

Tuam Town Council

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2nd July, 2003

To each Member of Tuam Town Council

A Chara,

The Annual meeting of Tuam Town Council will be held on Monday 7th July, 2003 at 7.15 p.m. You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise, le meas,

Angela Holian Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

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Election of Deputy Mayor

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TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday, 9th June, 2003

Present:

Mayor: Councillor Keaveney

**Councillors: M. Ward, P. Warren, G. Browne-Lane,
P. O'Grady, G. Joyce, Deputy P. McHugh**

Officials:

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

Apology:

Councillor Reilly, Councillor Joyce.

The Prayer was recited.

Minutes:

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

Matters arising from Minutes:

The Grove Hospital: The Mayor informed the Members that Dr. Sheila Ryan, C.E.O., Western Health Board will meet with the Town Council on Thursday 17th July, 2003 at 6 p.m.

Dynamo Blues AFC: It was proposed by Councillor O'Grady and seconded by Councillor Warren and agreed that Dynamo Blues be accommodated and a long term Lease on the "College Field" be granted. Mr. Ridge said he would be pleased to support the application.

Traffic Management Plan: Councillor Browne-Lane said she saw a bus parked on a disabled persons parking space last week. She appealed to People to leave the specially marked spaces for People who need them. All present supported this. Mr. Ridge said the Traffic Wardens have been asked to log the number of tickets issued to People who park on disabled spaces and figures on this will be available in due course.

Town Hall: Replying to Councillor O'Grady Mr. Ridge said wheelchair accessible toilets on the ground floor in the Town Hall will be open for use during the Special Olympics. A ramp will be installed at the main entrance to the Town Hall. Councillor Ward said special toilets at Bru Bhríde will be available during the ceremonies at the stadium.

Swimming Pool: Replying to Councillor Kelly Mr. Langan said arrangements to carry out the repairs were progressing.

Manager's Business:

Mr. Ridge presented the "procedure for alteration of a Local Authority boundary". It was proposed by Councillor O'Grady seconded by Deputy McHugh and agreed that the Manager prepare a draft proposal. Mr. Ridge agreed to come back with a legal proposal.

Replying to Councillor O'Grady Mr. Ridge said the allocation of Local Authority houses was an executive function. Keys are presented on payment of a Tenancy Deposit and signing of a Tenancy Agreement.

Planning: In relation to submissions for the 2005 Planning review Councillor O'Grady said there was a huge outcry from the trading sector. He said up to 1,000 new houses have been built in Tuam and another 1,000 are in planning. He would like the Planners to consider the growth of the retail sector. At present there is no place for letting in the town - retail, office or commercial. The town centre needs to be extended outwards. Deputy McHugh agreed and said facilities that are lacking should be provided. The Town Plan will be reviewed in the next eighteen months and discussions between the Town Council and Officials would be of some benefit.

Mr. Ridge stated that all town plans have to be reviewed. The review process has to be completed within two years. As Tuam has been designated a Hub Centre there will be significant alterations to the Planning parameters. He said it was appropriate the Town Council would have an input. Facilities to make submissions and meet the planners will be in place.

Bus Stop: Replying to Councillor Kelly Mr. Ridge said the provision of a bus shelter was a matter for C.I.E. He said the location of the bus stop will have to be altered, possibly beside the Clinic. The Traffic Management Plan will be completed for the County by September and the matter of the bus shelter can be reviewed then. In relation to toilets he said Galway County Council had received quotations for the provision of toilets in Tuam, Loughrea and Ballinasloe. The toilet will be located at the Shambles beside the wheelchair parking space. Councillor Kelly said the Gates at the Cemetery seemed to be locked at weekends. He asked if a key could be given to a nearby resident. Also if the entrance to the Cemetery could be made more wheelchair accessible.

Abbey Trinity: Replying to Councillor O'Grady Mr. Ridge said discussions are taking place with the Developer in an effort to advance the project. He said he would keep the Board informed.

C.C.T.V.: Deputy McHugh told the Members he had been approached by a Company who would like to talk to the Board regarding C.C.T.V. It was agreed the Company come and talk the Members.

Bonfire: Replying to Councillor Ward regarding designating areas for bonfires Mr. Ridge said he would convey the concerns expressed to the Environmental Department.

Racecourse Road: Councillor Warren asked that complaints re: children throwing stones and breaking windows be investigated.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 14th May, 2003 from Mr. Tom Halpin, Sustainable Energy Ireland – read.

Letter dated 16th May, 2003 from Kilrush Town Council – read.

Letter dated 20th May, 2003 from Supt. M. lee – read.

Letter dated 27th May, 2003 from The West Regional Authority – read.

Letter dated 28th May, 2003 from Mr. M. O’Gormaille, Demesne, Tuam. It was agreed to invite Mr. O’Gormaille to the September meeting of the Board.

Letter dated 29th May, 2003 from Office of the Minister for Health regarding “The Grove” hospital – read.

Letter dated 30th May, 2003 from Galway City Council/L.A.M.A. read.

Letter dated 30th May, 2003 from R. Gaughran, S.S.O., Galway County Council re: Traffic Management Plan – read.

Letter dated 3rd June, 2003 from Deputy Paddy McHugh, re: provision of ambulance base in Tuam – read.

Letter dated 9th June, 2003 from Mr. Thomas Leo, Tuam re: extra parking space for the disabled at the Square – read.

Deputation:

The Mayor welcomed Mr. Ronan Collins and Mr. John Giles to the meeting. Mr. Collins told the Members a group of People had formed a committee with a view to launching a radio station for Tuam and the surrounding area. They feel there is support for this in the community. Mr. Collins gave an outline of the type of programme planned. He said the success of their application depended on the support of the Community. He appealed to the Board for support as funding is needed to conduct a feasibility study.

Councillor O'Grady advised the group to look at other modes and the cost of a Licence etc. He also advised them to go to the Chamber of Commerce. The Members wished the group well.

Special Olympics:

Councillor Browne-Lane told the members that the "Torch Run" would come through Tuam at approximately 3.30 p.m. on Monday 16th. The Mayor informed the Members that, weather permitting, it was planned to unveil a plaque, to mark the occasion of the Special Olympics, at the new green area adjacent to Glynn's at 10.45 a.m. on Tuesday 16th prior to the Civic Reception. It was agreed that the Civic reception be held in the Exhibition Room at 11 a.m. on Tuesday 17th.

Replying to Councillor Kelly regarding a licence to park on a yellow line for disabled drivers Mr. Ridge said he would investigate.

Fix date for Annual Meeting:

It was agreed the Annual meeting be held on Monday 7th July, 2003 at 7.15 p.m.

Farmers's Market:

Councillor O'Grady said a mini St. Nicholas's market could be successful in Tuam. He asked that the situation regarding permits be clarified also the designation of a venue in the town. He said this would also be discussed at the June meeting of Tuam Chamber of Commerce. It was agreed to discuss the matter further at the next meeting.

Local Authority Boundary Alteration
Part V Local Government Act 1991 (S.27-33S)

Congratulations:

Congratulations were extended to Mr. Tony Galvin, Tuam Herald and his wife Bernie on their recent marriage.

Congratulations were extended to Mr. Tom Gilmore, Galway Bay FM on his recent V.E.C. award.

The Galway Senior Football Team were wished good luck in the Connaught Final.

Mayor Keaveney informed the members that Leigh, Hull, England has historic links with Tuam and the Mayor of Leigh had made contact with Mr. Maurice Laheen with a view to setting up some kind of link with Tuam. It was proposed by Councillor Kelly seconded by Councillor O'Grady and agreed to invite Mr. Laheen to the October meeting.

Stationery: Replying to Councillor Browne-Lane Mr. Ridge said a sample of the new stationery would be brought to the July meeting.

Sympathy:

A vote of Sympathy was passed with the following Families:

Corless Family, Forty Acres on the death of Gary
Douglas Family, St. Enda's Ave on the death of Mary
Fahy Family, Milltown on the death of Aiden
Harte and Kerman Families on the death of Mr. Harte
Mrs. Long, Cedar Court on the death of her sister.

Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY: _____
MAYOR

Local Authority Boundary Alteration

Part V Local Government Act 1991 (S.27-S.35)

The procedure for alteration of a Local Authority boundary is set out in the above legislation, and is as follows:

1. The Commissioners of a Town may by resolution propose **adopt a proposal** that the boundary of any town (within the county) be altered.
The Local Authority, which makes the proposal, is referred to as the **proposer**.
2. The **proposal** shall specify the alteration to which it relates by **reference to a map**.
3. **Legal Duties of Proposer**
Proposer – Town Council shall **furnish a copy of the proposal to the County Council** whose boundary is affected by the proposal. County Council is known as **respondent**.
Publish notice of proposal in prescribed form and giving details of proposal and inviting submissions within the time specified in the notice.
4. **Duties of Respondent**
Within **6 months from receipt by the County Council** of a copy of the **proposal**, or such longer period as may be agreed upon by the Town Council and the County Council, the County Council shall **consider the proposal** and make its **“statements of response”** to the proposer. The making of a statement of response is a reserved function.
5. Following **consideration** by the Town Council of any **submission** received and of the **statement of response** furnished by the County Council, the Town Council may by resolution amend the proposal in such a manner as it thinks fit. It is then referred to as an **“amended proposal”**.

Application for Boundary Alteration

On completion of the above procedure the Town Council may make an application to the Minister for the making of an order under S.31 (a) altering the boundary to which the proposal or amended proposals relates.

The application must be accompanied by:

- The proposal (including maps)
- Any submission received by the Town Council
- The statement of response of the County Council and
- Any amended proposal

A decision to make an application to the Boundary Committee for a report is a reserved function.

Items to be set out in a proposal, statement of response and any amended proposal.

- The financial and other implications of the boundary alteration.
- Adjustments in relation to financial, administrative or other matters to be made between the Town Council and the County Council as a consequence of the boundary alteration.

The Town Council must furnish a copy of the application made by it to the County Council and to such other persons as may be prescribed.

The Minister may prescribe by regulations any matter of procedure or other requirement necessary for the satisfactory completion of formalities.

Town Council comply with all such requirements.

Powers of Minister

Minister may on application being made to him by a proposer, by order alter the boundary if he considers that an alteration ought to be made in the interests of effective and convenient Local Government.

An order by the minister may alter the boundary otherwise than in accordance with the terms of the proposal or amended proposal.

Where a respondent in its statement of response disagrees in a material respect with the proposal the Minister shall, unless he considers it inappropriate to do so, (or in any other case he may) request a boundary committee to prepare a report with respect to the boundary concerned.

The Minister shall have regard to the report of the Boundary Committee.

Alteration of Boundary

Having considered the report of the Boundary Committee, the Minister may by order alter the boundary of the town where he considers such alteration ought to be made in the interest of effective and convenient Local Government.

Before deciding whether to make the order the Minister shall request the Boundary Committee to prepare a report & make recommendations with respect to the boundary that it considers necessary in the interest of effective & convenient Local Government.

In preparing the report the

- Boundary Committee shall consult with the Local Authority concerned.
- Boundary Committee also has discretion to hold an oral hearing in relation to its report.

Decisions to Alter Boundary

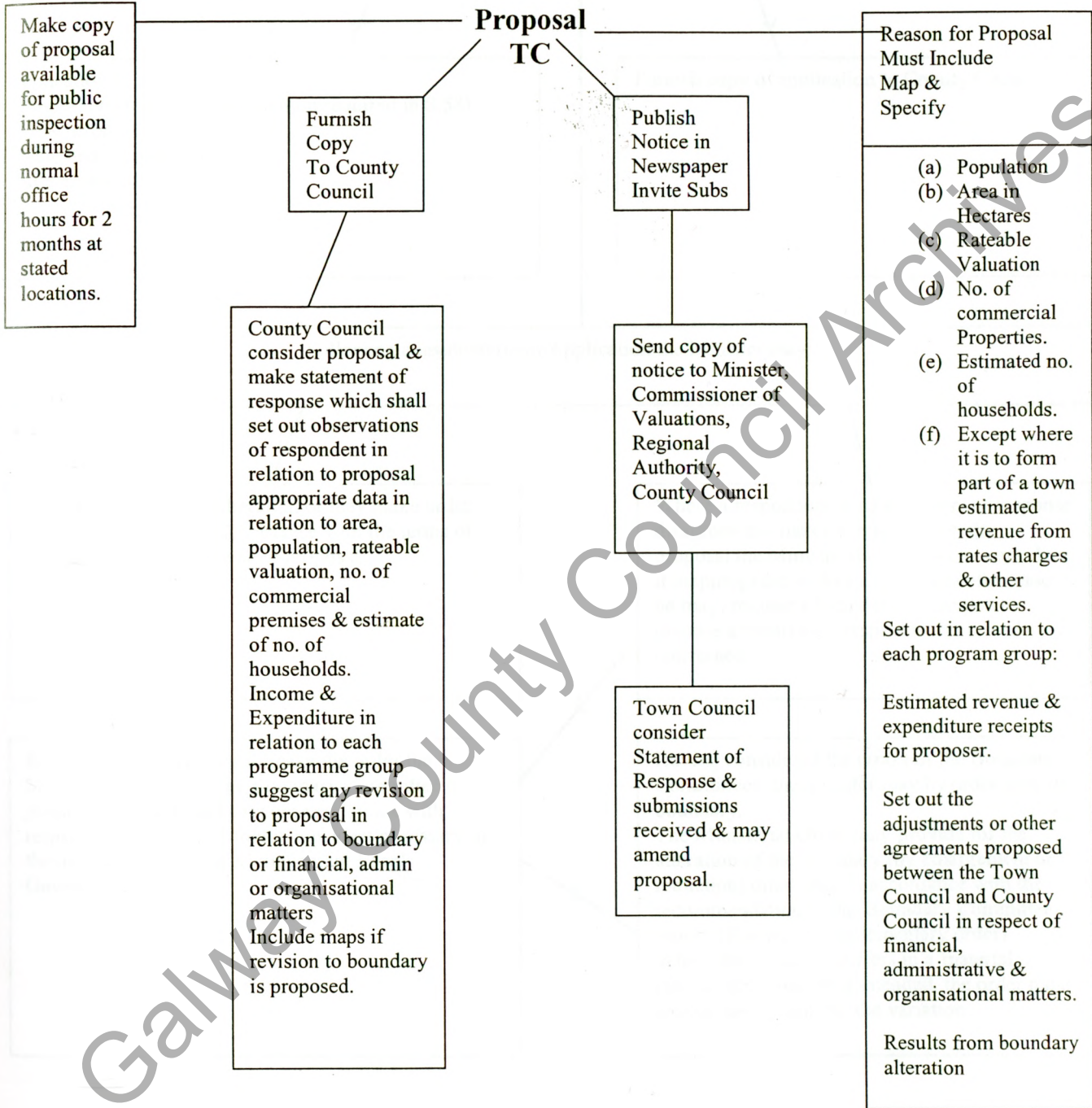
Having considered the report of the Boundary Committees, the minister may by order alter the boundary.

The Ministerial Order may provide for the alteration of the boundary (by enlargement or reduction) other than in accordance with the recommendation in the Boundary Committee report.

(Known as supplementary order)

Where the alteration differs in a material respect from that recommended, the order must set out the reasons for the variation.

Boundary Alterations (Pre-Application)



Application for Boundary Alteration

Town Council makes application to the Minister for Boundary Alteration on expiration of for submission (2 months) and for statement of response (6 months) Decision to make application in a reserved function.

Application to include:
- Proposal (setting out information required in S.58)
- Subs received
- Statement of response &
- Any amended proposal

Furnish copy of application to County Council

Following consideration of Application the Minister may:

Make Boundary Alteration or may make order otherwise than in accordance with the terms of the proposal or amended proposal

Where a respondent in its statement of response disagrees in a material respect with the proposal the Minister shall, unless he considers it inappropriate to do so, (or in any other case he may) request a boundary committee to prepare a report with respect to the boundary concerned.

Before deciding whether to make the order the Minister shall request the Boundary Committee to prepare a report & make recommendations with respect to the boundary that it considers necessary in the interest of effective & convenient Local Government.

Having considered the report of the Boundary Committees, the minister may by order alter the boundary.
The Ministerial Order may provide for the alteration of the boundary (by enlargement or reduction) other than in accordance with the recommendation in the Boundary Committee report. (Known as supplementary order)
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S.I. No. 217/1996: LOCAL GOVERNMENT (BOUNDARY ALTERATION) REGULATIONS, 1996.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (BOUNDARY ALTERATION)
REGULATIONS, 1996.

The Minister for the Environment in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 3 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,

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(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.


BRENDAN HOWLIN,

Minister for the Environment.

EXPLANATORY NOTE.

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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having been elected to the Borough Council on the same day as their election to the Council of the electoral County of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown and on and from the ordinary day of retirement referred to in subsection (2) of this section those persons shall be the members of and shall act as the Borough Council.

(b) The persons elected at the elections held pursuant to the said section 13 (3) next after those referred to in paragraph (a) of this subsection for the relevant electoral areas shall be regarded for all purposes as having been elected to the Borough Council on the same day as their election to the Council of the electoral County of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown and on and from the ordinary day of retirement of the members of the County Council those persons shall be the members of and act as the Borough Council."

Interpretation.

27.—In this Part—

"boundary committee" means a committee established under section 28 (1);

"committee district" has the meaning assigned to it by section 18;

"proposal", "amended proposal", "proposer" and "respondent" shall be construed in accordance with section 29;

"statement of response" shall be construed in accordance with section 29 (3).

Boundary committees.

28.—(1) The Minister may establish one or more committees which or each of which shall be known by the title assigned to it by the Minister and is referred to in this Part as a "boundary committee .

(2) A boundary committee shall stand dissolved on the expiration of such period as may be specified by the Minister at the time he establishes it.

(3) A boundary committee shall be independent in the performance of its functions.

(4) (a) A boundary committee shall consist of such number of members, not being less than 3 or more than 5, as the Minister may determine.

(b) The members of a boundary committee shall be appointed by the Minister.

(c) A person appointed to be a member of a boundary committee shall hold office as such member for such period as may be specified by the Minister at the time of the appointment.

(d) A person who is for the time being—

(i) entitled under the Standing Orders of either House of the Oireachtas to sit therein,

(ii) a member of the European Parliament, or

(iii) a member of a local authority,

shall, while he is so entitled or is such a member, be disqualified for becoming a member of a boundary committee.

(e) Where a member of a boundary committee—

(i) is nominated as a member of Seanad Éireann or elected as a member of either House of the Oireachtas,

(ii) is elected as a member of the European Parliament or is regarded pursuant to section 15 (inserted by the European Assembly Elections Act, 1984) of the European Assembly Elections Act, 1977, as having been elected to such Parliament to fill a vacancy, or

(iii) becomes a member of a local authority,

he shall thereupon cease to be a member of the committee.

(f) A member of a boundary committee shall not take part in the preparation of a report under *section 33*—

(i) with respect to the boundary of the functional area of a local authority if he is an officer of that authority, or

(ii) with respect to the boundary of a functional area of a local authority situated within an administrative county if he is an officer of the council of that county.

(g) The Minister shall appoint one member of a boundary committee to act as chairman of the committee.

(h) A member of a boundary committee may at any time

resign from office by letter addressed to the Minister.

(i) Where a casual vacancy occurs among the members of a boundary committee, the Minister may appoint a person to fill such vacancy.

(j) The Minister may remove from office a member of a boundary committee if, in the opinion of the Minister, he has become incapable through ill health of effectively performing his duties or has committed stated misbehaviour or his removal appears to the Minister to be necessary or desirable for the effective performance by the committee of its functions.

(k) A person may be re-appointed to be a member of a boundary committee.

(5) A member of a boundary committee may be paid out of monies at the disposal of the Minister, such remuneration (if any) and allowances for expenses incurred by him as the Minister, with the consent of the Minister for Finance, may determine.

(6) (a) The Minister may supply to a boundary committee, on such terms or conditions as he may specify, any services, including services of staff, required by the committee for the performance of any of its functions.

(b) A local authority or a public authority may supply to a boundary committee, on such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon by the authority and the committee, any services, including services of staff, required by the committee for the performance of any of its functions.

Proposal and application for alteration of a local authority boundary.

29.—(1) (a) A council of a county or a corporation of a county borough may, by resolution, propose that the boundary of the county or county borough be altered in accordance with the provisions of this Part.

(b) A corporation of a borough other than a county borough, a council of an urban district or the commissioners of a town may, by resolution, propose that the boundary of the borough, urban district or town be altered in accordance with the provisions of this Part and a council of a county may by resolution, make such a proposal in relation to any borough, urban district or town situate in such county.

(c) A local authority which makes such a proposal as aforesaid and a proposal so made are referred to in this Part,

respectively, as a "proposer" and a "proposal".

(d) A proposal shall specify the alteration to which it relates by reference to a map.

(2) A proposer shall

(a) furnish a copy of the proposal to each local authority whose boundary is affected by the proposal and such other local authorities as may be prescribed and each authority so affected by a proposal is referred to in this Part as a "respondent",

(b) publish notice of the proposal in the prescribed form giving details of the proposal and inviting submissions with regard thereto from any person concerned within such period as shall be specified in the notice,

(c) otherwise inform such persons as may be prescribed of the proposal.

(3) (a) Each respondent shall consider the proposal and shall not later than 6 months from the receipt by it of a copy of the proposal, or such longer period as may be agreed upon by the proposer and the respondent, make a statement of its response to the proposal (referred to in this Part as a "statement of response") and furnish a copy thereof to the proposer.

(b) The making of a statement of response shall be a reserved function.

(4) A proposer may, following consideration by it of any statement of response or submission referred to in subsection (2) that it receives within the period specified in that behalf, by resolution, amend the proposal in such manner as it thinks fit and a proposal so amended is referred to in this Part as an "amended proposal".

(5) (a) Upon the expiration, in relation to a proposal, of the periods referred to in subsections (2) (b) and (3) (a), a proposer may apply to the Minister for the making of an order under section 31 (1) altering the boundary to which the proposal or the amended proposal (as the case may be) concerned relates in accordance with the terms of the proposal or the amended proposal.

(b) A decision to make such an application as aforesaid shall be a reserved function.

Provisions supplementary to
section 29.

30.—(1) A proposal, a statement of response and any amended proposal shall set out—

(a) the financial and other implications of the proposal (or the amended proposal, as the case may be), and

(b) the adjustments in relation to financial and administrative matters to be made between the proposer and each respondent concerned in consequence of the alteration of the boundary concerned.

(2) (a) A proposer shall furnish to each respondent and such other persons as may be prescribed a copy of the application made by it under *section 29 (5)*.

(b) A proposal, a statement of response, an amended proposal and an application under *section 29 (5)* shall comply with such requirements as may be prescribed.

(c) The Minister may prescribe any matter of procedure or any other requirement which he considers necessary for the satisfactory operation of this section or *section 29*.

(3) A local authority part of whose functional area adjoins an administrative county other than that in which the said functional area is situate may, by resolution, request the council of the county in which it is situate to make a proposal under *section 29 (1)* and the said council shall consider any such request.

Power of Minister to alter
boundary by order.

31.—(1) (a) Subject to the provisions of this section, the Minister may, on application being made to him in that behalf by a proposer under *section 29 (5)*, by order alter the boundary of any county, county or other borough, urban district or town to which the application relates if he considers that an alteration ought to be made in the interests of effective and convenient local government.

(b) An order under this subsection may alter the boundary concerned otherwise than in accordance with the terms of the proposal or the amended proposal (as the case may be) the subject of the application.

(2) (a) In any case where a respondent in its statement of response to the proposal, the subject of the application, has disagreed in a material respect with the terms thereof, the Minister shall, unless he considers it inappropriate to do so, or, in any other case, may, request a boundary committee to prepare a report under *section 33* with respect to the boundary of the local authority

concerned.

(b) The Minister shall have regard to the report of the boundary committee in deciding whether to make an order under *subsection (1)* in respect of the boundary concerned.

(3) (a) The Minister may, subject to paragraph (b), by order alter the boundary of any county, county or other borough, committee district, urban district or town where he considers such an alteration ought to be made in the interests of effective and convenient local government.

(b) Before deciding whether to make such an order as aforesaid, the Minister shall request a boundary committee to prepare a report under *section 33* with respect to the boundary of the local authority concerned and the Minister shall have regard to the report in deciding whether to make the order.

Requests to boundary committee to report with respect with respect to certain matters.

32.—(1) The Minister may request a boundary committee—

(a) to prepare a report under *section 33* with respect to the boundary of any administrative or geographical district or other division based on a local government boundary and used for any purpose of public administration connected with or related to local government or any such district or other division which it is proposed to establish, or

(b) to prepare a report with respect to any matter relating to local government that the Minister specifies.

(2) Before deciding whether to make an order under *section 12*, or *section 33* or *35* of the Local Government Act, 1941, in relation to a local electoral boundary, the Minister shall request a boundary committee to prepare a report under *section 33* with respect to the boundary and the Minister shall have regard to the report in deciding whether to make the order.

Report by boundary committee with respect to a boundary.

33.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this section a boundary committee shall, if requested to do so by the Minister under *subsection (2)* or *(3)* of *section 31* or *subsection (1) (a)* or *(2)* of *section 32*—

(a) review the boundary to which the request relates and, in the case of a request by the Minister under *subsection (2)* of *section 31*, the terms of the proposal or the amended proposal (as the case may be) with respect thereto, and

(b) make such recommendations with respect to the boundary that it considers to be necessary in the interests of effective and convenient local government,

and shall prepare and furnish to the Minister a report in writing of that review and its recommendations and the Minister shall publish the report.

(2) The Minister may include in a request as aforesaid a requirement that the boundary committee is to have regard to such considerations or matters in preparing its report as he specifies in the request and the committee shall comply with any such requirement.

(3) A report under this section shall include, where the Minister so specifies in a request as aforesaid, a review by, and the recommendations of, the boundary committee in relation to such matters specified in the request as may be consequential on or otherwise related to any alteration of the boundary recommended in the report.

(4) In preparing a report under this section a boundary committee shall—

(a) consult any local authority concerned, and

(b) where the report relates to a boundary of a county or a county borough publish a notice stating that a report is being prepared under this section in relation to a specified boundary inviting submissions from any person concerned,

and shall have regard to any such consultations and submissions made by any such person.

(5) A boundary committee may, for the purposes of a report by it under this section, by notice in writing, request any local authority to furnish to it such information (including documents) as it may reasonably require within such period as shall be specified in the notice and the local authority shall comply with the request.

(6) (a) A boundary committee shall have an absolute discretion to hold an oral hearing in relation to a report by it under this section and the hearing may be conducted by one or more members of the boundary committee or by a person appointed by the committee for that purpose.

(b) The member or members of a boundary committee or other person appointed to conduct an oral hearing under *paragraph (a)* shall make a report in writing on the hearing to the boundary committee and shall include in the report such recommendations as are considered appropriate with respect to the boundary concerned.

(c) The boundary committee shall consider a report made to it under *paragraph (b)* before deciding on the recommendations that it will make with respect to the boundary concerned.

(d) The Minister may make regulations in relation to the conduct of an oral hearing as aforesaid, the procedures at such a hearing and the attendance by local authorities and other persons at such a hearing.

Provisions consequential on boundary alterations.

34.—(1) In this section—

"authority concerned" means a local authority whose boundary is affected by a primary order;

"primary order" means an order under *subsection (1)* or *(3)* of *section 31*;

"relevant area" means the portion of the functional area of one local authority (or any part of that portion) which by virtue of a primary order becomes part of the functional area of another local authority;

"supplementary order" means an order made under *subsection (2)*.

(2) The Minister or any other Minister of the Government, with the consent of the Minister, may by order make such provision as he considers necessary or expedient in relation to any matter whatsoever arising from, in consequence of, or otherwise related to, the boundary alteration effected by a primary order and any provision so made shall, notwithstanding the provisions of any other enactment, apply and have effect accordingly.

(3) A supplementary order made by a Minister of the Government, other than the Minister, may only make provision with respect to matters in relation to which functions stand conferred on that Minister of the Government.

(4) A supplementary order may, if the order so provides, have retrospective effect.

(5) Without prejudice to the generality of *subsection (2)*, a supplementary order may make provision for all or any of the following matters—

(a) the functions of any authority concerned in relation to a relevant area,

(b) the inclusion of a relevant area, in any local electoral area or any administrative or geographical district or other division used for any purpose of public administration,

(c) the application or non-application of any enactment to a relevant area,

(d) the continuance of legal proceedings commenced by or against any authority concerned before the making of the primary order concerned where such proceedings relate to any matter, right, duty or liability arising, accrued or incurred in, or relating to, any relevant area,

(e) such modifications, adaptation or amendment of any enactment as may be necessary for the purposes of the primary order,

(f) subject to *subsection (8)*, an adjustment between any authorities concerned (which may include provision for the payment of money, by a single payment or in two or more instalments, by one or more authorities concerned to any other authority or authorities concerned) in relation to all or any of the following:

(i) any net loss of revenue, actual or prospective, which is or may be incurred by any authority concerned in consequence of the primary order,

(ii) property whether real or personal (including choses-in-action), vested in or belonging to or held in trust for any authority concerned and wholly or partly situate in or relating to any relevant area,

(iii) debts (including mortgage debts), charges created by statute and other liabilities (including unliquidated amounts, unliquidated damages arising from torts or breaches of contract and accruing or prospective liabilities), due and unpaid, or incurred and undischarged, and relating wholly or in part to any relevant area,

(iv) agreements or arrangements between any authorities concerned with respect to financial matters,

(v) alteration for specified purposes in the areas of charge provided for in section 10 of the Local Government Act, 1946,

(vi) rates and charges due and payable or accruing due,

(vii) the assessment and levying of rates and charges in

any relevant area (including the temporary reduction of valuations and the making of abatements),

and for giving effect to any matter referred to in *subparagraph* (v), (vi) or (vii),

(g) the transfer of officers or servants of an authority or authorities concerned to any other authority or authorities concerned,

(h) the enabling of provision to be made in respect of any matter referred to in *paragraph* (f) (where provision in respect thereof is not otherwise made by a supplementary order) by agreement between the authorities concerned or in the event of a failure by the authorities concerned to reach agreement, in such manner as may be specified in the order,

(i) the preparation of official maps showing the boundary of any relevant area and the evidential value of such maps,

(j) transitional matters relating to any development plan (within the meaning of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Acts, 1963 to 1990) insofar as it relates to any relevant area,

(k) the continuance of any thing done, or treated by virtue of any enactment as having been done, by, to or in relation to, any authority concerned in relation to any relevant area,

(l) the register of electors and polling districts to be used at any election of councillors for any local electoral area,

(m) the continuance in office of members of any authority concerned,

(n) the alteration of the number of members of the council of a county or the council of a county borough consequent upon the making of a primary order,

(o) any other matter which appears to be necessary or proper for bringing into operation and giving full effect to the primary order.

(6) In *subsection* (5) (k) "thing" includes the following—

(i) any written agreement or other instrument in writing or any determination or declaration made by, or on behalf of, or treated as having been made by or on behalf of any authority concerned,

(ii) any direction given, or treated as having been given, by or to any authority concerned,

(iii) any licence, certificate, permission, consent, approval, exemption or relaxation granted or given, or treated as having been granted or given, by or to any authority concerned,

(iv) any application, proposal or objection made, or treated as having been made, by or to any authority concerned,

(v) any condition or requirement imposed, or treated as having been imposed, by or on an authority concerned.

(7) An adjustment under *paragraph (f)* of *subsection (5)* or an agreement under *paragraph (h)* of that subsection may include—

(a) in the case of property referred to in *subparagraph (ii)* of the said *paragraph (f)*, provision for the retention of the property by any authority concerned or for the transfer thereof to another authority concerned or for the joint user of such property by two or more authorities concerned, and

(b) in the case of a debt or other liability referred to in *subparagraph (iii)* of the said paragraph, provision for the whole of such debt or liability being borne by any authority concerned or for the apportionment of the liability between two or more authorities concerned.

(8) A supplementary order may not, as respects local authorities of a prescribed class or classes, make provision for such matters specified in *subsection (5) (f)* as may be prescribed.

(9) Where a boundary alteration is effected by a primary order, any reference in any enactment to a county, county or other borough, committee district, urban district or town, whether to such areas generally or to any particular such area, shall, subject to any provision to the contrary in a supplementary order and unless the context otherwise requires, be construed as a reference to the area of such county, county or other borough, committee district, urban district or town as so altered.

Transitional.

35.—(1) This section applies in relation to a case in respect of the alteration of the boundary of the functional area of a local authority which, before the commencement of *section 4* in relation to an enactment, falls to be determined by the Minister pursuant to that enactment.

(2) The Minister may, in relation to a case to which this section applies, determine the case in accordance with the provisions of the enactment concerned notwithstanding the commencement of *section 4* in relation to that enactment.

"Local authority" (*Part VI*).

36.—In this Part, except where the context otherwise requires, "local authority" does not include a committee or joint committee.

Committees of local authorities.

37.—(1) (a) A local authority may, if it considers it appropriate to do so, by resolution, establish—

(i) a committee to consider matters connected with the functions of the authority referred to it by the authority and to advise the authority on those matters, or

(ii) a committee to perform functions of the authority delegated to it under this section,

and references in this Part to a committee are, unless the context otherwise requires, references to a committee established under this paragraph.

(b) A local authority may establish more than one committee.

(c) A local authority shall not establish a committee to consider matters connected with, or to perform, the functions generally of the authority in respect of a particular local electoral area.

(2) (a) A local authority may, by resolution, delegate with or without restrictions to a committee established under *subsection (1) (a) (ii)* any of its functions that may be performed by resolution except the power to adopt the estimate of expenses of the authority or to make a rate or borrow money or any other prescribed functions.

(b) Without prejudice to any other relevant requirements, it shall be necessary for the passing of a resolution under

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4th June, 2003

To each Member of Tuam Town Council

A Chara,

The Monthly meeting of Tuam Town Council will be held on Monday 9th June, 2003 at 7.30 p.m. You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise, le meas,

Angela Hoban Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

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Deputation re: Local Radio Station

Special Olympics

Fix date for Annual Meeting

Farmer's Market

The Grove Hospital:

The Mayor welcomed Deputy Callaghan, Deputy Connaughton and Senator Kitt to the meeting. Deputy Connaughton stated it was exactly a year since a commitment was given for the provision of a Community Hospital in Tuam. The Western Health Board have now submitted a plan to the Department. He said he was worried not over the cost but that the plan can be brought to fruition. Senator Kitt said he fully supported the proposal. The Minister of Health has approved the purchase of the site and the proposal is now in the National Development Plan. Funding is needed to carry out the work and will be adequate. The Chief Executive Officer, Western Health Board said he would be happy to discuss the proposal with the Council. Deputy Callaghan said he would be happy to discuss the proposal with the Council. Deputy Connaughton said he would be happy to discuss the proposal with the Council.

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday, 12th May, 2003

Present:

Mayor: Councillor Keaveney

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

Officials:

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

Apology:

Councillor Warren, Councillor Ward.

Matters arising from Minutes:

The Prayer was recited.

Minutes:

The Minutes of the April Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by Councillor O'Grady.

The Grove Hospital:

The Mayor welcomed Deputy Callaghan, Deputy Connaughton and Senator Kitt to the meeting. Deputy Connaughton stated it was exactly a year since a commitment was given for the provision of a Community Hospital in Tuam. The Western Health Board have forwarded plans to the Department. He said he was worried not even the elementary stage has been got to. The planning brief is being considered in the context of the National Development Plan. (90,000.00 has been spent on the project to date. It cannot be stated if the plan can be brought to fruition. Senator Kitt said he fully supported the hospital. The Minister of Health has approved the purchase of the hospital. The proposal is not in the National Development Plan. Funding is needed for the design work, (1m would be adequate. The Chief Executive Officer, Western Health Board is meeting Departmental officials on Wednesday 14th. The Ambulance Centre can not be progressed until the design work is complete. The proposed closing of some acute hospitals shouldn't affect a community hospital for Tuam. It is now a question of the Minister of Health approving (1m for the design work. Deputy Callaghan said this project will take time. If the funding was made available for the design work he was of the opinion that the Ambulance Centre could then go ahead. Deputy McHugh stated that if his support was needed following the election the Grove was his priority. The Taoiseach and Minister for Health gave a commitment to provide a hospital but the indications now are that the Minister is shying away from this commitment. The Minister should show his goodwill by making funding available for the design work. He agreed the project will go in stages, if the design work was completed then the ambulance Centre could be progressed.

It was proposed by Co. Reilly and seconded by Co. Kelly that the Board seek a deputation to the Taoiseach, the Minister for Health and the Western Health Board. The Oireachtas Members agreed to meet with the Minister for Health and try to secure the funding for the design work.

Matters arising from Minutes:

Traffic Management Plan: Councillor Kelly said the Town Council were being criticised by people regarding the proposal to build a road through the Palace Grounds. He said a public meeting should be held. Councillor Joyce agreed. Councillor Lane said her views were well known, she was opposed to a road through the Palace Grounds.

Councillor O'Grady said people seem to think a vote was taken on the matter. He said the Traffic Management Plan and road proposals were two different things. A road through the Palace Grounds will never happen. Deputy McHugh said there was a lot of confusion, he did not second a proposal to put a road through the Palace Grounds, however as a Hub Centre Tuam would need to be pro-active and be seen to want things to happen.

It was proposed by Councillor Kelly and seconded by Councillor O'Grady that, in the event of Galway County Council going ahead with a road through the Palace Grounds, a Public meeting should be held.

Mr. Ridge said he wanted to emphasise that the road was a proposal. What had been approved for the Palace Ground was: €7m for the construction of a new swimming pool which is a major facility. The proposed road would skirt around the Palace Grounds and provide access to the pool. It would be a tree lined avenue and not a major traffic route. He said the Palace Grounds is a tremendous facility in the centre of the town and nothing Galway County Council proposes would diminish this. The proposal would make it more attractive and visible. He agreed with Deputy McHugh regarding the importance of Hub status and said Tuam must compete and attract Industry and Investment.

Manager's Business:

Mr. Ridge informed the Members that a grant of €18,000 under the Urban & village Renewal Programme, has been approved for restoration work on the bridge at Shop Street.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 31st March, 2003 from Office of Mr. Seamus Brennan, T. D., Minister for Transport – read.

Letter dated 4th April, & 17th April, 2003 from Office of Mr. Martin Cullen, T. D., Minister for the Environment – read.

Letter dated 1st April, 2003 from office of the Mayor of Charney. Mayor Keaveney gave an outline of his visit to Charney.

Letter dated 11th April, 2003 from I.P.A. re: training modules for Councilors – noted.

Letter dated 21st April, 2003 from A. M. A. I. – read.

Letter dated 23rd April, 2003 from General Council of County Council – read.

Letter dated 23rd April, 2003 from Mr. John P. Keane, Dynamo Blues AFC – dealt with during discussion with Deputation.

Letter dated 25th April, 2003 from Ms. Christina Mahon, Parkmore Residents Association re: one-way system on Dublin Road – Refer to Mr. John Morgan, Galway County Council.

Letter dated 29th April, 2003 from Irish Public bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., Re: 77th Annual General Meeting. Mayor Keaveney to attend.

Letter dated 18th April, 2003 from Mr. John Burke, Palace Fields Re: Palace Grounds – read.

Letter dated 30th April, 2003 from A. M. A. I. re: Annual conference – noted.

Letters dated 30th April and 8th May, 2003 from Supt. M. Lee, Garda Siochana – To be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

Letter dated 30th April, 2003 from office of Ms. Mary Harney, T.D., Tanaiste and Minister for enterprise, Trade and Employment - read.

Letter dated 1st May, 2003 from I. P. A. – read.

Letter dated 30th April, 2003 from Mr. Paul Connaughton, T.D. M.C.C. read.

Letter dated 1st May, 2003 from Mr. Noel Treacy, T.D., Minister of State, Dept. of Agriculture and Food – read.

From Chambers of Commerce of Ireland re: Annual Conference – read.

Letter dated 6th May, 2003 from office of Mr. Martin Cullen, T. D., Minister for the Environment and Local Government – read.

Letter dated 7th May, 2003 from Irish Wheelchair Association. Co. Browne-Lane said the matters, raised in the letter, had been raised by the Town Council on many occasions. It was agreed to send a copy of the letter to the Gardai.

Letter dated 1st May, 2003 from Mr. Noel Treacy, T. D., Minister of State, Dept. of Agriculture and Food re Bridge at Shop Street – read.

Deputation:

The Mayor welcomed Mr. John Keane, Mr. Gerry Mooney, and Mr. Tommy Carton from Dynamo blues AFC. Mr. Keane thanked the Mayor and Members for receiving the deputation. He said Dynamo Blues had been formed in 1978 and cater for approximately fifty members. He said they spent twenty one years in Parkmore, but have played in the College Field, Athenry road for the past four seasons. In order to improve facilities, cater for underage soccer and provide dressing rooms with shower facilities a long-term Lease, twenty five years or more, is required. There is no funding available through the FAI unless a long-term Lease is secured. He appealed to the Town Council to support their application for a long-term Lease on the “College Field”.

Town Hall:

Replying to Co. O’Grady, who queried if the Town Hall would be ready for the Special Olympics, Mr. Ridge said there were a number of issues to be resolved. He will keep the Members informed.

Co. O’Grady asked that the return of the “Farmers Market” be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Regarding Abbey Trinity car park Mr. Ridge said he would bring a report to the next meeting.

U. D. C. Status:

Replying to Co. O'Grady, who said he was hoping to move on the agreed boundary extension Mr. Ridge said he would bring a report to the next meeting. It was agreed to keep U.D.C. status on the agenda.

Notices of Motion:

In view of discussion earlier Councillor Reilly said he would withdraw his motion on the Palace Grounds.

Councillor Reilly spoke on his motion regarding the closure of the swimming pool. Mr. Ridge informed the Members that an inspection had been carried out and the estimate of cost of repairs was €86,000. He said Galway County Council intended to carry out the necessary repairs and tender documents are being prepared. He said it would be approximately twelve weeks before the pool would be opened. The Members welcomed Mr. Ridge's commitment to repair and keep the pool open.

Sympathy:

A vote of Sympathy was passed with the following Families:

Geraghty Family, Abbey Trinity & Bishop Street on the death of Ann
Henderson Family, Fairgreen Heights on the death of Martina
Howard Family, The Glebe & Galway Road on the death of Connor
McDonagh Family, Ballygaddy Road on the death of Sal

Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY: _____
MAYOR

Dynamo Blues AFC

Dynamo Blues Development Committee

John Keane: P/O & Treasurer & Player

Dynamo Blues AFC

Gerry Murney: Chairman

Tommy C...

Presentation to Tuam Town Council

Monday 12th May 2003

Dynamo Blues AFC

• Spent 21 years in Parkmore, Tuam.

• Have spent last 4 seasons playing in College Road, Athenry, Roscommon on the basis of the annual renewal of lease from Galway County Council.

Dynamo Blues: 2003

• 2 teams entering for 50 matches

• Small sized pitch with poor drainage

• No dressing room

• No showers

• Inadequate training facilities with inadequate floodlighting

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Dynamo Blues AFC

Dynamo Blues Development Committee

- John Keane: PRO & Treasurer & Player
- Gerry Mooney: Chairman
- Tommy Carton: Manager 1st Team

Dynamo Blues: 1978 – 2003: A History:

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- Small sized pitch with poor drainage
- No dressing rooms
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- Inadequate training facilities with inadequate floodlighting

Dynamo Blues: 2008?

- Revamped soccer pitch with proper drainage
- Underage soccer catering for youth of Tuam
- Adequate training facilities with corresponding floodlight facilities
- Dressing rooms with shower facilities
- Athletic training facilities in conjunction with Tuam Athletic Club
- Pedestrian walkway
- Railings with sponsored hoardings around pitch

To get to 2008? What do we need

- What we require is a long-term lease on our current playing facilities
- Long-term = 25 years or more

Why?

- No funding available through FAI unless long-term lease on premises secured

Precedent?

- Mervue United and Hibernians, who both play in the Premier League in Galway, have procured long-term leases (in excess of 25 years) from Galway County Council, thereby enabling them to apply for financial support for ground development work.

Who will benefit?

- Dynamo Blues AFC through the provision of modern playing and training facilities for over 100 locals.
- Youth of Tuam.
- Local Residents: By providing a walk-way for local residents within the confines of the College Field will help garner support from the local residents
- Tuam Athletic Club
- Environment: Area maintained in a clean manner / notices posted and letters issued

Progress / Work To Date

- Playing pitch and training area levelled
- Initial contacts made with Residents Association and Tuam Athletic Club
- Meeting held with Dermot Mahon, Tuam RAPID Coordinator
- Preliminary meeting held with Colm Keaveney, Chairman Tuam Town Council

Finances?

Fundraising:

- Poker Classics
- 500 Club Draw
- Bingo

Re: Special Olympics

- Membership
- Business Sponsorship
- Calendar

Summary

- Year-on-Year Lease unacceptable
- Current facilities inadequate
- Minimum 25 year lease required
- All sectors of Community will benefit
- Keen and enthusiastic Development Committee to drive this initiative

**Thank You
&
Questions**

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Re: Special Olympics

JC/LM

9th May, 2003

Cllr. Seamus Quinn,

Rahogarty,

Athacra Cove, Behan:

Tuam,

Co. Galway.

Pool?

RE: Tuam Swimming Pool

Ant exhibition in Highway Showrooms
Co. Ordinalok (Celeia O'Sullivan) in wheelchair
unable to get up to exhibition room
in library.

Egyptian Ambassador will be in Tuam
on Monday 16th June

And Reception & Presentation:-

It is noted that necessary works should be carried out as a matter of amenity
due to closure of the pool, pending the development of a new facility, could be
difficult to sustain. In anticipation of council approval to the overexpenditure, I have
requested the preparation of the tender documents proceed and when available in
3 - 4 weeks time, tenders will be invited following which a contractor will be
appointed. With the best will in the world, it is likely to be a minimum of 12 weeks
before the pool will be ready for re-opening. Every effort will be made to expedite
the work but, I must stress that the overriding concern, at all times, will be that of
public safety.

Mise, le meas.

J. CULLEN

Director of Services

Cultural & General Services Unit

JC/LM

9th May, 2003

Cllr. Seamus Quinn,
Rahogarty,
Browns Grove,
Tuam,
Co. Galway.

RE: Tuam Swimming Pool

A Chara,

As you know, it became necessary to close the existing Tuam Swimming Pool recently due to safety concerns about the roof of the building.

A detailed inspection has been carried out and an assessment made of the repairs needed. Generally the works involve removal of rust and corrosion to steel beams, painting and sealing of roof cracks. The estimated cost of the repair is €86,000, a significant proportion of which relates to compliance with Health and Safety requirements associated with working in a pool environment e.g. scaffolding (etc.).

As you might expect, expenditure of this order is in excess of the annual maintenance budget provided for in the 2003 adopted budget. It will give rise to an overexpenditure this year which will have to be funded from savings elsewhere and by bringing a debit of part of the cost against the 2004 maintenance budget.

It is my view that the necessary works should be carried out as the loss of amenity due to the closure of the pool, pending the development of the new facility, would be difficult to sustain. In anticipation of council approval to the overexpenditure, I have requested the preparation of the tender documents proceed and when available in 3 - 4 weeks time, tenders will be invited following which a contractor will be appointed. With the best will in the world, it is likely to be a minimum of 12 weeks before the pool will be ready for re-opening. Every effort will be made to expedite the work but, I must stress that the overriding concern, at all times, will be that of public safety.

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7th May, 2003

To each Member of Tuam Town Council

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Mise, le meas,

Angela Dolan Baile Cleireach

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"The Grove" Hospital
Traffic Management
Delegation from Dynamo Blues ✓

Notices of Motion – Co. T. Reilly:

I propose that Tuam Town Council call on Galway County Council to rescind the decision to construct a road through the Palace Fields and immediately pursue the Town Council's proposal to engage in a consultative process.

I propose that Tuam Town Council call on Galway County Council to carry out remedial works on Tuam Swimming Pool as a matter of urgency, in light of the arrival of the Special Olympics Team, to safeguard jobs. Also to call on the Oireachtas Members to seek emergency funding from the Department of the Environment to have the necessary work carried out.