

# Tuam Town Council

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Town Hall,  
Tuam.

30-10-02

To each Member of Tuam Town Council

A Chara,

The Monthly meeting of Tuam Town Council will be held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2002 at 7.30 p.m. You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise, le meas,

*A. Nolan*

Baile Cleireach

## AGENDA

Minutes

Manager's Business

Correspondence

U. D. C. Status

"The Grove" Hospital

Deputation – Residents, Old Road

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### Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2002

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**Present:** Mayor: Councillor Keaveney

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

Teampol, Jarlath High Street: Replying to Councillor O'Grady Mr. Ridge said the entrance to Teampol is likely to be finished in another month. He said part of the process is to undergo a process which is proved more difficult than was first expected. He said the entrance does not have a ramp. Councillor O'Grady said she would be happy to discuss this. Replying to Councillor Reilly Mr. Ridge said he would be happy to discuss this. Information regarding the car park Mr. Ridge said he would be happy to discuss this.

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

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Replying to Councillor Reilly regarding Abbey Trinity car park Mr. Ridge said the planning application had been appealed to An Bord Planala and no decision had been reached yet. Regarding the lack of lights the Town Engineer said he would investigate.

**Teample Jarlath/High Street:** Replying to Councillor O'Grady Mr. Ridge said the entrance to Teample Jarlath will definitely be finished in another month. He said part of the process, to underground wires, proved more difficult than was first thought. He said the entrance does catch the attention, and will prove to be an addition to High Street. Replying to Councillor Joyce Mr. Ridge said every resident had been contacted, an information meeting was held and the plans shown to the all who attended the meeting..

Regarding the house on the grounds of St. Mary's Cathedral Councillor O'Grady said a report commissioned by Dean Grimson stated it was not of any architectural merit. He said the position of "Duchas" was ridiculous. "Duchas" was also objecting to a Development at Shop Street. Mayor Keaveney said "Duchas" has no interest in Tuam. People have been campaigning for years to have Shop Street developed and now proposals have been knocked again.

Deputy McHugh said he supported the view of Councillor O'Grady, the house at St. Mary's was an eyesore, demolish and get rid of it and take the matter of the agenda.

Mr. Ridge circulated a copy of "A Guide to the Protection of the Architectural Heritage of County Galway". He said it was not a question of Galway County Council being negative but about recognising what we have and protecting it for future generations. He said Galway County Council were in discussions with the Church Authorities regarding the house at St. Mary's. He said he was not in a position to comment on the proposed development of Shop Street as this was a private developer.

**Vicar Street/Footpaths:** Replying to the Councillor Reilly, who asked that signs with poles in the centre of footpaths be replaced the Town Engineer said he would examine the matter.

Replying to Councillor Browne-Lane the Town Engineer said final resurfacing of Vicar Street will be done in approximately two weeks.

Letter dated 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2002 from J. Woolley, Area Manager, Bus Eireann to Deputy McHugh regarding the provision of a Bus Shelter was read.

**Shop Street:** The Town Engineer informed the Members that the bridge at Shop Street would be included in the Estimate of Expenses for 2003.

Regarding cleaning of the river adjacent to the Mill Museum he said he will take the matter up with the O.P.W.

**Athenry Road/Dublin Road junction:** The Town Engineer informed the Members that he had taken the matter up with the Road Design Office and should have a report for the next meeting.

**By-laws:** Regarding the Parking By-laws Mr. Ridge told the Members the draft by-laws will be presented to the SPC meeting on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2002. They will be presented to meeting of Galway County Council on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2002 where it is hoped they will be adopted. Ideally each town should have the same laws. The Traffic Management plan may then be looked at. He hoped the plan will advance quickly. Replying to Deputy McHugh who asked that an Official attend a Town Council meeting and inform and consult with the elected people of Tuam he said procedures must be followed but there would be no difficulty with that. Replying to Councillor Reilly regarding car parks Mr. Ridge said the provision of car parks will be part of the draft By-laws.

## **Manager's Business:**

In relation to the Estimate of Expenses for 2003 Mr. Ridge said there were no indication yet from the Department of the percentage increase designated for year 2003. He would prepare the draft Estimate. It was agreed to held the Estimates meeting on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2002.

## **Correspondence:**

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2002 from Institute of Public Administration – read.

Letter from Carlow County Council re: Local Authority Members Association Annual Winter Seminar – It was proposed by Councillor Kelly and seconded by Councillor Reilly that the Mayor attend.

Letter dated 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2002 from Dept. of the Environment and Local Government re: “Council of Europe instruments for the development of local democracy and local Government renewal in Ireland” conference – read.

Letter dated 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2002 from Ms. Anne Collins, Secretary, Tuam Tidy Towns – read.

Letter dated 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2002 from Ms. Barbara McKeon, Editor, Galway Business News – Copy of letter to be passed to Tuam Chamber of Commerce.

Letter dated 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2002 from Ms. Mary Tierney, Ballygaddy Road, Tuam re: derelict building – The Town Engineer said the Community Wardens had visited the Owners. The building is to be renovated or demolished.

Letter dated 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2002 from South Tipperary County Council re: conference to mark the exhibition of the Derry-naflan Hoard – read.

Invitation from St. Jarlath's Credit Union on the opening of new offices - noted.

**Congratulations** were extended to the Galway under 21 Football final winners.

**Town Twinning:**

The Mayor informed the Members that forty students from Straubing will be visiting Tuam from 21st October to 1st November, 2002. He said the Twinning Committee were experiencing difficulty in identifying accommodation. He appealed to People to provide accommodation for the Student Exchange Programme.

**U. D. C. Status:**

Mr. Ridge circulated a copy of the legislation relating to U.D.C. Status. He said the Act is passed but the Minister must bring it into force. Deputy McHugh agreed to ask the Minister to enact the Legislation. A copy of reply will be circulated to the members.

**"The Grove Hospital:**

Deputy McHugh told the Members he had been in contact with the Chairperson of the Western Health Board and there is no difficulty with a meeting with the Town Council. He had raised the matter with the Minister and was awaiting a reply. It was agreed to keep the matter on the agenda.

**Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Ltd.**

Mr. Ridge circulated details of the schemes available to the Members. He said the Local Authority pays the cost of Scheme 1. If a members think this is inadequate he can move to Scheme 2 provided he pays the difference. He told the Members to indicate their preference to the Town Clerk.

**Provision of APC Toilet:**

Mr. Ridge stated that as part of the original proposals for the Shambles it was envisaged an APC toilet would be provided. Two location were considered, 1) at the front of the Shambles, 2) at the disabled car parking space – the wall to be taken down and the disabled car parking space to be moved in. He said planning permission has been granted for one half of the Shambles. If agreement is reached on a location for the toilet it will be provided. It was agreed to include "The Shambles" on the agenda for the next meeting.

SIGNED BY

MAYOR

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**Notice of Motion:** (1) Councillor Browne-Lane said parking in Tuam is a huge issue – most of the parking is from “am” where people are either car pooling or busing out of town. In view of the introduction of the by-laws, it would be helpful to know the number of short-term and long-term parking spaces available in the town. She felt the removal of some of the paved areas could provide courtesy/short term parking spaces. There was unanimous support for the motion.  
Mr. Ridge said a parking survey was carried out on 15/5/02.

(2) Councillor Browne-Lane said the Board has not been as pro-active as they could be in relation to the Tidy Towns Committee. There are a number of issues, such as tree planting, where a sub-committee could liaise with the Town Engineer and the Gardener. It was agreed a sub-committee be formed and a plan prepared. There was unanimous support for the motion.  
Mr. Ridge said this was a good idea. The Town Engineer has done a lot of work. Any proposals put together will be fully supported.

**Nice Treaty:** Regarding the Nice Treaty the Mayor appealed to everyone to come out and vote. He queried if the Board could place an advertisement in the Local Media promoting a yes vote. Councillor Reilly seconded this but Mr. Ridge said there was nothing provided in the estimates for such an advertisement. Deputy McHugh advised everyone to vote on the issue. Councillor Browne-Lane said the Board had refrained from getting involved in other referenda.

**Sympathy:** A vote of Sympathy was passed with the following Families:

- Garvey Family, Argloragh on the death of Sal
- Kerman Family, Gilmartin Road on the death of Tom
- Mannion Family, Dunmore Road on the death of Jim
- Cathy Kelly on the death of her sister
- Quinn Family, Hazelcourt on the death of Greg

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by,  
Angela Holian,  
Town Clerk

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



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Mr. Paddy McHugh T.D.,  
Shop Street,  
Tuam,  
Co. Galway.

03 September 2002

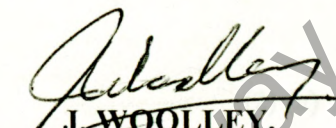
Dear Deputy,

Thank you for your letter dated 22<sup>nd</sup> August requesting that a bus shelter be provided at the bus stop at Vicar St. Tuam.

Bus Éireann does not itself erect Bus Shelters.

These shelters are erected by private advertising agencies who recover their outlay through advertising revenue. At the moment the contract for the provision of Bus Shelters is out to tender and when a decision is reached I will request them to provide a shelter at Vicar Street, together with relevant timetable information.

Yours sincerely,

  
**J. WOOLLEY,**  
**Area Manager.**



**Directors**



(d) as respects such other matters relating to joint committees Pr.7 S.54 or committees as the Minister considers appropriate.

(2) The Minister may issue general policy guidelines to local authorities for the purposes of any provision of this Part and the authorities shall comply with any such guidelines.

## PART 8

### LOCAL AUTHORITY BOUNDARY ALTERATION

55.—In this Part—

Interpretation (Part 8).

“application” shall be read in accordance with *section 57*;

“proposer”, “proposal”, “respondent”, “statement of response” and “amended proposal” shall be read in accordance with *section 56*.

56.—(1) (a) A county council or city council may, by resolution, adopt a proposal that the boundary of the county or city be altered in accordance with this Part.

Proposal by local authority for alteration of boundary.

(b) A town council may, by resolution, adopt a proposal that the boundary of the town be altered in accordance with this Part.

(c) A county council may, by resolution, adopt a proposal that the boundary of any town situated in such county be altered in accordance with this Part.

(d) A county council and a town council may jointly adopt a proposal that the boundary of a county be altered in accordance with this Part so as to incorporate an area in an adjoining county, with provision for the simultaneous alteration of the boundary of such town to coincide with the county boundary so altered.

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

(2) (a) A local authority which makes a proposal under *subsection (1)* and a proposal so made are referred to in this Part, respectively, as a “proposer” and a “proposal”.

(b) For the purposes of *subsection (1)(d)* the proposer shall be a county council.

(3) 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 by regulations made by the Minister and each authority so affected by a proposal is referred to in this Part as a “respondent”,

(b) publish a notice of the proposal in the form so prescribed giving details of the proposal and inviting submissions with regard to it from any person concerned within such period as is specified in the notice, and

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

(4) (a) Within 6 months from the receipt by each respondent of a copy of the proposal or such longer period as may be agreed upon by the proposer and the respondent, each respondent shall consider the proposal and make a statement of its response to the proposal (in this Part referred to as a "statement of response"), and furnish a copy of it to the proposer.

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

(5) Following consideration by a proposer of any submission that it receives within the period referred to in *subsection (3)(b)* and of any statement of response furnished to it in accordance with *subsection (4)(a)*, the proposer may 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".

Application for boundary alteration.

57.—(1) Upon the expiration, in relation to a proposal, of the periods referred to in *subsections (3)(b)* and *(4)(a)* of *section 56*, a proposer may make application (in this Part referred to as an "application") to the Local Government Commission for the making of a report in relation to the boundary to which the proposal or the amended proposal, as the case may be, relates.

(2) An application shall be accompanied by the proposal, any submissions received by the proposer, the statement of response from each respondent and any amended proposal.

(3) A decision to make an application under *subsection (1)* is a reserved function.

Supplementary provision to *sections 56* and *57*.

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

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

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

(2) (a) A proposer shall furnish a copy of the application made by it to each respondent and to such other persons as may be prescribed by regulations made by the Minister.

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

(c) The Minister may prescribe by regulations any matter of procedure or any other requirement which he or she considers necessary for the satisfactory operation of this section or *sections 56* and *57*.

59.—(1) The Minister may request the Local Government Commission to prepare a report in relation to the boundary of any local authority and the Commission shall comply with such request.

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Minister may  
request review.

(2) A copy of any such request shall be sent by the Minister to the local authorities concerned.

60.—(1) Where an application is made by a proposer to the Local Government Commission under *section 57*, then following consideration by it of the application, it shall either—

Report by Local  
Government  
Commission.

(a) prepare a report in accordance with *subsection (5)*, or

(b) notify the proposer and the respondent in writing that for stated reasons set out in the notification it considers it inappropriate to deal with the application.

(2) Where an application referred to in *subsection (1)* has the agreement of each respondent, the Commission shall carry out its functions under that subsection as a matter of priority and shall accordingly ensure that the application is dealt with as expeditiously as possible.

(3) A notification under *subsection (1)(b)* may refer to such matters as the Commission considers relevant to the particular case.

(4) Where a request is made by the Minister to the Local Government Commission under *section 59*, the Commission shall prepare a report in accordance with *subsection (5)*.

(5) Subject to *Part II*, the Local Government Commission shall—

(a) review the boundary of the local authority concerned,

(b) make such recommendations with respect to the boundary, or otherwise under *subsection (7)*, that it considers to be necessary in the interests of effective and convenient local government, and

(c) prepare and furnish to the Minister a report in writing of that review and its recommendations, including any recommendations under *section 90(3)(c)* in relation to financial and other ancillary or related matters.

(6) A report and recommendations by the Local Government Commission on an application under *section 57* may provide for the alteration of a boundary (whether by enlargement or reduction) otherwise than in accordance with the terms of the proposal or amended proposal, as the case may be, or that no alteration be made.

(7) (a) Where the Local Government Commission does not recommend a boundary alteration, it may make such other recommendations affecting the local authorities concerned as are in its opinion—

(i) necessary in the interests of effective and convenient local government, and

(ii) are designed to secure proper organisational arrangements, co-operation, co-ordination and delivery of local government services.

- (b) Without prejudice to the generality of *paragraph (a)*, arrangements may relate to—
- (i) the delivery of specified services in specified areas by a specified local authority,
  - (ii) the establishment of a joint committee,
  - (iii) joint organisational arrangements affecting the area, or
  - (iv) any matter or thing for which provision may be made in a supplementary order under *section 62*.

Power to alter boundaries, etc.

**61.—(1)** Following consideration of a report by the Local Government Commission with respect to the boundary of a local authority the Minister may by order alter the boundary of the relevant county, city or town.

(2) An order under *subsection (1)* may provide for the alteration of the boundary (whether by enlargement or reduction) otherwise than in accordance with the recommendations in the report but, where that alteration differs in a material respect from that recommended, the order shall set out the reasons for such variation.

(3) Where it is proposed to make an order under this section in relation to the boundary of a county or city—

- (a) a draft of the order shall be laid before each House of the Oireachtas, and
- (b) the order shall not be made until a resolution approving of the draft has been passed by each House.

(4) Where a report of the Local Government Commission makes recommendations under *section 60(7)*, the Minister may by direction in writing require the local authorities the subject of the report to take such steps to implement those recommendations—

- (a) in a manner and within such period, and
- (b) subject to such variation,

as may be specified in the direction.

(5) Each local authority shall comply with a direction to it under *subsection (4)*.

Provisions consequential on boundary alteration.

**62.—(1)** In this section and in *Schedule 11*—

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

“primary order” means an order under *section 61(1)*;

“relevant area” means the portion of the administrative area of one local authority, or any part of that portion, which by virtue of a primary order becomes part of the administrative area of another local authority;

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

(2) (a) The Minister or any other Minister of the Government, with the consent of the Minister, may by order make such provision as he or she considers necessary or expedient in relation to any matter arising from, in consequence of, or otherwise related to, the boundary alteration effected by a primary order. Pt.8 S.62

(b) Without prejudice to the generality of *paragraph (a)*, a supplementary order may make provision for all or any of the matters set out in *Schedule 11*.

(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 made by the Minister may be made as one with a primary order.

(5) If a supplementary order so provides, a supplementary order may have retrospective effect with effect from the date of coming into force of the appropriate primary order.

(6) Where a boundary alteration is effected under this Part in respect of a town whose boundary was altered by regulations under section 17 of the Local Government Act, 1994, any alterations made under that section shall cease to have effect in respect of the town or of any county boundary concerned.

(7) Where a boundary alteration is effected by a primary order, any reference in any enactment (including any reference read in accordance with *section 3* and *Schedule 2*) to a county, city 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 read as a reference to the area of such county, city or town as so altered.

## PART 9

### FUNCTIONS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES

#### CHAPTER 1

##### *General Functions of Local Authorities*

63.—(1) The functions of a local authority are—

Statement of local authority functions.

(a) to provide a forum for the democratic representation of the local community, in accordance with *section 64*, and to provide civic leadership for that community,

(b) to carry out such functions as may at any material time stand conferred on the relevant authority by or under any enactment (including this Act and any other enactment whether enacted before or after this Act),

(c) to carry out any ancillary functions under *section 65*, and

(d) to take such action as it considers necessary or desirable to promote the community interest in accordance with *section 66*.

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Provision of apc toilet

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G. Joyce, P. Kelly, P. D'Grady, T. Reilly, M. Ward

Mr. Paul Ridge, Director of Services,

Mr. Michael Gallagher, Town Engineer

Mrs. Angela Holian, Town Clerk

Notice of Motion - Co. G. Browne-Lane

(1) I propose that this Board ask Galway County Council to do a full and comprehensive audit of parking spaces in Tuam town - information to include both areas of long-term and short-term parking.

(2) I propose that we develop a realistic plan on how best we can maximize our support for the Tidy Towns Committee.

SET DATE FOR ESTIMATES MEETING

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Matters arising from Minutes:

Hillbunny Treatment Plant: Replying to Councillor Kelly, regarding a lorry from a truck leaving the Treatment plant at Hillbunny, Mr. Kelly said he had not understood but understood that the lorry would be parked on the street would

## TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Parking: Replying to Councillor Kelly the Town Engineer said there was a proposal to move the Vicar Street bus stop to the new parking by-lane and provide two new loading bays prior to the new parking by-lane.

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Present:

**Mayor: Councillor Keaveney**

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

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**Parking:** Replying to Councillor Kelly the Town Engineer said there was no loading bay at High Street. It was planned to move the Vicar Street bay closer to the town centre and provide two new loading bays prior to the new parking by-laws coming on line. Regarding the by-laws the Town Engineer said he talked to the Law Agent. All by-laws for the County must be dealt with together. The by-laws, including on street and off street parking, should be in force by the end of the year.

### **Teample Jarlath:**

Replying to Councillor O'Grady Mr. Ridge said he was optimistic that funding would be put in place.

**N17/Milltown Road.** Replying to Councillor Browne-Lane the Town Engineer said the N.R.A. had been informed of the agreement between the County Council and the Gardai regarding the speed limits, but declined to make any changes. Galway County Council have requested the N.R.A. to reconsider. It was proposed by Councillor Browne-Lane and seconded by Deputy McHugh that the Board write to the N.R.A. The Town Engineer stated that County Council Officials were meeting with the N.R.A. this week. Councillor Reilly complimented the Engineer on work carried out at Abbey Trinity.

**Vicar Street/Footpaths:** Replying to the Mayor, the Town Engineer said a lot of work had been carried out at Vicar Street but there was no budget for footpaths. It was hoped to carry out work at Cloonthue next year and Barrack Street, Chapel Lane and St. Joseph's Park by 2005.

Replying to Councillor Kelly, the Town Engineer said an extra slip road is being put in place at the Relief Road/Vicar Street junction. Replying to councillor Ward he said he would consider moving the sign for Ballinasloe. He said he would talk to the appropriate people regarding a bus shelter.

Councillor Reilly said "step down" facilities/bus shelters should also be provided on Milltown Road, Dunmore Road and Galway Road.



**Shop Street:** The Town Engineer informed the Members that it was hoped to include the bridge at Shop Street in the Estimate of Expenses for 2003. Work will depend on funding. To be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

Replying to Councillor Warren, the Town Engineer said the Lane from Cosmo to Shop Street was two-way to McDonaghs. There is a proposal to have the lane pedestrianised.

**Athenry Road:**

Replying to Councillor Reilly the Town Engineer said he would examine the Dublin road/Athenry Road junction with a view to providing a roundabout. Deputy McHugh asked that the Principle, Vocational School be consulted.

Councillor Ward complimented the Town Engineer on work carried out at the Cemetery. He asked that seats be provided.

**I. B. A. L.:**

The Members welcomed the increased marking for Tuam. Councillor O'Grady called on Galway County Council to provide extra staff to keep the town clean. He said the bins in the town centre need attention every morning (especially Mondays) before 7 a.m.

Mr. Ridge welcomed the improvement. He said it was not a question of employing more people, it was people taking pride in their surroundings. He recognised the initiative by the Deputy Mayor. Tuam Town Council have made a substantial contribution to the Tidy Towns Committee this year.

The Town Engineer said there were two people employed fulltime. He could not foresee extra staff being provided.

Councillor Kelly stated that following a recent football match at the stadium, bags of plastic bottles were taken to the Civic Amenity Centre. The Amenity Centre would not accept the bags.

Councillor Kelly also said the area around the railway gates was overgrown with nettles and weeds and should be cleaned up.

**Arus Mhuire:**

It was proposed by Councillor Kelly and seconded by Councillor O'Grady that €1,000, the amount in the Estimate of Expenses for 2002 under "contribution to the Arts", be given to the Arus Mhuire project.

## Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2002 from Local Authority Members Association. It was proposed by Deputy McHugh and seconded by Councillor Kelly that the Mayor and the Town Clerk attend the Nice Treaty Seminar.

Letter dated 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2002 from Pharmacia Ireland Ltd. The Town Engineer stated that it was proposed to provide a Porto-loo at the Shambles. He said the toilets at Abbey Trinity had been fixed recently. Mr. Ridge said funding for the Shambles was an integrated package. He agreed to consider the provision and location of the Porto-loo. He also said he would investigate regarding funding. Councillor Reilly asked that the car park at Bishop Street be considered.

Letter dated 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2002 from Dept. of the Environment and Local Government re: Superannuation Gratuity for Councilor's - read.

Letter dated 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2002 from Dun Laoghaire/Rathdown County Council – read.

Letter dated 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2002 from Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Ltd. Regarding Group Personal Accident Insurance. To be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

Letter dated July 2002 from Rattoo Heritage Centre – read.

Letter dated 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2002 from Waterford Corporation – read.

Letter dated 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2002 from Galway County Development board – read.

Letter dated 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2002 from Forfas – read.

Letter dated 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2002 from Mr. M. Hurley, Secretary, Western Health Board stating that Chairperson, Councillor Hoade was on leave. Following a discussion on "The Grove" it was proposed by Deputy McHugh and seconded by Councillor O'Grady to await a reply to the request that Councillor Hoade meet a deputation from the Board. Councillor O'Grady asked Deputy McHugh to table a private Members question in the Dail. It was agreed to keep the matter on the agenda.

Letter dated 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2002 from Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland. It was proposed by Councillor Kelly and seconded by Councillor Joyce that the Town Clerk and Councillor Reilly also attend. Mr. Ridge warned that funding was limited.

Letter dated 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2002 from Tuam Chamber of Commerce & Industry regarding the issuing of parking tickets by Traffic Wardens. There was unanimous support for the Traffic Wardens in Tuam and the Members felt it was unfair of Tuam Chamber of Commerce & Industry to write such a letter. It was proposed by Councillor Kelly and seconded by Councillor Reilly that a Deputation from Tuam Chamber of Commerce be invited to the next meeting.

Letter dated 13<sup>th</sup> August 2002 regarding the Barcelona Declaration Project. It was agreed to inform Mr. Treanor that the Barcelona Declaration was adopted by Tuam Town Council at meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2002.

#### **Car Park:**

Replying to Councillor Kelly regarding the provision of a new car park Mr. Ridge said Galway County Council were looking at property in Tuam at the moment. He would bring proposals to the November meeting.

It was agreed to include the matter on the agenda for the next meeting.

#### **Protected Buildings:**

Replying to Deputy McHugh, who said some buildings cannot be refurbished, Mr. Ridge said the guidelines are not fully effective yet. It is a new process and should be given a chance to develop. The idea is to protect what is good.

#### **U. D. C. Status:**

Mr. Ridge stated there was no indication as to when the changes in the Legislation will take place. U. D. C. Status to be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

Replying to Councillor Kelly Mr. Ridge said the Tuam By-pass was very much on the agenda. All such projects are the responsibility of the N.R.A. and are included in the National Development Plan.

**Town Hall:**

Replying to Councillor Kelly the Town Engineer said the Kitchen and Reception areas are now complete. It is hoped to have upstairs finished this year.

The Town Engineer agreed to consider the provision of a second seat at the car park in Bishop Street.

**Congratulations:**

Mr. Sean Rice, Connaught Tribune was congratulated on his retirement. The Members paid tribute to his fair reporting of Town Council meetings. He was described as the "Good Name" of Journalism. He was wished a long and happy retirement.

**Sympathy:**

A vote of Sympathy was passed with the following Families:

Hogan Family, Cortoonrue on the death of Jimmy  
Ward Family, St. Patrick's Terrace on the death of Edward  
Roache Family, Toberjarlath Road on the death of Sharon  
McNamara Family, Ballygaddy road on the death of Brian  
Ward Family, 7 Gilmartin Road on the death of Michael  
Eric Gleeson, Trinity Court on the death of his Mother

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by,  
Angela Holian,  
Town Clerk

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

MAYOR

# TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Telephone: (093) 24246

Tuam Clerk's Office,  
Town Hall, Tuam

To each Town Commissioner

28<sup>th</sup> August, 2002

A Chara,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held  
on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2002 at 7.30 p.m.**

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

Angela Hollan Baile Cleireach

## AGENDA

**Minutes**

**Manager's Business**

**Correspondence**

**U. D. C. Status**

**N17**

**Bridge at Shop Street**

**By-Laws**

**"The Grove" Hospital**

**Arus Mhuire – Application for donation**

## Minutes:

The Minutes of the June Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Kelly  
seconded by Commissioner Reilly

# TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

## Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2002

**Present:**

**Mayor: Councillor Keaveney**

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

**Officials:**

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

**The Prayer was recited.**

**Minutes:**

The Minutes of the June Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Kelly seconded by Commissioner Reilly.

**Matters arising from Minutes:**

**Teample Jarlath:** Replying to Councillor Reilly Mr. Ridge said the cost of putting overhead cables underground was being investigated. He said the necessary ducting is being installed under the new footpath. The job would be finished in four weeks once funding was finalised.

**Parking:** Replying to Councillor Browne-Lane the Town Engineer said the Community Wardens had been asked to keep an eye on unofficial parking beside the Pedestrian Crossing at the Square. Replying to Councillor O'Grady, he said the whole of Vicar Street is to be re-surfaced also the area of the pedestrian crossing. Replying to the Mayor he agreed to make a presentation regarding proposed road works for the coming year.

**Protected Structures:** Replying to Deputy McHugh Mr. Ridge said the final adoption of the "Record of Protected Structures" will be a matter for the elected Members. A copy of the list of protected structures in Tuam will be circulated to the Members. Regarding the Verger's house on the ground of St. Mary's Cathedral Mr. Ridge said the Conservation Officer was investigating.

**N17/Milltown Road.** Replying to Councillor Browne-Lane the Town Engineer said the N.R.A. had been informed of the agreement between the County Council and the Gardai. He said he would talk to the Director of Services. Replying to Councillor Reilly he said resurfacing of the section from the Corrib Filling Station to the Traffic Lights will take place next week. The Mayor congratulated the Gardai for monitoring speed on the N17. It was agreed to keep the matter on the agenda.

**Killiloonty Treatment Plant:** The Members objected to sludge from Mutton Island being processed in Tuam. Mr. Ridge said the spillage the previous week was unusual and unsatisfactory. He said the accident occurred when a lorry tailgate opened while crossing the railway line at Abbeytrinity. He said between 5,000 and 7,000 loads of treated sludge have been transported from the plant since it opened. The sludge, returned to the land as a fertiliser is part of the natural recycling order, and is monitored by Galway County Council and the E. P. A.

He said there would have been no development in Tuam without the Treatment Plant and said the river Nanny and river Clare are unrecognisable in comparison to a few years ago. Under the proposed new development the end product will be dry and in pellet form. He urged the Members to wait until the facts are presented before coming to a conclusion. He said a presentation on the new development will be made to the Board in the next few months.

**Congratulations:** Councillor Reilly, absent from last meeting, congratulated Deputy McHugh on his election to the Dail. He also congratulated Deputy Finian McGrath on his election.

### **Correspondence:**

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2002 from Kilrush Town Council: There was unanimous support for the following Motion. "That Kilrush Town Council call on the Minister for Health, Mr. Martin, T. D. to issue Medical Cards to Asthmatic Sufferers".

Letter dated 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2002 from Oughterard Show Society Co. Ltd. - read.

Letter dated 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2002 from Department of the Environment and Local Government re: Superannuation Gratuity for Councilor's - noted.

Letter dated 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2002 from Galway County Council re: Preparation of Draft Development Plan for the County of Galway - noted.

Letter dated 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2002 from Department of the Environment and Local Government re: Council of Europe – local democracy and local government renewal in Ireland – Conference in Dublin Castle on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2002. It was proposed by Deputy McHugh and seconded by Councillor Reilly that the Mayor or Deputy Mayor or Councillor Kelly attend.

Letter dated 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2002 from Reinhold Perlak, Lord Mayor of Straubing: Invitation to International Twinning Day. It was proposed by Councillor Reilly and seconded by Councillor Kelly that the Mayor attend. It was proposed by Councillor O'Grady and seconded by the Mayor that Mr. Ridge, Director of Services attend. It was proposed by Deputy McHugh and seconded by Councillor Ward that the Town Clerk attend.



Letter dated 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2002 from The Secretary, Tuam City & District Agricultural Show – noted..

Invitation from An Taoiseach, Mr. B. Ahern, T. D. to National Day of Commemoration. It was proposed by Councillor Reilly and seconded by Councillor Browne-Lane that the Mayor attend.

### **Bridge at Shop Street:**

Letter dated 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2002 from Ms. Jennifer Boyer, Architect was circulated to the Members. It was agreed to include “Bridge at Shop Street” on the agenda for the September meeting.

### **U. D. C. STATUS:**

U. D. C. Status to be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

### **Standing Orders:**

The Standing Orders were adopted on the proposal of Councillor O’Grady seconded by Councillor Kelly. It was agreed to hold meetings at 7.30 p.m. and to change the day of the monthly meeting to the first Monday of each month.

### **Abstract of Accounts:**

Mr. Ridge told the Members that the Abstract of Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2001 was now finalised. In the Capital Account there was a credit balance of 123,977 (£97,640) in comparison with 119,126 (£93,820) at 1/1/01. Revenue expenditure for the year was 100,553 (£79,192) while receipts 101,109 (£79,630) bringing the credit balance to 112,301 (£88,444) at 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2001. The Abstract of Accounts for the year 2001, and overexpenditures, which were met from savings under other headings, were approved on the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by Councillor O’Grady.

### **Parking By-laws:**

The Town Engineer said he hoped to have a report for the next meeting.

**Tuam Mart:**

It was noted that following the previous meeting the Board had been advised against taking a position in this case.

**The Grove Hospital:**

Councillor O'Grady told the Board he was concerned at a recent reply, by the Minister for Health, to Deputy Paul Connaughton that he knew of no promise to reopen "The Grove". He said he feared "The Grove" would be sold by the W. H. B. The Mayor agreed the sale of "The Grove" could be a possibility. It was proposed by the Mayor and seconded by Deputy McHugh to seek a meeting with the new Chairperson of the W.H.B. Councillor Mary Hoade. It was agreed to keep "The Grove" on the agenda for future meetings.

**Bonfire:**

Replying to Councillor Joyce regarding a bonfire at the Palace Grounds the Town Engineer agreed to talk to the Environment Section, Galway County Council.

**Next meeting:**

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Board be held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2002 at 7.30 p.m.

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by,  
Angela Holian,  
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY:

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MAYOR

## **TUAM TOWN COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of Annual Meeting held on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2002**

**Present:** Mayor: Councillor Kelly – outgoing

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

**Officials:**

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

The Prayer was recited.

#### **Election of Mayor:**

The outgoing Mayor thanked the Members for selecting him as Tuam's first Mayor. He has been a member of the Board for 36 years and this had been his 6<sup>th</sup> term as Cathaoirleach and then Mayor. He thanked Mr. Ridge, Director of Services, Mr. Gallagher, Town Engineer and his staff, the Town Clerk and the Members for their support during the year. He thanked Deputy Mayor Keaveney for his assistance during the year and the Press.

He welcomed the changes in the Local Government Act but said while small Local Authorities got very little powers larger Local authorities felt some of their decision making powers had been taken away. He welcomed the representational payment to Councilor's but again there was a difference between payments to Members of smaller and larger Councils. He said A.M.A.I. would be calling for parity.

He recalled events during the year, the Civic Reception for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Galway All-Ireland Football Final win in three years. He congratulated Councillor Warren, selector, and all involved with the Team. He thanked Mr. Ridge, Director of Services Mr. Tony Murphy, Galway County Council, Mr. Jim Carney, Tuam Herald and Councillor Reilly for their assistance with the preparations for the "Welcome Home" reception.

He said he had been Chairman of the Board for the original twinning of Tuam and Straubing and congratulated all involved in the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. He recalled the receptions for the "Person of the year" and the "Group of the Year", the receptions for St. Jarlath's college and St. Patrick's school. The highlight of the year was the election of Councillor McHugh to Dail Eireann. He wished Deputy McHugh and Deputy McGrath, formally from Tuam, continued success.

He said Tuam suffered a major loss during the year in the death of Councillor J. Burke, R.I.P. and it gave him great pleasure as Mayor, prior to this evenings meeting, to plant a tree in memory of Joe.

He said he was disappointed that more progress had not been made in the refurbishment of the Town Hall and hoped work would be completed soon.

He then invited nominations for the position of Mayor. It was proposed by Deputy McHugh and seconded by Councillor Reilly that Councillor Keaveney be elected to hold the office of Mayor of the Town of Tuam for the coming year. There being no other proposal Councillor Keaveney was elected. Councillor Keaveney took the Chair. He thanked his proposer and seconder. He paid tribute to the outgoing Mayor on a successful year's work. He said he would earnestly engage in the task ahead. He said the state of health services in Tuam was of particular concern. He asked the Members to consider re-scheduling the monthly meeting in order to accommodate our Deputy in Dail Eireann.

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL  
DRAFT STANDING ORDERS

**Election of Deputy Mayor:**

The Mayor invited nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor. It was proposed by the Mayor and seconded by Councillor O'Grady that Councillor Ward be elected Deputy Mayor of the Town of Tuam for the coming year. There being no other proposal Councillor Ward was elected. Councillor Ward thanked the Members.

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by:  
Angela Holian,  
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY \_\_\_\_\_

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## TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

### DRAFT STANDING ORDERS

#### Meetings of the Council

1. Unless upon any occasion when it is otherwise fixed by statute or by resolution of the Council, Ordinary Meetings of the Council shall be held on the first Tuesday of each month except when that day falls on a Public Holiday. Schedule of ordinary meetings of the Council for the ensuing year shall be approved at each Annual Meeting.

#### Annual Meeting

2. In every year in which a local election is held the Annual Meeting shall be held on the tenth day after the polling day or, where the poll is for any reason countermanded, interrupted or adjourned, after the day on which the poll is completed or the fresh poll is held.

Where the tenth day is an excluded day the meeting shall be held on the next following day which is not an excluded day.

"Excluded day" means a day which is a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday (within the meaning given by the Organisation of Working Time Act, 1997) or any other day on which the principal offices of the local authority concerned are closed)

In every other year the Annual Meeting shall be on such day within the period 14 days either side of the anniversary of the first annual meeting. [This applies in 2002 and 2003 only].

Whenever an Annual Meeting is for any reason not held on the appointed day the meetings administrator shall, following consultation with the Mayor, or if the office of Mayor is vacant or he / she is unable to act, with the Deputy Mayor, convene a meeting for a day which the administrator considers to be the earliest convenient date for that purpose.

In an election year the Council shall publish a notice of its Annual Meeting in at least one newspaper circulating in its administrative area. The notice shall state the date of the annual meeting and where appropriate that the first business of the meeting will be the election of the Mayor and specify the joint bodies and other bodies to which the Council is entitled to make appointments at that meeting or subsequently. The notice shall be in a form and published within the period prescribed by regulations.

In the case of an Annual Meeting in an election year and until the election of the Mayor at such meeting, the Chair for this period shall be taken by a member or an employee selected by the meeting for this purpose. Any member selected to chair an annual meeting under this subparagraph shall not have a second or casting vote and

any employee of the Council if so selected in accordance with this subparagraph shall not have any vote.

At an Annual Meeting in an election year the Meetings Administrator shall read out the names of persons duly elected as members of the Council. Subject to this the election of a Mayor is to be the first business of an Annual Meeting and the next business, the election of a Deputy Mayor.

In the case of the Annual Meeting in an election year the business to be transacted after the election of the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor shall include the consideration of the election, appointment or nomination of members of joint bodies or other bodies elected, appointed or nominated by the Council.

#### **Budget Meeting**

3. A Budget Meeting shall be held during the period prescribed by regulations for that purpose.

#### **Special Meeting**

4. A Special Meeting of the Council may be convened at any time by the Mayor or if the office of Mayor is vacant or the Mayor is unable to act, by the Deputy Mayor, or by the Mayor on foot of a request in writing presented to him or her by any five members.

Where the Mayor refuses or neglects to act on foot of a request within 7 days of it being presented to him/her, the members making the request may convene a meeting. The provisions of Paragraph 6 of Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 2001 apply in relation to the calling of such meetings.

#### **Hour of Meeting**

5. The hour of meeting of the Council shall be 7.30 p.m or at such other hour as may from time to time be fixed by resolution of the Council. The Council shall rise not later than 9.00p.m

#### **Place of Meeting**

6. In so far as practicable the place for holding meetings of the Council shall be The Library, Shop Street, Tuam, or in the principal offices of the Council and meetings shall normally be held there provided that the Council may from time to time by resolution appoint an alternative location for a particular meeting.

The address of the principal offices for the purposes of these Standing Orders is The Town Hall, The Square, Tuam.

### **Summoning of Meeting**

7. A notification to attend a meeting, other than a Budget Meeting shall (a) be sent or delivered to each member of the Council, (b) specify the place, date and time of the meeting, and (c) give not less than 3 clear days notice. In counting clear days, where the number of days notice does not exceed seven, Sundays and Public Holidays are not to be reckoned in the computation. The 3 clear days shall also exclude the normal day for receipt of the notice and the day of the meeting. If notice exceeds 7 days, Sundays and Public Holidays are to be reckoned.

A notification shall include or be accompanied by an Agenda listing the business to be transacted at the meeting. Subject to Standing Order No. 20, no business shall be transacted at a meeting other than that specified in the Agenda which relates to the meeting, or business otherwise required by law to be transacted by at the meeting.

An Agenda which has been sent or delivered for this purpose may be altered (whether by way of addition, deletion or otherwise) if an Agenda specifying the alteration is delivered or sent to each member not less than 3 clear days before the day on which the meeting is to be held.

In the case of a Special Meeting convened by requisition under Standing Order 4, a copy of the requisition shall be sent with the notification.

8. A notification shall have the signature of the Meetings Administrator and any document claiming to have that signature shall be deemed, until the contrary is proved to have been duly issued or given with the authority of the Council.

Want of service or non-receipt of a notification by any member or lack of a signature or any other defect in the notification does not affect the validity of a meeting or of any act or thing done at the meeting.

For the purposes of this Standing Order "signature" includes a facsimile of a signature by whatever process reproduced or a printed version of the name of the Meetings Administrator.

### **Public Notice of Meeting**

9. Public notice of the place, date and time of a meeting other than a Budget Meeting shall be displayed not less than 3 clear days before the day of the meeting in or at the principal offices of the Council in a position convenient for public inspection during normal office hours.

The Notice shall include the Agenda for the meeting or specify a place where the Agenda can be inspected and in the case of a meeting requisitioned under Standing Order No.4 the Agenda shall include or be accompanied by a copy of the requisition.



Subject to any arrangements as it may make the Council shall supply a copy of a public notice and agenda to the media.

### **Constitution of Meetings**

10. The Chair shall be taken by the Mayor at a meeting of the Council within 10 minutes after the time appointed for such meeting or in his / her absence by the Deputy Mayor or otherwise by a Member called thereto by general agreement or chosen by vote of the members present to chair the meeting and such member shall leave the chair on the arrival at the meeting of the Mayor or Deputy Mayor.
11. The names of the members attending shall be recorded. Each Councillor in attendance at the meeting shall sign the attendance book.
12. The quorum for a meeting of the Council shall be four (one-fourth of the total number of members of the Council plus one or, where one-fourth of such total number is not a whole number, the quorum is the next highest whole number plus one).

Whenever a meeting of the Council is abandoned owing to failure to obtain a quorum the names of those present at the time and place appointed for such meeting shall be recorded by the Meetings Administrator and they shall for all purposes be deemed to have attended a duly constituted meeting.

If a quorum is not present within 10 minutes after the time fixed for the meeting [or at any time during the meeting,] the meeting shall stand adjourned to a day to be named by the Mayor.

### **Order of Business**

13. The Order of Business at all meetings other than Annual Meetings, Budget Meetings and Special Meetings shall, subject to the provisions of any enactments, be as follows:
  - (i) Confirmation of Minutes.
  - (ii) Consideration of Reports and Recommendations.
  - (iii) Business prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Council for transaction at such meeting.
  - (iv) Other business set forth in the Notice convening the meeting.
  - (v) Mayors Business.
  - (vi) Managers Business and Correspondence.
  - (vii) Notices of Motion.

In the case of a meeting convened for a special purpose the business specified in the Notification for such meeting shall be transacted and no other business.

At any Ordinary Meeting of the Council it shall be proper, if a majority of the members present and voting so decide, to take an item for consideration out of the sequence of listing on the Agenda, provided always that such decision shall not affect any business required by Statute to be done before any other business at the meeting .

#### **Confirmation of Minutes**

14. Minutes of the proceedings of a meeting of the Council shall be drawn up by the Meetings Administrator.

The Minutes shall include -

- (a) the date, place and time of the meeting,
- (b) the names of the members present at the meeting,
- (c) the names of the employees of the Council present at the meeting,
- (d) reference to any report submitted to the members at the meeting,
- (e) where there is a roll call vote, the number and names of members voting for and against the motion and of those abstaining,
- (f) particulars of all resolutions passed at the meeting,
- (g) such other matters considered appropriate.

A copy of the minutes of a meeting shall be sent or given by the Meeting Administrator to each member of the Council.

Minutes of a meeting shall be submitted for confirmation as an accurate record at the next following ordinary meeting, where practicable, or where not, at the next following meeting and recorded in the minutes of that meeting.

When confirmed with or without amendment, the minutes of a meeting shall be signed by the person chairing the meeting they were submitted to for confirmation and any minutes claiming to be so signed shall be received in evidence without proof. When the question that they be confirmed is put from the Chair, a Member may object to any part thereof as not being an accurate record and upon a motion any question of altering the record shall be determined by the Council by majority vote of those members who were present at the appropriate meeting.

Any discussion of the Minutes, except as to their accuracy shall be out of order and the Mayor shall rule accordingly. Questions are only permissible, on matters arising out of the Minutes, if for information only and not for discussion.

A copy of the minutes when confirmed in accordance with this Standing Order shall be open to inspection at the principal offices of the Council and any person may inspect and make a copy of, or abstract from, the minutes during the usual office hours of the Council.

#### **Notices of Motion**

15. Every Notice of Motion dated and signed by the Member or Members giving it shall be delivered to the Meetings Administrator and shall be recorded in the order of their receipt.

No Notice of Motion shall be set down on the Agenda for any meeting unless such Notice of Motion shall have been delivered to the Meeting Administrator at least 7 days before the date of such meeting.

16. No member shall be permitted to have more than three motions (including adjourned motions) on the Agenda for any one meeting and the name of a member shall not appear more than three times on the Agenda as proposer or co-proposer of motions for any one meeting.

#### **Motions to Amend or Revoke Resolutions**

17. A motion to revoke or amend a resolution of the Council can only be made on notice inserted in the Agenda, and such notice shall specify the resolution to be revoked or amended and furnish the terms of the motion to be made; but no such motion shall be allowed to appear on the Agenda to revoke or amend any resolution of Council within six months of the date of the adoption of such resolution except with the written assent of not less than six members of the Council. A resolution may not be revoked at the meeting at which it has been adopted.

It shall be necessary for adoption of a motion to revoke or amend a resolution of the Council that not less than five members of the total number of members of the Council vote in favour and subject to any statutory requirements.

18. Subject to Standing Order 18 any matter decided by the Council by motion on notice or on the report of a committee shall not be re-opened within 6 months of the date of such decision.

#### **Motion for Purpose of Dealing with Urgent Business**

19. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Standing Orders a motion may be proposed without notice for the purpose of dealing with urgent business related to a function of the Council, subject to the requirement that not less than five members vote in favour.

#### **Adjournment of Council**

20. A motion for adjournment of the Council may be made at any time and shall be determined without amendment and without debate, except that the mover of the Motion of adjournment and the mover of the Motion immediately affected by it, may each address the Council for not more than five minutes on the question of the adjournment; and when the Motion for adjournment is adopted, the meeting will stand adjourned to a day then named or in the event of no such date being named, to the next occurring ordinary meeting.

A Special Meeting may be adjourned from time to time until its business is concluded.

#### **Motions and Amendments**

21. The proposer of a motion not listed in the Agenda or an amendment, and not in common form, shall upon moving same deliver a copy to the Chair.
22. Every Notice of Motion (and any notice of Amendment thereto) shall be relevant to some question which affects, or may affect, the business of the Council, or the administration of the Town.
23. Every original Motion or amendment shall be read by the mover before he speaks upon it, and no other member shall speak thereon until it has been seconded.
24. A motion, notice of which stands in the Agenda and which has been proposed and seconded, may be withdrawn only on leave obtained from a majority of the Council present at the meeting at the request of the member concerned. A motion may either be proposed by the member in whose name it stands or if he or she be absent, by any member authorised by him or her in writing to propose it on his or her behalf, but unless so proposed, and in the absence of a request in writing from the member in whose name it stands to postpone it, the motion shall be dropped and shall not again be set down in the Notice Paper except on fresh notice. A motion or an amendment when not seconded is dropped.
25. An amendment which has been proposed and seconded may be withdrawn only on leave obtained from a majority of the Council members present at the meeting at the request of the member concerned.
26. The mover of an Amendment may be permitted by the Chair to reply.
27. No member shall move more than one Amendment to the same Motion.
28. Every amendment shall be relevant to the motion on which it is moved and shall be either (a) to leave out words, (b) to leave out words and insert or add others, (c) to insert or add words. An amendment shall not be in order if it is equivalent to a direct negative or if it is not in fact an amendment of the motion it purports to amend.
29. Whenever an amendment on an original motion has been moved and seconded, no second or subsequent amendment shall be moved until the first amendment shall have been disposed of, but notice of any second or subsequent amendment shall first have been given.
30. When an amendment is affirmed the original motion as amended becomes the substantive motion upon which any further amendment, of which notice has been given may be moved.

When an Amendment which has been carried is lost as a Substantive Motion, the original Motion is not revived.

31. When an amendment is lost any further amendment of which notice has been given may be proposed, but only one amendment shall be at any time before the meeting and an amendment shall not be in order if the Chair rules it to be substantially the same as an amendment already lost.

32. When a Motion and an Amendment remain before the Chair, the Amendment shall be first put, and shall be disposed of before any other Amendments can be moved.

#### **Order of Debate**

33. Except with the permission of the Chair no member shall address the Council for more than five minutes. A member may speak once upon any item on the Agenda or on any motion except a motion which is to be put without debate. The proposer of a motion has the right to reply whilst the motion remains before the Chair and when the proposer replies the debate on the motion is closed.

34. No member who has spoken to a motion may move or second an amendment, but when an amendment is moved and seconded, a member who has already spoken to the original motion may speak on the amendment.

35. A member may speak more than once on the same motion or amendment for the purpose only of submitting a point of order or making a personal explanation. The Chair's decision in determining a point of order or personal explanation shall be final.

36. The Chair shall ascertain that a motion is seconded before the proposer is permitted to speak to it.

37. A motion "that the Council proceed to the next business" may be made after any motion has been proposed and seconded. When made it shall be determined without amendment or debate and if it be affirmed the business interrupted by such motion shall not be proceeded with further at that meeting and unless the Council otherwise determine shall be adjourned to the next ordinary meeting. The motion to proceed to next business shall not be made more than once during the debate on any question.

38. At any time during a discussion on a motion a member may move "that the question be now put" and if such leave be given by the assent of the majority of those present and voting, the motion shall be put, subject to the right of reply by the proposer of the original or substantive motion.

39. When two or more members at the same time offer to speak, the member called upon by the Chair shall have precedence.

40. A member while speaking shall address only the Chair.
41. Councillors shall address and speak of each other in the Council by the respective titles of "Mayor" or "Councillor".
42. A member speaking shall not be interrupted except upon a question of order, but may give way to a member desiring to make a personal explanation.
43. When a member seeks to make a point of order, the member then addressing the Chair shall give way until the question of order has been determined by the Chair, unless the former seeks to address the Chair upon the question of order.
44. The Chair is the sole judge of order in the Council and has authority to maintain order and enforce prompt obedience to his / her ruling. When during a debate the Chair rises, any member then speaking shall give way to the Chair.
45. If at a meeting any member of the Council, in the opinion of the Chair conveyed to the Council, misconducts himself or herself by persistently disregarding the ruling of the Chair, or by willfully obstructing the business of the meeting, the Chair or any other member may move "That the member named be not further heard", and the motion if seconded shall be put and determined without discussion.
46. If in the opinion of the Chair any member has been or is disorderly by persistently disregarding the ruling of the Chair, or by behaving irregularly, improperly or offensively or by otherwise obstructing the business of the meeting, and the Chair has conveyed his or her opinion to the members present by naming the member concerned, then the Chair or any member may move "that the member named leave the meeting" and the motion, if seconded, shall be put and determined without discussion.
47. Where the Council decides that a member leave a meeting, that member shall immediately leave the meeting and shall not be entitled to speak or to take any further part in that meeting on that day.
48. Where in the opinion of the Chair there is general disorder which impedes the orderly transaction of business or where a member against whom it was resolved that he or she leave the meeting refuses to do so, the Chair may adjourn the meeting for such period as he or she considers necessary in the interests of order.
49. No Councillor may impute improper motives or use offensive or unbecoming words in reference to any Councillor. Any Councillor having used objectionable words, and not explaining or retracting the same, or offering apologies for the use thereof when requested by the Chairman to do so shall be called upon by the Chairman to withdraw from the Meeting.

50. No member shall address the Chair, unless from one of the seats reserved to the use of members.

#### **Deputations**

51. The Council may by resolution decide to receive a deputation. Subject to the direction of the Chair, one person may speak on behalf of the deputation for not more than five minutes, unless permitted by the Chair.

Request for a deputation to be heard by the Council shall not be considered unless the subject matter to be raised be notified in writing on the motion of a member of the Council, or direct application by the body concerned, sent to the meetings administrator at least ten clear days before the date of the meeting.

The deputation may only be questioned by members of the Council but shall not be entitled to ask questions.

When the members of a deputation have addressed the meeting, they shall withdraw from the meeting.

The Council may, by resolution, decide to receive a deputation without notice, provided over half of the members present vote for the resolution.

#### **Questions, Votes and Divisions**

52. Voting may, subject to Statutory requirements be:-

- (a) by voice when it is obvious that the Meeting is practically unanimous, and no Member dissenting;
- (b) by show of hands. If any objections to correctness of result, a poll may be demanded.
- (c) by roll call, recording the names of the members voting for or against or abstaining on the question or motion.

53. Where the Chair has not formally declared the result of a vote, or is in doubt as to whether his / her declaration is right or wrong, s/he is entitled if s/he thinks fit to take a second vote on the matter, especially if s/he considers that through some misunderstanding the first vote did not properly represent the intent of the meeting at that time.

54. Each member present at a meeting of the Council shall have a vote unless prohibited by any enactment.

55. Without prejudice to any enactment or other provisions of these Standing Orders requiring either the presence of a specified number or proportion of the members or that a specified number or proportion should vote in favour for the doing of any particular act, all acts of the Council which are reserved functions or questions duly

coming or arising before a meeting of the Council shall be determined – (a) by a majority of the members present and voting or where there is an equality of votes, by a second or casting vote of the person chairing the meeting (which person shall have and may choose to exercise such a vote).

The Chairman cannot give his first vote after he has ascertained the number of votes for or against a Motion. He can only then give his casting vote, if there is an equal division of votes.

#### **Attendance of Public and Media**

56. The right of the public and representatives of the media to attend Council meetings is subject to the following :-

Where the Council is of opinion that the absence of members of the public and representatives of the media from the whole or part of a particular meeting is desirable because of the special nature of the meeting or of an item of business to be or about to be considered at the meeting or for other special reasons, the Council may, by resolution in respect of which, at least one-half of the total number of members vote in favour, decide to meet in committee for the whole or part of the meeting concerned. The resolution in this instance shall indicate in a general way the reasons for the resolution and those reasons shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

57. Members of the public shall be seated and maintain silence and observe any directions given by the Chair or by any employee in attendance. Such employees are responsible for the execution of all measures necessary for the maintenance of order and decorum in and about the Chamber.

If a member of the public interrupts a meeting at any time or endeavors, without the permission of the Council to address a Meeting, the Chair shall warn him or her and if the interruption continues shall order that person's removal.

58. No cameras of any kind or sound recording or communication equipment may be used at meetings of the Council without the prior approval of the Council.

59. The use of mobile phones shall not be permitted at meetings of the Council.

#### **Suspension of Standing Orders**

60. Subject to the provisions and requirements of the Act, or of any other enactment, any Standing Order, except No's. 18, 20 and 52-55 may at any time be suspended on a motion proposed without notice for the purpose of enabling any specific business defined in the suspensory motion to be considered and dealt with by the Council,



subject to the requirement that at least two-thirds of the members present vote in favour.

**Casual Vacancy**

61. A Casual Vacancy shall be filled by resolution of the Council in accordance with Section 19 of the Local Government Act 2001.

Where the person causing the casual vacancy was a member of a registered political party at the time of his / her election or co-option the casual vacancy shall be filled by a person nominated by the same party. This requirement stands whether or not the political status of the member who caused the casual vacancy had changed since the date of his or her election or co-option.

Where the person causing the Casual Vacancy was a non-party candidate at the time of his/her election or co-option, the Casual Vacancy shall be filled by a person nominated by the non-party candidate causing the vacancy. Each non-party candidate shall at the time of his/her election or co-option submit to the Meetings Administrator of the Council, the names of the persons to be so nominated listed in order of priority. The list shall be accompanied by a letter signed by each of the persons named thereon indicating their acceptance of the nomination.



Shop Street Bridge, Tuam Town Centre



# Memorandum

To: Paul Ridge, Director of Services, Planning Department  
From: Jennifer Boyer, Architect  
Date: July 1st, 2002  
Re: Tuam Bridge

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Dear Paul,

At your request I have reviewed the current state of the bridge on Shop Street in Tuam Town Centre and have the following suggestions to make:

*Overall the current state of the bridge is not one of great concern, it could however be slightly improved by implementing the following solutions in conjunction with the Conservation Office at Galway County Council:*

- 1) Repaving of the footpaths on the bridge (*see photo 1-A*) and extending them to connect up with the existing footpaths of the town on either side of shop street. It may be in the interest of the town to use stone paving instead of concrete to ensure quality and longevity. (*see photo 2-A*)
- 2) Repainting of the columns (and possibly the sides of the bridge), currently painted in alternating black and white (*see photo 3-A*). It would be advisable to check the material of the columns such that if they are constructed of cast iron that they be appropriately preserved. A suitable colour should be chosen based on the surrounding buildings and overall role the people of the town would like the bridge to play in the town centre. As it is now, it is a very subtle and integrated element within the town centre (*see photo 4-A*) and due to its small scale, keeping it slightly understated and would be my recommended approach to determining a suitable colour. Large emphasis may not to be unnecessarily placed on it in order to improve its overall amenity. I would also suggest that if painting is to be done to the sides of the bridge, that the painting be limited to top railings and (*see photo 5-A*) interior walls of the bridge.

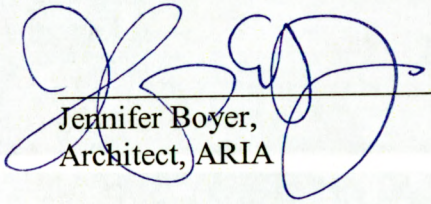
- 3) A finished render could be one way to give a more "finished" look to the currently exposed blockwork (*see photo 6-A*) on the interior walls of the bridge. It would be advisable to leave all current stone work preserved from the original bridge on the exterior walls (*see photo 7-A*) and areas leading up the bridge (*see photo 2-A*) because the bridge is listed in the Tuam Town and Environs Development Plan 2000-2005 (p.59) as a "Structure of Architectural Importance".
- 4) If possible, it would be suggested that the owners of the building wall at the corner of Shop Street and Street repaint the wall that wraps around and maintains close proximity and is integrated into the bridge. (*see photo 9-A*) Currently, the state of the wall is in bad need of cleaning and a paint job and detracts from the overall quality of that space.
- 5) At the other end of the bridge, it seems very important, due to the tourist office's close location, that the laneway down to the tourist office become paved with the same quality/type of paving that will occur on the bridge. Then, a connection between the bridge, the tourist office, and the small garden that connects the two currently would be made. (*see photo 10-A*) Also, the building on the adjacent corner, one of great historic and visual value, is currently looking a bit drab, could also be encouraged to have a cleaning as it does have an interesting architectural style. (*see photo 11-A*)
- 6) Lastly, it would be recommended to the Town Area Engineer that rubbish maintenance and daily pick-up of the area be kept up, such that items thrown into the water or surrounding park areas is removed in order to maintain an overall desirable image of that area. (*see photo 12-A*)

*It has been agreed with the Conservation Officer at Galway County Council that a conditioned survey of the bridge from a conservation point of view be commissioned. All of the above recommendations should be cleared as being consistent with the conditioned survey before any action is taken. The Conservation Officer can be contacted with regard to recommended specialists in the field.*

*It has also been noted that there is an opportunity for the town to apply for a conservation grant under the Urban and Village Renewal schemes particular to "public access" for next year. Information regarding this can also be obtained from the Conservation Officer.*

I hope these comments are helpful to you and the town council pursuant to this matter. I would happy to speak with members of the town council at any stage if there are queries they would like to discuss.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Boyer,  
Architect, ARIA

Galway County Council Archives

photo 1-A



Photo 2-A

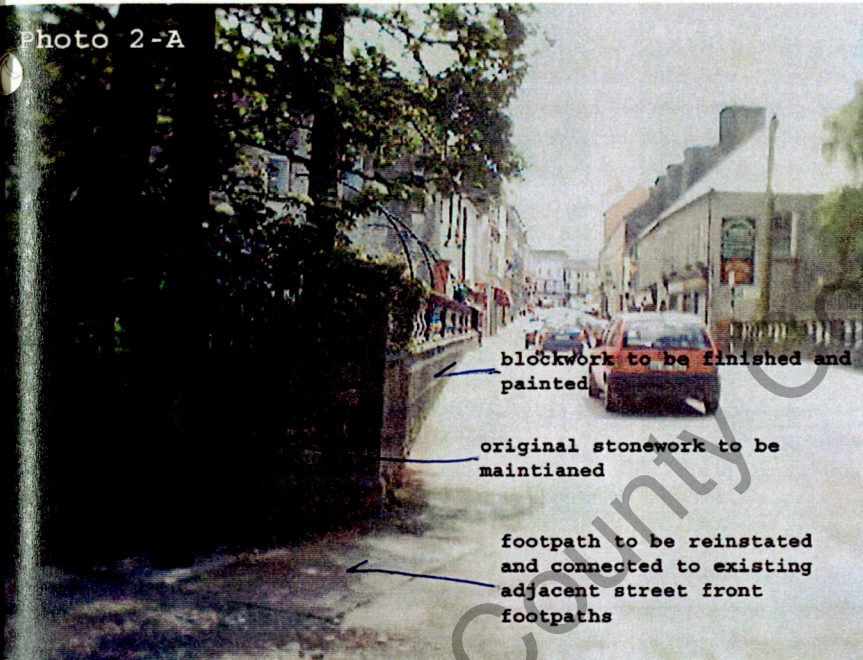


Photo 3-A



Photo 4-A



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photo 5-A

top railing  
area



Photo 6-A

blockwork to be finished with  
render and painted

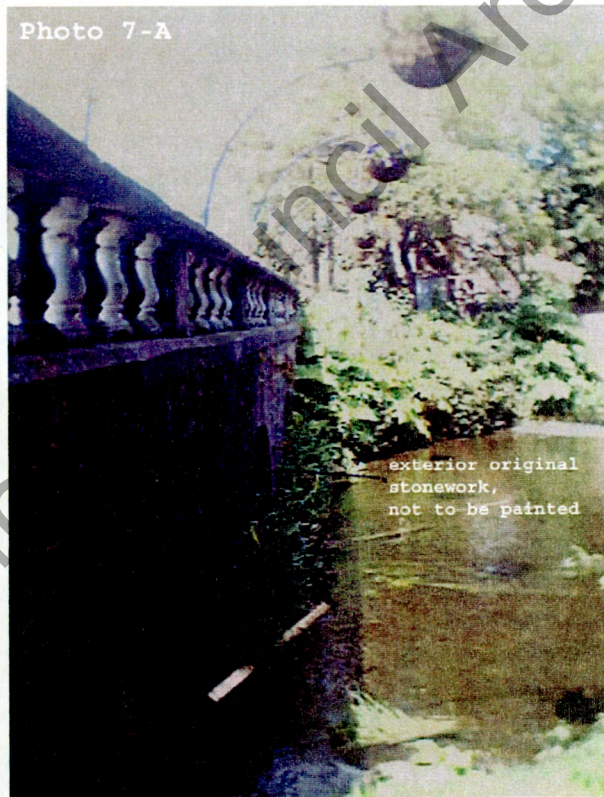


Photo 7-A

exterior original  
stonework,  
not to be painted



Photo 9-A

Photo 10-A

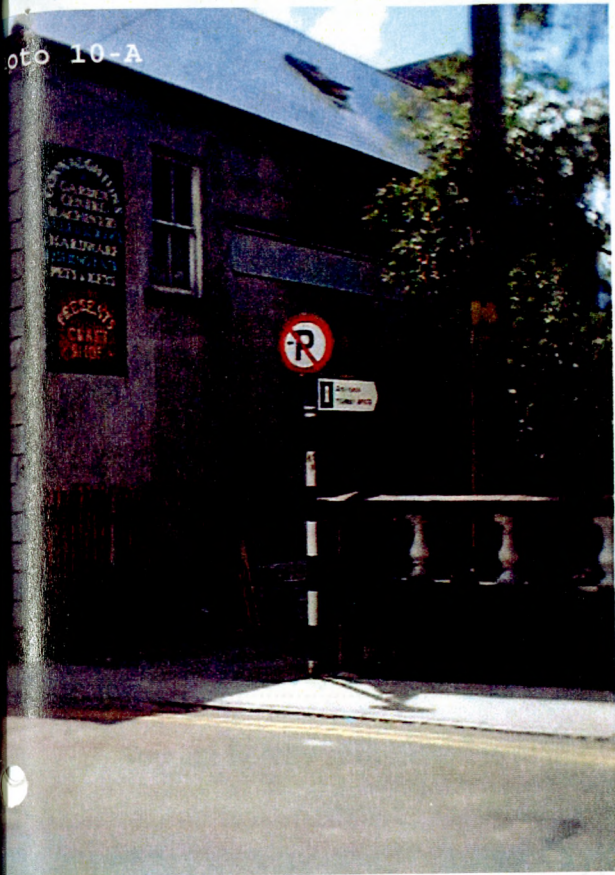


Photo 11-A



COMMISSIONERS

Juan Carlos Oltus  
Town of Gallop

24th June 2012

Town Commissioners

1pm

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Photo 12-A





# TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

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Tuam Clerk's Office,  
Town Hall, Tuam

To each Town Commissioner

26<sup>th</sup> June, 2002

A Chara,

The ~~Monthly~~ <sup>ANNUAL</sup> Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held  
on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2002 at 7.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

..... Angel Nolan ..... Baile Cleireach

## AGENDA

**Election of Mayor**

**Election of Deputy Mayor**

The Minutes of the May Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Ward seconded by Commissioner Joyce.

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26<sup>th</sup> June, 2002

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on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2002 at 8 p.m. after Annual Meeting**

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

*Angela Holian*  
Baile Cleireach

## AGENDA

**Planting of Tree at 6 p.m.**

**Annual Meeting at 7 p.m.**

**Minutes**

**Manager's Business**

**Correspondence**

**U. D. C. Status**

**N17**

**Standing Orders**

**Abstract of Accounts**

**By-Laws**

**Tuam Waste Treatment Plant**

**Tuam Mart**

The Minutes of the May Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Ward seconded by Commissioner Joyce.

# TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

## Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2002

**Present:**

**Mayor: Councillor Kelly**

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

**Apology:**

**Councillor Reilly, Councillor McHugh**

**Officials:**

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

**The Prayer was recited.**

**Minutes:**

The Minutes of the May Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Ward seconded by Commissioner Joyce.

**Matters arising from Minutes:**

**Scout Hall:** Mr. Gavin told the Members that a Legal Agreement is being drawn up. Councillor Browne-Lane stated that another meeting with Scouting Ireland was planned.

**Teample Jarlath:** Replying to Councillor O'Grady Mr. Gavin said that planning permission was not required for the structure being erected at High Street. Councillor Keaveney said the structure is a hazard for motorists coming from The Mall.

**Town Hall:** Replying to Councillor O'Grady the Town Engineer said options are being considered including the appointment of Sub-Contractors

**St. Mary's Cathedral:** Replying to Councillor O'Grady Mr. Gavin said he would look at the situation at St. Mary's Cathedral where the Verger's house was included as a protected structure.

**Parking:** Councillor Browne-Lane stated that there was a crisis as regards parking in the Town and the Public were being unfairly treated. Some cars were parked on the same spot all day. She asked if one-hour parking could be brought forward and a system of short-term street parking be put in place. She asked that a list of parking spaces and the number of spaces for the disabled be made available. It was decided to include By-laws on the agenda for the next meeting.

**N17/Milltown Road:** The Town Engineer stated that a report and a request for funding for the permanent re-instatement of the road had been sent to the Department of the Environment. The extension of the speed limits have been agreed with the Gardai. The 30 mph limit is to be extended out to where the existing 40 mph sign is and the 40 mph limit is to be located beyond the Bobby Burke road. He hoped traffic calming measures can be introduced.

Councillor Browne-Lane said a number of safety issues require attention: the volume and speed of trucks, entry to and exit from Blackacre Estate where there have been a number of minor collisions, and overnight parking on the hard shoulder. Councillor O'Grady stated that there will be a doubling of the number of houses in the short-term on the section of road between the Gardai Station and the Bobby Burke Road.

Replying to Councillor Keaveney Mr. Gavin said funding for maintenance of National Roads is down 10% this year.

Replying to Councillor Keaveney the Town Engineer said he would check the situation at the junction of Ballygaddy Road with Milltown Road where a dual lane feeds into a single lane.

**Bridge at Shop Street:** Replying to Councillor Browne-Lane Mr. Gavin said the Architect has been requested to examine the Bridge.

**U.D.C. STATUS:** It was noted that the matter cannot be progressed until the necessary legislation has been implemented.

### **Killaloonty:**

The Mayor told the Members that a request had been received from the Residents of Killaloonty, who would like to make a presentation to the Board, regarding the proposed treatment plant planned for Killaloonty. It was proposed by Councillor Joyce and seconded by Councillor Keaveney that the Deputation go ahead.

### **Correspondence:**

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2002 from Ms. Mary Egan, director of Nursing, Aras Mhuire, Tuam. Mr. Gavin said he would take the matter up with Mr. Ridge on his return. The Clerk was instructed to write to Mrs. Egan.

Letter dated 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2002 from Fingal county Council - noted.  
Replying to the Mayor Mr. Gavin said a Town Councillor could lodge an objection to a planning application or an appeal to An Board Planala.

Letter dated 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2002 from A.M.A.I. - read.

Letter dated 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2002 from Galway County Council regarding the addition of the Town Hall to the list of protected structures - noted.  
Mr. Gavin agreed to provide a list of protected structures.

### **Standing Orders:**

Standing Orders to be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

### **Abstract of Accounts:**

The Abstract of Accounts to be circulated to the Members and included on the agenda for the July meeting.

### **Fix date for Annual Meeting:**

The Annual Meeting to be held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2002.

### **Notice of Motion:**

Councillor Ward spoke on his Motion. He said there was a problem throughout the county where houses, when they become vacant, cannot be re-allocated because there is no money to carry out essential repairs. He asked for the support of the Board in calling on the Minister for the Environment to make the necessary funding available. There was unanimous support for the motion.

### **Tullinadaly Road:**

Replying to Councillor Browne-Lane regarding the construction of a timber walkway at Tullinadaly Road the Town Engineer said a Licence had been granted to put the Boarding out on the grass as a foundation needed to be put in. He said he would talk to the Developer in the morning.

### **Deputation:**

The Mayor welcomed Mr. Gerry Fahy, Mr. Jimmy Meehan and Mr. Arthur Connern from Killiloonty Residents Association to the meeting. Mr. Fahy stated that sewerage and other waste was being brought from other areas to the Tuam Plant, stored in open vats and dried off in open sheds. This results in a terrible smell in the area and when the prevailing winds are westerly the smell is unbearable. The People of the area object to the planned extension of the Plant. Mr. Meehan said there were no objections when the plant was opened in 1992. It was viewed as progressive for the town, and they were told there would be no odours, however life in the area has changed, People cant open their windows, hang out clothes or sit in their gardens. If the planned extension goes ahead waste from all over the county will be brought to Tuam for processing and the whole town will be affected. Mr. Connern appealed to the Board to take a strategic view of the proposed extension in view of the way the plant functions presently. He said this is not just a Killiloonty problem, all towns should look after their own waste. The Deputation then left.

Mr. Gavin said he had noted what the delegation had said and would bring their views back to the County Council. He said the Board would be kept up to date on developments regarding the matter.

It was agreed to include the matter on the agenda for the next meeting.

### **Tuam Mart:**

The Mayor told the Members he understood that planning permission with stipulations had been granted on the Mart site. The Residents of the area had objected to the proposed development and have now engaged a Solicitor to write to An Board Planala. They have also requested the Town Council to write to An Board Planala. He asked if it was in order for the Board to do so. Replying to the Mayor Mr. Gavin said he would check and see if it is in order for the Board to send in an objection..

### **Congratulations:**

Congratulations were extended to Councillor Paddy McHugh on his election to the 29<sup>th</sup> Dail. All Members paid tribute to Councillor McHugh and wished him well for the future. It was agreed that the Board would mark the occasion of his election and that of Mr. Finian McGrath formally Ballygaddy Road, Tuam who was elected in Dublin.

Congratulations were extended to Mr. Donagh Killilea on his Senate nomination.

Congratulations were extended to St. Patrick's School on their All-Ireland Quiz win. It was agreed to mark the occasion before the end of the month.

The Mayor told the Members that a plaque for St. Jarlath's College, winners of the All Ireland College's Football Final, had been ordered and this would be presented before the end of the month.

Congratulation were extended to all involved in the Tidy Towns.

### **Sympathy:**

A vote of Sympathy was passed with the following Families:

Comer Family, Old Racecourse Road on the death of Bill  
McDonagh Family, Headford on the death of James  
O'Leary Family, Athenry Road on the death of Peggy  
Naughton Family, Bishop Street on the death of Paddy  
Ward Family, St. Patrick's Terrace on the death of Nora

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by,  
Angela Holian,  
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY:

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MAYOR



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29<sup>th</sup> May, 2002

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Mise le meas,

..... *Angela Holian* ..... Baile Cleireach

### AGENDA

#### **Minutes**

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#### **N17**

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#### **Fix date for Annual Meeting**

#### **Notice of Motion: Councillor Ward**

**That Tuam Town Council call on the Minister for the Environment to provide adequate funding for essential repairs for housing**

..... of the Town  
..... ng in a Town  
..... own Demand,  
..... and Industrial  
valuations only, and also where the annual Rate increase is subject to Ministerial  
limitation this traditional relationship between the Town Demand and the yield  
from the Town Rate has changed.

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**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE**  
**GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL**

7<sup>th</sup> May, 2002.

Housing Loans/Grants

(091) 509 301

Housing Applications

(091) 509 300

Environment

(091) 509 302

Personnel

(091) 509 303

Motor Taxation

(091) 509 099

Driving Licences

(091) 509 305

Water Services

(091) 509 306

Community & Ent.

(091) 509 066

Planning

(091) 509 308

Engineering

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Paul Ridge,  
Director of Services.

**Re: Tuam Town Council Extension of Boundary.**

A Chara,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

The position for 2002 is as follows: -

ousing Loans/Grants

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

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

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

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

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

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

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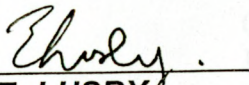
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