

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Special Sub-committee meeting

Held on

Monday 24th July, 2006

Attendance: Mayor Flanagan, Councillor Reilly, Mr. Stephen Lally, Town Engineer and Angela Holian, Town Clerk.

The Sub-committee met to discuss application, by Tuam Arts Festival to use the Town Hall.

It was noted that it was agreed that only the Old Library Room be made available. All Exhibition Boards must be free-standing and no permanent fixtures to the walls. It was also agreed not to hold exhibitions in the Board Room (meeting held on 6th June, 2006).

As the Tuam Arts Festival were accommodated in the Town Hall in 2004 & 2005 it was agreed they may have the use of the Old Library Room for the Art/Sculpture Exhibition.

It was proposed by Councillor Reilly and seconded by the Mayor that anybody wishing to use the Town Hall must provide evidence of their Insurance.

The Sub-Committee agreed to suggest to a full meeting of the Board that voluntary organizations not be charged for using the Town Hall.

It was agreed to draw up a form of "Application Form".

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

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Town Engineer Mr. Stephen Lally and Town Clerk Angela Holian

The Meeting was called to consider the invitation to the Mayor to attend Town
Twinning Day in Straubing.

It was proposed by Councillor McHugh and seconded by Councillor Reilly that the
Mayor and the Town Clerk travel to Straubing.

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Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

Matters arising from Minutes;

The Mayor welcomed the provision of the bus shelter.

Replying to a question from Councillor Gilmore regarding traffic congestion in the town.

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Present:

Mayor: Councillor Flanagan

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

Apology

Councillor O'Grady

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 6th June, 2006 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by Councillor O'Donnell-Brady.

Matters arising from Minutes:

The Members welcomed the provision of the bus shelter.

Replying to Councillor Browne-Lane regarding Traffic Management at "The Lane" Mr. Lally said he would investigate.

Replying to Councillor Warren Mr. Gilmore said the entrance to "An Tuirin" will be looked at.

Regarding the Chain of Office Mr. Gilmore said he would consider the matter and come back with suggestions.

Manager's Business:

Mr. Gilmore informed the Members that the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform has signed the guidelines relating to the establishment and operation of the pilot Joint Policing Committees. The pilot phase will run during the remainder of 2006 and the first half of 2007. The Garda Siochana Act 2005 provides that one of the conditions for the installation of Community CCTV is approval by the Local Authority after consulting with the joint policing committee. The Joint Policing Committee will consist of each Member of the Town Council together with the Manager, two Gardai the Chief Superintendent and his nominee, three representatives from the Community and Voluntary Forum and three Members of the Oireachtas. Mr. Gilmore said he would like to hold the first meeting during July and another one before the end of the year. The Members welcomed and adopted the establishment of the Joint Policing Committee on the proposal of the Mayor seconded by Councillor Reilly. Councillor Kelly paid tribute to the A.M.A.I. who he said had been pushing for this for years. The Clerk was instructed to write to Chief Superintendent Moynihan and to invite him to the next meeting of the Tuam Town Council.

Councillor Reilly told the Members that Tuam is to be the base for a special unit of the Gardai for dealing with drink and drugs abuse.

Replying to the Members regarding a new Court House Mr. Gilmore stated that the Courts Service were committed to Tuam and are progressing plans to construct/supply a new Court House in Tuam.

Mr. Gilmore informed the Members that a section 183 notice allowing lands for a crèche at Parkmore to be transferred to Tuam Community Development Resource Centre had been approved by Galway County Council.

The Members welcomed the transfer of the site.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 30th May, 2006 from Longford Town Council – read.

Letter dated 2nd June, 2006 from Monaghan Town Council – read.

Letter dated 6th June, 2006 from Liam Mellows Residents Association. Mr. Gilmore told the Members he had spoken to the Design Team. The matter will be included in the Traffic Management Review. Councillor Browne-Lane stated that a speedy Traffic Management Review was required but not during school holidays. Mr. Gilmore said it will be possible to raise these issues at the Joint Policing Committee meeting.

Letter dated 12th June, 2006 from Mr. Tom Ryan, Director, Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland. Mr. Gilmore said a meeting of the River Nanny Committee will take place next week. The Town Engineer will attend and convey the concerns of the Board. It was proposed by Councillor Kelly and seconded by Councillor O'Donnell-Brady that Councillor Reilly represent the Board on the **Western River Basin District Advisory Council**.

Letter dated 26th June, 2006 from Ms. Sarah Roarty, Tuam Arts Festival Committee. It was proposed by Mayor Flanagan and seconded by Councillor McHugh that E1,000-00, allocation for the Arts, be given to the Tuam Arts Festival. It was proposed by Councillor Reilly and seconded by Councillor McHugh that a sub-committee meeting be called regarding the application to use the Town Hall. The Clerk told the Members that application for an Exhibition in the Town Hall by Mr. Joe Desmond, Runai-Tuam Sinn Fein, had to be cancelled because of illness.

Letter dated 13th June, 2006 from Nathaly DeMey, Events Manager, People of the Year Awards – read.

Letter dated 9th June, 2006 from Mr. Noel Dempsey, T. D., Minister for Communication, Marine & Natural Resources to Mr. Noel Treacy, T. D., Minister for European Affairs regarding Broadband – read.

Notice of Training Seminar for Councillors, 24th – 26th August.

Grove Hospital:

Councillor Reilly told the Members that a meeting had taken place with Ms. Priya Prendergast, Health Service Executive on Wednesday 14th June, 2006. He said a site for Phase I, the Ambulance Base, is being sought. Ms. Prendergast confirmed that no accident and emergency unit is planned. Public Private Partnership will play a major role in the development. Councillor McHugh welcomed the approval of the assignment of a Project Manager. Letters dated 21st and 22nd June, 2006 from the Health Service Executive were circulated and read. Councillor Kelly welcomed the development of the Grove and thanked everyone involved in progressing the matter.

Notice of Motion:

Councillor Reilly spoke on his motion regarding photos of former Chairpersons/Mayors. He said it would be nice to have a display, similar to one at County Hall, in the Boardroom. It was agreed that the Sub committee look at this with regards to cost etc.

A.O.B.:

It was proposed by Councillor Reilly and seconded by Councillor O'Donnell-Brady that a person from WERS be invited to the September meeting of the Board. Councillor Warren asked that vandalism at Old Racecourse Road be investigated.

Sympathy:

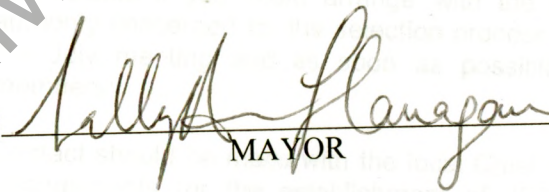
A vote of sympathy was passed with the Mayor on the death of her Uncle. A vote of sympathy was also passed with the following:

Mannion Family, Galway Road on the death of Nora
Burke Family, Tubberjarlath Road on the death of Sean
Gannon Family, Milltown on the death of Joe

This concluded the meeting

Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY:


MAYOR

LG 18/06

23 June 2006

Establishment of Joint Policing Committees (Pilot Phase)

Dear Manager

I am directed by the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government to refer to The Garda Síochána Act 2005, which provides for the establishment of a joint policing committee (JPC) in each local authority area and in particular to circular letter LG 07/06 of 26th May 2006, which indicated that they will be established initially on a pilot basis in certain authorities (See Appendix A).

Guidelines coming into effect

The Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform has signed the guidelines relating to the establishment and operation of the pilot Joint Policing Committees. These guidelines have been drawn up in consultation with the Ministers for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government and Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs. Copies of the final set of Guidelines will issue shortly and will be available on www.justice.ie in due course. In the meantime please make arrangements as outlined in the draft Guidelines previously issued to you.

Pilot Phase

It is intended that the pilot phase will run during the remainder of 2006 and through the first half of 2007. It is envisaged that two meetings should be held for each committee and (in the case of Dublin City) each subcommittee during a 12 month period. As previously indicated, eleven of the pilot local authorities, were selected on the basis that the new CCTV Community Scheme will operate within the administrative area of those local authorities (these are identified at Appendix A). The Garda Síochána Act 2005 provides that one of the conditions for the installation of Community CCTV is approval by the local authority after consulting with the joint policing committee for that administrative area.

Local Authority Action

- You are now requested to make arrangements for the early establishment of a JPC in each city/county/borough/town authority listed in Appendix A for which you are responsible;
- In finalising the agenda for the July council meeting, it would be greatly appreciated if you could arrange with the Cathaoirleach of the local authority concerned for the selection process of the elected members at the July meeting and as soon as possible in respect of the other members;
- Contact should be made with the local Chief Superintendent to expedite arrangements for the establishment of JPCs and the nomination of Garda representatives;

- At this stage arrangements should be in place for appropriate secretarial assistance to the JPC;
- As the guidelines illustrate (paragraph 4), membership of JPCs will include certain members of the Oireachtas, community representatives in addition to local authority/garda representatives. You are requested to make arrangements to facilitate the appointment of Oireachtas members in accordance with the Guidelines. You will note the provision in the guidelines (paragraph 4) that if the members of the Oireachtas registered are unable to choose representatives from among their number, they will be chosen by lot, this to be facilitated by the local authority;
- Nominations should be sought from persons representing the community and voluntary sector (Paragraph 4). Local Authorities may wish to avail of the services of the community and voluntary forum in seeking nominations along the lines of the procedure adopted with Strategic Policy Committees and County/City Development Boards;
- In view of the particular legal requirements for consultation with JPCs in those areas where the CCTV community schemes will operate, it is requested that the JPCs in those local authorities would meet in July to conduct any business associated with the launch of the CCTV scheme.

Expenses associated with JPCs

As previously indicated, appropriate expenses incurred by local authorities in the operation of JPCs during the pilot phase will be jointly met by the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government and Justice, Equality and Law Reform. Until arrangements have been finalised local authorities are asked to ensure funding is available for the establishment and operation of these committees.

Travel Expenses

Local authorities will be responsible for the payment of travel expenses to community representatives on the JPCs.

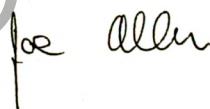
Evaluation

An independent evaluation of the pilot phase will take place in the 12 month period following the establishment of the pilot JPCs.

Queries

If you have any queries on any of the issues raised above or any other relevant issues please contact the undersigned or Laurence Kelly or David Moloney by phone at 01-8882903 / 01-8882728 or by e mail at laurence_kelly@environ.ie / david_moloney@environ.ie respectively.

Yours sincerely



Joe Allen
Local Government Policy

APPENDIX A

List of Pilot Joint Policing Committees Areas

Local Authority
Dublin City Council
Fingal County Council
Galway City Council
Tuam Town Council
Ballinasloe Town Council
Limerick City Council
Waterford City Council
Offaly County Council
Tullamore Town Council
Birr Town Council
Edenderry Town Council
Wicklow County Council
Arklow Town Council
Bray Town Council
Greystones Town Council
Wicklow Town Council
Drogheda Borough Council
Sligo Borough Council
Athy Town Council
Tralee Town Council
Letterkenny Town Council
Mallow Town Council

JOINT POLICING COMMITTEES

GUIDELINES

Preface

We are delighted, as the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform and the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, to publish these guidelines for the joint policing committees which are being established under the provisions of the Garda Síochána Act 2005. The guidelines have been prepared by the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform in consultation with his colleagues the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government and the Minister for Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs. The Garda Síochána Act represents the biggest change to our system of policing since the establishment of the Garda Síochána and is designed to enable the force to meet the challenges of our increasingly complex and diverse society now and in the future. The joint policing committees form a significant part of the new arrangements being put in place arising from the Act.

We are strongly of the view that policing our society is best achieved through a partnership process involving the Garda Síochána and the democratically elected representatives of the communities which the Garda Síochána serves and with the participation of the community and voluntary sector. Each of these partners has its own distinct perspective and inputs to offer, and each has its responsibilities in ensuring that our society's policing needs are effectively met – the local authorities as much as the Garda Síochána – so as to ensure safe and secure communities.

The guidelines are being issued for an initial brief pilot phase, during which committees are being established in a limited number of local authority areas. We and our Government colleagues are of the view that these new committees represent a radical new departure. As such, it only through practical experience gained through their operation that we will discover how best they should be structured and should operate. The pilots will be evaluated on an ongoing basis and in the light of the experience gained these guidelines will be amended as necessary.

The guidelines expand on the provisions of the Garda Síochána Act and set out how the joint policing committees will be integrated into the existing local authority structures. Great care has been taken in drawing up the guidelines to ensure that all those involved will have the opportunity to play a constructive role in making the committees a success. We have no doubt that all involved will make the most of the opportunities which the committees will offer elected representatives, the Garda Síochána and communities.

Michael McDowell TD
Minister for Justice,
Equality and Law Reform

Dick Roche TD
Minister for the Environment,
Heritage and Local Government

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of these guidelines is to set out in detail the functions, composition and operation of joint policing committees in accordance with the Garda Síochána Act 2005. The Act (section 36) provides for the establishment of a joint policing committee in each local authority administrative area. The purpose of these committees is to provide a forum where a local authority and the senior Garda officers responsible for the policing of that area, with the participation of Oireachtas members and community interests, can consult, discuss and make recommendations on matters affecting the policing of the area. It is intended that the committees will be co-operative in nature and will operate with the minimum of formality. Through the work of the committee both partners – the local authority and the Garda Síochána - along with Oireachtas members and community interests will have the opportunity to contribute to the improved policing, in its broadest sense, of the area to the benefit of its residents by carrying out their duties and performing their functions.

2. Pilot Committees

- 2.1 In view of the innovative nature of the committees and the number which will be established (there are 114 local authorities in the State), it has been decided to pilot the committees in a limited number of local authority areas, which have been selected to give a representative sample of the local authorities in the State. The pilot phase will run for a limited period. These guidelines will be reviewed, and amended as necessary, in the light of the experience of running the pilots and a consultation process which will be undertaken in parallel with the pilots.
- 2.2 Pilot joint policing committees are accordingly being established for the areas of the following local authorities: Fingal, Offaly and Wicklow County Councils; Dublin, Galway, Limerick and Waterford City Councils; Drogheda and Sligo Borough Councils; Athy, Arklow, Ballinasloe, Birr, Bray, Edenderry, Greystones, Letterkenny, Mallow, Tralee, Tuam, Tullamore and Wicklow Town Councils. In the case of Dublin City, five subcommittees, corresponding to the operational areas of the City Council, will also be established to progress the work of the committee in an effective, efficient and manageable way.
- 2.3 From January 2007 an evaluation of the pilot phase will be undertaken in tandem with its operation. As part of the evaluation, these guidelines, including the provisions relating to membership and structures, will be revised as necessary in the light of the experience gained from the pilot programme and evaluation. Committees and, as appropriate, subcommittees of those committees, will then be established in all local authorities at an early date after mid 2007 and will remain in office until the next local elections in 2009. Thereafter they will be re-established after each local election for the lifetime of the local authority.
- 2.4 Each member of a joint policing committee or subcommittee should receive a copy of these guidelines.

- 2.5 The Garda Commissioner and each Garda Divisional and District Officer in the administrative areas in which a committee or subcommittee is being established should also receive a copy.
- 2.6 Copies should be available at all local authority offices for consultation and reference by members and staff of the local authority and members of the public. Local authorities should ensure that awareness of the committees, subcommittees and the guidelines is as widespread as possible. Copies should also be available at all operational Garda premises for consultation and reference by Garda officers, civilian employees and members of the public.

3. General

- 3.1 The establishment of the committees should not detract from, or substitute for, either regular day-to-day contact and consultation at ground level which is a feature of ordinary policing or the maintenance and development of suitable local liaison between local authority and Garda representatives not requiring a formal structure.
- 3.2 It is desirable that demands on the Garda Síochána arising from participation in the committees and any subcommittees should be kept within manageable proportions.
- 3.3 There should be flexibility to adapt to particular local circumstances, such as population, the nature of the area and policing priorities.
- 3.4 There should be proper linkage between the committees and subcommittees and their councils.

4. Membership and Frequency of Meetings

- 4.1 Membership of the committees and subcommittees in the pilot local authorities will be as follows:

4.1.1 Dublin City Council

In Dublin City there will be one overall joint policing committee. The membership will consist of:

- 13 councillors, of whom one will be nominated by the City Council from each of the 13 electoral areas. There will to the greatest extent possible be representation from each political grouping represented on the Council. In addition, the Lord Mayor shall be an *ex-officio* member of the committee. Where there is an equality of votes, a matter before a meeting shall be determined by a second or casting vote of the person chairing the meeting;
- 6 members of the Oireachtas, chosen from among their number by those members of the Oireachtas who have registered with the City Council their interest in being a member. The Oireachtas membership shall rotate every second year on a basis to be decided by the Oireachtas members who have registered. This selection process will be facilitated by the City Council. Each political grouping represented by Oireachtas

members for the City Council area shall to the greatest extent possible have representation among these six members. If the members of the Oireachtas registered are unable to choose six members from among their number, they will be chosen by lot;

- The city manager, who shall be an *ex-officio* member, and two other officials selected by him/her. They may be accompanied to a meeting of the committee by such officials as the manager may consider appropriate having regard to the agenda for the meeting;
- 2 Garda officers nominated by the Commissioner, accompanied by such Garda officers as they deem appropriate;
- 2 persons representing the community and voluntary sector in the city, selected in accordance with local arrangements which may include consultation with the community and voluntary forum.

4.1.2 The committee shall establish five subcommittees corresponding to the five operational areas of the City Council.

4.1.3 The membership of each subcommittee will consist of:

- The local authority members for the operational area. The Lord Mayor shall be an *ex-officio* member of all the subcommittees;
- 6 Oireachtas members chosen from among their number by those members of the Oireachtas who have registered with the City Council their interest in being a member. The Oireachtas membership shall rotate every second year on a basis to be decided by the Oireachtas members who have registered (see paragraph 4.11). This selection process will be facilitated by the City Council. Each political grouping represented by those Oireachtas members who have registered their interest in being a member shall to the greatest extent possible have representation among these six members. If the members of the Oireachtas registered are unable to choose six members from among their number, they will be chosen by lot;
- The city manager, who shall be an *ex-officio* member, and a person nominated by him/her, accompanied by such other officials as he or she considers appropriate, having regard to the agenda for the meeting;
- 2 Garda officers nominated by the Commissioner, accompanied by such Garda officers as they deem appropriate;
- 2 persons representing the community and voluntary sector in the area, selected in accordance with local arrangements which may include consultation with the community and voluntary forum.

4.2 Galway City Council

4.2.1 In Galway City there will be one joint policing committee. The membership will consist of:

- 11 local authority members, of whom at least 3 must be selected from each electoral area of Galway City Council. In addition, the Mayor shall be an *ex-officio* member of the committee. Each political grouping on the council must be represented on the committee. Where there is an equality of votes, a matter before a meeting shall be determined by a second or casting vote of the person chairing the meeting;

- 6 members of the Oireachtas, chosen from among their number by those members of the Oireachtas who have registered with the City Council their interest in being a member. The Oireachtas membership shall rotate every second year on a basis to be decided by the Oireachtas members who have registered. The selection process will be facilitated by the City Council. Each political grouping represented by Oireachtas members for the city council area shall to the greatest extent possible have representation among these six members. If the members of the Oireachtas registered are unable to choose six members from among their number, they will be chosen by lot;
- The city manager, who shall be an *ex-officio* member, and a person nominated by him/her. They may be accompanied by such other officials as he or she considers appropriate, having regard to the agenda for the meeting;
- 2 Garda officers nominated by the Commissioner, accompanied by such Garda officers as they deem appropriate;
- 3 persons representing the community and voluntary sector in the city, selected in accordance with local arrangements which may include consultation with the community and voluntary forum.

4.3 Limerick City Council

4.3.1 In Limerick City there will be one joint policing committee. The membership will consist of:

- 13 local authority members, of whom at least 3 must be selected from each electoral area of Limerick City Council. In addition, the Mayor shall be an *ex-officio* member of the committee. Each political grouping on the council must be represented on the committee. Where there is an equality of votes, a matter before a meeting shall be determined by a second or casting vote of the person chairing the meeting;
- 5 members of the Oireachtas, chosen from among their number by those members of the Oireachtas who have registered with the City Council their interest in being a member. The Oireachtas membership shall rotate every second year on a basis to be decided by the Oireachtas members who have registered. The selection process will be facilitated by the City Council. Each political grouping represented by Oireachtas members for the city council area shall to the greatest extent possible have representation among these five members. If the members of the Oireachtas registered are unable to choose five members from among their number, they will be chosen by lot;
- The city manager, who shall be an *ex-officio* member, and a person nominated by him/her. They may be accompanied by such other officials as he or she considers appropriate, having regard to the agenda for the meeting;
- 2 Garda officers nominated by the Commissioner, accompanied by such Garda officers as they deem appropriate;
- 3 persons representing the community and voluntary sector in the city, selected in accordance with local arrangements which may include consultation with the community and voluntary forum.

4.4 Waterford City Council

4.4.1 In Waterford City there will be one joint policing committee. The membership

will consist of:

- 11 local authority members, of whom at least 3 must be selected from each electoral area of Waterford City Council. In addition, the Mayor shall be an *ex-officio* member of the committee. Each political grouping on the council must be represented on the committee. Where there is an equality of votes, a matter before a meeting shall be determined by a second or casting vote of the person chairing the meeting;
- 5 members of the Oireachtas, chosen from among their number by those members of the Oireachtas who have registered with the City Council their interest in being a member. The Oireachtas membership shall rotate every second year on a basis to be decided by the Oireachtas members who have registered. The selection process will be facilitated by the City Council. Each political grouping represented by Oireachtas members for the city council area shall to the greatest extent possible have representation among these five members. If the members of the Oireachtas registered are unable to choose five members from among their number, they will be chosen by lot;
- The city manager, who shall be an *ex-officio* member, and a person nominated by him/her. They may be accompanied by such other officials as he or she considers appropriate, having regard to the agenda for the meeting;
- 2 Garda officers nominated by the Commissioner, accompanied by such Garda officers as they deem appropriate;
- 3 persons representing the community and voluntary sector in the city, selected in accordance with local arrangements which may include consultation with the community and voluntary forum.

4.5 **Fingal County Council**

4.5.1 In Fingal there will be one joint policing committee. The membership will consist of:

- 13 local authority members with at least 2 from each local electoral area. In addition, the Cathaoirleach shall be an *ex-officio* member of the committee. Each political grouping on the council must be represented on the committee. Where there is an equality of votes, a matter before a meeting shall be determined by a second or casting vote of the person chairing the meeting;
- 5 members of the Oireachtas, chosen from among their number by those members of the Oireachtas who have registered with the County Council their interest in being a member. The Oireachtas membership shall rotate every second year on a basis to be decided by the Oireachtas members who have registered. The selection process will be facilitated by the county council. Each political grouping represented by Oireachtas members for Fingal shall to the greatest extent possible have representation among the five. If the members of the Oireachtas registered are unable to choose five members from among their number, they will be chosen by lot;
- The county manager, who shall be an *ex-officio* member, and a person nominated by him/her. They may be accompanied by such other officials as he or she considers appropriate, having regard to the agenda for the meeting;
- 2 Garda officers nominated by the Commissioner, accompanied by such

Garda officers as they deem appropriate;

- 3 persons representing the community and voluntary sector in the county, selected in accordance with local arrangements which may include consultation with the community and voluntary forum.

4.6 **Offaly County Council**

4.6.1 In Co. Offaly there will be one joint policing committee. The membership will consist of:

- 11 local authority members with at least 2 from each local electoral area. In addition, the Mayor/Cathaoirleach shall be an *ex-officio* member of the committee. Each political grouping on the council must be represented on the committee. Where there is an equality of votes, a matter before a meeting shall be determined by a second or casting vote of the person chairing the meeting;
- 5 members of the Oireachtas, chosen from among their number by those members of the Oireachtas who have registered with the County Council their interest in being a member. The Oireachtas membership shall rotate every second year on a basis to be decided by the Oireachtas members who have registered. The selection process will be facilitated by the county council. Each political grouping represented by Oireachtas members for Offaly shall to the greatest extent possible have representation among the five. If the members of the Oireachtas registered are unable to choose five members from among their number, they will be chosen by lot;
- The county manager, who shall be an *ex-officio* member, and a person nominated by him/her. They may be accompanied by such other officials as he or she considers appropriate, having regard to the agenda for the meeting;
- 2 Garda officers nominated by the Commissioner, accompanied by such Garda officers as they deem appropriate;
- 3 persons representing the community and voluntary sector in the county, selected in accordance with local arrangements which may include consultation with the community and voluntary forum.

4.7 **Tullamore, Birr and Edenderry Town Councils**

4.7.1 A committee shall be established in each of the above town council areas. The membership of each will consist of:

- All local authority members of the respective town council;
- 3 members of the Oireachtas, chosen from among their number by those members of the Oireachtas who have registered with the respective town council their interest in being a member. The Oireachtas membership shall rotate every second year on a basis to be decided by the Oireachtas members who have registered. The selection process will be facilitated by the respective town council. Each political grouping represented by Oireachtas members for the respective town council area shall to the greatest extent possible have representation among the three. If the members of the Oireachtas registered are unable to choose three members from among their number, they will be chosen by lot;
- The local authority manager, who shall be an *ex-officio* member of the committee, and a person nominated by him/her. They may be

accompanied by such other officials as he or she considers appropriate, having regard to the agenda for the meeting;

- 2 Garda officers nominated by the Commissioner, accompanied by such Garda officers as they deem appropriate;
- 3 persons representing the community and voluntary sector in each town, selected in accordance with local arrangements which may include consultation with the community and voluntary forum.

4.8 **Wicklow County Council**

4.8.1 In Co. Wicklow there will be one joint policing committee. The membership will consist of:

- 11 local authority members with at least 2 from each local electoral area. In addition, the Mayor/Cathaoirleach shall be an *ex-officio* member of the committee. Each political grouping on the council must be represented on the committee. Where there is an equality of votes, a matter before a meeting shall be determined by a second or casting vote of the person chairing the meeting;
- 5 members of the Oireachtas, chosen from among their number by those members of the Oireachtas who have registered with the County Council their interest in being a member. The Oireachtas membership shall rotate every second year on a basis to be decided by the Oireachtas members who have registered. The selection process will be facilitated by the county council. Each political grouping represented by Oireachtas members for Offaly shall to the greatest extent possible have representation among the five. If the members of the Oireachtas registered are unable to choose five members from among their number, they will be chosen by lot;
- The county manager, who shall be an *ex-officio* member, and a person nominated by him/her. They may be accompanied by such other officials as he or she considers appropriate, having regard to the agenda for the meeting;
- 2 Garda officers nominated by the Commissioner, accompanied by such Garda officers as they deem appropriate;
- 3 persons representing the community and voluntary sector in the county, selected in accordance with local arrangements which may include consultation with the community and voluntary forum.

4.9. **Arklow, Bray, Greystones and Wicklow Town Councils**

4.9.1 A committee shall be established in each of the above town council areas. The membership of each will consist of:

- All local authority members of the respective town council;
- 3 members of the Oireachtas, chosen from among their number by those members of the Oireachtas who have registered with the respective town council their interest in being a member. The Oireachtas membership shall rotate every second year on a basis to be decided by the Oireachtas members who have registered. The selection process will be facilitated by the respective town council. Each political grouping represented by Oireachtas members for the respective town council area shall to the greatest extent possible have representation among the three. If the members of the Oireachtas registered are unable to choose three

members from among their number, they will be chosen by lot;

- The local authority manager, who shall be an *ex-officio* member of the committee, and a person nominated by him/her. They may be accompanied by such other officials as he or she considers appropriate, having regard to the agenda for the meeting;
- 2 Garda officers nominated by the Commissioner, accompanied by such Garda officers as they deem appropriate;
- 3 persons representing the community and voluntary sector in each town, selected in accordance with local arrangements which may include consultation with the community and voluntary forum.

4.10 **Drogheda and Sligo Borough Councils and Athy, Ballinasloe, Letterkenny, Mallow, Tralee and Tuam Town Councils**

4.10.1 A committee shall be established in each of the above borough/town council areas. The membership of each will consist of:

- All local authority members of the respective borough/town council;
- 3 members of the Oireachtas, chosen from among their number by those members of the Oireachtas who have registered with the respective borough/town council their interest in being a member. The Oireachtas membership shall rotate every second year on a basis to be decided by the Oireachtas members who have registered. The selection process will be facilitated by the respective borough/town council. Each political grouping represented by Oireachtas members for the respective borough/town council area shall to the greatest extent possible have representation among the three. If the members of the Oireachtas registered are unable to choose three members from among their number, they will be chosen by lot;
- The local authority manager, who shall be an *ex-officio* member of the committee, and a person nominated by him/her. They may be accompanied by such other officials as he or she considers appropriate, having regard to the agenda for the meeting;
- 2 Garda officers nominated by the Commissioner, accompanied by such Garda officers as they deem appropriate;
- 3 persons representing the community and voluntary sector in each borough/town, selected in accordance with local arrangements which may include consultation with the community and voluntary forum.

4.11 In order to facilitate as wide a representation as possible of Oireachtas members, no Oireachtas member may register for membership of a joint policing committee with more than one city or county council. In the case of Dublin city, no Oireachtas member may register for membership of more than one subcommittee.

4.12 Members of committees and subcommittees shall not be entitled to appoint substitutes to attend and participate as members of any committee or subcommittee, with the exception of officials and members of the Garda Síochána as provided for in these guidelines.

4.13 Section 35 (3) of the Garda Síochána Act provides:

“In nominating members of the Garda Síochána for appointment to a joint policing committee, the Garda Commissioner shall have regard to the need to ensure that such members are of appropriate rank and seniority.”

- 4.14 Filling of a casual vacancy: A person appointed to fill a casual vacancy shall hold office for the remainder of the term of the person in whose place he or she is appointed. A member who is a local authority member shall cease to be a member of the committee if (i) he or she resigns by notice in writing to the local authority; (ii) he or she becomes disqualified for membership of the local authority; or (iii) he or she ceases to be a member of the local authority. A member other than a local authority member shall cease to be a member if (i) he or she resigns by notice in writing to the local authority; or (ii) he or she ceases to be a member of the grouping which originally nominated him or her to the committee. A person whose term of office expires or who has resigned shall be eligible for re-appointment subject to compliance with membership requirements outlined in paragraph 4 of the guidelines.
- 4.15 To the greatest extent possible, the principle of gender equality in membership should be adhered to.
- 4.16 It is envisaged that two meetings per annum for each committee and subcommittee would prove adequate in most circumstances.
- 4.17 If the chairperson and a Garda representative agree that for urgent reasons an additional meeting would be of value, such a meeting may exceptionally be held.

5. Functions

- 5.1 The function of the committees is set out in section 36 (2) of the Garda Síochána Act, which states:

“The joint policing committee’s function is to serve as a forum for consultations, discussions and recommendations on matters affecting the policing of the local authority’s administrative area, and in particular to –

- (a) keep under review -
- (i) the levels and patterns of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in that area (including the patterns and levels of misuse of alcohol and drugs), and
 - (ii) the factors underlying and contributing to the levels of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in the area,
- (b) advise the local authority concerned and the Garda Síochána on how they might best perform their functions having regard to the need to do everything feasible to improve the safety and quality of life and to prevent crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour within the area,

- (c) arrange and host public meetings concerning matters affecting the policing of the local authority's administrative area,
- (d) establish, in consultation with the local Garda superintendent, as the committee considers necessary within specific neighbourhoods of the area, local policing fora to discuss and make recommendations to the committee concerning matters that it is to keep under review under paragraph (a) or on which it is to advise under paragraph (b), in so far as those matters affect their neighbourhoods, and
- (e) co-ordinate the activities of local policing fora under paragraph (d) or otherwise."

5.2 Section 37 (1) provides:

"A local authority shall, in performing its functions, have regard to the importance of taking steps to prevent crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour within its area of responsibility."

5.3 As a result of the work of the committees and subcommittees, decisions which are made by any of the interests represented on the committee or subcommittee should be more closely informed by the discussion of local needs and circumstances. In particular, the committee or subcommittee will act as a mechanism through which, firstly, elected representatives and local communities can have a role in conveying information and views to Garda Divisional and District officers to assist them in the formulation and operation of their annual policing plans and, secondly, Garda Divisional and District officers can convey information and views to elected representatives and local communities to assist them in carrying out their duties, functions and activities.

5.4 The matters to be considered by the committees and subcommittees might include traffic, vandalism, anti-social behaviour, underage drinking, casual trading, litter, planning for events attracting large crowds, community-based crime prevention initiatives, Garda Divisional and District annual policing plans and local authority initiatives.

6. **Establishment**

6.1 Section 36 (1) of the Garda Síochána Act provides:

"A local authority and the Garda Commissioner shall arrange for the establishment of a joint policing committee in accordance with guidelines issued ..."

6.2 A local authority shall, after consultation with the Garda Commissioner or an officer authorised by him or her to consult with the local authority, by resolution establish a committee.

- 6.3 The Garda Síochána representatives on the committee shall be appointed by the Garda Commissioner. The other members first appointed shall be appointed by resolution of the local authority by which it was established, and subsequent appointments shall be by such resolution or in such other manner as that local authority may provide for by resolution.

7. Chairperson

- 7.1 Section 35 (2) (c) of the Garda Síochána Act provides that the chairperson of a committee shall be a member of the local authority concerned nominated to membership of the committee as a member of the local authority concerned.
- 7.2 The local authority members shall nominate the chairperson. They shall also nominate the chairpersons of any subcommittees.
- 7.3 The term of office of a chairperson shall not be less than two years and will, thereafter, rotate between the local authority members of the committee or subcommittee.
- 7.4 It shall be open to a committee or subcommittee to appoint a vice chairperson from among the local authority members. The committee or subcommittee shall ensure that, as far as is practicable, the offices of chairperson and vice-chairperson are at all times held by members of different political groupings.

8. Members of Oireachtas

- 8.1 A member of the Oireachtas is entitled to be present without notice at a meeting of a committee or of a subcommittee of that committee, subject, as appropriate, to section 45 (3) of the Local Government Act, 2001 or regulations made under section 54 of that Act.
- 8.2 In setting the date and time of a meeting, a committee or subcommittee should endeavour to ensure that a date and time are set which would allow a member who is a member of a House of the Oireachtas to attend a meeting of that House.
- 8.3 A committee or subcommittee shall make available without charge to members of the Oireachtas not members of the committee or subcommittee the notice, agenda and minutes of meetings of the committee or subcommittee, reports made by and to the committee or subcommittee, where a member informs the committee or subcommittee in writing or electronically that he or she wishes to receive a copy of them.

9. Meetings of a Committee or Subcommittee

- 9.1 The presumption is that members of the public (any person who is not attending the meeting at the committee's request) and representatives of the media (including accredited representatives of local and national press, local and national radio and local and national television) are entitled to be present at a meeting of a committee or subcommittee and information and documents

produced for the committee or committee will be available to them, unless there are legal reasons why this would not be possible or it would not be in the public interest to do so.

- 9.2 Where a committee or subcommittee is of the opinion that the absence of members of the public and representatives of the media from the whole or part of a particular meeting is in exceptional circumstances desirable because:
- of the special nature of the meeting, or of an item of business to be, or about to be, considered at the meeting, or
 - for other special reasons

the committee or subcommittee may decide to meet in committee.

- 9.3 Meetings to plan future business, including public meetings, will be held in committee.

- 9.4 Particular efforts should be made when a committee or subcommittee is first established to advertise publicly

- its establishment, purpose and functions
- the date, time and place of its meetings
- an invitation to the local population to attend.

- 9.5 Efforts should be made to ensure that meetings take place throughout the local authority area or operational area, as appropriate.

10. Public Meetings

- 10.1 Section 36 (2) (c) of the Garda Síochána Act provides that the function of a joint policing committees is, inter alia, to "arrange and host public meetings concerning matters affecting the policing of the local authority's administrative area".

- 10.2 The emphasis of public meetings will be on policing rather than individuals and obtaining the co-operation of the public in preventing crime.

- 10.3 It is envisaged that committees and subcommittees of the Dublin City committee would hold public meetings at regular intervals and at least once a year. Care should be taken to ensure that meetings take place throughout the local authority area.

- 10.4 Procedures should have a minimum of formality and should reflect the co-operative nature of the committees and subcommittees.

- 10.5 Decisions on holding public meetings will be made at meetings of the committee or subcommittee. At least 14 days before a meeting, advertisements should be placed informing the public:

- of the date, time, place and purpose of the meeting;

- that they are welcome to attend;
- that they have the right to make their views known and ask questions of the members of the committee or subcommittee;
- of the procedure for submitting written questions, including an address for doing so. For those who have difficulty in producing written material, there should be a means of submitting a question, for example by recording a question via a telephone number for setting down in writing. Questions will be accepted from any person affected by the policing of the area. Questioners should give their name and address, which will not be publicised;
- that in some circumstances it may not be possible to provide information requested (see below).

10.6 As public knowledge of the meetings grows, the committee may consider that it is not necessary to provide the same level of detail in all such advertisements.

Dissemination of Information Regarding Public Meetings

10.7 Appropriate provision should be made to ensure that marginalised and hard to reach sections of the community are made aware of the meetings. Particular care should be taken to choose a date, time and place which will maximise the opportunity of the community to attend the meetings. In this respect, use should be made to the greatest possible extent of active community networks and local groups.

10.8 Representatives of the media may attend public meetings, subject to the provisions of section 45, Local Government Act, 2001.

Procedure for Tabling Questions

10.9 In order to increase the productivity of meetings, the public should be encouraged to give to the greatest extent possible advance notice of questions which will be raised.

10.10 In certain circumstances it may not be possible for either the Garda representative or the local authority to reply to a question, for legal reasons or because it would not be in the public interest to do so (see section 11).

10.11 Furthermore, in some circumstances it may not be possible to provide information or respond to a question because to do so would involve the disproportionate use of resources and the meeting should be informed accordingly.

10.12 If information cannot be provided for any of the above reasons the chairperson should encourage the questioner to rephrase the question in order to create a greater opportunity for information to be provided. This may involve the questioner submitting a general rather than a specific question.

10.13 A record should be kept of all written questions submitted. Questions and the answers provided will form part of the official records of the committee. Such records should be stored appropriately.

11. Subject Matter of Meetings

11.1 Section 36 (4) of the Garda Síochána 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.”

This also applies also to public meetings arranged and hosted by a committee.

11.2 A committee or subcommittee should not consider a matter if:

- it would endanger the security of one or more individuals;
- it relates to an individual;
- it involves information received by the Garda Síochána or the local authority in confidence
- it would, or would be likely to, prejudice the prevention or detection of crime or the apprehension or prosecution of offenders.

11.3 Individuals shall not be discussed or named. An individual's right to privacy and the provision of the European Convention on Human Rights Act 2003 must be adhered to.

12. Subcommittees

12.1 If a committee considers it necessary to establish a subcommittee, it may do so. Care should be taken to avoid a proliferation of subcommittees, which would represent an unproductive use of scarce resources. Other than in the case of Dublin City Council, no committee shall establish more than three subcommittees. In the case of Dublin City Council, the five subcommittees corresponding to the five operational areas of the city council shall each establish no more than three working groups.

13. Local Policing Fora

13.1 Section 36 (2) (d) of the Garda Síochána Act (see section 5) provides for the establishment of local policing fora by a committee. The internal procedures of such fora should be similar to those for the committee, but to the greatest extent possible be more informal.

13.2 As a general principle, local policing fora will be established only where resources are available to do so and where they would not divert scarce resources from committees or subcommittees.

13.3 Supplemental guidelines for the local policing fora shall be made at a later date.

- 13.4 In accordance with the National Drugs Strategy (action 11) priority will be given to establishing local policing fora in all Local Drugs Task Force areas and other areas experiencing problems of drugs misuse.

14. Reports

- 14.1 Section 36 (5) of the Garda Síochána Act provides:

“Not later than 3 months after the end of each year, the joint policing committee shall –

- (a) submit to the local authority a report on the performance of its functions during the preceding year, and
- (b) supply a copy of the report to the Minister [for Justice, Equality and Law Reform], the Garda Commissioner and such other persons as may be specified in the guidelines issued under section 35.”

- 14.2 In particular, the report should set out how it carried out its function under each of the headings set out in section 36 (2) of the Garda Síochána Act.

15. Co-operation and Joint Action with Other Joint Policing Committees

- 15.1 If two or more committees, or two or more of the Dublin City subcommittees, consider it appropriate to do so, they may, by resolution of each of the committees, co-operate and perform joint actions. A committee may co-operate and perform joint actions with more than one committee or group of committees. Similarly, a Dublin City subcommittee may co-operate and perform joint actions with more than one subcommittee or group of subcommittees.

16. Secretariat and Funding

- 16.1 The secretariats for the committees and subcommittees will be provided by local authorities with the necessary financial resources supplied by the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform and the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

17. Internal Procedures

- 17.1 Procedures should have a minimum of formality and should reflect the co-operative nature of the committees and subcommittees. It is envisaged that decisions would be taken by agreement rather than by voting. However, in the exceptional event of a vote being taken at a meeting of a committee or subcommittee, each member present at the meeting shall have one vote. Where there is an equality of votes, a matter before a meeting shall be determined by a second or casting vote of the person chairing the meeting.



Conduct of a meeting

- 17.2 A quorum shall be such as applies to a committee of the local authority.



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21st June 2006

Ms. Angela Holian,
Town Clerk,
Town Hall,
Tuam,
Co. Galway.

Re: The Development of Tuam Health Campus

Dear Angela,

I am writing to you as agreed to confirm some of our discussions following our meeting on Wednesday 14th June 2006.

In the first instance, I would like to thank both yourself and the Tuam Councillors for attending and I hope that it will be the beginning of a partnership approach to the development of the Tuam Campus.

As I said at the meeting, this is a project proposal for the development of a modern integrated health campus which will become a centre of excellence for the East of the County.

As part of the Capital Development Programme, we have been advised of an allocation of €14.4 million to develop a Community hospital and Day Care centre, €1.8 million for the Ambulance base and €1.2 million for Shared Infrastructure and Support Services.

The components of the proposal are:

Community Hospital and Day Care Centre
Dementia Unit
Ten bed short stay direct GP access, treatment and discharge unit
Primary Care unit / Health centre

Mental Health Centre
Ambulance base
Shared Infrastructure and Support Services

Clearly the funding of €14.4 million will not be sufficient to progress all of these components, and so we will be looking at various options, including the possibility of entering into a Public Private Partnership.

I have received a letter from Professor Drum, who has approved the assignment of a Project Manager to progress the planning for this service. A fundamental part of this planning, will be a review of the current pattern of service provision in the area in respect of all existing and planned services and engagement will be initiated across all HSE services with the view to maximising a fully integrated service model.

I would also envisage that opportunities may arise to approach this project on an interagency, intersectoral basis and consequently once the Project Manager is appointed these possibilities will be explored both with Tuam Town Council, Galway County Council and other relevant agencies in the East Galway area. In this regard, I would welcome if Galway County Council could give me a named designated link person so that we can begin to work in partnership to progress this proposal.

As soon as the Project Manager has been appointed, I will write to advise you so that we can at an early stage begin the consultative process that will be required. I would also be happy to meet with you again later in the year to update you on developments.

Yours sincerely,



Priya Prendergast
Local Health Manager



CC

Tom Reilly, Major of Tuam
Frank Gilmore, Director of Services,
Pat Gallagher, County Manager



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22nd June 2006

Ms. Angela Holian,
Town Clerk,
Town Hall,
Tuam,
Co. Galway.

Re: WTE Ceiling for Galway PCCC

Dear Angela,

I am writing to you further to our meeting on Wednesday 14th June 2006. At that time you asked me a question regarding the WTE ceiling for Galway PCCC. I can confirm that the approved ceiling for is 1914.97. This covers the Primary Care Unit, East and West Galway Psychiatric, Toghermore Training Centre, all of the Community Nursing Units in Galway City and County, Community Services Galway, Childcare, Saint Anne's Children Centre and the Community Welfare Service in Galway. The actual WTE compliment at the end of May 2006 was 1960.39. This means that I am currently over my ceiling by 45.42.

I must therefore continuously work to address this deficit.

However, with any new development funding, there is also an additional WTE allocation to match the funding approved.

I trust that this will answer your queries but if I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Catharine Cunningham


Priya Prendergast
Local Health Manager

Tuam Town Council

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Town Clerk's Office,
Town Hall,
Tuam.

21st June, 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 26th June, 2006 at 8.00 p.m.** following the Annual Meeting. You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise, le meas,

Angela Holm Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Minutes

Manager's Business

Correspondence

The Grove Hospital

Joint Police Committee

Letting of Town Hall

Notice of Motion: Councillor Reilly

I propose that Tuam Town Council put in place "Photos of all Chairpersons/Mayors, past present and future, be displayed in the Boardroom" similar to the display in Galway County Council.

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TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual Meeting held on Monday, 26th June, 2006

Present: Mayor: Councillor Reilly – outgoing

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

Apology Councillor O'Grady

Officials:

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

The Prayer was recited.

Election of Mayor:

The outgoing Mayor thanked everybody for their co-operation during the year. He thanked the Deputy Mayor, the Board Members, Mr. Frank Gilmore, Director of Services, Mr. Stephen Lally, Town Engineer, the Town Clerk and the Press for their support during the year.

He welcomed Councillor Kelly back and congratulated him on his 40th year as a Public Representative and thanked him for his dedicated service to the People of Tuam. He thanked Councillor O'Grady for his support and loyalty during the year.

The outgoing Mayor recalled some events during his year in office, the Courts Service locating to the Town Hall – he thanked Mr. Gilmore for securing the Courts in Tuam, Person of the Year, Launch of History of the Town Hall, the launch of affordable houses at “The Pottery”, the recent announcement

regarding the Grove Hospital, and the plans for the Western Rail Corridor. He thanked Mr. Lally for the refurbishment of the footpaths and noted that the bus shelter was being constructed that day. He said plans for the Tuam By-pass are progressing and he hoped that construction would start in 2007. He said Tuam suffered a great loss in the past year with the death of Sean Purcell. He said he was disappointed that the town still did not have Broadband but was confident Tuam would be included in the next Phase.

He then invited nominations for the position of Mayor. It was proposed by Councillor Warren and seconded by Councillor Kelly that Councillor Flanagan be elected to hold the office of Mayor of the Town of Tuam for the coming year. There being no other proposal Councillor Flanagan was elected. Councillor Flanagan took the Chair. She thanked her proposer and seconder. She congratulated the outgoing Mayor on a very productive year. She congratulated Councillor Kelly on his 40th year in politics. She said she felt privileged to be first citizen of the town where the High King of Ireland once ruled, a town of education, industry, arts and two beautiful cathedrals, a town of legends such as the late Sean Purcell, Johnny Flynn and Bobby Burke, not forgetting Playwright Tom Murphy and the Saw doctors. She thanked the Fine Gael party for their continued support, she thanked former Mayor Councillor Kelly and former Chairperson Nora Halion for their constant encouragement and her sister Freda who is no longer here. She said she hoped to see the development of the Western Rail Corridor, the quick progress of the Grove Hospital and the installation of the public toilet and C.C.T.V. in the coming year. She said she would continue to highlight the issue of Broadband. She thanked the Town Clerk, the Town Engineer, the Director of Services, Members of the Press, her colleagues at G.M.I.T. her Family, her Uncle who traveled from Manchester for the occasion, friends and neighbours for their support since her election to the Board.

Election of Deputy Mayor:

The Mayor invited nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor. It was proposed by Councillor Kelly and seconded by Councillor McHugh that Councillor Ward be elected Deputy Mayor of the Town of Tuam for the coming year. There being no other proposal Councillor Ward was elected. Councillor Ward thanked his proposer and seconder. He complimented the Mayor on her election and paid tribute to the outgoing Mayor.

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY


MAYOR

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Town Clerk's Office,
Town Hall,
Tuam.

21st June, 2006

To: Each Member of Tuam Town Council

A chara,

The Annual meeting of Tuam Town Council will be held in the Town Hall on Monday, 26th June, 2006 at 7 p.m. You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise, le meas,

Angela Holian Baile Cleireach

Agenda

Election of Mayor

Election of Deputy Mayor

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Special Sub-committee meeting

Held on

Tuesday 6th June, 2006

Attendance: Mayor Reilly, Councillor Flanagan, Mr. Stephen Lally, Town Engineer and Angela Holian, Town Clerk.

The Sub-committee met to discuss application, by Mr. Joe Desmond, Runai - Tuam Sinn Fein, to use the Town Hall on July 10, 11, 12.

It was agreed that only the Old Library Room be made available. All Exhibition Boards must be free-standing and no permanent fixtures to the walls. It was also agreed not to hold exhibitions in the Board Room.

It was agreed to remind Mr. Desmond of the charges – E20-00 per hour until 5 p.m. and E30-00 per hour after that also confirmation of the exact times.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk



De Luain,
Meitheamh 12, 2006

To: Tuam Town Hall Sub-Committee
Request to confirm the date and time for the H-Block Exhibit

Date: Sunday, 9th July 2006
Time: Access at 10am – Exhibit opens at 11am. Exhibit closes at 5pm.

On behalf of Stailc ocrais – Cuig Bliana is Fiche

Joe Desmond
Runai Comhairle Ceantair
Sinn Fein – Gaillimh Thoir
087-9919412

Galway County Council Archives

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday 6th June, 2006

Present: Mayor: Councillor T. Reilly
Councillors: A. O'Donnell-Brady, T. McHugh, M. Ward,
P. O'Grady, S. A. Flanagan, P. Warren.

Apology Councillor Kelly, Councillor Browne-Lane

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 8th May, 2006 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Ward seconded by Councillor Warren.

The Mayor apologized to the Members of the Press for the delay in starting the meeting.

Matters arising from Minutes:

Replying to Councillor O'Grady Mr. Gilmore said parking regulation at Liam Mellows Street and Old Road also Pedestrianisation of Shop Street will come in the context of the new Traffic Management Plan. Replying to the Mayor regarding extra car parking spaces at Shop Street, following the closure of access from the Lane, Mr. Lally said this would be looked at. Councillor O'Grady asked that the Lane be monitored and parking tickets issued to People who park on the yellow lines.

Replying to Councillor Warren the Town Engineer said he would consider extra seating at the cemetery. He also stated that the green area at "The Pottery" would be maintained by Galway County Council.

Councillor O'Grady asked that extra bins be provided at the Palace Grounds also consideration be given to the erection of a lock up toilet. The Mayor said he had been informed that signage would be erected at the Children's Playground. He asked that re-surfacing of the walkway be carried out.

Replying to Councillor McHugh the Town Engineer said it was hoped the bus shelter would be erected shortly. The contract for the public toilet is ready to be signed.

Councillor Ward thanked Mr. Gilmore for refurbishment work carried out at Tirboy.

Replying to Councillor Warren who stated that a lot of traffic use the entrance to "An Tuirin" as a turning point Mr. Gilmore said this would be looked at. Mr. Gilmore said Phase II would be opening shortly.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 5th May, 2006 from Mr. Joe Desmond, Runai, Tuam Sinn Fein. It was agreed the sub committee would meet following the ordinary meeting and bring their recommendations to the meeting to be held on 26th June, 2006.

Letter dated 10th May, 2006 from Mr. Paddy Mathews, Manager, Environment Unit, Failte Ireland – read.

Letter dated 5th May, 2006 from Mr. Noel Ahern, T. D., Minister for Housing and Urban Renewal – to be included for discussion with Ms. Priya Prendergast, Health Service Executive.

Letter dated 12th May, 2006 from Mr. Noel Treacy, T. D., Minister for European Affairs – read

Letter dated 17th May, 2006 from Mr. Noel Dempsey, T. D., Minister for Communications, Marine & Natural Resources – read.

Letter dated 18th May, 2006 from Mr. John Devaney, Partnership Manager, Confederation of European Councillors – read.

Letters dated 19th May, 2006 from Ballina Town Council – read.

Letter dated 9th May, 2006 re: seminar entitled Women in Leadership – read.

Notice of Seminar “Introduction to Social Housing” – read.

Letter dated 24th May, 2006 from Ms. Breege Newell, Tuam Community Development Resource Centre re: Proposed Community Childcare Premises Project in Parkmore, Tuam. Mr. Gilmore told the Members that the Lands are being supplied by Galway County Council for a nominal sum. He said the commitment to be given the site is enough to secure the grants mentioned. Planning permission also needs to be obtained.

Letters dated 29th May, 2006 and 5th June, 2006 from Mr. Paddy McHugh, T. D. re Natural Gas supply for Tuam and Tuam Health Campus – read.

Letter dated 30th May, 2006 from Ms. Majella Byrne, Quality customer Service Officer, Environmental Protection Agency – read.

Councillor Ward congratulated organizations to whom Grants were recently awarded. The Members welcomed the allocation of the Grants.

Grove Hospital:

The Mayor told the Members that a meeting had been arranged with Ms. Priya Prendergast, Health Service Executive for Wednesday 14th June, 2006 at 3 p.m. in Merlin Park, Galway. It was agreed that the Mayor together with Councillor O’Grady, Councillor McHugh, Councillor Flanagan or Councillor O’Donnell-Brady would attend. Mr. Frank Gilmore, Director of Services also agreed to attend the meeting.

Annual Meeting:

It was noted that the Annual Meeting will be held on Monday 26th June, 2006 and the July meeting will be brought forward to that date.

Annual Financial Statement:

Mr. Gilmore introduced the Annual Financial Statement for year ended 31st December, 2005. In the capital Account there was a credit balance of E125,884 in comparison with E128,197 at the 1st January, 2005. Revenue expenditure for the year was E155,860 while receipts were E208,963 bringing the credit balance to E231,692. Mr. Gilmore said he wanted to draw attention to three items of over-expenditure (1) The Town Hall, first full year expenditure following refurbishment (2) Court Services, expenditure altering the Town Hall, this was recouped in 2006 (3) Furniture for the Board Room resulting in net over-expenditure of E19,710. The Annual Financial Statement for the year 2005 and over-expenditures were approved on the proposal of Councillor O'Grady seconded by Councillor Warren.

A.O.B.:

Replying to the Mayor regarding the collection of plastics from Farmers in the Tuam Area Mr. Gilmore said he would inform the Mayor.

Replying to Councillor Warren regarding Courts Service site at Dublin Road Mr. Gilmore said he would contact the Courts Service.

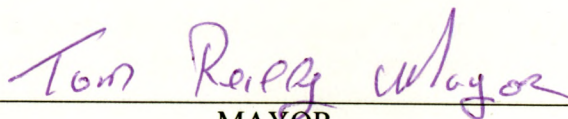
Councillor O'Grady told the Members he would be unable to attend the Annual Meeting. He congratulated the Mayor on his year in office and wished Councillor Flanagan good-luck on 26th June.

Regarding the Mayoral Chain Mr. Gilmore said he would have a report for the next meeting.

This concluded the meeting

Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY:



MAYOR

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Town Clerk's Office,
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3/12/06
7th June, 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 Tuesday 6th June, 2006 at 8.00 p.m. following meeting with Area Councillors. You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise, le meas,

A. Holian

Baile Cleireach

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A. O. B.

Tuam Town Council

Special Meeting with Tuam Area Councillors

Held on

Tuesday 6th June, 2006

Attendance:

County Councillors:

**Councillor T. Walsh, Councillor T. McHugh, Councillor S. Connaughton,
Councillor S. Canney, Councillor C. Keaveney**

Town Councillors:

**Mayor Reilly, Councillor A. O'Donnell-Brady, Councillor T. McHugh, Councillor
M. Ward, Councillor P. O'Grady, Councillor S. A. Flanagan, Councillor P. Warren.**

Officials:

Mr. Frank Gilmore, Director of Services

Mr. Stephen Lally, Town Engineer

Mr. John Leahy, Executive Engineer

Ms. Ita Martin, Secretary, Tuam Area Committee

Ms. Angela Holian, Town Clerk

Apology:

Councillor Kelly, Councillor Browne-Lane

The Prayer was recited

**The Mayor welcomed the Tuam Area County Councillors to the meeting and
thanked them for agreeing to meet with the Town Council.**

Planning:

Councillor O'Grady told the Area Councillors there appears to be anomalies in the planning process in Tuam. He said he was involved with the major players in the proposed retail development on the Milltown Road and outlined the problems being experienced.

He said Tuam needs/wants large stores i.e. LIDL, ALDI etc. Delays in the proposed developments at Galway Road are holding back the town.

Mr. Gilmore stated that Galway County Council are committed to the development of Tuam as a Hub Centre for East Galway. He stressed that the Planners are committed to major developments in Tuam. He said he couldn't comment on individual planning applications but if specific difficulties were being experienced he should be written to.

Broadband:

The Mayor acknowledged that Galway County Council put enormous effort into the application for Broadband for Tuam. A major Industry cannot be attracted to the town without Broadband. Councillor O'Grady said Tuam was in danger of losing existing businesses because of lack of Broadband. It was proposed by County Councillor McHugh and seconded by the Mayor Reilly that Minister Dempsey be invited to Tuam to address the Town Council and the area Councillors.

The Mayor said he intended to raise the matter with Minister Dempsey, on Friday 9th June, 2006.

Mr. Gilmore stated that Galway County Council had applied for Broadband for Tuam eighteen months ago. He said the County Council would be pushing for Broadband for Tuam, a Hub Town. Minister Dempsey will be in Galway on Friday, 9th June, 2006 to sign the contract for five other towns in County Galway.

The Grove Hospital:

All present welcomed the announcement of E15m for the Tuam Health Campus. Councillor O'Donnell-Brady said the Ms. Mary Harney, Minister for Health will be in Tuam in July. The Mayor informed the Members that a meeting had been arranged with Ms. Priya Prendergast, Local Health Officer, Health Service Executive Galway for Wednesday 14th June, 2006.

Refuse/recycling:

Replying to the Members Mr. Gilmore said that surveys of waste disposal by private houses will be carried out by the Environment Section. He agreed with the members that waste management needs refinement, and said Galway County Council would take that on Board. He said more competition is needed – this works in Galway City. He said the Environment Section are looking at the options, he had seen video footage that day of a person caught on a night camera disposing of refuse at Cloonthua Road. Two People had recently been fined E600-00 in Court.

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Tuam Town Council



Vacant Houses:

Mr. Gilmore stated that less than 1% of Council houses are vacant in Tuam. He said there were three or four vacant houses which were owned by one person. Galway County Council are pursuing this

Tuam By-Pass:

The Members objected to the publishing of the proposed inner by-pass prior to being discussed at a Town Council Meeting. They called for progress on the outer by-pass.

Railway:

Councillor Connolly told the Members that **Western Corridor** will be fast tracked.

County Rates:

Councillor O'Grady proposed that a bigger portion of rates collected be spent in Tuam.

The Mayor proposed that the Town Council and The Tuam Area Councillors meet bi-annually. He thanked the Area Councillors and Ms. Ita Martin for attending the meeting.

This concluded the meeting

Recorded by:
Angela Holian
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY

Tom Reilly Mayor
MAYOR

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To Each Member of Tuam Town Council

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Baile Cleireach

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TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday 8th May, 2006

Present:

Mayor: Councillor T. Reilly

**Councillors: A. O'Donnell-Brady, M. Ward, P. Warren,
G. Browne-Lane, P. O'Grady, S. A. Flanagan, T. McHugh.
Mayor of County Galway – Councillor P. Hynes**

Apology

Councillor Kelly

Officials:

**Mr. Pat Gallagher, County Manager
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 3rd April, 2006 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Warren seconded by Councillor Flanagan.

The Minutes of special meeting held on 20th March, 2006 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor McHugh seconded by Councillor Ward.

The Mayor welcomed the Mayor of County Galway, Councillor Pat Hynes to the meeting. He also welcomed the County Manager, Mr. Pat Gallagher to the meeting.

The Mayor, The Mayor of the County, Members and Officials wished Councillor Kelly a speedy recovery.

Matters arising from Minutes:

Councillor Warren thanked the Town Engineer for reinstating the lights at the Pedestrian Crossing at Dublin Road. He asked that speed ramps be installed outside St. Pat's School.

Councillor Warren also said the traffic lights beside the shopping centre at Abbey Trinity were causing major traffic delays.

Replying to Councillors Warren and O'Grady regarding vacant houses Mr. Gilmore said not all vacant houses belonged to Tuam Town Council or Galway County Council. A derelict site notice had been served on a property at Gilmartin Road that day. Galway County Council have begun a process of investigating all vacant properties in the town.

Replying to the Members regarding Egan's Lane the Town Engineer said yellow lines and public lighting will be installed shortly. Regarding the Old Road Mr. Gilmore said he would request the Roads Design Team to investigate. Councillor Browne-Lane asked that Tullinadaly Road be looked at, also the time the road sweeper operates on Dublin Road be reviewed.

Replying to Councillor McHugh regarding the Bus Shelter the Town Engineer said he was meeting with the Company next week.

Replying to Councillor Ward regarding illegal dumping at Cloonthue and other areas Mr. Gilmore stated that the worst effected areas are being monitored daily. There is also a process in motion regarding People who dump at night. He said cameras are catching People. There have been a number of on the spot fines. So far most of the People caught dumping are from outside Tuam. He said Galway County Council are committed to tackling illegal dumping and will make an example of People caught. Councillor Browne-Lane stated that People want a composting facility at the Civic Amenity Site and asked if County Council personnel attended a conference on waste management in Kildare the previous week. Mr. Gilmore said a briefing can be arranged next month when the regulations regarding the Waste Management Plan come into law.

Replying to Councillor O'Grady regarding public toilets the Town Engineer said the contract, to purchase two toilets (Tuam & Loughrea), are ready to be signed.

Replying to the Mayor regarding the removal of seating at Parkmore Mr. Gilmore said the installation of CCTV was being considered for this area.

Replying to Councillor O'Grady regarding Broadband Mr. Gallagher said Galway County Council are committed to the provision of Industrial Broadband in Tuam, a necessity for investment and employment. Galway County Council have made it clear to the Department that they want to make an application on behalf of Tuam. Tuam is a Hub town and as soon as the County Council are invited by the Department to make the submission they are ready to do so. Lack of Broadband in Tuam did not lose a prospective employer.

Manager's Business:

It was proposed, seconded and agreed to hold the Annual Meeting on Monday 26th June, 2006 and bring the July meeting forward to the same date.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 29th March, 2006 from Clonakilty Town Council – read.

Letter dated 30th March, 2006 from Edenderry Town Council – read.

Letter dated 4th April, 2006 from Supt. John McMahon – read.

Letter dated 10th April, 2006 from Mr. Maurice Laheen – read.

Letter dated 19th April, 2006 from Association of Municipal authorities of Ireland regarding motion for Annual Conference – noted.

Notice of Training Seminar for Councillors – noted.

Notice of EU Town Twinning Conference - read.

Letter dated 27th April, 2006 from Councillor Tom McHugh regarding meeting with Tuam Area Councillors – read.

Letter dated 25th April, 2006 from Monaghan Town Council – read.

Letter dated 5th May, 2006 from Mr. Joe Desmond, Runai, Tuam Sinn Fein regarding use of the Town Hall for Exhibition. It was agreed to include the matter on the agenda for the next meeting.

It was also agreed that post received too late for circulation with the minutes be held for the next meeting.

Letter dated 5th May, 2006 from Mr. Noel Ahern, T.D., to the Mayor. It was agreed to include this letter with post for the next meeting.

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Grove Hospital:

Councillor O'Donnell-Brady said there was nothing new on the Grove. Councillor Warren stated that following a recent tragedy in Tuam it took an ambulance one hour to come from Galway. It was agreed to invite Dr. Conway to the June meeting.

A.O.B.:

Councillor O'Grady told the members he had read in a local paper of a proposal to build a new Vocational School in Claregalway. He said the V.E.C. sold nine acres of land in Tuam, which had been intended for a new Vocational School. He said the Tuam School needs upgrading and called on the V.E.C. to invest in the school in Tuam. The Mayor stated that E460,000-00 had been spent on the Tuam School in the past few years and this school should be developed to serve the whole region.

The Mayor complimented Galway County Council on the launch of the "affordable houses" at Weir Road, Tuam. He thanked everyone involved with the scheme.

Mr. Gilmore stated that twenty eight "affordable houses" are nearing completion at Dublin Road.

Councillor Flanagan asked if it would be possible to get the Town Hall clock to "strike". Replying to the Mayor Mr. Gilmore said all Local Authority houses had been fitted with fire alarms. A review was currently taking place.

Councillor Browne-Lane asked that bollards be installed between the car park and the grass area at the swimming pool.

Councillor McHugh congratulated Mr. Tony Galvin, Tuam Herald on his recent award. It was proposed by the Mayor and seconded by Councillor Flanagan that a civic reception be held.

This concluded the meeting

Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY:

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3rd May, 2006

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Courtesy Visit of Mayor of County Galway

Set date for Annual Meeting

The minutes of meeting held on 6th March, 2006 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Warren seconded by Councillor Flanagan.

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday 3rd April, 2006

Present:

Mayor: Councillor T. Reilly

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

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 6th March, 2006 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Warren seconded by Councillor Flanagan.

Matters arising from Minutes:

Replying to Councillor Warren regarding the Pedestrian Crossing at Dublin Road the Town Engineer stated that the main control unit which arrived was faulty and had to be returned to Sweden. Councillor Warren asked that the pedestrian crossing be manned at school times. He said there were a large number of elderly People living in the area who are unable to cross the road safely. Mr. Lally said he had raised the matter with the Gardai. Councillor Browne-Lane said it was disgraceful that the lights were still out and asked that the matter be given priority.

Mr. Gilmore said the matter had been raised with the Gardai and the Town Clerk would write to Supt. McMahon in the morning.

Replying to Councillor O'Grady regarding a meeting with Tuam Area Councillors the Mayor said he would contact Councillor McHugh in the morning.

The Mayor and Members congratulated Galway County Council on the official opening of Tuam's new swimming Pool.

Replying to Councillor O'Donnell-Brady regarding Liam Mellows Street Mr. Gilmore said he was awaiting a meeting with the Roads People.

Replying to Councillor O'Grady who stated that cars continue to park on "The Lane" outside the Butchers and Clothes shops Mr. Gilmore said he and the Town Engineer had met with People on site - ramps are being considered. Councillor Warren said yellow lines should be urgently installed and parking prohibited.

Replying to the Mayor the Town Engineer said an outer perimeter fence with a self closing devise on the gate will be erected around the sand area in the park.

Replying to the Members regarding illegal dumping Mr. Gilmore stated that surveillance of some of the worst effected areas revealed that most illegal dumpers were from outside the town. Galway County Council are putting significant resources into tackling the problem, dumpers are being secretly filmed and will be prosecuted.

It was agreed to write to Iarnrod Eireann because of illegal dumping at the Railway Station.

The Members called on Galway County Council to remove seating in an area of Parkmore because of anti-social behaviour.

The Mayor congratulated Tuam Stars on the official opening of their new facility.

Manager's Business:

Mr. Gilmore informed the members that the application for funding for refurbishment work at the Shambles, submitted under the Urban Village Renewal Scheme, had not been successful. He said Galway County Council would look to other sources for funding - the project is ongoing.

Replying to the Mayor regarding Public Toilets at the Shambles the Town Engineer informed the Members that Legal issues regarding a maintenance agreement have to be resolved. He would have an update for the next meeting.

Replying to Councillor Warren regarding the Bus Shelter the Town Engineer said Planning permission had been granted. He had written to the Gardai regarding relocating the bus stop. As soon as the agreement of the Gardai is available the bus shelter will be erected.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 28th February, 2006 from Tralee Town Council – read.

Letter dated 1st March, 2006 from Monaghan Town Council – read.

Letter dated 2nd March, 2006 from Clonakilty Town Council – read.

Letter dated 6th March, 2006 from Colaiste an Phiarsaigh – read.

Letter dated 7th March, 2006 from Kerry Mental Health Association – read.

Letter dated 8th March, 2006 from The Kerry Literary & Cultural Centre – read.

Letter dated 13th March, 2006 from Ballinasloe Town Council. There was unanimous support for the following Notice of Motion:

“That all Councillors would lobby T.D.’s to pressurize the Government to implement a “Household Waste Collection Voucher”, (similar to that of fuel allowance). This supplementary allowance would be available to all elderly people living on low incomes to assist them with the ever increasing Waste Collection Charges”.

Letters dated 20th March, 2006 from Passage West Town Council – read.

Letter dated 8th March, 2006 from Galway County Council and notice re: Training Seminar for Councillors – read.

Letter dated 27th March, 2006 from Ennis Town Council – read.

Letter dated 7th March, 2006 from Mr. Michael Callaly, Senior Regional Development Executive, Enterprise Ireland – read.

Letter dated 22nd March, 2006 from Dundalk Chamber and Loughs Agency – read.

Letter dated 23rd March, 2006 from Confederation of European Councillors – read.

Letter dated 23rd March, 2006 from Local Authority Members Association – read.

Circular re: information and Emigrant Advice – read.

Letter dated 30th March, 2006 from Councillor Francie Geelan, Boyle Town Council. There was unanimous support for Councillor Geelans letter to the President, Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland:

"I wish to raise the situation that was initiated by the Minister for the Environment & Local Government for the last Local Elections in June 2004 and all subsequent elections which seriously effects non-party people only and questions true democracy in this country. A non-party person now wishing to contest an election as a conditane, must now be proposed, seconded and secure 15 people who will allow themselves to act as "assentors" for the candidate. In so doing those people are forfeiting their anonymity status before the electorate. They must present themselves, with photographic identification, before the Returning Officer or his/her officials and sign the relevant documentation indicating which non-party candidate they are assenting to. If a candidate offers to contest both Town and County elections, then 15 "assentors" are required for each election which is usually in two different towns or locations. This procedure often incurs very large expense on the candidate and the "assentors" alike. Where is the confidentiality in all of this? I would contend that if this situation was legally challenged, which it should be, it would be very interesting to see the verdict. What does Europe say on this issue, is it not undemocratic and unconstitutional? I now propose that the A.M.A.I., who have almost 200 non-party local government elected members, address this anomaly as a matter of deep concern to our members in the interest of true democracy and if the need arises let us return to the "financial bond" element that previously existed for all candidates as an alternative.

Letter dated 1st March, 2006 from Tuam Community Development Resource Centre Ltd. It was proposed by Councillor Warren, seconded by Councillor McHugh and agreed that Councillor Flanagan represent the Town Council on the Steering Group.

Grove Hospital:

Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor O'Grady and seconded by Councillor Warren that Dr. Sean Conroy be invited to either of the next two meetings of the Board.

Broadband:

Councillor O'Grady told the Members that Tuam lost out on a major employer during the week because of lack of Broadband.

The I.D.A. Business Park on the Dunmore Road is unable to attract businesses because of lack of Broadband. Galway County Council have worked very hard on behalf of Tuam but it appears Tuam is being by-passed by the Government. Tuam needs a health facility/The Grove and communication/Broadband. He said the E.S.B. experiment failed and he called on the Government to prioritise Tuam.

Mr. Gilmore said Tuam was highest on Galway County Councils priorities. The town missed out because of the E.S.B. experiment. The County Council they will re-double their efforts but the development of Broadband is dependent on the Government.

It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Flanagan and agreed to write to the Minister.

A.O.B.:

Replying to Councillor Warren the Town Engineer said the cemetery will be extended into "Campbells Field".

Replying to Councillor McHugh the Town Engineer said work would begin on the Weir Road bridge next week.

Replying to Councillor Flanagan the Town Engineer said temporary re-instatement of the road at the level crossing on Galway Road was needed.

Fairtrade:

The Mayor welcomed Sr. Therese Moore and Ms. Denise Gleeson from the Mercy Social Justice Group who are promoting the concept of **FAIRTRADE** in Tuam to the Meeting. Sr. Therese told the meeting that the purpose of a FAIRTRADE Town is to contribute to Fairtrade Mark Ireland's aim in tackling poverty by enabling disadvantaged producers from poor countries to receive a better deal, through encouraging support for the FAIRTRADE Mark. In order to further this aim by becoming a FAIRTRADE Town she outlined six goals which must be realized. 1) A local steering group is convened to ensure continued commitment to its FAIRTRADE Town status. 2) The Town Council passes a resolution supporting FAIRTRADE, and agreed to serve FAIRTRADE coffee and tea in the office and at all its meetings and continues to support the FAIRTRADE Mark. 3) A range of FAIRTRADE Mark products are available in the town's shops, Supermarkets, local cafes, restaurants, and hotels. 4) FAIRTRADE Mark products are used by a Flagship business as well as twelve other local businesses and organizations. This should include Schools, Churches, large offices and local voluntary Groups. 5) The group attract media coverage and popular support for the campaign.

6) A significant number of schools become FAIRTRADE Schools. They use the Civil Social and Political Education pack on FAIRTRADE for secondary schools and the Alive-08 programme for primary Schools.

It was proposed by Councillor Browne-Lane, seconded by Councillor McHugh and agreed that Tuam Town Council support FAIRTRADE.

It was proposed by Councillor O'Grady, seconded by Councillor Warren that the Mayor represent the Town Council on the steering committee.

Sympathy:

A vote of sympathy was passed with the following Families:

Moran Family, Church View on the death of Mona
Treacy Family, on the death of Francis
Finnagan Family, Sylane on the death of Pat
Madden Family, Elm Court on the death of Eddie
Ryder Family, Doogra on the death of Delia
Glynn Family, Kilgeverin on the death of Roger
O'Grady Family, Rusheens on the death of Sally
Meehan Family, Ironpool on the death of Kathleen

This concluded the meeting

Recorded by,
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SIGNED BY:


MAYOR