

**Cllr. Tom Reilly** Fianna Fail

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Date: 19/11/2005

## TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

### PRESS RELEASE

I wish to draw attention to matters of misinformation in recent Articles in the Tuam Herald.

Article 1 accuses me as Mayor of Tuam, of ejecting the Media from a Town Council Meeting in ~~October last~~, which was an absolutely inaccurate statement. The record is, that I requested all my colleagues on the Town Council, including the Director of Services from Galway County Council, to wait on, that I as Mayor had matters to discuss in private, relating to a request from a Local College to allow its Students to attend and observe a full Meeting of the Town Council. Due Process did take place, and is on record through the minutes of that meeting. This fact is contrary to the published Article in the Tuam Herald.

In the latest edition of the Tuam Herald, I have been accused of suggesting the Sale of Lands, at the Grove Hospital and that the proceeds be returned to State Funds. I reject that article out of hand. I never suggested anything that would even resemble this Article. The fact of the matter is, that I stated that the HSE would access the needs of the proposed Health Campus for Tuam, and if there was land surplus to requirements, the surplus lands would be placed on the open market to raise funds and direct that those funds, with further Government funds, be used to complete the Health Campus for Tuam.

I would hope that in future the Tuam Herald would factually report the proceedings of our meetings. We expect only the highest standards of our Local Paper, in this Town.

Signed

Tom Reilly mcc

# TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2005

**Present:**

**Mayor: Councillor T. Reilly**

**Councillors: M. Kelly, A. O'Donnell-Brady, P. O'Grady,  
S. A. Flanagan, T. McHugh, P. Warren, M. Ward,  
G. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2005 were adopted on the proposal of  
Councillor Ward seconded by Councillor Warren.**



### **Matters arising from Minutes:**

Replying to Councillor Kelly Mr. Gilmore said the Town Council had agreed to wait for an analysis of Road Traffic Problems by Galway County Council before inviting Supt. McMahon to a meeting of the Board.

Councillor Kelly welcomed the work carried out on the roads and footpaths. The Town Engineer stated that further work on the footpaths at Bishop Street and adjacent to the Mart will be carried out in the near future. Replying to Councillor McHugh he said C.I.E. would not allow a pedestrian crossing inside the railway gates on the N17.

Councillor O'Donnell-Brady asked that walk area in the Palace Grounds be re-surfaced. Councillor Browne-Land asked that lighting in the Park be reviewed. She said there were some very dark areas.

Replying to Councillor Browne-Lane regarding the waste water plant the Town Engineer said a small number of complaints had been received regarding odours.

Councillor Browne Lane asked that flooding at the rear entrance to the Cosmo Shop on Atherry Road be investigated.

Councillor O'Grady thanked Mr. Gilmore for work carried out on the river Nanny. Mr. Gilmore paid tribute to the Environment Section, Galway County Council. Councillor O'Grady welcomed the work carried out on the roundabout at Vicar Street.

Replying to the Members regarding the Bus Shelter Mr. Gilmore said he was waiting for a report from the Department. The Town Engineer stated that he had spoken with the Planning Section, Galway County Council, also the Company looking to erect the Bus Shelter. A planning application is to be made shortly.

### **Manager's Business:**

It was proposed by Councillor O'Grady, seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed to hold the Budget of Expense meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2005 at 7.00 p.m. - prior to the monthly meeting.

### **Person of the Year:**

It was agreed to invite submissions for the Person of the Year – advertisement to be placed in the Tuam Herald – closing date Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2005. It was also agreed to hold a Civic Reception for retired Supt. Bill Fennell on the same occasion.



## **Correspondence:**

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letters dated 6<sup>th</sup> October, 20<sup>th</sup> October and 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2005 from Mr. Noel Treacy, T. D., Minister for European Affairs re: Approval of Tender for remedial work at Tirboy, Tuam, Allocation of funds for upgrading and improvements to be carried out at Aras Mhuire Day Centre, and allocation of €100,000.00 for the development of Skateboard facilities at the Palace Grounds and Dublin Road, Tuam. The Members welcomed the allocation for skateboard facilities. It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Ward and agreed to invite Ms. Ann Mallaghan to a meeting of the Board.

Letter dated 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2005 from Mr. Frank Gilmore, Director of Services, Galway County Council regarding River Nanny, Tuam. The Mayor thanked Mr. Lally, for work carried out on the river.

Letters dated 5<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2005 from Clonmel Borough Council – read.

Letter dated 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2005 from Monaghan Town Council – read.

Letter dated 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2005 from Mr. John B. McLoughlin, CSPE Teacher, St. Jarlath's College – read.

Letter dated 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2005 from Mr. Dermot Mahon, Community & Enterprise Development Officer, Galway County Council regarding proposal to redevelop the Shambles. Mr. Gilmore stated that an application for funding had been made under the Urban Village Renewal programme and he would invite Mr. Mahon to the December meeting.

## **The Grove Hospital:**

Letters dated 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2005 from office of An Taoiseach, Mr. Bertie Ahern, T. D., 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2005 from Deputy Joe Callanan, 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2005 from Deputy Paul Connaughton 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2005 from Senator Michael Kitt were read. Following a discussion and reports that part of the lands are to be sold for housing the Members expressed gross dissatisfaction with the situation regarding the Grove Hospital. It was proposed by Councillor O'Grady, seconded by Councillor Ward and agreed to call a Public Meeting on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2005.

It was proposed by Councillor McHugh, seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed to write urgently to An Taoiseach and inform him of the Boards objection to any plan to sell lands at the Grove Hospital site.



### **Western Rail Corridor:**

The Mayor and Members welcomed the announcement regarding the Western Rail Corridor. The Mayor thanked Mr. Frank Dawson, Director of Services and the County Development Boards, Fr. Michael McGreal and the Western Rail Commission. They welcomed Minister Eamon O'Cuiv to the meeting. Minister O'Cuiv stated that the details were in the public domain. The Line would be completed/opened in phases - Ennis to Athenry to be completed in 2008, to Tuam to be completed in 2011 and to Claremorris to be completed in 2014.

He said work would start next year on the Galway to Ballinasloe section of the atlantic corridor in 2006, the Government are committed to having the atlantic corridor completed in ten years.

Replying to the Members regarding the Grove Hospital Minister O'Cuiv said he was stunned to hear the discussion on the radio that morning. He said, two years ago the Department of the Taoiseach had requested State Agencies to report on excess lands in their possession, with a view to making these lands available for affordable housing. The Members asked Minister O'Cuiv to convey their concerns to the Taoiseach regarding the Grove Hospital.

Mr. Gilmore stated that he was aware that the H. S. E. had offered some lands at the Grove Site for the Affordable Housing Initiative which is being overseen by the D. E. H. L. G. He hoped to get clarification of the details of the offer in the next few days. The Mayor thanked Minister O'Cuiv for his commitment to the West of Ireland and for attending the meeting.

### **A.O.B.:**

Replying to Councillor McHugh regarding parking at Old Road the Town Engineer said the Traffic Management Plan was working well, there is no parking restriction at Old Road. This matter can be looked at when the By-laws are reviewed.

Councillor O'Grady congratulated the Mayor on his statement in defense of Archbishop Neary and the Church in respect of the recent unfavourable publicity. He proposed that Tuam Town Council support the formation of a Press Council.

Replying to Councillor O'Grady Mr. Gilmore said the Courts Service had approached Galway County Council with a view to incorporating a Court House in the proposed Civic Offices at High Street. He said Galway County Council will proceed to develop the offices and a decision will then be made.

Replying to the Mayor regarding refurbishment scheme at Tirboy Estate Mr. Gilmore said Galway County Council are installing heating systems. He said there was a partial grant for outdoor works for people who had bought out their houses.

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**Sympathy:**

A vote of sympathy was passed with the following Families:

Acton Family, Tubberjarlath Road on the death of Frank  
Donnellon Family, Forty Acres on the death of Rita  
Gilliard Family, Galway Road and Tullinadaly Road on the death of Bert  
Brian Mahon, Bishop Street on the death of his brother Jack  
McDonagh Family, Gilmartin Road on the death of Martin  
Hession Family, Birmingham Road on the death of Doreen

This concluded the meeting

Recorded by,  
Angela Holian,  
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY:

Tom Reilly Mayor  
MAYOR



# TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Telephone: (093)24246

Town Clerk's Office,  
Town Hall,  
Tuam.

30<sup>th</sup> November, 2005

To: each Member of Tuam Town Council

A Chara,

The **Budget of Expenses** meeting of Tuam Town Council will be held on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2005 at 7.00 p.m.** prior to the ordinary meeting. You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise, le meas,

Angela Holm Baile Cleireach

## AGENDA

**Budget of Expenses for 2006**

Tuam Town Council

(Draft)

Budget of Expenses

for

Year Ended 31st December 2006

Presented to the Council  
Date: 05/12/2005

Adopted  
Date:



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

**Receipts**

	<b>Outturn 2005 Est For 2006</b>	
<b>Housing</b>		
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
<b>General</b>		
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)

<b>Summary for 2006</b>	
Total Demand	€93,386.00
Rate in Euro	€3.28
Percentage Increase in rates	4.46%

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

<b>Housing</b>	<b>Outturn 2005</b>	<b>Est For 2006</b>
1 Repairs	€ 15,000.00	€ 17,000.00
2 Legal Expenses	€ 1,245.00	€ 700.00
3 Insurance	€ 17,852.00	€ 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
	<b>€ 52,194.00</b>	<b>€ 60,970.00</b>

**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 19	€ 18,000.00	€ 19,100.00
14 Tuam Chamber of Commerce Christmas Lights		
Operational Costs	€ 6,000.00	€ 6,000.00
Once off Capital Contribution		€ 0.00
18 Town Enhancement	€ 3,600.00	€ 6,000.00
19 Local Elections Expenses	€ 3,505.00	€ 2,000.00
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
	<b>€ 96,008.00</b>	<b>€ 100,670.00</b>
<b>Gross Total Expenditure</b>	<b>€ 148,202.00</b>	<b>€ 161,640.00</b>



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Town Clerk's Office,  
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Tuam.

2<sup>nd</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2005 at 7.30 p.m. You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise, le meas,

*Angela Holli* Baile Cleireach

## AGENDA

### Minister O'Cuiv – Western Rail Corridor at 7p.m.

Minutes

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The Grove Hospital

2006 Urban & Village Renewal Scheme – Letter of Support

## TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

### Minutes of monthly meeting held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2005 at 7.30p.m.

**Present:**

Mayor, Cllr. Tom Reilly.

Cllr. Anne O'Donnell- Brady, Cllr. Sally Ann Flanagan, Cllr. ~~TERESA~~  
McHugh, Cllr. Pete Warren, Cllr. Paul O'Grady, Cllr. Miko Kelly,  
Cllr. Gilessa Browne- Lane. Cllr. MARTIN WARD

Officials:

Mr. Frank Gilmore, Director of Services,  
Mr. Stephen Lally, Tuam Engineer.

A visiting class from St. Jarlath's College accompanied by their teacher Mr. McLoughlin attended the meeting as part of an essay on local democracy.

The prayer was recited.

The minutes of the meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> September 2005 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr Warren seconded by Cllr. Flanagan.

**Matters arising:**

Cllr.s Reilly, Kelly, Warren and Ward raised the issue of the proposed bus shelter on Vicar Street and expressed concern at the delay in providing it. Mr. Gilmore replied stating that the company involved had submitted a planning application which was deemed invalid. Mr. Gilmore also stated that he will request a report from the Planning Authority on the matter.

Cllr. Brown-Lane raised the issue of traffic difficulties on Vicar Street and difficulties with the traffic signals on the N17. Cllr. Browne-Lane requested that the street cleaner not be used during peak traffic hours particularly at the schools. Cllr. Ward agreed with this system. Cllr. Warren raised the issue of traffic signals at Supermacs.

Cllr. Kelly raised the issue of traffic lights in Tuam. Cllr. Kelly proposed that the Garda Superintendent meet with the Council and this proposal was seconded by Cllr. Ward.

Mr. Gilmore advised that the Council should wait for Galway County Council to carry out a full analysis of the traffic problems before extending the invitation. The Council agreed with this advice.



Cllr. O'Grady raised the issue of the River Nanny and its condition. Mr. Gilmore replied, stating that the Environment Section of Galway County Council will convene a meeting of all interested and statutory parties to examine all available options including resources with a view to keeping the Nanny clean.

Cllr. O'Grady raised the issue of the Council's responsibilities on the Tuam Electoral Area Committee of Galway County Council. Mr. Gilmore replied stating that only the Mayor was entitled to sit in this committee and as the Mayor of Tuam already was in the committee by virtue of the fact that he was on elected committee for the Tuam Area, that no further representation was possible.

Cllr. Browne-Lane raised the issue of the Civic Amenity centre in Tuam. Mr. Gilmore explained that the Environment Section Galway County Council were shortly to present a policy on these sites to the Strategic Policy Committee and that following consideration by the Council it was hoped that the situation relating to the Civic Amenity Centre in Tuam would be clarified.

#### **Manager's Business**

Mr. Gilmore informed the Council that the District Court would hold its first court in Tuam Town Hall on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2005.

Mr. Gilmore thanked the staff of the Tuam office of Galway County Council, Housing staff and in particular Mr. Stephen Lally, Tuam Town Engineer for their assistance in ensuring the hall was ready.

#### **A.O.B.**

Cllr. Browne-Lane complimented everyone involved with the opening of the Swimming Pool.

All Councillor's contributed to a discussion on the Grove Hospital. Cllr. O'Donnell-Brady is to meet the Táiniste and Minister for Health, Mary Harney and will report back to the Town Council. Cllr. O'Grady stated that he wished to find out whether or not unspent monies was returned to the exchequer by the Health Services Executive (Western Area)

A discussion also took place relating to two petitions concerning the Grove Hospital. Cllr. Reilly proposed and it was seconded by Cllr. Ward that a further meeting of all public representatives should be called to discuss the Grove Hospital.

Cllr. Reilly raised the issue of a smell of sewage at Lissadyra. Mr. Gilmore stated that the residents should contact Mr. Stephen Lally directly. Cllr. McHugh raised the issue of a smell from the sewage plant in the Weir Road. Mr. Stephen Lally will follow up on the issue. Mr. McHugh raised the issue of cleaning of the sewage. Mr. Stephen Lally replied.

Cllr. O'Grady raised the issue of a lack or shortage of retail zoning in Tuam. Mr. Gilmore replied that this was an issue for the review of the Development Plan.

Cllr. Ward raised the issue of footpaths in the Ballygaddy Road and Bishop Street. Mr. Stephen Lally replied.

Cllr Reilly congratulated Mr. Barry Egan on his years of service to Tuam.

Cllr. Reilly raised the issue of the public toilets in the Shambles. Mr. Lally gave an update on the situation.

Cllr O'Donnell-Brady raised the issue of a walk in the Palace grounds.

The meeting terminated at 9.00 p.m.

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28<sup>th</sup> September, 2005

To each Member of Tuam Town Council

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Angela Holian Baile Cleireach

## AGENDA

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The Grove Hospital

# **TUAM TOWN COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2005**

**Present:** Mayor: Councillor T. Reilly

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

**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 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2005 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Kelly seconded by Councillor Warren.

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting, and meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2005 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Kelly seconded by Councillor Flanagan.

The Minutes of meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2005 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor McHugh seconded by Councillor Warren.



It was proposed by the Mayor and seconded by Councillor O'Grady and agreed that the meeting be adjourned for fifteen minutes as a mark of respect to Sean Purcell, RIP also for the People who lost their lives due to hurricane Katrina. Councillor Kelly said his friend Sean Purcell, RIP had been a Member of the Board for a number of years in the 1960s. All present paid tribute to Sean Purcell and expressed their sympathy with the Purcell Family. The meeting was then adjourned for fifteen minutes.

### **Matters arising from Minutes:**

Regarding the Western Rail Corridor the Mayor stated that he had attended a meeting at which it was announced that Minister O'Cuiv's Department would provide approximately four million Euro to buy back leases of buildings in Collooney. This would be tied in with Phase I of the project – Athenry to Claremorris. He expected an announcement on the Western Rail Corridor by the end of 2005 or early 2006.

Councillor Browne-Lane stated that the traffic lights on the N17 were not synchronized and traffic flow is not efficient. She said People were annoyed at the length of time it takes to get from Galway Road to Ballygaddy Road. She asked that the matter be rectified.

Councillor O'Grady stated that the river Nanny is worse than ever, it appears the OPW are only responsible for the centre of the river. A small area had been cleaned but the area behind the Garda Station had not been touched. He appealed to Galway County Council to clean and remove growth. Councillor McHugh said she had contacted the OPW who said they cleaned one area but removal of rubbish is not their responsibility. The Mayor stated that repairs to pipes had been carried out under the bridge and this area had been cleaned. He said the Town Engineer had promised to try and clean the river. Mr. Gilmore said the OPW were only responsible for ensuring that the river flow was not obstructed. He said Galway County Council would co-operate with the OPW.

Councillor Browne-Lane told the meeting there was huge concern regarding the roundabout at Vicar Street. Councillor Kelly said there was no view from the Purcell Road and the entrance/exit from the restaurant was unsatisfactory. Councillor O'Grady asked that the wall on the clinic side be lowered. Mr. Gilmore said the Town Engineer would prepare a report for the next meeting.

Replying to Councillor McHugh Mr. Gilmore said a "letter of comfort" had gone to the People who would erect the bus shelter.

**Correction of Minutes:** In relation to the minutes of meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2005 Councillor O'Grady stated that he did not second the proposal to accommodate the Courts Service in the Town hall.



### **Manager's Business:**

Mr. Gilmore told the Members that following meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2005 he informed the Court Services of the decision taken by the Town Council – that the Town Hall be leased to the Court Services. Some work needed to be carried out before the Town Hall could be used as a Court and the Fire Officer had raised issues regarding the fire escape. The fire escape/access will have to be brought up to the standard required by the Fire Officer. The proprietor of the adjoining premises has carried out works. The Lease will not be signed until the required works are carried out. The Court Services will pay for any alterations. The Town Engineer is working to bring all issues to a conclusion.

### **Correspondence:**

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated July, 2005 from Commission for Taxi Regulation – read.

Notice of Monaghan Chamber of Commerce & Industry Ltd. Annual Conference 2005 – noted.

Notice of Local Authority Members Association Annual Winter Seminar 2005 – noted.

Notice of Association of Municipal Authorities Annual conference 2005 – noted.

Notice of Clare tourism National Tourism Conference – noted.

Letter dated 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2005 from Ms. Paula Gallagher, Irish Health Care – read.

Letter dated 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2005 from Mullingar Town Council – read.

Letters dated 24<sup>th</sup> June, & 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2005 from Macroom Town council – read.

Letter dated 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2005 from Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government re: Municipal Policy Committees – read.

Letter dated 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2005 from Monaghan Town Council – read.

Letter dated 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2005 from Mr. Sean Sweeney, Conference Organiser, Cumann An Phiarsaigh – read.

Letter dated 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2005 from Mr. P. J. Fitzpatrick, Chief Executive Officer, Courts Service – read.

Letter dated 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2005 from Mr. Tom Curran, General Secretary, Fine Gael – read.



Letter dated 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2005 from Senator Michael P. Kitt together with letter from Office of the Taoiseach regarding the Grove Hospital.

Letter dated 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2005 from office of the Tanaiste. Councillor O'Donnell-Brady told the Members she would be meeting with the Tanaiste in September. She said she will continue to highlight the issue of the Grove Hospital. Following a discussion on the matter it was proposed by Councillor Browne-Lane and seconded by Councillor O'Grady and agreed to write to the T.D.'s for the area. It was proposed by Councillor Flanagan and seconded by the Mayor and agreed to write again to the Taoiseach.

Letter dated 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2005 from Senator Michael P. Kitt. Councillor Kelly welcomed the allocations under the Sports Capital Grants 2005.

Notice of Youghal through the Ages Conference – read.

Notice of South Kelly Life Education Mobil Limited Conference read.

Letter dated 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2005 from Mr. Rudee Rolston, Tribe Enterprises Ltd. Re: Mobile Skate Park Provision – read.

Letter dated 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2005 from Galway National Roads Design Office.

Letter dated 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2005 from Mr. Tony Murphy, County Secretary, Galway County Council re: N.17 Tuam Bypass – noted.

Letter dated 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2005 from Very Rev. Ian D. Corbett, Vicar of the Utah Region of Navajoland, Bluff, Utah, U.S.A. re: proposed development on field south of St. Mary's Cathedral, Tuam. Councillor Kelly asked the Mayor to talk to Galway County Council.

Letter dated 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2005 from Dundalk Town Council – read.

Letter dated 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2005 from Carly Jeffreys, Marketing Assistant, Galway East Tourism – read.

Notice of Launch of Western Development Commission Annual Report 2004 – noted.  
Notice of Councillor Training Seminar – noted.

Letter dated 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2005 from Maitias O Gormaile, Secretary, Palace Grounds Committee. It was agreed to refer letter to Galway County Council.

Letters dated 29<sup>th</sup> August and 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2005 from Galway County Council. The Mayor informed that Members that funding for restoration and improvement work had been allocated for the Tuam/Kilbannon (R332) road and Ballymote to Aghloragh road. (LS6114).

**Section 183 Notice:**

Copy Section 183 Notice regarding sale of house at 59 Gilmartin Road, Tuam to Galway County Council had been circulated to the Members. The sale was approved on the proposal of Councillor Kelly seconded by Councillor O'Donnell-Brady.

**Update on Shambles:**

Mr. Gilmore told the meeting that a report on the Shambles, promised earlier in the year, would be available in two or three weeks. The Planning Section, Galway County Council and the Town Engineer are working on the report. There is a considerable amount of work in preparing the plan. The report will try to generate a theme to make the town more pleasant and link all central shopping areas. The planning team would attend a meeting of the Board. Councillor Browne-Lane proposed that a special meeting be held.

**Civic Amenity Site:**

Replying to Councillor O'Donnell-Brady Mr. Gilmore said there were no further development regarding the Civic Amenity Site. Councillor Browne-Lane stated that she had observed a person taking a bag of rubbish from his car and putting it into the bin at the bottom of Shop Street. Galway County Council were requested to re-locate the bin.

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by,  
Angela Holian,  
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY:

*Tom Reilly*  
MAYOR



COMHAIRLE BAILE THUAMA  
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Ref:

10<sup>th</sup> August, 2005

Chuig Gach Ball De'n Chomhairle

Pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 and Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 and in accordance with Article 206 (1) of the Planning and development Regulations 2001 and Section 88 of the Housing Act 1966, notice is hereby given that it is proposed to transfer land owned by Tuam Town Council as follows:

ADDRESS OF LAND: 59 Gilmartin Road

LOCATION OF SITE: TUAM Urban

SITE ACQUIRED FROM: -

TO WHOM LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE TRANSFERRED: GALWAY CO CO

SALE PRICE: €40,000-00

REASON FOR TRANSFER: Social

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

SIGNED: A. Holan

TOWN CLERK

16<sup>th</sup> August, 2005

Chuig Gach Ball De'n Chomhairle

Report on the disposal of 0.85 acres at 59 Gilmartin Road, Tuam Co. Galway to Galway County Council under Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000.

No. 59 Gilmartin Road, Tuam is presently owned by Tuam Town Council. The house is in very poor condition and is in need of major refurbishment works.

Galway County Council offered the sum of E40,000.00 for the purchase of same which was approved at Town Council meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2004.

The Ministers consent to the sale of the house is not required as the disposal of same is for social reasons.

I enclose herewith statutory notice in accordance with Section 183 of the Local government Act 2001 for consideration at the next meeting of the Council which will be held after the expiration of 10 days from the date of the notice.

In accordance with Article 206 2(c) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, this report and Section 183 notice will be available for public inspection at the offices of Tuam Town Council during office hours (9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.) for a period of one year.

Mise, le meas,

*Angela Holian*

Angela Holian,  
Town Clerk  
Tuam Town Council



# Tuam Town Council

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Town Clerk's Office,  
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Tuam.

30<sup>th</sup> August, 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 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2005 at 7.30 p.m. You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise, le meas,

*Angela Holan* Baile Cleireach

## AGENDA

**Minutes:** Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2005  
Annual Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2005  
Monthly Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2005  
Special Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2005

✓ **Manager's Business**

**Correspondence**

**The Grove Hospital**

**Section 183 Notice – sale of 59 Gilmartin Road, Tuam**

**Update re: Shambles**

## Tuam Town Council

### Minutes of special Meeting held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2005

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

Apology: Councillor Browne-Lane, Councillor Warren

Officials:

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

It was proposed by the Mayor that one minutes silence be observed as a mark of respect for the victims of the London bombing also as a mark of respect for the Mayor of Straubing, Mr. Martin Wackerbauer, R.I.P. A vote of sympathy was also passed with the following:

Gilmore Family, Moylough on the death of Mai  
Coen Family, Galway Road on the death of Nora  
Eagleton Family, Millstream Park on the death of Michael  
O'Connor Family, Bishop Street on the death of Dr. O'Connor  
Presentation Sisters on the death of Sr. Catherine McHugh  
Families of the victims of the Derrybrien plane crash

One minutes silence was observed and the prayer was recited.

The Meeting was called to discuss the formal application by the Court Services for the use of the Town Hall.



The Mayor told the Members he had spoken to Mr. Seamus Quinn and Mr. Jarlath Canney of the Mall Committee who said there had never been any indication in writing that the Court Services would be moving to the Mall.

Mr. Gilmore told the Members that the Town Council were not competing with the Mall, the Judge makes the final decision on the matter. He said in order to accommodate the Court sitting in September there was a number of matters which needed to be clarified, the agreement of the Town Council, Planning Regulations require a Notice be displayed (County Council Staff were preparing this today) and agreement on accommodation works.

He told the Members he had agreed a rent of E15,000-00 per annum with the Court Services also the Court Services will pay for any alterations. They will be using all the rooms on the ground floor. He would be insisting the Boardroom floor be carpeted.

Replying to Councillor Kelly he said the Court Services would need the Town Hall for three or four years and may have three or four sittings per month. Family Law issues will be dealt with first. The Fire Officer will also be making recommendations. Galway County Council will provide a Caretaker.

It was proposed by Councillor McHugh, seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed that the Town Hall be leased to the Court Services.

**Congratulations** were extended to the Galway Senior and Minor Hurlers also the Ladies Team.

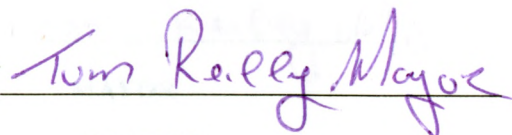
**Traffic Lights:** Replying to Councillor McHugh the Town Engineer said he was meeting with Traffic Light experts.

**Bus Shelter:** Replying to Councillor McHugh regarding the Bus Shelter the Town Engineer said a decision was expected soon regarding the planning process, however it is intended to re-locate the Bus Stop and the permission of the Assistant Commissioner will be required for this. The Bus Shelter should be erected before the end of 2005.

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by:  
Angela Holian,  
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY



MAYOR

## **Tuam Town Council**

**Special Sub Committee meeting**  
**held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2005**

**Present:** Mayor, Councillor Reilly, Mr. F. Gilmore, Director of Services, Mr. S. Lally, Town Engineer, Ms. A. Holian, Town Clerk, Councillor S. A. Flanagan and Councillor M. Kelly.

### **Letting of the Town Hall to Ms. Fidelma Geraghty:**

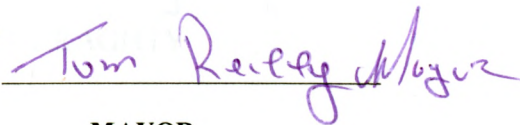
Letter dated 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2005 from Ms. Fidelma Geraghty, The Art Gallery, Circular Road, Tuam was read. Mr. Lally stated that Ms. Geraghty had given a list of the dates and time she proposed to use the Town Hall and he had advised her of the charges per hour for the use of the Town Hall. He said this would amount to E1,400.00.

It was unanimously agreed that Ms. Geraghty be given the use of the Town Hall as requested, fee being E1,400.00. The Mayor agreed to inform Ms. Geraghty that night.

Recorded by:

Angela Holian,  
Town Clerk

Signed by:



MAYOR



The Art Gallery,  
Circular Road,  
Tuam,  
Co. Galway.  
Telephone : 093-60161

13<sup>th</sup> June, 2005

Tuam Town Commissioners,  
Town Hall,  
Tuam,  
Co. Galway.

Dear Town Clerk & Tuam Town Commissioners,

May I request the use of the town hall for an art exhibition commencing on July 1<sup>st</sup> at 7.00pm. for approx. 2 weeks.

Hoping you can facilitate me.

Hope you all will be able to come on the night.

Yours sincerely

*Fidelma Geraghty*

FIDELMA GERAGHTY

**ART EXHIBITION  
GIFT GALLERY**

OPEN NIGHT FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY 7.30 PM TO 10.00

SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> 2PM -5PM  
SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> 2PM -5PM  
MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> 1PM -5PM  
THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> 4PM -7PM  
FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> 4PM-7PM  
SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> 2PM-5PM  
SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> 2PM-5PM  
MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> 1PM-5PM  
THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> 4PM- 7PM  
FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> 4PM-7PM  
SATURDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> 2PM-5PM  
SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> 2PM-5PM  
MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> 1PM-5PM  
Thursday 21<sup>ST</sup> 4PM- 7PM  
FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> 4PM-7PM  
SATURDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> 2PM-5PM  
SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> 2PM-5PM

FIDELMA GERAGHTY  
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# **TUAM TOWN COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2005**

**Present:** Mayor: Councillor T. Reilly

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

**Apology:** Councillor Warren

**Officials:**

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

The Prayer was recited.

**Manager's Business:**

Mr. Gilmore told the Members that an informal approach for the use the Town Hall had been made by the Court Services pending the resolution of difficulties with the present Court House. He said Judge Fahy had visited the Town Hall on the previous Friday.

He said if the Courts convene in the Town Hall the state of the building will have to be protected, the boardroom floor will have to be carpeted and upon leaving the rooms will have to be restored to their present state. A Lease will be drawn up stating conditions, rent etc.

A process has to be adhered to regarding the Planning Regulations. Part 9 of the 2001 Planning and Development Regulations require that a Notice be placed in the Local Paper six weeks prior to the use of the building as a Courthouse.

Replying to Councillor O'Grady Mr. Gilmore said the Courts would use the building two days per month. Councillor O'Grady stated that the fixed charge should reflect a three to five year period. Councillor Browne-Lane said the voluntary Committee who run the Mall Cinema were of the opinion that the Court Services were coming to the Mall. She said she would not like to see the Town Council taking rental funding from a voluntary Body and she proposed that a meeting be held with the Mall Committee. She also said, from a Family Court point of view, the Town Hall was a very public building. Councillor Ward said he was concerned about the Mall but had no objection to the Court Services using the Town Hall. Councillor Kelly said it was great to have a Tenant in the Town Hall. He wondered what the plans were in relation to the Court House on Dublin Road or if a new Court House was being built. Councillor O'Donnell-Brady said she would not like to offend anybody i.e. in relation to the Mall. She agreed with the other Councillors and had no problem with the Court Services using the Town Hall. Councillor Flanagan said the Town Hall was a very public area, she had no problem with the Court Services, but the situation regarding the Mall should be taken on board.

The Mayor stated that it appears the Court Services have ruled the Mall out. He agreed to meet with Mr. Seamus Quinn, Chairman of the Mall Committee. Councillor McHugh said the Town Hall was underutilized. The Town Council should facilitate the Court Services and keep the Court Services in town. It was then proposed by Councillor McHugh and seconded by Councillor O'Grady and agreed that the Court Services be accommodated in the Town Hall.

Replying to the Members Mr. Gilmore said the Court Services have assured him that they are committed to retaining the Courts in Tuam.

#### **Letting of the Town Hall to Ms. Fidelma Geraghty:**

It was proposed by Councillor O'Grady and seconded by Councillor O'Donnell-Brady that the Sub-Committee meet after the monthly meeting to discuss the request to use the Town Hall by Ms. Fidelma Geraghty. The Sub-Committee: Mr. S. Lally, Town Engineer, Ms. Angela Holian, Town Clerk, Mayor Reilly and Councillors Flanagan and Kelly.



## **Correspondence:**

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2005 from Ms. Catherine Costello, Secretary, Special commemorative day for the former St. Aloysius Youth Club of Tuam. It was proposed by Councillor Ward and seconded by Councillor Browne-Lane and agreed that a Civic Reception be held on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2005.

Letter dated 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2005 from Fingal County Council – read.

Letter dated 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2005 from Office of Tanaiste and Minister for Health, letter dated 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2005 from the Mr. Frank Murphy, Regional Manager, Health Service Executive and letter dated 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2005 from Mr. Eamon O’Cuiv, T. D. Minister for Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs to Councillor Reilly regarding the Grove Hospital. Replying to Councillor O’Grady who said that Minister for Health had returned E40m to the exchequer in 2004 Mr. Gilmore stated that allocations are made for particular projects, if only part of the estimated cost of the project is spent you don’t get all the amount allocated to the project. Councillor Kelly said the Palliative Care Unit is ready but staffing is the problem. The Mayor proposed that the Board seek a meeting with the Tanaiste and the Taoiseach. Councillor McHugh told the members that Deputy McHugh has requested a meeting with the Tanaiste and the Taoiseach. The Clerk told the members she had written to the Taoiseach and the Tanaiste following the previous meeting.

Letter dated 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2005 from Supt. John McMahon – read.

Letter dated 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2005 from Galway East Tourism, read at meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2005. It was proposed by Councillor Kelly seconded by Councillor McHugh and agreed that Tuam Town Council contribute E200.00 annually to Galway East Tourism.

Preliminary Notice of Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland Annual Conference – 2005 – noted.

## **Deletion of Structures listed under the Record of Protected Structures in the County Development Plan 2003 – 2009.**

Mr. Gilmore told the Members that three structures had been removed, the Bridge at Shop Street and two convent buildings. The Roads Section had requested that the Bridge be removed and the convent buildings were removed at the request of the Nuns.

**Palace Grounds:**

Councillor Kelly asked that more information be made available regarding the skating area. Councillor O'Grady said the skating area needs to be regulated. He also asked if toilet facilities were being considered for the Palace Grounds. The Mayor stated that Ms. Ann Mallaghan would meet the Board again. He said the new playground and skating area in Loughrea would be opened on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2005.

Replying to Councillor McHugh regarding the toilet at the Shambles the Town Engineer said he would have a report for the next meeting.

Replying to the Mayor regarding sewerage project at Killiloonty the Town Engineer said he would check and let him know.

**Any Other Business:**

It was proposed by Councillor O'Grady and seconded by Councillor Kelly that the O.P.W. be requested to clean the river. Mr. Gilmore agreed to write to the O.P.W. The Mayor asked that the plaque commemorating Mr. Harry Finnegan be erected

Councillor Ward told the meeting that the Fire Brigade was called out to Parkmore and Cloonhue Road on Bonfire Night. He said the prompt attendance of the Fire Brigade prevented what may have been a bad situation when a fire had been lit beside gas cylinders. He said the Town Council should agree on one area for the future.

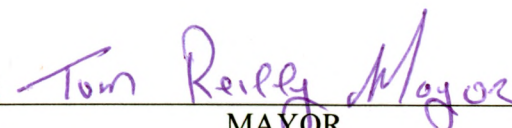
**Sympathy:**

A vote of Sympathy was passed with Ms. Ann Tyrell, Parkview Drive on the death of her father, Mrs. McGough, Galway Road on the death of her brother and the Farrell Family Kilconly on the death of Mrs. Farrell.

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by,  
Angela Holian,  
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY:

  
MAYOR



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22<sup>nd</sup> June, 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 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2005 at 7.30 p.m., after the Annual Meeting. You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise, le meas,

Angela Holie Baile Cleireach

## AGENDA

Minutes ✓

Manager's Business ✓

Correspondence ✓

The Grove Hospital ✓

✓ Deletion of Structures listed under the Record of Protected Structures in the County Development Plan 2003-2009. ✓

✓ Presentation of flags ✓

Use of Town Hall

# **TUAM TOWN COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of Annual Meeting held on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2005**

**Present:** Mayor: Councillor Kelly – outgoing

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

**Apology** Councillor Warren

**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 Mr. Paul Ridge, Director of Services, former Manager for Tuam for his co-operation. He thanked the Board Members, Mr. Gilmore, Director of Services, Mr. Lally, Town Engineer, the Town Clerk and the Press for their support during the year.



He said some good things happened in Tuam during his year as Mayor, Transitions Optical, John Concannon expanding into Europe, the opening of the first Multi-Storey Car Park and Shopping Centre at Abbey Trinity. He welcomed the opening of the new Swimming Pool in September, one of the best in the country. He wished the Business Community every success and the People who retired from business enjoyment in their retirement. He said he was disappointed that the re-opening of the Railway and the Hospital is taking so long, also the delay in opening the Palliative Care Unit. He congratulated the sporting bodies and wished them continued success in the future.

He then invited nominations for the position of Mayor. It was proposed by Councillor O'Grady and seconded by Councillor O'Donnell-Brady that Councillor Reilly be elected to hold the office of Mayor of the Town of Tuam for the coming year. There being no other proposal Councillor Reilly was elected. Councillor Reilly took the Chair. He thanked his proposer and seconder. He said it was his first time to be elected Mayor but he had been Chairman on two occasions. He said it would be a challenging year ahead and he had a shopping list for Tuam – Opening of the Railway, Site for a Community Centre, Ambulance Base, Bus Shelter and Fibre Optic/Broad Band for the Business Park. He said he would raise the issue of the Palliative Care Unit with the relevant People. He welcomed the new swimming pool, the allocation for C.C.T.V. and the new By-pass which is expected to start early in the new year. He congratulated the outgoing Mayor on a great year's service.

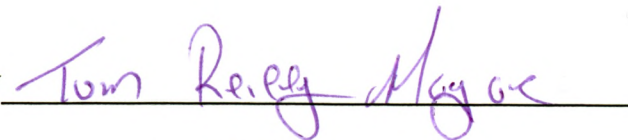
#### Election of Deputy Mayor:

The Mayor invited nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor. It was proposed by Councillor O'Grady and seconded by Councillor Browne-Lane that Councillor Flanagan be elected Deputy Mayor of the Town of Tuam for the coming year. There being no other proposal Councillor Flanagan was elected. Councillor Flanagan thanked her proposer and seconder. She complemented the Mayor on his 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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22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2004

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, 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2004 at 7 p.m. You are hereby summoned to attend.**

Mise, le meas,

*Angela Holman*

Baile Cleireach

## Agenda

**Election of Mayor**

**Election of Deputy Mayor**



# **TUAM TOWN COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2005**

**Present:** Mayor: Councillor M. Kelly

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

**Officials:**

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

The Prayer was recited.

**Minutes:**

The minutes of the May Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by Councillor Warren.

### **Matters arising from Minutes:**

Replying to Councillor Warren regarding footpaths in the Dublin Road Estate the Town Engineer said the footpath from Athenry Road to Dublin Road will be refurbished this year. It is hoped to have the footpaths in the estate completed in two years.

Regarding the "Western Rail Corridor" and meeting with Mr. Martin Cullen, Minister for Transport on 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2005 Councillor O'Grady told the Members he was disappointed at the tone of the Minister. Councillor Reilly said he was optimistic the Western Rail Corridor will happen. He said the minister was supportive of Phase I – Claremorris to Athenry. He expected a Government announcement on the matter in early 2006.

### **Manager's Business:**

Mr. Gilmore told the Members it was the intention of Galway County Council to apply to the Department of the Environment for a refurbishment scheme for houses owned by Tuam Town Council. Galway County Council will carry out the design work and prepare the scheme. He will come back to the Board for approval to carry out the repairs and deal with the Department. Replying to Councillor Reilly he said People who had bought out their houses would not be eligible, however under the scheme, work could be carried out to the exterior of their houses. Replying to Councillor McHugh regarding central heating Mr. Gilmore said the present "essential repair" grants were very restrictive. Elderly Tenants were being targeted first for central heating systems. It was hoped central heating would be installed in the homes of all elderly Tenants by 2007.

Replying to Councillor Browne-Lane regarding the deletion of structures listed under the Record of Protected Structures Mr. Gilmore said he would have the information for the next meeting, the matter to be included on the agenda for the July meeting.

Replying to Councillor O'Donnell-Brady regarding the Civic Amenity Site Mr. Gilmore said there was no change. From 1<sup>st</sup> August all white goods will be taken in free of charge and acceptance of domestic refuse will cease, the objective is not to accept dry recyclables, and not to compete with the private sector. Councillor Warren said there will be serious problems in Tuam if the recycling facility goes. Councillor Reilly said a presentation had been made at a recent SPC meeting and the matter had been referred to the Tuam Area Committee. It was proposed by Councillor Browne-Lane and seconded by Councillor Reilly that the facility be retained.

Mr. Gilmore said everything will go except white goods.



## **Correspondence:**

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2005 from Monaghan Chamber of Commerce – read.

Letter dated 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2005 from Mr. Paddy McHugh, T. D. – read.

Letter dated 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2005 from Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland re: motions for Annual Conference. – Councillor

Letter dated 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2005 from Clonmel Borough Council. There was unanimous support for the following Notice of Motion:

“That Clonmel Borough Council oppose the cutbacks on Community employment Schemes and calls on the Minister to reverse the cutbacks and to abolish the lifetime capping of the schemes”.

Letter dated 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2005 from Kiltrush Town Council. There was unanimous support for the following Notice of Motion:

“That this Council calls on the Minister for finance to substantially increase financial supports for Irish Centres in Britain to enable organizations and agencies operating there to meet increased demands for Irish emigrant services”.

Letter dated 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2005 from Monaghan Town Council. Notice of Motion from Monaghan Town Council was discussed in conjunction with Councillor O’Grady’s Notice of Motion. Councillor O’Grady stated that he had submitted the motion as a Parent and member of the Vintners Association. It was proposed by Councillor O’Grady and seconded by Councillor Reilly that the Board support the motion. It was proposed by Councillor Browne-Lane and seconded by Councillor O’Donnell-Brady that the motion be deferred. Following a vote the following Notice of Motion was carried - eight in favour and one against.

“This Council notes with concern the recent statements of the Irish Medical Organisation representing 6000 Medical Doctors, and a similar statement from the Strategic Task Force on Alcohol, in which both bodies expressed their alarm and concern at the proposals of the Minister for Justice to introduce five new categories of Liquor Licence under the proposed codification of liquor licencing legislation – they being: A Café Bar Licence, A distance Selling Licence, A Caterer’s Licence, A licence for Public Cultural Events and guest House Licence, which will result in a greatly increased number of liquor outlets that will fuel the already serious problem of under age and binge drinking with the resultant public order problems that effect our society.

W therefore call on the Government to recognize that we already have a problem of too easy access to alcohol leading to abuse, and that we have too many outlets selling alcohol at present with a licence for every 350 persons of all ages of the population”. We therefore call on the government to issue no further liquor licences.



Letter dated 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2005 from Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland regarding grant – read.

Letter dated 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2005 from confederation of European Councillors re: Summer Seminar – noted.

Letter dated 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2005 from Galway County Council regarding Heritage Grants – noted.

Letter dated 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2005 from Galway East Tourism – read.

Letter dated 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2005 from Sustainable Energy Ireland – read.

Letter dated 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2005 from Environmental Impact Assessment – read.

Letter dated 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2005 from Senator Michael P. Kitt re: The Grove Hospital – read.

Letter dated 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2005 from Co. Paul O'Grady re: Public Meeting on anti-social behaviour – read.

Letter dated 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2005 from The Parnell Society – read.

Letter dated 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2005 from confederation of European Councillors – read.

Letter dated 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2005 from Mr. Paul Connaughton, T. D. – read.

Letter dated 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2005 from Ms. Fidelma Geraghty re: use of Town Hall for Art exhibition. It was agreed that the sub-committee meet.

Letter dated 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2005 from Ms. Mary Lee Stapleton, director of Services, National Children's Nurseries Association re: Rates on childcare Facilities. It was proposed by Councillor Browne-Lane and seconded by Councillor Reilly that the Board support the contents of the letter and copy of letter be sent to Galway County Council.

Letter dated 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2005 from Mr. Con McCole, C.E.O., CARRA-MASK-CORRIB Water Protection Group Ltd. It was unanimously agreed that Co. Reilly represent the Board at the meeting.

Letter dated 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2005 from Mr. Noel Treacy, T. D., Minister for European Affairs to Councillor T. Reilly re: lack of Palliative Care available at Aras Mhuire, Tuam - noted

Notice re: Training Seminar for Councillors at Bellingham Castle Hotel, Castlebellingham, Co. Louth – read.



### **The Grove Hospital:**

The Mayor and Members welcomed Mr. Paul Connaughton, T. D., Mr. Paddy McHugh, T. D., Mr. Joe Callanan, T. D. and Senator Michael Kitt. Deputy Connaughton stated that the situation in relation to the Grove Hospital was worse than ever. He fully supported the case for a Community Hospital but funding for the Hospital was not in the National Development Plan. He couldn't understand why the Ambulance Base had not been progressed. He suggested a meeting with the Minister for Health. Deputy Callanan said the Capital programme for 2005 has not been cleared yet. As a T. D. he is committed to ensuring a Community Hospital for Tuam. He said the Tainiste has said she is committed to this venture. Deputy McHugh stated that a Planning Brief had been prepared by the Western Health Board and lodged with the Department of Health in 2002. He fully supported the case for a Hospital in Tuam but the Planning Brief has not been approved by Government. He said if Tuam is not included in the Service Plan for 2005, being worked on by the Tainiste, nothing will happen. He said the Government have ignored Tuam for the past three years. Senator Kitt said he had raised the issue of the Health Campus for Tuam on a number of occasions but can't get an answer from the Tainiste. He said it was vitally important the project get the go-ahead.

Councillor O'Donnell-Brady said she had spoken to Mr. Tom Kelly, Advisor to the Tainiste, that morning who stated that no decision had been made in relation to the Tuam Health Campus. Councillor Ward said Tuam had been let down by the Taoiseach. He said the Cancer Care Group are crying out for beds.

Following further discussion it was proposed by Councillor Reilly, seconded by Councillor O'Grady and agreed to seek a meeting with An Taoiseach, Mr. Bertie Ahern, T. D., Tainiste, Ms. Mary Harney, T. D.

### **N17:**

Replying to Councillor Browne-Lane Mr. Gilmore said Galway County Council acknowledge and appreciate the concerns of the Board regarding the N17/Milltown Road, from the Traffic Lights at Ballygaddy Road/Milltown Road junction to Blackacre, Demesne etc. He said the Road Design People were in discussion with the N.R.A. The Town Engineer stated that a Pedestrian Movement Survey had been carried out, the N.R.A. were not in favour of another set of traffic lights on this road, however they were open to the idea of a central refuge at Blackacre. This would protect the Pedestrian. There would be advance warning signage, the road would be narrowed and this would reduce the tendency to overtake. He said the Road Design Section were treating this as a matter of urgency.

Councillor McHugh stated that Trucks continue to park on yellow lines, which had been put in place in an effort to increase safety, on the left side of the road causing a danger to other road users.

The Members welcomed the proposals and Councillor Reilly thanked the Town Engineer as similar problems at Abbey Trinity had been helped by the installation of a central island.

### **Annual Financial Statement:**

The Town Clerk told the Members that the Annual Financial Statement for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2004 was now finalised. In the Capital Account there was a credit balance of E128,197 in comparison with E129,669 at the 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2004. Revenue Expenditure for the year was E134,061 while receipts were E146,434 bringing the credit balance to E166,989. The Annual Financial Statement/Final Accounts for the year 2004, and over expenditures, which were met from savings under other headings, were approved on the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by Councillor Warren.

### **Civic Reception:**

It was agreed to hold a Civic Reception, on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2005, for the Galway Under 21 All Ireland Football Champions, Tuam All Star Gymnastics Club, National and International Winners, Tuam No Name Club, All Ireland Cabaret Winners and Mr. Patrick Ward, All Ireland Light Weight Boxing Champion.

### **Date for Annual Meeting:**

It was proposed by Councillor Reilly, seconded by Councillor Ward and agreed that the Annual meeting of the Board be held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2005 at 7 p.m. and the July meeting be brought forward and be held at 7.30 p.m. on the same night.

### **Presentation:**

The Mayor presented cheque for E1,100.00 to Mr. Brian Maddan, Chairman, Irish Red Cross, Connaught.



**Playground:**

The Mayor welcomed Ms. Ann Mallahan, Community and Enterprise Officer, Galway County Council to the meeting. Ms. Mallahan told the meeting that E60,000 had been allocated under the RAPID programme for 2004 and E66,000 had been allocated for 2005 for playgrounds. She presented a map of the playground at the park and told the Members that the central area is to be completely revamped. She said it was hoped to start work in the next two weeks and have the playground completed prior to the opening of the new swimming pool. Councillor Browne-Lane asked if the Playground equipment could be moved to another area while the work is ongoing as the work coincides with School Holidays and loss of the Swimming Pool. Councillor McHugh said she hoped work would be carried out as speedily as possible. Councillor Ward suggested that the refurbishment of the park be carried out in August.

Ms. Mallahan said it was hoped to minimise closure time. She told the Members that all Local Authorities had been invited by the Department to submit applications for funding for a skating area. Galway County Council proposed to apply on behalf of Tuam. The Members welcomed the proposed refurbishment of the playground and the Mayor thanked Ms. Mallahan for the presentation.

**Any Other Business:**

Replying to Councillor Flanagan regarding "contribution to the Arts" the Mayor said the Arts Festival Committee should apply in writing to the Board.

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by,  
Angela Holian,  
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

MAYOR

**COMHAIRLE BAILE THUMA**

**TUAM TOWN COUNCIL**

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

For the

**YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER, 2004**

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS OF THE TUAM TOWN COUNCIL**



# 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	1462.75	
Others:—			PRINT, POST, STAT	188.61	
			RENT COLLECTION	1981.11	
Housing:—			Town Hall Expenses	4112.93	
Rents	44478.96		Painting, Stationery and Advertising	413.46	
Instalments of Purchase Money	4132.11		Rents, Rates, Taxes and Insurance	425.41	
Other Receipts			Office Expenses	3053.93	
REDEMPTIONS			Salaries, Fees, Etc.	4773.02	
GROUNDRENTS	1903.49		Retiring Allowances and Gratuities		
TENANCY DEPOSITS	120.00		Elections, Law and Audit	2350.19	
CGLE INTEREST	3784.98		MEMBERS Other Expenses	6524.00	
FIRE CLAIM	8445.00		CLOCK MAINT		
BANK INTEREST	555.47		ANAI	3742.03	
Allotments			TOWN LIGHTING		
Contributions from other Local Authorities (Details to be specified)			RECEPTIONS/ PRESENTATIONS	873.00	
Rents from Corporate Estate, Town Hall and other properties			TWINNING	1123.20	
Fairs, Markets and Weighbridge Tolls			CONTRI TO TUAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	6000.00	
Baths and Wash-houses			TOWN EMANAGEMENT	3600.00	(To Cap Acct)
Other Receipts (to be specified):—			ELECTIONS	11385.35	
			URBAN RENEWAL	8000.00	(To Cap Acct)
			CONTRI TO ARTS	1000.00	
			REFS ALLOW	15,340.00	
			MISC EXP	243.98	
			REFUNDS: RENT	122.40	
			Loan Charges GROUNDRENT	184.00	
			TEN DEPOSIT	61.80	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	146434.01	301050.28	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	134061.03	
					166989.25
			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>Co Co Investment Account</u>						
		Bal at 1/1/04		114,698-13		
		Int. to Bal		3,484-98		
				<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 MONEYS

§ 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							3,784-98	125,883-75
Add to Balance				2,312-77					128,196-52
<b>TOTALS</b>	129,668-73			2,312-77				3,784-98	128,196-52

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**STATEMENT OF BALANCES AT CLOSE OF FINANCIAL YEAR**

Dr.			Cr.	
Treasurer, due by him :-			Treasurer, due to him :-	
Revenue Account ....	119,241-35		Revenue Account ✓ ....	
Capital Account ....	81,927-12	201,168-47	Capital Account ....	
Officers' Imprest Accounts		3-81	Unpaid Bills ....	19,211-01
Receipt and Expenditure of Capital Moneys :- C. 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 :-	
held in hand of R/c			o/l by R.C.	1-42
<b>Total</b> ....		<b>314,398-20</b>	<b>Total</b> ....	<b>314,398-20</b>

**DEBTEDNESS ON FOOT OF LOANS**

Due to Sundry Purposes		Due to Lenders	
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**STATEMENT OF CASH ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

Assets		Liabilities	
Balance in hands of Treasurer at close of 2008	201,168-47	Balance due to Treasurer at close of	
Balances in hands of other Officers :- at close of	3-81	Balances Due to Other Officers :- at close of	
Imprest		M. P. B's	19,211-01
Always C. Co.	113,225-92	o/l by R/c	1-42
held in hand of R/c		Other Liabilities (specify) :-	
Assets (specify) :-		Annually payments	185-63
at Officers		Bank 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
nts	1478-76	44956-80	46435-56	47,478-96	142-80	900-60CR
ntin	381-78	356470	3946-48	4132-11		185-63CR
<b>TOTALS</b>	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	£ 54422	£ 62409	£ .....	£ .....

**CERTIFICATE BY CLERK**

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

Dated this 13 day of April 1905  
G. Nelson Clerk.

**AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE**

I have audited the Books and Accounts of the ..... Town Commissioners for the ..... ended the ..... day of ..... 19... and I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true Abstract therefrom.

Dated this ..... day of ..... 19.....

.....  
 Local Government Auditor.

# Tuam Town Council

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Town Clerk's Office,  
Town Hall,  
Tuam.

8<sup>th</sup> June, 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 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2005 at 7.30 p.m. You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise, le meas,

A. Holan Baile Cleireach

## AGENDA

Minutes

Manager's Business

Correspondence

The Grove Hospital

N17

Annual Financial Statement - 2004

Civic Receptions

Date for Annual Meeting

Notice of Motion: Councillor O'Grady



**“This Council notes with concern the recent statements of the Irish Medical Organisation representing 6000 Medical Doctors, and a similar statement from the Strategic Task Force on Alcohol, in which both bodies expressed their alarm and concern at the proposals of the Minister for Justice to introduce five new categories of liquor licence under the proposed codification of liquor licencing legislation – they being: A Café Bar Licence, A Distance Selling Licence, A Caterer’s Licence, A Licence for Public Cultural Events and Guest House Licence, which will result in a greatly increased number of liquor outlets that will fuel the already serious problem of under age and binge drinking with the resultant public order problems that effect our society.**

**We therefore call on the Government to recognize that we already have a problem of too easy access to alcohol leading to abuse, and that we have too many outlets selling alcohol at present with a licence for every 350 persons of all ages of the population”.**

**We therefore call on the Government to issue no further liquor licences.**

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# TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

## Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2005

**Present:**

**Mayor: Councillor M. Kelly**

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

**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.**

**Minutes:**

The minutes of the April Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Councillor O'Grady seconded by Councillor Warren.



The Mayor and Members welcomed Mr. Frank Gilmore, Director of Services to Tuam and wished him every success in his new position as Manager of Tuam Town Council. They wished Mr. Ridge good luck in his new position.

### **Matters arising from Minutes:**

Replying to Councillor Browne-Lane regarding the Civic Amenity Site Mr. Gilmore said as Mr. Ridge, Director of Services, Planning was expected to attend the meeting the matter might be discussed later.

Replying to Councillor McHugh the Town Engineer said Teample Jarlath had opened that day and would be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday until the end of September. He also said he had requested the architect to look at the area with a view to improving the exit from the Mall to High Street.

The Mayor welcomed the progress being made in relation to the Tuam By-pass. Councillor O'Grady welcomed the new route and said it was a major improvement on what was first planned. Replying to the Members Mr. Gilmore said the By-pass was a vital piece of infrastructure for Tuam, a real generator of economic success is good infrastructure. It was hoped the By-pass would be open in June, 2008.

### **Managers Business:**

Mr. Gilmore thanked the Mayor and Members for their words of welcome. He thanked the County Manager for giving him the opportunity to work in Tuam which he said will prosper in future years.

### **Footpaths:**

The Town Engineer told the Members that the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government had allocated E500,000.00 in 2005 for provision of new and replacement of old footpaths in towns which were formally Town Commissions. He said he had made a submission on behalf of the Town Council for Circular Road, The Mall, Vicar Street and Dublin Road Estate. The Members welcomed this.

Replying to the Mayor regarding wheelchair accessibility the Town Engineer said all new footpaths will have dishing/dropped curbs. Councillor O'Grady stated that the footpaths in the centre of the town need attention. Councillor Warren requested that work be carried out on the worst areas first. Councillor McHugh the said there was no footpath in front of the Mart on the N17 but the Town Engineer stated that this was disputed ground. Provision of a footpath at the Level Crossing would require that the Level Crossing be widened. Mr. Gilmore stated that on completion of the By-pass the N.R.A. will be requested to improve the existing N17 through Tuam. The Director of Services - Roads will be making a submission in this case.

Councillor McHugh asked that the footpath at the Weir Road/Galway Road junction be looked at because of its narrowness. Regarding the Weir Road Mr. Lally said a section, from the Traffic Lights to the 50k speed limit sign, was being resurfaced under the road works programme. A second section, from the Killiloonty Road to the cottages, will be resurfaced later.

Replying to Councillor Warren regarding the Bus Shelter the Town Engineer stated he was in contact with the Company providing the bus shelter. A new planning application has to be submitted.

### **Welcome:**

The Mayor and Members welcomed Mr. Pat Gallagher, County Manager to the meeting. The County Manager apologised for being late due to a meeting of Galway County Council. He said Mr. Ridge sent his apologies, he had been detained at the County Council meeting. Mr. Gallagher said he supported the Town Council and was aware of the work done in the town, and the efforts of all in Tuam working with the County Council. He said he wished to do everything possible to support the development of Tuam and assured the Members of his full support in the future.

### **Correspondence:**

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2005 from National disability Authority – read.

Galway County Council - Notice under Section 55 of the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2002 regarding the deletion of Structures listed under the Record of Protected Structures in the County Development Plan 2003-2009. Mr. Gilmore agreed to get clarification for the next meeting.



Letter dated 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2005 from Dr. Owlyn McWeeney, Medical director, Galway Clinic – read.

Letter dated 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2005 from Ms. Marie Mannion, Heritage officer, Galway County Council – read.

Letter dated 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2005 from Mr. Noel Dempsey, T. D., Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources – Mr. Gilmore stated that it is a priority for Galway County Council to include Tuam in the Regional Broadband Programme and Galway County Council have indicated to the Department that they would be making proposals to the Department in the near future.

Copy of letter dated 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2005 from Mr. P. J. Fitzpatrick, Chief Executive Officer, Courts Service to Mr. Noel Treacy, T. D., Minister for European Affairs. It was proposed by Councillor Reilly, seconded by Councillor O’Grady and agreed to write to the Courts Service.

Copy of letter dated 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2005 from Galway County Council to Mr. Noel Treacy, T. D., Minister for European Affairs. The Town Engineer stated that the preferred tender for the Public Toilet in Tuam has been selected. The toilet should be installed towards the end of the summer.

Copy of letter dated 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2005 from Minister for Housing and Urban Renewal to Mr. Noel Treacy, T. D., Minister for European Affairs. The Board welcomed the erection of eight two bedroom apartments at Sun Street, Tuam.

Letter dated 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2005 from Monaghan town Council. There was unanimous support for the following resolution:

“That this Council calls on the Minister for Marine, Communications and Natural Resources to introduce an annual licensing system for all communication masts, antennae and ancillary equipment and to include the registration of all items of equipment on each mast”.

Letter dated 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2005 from confederation of European Councillors – read.

Letter dated 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2005 from M. Judith Hesford, Cathedral Church of St. Mary. The Town Engineer agreed to negotiate.

Letter dated 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2005 from association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland – read.

Letter dated 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2005 from Mullingar Town Council. There was unanimous support for the following Notice of Motion:

“That this Council recognizes the invaluable role the postal service and its workers play in Irish Society and hereby calls on the government to commit itself to the provision of universal postal services across the country and recognizes the social obligations that An Post owes to rural communities and furthermore, that it is this Council’s view that An Post cannot operate without any social obligations to rural communities, as suggested recently by its Chief Executive”.



Letter dated 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2005 from Ballina Town Council – read.

Notice of ‘Galway People of the Year’ Award winners Presentation. The Members congratulated the Mayor on being a recipient of an award. Congratulations were extended to Mr. Duffy, winner.

Letter dated 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2005 from Galway County Council re: National Broadband Conference – noted.

From West-on-Track - The Western Rail corridor: A Regional Transport Initiative – Conference in Castlebar on 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2005 – noted.

### **The Grove Hospital:**

Councillor O’Donnell-Brady read fax received from Mr. Tom Kelly, Special Adviser to the Tanaiste and Minister for Health and Children. Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor Browne-Lane, seconded by Councillor O’Grady and agreed to write to the Tanaiste and request a copy of the proposals in the Email, in particular the separate projects. It was proposed by Councillor Browne-Lane and seconded by the Mayor to invite the Local T.D.’s to the next meeting of the Board. Councillor O’Grady asked that the matter be kept on the Agenda. He also asked that Deputy McHugh keep asking parliamentary questions.

### **Minister for Transport:**

The Mayor asked Councillor Reilly to arrange a meeting with Minister Martin Cullen, Minister for Transport when he visited Tuam on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2005. The Clerk was instructed to write to Minister Cullen.

### **Tsunami Disaster Fund:**

It was proposed by the Mayor and seconded by Councillor Browne-Lane that fund be closed prior to the June meeting of the Board and the proceeds be presented to the Irish Red Cross. It was proposed by Councillor O’Grady and seconded by Councillor Flanagan that a presentation be made at the June meeting.

### **Parking:**

Replying to Councillor O’Grady Mr. Gilmore said issuing of parking tickets at the Shambles continues up to 8 p.m. daily. The time is set in the By-laws.



### **The Shambles:**

The Mayor welcomed Ms. Mary Flynn, Planning Department, Galway County Council to the meeting. Ms. Flynn gave a presentation on how the proposals to develop a market area at the Shambles may be progressed. The Members welcomed the presentation and said there was a long way to go regarding consultation. A number of meetings would be required involving the wider community. The Mayor thanked Ms. Flynn for a wonderful presentation but said it was too early to make any decision tonight.

Mr. Gilmore stated that they were going through the preliminary evaluation stages of the scheme. It was important the views of the owners of premises in the area were sought. Proposals will be brought to future meetings.

### **Notice of Motion:**

Councillor Reilly spoke on his Notice of Motion regarding the provision of a facility to pay parking fines in Tuam. There was unanimous support for the Motion.

Councillor Reilly agreed to withdraw his Notice of Motion and there was unanimous support for the following: "Tuam Town Council request the Management of the new Swimming Pool to interview the Staff of the present Pool with a view to employment".

Councillor Reilly stated he was disappointed – he was of the impression that a motor tax office would be based in the Town Hall. He said it was ludicrous that People had to go to Galway to tax their cars. Mr. Gilmore stated that decentralization of services will be considered in conjunction with new Civic Offices in Tuam. The collection of cash needs a secure office. There was unanimous support for the Motion.

### **Any Other Business:**

Councillor Browne-Lane asked that Road Safety on the N17 be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

It was proposed by Councillor McHugh and seconded by the Mayor that a Civic Reception be held for Galway Under 21 Football Team to honour their All-Ireland win.

Congratulations were extended to the Tuam Acro Club on their recent achievements.

Congratulation was extended to the Tuam No-Name Club on reaching the All-Ireland final.

**Sympathy:**

A vote of Sympathy was passed with the following Families:

Slattery Family, Gilmartin Road on the death of Bridie  
Waldron Family, Bishop Street on the death of Dr. Waldron  
Connaughton Family Belair Drive on the death of Francis  
Murphy Family, Church View on the death of Sarah  
Nichelson Family, Lissavalley on the death of Baby Nichelson  
Noone Family, Cloondarone on the death of Baby Noone

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by,  
Angela Holian,  
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

MAYOR

*M. Kelly*

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