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TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday 3rd December, 2007

Present: Deputy Mayor: Councillor Warren

Councillors: I. Kelly, A. O'Donnell-Brady, P. O'Grady,
G. Browne-Lane, T. McHugh, S. A. Flanagan, T. Reilly,

Apology Mr. Peter Gavin, Town Engineer,
Mayor Ward,
Deputy Noel Treacy

Officials:

Mr. Frank Gilmore, Director of Services
Ms. Angela Holian, Town Clerk

The Prayer was recited.

The Minutes of monthly meeting held on Monday 5th November, 2007 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by the Councillor O'Donnell-Brady.

Matters arising from Minutes:

Replying to Councillor McHugh regarding parking at Liam Mellows Street Mr. Gilmore said the Draft Traffic Management Plan had not been advertised yet. There would be public consultation and suggestions are invited.

Councillor Browne-Lane asked if an area for parking of trucks would be considered by the County Council. Letter dated 21st November, 2007 from Valeo Vision Systems, logstrup Ireland Ltd. and Transitions Optical Ltd. and letter dated 29th November, 2007 from Pulse Electronics Ltd. regarding trucks parked overnight and over weekends on Dunmore Road between Parkview Drive and Industrial Estates and between the Pulse building and College Green on the Dunmore Road were read. Mr. Gilmore said he would ask the Town Engineer to contact the Gardai.

Replying to Councillor O'Donnell-Brady, who said funding had been made available to provide street lighting at Dunmore Road, Mr. Gilmore said there were delays of up to twelve months with the E.S.B. Replying to Councillors Warren and McHugh he asked them to compile a list of areas where they are concerned that lighting is sub-standard. Councillor Warren welcomed the installation of ramps at the Lane. Councillor Flanagan asked if similar ramps could be installed on the road to the Park.

Councillor Reilly complimented the Town Engineer regarding meetings with the Taxi People and recommendations sent to the Roads Department, Galway County Council. The Deputy Mayor and Members thanked Mr. Gilmore for the recently held Forum on Drugs. They said the Forum was very informative, the speakers were excellent and there was a full house. Mr. Gilmore said he had spoken to Supt. Keane and tentative arrangements were made for another talk on home security and personal safety.

Manager's Business:

Mr. Gilmore told the Members that Section 183 notice, adopted at meeting held on 8th October, 2007 and amended had been referred to the legal advisors. In relation to granting of lease to Scouting Ireland – Tuam it may not be legal and may hold up Scouting Ireland. It was proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Flanagan and agreed that original notice, as circulated to the Members, be adopted.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 7th November, 2007 from Dorma Ireland Ltd.– read.

Letter dated 19th November, 2007 from Mid-West Regional Authority – read.
Letter dated 22nd November, 2007 from Failte Ireland – It was agreed that this letter be included on the agenda for the January meeting.
Letter dated 29th November, 2007 from Mr. Seamus Quinn, Chairman The Mall Theatre & Cinema Co. Ltd. – read
Notice of A.M.A.I. Spring Seminar 2008 - noted.
Notice of Seminar on Crime - January 2008 – noted.
Email dated 26th November, 2007 from Tuam Chamber of Commerce – noted.
Email dated 21st November, 2007 re: Ireland's first All Ireland Ecotourism conference – January 2008 – noted.

Grove Hospital:

Mr. Gilmore told the Members the procurement process initiated by the Health Service Executive is on track.

Tuam By-pass:

The Deputy Mayor welcomed Minister Kitt and Deputy Connaughton to the meeting. Deputy Connaughton stated that the original cost of the By-pass was estimated at E12M to E14M, it will be E20M. E4.5M of the initial E5M allocated has gone to land owners. The roundabouts at Ballygaddy Road and Weir Road have been taken out. Is the By-pass a stand alone project or linked with the Atlantic Corridor and the N17? Should the By-pass be removed from 'Transport 21'? Some months ago Mr. Barry, C.E.O., National Roads Authority said the Tuam By-pass was in competition with every road of its size in Ireland. It is vitally important that the By-pass be constructed as soon as possible. Minister Kitt said it would not be a good idea to remove the By-pass from 'Transport 21'. The By-pass, the N17 and Tuam/Claremorris road should be done in an integrated way. The Grade separation proposed for Ballygaddy Road will not affect traffic coming into town. It is hoped further funding will be made available when the estimates are published next week. Replying to Councillor Flanagan he said he would be attending a Capital Programme meeting in the morning. The Members agreed the By-pass should remain in 'Transport 21'. Unless funding is made available by the Government the By-pass will not progress, they urged the Oireachtas members to ensure funding is provided for the construction of the Tuam By-pass. Mr. Gilmore stated that the grade separation proposed for Ballygaddy Road is a positive, a better access and exit from the By-pass and is to be welcomed from a safety point of view.

Tuam has Hub status and the Government is now putting a greater emphasis on hub status. Galway County Council recognize the importance of Hub Status. Tuam will have first class links with the outside world, vital ingredients for the development of Tuam as a Hub town.

Councillor Browne-Land said Tuam hasn't seen any significant sign of Hub status. People are stuck in traffic on the N17 for hours each day. Tuam is choked and business is affected.

Regarding Hub status Mr. Gilmore stated that a meeting of County and City Managers who have Hub/gateway towns under their control has been convened by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government. There are lots of positives for Tuam, major programmes planned are - Water/Sewerage, the By-pass, N17/Atlantic gateway, Rail corridor and the Hospital. Tender documents for the water/sewerage programme have gone to the Department, start date is April. Ducting for Broadband will be included. Galway County Council will support all efforts to ensure Tuam gets Development.

The Deputy Mayor said next week was crucial and he hoped serious funding would be made available. He thanked Minister Kitt and Deputy Connaughton for attending the meeting and appealed to them to continue to press for the construction of the By-pass.

I. D. A. Ms. Maura Saddington:

The Deputy Mayor, the Members, Minister Kitt and Deputy Connaughton welcomed Ms. Maura Saddington, Area Director, West-Midwest Region, I. D. A. to the Meeting. Ms. Saddington told the Members the I.D.A. markets each town and region and each are competing with the other. She said the I.D.A.'s only business is to attract overseas business to Ireland and having advance factories built is a marketing tool. Overseas companies are looking to locate in Ireland and Europe. Replying to Councillor O'Grady she said the I.D.A. has a rolling list of building projects and confirmed that a new 25,000 sq. ft. building on the Business Park, Dunmore Road, Tuam had gone to tender. She said it is up to the Government to develop target locations. The I. D. A. is constrained by E. U. regulations. Being so close to Galway is an asset for Tuam and when the By-pass and services are in place the town will be more attractive, - marketing is vital. Replying to Councillor McHugh she said it is up to local Councils to lobby to get Broadband which is crucial, some companies just want a site but in a very competitive environment it is easier to market a site with a high quality building. Replying to Councillor Reilly she said there had not been an enquiry from a 'major player' in the recent past however a query is being dealt with at the moment. Mrs. Saddington apologized for a misunderstanding which arose a few weeks ago in relation to an employee of the I.D.A. Following further discussion the Deputy Mayor thanked Mrs. Saddington for attending the meeting.

A.O.B.:

C.C.T.V.: Replying to the Members Mr. Gilmore said installation of poles etc. was due to commence this week.

Cemetery: Councillor Kelly said she had received complaints regarding the state of footpaths etc. in the older section of the cemetery.

Markets: Councillor McHugh complimented the People involved in the recent very successful market days.

The Shambles: Replying to Councillor McHugh Mr. Gilmore said an Architect had been appointed and plans will be brought before the Board, however work will not commence until the water/sewerage scheme is complete.

Courthouse: The Deputy Mayor stated that the negotiators were close to reaching a deal.

The Mall: Replying to Councillor Flanagan Mr. Gilmore said it will be some weeks before the road from the Mall is opened.

Councillor Warren asked that a house at Parkmore and a house at Athenry Road be visited by the Litter Warden.

Councillor Flanagan asked if it was possible to have the clock chimes ring in the new year.

Councillor Browne-Lane was wished a very happy special Birthday.

Sympathy:

A vote of sympathy was passed with the following Families:

Varden Family on the deaths of Ava and Gertrude
Higgins Family on the death of Elizabeth
Robert Canavan on the death of his sister

This concluded the meeting

Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY:



MAYOR

COMHAIRLE BAILE THUAMA
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Our Ref:

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28th November, 2007

To each Member of Tuam Town Council

A Chara,

The Monthly meeting of Tuam Town Council will be held in the Town Hall on Monday 3rd December, 2007 at 7.00 p.m. You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise, le meas,

Angel Holca

Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Minutes:

Manager's Business

Correspondence

The Grove Hospital

Tuam By-pass

C.C.T.V.

I. D. A. – Ms. Maura Saddington

Tuam Town Council

Special Sub Committee meeting
held on Monday 26th November, 2007

Present: Mayor: Councillor M. Ward, Mr. P. Gavin, Town Engineer, Ms. A. Holian, Town Clerk, Councillor S. A. Flanagan, Councillor I. Kelly, Councillor T. Reilly and Councillor P. O'Grady.

Letting of the Town Hall on 8th December, 2007 for Carol Singing:

Letter dated 14th November from 'Energise Tuam' was read. Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor Reilly, seconded by the Mayor and agreed to make the room on the ground floor available for Carol singing on Saturday 8th December, 2007, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Recorded by:

Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

Signed by:



MAYOR

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Special Meeting held on Monday, 26th November, 2007

Present: Mayor; Councillor M. Ward

Councillors:- T. McHugh, S. A. Flanagan, I. Kelly, A. O'Donnell-Brady
P. Warren, G. Browne-Lane, P O'Grady, P Warren, T. Reilly

Officials:

Mr. F. Gilmore, Director of Services
Mr. P. Gavin, Town Engineer
Ms. A. Holian, Town Clerk

Mr. Ray Bonar, Chief Ambulance Officer, Health Service Executive
Mr. Paidi O'Riordian, Capital Project Manager, Health Service Executive
Deputy Michael Kitt,
Mr. Chris Hughes, Order of Malta
Mr. Derek Wynne, Order of Malta

The Mayor welcomed Mr. Bonar and Mr. O'Riordian to the meeting and introduced them to the Members. He expressed the concern of the Board at the lack of an Ambulance base in the town.

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23rd November, 2007

To Each Member of Tuam Town Council

A chara,

A special meeting of Tuam Town Council will be held in the Town Hall on Monday 26th NOVEMBER, 2007 at 7.00 p.m. (prior to the Budget of Expenses meeting) You are hereby invited to attend.

Mise, le meas

Angela Nolan
Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Mr. Ray Bonar, Chief Ambulance officer

A. O. B.



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

Recd. 23.11.07



20 November 2007

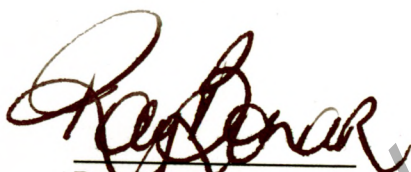
Ms Angela Holian
Town Clerk
Tuam Town Council
Tuam
Co Galway

Dear Angela

I am pleased to accept your invitation to the meeting on Monday, 26th November 2007 regarding Tuam Health Campus - Ambulance Base.

Please forward an agenda for this meeting and confirm to me the names of other Council members who will be in attendance.

Yours sincerely


Ray Bonar
Chief Ambulance Officer

Western Regional Ambulance Service
St. Marys Hospital Complex, Castlebar, Co. Mayo

Tel: (094) 902 1698 Fax: (094) 902 1921

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Draft Budget of Expenses Meeting held on Monday 26th November, 2007

Present:

Mayor: Councillor Ward

**Councillors: T. McHugh, S. A. Flanagan, I. Kelly,
A. O'Donnell-Brady, P. Warren, G. Browne-Lane,
P. O'Grady, T. Reilly**

Officials:

**Mr. F. Gilmore, Director of Services
Mr. P. Gavin, Town Engineer
Mrs. A. Holian, Town Clerk**

The Prayer was recited.

Budget of Expenses:

Mr. Gilmore introduced the Draft Budget of Expenses for the year 2008, which had been circulated to each Member and advertised. He proposed an increase in the rate of 4.1%. He said total expenditure for 2008 is estimated at E216,400.00 while receipts are estimated at E88,677.00.

He said he had included an amount of E20,000.00 for C.C.T.V. also increased the allocation for Town Enhancement and Urban Village Renewal as it was planned to carry out work in the Shambles car park and around the center of the town.

The Councillors examined the various items of expenditure and receipts proposed in the Budget of Expenses. Councillor O'Donnell-Brady proposed to increase the amount for "contribution to the Arts" to E1,750.00 and reduce "miscellaneous and other expenses" by E750.00. This was agreed to. Replying to Councillor Browne-Lane who said the condition of the Town Hall had deteriorated in the past year and was in need of painting Mr. Gilmore said funds would be made available for painting etc. Replying to Councillor McHugh who raised the issue of central heating in Town Council houses Mr. Gilmore said a programme was being looked at.

It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Warren and agreed that the rate in the Euro of E3.55 be adopted. It was proposed by Councillor Warren, seconded by Councillor O'Donnell-Brady and agreed that the draft Budget of Expenses, be adopted by the Councillors, that the net amount of E99,559-44. be demanded from Galway County Council in respect of year ending 31st December, 2008 and that the Form of Demand be signed by the Mayor and the Town Clerk.

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY: *Michael Walsh*

MAYOR

Gross Total Expenditure

€ 208,927.00 / € 216,400

Draft Budget of Expenses for the Year to 31st December
2008 Tuam Town Council

Tuam Town Council
(Draft)
Budget of Expenses

for
year ending

31 st December 2008

Presented to the Council
Monday 26th Nov 2007

Adopted 26th November 2007

Galway County Council Archives

**Draft Budget of Expenses for the Year to 31st December
2008 Tuam Town Council**

Receipts

Outturn 2007 Est For 2008

Housing

1 Rents	€ 56,000.00	€ 58,000.00
2 Annuities	€ 2,100.00	€ 2,100.00
3 Ground Rents	€ 700.00	€ 500.00
Total	€ 58,800.00	€ 60,600.00

General

Interest Bank	€ 7,100.00	€ 11,600.00
GalwayCoCo	€ 2,400.00	€ 2,400.00
Rent Town Hall	€ 15,000.00	€ 16,477.00
Total	€ 24,500.00	€ 28,077.00

Miscellaneous

Fire claim - 47 Gilmartin Road	€ 5,097.00	€ 0.00
Sale 1 Gilmartin Road	€ 35,000.00	€ 0.00
Total	€ 40,097.00	€ 0.00
Gross Total	€ 123,397.00	€ 88,677.00

Opening Credit/(Debit) Balance		€ 28,163.56
Estimated Expenditure for year	€ 208,927.00	€ 216,400.00
Estimated receipts for year	€ 137,951.37	€ 88,677.00
Final Estimated Outturn	(€ 70,975.63)	(€ 99,559.44)
Amount of Demand 2007 and estimated 2008	€ 99,139.19	€ 99,559.44
Closing (Debit)\Credit Balance	€ 28,163.56	

Summary for 2008	
Total Demand	99559.44
Rate in Euro	3.55
Percentage Increase in rates	4.10%

**Draft Budget of Expenses for the Year to 31st December 2008
Tuam Town Council**

	Outturn 2007	Est For 2008
Housing		
1 Repairs	€ 18,000.00	€ 20,000.00
1a Replace kitchens	€ 1,000.00	€ 2,000.00
2 Legal Expenses	€ 700.00	€ 700.00
3 Insurance	€ 17,337.00	€ 22,000.00
4 Town Clerks Salary 50%	€ 7,350.00	€ 7,700.00
5 Town Engineers Salary 80%	€ 5,850.00	€ 6,500.00
6 Pension	€ 1,030.00	€ 2,800.00
7 Printing, Post, Stationery, Advertising	€ 500.00	€ 500.00
8 Rent Collection	€ 2,930.00	€ 2,700.00
9 Works for Court Service	€ 0.00	€ 0.00
	€ 54,697.00	€ 64,900.00
General		
1 Rent, Rates on Town Hall	€ 1,650.00	€ 2,000.00
2 Office Expenses	€ 3,000.00	€ 4,000.00
3 Legal Expenses	€ 0.00	€ 0.00
4 Town Clerks Salary 50%	€ 7,350.00	€ 7,700.00
5 Town Engineers Salary 20%	€ 1,470.00	€ 1,600.00
6 Audit Fee	€ 2,750.00	€ 3,100.00
7 Print, Post etc.	€ 700.00	€ 800.00
8 Town Hall	€ 25,000.00	€ 26,000.00
9 Municipal Authorities	€ 3,290.00	€ 4,500.00
10 Receptions/Presentations	€ 1,520.00	€ 1,600.00
11 Twinning	€ 510.00	€ 1,500.00
12 Members Expenses LG14-02	€ 10,100.00	€ 9,900.00
13 Rep. Allowance	€ 17,380.00	€ 19,100.00
14 Tuam Chamber of Commerce Christmas Lights		
Operational Costs	€ 8,000.00	€ 8,000.00
Once off Capital Contribution		€ 0.00
18 Town Enhancement	€ 18,000.00	€ 20,000.00
19 Local Elections Expenses	€ 2,000.00	€ 2,000.00
20 Urban Village Renewal	€ 15,000.00	€ 16,200.00
21 Contribution to the Arts	€ 1,000.00	€ 1,750.00
22 Miscellaneous and other expenses	€ 510.00	€ 1,750.00
	€ 119,230.00	€ 131,500.00
23 Transfer net proceeds of house sale to capital		
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1 Gilmartin Road to Capital	€ 35,000.00	€ 0.00
24 CCTV		€ 20,000.00
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21st November, 2007

To: each Member of Tuam Town Council

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Mise, le meas,

Angela Holean Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Budget of Expenses for 2008

Adoption of Rate for 2008

Draft Budget of Expenses for the Year to 31st December
2008 Tuam Town Council

Tuam Town Council

(Draft)

Budget of Expenses

for
year ending

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Presented to the Council
Monday 21 6th Nov 2007

Adopted
Date: 26th Nov '07 see charges

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Apology Mr. Peter Gavin, Town Engineer,
Councillor McHugh,

Officials:

Mr. Frank Gilmore, Director of Services
Ms. Angela Holian, Town Clerk

The Prayer was recited.

The Minutes of monthly meeting held on Monday 1st October, 2007 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by Councillor Warren.

The Minutes of Special meeting held on Monday 8th October, 2007 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Warren seconded by the Reilly.

Matters arising from Minutes:

Replying to Councillor Browne-Lane regarding the Scout Hall, the old Scout Hall building and right-of-way Mr. Gilmore said he would investigate and come back to the Board.

Replying to the Mayor Mr. Gilmore said installation of the CCTV System is progressing. Replying to Councillor Reilly he said the Gardai will have access anytime it is required.

Manager's Business:

Budget of Expenses: Mr. Gilmore told the Members the Budget of Expenses for 2008 must be finalized before the 16th December. It was proposed, seconded and agreed to hold the Budget of Expenses meeting on Monday 26th November, 2007. Replying to Councillor Browne-Lane Mr. Gilmore said Galway County Council had engaged personnel to carry out an 'energy audit' of all its buildings. He said the Town Hall would be included in the audit.

Traffic Management Plan: Copies of the Draft Traffic Management Plan were circulated to the Members. Mr. Gilmore thanked Executive Engineer, John Leahy, Town Engineer, Peter Gavin and the staff of the Area Office for preparing the Plan. He said the plans would be presented to the Roads Department, Galway County Council. When the plans are agreed and adopted by the Tuam Area Elected Committee they will be published. He said there was provision for taxi ranks etc. in the plan. Replying to Councillor O'Grady he said Mr. Leahy and Mr. Gavin had discussions with the taximen. In some locations it is planned to combine the loading bays and the taxi ranks, this is permissible. By-laws for taxis have been drafted and gone to the Road Design Section, Galway County Council. Replying to Councillor O'Grady Mr. Gilmore said Shop Keepers were consulted. Councillor Browne-Lane stated that Lorries are still parking on the pedestrian crossing while loading and unloading. The Manager invited the members to make their comments in writing to the Town Engineer.

Forum on Drugs: Mr. Gilmore informed the Members that a Forum on Drugs was planned for by An Gardai Siochana for the week of either the 19th or 26th November. It was proposed by Councillor Reilly, seconded by the Mayor and agreed that the Town Hall be made available for the Forum on Drugs.

I.D.A. It was proposed by Councillor Reilly, seconded by the Mayor and agreed to invite a representative from the I.D.A. to the next meeting of the Board.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 20th September, 2007 from Carlow County Council re: Local Authorities Members Association Annual Winter Conference – read.

Email dated 3rd October, 2007 from Ms. Vasilica Diaconu, Carrigweir, Weir Road regarding litter in the town. It was proposed by the Mayor and seconded by Councillor Browne-Lane that the Board write to the Minister for the Environment regarding introducing a levy on plastic bottle. It was agreed to prepare a notice of motion.

Email dated 5th October, 2007 from Ms. Niamh Leahy, EPA Media Relations Officer – read.

Letter dated 8th October, 2007 from Mr. Midie Corcoran, Artistic Director, Earwig Arts – read.

Letter dated 10th October, 2007 from Dundalk Chamber of Commerce – read.

Letter dated 17th October, 2007 from Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland – read.

Letter dated 25th October, 2007 from Monaghan Town Council – read.

Letter dated 25th October, 2007 from Shannon Development – read.

Letter dated 25th October, 2007 from Mr. Paddy Harte, Island of Ireland Partnership – read.

Notice of Conference “Co-operation on the Island of Ireland” City North Hotel, Gormanston, Drogheda on 24th – 25th November, 2007 – noted.

Notice of Conference “Better Local Government – is it working?” Talbot Hotel, Wexford on 3rd - 5th April, 2008 - noted.

Grove Hospital:

The Mayor told the Members that the Deputation had met with Ms. Priya Prendergast, Local Health Manager, Galway PCCC, H.S.E. West on 14th October, 2007. They were informed the present cutbacks would not affect Capital Expenditure. The process is going according to plan, the builders could be on the site by late 2008 or early 2009. It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor O’Grady and agreed to invite Mr. Ray Bonnor to the next meeting of the Board. It was also agreed to invite Mr. Michael O’Rourke, Tuam Order of Malta to the meeting.

Tuam By-pass:

Replying to the Members Mr. Gilmore said congestion difficulties at Tuam are well documented. He said the National Roads Design Office in Ballybrit is exerting pressure for the project to go ahead quickly. Councillor Reilly called on the National Roads Authority to fast-track the Tuam by-pass. It was proposed by Councillor Browne-Lane, seconded by Councillor Reilly and agreed to invite the Oireachtas Members to the December meeting.

Deputation:

The Mayor welcomed Miss. Aidin Brown, Miss Mairead Conroy, Miss Nicola Ryan, - Transition Year Students, Presentation College and their teacher Ms. Ester Mannion to the meeting. Ms. Mannion thanked the Board for allowing them to come to the meeting. The Students outlined their plans to beautify the river area from the Park to Shop Street. Councillor Browne-Lane said the students had targeted an area which the Board had long realized needed visual enhancement. The Manager and Members congratulated the Students on their initiative, offered their support and wished the students well in the future.

Notice of Motion:

Councillor O'Grady spoke on his notice of motion regarding the proposal by Galway County Council to construct and install 2 no. 5 aside multi-use pitches and a skate board rink in the Palace Grounds/Town Park.

Mr. Gilmore stated that the matter was brought before the Town Council originally to provoke discussion. The skate board rink had been re-allocated to the Dublin Road area. He presented plans of the proposed two five-a-side multi-use pitches to be located on the site of the present coach park. The site would be managed and supervised by Aura and would add to the viability of the Swimming Pool and Gym. The matter had been discussed at the Tuam Electoral Area Committee meeting earlier that day and he had been requested by the Committee to bring the proposal before the Town Board as a matter of courtesy prior to a decision being made.

Councillor Reilly said the pitches would be fenced and floodlit and would facilitate Tennis, 5 a-side soccer, 6 a-side hockey and summer camps. He said a group of young People had collected approximately 600 signatures in support of the facility and these had been passed to Galway County Council. He presented copies of the signatures.

Following further discussion and a vote (6 Members in favour of the motion) it was proposed by Councillor O'Grady and seconded by Councillor Browne-Lane that the motion be adopted.

Mr. Gilmore said he would convey their decision to the Tuam Electoral Area Committee.

Sympathy:

A vote of sympathy was passed with Mr. Gilmore on the death of his Father in law, Mr. Maurice O'Sullivan.

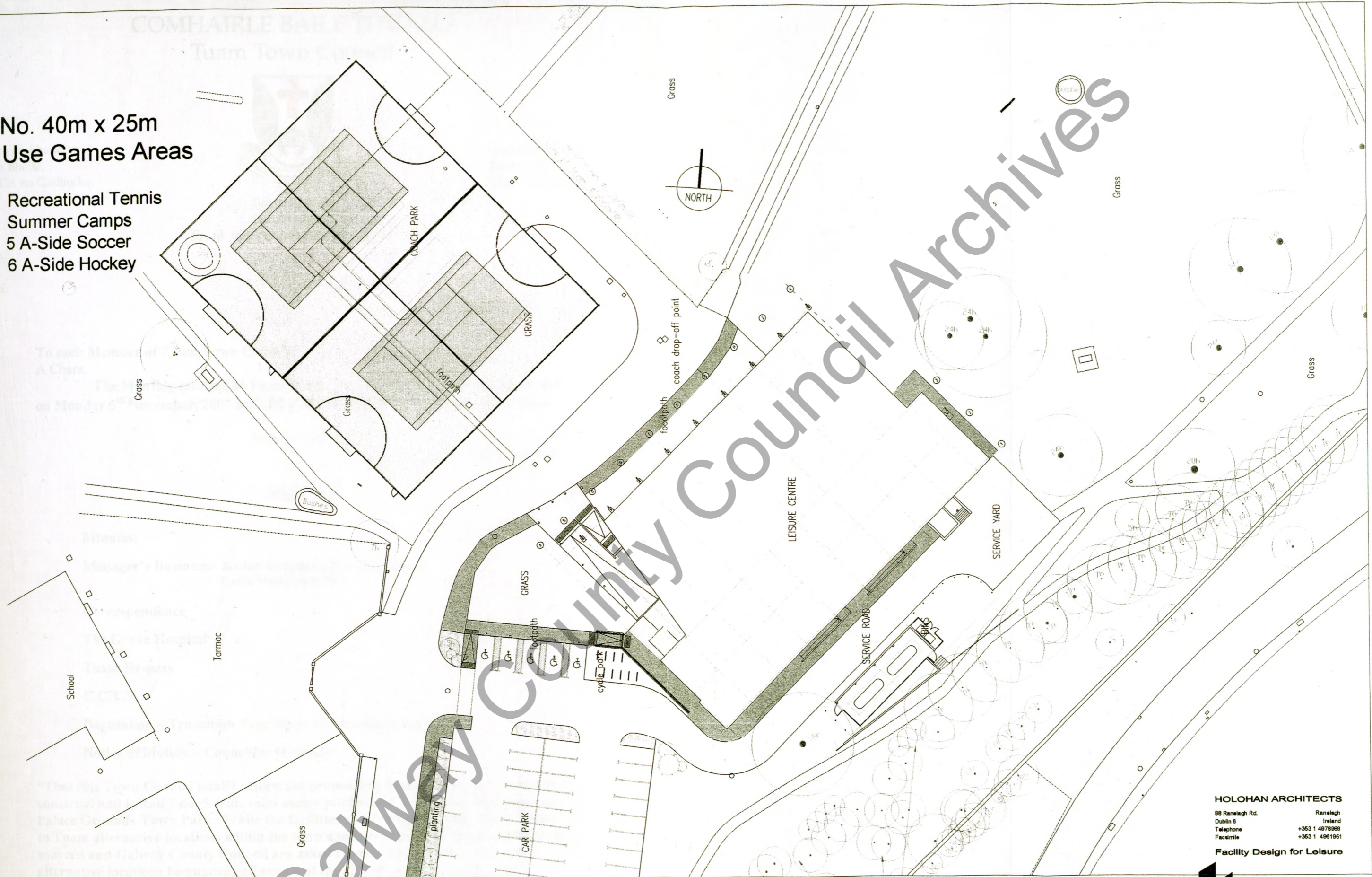
This concluded the meeting

Recorded by,
Angela Holian, Town Clerk

SIGNED BY: Martin Ward MAYOR

2 No. 40m x 25m
Multi Use Games Areas

- a. Recreational Tennis
- b. Summer Camps
- c. 5 A-Side Soccer
- d. 6 A-Side Hockey



Site Plan Scale 1:500

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Your Ref:

31st October, 2007

To each Member of Tuam Town Council

A Chara,

The Monthly meeting of Tuam Town Council will be held in the Town Hall on Monday 5th November, 2007 at 7.00 p.m. You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise, le meas,

A. Dolan

Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Minutes:

Manager's Business:- Set date for Budget of Expenses meeting
Traffic Management Plan

Correspondence

The Grove Hospital

Tuam By-pass

C.C.T.V.

Deputation – Transition Year Students – Presentation College

Notice of Motion – Councillor O'Grady:

"That this Town Council totally rejects the proposal by Galway County Council to construct and install 2 no. 5 aside mini soccer pitches and a skate board rink in our Palace Grounds-Town Park. While the facilities and funding for such are welcome to Tuam alternative locations within the town and surrounds should be immediately sourced and Galway County Council are asked to ensure the funding for such alternative locations be guaranteed even – at the risk of re-applying this year".

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Special meeting held on Monday 8th October, 2007

Present: Mayor Councillor M. Ward
Councillors: P. O'Grady, T. McHugh, I. Kelly, P. Warren
S. A. Flanagan

Officials:
Mrs. Angela Holian, Town Clerk

Apology Councillor O'Donnell-Brady,

The Prayer was recited.

Section 183 Notice: Copy Section 183 Notice regarding Lease of ground at Old Ballygaddy Road, Tuam to Scouting Ireland – Tuam for ninety nine years had been circulated to the Members. The Lease was proposed by Councillor McHugh and seconded by Councillor Kelly subject to retention of right of way to the McHale residence.

A.O.B.: Councillor Warren asked that the ownership of the old Scout Hall be clarified as the No-Name Club would be interested in this building.

This concluded the meeting

Recorded by:
Angela Holian, Town Clerk

SIGNED BY: _____

Marlene Ward
MAYOR

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday 1st October, 2007

Present: Mayor: Councillor Ward

Councillors: P. Warren, S. A. Flanagan, T. McHugh,
A. O'Donnell-Brady, I. Kelly, T. Reilly, P. O'Grady

Apology Councillor Browne-Lane,

Officials:

Mr. Frank Gilmore, Director of Services
Ms. Angela Holian, Town Clerk

The Prayer was recited.

The Minutes of monthly meeting held on Monday 3rd September, 2007 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Warren seconded by Councillor Reilly.
The Minutes of Special meeting held on Monday 17th September, 2007 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by the Mayor.

Matters arising from Minutes:

Replying to Councillor Warren the Town Engineer said road works at Vicar Street would be completed the next day.

Replying to Councillor Reilly the Town Engineer said a new sensor was being fitted on the public toilet the next day.

Councillor O'Grady told the members that a report in a Galway based newspaper that Tuam Town Council had refused E600,000-00 for a skateboard park and two soccer pitches was totally untrue. All Members stated they welcomed expenditure of E600,000-00 on Youth facilities in the town, but not in the Palace Grounds. Mr. Gilmore stated that Mr. Kevin Kelly, Director of Services had presented plans and outlined proposals for the skate-park and two five-a-side all weather soccer pitches at Town Council Meeting held on 16th May, 2007. He informed the Council at that meeting that the funding cannot be transferred to another site. Mr. Gilmore said if the present proposals do not go ahead this money will be lost to Tuam. The matter is on the agenda for the Tuam electoral Area Meeting on Tuesday 2nd October, 2007. It was proposed by Councillor O'Reilly and seconded by the Mayor that Public consultation be initiated.

The Mayor stated that the Chain of Office had been discussed at a special meeting of the Board held on 17th September, 2007. It was agreed that a new "face" to include the town crest and "Tuam Town Council" be provided and the old "face" together with the excess links be put on display in the Town Hall. It was proposed by Councillor O'Grady, seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed to refurbish the Chain of Office as outlined by the Mayor.

Manager's Business:

Regarding CCTV Mr. Gilmore told the Members that planning approval under Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations had not yet been granted by Galway County Council nevertheless it is hoped CCTV will be up and running before the end of the year.

Regarding the Shambles he stated that an Architect has been appointed and he hoped to bring proposals before a future meeting of the Board.

Regarding the main drainage/water scheme the project will go to tender and then to the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government for approval. Replying to Councillor McHugh he said there would be considerable disruption in the town. It is hoped the work will start in April and will continue for up to two years.

Mr. Gilmore also told the Members the Courts Service have applied for an extension of their Lease on the Town Hall.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 21st September, 2007 from Mr. Tony Lillis, Principal, Presentation College, Currylea, Tuam together with 225 letters of objection, signed by Parents of Students, to the proposed Development by Joe O'Toole and the proposed inner relief road. The Mayor and Members welcomed the Development by Joe O'Toole but expressed concern regarding the effects on the school curriculum. Councillor Warren stated that the Staff and Board of Management of the School are up in arms regarding the proposed development, the loss of the tennis courts and the proposed road. He said it was important that the Town Council support the School. Councillor Reilly said locations were being sought for the amalgamation of the schools, different sites were being looked at and he felt there would be a breakthrough shortly regarding the amalgamation process. Councillor Flanagan said this development would affect the safety of students but if a site for amalgamation was identified there would be no objection. Councillor McHugh asked if an assessment of the impact of the Development on traffic in the town had been carried out. Replying to Councillor O'Grady Mr. Gilmore said Mr. Lavelle, Senior Engineer was unavailable to attend the meeting. It was agreed to invite Mr. Lavelle to the November meeting. Letter dated 30th September, 2007 from Mr. Maitias O'Gormaille, Honorary Secretary, Palace Grounds Committee was read.

Letter dated 25th September, 2007 from Mr. John C. Murphy, Regional Engineer, O.P.W. Councillor O'Grady said litter was the biggest problem also there was soil getting into the river. Councillor Reilly stated that the River Nanny would be raised at Tuam Area Councillors meeting the next day. Mr. Gilmore said the issues raised would be referred to the River Nanny Committee.

Letter dated 12th September, 2007 from Senator Ronan Mullen – read.
Notice of Irish Planning Institute Conference – noted.

Grove Hospital:

Letter dated 11th September, 2007 from Ms. Priya Prendergast, Local Health Manager, Galway PCCC, H.S.E. West and letter dated 13th September, 2007 from Mr. Alex Maclean, A/General Manager, Galway PCCC, H.S.E. West was read.

The Mayor informed the Members that he had been contacted by Health Service Executive - West and a meeting with the Board was arranged for 4 p.m. on Wednesday 10th October, 2007. It was agreed that the Mayor, Councillor O'Grady, Councillor Flanagan, Councillor Reilly and Councillor McHugh together with the Town Clerk attend the meeting.

Councillor O'Grady stated that Tuam Order of Malta did not receive any funding from the Health Service Executive.

Tuam By-pass:

The Mayor stated that he had been in contact with Minister O'Cuiv and was of the impression that the by-pass would be a dual carriageway. Councillor Reilly said there was a possibility of modifications at Ballygaddy road and Weir road. Enormous strides have been made with land owners. The Town Council must keep up the pressure on this "stand alone" project. Councillor McHugh stated that a Deputation from Galway County Council had recently met with the N.R.A. Tuam by-pass is not on a list of priorities and cannot progress without serious government funding.

Mr. Gilmore said planning for the by-pass is not yet complete, an overpass is being considered for the Weir Road. A better design will mean a better product. He said the Manager and Executive of Galway County Council will continue to press for the Tuam By-pass.

Scouting Ireland - Tuam.

The Mayor welcomed Ms. Caroline Donnellan, Ms. Wilma Sneekes and Ms. Josephine Gavin, Scouting Ireland - Tuam to the meeting. Ms. Donnellan thanked the Members for meeting the Deputation. She said Scouting Ireland - Tuam had been approved for a grant of E110,000-00 but until they can produce a signed lease the money will not be released to them.

Mr. Gilmore stated that the process was already in motion. Notice pursuant to section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 and section 211 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 and in accordance with article 206(1) of the planning and development regulations 2001 had been circulated to the Members on 26th September, 2007. He proposed that a special meeting be called after 6th October, 2007 to approve the Lease. It was agreed that a special meeting be held at 6 p.m. on Monday 8th October, 2007.

A. O. B.

Replying to Councillor O'Grady regarding problems at the Abbey Trinity Car park the Town Engineer said he would investigate.

Replying to Councillor McHugh Mr. Gilmore said the taxi by-laws will not have to wait for the Traffic Management Plan, draft locations have been selected and the taxi situation will be fast tracked. The Town Engineer said copies of the Traffic Management Plan would be available during the week.

Replying to Councillor Warren the Town Engineer said he would get the Community Wardens to investigate regarding a back entrance at the Dublin Road estate.

The Mayor asked that something be done regarding dogs in the cemetery.

Sympathy:

A vote of sympathy was passed with the following Families:

Ryan Family, Fairgreen Heights on the death of Gabriel

Halligan Family, Galway Road on the death of Joe

Keating Family, on the death of Francis Geddes

Lowry Family, Kilmore on the death of John

Molly Dunne on the death of her brother Martin

This concluded the meeting

Recorded by,
Angela Holian, Town Clerk

SIGNED BY:

Martin Ward

MAYOR

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feannan O'Connell

Maew

30/9/07

Dear Angela:

I would deeply appreciate having this letter read at your meeting tomorrow night. The Palace Grounds Committee are concerned at the re-entry of the mini pitch development issue, which we thought had been accepted by Galway County Council as a non-runner, ~~as~~ as per Team Herold report, some weeks ago. We, like our town Councillors are against this kind of development in our local park, as we feel sure it would have adverse effect ecologically and socially. Down the years our small but steady committee have been working hard for the furtherance of the park; This evening for instance I spent one hour around the playground picking up litter, which I had to leave in a bag beside an overflowing bin. We badly need someone to clear the rubbish at weekends. On November 24th we are holding a kids Puffin Snow in the library on the theme of litter, and in conjunction with Mr Gavin we are erecting bi-lingual signs around the park displaying the slogan "Beauty dies where litter lies". We have tried to get someone to clear up the River, but find a bit of buck passing between the Board of works and the Council. We appreciate the work being done by county Mayor Sean Canney and Council official Mr Frank Gilmore regarding extension of the park lighting.

These letters

Maew O'Connell Hon Sec Palace Grounds Committee



1st of October 2007
Scout hall Committee
2nd Galway Troop Tuam

Dear Tuam Town Council,

Sincere thanks for allowing us to speak to the meeting tonight.

The reason for requesting this deputation is to emphasize the urgency of the matter of the lease. (Section 183)

In 2004 we got approval of €110,000, based on the letter dated the 15th of January, from our solicitor O' Donoghue & Co. (see letter attached), but without the completed and signed lease no moneys could be released to us. The committee failed to acquire a signed lease and change of personnel in our unit resulted in the matter being put on the long finger.

Late 2006, a big interest in restoring the unit to its former size developed. The committee decided to reactivate the plans for refurbishing the hall.

The closing date for the draw down and completion of the grant was April 2007.

Despite the delay we have been able to appease the Dormant Account Committee; they have kindly extended the deadline for us. We don't know how long more they will give us, and they are at a stage that they are demanding a lease now. We are currently at risk of loosing the grant.


We have all other requirements met and a lot of time, work and money has gone into this already.

We are appealing to you to give this matter your **urgent** attention.

Yours Sincerely,


Caroline Donnellan, Joint Treasurer.


Wilma Sneekes, Joint Treasurer.


Josephine Gavin, Unit Leader.

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High Street,
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Department of Arts, Sport and Tourism,
Sports Unit,
Fredrick Buildings,
South Fredrick Street,
Dublin 2

Our ref:- LH/045

15th of January 2004.

A Chairde,

Re, Tuam Scout Den.

We confirm that we act for the 2/15th Tuam Scout Troop.

We further confirm that this troop has constructed a substantial hall on lands belonging to the Tuam Town Commissioners which lands are part of folio 30975 County of Galway. The said hall was completed in 1986.

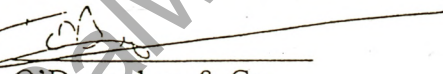
The lands on which the hall is built are held by the Scouts by virtue of an agreement to lease for a period of 99 years from the 1st of March 1978.

In addition to this the County Council has agreed to sell the ground rent to the scouts and this transaction is ongoing.

We certify, from our own knowledge, that the 2/15th Tuam Scout Troop enjoys sole and exclusive use and enjoyment of the premises and that they will shortly be the owners in fee simple of the premises.

If we can be of any further assistance then, please, do not hesitate to contact us.

Is mise, le meas,


O'Donoghue & Co.
Solicitors.

2nd Galway Tuam Scouts S.I.,
C/O Margaret Holian,
39 Parkmore Est.,
Tuam,
Co. Galway.

3rd December 2004

Re: Dormant Accounts Fund (Claim Reference: 2149/04)

Dear Margaret,

Please find enclosed two copies of your Dormant Accounts Fund Disbursement Board Contract.

Both copies of the contract should be signed and dated within the required two month period by two members of your Board of Directors/ Management Committee. One copy should be returned to ADM and the other copy retained for your records.

We also enclose a checklist of documentation you are required to submit to ADM in order to fulfil certain conditions of your contract. If you have any queries or clarifications regarding this, please contact Margaret O'Shaughnessy(Ph: 01 448 4812 Email: mo'shaughnessy@adm.ie)

The amount approved for your project is broken down as follows:-

	Year 1
Capital costs for refurbishment	€
Asbestos Roof	€41,000
Refurbishment works to Scout Hall	€70,000
TOTAL	€110,000

Once ADM has received a signed copy of your contract and the additional documentation on the checklist, we can then proceed with the first instalment of your grant.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Evelyn Brennan
Finance Manager

26th September, 2007

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE

Report on the transfer of 0.01489 hectares at Old Ballygaddy Road, Tuam to Scouting Ireland Tuam under section 211 of the Planning & Development Act 2000.

Tuam Town Council owns land at Old Ballygaddy Road, Tuam. It has been agreed with Scouting Ireland Tuam to transfer 0.01489 hectares of this land for a period of 99 years to enable Scouting Ireland Tuam to continue Boy Scout activities in Tuam.

A Holian
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

26th September, 2007

Chuig Gach Ball De'n Chomhairle

Pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 and Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 and in accordance with Article 206 (1) of the Planning and development Regulations 2001, notice is hereby given that it is proposed to transfer land owned by Tuam Town Council as follows:

AREA OF LAND: 0.01489 hectares
LOCATION OF SITE: Old Ballygaddy Road, Tuam
TO WHOM LAND LEASE IS
TO BE GRANTED: Trustees of Scouting Ireland Tuam
LEASE PERIOD: 99 years
ANNUAL RENT: E10.00
REASON FOR TRANSFER: Scouting Ireland Tuam provide Boy Scout facilities for the town of Tuam.

The matter will appear on the Agenda for consideration at a special meeting of the Council, which will be held after the expiration of 10 days from the date of this Notice.

SIGNED: *A. Nolan*

TOWN CLERK

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Special meeting held on Monday 17th September, 2007

Present: Mayor: M. Ward,
Councillors: I. Kelly, P. Warren, P. O'Grady, A. O'Donnell-Brady,
S. A. Flanagan

Apology: Councillor Browne-Lane, Councillor Reilly

The meeting was called to discuss the change of ownership in C.E.L. Tuam. The Mayor told the Members he had been informed that there may be job cuts at the company in a year. Councillor O'Grady stated that it would be a disaster if the Town Council were perceived to be interfering in a private company. He said his information was the company was being expanded. Councillor Flanagan stated that she had been contacted by a Ms. Fiona Morgan, C.E.L. who informed her that any queries regarding C.E.L. should be directed to her. It was proposed by Councillor O'Grady, seconded by Councillor Flanagan and agreed to write to the new Management of C.E.L., welcome them to Tuam and wish Management and Staff good luck in their venture. It was also agreed to wish Mr. McBreen and Mr. Clancy good luck in the future.

Chain of Office: The Mayor stated that following discussions about the Chain of Office some Members did not agree with decommissioning the present chain. He proposed that a new "face" be put on the present Chain and the old "face" with the extra links be put on display in the Town Hall. All present agreed with this.

Town Crest: Councillor Flanagan said she was disappointed that in advertising literature for the 2007 Arts Festival the town crest was again credited to the Chamber of Commerce even though it had been pointed out to the festival people last year that Tuam Town Council were the owners of the Town Crest. It was agreed to write to the Secretary, Tuam Arts Festival regarding use of the Town Crest.

Inner Relief Road: The Members discussed the proposed development by O'Toole Super Value and the proposed new road. It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor O'Grady and agreed to invite Mr. Martin Lavelle, Senior Engineer to the next meeting of the Board. The Clerk said she would talk to Mr. Gilmore, Director of Services prior to inviting Mr. Lavelle to the meeting.

Town Hall Clock: The Clerk told the Members that repairs were being carried out and Chimes were being fitted to the Town Hall Clock. The Mayor asked that the Clock face be cleaned while scaffolding is available.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

Galway County Council Archives

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26th September, 2007

To each Member of Tuam Town Council

A Chara,

The Monthly meeting of Tuam Town Council will be held in the Town Hall on Monday 1st October, 2007 at 7.00 p.m. You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise, le meas,

Angela Nolean Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Minutes:

Manager's Business

Correspondence

The Grove Hospital

Tuam By-pass

C.C.T.V.

Deputation – Scouting Ireland – Tuam

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday 3rd September, 2007

Present: Mayor: Councillor Ward

Councillors: A. O'Donnell-Brady, I. Kelly, P. Warren,
P. O'Grady, T. McHugh, T. Reilly

Apology Councillor Browne-Lane, Councillor Flanagan

Officials:

Ms. Martina Maloney, County Manager
Mr. Frank Gilmore, Director of Services
Ms. Angela Holian, Town Clerk
Mr. Sean Canney, Mayor of County Galway
Mr. M. Kitt, Minister of State
Mr. Noel Treacy, T. D.,
Mr. Paul Connaughton, T. D.,

The Prayer was recited.

The Minutes of Annual meeting held on Monday 25th June, 2007 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by Councillor O'Donnell-Brady.

The Minutes of monthly meeting held on Monday 25th June, 2007 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Warren seconded by Councillor Reilly.

The Minutes of Special meeting held on Monday 9th July, 2007 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor O'Grady seconded by the Mayor.

The Minutes of Special meeting held on Wednesday 18th July, 2007 were adopted on the proposal Councillor Reilly seconded by Councillor Warren.

The Mayor welcomed Deputy Kitt, Deputy Treacy and Deputy Connaughton to the Meeting, he also Welcomed Councillor Canney, Mayor of the County and Ms. Martina Maloney, County Manager. The Mayor proposed that discussion on CCTV be deferred to the JPC meeting which followed the ordinary meeting, also his Notice of Motion regarding the Chain of Office be deferred to the next meeting because of the long agenda.

Mayor Canney thanked the Members for inviting him to the meeting. He said he was well aware of the issues in Tuam and intended to work with the Town Council, Galway County Council and the Tuam Electoral Area Committee to find solutions. He said he was disappointed at vandalism at the new civic office site at High Street. E5m will be invested in this community facility which will also include a new branch Library. The fire station will be re-located to a new site. He said he would be meeting with the N.R.A. on Friday 7th September and intended to highlight the importance of the Tuam by-pass. He would also raise the terrible condition of the N17 through Tuam and he hoped to get answers from the N.R.A regarding funding. He said the opening of the railway corridor would be kept high on the agenda. The investment of E28m on major upgrading of water and waste water facilities, starting in February 2008, is welcomed and innovative planning should minimize disruption in the town. The Tuam Arts Festival has a positive impact on the town. 'Energise Tuam' held a very successful market day in August and another one is planned for September.

Ms. Martina Maloney, County Manager said she was glad to be in Tuam and felt positive for the future of the town, located on the Atlantic corridor and a Hub town. She said if everyone works together Tuam will fulfil the obligations set for it, the Mayor of the County had touched on the issues. She said there would be major population growth in Tuam in the next few years and plenty of land has been rezoned for development. She was anxious for Tuam to see further regeneration and the new library and civic centre was a welcome development. She said the by-pass was high on the priority list in the Roads Department, Galway County Council. In the area of Broadband she said Galway County Council will do all it can to ensure infrastructure is in place. She complimented the People on the RAPID programme. She said she looked forward to working with the Town Council over the years.

Deputy Kitt told the Members he supported the issues raised. He welcomed the County Manager and the County Mayor. In relation to the "Grove" he said he was in constant touch with the H.S.E. Regarding "expressions of interest" three to six developers have been mentioned. He hopes there will be an announcement soon - funding has been provided by the Government. Regarding the By-pass he said it was very frustrating it was taking so long, when the County Council meet the N.R.A. on the 7th September it is hoped to get a commitment. The inner relief road is also important and he hoped to see a quick decision in the amalgamation of the Schools. He said he is in constant touch with Minister O'Cuiv regarding the rail link and it is hoped to meet the target for Tuam - 2011. Regarding Broadband Tuam is well behind and it is hoped to make progress on that. He complimented the local RAPID committee. He supported the water/waste water upgrading and the different projects in the Town.

Deputy Treacy said he was delighted to attend the meeting. He welcomed the County Manager and said he looked forward to working with her in the future. Regarding the "Grove" he said he was pleased to be part of the Deputation that met with the H.S.E., who were unable to indicate a firm timescale for the development. Tuam wants its hospital as soon as possible. Regarding the Court House he said the O.P.W. advertised for a site in Tuam in August. Regarding the rail corridor he said it was a tribute to Minister Brennan that the project is back on track. Minister O'Cuiv is driving this at Cabinet level and he is totally committed to the project. He said two new amalgamated schools should open together. He said Broadband was disappointing in Tuam, the Government is committed to Broadband and he would continue to make representation on behalf of Tuam. He said he would continue to work on behalf of Tuam.

Matters arising from Minutes:

Mr. Gilmore told the Members he wanted to clarify that the contract for the water and sewerage scheme will include ducting for Broadband and Gas. The contract will include a provisional item for the construction of Broadband and Gas ducts - the intention is the need to re-excavate Tuam streets for services will be minimized.

Councillor O'Grady asked that a copy of the plans for the new civic offices be made available. Replying to Councillor O'Grady Mr. Gilmore said a full range of Council services would be available in Tuam. Councillor O'Grady said the last farmers market was held in Tuam last week, in future all traders will have to have a licence.

Councillor Reilly congratulated Old Tuam Society and Lavalley Community on the unveiling of the WW2 Memorial.

Replying to Councillor McHugh Mr. Gilmore said a copy of the Traffic Management Plan would be circulated to the members as soon as possible.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 27th June, 2007 from Monaghan Town Council – read.

Letter dated 27th June, 2007 from Institute of Public Administration – read.

Letter dated 10th July, 2007 from Department of the Taoiseach – read.

Letters dated 12th July, & 9th August, 2007 from The Kerry Literary & Cultural Centre – read.

Letter dated 23rd July, 2007 from Forward Planning, Galway County Council –read.

Letter dated 31st July, 2007 from Clonakilty Town Council – read.

Letter dated 10th August, 2007 from Office of the Attorney General re: Statute Law Revision Project – read.

Letter dated 13th August, 2007 from Foras na Gaeilge – read.
Letter dated 13th August, 2007 from Kerry Life Education Ltd. – read.
Letter dated 16th August, 2007 from Association of Irish Festival Events – read.
Letter dated 22nd August, 2007 from Donncha Foley Galway Volunteer Centre – read.
Fax dated 23rd August, 2007 from Ms. Laura lee, Project Co-ordinator, Tuam Garda Youth Diversion Project – read.
Notice of “Travellers’ Last Rights”
Notice of Annual Conference of Local Authority Members Association - Carlow
Notice of Annual Conference of Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland - Newross
Notice of National disability Authority Conference - Dublin
Notice of Conference – “Rural Tourism 2007-2013” - Kilkee
Notice of 19th National Tourism conference - Ennistymon

Grove Hospital:

Letters dated 24th August, and 27th August, 2007 from Ms. Priya Prendergast, Local Health Manager, Galway PCCC, HSE West was read. The Members expressed disappointment that the mortuary building was deemed unsuitable for an Ambulance Base. Councillor McHugh stated that an emergency occurred at a match on Sunday and the only ambulance available was the Order of Malta Ambulance. It was proposed by Councillor O’Grady seconded by Councillor Reilly and agreed to invite Ms. Prendergast and Mr. Alex McClean to the next meeting of the Board.

Audit Report:

Mr. Gilmore gave details of the Audit Report approving the Annual Financial Statement for the year ended 31st December, 2006. The report was adopted on the proposal of Councillor O’Grady seconded by Councillor Warren.

A. O. B.

Replying to Councillor O’Grady Mr. Gilmore said a report on the River Nanny would be prepared. It was proposed by Councillor O’Grady seconded by Councillor Warren and agreed to invite a person from the OPW to the next meeting of the Board.
The Mayor stated that the Public Toilets had been closed for the past two weeks and asked that the problems be resolved.

This concluded the meeting

Recorded by,
Angela Holian, Town Clerk

SIGNED BY: Mark Ward
MAYOR

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Meeting of Joint Policing Committee

Venue: Tuam Town Hall

Time: 8.00 p.m.

Date: 3rd September, 2007

Agenda

1. Minutes
2. C.C.T.V.
3. A.O.B.

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of Joint Policing Committee

Held on Monday 26th February, 2007

Present:

**Mayor: Councillor S. A. Flanagan
Councillors: A. O'Donnell-Brady, P. O'Grady, T. McHugh,
I. Kelly, G. Browne-Lane**

Deputy Paul Connaughton,

Supt. Seamus Keane, Inspector Aiden Foley

**Mr. Pat O'Hora, Community Development Officer
Mr. David Collins, Community Development Worker
Mrs. Teresa Kelly, Community Development Worker**

**Officials: Mr. Frank Gilmore, Acting County Manager
Mr. Stephen Lally, Town Engineer
Mrs. Angela Holian, Town Clerk**

Apology: Councillor Reilly, Senator Kitt, Deputy McHugh

The Prayer was recited.

The Mayor welcomed Mrs. Teresa Kelly and Inspector Aiden Foley to the meeting.

The Minutes of the inaugural meeting held on 23rd October, 2006 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor O'Donnell-Brady seconded by Councillor McHugh.

Matters arising from Minutes:

Supt. Keane stated that the Garda Commissioner had approved the Community-based CCTV Scheme for Tuam and letter of approval was on its way to the County Manager.

Presentation by Supt. Seamus Keane:

Supt. Keane stated that An Garda Síochána has always sought to police with the good will of the People. The good will enjoyed by An Garda Síochána has in no small measure contributed to the success of An Garda Síochána. He said An Garda Síochána are committed to Community Policing, Ireland continues to evolve socially and economically, the Community policed today is very different from the community which he first policed. In some respects Community Policing is going back to basics. It is recognised as an advance that we now have Gardai on bicycles, this was normal years ago. An Garda Síochána is very much of the People with the Men and Women of the Force recruited from the thirty two counties, urban and rural and indeed now from the wider ethnic community.

He said the objectives of Community Policing are to provide a holistic policing service which addresses the needs of the Community, to develop even closer relationships with each of the communities served and to establish partnerships with the public and other agencies.

The four cornerstones of Community Policing could be described as collaboration, co-operation, commitment and involvement in the community. Collaboration and co-operation involves working with interested parties to eliminate or reduce a particular problem for example Public Order, working with publicans and off licences to combat Underage Drinking. Visiting schools to talk on issues of Road Safety, Bullying etc., supporting local initiative such as CCTV for Tuam, working with the business community by use of crime prevention services to reduce the risk of crime, juvenile liaison service to divert young people from the criminal justice system, working with the housing authority. Working with the Joint Policing Committees, Establishing youth diversion programmes such as the scheme currently being established in Tuam. Seeking to maintain or review Neighbourhood Watch Schemes and Community Alert Schemes, to develop closer links with members of the various ethnic communities, listen to the community and recognize their policing needs by fully engaging with bodies such as JPC, Resident Groups, Travellers Groups and Business Groups. In a time when people seem to have less time to give to neighbourhood watch schemes and community alert schemes these schemes become more difficult to maintain or establish. An Garda Síochána need the co-operation and assistance of the Community.

Replying to the Councillor Browne-Lane regarding drug use among young people Supt. Keane said it would be naive to think this matter does not need attention. He said the Gardai now have a drugs unit in Tuam and two members recently spent time training with the Drugs Unit in Galway. He said the Gardai had drawn up a plan to deal with drugs and other issues. This plan will be presented at a future JPC meeting. Deputy Connaughton stated that a recent survey which he had conducted revealed that 80% of People were of the opinion that there were a lot of drugs in East Galway and 50% of People were of the opinion that there were a lot of drugs in their area. Councillor O'Grady said it would be helpful if An Garda Siochana addressed Parents and Leaders of the community on drugs. He said drugs frighten people and he suggested holding an open Forum on drugs, in conjunction with other organizations in the town – on a question and answer basis. Councillor Kelly suggested holding meetings area by area in the town as this would also enable people to get to know their neighbours. She also said it was important to involve young people, who could be encouraged to set up workshops themselves with the help of an adult co-ordinator. David Collins, Community Development Officer said a lot of organizations in the town had people dealing with the issue of drugs. Pat O'Hora, RAPID agreed with this. He said it was difficult to get community representatives to speak for their community and said RAPID may have a function in co-ordinating and liaising with the different organizations.

Mr. Gilmore stated that Adults and Parents also need education on drugs. He realized it was difficult to get people involved as the Town Council had placed an advert in the newspapers, prior to this meeting, requesting questions from members of the public but there was no response. The Town Council would host an open forum on drugs, this would help to bring the various organizations together. He said he was open to ideas and would prepare a draft.

C.C.T.V.:

Ms. Ann Mallaghan, RAPID Co-ordinator who was unable to attend the meeting sent the following, which was circulated to the Members:
Tenders have been sought and received for the provision of the proposed Community CCTV System for Tuam Town. As this programme is being funded by two government Departments (Department of Justice and Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs) and managed by POBAL on their behalf, copies of tenders received and quotation for any associated works are to be assessed by POBAL who will approve a recommendation for award of tender. A report has been prepared for POBAL on the tenders received and a quotation for outstanding civil works and provision of electricity supply to the sites is being completed. An application for planning under Section 4 is presently being prepared based on confirmation of the exact sites of the poles and it is hoped to advertise this in next week's papers.

An application was made to the Garda Commissioner for authorization for the Local Authority to operate the proposed CCTV system prior to Christmas, and a reply to this is expected from the Garda Commissioner shortly. This in turn must also be submitted to the office of POBAL prior to their giving an approval to proceed.

No licence for the broadcasting frequency of the proposed CCTV system is deemed to be necessary.

It is anticipated that should all these steps be completed as planned, that the CCTV system for Tuam Town should be installed during June or July 2007.

A.O.B.:

The Mayor proposed a vote of sympathy with An Garda Siochana and Limerick County Council on the death of a Garda and a Fire Officer at the scene of an accident over the weekend.

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

Signed by: Maolin Ward

MAYOR

Tuam Town Council

Special meeting
held on
Wednesday 18th July, 2007

Attendance: Mayor Ward,
Councillors: P. Warren I. Kelly, P. O'Grady, T. Reilly,
Mr. Peter Gavin, Town Engineer
Ms. Angela Holian, Town Clerk

The Meeting was called to consider application by Earwig Arts/Tuam Arts Festival for use of the Town Hall. It was noted that Tuam Arts Festival were accommodated in the Old Library Room in the Town Hall in 2004, 2005 and 2006. It was proposed by the Mayor seconded by the Deputy Mayor and agreed that the Old Library Room be made available to Earwig.

Letter dated 4th July, 2007 from Mr. Liam Gavin, Senior Engineer, Forward Planning Office, Galway County Council. It was proposed seconded and agreed that Tuam Town Council support the outward extension of the retail area of Tuam.

The Members expressed satisfaction with the earlier meeting with Ms. Priya Prendergast, Local Health Manager, and Mr. Alex McClean, General Manager, Health Service Executive West.

Ms. Prendergast stated that "expressions of interest" closed four weeks ago and the H.S.E. are going through a short listing process. Mr. McClean is chairing a steering group who will prepare a brief which will be circulated to the People short-listed who will then come back with their suggestions. It is hoped the "Competitive Dialogue Process" will begin in September or October 2007. She outlined the proposed plans and facilities which will be available in the Health Campus. She said she was confident an application for planning would be submitted in mid 2008. The Deputation asked that the Ambulance Base be sited at the "Grove". .

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Special Meeting held on Monday

9th July, 2007

Present: **Mayor Ward**, Councillor Ann O'Donnell, Councillor Imelda Kelly,
Councillor Paul O'Grady, Councillor Peter Warren,
Councillor Tom Reilly

Apology: Councillor G. Browne-Lane, Councillor Sally-Ann Flanagan,
Councillor Teresa McHugh

The meeting was called to discuss and select Members to meet with Ms. Priya Prendergast, Health Service Executive.

It was agreed that Mayor Ward, Councillors Warren, Reilly, O'Grady and the Town Clerk attend the meeting with Ms. Prendergast on Wednesday 18th July, 2007 at 11.30 a.m. It was agreed that the Deputation meet at 10.45 a.m. in the Corrib Great Southern.

Councillor Reilly proposed that a meeting be held to prepare a submission for the County Galway Draft Development Plan. He also stated that speed limits were being reviewed.

He said he proposed raising the Tuam By-pass at Tuam Area Councillors Meeting, Roads and Transportation Unit, Galway County Council and the West Regional Authority. He proposed that the Town Council seek a meeting with Mr. Fred Barry, C.E.O., National Roads Authority.

Mayor Ward proposed that local T. D.'s and Senators be invited to the September meeting of the Board.

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Angela Holian,
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To each Member of Tuam Town Council

29th August, 2007

A Chara,

The Monthly meeting of Tuam Town Council will be held in the Town Hall on Monday 3rd September, 2007 at 7.30 p.m. (following the annual meeting) You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise, le meas,

A. Horgan Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Minutes: Annual meeting held 25th June, 2007
Ordinary meeting held 25th June, 2007
Special meeting held 9th July 2007
Special meeting held 18th July, 2007

Manager's Business

Correspondence

The Grove Hospital

Tuam By-pass

C.C.T.V.

Audit Report

Notice of Motion: Councillor Ward

I propose that Tuam Town Council consider the possibility of decommissioning the current Tuam Town Commissioners Chain of Office. That Tuam Town Council consider commissioning a new mayoral chain, this chain would include all the names of current mayors since the millennium year

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday 25th June, 2007

Present: Mayor: Councillor Ward

Councillors: T. McHugh, A. O'Donnell-Brady, T. Reilly,
P. Warren, P. O'Grady, I. Kelly, G. Browne-Lane,
S. A. Flanagan.

Officials:

Mr. Frank Gilmore, Director of Services
Mr. Peter Gavin, Town Engineer
Mr. John Leahy, Executive Engineer,
Mrs. Angela Holian, Town Clerk

The Prayer was recited.

The Minutes of monthly meeting held on Monday 11th June, 2007 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by Councillor Warren.

Matters arising from Minutes:

Replying to Councillor Browne-Lane regarding disruption of water services the Town Engineer said there had been a problem with leakages, also there had been a problem at Luimneagh. Regarding the Cryptosporidium issue the Manager stated that the action programme by the Water Services Directorate was progressing satisfactorily, the lifting of the 'Boil' notice is a matter for the Health Service Executive.

Replying to Councillor Flanagan regarding a ramp at entrance to Palace Fields the Town Engineer said he was in consultation with the Road Design Team.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 5th June, 2007 from Confederation of European Councillors – read.
Letter dated 15th June, 2007 from Ms. Anne Tierney, Old Tuam Society regarding unveiling of WW2 Memorial. It was proposed by Councillor O'Grady, seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed the Town Council give a subscription of E250.00.

Grove Hospital: Letters dated 13th June and 18th June, 2007 from Mr. Alex Maclean, A/General Manager, Galway Primary, Community & Continuing Care, Health Service Executive were read. The Members expressed disappointment with the letters. The Mayor told the Members he had personally written to Ms. Priya Prendergast requesting that she meet with the Town Council. It was proposed by Councillor O'Grady, seconded by the Mayor and agreed to invite Ms. Priya Prendergast to a meeting of the Board.

Tuam By-pass: Councillor Reilly stated there had been no significant Archaeological find on the site. Replying to Councillor O'Grady who said the delay in proceeding with the by-pass is affecting the amalgamation of schools, the locating of a Shopping Centre/Tesco, traffic congestion in the town etc. Mr. Gilmore said a query had been raised regarding the number of roundabouts on the by-pass also the continuation of the by-pass north of Tuam. As soon as he had information he would inform the Members. Councillor O'Grady said the development of the town is intertwined with the by-pass. Mr. Gilmore said Galway County Council are committed to the development of Tuam, a Hub Town. The by-pass is a priority and all suitable development will be encouraged. Councillor Reilly said an overhead bridge was being considered at Ballygaddy Road.

C.C.T.V.: The Members expressed outrage at the damage done at Tuam Swimming Pool. Replying to Councillor Flanagan Mr. Gilmore said there would be no difficulty in introducing by-laws. He said he would look at options and come back to the Board.

Joint Policing Committee:

It was proposed by the Mayor seconded by Councillor Reilly and agreed to call a meeting of the Joint Policing Committee.

Traffic Management Plan:

The Town Engineer introduced the draft Traffic Management Plan. The Members discussed the various proposals in the plan. It was agreed that a copy of the draft plan be circulated to the Members. All submissions to be sent to the Town Engineer. The Mayor and Manager thanked Mr. John Leahy, Executive Engineer and Mr. Peter Gavin, Town Engineer for their work in preparing the Traffic Management Plan.

A. O. B.

It was proposed by the Mayor seconded by Councillor Reilly and agreed to invite Councillor Canney, Mayor of County Galway to the next meeting of the Board.

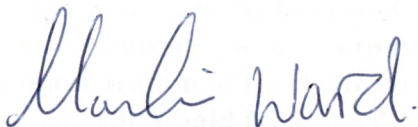
Business Improvement Districts Scheme:

A copy of Commencement of Business Improvement Districts Legislation and Making of Ratepayer Plebiscite Regulations had been circulated to the Members. Mr. Gilmore explained: A Business Improvement District Scheme is an organisational financing mechanism, through which the business community can develop and implement projects, services or works in defined areas to improve those areas for the betterment of the local environment. Before a BID Scheme can proceed it requires the holding of a ratepayer plebiscite, the support of a majority of ratepayers and the approval of the rating authority. A BID Scheme is financed by contributions from the ratepayers in the area.

This concluded the meeting

Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY:



MAYOR