery of valuable resources
- Green industry now constitutes the fourth largest economic power in the world and is the fastest growing
- Many companies are changing direction and demonstrating Producer Responsibility such as Xerox and Dell in Ireland, Hewlett Packard and Fetzer are among 35 companies in the US that report over 90% diversion rate
- Wye Cycle reports 83-85% diversion rates
- "Right thing to do" and sound investment
- Challenge to business
- Becomes embarrassing to burn or bury waste

## A Brief Overview of the Economics of a Resource Recovery Park

The economics of RRP's are based on commodity markets, i.e. the transactions between materials sellers and the manufactures that use either virgin raw materials or recycled materials. In general, when we compare most materials, virgin materials (primary materials) are considered more valuable than recycled {or secondary materials}. This is because they are often purer, more consistent and easier to modify for specific purposes.

However, despite the challenges of using recycled resources manufacturers do make a profit, by being selective in what they produce and keeping production costs down. This usually means they only succeed when they are able to buy recycled materials at low prices. These prices, however, are usually not sufficient to cover the full cost of their recovery; which includes transport and sorting.

It appears then that recycled materials cannot compete with virgin materials in the open market. However, it must be taken into consideration that subsidies and tax breaks for virgin materials keep their prices artificially low and therefore set an unrealistic price cap on recycled materials. There is disagreement on whether removing these subsidies and



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tax breaks would actually raise product prices because prices are set in a very competitive international market. Governments use subsidies and tax breaks to manufacturers in order to allow them to remain competitive in the world market. So would it be possible to also subsidise recycled materials to keep them competitive and in this way level the playing field?

A study of recycling in Australia calculated that the total \$ value of the benefits of using recycled materials, including reducing the costs of waste disposal and pollution control substantially exceeds its net costs to recover. Bringing down the costs involved in eco-industry can be done if these "waste management" savings by governments/tax payers is passed on to the manufacturers in the form of subsidised recovery and delivery of recycled materials. Resource Recovery Parks offer the opportunity to do this.

Some of the savings on waste management by the government could be spent transporting waste materials to the RRP where they are sorted and made available to the eco-industries and businesses also located on site. When these products are sold in the retail shops located on the RRP site, further savings on transport are made. And when the public can drop off items to be recycled and purchase other items like compost, building materials, second-hand white goods and crafts, the recycling loop is then closed. Secondary materials have value-added by being made into new products.

The costs of mining, logging and initial production of virgin materials is taken out of the cost equation, and new goods made from reclaimed materials are produced much more cheaply and give rise to new indigenous businesses and a new eco-industrial revolution.

### Economic statistics on RRP:

Diversion rates of between 83-87% are possible. Estimated costs of transfer and disposal of waste are on average \$75 per ton from country to country. If Galway is dealing with 10,000 tons per year, savings could be as much as €3,000,000 per year.

Example:

### Cost/benefit analysis of the Urban Ore RRP in California

Types of materials	Capital \$/year	Running costs	Annual Costs	Trans/disposal Savings/year	Sales \$/year	Benefit \$/year
Reuse	34,817	432,311	467,128	106,425	413,700	52,997
Recycle	58,475	169,928	228,403	323,925	108,410	203,932
Compost	79,113	158,928	238,041	509,000	74,040	344,999
Total	172,405	761,167	933,572	940,050	596,150	602,628

**Note:** average benefits of \$48 per ton on a total of 12,534 tons of waste in one year. This gave an amortization of 20 years on land and facilities and 6 years on equipment and fixtures.

- Cost and profit analysis from existing Resource Recovery Businesses and RRPs are actually proving that they are viable as an approach to waste management and as a business venture. A cost/benefit analysis of a Resource Recovery Park in Del Norte County, California, shows that in 1998/99 a conservative 70% of the materials discarded were diverted. This amounted to 12,534 tonnes of recyclable materials. Materials repaired and sold, or sold directly for reuse generated 40% of the total \$600,000 revenue. Savings of \$940,000 p.a. on waste disposal and transport off-set the total yearly running costs.
- There are many good examples of private enterprise applying resource recovery strategies. Such manufacturers have implemented these strategies not because of an altruistic desire to be "green," but because it is sound, long-term economic investment in the face of diminishing world resources and the rising costs of virgin materials. For example, Hewlett Packard has a 92% diversion rate, whilst Fetzer has a 93% rate. These are among the 35 companies in the US that report over 90% diversion rates. Xerox and Dell are also prime examples of good practice in Ireland and demonstrate high standards of extended Producer Responsibility.
- US Recycling Economic Information published in 2001 shows that in the US the reuse and recycling industries support more than 56,000 establishments, employ over 1.1 million people, and generate annual revenues of 236 billion dollars. The ratio of jobs created in recycling is six to every one created by conventional Waste Management operations.

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- Sorting and processing recyclables sustains five to ten times more jobs than land-filling or incineration.
- In New Zealand, more than one third of local governments have adopted goals of Zero Waste by 2015 and in 2001, efforts were under way to get the goal adopted nationally. The Zero Waste Trust predicts 40,000 jobs created over ten years as they convert transfer stations into Resource Recovery Parks.

**Figures from Nova Scotia**

- There are more than 3000 jobs in the waste-resource management sector in Nova Scotia.
- The ENVIRO-DEPOT network provides more than 500 jobs for Nova Scotians in transportation, processing, and marketing beverage containers and other materials.
- Each year, composting facilities across Nova Scotia process over 100,000 tonnes of organic material into compost: a valuable soil enhancer.
- Each year, Material Recovery Facilities (MRF's) across Nova Scotia process over 40,000 tonnes of recyclable materials.
- Each year, over 900,000 tires are reused or recycled through the used tire management program.
- Each year, over 240 million beverage containers are collected in Nova Scotia for recycling.
- Each year, approximately 350,000 tonnes of waste are diverted from landfill.
- Delegates from over 20 nations (including Barbados, Bosnia, China, Iceland, India, Ireland, Japan, New Zealand, Russia, and Trinidad/Tobago) have visited Nova Scotia to learn about our world-renowned Waste-Resource Management Facilities.

## The Main Steps in Setting up a Resource Recovery Park

Here is a brief outline of the main steps to illustrate the process. These steps have been well documented by others. Communities that have set up RRP's are proud of their achievements and have a willingness to share their information and experience within the international network.

A community interested in creating a RRP should begin the process by forming a small core group of people who want to take the idea forward. The first step is to share a common vision. There are many steps to accomplishing this. This vision will be unique to a particular community and will depend on local needs, skills, conditions and resources. The following will need to be identified:

- the predominate types of waste produced
- the quantities of each waste material
- existing recycling/reusing business
- new business interests
- existing infrastructures
- level of public awareness
- council policies
- local markets and consumer patterns

The vision is best created by a Working Group consisting of a wide cross section of representatives from stakeholders to ensure a broad perspective and a wide scope of ideas and input. Potential stakeholders to involve are:

- The Council and Local Authorities (ideally the lead group)
- Local Business
- Government agencies (FAS, Rehab and Leader)
- Environmental NGOs
- Charities
- Educational institutes
- The public
- Outside businesses
- Haulage companies
- Existing recycling enterprises
- Industry
- Research institutions
- Chamber of Commerce

The vision must develop some strategic imperatives which are structural principles and requirements to be used in creating a resource infrastructure for handling the entire discard material supply. This is necessary to create a complex, dynamic and stable ecosystem within the community where a Resource Recovery Park can be established

and grow naturally. The RRP becomes home to the various "materials recovery enterprises" which are the services, businesses and small industries that are public or private, for profit and not-for-profit. The local environment or "ecosystem" must be right in order to foster, attract, encourage and maintain these eco-businesses.

### Examples of strategic imperatives:

1. Create a clear and accurate language or user terminology
2. Create reliability in the flow of recycled materials to the RRP
3. Minimize cross-contamination by unlike materials
4. Encourage maximum "value added" processing of recovered materials
5. Design financial incentives for recycling and disincentives (charges) for mixed waste
6. Encourage separation at source when and where appropriate
7. Develop and define the twelve main categories of materials for eco-businesses
8. Recognize and use the three main clusters of eco-business
9. Allocate sufficient land for the RRP (80 – 100 acres)
10. Design the RRP so that it can grow in phases naturally
11. Develop the RRP as part of a regional network with other sites suited to other operations
12. Conduct a regional gap analysis of services and businesses
13. promote cooperation as well as competition amongst businesses
14. Design flexible infrastructures, policies and guidelines to foster new growth
15. Foster entrepreneurial creativity and diversity, innovation in this new industry is essential.

Use existing RRP designs for site layout, infrastructure, management structure and system flow as a template on which to design your unique RRP. There are also services available for this.

Create a project plan/business plan

Look for sources of co-funding for this project, (EU and other)

Look for co-financing of this project (private or from financial investor)

Set up a promotional programme for: the public, for attracting local businesses and for attracting outside businesses.

Involve the local/regional public through participatory (SEA) appraisal meetings.

Appoint a qualified Business Manager

**Note:** some of these tasks are linked and will need to be completed in proper order while others can be done at any time. The steps for actually setting up the Resource Recovery Park will be part of the Project Plan.

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## TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

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Tuam,  
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28<sup>th</sup> September, 2004.

### TO EACH MEMBER OF TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

A chara,

The monthly meeting of Tuam Town Council will be held in the Town Hall on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2004 at 7.00 p.m. You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise, le meas,  Baile Cleireach

### AGENDA

Minutes of Meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2004.

Manager's Business

Correspondence (to follow)

The Grove Hospital

8.00 p.m.

Dr. Niamh Cloon - to give a talk on recycling

Any Other Business

## **..00TUAM TOWN COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2004.**

**Present0:** Mayor Councillor M. Kelly

Councillors: T. Reilly, S.A. Flanagan, M. Ward, P. Warren,  
P. O'Grady, G. Brown-Lane, T. McHugh, A. O'Donnell-Brady

Officials:

Mr. Paul Ridge, Director of Services  
Ms. Theresa Donohue, Assistant Staff Officer

The prayer was recited.

The Mayor wished Ms. Angela Holian well in her recovery and hoped that she would be back soon. Cllr. Reilly also wished Ms. Holian a speedy recovery.

#### **1 Minutes of Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2004.**

On the proposal of Cllr. Reilly, seconded by Cllr. Ward, the minutes of the Tuam Town Council meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2004 were adopted.

#### **Matters Arising:**

Election of delegate to the Fire Brigade Committee:

It was proposed by Cllr. O'Grady and seconded by Cllr. Warren that Councillor Reilly represent the Board at the Fire Brigade Committee.

#### **2 Minutes of Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2004.**

On the proposal of Cllr. McHugh, seconded by Cllr. Warren the minutes of the Tuam Town Council held on the 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2004 were adopted.

#### **Matters Arising:**

Cllr. Warren stated that there is a major traffic problem at the roundabout at the junction of the Purcell Stockwell Road and Vicar Street and that the installation of traffic lights would be a solution. He stated that the right of way is not being adhered to.



Cllr. Ward stated that the green lights are causing a problem when you are coming down from Dublin Road and that there needs to be a sign to say two way traffic. Cllr. Warren stated that Belaclude Wall is too high and needs to be lowered. Cllr. O'Grady stated that a sign needed to be erected at the Galway side of the bridge to alert motorists to the roundabout and pedestrians crossing the road.

Cllr. Browne-Lane asked that the Iarnród Eireann be contacted to clean up around the railway. Cllr. Warren stated that the river was overgrown and the OPW needed to be contacted to clean it up. Mr. Ridge stated that he would contact the OPW to clean up the area and that the Council would be responsible for taking away the rubbish.

Cllr. McHugh complimented the Arts Festival that took place in the town and hoped it would be held again next year.

Cllr. Reilly complimented the workings of the pay and display machines and asked if it would be possible to extend the parking time to two hours when the system was up for a review. Cllr. Ward stated that the system was working well but the absence of white lines meant that some car spaces are being lost. Cllr. O'Grady stated that car parks that don't have any pay and display machines will result in a public car park and asked if these car parks could be made into bay areas.

Mr. Ridge stated that there will be a number of factors to be looked at when the multi storey car park opens. It will depend on how many people are taking 20 minutes, 1 hour. The system in place is to keep traffic moving and would be reluctant to introduce a two hour pay period and that it is too early for a review.

Ms. O'Donnell-Brady stated that some people will not pay for parking and are parking all day long in housing estates outside peoples' homes and asked that something be done about it. Mr. Ridge stated that a control procedure would have to put in place in these areas and to allow concession for residents. Ms. Brown-Lane suggested that a residents permit may be required regardless of whether it is paid or unpaid parking.

Cllr. Ward enquired about Tuam Civic Amenity Site and Mr. Ridge stated that the Environmental Section is looking at various options and that the situation has improved in recent weeks with the introduction of an increase in domestic refuse charges. Mr. Ridge stated that a report was being prepared and would go before the Environmental SPC.

### **3 Manager's Business**

Mr. Ridge informed the members that a decision to build a road through Palace Grounds was never taken by any council members. He stated that in the Tuam Traffic Management Plan a number of possible alternative traffic routes were identified to give people advance notice of what was possible. It was never said that a road should go through Palace Grounds and that will continue to be the position until Galway County

Council are presented with a proposal. Mr. Ridge stated that the position of Engineers and officials is to give advice to the elected members. The elected members can take that advice and amend it if necessary.

Mr. Ridge explained to the members the Part 8 process whereby plans and particulars of the proposed development go on public display for a specified period. During this period the proposal is to open to submissions or observations. The officials then prepare a report based on these submissions or observations and it is then presented to the elected members. The elected members make a decision whether or not it should go ahead; amended or unamended.

Mr. Ridge stated that the Council had no intention of building a road through Palace Grounds without the knowledge of the members. Cllr. Warren asked that the line in the Tuam Traffic Management Plan be removed. Mayor Kelly stated that the County Councillors in the Tuam Electoral area must ensure that they vote against the road.

Cllr. Reilly stated that Mr. Lavelle had informed him that the county councillors will not have a say in the road and that it will be an executive function. Mr. Ridge reiterated his previous statement in that there is no proposal to put a road through Palace Grounds and that the Tuam Traffic Management Plan is a completely different plan from the Draft Tuam Local Area Plan.

#### **4 Tuam Town Development Plan**

Cllr. Browne-Lane requested that in future public notices be placed in a prominent position in newspapers so that everyone is given the opportunity to make submissions or observations within the appropriate time period.

Cllr. O'Donnell-Brady referred to a section in the Draft Tuam Local Area Plan which made reference to the objectives of the Tuam Traffic Management Plan being implemented. She requested that this section be taken out of the Draft Plan.

Cllr. O'Donnell-Brady stated that the Draft Tuam Local Area Plan was on display for one week before the public notice went into the newspaper. She also questioned why the notice was advertised in August one week after the plan went on display when most people were away on holidays and also when there were no Town Councils or County Councils meetings taking place. Cllr. O'Donnell-Brady requested that the Draft Tuam Local Area Plan be extended for another two or three weeks.

Mr. Ridge stated that he would check out the dates and stated that the period for displaying the Draft Tuam Local Plan cannot be extended. He stated that it is a statutory process and strict time limits must be adhered to. The Council are obliged to prepare six Local Area Plans and because Tuam is a hub town it is desirable to complete that one first. Mayor Kelly stated that people must be advised to make submissions as quickly as possible.

## **5 Correspondence**

### Election of Tuam Town Councillor to Housing Strategic Policy Committee

It was proposed by Mayor Kelly and seconded by Cllr. O'Grady that Cllr. Reilly be Tuam Town Council nominee to Housing SPC.

### Election of Tuam Town Councillor to Cultural & General Services Strategic Policy Committee.

It was proposed by Cllr. O'Donnell-Brady and seconded by Cllr. Ward that Cllr. McHugh be Tuam Town Council nominee to Cultural & General Services SPC.

## **6 Hub Status**

Mayor Kelly expressed disappointment that Tuam was not included for connection to the gas pipe line. Cllr. Reilly stated that a letter should be written to the Minister condemning such exclusion. Mr. Ridge stated that Tuam Town Council had made a submission to the Regional Planning Guidelines to be included for connection to the gas pipe line.

## **7 Any other Business**

Cllr. Reilly stated that the caretaker in Tuam graveyard needs more help. Cllr. Warren asked if it could be possible to replace the bench in the graveyard as it had been taken away due to people drinking there at night. It was proposed by Cllr. Reilly and seconded by Cllr. Warren that a letter be sent to the Council requesting additional help for the caretaker in Tuam graveyard.

Cllr. Browne-Lane asked when the Airglooney and Lower Ballygaddy Road be connected to the sewage system in the town. She stated that it was supposed to be done a number of years ago. Mr. Ridge stated that he would enquire about it.

Cllr. Flanagan requested the road on Bishop Street be resurfaced and stated that the lights on Athenry Road were very dim.

Mayor Kelly requested that the Tuam Town Councillors meet up with the Tuam Electoral Area Councillors to discuss Galway County Council business. Cllr. O'Grady proposed that the Tuam Town Councillors meet up with the Tuam Electoral Area Councillors at least quarterly per year. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. Reilly.

Cllr. Reilly stated that there was a person willing to erect a bus shelter and sponsor it. Mayor Kelly stated there was an opportunity to have a bus stop on either side of Vicar street and that a letter had been sent to Bus Eireann inviting them to attend a meeting. Mr. Ridge stated that the area engineer was in discussion with Bus Eireann and that

Galway County Council is carrying out adjustments on the footpath to enable the erection of the bus shelter.

Mr. Ridge stated that tenders for a public toilet in Tuam are being sought and that it would be erected by the end of November.

Cllr. Ward requested that The Grove hospital be on the agenda for the next meeting.  
Cllr. Ward expressed his sympathy to the people in Russia and a one minutes silence was taken.

Mayor Kelly asked that a letter be sent to Iarnrod Eireann asking them to clean up the railway line.

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2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2004.

TO EACH MEMBER OF TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

A chara,

The monthly meeting of Tuam Town Council will be held in the Town Hall on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2004 at 6.30 p.m.** You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise, le meas,  Baile Cleireach

### AGENDA

6.30 p.m. – 7.00 p.m. Meeting with Tuam Chamber of Commerce

7.00 p.m. Tuam Town Council Meeting

Minutes of Meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> June an 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2004.

Manager's Business

Tuam Town Development Plan

Correspondence (to follow)

Hub Status

G. Browne Lane | 1999  
P. Warren  
C. Keaveney  
P. McHugh  
G. Joyce

- T. McHugh  
- A. O'Donnell Brady  
- O. Ward  
- Shawn Curran

**TUAM TOWN CO**

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2004

**Present:**

**Mayor Councillor M. Kelly**

**Councillors: T. Reilly, S. A. Flanagan, M. Ward,  
P. Warren, P. O'Grady, G. Browne-Lane, T. McHugh,  
A. O'Donnell-Brady.**

**Officials:**

**Mr. Paul Ridge, Director of Services,  
Mr. Stephen Lally, Town Engineer  
Mrs. Angela Holian, Town Clerk  
Mr. Martin Lavelle, Senior Engineer**

The Prayer was recited.

**Minutes:**

The Minutes of the May Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by Councillor Warren.

# **TUAM TOWN COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2004**

**Present:** Mayor Councillor M. Kelly

**Councillors:** T. Reilly, S. A. Flanagan, M. Ward,  
P. Warren, P. O'Grady, G. Browne-Lane, T. McHugh,  
A. O'Donnell-Brady.

**Officials:**

Mr. Paul Ridge, Director of Services,  
Mr. Stephen Lally, Town Engineer  
Mrs. Angela Holian, Town Clerk  
Mr. Martin Lavelle, Senior Engineer

The Prayer was recited.

**Minutes:**

The Minutes of the May Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by Councillor Warren.

## **Matters arising from Minutes:**

**Pay and Display parking:** The Mayor and Members agreed the Pay and Display parking was working very well. Replying to Councillor Reilly Mr. Ridge said the money raised from the Pay and Display parking is 'ring-fenced' into traffic management. Councillor O'Grady asked if a two-hour/E2 parking time could be accommodated, also that paid parking finish at 6 p.m. on a Friday. Replying to Councillor O'Donnell-Brady Mr. Ridge said he was 99% sure that a parking ticket could transfer from one street to another. Councillor McHugh stated that People were parking on the footpaths at Old Road and asked that this be monitored.

## **Managers Business:**

Mr. Ridge congratulated the new Members of the Board on their election and welcomed the re-elected Members back. He said he looked forward to working with the Members of the Board in the future.

## **Correspondence:**

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2004 from Office of Environmental Enforcement – read.

Letter dated 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2004 from Balbriggan Town Council – read.

Letter dated 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2004 from Dundalk Chamber of Commerce – read.

Letter dated 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2004 from Mr. Noel Treacy, T.D., Minister of State at the Department of Agriculture and Food. The Members welcomed allocation of E10,000 and E14,250 to Templejarlath Graveyard and Shop Street Bridge. Replying to Councillor Browne-Lane Mr. Ridge said he would contact the O.P.W. in relation to having the river cleaned. Councillor Reilly requested that a sign stating opening times be erected at Temple Jarlath.



Letter dated 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2004 from Ballina Town Council. There was unanimous support for the following Notice of motion:

“That this Council calls upon the Minister for Justice to enact legislation, that mandates the courts to impose at least community service orders, which can be seen to benefit the local community, on second and subsequent offences of wanton vandalism and public order offences”

Letter dated 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2004 from Mr. Colm Wallace, S.E.O., Housing. It was proposed by Councillor Reilly, seconded by Councillor Ward and agreed that house No 59 Gilmartin Road be sold to Galway County Council.

Councillor O’Grady stated there was an anomaly in the way some houses are kept and felt that the Town Council should be consulted when houses in Tuam are being allocated.

Letter dated 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2004 from Castlebar Town Council – read.

Letter dated 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2004 from Kilkee Town Council – read.

Letter dated 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2004 from Confederation of European Councilors – read.

Letter dated 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2004 from Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government. Mr. Ridge stated S.P.C.’s, which are relevant to County Council rather than Town Councils are being re-established.

Letter dated 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2004 from Association of municipal Authorities of Ireland – noted.

Letter dated 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2004 from Department of Planning and Economic Development, Galway County Council – read.

Letter dated 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2004 from Mr. Michael Moroney, Chairperson Blackacre Residents Association. The Members agreed that action should be taken regarding the entrance/exit from Blackacre to the N17 traffic lights/pedestrian crossing/roundabout/speed limits. Councillor Browne-Lane said this had been raised on a number of occasions and asked if the speed limits were being changed. Mr. Ridge stated that new regulations were being put in place. Special conditions for Pedestrian crossings would not be met in this area. Mr. Lavelle stated that Galway County Council had argued the case to move the speed limits with the National Roads Authority but had been refused. It was agreed to write to the National Roads Authority. It was also agreed to keep the matter on the agenda each month.

Preliminary Notice of Conference – “Regions Driving the Employment Agenda” – read.

Letter dated 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2004 from Mr. Paddy McHugh, T. D. regarding the Garda Siochana Bill 2004. The Mayor thanked Deputy McHugh for raising the matter in the Dail and Minister McDowell’s response to consider the matter.

Letter dated 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2004 from Mr. Midie Corcoran, Artistic Director, Earwig. It was agreed that the Mayor together with Councillors McHugh, Flanagan, Reilly and Ward meet with the Tuam Arts Festival Committee.

Preliminary Notice of Seminar – “Public Service Delivery versus Privatisation” – read.

#### **HUB STATUS:**

Mr. Ridge informed the Members that the Tuam Traffic Management/Local Area Plan will be published next week. This will give People an opportunity to study the Plan and make submissions. The Town Council should make a submission. The road at the Palace Grounds was put forward to show how the traffic plan can be. He said the new swimming pool was a major amenity and the more ways it can be accessed the better. It was up to the Board Members/Elected Representatives to decide. Mr. Lavelle presented a map of the proposals. He said the yellow lines were possible pedestrianised streets and the blue lines were possible new roads. Access from the N17 to the pool and the play area was vital. Looking at the long-term development of the town, with a population of 14,000 a “low-speed access route which skirts the boundary of the park” was being proposed. This would provide access from the N17 to the pool, without the necessity of going through the centre of the town and he could not see an alternative route to the one proposed.

The Members agreed the People of the town had voiced their opinion on the proposed road - no road through the Palace Grounds. There was unanimous support for Councillor Ward’s Notice of Motion. Replying to Councillor McHugh Mr. Ridge said no decision had been taken to construct the road. The road was revealed as a solution to the traffic problems. In a few years there will be a difficulty with roads in Tuam and this is a broad-brush approach to the problem. Galway County Council are proposing a road skirting the Palace Grounds not through the Palace Grounds and it was important that People are aware of this and that the proposals be discussed.

The Plan will be on display at the Library and the Town Hall and submissions can be made for a period of six weeks.

Mr. Lavelle told the meeting it was intended to make minor changes to the Pay and Display system – the money recouped will pay for this. Pay and Display may have to be introduced at the swimming pool. Problems are being experienced at Stable Lane and Old Road. Signs will be erected at roundabout at Vicar Street. Regarding the car park at the Grove Hospital Mr. Lavelle said there was a surplus of parking spaces on the streets since the Pay and Display came into operation. Three hundred and ninety-five spaces will be available at Abbey Trinity in November/December, he felt it would be unnecessary to develop the Grove Hospital car-park at this time.

Councillor O'Grady called on Galway County Council to identify an area on the Galway Road for long-term parking.

The Mayor asked that an area at Tullinadaly Road be considered for a car-park.

#### **N17/Outer relief Road:**

Replying to the Mayor Mr. Lavelle said it would be seven or eight years before work would commence on the Tuam by-pass. Councillor Reilly said he was aware that the planning and design of the by-pass was at an advanced stage but felt the by-pass should start at Claretuam, go through Kilbannon and on to Kilclooney. It was his opinion that work could start in two years.

#### **Civic Amenity Site:**

Mr. Ridge told the Meeting a review was taking Place. The new range of charges had been circulated to the Members. He said the operation of the site in its present form is not sustainable. At present the site is being used as a transfer station which cannot be used to collect waste. Galway County Council must adhere to legislation. Galway County Council will look at various options. It was proposed by the Mayor and seconded by Councillor O'Grady that the Town Council meet with the County Councilors for the Tuam Area as soon as possible. There was unanimous for Councillor Ward's Notice of Motion. It was proposed by Councillor O'Grady and seconded by Councillor Ward that Audley Waste & Recycling Service be invited to a meeting.

**Abbey Trinity:**

Replying to Councillor Reilly the Town Engineer said one of the traffic islands at Abbey Trinity had been re-instated. Installation of the other one is being considered.

Replying to the Mayor Mr. Ridge said the contract for the public toilet had been signed. The bus shelter at Vicar Street will require planning permission.

**Congratulation:**

Mr. John Tierney former Assistant County Manager was congratulated on his appointment as County Manager at Fingal County Council.

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by,  
Angela Holian,  
Town Clerk

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

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