

Tuam Town Council

Telephone: (093)24246

Town Clerk's Office,
Town Hall,
Tuam.

25th February, 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 1st March, 2004 at 7.30 p.m. You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise, le meas,

Angela Holan Baile Cleireach

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An Post

Retirement of Mr. D. O'Donoghue, County Manager

Tuam Town Council

Special Meeting held on Monday 23rd February, 2004

Re:

An Post

Attendance: Mayor Ward, Councillors G. Browne-Lane, P. Warren, M. Kelly, C. Keaveney, P. O'Grady and Deputy McHugh

The Members agreed there was no dispute at Tuam Post Office, however there is a problem regarding overcrowding and the promise of a new sorting depot. Councillor O'Grady said he did a lengthy interview with R.T.E. that morning the whole town is affected by the situation at An Post, he gave examples of cases where medical appointments arrived to late for people to attend same. Normal postal deliveries are at least two weeks behind time. Councillor Keaveney said An Post will not reply to the C.W.U., there is an accommodation issue, also health and safety to be considered. Councillor Kelly said An Post are deliberately holding mail from Tuam. There are in excess of 40,000 pieces of Mail, for Tuam, being held in Galway. Deputy McHugh told the members he tried to raise the matter in the Dail but was told it was out of order. An Post have told him there is continued unofficial action taking place in Tuam. He has asked an Post to clarify what is wrong and is awaiting a reply from Mr. Michael Tindell, Company Secretary.

The Mayor was instructed to contact the Chamber of Commerce with a view to issuing a joint statement.

Recorded by:

**Angela Holian,
Town Clerk**

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday, 2nd February, 2004

Present: Deputy Mayor Councillor O'Grady

Councillors: M. Kelly, T. Reilly, G. Browne-Lane,
P. Warren, P. McHugh, C. Keaveney.

Officials:

Mr. Liam Gavin, Director of Services,
Mr. Stephen Lally, Town Engineer
Mrs. Angela Holian, Town Clerk

Apology Councillor Joyce, Councillor Ward

The Prayer was recited.

Minutes:

The Minutes of the January Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Keaveney seconded by Councillor Kelly.

The Minutes of the Budget of Expenses Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Keaveney seconded by Councillor Kelly.

The Deputy Mayor and the Members welcomed Mr. Stephen Lally, Town Engineer to the Meeting.

Matters arising from Minutes:

Bus Shelter: Replying to Councillor Kelly Mr. Gavin said Adshel are favourably disposed to providing a Bus Shelter and a site investigation has been carried by a Mr. Pat Leader. A Mr. John Quinn will make the final decision.

Dynamo Blues AFC: The Deputy Mayor stated that he and Deputy McHugh attended the Tuam Electoral Area Committee Meeting and informed the Members that the lands are being transferred to Dynamo Blues. The Members welcomed the successful conclusion of the matter.

Traffic Management Plan: Replying to Councillor Warren Mr. Gavin said Abbey Trinity car park has now been closed off but the road remains open. It was proposed by Councillor Browne-Lane and seconded by Councillor Reilly that a notice be displayed at the High Street entrance when the Lane is being closed to traffic. Councillor Browne-Lane called on the County Council to liaise with the various contractors in the area in an effort to minimise traffic disruption. She also asked that a machine parked on the footpath at Tullinadaly Road be removed. She presented photos, taken earlier in the day, of illegally parked vehicles. The Town Engineer agreed to investigate and consult with the Traffic Wardens.

Councillor Keaveney proposed that Councillor Reilly's notice of motion be considered at this time. There was unanimous support for the motion: "I propose that Galway County Council give adequate notice in the local papers, informing the Public when the Abbey Trinity car park will no longer be available as a public car park, also that Galway County Council ensure there is adequate parking facilities available before the commencement of redevelopment work".

Toilets Replying to Councillor Reilly Mr. Gavin said the new toilets will be wheelchair accessible. It was proposed by Councillor O'Grady and seconded by Councillor Keaveney that the toilets be accessible to cars and buses. Replying to Councillor Kelly Mr. Gavin said Galway County Council will negotiate with the Church Authorities.

Town Hall: It was proposed by Councillor O'Grady, seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed that the Town Council move back to the Town Hall before the next meeting. Mr. Gavin told the Members that discussions need to be held with Galway County Council regarding the future use of the Town Hall, also the acquisition of furniture. It was proposed by Councillor Reilly and seconded by Deputy McHugh that a meeting be held to discuss the future use of the Building. It was agreed to meet at 7p.m. in the Town Hall prior to the March meeting

Person of the Year: The Deputy Mayor told the meeting that the 2003 Tuam Person of the Year is Dr. Anthony Waldron. The joint Group of the Year is Tuam Wheelchair Association and Tuam Special Olympics Host Town Committee. A special award will be made to Tuam Acro Club.

Managers Business:

Regarding the Tuam Town Plan Mr. Gavin told the Members a Draft Plan is being prepared and will be brought before the Area Committee Meeting prior to being brought before a full Council meeting and going on Public display.

Regarding Parking Mr. Gavin said discussions were taking place with the Western Health Board and it is hoped they will be successful. Discussion with the Mart People had not taken place yet.

Councillor O'Grady said the flood-lights at the Square were not working. He proposed that the lights removed from Abbey Trinity be erected at the Square and the Shambles.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 6th January, 2004 from Mayo County Council – read.

Letter dated 12th January, 2004 from General council of county Councils – read.

Letter dated 14th January, 2004 from Newmarket Community Development Association – read.

Letter dated 19th January, 2004 from Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government re: inclusion of Candidate's Photographs on the ballot paper in the Local Elections – noted.

Letter dated 21st January, 2004 from Mr. Maurice Laheen. It was proposed by Councillor Kelly and seconded by Deputy McHugh that the Board write to the Mayor of Wigan Metropolitan Borough Council and invite him to Tuam during his visit to Mayo.

Letter dated 20th January, 2004 from Mr. Noel Treacy, T.D., Minister of State regarding Tuam Swimming Pool. The Members welcomed the approval to proceed with the construction of the new Pool. Councillor Reilly paid tribute to the Tuam Swimming Pool Committee, Deputy McHugh and the Members of the Board who lead a deputation to the Minister in 1999.

Letter dated 22nd January, 2004 from Mr. Paddy McHugh, T.D. regarding Tuam Swimming Pool.

Letter dated 22nd January, 2004 from Mr. Willi Kiefel, Chairman, Tuam-Straubing Twinning Committee. It was proposed by Councillor O'Grady and seconded by Councillor Reilly that £1,000.00 be allocated to the Twinning Committee.

Letter dated 29th January, 2004 from Action Tuam Ltd. – noted.

U. D. C. Status:

Mr. Gavin stated there was no news in relation to U.D.C. Status. Replying to Deputy McHugh he said the Environs Boundary was not a statutory Boundary, the Town Boundary was more complex. The matter is being looked at.

The Grove Hospital:

Deputy McHugh stated that the Minister for Health was still considering the Grove Hospital in the context of the mid term review of the National Development Plan. It was proposed by Councillor Reilly and seconded by Councillor Kelly that the Board seek a deputation with the Minister for Health.

Notice of Motion:

Councillor Reilly spoke on his motion regarding the old Swimming Pool. He said there were 1,800 students in Tuam and the old swimming pool would be an ideal community centre. He proposed that Galway County Council prepare a feasibility Study for the April meeting. There was unanimous support for the proposal. Mr. Gavin said a report would be prepared.

Councillor Reilly spoke on his motion regarding footpaths also Councillor Ward's motion. He said People with disabilities were experiencing major difficulties and asked that the footpaths be repaired. He also asked that the entrance/exit from a housing estate at Dublin Road be attended to. Mr. Gavin said work on the footpaths was subject to available funding. There was unanimous support for both notices of motion.

Regarding Councillor Ward's motion regarding a dog pound Mr. Gavin said location of dog pounds are difficult. The matter is being looked at in a County context. There was unanimous support for the motion.

Deputation:

The Deputy Mayor welcomed the Deputation from the Tuam Youth Café Project, Fr. Charlie McDonnell, C.C., Mr. Brian Gormally, Director of Family Support Services, Western Health Board, Ms. Deirdre McGrath, Community Youth Worker, Galway Youth Federation, Ms. Christina Quirke and Mr. Damien Donohue, Students. Fr. McDonnell thanked the Board for receiving the Deputation. He said there were 1,800 young People in education in Tuam. A large number of these students don't leave town until 5 or 6p.m. There is a real lack of facilities in the town where young people can go while waiting for buses or while waiting to go back to study. He outlined the aims of the Tuam Youth Café Project – to provide services relevant to young people and promote their health and well being in a safe, healthy and alcohol free environment. Their Committee comprises of representatives from Adolescent Support Project, Galway youth Federation, Western Health Board, RAPID, Galway Rural Development, Tuam parish, An Garda Siochana, Tuam Travellers Education & Development Association and Student Representatives from all the local Schools. A similar project has been running in Galway City since 2001. A premises is being sought in the town centre and the Town Council were requested to lease a room in the Town Hall to the Committee, initially for one year. The Deputy Mayor thanked the Deputation for their presentation. The Deputation thanked the Board for receiving them and left.

During the discussion which followed the Members expressed support for the Youth Café Project but felt the Town Hall may not be a suitable venue. They referred to the previous meeting when they had agreed on civic use and requested a report on the "one-stop-shop" idea for the next meeting. It was agreed to include the Youth Café Project on the agenda for the next meeting.

Mr. Gavin agreed to convey their comments to Mr. Ridge who would prepare a proposal for the next meeting.

The Deputy Mayor stated that the Mayor's Ball will take place on the 14th May, 2004. It is expected that the Mayor of Belfast will visit Tuam at this time.

Sympathy:

A vote of sympathy was passed with the following Families:

McGagh Family, Bishop Street on the death of Joe
O'Grady Family, Rusheens on the death of Mrs. O'Grady
Lawless Family, Fairgreen Heights on the death of Kathleen
Lawless Family, Cloonmore on the death of Nora
Cloonan Family, Cloonascaragh on the death of Willie
Kelly Family, Corohan on the death of Mattie

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY: 

MAYOR

Tuam Town Council

Telephone: (093)24246

Town Clerk's Office,
Town Hall,
Tuam.

28th January, 2004

To each Member of Tuam Town Council

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The Grove Hospital

Approve Minutes of Estimates Meeting

Notices of Motion – Councillor Reilly:

- (a) I propose that Galway County Council prepare a feasibility Study, as agreed at the November meeting, on the existing Swimming Pool with a view to adapting the building to a Community Centre.

(b) I propose that Galway County Council give adequate notice in the local papers, informing the Public when the Abbey Trinity car park will no longer be available as a Public car park also that Galway County Council ensure there is adequate parking facilities available before commencement of redevelopment work.

(c) I propose that Galway County Council carry out a survey in Tuam to ensure that footpaths are lowered in all areas to meet the needs of People with disabilities or wheelchair users.

Notices of Motion: Co. Ward:

(a) I propose that Galway County Council provide a disability parking space opposite Dr. J. Cunningham's Shop Street also a parking space for Doctors in other streets.

(b) I Propose that Galway County Council make provision to accommodate the town of Tuam with a dog pound.

Dark Corners

Deputation Tuam Wheelchair Association

Deputation Tuam Youth Café Project

Matters arising from Minutes:

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday, 12th January, 2004

Present:

Mayor Councillor Ward

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

Officials:

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

The Prayer was recited.

Minutes:

The Minutes of the December Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Keaveney seconded by Councillor Reilly.

Matters arising from Minutes:

Bus Shelter: Replying to Councillor Kelly Mr. Ridge said he would come back to the February meeting with a date for the erection of a Bus Shelter. Councillor Kelly complimented the Town Engineer and staff on the refurbishment of a footpath at Vicar Street.

Dynamo Blues AFC: Replying to Councillor Keaveney Mr. Ridge a meeting has been arranged between the Housing People who control the lands in question and Dynamo Blues. There will be a positive recommendation from officials. The matter is progressing positively.

Traffic Management Plan: Replying to Councillor Reilly Mr. Ridge said the order for ticketing machines has been issued and the machines should be installed by the end of March.

Regarding Abbey Trinity Mr. Ridge said the Developers hope to move onto the site in the next week. The services have to be re-routed also a new road by the side of the car park constructed. Negotiations are going ahead in relation to the car park at the Grove. Councillor O'Grady proposed that the Council also negotiate with the owners of the Mart regarding alternative parking spaces.

Regarding the siting of Loading Bays Mr. Ridge said it was proposed to proceed with the adopted plan but this can be re-visited.

Replying to Councillor Browne-Lane Mr. Ridge said the "Audit" of parking spaces was not available yet. Councillor Browne-Lane proposed a notice be displayed at the High Street entrance informing people when "The Lane" is being closed to traffic.

Mr. Ridge informed the Members it was hoped to have the Public Toilet in place within two months.

It was agreed that a deputation from the Wheelchair Association be invited to the March meeting.

Person of the Year: It was agreed that the sub-committee meet after the monthly meeting.

Town Hall: Mr. Ridge stated that a decision needed to be made regarding the use of the Town Hall. He said the original idea of a "one-stop-shop" was good but a large population base was needed to justify the staff needed. Many of the Council services are now available on the inter-net and the erection of the new civic offices will proceed quickly. He advised the Members to look at self-financing usage of the ground floor – something appropriate to such an historic building. The Mayor stated that he had a proposal regarding a Youth Organisation and he proposed to make a presentation to the February meeting. Following a discussion in which a "one-stop-shop" was the preferred option it was proposed by Councillor Browne-Lane and seconded by Deputy McHugh to meet with the Councilors for the Tuam Electoral Area. It was proposed by the Mayor and seconded by Councillor Keaveney and agreed to hold a special meeting to decide on the future use of the Town Hall. It was also agreed that the Town Council move back to the Town Hall before the March Meeting and the Town Hall to be included on the agenda for the February meeting.

Managers Business:

Mr. Ridge informed the Members that the Tuam Town Plan is being reviewed. The process is the same as the County Plan. Twenty-eight submissions outlining areas for re-zoning have been received. The submissions advocate a total of approximately 235 Hectares of additional residential lands, of which approximately 95 Hectares are outside the present Tuam Environs Boundary. An additional 29 Hectares of commercial zoning is proposed, almost all of it located outside Tuam Town Centre. 3.69 Hectares are proposed for industrial development on a site just outside the Environs Boundary on the Weir Road. At present there are 126 Hectares of lands zoned for Residential Development in the Tuam Town Plan which are yet not built on. At medium densities this can provide for 2,500 additional residential units. This is the housing requirement, which is projected for Tuam up to 2016 in the County Development Plan. A requirement of 1,000 units is indicated for the period up to 1009. The present zoning therefore provides for adequate land to cater for housing demands for the next five years and gives a safety factor of 2.5 to 1 in the case of over demand or lack of willingness to develop. In the case of commercial development the Integrated Area Plan for Tuam, which was drawn up in the light of the Town Urban Renewal Scheme Status, only approximately half of the designated areas have applied for Tax Relief under the Scheme. Having regard to the higher densities and plot ratios of development at Town Centre locations there is more than adequate space for commercial development available for the duration of the next Town Plan. It is now proposed to prepare a Draft Plan.

Replying to the Members Mr. Ridge said Tuam will grow to a certain size and the idea is to tighten up areas for Development. There are a number of areas in which the Town Council can advise the County Council. He said he would talk to the Chairperson of the Tuam Electoral Area Committee with a view to arranging a meeting with the Town Council. Replying to Councillor Browne-Lane, regarding the provision of further relief roads Mr. Ridge said these would be planned as part of the national roads network.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 28th November, 2003 from Clare County Council – read.

Letter dated 28th November, 2003 from Local Authority Members Association – read.

Letter dated 2nd December, 2003 Association of Municipal authorities of Ireland re: Annual Spring Seminar 2004 – noted.

Letter dated 26th November, 2003 from Galway County Council, Planning & Development Act, 2000, section 12(13) Protected Structures – noted.

Letter dated 18th December, 2003 from Ballina Town Council. There was unanimous support for the following Motion:

“Ballina Town Council calls on the Minister for Transport, Mr. Seamus Brennan to modernise the Motor Tax payment process, to facilitate:

- (a) The taxing system to allow the road tax for a vehicle just purchased to be based on the number of days remaining in the month and the time the vehicle is to be taxed for.
- (b) A facility were on the disposal/change of a vehicle a tax credit would be made available for the amount of tax remaining on the vehicle”.

Letter dated 18th December, 2003 from Councillor Dominic Kiernan, Mayor of Wexford read.

Letter dated 16th December, 2003 from Clonmel Borough Council – read.

Letter dated 22nd December, 2003 from Castlebar Town Council. There was unanimous support for the following Motion:

“The Members of Castlebar Town Council call on the Government to amend the 2003 Freedom of Information Act, to allow Public Representatives to obtain information, free of charge and that the internal review fee, under section 14 of the Freedom of Information Act, be abolished in respect of review requested by Public Representatives and the Press”.

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2000, SECTION 12(1)

Letter dated 12th January, 2004 from Mr. Maurice Laheen regarding visit of Mr. Wilf Brogan, Mayor of Wigan, Lancashire to Mayo in March and possibly a visit to Tuam. Noted.

NOTICE

Notice of Motion:

The Mayor spoke on his motion regarding the Community Warden Scheme. He said the Scheme in Tuam had been a great success in relation to litter and traffic control. He paid tribute to the hard work and commitment of the Wardens. He asked the support of the Members in calling on Galway County Council to ensure the scheme continues beyond June 2004 and that the positions of Community Warden be made permanent. There was unanimous support for the motion.

Sympathy:

A vote of sympathy was passed with the following Families:

Councillor Keaveney on the death of his Aunt Madge
Mr. Jarlath Burke, Tuam Herald on the death of his mother Eileen
Nickelson Family Tonemoyle on the death of John
Connell Family, Dunmore on the death of Ann and Bridget
Farrington Family, on the death of Bob
Byrne Family, St. Joseph's Park on the death of Sean
Nickelson Family, Bishop street on the death of Francis
Hardiman Family, Church View on the death of Brian

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY: _____


MAYOR 

**GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2000, SECTION 12(13)**

NOTICE

TO:
The Town Clerk ,,
Town Hall,
Market Square,
Tuam,
Galway.

Reg No: 27

Name: Town Hall

Description: Town Hall, eight-bay two-storey building with stepped line of façade, carriage arch and four-storey corner clock tower. Built of quarry faced limestone with cut stone dressings. The building incorporates an earlier building on the site, which was 'extended and restored' in 1883. Renovated c. 1985. Street frontage.

Take Notice,

In accordance with the provision of Section 12(13) of the Planning & Development Act 2000, you are hereby informed that the structure, details of which are set out herewith, has been included in the Record of Protected Structures for the County of Galway.

Dated this 26th day of November 2003

M. Doddy,
Conservation Officer,
Galway County Council

**GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2000, SECTION 12(13)**

NOTICE

TO:
Tuam UDC,
Bishop St,
Tuam,
Galway.

Reg No: 37

Name: Inscribed Stone

Description: Inscribed stone, dated 1735, commemorating a wager concerning the capability of an ass to haul this stone weighing 27 hundred weight.

Take Notice,

In accordance with the provision of Section 12(13) of the Planning & Development Act 2000, you are hereby informed that the structure, details of which are set out herewith, has been included in the Record of Protected Structures for the County of Galway.

Dated this 26th day of November 2003

M. Doddy,
Conservation Officer,
Galway County Council

Tuam Town Council

Telephone: (093)24246

Town Clerk's Office,
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Tuam.

7th January, 2003

To each Member of Tuam Town Council

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A. H. O'Leary

Baile Cleireach

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The Grove Hospital

Notice of Motion: Councillor Ward

"I propose that the Community Warden Scheme for Tuam is continued beyond June 2004 and that the positions of Community Wardens be made permanent".

Political Donations Register - reminder

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday, 1st December, 2003

Present: Mayor Councillor Ward

Councillors: G. Joyce, G. Browne-Lane, M. Kelly
P. McHugh, P. O'Grady, P. Warren, C. Keaveney.

Officials:

Mr. Donal O'Donoghue, County Manager
Mr. Paul Ridge, Director of Services,
Mr. Michael Gallagher, Town Engineer
Mrs. Angela Holian, Town Clerk

Apology: Councillor Reilly

The Prayer was recited.

Minutes:

The Minutes of the November Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Keaveney seconded by Councillor Kelly.

Town Hall:

The Mayor welcomed Mr. Donal O'Donoghue, County Manager to the meeting. He welcomed everyone back to the refurbished Town Hall. He thanked the County Manager, the Town Manager, the Town Engineer and the various FAS workers involved in the project. The Mayor made a presentation to Mr. M. Gallagher, Town Engineer who is taking up a new position with Leitrim County Council.

The County Manager said he kept in close touch with the Town Hall project. He said it had been a very challenging project, the building needed important and large renovations. This ancient building now has every modern facility and can be looked at with pride as a job well done. He thanked the Members of Galway County Council, and the Members of Tuam electoral Area Committee and the Members of the Town Council. He paid tribute to Mr. Paul Ridge, Director of Services, Mr. Michael Gallagher, Town Engineer and Mr. Diarmuid Croghan, Executive Engineer, County Council staff and FAS workers. He said it was important for the image and prestige of the town for the Local Authority to have its own headquarters where functions and exhibitions can be held also it is befitting for Tuam's status as a Hub Town. He said Galway County Council had invested considerably in infrastructure in Tuam in recent years, water, waste-water, roads etc. He welcomed investment under Urban Renewal and said this would help grow the economy of the town in the future. He wished Tuam well.

Mr. Ridge said he agreed with the County Manager and congratulated everyone involved with the Town Hall. He said Hub status was significant can be made to work. He welcomed all the developments taking place in Tuam and hoped that investment and development would continue into the future in a sustainable manner.

Deputy McHugh, said the momentum started in 2000 when Tuam was identified as a "growth centre" and designated a Hub Centre under the National Spatial Strategy. He hoped funds will come when RAPID gets underway also that Tuam will benefit from the decentralisation programme. He joined with the other Members in welcoming Mr. O'Donoghue, County Manager to the meeting and wishing Mr. Gallagher, Town Engineer good luck.

Matters arising from Minutes:

The "Grove" Hospital: Letter dated 28th November, 2003 from Deputy Paddy McHugh was read. It was agreed to keep the "Grove" on the agenda. Regarding the car park the Manager said negotiations were ongoing. The re-opening of the car park was subject to a wall being built to protect the hospital.

Dynamo Blues AFC: Replying to Councillor O'Grady the County Manager said the solution to Dynamo Blues is linked to a housing estate. A proposal will be brought before the Tuam electoral Area Committee. Mr. Ridge told the Members that objections raised will be taken on board and he was confident that the solution, when issued, will be acceptable to all. Councillor Keaveney welcomed the commitment given by the Manager and said Dynamo Blues will be celebrating 25 years in existence on the 12th December. Deputy McHugh asked if the Tuam electoral Area Committee meeting could be held before the 12th December.

Bus Shelter: Replying to Councillor Kelly Mr. Ridge said it was unlikely a Bus Shelter would be provided before Christmas.

Traffic Management Plan: Letter dated 28th November, 2003 from Vicar Street Residents was read also letter dated 1st December, 2003 from Ms. Margaret McGlynn, Managing Director, Olympic Sport & Leisure. The Town Engineer stated that the Loading Bay on Vicar Street is to be re-located to outside the "Connaught Arms". A Loading Bay will be provided on Dublin Road above the Bank. Replying to Councillor Browne-Lane, who said the "Lane" had been closed on a number of occasions in the past few weeks causing major delays, Mr. Ridge said there was a strict procedure in relation to road closure. Deputy McHugh complimented the Traffic Wardens on a great job. He said development work in Tuam is to be welcomed. He said contractors are working under very difficult circumstances in the town and should be welcomed, encouraged and facilitated. Councillor Browne-Lane said People were entitled to courtesy, and advanced notice of road closure would be appreciated. The Manager agreed with both Councillor's. He said some Developers will be applying for road closures, the duration of which may extend to twelve months. This will have a major impact. He suggested, in view of a review of the town plan, that some areas be considered for pedestrianisation.

Abbey Trinity: Replying to Councillor O'Grady Mr. Ridge said the final date for appeal is 9th December. It was proposed by Councillor O'Grady and seconded by Deputy McHugh that the lights be removed from Abbey Trinity and relocated to the Spare and the Shambles.

Person of the Year: It was agreed to defer selection of the Person/Group of the Year to the new year.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 5th November, 2003 from Association of Municipal authorities of Ireland – read.

Letter dated 12th November, 2003 from Clonmel Borough Council. There was unanimous support for the following notice of Motion: “That existing retail outlets, particularly supermarkets, be encouraged to provide toilet facilities for all their customers and, in particular, the handicapped” also “That all future planning permissions include an obligatory clause that such facilities be part of the application”.

Notice of Conference “Should Councillors remain on Health Boards” – noted.

Letter dated 11th November, 2003 from South Tipperary County Council. There was unanimous support for the following Notice of Motion: “That South Tipperary County Council supports the bench marking payments to staff and calls on the Minister for Environment and Local Government Mr. Martin Cullen to make extra resources available from central funds to ensure that this Council can fulfill it’s commitments in this respect”.

Letter dated 12th November, 2003 from Wicklow County Tourism/Wicklow County Council re: Tourism Seminar – read.

Letter dated 21st November, 2003 from Mr. Dermot Mahon, Tuam RAPID Co-ordinator. The Members welcomed the proposed funding available under the RAPID programme.

Letter dated 25th November, 2003 from Mr. Willi Kiefel, Chairman, Tuam/Straubing Twinning Committee. It was proposed by Councillor O’Grady and seconded by Councillor Keaveney that (1,000 be given to the Twinning Committee. Mr. Ridge pointed out the allocation for Twinning for 2003 has been spent. It was then proposed by Councillor O’Grady, seconded by Councillor Keaveney and agreed that if the allocation for Town Twinning for 2004 has not been exhausted by the end of 2004 the remaining amount be given to the Twinning Committee.

Regarding Charnay-Les-Macom, it was proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Deputy McHugh and agreed that a decision be deferred until after the Local Elections. Mr. Ridge advised against involvement with a second twin because of financial restraints and the lack of an organised group in Charnay-Les-Macom.

Notice of Motion:

Councillor Browne-Lane spoke on her motion. She said disabled People continue to have problems trying to park. She said there seems to be a "park where you like when you like" attitude in Tuam. She called on Galway County Council to carry out an audit of disabled parking spaces and have the result for the next meeting.

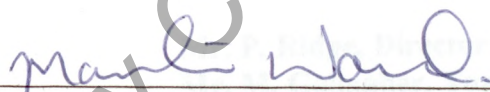
The Mayor stated that he had met with a group from the Wheelchair Association who had carried out a survey. Photos were circulated to the Members.

The Town Engineer stated that double parking on Shop Street would be discussed with the Gardai. The Community Wardens have talked to Business People regarding leaving bins out on the footpaths. The problem at High Street has been rectified. It is illegal to park on footpaths. He agreed to look again at the corner of Dublin Road. Dublin Road is going to become "one-way".

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY:



MAYOR

Galway County Council Archives

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Draft Budget of Expenses Meeting held on Monday 1st December, 2003

Present:

Mayor: Councillor Ward

**Councillors: G. Joyce, G. Browne-Lane, M. Kelly,
P. McHugh, P. O'Grady, P. Warren, C. Keaveney**

Officials:

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

Apology:

Co. Reilly

Budget of expenses:

Mr. Ridge introduced the Draft Budget of Expenses for the year 2004, which had been circulated to each Member and advertised. He said total expenditure for 2004 is estimated at €123,334.00 while receipts are estimated at €43,200.00.

Regarding receipts Mr. Ridge told the Members there would be an increase in rents due to a rent review, which was carried out in 2003. On the expenditure side the amount for Insurance had been reduced. The Audit of Accounts, which should have been carried out in 2003, will have to be carried out in 2004. He said it was difficult to estimate the cost of running the newly refurbished Town Hall and this amount also had been increased.

Mr. Ridge said the estimated outturn for Year 2004 is ~~€~~80,134.00, Expenditure ~~€~~123,334.00, Receipts ~~€~~43,200.00, Demand ~~€~~73,833.00. The estimate will require a rate of 2.79 in the euro, which is an increase of 6.07% on the previous year.

The Councillors examined the various items of expenditure and receipts proposed in the Budget of Expenses. Councillor Kelly proposed that an amount be provided in the budget to cover various expenses that would occur during the year. It was proposed by Councillor O'Grady and seconded by Councillor Kelly to include an amount under the heading "miscellaneous expenses". Councillor O'Grady proposed that the rate in the euro be increased to ~~€~~3.00 to provide for this. In relation to "Tidy Towns" it was agreed to change this heading to "Town Enhancement". Councillor O'Grady proposed that the outgoing Tidy Towns Committee be invited to a Meeting of the Board early in the new year. The County Manager advised the Members to look at the capital fund in view of very low interest rates. He said Mr. Ridge will be presenting elaborate proposals for Tuam in the coming year

It was agreed that, Mr. Ridge would adjust the Budget of Expenses, that the Draft Budget of Expenses, as adjusted, be adopted by the Councillor's, that the net amount of ~~€~~79,500.00 be demanded from Galway County Council in respect of year ending 31st December, 2004 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

Budget of Expenses for the Year to 31st December 2004
Tuam Town Council

Tuam Town Council
Adopted Budget of Expenses
for
Year Ending December 31st 2004

Presented to the Council
Date: 01/12/2003

Adopted
Date:

**Budget of Expenses for the Year to 31st December 2004
Tuam Town Council**

Receipts

	Outturn 2003	Est For 2004
Housing		
1 Rents	€ 36,000.00	€ 38,000.00
2 Annuities	€ 2,200.00	€ 2,200.00
3 Ground Rents	€ 1,100.00	€ 500.00
Total	€ 39,300.00	€ 40,700.00
General		
2 Interest	€ 2,100.00	€ 2,500.00
Gross total	€ 41,400.00	€ 43,200.00
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Opening Credit\Debit Balance		€ 6,301.00
Estimated Expenditure for year	€ 112,602.00	€ 129,001.00
Estimated receipts for year	€ 41,400.00	€ 43,200.00
Final Estimated Outturn	€ 71,202.00	€ 85,801.00
Amount of Demand Initial 2003 and estimated 2004	€ 77,503.00	€ 79,500.00
Closing (Debit)\Credit Balance	€ 6,301.00	

Summary for 2004	
Total Demand	€79,500.00
Rate in Euro	€3.00
Percentage Increase in rates	14.22%

Budget of Expenses for the Year to 31st December 2004 Tuam Town Council

Housing	Outturn 2003	Est For 2004
1 Repairs	€ 12,000.00	€ 12,000.00
2 Legal Expenses	€ 725.00	€ 700.00
3 Insurance	€ 18,000.00	€ 17,000.00
4 Town Clerks Salary 50%	€ 6,100.00	€ 6,600.00
5 Town Engineers Salary 80%	€ 5,200.00	€ 4,000.00
6 Pension	€ 1,780.00	€ 1,820.00
7 Printing, Post, Stationery, Advertising	€ 320.00	€ 320.00
8 Rent Collection	€ 2,500.00	€ 2,500.00
	€ 46,625.00	€ 44,940.00
General		
1 Rent, Rates, Tax and Insurance	€ 687.00	€ 700.00
2 Office Expenses	€ 2,800.00	€ 3,200.00
3 Legal Expenses	€ 0.00	€ 0.00
4 Town Clerks Salary 50%	€ 6,100.00	€ 6,600.00
5 Town Engineers Salary 20%	€ 1,300.00	€ 1,000.00
6 Audit Fee	€ 0.00	€ 5,400.00
7 Print, Post etc.	€ 540.00	€ 570.00
8 Town Hall	€ 6,000.00	€ 8,520.00
9 Town Hall Cleaner	€ 0.00	
10 Clock Maintenance	€ 320.00	
11 Municipal Authorities	€ 4,000.00	€ 4,500.00
13 Receptions/Presentations	€ 814.00	€ 1,250.00
14 Twinning	€ 1,800.00	€ 1,500.00
15 Members Expenses LG14-02	€ 7,515.00	€ 7,515.00
16 Representational Allowance 1771 * 9	€ 14,168.00	€ 15,939.00
17 Tuam Chamber of Commerce Christmas Lights		
Operational Costs	€ 5,079.00	€ 3,000.00
Once off Capital Contribution		€ 3,000.00
18 Town Enhancement	€ 354.00	€ 3,600.00
19 Local Elections Expenses		€ 3,000.00
20 Urban Village Renewal	€ 13,500.00	€ 8,100.00
21 Contribution to the Arts	€ 1,000.00	€ 1,000.00
22 Miscellaneous and other expenses		€ 5,667.00
	€ 65,977.00	€ 84,061.00
Gross Total Expenditure	€ 112,602.00	€ 129,001.00

Tuam Town Council

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Town Clerk's Office,
Town Hall,
Tuam.

25th November, 2003

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 1st December, 2003 at 8.00 p.m. (after the Budget of Expenses meeting). You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise, le meas,

A. Nolan Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Minutes

Manager's Business

Correspondence

U. D. C. Status

Notice of Motion: Co. Browne-Lane

"I propose that Galway County Council immediately take an audit of disabled parking spaces and loading bays in Tuam and ensure that each are used for their proper purpose".

Matters arising from Minutes:

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday, 3rd November, 2003

Present: Mayor Councillor Ward

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

Officials:

Mr. Liam Gavin for Director of Services,
Mr. Albert Comer, Senior Engineer
Mr. Sean Langan, Assistant Town Engineer
Mrs. Angela Holian, Town Clerk

Apology: Councillor Joyce, Deputy McHugh

The Prayer was recited.

Minutes:

The Minutes of the October Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Keaveney seconded by Councillor Kelly.

Matters arising from Minutes:

Dynamo Blues AFC: Councillor O'Grady called on Galway County Council to expedite what is on offer to Dynamo Blues. Councillor Keaveney supported this and said the closing date for application for funding is approaching. Mr. Gavin told the Members that Mr. Ridge was having ongoing discussions with Dynamo Blues in an effort to resolve the issues.

The "Grove" Hospital: Letter dated 29th October, 2003, from Mr. Noel Treacy, T. D., Minister of State to Councillor T. Reilly, was read. Councillor O'Grady stated that Galway County Council and the Western Health Board were having discussions with a view to jointly developing the car park on the Grove property.

Bus Shelter: Letter dated 30th October, 2003, from Mr. J. Woolley, Area Manager, Bus Eireann to Deputy P. McHugh, was read also letter dated 31st October, 2003 from Mr. J. Woolley, Bus Eireann to Councillor T. Reilly. Mr. Gavin told the Members that he had also contacted Mr. Woolley. The matter has not been resolved.

Traffic Management Plan: The Mayor asked that speed signs be erected in the Cloonhue Road/Gilmartin Road area. He said Gilmartin Road was one of the busiest streets in the town and had the highest population of young people. He asked that rumble strips be considered. Councillor Kelly supported this and asked that a derelict site at Cloonhue Road/Church View be investigated.

Tuam Community Arts Group: Mr. Gavin stated that the 2003 "Contribution to the Arts" allocation was available and it was agreed that this would go to the Tuam Community Arts Group. Regarding the Mall Theatre Councillor O'Grady stated that the Court Services were providing valuable funding to the Mall Theatre. The Mall would be available for 28 days per month for theatrical productions.

Town Hall: Mr. Gavin told the Members that the December meeting of the Board will be held in the Town Hall. It was proposed by Councillor Kelly and seconded by Councillor Reilly that the Annual Awards be presented in the Town Hall. It was proposed by Councillor Reilly and seconded by Councillor Kelly that a letter of acknowledgement be sent to the FAS Employees.

Abbey Trinity: Regarding Abbey Trinity Mr. Gavin told the Members that "decision day" was 11th November, 2003. Planning permission will be granted, refused or more information will be sought. If the matter is appealed it would delay the project by approximately four or five months.

Town Boundary: Mr. Gavin told the Members that the closing date for submissions in relation to the revision of the Tuam Town Plan is 28th November, 2003.

Replying to Councillor Kelly Mr. Gavin said Galway County Council support the North-South rail link.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 24th June, 2003 from Carrickmacross Town Council. There was unanimous support for the following resolution: "Carrickmacross Town Council calls on Repak and the Department of the Environment and Local Government to subsidise the refuse collectors in this town to allow a second recycling bin collection each month, as one such collection is not enough".

Letter dated 3rd October, 2003 from Mr. Michael Gilmartin, Secretary, Tuam Lions Club regarding litter – read.

Letter dated 6th October, 2003 from L. A. M. A. – read.

Letter dated 8th October, 2003 from Wexford Borough Council – read.

Letter dated 14th October, 2003 from Dept. of the Environment and Local Government re: Information Seminar for Town Councilors. It was proposed by Councillor O'Grady, seconded by the Mayor and agreed that Councillor Kelly attend.

Letter dated 20th October, 2003 from Kilrush Town Council – read.

Letter dated 20th October, 2003 from Balbriggan Town Council – read.

Letter from Charnay-Les-Macon:

Councillor Keaveney said there is a group of People in Charney who are interested in linking with a group in Tuam with a view to twinning. The Mayor said there should be a proper allocation for twinning. It was agreed to look at this in the context of the Budget of Expenses.

Congratulations were extended to the Tuam All-Star Gymnastics Club on their win of at the European International Competitions in Milan. It was agreed to invite the Club to the Annual awards.

A. M. A. I. Councillor Kelly said the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland would like to get the views of the Councilor's in relation to the book "Dark Corners". It was proposed by Councillor Keaveney, seconded by the Mayor and agreed to include "Dark Corners" on the agenda for the February, 2004 meeting.

Person of the Year: It was agreed to repeat the advertisement for the "Person/Group of the Year".

Meeting with Supt. M. Lee:

The Mayor welcomed Supt. Martin Lee and Sargent Willie Hannon to the meeting. Replying to Councillor Browne-Lane regarding speeding on the N17, particularly the area between the Traffic Lights and Blackacre, Supt. Lee said there had been a lot of prosecutions and the Gardai will continue to prosecute. Parking tickets will be issued to people who park on the disabled persons spaces. He said discussions were taking place in relation to the Pedestrian crossing. Replying to Councillor Kelly regarding fireworks he said these were illegal and the Gardai will continue to seize them. Replying to Councillor Reilly, regarding non-Resident parking at Abbey Trinity, Supt. Lee said the Gardai will deal with People who obstruct.

Regarding C.C.T.C. Supt. Lee said there was nothing new, the Galway project had just been sanctioned. There are a number of Public Order charges in the courts in Tuam every month. He said Public Order is stable in Tuam.

TEAM TOWN COUNCIL

Councillor O'Grady, said there was concern at the huge growth in off-licence trade prior to 9 p.m. also the new changes in the Licensing Laws. Councillor Reilly welcomed the new Laws saying there was a problem with Teenage drinking, and the way forward for young People is to operate out of Youth Clubs or Community Centres. Supt. Lee stated that the report of the Government Strategic Task Force on Alcohol never came to Garda Superintendents. He said the Gardai will enforce the Law. The Mayor said some groups cannot operate under the present laws, the cost of a licence to hold disco's etc being prohibitive. He thanked Supt. Lee and Sgt. Hannon for attending the meeting.

Notice of Motion:

Councillor Reilly spoke on his motion. He said he had been informed that Galway County Council will provide car parking spaces for Fire Brigade Personal. The matter will be resolved. He wished Mr. Tom Naughton best wishes on his retirement.

Sympathy:

A vote of Sympathy was passed with the following Families:

Cosgrove Family, Bishop Street on the death of Mrs. Cosgrove
McGreal Family, Newtownmorris on the death of Edward

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY:

Maol-ward

MAYOR

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Telephone: (093)24246

Town Clerk's Office,
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25th November, 2003

To: each Member of Tuam Town Council

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Mise, le meas,

A. Nolan

Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Budget of Expenses for 2004

Presented to the Council
Date: 21/11/2003

Adopted
Date:

Budget of Expenses for the Year to 31st December 2004
Tuam Town Council

Tuam Town Council Year For 2004

Draft
Adopted Budget of Expenses

for

Year Ending December 31st 2004

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Tuam.

28th October, 2003

To each Member of Tuam Town Council

A Chara,

The Monthly meeting of Tuam Town Council will be held on Monday 3rd November, 2003 at 7.30 p.m. You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise, le meas,

Angela Holian Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

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U. D. C. Status

Letter from Charnay-Les-Macon

Meeting with Supt. M. Lee

Abbey Trinity Development

Notice of Motion: Co. Reilly:

I propose that Galway County Council provide car parking spaces at High Street to accommodate Fire Brigade Personnel.

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday, 6th October, 2003

Present: Deputy Mayor Councillor O'Grady

Councillors: P. McHugh, C. Keaveney, P. Warren,
M. Kelly, G. Browne-Lane, M. Kelly, T. Reilly, G. Joyce.

Officials:

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

The Prayer was recited.

Minutes:

The Minutes of the September Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by Councillor Keaveney.

Diversion project

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Matters arising from Minutes:

The Grove Hospital: Councillor Reilly told the Members that a request, to meet a deputation from the Board, has been sent to the Minister for Health. Deputy McHugh said it is a year since the Western Health Board made a submission to the Minister and there has been no response. Councillor O'Grady stated that the Grove would be a major issue in the Local Elections and he called on Deputy McHugh to continue to highlight the matter.

Dynamo Blues AFC: Regarding Dynamo Blues Mr. Ridge said the decision taken by Galway County Council was negative – the “College Field” is to be retained for a graveyard extension. Galway County Council are holding discussions with Dynamo Blues regarding land at Parkmore. Replying to Councillor Kelly, who said there was a lot of waste ground around the graveyard, Mr. Ridge said everything will be examined if additional space is required. Councillor Reilly asked that Dynamo Blues be accommodated at the “College Field” for as long as possible. He complimented the Caretaker on the excellent condition of the graveyard.

Bus Shelter: Councillor Reilly told the Members that he had been assured by Mr. Whooley and Mr. McHugh, Iarnrod Eireann that a bus shelter will be erected before the end of the year. He also said toilet facilities will be available at the station. Mr. Ridge stated that the provision of a Public Toilet had suffered a set back. As the toilets were above the EU procurement threshold the project has to go to tender on a European basis. He requested the relevant Director of Services to speed up delivery.

Traffic Management Plan: The Deputy Mayor told the Members that Supt. M. Lee had been invited to the November meeting. Councillor Browne-Lane stated that the Schools were not notified, prior to the commencement, of road works at Dublin Road. She said there were no lights on the pedestrian crossing at Dublin road also she expressed concern that there is a truck parked on or close to the pedestrian crossing at The Square most mornings.

The Town Engineer said a stop sign will be erected at the High Street/Mall junction this week. He agreed to examine the Cloonhue Road/Church View junction. Councillor Reilly said a traffic light at the Galway Road/Weir Road junction is almost hidden and asked that this be attended to. He said People at Abby Trinity were concerned at the number of cars now being parked on the slip road. He asked if lines/signs could be provided, in an effort to prohibit parking by non-residents. It was agreed to discuss this with Supt. Lee. Councillor Keaveney asked that consideration be given to the provision of a roundabout at the Dublin Road/Athenry Road junction.

Town Hall: The Town Engineer said the electrical work and painting is now complete. All work should be completed by the end of the year. Mr. Ridge stated that there will be a notice in the Tuam Herald next week requesting removal of cables by 14th November, 2003. If nobody comes forward the cables will be removed. Councillor Kelly proposed that the Annual Awards be held in the Town Hall.

Tidy Towns: The Members paid tribute to the commitment of the present Tidy Towns Committee and the work done in the town. It was proposed by Councillor O'Grady and seconded by Councillor Browne-Lane that Tuam revert to a local competition, such as Galway City does. It was agreed that the Board meet with the tidy Towns Committee.

Action Tuam: It was proposed by Councillor Kelly and seconded by Councillor Keaveney that Councillor O'Grady represent the Town Council on the Board of Action Tuam. Action Tuam to be notified.

Mayoral Ball: Councillor Joyce said the idea of a Mayoral Ball was received well, people would support a high profile fund raising event. Councillor Browne-Lane said there were a number of people who were involved in fund raising over the years and their expertise would be available. The Mayoral Ball would be held around Easter.

Civic Amenity Site: Replying to Councillor Reilly the Town Engineer said the work on extension to the Civic Amenity Site has started.

Abbey Trinity: Replying to Councillor Reilly Mr. Ridge said the planning application has now been submitted and a section 183 notice will come before a meeting of Galway County Council in due course. Mr. Ridge said he welcomed and supported the expenditure of €14M of infrastructure. He said the plans are on display by way of the formal application for planning permission. Replying to Councillor Browne-Lane Mr. Ridge said anyone may go into Galway County Council and view the plans. Replying to Councillor Kelly Mr. Ridge said the multistory car park will be three and one half stories over ground – the same height as the telecom building. He said the elevation treatment has changed slightly and he will bring an elevation plan to the next meeting of the Board.

Circular Letter LG 09/03 from the Department of the Environment and Local Government re: Information Seminar on Local Government for elected Members of former Town Commission, which had been circulated, was read.

Manager's Business:

Replying to Councillor Kelly regarding the extension of the Town Boundary Mr. Ridge said the Forward Planning Department, Galway County Council will be advertising regarding the Development Plan for Tuam. Costs will be discussed at the Estimates meeting in December.

Regarding the Boy Scouts property Mr. Ridge told the members there was difficulty with the Lease. The Town Council own the ground but the Boy Scouts have tenants rights. It was proposed by Deputy McHugh and seconded by Councillor Warren that the ground be sold to the Boy Scouts. Mr. Ridge agreed to come back to a future meeting with site maps and a proposal.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 28th August, 2003 from Charnay-les-Macon re Friendship Agreement. It was agreed to include the matter on the agenda for the November meeting.

Letter dated 4th July, 2003 from Dundalk Chamber of Commerce – read.

Letter dated 27th August, 2003 from Macroom Town council – read.

Letter dated 15th September, 2003 from Fingal County Council – read.

Letter dated 16th September, 2003 from Institute of Public Administration – read.

Letter dated September, 2003 from Wesford County council – read.

Letter dated 11th September, 2003 from A. M. A. I. – read.

Letter dated 10th September, 2003 from NDP Gender equality unit – read.

Letter dated 24th September, 2003 from Public Affairs Ireland – read.

Letter dated 30th September, 2003 from Mr. Midie Corcoran, artistic Director, Tuam Community Arts Group. It was proposed by Councillor Browne-Lane and seconded by Councillor Reilly that "Contribution to the Arts" be given to Tuam Community Arts Group for 2003. It was the proposed by Deputy McHugh and seconded by Councillor Keaveney that if the 2003 "Contribution to the Arts" was already allocated then the 2004 allocation go to the Tuam Community Arts Group.

Letter dated 3rd October, 2003 from Mary & Sean Holian, Ballygaddy Road. The Town Engineer stated that the site in question was being investigated and he would report back to the Board.

Abstract of Accounts:

Mr. Ridge told the Members that the abstract of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 2002 was now finalised. In the Capital Account there was a credit balance of €126,565 in comparison with €123,977 at 1/1/'02. Revenue expenditure for the year was €209,764 while receipts were €153,099 bringing the credit balance to €55,636. The Demand for 2002, €68,080, was received on 19th February, 2003. The Abstract of Accounts for the year 2002, and overexpenditures, which were met from savings under other headings, were approved on the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by Councillor Warren.

It was agreed to hold the Estimate of Budget meeting on Monday 1st December, 2003.

Deputation:

The Deputy Mayor welcomed a Deputation from Tuam Chamber of Commerce - Mr. Tom McHugh and Mr. Tom Creavan. Mr. McHugh told the Members that Tuam Chamber of Commerce planned to upgrade and extend the Christmas lights this year. They plan to replace the existing wall brackets with Standards, which can be used for hanging baskets during the Summer. It is also proposed to have a plug in point on each street. The estimated cost of the proposals is €70,000 this year. They appealed for an increased allocation from the Town Board. Replying to Councillor Browne-Lane Mr. McHugh said they hope to raise €9,000 from a draw. Tickets are now on sale at €10 each. The Deputation then left.

The Deputy Mayor welcomed a Deputation from Tuam Twinning Committee –Mr. Pat O'Dwyer and Mr. Martin McDonnell. Mr. O'Dwyer thanked the Board for meeting with the deputation. He said the visit to Straubing by the Mayor over the past two years has had a big impact. Mr. McDonnell said this is the fourteenth year of the student exchange programme with thirty-two students and two teachers expected in Tuam in October. He said accommodation and bus fares are costly, an application for finance has been made to Brussels but it is not known if this will be successful, and appealed to the Board for financial support. The Deputation then left.

Sympathy:

A vote of Sympathy was passed with the following Families:

Fahy Family, Tubberjarlath Road on the death of Mrs. Fahy
Lynch Family, Bishop Street on the death of Peter
Mannion Family, Athenry Road on the death of Oliver
Hession Family, Tonemoyle on the death of Mrs. Hession

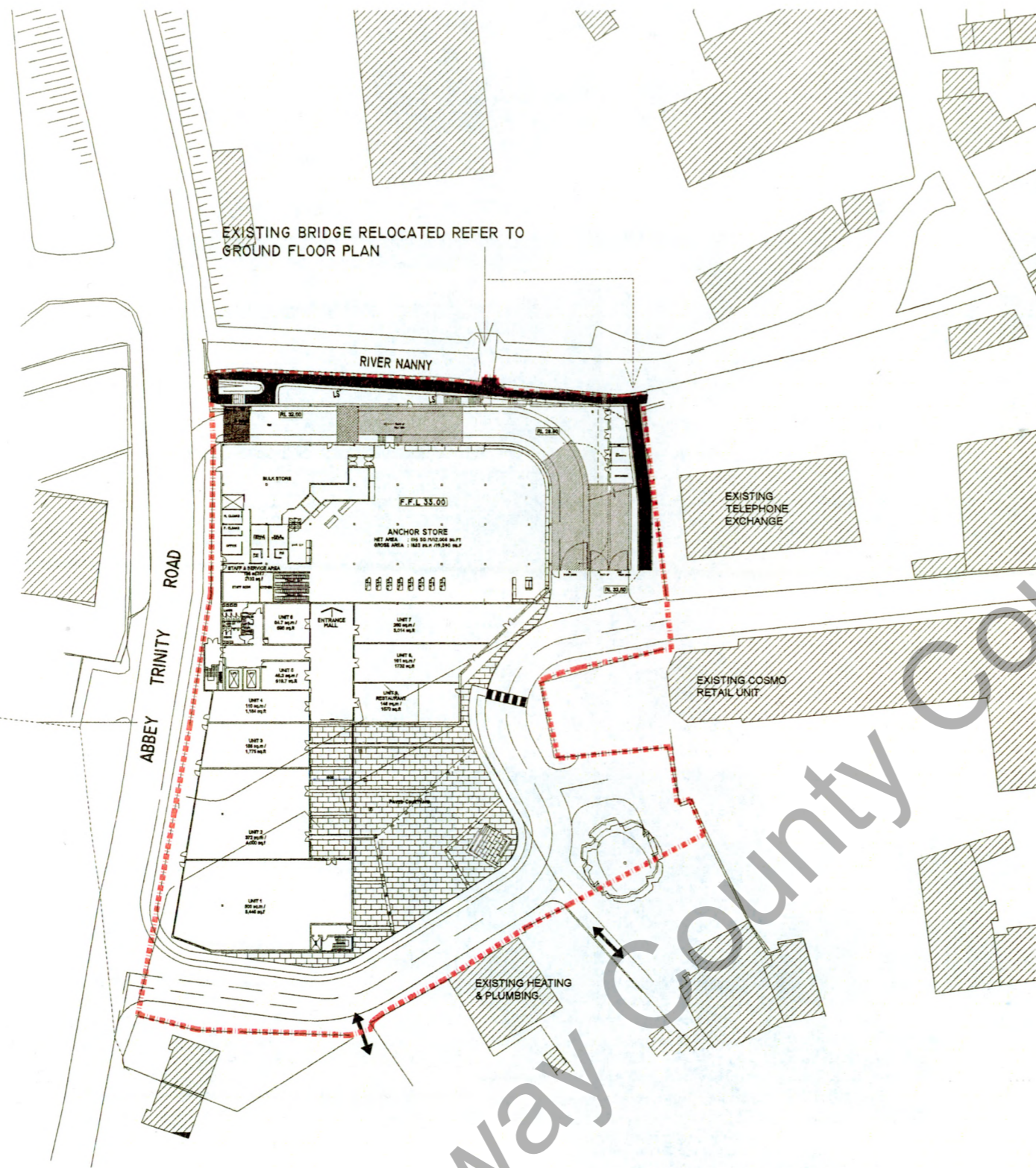
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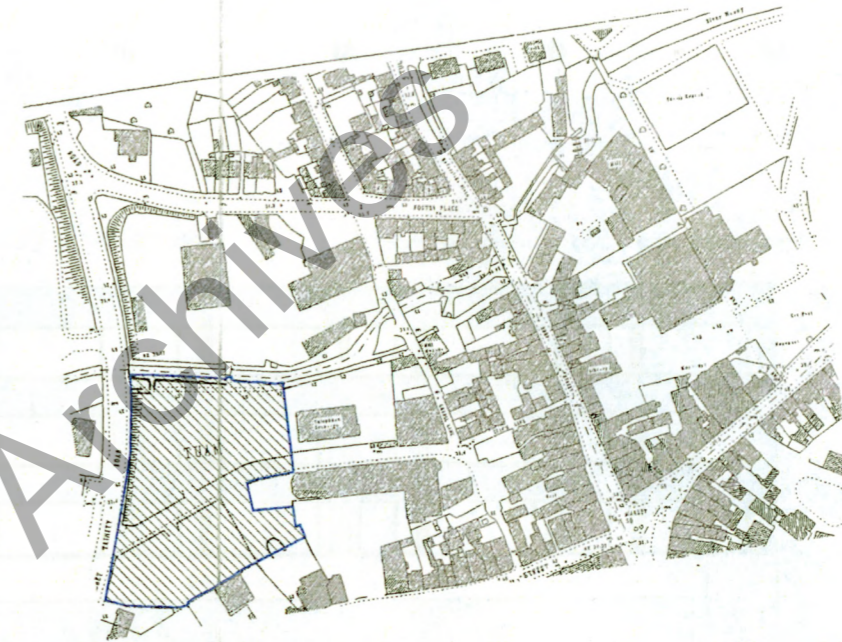


MAYOR

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SITE PLAN
SCALE 1:500



SITE LOCATION PLAN
SCALE 1:2000

SITE AREA
AS INDICATED BY RED LINE BOUNDARY
9,706.60 SQM 104,482 SQFT

Anchor Store
Nett area 1116 sq m / 12,008 sq ft
gross area 1823 sq m / 19590 sq ft

- Unit 1 - 506 sq m / 5445 sq ft
- Unit 2 - 372 sq m / 4000 sq ft
- Unit 3 - 165 sq m / 1775 sq ft
- Unit 4 - 110 sq m / 1184 sq ft
- Unit 5 - 48 sq m / 519 sq ft
- Unit 6 - 64 sq m / 696 sq ft
- Unit 7 - 280 sq m / 3014 sq ft
- Unit 8 - 161 sq m / 1732 sq ft
- Unit 9 - 146 sq m / 1570 sq ft

Total Unit Areas
1852 sq m
19935 sq ft

Total Overall Gross Area
3675 sq m
39525 sq ft

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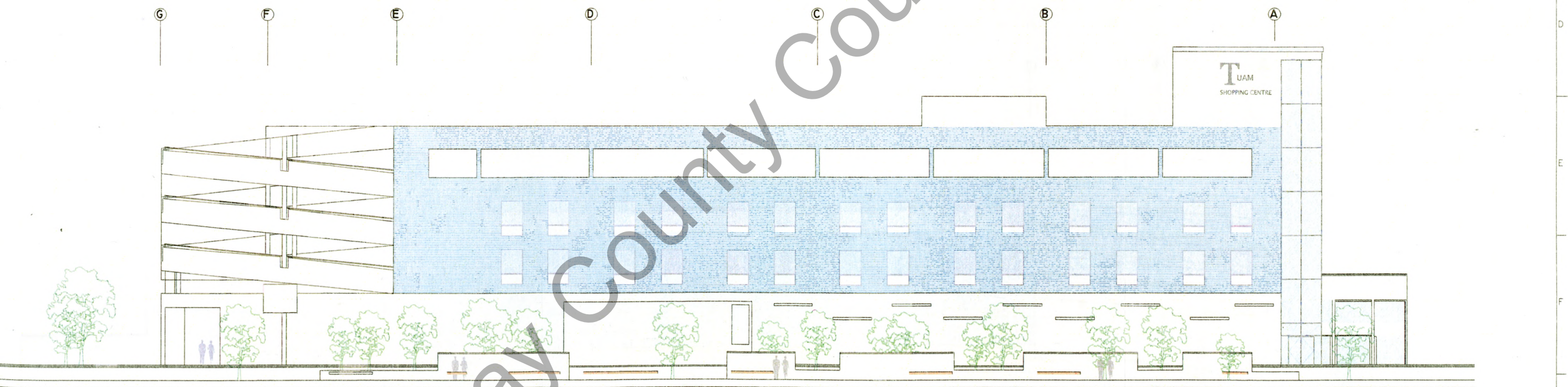
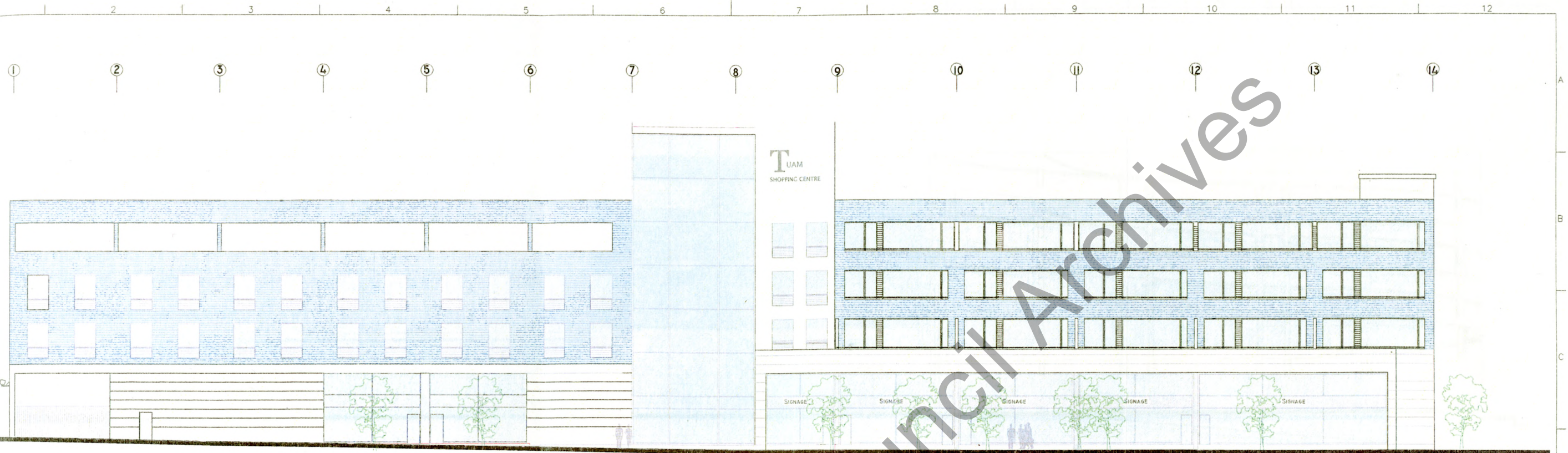
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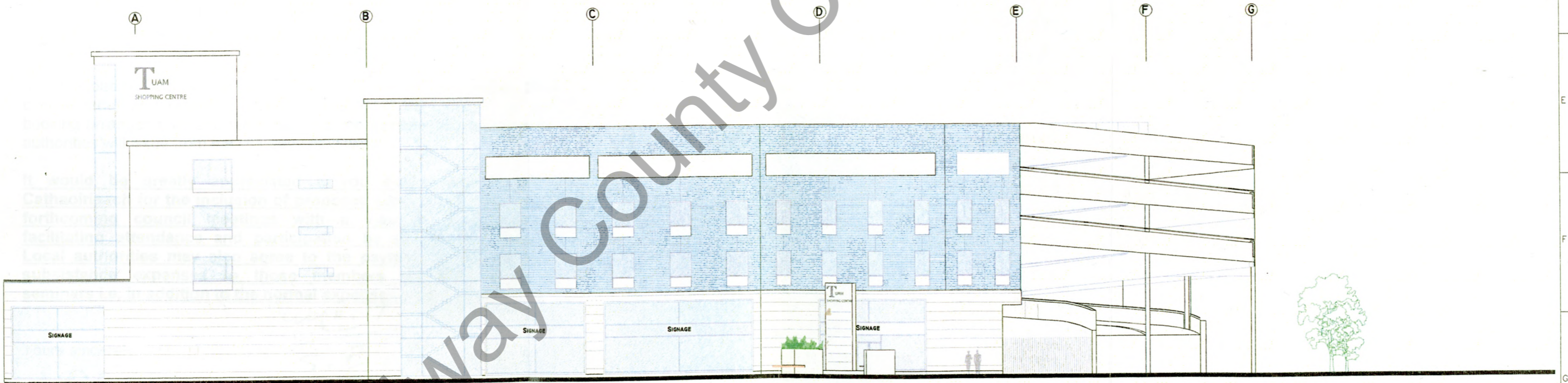


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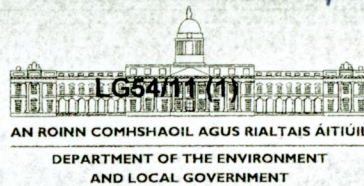
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Circular letter LG 09/03

9th September, 2003

Re: Information Seminar on Local Government for elected members of former Town Commissions

Dear Town Clerk,

As you maybe aware, the Department, in association with local authorities, the three elected members associations and the IPA, has been running a training/education programme for county, city and town councillors (former members of UDCs) devoted to key local government policy issues. **The next phase of the programme involves an information seminar for elected members of former town commissions.** These information seminars, the agenda for which has been jointly agreed between the Department, the AMAI and the IPA, will give the relevant town councillors a broad view of the local government system. The topics to be covered are;

- Local Government activities/functions
- Civic roles
- Better Local Government Programme
- Local Government – constitution etc
- Local Electoral Code

It is intended to hold two half-day seminars **1st and 7th November, 2003**. A circular letter and brochure containing details of the programme content, booking arrangements and the location of the seminar for members of your authorities will issue from the IPA early next week.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could arrange with the Cathaoirleach for the inclusion of proposed seminars on the agenda of forthcoming council meetings with a view to encouraging and facilitating attendance and participation by all relevant councillors. Local authorities may also agree to the payment of ad-hoc travel & subsistence expenses to those members participating in these seminars i.e. in addition to the normal expenses arrangements.

Yours sincerely,

Joe Allen,
Local Government Policy Section

M.A.T. Murphy
S.E.O. Scutwin

To attention please

[Signature]
15 SEP 2003
15/9/03

To the town clerk of town councils listed in the appendix to this circular
cc County Manager

Revised to Members & Read
Meeting held on Monday 6/10/03
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APPENDIX

Town Councils

Ardee
Balbriggan
Ballybay
Ballyshannon
Bandon
Bantry
Belturbet
Boyle
Cootehill
Droichead Nua
Edenderry
Gorey
Granard
Greystones
Kilkee
Leixlip
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