

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7th OF MAY 2002

I LATHAIR:

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

Oifigigh: Mr. P. Ridge, Director of Services,
Mr. S. Hengan A/Tuam Engineer.

Deputation:- Mr. M. McGrath, Tuam Tidy Towns Committee.

Mr. McGrath advised the Council that Tuam had re-entered the National Tidy Towns Competition an inspection had taken place. A list of items requiring attention had been prepared in consultation with Galway County Council and 90% of these were completed.

General items were discussed and the Council thanked Mr. McGrath and his committee for their work. They also undertook to assist in whatever way possible.

Presentation:-

Three of the four Community Wardens assigned to the Tuam Area were presented to the Council. They were given a warm welcome. After some general discussion it was agreed that a traffic management plan would greatly facilitate them in their work.

Minutes:-

The minutes were adopted on the proposal of Mayor Kelly seconded by Councillor Reilly.

Matters arising from the Minutes:

✓ **Tuam Hall:** It was requested that an attempt be made to expedite its completion.

Temple Jarlath: It was agreed to present the drawings of the works to the next meeting. Protection of the grave slabs was also discussed.

Scout Hall

/Areas: The report of the sub-committee was presented and it was agreed that the necessary documents be drawn up.

New leases for the Scout Den and a separate new lease for the store were also to be prepared.

N17: This matter was discussed and road surface and junction at Blackacre received emphasis. After general roads items were rated.

Managers Business:-

The proposals for the Purcell/Stockwell and Vicar street junction were presented.

The question of the representational allowance was discussed and it was considered that as County Councils get the same representation irrespective of size that Town Councils should be treated the same.

It was agreed to write to the AMAI, Dennis Landy, to lodge a formal complaint. Proposed by Cllr. P. O'Grady, seconded by Cllr. T. Reilly. It was also agreed that the Manager would draft a motion for inclusion on the Clar for the Annual Conference of A.M.A.I.

U.D.C. Status:-

A report on the financial implications was presented. The members were advised that no further action would take place until the necessary legislation was implemented.

Notice of Motions:-

- 1) It was agreed that this motion should also be sent to the AMAI and to FAS. Proposed by Cllr. M. Ward and seconded by Cllr. T. Reilly.
- 2) It was agreed that this motion would be brought to the attention of the Roads Section.

Other Items raised:

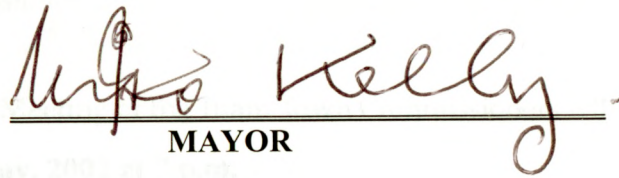
- 1) Agreed to have the Council's Architect to look at the Bridge on Shop Street with a view to improving its visual aspect.
- 2) Remove 2. Number of rusty poles.
- 3) Erect seats and remove flowerbed opposite Xtra vision.
- 4) Remove some of the brick in the square to improve traffic flow.
- 5) Consider the provision of courtesy car-parking spaces.
- 6) Present a plaque to St. Jarlath's in honour of their football success.

- 7) It was proposed that a plaque be erected to the late Mr. Harry Finnegan and that the walk through be named after Mr. Finnegan.

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by,
Paul Ridge,
Director of Service.

SIGNED BY:


MAYOR

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Telephone: (093) 24246

Tuam Clerk's Office,
Town Hall, Tuam

To each Town Commissioner

1st May, 2002

A Chara,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held
on Tuesday 7th May, 2002 at 7 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

Angel Holian
Baile Cleireach
AGENDA

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Manager's Business

Correspondence

U. D. C. Status

N17

Notices of Motion: Councillor Ward

- (1) That Tuam Town Council call on the Government to immediately stop all cut backs on FAS Community Employment Schemes and without delay reinstate all placements that have been axed.
- (2) That Tuam Town Council request the Manager to resource funding for footpaths and roads in the Tuam Town area.

Minutes:

The Minutes of the February Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Reilly seconded by Commissioner Ward.

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, 2nd April, 2002

Present: Mayor: Councillor Kelly

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

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 February Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Reilly seconded by Commissioner Ward.

Matters arising from Minutes:

Swimming Pool: The Members welcomed the announcement of the approval of the revised preliminary report, submitted to the Department of Tourism, Sport and Recreation, for the replacement of the Tuam Swimming Pool. Replying to the Members Mr. Ridge said the proposal can now proceed to Contract Document Stage

Scout Hall: The Mayor informed the Members that he, Councilor Browne-Lane and Councillor O'Grady had met with Mr. Ridge to discuss the issues raised at the last meeting. Mr. Ridge said he would arrange a meeting with the Family concerned during April and report back to the Council at the next meeting.

Teample Jarlath: Replying to the Mayor Mr. Ridge stated that there would be access to Teample Jarlath from High Street. It was proposed by Councilor Browne-Lane, seconded by Councilor McHugh and agreed that Councilor Joyce represent the Board on the Teample Jarlath working Committee.

Town Hall: Replying to the Members the Town Engineer said tiling is being done. It is hoped to have the top floor finished by the end of the year.

The Mayor welcomed Deputy Paul Connaughton to the Meeting. Deputy Connaughton welcomed the development regarding the Pool. On the industrial side, while there had been a number of initiatives he was disappointed that Tuam had failed to attract an I.D.A. assisted foreign Industry. An anchor industry was of major importance.

Regarding the Hospital he welcomed the purchase of the "Grove" by the Western Health Board, but the reopening of the hospital was of huge concern, not just in Tuam but in villages and parishes taking in a catchment area of 30,000 population. If Fine Gael are in government after the election the hospital will be reopened. He said 6m should be made available quickly as the hospital is urgently needed.

Regarding the Railway he said no city in Europe has a railway which is not used. He said the County Development People have proposed that the railway line be opened

The Mayor thanked Deputy Connaughton for attending the meeting.

Manager's Business:

N17: Replying to Councillor Browne-Lane Mr. Ridge said one of the reasons for the delay in carrying out a review of the N.17 – from Gilmartin Road to Bobby Burke Road – was that minor accidents are seldom reported to the Authorities. He said, from 1990 to 2000 there were six minor accidents reported for the section between the railway gates at Abbey Trinity and the Traffic lights at the Ballygaddy Road junction. He said Galway County Council would request the National Roads Authority to carry out a Road Safety Audit. This could take some time as he understood there were very few people trained to the required level to carry out such an audit. He said the speed limits in Tuam will be reviewed by June. Councillor O'Grady asked that the white line/arrows on the road approaching the Traffic Lights at the Junction with Ballygaddy Road be reviewed, and the lane on the Ballygaddy Road side should only be used by traffic turning into Ballygaddy Road. Councillor Reilly stated that exiting from the filling station at Abbey Trinity was extremely dangerous also the road surface from the railway gates to the traffic lights was bad.

Mr. Ridge said he would inform Galway County council of the concerns of the Town Council.

It was agreed to keep the N17 on the agenda for future meetings.

Urban Status:

Mr. Ridge stated that the Finance Officer was preparing a report for the next meeting.

The Barcelona Declaration Project

It was proposed by Councillor Reilly, seconded by Councillor Browne-Lane and agreed that Tuam Town Council adopt the Barcelona Declaration Project. Councillor Browne-Lane requested Galway County Council to erect signs at all disabled car parking spaces in Tuam. Councillor McHugh requested Galway County Council to do a survey in Tuam and identify areas where improvements for the disabled could be made. Councillor Reilly asked that disabled car parking space at Shop Street be moved closer to the Square, beside the cobblestone and the Phone.

Vicar Street:

Replying to Councillor O'Grady regarding roundabout at junction of Purcell/Stockwell road and Vicar Street the Town Engineer said the design was being prepared. He also said a section of Vicar Street is due to be re-surfaced.

The Mayor thanked Action Tuam for the "clean-up" carried out in the area recently. Mr. Michael McGrath was congratulated on being appointed Chairman of Action Tuam. It was proposed by Councillor O'Grady, seconded by Councillor Reilly and agreed to invite Mr. McGrath to the next meeting.

It was proposed by Commissioner Browne-Lane and seconded by the Mayor that the bench on bishop Street (opposite the Cathedral) be replaced.

Councillor Reilly asked that another section of the road at St. Joseph's Park be widened.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Notice of Conference re: "Wind - Alternative Power" from Bray Heritage Centre - noted.

Letter dated 12th March, 2002 from office of Mr. Noel Dempsey, T. D., Minister for the Environment and Local government - read.

Copy letter dated 19th March, 2002 from Mr. James McDaid, T.D. Minister for Tourism, Sport and Recreation to Mr. Noel Treacy, T. D. Minister of State for Science, Technology and Commerce re: Tuam Swimming Pool - read.

Letter dated 22nd March, 2002 from Tuam Hospital Action Group re: Public Meeting in the Imperial Hotel, Tuam at 8 pm on Friday 5th April, 2002 - noted.

Councillor Reilly and Councillor Browne-Lane stated that they would be unable to attend the meeting.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Sympathy:

A vote of Sympathy was passed with the following Families:

- Ryan Family, Athenry Road on the death of Miko
- O'Neill Family, Athenry Road on the death of Christy
- Forkin Family, The Square on the death of Kathleen
- Purcell Family, Bishop Street on the death of Rita
- Loftus Family, Shop Street and Ballygaddy Road on the death of Junie
- Hession Family, Toberjarlath Road on the death of John
- Mr. Paul Ridge, Director of Services on the death of his Aunt

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY:

M. Kelly

 MAYOR

PROP: M. Ward
Sec: T. Reilly

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27th March, 2002

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The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held
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You are hereby summoned to attend.

Present:

Mise le meas,

A. Nolan Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

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U. D. C. Status

Barcelona Declaration Project

N17

Minutes:

The Minutes of the February Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Keaveney

Matters arising from Minutes:

Front Hall: Letter dated 14th February '02, from Oliver and Bruce McHale, Mr. Paul Ridge, Director of Services was read.

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, 5th March, 2002

Present: Mayor: Councillor Kelly

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

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 February Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner McHugh seconded by Commissioner Keaveney.

Matters arising from Minutes:

Scout Hall: Letter dated 14th February, '02, from Oliver and Bridie McHale, to Mr. P. Ridge, Director of Services was read.

Manager's Business:

It was proposed by Councillor Browne-Lane and seconded by Councillor Reilly that somebody from the Town Council, Galway County Council, the Boy Scouts and the Family get together and discuss this with a view to an amicable resolution of the matter. Mr. Ridge said he would represent Galway County Council at that meeting. Regarding ownership of the property Mr. Ridge said he had requested the Law Agent to clarify the situation - the Town Council or the County Council should retain ownership. It was agreed that a deputation from the Town Council should meet the County Council prior to meeting with the Family - the deputation: Councillor Browne-Lane: proposed by Councillor Reilly seconded by Councillor McHugh, Councillor O'Grady: proposed by Councillor Keaveney seconded by Councillor Ward, The Mayor: proposed by Councillor Reilly seconded by Councillor Warren. Mr. Ridge said he would arrange a meeting on the 20th or 21st March, 2002.

Refuse collection: Replying to Councillor Ward Mr. Ridge said refuse collection is operated by a private Company. There is no waiver system available. He has arranged for the Environmental Officer to come to the May meeting.

N17: Replying to Councillor Browne-Lane, regarding the N17 Mr. Ridge said he had no report. He said it was a matter for the N.R.A. He said the N.R.A. person was on leave at the moment. Councillor Browne-Lane asked that the N17 be kept on the agenda.

Filling of vacancy;

It was proposed by Councillor Browne-Lane and seconded by Councillor O'Grady that Mrs. Geraldine Joyce be appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Councillor Joe Burke. There was no other proposal so the Mayor declared Mrs. Joyce elected the ninth member of the Town Council. All the Members congratulated her and welcomed her back.

Councillor Joyce congratulated Councillor Kelly on becoming the first Mayor of Tuam. She said she felt privileged to sit on the seat vacated by Councillor Burke, RIP and hoped she would do his memory justice. She would continue to work on behalf of Tuam.

Manager's Business:

Urban Status:

Replying to Councillor O'Grady Mr. Ridge said he had requested that a financial statement be prepared. He hoped to proceed in April.

Tuam Swimming Pool:

Regarding a new Pool Mr. Ridge told the Members that a revised preliminary report was submitted to the Department of Tourism, Sport and Recreation in January 2001. Queries were raised in March 2001 and dealt with. Further queries regarding eligible/ineligible expenditure and funding shortfall were also raised. Replies were issued on 9th August and 4th December, 2001. Approval to the revised Preliminary Report is awaited to allow the proposal to go to Contract Document Stage, followed by Tender and construction. It was proposed by Councillor Browne-Lane seconded by Councillor Joyce and agreed to invite the T. D.'s for the area to the next meeting of the Board. It was proposed by Councillor Reilly and seconded by councillor Keaveney to write to Minister McDaid.

Replying to Councillor Keaveney the Town Engineer said the new facilities at the Palace Grounds Park had been closed for a time but had been opened that day.

Teample Jarlath:

Mr. Ridge told the Members that the Heritage Council had agreed to offer a grant of 1,500 towards the cost of an ecological survey of the Teample Jarlath site. He complimented Ms. Mary Flynn, Galway County Council, who submitted the application. A copy of the application will be circulated to the Members.

The Barcelona Declaration Project

The Mayor told the Members that he and the Town Clerk had attended the Regional Launch of the Barcelona Declaration Project in Galway on Friday 1st March 2002. A copy of the declaration was available for each Member. It was decided to deal with this at the next meeting.

I. B. A. L.

The Members condemned the branding of Tuam the 2nd dirtiest town in Ireland by I.B.A.L. and An Taisce. The Members acknowledge that Tuam had a litter problem but was no worse than other towns of its size. In an effort to find out what I. B. A. L.'s programme was, they had invited I.B.A.L. to address the Board. They now questioned the methods used in the assessment of the town and disputed the outcome of the survey. They welcomed the work proposed for Teample Jarlath and the arrival of the Community Wardens. They paid tribute to the voluntary work of the Tidy Towns Committee. It was proposed by Councillor Reilly and seconded by Councillor Joyce that I.B.A.L. be invited to the next meeting of the Board. It was proposed by Councillor Browne-Lane and seconded by Councillor McHugh not to invite I.B.A.L. to a meeting. On a show of hands the proposal was defeated by a majority of five.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 28th January, 2002 from Dept. of Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht and the Islands - read.

Letter dated 5th February, 2002 from Monaghan Town Council - read.

Letter dated 6th February, 2002 from Waterford Corporation - read.

Letter dated February, 2002 from Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Ltd. regarding seventy-sixth Annual General Meeting of the Company. It was proposed by Councillor O'Grady and seconded by Councillor Joyce that Councillor Reilly attend the meeting.

Letter dated 26th February, 2002 from Clones Town Council - read.

Letter dated 27th February, 2002 from Kilrush Town Council - read.

Town Hall:

Replying to the Members the Town Engineer stated that work was progressing. He said the heating system has been installed. Work is about to start on the floors and plastering the walls.

Tuam Livestock Mart:

The Mayor stated that a meeting of the Residents in the area had taken place. The Residents are objecting to the proposed developments at the mart property. A petition against the development is being sent to Galway County Council. He asked the Town Engineer to look at materials parked on the footpath/street.

Councillor McHugh said the Residents feel the Mart is a traffic hazard and increased activity would make the situation worse. Councillor O'Grady urged the Mart to look again at Urban Renewal and the tax incentives.

Councillor Reilly said that in the minutes of the February meeting his name had been omitted from the list of councillor's who had visited the Mart on 24th January, 2002.

RAPID:

Mr. Ridge told the Members that the post of community Enterprise Development Officer has been advertised, interviews will be held in April with a view to appointments in May. The Area Implementation Team is being established and will consist of: Mayor of the Town Council, who will remain a member of the AIT for the life of the programme, Town Clerk, State Agencies, Two Tuam Residents, selected through the Community and Voluntary Forum, Manager of Galway Rural Development Company (partnership company representative) and Director of Community and Enterprise.

The Area Implementation Team will prepare an Action Plan, which will be submitted, for endorsement to the County Development Boards Social Inclusion Measures Group. The Town Council will nominate a representative to the SIM group at a future meeting. The SIM Group will sign off on the Plan and submit it to the National Monitoring Committee by next October/November. The Director of Community and enterprise will attend a forthcoming meeting.

Oliver and Bridie McHale,
The Fairgreen,
Tuam,
Co. Galway

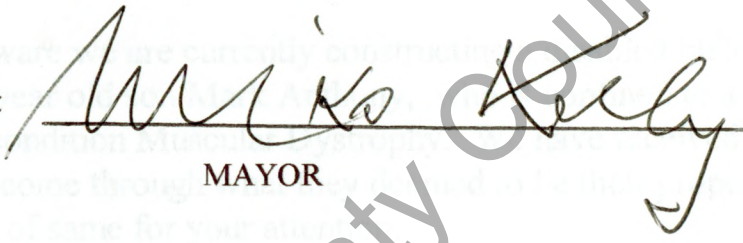
Sympathy:

The Mayor proposed a vote of Sympathy with Ms. Siobhan Holliman on the death of her Mother. One minute's silence was observed as a mark of respect.

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY:


MAYOR

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Oliver and Bridie McHale,
The Fairgreen,
Tuam,
Co. Galway.

Mr. Paul Ridge,
Director of Services,
Galway Co. Council,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

14-02-2002.

Dear Mr. Ridge,

We are corresponding with you as a result of a conversation we have had today with Clr. Tom Mc Hugh. He tells us that the registered owner of the Scout Property at the Old Road, Tuam is Galway Co Council.

As you are aware we are currently constructing a disabled building to facilitate our fourteen year old son Mark Anthony, who is confined to a wheelchair as a result of his condition Muscular Dystrophy. We have received permission from the scouts to come through what they deemed to be their property and we enclose copy of same for your attention.

Clr. Mc Hugh suggested to us that we write to your good self and request your permission to retain back entrance for the duration of our son's life. It is our situation that Mark Anthony can require hospital treatment at very short notice also it would make life much easier if we could transport him from what is going to be his new living accommodation through the back entrance. We wish to advise that we will indemnify Galway Co. Council against any insurance claims that may arise as a result of our traffic through Galway Co. Council property.

We look forward to your reply.

Yours faithfully,

Bridie McHale
Oliver McHale

SCOUTING IRELAND CSI
2nd GALWAY
OLD ROAD
TUAM
CO. GALWAY

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

*WE THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
SECOND GALWAY CSI UNIT ARE COMPETELY
IN FAVOUR OF OLLIE M. CALE
CONSTRUCTING A ROAD WAY THROUGH OUR
PREMISES FOR AS LONG AS MARK ANTHONY
NEEDS IT ON THE CONDITION THAT IT
DOES NOT EFFECT OUR INSURANCE IN ANY
WAY.*

YOURS SINCERELY

Elly O'Brien

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Filling of Vacancy - Co-option of new Member

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Tuam Swimming Pool

Rapid: The Cathworkleach told the Members that he and the Town Clerk had announced the announcement, by the Minister for the Environment, of the 2nd RAPID programme. He said a copy of the press release was available for each Member. He welcomed the announcement and hoped that Tuam would benefit enormously.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, 5th February, 2002

Present: Cathaoirleach: Commissioner Kelly

Commissioners: G. Browne-lane, M. Ward, T. Reilly,
P. O'Grady, P. McHugh, P. Warren, C. Keaveney.

Officials:

Mr. Paul Ridge, Director of Services,
Mr. Adrian Granson, Assistant Town Engineer
Mrs. Angela Holian, Town Clerk

The Prayer was recited.

Minutes:

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

The Minutes of the January Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Browne-Lane seconded by Commissioner Reilly.

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Draft County Development Strategy:

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Frank Dawson, Director of Services and Ms. Eimer Dolan County Development Officer to the meeting.

Ms. Dolan gave an outline of the Rapid Programme. She thanked the members for their co-operation in the preparation of the submission.

Mr. Dawson outlined the County Development Board's draft strategy for County Galway, which is being finalised. The County Development Board is currently meeting with key bodies to inform them about the content of the emerging strategy. A Public meeting will be held on Monday 11th February, 2002 at the Irish Wheelchair Association Resource Centre, The Glebe, Tuam. The final strategy will be agreed by the end of March, 2002.

Matters arising from Minutes:

Scout Hall: The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mrs. Margaret O'Driscoll and Mrs. Mary Ryan on behalf of Scouting Ireland, C.S.I. They requested that the Commissioners transfer the Old Scout hall together with the land into the ownership of Scouting Ireland, Tuam. Mr. Ridge undertook to clarify the situation and come back to the next meeting of the Board.

Fairgreen Heights: Commissioner McHugh complimented Galway County Council on work carried out at Fairgreen Heights.

Palace Grounds: Commissioner Browne-Lane thanked Galway County Council for new facilities provided at the Palace Grounds playground.

Manager's Business:

Town Council Status: Mr. Ridge informed the Members that in accordance with Section 32 and subject to the provisions of Schedule 8 of the Local Government Act 2001, the Council may, by resolution, give an alternative title to the office of its Cathaoirleach or Leas-Cathaoirleach. A copy of Sections 31 and 32 and Schedule 8 had been circulated to the Members.

It was proposed by Commissioner O'Grady, seconded by Commissioner Reilly and agreed that Commissioner Kelly be titled Mayor of the town of Tuam. It was proposed by Commissioner McHugh, seconded by Commissioner Ward and agreed that Commissioner Keaveney be titled Deputy Mayor.

Urban Status: Mr. Ridge stated that he may have given misleading information at a previous meeting. He said portion of the relevant Act had not be enacted yet but would be so later in the year. He requested the Finance Officer to prepare a report on the financial implications of Urban Status. He said he would report back to the Town Council.

Councillor O'Grady said representation of Tuam as a small town is diminishing the town's attractiveness as a location for industry. The I. D. A. have a problems selling Tuam. He said the boundaries urgently need to be extended as the real population of the town is between 12,000 and 15,000 people.

Decentralisation: Replying to Councillor Browne-Lane regarding decentralisation Mr. Ridge said he had no influence or insight into the matter. It was proposed by Councillor Browne-Lane, seconded by the Mayor and agreed that the Clerk write to the Minister.

Community Wardens: Mr. Ridge informed the Members that fifteen Community Wardens had been appointed in County Galway. He said they would start work on Tuesday 12/2/02. Four will be based in Tuam. The Members noted the areas where there was an urgent problem with litter.

I. B. A. L.: It was proposed by Councillor McHugh and seconded by Councillor O'Grady that a person from I. B. A. L. be invited to the March meeting.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 28th November, '01 from Kinsale Urban District Council - read.

Letter dated 11th December, '01 from Fingal County Council - read.

Notice of Annual conference of General Council of County Council - noted.

Letter dated 4th December, '01 from A. M. A. I. re: Spring Seminar. It was proposed by Councillor McHugh and seconded by Councillor Reilly that the Town Clerk attend. It was proposed by Councillor Ward and seconded by Councillor O'Grady that Councillor Reilly attend.

Letter dated December, '01 from Ms. Maureen Pierce - read

Letter dated 27th December, '01 from Herr Reinhold Perlak, Mayor of Straubing expressing sympathy on the death of Commissioner Burke, R.I.P.

Letter dated 17th December, '01 from Balbriggan Town commissioners - read.

Notice of Annual Conference of Local Authorities Members Association - noted.

Letter dated 10th January, '02 from Dept. of the Environment and Local Government - read.

Letter dated 14 the January, '02 from A. M. A. I. - copy circulated to each Member.

Letter dated 23rd January, '02 from Clonmel Borough Council - read.

Notice of Annual Conference of Mid-West Regional Authority - noted.

Tuam Livestock Mart: The Mayor stated that he and Councillors Ward, McHugh and *O'Reilly &* O'Grady visited the Mart premises on 24th January. Councillor O'Grady said the proposed developments on the site were fine but felt the Mart Committee were intransigent in not considering Urban Renewal. They discussed the danger of rats and pigeons if animal food is to be stored on the site. A meeting with the Residents was suggested. He called on the Mart to call a Public Meeting. The Mayor said the entrance/exit on the Galway Road was dangerous, the derelict site next to the Mart should be investigated and the wall between the Corrib Oil Depot and the railway line was too high. He said there were no facilities for Pedestrians on the Galway Road side. He said it was not clear where patrons would park if and when the proposed structures were built. Mr. Ridge said the Boundary would have been erected to protect the C.I.E. property and there were complicating factors regarding the site at the N71 entrance.

Abbey Trinity:

Replying to Councillor Reilly, regarding the development at Abbey Trinity, Mr. Ridge said the planning application is being processed.

Notices of Motion:

1. Councillor Browne-Lane spoke on her motion regarding problems with waste and refuse collection. She said a number of diligent householders have reduced their waste. There is no benefit to those who re-cycle, €176 for six months refuse collection. People who have no transport can't get to an amenity centre. Councillor Ward said he can see why dumping is so widespread. There is no justification for such increases in cost. People can no longer get a monthly ticket. He asked if there was a waiver system for the elderly. Councillor Keaveney queried who is monitoring price control. He proposed that a representative from W.E.R.S be invited to a meeting of the Board. Mr. Ridge stated that costs are in relation to disposal. There are ongoing problems with solid waste. Galway County Council are diligent in monitoring the situation. He said he would invite the Environmental Education Officer to the next meeting. There was unanimous support for the Motion.

2. Councillor Browne-Lane said the N17 through Tuam had been raised at a number of meetings. She said speed on the section from the traffic lights at the junction with Ballygaddy Road to Blackacre is tremendous, there have been a number of crashes on this section. Trucks are constantly exceeding the speed limit. Tuam is very badly served by the N.R.A. She asked that this be kept on the agenda. There was unanimous support for the Motion.

Filling of Vacancy:

It was agreed to include the Co-option of a new Member on the agenda for the next meeting.



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Sympathy:

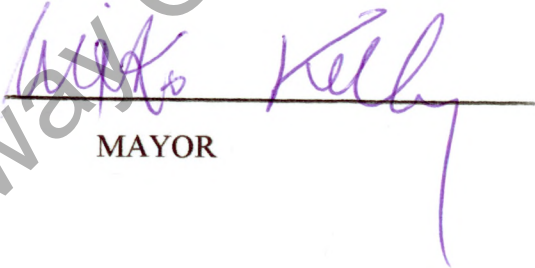
A vote of Sympathy was passed with the following Families:

- Ryan Family, Dublin Road on the death of Margaret
- Nickelson Family, Lissavalley on the death of Nano
- Brennan Family, Parkview Drive on the death of Adrian
- Ryan Family, Half Way House on the death of Joe
- Cunningham Family, Dublin Road on the death of Gerry
- Cunniffe Family, Dunmore on the death of Mary
- Tully Family, Moylough on the death of Sean
- Mullane Family, Trinity Court on the death of Rabbie
- Murrey Family, Trinity Court on the death of Mrs. Murrey
- Byrne Family, Old Racecourse Road on the death of Nellie
- Gormally Family, Lavelly on the death of Mary
- Ryan Family, Moylough on the death of Michael
- Reilly Family, Dublin Road on the death of Charlie

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

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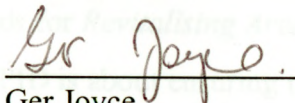
Angela Holian
Office of The Town Clarke,
Tuam Town Commission
Town Library
Tuam, Co. Galway

7th February 2002

A Chara,

I Ger Joyce, of Bishop St. Tuam, wish to let my name go forward to fill the vacancy, which has arisen in Tuam Town Commission following the recent death of Mr. Joe Burke.

Sincerely,


Ger Joyce

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NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN



Launch of Provincial Towns Strand of RAPID Programme - Revitalising Areas by Planning, Investment and Development

The Provincial Towns Strand of the RAPID Programme, launched today (1 February) by Mr. Noel Dempsey, T.D., Minister for the Environment and Local Government, will target twenty towns for State investment in facilities and services over the next three years. This programme is about *“improving the quality of life of communities in these towns and in doing so giving a lift to the whole town”* said the Minister.

RAPID stands for *Revitalising Areas by Planning, Investment and Development*. As the name implies, RAPID is about ensuring that all towns selected under the programme are re-vitalised through prioritised investment in a coherent, targeted and accelerated way. Under the National Development Plan (NDP) Government Departments and State Agencies, including local authorities will be giving special attention to the areas targeted to ensure efficient and effective implementation of RAPID.

“The RAPID Programme for provincial towns is about revitalising and renewing the selected towns. It’s about targeting those communities in these towns who have, to an extent, missed out on our recent prosperity and frontloading investment under the NDP in the selected towns.” the Minister said. RAPID is a focused Government response aimed at helping these communities whether they are located in concentrated areas in the larger urban centres or in pockets of deprivation in the smaller provincial towns.

RAPID is made up of two Strands - Strand I which was launched last February, focuses on the major urban areas, and Strand II which deals with provincial towns. For the bigger towns selected under Strand II, targeted areas of need within the town will come under the RAPID programme. In the case of smaller towns, there will be a more whole town approach. However there will be a particular focus on tackling pockets of disadvantage at various locations within the overall town.

The Minister outlined how the RAPID Programme will operate on the ground. A special co-ordinator will be appointed by the relevant local authorities for each of the 20 towns. The co-ordinator will work with an Area Implementation Team which will include local residents and State agencies to draw up an action plan for the towns, which will identify needs. The targeted areas within the towns will then be prioritised for investment and development in a number of key areas, including health, education, housing, childcare and community facilities.

"The provincial towns Strand of RAPID is a serious initiative by Government to re-vitalise disadvantaged areas in the selected towns. We will ensure that the State Agencies will deliver on good quality plans drawn up for these towns in consultation with local communities" the Minister concluded.

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THE RAPID PROGRAMME FOR PROVINCIAL TOWNS

What is the RAPID Programme?

The RAPID Programme is a focused Government response aimed at helping communities living in areas, which have not fully shared in our recent prosperity. The programme is made up of two Strands - Strand I (which was launched in February 2001), focuses on major urban areas and Strand II which deals with provincial towns, including the city of Galway (which was not included in Strand I). The CLÁR Programme for rural areas was launched in October 2001.

RAPID stands for *Revitalising Areas by Planning, Investment and Development*. As the name implies RAPID is about prioritising in a coherent, targeted and accelerated way, new and improved services and infrastructural investment to the communities living in RAPID areas. Under the National Development Plan (NDP), Government Departments and State Agencies, including local authorities, will be giving special attention to the areas targeted to ensure efficient and effective implementation of RAPID.

What Provincial Towns are included in the Programme?

Twenty towns, including parts of Galway city, have been selected for inclusion in the Provincial Towns Strand of the RAPID Programme. These are made up of ten large and ten small towns. The towns were identified on the basis of objective criteria, including educational attainment and social housing. The identification process was managed by Area Development Management Limited (ADM) on behalf of the Department of the Environment and Local Government.

Details of the twenty towns are set out in the Appendix 1.

Who will Benefit?

The aim is to ensure that disadvantaged areas within all towns selected under RAPID are re-vitalised and renewed. Altogether, it is estimated that around 100,000 people stand to benefit from the provincial towns strand of RAPID. For the bigger towns investment will be targeted at those areas within the town identified as most in need. In the case of

smaller towns, there will be a more whole town approach, but with the emphasis on disadvantaged areas within these town(s).

How can a town access support?

Provided a town is on the list of selected towns, then the local Co-ordinator, employed by the local authority, will work with local residents to assess the needs of the area. The Area Implementation Team will then prepare a plan that addresses these needs. Once a plan for the relevant areas within the town is drawn up and agreed, the intention is that NDP investment will be channelled to meet the genuine requirements identified.

How will it work?

The delivery arrangements for the Provincial Towns Strand as suitably adapted, generally mirror those for Strand I (major urban areas). The targeted RAPID areas within the towns will be prioritised for investment and development under the NDP in line with priorities set out in the Area Implementation Plan. Such priorities might include: health, education, housing, childcare and community facilities including sports facilities, youth development, employment, drug misuse and policing. Each RAPID area will, however, have varying needs and priorities. The intention is that real and practical improvements will be made to make sure services are better and easier to access. Essentially what's involved is getting the various State Agencies working together and pooling resources for the benefit of the more disadvantaged areas in response to identified needs.

Area Implementation Team

An Area Implementation Team for the town will be established. It will bring together local State Agency personnel (Local Authority, Health Board, VEC, Dept of Social, Community and Family Affairs, FÁS, etc), the local Partnership Company and residents from the local community. The team will have the support of the relevant County Development Board, the local authority and the RAPID liaison staff in Area Development Management Ltd.

Implementation Plan

The Area Implementation Team will draw up an implementation plan for the RAPID areas. The local authority will appoint a special local co-ordinator for each provincial town to help draw up and implement the Plan in consultation with the relevant agencies and the local community. The local co-ordinator will work with the local community to:

- a) identify what the local needs really are;
- b) see how best to tackle the problems identified;
- c) ensure provision and co-ordination of services and investment involving the kinds of services and facilities that are most urgently needed in the area and which can be delivered within the next three years.

The implementation plan will build on and take account of existing plans for the relevant areas within the selected towns. The focus will be on targeting genuine need in a realistic and achievable manner.

Will the local community have a say?

Involvement of the local community is crucial to the success of the Programme. The local community will have access to their local co-ordinator in identifying local needs. The Area Implementation Team, which will propose plans for each area, will include residents from the local community.

How will RAPID be monitored?

The Social Inclusion Co-ordinating Group which is linked to the County Development Board will be expanded, and adapted as necessary, to monitor the RAPID Programme at local level. It will comprise State Agency personnel, local public representatives, representatives of the local development sector and the Social Partners. This Monitoring Group will have an input into devising a plan for the area and ensuring the delivery of services. There is also a National Monitoring Committee, chaired by Dr. Maureen Gaffney, overseeing the RAPID Programme, which will report to Government.

APPENDIX 1

How to get more information?

More information can be obtained from the Community and Enterprise Office in the local authority. A list of the relevant offices is attached (Appendix 2).

Smaller Towns¹

1. Athy
2. Ballinasloe
3. Carrick-on-Suir
4. Cavan
5. Longford
6. Mallow
7. New Ross
8. Tipperary
9. Tullamore
10. Youghal

Larger Towns²

1. Athlone
2. Clonow
3. Clonmel
4. Ennis
5. Galway
6. Kilkenny
7. Limerick
8. Sligo
9. Tralee
10. Wexford

¹ There will generally be a whole town approach adopted for each of the towns listed in this category but with the greatest emphasis being given to areas of concentrations of disadvantage within the town.

² In the category for larger towns, the KAPID Programme will generally focus on areas of concentrations of disadvantage within the town. The designated areas within each of the larger towns are set out overleaf.

APPENDIX 1

Programme for Re-vitalising Areas by Planning, - Investment and Development (RAPID)

Strand II - Provincial Towns

Smaller Towns¹

1. Athy
2. Ballinasloe
3. Carrick-on-Suir
4. Cavan
5. Longford
6. Mallow
7. New Ross
8. Tipperary
9. Tuam
10. Youghal

Larger Towns²

1. Athlone
2. Carlow
3. Clonmel
4. Ennis
5. Galway
6. Kilkenny
7. Navan
8. Sligo
9. Tralee
10. Wexford

¹ There will generally be a whole town approach adopted for each of the towns listed in this category but with the greatest emphasis being given to areas of concentrations of disadvantage within the town.

² In the category for larger towns, the RAPID Programme will generally focus on specific areas within the towns. The designated areas within each of the larger towns are set out overleaf.

Areas within the larger towns included in the RAPID Programme

Athlone

- Battery Heights
- Ashdale / Clonbrusk
- Sarsfield Square
- St. Mels Square
- Lissywollen
- Monksland

Carlow

- Tullow Road:
Sunset View / Bridge Street / New Oak Estate / Cois Ehamn / Carrig Rua / Mount
Leinster Park / Askea Lawns / Silver Pines / John Sweeney Park / Dereen Heights /
Cherry Mount Drive / Riverview Close / Burrin Manor / The Laurels / Staplestown
Road
- Graiguecullen:
Fr. Byrne Park / Rossmore View / Whitney Place / Maher Road / Governey Park /
Pearse Road / Croppy Place / Sleaty Street / Pacelli Avenue / Ninety Eight Street /
Church Street / Henry Street / St. Fiacs Terrace / Chapel Street / Radharc Oisin /
Governey Square / The Numbers / Duggan Avenue

Clonmel

- Bianconi Drive
- Elm Park
- Cooleens / Heywood Close
- Wilderness / Carrigeen

Ennis

- Hermitage
- Clancy Park
- Cloughleigh
- Drumbiggle
- Dalcassian
- Military Barracks

Galway

- Ballybane
- Ballinfoyle
- Westside
- Bohermore
- Wellpark / Mervue

APPENDIX 2

Offices of the Directors of Community and Enterprise in the towns selected under the Provincial Towns Programme of the 1990s

Kilkenny

- Hebron Park / Bishop Birch Place / Ossory Park / De La Salle Place / Newpark Close / O'Loughlin Court / Millennium Court / St. Mary's Avenue
- Newpark Lower
- New Orchard / Poccocke Valley
- The Butts / St. Canice's
- McCauley Place

Navan

- Claremont Estate
- Woodview Estate
- Clogherboy / Oaklawns Estate
- Townspark Estate
- Reask Estate
- St. Columban's Crescent
- St. Benildus Villas
- Dean Cogan Place
- McDermott Villas
- Emmet Terrace
- St. Brigids Villas
- Parnell Park
- Connolly Avenue
- St. Patrick's Terrace

Sligo

- Cranmore Estate
- Forthill Area / Carron Estate
- Garavogue Villas / Doorly Park
- St Josephs Terrace / St. Bridgets Place / Pilkington Terrace
- Maugheraboy / Jinks Avenue / Tracey Avenue

Tralee

- Shanakill / Ragoonane
- Spa Road / Balloonagh
- Mitchels Crescent / St. Martins Park

Wexford

- Greater Clonard
- Maudlintown / Faythe

APPENDIX 2

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BORD FORBARTHA CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE GALWAY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT BOARD

AN CHÉAD DHRÉACHT STRAITÉIS/ FIRST DRAFT STRATEGY

Tá an Dréacht Straitéis do Chontae na Gaillimhe ina leagfar síos spriocanna, aidhmeanna agus bearta sóisialta, cultúrtha agus eacnamaíochta don Chontae sa deich mbliana atá romhainn, dhá chriochnú ag an mBord Forbartha Contae faoi láthair. Tá sé d'aidhm ag an mBord Forbartha Contae na seirbhísí poiblí a chomhordú agus a shnaidhmeadh le chéile de bharr na Straitéise seo, chomh maith le príomh bhearta a forbairt do na heagraíochtaí stáit, deonacha, údarás áitiúil agus na páirtneírí sóisialta. Aontófar an straitéis chriochnaithe ag deireadh mí Márta 2002 agus tá an Bord Forbartha Contae ag buaileadh leis na heagraíochtaí is tábhachtaí anois chun iad a chur ar an eolas faoi a bhfuil sa Straitéis.

Galway County Development Board is currently finalising the Draft Strategy for County Galway— Working Together Shaping Our Future, which sets out a number of social, economic and cultural, goals, objectives and actions which will shape the future of County Galway over the next 10 years. The County Development Board, through the production of this Strategy aims to promote the co-ordination and integration of public services and the development of key actions among state, voluntary, local government and social partner organisations. The final strategy will be agreed by the end of March 2002 and the County Development Board is currently meeting with key bodies to inform them about the content of the emerging Strategy.

Tá an bhéim dhá chur ar ocht dtéama a d'aimsigh baill an Bhoird, na Meithealacha Oibre, Fóram Pobail Contae na Gaillimhe agus an Comhdháil a tionóladh i mí Bealtaine 2001. Is iad seo a leanas na téamaí:

The Strategy focuses on eight themes which have been identified by members of the Board, Working Groups, Galway County Community Forum and the County Development Board Consultative Conference held in May 2001. The themes are as follows:

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| • Gaeltacht Beo | A Living Gaeltacht |
| • Pobail bríomhar sna hoileáin | Vibrant Island Communities |
| • Ag teacht ar Sheirbhísí | Access to Services |
| • Infheistíocht sna Pobail | Investing in Communities |
| • Deiseanna Oibre agus Foghlamtha | Opportunities for Work and Learning |
| • Ár saibhreas Fisiciúil agus ár nAcmhainní Náúúrtha a bhainistiú | Managing Our Wealth of Physical and Natural Resources |
| • Aitheantas don éagsúlacht cultúr | Celebrating Cultural Diversity |
| • Bun eacnamaíochta Shláintiúil | Healthy Economic Base |

Ba mhaith leis an mBord Forbartha Contae tuairimí dreamanna éagsúla a fháil faoi na téamaí agus na bearta a d'fhéadfaí a chur i gcrích. Tionólfar sraith cruinnithe poiblí i mí Feabhra faoin Dréacht Straitéis. Is féidir an Chéad Dhréacht Straitéis a fheiceáil ar an suíomh www.gaillimh.ie nó sna craobhacha áitiúla den Leabharlann, sna hionaid Eolais Pobail, nó sna hoifigi i dTuaim. i mBaile Locha Riach agus i mBéal átha na Sluaighe. Cuirfear fáilte roimh aighneachtaí faoin Dréacht Straitéis, i scríbhinn, ó dhaoine agus ó ghrúpaí a bhfuil spéis acu ann, roimh 5.00 in, Dé hAoine, 15 Feabhra, 2002

The County Development Board is seeking views from interested groups and individuals about these themes and possible actions. A series of public meetings on the Draft Strategy will take in February. A copy of the draft strategy can be viewed on www.gaillimh.ie or by calling to local libraries, Citizen Information Centres, Civic Offices at Tuam, Loughrea and Ballinasloe. **Written submissions on the Draft Strategy are also invited from interested individuals and groups no later than 5.00pm on Friday 15th February 2002.**

Ba mhór againn dá bhfeadfa freastal ar chruinniú chun an Chéad Dhreacht Straitéis a phlé:
You are invited to attend a public meeting to discuss the Draft Strategy on:


<u>DATE</u>	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Wednesday 6 February 2002	Loughrea Library, Church Street, Loughrea	8.00pm
Monday 11 February 2002	Irish Wheelchair Association Resource Centre, The Glebe, Tuam	8.00pm
Tuesday 12 February 2002	Station House Hotel, Clifden	8.00pm
Wednesday 13 February 2002	Town Council Civic Offices, Ballinasloe Oranmore Lodge Hotel, Oranmore	8.00pm 8.00pm
Tuesday 19 February 2002	An Scailep Cultúrtha, Leabharlann, An Cheathrú Rua	8.30pm

Tuilleadh eolais / further information:

Bord Forbartha Chontae na Gaillimhe, Cúirt Bharr a' Chalaigh, Cé Bharr a' Chalaigh, Gaillimh.
Teil: 091 509066; Facs: 091 561488; Ríomhphost: countystategy@galwaycoco.ie



Galway County Development Board is facilitated by the Community and Enterprise Unit of Galway County Council.
Tá Bord Forbartha Chontae na Gaillimhe áisithe ag Aonad Pobail agus Fiontair Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe


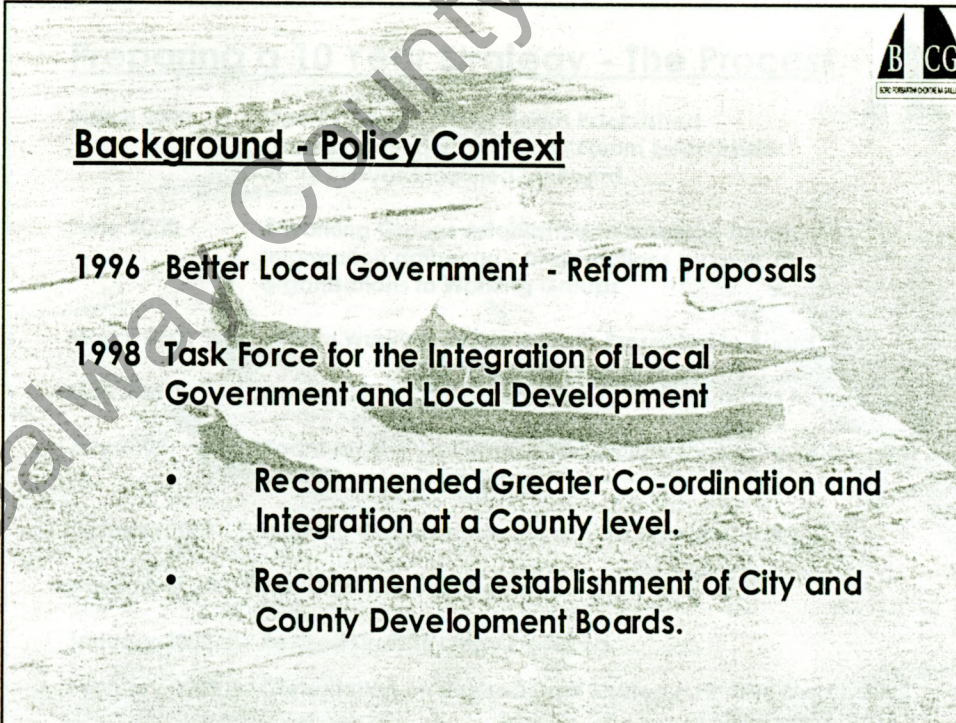


'Galway - Working Together - Shaping Our Future'
Social, Economic, Cultural Strategy for Co. Galway
2002 - 2012

Gaillimh - ar scáth a chéile - Ár dtodhchaí á mhúnlú
Straitéis Shóisialta, Eacnamaíochta agus Chultúrtha do Chontae na Gaillimhe
2002 - 2011

Presentation to Tuam Town Council
February 2002

Presented by:
Frank Dawson, Director of Community & Enterprise
Eimear Dolan, Community & Enterprise Development Officer



Background - Policy Context

1996 Better Local Government - Reform Proposals

1998 Task Force for the Integration of Local Government and Local Development

- Recommended Greater Co-ordination and Integration at a County level.
- Recommended establishment of City and County Development Boards.

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Purpose of the Strategy





1. Creation of agreed set of visions, goals and objectives for the county;
2. Involvement of community & voluntary sector in decision-making and implementation;
3. Identification of gaps and overlaps in provision of services;
4. Promotion of social inclusion;
5. Co-ordination of actions of statutory, local development, local government and community sector;
6. Implementation of actions required to achieve goals;
7. Development of agreed programme of against which other strategies can be proofed.

Preparing a 10 Year Strategy - The Process



March 2000	County Development Board Established Galway County Community Forum Established 26 key issues identified by Board
June 2000	4 Working Groups established to examine issues Information gathering - presentations by over 70 organisations to Working Groups
March 2001	Interim Working Group Reports Presented to Board
May 2001	Consultative Conference held to further discuss key issues
July 2001	Board review Conference Report and formulate vision, aims & objectives for Draft Strategy
October 2001	Working Group further develop actions for Draft
November 2001	First Draft Strategy Prepared - 8 Key themes
January 2002	Revised Draft Strategy Prepared
February 2002	Consultation on Revised Draft Strategy Finalise March 2002

Our Strategy/ Ár Straitéis - 8 Key Themes		
A Living Gaeltacht	Gaeltacht Beo	
Vibrant Island Communities	Pobail bríomhar sna hoileáin	
Access to Services	Ag teacht ar Sheirbhísí	
Investing in Communities	Infheistíocht sna Pobail	
Opportunities for Work and Learning	Deiseanna Oibre agus Foghlamtha	
Managing Our Wealth of Physical and Natural Resources	Ár saibhreas Fisiciúil agus ár nAcmhainní Nádúrtha a bhainistiú	
Celebrating Cultural Diversity	Aitheantas don éagsúlacht cultúr	
Healthy Economic Base	Bun eacnamaíochta Shíáintiúil	

Theme:	Access to Services	
Sub-Themes:	Connecting People and Places Equal Access to Services	
	Vision: <i>Galway County is a place where its local infrastructure connects people and places to essential services so that there is equal access to, and benefit from public and other services</i>	
	Goal- Connecting People and Places (Transport) To work towards the development of a safe, affordable, efficient and accessible public transport system in County Galway which is sensitive to the environment and linked to national transport systems	

Objectives - Transport:



1. Development of a co-ordinated approach to transport planning for County Galway
2. To work in partnership with public, private and community interests to develop, maintain and communicate a clear strategic Transport Policy Framework for County Galway
3. To investigate the most effective and practical options for the development of public transport to the widest range of users in the County, in particular, to address the lack of transport in rural areas.

Transport Actions - Some Examples:



1. Establish an Integrated Transport Co-ordinating Group to develop a clear Transport Strategy for the County.
2. Develop an agreed 10 year Rural Transport and Action Plan with a sub-county focus.
3. Develop Rural Transport Projects to improve access to work and learning opportunities
4. Work with other County Development Boards to lobby for the re-opening of the Western Strategic Corridor Rail Link (Sligo to Limerick)

Sub Theme: Equal Access to Services



Goal:

To facilitate all people and communities in the County to have access to and involvement in the design and delivery of key services, supports and development programmes to achieve greater equality of outcome.

Actions:

1. Assess the level and extent of service delivery within the County.
2. Develop Area Based Strategies in each electoral area within the County.
3. Produce an accessible bi-lingual County Information Directory/Database as a guide to services for people in the County.
4. Establish a Citizen's Panel to provide feedback on quality and level of service provision.
5. Develop pilot projects to test methods of service delivery for isolated rural areas.

Theme: A Healthy Economic Base



Sub-Themes: Sectoral Diversity

Geographic Spread of Economic Development

Vision:

Galway is a place where people enjoy a balanced quality of life and a reasonable standard of living throughout the County based on a healthy sustainable local economy

Goal - Sectoral Diversity:

Galway will build on it's world class standard of research talent contributing to the creation of an healthy economic base, offering a balanced approach between all sectoral areas.

Goal - Geographic Spread of Economic Development

To attract and secure foreign and indigenous industry to achieve an appropriate and balanced spread of enterprise throughout the County

Economic Actions - Some Examples



1. To identify productive economic sectors with growth potential in the County e.g knowledge based, cultural products and services, bio-technology, marine, tourism based industries.
2. Establish an enterprise support platform for the development of new enterprise ideas.
3. Management and technical support to communities engaged in enterprise space development.
4. Establish agreed indicators for appropriate levels of physical infrastructure to advance economic development across the County (linked to County Development Plan)
5. Ensure sufficient standard of communications and roads infrastructure to facilitate location of industry in county's towns
6. Attract new technology and other knowledge based industries to County's towns
7. Develop programmes to support women with an interest in micro-enterprise development.

Strategy Implementation



- CDB to prepare an Annual Implementation Plan
- CDB to monitor progress on an ongoing basis
- Strategic actions to be implemented by key partners with one partner acting as the 'lead partner'.
- Strategy and all actions must be proofed for its impact on gender, equality, poverty, rural development and environment.
- Ongoing contact & co-operation with the City Development Board.
- Regional and cross county linkage for implementation of actions.

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL
SHOP STREET
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Tuam Town Council - Your Role



Review the Draft Strategy;

Identify what actions you feel should be the **key strategic actions;**

Identify where the Town Council could be an **active or lead partner**

Forward your response to us by Friday 15th February;

Stay involved and informed about the Strategy and its progress.

Keep us informed about your issues and how the strategy needs to adapt to meet new challenges and issues that will arise.

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[No. 37.] Local Government Act, 2001. [301.]
(6) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any Act or in any instrument made under the power of any Act, the provisions of section 17 of the Local Government Act 1994, with reference to the Third Schedule to that Act altering local authority boundaries for electoral purposes only shall continue in force, but subject to the repeal of those provisions by this Act.
(7) Subject to Part 4, the area of any county or town (including any borough or urban district) the boundary of which was altered for electoral purposes only under section 17 of the Local Government Act 1994 shall be as shown in the Schedule to this Act.
(8) In the case of any county or town, the name of the county or town shall be followed by the name of the county or town in the Irish language, and the name of the county or town in the English language shall be followed by the name of the county or town in Irish.
(9) In the case of a borough, the name of the borough shall be followed by the name of the borough in the Irish language, and the name of the borough in the English language shall be followed by the name of the borough in Irish.

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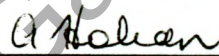
5th February 2002

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE

RE: Alternative Titles to Cathaoirleach and Leas-Cathaoirleach

In accordance with Section 32 and subject to the provisions of Schedule 8 of the Local Government Act 2001, the Council may by resolution give an alternative title to the office of its Cathaoirleach or Leas-Cathaoirleach. A copy of Sections 31 and 32 and Schedule 8 are enclosed for your information.

Mise le meas,


A. HOLIAN
TOWN CLERK

- (b) Nothing in *paragraph (a)* operates to prejudice the power of any person, conferred by or under section 10 of the School Attendance Act, 1926, to appoint persons to fill casual vacancies among the membership of a school attendance committee.

Savers (*Part 4*).

30.—(1) Subject to *Part 8*, regulations made under subsections (1) and (2) of section 17 of the Local Government Act, 1994, with reference to the Third Schedule to that Act altering local authority boundaries for electoral purposes only shall continue in force, notwithstanding the repeal of those provisions by this Act.

(2) Subject to *Part 8*, the area of any county or town (including any borough or urban district) the boundary of which was altered for electoral purposes only under section 17 of the Local Government Act, 1994, is for such purposes the area so altered and the local government electors standing registered in respect of such area are entitled to vote at the local elections to be held in 2004 and from then on.

PART 5

CATHAOIRLEACH AND LEAS-CHATHAOIRLEACH

CHAPTER 1

General

Cathaoirleach and
Leas-
Chathaoirleach.

31.—(1) Subject to this Part each local authority shall have a chairperson and vice-chairperson who shall be elected and hold office in accordance with this Part and who in this Act are referred to as “Cathaoirleach” and “Leas-Chathaoirleach”, respectively, and shall be so known except where the provisions of *section 32* apply.

(2) The holders of the offices of Cathaoirleach and Leas-Chathaoirleach shall as appropriate be styled—

(a) in the case of a county council, in the Irish language “Cathaoirleach Chontae” and “Leas-Chathaoirleach Chontae” followed by the name of the county in Irish, and in the English language “Cathaoirleach of the County of” and “Leas-Chathaoirleach of the County of” followed by the name of the county in English,

(b) in the case of a city council, in the Irish language “Cathaoirleach Chathair” and “Leas-Chathaoirleach Chathair” followed by the name of the city in Irish, and in the English language “Cathaoirleach of the City of” and “Leas-Chathaoirleach of the City of” followed by the name of the city in English,

(c) in the case of a town council, in the Irish language “Cathaoirleach Bhaile” and “Leas-Chathaoirleach Bhaile” followed by the name of the town in Irish, and in the English language “Cathaoirleach of the Town of” and “Leas-Chathaoirleach of the Town of” followed by the name of the town in English.

(d) in the case of a borough council, in the Irish language “Cathaoirleach Bhuirg.....” and “Leas-Chathaoirleach Bhuirg.....” followed by the name of the borough in

Irish, and in the English language “Cathaoirleach of the Borough of.....” and “Leas-Chathaoirleach of the Borough of.....” followed by the name of the borough in English. Pr.5 S.31

(3) Any reference in any other enactment to the lord mayor, mayor, chairman, deputy lord mayor, deputy mayor or vice-chairman or cognate words shall, where the context so requires, be read as a reference to the Cathaoirleach or Leas-Chathaoirleach or other title standing for the time being by virtue of *section 32*, as the case may be.

(4) The Cathaoirleach shall take precedence at all meetings of the local authority and all proceedings of the elected council.

(5) Anything authorised or required by this Act or otherwise by law to be done by, to or with the Cathaoirleach may where necessary be done by, to or with the Leas-Chathaoirleach of the local authority.

(6) The Cathaoirleach may, where the Leas-Chathaoirleach is unavailable, nominate from among the other members of the local authority a member for the purpose of representing the Cathaoirleach at any ceremony or event in that capacity and that member shall be entitled to act in that capacity for such purpose.

(7) Where a casual vacancy occurs in the office of Cathaoirleach of a local authority, the Leas-Chathaoirleach shall assume the responsibilities of the office pending the election in accordance with this Part of a Cathaoirleach.

(8) A person holding the office of Cathaoirleach or Leas-Chathaoirleach on the commencement of this provision shall continue to hold that office in accordance with this Part.

(9) Subject to this Act, an outgoing Cathaoirleach or Leas-Chathaoirleach shall be eligible for re-election.

(10) This Chapter, subject to *subsection (11)*, shall apply to a Cathaoirleach or Leas-Chathaoirleach elected in accordance with *Chapter 2* or *Chapter 3* of this Part.

(11) *Section 34* shall apply to a Cathaoirleach or Leas-Chathaoirleach elected in 2004 in accordance with *Chapter 2* or *Chapter 3* of this Part and thereafter.

32.—(1) Where prior to the commencement of *section 31*—

(a) Cork City Council or Dublin City Council used the title “Lord Mayor” or “Deputy Lord Mayor”,

(b) any other city council used the title “Mayor” or “Deputy Mayor”, or

(c) any borough council referred to in *Chapter 1* of *Part 1* of *Schedule 6* used the title “Mayor” or “Deputy Mayor”,

to describe its office of Cathaoirleach or Leas-Chathaoirleach as the case may be, it shall continue to so use such title or titles notwithstanding the provisions of *section 31*.

(2) A local authority referred to in *subsection (1)* may by resolution give the title Cathaoirleach or Leas-Chathaoirleach to its Lord

Alternative titles to
Cathaoirleach and
Leas-
Chathaoirleach, etc.

Mayor or Deputy Lord Mayor, Mayor or Deputy Mayor, as the case may be, and in that case shall be styled in accordance with *section 31*.

(3) Where titles are continued in accordance with *subsection (1)*, the holders of the offices concerned shall, as appropriate, be styled—

(a) in the case of Cork City Council, in the Irish language “Ard-Mhéara Chathair Chorcaí” and “Leas Ard-Mhéara Chathair Chorcaí”, and in the English language “Lord Mayor of the City of Cork” and “Deputy Lord Mayor of the City of Cork”,

(b) in the case of Dublin City Council, in the Irish language “Ard-Mhéara Chathair Bhaile Átha Cliath” and “Leas Ard-Mhéara Chathair Bhaile Átha Cliath”, and in the English language “Lord Mayor of the City of Dublin” and “Deputy Lord Mayor of the City of Dublin”,

(c) in the case of any other city council, in the Irish language “Méara Chathair” and “Leas-Mhéara Chathair” followed by the name of the city in Irish, and in the English language “Mayor of the City of” and “Deputy Mayor of the City of” followed by the name of the city in English,

(d) in the case of a borough council, in the Irish language “Méara Bhuirg” and “Leas-Mhéara Bhuirg” followed by the name of the borough in Irish, and in the English language “Mayor of the Borough of” and “Deputy Mayor of the Borough of” followed by the name of the borough in English.

(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of *section 31* a local authority may subject to the provisions of *Schedule 8* give an alternative title to its Cathaoirleach or Leas-Chathaoirleach or revert to the title or titles of Cathaoirleach or Leas-Chathaoirleach as the case may be.

Resignation of
Cathaoirleach or
Leas-
Chathaoirleach.

33.—(1) The Cathaoirleach or Leas-Chathaoirleach may resign from that office by notice in writing signed by him or her and delivered to the principal offices of the local authority.

(2) The vacancy caused by a resignation under *subsection (1)* shall occur on the date specified in the notice as the resignation date or, where no such date is specified, on receipt of such notice.

Removal of
Cathaoirleach or
Leas-
Chathaoirleach
from office.

34.—(1) Subject to this section, a local authority may by resolution remove from office the Cathaoirleach or Leas-Chathaoirleach of such local authority for stated misbehaviour or if his or her removal appears to them to be necessary for the effective performance by the local authority of its functions.

(2) Notice of the intention to propose a resolution under this section (in this section referred to as a “notice”) shall—

(a) be signed by at least one-third of the total number of members of the local authority concerned,

(b) contain a statement of the reasons for the proposed removal,

SCHEDULE 8

ALTERNATIVE TITLES TO CATHAOIRLEACH AND LEAS-CHATHAOIRLEACH,
ETC.

(1) A local authority which is a county council, or a town council referred to in *Chapter 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 6* or in *Part 2 of Schedule 6* may by resolution give to the office of its Cathaoirleach or Leas-Chathaoirleach the following titles:

- (a) in the Irish language the title of "Méara" or "Leas-Mhéara", respectively, and
- (b) in the English language, the title of "Mayor" or "Deputy Mayor", respectively.

(2) Where titles are given in accordance with *paragraph (1)*, the holders of the offices shall, as appropriate, be styled—

- (a) in the case of a county council, in the Irish language "Méara Chontae" and "Leas-Mhéara Chontae" followed by the name of the county in Irish, and in the English language "Mayor of the County of" and "Deputy Mayor of the County of" followed by the name of the county in English,
- (b) in the case of a town council referred to in *paragraph (1)*, in the Irish language "Méara Bhaile" and "Leas-Mhéara Bhaile" followed by the name of the town in Irish, and in the English language "Mayor of the Town of" and "Deputy Mayor of the Town of" followed by the name of the town in English.

(3) A local authority which has by resolution under *paragraph (1)* given the titles provided in that paragraph may revert by resolution to the titles of Cathaoirleach or Leas-Chathaoirleach provided for in *section 31* and which shall be styled in accordance with that section.

Tuam Town Commissioners

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Telephone: (093) 24246

Tuam Clerk's Office,

Town Hall, Tuam

30th January, 2002

To each Town Commissioner

A Chara,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on **Tuesday, 5th February, 2002 at 7 pm**

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

..... *Angela Nolan* Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

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Town Council Status

Draft County Development Strategy – Mr. Frank Dawson

Notices of Motion: Commissioner Browne-Lane

1. That Tuam Board call on Galway County Council to adopt a reasonable waste management strategy for the Tuam area. We need to recognise rather than penalise the great strides made in waste reduction and recycling by Tuam Residents.
2. That this Board calls on Galway County Council, in conjunction with the N.R.A., to examine the safety of the N17 – from the junction with Bobby Burke road to the junction with Ballygaddy road, including as a matter of urgency the provision of traffic lights at the junction with Blackacre and Tullinadaly Road.

Angela Nolan,
Town Clerk

Signed by:

Mike Kelly
CATHAOIRLEACH

Tuam Town Commissioners

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday 8th January, 2002

Present Commissioner Keaveney in the Chair
Commissioners: M. Ward, G. Browne-Lane, P. McHugh,
T. Reilly, P. Warren, P. O'Grady

Officials: Mr. Paul Ridge, Director of Services
Mrs. A. Holian, Town Clerk

The Prayer was recited.

The Leas-Cathaoirleach proposed a vote of sympathy on the death of Commissioner Joe Burke.

All present paid tribute to the late Commissioner Burke who had been a Member of the Board for 28 years and had been Chairman on several occasions. He was described as a most Christian man, honourable and sincere and totally committed to what he was involved with. He was a tireless worker on behalf of Tuam and his passing will be felt throughout the community. It was proposed by the Leas-Cathaoirleach and seconded by Commissioner O'Grady that that the meeting be adjourned for one month as a mark of respect to the late Commissioner Burke.

A vote of Sympathy was also passed with the following families:

Connolly Family, Galway Road on the death of Pat
McGinn Family, Athenry Road on the death of Greta
Byrne Family, Lissavalley Jackson on the death of Jackie
Feeney Family Lissavalley Jackson on the death of Mrs. Feeney
Ward Family, Parkmore on the death of Bernie
Clerke Family, Toberjarlath on the death of Margaret
Connelly Family, Beaghmore on the death of Paddy
Healy Family, Belclare on the death of Jim
Hayes Family, late of Shop Street on the death of Christy

One minutes silence was observed as a mark of respect for the deceased. The meeting was then adjourned.

Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

Signed by: 
CATHAOIRLEACH

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Tuam Clerk's Office,
Town Hall, Tuam
21st December, 2001

To each Town Commissioner

A Chara,

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on **Tuesday, 8th January, 2002 at 7 p.m.**

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

Angela Holian
..... Baile Cleireach

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Sludge Management

Matters arising from Minutes:

Abbey Trinity Car Park: It was proposed by Commissioner Browne-Lane and seconded by Commissioner Reilly that the meeting with the Representatives of Tiernan Properties not be held in camera.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, 4th December, 2001

Present: Cathaoirleach: Commissioner Kelly

Commissioners: M. Ward, P. Warren, T. Reilly,
P. O'Grady, P. McHugh, G. Browne-Lane, J. Burke,
C. Keaveney,

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 November Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Reilly seconded by Commissioner Warren.

The Minutes of the Estimates Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Keaveney seconded by Commissioner Burke.

Matters arising from Minutes:

Abbey Trinity Car Park: It was proposed by Commissioner Browne-Lane and seconded by Commissioner Reilly that the meeting with the Representatives of Tiernan Properties not be held in camera.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Michael Tiernan, Mr. Joseph Doyle, Mr. Rod Nolan and Mr. Darren Quinn from Tiernan Properties to the meeting. Mr. Tiernan gave an outline of the proposed development at Abbey Trinity. He said they had met regularly with Galway County Council Officials and Retailers who are likely to be involved. He outlined the difficulties in attracting an anchor Tenant and said they had spoke to forty Hotel Operators but were unable to attract a Hotel Developer for the site. He said they had lodged their planning application with Galway County Council in October.

Commissioner McHugh welcomed the development for Tuam but said the plan presented bore no resemblance to what had been originally agreed, no hotel or new streetscape. Mr. Tiernan said the developer is dependent on the needs of the end users and must comply with health, safety and planning issues.

Commissioner Burke expressed disappointment with the proposals. He asked the Developers to look again at their plans and try to come up with something closer to the original plan. He queried the situation regarding the Courthouse site. He strongly welcomed the multi story car park but appealed to the County Council not to withdraw all parking in the area during construction.

Mr. Ridge stated that Galway County Council are fully supportive of what is being done.

Mr. Tiernan thanked the Commissioners and agreed to meet then again.

High Street:

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mrs. Nora Halion and Mrs. Mary Rennick, representing High Street Traders, to the meeting. Mrs. Halion stated that at the moment there is no parking on High Street as there is continuous parking on one side of the street. She stated that she supports one-hour parking for High Street and feels that one hour parking should be allowed on both sides of the street. Mrs Rennick said that the situation was much better when the Traffic Warden was on duty. She stated that with one hour parking between sixty and eighty cars could park for one hour each day. The Deputation then left.

During the discussion which followed, Mr. Ridge told the Members that interviews for Traffic/Litter Wardens had been held. There would a period of training. It is hoped that the Wardens will be on the street by late January. He said one-hour parking requires the adoption of By-laws. The Town Engineer said it would not be possible to have parking on both sides of High Street. Replying to Commissioner Browne-Lane, he said a recent survey in relation to the Shambles, had found that half the parking spaces were occupied for over four hours. One-hour parking would change all that. Commissioner Ward asked that a space be provided as a drop-off/pick-up site. Commissioner Reilly said he would not support the implementation of the By-laws until alternative parking can be provided. When construction starts at Abbey Trinity more parking spaces will be lost. It is now time to have a serious look at the Traffic Management Plan for Tuam.

Commissioner McHugh proposed that the Commissioners invite Members of the Traffic Management Committee to attend a meeting of the Board.
Mr. Ridge stated that Traffic Management is a matter for Galway County Council. He would ask the Cathaoirleach of the Tuam Electoral Area Meeting to include the By-laws for discussion at a meeting to be held on 10th December, 2001. Traffic Management to be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

Adolescent Support Project:

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Ms. Ger. McNamara, Co-ordinator of the Adolescent Support Project in Tuam to the meeting. Ms. McNamara said the Adolescent Support Project is run by Galway Youth Federation and a Local Management Board and is funded by the Western Health Board. She outlined the work carried out by the project and the problems being experienced in acquiring suitable premises. She said she would appreciate any suggestions or ideas in relation to suitable premises. She then left.

During the discussion which followed Commissioner O'Grady said there was plenty of space in the old C.B.S. school. It was proposed by Commissioner O'Grady and seconded by Commissioner Ward that Archbishop Neary and Fr. Quinn be approached with a view to acquiring rooms at St. Patrick's School. It was proposed by the Cathaoirleach and seconded by Commissioner Keaveney that Commissioners O'Grady, Ward and McHugh talk to Fr. Quinn.

Manager's Business:

Regarding the **By-pass** Mr. Ridge said the N.R.A. were still working on a presentation. He said he would keep the Board informed.

Regarding the **Shambles** Mr. Ridge stated that he hoped to have a conclusion regarding access from the Shambles to the Mall.

Regarding **I.B.A.L.** Mr. Ridge said Mr. Cavanagh had been unable to attend the meeting but said he would make contact again.

Regarding the **Court House** Mr. Ridge said he had written to the Court Services but had not received a reply yet. He said he would keep the Board informed.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 2nd November, 2001 from Dr. Gottfried Haas, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany. - read

Letter dated 11th November, 2001 from Mr. Willie Kiefel, Chairman, Tuam/Straubing Twinning Committee. It was proposed by Commissioner Keaveney and seconded by Commissioner Reilly that 3,445 euros, a once off payment, be allocated to the Tuam Straubing Twinning Committee re: 10th Anniversary of the Twinning of Tuam and Straubing. This amount has been provided for in the Estimate of Expenses for 2001.

Letter dated 26th November, 2001 from Bishop Street Residents Association - The request for funding to be considered in 2002.

Letter dated 26th November, 2001 from Marian Choral Society, Tuam - The request for funding to be considered in 2002.

Letter dated 27th November, 2001 from Tuam Co-operative livestock Mart. It was agreed that the Members visit the Mart.

U. D. C. Status:

Mr. Ridge told the Members that the relevant legislation will come into force on 1/1/02. A proposal should be made to Galway County Council, which would include the financial adjustments. He agreed to enter into discussion with officials of the County Council and come back with the result to either the January the February meeting. It was proposed by Commissioner Burke and seconded by Commissioner Reilly to proceed as advised by Mr. Ridge.

Mr. Ridge stated that extension of the Town Boundary would have to wait for legislation.

Person of the Year:

The Cathaoirleach stated that the presentation and reception regarding the Person of the Year and Group of the Year will be held in the Imperial Hotel on Wednesday, 12th December, 2001. He Congratulated Mr. Noel Kirrane, "Person of the Year" and the "Marian Choral Society", Group of the Year.

Allocation of £1,000:

Commissioner Reilly told the Members that the Tuam Festival was cancelled this because of Foot & Mouth so therefore the £1,000 allocated in the estimated would not be drawn down. It was proposed by Commissioner Burke and seconded by Commissioner O'Grady that £1,000 be presented to the Marian Choral Society on this their 25th Year in existence.

Scout Hall:

It was proposed by Commissioner Reilly and seconded by Commissioner Burke to invite Mrs. O'Driscoll to the January Meeting.

Railways:

Commissioner Reilly told the Members that fourteen County Development Boards are supporting the opening of the railways but it now appears that C.I.E./Iarnrod Eireann are to discontinue their freight service. He said Minister O'Cuiv, who supports the County Development Boards, is to meet with Iarnrod Eireann the next day.

It was agreed to include **Sludge Management** on the agenda for the next meeting.

Sympathy:

A vote of Sympathy was passed with the following Families:

Boyle Family, Riverside Galway on the death of Tony
Higgins Family, St. Enda's Ave on the death of Mrs. Higgins
Moggan Family, Dunmore Road on the death of Mrs. Moggan
Murphy Family, Ballygaddy Road on the death of Mattie
Gibbons Family, Galway Road on the death of Mattie
O'Brien Family, McHale Terrace on the death of Maureen

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by,
Angela Holain,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY _____

CATHAOIRLEACH

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