

COMHAIRLE BAILE THUAMA
Tuam Town Council



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30th June, 2010

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 July, 2010 at 7.30 p.m.** (following J.P.C. meeting)
You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise, le meas,

Angela Holan Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

- ✓ **Minutes:** Special Meeting held 24th May, 2010
- ✓ Annual Meeting held 14th June, 2010
- ✓ Ordinary Meeting held 14th June, 2010

✓ **Manager's Business**

✓ **Correspondence**

✓ **Court House**

Tuam Stadium

A. O. B.

Matters arising from the Minutes

Replying to Councillor Warren regarding a clean-up area situated near Mr. James's shop, clean-up will be carried out in the next few weeks. What's happening in this area is unacceptable. In a further question, the clean-up he said that the area and buildings will be better if you put it up and down.

Replying to Councillor Kelly regarding the Town Hall, Councillor Flanagan said that the Town Hall is in a good state and the Council will continue to maintain it.

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday 14th June, 2010

Present: Mayor: Councillor Flanagan

Councillors: T. Reilly, O. Ward, P. Warren, I. Kelly
S. Cunniffe, L. Bane, E. Kitt, M. Loftus.

Officials: Mr. Frank Gilmore, Director of Services
Mr. John Leahy, Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. Enda Gallagher, Town Engineer,
Ms. Angela Holian, Town Clerk

The Prayer was recited.

The minutes of monthly meeting held on Monday, 10th May, 2010 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by Councillor Kitt.

It was agreed to hold the Joint Policing Committee on Monday 5th July, 2010 in the Town Hall at 7 p.m., prior to the ordinary meeting.

Matters arising from the Minutes:

Replying to Councillor Warren regarding a clean-up at Gilmartin Road Mr. Leahy said a clean-up will be carried out in the next few weeks. What is happening in this area is unacceptable. In a follow-on to the clean up he said Officials and Wardens will visit houses for proof of disposal of waste.

Replying to Councillor Kelly regarding the Tuam Leisure Centre Councillor Flanagan said she would contact the County Manager.

Councillor Kelly thanked the Town Manager for the provision of footpaths at Weir Road. She said she hoped the lights would also be attended to.

Regarding the Old Library Building at Shop Street it was agreed to invite Mr. Pat O'Hara, RAPID to the next meeting. The Town Clerk informed the members that Ms. Ann Mallaghan, RAPID Co-ordinator would be unable to attend the meeting.

Replying to Councillor Bane regarding the Tuam Water and Main Drainage Scheme Mr. Gilmore said Coffey's have a contract with Galway County Council. He could not give them an instruction to attend a meeting of the Town Council but he would get updates on progress at intervals. Replying to Councillor Ward he said the Resident Engineer would be available. It was proposed by Councillor Reilly seconded by the Mayor and agreed to invite the Resident Engineer to a meeting. Councillor Loftus asked if Dublin Road could revert to two-way traffic for the duration of the Scheme.

Replying to Councillor Kitt regarding traffic calming at Demesne Mr. Leahy said new footpaths will be constructed in the area in the Autumn and installation of ramps will be considered then.

Replying to Councillor Warren regarding house repairs at a house in Tirboy Mr. Gilmore said repairs would be carried out.

Manager's Business:

Mr. Gilmore told the Members he had no further news regarding the Court House.

Regarding the Ambulance Base he said Galway County Council requested further information regarding planning and this is awaited.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 14th May, 2010 from Castleblayney Town Council – read.

Letter dated 14th May, 2010 from Monaghan Town Council -read.

Letters dated 26th May, 2010 from Deputy Paul Connaughton – read.

Letter from Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland regarding "Democratic Local Government" – to be circulated to the Members.

Tuam Stadium:

Councillor Reilly said he would try and contact the Manager of the Galway Football Board.

Notices of Motion:

(1) Councillor Ward spoke on his motion proposing a preservation order for the Palace Park. Replying Mr. Gilmore stated that the Park is zoned an amenity in the County Development Plan.


(2) Councillor Ward spoke on his motion proposing that the Town Council be acknowledged as part of the governing body of the Palace Park. Mr. Gilmore stated that Galway County Council is the owner of the park. The park wouldn't be the subject of a protection order but would be a matter for Galway County Council as a planning authority. The Tuam Area Committee is the forum to discuss this matter. The Mayor may sit on the Tuam Area Committee and may speak and vote on any matter. Joint meetings of the Electoral Area Committee and the Town Council are held on a regular basis. The Manager said he would arrange a meeting.

The revised edition of the Tuam Area Plan is due to be presented to the Tuam Electoral Area Committee shortly and a presentation can be arranged for the Town Council.

A. O. B.:

Replying to Councillor Kitt regarding the swings at the park Mr. Leahy said they would be re-instated this week.

Replying to Councillor Bane regarding trees Mr. Leahy said funding is limited but he would look. Regarding a "yellow box" at the Ballygaddy Road/Milltown Road junction he said he would investigate following completion of the Tuam Water and Main Drainage Scheme. Regarding Liam Mellows Street he said everybody is entitled to park on a public road. Replying to Councillor Ward Mr. Gilmore said the problems being experienced on match days could be resolved by discussions between the Residents and the Stadium Committee.

 It was proposed by Councillor Reilly seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed that a FAS Scheme be sought for the cemetery in an effort to keep the grass cut and the cemetery maintained.

The Mayor stated that she would like to hold a clinic in the town hall one evening per month. This was agreed to.

It was proposed by Councillor Loftus seconded by Councillor Reilly and agreed that a Civic Reception be accorded to the Special Olympic's winners.

Sympathy:

A vote of sympathy was passed with the following Families:

Lyster Family, Barnaderg on the death of Mary
Canney Family, Dublin Road on the death of Moire
Mullins Family, Knocknagur on the death of Jarlath
Tony Melia, Blackacre on the death of his nephew

Gaming and Lotteries Act, 1956

Mr. Pat Daly requested that he be allowed to address the Board. It was proposed by Councillor Kitt seconded by Councillor Reilly and agreed that Mr. Daly be allowed to address the meeting. It was proposed by Councillor Cunniffe seconded by Councillor Kitt and agreed to suspend Standing Orders on this occasion. On a vote of five members, Councillor Bane, Councillor Cunniffe, Councillor Kitt, Councillor Reilly and Councillor Warren, in favour and four, Councillor Flanagan, Councillor Kelly, Councillor Loftus and Councillor Ward, against Mr. Daly was invited to make his presentation.

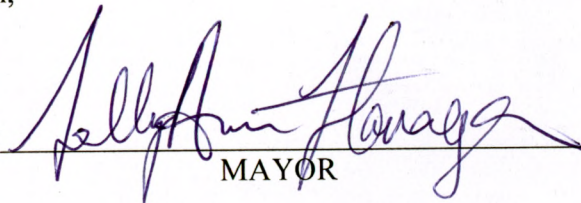
The Manager stated that the meeting, referred to by Mr. Daly, held last week was not an official meeting of Tuam Town Council as a body.

The Mayor stated that no vote had been taken at the unofficial meeting. She said it would be up to a member or members of the Town Council to propose, second and agree to change Part 3 of the Act. It would also have to be advertised in two local newspapers. There was no proposal in relation to the Gaming and Lotteries Act, 1956.

This concluded the meeting

Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY:


MAYOR

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AGENDA

Election of Mayor

Election of Deputy Mayor

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual Meeting held on Monday, 14th June, 2010

Present: Mayor: Councillor Reilly – outgoing

Councillors: O. Ward, P. Warren, I. Kelly, S. Cunniffe,
S. A. Flanagan, L. Bane, E. Kitt, M. Loftus.

Officials:

Mr. Frank Gilmore, Director of Services
Mr. John Leahy, Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. Enda Gallagher, Town Engineer
Ms. Angela Holian, Town Clerk

The Prayer was recited.

Election of Mayor:

The outgoing Mayor thanked everyone for their co-operation during the year. He thanked the Deputy Mayor for deputizing when he was ill. He thanked the Members of the Board, Mr. Frank Gilmore, Director of Services, Mr. John Leahy, Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Enda Gallagher, Town Engineer, and their Staff, the Town Clerk and the Press for their support during the year. During his year as Mayor the contract for the Tuam Town Water Distribution and Main Drainage Scheme was signed and work on this major project has now commenced, also the new area office and library has been officially opened. The Town Council met with the Cocoa Cola Workers on a number of occasions and this matter was resolved to the satisfaction of the workers, problems at Tuam Leisure Centre have also been resolved. He thanked everybody involved.

He said the Town Council had recently held a meeting with West on Track, Western Inter County Railway, Tuam Chamber of Commerce and others interested in pursuing the opening of the Western Rail Corridor. He looked forward to meeting with Minister for Transport, Deputy Noel Dempsey and the opening of the Athenry to Tuam Line.

During the year Civic Receptions had been accorded to Dr. Tony Claffey, Local Historian, Mr. Charles Lynch, C. E. O., Enterprise Board on his retirement, Sr. Angela, Straubing on the 25th anniversary of her first visit to Tuam, and the Presentation Sisters on the occasion of their 175th anniversary in Tuam. He thanked former Councillor Martin Ward and wished him good health.

He then invited nominations for the position of Mayor. It was proposed by Councillor Bane and seconded by Councillor Kelly that Councillor Flanagan be elected to hold the office of Mayor of the Town of Tuam for the coming year. There being no other proposal Councillor Flanagan was elected. Councillor Flanagan took the Chair. She thanked her proposer and seconder. She congratulated the outgoing Mayor on an excellent year. She said she was very proud to be elected Mayor and thanked the Members for electing her. She thanked her Family and friends. She thanked the people who attended the meeting especially Craig Higgins, Patrick, Ronan and Clodagh Carney.

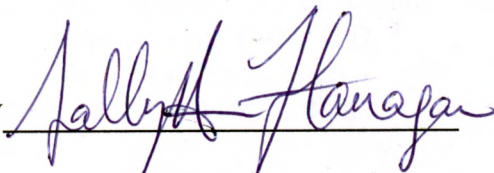
Election of Deputy Mayor:

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

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY



MAYOR

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of special meeting held on Monday 24th May, 2010

Present: Mayor Reilly, Councillor S. A. Flanagan, Councillor O. Ward,
Councillor E. Kitt, Councillor L. Bane, Councillor I. Kelly
Councillor P. Warren, Councillor S. Cunniffe,
Councillor T. McHugh, Mayor of County Galway
Councillor S. Canney
Deputy Michael Kitt, T. D.
Deputy N. Treacy, T. D.

Mr. Colman O Raghallaigh, Spokesman, West on Track
Mr. Martin Cunniffe, West on Track
Councillor Michael McGreal, Chairperson, Western Intercounty
Railway Committee
Councillor Michael Connolly, Vice-chairman, Western Intercounty
Railway Committee
Mr. Neil Sheridan, Recording Secretary, Western Intercounty Railway
Committee
Fr. Micheal McGreil, Secretary, Western Intercounty Railway
Committee
Archbishop Michael Neary,
Ms. Sarah Roarty, C. E. O. Tuam Chamber of Commerce

Apology: Mr. Frank Gilmore, Director of Services
Deputy Noel Dempsey, Minister for Transport
Ms. Martina Maloney, County Manager
Deputy Frank Fahy, T. D.
Mr. Terry Byrne, Sligo
Councillor Mary Loftus

The Prayer was recited.

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

Addressing the meeting Mr. Colman O Raghallaigh, Spokesman, West on Track said West on Track was launched seven years ago and thanked the community of Tuam for their support. Phase 1, Ennis to Galway, of the western rail track was opened on 29th March, 2010. This has been an outstanding success with a high rate of traveler participation. A commitment is now required from Government to begin phase 2, Athenry to Tuam.

Addressing the meeting Fr. Micheal McGreil, Secretary, Western Intercounty Railway Committee said the Western Intercounty Railway Committee was set up 31 years ago to lobby Government to press for the opening of the line from Sligo to Kilclooney. The aims of the committee are to restore the railway network, in the short-term Athenry to Tuam, medium-term Tuam to Claremorris, long-term Claremorris to Sligo and eventually to Derry. He paid tribute to Deputy Seamus Brennan, R.I.P. who instructed C. I. E. to carry out a feasibility study on the project and saved the tracks.

Councillor Michael McGreal, Chairperson, Western Intercounty Railway Committee said a commitment was made in 2006 to have railway line opened in Tuam in 2011. He thanked Deputy Kitt and Deputy Treacy for their support and complimented the Mayor on calling the meeting.

All present welcomed the recent opening of Phase I (Ennis to Galway) of the Western Rail corridor and noted that it is proving itself to be most successful. They reiterated the need to progress Phase II (Athenry to Tuam). They said this would be even more successful and the line could be upgraded at very little cost.

It was noted that the Minister for Transport Deputy Noel Dempsey, T. D. has been requested to meet a deputation regarding progressing Phase II (Athenry to Tuam) of the Western Rail Corridor. It was noted that Tuam Station will be 150 years in operation on 27th September, 2010. It was also noted that Tuam will be celebrating 150 year of Local Government in 2013.

It was agreed to write to Mr. Noel Dempsey, Minister for Transport, Mr. Richard Fearn, C. E. O., Iarnrod Eireann, Dr. John J. Lynch, Chairman, C. I. E. Group, Mr. Brian Lenihan, Minister for Finance and Mr. Eamon O'Cuiv, Minister for Social Protection.

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY: _____
MAYOR

Meeting held on 8/6/10.

8 Town Councillors present
Apologies: Cllr. Pete Warren.

Discussion on Bye Law took place

A number of councillors were contacted by people opposing the adoption of bye law.

Mr. Steve Kane - Principal St. Pats Primary School.

Mr. Aidan Burke - Chairperson
Tram Education Centre.

It was agreed by the members that no proposal was being made.

The meeting ended by the Mayor thanking the promoter Mr. Daly and the concerned traders.

COMHAIRLE BAILE THUAMA
Meeting held on 28.4.10.

Mr. Pat Daly and Mr. Dwayne Higgins
made a presentation to Tuam Town
Council Re: Adoption of the Part 3
of the Gaming & Lotteries Act 1956.

8 town councillors present.

Meeting held on 5/5/10.

Deputation from Traders of Chapel Lane
opposing the change of Part 3 of
the Gaming and Lotteries Act 1956.

Mr. John Joyce, Mr. Seán Winkielich
Mr. Pat Dempsey, Mr. Pat Dempsey/Jr

8 town councillors present.

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AGENDA

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Notices of Motion: Councillor Ward:

(1) I propose that a preservation order be activated to protect the town's public area known as the Palace Park.

(2) I propose that the local town council known as Tuam Town Council be acknowledged as part of the governing body in respect of the Palace Park. This motion supports the rights of the community to have control of their own local park area. This motion will not ignore the Galway County Councils present responsibility as caretakers, but will allow the future and existing town councils to act in the interests of the public as a community group.

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday 10th May, 2010

Present:

Mayor: Councillor Reilly

Councillors: P. Warren, L. Bane, S. A. Flanagan, I. Kelly
S. Cunniffe, M. Loftus, E. Kitt

Officials:

Mr. Frank Gilmore, Director of Services
Mr. John Leahy, Senior Executive Engineer
Ms. Angela Holian, Town Clerk

The Prayer was recited.

The minutes of monthly meeting held on Monday, 12th April, 2010 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Warren seconded by Councillor Kitt.

Matters arising from the Minutes:

It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Kitt and agreed to hold the meeting regarding the Western Rail Corridor on Monday 24th May, 2010 at 7.30 p.m. in the Town Hall. It was proposed by Councillor Flanagan, seconded by Councillor Loftus and agreed to invite Mr. Noel Dempsey, T. D., Minister for Transport to the meeting.

Regarding the Tuam Leisure Centre Councillor Flanagan told the Members that she had been informed by Ms. M. Maloney, County Manager that Galway County Council had met with the Operators of the Leisure Centre.

Replying to the Members regarding the Gilmartin Road area Mr. Gilmore said all houses owned by Tuam Town Council and Galway County Council have been boarded up. Action will be taken regarding other abandoned houses. A Clean-up of the area will be organized very quickly. The co-operation of the Residents and the Public is required. Replying to Councillor Warren regarding the installation of a C.C.T.V. camera he said this would be considered. Discussions are taking place with the Department of the Environment regarding a remedial scheme for the area. The Members welcomed the boarding –up of empty houses.

Replying to Councillor Warren regarding vacant houses at Parkmore Estate Mr. Gilmore said a contractor has been appointed to refurbish these. Replying to Councillor Kelly regarding a recently erected picnic bench at the entrance to Parkmore Estate and the ensuing litter problems he said this would be investigated. The Mayor stated that the area is due to be cleaned in the morning.

Replying to Councillor Flanagan regarding the Old Library Building at Shop Street Mr. Gilmore advised that the interested parties submit proposals to Galway County Council.

It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed to write to the Transition Year Students, Presentation College and compliment them on the re-enhancement project at Bishop Street.

Replying to Councillor Cunniffe regarding 'trial trenching' Mr. Gilmore said work is being carried out at night in order to disrupt traffic as little as possible. Replying to Councillor Bane he said the Engineer in charge of the Tuam Water and Main Drainage Scheme would attend meetings of the Board occasionally.

Regarding Tuam Stadium the Mayor told the Members that the Manager of the Galway Football Board will come to a meeting of the Town Council.

It was proposed by Councillor Flanagan, seconded by the Mayor and agreed to invite Ms. Ann Mallaghan, RAPID Co-ordinator to a meeting.

Regarding the **Court House** Mr. Gilmore told the Members the Courts Service hope to be gone from the Town Hall in June.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 16th April, 2010 from Irish Wheelchair Association – read.

Letter dated 16th April, 2010 from Tuam Fairtrade Action Committee -read.

Letters dated 16th April, 2010 from Mullingar Town Council – read.

Letter dated 22nd April, 2010 from Mr. Noel Treacy, T. D. together with letter from Mr. John Gormally, T. D., Minister for the Environment, H. and Local Government – read.

Letter dated 27th April, 2010 from Environment Section, Galway County Council re; I.B.A.I.-Anti-litter League 2010 – read.

Letter dated 5th May, 2010 from Mr. M. Kitt, T. D., together with letter dated 30th April, 2010 from Mr. John Gormley, T. D., Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local government – read.

Letter dated 19th April, 2010 from Mr. Marty Clare, Co-ordinator, Youth Work Ireland, Tuam - -Students to attend the June meeting of the Board.

Letter dated 25th March, 2010 from Fisheries Ireland – noted.

Letter dated 4th May, 2010 from JFC Manufacturing Co. Ltd. –noted.

Notice of 97th Annual conference of Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland - It was proposed by Councillor Kitt, seconded by Councillor Warren and agreed that the Mayor and Deputy Mayor attend.

Notice of Tarbert Community Care Conference – noted.

Filling of Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor Kitt and seconded by Councillor Warren that Mr. Owen Ward be appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Councillor Martin Ward. The Mayor and Members welcomed Councillor Ward to the Board of Tuam Town Council. Councillor Ward thanked the Members, he wished Martin Ward good health in the future and said he hoped to work hard on behalf of the People of Tuam.

Gaming and Lotteries Act, 1956

Letter dated 27th April, 2010 from Chapel Lane & Egans Lane Traders was read. (Letter dated 20th April, 2010 from Mr. Pat Daly had been circulated to the members). The Mayor stated that the Board had met with Mr. Daly on 28th April, 2010 and with the Chapel Lane & Egans Lane Traders on 5th May, 2010 and proposed that discussion be deferred to the June meeting. The Manager referred to letter dated 8th April, 2010 from the Law Agent and said Part 3 of the above act had been adopted in 1959 and rescinded in 1979. Nobody can make an application at the moment. Replying to Councillor Loftus he said it would be up to a Member or Members of the Town Council to propose, second and agree to change Part 3 of the Act. It would also have to be advertised in two local newspapers. It was proposed by Councillor Kitt, seconded by Councillor Bane and agreed to hold a meeting at 6.45 p.m. on 24th May, 2010 (prior to meeting regarding W.R.C.), to discuss the matter further.

Contribution to the Arts:

It was proposed by Councillor Warren, seconded by Councillor Bane and agreed to allocate E375-00 each to Ace Gymnastics Club & Ace High Cheerleading Squad, Tuam Fairtrade Action Committee, Bishop Street project, Transition Year Class, Presentation College, Tuam and Irish United Nations Veterans Association Memorial project.

It was agreed to hold the **Annual Meeting** on Monday 14th June, 2010.

A. O. B.:

Councillor Kitt asked if ramps could be installed at Demesne Cottages. He also asked if something could be done about wandering dogs in the park.

Replying to Councillor Warren regarding ramps at the Dublin Road Estate Mr. Leahy said he would investigate. He also agreed to check regarding lighting at Athenry Road and Tubberjarlath Road.

Councillor Loftus asked if something could be done to stem the flow of people leaving Tuam to shop in other towns. She proposed that the Board invite Mr. John Stapleton, President, Tuam Chamber of Commerce to a meeting. The proposal was seconded by the Mayor. Replying to the Members Mr. Gilmore said Galway County Council had granted planning permission for several developments in Tuam but have been frustrated by An Board Planala, An Board Planala can overrule the County Council. Galway County Council had offered land to a developer in an effort to try and stimulate the Tirboy Area but the developer has now dropped his plans. He welcomed the recent granting of planning permission to Mr. O'Toole. Regarding the proposed development at Milltown Road the Mayor stated that An Board Planala had extended the decision making date to the end of May.

Sympathy:

A vote of sympathy was passed with the following Families:

McCormack Family, Corofin on the death of Frank
Farragher Family, Ballygaddy Road on the death of Maureen
Keane Family, Athenry Road on the death of Annie
Forde Family, Carrowmoneen on the death of Ollie
Lohan Family, Galway Road on the death of Jarlath
Comer Family, Dunmore on the death of Kitty

This concluded the meeting

Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY: Tom Reilly
MAYOR

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- [GA] Adoption of this Part by local authority. **13.—(1)** A local authority may by resolution adopt this Part in respect of the whole or a specified part of its administrative area and may by resolution rescind such adoption.
- [GA] (2) For the purpose of this section the administrative area of the council of a county shall not include any borough, urban district or town.
- [GA] (3) A resolution shall not have effect unless not less than one month's notice of the intention to propose it has been given in writing to every member of the local authority and has been published by advertisement in at least two newspapers circulating in the area to which the proposal relates.
- [GA] (4) A local authority on passing a resolution shall cause notice of the fact to be published in at least two newspapers circulating in the area to which the resolution relates and shall as soon as may be send a copy of the resolution to the Minister.
- [GA] (5) Evidence of the passing of a resolution may be given by the production of a copy of a newspaper containing the notice or by the production of a certificate to that effect purporting to be under the seal of the local authority.

Mrs. M. J. O'Connell

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08 April 2010

Housing and Emergency Services
FAO: Frank Gilmore



Re: Tuam Town Council Gaming and Lottery Act 1956

A Chara,

In reply to your letter dated 31st March last, I enclose an extract from part 3 of the Gaming and Lottery Act 1956. Where this part has been adopted, applications can be made to the District Court for the issue of a licence permitting Gaming at an amusement hall or funfair. Where the Act has not been adopted, or where, as appears to be the case in Tuam it had been adopted but was subsequently rescinded, Part 3 then does not apply, and no application can be made therefore for a Licence under the Act.

The correct response to their letter would be that the Councils Records show that The Town Council (then the Commissioners) resolved to rescind part 3 of the Gaming and Lottery Act 1956.

As a matter of interest I located on my file the minutes of a County Council meeting on the 23rd February 1957. During that meeting the Council did adopt Part 3 of the Gaming and Lottery Act 1956 in respect of County Galway excluding the towns of Loughrea and Tuam. It appears from the minutes attached to your letter that the town of Tuam adopted Part 3 of the Act in 1959.

If you require anything further please let me know.

Mise, le meas,

Vivian Raine
Law Agent

Ext. No 219

Angela
for 470
12/4/10

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Filling of Vacancy

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Court House

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Civic Reception – Mr. Charles Lynch
Dr. Tony Claffey

Set date for Annual Meeting

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday 12th April, 2010

Present: **Mayor:** Councillor Reilly

Councillors: M. Ward, P. Warren, I. Kelly, L. Bane,
E. Kitt, S. A. Flanagan, S. Cunniffe,

Officials: Mr. Frank Gilmore, Director of Services
Mr. John Leahy, Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. Enda Gallagher, Town Engineer
Ms. Angela Holian, Town Clerk

The Prayer was recited.

The minutes of monthly meeting held on Monday, 1st March, 2010 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Kelly seconded by Councillor Ward.

The Mayor proposed a vote of sympathy with the Polish People on the death of President Lech Kaczynski and the 96 other victims of the plane crash in Russia. A book of condolences was opened and same will be available to sign at the Area Office, High Street during office hours. A vote of sympathy was also passed with the Families of Margaret Morley, St. Enda's Ave and John Lardner, Bodane. 1 minutes silence was observed as a mark of respect to the deceased.

The Mayor welcomed Mr. Enda Gallagher, Town Engineer to the meeting and introduced him to the Members.

Matters arising from the Minutes:

Councillor Warren thanked the Mr. Leahy for the work carried out on the trees and footpaths at Athenry Road.

Replying to Councillor Warren regarding the Tuam Water and Main Drainage Scheme Mr. Leahy stated that 'Trial Trenching' would begin at High Street next week. Councillor Flanagan stated that she attended the information evening in the Town Hall on 25th March and the starting date seems to be late May or early June. Replying to Councillor Bane Mr. Gilmore said the Water and Main Drainage Scheme is a large complex contract, the delay in starting while regrettable, is totally outside the control of Galway County Council. Replying to Councillor Cunniffe he said the Traffic Management Plan is a matter for the contractors, when available Galway County Council will advertise for road closure, every effort will be made to accommodate Business People and keep disruption to a minimum.

Replying to Councillor Kitt regarding the Weir Road Mr. Leahy said some repairs had been carried out this week. Work on the Water and Main Drainage Scheme would be starting at the Weir Road in June. Replying to Councillor Kelly regarding lights and footpaths Mr. Gilmore said lights and footpaths will be done as part of the road restoration programme.

Regarding the Western Rail Corridor Councillor Kitt told the Members he had attended the opening of the Ennis to Galway Line. He had spoken to the Minister for Transport and impressed upon him the concerns of the Town Council and the need to extend the Line to Tuam. The Mayor stated that he also attended the opening and spoke to the Minister. Regarding a deputation to the Minister for Transport it was proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Ward and agreed to write to Councillor Tom McHugh, Mayor of the County and Chairman of the Deputation Organising Committee. It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Kitt and agreed to invite Colm O'Raghallaig, Fr. McGrael, Elected Representatives and others involved in the W.R.C. to a meeting of the Board.

Regarding the Tuam Leisure Centre Councillor Flanagan stated that the Public meeting had been held in the Town Hall on 8th March, 2010, Minutes attached. An Action Committee was formed, consisting of Public Representatives and Members of the Public. The Action Committee met with Ms. Martina Maloney, County Manager and Mr. Kevin Kelly, Director of Services on the 8th April, 2010.

Replying to Councillor Flanagan regarding the chains at the square Mr. Leahy said he would have information for the next meeting.

Regarding Urban District Status Councillor Flanagan told the Members that the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland is carrying out a study of other Countries and other projects. A report will be issued.

Replying to Councillor Bane regarding Pedestrian Crossing at the Railway Kitchen and Councillor Flanagan regarding Pedestrian Crossing at Galway Road the Town Engineer said this would be considered when the Water and main Drainage Scheme is completed. Replying to Councillor Warren who asked if a "Lollypop Person" could be provided at school times Mr. Leahy said the school warden service is operated by the schools.

Replying to Councillor Kitt regarding the swings for toddlers at the Palace Grounds the Town Engineer said faults had been discovered and they would be repaired or replaced.

Replying to the Members regarding the Courts Service Mr. Gilmore said latest information is that the Courts Service will move out of the Town Hall on 1st May, 2010. Regarding the Ambulance Base he said this is still at the planning permission stage.

It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Kitt and agreed that a civic reception be accorded to Mr. Charles Lynch, Galway Enterprise Board on his retirement.

Manager's Business:

The Manager welcomed Mr. Enda Gallagher as Town Engineer. Replying to the Members he said the Library would be moving to the new building shortly. Mr. Gilmore informed the Members that work is still underway assessing the tenders for the M17 which should be awarded in October, 2010. He said E20M will be spent on land acquisition this year.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 3rd March, 2010 from South Tipperary County Council – read.

Letter dated 25th March, 2010 from Sr. Patricia Fahy, Secretary, Fairtrade Action Committee. It was agreed to advertise and invite applications from organizations in the town who wish to be considered for funding under the "contribution to the arts" scheme.

Letters dated 23rd and 26th March, 2010 from Mr. Michael P. Kitt, T. D. – read.

Letter dated 23rd March, 2010 from Mr. Noel Treacy, T. D. – read.

Letter dated 25th March, 2010 from Mr. Paul Connaughton, T. D. – read.

Letter dated 12th April, 2010 from Mr. Tommy Gavin, Irish United Nations Veterans Association – to be discussed later.

Notice of Seminar for Councillors – Patrick Punch Hotel, Limerick on 28th & 29th May, 2010.

Transition Year Class from Presentation College:

The Mayor welcomed Stephanie Higgins and Andrea Burke from the Transition Year Class, Presentation College, Tuam. The girls outlined their plans to clean up Bishop Street, planting of flowers, painting of murals and a sculpture of a donkey to be erected at the bridge adjacent to the entrance to Parkview Drive. Replying to the girls regarding a contribution from the Town Council the Mayor stated that they should apply to an advertisement inviting applications from groups/organisations in the town for funding which will be in the Tuam Herald shortly.

A. O. B.:

Replying to Councillor Warren and other Members regarding illegal dumping at Gilmartin Road Mr. Gilmore said Galway County Council is dealing with the matter – the Environmental Unit visited the area, Section 7 notices have been issued. If necessary covert filming will be used to catch those responsible. The co-operation of the People of Gilmartin Road in reporting People who are dumping rubbish in the area is vital, if the information is provided Galway County Council will act. Vacant houses will be boarded up. Clearing of the area will have to be done mechanically. He had met with officials from the Department of the Environment regarding funding for the refurbishment of the Gilmartin Road area. Replying to Councillor Kelly regarding an unoccupied house at Galway Road he said the Community Wardens should be contacted.

Councillor Bane raised the issue of the status of Tuam Stadium. He asked if the Town Council could help the Stadium Committee to secure more matches for Tuam. It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Flanagan and agreed to write to the Manager of the Galway Football Board.

The Mayor, Manager and Members paid tribute to Councillor Ward who, for health concerns, is retiring having spent eleven years as a Town Councillor and been Mayor on two occasions. They thanked Councillor Ward for his contribution to Tuam and wished him and his family all the best going forward.

This concluded the meeting

Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY: Tom Reilly

MAYOR

Public Meeting March 8th 2010, Tuam Town Hall

Attendance:

Tuam Town Council: Cllr. Sally-Ann Flanagan, Cllr. Imelda Kelly, Cllr. Shaun Cunniffe, Cllr. Peter Warren, Cllr. Larry Bane, and Cllr. Eamonn Kitt

County Councillors: Cllr's. Sean Canney, Michael Connolly, Mary Hoade and Colm Keavney.

Apologies: Cllr's Tom Reilly and Peter Roache

No representative from Kingfisher or Galway County Council

Access to Tuam swimming pool by the public

- Opening hours are not suiting the public.
- During the public hours of 8pm-10pm, classes are being held (aqua aerobics). Shallow end of the pool is not accessible.
- During the public hours of 4pm-7pm, swimming lessons are taking place. Access only to the deep end of the pool.
- Children are unable to access the swimming pool and therefore cannot practise swimming lengths. This is the basic requirement for becoming a member of Tuam Swimming Club.
- Due to the new public hours, Tuam as a town is losing out on business as people from the hinterland are unable to avail to the facility.
- Foreign students who are attending school in Tuam that used to swim daily are now unable to use the pool as the hours do not suit them; also, the previous operators had a three monthly subscription available to them.
- The Special Olympics Committee hire the pool for training on a Saturday morning for one hour. All volunteers must be Garda vetted, however, during this hour the public have access as advertised.

Health and safety

- When cleaning is taking place, cables are visible going through the showers.
- The public expressed their concern over the way the pool is being cleaned. Dirty water is being hosed from one area to another.
- People who have used the pool in the mornings commented on the changing areas and water having not been cleaned, plasters and chewing gum stuck to the floor.
- Those with special needs are unable to use the pool as the hoists are not working.

General complaints from the public

- Swimming lessons for children are now overcrowded and very little individual attention been given. Times slots are now shorter and it is like a conveyor belt with children rushing in and out of the pool.
- Showers are not working at times.
- No keys for over 200 of the lockers.

- No proper complaints procedure active. There has been no follow up to complaints already made by the public to Kingfisher directly.
- A number of people have had to leave the pool as the water was either too hot or too cold.
- Swimming pool has been closed on a number of occasions due to the temperature of the water.

It was proposed that an action committee would be formed consisting of members of the public and public representatives. This committee would seek a meeting with the Manager of Galway County Council as a matter of urgency.

Committee members

Cllr. Sally-Ann Flanagan (Chairperson), Cllr's Sean Canney, Michael Connolly, Colm Keavney, Shaun Cunniffe, and Larry Bane.

Helen Kealy, Roisin Walsh, Michael McGrath, Owen Ward and Dennis Hannon.

Sub: Cllr Imelda Kelly

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25 Tirboy Rd
Tuam.
Co. Galway

To whom it may concern:-

I, Owen Ward of the
address above, accept the nomination from
Cllr Martin Ward the Independent Candidate
his second, in the event of a vacancy
becoming available, during Cllr Ward's term
of local office.

Yours Faithfully
Owen Ward.

Recd
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COMHAIRLE BAILE THUAMA
Tuam Town Council



Cleireach an Bhaile,
Halla an Bhaile,
Tuaim, Co. na Gaillimhe.

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Our Ref:

Your Ref:

7th April, 2010

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, 12th April, 2010 at 7.00 p.m. You are hereby
summoned to attend.

Mise, le meas,

Angela Holian Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Minutes

Manager's Business

Correspondence

Transition Year Class of Presentation College

A. O. B.

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday 1st March, 2010

Present: **Mayor: Councillor Reilly**

**Councillors: M. Ward, P. Warren, L Bane, I. Kelly,
S. A. Flanagan, E. Kitt, S. Cunniffe, M. Loftus**

Officials: **Mr. Frank Gilmore, Director of Services
Mr. John Leahy, Town Engineer
Ms. Angela Holian, Town Clerk**

The Prayer was recited.

The minutes of monthly meeting held on Monday, 1st February, 2010 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Warren seconded by Councillor Kitt.

Matters arising from the Minutes:

Councillor Kelly thanked the Town Engineer for the work carried out at Milltown Road, Tullinadaly Road and Dublin Road.

Replying to Councillor Warren who said charges at the Civic Amenity Site will lead to more illegal dumping the Town Engineer said he would have details of the charges at the next meeting. The Town Manager said there were costs involved in running the site also the market for recycled material has dropped. It was agreed to discuss the matter further at the next meeting.

Replying to Councillor Flanagan regarding the Western Rail Corridor the Mayor said a decision from the Minister for Transport is expected in the next month. He said he is still waiting for a date for a meeting. Councillor Kitt stated that the Ennis to Galway line will be opened on 29th March, 2010. He expressed the hope that funding will be available to continue the line to Tuam and Claremorris as this would be of major benefit to Tuam.

Replying to Councillor Warren regarding the Water Distribution and main Drainage Scheme Mr. Gilmore said a commencement order is expected in the next few days. Public Consultation with the Town Council and the People of Tuam will take place within the next two weeks.

Replying to Councillor Kelly regarding lights at Weir Road Mr. Gilmore said he would have information for the next meeting. He would also talk to Coffey Contractors. It was proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by the Mayor and agreed that lights and footpaths be provided at Weir Road.

Councillor Flanagan asked if something could be done to the chains at the square to make them more visible.

Replying to Councillor Kitt the Town Engineer said he would investigate regarding the removal of the swings for toddlers at the Palace Grounds.

Manager's Business:

Mr. Gilmore told the Members that the Courts Service will move out of the Town Hall on 1st May, 2010.

Regarding the Ambulance Base Mr. Gilmore said a decision on planning permission is due on 8th March.

Regarding the Tuam Leisure Centre letter dated 1st March, 2010 from Mr. Kevin Kelly, Director of Services, Galway County Council was read. Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor Bane, seconded by Councillor Cunniffe and agreed to call a Public Meeting to be held in the Town Hall on Monday 8th March, 2010.

The Town Engineer informed the Members that a full allocation of E144,000-00 had been sanctioned for footpaths. This would be spent on locations agreed by the Board at meeting held on 10th December, 2009. Work will commence after Easter. The Members welcomed the allocation.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 25th January, 2010 from Mayor of Straubing, Markus Pannermayr – read.

Letter dated 29th January, 2010 from Institute of Public Administration re: seminar for newly elected members of former Town Commissions. (circulate to Members)

Letter dated 16th February, 2010 from National Parks and Wildlife Service, Dept. of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government – read.

Letter dated 15th February, 2010 from Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd. It was proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Kitt and agreed that the Mayor represent the Town Council at the A.G.M. of Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.

Letter dated 11th February, 2010 Local Government Policy Section, Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government – read.

Letter dated 16th February, 2010 from Nuclear Free Local Authorities Secretariat – read.

Letter dated 16th February, 2010 from Mr. D. P. Morrin, Secretary, Tuam Chamber of Commerce re: St. Patrick's Day – noted.

Letter dated 18th February, 2010 from Tullamore Town Council – read.

Letter dated 18th February, 2010 from Tuam Fairtrade Committee. Tuam has been accredited with Fairtrade Town, official presentation at the Synod Hall on Thursday 4th March, 2010 at 11 a.m.

Invitation from Tuam Youth Theatre to Launch of upcoming production in Ard Ri House Hotel on Thursday 4th March, 2010 at 8 p.m.

Tuam Person of the Year

It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Ward and agreed that the names as proposed by the sub-committee be awarded under the different headings. The Mayor thanked the sub-committee and announced that Ms. Della Dolan had been selected Tuam Person of the Year for 2009, Tuam Swimming Club were selected "Group of the Year", Ms. Sorocha O'Rourke was selected "Young Person of the Year". A special award for "songs from a broken wheel" would be presented to Mr. Dan Trayers and Mr. Kenny Ralph. It was proposed by Councillor Flanagan, seconded by the Mayor and agreed to hold the awards function in the Corralea Court Hotel on 29th March, 2010.

Annual Financial Statement:

Mr. Gilmore introduced the Annual Financial Statement for the year ended 31st December, 2009. In the Capital Account there was a credit balance of E125,884-00. Revenue Expenditure for the year was E231,128-00 while receipts were E302,322-00 bringing the credit balance to E415,990-00. The Annual Financial Statement for year ended 31st December, 2009, together with over expenditures, was approved on the proposal of the Mayor seconded by Councillor Kitt.

Urban District Council Status:

Replying to Councillor Bane Mr. Gilmore said a review of Local Authorities is planned, all former U.D.C.'s have lost some of their former powers. Shared services is very much on the agenda going forward. Councillor Flanagan stated that this matter is on the agenda for the next executive meeting of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland to be held on 27th March, 2010. It was proposed by Councillor Bane, seconded by the Mayor and agreed to write to the local T. D.'s. It was agreed to keep the matter on the agenda.

A. O. B.:

Replying to Councillor Bane who asked if a pedestrian crossing could be located adjacent to the Railway Kitchen Mr. Leahy said following a previous application a pedestrian crossing had been provided near the housing estate, he will make another application when an opportunity becomes available. Replying to Councillor Flanagan regarding a pedestrian crossing on the Galway Road he said he would investigate.

Replying to Councillor Warren who asked if the Town Council would contribute towards the maintenance of a memorial garden for U.N. Soldiers the Mayor advised that an application for funding to the Town Council should be made in writing.

Letter dated 10th February, 2010 from Councillor Ward indicating his intention to resign from the Board of Tuam Town Council because of health reasons was read. Councillor Ward said he would resign following the April meeting.

Sympathy:

A vote of sympathy was passed with the following:

McHugh Family, Ballinastack on the death of Caroline
Lynch Family, College Green on the death of Michael
Mullins Family, Dangan on the death of Donnie

This concluded the meeting

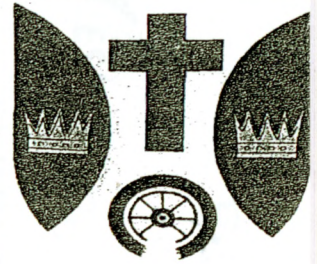
Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY: Tom Reilly

MAYOR

Councillor Martin Ward

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10/02/10

Dear Mayor

I wish to inform you and my fellow Cllrs that due to Health Reasons I will be Vacating my seat on Tuam Town Council. I am currently on sick leave and I strongly believe that to be an effective Councilor I would have to be in a position to give the required representation one hundred per cent. I am not in that position at present due to health reasons.

I wish to thank the manager Frank Gilmore, the Town Clerk Angela Holian and you Mayor and my fellow councilors for your support over the years. I would also like to express my sincere thanks to the local media for the positive coverage on various issues over the 10 years.

Yours sincerely
Martin Ward
Cllr Martin Ward

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Symbolism of the Arms of Tuam

The Latin cross is a reminder of Tuam's ecclesiastical importance. Twin flanches in green represent the two shoulders or hills of Tuam as in its ancient name "Tuam d'Ghuafann". The broken wheel recalls the legend of the founding monastic of Tuam by St Jarlath at the place where his chariot wheel broke. The two crowns recall the 12th High King of Ireland, Turlough and Roderic O' Connor, who resided in Tuam. The motto "Tuath Thuama go Baun" means long live the people of Tuam

Funding



Funding is supported by the EU through the Department of Justice, equality and Law Reform

Management of the Project

The project is supported by a local committee. This committee comprises of representatives from the local community, Youth Work Ireland, Galway, the local Gardaí, the HSE, Probation & Welfare Services and local national and secondary schools

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Galway

Treo Nua Project

*A Garda Youth Diversion
Project*

A partnership Project between
Youth Work Ireland, Galway
and
An Garda Síochána

What is the Youth Diversion Project?

It is a community based project which involves young people in developing themselves as part of their community. It is part of a network of Garda Diversion Projects to divert young people away from possible involvement in anti-social behaviour

Who participates in the project?

The primary source of referrals of young people onto the project is through the Garda Juvenile Diversion Programme.

The purpose of the project is:

- To offer interventions to young people who are involved or who are at risk of becoming involved in
 - Crime
 - Drug and substance misuse
 - Vandalism
 - Anti-social behaviour
- To target alienated young people outlined above
- To provide support in the form of individual one-to-one work and group work

Age of Participants?

The optimum age for participants in the Garda Youth Diversion Project is 12 - 17 years

Young people who are referred to the project will get involved in different programmes and activities. These may be based on one to one work with the Project Worker or in a group setting. All of the activities aim to address behavioural change. The activities will reflect the interests of participants as much as possible.

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Galway

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19th October 2009

Dear Councillor,

Youth Work Ireland Galway are a voluntary youth service that work to promote the personal and social development of young people through engaging programmes and activities. The organisation has a base in the Old Mercy Junior School in Tuam which houses the Treo Nua Garda Youth Diversion Project and the Tuam Youth Project. These projects work directly with the young people of Tuam in order to support their development.

With the onset of Halloween, the project are currently putting plans together to host a fun filled evening for young people in secondary school. We are planning to open the drop in facility 'The Den' from 7pm to 12am and host a number of activities such as games, show movies and have food. As a youth organisation we are concerned about the sometimes dangerous activities that can occur over the halloween holiday, particular halloween night and we believe this event will provide an alternative to the youth of the town. We would welcome your support for this initiative.

The Den currently opens on a Tuesday evening from 4pm to 6pm for 1st to 3rd years and on Thursday's from 6pm to 8pm. It caters for the interests of young people through the provision of a 'hang out' space, internet access, various games and activities such as PS2 and the Wii, Pool table and fuzzi ball table. Young people are more than welcome to avail of these services at these times.

In relation to Halloween, we are writing to ask if the Tuam Town Council have ever considered the organising of a Tuam Halloween Bonfire. This we believe would be held in a centralised location which would be controlled and managed by qualified members of the council, fire brigade and Gardai with support from other concerned parents and volunteers. This would be a wonderful way for the community to come together and celebrate this occasion whilst also putting out a positive proactive image of Tuam and its Council. In hosting such an event it would deter activity taking place within estates which can often cause concern, particularly to the elderly, animals and some families in our community, and also can create damage to public areas.

Initiatives like this have being organised in Galway City and other communities and proven to be a wonderful success. In conjunction with the event being held in the Old Junior School by Youth Work Ireland Galway Tuam we believe this would really make Tuam the place to be this Halloween! We are more than willing to get involved in organising this event and look forward to your response!

Thanking you,

Mairéad Ní Laoi
Treo Nua Project Co-ordinator

Pat O'Sullivan
Tuam Youth Project Co-ordinator

Marty Clare
Youth Justice Worker

Directors of Youth Work Ireland, Galway: Saima Khalid, Irene Murphy, Gerdine Costello, Mary Halpin, Kathy O'Malley, Bernie Harrigan, Michelle McDonnell, Ciara Bradley, Kieran O'Malley, Cathriona Newell.

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Participants in the Garda
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is 12 - 17 years

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9th November, 2009

Mairead Ni Laoi,
Pat O'Sullivan,
Marty Clare
Tuam Youth Centre,
Old Junior School,
Dublin Road,
Tuam.

A Chairde,

I refer to your letter dated 19th October, 2009 which was read at the monthly meeting of Tuam Town Council on 2nd November, 2009. Unfortunately your letter was too late for Halloween but Tuam Town Council fully supports your work with young people. I was instructed to write to you and invite you to the December meeting of the Board. The December meeting takes place on Monday 7th December, 2009 at 7 pm in the Town Hall. Will you please let me know if it is convenient for you to attend on that night. Phone 093-24246.

Mise, le meas,

Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

Informed Mairead Ni Laoi they will now meet in Feb.

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Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council

1st March 2010

**Mr. Frank Gilmore,
Director of Services,
Housing, Fire &
Emergency Services Unit
Roads & Transportation Unit**

Re: Tuam Leisure Centre

Dear Frank,

I refer to the above and previous correspondence including my letter to the elected Members of Tuam Town Council and the County Council's Electoral Area Committee on 9th December 2009.

I set out in that letter the overall position, the issues raised and the resultant changes to the operation of the facility.

While the original tender proposal ensured more overall opening hours per week than previously in place (an increase of 5½ hours per week) and reduced access fees for both pay-as-you-go and membership visitors, other areas were the subject of some discussion. Examples of reduced prices include adult swim, child swim, family swim and the cost of membership. The operators Kingfisher in response to issues raised reduced the fee for school's access, moved the public hours as requested (from 2.00 – 4.00pm to 3.00 – 5.00pm to 4.00 – 6.00pm), provided public access to the gym and included a swim and gym combined access fee.

Following these changes the main issue raised was the timing of the pay as you go session in the evening with some suggesting that the period from 4.00 – 6.00pm was too early. Following the raising of the matter with Kingfisher they agreed to extend the afternoon session from 4.00 – 6.00pm to 4.00 – 7.00pm thereby giving an extra hour each day and it was understood that this would be considered reasonable. It should be borne in mind that when the nighttime public access session from 8.00 –

10.00pm is taken into account 5 hours public access are provided between 4.00pm and 10.00pm each weekday.

The public access on a pay as you go basis in the swimming pool is now 7 hours per day Monday to Friday and 5 hours per day on a Saturday and Sunday giving a total of 45 hours per week. The timing of these hours were agreed in order to give a range of attendance options between morning, afternoon and evening.

It should be noted that the public can also use the pool at other times not included above while not being a member such as during the periods dedicated exclusively for swimming lessons and aquafit sessions in which the public can participate without being a member. There have always been membership options available in Tuam Leisure Centre so membership is not new and extensive participation at the facility is available without being a member.

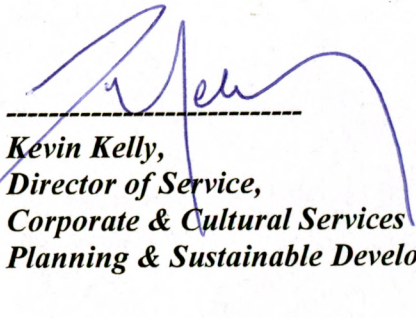
I can confirm that the revised arrangements including the additional hour from 6.00 – 7.00pm have been incorporated into the revised timetable for the centre and are now in place.

Following the last meeting with a deputation from Tuam Town Council it was necessary to await the recent County Council meeting before making any further adjustments as the swimming pool was an item on the Council Agenda and it was necessary to ensure that all matters raised would be considered before making further adjustments and communicating these to the Members.

I understand that there are currently 1,400 children receiving lessons each week at the facility with strong pay as you go usage, keen interest in membership and good attendance at classes.

I trust that the above will be useful in clarifying the position to the Members of Tuam Town Council at their next meeting.

Yours sincerely,



Kevin Kelly,
Director of Service,
Corporate & Cultural Services
Planning & Sustainable Development

ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS OF TUAM TOWN COUNCIL
FINANCIAL YEAR 2009

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT	TOTAL	EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT	TOTAL

COMHAIRLE BAILE THUMA

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOR THE

YEAR ENDED ON THE

31st DAY OF DECEMBER 2009

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ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS OF TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

REVENUE ACCOUNT 2009

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT	TOTAL	EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT	TOTAL
	€	€		€	€
Balance (if any) in favour at close of 2008		338,794.96	Balance (if any) against at close of 2008		NIL
Money supplied by the County Transfer from 2007	207,044.56	207,044.56	Housing		
Others			Maintenance and Repair of Houses	43,195.53	
Cancelled PO			Legal	691.74	
Co. Co. Interest	5,548.74		Insurance	12,599.13	
Bank Interest	2,371.90		Salaries	18,384.07	
Courts Service	16,997.20		Worker Pensions	1,063.76	
Town Hall Rents	300.00		Printing, Postage & Stationery	571.68	
Local Elections Deposits	150.00		Rent Collection	2,808.78	79,314.
Miscellaneous	70.00	25,437.84			
Housing -			Other Expenses		
Rents	68,108.40		Town Hall Expenses	16,584.09	
Payments of Purchase Money	900.00		Painting, Stationery and Advertising	770.58	
Other Receipts			Rent, Rates, Taxes and Insurance	892.18	
Ground Rents	647.19		Office Expenses	3,959.88	
Tenancy Deposits	420.00		Salaries, Fees, etc.	10,507.21	
Sale of House			Retiring Allowances and Gratuities	13,140.64	
Fire Claim	5,750.00		Audit	2,190.00	
Refund from Revenue	14.47	75,840.06	Members Expenses	9,279.51	
			Reps Allowance	20,463.51	
			AMA	2,595.94	
			Receptions/Presentations	36.45	
			Twinning	929.51	
			Contribution to Tuam Chamber of Commerce	10,000.00	
			Town Enhancement	6,070.13	
			Contribution to Arts	900.00	
			Local Elections	18,099.28	
			Refund of Deposit	870.58	
			Miscellaneous	1,090.61	
			Insurance Refund to Galway Co Co	33,432.75	151,812.8
Total Receipts	308,322.46	647,117.42	Total Expenditure	231,127.54	231,127.5
Balance (if any) against at close of 2009		NIL	Balance (if any) in favour at close of 2009		415,989.8

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 this year	Expenditure	Balance in favour at close of last year
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Total	338,794.96	308,322.46	-	647,117.42	-	231,127.54	415,989.88

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RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE OF CAPITAL MONIES

PURPOSE FOR WHICH OBTAINED	CHARGE					DISCHARGE				
	BALANCE (if any) AT CLOSE OF LAST YEAR	Transfer	GRANTS	OTHER RECEIPTS	TOTAL RECEIPTS	BALANCE (if any) EXPENDED IN EXCESS AT CLOSE OF	TOTAL	BALANCE (IF AN EXPENDED IN EXCESS AT CLOSE OF	EXPENDITURE.	BALANCE (IF ANY) UNEXPENDED AT CLOSE OF 2009
TOTALS	125,883.75									125,883.75

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STATEMENT OF BALANCES AT CLOSE OF FINANCIAL YEAR 2009

Dr.	€	€	Cr.	€	€
Treasurer, due by him:-			Treasurer, due to him:-		
Revenue Account....	145,294.30		Revenue Account		
Capital Account....	324,743.45	470,037.75	Capital Account		
Officer's Imprest Accounts		3.71	Unpaid Bills		39,059.39
Receipt and Expenditure of			Receipt and Expenditure of		
Capital Moneys:-		110,913.15	Capital Moneys:-		
Expenditure in Excess			Unexpended Balance		
Balances against Account:-			Balances in favour of Account:-	Revenue	415,989.88
			Overlodged by R/C	Capital	125,883.75
					21.59
Total		580,954.61	Total		580,954.61

INDEBTEDNESS 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 at close of 2009		470,037.75	Balance due to Treasurer at close of December 2009		
Balances in hands of other Officers:- at close of			Balances Due to Other Officers:- at close of		
Interest		3.71	Unpaid Bills		39,059.39
Cash in hands of R/C		110,913.15	Overpaid by R/C		21.59
Other Assets:- (specify)			Rent Overpaid		9.00
Rent Due			Other Liabilities:- (specify)		
Annuity Arrears		130.25			
Total		581,084.86	Total		39,089.98

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	6,709.05	61,207.80	67,916.85	68,108.40	182.55	9.00
Annuities	89.95	582.17	672.12	900.00	358.13	130.25
	6,799.00	61,789.97	68,588.97	69,008.40	540.68	121.25
Percentage				101%		0.18%

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
	79,315	75,840		

CERTIFICATE BY CLERK

I certify that the foregoing figures are correctly abstracted from the Books and Accounts of the Tuam Town Council

Dated this 18th day of Feb 2010

Town Clerk Angel Holian

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

I have audited the Books and Accounts of the Tuam Town Council for the year ended on the ___ day of _____ 2009 and I hereby certify the foregoing to be true Abstract therefrom.

Dated this _____ day of _____ 2010

Local Government Auditor

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24th February, 2010

To each Member of Tuam Town Council

A Chara,

The Monthly Meeting of Tuam Town Council will be held in the Town Hall on Monday, 1st March, 2010 at 7.00 p.m. prior to JPC meeting. You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise, le meas,

Angel Holian Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Minutes

Manager's Business

Correspondence

Annual Financial Statement

Urban District Council status

A. O. B.

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday 1st February, 2010

Present: Mayor: Councillor Reilly

Councillors: S. A. Flanagan, S. Cunniffe, L Bane, E. Kitt,
P. Warren, I. Kelly

Apology: Councillor Mary Loftus
Councillor Martin Ward

Officials: Mr. Frank Gilmore, Director of Services
Mr. John Leahy, Town Engineer
Ms. Angela Holian, Town Clerk

The Prayer was recited.

The minutes of monthly meeting held on Thursday 11th January, 2010 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Kitt seconded by the Mayor.

The Mayor wished Councillor Loftus and Councillor Ward a speedy recovery.

Matters arising from the Minutes:

Replying to the Mayor regarding parking at Old Road Mr. Leahy said feedback from the Community Wardens is the present arrangement is working and householders are happy. The Wardens will continue to monitor.

The Members welcomed the signing of the contract for the Tuam Water and Main Drainage Scheme on Friday 29th January, 2010. Councillor Kelly raised the issue of potholes especially at Milltown Road and Tullinadaly Road. The Town Engineer told the Members that work on potholes was ongoing, heavy traffic volume areas are being prioritized, some bad spots had been dealt with last Saturday. A section of Milltown Road beside the garage will be fully re-constructed this week and a section of Dublin Road beside the supermarket will be fully re-constructed next week. He said the Weir Road will be dug up for the Water and Drainage Scheme.

Replying to Councillor Flanagan regarding footpaths at Weir Road Mr. Gilmore said he would see what can be done. Replying to Councillor Kelly regarding lights at Weir Road he said he would investigate. Replying to Councillor Warren regarding consultation with business people he said Galway County Council had given a commitment on publicity and this will be honoured. There will be a lot of disruption but this is a massive investment in the future of Tuam. E38.9m has been announced for the Gort to Tuam Road, the contract to be signed in October, 2010 and 600,000 for the Tuam to Claremorris Road. He said these projects are very valuable to Tuam and the West. The Mayor said he was delighted to be present for the signing of the contract, he thanked everyone involved and welcomed the provision of this vital infrastructure for Tuam.

Replying to Councillor Kitt the Town Engineer said double yellow lines had been installed at Tullinadaly Road.

Manager's Business:

Mr. Gilmore told the Members that the Courts Service expect to move out of the Town Hall in April or May.

Regarding the Ambulance Base Mr. Gilmore said a planning application has been lodged with Galway County Council.

Tuam Person of the Year

Councillor Flanagan told the Members that the sub-committee had decided on a form of Application Form. The People of the Year Awards will be advertised and application forms will be available from the Town Hall, the Library, Eason's and Quinn's Shop.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 5th January, 2010 from Colmcille Heritage Trust – read.

Letter dated 8th January, 2010 from Monaghan Town Council – read.

Letter dated 15th January, 2010 from Killarney Town Council – read.

Letter dated 20th January, 2010 from Transition Year Students, Presentation College, Tuam – noted.

Letter dated 20th January, 2010 from Celtic bog woods – read.

Preliminary Notice of Local Authorities Members Association Annual Conference to be held on 9th and 10th April, 2010 – noted.

Notice of launch of Irish Programme for the 2010 European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion – noted.

Tuam Leisure Centre:

Letter dated 15th January, 2010 from Kingfisher Club was read. Mr. Gilmore told the Members that a meeting was arranged between the Town Council, Kingfisher and Mr. Kevin Kelly, Director of Services. Letter dated 27th January, 2010 from Councillor Michael Connolly was also read. The Mayor agreed to contact Mr. Kevin Kelly, Director of Services in the morning.

Urban District Council Status:

Mr. Gilmore told the Members he had looked at the Legislation but could find no process to change the status of a town from Town Council to the equivalent of former Urban District Council. He was of the opinion that any change of status of a town would have to be by Ministerial Order.

Councillor Flanagan told the Members she had raised the issue with the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland and it would be on the agenda for an executive meeting in April. It was agreed to keep the matter on the agenda.

A. O. B.:

The Mayor welcomed the substantial fines for littering handed down at Tuam Court the previous week. Replying to the Mayor regarding a 'clean-up' at Gilmartin Road Mr. Gilmore said there was not a great deal of progress, a Residents Association may be about to be set up. The remedial scheme is being prepared. Replying to Councillor Flanagan he said the Remedial Scheme is only for Local Authority Estates.

Replying to Councillor Warren the Town Engineer said it is likely a charge will be introduced at the Civic Amenity Site.

It was agreed to invite Ms. Ann Mallaghan, **RAPID Co-Ordinator** to a meeting of the Board.

Replying to Councillor Flanagan regarding the **Western Rail Corridor** the Mayor said he was waiting for a date for a meeting from Councillor Hoade.

Councillor Flanagan informed the Members that the **Mayor of Straubing** will be unable to visit Tuam in 2010 but will come in 2011.

It was agreed to hold the next **J. P. C. meeting** on Monday 1st March, 2010 at 8 p.m. following the monthly meeting of the Board.

The Mayor congratulated the **Tuam Gymnastic Club** for a wonderful display on Sunday 31st January, 2010.

Sympathy:

A vote of sympathy was passed with the following:

Fitzpatrick Family, Lysadyra on the death of Peter
Moran Family, Carrowmoneen on the death of Wilfrid
Molloy Family, Corofin on the death of Richard
Fleming Family, Tubberjarlath Road on the death of Mrs. Fleming
Burke Family, Tubberjarlath Road on the death of Sarah

This concluded the meeting

Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY: Tom Reilly

MAYOR

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Meeting of Joint Policing Committee

24th February, 2010

To each member of the Joint Policing Committee

A Chara,

A meeting of the J.P.C. will be held in the Town Hall on **Monday 1st March, 2010**
at 8 p.m. (^{following} ~~prior to the~~ ordinary meeting.) You are invited to attend.

Mise le meas,

Angela Heenan
Baile Cleireach

Agenda

1. Minutes
2. C. C. T. V.
3. Garda Youth Diversion Project
4. Tuam Town Water Distribution and Main Drainage Scheme
5. A. O. B.

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of Joint Policing Committee

Held on Monday 5th October, 2009

Present:

Mayor: Councillor T. Reilly
Councillors: M. Ward, I. Kelly, P. Warren, S. Cunniffe,
S. A. Flanagan, M. Loftus, L. Bane, E. Kitt

Superintendent Marie Skehill,
Inspector Michael O'Dwyer
Sergeant Martin Connor

Deputy Paul Connaughton,
Mr. Pat O'Hora
Mr. Owen Ward

Officials: Mr. Frank Gilmore, Director of Services
Mr. John Leahy, S. E. E.
Ms. Angela Holian, Town Clerk

Apology: Dep. M. Kitt

The Prayer was recited.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 6th April, 2009 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Ward seconded by Councillor Warren.

The Mayor welcomed the new Members of the Joint Policing Committee to the meeting.

Matters arising from Minutes:

Replying to Councillor Warren Mr. Leahy, S.E.E said maintenance of the traffic lights was carried out regularly.

C.C.T.V.:

Regarding C.C.T.V. Mr. Leahy stated that the electrical work has been carried out for the installation of the camera at Duffy's chemist. Replying to Members who suggested that a monitor should be available in the Gardai station Supt. Skehill said monitoring of C.C.T.V. would not be an efficient use of Garda time. The Gardai have access to the monitor in the Town Hall.

Mr. Gilmore stated that there were sensitivities regarding data protection concerning access to the C.C.T.V. system. The operation of C.C.T.V. is governed by strict guidelines laid down by the Data protection Commission. He said he would bring a copy of the regulations to the next meeting. The Town Clerk is the official data controller.

Hooliganism:

Following discussion regarding hooliganism in Tuam some weeks ago The Mayor and Members complimented Supt. Skehill and the Gardai on their handling of matters. Replying Supt. Skehill said further charges will be brought following these incidents. The last few weeks have been incident free and the Gardai will remain pro-active.

Traffic Management:

Replying to Councillor Kitt regarding problems with the traffic lights at the Weir Road junction Mr. Leahy said the present lights on the N17 are not linked, ducting for "intelligent lights" will be installed during the Tuam Water Distribution and Main Drainage Scheme.

Replying to the Mayor who asked if a Garda presence could be provided at the traffic lights especially on Friday evenings when traffic is at its worst Supt. Skehill said this would be a waste of Garda time but she would consider it as a short-term solution.

NOTE OF MEETING

Tuam Town Water Distribution and Main Drain Scheme:

Mr. Gilmore informed the meeting that the contract for the Tuam Town Water Distribution and Main Drain Scheme was expected to be signed in approximately two weeks. He said Galway County Council will be in contact with Supt. Skehill regarding Traffic Management in the town.

A. O. B.:

Replying to Deputy Connaughton who raised the issue of knife crime Supt. Skehill said while knife crime has become prevalent she wanted to stress that knives were not an issue in recent incidents in the Tuam Area. She said it is an offence to carry a knife and there are serious penalties for anyone convicted of being in possession of an offensive weapon.

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

Signed by: Tom Kelly
MAYOR

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