

Tuam Town Council

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Town Clerk's Office,
Town Hall,
Tuam.

1st October, 2003

To each Member of Tuam Town Council

A Chara,

The Monthly meeting of Tuam Town Council will be held on Monday 6th October, 2003 at 7.30 p.m. You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise, le meas,

Angel Nolan Baile Cleireach

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TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

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

Present:

Mayor: Councillor Ward

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

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 Annual Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Keaveney seconded by Councillor Reilly.

The Minutes of the July Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by Councillor Kelly.

Matters arising from Minutes:

The Grove Hospital: The Mayor stated that the meeting with Dr. Sheila Ryan, C.E.O., Western Health Board took place on 17th July, 2003. He said the W. H. B. seem committed to Tuam and the development of the Grove site, provision of palliative care, care for the elderly, an X-ray facility and an Ambulance Centre. Dr. S. Ryan, C.E.O. confirmed that the site will not be sold. Councillor O'Grady confirmed that work had started on the extension, a day care centre for the aged, at Arus Mhuire. He said funding for the design work for the Ambulance Centre, the first phase of the development of the Grove site, is not available. He said the W. H. B. should look at Public/Private Partnership. Councillor Keaveney said there is a standard design format for ambulance bases so there should be no expenditure on design work. Councillor Reilly proposed that the Board seek a Deputation to the Minister for Health.

Dynamo Blues AFC: Replying to the Members Mr. Ridge said a decision to lease the land to Dynamo Blues, or not, should be reached inside the next two weeks when the results of tests, to determine the suitability of the land for a graveyard, will be available. He said Galway County Council then intend to have discussions with Dynamo Blues. Mr. Ridge said Galway County Council have major problems in getting land for graveyards.

Traffic Management Plan: Replying to the Members Mr. Ridge said the Roads and Transportation Department hope to have the parking laws in place by the end of September. Councillor Browne-Lane asked Galway County Council to consider putting a camera at each disabled person's parking space. She said it is now an offence to drive with a minor who is not wearing a seat belt yet school buses have no seat belts. She proposed that the new Garda Superintendent be invited to a meeting. Councillor Kelly asked that the raised "roundabout" at the Square be levelled. Councillor Reilly asked that a "Stop" sign be erected at the Mall/High Street junction.

Swimming Pool: Mr. Ridge informed the Members that refurbishment work was now completed on the old Swimming Pool. Plans for the new Pool are on course. Replying to Councillors Kelly and Reilly Mr. Ridge said it was not viable to re-use the old pool. He agreed to negotiate with the appropriate Company regarding the provision of a Bus Shelter at Vicar Street. Replying to Councillor Keaveney Mr. Ridge said new toilets should be in place before the end of the Year.

Town Hall: Mr. Ridge informed the Members that work on the Town Hall will be completed by February. He complimented all involved in the work. The Mayor complimented the Manager, the Town Engineer and all involved. It was proposed by Councillor Kelly and seconded by Councillor Reilly that the Town Hall be re-opened before Christmas and the December meeting of the Board to be held in the Town Hall.

Mr. Ridge said there were cables across the Town Hall. He proposed putting a notice in the local paper and invite people who own them to remove them by a certain date. This was agreed to.

Abbey Trinity: Replying to Councillor Reilly Mr. Ridge said site investigation work is being carried out at Abbey Trinity to determine type of foundation for the proposed development. Documentation to comply with planning permission is being finalised. The County Councillor's for the electoral area have recommended disposal of the court house site to the Developer and a section 183 Notice will come before the October meeting of Galway County Council. Councillor Reilly asked that the Public be advised well in advance of the commencement of work.

Manager's Business:

Regarding the extension of the Town Boundary Mr. Ridge said a significant amount of research work need to be done. The matter will be included in the Estimates. It was proposed by Councillor Reilly, seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed that Mr. Ridge proceed.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 21st July, 2003 from Dept. of the Environment and Local Government re: Superannuation Gratuity for Councilor's – Amendment Regulations – read.

Letter dated 23rd July, 2003 from Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland – read.

Letter dated 18th July, 2003 from Mr. Noel Brett, Regional Manager, Mental Health & Services for Older People, Western Health Board – read.

Letter dated 26th July, 2003 from Mr. Frank Fahey, T.D., Minister for labour affairs – read.

Letter dated 29th July, 2003 from Mr. Cearbhall E. O'Meadhra, Barcelona Declaration Project – read.

Letter dated 29th July, 2003 from Dept. of the Environment and Local Government re: Traveller specific Accommodation (Prior Approval of Schemes) – read.

Letter dated 18th August, 2003 from Institute of Public Administration – read.

Letter dated 18th August, 2003 from Macroom Town council. There was unanimous support for the following motion:

“That Macroom Town Council calls on the Minister for Education to refrain from penalising families with SSIA savings in his third level fees proposals”.

From Ms. Beatrice Kelly, Inland Waterways, The Heritage Council – Notice of Seminar-noted.

Letter dated 31st July from Dept. of the Environment and Local Government, re: Groundwater Protection and the Planning System – read.

From Irish Council for Social Housing – Notice of ICSH Biennial Social Housing Conference – noted.

Letter dated 31st July, 2003 from Greystones Town Council re: the following motion:

“That Greystones Town Council write to the Minister for Health, the Minister for Justice and all Local Authorities (County Councils and Town Councils) requesting that:

- 1) the recommendations made by the Government Strategic Task force on Alcohol (May 2002) be implemented
- 2) that each Local authority set up a Committee to oversee the implementation of the reports findings”. A copy of letter to be sent to Supt. Lee.

Notice re: People of the Year Awards.

Notice re: Community Cultural Awareness Festival from 2nd to 6th October, 2003.

Congratulations:

Congratulations were extended to Dr. Anthony Waldron on the occasion of his 100th Birthday.

Deputation:

The Mayor welcomed a Deputation from the Palace Park Committee: Ms. Marguerite Bane Corbett, Chairperson, Mr. Matt Gormally, Secretary, Mr. Tommy Gavin, Mr. Frank McGagh and Mr. Michael O'Flaherty. Mr. Gormally spoke on behalf of the Deputation. He thanked the Town Council for receiving the deputation. He said following a survey, which was recently carried out under the auspices of Tuam Tidy Towns Committee, supporting the retention of the Palace Grounds in its present form, the Palace Park Committee was formed. He said the Committee acknowledge and appreciate the co-operation of the Mr. Michael Gallagher, Town Engineer and hope to have an ongoing exchange of ideas regarding the Park. The Committee, supported by 3,000 signatures from the local community, object in the strongest possible terms to a road of any kind going through the Park. At present, there is no proper demarcation between the Palace Ground and the Palace Fields Development, the original ditch has not been replaced. A sewerage pipe, laid through the park prior to the commencement of the palace fields project, has resulted in wet areas in the park. He asked that these matters be attended to. He said he hoped the objective of the Palace Park Committee, of maintaining the Palace Grounds as a public amenity in its present form, would have the full support of the Town Council. The Palace Park Committee was seeking the support of the Town Council in ensuring that there is no encroachment onto the Park, which dates back to the late 18th century. The Deputation then left.

During the discussion which followed, Councillor Keaveney said no decision had been taken to construct a road through the Palace Grounds. He said a commitment had been given to have a consultation process. The Mayor or a delegate is entitled to attend the County Council Area Committee meetings. The Members were unanimous in agreement "no road through the Palace Grounds".

The Town Engineer, who said the water referred to was always there, agreed to investigate. He said the Boundary needs to be defined.

Office Stationery:

It was proposed by Councillor Reilly and seconded by Councillor Browne-Lane and agreed that the sample presented be printed. The headings to be in Irish and English.

Visit to Belfast:

The Mayor told the Members he had visited Belfast at the invitation of the Lord Mayor. He would now like to invite the Lord Mayor of Belfast to Tuam. It was agreed to invite the Lord Mayor to Tuam for the December meeting, which will be held on 1st December, 2003.

The Mayor also stated that he visited Straubing in August. The Mayor of Straubing sends greetings to Tuam.

Action Tuam:

Councillor Browne-Lane stated that she had represented the Town Council on the Board of Action Tuam for the past ten years. She said she was no longer able to do this and asked that another member be appointed. It was agreed that the Mayor talk to Mr. Michael McGrath, Chairman, Action Tuam.

Mayoral Ball:

It was proposed by the Mayor and seconded by the Deputy Mayor that a fund raising event, a Mayoral Ball, be considered. A Sub-committee, the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor and Councillor Joyce was asked to investigate and report back to the Board.

Civic Amenity Site:

Replying to Councilor's Browne-Lane and Reilly the Town Engineer said the Civic Amenity Site is being extended.

Scout Hall:

Replying to Councillor Kelly Mr. Ridge said the Scout Hall will have to be discussed further.

Sympathy:

A vote of Sympathy was passed with the following Families:

Dennehy & Killgarriff Families, Vicar Street on the death of Lena
Joyce Family, Athenry Road on the death of Terry
Fahy Family, Tubberjarlath Road on the death Julia
Fahy Family, Browns Grove on the death of Anthony
Walsh Family, Tullinadaly Road on the death of Aggie
Farrell Family, Foster Place on the death of Paddy Conlisk
McKenna Family, St. Enda's Ave on the death of Anne
Dooley Family, Cummer on the death of Jimmy
Loftus Family, Ballygaddy Road on the death of Angela
Mullryan Family, Weir Road on the death of Mary
McGrath Family, Church View on the death of Bridget
McGrath Family, Ballygaddy Road on the death of James
Newell Family, Dunmore on the death of Bob
McDonnell Family, Galway Road on the death of Ann Nolan
Varley Family, Kilbannon on the death of Mamie
Kiefel Family, Parkview Drive on the death of Hans

Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY:

Paulo C. C. C. C.
MAYOR

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Deputation to Tuam Town Council 1st September 2003.

Mr. Mayor, Town Clerk, Members of Tuam Town Council,

We would first of all like to take this opportunity to thank the council for receiving this delegation this evening to voice our concern regarding the Palace grounds & its future.

Following a survey which was recently carried out under the auspices of Tuam Tidy Towns Committee supporting the retention of the Palace Grounds, our public park, in its present form, this committee was formed following a public meeting on this matter and the submission of a petition to the Town Council in the form of over 3000 signatures.

We wish to express our concern regarding the care, maintenance and development of this park as a public amenity.

We would welcome and indeed appreciate the cooperation of the local engineer Mr. Michael Gallagher and would hope to have an ongoing exchange of views and ideas regarding all proposals concerning our public park's future as a public amenity.

The tidy towns committee has brought the following to our attention:

1. One of our committee, Mr. Mattias O'Gormaille, recently had a discussion with a draught engineer Mr. Martin Lavelle, who expressed the view that a "full two way traffic road" would be going through the palace grounds, day & night. This contradicts a statement by Director of Services Mr. Paul Ridge who said that a skirt road would be going through our park. Our committee, supported by the 3000 signatures from our local community, object in the strongest possible terms to any road of any kind going through Our Public park. WE believe the present Bobby Burke Road which links the N 17 to the Dunmore Road is adequate to cater for traffic needs for the foreseeable future.

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2. Following the completion of phase 1 of the Palace Fields housing development by Rhatigan Builders, the high ditch at the end of the Palace Grounds has not yet been replaced even though this is the only division wall between the palace grounds and the palace fields. This has already led to a number of entrances onto the palace grounds from the palace fields causing considerable litter in the general area. At present, there is no proper demarcation between these two sites and this has been brought to the attention of local engineer Mr. Gallagher on a number of occasions but nothing has happened to remedy the situation. A sewerage pipe which was laid through the park prior to the commencement of the palace fields project has now resulted in wet spots areas of the park. It has been observed that through the period of fine weather these areas have not dried out and we consider there is a sizeable leak in this piping system which has yet to be remedied. If these areas are wet now, what are they going to be like when we encounter our usual wet winter with plenty of rain. We would ask that the engineer investigate this situation as a matter of urgency.

We would hope that our objective of maintaining The Palace grounds as a public amenity in its present form, would have the fullest support of our town council and we are seeking your wholehearted support for our efforts to ensure that there is no encroachment onto our Park which dates back to the late 18th century and has in more recent times been our public park since 1954 when the "Parochial Centre" was officially opened by President Sean T. O'Kelly.

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

S.I. No. 217 of 1996

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (BOUNDARY ALTERATION)
REGULATIONS, 1996

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT (BOUNDARY ALTERATION)
REGULATIONS, 1996

The Minister for the Environment in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 3, 29, 30 and 33 of the Local Government Act, 1991 hereby makes the following regulations:-

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Local Government (Boundary Alteration) Regulations, 1996.
2. These Regulations shall come into operation on the 16th day of September, 1996.
3. (1) In these Regulations, except where the context otherwise requires, a reference to an article is a reference to an article of these Regulations and a reference to a paragraph is a reference to a paragraph of the article in which the reference occurs.

(2) In these Regulations, except where the context otherwise requires -

"the Act" means the Local Government Act, 1991 (No. 11 of 1991);

"application" means an application pursuant to section 29(5) of the Act;

"local authority" means a local authority for the purposes of the Local Government Act, 1941;

"boundary committee" means a boundary committee within the meaning of section 27 of the Act;

"the Minister" means the Minister for the Environment;

"programme group" shall be construed in accordance with the provisions of the Public Bodies Orders 1946 to 1993;

"proposer", "proposal", "amended proposal", "respondent" and "statement of response" shall be construed in accordance with section 29 of the Act;

"regional authority" means a regional authority established by order under section 43 of the Act.

4. A proposal shall -

- (a) set out the reasons for the proposal,
- (b) indicate the proposed boundary and the area the subject of the proposal by reference to a map,
- (c) in relation to the area mentioned in paragraph (b) and in respect of each part of which relates to each respondent, specify the population, area in hectares, rateable valuation, number of commercial premises, an estimate of the number of households, and, save where the said area is intended to form part of a town, the estimated annual income generated from rates, charges and other sources,
- (d) set out in relation to each programme group the estimated income and expenditure implications for the proposer,
- (e) set out the adjustments, or other arrangements proposed between the proposer and each respondent in respect of financial, administrative and organisational matters in consequence of the alteration of the boundary,
- (f) where appropriate set out transitional measures (including the phasing of alterations in rates or other charges) where such are considered necessary arising from the proposed boundary alteration,
- (g) contain such other information or material (including in relation to any other financial or other matters consequential on the boundary alteration) as the proposer may consider necessary.

5. A proposer shall as soon as may be after the making of a proposal pursuant to section 29(1) of the Act -

- (a) furnish a copy of the proposal to each respondent,
- (b) publish notice of the proposal, in accordance with article 6, in a newspaper circulating in the area the subject of the proposal, and
- (c) make available for public inspection a copy of the proposal during normal office hours for a period of not less than two months at the principal offices of the proposer and at such other location (if any) as it may determine.

6. A notice referred to in article 5(b) shall -

- (a) indicate that a proposal for a boundary alteration has been made by the proposer

under Part V of the Act,

- (b) give a general description of the area the subject of the proposal,
 - (c) specify the location, times and period during which the proposal is available for public inspection, and
 - (d) indicate that submissions may be made in writing to the proposer in relation to the proposal before such date as may be specified in the notice being not less than two months after the date of publication of the notice.
7. A proposer shall, as soon as may be after the publication of a notice pursuant to article 5(b), send a copy of such notice to -
- (a) the Minister,
 - (b) the Commissioner of Valuation,
 - (c) where the proposer is the council of a county or the corporation of a county borough, to the regional authority within whose region the administrative area of the proposer is situate and where the administrative area of the respondent is situate within a different region, to that regional authority.
8. A statement of response shall in every case -
- (a) set out the observations of the respondent in relation to the proposal,
 - (b) set out the appropriate data relating to the matters referred to in article 4(c), where different from that specified in the proposal,
 - (c) set out in relation to each programme group the estimated income and expenditure implications for the respondent,
 - (d) where appropriate, suggest any revisions to the proposal, including revision of the proposed boundary or in relation to financial, administrative or organisational matters,
 - (e) where revision is suggested by a respondent to the proposed boundary, include a map showing the revised boundary.
9. (1) An application shall be accompanied by the proposal, any submissions received by the proposer in relation thereto, the statement of response from each respondent and any amended proposal.
- (2) A copy of the application shall be furnished by the proposer to each respondent as soon as may be after the making of the application under section 29(5) of the Act.

10. A notice referred to in section 33(4)(b) of the Act shall be published in a newspaper circulating in the area the subject of the proposal and shall -
 - (a) indicate that a boundary committee has been established to prepare a report under Part V of the Act,
 - (b) give a general description of the area the subject of the proposal,
 - (c) identify the local authorities concerned,
 - (d) specify the location, times and period during which the proposal is available for public inspection,
 - (e) indicate that submissions in relation to the alteration of the boundary may be made to the boundary committee within the period of one month from the date of publication.

11.
 - (1) The proposer shall make available for public inspection a copy of the application in accordance with the terms of the notice referred to in article 10.
 - (2) A boundary committee may request any local authority to make available for public inspection a copy of the application or any documentation and the local authority concerned shall comply with the terms of such request.

12. A boundary committee shall, as soon as may be after the publication by it of a notice pursuant to article 10, send a copy of such notice to -
 - (a) each local authority concerned,
 - (b) the Minister and any other Minister of the Government who in its opinion may be responsible for matters in relation to which the alteration of the boundary may have a bearing,
 - (c) each regional authority concerned,
 - (d) the Commissioner of Valuation.

13. Where a boundary committee decides to hold an oral hearing, the committee shall -
 - (a) give public notice of not less than fourteen days of the time and place of the opening of the oral hearing in a newspaper circulating in the area the subject of the application,
 - (b) notify the persons and bodies referred to in article 12 of the time and place of the opening of the oral hearing.

14. (1) The person conducting an oral hearing shall have discretion as to the conduct of the hearing and in particular shall -
- (a) conduct the hearing without undue formality, and
 - (b) decide the order of appearance of persons appearing on behalf of the local authorities concerned.
- (2) The person conducting an oral hearing shall have discretion to hear a person other than the local authorities whose boundaries are affected and to decide the number and order of appearance of any such persons to be so heard.

GIVEN under the Official Seal of the Minister for the Environment this 16th day of July, 1996.

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Brendan Howlin

Minister for the Environment.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Instrument and does not purport to be a legal interpretation).

These regulations deal with certain procedural matters in relation to local authority boundary alteration under Part V of the Local Government Act, 1991.

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27th August, 2003

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Mise, le meas,

Angela Holian Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

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Deputation re: Palace Grounds

Office Stationery

Recorded by: Angela Holian, Town Clerk

Tuam Town Council

Minutes of special Meeting held on Thursday, 17th July, 2003

With

Ms. Sheila Ryan, Chief Executive Officer, Western Health Board.

and Mr. Noel Brett, Western Health Board

Present: Mayor: Councillor Ward, Councillors: M. Kelly, C. Keaveney, Deputy P. McHugh, P. O'Grady G. Joyce.

Apology: Co. Browne-Lane

The Mayor welcomed Ms. Ryan and Mr. Brett to the meeting. Ms. Ryan stated that "The Grove" was definitely not "for sale". She said she had no specific progress to report. She confirmed that a Palliative care unit was going ahead at Arus Mhuire, work should begin in August. She outlined the plans for the Tuam Health Campus, a copy of which was given to the Town Council. Various aspects of the Health Campus plan was discussed. The Mayor thanked Ms. Ryan and Mr. Brett for meeting with the Board.

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by: Angela Holian, Town Clerk

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Juan Health Campus Plan

To:

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday, 7 July, 2003

Co. P. O'Grady 17/7/03

Present:

Mayor: Councillor Warren

Councillors: G. Downe-Lane, M. Kelly, P. O'Grady,
G. Joyce, T. Reilly, Warren, C. Keaveney
Deputy P. McElroy

Officers:

Mr. Paul Ridge, Director of Services,
Mr. Sean Langan, Assistant Town Engineer
Mrs. Angela Holian, Town Clerk

The Prayers were recited.

Minutes:

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

Matters arising from Minutes:

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday, 7th July, 2003

Present:

Mayor: Councillor Ward

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

Officials:

**Mr. Paul Ridge, Director of Services,
Mr. Sean Langan, Assistant Town Engineer
Mrs. Angela Holian, Town Clerk**

The Prayer was recited.

Minutes:

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

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTS 1925 - 2003

Matters arising from Minutes:

The Grove Hospital: The Mayor stated that the meeting with Dr. Sheila Ryan, C.E.O., Western Health Board will be held in the Exhibition Room on Thursday 17th July, 2003 at 6 p.m. He invited all Members to attend.

Dynamo Blues AFC: Councillor Keaveney thanked Mr. Ridge for visiting the College Field. He urged Mayor Ward to pursue the matter. Mr. Ridge said the matter will be considered at a Tuam Electoral Area Committee Meeting.

Traffic Management Plan: It was proposed by Councillor Browne-Lane and seconded by Councillor Kelly that two or three courtesy parking spaces be provided at the Square. It was proposed by Councillor O'Grady and seconded by Councillor Reilly that, when the parking laws are implemented, consideration be given to allowing the first ten or fifteen minutes free.

Town Hall: Councillor Reilly thanked Galway County Council for excellent job done on the ramp at the Town Hall prior to the Special Olympics. Co. O'Grady asked that the front of the ramp be faced with granite stone. Replying to Councillor Keaveney Mr. Ridge said Galway County Council are preparing to install a "super-loo", which will be wheelchair friendly, as soon as possible.

Swimming Pool: Replying to Councillor Reilly Mr. Ridge said Contractors have been selected. Work should start within the week. Regarding the new pool he said Tenders have been submitted to the County Council. Galway County Council will progress the matter as quickly as possible.

Manager's Business:

Regarding the "procedure for alteration of a Local Authority Boundary" Mr. Ridge informed the Members that new procedures are not yet in force. He said the Board could proceed under the older process, which may not be successful.

It was proposed by Councillor O'Grady, seconded by Councillor Reilly and agreed that the proposal presented by Mr. Ridge be signed by the Mayor. (copy attached)

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTS 1925 – 2003.

PROPOSAL FOR THE ALTERATION OF THE
BOUNDARY OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE AREA OF
TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

PROPOSED BY:

Paul O'Grady

SECONDED BY:

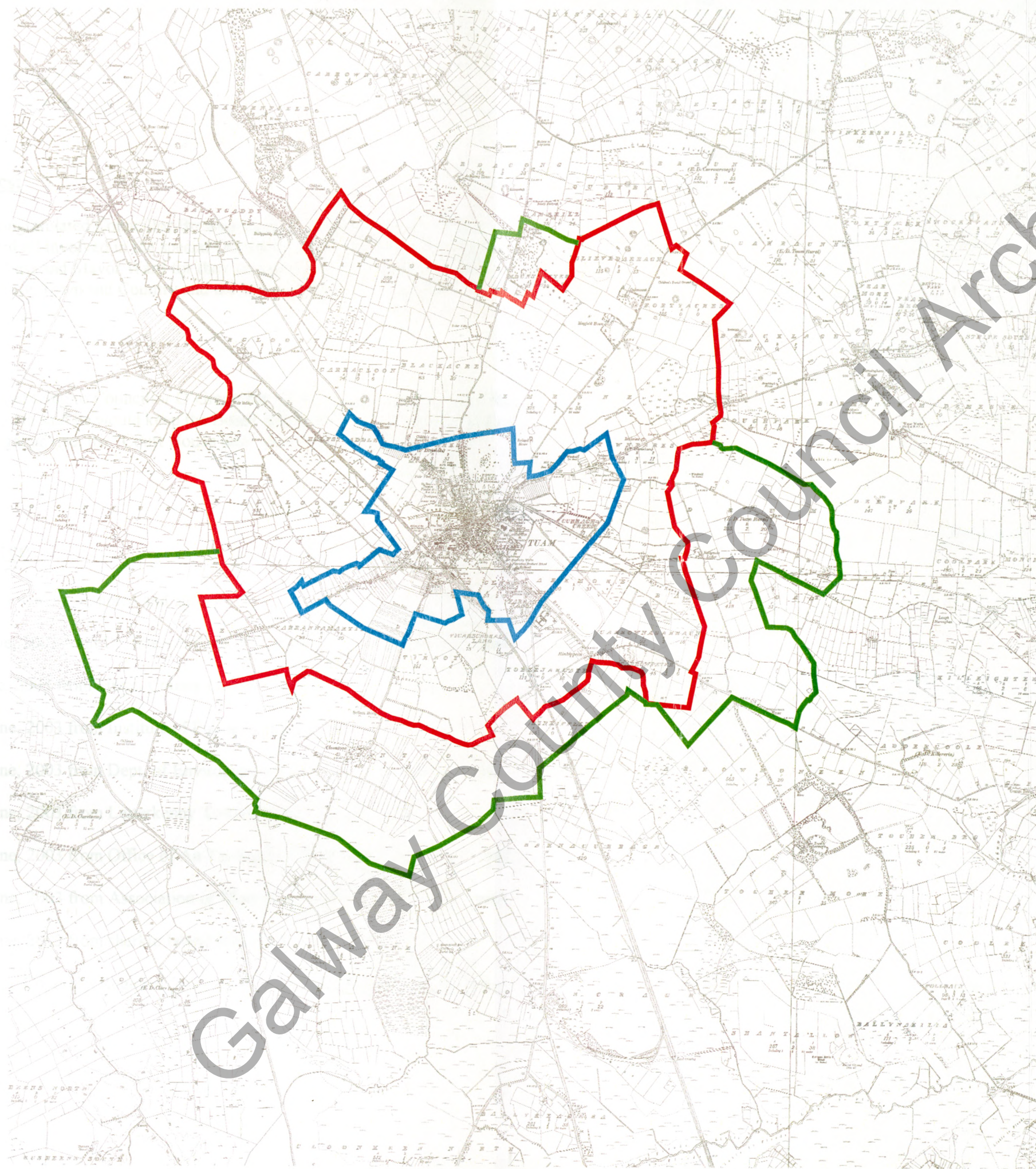
Tom Reilly

Pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Acts 1925 – 2003 and in particular to Section 29 of the Local Government Act 1991 and the Local Government (Boundary Alteration) Regulations 1996, Tuam Town Council hereby resolve to initiate procedures as set out in the above legislation in order to seek the Minister's consent to alter the boundary of the Administrative area of Tuam Town Council, in accordance with the map attached hereto and signed by the Mayor.

SIGNED:

Marlin Ward

MAYOR TUAM TOWN COUNCIL.



TUAM

LEGEND

Urban Boundary. —
Area = 249.69ha

Environs Boundary. —
Area = 1070.52ha

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

**GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE**

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

Special Olympics:

Councillor Reilly congratulated Councillor Browne-Lane, Councillor Joyce, the Host Town Committee and all involved in the special Olympics. He thanked Galway County Council, the Local Press and Mayor Ward for their co-operation. Mayor Ward said it was a great occasion for Town and Country and the Special Olympians should be sincerely thanked.

Abbey Trinity: Replying to Councillor O'Grady Mr. Ridge said the closing dated for Tenders is 21st July. He said he would keep the Board informed. Replying to Councillor Reilly he said, on legal advise, the "Court House Site" may be sold by Tender.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 6th June, 2003 from Dr. Sheelah Ryan, C.E.O. Western Health Board - read.

Letter dated 5th June, 2003 from Fingal County Council - read.

Letter dated 11th June, 2003 from Institute of Public Administration - read.

Letter dated 13th June, 2003 from Dept. of Environment and Local Government - read.

Letter dated 12th June, 2003 from Letterkenny Town Council - read.

Letter dated 17th June, 2003 from Office of An Taoiseach, Mr. Bertie ahern, T. D. - read.

Letter dated 28th June, 2003 from Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland - read.

Letter dated 27th June, 2003 from sherkin Island Marine Station - read.

From Galway County Council - Regional Strategy and Regional Planning Guidelines - read.

Sympathy:

A vote of Sympathy was passed with the following Families:

Harte & Kerman Families, on the death of Joseph Mullins
Hannon Family, Vicar Street on the death of Mrs. Hannon
Mullroe Family, Blackacre on the death of Martin
Blake Family, Kilconly on the death of Mattie McDonagh

Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY: _____

MAYOR

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The outgoing Mayor said he thoroughly enjoyed the experience of Mayor. He said he would not run for the Town Council in the future. He thanked Mr. Ridge, Director of Services, Mr. Gallagher, Town Engineer and his staff, the Town Clerk and the Members for their support during the year. He thanked Deputy Mayor Ward for his assistance during the year and the Press.

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P. O'Grady, P. McHugh, G. Joyce, T. Reilly, P. Warren

Officials:

Mr. Paul Ridge, Director of Services
Mr. Sean Langan, Assistant Town Engineer
Mrs. Angela Holian, Town Clerk

The Prayer was recited.

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Paul Ridge,
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Re: Tuam Town Council Extension of Boundary.

A Chara,

I refer to your request re financial implications of a boundary extension to Tuam Town Council based on Townlands as supplied by you.

The financial relationship between the Town Council and Galway County Council is as follows: -

Tuam Town Council, not being a Rating Authority, is funded by Galway County Council on the basis of the Annual Town Demand, served by the Town on the County Council in accordance with the Annual Budget adopted by the Town Council.

This annual demand represents the shortfall between the local estimated expenditure and income of the Town Council as detailed in the Annual Budget documentation. The demand for 2002 amounts to **68080 Euro**.

Galway County Council (at its Annual Budget meeting) in order to raise the funds, to pay the Town Demand, levies on the ratepayers of the Town, in addition to the General County Rate, a Town Rate which should be pitched at a level that would accrue the amount of the Town Demand. This system is based in legislation which pre-dates the elimination of rate payments on domestic and land valuations.

Prior to this elimination the matter was simple, in that the amount of the Town Demand, was divided by all the valuations liable to Rates, resulting in a Town Rate which yielded to Galway County Council the amount of the Town Demand, for transfer to the Town Council.

In the current situation, where Rates are payable on Commercial and Industrial valuations only, and also where the annual Rate increase is subject to Ministerial limitation this traditional relationship between the Town Demand and the yield from the Town Rate has changed.

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The position for 2002 is as follows: -

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<u>Tuam Town Demand on Galway County Council =</u>	68080
<u>Actual YIELD From Town Rate is calculated by</u>	
(a) Valuations on which Rates are still payable -	11790 Euro
multiplied by	
(b) Town Rate per unit of valuation -	2.327
giving a yield of	27435 Euro

The shortfall of 40645 Euro (difference between demand and rate yield) has to be funded by Galway County Council from the general income available to it. It can be seen therefore that while prior to the change in the rate base 100% of the Town Demand was levied on the Town Rate payers, this has now reduced to 40%.

If the boundary were extended to include the additional Townlands, I would not foresee, because of the limited powers of the Town Council, any additional services being provided to the population of the extended area, and on this basis I assume the Town Demand will not change.

The net effect therefore would be that the additional properties in the extended area, on which Rates would be payable, would now contribute to the Town Demand. I estimate, on the basis of the information supplied for the larger Town area, the comparison between the actual figures for 2002 and the extended area would be as follows: -

	Actual 2002	Including Boundary Extension
	Euro	Euro
Town Council Demand	68080	68080
Valuation on which Rate Calculated	29256	44728
Rate per Unit of Valuation	2.327	1.522
Actual Rate YIELD (Commercial Valuations)	27435	29048
Shortfall met by County Council	40645	39032

The reduction in the Rate per Unit of Valuation would effectively mean less Town Rates being charged on Current Town businesses and additional rates being charged on premises in the added area. This would occur, with no change of level of service to either set of ratepayers.

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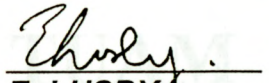


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Minutes:

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PROPOSED BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

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MAYOR TUAM TOWN COUNCIL.

Special Olympics:

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Correspondence:

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