

Tuam Town Council

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Town Clerk's Office,
Town Hall,
Tuam.

28th January, 2003

To each Member of Tuam Town Council

A Chara,

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

Mise, le meas,

Angela Nolan Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Minutes

Manager's Business

Correspondence

U. D. C. Status

"The Grove" Hospital

RAPID - Mr. Dermot Mahon, Co-ordinator

Contribution to Tuam Chamber of Commerce

Notice of Motion: Co. O'Grady

"That immediately upon the completion of the remedial work and decoration/refurbishment of Tuam Town Hall, the Town Clerk and Town Council take possession of the complete building as their permanent base, and use same in total accordance with the wishes of Tuam Town Council, to include Clerks Office, Council Chamber and an actual Civic Offices/Exhibition Centre to do justice to the town and thus ensure its proper long term usage and safeguard its position as Tuam's Pre Eminent Civic Building. The building is not to be leased or rented for any commercial activity".

Matters arising from Minutes:

Traffic Management Plan: Mr. Ridge told the Members that the Traffic Management Plan had been passed by the Electoral Area Committee. It will now go to the Gardaí and then to the monthly meeting of Galway County Council on 25th February 2003 where it is hoped it will be adopted. Once it is adopted, the Traffic By-laws go on Public Display for one month from 25th February 2003. Submissions will be invited and a decision to adopt or amend will then be taken.

Replying to Councillor Browne-Lane Mr. Lavelle said the one-way plan on Road was adopted. Councillor Browne-Lane said she was disgusted. She had seconded a motion of objection to the one way system. She had seconded a motion to keep Dublin Road two-way. At the start of the trial one-way system a traffic light was put at the junction of Dublin Road overpass. She felt that this was to be explained to the public but like the N17 nothing is being done. She would like to see

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

Present: Acting Mayor: Councillor Ward

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

Apology: Councillors Joyce, Keaveney and Reilly

Officials:

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

The Prayer was recited.

Minutes:

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

Matters arising from Minutes:

Traffic Management Plan: Mr. Ridge told the Members that the Traffic Management Plan had been passed by the Electoral Area Committee. It will now go to the Gardai and then to the monthly meeting of Galway County Council on 24th February, 2003 where it is hoped it will be adopted. Most of the Traffic Management Plan can be put in place once it is adopted.

The Traffic By-laws go on Public Display for one month from 24th February, 2003. Submissions will be invited and a decision to adopt or amend will then be taken.

Replying to Councillor Browne-Lane Mr. Lavelle said the one-way plan for Dublin Road was adopted. Councillor Browne-Lane said she was disgusted as People had been invited to make submissions, which had been ignored. She asked if the Board would be given a view of the objections to the one-way system. She had seconded a proposal to keep Dublin Road two-way. At the time of the trial one-way system there was a tailback from Vicar Street to Dublin Road every morning. She felt that the Members had explained the difficulties but like the N17 nothing is being done. She said she would like to see practical action.

Councillor O'Grady said it was important that People realised who made this decision. The County Councilors who represent Tuam have accountability to Tuam. Councillor Ward said a two-way system to Circular Road would be acceptable. Councilor Warren agreed and said People going to the schools use Circular Road.

Mr. Lavelle said a heavy vehicle could not go down Circular Road. With the one-way system Children can be safely dropped outside the schools. County Councilors have raised the matter of congestion at the Vicar Street/Purcell-Stockwell junction and the erection of traffic lights has been agreed.

Mr. Ridge said submissions are not ignored, all submissions are taken into account. He accepted there was disappointment felt when something did not happen but what he said regarding the Traffic Management Plan should happen. The meetings of the Electoral Area Committee are held in camera. The result of their deliberations, a report, is submitted to a County Council meeting and is available for all to see. He said the proposal is to construct the road from Vicar Street to the N17 as a matter of urgency and try to advance new roads and car parks as part of the Traffic Management Plan.

It was proposed by Councillor Kelly and seconded by Councillor O'Grady that a public meeting be held regarding the Vicar Street to N17 road.

Public Toilets Replying to Councillor Kelly Mr. Ridge said the plans for the public toilets are being prepared.

Replying to Councillor Ward, regarding the Gilmartin Road/Cloonthue Road/St. Enda's Ave junction, the Town Engineer said he would look at the matters raised. He said work was starting on re-instatement of footpaths in the Cloonthue Road area on the following Monday also the water mains were being updated.

Replying to Councillor O'Grady regarding matters raised by the Deputation from Ballygaddy Road to the January meeting Mr. Lavelle said some householders have set back their walls and footpaths and the best solution would be for the remaining four householders to do the same. This work could be carried out by a Community Employment Scheme.

Replying to Councillor O'Grady regarding the car park at the "Grove" Mr. Lavelle said tentative discussions were taking place with the Western Health Board.

Replying to Councillor Kelly regarding the structure on High Street Mr. Ridge said work cannot restart until the E.S.B. have completed their work. The Town Clerk was instructed to write to the E.S.B.

Manager's Business:

Mr. Ridge told the Members that the contracts for the purchase of a site for new Civic Offices would be finalised in the coming week. He asked the Board to consider the future of the Town Hall, it had accumulated major expenditure, it was too big for the Town Council and too small for the County Council. He asked the Members to consider renting the Town Hall, which would generate income for the Town Council, and taking offices in the new Civic Building. He said all County Council services will be provided from the new Civic Offices and it would be advantageous for the Town Council to be part of the Civic Offices.

Replying to Councillor Kelly Mr. Ridge said Consultants would be appointed in the next four to six weeks. A decision on the Town Council becoming involved in the Civic Offices would need to be made.

The Town Engineer agreed to organise for the Members to view the present condition of the Town Hall.

Public Toilets: Replying to Councillor O'Grady Mr. Ridge said the plans for the public toilets are being prepared.

Swimming Pool: Mr. Ridge informed the Members that the Contract documents for the new swimming pool would be with the Department by end of February or early March.

Bridge at Shop Street: Mr. Ridge informed the Members that an Architect had had been engaged and the possibility of a grant from the Heritage Council was being investigated. The report on the Bridge will be circulated to the Members.

Curragh River: Replying to Councillor O'Grady Mr. Ridge said the O.P.W. have responsibility for cleaning the river. Discussions have taken place, Galway County Council will co-operate with the O.P.W.

Teample Jarlath: Mr. Ridge said a report is completed and will be circulated for the next meeting.

Playgrounds: Replying to Councillor Browne-Lane Mr. Ridge said he would investigate the possibility of providing playground in other areas of the town.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 6th January, 2003 from Mr. Brendan Keenan, ENFO. read.

Letter dated 8th January, 2003 from Golf Tours of Ireland. A Bus service from Tuam to Dublin was welcomed but the Clerk was instructed to write to Golf Tours of Ireland and inform them that the Town Council have no control over "Cathedral Square". Regarding Bus Shelter at Vicar Street it was proposed by Councillor O'Grady and seconded by Deputy McHugh to write to Bus Eireann.

Letter dated 17th January, 2003 from Kilrush Town Council - read.

Letter dated 20th January, 2003 from Mrs. Maureen Browne, Circular road re; Parking Permit - noted.

Letter dated 21st January, 2003 from Carrick on Suir Town Council. On the proposal of Deputy McHugh, seconded by Councillor O'Grady, it was agreed to support the following Notice of Motion. "That the Minister for the Environment & Local government amend the existing Road Traffic Act 1961 (section 103) (offences) Regulations 1999 and increase the penalty for drivers who park in a space that is designated for disabled drivers".

From Co. Niall Dennehy, Mayor of Clonmel, Notice of Conference: Transport in Ireland, issues of access and sustainability – noted.

Letter dated 28th January, 2003 from Mr. Dermot Mahon, Tuam Rapid Co-ordinator – It was proposed by Deputy McHugh and seconded by Councillor Warren to invite Mr. Mahon to the March meeting of the Board.

Letter dated 3rd February, 2003 from Ms. Attracta Behan, Chairperson, Host Town Committee, Special Olympics. It was proposed by Councillor Kelly and seconded by Councillor O'Grady and agreed that the Board host a Civic Reception at a time and date to be agreed,

U. D. C. Status:

It was agreed to keep U. D. C. Status on the agenda.

"The Grove" Hospital:

Letter dated 7th January, 2003 from Co. Mary Hoade, Chairperson, Western Health Board was noted. Councillor O'Grady stated that it appears medical opinion would be against a hospital such as "The Grove" as the trend now was for "centres of excellence". Deputy McHugh said a submission has been with the Minister for Health since October 2002, a meeting between the Minister and the Western Health Board is due to take place soon. Councillor O'Grady said more prominent action needs to be taken. It was agreed to keep "The Grove" on the agenda.

SIGNED BY

MAYOR

Twinning:

Replying to Councillor O'Grady regarding recent letter from Mayor of Charnay Mr. Ridge said he would investigate regarding Galway County Councils budget for twinning.

Person of the Year:

The Mayor stated that the reception regarding the Person of the Year and Group of the Year will be held in Gilligans, High Street on Wednesday, 19th February, 2003. The 2002 Tuam Person of the Year has been awarded posthumously to Stephen Burke and the Group of the Year to 2nd Galway/Tuam Unit, Scouting Ireland C.S.I. A presentation will also be made to Billy Lohan on the occasion of his 100th Birthday.

Sympathy:

A vote of Sympathy was passed with the following Families:

Biggins Family, Dublin Road on the death of Tom
O'Dwyer Family, Birmingham Road on the death of Ann
Davin Family, Lisavalley on the death of Seamus
Tyrrell Family, Bishop Street on the death of Peter

Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY: _____
MAYOR

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Local Government Act 2001 – Part 15

Ethical Framework for Local Government Service

CHARNEY

Matters arising from Minutes:

Footpath Crossing Councillor Browne-Lane welcomed the reconstruction of the footpath adjacent to the Pedestrian Crossing at St. Square. She said that an advertisement had been placed in the local paper reminding people of the need to be careful at the crossing.

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

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

Present:

Mayor: Councillor Keaveney

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

Apology:

Councillor Ward.

Officials:

**Mr. Liam Gavin for Director of Services,
Mr. Michael Gallagher, Town Engineer
Mr. Martin Lavelle, Senior Engineer
Mrs. Angela Holian, Town Clerk**

The Prayer was recited.

Minutes:

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

The Minutes of the Budget of Expenses Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by the Mayor.

Matters arising from Minutes:

Pedestrian Crossing: Councillor Browne-Lane welcomed the restoration of the lines adjacent to the Pedestrian Crossing at the Square. She asked that an advertisement be placed in the local paper reminding People of the need to be careful at the crossing.

N17: Councillor O'Grady asked if rumble strips would be provided from the Traffic Lights to Blackacre on the N17. He said the rumble strips on the Galway side of the Clarinbridge Court Hotel were very effective. Mr. Lavelle said there were no houses on the section of road mentioned, but there have been a lot of complaints from Householders in areas where rumble strips had been installed. He said the national accident ratio is 1.8 per 1,000 cars but in Tuam this statistic is 0.3 per 1,000 cars. The Town Engineer stated that numerous complaints about noise were received when the pedestrian crossing was installed in the Square. The Members agreed that an effective way of slowing traffic on this section of road was a priority.

Mr. Gavin undertook to look at what traffic calming measures could be applied.

Cemetery: Councillor Joyce congratulated the Town Engineer on work done at the cemetery. Replying to Councillor Reilly regarding the paths the Town Engineer said a lot of the paths were refurbished during 2002 and this work will continue in 2003. Replying to Councillor O'Grady regarding control over the size of headstones being erected Mr. Gavin said there were no statutory regulations in terms of the size of headstones but Galway County Council set standards in relation to type of headstone, size of plot, footpaths etc.

Traffic Management Plan:

Mr. Lavelle presented his layout plan, futuristic and aspirational, for Tuam. He said the population of Tuam is expected to double in the next few years and this plan proposes to create a series of new roads which will remove traffic from the town centre and allow further development. He said the plan took account of the Members comments at the last meeting and correspondence received. In relation to the proposed one-way system on Dublin Road correspondence has been received from various Parents Councils objecting to the proposed one-way system. Queries had also been received in relation to parking bye-laws and the relevant charge proposals.

He said these proposals will involve a large investment in Tuam over the next number of years. He said the new N17 will remove a lot of through traffic from Tuam and will provide a western bypass section as far as the Bobby Burke Road. The Bobby Burke Road is part of an outer ring in the present Tuam Development Plan.

He proposed constructing a new road from the N17 at the Galway Road junction through the grounds of St. Mary's Cathedral to Vicar Street, develop the lands between as a car park and construct new roundabouts at each junction. This would remove traffic from Gilmartin Road and would complete an inner ring road from Dublin Road through Purcell/Stockwell road to the N17. Alter traffic on High Street to the present County Council Offices, construct new ground floor car park on the County Council site with offices on the upper floors. Construct a roundabout at the entrance to the car park. Construct a new road, one-way loop to allow drop-off of children at schools and provide access to the cathedral of the Assumption, from the Dublin Road. This would remove chaos from Dublin Road.

Construct a new road from Parkmore to Bishop Street and continue past the swimming pool onto Tullinadaly Road. This would link Dublin Road, through an inner ring, to the N17.

He said these proposals would act as a catalyst for Tuam. The proposals could be extended to facilitate the pedestrianisation of the inner town area. It is envisaged that the pedestrian areas could be covered with unbreakable glass at roof level.

Mr. Lavelle thanked the Nuns and Principals of the various Orders and Schools for their hospitality and time.

Replying to Councillor Kelly, regarding on street parking costs, Mr. Lavelle said charges would be approximately one euro per hour or part thereof. Car parks would be seventy five cents per hour and three euros per day. Galway County Council will be adopting the rate. This would be the standard for all towns in the County. The Members felt that three euro per day was a very small charge for all day parking and said that the Shambles should be a maximum one-hour parking zone.

He also said Galway County Council would examine dereliction on Chapel lane.

The Members thanked Mr. Lavelle for his presentation and welcomed the plan.

Councillor Kelly said some of these routes were mooted before and he was delighted to see them resurrected. It was proposed by Councillor Browne-Lane and seconded by Councillor Reilly that the widest possible public consultation be conducted.

Mr. Gavin said this was an opportunity for the town. The plan may not be as far off as at first thought. Tuam is now a hub town. He said the plan will be on display in the Library. It is hoped as many people as possible will view and comment on the plan.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 20th November, 2002 Kilrush Town Council. There was unanimous support for the following Notice of Motion: "That Kilrush Town Council call on Tanaiste Mary Harney and the government to redress the flawed policy regarding community employment cutbacks".

Letter dated 2nd December, 2002 from Ms. Louise Tighe, Carrowpeter, Tuam regarding Tuam Swimming Pool – read.

Letter dated 10th December, 2002 from Ballygaddy Road Residents Association – dealt with by Deputation to the meeting.

Letter dated 10th December, 2002 from Board of Management, Parents' Association and Staff of Scoil Mhuire Primary School, Dublin Road, Tuam regarding the Draft Traffic Management Plan – noted.

Letter dated 16th December, 2002 from Mr. Michael Barrows, Circular Road, Tuam regarding the Draft Traffic Management Plan – noted. Replying to Councillor O'Grady Mr. Lavelle said residents will be able to buy a one year parking permit.

Letter dated 17th December, 2002 from Mr. Christopher S. Kelly, Chairperson, Board of Management, Presentation Primary School, Dublin Road, Tuam regarding the Draft Traffic management Plan –

It was proposed by Councillor Browne-Lane and seconded by Councillor Warren that the Council take on board the comments from the schools. It was proposed by Councillor Kelly and seconded by Deputy McHugh that the Parent Councils of the different schools be consulted and that the two-way system on Dublin Road be continued to Circular Road. Deputy McHugh also asked that Hackney's be accommodated.

Letter dated 20th December, 2002 from Deputy Paddy McHugh. The Members welcomed the acquisition by Galway County Council of a property at High Street for the purpose of providing regional offices.

U. D. C. Status:

It was agreed to keep U. D. C. Status on the agenda.

Deputation:

The Mayor welcomed Mr. John O'Brien, Mr. Seamus Gannon and Mr. Frances Fehilly from Ballygaddy Road Residents Association to the meeting. Mr. O'Brien outlined the problems in their area: an eighteen inch footpath running the length of the park, the road only twenty foot wide and flooding at both ends of the park. The Deputation asked that the footpath be widened as a number of the Residents are elderly and the existing footpath is dangerous. The Residents experience problems entering and exiting their properties because of the narrowness of the road. He suggested that portion of the park, which gets very little use, be taken away and the footpath and road be widened or a one-way system be introduced in the area. The Deputation then left.

During the discussion which followed, Councillor Kelly asked if a Community Scheme could be employed to carry out the work. Councillor Warren proposed that a one-way system be introduced. The Mayor called on Galway County Council to examine the area and see what's feasible.

Mr. Gavin undertook to examine the options.

"The Grove" Hospital:

It was agreed that the Clerk write to Co. Mary Hoade, Chairperson, Western Health Board and seek a written response to the matters raised at the recent meeting of Tuam Town Council and the Chairperson.

Decentralisation: Councillor O'Grady asked that the application on behalf of Tuam be re-examined.

Abbey Trinity: Councillor Reilly complimented Corrib Oil on the safety measures taken at the service station, lowering of the wall and the erecting of railings. Galway County Council were asked to look at land beside the railway gates.

Harry Finnegan Walk: It was proposed by Councillor Reilly and seconded by Councillor Kelly that a plaque, as agreed by the Town Board some years ago, be erected.

Town Hall: Replying to the Members the Town Engineer said work was in progress on the ground floor.

Structure at High Street: The Town Engineer said the E. S. B. were now working at the site.

Person of the Year: It was agreed that the Sub-Committee meet after the monthly meeting.

Sympathy:

A vote of Sympathy was passed with the following Families:

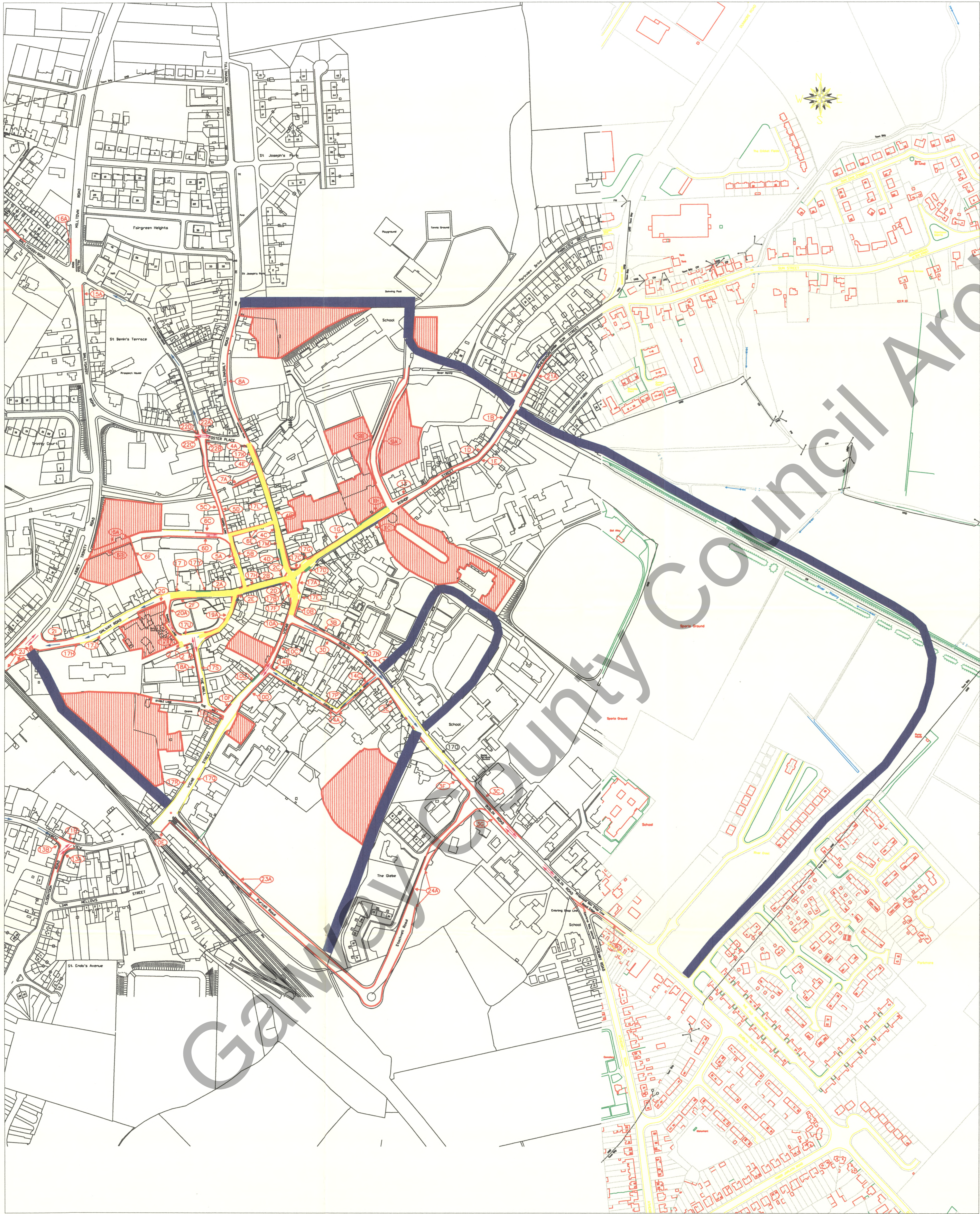
Conniffe Family, Ballymoate on the death of Christy
Browne Family, Bishop Street on the death of Mrs. Shane Browne
Davin Family, Lissavalley on the death of Seamus
Mannion Family, Liam Mellow's Street on the death of Christy
Davin Family, Dublin Road on the death of Nora
Forde Family, Ballygaddy Road on the death of Mary
Lowry Family, Cloonmore on the death of Delia
Emelio Fuscandie, Bishop Street on the death of his Mother

Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk









SIGNED BY:

Marlin Ward


Acting MAYOR



LEGEND

-  Single Yellow Line
-  Double Yellow Line
-  One Hour Disk Parking
-  Loading Bay
-  Two Way System
-  One Way System
-  Pedestrianised Street (i.e. part of egans Lane)
-  Proposed Roundabout (At Vicar St./Purcell St. junction)

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REVISION	DESCRIPTION	MADE BY	CHEK. BY
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TITLE: Layout Plan (Historic and Residential)			
 Galway County Council			
LOCATION: Tuam			
SCALE: 1:2000	DATE: November 2002	ROAD No.	
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CONDAIRIE CHONTAE NA GALWAY
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

19th December, 2002

Angela Holian,
Town Clerk,
Tuam Town Council,
Town Hall,
Tuam,

20th December, 2002

Dear Angela,

I enclose for your information copy of reply to my Notice of Motion which I received from Galway County Council in relation to the Council acquiring a new Area Office in Tuam.

Yours faithfully,

Paddy McHugh T.D.

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

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13th December, 2002

Deputy Paddy McHugh,
Shop Street,
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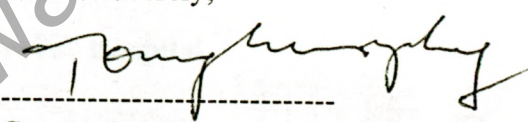
Re; Notice of Motion No. 33

Dear Deputy McHugh,

I refer to your notice of motion No.33 on Agenda "that Galway County Council provide information on the following; what efforts are being made in relation to acquiring a new Area Office in Tuam i.e. (a) is the possibility of purchasing an existing building being pursued or (b) is the green field site option being considered and (c) when will progress be made on this matter. When the new building is provided will it be adequate to serve as a one-stop-shop location to enable the people of the region to avail of Local Government services locally" The following is the reply;

Galway County Council has acquired a property at High Street, Tuam near the existing Council Offices. It is the Councils intention to provide a regional office in keeping with the objective to decentralise as many council services as practicable to the five electoral areas of the County subject to availability of funding. It would be hoped to commence development at some stage in 2003.

Yours sincerely,



County Secretary

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Environment

(091) 509 302

Personnel

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Motor Taxation

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Present:

Mayor: Councillor Angela Holian Baile Cleireach

Councillors: AGENDA
T. Kelly, C. O'Grady, P. O'Grady, P. O'Grady

Minutes

Manager's Business

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"The Grove" Hospital

Minutes:

The Minutes of the November Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor O'Grady.

Matters arising from Minutes:

Athlery Road/Dublin Road Junction - Replying to Councillor Warren the Town Engineer said it was proposed to bring the 'Island' out further on the Dublin Road, cut back the

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Footpaths - Replying to Councillor Reilly the Town Engineer said it was proposed to locate the poles in conjunction with the provision of new footpaths.

Laura Mellow's Street - Councillor Ward asked that flooding at Laura Mellow's Street be investigated.

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday, 2nd December, 2002

Pedestrian Crossing - Replying to Councillor Browne-Lane the Town Engineer said the contractor was supposed to get the work done in one week, however, due to bad weather putting down the lines may have to wait until the next week. He said he would talk to the Gardaí re placing Garda cones at the Pedestrian Crossing.

Present:

Mayor: Councillor Keaveney

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

Officials:

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

Minutes of Business:
The Prayer was recited.

Minutes:

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

Matters arising from Minutes:

Athenry Road/Dublin Road Junction: Replying to Councillor Warren the Town Engineer said it was proposed to bring the "island" out further on the Dublin Road, cut back the trees on the corner and extend a double yellow line.

Footpaths: Replying to Councillor Reilly the Town Engineer said it was proposed to relocate the poles in conjunction with the provision of new footpaths.

Liam Mellow's Street: Councillor Ward asked that flooding at Liam Mellow's Street be investigated.

Pedestrian Crossing: Replying to Councillor Browne-Lane the Town Engineer said the contractor was supposed to get the work done in one week, however because of bad weather putting down the lines may have to wait until the new year. He said he would talk to the Gardai re: placing Garda cones at the Pedestrian Crossing.

"The Grove" Hospital: Mayor Keaveney stated that the meeting with Councillor Mary Hoade, Chairperson, Western Health Board took place on 11th November, 2002. The Deputation voiced the concerns of the Town Council. He said dialogue was taking place regarding palliative care. Deputy McHugh said there was no activity re planning. He said it was important to get the design team appointed and move the Ambulance base along. The Chairperson, Councillor Hoade, agreed to pursue this under a budget for Ambulance Services. Councillor Reilly said it was vital that "The Grove" be included on the National Development Plan and this could be done during a mid-term review. He said a review was imminent and it was important that the Town Council lobby the Western Health Board Members to ensure "The Grove" was included. He said the designation of Tuam as a hub town should enhance the position.

Manager's Business:

Mr. Ridge welcomed the designation of Tuam as a 'Hub' centre in the National Spatial Strategy. He said this was the best news Tuam got in a long long time. He said the inclusion of Tuam was beyond his expectations and a result of Deputy McHugh and Galway County Council's work in drawing up the Land Use and Transportation Study. He said the significance of the designation would be apparent in the next ten to fifteen years.

The Mayor and Members welcomed the designation. The Mayor said the Hospital was the first priority. He said it was thirty years since Tuam had applied for decentralisation and the location of a Government Department would be a major boost at this time. Regarding the Railway line Councillor Reilly circulated copy of letter from Mr. John J. Lynch, Chairman, Coras Iompair Eireann to Mr. Noel Treacy, T. D., Minister of State, Department of Agriculture & food.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 31st October, 2002 from Gerard Voisin, Mayor of Charnay-les-Macon re: Invitation to Charnay-les-Macon with a view to twinning. It was proposed by Deputy McHugh and seconded by Councillor O'Grady that two or three Members investigate and the Mayor go on a fact find mission.

Letter dated 7th November, 2002 from Kilrush Town Council. There was unanimous support for the following Notice of Motion: "That Kilrush Town Council calls on the Minister for the Environment and Local Government to provide adequate funding to local authorities to fulfil their functions as outlined in the Local government Act 2001".

Letter dated 12th November, 2002 from Mr. Cearbhall E. O'Meadhra, The Barcelona Declaration Project. Mr. Ridge agreed to investigate the setting up of a Web-site.

Letter dated 20th November, 2002 from Deputy Paddy McHugh re: U. D.C. Status - Local Government Act 2001, Part 8 dealing with Local authority Boundary Alterations. Mr. Ridge said he will bring a copy of the relevant legislation to the next meeting.

Letter dated 26th November, 2002 from Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland re: Spring Seminar 2003 - noted.

Letter dated 27th November, 2002 from Tuam Chamber of Commerce - read.

Letter dated 29th November, 2002 from Duchas. The Board welcomed confirmation from Duchas that they had no objection to the demolition of the dwelling house at St. Mary's Cathedral.

The National Spatial Strategy

Notice of Motion:

Councillor Joyce said she had been approached by a very distraught mother who complained of rubbish being constantly on her son's grave. She read a letter from the woman and called on Galway County Council to remove the offending bunker. The Members agreed the situation was very distressing and urged that action be taken. The Town Engineer agreed to look at the matter.

Traffic Management Plan:

Mr. Martin Lavelle Senior Engineer presented the draft Traffic Management Plan. He said there were two areas where traffic flow is changed, Dublin Road and Egan's Lane. Mr. Ridge proposed that the Traffic Management Plan be included on the agenda for the January Meeting. He said the closing date for receiving submissions will be 10th January, 2003.

Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY: _____

MAYOR



The National Spatial Strategy

What is the National Spatial Strategy?

The NSS is a new and visionary framework designed to co-ordinate future development and planning in Ireland over the next 20 years, in a sustainable way. By bringing people, services and jobs closer together, it will open up new opportunities for everyone.

The NSS has a number of key messages:

A Better Spread of Job Opportunities

- Sustain Dublin's Role as an engine of the economy
- Strengthen the drawing power of other areas
- Bring people, employment and services closer together

Better Quality of Life

- Less congestion
- Less long distance commuting
- Increased access to health, education, leisure and other services

Better Places to live in

- Coherent national planning framework
- Taking care of our environment
- Making the most of our cities, towns and rural areas

The strategy will be as important to the future development of the State as were earlier policy developments to Ireland's economic and social development. Such previous policy developments include investment in our education system in the 1960's and 1970's and other programmes supporting national development through the 1960's and onwards.

What is in the National Spatial Strategy?

The strategy outlines how a strengthened network of cities and towns together with rural communities and their resources will be mobilised and complemented by appropriate social and physical infrastructure, to create more balanced development across the country.

The Strategy includes:

- a pioneering and comprehensive analysis of how Ireland has been developing particularly in the last 20 years. This is based on an extensive research and public consultation process carried out as part of the process of preparing the NSS.
- a spatial policy framework that will support balanced development. In this regard, the international evidence is that to achieve balanced development, strategic places must have the appropriate population size and mix of development "triggers" – scale and critical mass - to drive development. In addition, these strategic places must have strong links with wider areas. The growth and development of the potential of these areas will complement and benefit from the strengths of places with critical mass.
- policy measures through which the potential for more balanced development across Ireland will be achieved. These measures outline the types of roles that various places will play in achieving balanced development.
- an integrated network of gateways, hubs, other towns, villages and rural areas that will complement and draw strength from each other in the drive towards balanced development on the basis of each of these elements growing to their potential.

Gateways Driving National Development

The NSS identifies Dundalk, Sligo, Letterkenny/(Derry) and Athlone/Tullamore/Mullingar as four new "gateways" in addition to the five (Dublin, Cork, Limerick/Shannon, Galway and Waterford) identified in the National Development Plan. These will act at the national level, through their large scale and critical mass to both drive development over the urban and rural areas they influence and support more balanced patterns of development nationally.

Hubs

The NSS identifies "hubs" to hold a strategic position in support of gateways, energising their own immediate areas and establishing a link between the larger urban areas such as gateways and more rural areas. The hubs identified in the NSS are Ballina/Castlebar, Cavan, Ennis, Kilkenny, Mallow, Monaghan, Tralee/Killarney, Tuam and Wexford.

Rural Areas Playing to their Various Strengths

The NSS emphasises that to achieve balanced regional development, critical mass at the gateway and hub level, must be complemented by other towns and villages growing to their potential. Under the strategy, towns and villages will better support their local rural and urban populations by becoming the focus for investment, economic activity and housing development. The NSS outlines how rural potential and alternative employment can be developed by building on local strengths, in tourism, agriculture, enterprise, local services and land and marine-based natural resources.

Linkages

The NSS emphasises the important role played by effective transport, communications, energy and other linkages in making places attractive to people and investment. The NSS outlines a framework within which transport and other linkages can be integrated with Ireland's future spatial structure. In relation to transport linkages, the NSS transport framework will be internationally connected through key points such as airports and ports with links to Northern Ireland, the UK, EU and the broader global economy.

How the National Spatial Strategy will be implemented

The National Spatial Strategy will be driven by Government and will be adopted by local, regional and sectoral development authorities and agencies to guide how they prioritise development and planning decisions and how they direct investment. Through better spatial co-ordination of ongoing and future investment, the objective of more balanced development can be achieved.

Why we need the NSS

The pace of recent development in Ireland has been remarkable. However, some areas have developed faster than others. If this continued, it would have consequences for the competitiveness of Ireland's economy, the quality of our environment and most of all, the quality of people's lives. The NSS will address this pattern of unbalanced development with a new approach to planning at national, regional and local levels.

Key Terminology Explained

Spatial

The word "spatial" refers to an area or space around us. Spatial planning is the process of better organising the physical space around us - the space our houses are built on, the space taken up by roads, infrastructure, amenities, rural and urban areas - to make Ireland's economy stronger, our environment cleaner and people's lives easier.

Sustainable

The most sensible use of resources today, for long-term benefit.

Balanced Regional Development

Developing the full potential of each area to contribute to the optimal performance of the State as a whole - economically, socially and environmentally.



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DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT
AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

What the NSS means for Galway City and County

- Galway city and its wider catchment is a major national level growth area. It is the largest urban centre in the west energising a broader area.
- The National Spatial Strategy looks to further development of Galway's strengths, particularly in co-operation with Limerick/Shannon.
- This will underpin a dynamic economic region possessing the type of critical mass which is competitive in the national and international context.
- Tuam will be a hub helping to extend the process of interaction between Galway and other areas northwards, further into the west and northwest as well as energising its own extensive area in north and east Galway. Ballinasloe will also benefit from closeness to the Athlone/Mullingar/Tullamore gateway.
- The NSS identifies public transport in the Galway area as an important support. It suggests that connecting Galway to Cork by effective roads and public transport links, via Limerick and Shannon Airport, would play a key role in enabling the strengths of this area to be increasingly developed into the future.
- The region would have good outward connections via Shannon as an air hub for the Galway-Cork axis. The NSS also identifies ways in which rail and bus services from Galway and other centres could be developed in terms of service frequency and speed to underpin Galway's competitiveness.
- The NSS establishes a framework within which regional and local strategies can further extend the process of diversifying and strengthening that is already underway in places such as Clifden and Connemara, to more rural parts of Galway to the North and East. This would be based on the food sector, tourism, fisheries, forestry and other enterprise-related employment activities.
- In relation to smaller villages and towns in Galway, the NSS outlines measures aimed at revitalising declining areas whose services such as schools etc are threatened. These measures include encouraging new housing development in villages through a variety of local authority driven planning and development mechanisms.

13 St. Enda's Avenue,
Tuam,
Co. Galway

Tuam Town Commissioners

Western Region

Tuam

December 27, 2002

- Sligo and Galway will act as gateways along with Ballina/Castlebar and Tuam as hubs in an approach designed to considerably strengthen the urban structure in the west.
- The strategy emphasises that other county towns and key towns in the western region additional to the gateways and hubs will complement and benefit from their strengths, eg Roscommon and Ballinasloe.
- The strategy identifies development opportunities for smaller towns in the 1500 – 5000 population bracket, both coastal eg Westport and inland, eg Claremorris, Castlerea, Boyle, Loughrea.
- The strategy proposes a greater development of rural economic potential in natural resources and tourism sectors with a major opportunity signalled in this area for north west Mayo.
- In addition the strategy highlights the need to ensure that areas already diversifying such as in Connemara, are successfully managed to ensure that new development is sustainable and contributes to the long-term development of these areas.

Yours sincerely

Colm O'Riordan
Councillor

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Co. Galway

Tuam Town Commissioners,
Town Hall,
Tuam,
Co. Galway.

December 3rd 2002

Commissioners,

For the past four months I have been pursuing the County Council to empty the bunker/dump in the new cemetery. I have also appealed to Councillor Paddy McHugh.

The bunker is facing my son's grave and it's contents, which include household rubbish and discarded wreaths are spilling over onto his grave.

I feel my sons last resting place deserves to be treated with respect and dignity and I would implore you to help me rectify this appalling situation.

If the County Council were not in a position to keep this bunker empty perhaps they would foot the bill to exhume my son's body and relocate him to a more dignified plot in the cemetery complete with a headstone.

Yours sincerely,

Mildred Connaughton Brady.
Mildred Brady

Paddy McHugh T.D.,
Shop Street,
Tuam,
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Tel. (093) 26455



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Mr. Noel Treacy, T.D.,
Minister of State,
Department of Agriculture & Food,
Agriculture House,
Dublin 2.

20 November 2002

Re: Athenry/Gort/Tuam Chambers of Commerce, Co. Galway

Dear Minister,

I refer to your letter of 11 November regarding Athenry railway junction.

Athenry is being resigalled as part of the resigalling of the Galway line. The Galway line will be the first line to be completed and is scheduled to be operational in mid 2003. Design work has been completed for some time and installation work is underway at various stations on the Galway line.

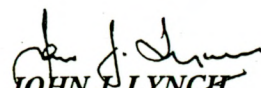
When stations are resigalled it is normal practice to design the new layout based on present services and traffics. Redundant trackwork, sidings, crossovers etc. dating in some cases from the 19th century are removed and layouts are simplified to minimise costs. At the time of design there was no traffic offering on the Athenry – Claremorris line and no prospect of any viable traffic coming. The decision was taken to remove the connection to the Claremorris line and keep the connection to Ennis where there was some limited traffic over recent years.

The costs of renewing the crossover in question would be of the order of €0.5m to €0.75m and has been excluded from the signalling project. Should a decision be made to restore services on the Athenry – Claremorris line, the crossover can easily and quickly be renewed at a similar level of cost. No track will be lifted on the Athenry – Claremorris line, although the existing track is in very poor condition is no longer capable of train operation and needs considerable investment.

Reinstatement of the Western railway corridor from Claremorris to Limerick would need total reinstatement of all track, signalling, level crossings, bridges etc. on the route at a cost of up to €100m. The cost of reinstating this crossover must be seen in this context and I would emphasise that its removal at this stage does not preclude the re-opening of the Western corridor at a future date.

With every good wish.

Yours sincerely,


JOHN F. LYNCH,
Chairman.



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Angela Holian,
Town Clerk,
Tuam Town Council,
Town Hall,
Tuam,

20th November, 2002

Dear Angela,

I enclose for your information copy of reply which I received from the Minister of Environment and Local Government in relation to Part 8 of the Local Government Act, 2001 dealing with Local Authority boundary alteration.

Yours faithfully,



Paddy McHugh T.D.

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Chun an Aire Comhshaoil agus Rialtais Áitiúil:
To the Minister for the Environment and Local Government:

To ask the Minister for the Environment and Local Government when he will commence Part 8 of the Local Government Act, 2001, dealing with local authority boundary alteration; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

- Paddy McHugh.

For WRITTEN answer on Wednesday, 6th November, 2002.

Ref No: 20794/02 *Draft Budget of Expenses Meeting held on Monday
2nd December, 2002*

REPLY

Minister for the Environment and Local Government (Mr. Cullen):

Present: Mayor: Councillor Kennedy

Councillors: Kelly, G. Browne-Lane, P. Warren,

P. McHugh

The Local Government Act, 2001 is being implemented on a phased basis and to date about three quarters of its provisions have been commenced by way of a series of commencement orders. This is as part of a structured implementation programme as necessary regulations, circulars and other preparatory work is completed. This process will continue and the remaining provisions of the Act, including Part 8 dealing with local authority boundary alteration, will be brought into operation on foot of further commencement orders to be made over the coming months.

Mr. Ridge introduced the Draft Budget of Expenses for the year 2003, which had been estimated at €17,843 while receipts are estimated at €8,500.

Pending the coming into operation of Part 8 the current law on local authority boundary alteration set out in the Local Government Act, 1991 continues to apply.

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Draft Budget of Expenses Meeting held on Monday 2nd December, 2002

Present: Mayor: Councillor Keaveney

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

Officials:

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

ESTIMATES:

Mr. Ridge introduced the Draft Budget of Expenses for the year 2003, which had been circulated to each Member and advertised. He said total expenditure for 2003 is estimated at €117,843 while receipts are estimated at €38,500.

Presented to the Council and Adopted
Date: 2/12/2002

He said there will be a substantial increase in expenses, insurance costs have gone up substantially and the Representational Allowance has been transferred to the Town Council.

The Councillors examined the various items of expenditure and receipts proposed in the estimate. Replying to Councillor Kelly regarding interest on Investments Mr. Ridge said he hoped to reach an arrangement with Galway County Council to invest with them. Councillor O'Grady stated that it cost in excess of €20,000.00 to erect the Christmas lights and proposed that the contribution to Tuam Chamber of Commerce be maintained at the same level as last year - €5079.00. Councillor Browne-Lane said it was unfair to keep this amount on the rates year after year. Councillor Reilly said the allocation for Urban Village Renewal should also be kept at last year's level. Mr. Ridge said each cent in the rate will yield 142 euro. He said the estimated outturn for Year 2003, including contribution of €5079.00 to Tuam chamber of Commerce, is €80,422, Expenditure €18,922, Receipts €38,500, Demand €77,503. The estimate will require a rate of 2.55 in the euro, which is an increase of 9.44% on the previous year. It was then proposed by Councillor O'Grady, seconded by Deputy McHugh and resolved, that the allocation to Tuam Chamber of Commerce be retained at last year's level and that the Draft Budget of Expenses, as adjusted, be adopted by the Councillors, that the net amount of €77,503 be demanded from Galway County Council in respect of year ending 31st December, 2003 and that the Form of Demand be signed by the Mayor and the Town Clerk.

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY: _____

MAYOR

Presented to the Council and Adopted
Date: 2/12/2002

Presented to *File*
Angela Halpin *Team*

Account

Tuam Town Council

Adopted Budget of Expenses

for

Year Ending December 31st 2003

Presented to the Council and Adopted

Date: 2/12/2002

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Budget of Expenses for the Year to 31st December 2003 Tuam Town Council

Receipts

Housing	Est to 30/12/02	Est For 2003
1 Repairs	€ 12,000.00	€ 12,000.00
2 Legal Expenses	€ 2,765.00	€ 400.00
3 Insurance	€ 15,000.00	€ 20,000.00
4 Town Clerks Salary 50%	€ 5,717.00	€ 6,000.00
5 Town Engineers Salary 80%	€ 4,638.00	€ 4,800.00
6 Pension	€ 1,595.00	€ 1,780.00
7 Printing, Post, Stationery, Advertising	€ 317.00	€ 320.00
8 Rent Collection	€ 1,776.00	€ 2,500.00
	<u>€ 43,808.00</u>	<u>€ 47,800.00</u>

General

1 Rent, Rates, Tax and Insurance	€ 595.00	€ 650.00
2 Office Expenses	€ 2,793.00	€ 2,800.00
3 Legal Expenses	€ 190.00	€ 190.00
4 Town Clerks Salary 50%	€ 5,717.00	€ 6,000.00
5 Town Engineers Salary 20%	€ 1,158.00	€ 1,200.00
6 Audit Fee	€ 2,049.00	€ 2,570.00
7 Print, Post etc.	€ 500.00	€ 540.00
8 Town Hall	€ 6,000.00	€ 6,000.00
9 Town Hall Cleaner		€ 200.00
10 Clock Maintenance	€ 250.00	€ 320.00
11 Municipal Authorities	€ 4,499.00	€ 4,000.00
13 Receptions\Presentations	€ 1,490.00	€ 1,250.00
14 Twinning	€ 1,408.00	€ 1,000.00
15 Members Expenses LG14-02	€ 6,766.00	€ 7,515.00
16 Representational Allowance 1655 * 8		€ 13,768.00
17 Tuam Chamber of Commerce	€ 5,079.00	€ 5,079.00
18 Tidy Towns	€ 3,540.00	€ 3,540.00
19 Urban Village Renewal	€ 15,000.00	€ 13,500.00
20 Contribution to the Arts	€ 1,000.00	€ 1,000.00
	<u>€ 58,034.00</u>	<u>€ 71,122.00</u>

Gross Total Expenditure € 101,842.00 € 118,922.00

Budget of Expenses for the Year to 31st December 2003
Tuam Town Commisioners

Receipts

	Est to 30/12/02	Est For 30/12/03
Housing		
1 Rents	€ 32,000.00	€ 34,000.00
2 Annuities	€ 1,700.00	€ 2,000.00
3 Ground Rents	€ 981.00	€ 500.00
Total	€ 34,681.00	€ 36,500.00

General

2 Interest	€ 2,000.00	€ 2,000.00
Gross total	€ 36,681.00	€ 38,500.00
Opening Credit\Debit Balance		€ 2,919.00
Estimated Expenditure for year	€ 101,842.00	€ 118,922.00
Estimated receipts for year	€ 36,681.00	€ 38,500.00
Final Estimated Outturn	€ 65,161.00	€ 80,422.00
Amount of Demand Initial 2002 and estimated 2003	€ 68,080.00	€ 77,503.00
Opening (Debit)\Credit Balance	€ 2,919.00	

Summary for 2003	
Total Demand	€77,503.00
Rate in Euro	€2.55
Percentage Increase in rates	9.44%

Tuam Town Council

Telephone: (093)24246

Town Clerk's Office,
Town Hall,
Tuam.

27th November, 2002

To each Member of Tuam Town Council

A Chara,

The Monthly meeting of Tuam Town Council will be held on Monday 2nd December, 2002 at 8.30 p.m. (After the Estimates meeting) You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise, le meas,

Angela Nolan Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Minutes

Manager's Business

Correspondence

U. D. C. Status

"The Grove" Hospital

Notice of Motion – Co. G. Joyce

"I propose that Tuam Town Council request Galway County Council to remove all dumping areas from Tuam Cemetery"

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Telephone: (093)24246

Town Clerk's Office,
Town Hall,
Tuam.

27th November, 2002

To: each Member of Tuam Town Council

A Chara,

The Estimates meeting of Tuam Town Council will be held on Monday 2nd December, 2002 at 7.30 p.m. You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise, le meas,

A. Healy Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Estimate of Expenses for 2003

Minutes:

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

Matters arising from Minutes:

Killiboney Treatment Plant: Councillor Reilly informed the Members that a visit to the Treatment Plant has been arranged for Tuesday 12th November, 2002 at 3.30 p.m.

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Shop Street: Mr. Ridge informed the Members that he had requested the Roads Division to include the bridge at Shop Street in their Estimate of Expenses for 2003. However he said he had been unable to get a commitment from the G.W.C. to pursue the matter.

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday, 4th November, 2002

Athens Road/Dublin Road junction: Replying to Councillor Keaveney, the Assistant Engineer said he was unaware of a report having been received.

Present:

Mayor: Councillor Keaveney

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

Officials:

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

The Prayer was recited.

Minutes:

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

Matters arising from Minutes:

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Shop Street: Mr. Ridge informed the Members that he had requested the Roads People to include the bridge at Shop Street in their Estimate of Expenses for 2003. Regarding the river he said he had been unable to get a commitment from the O.P.W. but would pursue the matter.

Athenry Road/Dublin Road junction: Replying to Councillor Warren the Assistant Engineer said he was unaware of a report having been received.

Teample Jarlath/High Street: Replying to Councillor O'Grady Mr. Ridge said he had anticipated the Teample Jarlath Project would be finished by now. Difficulties arose with the undergrounding of wires but he hoped the entrance would be finished soon.

Footpaths: Replying to the Councillor Ward, who said a resident had fallen on the footpath at St. Enda's Ave, Mr. Langan said work on the footpaths was scheduled to be carried out next year. The Engineer agreed to investigate.

Replying to Councillor Reilly, regarding poles in the centre of footpaths, the Assistant Engineer said the Town Engineer had looked at these. Numerous footpaths need to be resurfaced and poles will be removed in conjunction with this.

By-laws: Regarding the Parking By-laws Mr. Ridge said the draft by-laws will be presented to the Area Committee meeting on Monday 11th November, 2002. They will be presented to meeting of Galway County Council on Friday 22nd November, 2002. The Tuam Traffic Management Plan should be ready for the Area Meeting of 11th November, then go before Galway County Council for agreement and adoption, and then go on display. He said it was important that there be sufficient time for the Town Council to make a submission. He proposed keeping the period for submissions open until 10th January, 2003. He proposed that the Town Council consider the matter at the January meeting and agree a submission. This was agreed to.

Replying to Councillor Reilly, regarding no 40 mph speed limit on the Ballinrobe road, Mr. Ridge said there was no requirement for a 40 mph speed limit.

Replying to Councillor O'Grady Mr. Ridge said the N.R.A. had the final say over national routes.

Regarding long term parking Councillor Reilly, said alternative arrangements will have to be made while the Abbey Trinity car park is being developed, Mr. Ridge said only 50 to 60% of spaces are ever utilised. Councillor Browne-Lane said the car park at the swimming pool could be used. Councillor O'Grady said a roundabout opposite the Church would facilitate cars coming from the swimming pool car park also an area beside the railway station could be used as an alternative car park. Councillor Kelly called on the County Council to look at the Bobby Burke road with a view to providing a park and ride facility. Mr. Ridge said when the Traffic Management Plan goes on display there will be an opportunity to discuss the options.

Abbey Trinity Car Park: Mr. Ridge told the Members that an objection had been withdrawn. He would be meeting with the Developer in the next week. Councillor O'Grady asked Mr. Ridge to impress upon the developer, to leave as much car parking space as possible available for as long as possible, during development of the site. Councillor Browne-Lane asked that the Lights be removed before development work starts.

N17: Councillor Browne-Lane stated that Members concerns regarding the N17 were not being taken seriously enough, there had been another fatality between Tuam and Milltown. Mr. Ridge said a person from the Design Office would come to the next meeting.

Grove Hospital: The Members welcomed the opportunity to meet with the Co. Mary Hoade, Chairperson, Western Health Board. They also noted the response from the Minister for Health to question from Deputy McHugh.

The Meeting with Co. Hoade to take place Monday 11th November, 2002 at 9 a.m. at County Hall, Galway.

Congratulations were extended to the Kilconly Football Minor B team on their recent win also Corofin on their senior football championship win.

Estimate of Expenses: In relation to the Estimate of Expenses for 2003 Mr. Ridge the statutory notice had been advertised but a notice of postponement had been received from the Department. He said some tough decisions will have to be made. There is a substantial increase in expenditure and a decrease in income. For example: letter from Tuam Chamber of Commerce, which was read, regarding Christmas lights, a once off capital sum has become a recurring item, this will have to be reduced, also there has been a substantial increase in Insurance costs.

Councillor O'Grady objected to a reduction in the amount allocated towards the Christmas lights. He said the Traders are the Rate-payers, they also have to pay water rates, refuse collection etc. Insurance premiums for Traders had also increased. It costs approximately 12,000.00 to erect and take down the lights. The lights should be a charge on the rates. It was not the duty of the Chamber of Commerce to provide the Christmas lights. There is a serious possibility that the erection of Christmas lights will be abandoned. He said People would like to know where the rates money is being spent in town.

Councillor Kelly said he hoped some suitable arrangement could be put in place and complimented the Chamber of Commerce for displaying the town at its best, for Christmas, over the years.

Mr. Ridge stated that he took the Chamber of Commerce as an example of the decisions which will have to be made. He said commercial premises pay a county rate and a town rate. The Department have not yet advised what the rate cap will be for 2003. He said the vast majority of our expenditure is funded by state grants. Money spent in the town far exceeds what is collected. He said a Community tax may be considered. This tax could be used to fund the Christmas lights.

Following further discussion it was proposed by Deputy McHugh and seconded by Councillor O'Grady that a calculation be made, of the cost on the rates, if the Christmas lights were to be included.

It was agreed to hold the Estimates meeting on Monday 2nd December, 2002.

Manager's Business:

Mr. Ridge presented proposals for the Shambles but the Members agreed that a herringbone like layout was the best plan. Mr. Ridge said he would bring that plan to the next meeting of the Board. Replying to Councillor Browne-Lane, regarding the provision of the apc toilet, he said this was being progressed. He also said there will be a link from the Shambles to the Mall.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 1st October, 2002 from Navan Town Council: There was unanimous support for the following Notice of Motion:-

“That Navan Town Council strongly objects to the exorbitant increases in entrance fees to Third Level Colleges, as it will put undue financial pressure on students and parents alike, when there is a downturn in the economy”.

Letter dated 10th October, 2002 from Mr. Paddy McHugh, T. D. re: reply to Dail Questions regarding Tuam Hospital - read.

Letter dated 10th October, 2002 from Ms. Mary Egan, Director of Nursing, Aras Mhuire – read.

Letter dated 14th October, 2002 from Naas Town Council: - read.

Letter dated 3rd November, 2002 from Ms. Anne Collins, Secretary, Tuam Tidy Towns. Replying to Councillor Browne-Lane Mr. Ridge said he would check to see if there were any grants available.

U. D. C. Status:

Deputy McHugh said he was awaiting a response from the Minister. He hoped to have something for the next meeting.

Person of the Year:

It was agreed to put an advertisement in the local Paper. The sub-committee, consisting of Councillor's Kelly, O'Grady, Browne-Lane and Warren to meet prior to the next meeting of the Board.

Sympathy:

A vote of Sympathy was passed with the following Families:

O'Shea Family, Airlooney on the death of Margaret
Davin Family, Dublin Road on the death of Nora
Eagleton Family, Demesne on the death of Mark
Burke Family, Bishop Street on the death of Stephen
Warren Family, Abbeyknockmoy on the death of Tommy

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY: _____

MAYOR

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Telephone: (093)24246

Town Clerk's Office,
Town Hall,
Tuam.

27th November, 2002

To: each Member of Tuam Town Council

A Chara,

The Estimates meeting of Tuam Town Council will be held on Monday 2nd December, 2002 at 7.30 p.m. You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise, le meas,

A. Nolan

Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Estimate of Expenses for 2003

Galway County Council Archives

Date: 2/12/2002

Tuam Town Council

Draft Estimate of Expenses

for

Year Ending December 31st 2003

Presented to the Council

Date: 2/12/2002

Galway County Council Archives

Estimate of Expenses for the Year to 31st December 2003
 Tuam Town Commissioners

Receipts

	Est Outturn 30/12/02	Est Expend to 30/12/03
Housing		
1 Rents	€ 32,000.00	€ 34,000.00
2 Annuities	€ 1,700.00	€ 2,000.00
3 Ground Rents	€ 981.00	€ 500.00
Total	€ 34,681.00	€ 36,500.00
General		
2 Interest	€ 2,000.00	€ 2,000.00
Gross total	€ 36,681.00	€ 38,500.00
Opening Credit\Debit Balance		€ 2,919.00
Estimated Expenditure for year	€ 101,842.00	€ 117,843.00
Estimated receipts for year	€ 36,681.00	€ 38,500.00
Final Estimated Outturn	€ 65,161.00	€ 79,343.00
Amount of Demand Initial 2002 and estimated 2003	€ 68,080.00	€ 76,424.00
Opening (Debit)\Credit Balance		€ 2,919.00

Summary for 2003	
Total Demand	€76,424.00
Rate in pound	€2.51
Percentage Increase in rates	7.92%

**Estimate of Expenses for the Year to 31st December 2003
Tuam Town Council**

Housing	Est to 30/12/02	Est For 2003
1 Repairs	€ 12,000.00	€ 12,000.00
2 Legal Expenses	€ 2,765.00	€ 400.00
3 Insurance	€ 15,000.00	€ 20,000.00
4 Town Clerks Salary 50%	€ 5,717.00	€ 6,000.00
5 Town Engineers Salary 80%	€ 4,638.00	€ 4,800.00
6 Pension	€ 1,595.00	€ 1,780.00
7 Printing, Post, Stationery, Advertising	€ 317.00	€ 320.00
8 Rent Collection	€ 1,776.00	€ 2,500.00
	€ 43,808.00	€ 47,800.00

General








1 Rent, Rates, Tax and Insurance	€ 595.00	€ 650.00
2 Office Expenses	€ 2,793.00	€ 2,800.00
3 Legal Expenses	€ 190.00	€ 190.00
4 Town Clerks Salary 50%	€ 5,717.00	€ 6,000.00
5 Town Engineers Salary 20%	€ 1,158.00	€ 1,200.00
6 Audit Fee	€ 2,049.00	€ 2,570.00
7 Print,Post etc.	€ 500.00	€ 540.00
8 Town Hall	€ 6,000.00	€ 6,000.00
9 Town Hall Cleaner		€ 200.00
10 Clock Maintenance	€ 250.00	€ 320.00
11 Municipal Authorities	€ 4,499.00	€ 4,000.00
12 Receptions\Presentations	€ 1,490.00	€ 1,250.00
13 Twinning	€ 1,408.00	€ 1,000.00
14 Members Expenses LG14-02	€ 6,766.00	€ 7,515.00
15 Representational Allowance 1721 * 8		€ 13,768.00
16 Tuam Chamber of Commerce	€ 5,079.00	€ 4,000.00
17 Tidy Towns	€ 3,540.00	€ 3,540.00
18 Urban Village Renewal	€ 15,000.00	€ 13,500.00
19 Contribution to the Arts	€ 1,000.00	€ 1,000.00
	€ 58,034.00	€ 70,043.00

Gross Total Expenditure € 101,842.00 € 117,843.00



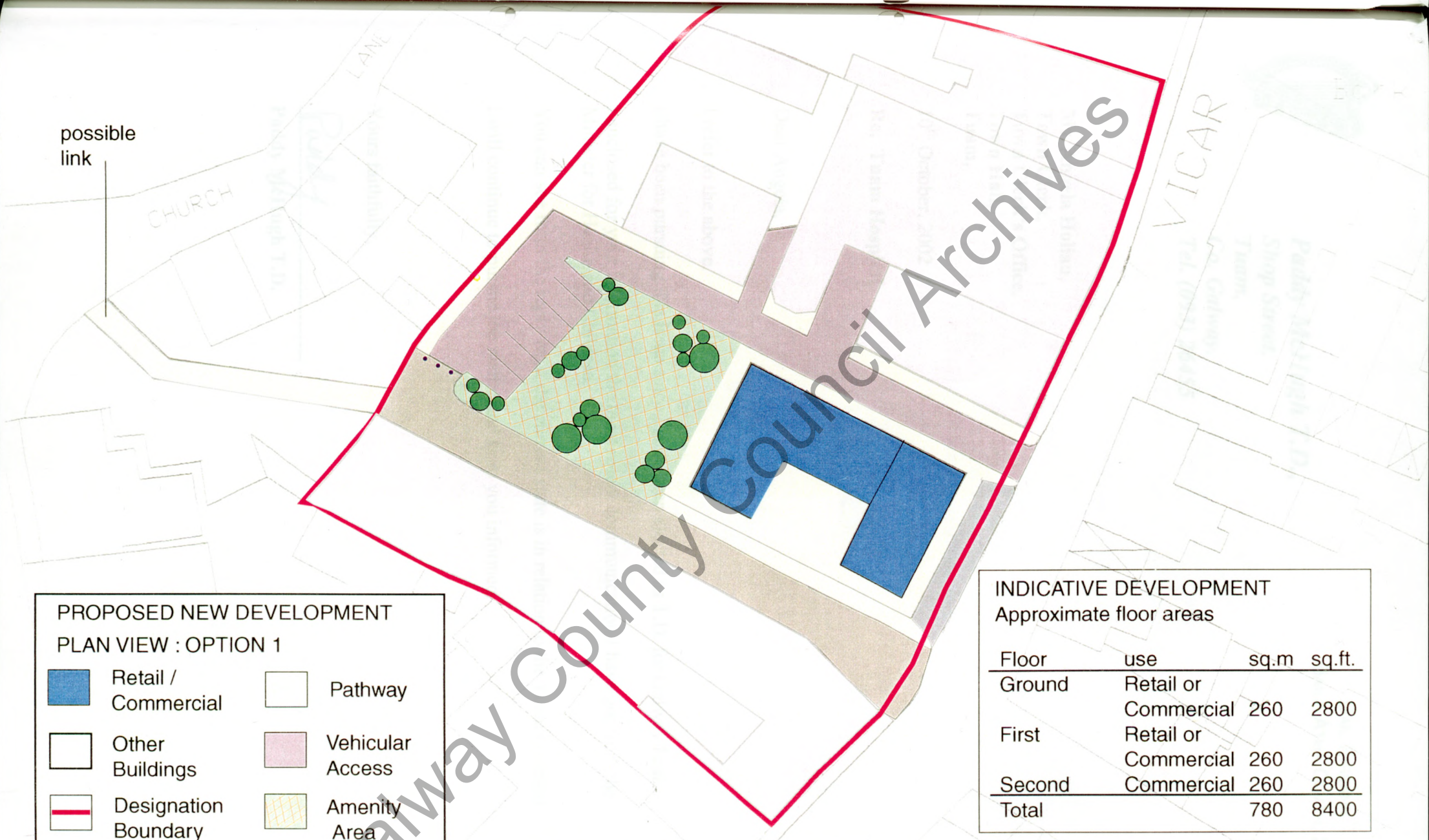
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AXOMETRIC : OPTION 1

 New Buildings	 Pathway
 Vehicular Access	 Servicing Lay by
 Amenity Area	 Possible link
 Pedestrian Priority Area	

TUAM URBAN RENEWAL DESIGNATED SITES : THE SHAMBLES

possible link



PROPOSED NEW DEVELOPMENT

PLAN VIEW : OPTION 1

- Retail / Commercial
- Other Buildings
- Designation Boundary
- Pedestrian Priority Area
- Pathway
- Vehicular Access
- Amenity Area
- Servicing Lay by

INDICATIVE DEVELOPMENT
Approximate floor areas

Floor	use	sq.m	sq.ft.
Ground	Retail or Commercial	260	2800
First	Retail or Commercial	260	2800
Second	Commercial	260	2800
Total		780	8400

TUAM URBAN RENEWAL DESIGNATED SITES : THE SHAMBLES



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Paddy McHugh T.D.,
Shop Street,
Tuam,
Co. Galway.
Tel. (093) 26455

Ms. Angela Holian,
Town Clerk,
Town Clerk's Office,
Town Hall,
Tuam,

10th October, 2002

Re: Tuam Hospital.

Dear Angela,

I refer to the above.

I have been pursuing this issue since I have been elected as T.D. for Galway East.

I enclosed for your information the most recent communication I have got from the Minister for Health and Children.

You can see from the reply what the current state is in relation to the Tuam Hospital.

I will continue to pursue the matter and keep you informed.

Yours faithfully,

Paddy

Paddy McHugh T.D.

RefNos: 15986/02 Written, 16011/02 Written

QUESTION NOS: 1031 & 1039

DÁIL QUESTIONS addressed to the Minister for Health and Children (Mr. Martin
(Cork South-Central))

by Deputies

for **WRITTEN ANSWER** on 10/09/2002

* To ask the Minister for Health and Children if the planning brief for the Tuam Health Campus, incorporating the upgrading of the Tuam Hospital, has been received by his Department; if he will allocate resources to enable detailed design work to commence; if, in view of the study already carried out by the Western Health Board, pinpointing Tuam as the desired location for an ambulance base to serve the region, he will make available resources to have this ambulance base put in place on the site of the Tuam Hospital; if he will make funding available to commence the refurbishment and upgrading of the existing hospital pending the finalisation of the overall development plan for the site; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

- Paddy McHugh

For **WRITTEN** answer on Wednesday, 9th October, 2002.

REPLY.

A 150-page Project Planning Brief for Tuam Health Campus was received in my Department yesterday the 8th October. Proposals for a community hospital and an ambulance base are included in the submission. There are eight separate elements to the brief which will, in the circumstances, take quite some time to consider and my Department will be in touch with the Western Health Board in due course about the brief.