

Tuam Town Council

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Town Clerk's Office,
Town Hall,
Tuam.

28th March, 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 2nd April, 2007 at 7.00 p.m. You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise, le meas,

Angel Adolan Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Minutes: Meeting held on 5th March, 2007
Sub-committee meeting held 16th March, 2007

Manager's Business

Correspondence

The Grove Hospital

Tuam By-pass

C.C.T.V.

Traffic Management: Old Road/Liam Mellows Street
High Street/Abbey Trinity Junction

Tuam Arts Festival - Economic Study

Women in Leadership Group

Use of the Town Crest

AOB

Matters arising from Minutes:

Regarding Councillor O'Donnell-Brady, regarding the proposal for Mr. Lally and an allocation of €10,000.00 had been mentioned.

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday 5th March, 2007

Present:

Mayor: Councillor Flanagan

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

Officials:

**Mr. Frank Gilmore, Director of Services
Mr. Stephen Lally, Town Engineer
Mr. Peter Gavin, Town Engineer
Mrs. Angela Holian, Town Clerk**

The Prayer was recited.

The Minutes of monthly meeting held on Monday 5th February, 2007 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by Councillor Ward.

The Minutes of the Sub-committee meeting held on Monday 23rd February, 2007 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by Councillor O'Grady.

Matters arising from Minutes:

Replying to Councillor O'Donnell-Brady regarding lights at Dunmore Road Mr. Lally said an allocation of E10,000-00 had been sanctioned. A number of lights would be erected this year.

Replying to Councillor Browne-Lane regarding the timing of the traffic lights at the Ballygaddy Road/Milltown Road junction Mr. Lally said the lights had been adjusted. There is increased time for traffic entering the N17 from Ballygaddy Road.

Replying to Councillor Warren regarding parking on both sides of the road and on the footpath at Old Road Mr. Lally said it was proposed to place double yellow lines on one side of Old Road and introduce Pay & Display, this can only be done when the by-laws are adopted. A review of the by-laws is to be carried out.

Replying to Councillor O'Grady regarding parking at Liam Mellows Street Mr. Lally said all options will be looked at during the traffic management review. He intended to meet with the Residents, the Tuam Stadium Committee and the Gardai. Councillor O'Grady called for the introduction of double yellow lines on both sides of the road, signage and implementation of the by-laws.

It was proposed by Councillor McHugh and seconded by Councillor Browne-Lane that a special meeting be held to discuss the problems at Old Road, Liam Mellows Street and the High Street/Abbey Trinity junction. Mr. Gilmore proposed that these be included on the agenda for the next meeting. He said there was a staff shortage in Galway County Council and the Traffic Management Review is being coordinated by the Tuam Office. Mr. Lally told the Members the new Public Toilet should be open before the next meeting.

The Mayor and Members welcomed new Town Engineer Mr. Peter Gavin. They paid tribute to Mr. Stephen Lally for his commitment to Tuam and wished him 'all the best' in his new post. Mr. Gilmore joined with the Members in thanking Mr. Lally for his work in Tuam.

Mr. Lally said he was in Tuam for three years. He found the work challenging, rewarding and satisfactory. He thanked the Mayor, Members, and officials for their good wishes and support in the past three years.

The Mayor and Members wished Mr. Gilmore "all the best" in his position as County Manager.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 1st February, 2007 from Ms Catherine Cunningham, Office of the Assistant National Director, PCCC Directorate, HSE West – read.

Letters dated 1st February, 6th February, 7th February, 13th February and 14th February, 2007 from Senator Michael Kitt – read. Senator Kitt was wished a speedy recovery.

Letters dated 5th February, 6th February, 12th February, 13th February, 14th February, 2007 from Mr. Noel Treacy, T. d., Minister for European Affairs - read.

Letter dated 6th February, 2007 from Mr. Paul Connaughton, T. D. – read.

Letter dated 15th February, 2007 from Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd. - Councillor Reilly delegate to A. G. M. – noted.

Letter dated 20th February, 2007 from Mr. Fiachra O’Riordan, Chief Executive, Sunday business Post. - read.

Letter dated 12th February, 2007 from Mr. Thomas O’Leary, Atlantic Events conference Management. – read.

Letter dated 2nd February, 2007 from confederation of European Councillors. - read

Letters dated 26th February, 2007 from Mr. Paddy McHugh, T. D. – read

Letters dated 14th February and 26th February, 2007 from Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland – read.

Notice from Greystones Town Council ‘2007 La touche legacy Seminar’ – noted.

Notice of Seminars for Councillors ‘Effective Communications for Councillors’ & The Local government Housing Service – noted

Grove Hospital:

Letters dated 5th February, 12th February and 16th February, 2007 from Mr. Brian Murphy, General Manager, Primary, Community & Continuing Care, Health Service Executive West. It was proposed by Councillor McHugh, seconded by Councillor Reilly and agreed to meet with Mr. Brian Murphy at his convenience.

Tuam By-pass:

Councillor Reilly informed the Members that ‘Notice to treat’ had been served on the Land Owners. Construction should start in early 2008.

C.C.T.V.:

Replying to Councillor Ward Mr. Lally said Authorisation to install and operate CCTV had been received from the Garda Commissioner. Regarding planning permission he said a site notice would have to be erected at each location. This process should take six to eight weeks. Replying to Councillor O'Grady regarding ordering of the equipment Mr. Lally said as soon as POBAL – the body given the task of overseeing the expenditure of RAPID – approved the recommendations that process would begin.

A.O.B.:

Replying to Councillor Kelly regarding the roundabout at the Square the Town Engineer said the matter would be investigated.

Councillor Reilly told the Members that three taxi people had attended a Tuam Area Council meeting. There is total commitment to the provision of a taxi rank in Tuam.

Replying to the Mayor regarding the roundabout at Vicar Street Mr. Lally said there are three approaches to the roundabout, two approaches have two traffic lanes. There are adequate signs indicating a roundabout. It is planned to carry out some work on the roundabout later in the year. The roundabout will be moved slightly and an island will be introduced.

Replying to Councillor O'Grady Mr. Gilmore said he would have a report on the Shambles for the next meeting or the May meeting. He said the lights removed from Abbey Trinity were still in storage.

Councillor Warren raised the matter of flooding at Athenry Road/Dublin Road and Parkmore Estate. He requested that the drains be cleaned.

Councillor McHugh asked that a pedestrian crossing be considered adjacent to the bus stop at the Glebe.

Replying to Councillor McHugh regarding provision of a right turning island, N17 to Weir Road, at the traffic lights at the Weir Road Mr. Lally said this had been looked at already but space to provide an island was inadequate. Councillor O'Grady called on Galway County Council to acquire land at this junction in view of the construction of 400 new houses at Weir Road. Mr. Lally said the Weir Road junction would continue to be monitored.

Replying to the Mayor regarding the Town Hall Clock Mr. Lally said he would arrange to have the chimes installed.

Councillor O'Grady asked the Members to consider holding an information seminar for non-nationals. He said there are one thousand non-nationals living in Tuam. Councillor Kelly said an information seminar should be open to all. Mr. Gilmore said all ideas would be considered.

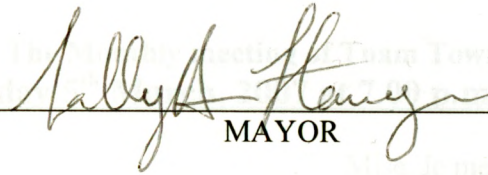
Sympathy:

A vote of Sympathy was passed with the Gleeson Family, Abbeytrinity on the death of Ann.

This concluded the meeting

Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY:


MAYOR

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AGENDA

✓ Minutes: Meeting held on 5th February, 2007
Sub-committee meeting held 23rd February, 2007

✓ Manager's Business

✓ Correspondence

✓ The Grove Hospital

✓ Tuam By-pass 2008.

✓ C.C.T.V. 6 weeks. June, July.

AOB

Peter Gavin.

Tuam Town Council

Special Sub Committee Meeting
held on
Monday 23rd February, 2007

Attendance: Mayor S. A. Flanagan, Councillors T. Reilly & I. Kelly,
Mr. S. Lally, Town Engineer
Angela Holian, Town Clerk

The Meeting was called to discuss the application from Old Tuam Society for the use of the Town Hall for their monthly meetings and series of lectures. The Sub-Committee agreed to recommend to the monthly meeting of the Town Council to be held on 5th March, 2007 that the Town Council accommodate the Old Tuam Society and make the big room on the ground floor available. (It was agreed at a previous meeting that the Boardroom would not be made available). It was proposed by Councillor Reilly seconded by the Mayor and agreed that the reduced charge of E15.00 be charged.

Regarding letter dated 16th February, 2007 from Mr. Brian Murphy, General Manager, Galway Primary, Community & Continuing Care, Health Service Executive West it was agreed to recommend to the Town Council that the Town Hall (the big room on the ground floor) be made available to the Health Executive for the two "open days". It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Reilly and agreed that there be no charge for this.

Recorded by:

**Angela Holian,
Town Clerk**

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday 5th February, 2007

Present:

Mayor: Councillor Flanagan

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

Officials:

**Mr. Frank Gilmore, Director of Services
Mr. Stephen Lally, Town Engineer
Mrs. Angela Holian, Town Clerk**

The Prayer was recited.

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

Matters arising from Minutes:

Replying to Councillor O'Donnell-Brady the Town Engineer said lighting on the Dunmore Road will be considered for inclusion in a submission for funding. The matter will be brought before the Tuam Area Committee and a full Council meeting.

Replying to Councillor Browne-Lane regarding the traffic island at Blackacre the Town Engineer said the crossing will be fully functional when the E.S.B. make the necessary connection. Regarding the timing of the traffic lights at the Ballygaddy Road/Milltown Road junction he said a fault had been found. The timing sequence from Ballygaddy Road would be adjusted. Councillor Browne-Lane asked if a barrier could be erected at the Pedestrian crossing at the Square as there is a constant problem with trucks parking on the crossing.

Replying to the Mayor regarding a cycle lane the Town Engineer said he had requested the Road Safety Engineer and the N.R.A. to make recommendations. Regarding parking on footpaths he said the Community Wardens patrol on a full-time basis. There has been an increased number of tickets/parking fines issued recently. The Community Wardens will continue to monitor parking. Councillor Ward said that people park without thinking, he paid tribute to the excellent work being done by the Community Wardens, and asked if the Council would consider introducing clamping especially for people who park on spaces for the disabled. Councillor Warren supported this.

The Mayor welcomed the arrival of the "Superloo".

Replying to Councillor Warren and Councillor McHugh who complained of boxes and bags of bottles being left beside the bottle banks at Dublin Road and Weir Road Mr. Gilmore said anyone who has evidence of People dumping should contact the Community Wardens or Galway County Council.

Replying to Councillor O'Grady regarding C.C.T.V the Town Engineer said Tenders have been received. Interviewing of the service providers is continuing. It is hoped to make recommendations shortly. Arrangements for the next J. P. C. meeting will be arranged as soon as possible.

Manager's Business:

Mr. Gilmore told the Members he would be bringing proposals for the Shambles car park to the next meeting or the following meeting of the Council.

Regarding the Joint Policing Committee he said there were outstanding issues holding up plans for the next meeting. It is hoped to hold the meeting at the end of the month.

Replying to Councillor O'Grady he said he would bring a report regarding income from traffic meters to a future meeting.

The Town Engineer told the Members that the meeting of the River Nanny Committee had been deferred to 14th February, 2007.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letters dated January, 2007 from B & Q "Your can do it" Awards 2007 – read

Letter dated 23rd January, 2007 from Atlantic Events Conference Management – read

Letter dated 24th January, 2007 from Sherkin Island Marine Station – read

Letter dated 15th January, 2007 from Mr. Paddy Harte, Project Director, A Journey of Remembering – read

Email dated 19th January, 2007 from Manuela Schuster, Student from Straubing – read

Letter dated 12th December, 2006 from National Standards Authority of Ireland – read

Letter dated January, 2007 from Rattoo Heritage Society – read

Letter dated 29th January, 2007 from 2007 Failte Ireland Tourism learning Networks – read

Letters dated 29th January & 2nd February, 2007 from Mr. Paddy McHugh, T. D. – read

Letter dated 30th January, 2007 from Mr. Paul Connaughton, T. D. – read

Grove Hospital:

It was proposed by Councillor Ward, seconded by Councillor Reilly and agreed to invite Mr. Brian Murphy, General Manager, H.S.E. West to the March meeting of the Board.

Tuam By-pass:

Councillor Reilly informed the Members that he had met with Minister Cullen and Mr. Barry, C. E. O. of the National Roads Authority. He welcomed the allocation of E5.5m for land acquisition. He said it would be twelve to fifteen months before constructions could start.

He also welcomed the inclusion of the "Tuam to Derrydonnell" road in "Transport 21".

Person of the Year:

The Mayor announced the TUAM PERSON OF THE YEAR, 2005 – Ms. Helen Howard-Taylor. It was agreed a special achievement award be made to Mr. Jimmy Sweeney, Mr. Ethan Mannion on his call to international soccer and Mr. John Ross Bodkin on his call to the under 16 international team and Mrs. Margaret Crisham on reaching 100 years of age. It was agreed to hold a ceremony after the March meeting of the Board.

A.O.B.:

Replying to Councillor Warren regarding the residents of Liam Mellow's street Mr. Gilmore said the matter will be dealt with under the Traffic Management Plan. Replying to Councillor McHugh he said the Traffic Management Plan will be advertised and there will be approximately four weeks to make submissions.

Sympathy:

A vote of Sympathy was passed with the following:

Conneally Family, Cloonthue on the death of Tom
Maloney Family, Newtownmorris on the death of Sean
Canney Family, Parkview Drive on the death of Des
Hyland Family, Killiloonty on the death of Mrs. Hyland
Ward Family, Gilmartin Road on the death of Mrs. Ward
Dep. Paddy McHugh on the death of his father Tom
Cllr. Tom McHugh on the death of his father John
Relatives of Mary Laffy, Athenry Road

This concluded the meeting

Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY: _____


MAYOR

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21st February, 2007

Meeting of Joint Policing Committee

Venue: Tuam Town Hall

Time: 7.00 p.m.

Date: 26th February, 2007

Agenda

1. Minutes
2. Presentation by Superintendent Seamus Kane
3. C.C.T.V.
4. A.O.B.

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Inaugural Meeting of Joint Policing Committee

Held on Monday 23rd October, 2006

Present:

Mayor: Councillor Flanagan

**Councillors: A. O'Donnell-Brady, G. Browne-Lane, P. Warren,
P. O'Grady, T. McHugh, T. Reilly, M. Ward.**

**Deputy Paul Connaughton, Deputy Paddy McHugh,
Senator Michael Kitt**

Chief Supt. Philip Moynihan, Supt. Seamus Keane

**Mr. Pat O'Hora, Community Development Officer
Mr. David Collins, Community Development Worker
Ms. Ann Mallaghan, RAPID Co-ordinator**

**Officials: Mr. Frank Gilmore, Director of Services
Mr. Stephen Lally, Town Engineer
Mr. John Leahy, Executive Engineer
Mrs. Angela Holian, Town Clerk**

The Prayer was recited.

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the Inaugural meeting of the Joint Policing Committee and introduced everyone.

Mr. Gilmore welcomed everyone to the meeting. He said the Joint Policing Committee was set up as a result of the Garda Siochana Act 2005. The Committee will consist of the Members of the Board, together with the Manager and person/persons nominated by him, three Members of the Oireachtas, two Garda officers and three people representing the community and voluntary sector. The present committee is a pilot project and will be reviewed in twelve months. The function of the committee is set out in section 36 (2) of the Garda Siochana Act which states "the joint policing committee's function is to serve as a forum for consultation, discussion and recommendation on matters affecting the policing of the local authority's administrative area".

Section 36 (1) of the Garda Siochana Act provides: "A local authority and the Garda Commissioner shall arrange for the establishment of a joint policing committee in accordance with the guidelines issued"

Section 35 (2) (c) of the Garda Siochana Act provides that the chairperson of the committee shall be a member of the local authority.

The joint policing committee will arrange and host public meetings. Public meetings will be facilitated by the Town Council.

Section 36 (4) of the Garda Siochana Act provides: "Neither the joint policing committee nor any of its subcommittees may consider matters relating to a specific criminal investigation or prosecution or matters relating to the security of the State".

Supt. Seamus Keane told the committee he had moved to Tuam from County Dublin, where he worked in crime investigation and community policing. He said Tuam is a low crime area but the issue of Public Order is a matter for concern, the meeting followed a bad week on the roads. He said the crime detection rate in Tuam is 40% which is satisfactory and the crime rate is down by 4%. He hoped to develop a community based police unit over the next few weeks and have more Gardai 'on the beat'. It was also proposed to introduce bicycles patrols by Gardai. He said he was delighted to attend the meeting and was anxious to hear what the needs and requirements of the People are.

Ms. Ann Mallaghan, RAPID Co-ordinator circulated an outline of the background and project proposals regarding the Tuam RAPID Community CCTV Project together with photos of the proposed locations of the cameras. She said the project was approved for an amount of E95,583 00 and as Tuam is a RAPID town matching funding was approved by the Dept. of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs giving a total of E191,166 00. Galway County Council will be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the system.

The implementation of the initiative has been delayed in order to ensure that each of the pilot CCTV projects approved could go before the newly established Joint Policing Committee for the relevant area. It is hoped CCTV will be in operation as soon as possible in 2007. In order to proceed quickly the approval of the Joint Policing Committee was required to the CCTV system for Tuam and the locations outlined, the Regional Divisional Commander to seek approval from the Garda Commissioner and the Joint Policing Committee asks the Community Safety Sub-committee of the Tuam AIT to act as the relevant sub-committee to proceed with the project.

It was proposed by Councillor Reilly, seconded by Councillor Ward and agreed that:

- (1) The Joint Policing Committee for Tuam agrees to the overall proposal for the Community-based CCTV system for Tuam at the seven locations outlined and instructs the County Council to proceed to seek tenders from technically competent contractors for this project as soon as possible;
- (2) That the Joint Policing Committee for Tuam agrees to ask the Regional Divisional Commander to seek approval from the Garda Commissioner (as required under Section 38(3)(c), Garda Siochana Act, 2005 for approval for the authorisation to approve a CCTV system for Tuam as outlined;
- (3) That the Joint Policing Committee for Tuam asks the designated sub-committee (the Community Safety Sub-committee of the Tuam AIT) to act as the relevant sub-committee to proceed with this project and to select a tender based on value for money and other relevant criteria in keeping with Public Procurement criteria to proceed with the project as soon as possible.

All present welcomed the provision of CCTV in Tuam. The Mayor thanked everyone involved and said CCTV will be a welcome addition to Tuam.

A.O.B.: It was agreed that future meetings of the J.P.C. be held on Monday nights at 7.30 p.m. Mr. Gilmore said all meetings are open to the Public and will be advertised. It was agreed to hold a meeting every three months. Supt. Keane was asked to make a presentation on Community Policing at the next meeting.

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

Signed by:


MAYOR

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31st January, 2007

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AGENDA

Minutes:

Manager's Business

Correspondence

The Grove Hospital

Tuam By-pass

CCTV

AOB

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday 8th January, 2007

Present:

Mayor: Councillor Flanagan

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

Officials:

**Mr. Frank Gilmore, Director of Services
Mr. Stephen Lally, Town Engineer
Mrs. Angela Holian, Town Clerk**

Apology

Councillor Ward

The Prayer was recited.

The Minutes of monthly meeting held on Monday 11th December, 2006 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by Councillor McHugh.

Matters arising from Minutes:

Councillor Browne-Lane welcomed the provision of the traffic island on the Milltown Road at Blackacre. She said she was still receiving complaints, regarding the timing of the traffic lights at the Ballygaddy Road/Milltown Road junction. She asked that traffic flow in the town be looked at, she said the town was totally blocked up that morning, children back to school, also there were major hold-ups at the roundabout/junction at Vicar Street. She said people continue to park on double yellow lines at Old Road. Councillor O'Grady welcomed the commencement of work regarding the provision of the public toilet. Replying to Councillors O'Grady and O'Donnell-Brady regarding income from parking meters Mr. Gilmore said he would bring a report to a future meeting. Councillor O'Grady asked that Galway County Council allot some of the money collected to small items of Traffic Management.

Councillor Reilly thanked Galway County Council for the speedy response to issues raised over the Christmas.

Replying to the Mayor regarding provision of a cycle lane at Blackacre the Engineer said he would investigate.

Replying to Councillor O'Donnell-Brady regarding lighting at Dunmore Road the Town Engineer said it would be included. Councillor O'Donnell Brady requested that parts of the path in the park be re-surfaced.

Manager's Business:

Mr. Gilmore told the Members that work has commenced on the Traffic Management Plan for Tuam. He said the work is being carried out by the local Engineering Staff with backup from Galway County Council. The information gathering process is proceeding and a draft plan will be prepared and brought before the Town Council. The draft plan will be publicised and open for public consultation. Replying to Councillor McHugh he said the issues raised by the Town Council will be considered. Replying to Councillor Warren regarding a section of Dublin Road, St. Patricks School to the Court House, he said this will be referred to the Traffic Management Committee.

Replying to Councillor O'Grady regarding the Shambles he said the property to provide a link/path from the Shambles to the Mall has been acquired. A draft plan will be prepared as soon as possible. This will then be brought before a meeting of the Tuam Electoral Area Councillors and the Town Council.

Mr. Gilmore told the members a meeting of the river nanny group will take place in the Town Hall on Thursday 8th February, 2007.

He presented a report from the River Nanny Committee – a copy to be circulated to the Members.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letters dated 8th December, 2006 from Letterkenny Town Council – read.

Letter dated 15th December, 2006 from Mr. Seamus O'Grady, Customer/Change Manager, An Post, Galway – read.

Letter dated 15th December, 2006 from Local Government Policy Section, Dept. of the Environment – read.

Letter dated 19th December, 2006 from Mr. John Bodkin, Secretary, Tuam Celtic AFC Development Committee also letter dated 8th January, 2007 from Mr. Maurice McDonagh, on behalf of the residents approached by Tuam Celtic.

The Members welcomed the development of facilities as outlined and paid tribute to work done by Tuam Celtic in the past. The Mayor and Members called on Tuam Celtic and the Residents to meet and come to a consensus. It was proposed by Councillor O'Grady, seconded by Councillor Reilly and agreed that the Mayor meet with the Chairperson of the Residents and Tuam Celtic.

Mr. Gilmore stated that the planning application was a matter for the planning Department, Galway County Council.

Letters dated 19th December, 2006 from B. Connolly, Area Manager, Bus Eireann, Galway – read.

Letter dated 20th December, 2006 from Mr. Pat Gallagher, County Manager – The Mayor and Members thanked Mr. Gallagher for his input and wished him well in his new appointment.

Letter dated 3rd January, 2007 from office of the Minister for Health and Children regarding the Grove Hospital. It was agreed to write to the Project Manager.

Invitation to information seminar at Croke Park on 25th January, 2007 (Reporting on the statutory target for employment of people with disabilities in the public sector) – read.

Grove Hospital: Letter dated 3rd January, 2007 from office of the Minister for Health and Children was read. It was agreed to write to the Project Manager, Health Service Executive.

Court House: Replying to the Members Mr. Gilmore said he did contact the Courts Service who gave a commitment to stay in Tuam. The old Court house has been secured.

Tuam By-pass: It was proposed by Councillor Browne-Lane seconded by the Mayor and agreed to write to the Local Oireachtas Members regarding the Tuam By-pass, the Court House and the Grove Hospital.

A.O.B.:

Replying to the Mayor regarding the date for the next Joint Policing Committee meeting and the installation of C.C.T.V. Mr. Gilmore said Tenders for C.C.T.V. were being sought. A provisional date for the next meeting, 12th February, 2007, was agreed.

It was proposed, seconded and agreed to re-advertise the Person of the Year.

The Mayor welcomed the Brennan Family home after their cycle – “Salthill to Sydney”.

Sympathy:

A vote of Sympathy was passed with the following:

Burns Family, Rusheens on the death of Josephine
Collins Family, Athenry Road on the death of James
Connern Family, St. Enda's Ave on the death of Eva
Quinn Family, St. Enda's Ave on the death of Jonathan Kylie
The Mayor & Flanagan Family, Dunmore on the death of Noel

This concluded the meeting

Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY:


MAYOR

Members

January 5, 2007

Meeting of interested parties in R. Nanny

A chara

As you are aware, the proposed meeting of our group scheduled for the 12th October 2006 did not take place. Unfortunately, due to other commitments, it was not possible to reschedule another meeting until now.

The success of the group since coming together in 2005 has centred around interested parties highlighting their involvement and concerns in relation to the River Nanny, attempting to understand the role and concerns of each party, and attempting to improve the condition of the river within the constraints that effect each party. These constraints have included technical expertise, finance, environmental issues and infrastructure, but there has been some progress also. Progress to date has included:

- The installation of new litter bins in the area behind the mill
- An improved service in this area
- Proposal for the erection of Litter Awareness signs along the river
- Commitment to support litter cleanups when arranged
- Explanation of the need to improve the water flow in the river, and investigation of possible ways to do this
- Report by the Fishery clubs about their concerns in relation to discharges, and investigation of these

Possibly the most important role of the group has been the regular meetings, where people can voice their concerns to the relevant authority, and the commitment of all groups to improving the river, while at the same time attempting to understand the constraints.

In order to continue this process, we would propose that we have a meeting to review progress to date, and discuss how, or if, we go forward. We are proposing having the meeting at **10a.m. on Thursday 8th February 2007 in the Tuam town hall.**

We propose an agenda as follows:

AGENDA

1. **Update from Fishery Board and OPW in relation to inspections of swallow hole area during summer 2006.**
2. **Update from Alan McGrath in relation to anti-litter signs**
3. **Cleanups**
4. **A.O. B., including where to go from here**

We hope that you can arrange for representation from your group to attend.

If you have any queries, do not hesitate to contact me on 087-6788108 or 091-509219.

Mark Molloy
Assistant Environmental Awareness Officer

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Development Committee

Angela Holian,
Town Clerk,
Tuam Town Council,
Town Hall,
The Square,
Tuam,
Co. Galway

19th December 2006

Re: Proposed development by Tuam Celtic AFC on lands at Ballytrasna (Behind Gardenfield National School)

Dear Angela,

I am writing to you to inform you of Tuam Celtic's proposed development on lands behind Gardenfield National School in the townland of Ballytrasna. It is the club's intention to develop playing pitches and ancillary facilities during 2007 at this location subject to a successful planning application.

Tuam Celtic AFC was formed in 1974 to provide a much needed soccer club for the area. Over the years it has expanded and grown to its present state where we now cater for in excess of 300 children and adults. These numbers alone have increased by close on 100% in the last 2 years. Because of this growth and perceived future growth in ladies soccer we now need to improve and expand our facilities. Subject to planning, we intend on providing 2 full sized natural turf playing pitches; a full sized all weather synthetic playing pitch which can be subdivided into 3 six-a-side pitches, if and when required; 2 natural turf five-a-side pitches; clubhouse containing 8 dressing rooms, meeting rooms, a gym and other necessary facilities; state of the art floodlighting and a car park. Modern life requires modern facilities and as a progressive local club it is our intention to make these facilities available for the community.

To this end I would be most grateful if the town council could spend a few minutes to discuss our proposal and hopefully offer your outright support for it. We feel that the support of the council will certainly add weight to our planning application. We note from recent media publications that the town needs these type of facilities and our aim is to put these in place and we urge the town council to add its weight to and rally support for these plans.

Finally, let me on behalf of Tuam Celtic, thank you for taking the time to read this letter and discussing our proposals. We would also like to thank you for all of your assistance in the past and we look forward to both the town council and Tuam Celtic working together for the betterment of sport in the Tuam area.

Should you require any further information please feel free to contact me, at your convenience, at the address listed below.

Kindest regards,

John Bodkin
John Bodkin, Secretary, Tuam Celtic AFC Development Committee.

Please forward all correspondence to John Bodkin, 142 Palace Fields, Tuam, Co. Galway.

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Tuam Town Councilors ,
Tuam Town Council,
Tuam

January 8th 2007.

RE: Tuam Celtic planned development for Ballytrasna

Dear Councilors,

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss several facts about Tuam Celtic's proposal to develop a soccer campus behind several family homes and Gardenfield National School on land zoned Agricultural.

Tuam Celtic in their recent press releases alluded to the fact that the National School and local residents alike would benefit immensely from their proposed development. Let us dispel this notion immediately.

Several months ago, four local families were informally approached by members of Tuam Celtic seeking their support for their planned development. The families and the rest of the residents held a meeting whereby the proposal was formally rejected on many grounds including the fact that it was totally out of sync with a rural area. We wrote to the Chairman of Tuam Celtic rejecting same - this was our last communication to Tuam Celtic.

In the meantime, Tuam Celtic made approached the Chairperson of the Board of Management of Gardenfield National School seeking their support.

Likewise, the Board held a meeting and agreed to reject the Tuam Celtic proposal out of hand, as the BOM was pursuing its own amenity development of a state of the art gymnasium, Basketball court on top of the two recently developed football pitches. The BOM wrote to the Chairman of Tuam Celtic informing him of their position.

The reasons for our objections are not based on a 'not in my back yard' attitude, but on fair and reasonable and objective grounds. This proposed development contravenes the Tuam Town Local Area Plan 2005-2011, which clearly identifies where appropriate amenity locations are designated for the people of Tuam. Ballytrasna is outside the confines of the Local Area Plan and therefore cannot be considered for said purposes.

The Local Area Plan promotes modular development within the zoned areas and we believe that Tuam Celtic would be better served if they stayed in line with the Local Area Plan.

We believe that if the Local Area Plan is not adhered to by any party then a dangerous precedent would prevail, which would render the whole Local Area Plan open to abuse.

As you are aware, we possess an array of natural amenities in the area already from walkways, to natural bird sanctuaries, to the village museum, the Lally monument and many ring forts – this has been recognized by the Galway County Council Golden Mile award we won in 2005.

We wish Tuam Celtic every success in their efforts to locate a more suitable location within the town boundary but we do not appreciate being misrepresented in the media or elsewhere.

Yours sincerely

Maurice mc Donagh.

on behalf of the residents who were approached by Tuam Celtic.



Office of the Minister
Oifig an Aire

03/01/2007



DEPARTMENT
OF HEALTH AND
CHILDREN
AN ROINN
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Quality and Fairness
A Health System for You

Ms Angela Holian
Town Clerk
Tuam Town Council
Town Clerks Office
Town Hall
Tuam
Co Galway

Dear Ms Holian

The Minister for Health and Children, Mary Harney T.D., has asked me to thank you for your letter concerning a meeting of the Town Council in relation to the Grove Hospital, Tuam.

The Health Act 2004 provided for the Health Service Executive and under the Act, the Executive is required to manage and deliver, or arrange to be delivered on its behalf, health and personal social services.

Responsibility in this matter rests with the Executive. A copy of your correspondence has been referred to the Chief Executive Officer of the HSE who will arrange for the matters raised to be investigated and a reply issued directly to you.

Yours sincerely

Paul Flanagan
Private Secretary

CC Chief Executive Officer, Health Services Executive: for appropriate attention.

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Town Clerk's Office,
Town Hall,
Tuam.

3rd January, 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 8th January, 2007 at 7.00 p.m. You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise, le meas,

Angela Holan Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Minutes:

Manager's Business

Correspondence

The Grove Hospital

Court House

Tuam By-pass

AOB

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday 11th December, 2006

Present:

Mayor: Councillor Flanagan

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

Officials:

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

The Prayer was recited.

The Minutes of Budget of Expenses meeting held on Monday 20th November, 2006 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Warren seconded by Councillor O'Donnell-Brady.

The Minutes of monthly meeting held on Monday 20th November, 2006 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by Councillor Warren.

The Minutes of Sub-committee meeting held on Monday 4th December, 2006 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by Councillor Browne-Lane.

Matters arising from Minutes:

Replying to Councillor O'Grady Mr. Gilmore said that following the last meeting he had been informed by the General Purposes Section, Galway County Council that the application for a Sports Capital Grant had been submitted by Galway County Council. He said it was not his intention to mislead, but to bring the matter to the attention of the Town Council at the first possible opportunity. He said the application will be discussed with the Electoral Area Committee.

Councillor Browne-Lane told the Members that she had been informed by a person that she was unable to wheel her buggy at Old Road because of cars parked on the footpaths. She called on People not to park on footpaths. She asked that the road be re-surfaced at Dublin Road where the traffic lights had been removed. She also said the timing on the traffic lights at Ballygaddy Road/Milltown Road should be adjusted as there are long delays when approaching from Ballygaddy Road.

Councillor O'Grady stated that traffic lights at Weir Road/Galway Road also need adjusting as the lights change to-quickly for traffic approaching from the Weir Road. He said a truck was being parked at Purcell/Stockwell Road, on double yellow lines, from 9 p.m. until morning.

Councillor Reilly asked that parking spaces for the disabled be left free for disabled People.

Councillor Kelly said she had been held up for twenty five minutes recently because of parking on both sides of the road at Chapel Lane. She also said a spotlight on a building there was too bright.

Replying to Councillor O'Grady Mr. Gilmore said delivery of the toilet had been deferred until January.

Councillor O'Grady asked that the Board be informed of the income from parking meters.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letters dated 15th November, 2006 from Colmcille Heritage Trust – read.

Letter dated 20th November, 2006 from Mullingar Town Council – read.

Letter dated November, 2006 from Northern Tourism – read.

Letter dated 24th November, 2006 from Confederation of European Councillors – read.

Letters dated 1st December, 2006 from Nenagh Town Council – read.

Notice re: Western Region drugs task force – noted.

Notice re: Spring Seminar Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland – noted.

Grove Hospital:

The Mayor informed the Members she had been unable to contact Ms. Catherine Cunningham, Project Manager. It was proposed by Councillor O'Grady, seconded by Councillor O'Donnell-Brady and agreed to invite Ms. Cunningham to the January meeting of the Board.

Court House:

Councillor Warren welcomed the Boarding up of the windows at the Court House. Councillor O'Grady said there had been no new developments since the last meeting. It was agreed to keep the matter on the agenda.

Tuam By-pass:

Letter dated 23rd November, 2006 from Mr. Fred Barry, Chief Executive, National Roads Authority – Councillor Reilly told the Members that, weather permitting, ground investigation would be completed by the end of 2006. Compensation talks with Farmers should be completed by July/August 2007. The By-pass should then go to Tender and be approved by late 2007 or early 2008.

Mr. Gilmore stated that the N. R.A. design office intend to have preliminary works finished by late 2007 or early 2008. There is a difficulty in progressing to construction.

Letting of the Town Hall:

Following recommendation from Sub-committee meeting held on Monday 4th December, 2006 it was proposed by Councillor Reilly, seconded by Councillor Warren and agreed to let the room downstairs to Tuam Community Development Resource Centre Ltd. on Thursday nights from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. starting 11th January, 2007 and ending 22nd March, 2007. It was agreed to waive 50% of the normal fee and charge Tuam Community Development Resource Centre E15.00 per hour.

Standing Orders:

It was proposed by councilor O'Donnell-Brady, seconded by Councillor Warren and agreed to hold the monthly meetings at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of each month.

January Meeting:

It was agreed to hold the January meeting on Monday 8th January, 2007 at 7 p.m.

A.O.B.:

Councillor Reilly told the Members he had been informed that Tuam is to lose its daily Bus Service to Dublin. It was proposed by Councillor Warren, seconded by the Mayor and agreed that the Clerk would write to Bus Eireann in the morning.

Councillor O'Grady said he would like to formally welcome **LIDL** to Tuam. He said the building was constructed in the worst weather of the year and a fantastic job has been done on the road/entrance. He said Tuam welcomes outside investment and People who are trying to come to Tuam. He looks forward to welcoming ALDI, Tesco and Dunnes to Tuam.

Councillor Reilly thanked the Town Engineer and the Staff at the Tuam Area Office for their quick response during the bad weather.

Mr. Gilmore circulated an update of the River Nanny Forum. He said he would inform the Members of the date of the meeting in January.

Councillor McHugh complimented the Chamber of Commerce on the Christmas lights.

A vote of Sympathy was passed with the following:

Mills Family, Tubberjarlath Road on the death of Noel
Ryan Family, Tubberjarlath Road on the death of Bill
Gilligan Family, Kilmore on the death of Breege
Maloney Family, Ballymoate Road on the death of Seamus
Monaghan Family, Tullinadaly Road on the death of Tom
Mr. Tony Galvin, Tuam Herald on the death of his Mother

This concluded the meeting

Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY:


MAYOR



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Town Clerk
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Date 23 November 2006 **Our Ref.** NRA06-48698 **Your Ref.**

Dear Ms. Holian,

Thank you for your correspondence of 17th November 2006, regarding the N17 Tuam Bypass.

As you may be aware, the Government's national transport infrastructure investment programme Transport 21 provides the framework for the development of the national roads network over the 10-year period from 2006 to 2015. Under the plan, the initial focus of the Authority's programme of works will concentrate on the completion of the five major inter-urban routes linking Dublin to Cork, Waterford, Limerick, Galway and Northern Ireland (via the M1) to motorway/high quality dual carriageway standard. The plan anticipates the completion of these strategic routes in their entirety by 2010.

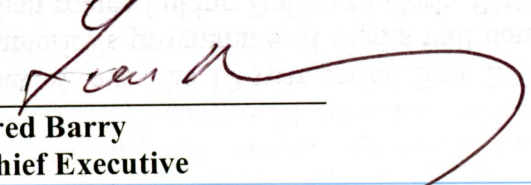
In tandem with progress on the above network, many other schemes have been identified for development and following the delivery of the major interurban network the focus of national road construction will be on the delivery of the other projects in Transport 21.

As outlined above, the Authority's national road development programme between 2006 and 2010 is focussed on the development and completion of the five major inter-urban routes. Projects on these routes will, accordingly, receive priority for funding by the Authority during this period, with the bulk of the remaining funding available being directed towards construction works on other routes to which we are already contractually committed.

Having regard to the foregoing, I regret that it is not possible to provide funding for the construction of the proposed Tuam Bypass in the short term. €2m was provided to Galway County Council this year to enable ground investigations and topographical surveys to be undertaken. I can assure you that the provision of funding to advance the scheme will be kept under review as the objective of completing the outstanding projects on the major inter-urban routes is progressed.

I hope the above information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,


Fred Barry
Chief Executive

River Nanny forum –Report to date

11-Dec-06

INTRODUCTION

In September 2005 Mr. Frank Gilmore Galway County Council, Manager for the Tuam Electoral area asked that a meeting be arranged between Galway County Council and representatives of groups in the Tuam area who were involved in different ways with the River Nanny. There had been concerns raised about the condition of the river from many groups, and it was felt that if these groups were to meet and discuss their concerns, there would be better understanding by each group as to the role of each body involved in the river. The possibility of setting up a working group would also be discussed, where the concerns of any group could be investigated, or their concerns relayed to the relevant authority.

PROGRESS TO DATE

At the first meeting in October 2005 there were representatives from Galway County Council, local angling clubs, Western Regional Fisheries Board, and Action Tuam. The OPW, Palace Grounds Committee, and the Mill Museum Committee joined at subsequent meetings. At the initial meeting, each group outlined their concerns in relation to the river. It was acknowledged that everyone had to work together to try and improve the situation. It was decided that the forum would meet regularly and try and address the concerns brought up, but it was acknowledged that some concerns were major and would not be resolved easily. It was also decided that if a group felt there should be other representatives on the forum they could suggest it at any meeting and they would be considered.

The first thing that was done was the replacement of the litter bins in the area behind the mill and improvement in the cleaning service in this area.

Investigations were done in relation to claims of discharges into the river, and these were rectified. While it was acknowledged that litter cleanups were done previously by various groups on a voluntary basis, there was a call to do a major cleanup of the river, including all the weed growth in the river. The WRFB and the OPW explained that this weed growth is related to the water flow, and some is also needed for the protection of spawning beds. Not only is it a major financial cost to consider a cleanup of the entire river, it may also cause damage to habitats along or in the river. The water flow is affected by swallow holes further up the river, and the OPW and the WRFB have agreed to look at these and see if some simple remedial work might improve the water flow. It was agreed that if the Fishery Club arranged a litter cleanup, it would be supported by the other groups as best they can, but any major cleanup could only be considered if funding and professional advice was available, as this was beyond the scope of the forum at present.

An update was to be made on all suggestions at the October meeting which had to be cancelled. At the moment there is no definite date fixed for the next meeting, but I would hope to arrange it for January/ February 2007.

CONCLUSION

All the groups, both voluntary and public, that formed this forum came together in order to work together to try and improve the environs of the River Nanny. Every member had concerns and responsibilities in relation to the river. The forum gave each group an opportunity to air their concerns and to hear from other bodies who were involved in the river. Professional advice from the OPW, The WRFB and Galway County Council was invaluable in understanding the implications of doing some of the suggested works, and also to highlight what a complex project it is to manage any body of water considering all the different external factors that affect it. All members are looking forward to continuing the work in 2007.

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6th December, 2006

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 11th December, 2006 at 7.30 p.m. You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise, le meas,

Angela Holan Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Minutes: Budget of Expenses meeting held on 20th November, 2006
Monthly meeting held on 20th November, 2006
Sub-committee meeting held on 4th December, 2006

Manager's Business

Correspondence

The Grove Hospital

Court House

Tuam By-pass

Set Date for January Meeting

Letting of the Town Hall

Standing Orders

AOB

County Meeting of 20th Nov 2006

Matters arising from Minutes:

Re: Mr. Flanagan's request for a taxi rank. Mr. Lally's response was that the Department would not be able to provide a taxi rank. The final decision of a taxi rank would be made by the Traffic Management Plan which was adopted.

Tuam Town Council

Special Sub Committee Meeting **held on** **Monday 4th December, 2006**

Attendance: Councillor S. A. Flanagan,
Mr. S. Lally, Town Engineer
Angela Holian, Town Clerk

Apology: Councillor Kelly

The Meeting was called to discuss the application from Tuam Community Development Resource Centre Ltd for use of the Town Hall for one evening per week (Thursday) from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. for eleven weeks starting 11th January, 2007 and ending 22nd March 2007.

The Sub-Committee agreed to recommend to the monthly meeting of the Town Council to be held on 11th December, 2006 that the Town Council accommodate the Tuam Community Development Resource Centre Ltd.

Recorded by:

Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

Council Meeting of 20th Nov. 2006

Matters arising from Minutes:

Replying to Councillor McHugh regarding a taxi rank Mr. Gilmore said a response was awaited from the Department. He said the final location of a taxi rank would not be decided until the Traffic Management Plan was adopted.

Councillor Browne-Lane told the Members that new hoarding has been erected at the Lane, the "No right turn" sign has gone and people continue to park on the double yellow lines. She said the Lane is narrow and parking is impeding pedestrian access - charges in the adjacent car park are very reasonable. She also said a skip parked at Foster Place was impeding the flow of traffic. Councillor Reilly proposed that the Lane be made "one-way-traffic" under the Traffic Management Plan. This was supported by Councillor Warren who said ramps should also be installed.

The Members expressed huge concern regarding Old Road and said cars were parked on both sides of the road and on the footpaths. Concern was also expressed regarding Tullinadaly Hill and if widening of the road would be possible. Councillor O'Grady said it was essential that the Traffic Management Plan be put in place.

Mr. Gilmore said he couldn't put a time frame on the implementation of the Traffic Management Plan, he would meet with the relevant Director of Services and do his utmost to try and put the Traffic Management Plan in place as soon as possible. Replying to Councillor O'Grady he said the Shamble/Mall and Liam Mellow's Street would be dealt with under the Traffic Management Plan.

Replying to the Mayor the Town Engineer said tickets would be issued to People who park on the loading bays.

Replying to Councillor Reilly regarding three lights 'from the Lane to the N17' the Town Engineer said the ESB had been requested to connect them.

Replying to the Mayor regarding ornate signs Mr. Gilmore said this would be raised with the Tuam Area Electoral Committee.

Replying to Councillor O'Grady regarding the Public Toilet the Town Engineer said the unit should arrive in the second week of December.

Nomination of Member:

It was proposed by the Mayor and seconded by Councillor Warren that Ms. Imelda Kelly be appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of her father Councillor Miko Kelly. There being no other proposal the Mayor declared Ms. Kelly elected. All present congratulated Ms. Kelly and welcomed her to the Board of Tuam Town Council. Councillor Kelly thanked the Members who proposed and seconded her. She said she was honoured to be co-opted to the Board in place of her father who had been very proud to have been a member for forty years. She said she would work hard on behalf of the people of Tuam.

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday 20th November, 2006

Present:

Mayor: Councillor Flanagan

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

Officials:

**Mr. Frank Gilmore, Director of Services
Mr. Stephen Lally, Town Engineer
Mrs. Angela Holian, Town Clerk**

The Prayer was recited.

The Minutes of meeting held on Monday 27th September, 2006 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by Councillor Warren.

The Minutes of meeting held on Monday 16th October, 2006 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Browne-Lane seconded by Councillor Reilly.

The Minutes of meeting held on Monday 23rd October, 2006 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor McHugh seconded by Councillor Reilly.

Manager's Business:

Mr. Gilmore informed the Members that a proposal had been received by Galway County Council from the company who run the swimming pool to construct two five-a-side football pitches at the Palace Grounds. The matter would be brought before the Tuam Electoral Area Committee. He said this was the opening of the consultation process. The Members thanked the Manager for bringing the matter before the Board. They said there would be serious reservations regarding this development and agreed that Public consultation was called for.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letters dated October, 2006 from Ms. Sorcha Murry, Manager, Galway East Tourism – It was agreed not to contribute to Galway East Visitor Guide for 2007.

Letter dated 1st November, 2006 from Mr. Noel Treacy, T. D., Minister for European Affairs – read.

Letter dated 6th November, 2006 from Confederation of European Councillors - read.

Letter dated 3rd November, 2006 from Ms. Siobhan Barron, Director, National Disability Authority – read.

Letters dated 25th October, 2006 from Mr. Dick Whelan, Network manager, Renewable Energy Skills – read.

Letter dated 13th November, 2006 from Mr. Philip Stokes, Stokes Clocks & Watches Ltd. – It was proposed by Councillor O'Grady, seconded by Councillor Warren and agreed that a Chiming Unit be fitted to the Town Hall Clock.

Letter dated November, 2006 from Mr. Martin Connolly, Barnaderg – read.

Letter dated 16th November, 2006 (Mr. Jack Easing, Senior Engineer, Galway County Council, National Roads Design Office to Mr. Noel Treacy, T.D.)

Tuam By-pass:

Councillor Reilly stated that it was an insult to the People of Tuam, and motorists trying to get to and from work daily, to be told that the by-pass is not to be constructed until 2009/2010. Archaeologists have moved on to the by-pass site. The site will be ready for construction in 2007. He said he had been in contact with Minister Treacy, Minister Cullen and Minister Cowen. He proposed that the Board seek a deputation to Mr. Fred Barry, National Roads Authority also the matter be kept on the agenda.

The Town Clerk confirmed that a letter had been sent to Mr. Barry, N.R.A. following the last meeting. It was agreed to keep the matter on the agenda.

Person of the Year:

It was agreed to invite submissions for the 'Person of the Year', advertisement to be placed in the Tuam Herald.

Grove Hospital:

Councillor O'Grady told the members that the H. S. E. had written to people in the private sector. It appears locating the Ambulance Base is to go ahead. The Mayor said she planned to meet with Ms. Catherine Cunningham, Project Manager in the coming week. It was proposed by Councillor Reilly, seconded by Councillor O'Grady and agreed to write to Ms. Mary Harney, Minister for Health.

Court House:

Councillor Warren told the members that the Court House was fast becoming a derelict site also the Tuam Stars building is not being used. He called on the Courts Service to make a decision regarding the sites. Councillor O'Grady stated that an offer on the Tuam Stars building, substantially higher than one from the Courts Service, is with the Auctioneer.

Mr. Gilmore agreed to write to the Courts Service.

Audit Report:

Mr. Gilmore gave details of the Audit Report approving the Annual Financial Statement for the year ended 31st December, 2005. The report was adopted on the proposal of Councillor O'Grady seconded by Councillor Reilly.

Election of Member to Sub-committee

It was proposed by Councillor Reilly, seconded by Councillor O'Donnell-Brady and agreed that Councillor Kelly be a member of the sub-committee on the Town Hall.

Galway County Council
National Roads Design Office

Comhairle Contair na Gaillimhe
Chúig Deartha Boithre Náisiúnta

An Bord Ceapálach
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It was proposed by Councillor Reilly, seconded by Councillor Warren and agreed that Councillor Kelly be a delegate to the A.M.A.I.

It was proposed by Councillor Browne-Lane, seconded by Councillor McHugh and agreed that Councillor Kelly represent the Board on RAPID

It was proposed by Councillor O'Donnell-Brady, seconded by Councillor Warren and agreed that Councillor Kelly be a member of the 'Person of the Year' committee.

It was proposed by Councillor O'Grady, seconded by Councillor Reilly and agreed that Councillor Kelly be the nominee of the Town Council on the Housing SPC, Galway County Council. Mr. Gilmore stated that this proposal would have to be ratified at a Council meeting.

A.O.B.:

It was proposed by Councillor O'Grady, seconded by Councillor Reilly and agreed that the Board mark the occasion of the selection of Ethan Mannion to the All-Ireland under-fifteen team. It was agreed to make a presentation on the night of the Person of the Year award.

Replying to Councillor Reilly regarding graffiti at the playground the Town Engineer said efforts to remove the graffiti had failed. He has written to the manufacturer of the equipment.

Councillor Reilly complimented the Town Engineer and his Staff on the new footpaths.

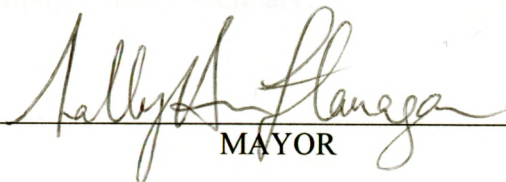
The Mayor told the Members that the 150th Anniversary of the Town Hall was approaching and she asked for suggestions to mark the occasion.

It was proposed by Councillor Browne-Lane and seconded by Councillor Reilly that photos of former Chairpersons be hung in the Board Room.

This concluded the meeting

Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY:


MAYOR



Galway County Council National Roads Design Office

Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Oifig Deartha Bóithre Náisiúnta

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16th November 2006.

Noel Treacy, T.D.,
Minister for European Affairs,
Iveagh House,
Dublin 2.

attention: Mr Tony Reilly

Re: N17 Tuam Bypass

Dear Minister,

I refer to your letter of 26th October to the County Secretary regarding the above scheme. The current position is as follows.

The Part 8 procedure for the scheme was unanimously approved by the County Councillors on 26th September 2005. The CPO was published on November 30th 2005. Twenty seven objections to the scheme were received, and the Oral Hearing was held on 25th April 2006. An Bord Pleanála approved the scheme without condition on 28th August 2006. Work is progressing on the Design Build contract documentation. The NRA national programme has currently scheduled the scheme to commence construction in 2009/2010.

I trust that this answers your queries. Should you have any further concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jack Eising,
Senior Engineer.

cc Tony Murphy, County Secretary.

Read at Meeting held on 20-11-06

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13th November, 2006.

Dial Makers
and
Restorers

**M/s Angela Holian,
Town Hall Clerk,
The Town Hall,
Tuam.**

Gold Leafing

Dear M/s Holian,

Re: Striking of the Town Hall Clock.

Automatic
Winders for
Mechanical
Clocks

Further to my visit last week. We can give you striking the hours on the Town Hall Clock. These are two Options:

Suppliers of
Tower
Clocks, Bells
and
Chiming
Mechanisms

Option 1. If you have a Bell we can make new brackets and beams to suspend the Bell from. We would fit these and supply & fit an electro-magnetic Bell Hammer to strike the Bell, also a control panel giving striking on the hour during the daytime and silencing it during the night time. To do this we would have to remove one Clock Dial and movement inside the tower to get the Bell in to position. This would require a hoist and crane supplied by others. We would also require your electrical contractor to lay on power to the panel and bell hammer. This is a fairly major job and would take a couple of days to fit. It would cost somewhere between €12,000 and €15,000, subject to seeing the bell and discussing the details.

Restoration
and Repair of
Antique
Household
Clocks

Option 2. We would supply and fit a Chiming Unit which would which would give the sound of a bell striking the hours, and can also be programmed for night silencing. We would also supply and fit speakers on the top of the building. We

Suppliers and Manufacturers of Electrical and Mechanical Public Clocks

Stokes Clocks & Watches Ltd

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Turret Clocks Manufacturers and Restorers

would require a hoist supplied by others, and your electrical contractors to lay on wiring to the unit and speakers.

All connecting in and commissioning to be done by us. Our price for this is €2,600.00 nett. Our prices do not include Vat at 13.5% or builders' discount.

If you would like any further information please do not hesitate to ask.

Yours sincerely,

PP. Sally Stokes

Philip Stokes.

Stokes Clocks & Watches Ltd.

Est. Meeley

INTRODUCTION

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDIT SERVICE
(Seirbhis Iniuchta Rialtais Aituil)

REVENUE ACCOUNT

Statutory Audit Report

to the

Members of

Tuam Town Council

on

The Accounts of

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

For the

Year Ended 31st December, 2005



Gabriel M. Solan,
Local Government Auditor.

23rd JUNE, 2006



INTRODUCTION

I have audited the accounts of the Tuam Town Council for the year ended 31st December, 2005 and I enclose, herewith, certified copies of the Abstract of Accounts.

REVENUE ACCOUNT

The revenue receipts and expenditure for the year totalled ~~€208,963~~ and ~~€155,860~~ respectively. The favourable balance on the account increased by ~~€53,103~~ over the period resulting in a favourable balance of ~~€231,692~~ at 31st December, 2005. This closing balance was represented by the following:

Cash at Bank	€ 248,926
Cash in Hands	1,010
Cash invested through Galway County Council	<u>110,913</u> <u>360,849</u>
less:	
Capital Account Balance (credit balance)	125,884
Creditors/Accruals	<u>3,273</u> <u>129,157</u>
	231,692

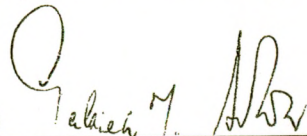
HOUSING RENTS AND ANNUITIES

At the end of 2005 there were 30 houses rented and 12 houses on tenant purchase.

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

The balance ~~€128,197~~ on the account at 1st January, 2005 decreased during the period by ~~€2,313~~ net resulting in a favourable balance at 31st December, 2005 of ~~€125,884~~

SIGNED



G. M. SOLAN,
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDITOR.

23rd June, 2006



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TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For the

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 2005

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS OF THE TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

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Abstract of Accounts of the TUAM Town Commissioners

REVENUE ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS	Amount	Total	EXPENDITURE	Amount	Total
Balance (if any) in favour at close of		166,989.25	Balance (if any) against at close of		
Money supplied by the County Council	89,179.00	11,600.00	Housing of the Working Classes:-		
State Grants :-			Maintenance and Repair of Houses	14,826.94	
Housing Fund			LEGAL	1,670.00	
Housing Subsidy			INSURANCE	17,652.04	
Recoupment of Losses on Allotments			SALARIES	12,986.33	
School Meals			WORKER PENSION	3,109.11	
Others :-			PRINT, POST, STAT	374.24	
Cancelled P.O'S.	1,615.87		RENT COLLECTION	2,508.04	
BANK INT	459.85		Town Hall Expenses	14,940.15	
Sale of HOUSE	45,191.00		Painting, Stationery and Advertising	591.26	
WUR/T. ENHANCE 2005	11,600.00		Rents, Rates, Taxes and Insurance	1,145.18	
Housing :-			Office Expenses	3,645.39	
Rents	49,471.60		Salaries, Fees, Etc.	8,389.52	
Instalments of Purchase Money	3,468.78		Retiring Allowances and Gratuities	4,542.59	
Other Receipts			Elections, Law and Audit	7,652.00	
REDEMPTIONS	1,574.06		MEMBERS		
GROUND RENTS			Other Expenses		
TENANCY DEPOSITS			CLOCK MAINT	3,689.02	
CO-OP INTEREST	2,312.77		RECEPTIONS/ PRESENTATIONS	1,595.80	
TOWN HALL	150.00		TWINNING	122.50	
HOUSE PURCHASE BY CO-OP (Dep)	4,000.00		CONTRI TO TUAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	6,000.00	
Allotments			Tidy Towns	16,416.32	
Contributions from other Local Authorities (Details to be specified)			REPS ALLOW	7,820.00	
Rents from Corporate Estate, Town Hall and other properties			FURNITURE FOR BOARDROOM	14,583.56	
Fairs, Markets and Weighbridge Tolls			COURTS SERVICE		
Baths and Wash-houses			TOWN ENHANCE + MUR TO AECT No 17852816	11,600.00	
Other Receipts (to be specified) :-			Loan Charges		
Total Receipts	208,962.93	387,552.18	Total Expenditure	155,859.99	

Balance (if any) against

Balance (if any) in favour

231,692.19

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF REVENUE ACCOUNT

CHARGE			TOTAL	DISCHARGE		
Balance in favour at close of last year	Receipts	Balance against at close of this year		Balance against at close of last year	Expenditure	Balance in favour at close of this year
166,989.25	208,962.93		387,552.18		155,859.99	231,692.19
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Co Co INVESTMENT Account						
				113225-92		
				2312-77		
				110,913-15		

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RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE OF CAPITAL MONEYS

FOR WHICH OBTAINED	CHARGE						TOTAL £ s. d.	DISCHARGE		
	Balance (if any) unexpended at close of last year	Instalments Received	Grants	Other Receipts	Total Receipts	Balance (if any) expended in excess at close of this year		Balance (if any) expended in excess at close of last year	Expenditure	Balance (if any) unexpended at close of this year
mt to Rev	128196-52								2312-77	125,883-75
TOTALS	128196-52									125,883-75

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STATEMENT OF BALANCES AT CLOSE OF FINANCIAL YEAR

Dr.			Cr.	
Treasurer, due by him:—			Treasurer, due to him:—	
Revenue Account ...	98,148.17		Revenue Account ...	
Capital Account ...	150,777.97	248,926.14	Capital Account ...	
Officers' Imprest Accounts ...		3.81	Unpaid Bills ...	3273.32
Receipt and Expenditure of Capital Moneys:— G. Co. Co.		110,913.15	Receipt and Expenditure of Capital Moneys:—	
Expenditure in Excess			Unexpended Balance	125,883.75
Balances against Account:—			Balances in favour of Account:—	
Cash in hand of R/c		1006.16		231,692.19
Total ...		360,849.26	Total ...	360,849.26

INDEBTEDNESS ON FOOT OF LOANS

Loans for Sundry Purposes

Due to Lenders

STATEMENT OF CASH ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Assets			Liabilities	
Balance in hands of Treasurer at close of 2005		248,926.14	Balance due to Treasurer at close of	
Balances in hands of other Officers:— at close of Imprest		3.81	Balances Due to Other Officers:— at close of	
Galway Co. Co.		110,913.15	U. P. B's	3273.32
Cash in hand of R/c		1006.16		
Other Assets (specify):—			Other Liabilities (specify):—	
Rent Arrears		2781.18	Annually Payments	173.25

PARTICULARS OF RENT COLLECTION

	Arrears Due at close of last year	Rents and Purchase Annuities Accrued	Total for Collection	Collected	ARREARS	
					Irrecoverable	Due at close of this year
Rents	900-60	53669-50	52,768-90	49,471-60	516-12	2,781-18
Annuities	185-63	3,481-16	3,295-53	3,468-78		173-25
TOTALS	1086-23	57,150-66	56,064-43	52,940-38	516-12	2,607-93
			PERCENTAGES	94.4%	0.9%	4.65%

STATEMENT OF NET CHARGE ON REVENUE IN RESPECT OF THE PROVISION OF HOUSES

Total Number of Houses	Expenditure (including Loan Charges)	Receipts (including Government Subsidy) (Note)	Deficit falling on Rates	Loss per House
	£ 53,127	£ 54,454	£	£

CERTIFICATE BY CLERK

I certify that the foregoing figures are correctly abstracted from the Books and Accounts of the TUAM Town Commissioners.

Dated this 2nd day of May, 2006
A Holian Clerk.

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

I have audited the Books and Accounts of the Tuam Town Commissioners for the 1 year ended the 31st day of December, 192005 and I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true Abstract therefrom.

Dated this 22nd day of June, 192006
Galvin M. O'Sullivan
Local Government Auditor.

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Draft Budget of Expenses Meeting held on Monday 20th November, 2006

Present:

Mayor: Councillor Flanagan

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

Officials:

**Mr. F. Gilmore, Director of Services
Mr. S. Lally, 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 2007, which had been circulated to each Member and advertised. He proposed an increase in the rate of 4%. He said total expenditure for 2007 is estimated at E181,180.00 while receipts are estimated at E74,100.00.

The Councillors examined the various items of expenditure and receipts proposed in the Budget of Expenses. Replying to Councillor Browne-Lane regarding the Town Hall Mr. Gilmore said it was proposed to carry out an energy audit shortly. He said he had increased the allocation for Town Enhancement. Replying to Councillor O'Grady who raised the issue of revenue from parking meters the Manager said this was not a Tuam Town Council issue.

It was proposed by Councillor Reilly, seconded by Councillor O'Grady and agreed that the rate in the Euro of E3.41 be adopted. It was proposed by Councillor Warren, seconded by Councillor Reilly and agreed that the draft Budget of Expenses, be adopted by the Councillors, that the net amount of E99,139.00 be demanded from Galway County Council in respect of year ending 31st December, 2007 and that the Form of Demand be signed by the Mayor and the Town Clerk.

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY:


MAYOR

Tuam Town Council

(Draft)

Budget of Expenses

for
year ending

31st December 2007

Presented to the Council
Monday 20th November 2006

Adopted
Date: 20-11-06

**Draft Budget of Expenses for the Year to 31st December
2007 Tuam Town Council**

Receipts

	Outturn 2006 Est For 2007	
Housing		
1 Rents	€ 51,000.00	€ 53,000.00
2 Annuities	€ 2,500.00	€ 2,100.00
3 Ground Rents	€ 1,556.00	€ 500.00
Total	€ 55,056.00	€ 55,600.00
General		
Interest	€ 3,279.00	€ 3,500.00
Rent Town Hall	€ 15,000.00	€ 15,000.00
Total	€ 18,279.00	€ 18,500.00
Miscellaneous		
Works for Court Service	€ 14,583.56	€ 0.00
Fire Claim 23 Gilmartin Road	€ 14,032.81	€ 0.00
Sale 59 Gilmartin Road	€ 36,000.00	€ 0.00
Total	€ 64,616.37	€ 0.00
Gross Total	€ 137,951.37	€ 74,100.00
Opening Credit\ (Debit) Balance		€ 7,940.81
Estimated Expenditure for year	€ 223,396.56	€ 181,180.00
Estimated receipts for year	€ 137,951.37	€ 74,100.00
Final Estimated Outturn	(€ 85,445.19)	(€ 99,139.19)
Amount of Demand 2006 and estimated 2007	€ 93,386.00	€ 99,139.00
Closing (Debit)\Credit Balance		€ 7,940.81

Summary for 2007	
Total Demand	99139.19
Rate in Euro	3.41
Percentage Increase in rates	4.00%

Draft Budget of Expenses for the Year to 31st December 2007
Tuam Town Council

	Outturn 2006	Est For 2007
Housing		
1 Repairs	€ 31,000.00	€ 18,000.00
1a Replace kitchens	€ 24,000.00	€ 0.00
2 Legal Expenses	€ 1,500.00	€ 700.00
3 Insurance	€ 17,535.00	€ 22,000.00
4 Town Clerks Salary 50%	€ 7,112.00	€ 7,700.00
5 Town Engineers Salary 80%	€ 6,300.00	€ 6,500.00
6 Pension	€ 2,600.00	€ 2,800.00
7 Printing, Post, Stationery, Advertising	€ 370.00	€ 380.00
8 Rent Collection	€ 2,480.00	€ 2,600.00
9 Works for Court Service	€ 14,583.56	€ 0.00
	€ 107,480.56	€ 60,680.00
General		
1 Rent, Rates on Town Hall	€ 1,087.00	€ 1,200.00
2 Office Expenses	€ 4,969.00	€ 4,000.00
3 Legal Expenses	€ 0.00	€ 0.00
4 Town Clerks Salary 50%	€ 7,112.00	€ 7,700.00
5 Town Engineers Salary 20%	€ 1,560.00	€ 1,600.00
6 Audit Fee	€ 2,900.00	€ 3,100.00
7 Print, Post etc.	€ 590.00	€ 700.00
8 Town Hall	€ 21,000.00	€ 21,000.00
9 Municipal Authorities	€ 3,600.00	€ 4,500.00
10 Receptions/Presentations	€ 1,434.00	€ 1,600.00
11 Twinning	€ 1,451.00	€ 1,500.00
12 Members Expenses LG14-02	€ 7,803.00	€ 8,000.00
13 Rep. Allowance	€ 18,910.00	€ 19,100.00
14 Tuam Chamber of Commerce Christmas Lights		
Operational Costs	€ 7,500.00	€ 8,000.00
Once off Capital Contribution		€ 0.00
18 Town Enhancement	€ 6,000.00	€ 18,000.00
19 Local Elections Expenses	€ 2,000.00	€ 2,000.00
20 Urban Village Renewal	€ 15,000.00	€ 15,000.00
21 Contribution to the Arts	€ 1,000.00	€ 1,000.00
22 Miscellaneous and other expenses		€ 2,500.00
	€ 103,916.00	€ 120,500.00
23 Transfer net proceeds of house sale to capital 59 Gilmartin Rd.	€ 12,000.00	
Gross Total Expenditure	€ 223,396.56	€ 181,180.00

RATES 2007 ESTIMATES

Net Valuations (net of domestic allowances and remissions): €310,062.50
As at 17/10/2006

NET VALUATIONS	ANNUAL RATE
€283,404.97	€60.79
€15,413.74	€64.07 (Tuam)
€11,243.79	€63.54 (Loughrea)
€310,062.50	

Michael,

In Sept Ger requested we move the ESB Global Valuation of €26,156 from Tuam Urban to the County. Hence the drop in Tuam Net Valuation. Overall we have had an increase in valuations, and by mid November we should be able to give a further update.

Maria

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