

Tuam Town Council

Minutes of Special Meeting held on Monday 20th March, 2006

Present: Mayor: Councillor Reilly
Councillors: A. O'Donnell-Brady, G. Browne-Lane,
T. McHugh, S. A. Flanagan, M. Ward.

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

Apology Councillor Kelly, Councillor Warren

The Prayer was recited.

The Meeting was called to agree on areas to be included in the submission to the Department under the "Special Block Grant for the Provision of new Footpaths and repairs to existing Footpaths in former Town Commissioner Areas".

The Members examined the various proposals. It was proposed by Councillor Ward, seconded by Councillor McHugh and agreed that the following areas be included in the submission: Dublin Road Estate, Dublin Road, Cunnane Place (The Glebe), Shop Street, Vicar Street/Circular Road, Bohernagreena, Fairgreen Heights and Sun Street.

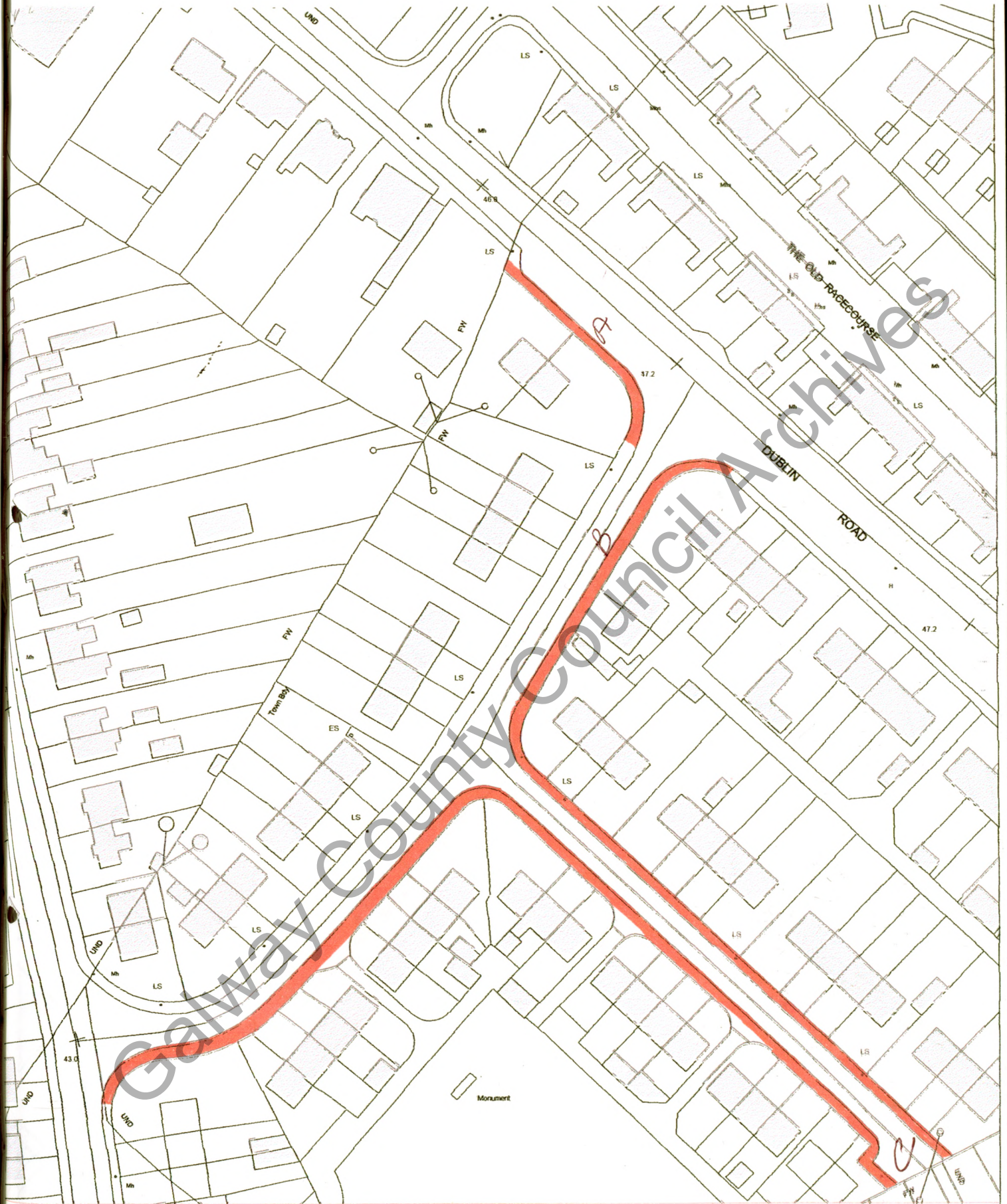
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Recorded by:
Angela Holian
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY


MAYOR

Dublin Road Estate

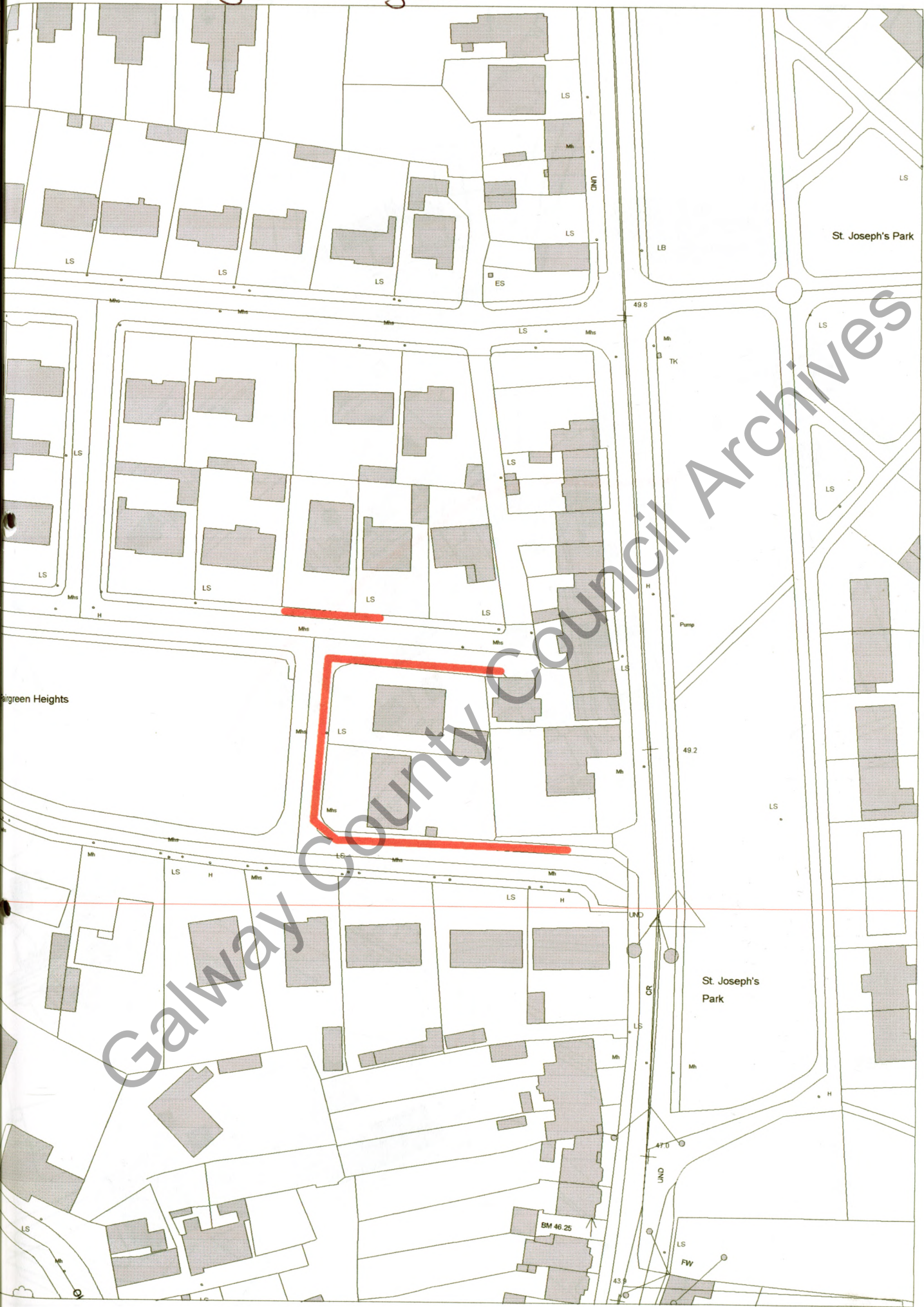


€35,000 for Works on the Estate

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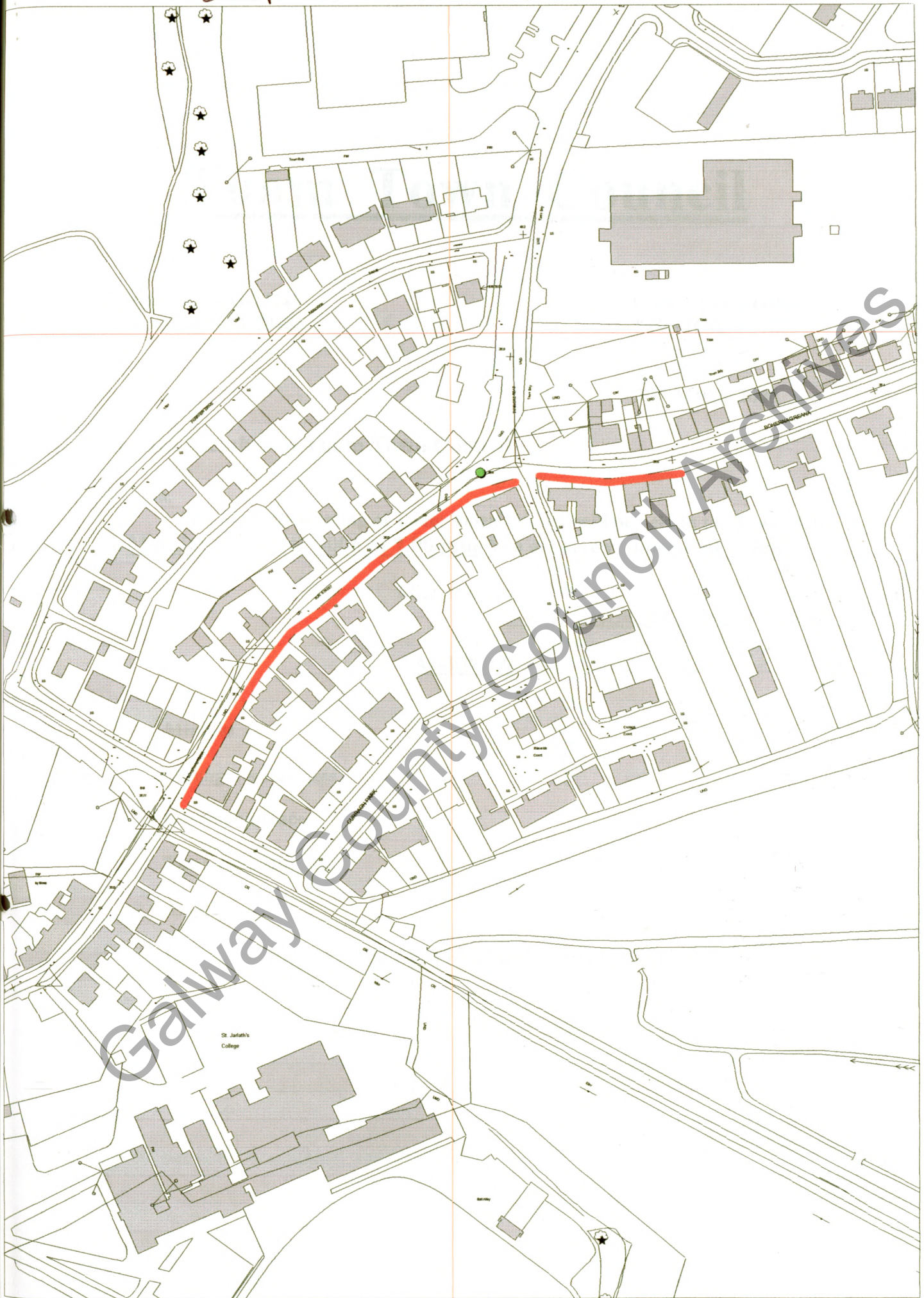


Fairgreen Heights



£16000.

Bishops St / Sun Street / Clonbarne Road



€ 25.500

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Town Clerk's Office,
Town Hall,
Tuam.

29th March, 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 3rd April, 2006 at 7.00 p.m. You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise, le meas,

Angela Hahian Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

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Correspondence

The Grove Hospital

A. O. B.

Launch of "History of the Town Hall" by Maurice Laheen at 9 p.m.

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

Apology: Councillor Kelly

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 February, 2006 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Warren seconded by Councillor Ward.

Councillor Kelly was wished a speedy Recovery

Sympathy:

The Mayor proposed a vote of sympathy with the Tierney Family on the death of Michael who worked for the Town Council for many years. One minutes silence was observed as a mark of respect. A vote of sympathy was also passed with the following Families:

Dillon Family, Gardenfield on the death of Joe
Cullinane Family, Gilmartin Road on the death of Mary
Ward Family, Gilmartin Road on the death of Bernie
Fallon Family, Tubberjarlath Road on the death of Phil
Sullivan Family, Bishop Street on the death of Martin
Conlon Family, Ballinderry on the death of Bridie
King Family, Killiloonty on the death of Kathleen

Matters arising from Minutes:

Replying to Councillor Warren regarding the Pedestrian Crossing at Dublin Road the Town Engineer stated that the main control unit was defunct. A new unit has been ordered. Councillor Warren asked that the pedestrian crossing be manned at school times because of the volume of children using the crossing. Mr. Lally said he would contact the supplier in the morning with a view to fast tracking delivery of the unit. Replying to Councillor O'Grady Mr. Gilmore stated that he would speak to the Gardai. Councillor Browne-Lane asked that the Schools be contacted so that Parents can be informed and therefore be more vigilant. She asked that this be dealt with as a matter of extreme urgency.

Replying to Councillor O'Grady the Town Engineer said the Traffic/Pedestrian lights at Bishop Street are due to be replaced.

Replying to Councillor McHugh the Town Engineer said he has spoken to the Gardai and the traffic lights at Abbey Trinity would be turned on.

Replying to the Mayor who said the sequence of the traffic lights at Ballygaddy Road/Milltown Road junction was faulty the Town Engineer said the traffic lights at that junction were activated by vehicles.

Replying to Councillor Ward the Town Engineer said there were warning signs on the approach roads and the roundabout at Vicar Street was elevated.

It was proposed by Councillor Ward and seconded by Councillor Warren that ramps be installed at Gilmartin Road.

Replying to Councillor O'Grady regarding a meeting with Tuam Area Councillors Mr. Gilmore said he would raise the matter with Councillor McHugh. Regarding the Liam Mellows Street Residents Association Mr. Gilmore said something would be done.

Replying to Councillor Warren regarding Dunmore Road the Town Engineer said he met with the People pruning/taking down the trees. He said traffic coming from Dunmore direction would be slowed if a central area was installed but there is a difficulty as the existing footpath ends at the petrol station. The matter would be considered.

Replying to Councillor Ward regarding provision of central heating in Town Council houses Mr. Gilmore said the matter is being investigated.

Replying to Councillor O'Donnell-Brady the Town Engineer said the new footpaths at Bishop Street would continue to the entrance to Parkview Drive on one side and to sixty yards from the entrance to Curragh Park on the other side.

The Town Engineer informed the Members that the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government has allocated E1m for the provision of/repairs to footpaths in former Town Commissioner areas for 2006. He said a submission will be sent to the Department for consideration. He said the town Council will have a say in where the allocation should be spent and invited the Members to submit a list of appropriate areas.

Manager's Business:

Mr. Gilmore informed the members that the Department of Health had withdrawn their offer of lands, for social housing, at the Grove Hospital.

He told the Members that Tuam Swimming Pool will be officially opened on Thursday 23rd March, 2006 at 3 p.m.

He circulated a list of materials acceptable at the civic amenity centre.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 1st February, 2006 from Nenagh Town Council – read.

Letter dated 9th February, 2006 from Office of the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government – read

Letter dated 9th February, 2006 from Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., regarding attendance at Annual General Meeting. Mayor Reilly said he would attend.

Letter dated 15th February, 2006 from Priya Prendergast, Health Service Executive - read.

Letter dated 20th February, 2006 from Portlaoise Town Council – read.

Letter dated 23rd February, 2006 from Sr. Patricia Fahy, Mercy Social Justice Group. It was proposed by Councillor O'Grady and seconded by Councillor Warren that the Board meet with Sr. Patricia Fahy.

Letter dated 19th February, 2006 from Mr. Maurice Laheen, Secretary, Old Tuam Society regarding restoration of 1916 Monument at Bishop Street. The Town Engineer agreed to prepare a report for the April meeting.

Letter dated 24th February, 2006 from Pdraig O Ceithearnaigh, Stiurthoir Gníomhach, Comhdhail Naisiunta na Gaeilge – read.

Letter dated 27th February, 2006 from Ms. Mary Monaghan, Secretary, Tuam Active Retirement Association requesting use of the Town Crest. It was proposed by Councillor Browne-Lane and Seconded by Councillor Warren that permission be given.

Notice of Seminar for councilors – “The Law of Defamation (Libel & Slander) as it affects Councillors” – noted.

Notice of 22nd Annual Environmental Conference – “The cost of Waste Disposal” – noted.

Grove Hospital:

The Members welcomed the withdrawal of offer of lands to Galway County Council. Following further discussion it was proposed by Councillor O'Grady and seconded by Councillor Warren that Dr. Sean Conroy be invited to the April meeting of the Board.

History of the Town Hall: It was agreed to hold the Launch of the “History of the Town Hall” by Maurice Laheen on Monday 3rd April, 2006 at 9 p.m. following the April meeting of the Board.

Tuam Pen Club: It was agreed to call a meeting of the sub-committee. It was agreed to draw up a form of “application form” including time and date, type of event etc., with the fee per hour to be included on the application form.

Frank Gilmore

From: [unclear]
Sent: [unclear]
To: [unclear]
Subject: **A. O. B.:**

Replying to Councillor O'Grady the Town Engineer said he would arrange for the windows in the Town Hall to be cleaned.

Regarding the entrance to An Tuirin Mr. Gilmore said the Housing Unit will deal with this in due course.

The Mayor and Members condemned the recent vandalism/graffiti/defacement at the Playground. They called for more security in the area – "CCTV, Floodlights and security fencing. The Town Engineer said that the Swimming Pool is earmarked for CCTV. The Gardai would be asked to monitor the area.

Replying to Councillor McHugh regarding "The Gallows" at High Street the Town Engineer said he had been informed that the panels would be altered to see through them. The Members called for the removal of "The Gallows".

Councillor Browne-Lane asked that Tullinadaly Road be looked at, especially around 4 p.m. on school days, regarding traffic flow/road lines/parking spaces.

Councillor McHugh asked that the width of car parking spaces on Ballygaddy Road, opposite Glynn's Hardware, be checked.

Replying to Councillors Warren and Ward Mr. Gilmore said the Environment Section, Galway County Council will be taking action in relation to illegal dumping. He said CCTV will be operating shortly.

Councillor O'Grady complimented the Mayor on the reception for the British Ambassador to Ireland, Mr. Steward Alton.

Sent: [unclear]
To: [unclear]

This concluded the meeting

Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY: Tom Reilly McGee
MAYOR

Frank Gilmore

From: Aengus Breathnach
Sent: 27 February 2006 16:24
To: Frank Gilmore
Subject: RE: Tuam Town Council

Frank,

The following materials are being accepted:

- Glass Bottles/Jars
- Waste Electronic and Electrical Equipment
- Used Clothing
- Scrap Metal
- Household Hazardous Waste Including:
 - Pesticides
 - Herbicides
 - Paint Cans
 - Paint Thinners
 - Obsolete Medicines
 - Aerosols
 - Batteries
- Waste Oil and Filters
- Dry Recyclables Including Paper, Cardboard and Plastics

Regards,

Aengus

-----Original Message-----

From: Frank Gilmore
Sent: 27 February 2006 10:58
To: Aengus Breathnach
Subject: Tuam Town Council

Aengus
What materials are now accepted in Tuam Civic Amenity Centre?

Frank Gilmore
Director of Services
Housing Unit
Galway County Council

06/03/2006

Tuam Town Council

Special Sub Committee Meeting

held on

Monday 27th February. 2006

Attendance: Mayor Reilly, Councillor M. Kelly, Councillor S. A. Flanagan, Mr. S. Lally, Town Engineer and Angela Holian, Town Clerk

The Sub-Committee agreed to recommend to the Monthly meeting to be held on 6th March, 2006 that the Town Council host the Launch of the "History of the Town Hall" by Maurice Laheen.

The Mayor agreed to talk to Mrs. Brid Leo regarding the request for the use of the Town Hall by the Pen Club – move their meeting to Monday or Wednesday mornings.

Recorded by:

Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

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1st March, 2006

To each Member of Tuam Town Council

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Mise, le meas,

A. Nolan Baile Cleireach

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The Grove Hospital/Priya Prendergast

Agree date for launch of "History of the Town Hall" by Maurice Laheen

Decision re: Tuam Pen Club – use of Town Hall

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday 6th February, 2006

Present:

Mayor: Councillor T. Reilly

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

Apology:

Councillor Flanagan

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 9th January, 2006 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Kelly seconded by Councillor Ward.

Councillor Flanagan was wished a speedy recovery.

Matters arising from Minutes:

Replying to Councillor O'Donnell-Brady Mr. Gilmore said the cost of a replica Cross for the Square would be approximately E30,000-00 with the foundation costing another E5,000-00.

Replying to Councillor Browne-Lane the Town Engineer said there had been a cable breakage at Dublin Road and a new cable had been fitted. The matter would be monitored.

Replying to Councillor Warren the Town Engineer said the Pedestrian Crossing had been moved from outside St. Patrick's School, Dublin Road to outside the Courthouse for safety reasons. Replying to Councillor Warren regarding safety measure at the Dublin Road/Purcell Stockwell Road junction Mr. Gilmore said the area would be looked at.

Replying to Councillor O'Grady the Town Clerk said a letter had been sent to Councillor Tom McHugh, Chairman, Tuam Area Councillors.

Manager's Business:

Mr. Gilmore informed the Members that there had been a slight increase in the Representational Payment for Councillors. He informed the Members that the Committee regarding the Nanny River would meet in April.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 24th January, 2006 from Ms. Gillian Murphy, Women's Development Worker, Tuam Community Development Resource Centre Ltd - read.

Letter dated 24th January, 2006 from Ms. Brid Leo, Tuam Pen Club. Letter dated 27th January from Mr. Maurice Laheen, History of the Town Hall Project. Mr. Stephen Lally, Town Engineer stated that he had been contacted by the N.R.A. requesting the use of the Town Hall for Oral hearings regarding the Tuam By-pass. It was agreed to call a meeting of the sub-committee.

Letter dated 25th January, 2006 from Kilkenny County Council – read.

Letter dated 23rd January 2006 from Mr. P. J. Fitzpatrick, Chief Executive Officer, Courts Service to Mr. Noel Treacy, T. D., Minister for European Affairs re Tuam Courthouse. Councillor O'Grady stated that negotiations were ongoing regarding the Courts Service/ O P. W. purchasing the premises being vacated by Tuam Stars.

Letter dated 27th January, 2006 from Ballina Town Council. There was unanimous support for the following Notice of Motion:

“That Ballina Town Council calls on the Minister for Transport to increase fines for parking in Disabled Parking spaces, Bus stops, Loading bays, Taxi ranks and on double yellow lines to E100.00”.

Letter dated 27th January, 2006 from Commission for Taxi Regulation - read.

Letter dated 30th January, 2006 from Rattoo Heritage Centre – read.

Letter dated 3rd February, 2006 from Mr. Bernie Ward, First Choice Rubbish Clearance. Councillor Warren told the Members he visited the WERS facility the previous week. He said he was greatly impressed by the facility and the recycling work. It was agreed to invite a person from WERS to a meeting.

Replying to Councillor Browne-Lane regarding bins obstructing the footpaths Mr. Gilmore said the Community Wardens would monitor the situation.

Councillor Ward asked that a notice regarding what may be taken to the civic amenity centre be placed in the Tuam Herald.

Notice of Seminar for Councillors in Clonmel – noted.

Person of the Year:

The Mayor told the Members that Mrs. Kitty Farrell has been selected as the Tuam Person of the Year for 2005. Athenry/Tubberjarlath Roads Residents Association has been selected as the Group of the Year. It was also agreed to host a civic reception for Mr. Bill Fennell, retired Superintendent. It was agreed to hold a reception in the Town Hall on Monday 6th March, 2006 at 9 p.m. following the March meeting of the Board.

Grove Hospital:

It was agreed to invite Mr. Tom McLoughlin, H.S.E. to the March meeting of the Board.

Tuam Ring Road:

The Mayor stated that the Tuam By-pass would be constructed in eighteen to twenty four months. The Outer Ring Road should be constructed hand-in-hand with the By-pass. He said it was now time to proceed with construction of the ring road, he said he hoped to include the ring road on the agenda for the next Tuam Area Councillors meeting, and then a full meeting of Galway County Council.

Mr. Gilmore stated that the Ring Road, from the By-pass on the Galway Road to the Bobby Burke Road, is in the Tuam Town Plan and the County Development Plan, and will be built as development takes place, depending on how Tuam and other areas develop. The work would be done in stages but he could not see the Ring Road constructed in the life of the present County Development Plan. Replying to Councillor McHugh he said Galway County Council would have to fund most of the work. Councillor O'Donnell-Brady supported the construction of the ring road.

Deputation:

The Mayor welcomed the Deputation from Liam Mellows Resident Association, Ms. Ann Leonard, Mr. Jimmy Dolan and Mr. Robert Coen to the meeting. Mr. Coen outlines the problems being experienced by the Residents of Liam Mellows Street as outlined in letter dated 5th December, 2005 to the Town Council. Letter dated 6th February, 2006 from Mr. Joseph F. Grogan, Funeral Director was also read. Councillor O'Donnell-Brady proposed that "Residents only" parking be introduced. The Members appealed to Galway County Council to look at the area and deal with the matters raised by the Residents.

Urban Village Renewal/Shambles:

The Mayor welcomed Mr. Declan Molloy, Planning Dept., Galway County Council to the meeting. Mr. Molloy presented a model/outline of a submission made under the Urban Village Renewal programme for the Shambles. He said the Shambles could become a farmers market at the weekend. The plan presented will retain twenty-eight car parking spaces in the central core. It was planned to have a defined Pedestrian link from the Shambles to Temple Jarlath to the Mill Museum and the Nanny river. The plan will also require work in other areas.

A decision on an application for funding of E300,000-00 by Tuam Chamber of Commerce should be known in a few weeks. Replying to the Mayor Mr. Gilmore said with funding in place the work could be completed inside twelve months. Replying to Councillor Browne-Lane he said the plan could be displayed at the Library.

A. O. B.:

Replying to Councillor Warren regarding removal of trees at Dunmore Road Mr. Gilmore advised that a letter be sent to the Town Engineer.

Replying to the Mayor regarding extending the graveyard at Athenry Road Mr. Gilmore said he would check and inform the Members of Galway County Council's plans.

Replying to the Mayor Mr. Gilmore said E1m had been allocated for the installation of central heating in local authority houses this year. He agreed to investigate regarding Town Council Houses.

Councillor Kelly complimented Galway County Council on new footpaths at Church View. The Town Engineer informed the Members that the road would be resurfaced later in the year.

Replying to Councillor O'Donnell-Brady the Town Engineer stated that a substantial section of footpath at Bishop Street would be refurbished this year.

RAPID:

The Mayor welcomed Ms. Ann Mallaghan, Rapid Co-ordinator to the meeting. He congratulated her on her appointment as Rapid Co-ordinator for Tuam. He paid tribute to Mr. Dermot Mahon and wished him well in his new appointment.

Ms. Mallaghan outlined the working of RAPID – role and membership of AIT, Leverage Fund – first funding to Youth Café, funding to Palace Grounds, National Skatepark Funding Scheme, Community CCTV Scheme and Community Safety Sub-committee, Dormant Accounts 2006-2007, Task Groups and Community Representation.

It was proposed by Councillor Browne-Lane and seconded by Councillor McHugh that Councillor Kelly and Councillor Ward continue as Town Council Representatives to RAPID and the CCTV sub-committee. It was proposed by Councillor Warren and seconded by Councillor Browne-Lane that Councillor O'Donnell-Brady represent the Board on the Steering Committee.

The Members welcomed funding for the various projects and wished Ms. Mallaghan well as Rapid Co-ordinator for Tuam.

The Mayor welcomed the appointment of fifteen new Community Wardens for County Galway, four of which will be permanently in Tuam. He paid tribute to Mr. Danny McHugh who has taken up a position with Roscommon County Council.

Sympathy:

A vote of sympathy was passed with the following Families:

Town Clerk, Angela Holian on the death of her Mother, Bridget Gannon
Moggan Family, Galway Road on the death of Seamus
Creavan Family, Marley on the death of Ann
Forde Family, Arklow on the death of Dermot
Cahill Family, Claregalway on the death of Joe

This concluded the meeting

Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY:

Tom Reilly Mayor.
MAYOR

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**Tuam Town Council
Meeting February 6 2006**

RAPID Programme TUAM Town

1. Role and membership of AIT
2. Leverage Fund - Estate Enhancement, Playground Scheme, Health Capital, Traffic calming
3. National Skatepark Funding Scheme
4. Community CCTV Scheme and Community Safety Sub-committee
5. Dormant Accounts 2006-2007
6. Task groups and community representation

Ann Mallaghan
RAPID Co-ordinator TUAM
6 February 2006

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Tuam Ring Road

Liam Mellows Street Residents Association

Ann Mallaghan, Rapid Co-ordinator

Urban Village Renewal - Declan Molloy, Planning Department

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday 9th January, 2006

Present:

Mayor: Councillor T. Reilly

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

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 22nd November, 2005 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor O'Donnell-Brady seconded by Councillor McHugh.

The Minutes of the Budget of Expenses meeting held on 5th December, 2005 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor O'Grady seconded by Councillor Warren.

The Minutes of monthly meeting held on 5th December, 2005 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Kelly seconded by Councillor Warren.

The Mayor welcomed Members and Officials to the first meeting of 2006 and wished everyone a happy and peaceful year.

Matters arising from Minutes:

Replying to the Members the Town Engineer said the Traffic Lights at Abbey Trinity had been turned off by the Gardai. He would be meeting with the Gardai this week regarding the Pedestrian Crossing. Replying to Councillor O'Grady he said funding has been approved to synchronise the traffic lights and this work will be carried out during 2006.

Replying to the Mayor the Town Engineer stated that Christmas trees may be disposed of at the Civic Amenity Site or taken to Milltown.

It was proposed by the Mayor that a meeting be arranged for the Members to visit the W.E.R.S facility.

Councillor Browne-Lane paid tribute to Galway County Council Street Maintenance Staff who were working until 8 p.m. on Christmas Eve. The Mayor stated that the town was awash with litter the morning after St. Stephens nights and complimented the County Council Staff on the efficient way the town was cleaned.

Manager's Business:

Mr. Gilmore informed the Members that Ms. Ann Mallaghan had been appointed RAPID Co-ordinator for Tuam. He said Ms. Mallaghan will come to the next meeting of the Board. The Members joined with Mr. Gilmore in wishing Mr. Dermot Mahon good wishes in his new position and thanking him for his good work on behalf of Tuam.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 5th December, 2005 from Ms. Ann Leonard, Secretary, Liam Mellows Street Residents Association. Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor O'Grady, seconded by Councillor O'Donnell-Brady and agreed to invite the Residents Association to the next meeting of the Board.

Letter dated 8th December, 2005 from Ms. Karen Smyth, Manager, Galway East Tourism – read.

Letter dated 14th December, 2005 from Office of the Minister for Justice, Equality and law Reform – read.

Letter dated 7th December, 2005 from Mullingar Town Council – read.

Letter dated 9th December, 2005 from Ms. Deirdre Dunne, Marketing, Thomson Round Hall, Dublin 2 – read.

Letter dated 25th November, 2005 from Macroom Town Council – read.

Letter dated 12th December, 2005 from Mr. Tom Ryan, Director, A. M. A. I. – read.

Letter dated 5th December, 2005 from Mr. Paddy Harte, Project Director, Island of Ireland Peace Park – read.

Letter dated 3rd January, 2006 from Mr. Paddy McHugh, T.D. The Members welcomed the allocation of E30,000.00 for improvement works for the safety of Pedestrians at Blackacre.

Preliminary notice of Clonmel Training Seminar – noted.

Court House:

Replying to the Members Mr. Gilmore said the Town Council accepted the leasing of the Town Hall to the Courts Service as a short-term temporary facility. Galway County Council will be holding discussions with the Courts Service regarding a new Court House over the next few months. The Courts Service are committed to Tuam. The incident referred to was regrettable but it is up to the Gardai to keep the peace.

Grove Hospital:

The Mayor and Members welcomed the allocation of funding for the Cancer Care beds at Arus Mhuire. The Mayor stated that Mr. Thomas McLoughlin, Hospital Director, W.H.E. seemed to be committed to Tuam. He proposed that Mr. McLoughlin be invited to a meeting of the Board.

Audit Report:

Mr. Gilmore gave details of the Audit Report approving the Annual Financial Statement for the years ended 31st December, 2003 and 31st December, 2004. The report was adopted on the proposal of Councillor O'Grady seconded by Councillor Warren.

A. O. B.:

Replying to Councillor O'Grady the Town Engineer said the lights taken from Abbey Trinity were in storage. He was considering installing them at the Shambles. Mr. Gilmore told the Members that a report was being prepared by the Planning Department regarding the area from the Shambles down to the River Walk. An application had been submitted under the Urban Village Renewal Scheme. Mr. Declan Molloy from the Planning Dept. would come to the February or the March meeting.

Councillor Flanagan asked if a replica of the High Cross could be erected at the Square. Mr. Gilmore agreed to have a feasibility and cost report prepared.

Replying to Councillor McHugh regarding Chapel Lane the Town Engineer said the Public Lighting was severed during work on the Development at Abby Trinity. Regarding the Bus Shelter he said a planning application had been submitted at the beginning of December.

Replying to Councillor Warren regarding pedestrianisation of the Lane the Town Engineer said he had met with the Business People and was looking at Public Lighting first. Councillor Browne-Lane stated that pedestianisation cannot go ahead until the Bypass is in place.

Replying to Councillor O'Donnell-Brady regarding debris at the Memorial Garden the Town Engineer said he had spoken to the Litter Collection People and the Memorial Garden was now on their agenda.

Replying to Councillor Browne-Lane the Town Engineer said the Cathedral Car Park and the bottle bank area were included on the application for C.C.T.V. The collection from the bottle bank is done by an outside company. The Community Wardens will be checking the bottle banks three times per week and will alert the Company to come and empty.

It was agreed to include the "Ring Road" on the agenda for the next meeting.

It was agreed to write to Councillor Tom McHugh regarding by-annual meetings with the Tuam Engineering/Electoral Area Committee.

Person of the Year:

It was agreed that the subcommittee meet on Monday 16th January at 7 p.m.

Sympathy:

A vote of sympathy was passed with the following Families:

Heskin Family, Trinity Court on the death of Gay
Daly Family, Trinity Court on the death of Cathy
Lynch Family, Cloonthu on the death of Julia
Gilmore Family, Gilmartin Road on the death of Jimmy
McNamara Family, Athenry Road on the death of Mattie
O'Leary Family, Halting Site on the death of Helen

This concluded the meeting

Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY:

Tom Reilly Mayor

MAYOR

Joe Warty

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDIT SERVICE

(Seirbhís Iniúchta Rialtais Áitiúil)

Statutory Audit Report

to the

Members

of

Tuam Town Council

on

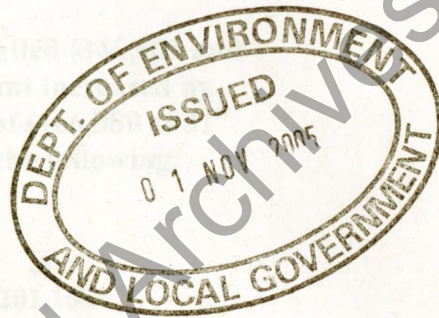
The Accounts of

Tuam Town Council

for the two

Years Ended 31st December, 2004

Gabriel M. Solan
Local Government Auditor
19th September 2005



INTRODUCTION

I have audited the accounts of the Tuam Town Council for the two years ended 31st December, 2004 and I enclose, herewith, certified copies of the Abstract of Accounts.

REVENUE ACCOUNT

The revenue receipts and expenditure for the two years totalled €346,602 and €235,249 respectively. The favourable balance on the account increased by €111,353 over the period resulting in a favourable balance of €166,989 at 31st December, 2004. This closing balance was represented by the following:

Cash at Bank	€ 201,168
Cash in Hands	3
Cash invested through Galway County Council	<u>113,226</u>
	<u>314,397</u>
less:	
Capital Account Balance (credit balance)	128,197
Creditors/Accruals	<u>19,211</u>
	<u>147,408</u>
	<u>166,989</u>

HOUSING RENTS AND ANNUITIES

At the end of 2004 there were 31 houses rented and 13 houses on tenant purchase.

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

The balance €126,565 on the account at 1st January, 2003 was increased during the period by €1,631 net resulting in a favourable balance at 31st December, 2004 of €128,197

SIGNED _____

G. M. Solan
G. M. SOLAN,
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDITOR.
19th September, 2005



COMHAIRLE BAILE THUMA

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For the

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 2003

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS OF THE TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

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Abstract of Accounts of the TUAM Town Commissioners

REVENUE ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS	Amount	Total	EXPENDITURE	Amount	Total
Balance (if any) in favour at close of <u>2002</u>		<u>55635-96</u>	Balance (if any) against at close of.....		
Money supplied by the County Council	145,583.00		Housing of the Working Classes:—		
Grants:—			Maintenance and Repair of Houses	21,829-81	
Housing Fund			LEGAL	725.00	
Housing Subsidy			INSURANCE	14,618.05	
Recoupment of Losses on Allotments			SALARIES	10,961.25	
School Meals			WORKER PENSION	1875-14	
Others:—			PRINT, POST, STAT	354-71	
			RENT COLLECTION	2186-38	
Housing:—			Town Hall Expenses		
Rents	39,065.10		CLEAN TOWN HALL	490.34	
Instalments of Purchase Money	2,737.26		Painting, Stationery and Advertising	686.93	
Other Receipts			Rents, Rates, Taxes and Insurance	2865.94	
REDEMPTIONS	1351.49		Office Expenses	7277.91	
GROUND RENTS	60.00		Salaries, Fees, Etc.		
TENANCY DEPOSITS	1311.41		Retiring Allowances and Gratuities		
BANK INTEREST	9986.57		Elections, Law and Audit		
FIRE CLAIM	73.49		MEMBERS	6680.00	
REFUND OF LEGAL FEES			Other Expenses	500.00	
			CLOCK MAINT	4064.39	
			AMAI		
			RECEPTIONS/	1094.44	
			PRESENTATIONS	1443.12	
			TWINNING		
			CONTRI TO TUAM	5079.00	
			CHAMBER OF COMMERCE		
			TIDY TOWNS		
			URBAN RENEWAL	3,000.00	
			CONTRI TO ARTS	1,000.00	
			REPS ALLOW	14461.60	
			Loan Charges		
Total Receipts	<u>20016832</u>	<u>255804.28</u>	Total Expenditure	<u>101,188.01</u>	

154,616.27

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF REVENUE ACCOUNT

CHARGE			TOTAL	DISCHARGE		
Balance in favour at close of last year	Receipts	Balance against at close of this year		Balance against at close of last year	Expenditure	Balance in favour at close of this year
55635.96	200168.32		255804.28		101788.01	154,616.27
<u>Co Co Investment Account</u>						
	Bal at 1/1/03			111594.58		
	Advt Interest earned			3103.55		
	Bal at 31/12/03			114,698.13		

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RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE OF CAPITAL MONEYS

FOR WHICH OBTAINED	CHARGE						TOTAL £ s. d.	DISCHARGE		
	Balance (if any) unexpended at close of last year	Instalments Received	Grants	Other Receipts	Total Receipts	Balance (if any) expended in excess at close of this year		Balance (if any) expended in excess at close of last year	Expenditure	Balance (if any) unexpended at close of this year
Reld Int' Earned Co Co.	126565.18			3103.55						129668.73
TOTALS	126565.18			3103.55						129668.73

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STATEMENT OF BALANCES AT CLOSE OF FINANCIAL YEAR

Dr.			Cr.		
Treasurer, due by him :-			Treasurer, due to him :-		
Revenue Account	99417.02		Revenue Account		
Capital Account	81,371.65	180,788.67	Capital Account		
Imprest Accounts		3.81	Unpaid Bills		11,205-10
Receipt and Expenditure of Capital Moneys :- G. Co. Co.		114,698.13	Receipt and Expenditure of Capital Moneys :-		129,668.73
Expenditure in Excess			Unexpended Balance		154,616.27
Amounts against Account :-			Balances in favour of Account :-		51
			O/L by R/c		
Total		295,490.61	Total		295,490.61

DEBTEDNESS ON FOOT OF LOANS

Sundry Purposes		Due to Lenders	
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STATEMENT OF CASH ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Assets		Liabilities	
Amount in hands of Treasurer at close of 2003	180,788.67	Balance due to Treasurer at close of	
Amount in hands of other Officers :- at close of Imprest	3.81	Balances Due to Other Officers :- at close of	
Way Co. Co.	114,698.13	U. P. B's	11,205-10
		O/L by R/c	51
Assets (specify) :-		Other Liabilities (specify) :-	
Advances	1478-76		
City Advances	381.78		

PARTICULARS OF RENT COLLECTION

	Arrears Due at close of last year	Rents and Purchase Annuities Accrued	Total for Collection	Collected	ARREARS	
					Irrecoverable	Due at close of this year
Rents	112.77	40548.69	40,661.46	39065.10	117.60	1478.76
Annuities	445.66	3564.70	3119.04	2737.26		381.78
TOTALS	332.89	44113.39	43,780.50	41,802.36	117.60	1860.54
PERCENTAGES				95.5%	0.27%	4.25%

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

Total Number of Houses	Expenditure (including Loan Charges)	Receipts (including Government Subsidy) (Note)	Deficit falling on Rates	Loss per House
47	£ 52,550	£ 53,200	£	£

CERTIFICATE BY CLERK

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

Dated this 9 day of NOV 04
a. Dolan Clerk.

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

I have audited the Books and Accounts of the TUAM ^{Council} Town Commissioners for the YEAR ended the 31st day of October 19 2003 and I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true Abstract therefrom.

Dated this 19th day of September 19 2005
Robert G. Asher
Local Government Auditor



COMHAIRLE BAILE THUMA

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For the

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 2004

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS OF THE TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Galway County Council Archives

Tuam Town Council

REVENUE ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS	Amount £ s. d.	Total £ s. d.	EXPENDITURE	Amount £ s. d.	Total £ s. d.
Balance (if any) in favour at close of 2003		154616.27	Balance (if any) against at close of.....		
Money supplied by the County Council	79,684.00		Housing of the Working Classes:—		
Grants:—			Maintenance and Repair of Houses	20588.89	
Housing Fund			LEGAL	295.00	
Housing Subsidy			INSURANCE	18097.46	
Recoupment of Losses on Allotments			SALARIES	11508.51	
School Meals			WORKER PENSION	1762.75	
Others:—			PRINT, POST, STAT	188.61	
			RENT COLLECTION	1981.11	
Housing:—					
Rents	47478.96		Town Hall Expenses	7112.93	
Instalments of Purchase Money	4132.11		Painting, Stationery and Advertising	413.46	
Other Receipts			Rents, Rates, Taxes and Insurance	725.41	
REDEMPTIONS			Office Expenses	3033.93	
GROUND RENTS	1903.49		Salaries, Fees, Etc.	7773.02	
TENANCY DEPOSITS	120.00		Retiring Allowances and Gratuities		
BANK INTEREST	3784.98		Elections, Law and Audit	2350.19	
FIRE CLAIM	8775.00		MEMBERS		
BANK INTEREST	555.47		Office Expenses	6524.00	
Allotments			CLOCK MAINT		
Contributions from other Local Authorities (Details to be specified)			AMAI	3772.03	
			TOWN LIGHTING		
Rents from Corporate Estate, Town Hall and other properties			RECEPTIONS/	873.00	
			PRESENTATIONS	1123.20	
Fairs, Markets and Weighbridge Tolls			TWINNING		
Baths and Wash-houses			CONTRI TO TUAM	6000.00	
Other Receipts (to be specified):—			CHAMBER OF COMMERCE		
			TOWN ENHANCEMENT	3600.00 (To Cap Acct)	
			ELECTIONS	11385.35	
			URBAN RENEWAL	8000.00 (To Cap Acct)	
			CONTRI TO ARTS	1000.00	
			KEEPS ALLOW	15,340.00	
			MISC EXP	243.98	
			REPAIRS: RENT	192.40	
			Loan Charges GROUND RENT	184.00	
			TEN DEPOSIT	61.80	
Total Receipts	146434.01	301050.28	Total Expenditure	134061.03	

→ 166,989.25

Balance (if any) against

Balance (if any) in favour

CHARGE			TOTAL	DISCHARGE		
Balance in favour at close of last year	Receipts	Balance against at close of this year		Balance against at close of last year	Expenditure	Balance in favour at close of this year
154616.22	146434.01		301,050.28		134061.03	166,989.25
<u>C. Co. Investment Account</u>						
		Bal at 11/04		114,698-13		
		Int. to Bal		3484-93		
				<u>110,913-15</u>		
		Add Int. Earned		2,312.77		
				<u>113,225-92</u>		
		Bal at 31/12/04				

RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE OF CAPITAL MONIES

USES FOR WHICH OBTAINED	CHARGE					Balance (if any) expended in excess at close of this year	TOTAL £ s. d.	DISCHARGE	
	Balance (if any) unexpended at close of last year	Instalments Received	Grants	Other Receipts	Total Receipts			Balance (if any) expended in excess at close of last year	Expenditure
Interest to Rev	129,668-73								
Add Int. Earned				2312-77				3784-98	125,883-
									2312-77 128,196-
TOTALS	129,668-73			2312-77				3784-98	128,196-5

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STATEMENT OF BALANCES AT CLOSE OF FINANCIAL YEAR

Dr.			Cr.		
Treasurer, due by him :-			Treasurer, due to him :-		
Revenue Account ...	114,241-35		Revenue Account ...		
Capital Account ...	31,927-12	201,163-47	Capital Account ...		
Officers' Imprest Accounts ...		3 31	Unpaid Bills ...		19,211-01
Receipt and Expenditure of Capital Moneys :- G. Co. Co		113,225-92	Receipt and Expenditure of Capital Moneys :-		128,196-52
Expenditure in Excess			Unexpended Balance		166,989-25
Balances against Account :-			Balances in favour of Account :-		1-42
in hand of R/c			OL by R/c		
Total ...		314,398-20	Total ...		314,398-20

DEBTEDNESS ON FOOT OF LOANS

Loans for Sundry Purposes		Due to Lenders	
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STATEMENT OF CASH ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Assets		Liabilities	
Balance in hands of Treasurer		Balance due to Treasurer	
at close of 2007	201,163-47	at close of	
Balances in hands of other Officers :-		Balances Due to Other Officers :-	
at close of	3 31	at close of	
away Co. Co.	113,225-92	U.P. Bis	19,211-01
in hand of R/c		OL by R/c	1-42
Other Assets (specify) :-		Other Liabilities (specify) :-	
Officers		Annually payments	185-63
		land payments	900-60

PARTICULARS OF RENT COLLECTION

	Arrears Due at close of last year	Rents and Purchase Annuities Accrued	Total for Collection	Collected	ARREARS	
					Irrecoverable	Due at close of this year
<i>rents</i>	1478-76	44756-80	46435-56	47,478-96	142-80	900-60CR
<i>rents</i>	381-78	356470	3946-48	4132-11		185-63CR
TOTALS	1860-54	48,521-50	50382-04	51,611-07	142-80	1086-23CR
PERCENTAGES						

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

Total Number of Houses	Expenditure (including Loan Charges)	Receipts (including Government Subsidy) (Note)	Deficit falling on Rates	Loss per House
44	£ 51,422	£ 62,409		

CERTIFICATE BY CLERK

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

Dated this 12 day of April 2005.
G. Hillen Clerk.

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

I have audited the Books and Accounts of the TAM Council Town Commissioners for the Year ended the 31 day of December 192004 and I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true Abstract therefrom.

Dated this 19 day of April 2005.
Gabriel T. Hillen
Local Government Auditor.

Tuam Town Council

Telephone: (093)24246
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Town Clerk's Office,
Town Hall,
Tuam.

4th January, 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 9th January, 2006 at 7.30 p.m. You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise, le meas,

Angel Holian Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Minutes

Manager's Business

Correspondence

The Grove Hospital

Letter from Liam Mellows Street Residents Association

Audit Report

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday 5th December, 2005

Present:

Mayor: Councillor T. Reilly

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

Officials:

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

Apology:

Mr. Stephen Lally, Town Engineer

The Prayer was recited.

**The Minutes of meeting held on 7th November, 2005 were adopted on the proposal
of Councillor Ward seconded by Councillor Kelly.**

Matters arising from Minutes:

Councillor Browne-Lane stated that there were serious delays on the N17 with traffic backed up down to Blackacre at times. She said she blames Galway County Council because of the timing of the traffic lights. Councillor Kelly agreed with Councillor Browne-Lane, he complimented Galway County Council on work carried out at Corrib Oil but said the N17 was a disaster. He said there were problems at the Purcell/Stockwell road too. He proposed that Supt. McMahon be invited to a meeting of the Board. Councillor Warren said there were problems at the Weir Road junction, especially on Friday evenings also on Dublin Road outside the former St. Patrick's School. He said traffic would move more freely without the traffic lights. Councillor O'Grady said the method of sequencing the lights on the N17 was at fault, he seconded the proposal to invite Supt. McMahon to a meeting.

Mr. Gilmore said traffic management can be improved, how it is done is up to the Roads Design Department, Galway County Council. Society is car based, it is part of the way we live. Traffic jams will be a problem until the Tuam By-pass is constructed. He said he would ask for a traffic analysis to be carried out urgently.

Councillor McHugh asked that the sequence of the traffic lights at Weir Road/Church View be adjusted. Councillor Reilly asked that the entrance to Trinity Court be upgraded.

Mr. Gilmore agreed to talk to the Roads Traffic Design Team in the morning and request that they contact the Gardai.

Councillor Kelly appealed to Drivers to drive carefully over Christmas and at all times.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 9th November, 2005 from Bantry Town Council – read.

Letter dated 9th November, 2005 from Passage West Town Council – read.

Letter dated 17th November, 2005 from Ennis Town Council – read.

Letter dated 21st November, 2005 from Ballina Town Council – read.

Letter dated 22nd November, 2005 Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland regarding River Basin district Advisor Councils. It was proposed by Councillor Browne-Lane, seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed that Tuam Town Council look to be nominated/included on R. B. D. A. C.'s.

Letter dated 8th November, 2005 from Ms. Ann McCarthy, European Projects Co-ordinator – read.

Letter dated 5th December, 2005 from Mr. Maitias O’Gormaille, Secretary, Tuam Palace Grounds Committee – read. The Mayor stated that Ms. Ann Mallahan would attend the January meeting to discuss the proposals for the Park. Councillor O’Grady welcomed the proposed developments at the Park including toilet facilities. Councillor Ward said a bowling green has been developed at Toghermore House.

Letter dated 5th December, 2005 from Mrs. Ann Leonard, Liam Mellows Street Residents Association – to be included on the agenda for the January meeting.

Letter dated 5th December, 2005 from Mr. Tony Collins, N17 Tuam Bypass Project Engineer, National Road Design Office, Galway County Council - read.

The Grove Hospital:

Letters dated 16th November, 2005 from office of the Taoiseach, Mr. Bertie Ahern, and office of the Tanaiste, Ms. Mary Harney were read.

Letter dated 2nd December, 2005 from Mr. Paddy McHugh, T. D. together with copy letter dated 1st December, 2005 from Mr. Bernard Haddigan, Corporate Coordinator, Health Service Executive and copy of Fax dated 29th November, 2005 from Mr. Paul Ridge, Director of Services – Planning, Galway County Council.

The Members thanked Deputy McHugh for the prompt reply to the enquiries. They welcomed letter from Mr. Haddigan stating that there was “no restrictive conditions or covenants regarding the development of the existing buildings or land as part of the transfer of ownership of the property from the Bon Secour Sisters to the former Western Health Board” and fax from Mr. Ridge stating that “the Planning Authority is not opposed to the development of a Community Hospital and Ambulance Base on the site of the Grove Hospital”.

Letter dated 30th November from Mr. Eamon O Cuiv, T. D. to the Mayor together with letter dated 17th November, 2005 from Ms. Mary Harney, T. D. Tanaiste and Minister for Health regarding Tuam Palliative Care Beds was read. It was noted that there was no movement on this issue since January.

Following further discussion it was agreed the Tuam Hospital is a Government decision and the Town Council will continue to highlight the situation.

The Mayor thanked the Town Clerk, Councillor Flanagan and all associated with the Public meeting held on Monday 28th November, 2005. He said he looked forward to an announcement in the future.

Person of the Year:

It was agreed to place the advertisement in the Tuam Herald again.

Civic Amenity Site:

The Mayor stated he had been unable to find out the cost of a licence to operate the Civic Amenity Site, the matter having been discussed at S.P.C. meetings, at Area Council meetings also at an emergency meeting of Tuam Town Council. The majority of County Councillors were opposed to the closure of the household waste section but had been informed that it was an executive decision made by Mr. Cullen, Director of Services. Mr. Gilmore told the Members that Galway County Council did not have a Licence to operate a transfer station at the Civic Amenity Site therefore the acceptance of household waste was illegal. He said Galway County Council has moved out of the business of waste collection. The recycling facility is still open.

The Members stated that as Public Representatives they were opposed to the closure of household waste disposal facility.

This concluded the meeting

Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY: _____

Tom Reilly Mayor
MAYOR

Paddy McHugh
Independent T.D.
for Galway East



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Paddy McHugh T.D.

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

2nd December, 2005

Re: Tuam Health Campus Site

A Chara,

I refer to the above and specifically to the public meeting of last Monday night.

Two claims were made at the meeting one relating to the planning authority's attitude to the proposed new hospital and the other relating to the Contract for Sale.

I have raised both issues with the relevant authorities. I attach herewith responses I have received from Mr. Paul Ridge, Director of Services, Planning & Development, Galway County Council and from Mr. Bernard Haddigan, Corporate Co-ordinator of the HSE.

As you can see from the replies there was no basis whatsoever to the claims made at the meeting.

I will continue to pursue this project.

Yours faithfully,

Paddy
Paddy McHugh T.D.

*Read at Meety held
5/12/05 ae.*

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- Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

Please reply to:

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Galway.

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(091) 75 2644

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

1st December 2005

RE: HSE Property in Tuam –Former Bon Secours Hospital

Dear Deputy McHugh,

I refer to your letter of 29th inst and advise you that there are no restrictive conditions or covenants regarding the development of the existing buildings or lands on the above campus as part of the transfer of ownership of the property from the Bon Secours Sisters to the former Western Health Board.

I trust this clarifies the position.

Yours sincerely

Bernard Haddigan
Corporate Coordinator

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By E-MAIL

Dear Mr Mc Hugh,

The Planning Authority is not opposed to the development of a Community Hospital and an ambulance base on the site of the Grove Hospital.

I attended a pre-planning meeting with a developer, which Cllr Keaveney attended. The question of a Community Hospital and an ambulance base was raised at this meeting. In summary the proposal before me was to demolish the Grove Hospital and replace it with a Community Hospital and an ambulance base at a different location in Tuam.

The alternative location selected was not suitable and indications were given as to where an alternative could be located. Although not a planning matter, the developer was also alerted to the political sensitivity of his proposal. This meeting took place some time ago and I have heard nothing about the matter since.

I have forwarded a copy of this email to Cllr Keaveney in order that he might correct the record.

From Paul Ridge

-----Original Message-----

From: paddy.mchugh@oireachtas.ie [mailto:paddy.mchugh@oireachtas.ie]

Sent: 29 November 2005 16:03

To: Paul Ridge

Subject: Bon Secour Site, Tuam

Present:

Mayor: Councillor

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

Mr. J. Gilmore, Director of Services
Mrs. A. Hollan, Town Clerk

The Proceedings cited.

Draft Budget of Expenses:

Mr. Gilmore introduced the Draft Budget of Expenses for the year 2006, which had been circulated to each Member and advertised. He proposed an increase in the rate of 4.5%. He said total expenditure for 2006 is estimated at €161,640.00 while receipts are estimated at €72,000.00.

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Draft Budget of Expenses Meeting held on Monday 5th December, 2005

Present:

Mayor: Councillor Reilly

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

Officials:

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

The Prayer was recited.

Budget of Expenses:

Mr. Gilmore introduced the Draft Budget of Expenses for the year 2006, which had been circulated to each Member and advertised. He proposed an increase in the rate of 4.5%. He said total expenditure for 2006 is estimated at E161,640.00 while receipts are estimated at E72,000.00.

Regarding receipts Mr. Gilmore said a rent review carried out during 2005 would result in an increase in housing rents for 2006. An increase in the interest rate had been negotiated with the bank for 2006. He said the estimated outturn for Year 2006 is E93,386.00. The rate in the euro is 3.28 and the percentage increase is 4.5%.

The Councillors examined the various items of expenditure and receipts proposed in the Budget of Expenses. Replying to Councillor Browne-Lane Mr. Gilmore said the Town Council do get 'best value' regarding Insurance. Galway County Council propose to carry out an energy audit of electrical costs for the County as the E.S.B. have indicated a substantial increase in charges in January. He would include the Town Hall in the audit. Regarding the allocation for Town Enhancement and Urban Village Renewal he said the Town Engineer would be bringing proposals for schemes to enhance the Town during the year i.e. the Shambles. Replying to Councillor Kelly Mr. Gilmore said he would consider having the Town Hall lit up over Christmas. It was proposed by Councillor Kelly and seconded by Councillor Warren that E1,500.00 be deducted from the Local Elections allocation and included with the allocation for contribution to the Chamber of Commerce for 2006. It was proposed by Councillor Browne-Lane and seconded by Councillor Warren that photos of former Board Members be obtained and hung in the Boardroom. Councillor O'Grady complimented Galway County Council on the completion of the new housing estate at the Weir Road. He requested a list of houses owned by the Town Council.

It was proposed by Councillor Browne-Lane and seconded by Councillor O'Grady that money generated by the "Pay and Display" be spent on Traffic Management in Tuam.

It was then proposed by Councillor O'Grady, seconded by Councillor Warren and agreed that the rate in the Euro of E3.28 be adopted. It was proposed by Councillor O'Grady, seconded by Councillor Warren and agreed that the draft Budget of Expenses, as amended, be adopted by the Councillor's, that the net amount of E93,386.00 be demanded from Galway County Council in respect of year ending 31st December, 2006 and that the Form of Demand be signed by the Mayor and the Town Clerk.

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY:

Tom Reilly Mayor

MAYOR

Tuam Town Council

Budget of Expenses

for

Year Ended 31st December 2006

Presented to the Council
Date: 05/12/2005

Adopted
Date: 05/12/2005

Prepared by Co. P. O'Grady
Secured by Co. P. Warren

**Draft Budget of Expenses for the Year to 31st December
2006 Tuam Town Council**

Receipts

	Outturn 2005 Est For 2006	
Housing		
1 Rents	€ 48,000.00	€ 51,000.00
2 Annuities	€ 3,324.00	€ 2,500.00
3 Ground Rents	€ 1,180.00	€ 500.00
Total	€ 52,504.00	€ 54,000.00
General		
Interest	€ 2,773.00	€ 3,000.00
Rent Town Hall	€ 3,750.00	€ 15,000.00
Gross total	€ 55,277.00	€ 72,000.00
Opening Credit\Debit) Balance		(€ 3,746.00)
Estimated Expenditure for year	€ 148,202.00	€ 161,640.00
Estimated receipts for year	€ 55,277.00	€ 72,000.00
Final Estimated Outturn	€ 92,925.00	€ 93,386.00
Amount of Demand 2005 and Estimated 2006	€ 89,179.00	€ 93,386.00
Closing (Debit)\Credit Balance		(€ 3,746.00)

Summary for 2006	
Total Demand	€93,386.00
Rate in Euro	€3.28
Percentage Increase in rates	4.45%

**Draft Budget of Expenses for the Year to 31st December 2006
Tuam Town Council**

	Outturn 2005	Est For 2006
Housing		
1 Repairs	€ 15,000.00	€ 17,000.00
2 Legal Expenses	€ 1,245.00	€ 700.00
3 Insurance	€ 17,652.00	€ 24,000.00
4 Town Clerks Salary 50%	€ 6,857.00	€ 7,500.00
5 Town Engineers Salary 80%	€ 6,089.00	€ 6,300.00
6 Pension	€ 2,501.00	€ 2,600.00
7 Printing, Post, Stationery, Advertising	€ 350.00	€ 370.00
8 Rent Collection	€ 2,500.00	€ 2,500.00
	<u>€ 52,194.00</u>	<u>€ 60,970.00</u>
General		
1 Rent, Rates on Town Hall	€ 1,145.00	€ 1,200.00
2 Office Expenses	€ 3,300.00	€ 3,900.00
3 Legal Expenses	€ 0.00	€ 0.00
4 Town Clerks Salary 50%	€ 6,857.00	€ 7,500.00
5 Town Engineers Salary 20%	€ 1,523.00	€ 1,570.00
6 Audit Fee	€ 5,400.00	€ 2,700.00
7 Print, Post etc.	€ 570.00	€ 600.00
8 Town Hall	€ 14,600.00	€ 16,000.00
9 Municipal Authorities	€ 3,932.00	€ 4,500.00
10 Receptions/Presentations	€ 1,220.00	€ 1,600.00
11 Twinning	€ 1,500.00	€ 1,500.00
12 Members Expenses LG14-02	€ 7,976.00	€ 8,000.00
13 Representational Allowance 1771 * 9	€ 18,000.00	€ 19,100.00
14 Tuam Chamber of Commerce Christmas Lights		
Operational Costs	€ 6,000.00	€ 7,500.00
Once off Capital Contribution		€ 0.00
18 Town Enhancement	€ 3,600.00	€ 6,000.00
19 Local Elections Expenses	€ 3,565.00	€ 500.00
20 Urban Village Renewal	€ 8,000.00	€ 15,000.00
21 Contribution to the Arts	€ 1,000.00	€ 1,000.00
22 Miscellaneous and other expenses	€ 7,820.00	€ 2,500.00
	<u>€ 96,008.00</u>	<u>€ 100,670.00</u>
Gross Total Expenditure	€ 148,202.00	€ 161,640.00

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30th November, 2005

To each Member of Tuam Town Council

A Chara,

The Monthly meeting of Tuam Town Council will be held in the Town Hall on **Monday 5th December, 2005 at 7.30 p.m.** after Budget of Expenses meeting. You are hereby summoned to attend.

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AGENDA

Minutes

Manager's Business

Correspondence

The Grove Hospital

Tuam Town Council

Minutes of Special Meeting held on Tuesday 22nd November, 2005

Re:

Tuam Civic Amenity Centre

Present: Mayor Reilly, Councillors P. O'Grady, A. O'Donnell-Brady, M. Kelly,
P. Warren, G. Browne-lane, T. McHugh, M. Ward

Apology Councillor Flanagan

Officials: Mr. Jim Cullen, Director of Services
Mr. Michael Timmons, Acting Director of Services
Ms. Maura Ni Chionna, Senior Engineer, Environmental Section
Ms. Angela Holian, Town Clerk

The Prayer was recited.

The Mayor thanked the Executives of Galway County Council and the Members of the Board for attending the meeting at short notice. The Meeting was called following the Announcement by Galway County Council that disposal of household waste at the Tuam Civic Amenity Centre would be discontinued from 3rd December, 2005.

The Mayor told the meeting the decision to close the household waste section of the Civic Amenity Site had been made by the Director of Services, Environmental Section, Galway County Council and was opposed by the Tuam Area County Councillors and S. P. C.'s. All Members expressed opposition to the closure.

Cllr. Tom Kelly
Mayor of Galway County Council
Mayor of 1999-2003

The Members stated that the facility was working very well. While E6.00 per bag of waste was expensive the Public did not mind paying for the service, but the loss of the facility is a retrograde step for Tuam. They also stated that some rural areas have no waste collection service at all. They asked why Galway County cannot apply for the necessary Licence.

Mr. Cullen said Galway County Council did not have a Licence to operate a transfer station at the civic Amenity Site therefore acceptance of household waste was illegal. He had listened to the points raised by the Members. He said the recycling centre is being run very well. He paid tribute to the work done by the Community Wardens. Household collection rates have to improve, there is less than a 60% collection of household waste in Tuam and illegal dumping continues. Waste Management is dealt with in the context of the whole County, a licence will not be applied for until it is established where all household waste is going. The disposal of household waste at the Civic Amenity Centre will be discontinued from 3rd December, 2005.

Following further discussion it was proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor O'Grady and agreed to call on Galway County Council to rescind the decision to close the Household Waste Facility at Tuam Civic Amenity Centre.

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk