

AGENDA for PUBLIC MEETING

**Tuam Town Council**

Special Meeting held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2009

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

Apology: Councillor Ward

The Prayer was recited.

The meeting was called to agree an agenda for Public Meeting to be held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2009.

The Mayor welcomed Mr. Eugene Carthy, Mr. Raymond Quirke and Mr. Paul Flaherty, Coca Cola Workers to the meeting. Mr. Carthy told the meeting that they had attended a meeting at the Labour Court on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2009. The Workers were represented by Mr. Gerry McConnell and Mr. John Dunne, Union Reps and the Company was represented by IBEC. Recommendations from the meeting, which are binding on the Employees, will be issued later this week. It is expected that Coca Cola will also issue a statement.

It was proposed by Councillor Warren, seconded by the Mayor and agreed to write to the Tainiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment.

It was proposed by Councillor Bane, seconded by the Mayor and agreed to hold another meeting following the issuing of the Statement by the Labour Court.

SIGNED BY

**AGENDA for PUBLIC MEETING:**

1. Broadband/Tuam Water and Main Drainage Scheme, Broadband ducting and Gas
2. The Health Campus/Ambulance Base
3. Tuam By-pass (part 8(2) had to be re-advertised)
4. Western Rail Corridor
5. Speed Limit Review
6. I. D. A. – Jobs
7. New Fire Station
8. A. O. B.

It was proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Flanagan and agreed to write to the Minister for Transport regarding the Western Rail Corridor – Tuam Town Council supports the provision of the “Tuam to Athenry” section of the Western Rail Corridor. It was proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Flanagan and agreed that the Town Council organize a petition and the signatures be sent to the Minister for Transport.

It was proposed by Councillor Loftus and seconded by Councillor Cunniffe that the T. D.'s and Galway County Councillors be asked to give a three minute talk at the Public Meeting.

The Mayor told the members that the Tuam By-pass and the M17 had been advertised locally, regionally, nationally and internationally. An announcement is expected shortly. It was decided to write to the Chairperson of the Tuam Area Councillors and seek a report and update on the matter.

**A. O. B.:**

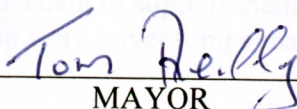
The Mayor stated that Galway County Council had put the running of the Tuam Leisure Centre/Swimming Pool out to tender and the successful operator was Kingfisher. He said he hoped the “pay as you go” system would be maintained also the jobs at the centre. He thanked “Aura” for their commitment to Tuam in the past.

The Members discussed an article re Hooliganism in the Sunday World.

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:  
Angela Holian, Town Clerk

SIGNED BY

  
MAYOR

## TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of special meeting held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2009

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

Apology: Councillor Kitt  
Paul Flaherty, Shop Steward

The prayer was recited.

The Mayor welcomed Mr. Eugene Carthy, Deputy Shop Steward and Mr. Raymond Quirke, Coca Cola to the meeting. He apologized to the workers of Coca Cola for being unable to join them on the picket line because of illness. He thanked the Deputy Mayor for deputizing for him, fellow Councillors and the Town Clerk for calling the meeting at short notice.

Mr. Carthy told the meeting that 27 people out of a workforce of 29 had been given their P45, RP50 and cheque representing statutory redundancy payments that week. They had been written to on the 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2009 and asked to inform the Company if they wished to avail of an enhanced redundancy package. The Workers felt they were being bullied and contacted the L. R. C. He said Management refused to talk to the workers and read letter dated 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2009 from Coca Cola.

The Mayor and Members said they fully supported the Coca Cola Workers and called on the People of Tuam to support them. They complimented a number of Business People who they said were boycotting coca cola products.

COMHARLE BAILE THUAMA  
Tuam Town Council

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the following statement be issued on behalf of the Town Council:

**“A shocked Town Council called an emergency meeting last night, 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2009, after twenty seven Employees of Coca Cola received their P45s without notice or negotiation.**

**Tuam Town Council calls on Coca Cola to rescind their decision and engage in meaningful dialogue with the Workers.**

**Tuam Town Council will continue to support the Workers until such time as a favourable conclusion is reached”.**

It was agreed to discuss the matter further at a special meeting to be held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2009.

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by:  
Angela Holian,  
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY

Tom Reilly  
MAYOR

COMHAIRLE BAILE THUAMA  
Tuam Town Council



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16<sup>th</sup> September, 2009

To: Each Member of Tuam Town Council

A Chara,

A special meeting of Tuam Town Council will be held at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2009 to agree an agenda for the Public Meeting arranged for Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2009. You are invited to attend.

Mise, le meas,

*A Holian*  
Angela Holian,  
Town Clerk

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# TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

## Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2009

**Present:** Dep. Mayor: Councillor Flanagan

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

**Apology:** Councillor Reilly

**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 meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2009 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Warren seconded by Councillor Ward.

The minutes of Sub-committee meeting held on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2009 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Kelly seconded by Councillor Loftus.

The minutes of special meeting held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2009 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Kelly seconded by Councillor Bane.

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

Replying to the Councillor Ward regarding Remedial Works Scheme for Gilmartin Road/St Enda's Ave/Tirboy area Mr. Gilmore said a scheme is being prepared and will be presented to the Town Council.

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

Mr. Gilmore told the Members that Galway County Council expect to sign the contract for the Tuam Town Water Distribution and Main Drainage Scheme in early October, work will begin shortly afterwards. Replying to Councillor Warren he said the contractor will produce a traffic management plan when the contract is signed. Replying to Councillor Bane Mr. Leahy, S. E. E. said ducting for the traffic lights will be included. The Members welcomed the start of the scheme and thanked the Manager, Engineer and all involved.

Mr. Gilmore informed the Members that there had been a reduction in the Annual Expenses of Members of Borough and Town Councils, from E1,100-00 p.a. to E1,018-00 p.a.

### **Nomination to County Development Board:**

Letter dated 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2009 from Mr. Shane O'hEithir, Galway County Development Board was read. It was proposed by Councillor Kitt, seconded by Councillor Ward and agreed that Councillor Loftus represent Tuam Town Council on the Galway County Development Board.

### **Nomination to Strategic Policy Committee:**

Letter dated 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2009 from Ms. Breda McDermott, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate & Cultural Affairs, Galway County Council was read. It was proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Ward and agreed that Councillor Cunniffe represent Tuam Town Council on the Corporate Affairs & Cultural Strategic Policy Committee. It was proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Warren and agreed that Councillor Flanagan represent Tuam Town Council on the Housing, Fire & Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee.

### **Correspondence:**

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2009 from Mr. Michael Walsh, Head of Casino Gaming Control, Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform – read.

Letter dated 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2009 from Mr. Conor Faughnan, Director of Policy, AA Ireland - read.

Letters dated 9<sup>th</sup> July and 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2009 from Mr. Joe Allen, Local Government Policy Section, Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government – read.

Letter dated 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2009 from Ms. Amy O'Shaughnessy, Executive Officer, National Roads Authority – read.

Letter dated 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2009 from Mr. Owen Ward, 25 Tirboy Estate – read.

Letter dated 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2009 from Archbishop Michael Neary - read.

Letter dated 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2009 from Mr. Noel Treacy, T. D. – read.

Letter dated 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2009 from Office of Minister for Communications, energy and Natural Resources – read.

Letters dated 20<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2009 from Mr. Michael P. Kitt, T. D. – read.

Letter dated 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2009 from Office of An Taoiseach – read.

Letter dated 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2009 from Arek Pietrowski, Administrator of [www.Tuam.pl](http://www.Tuam.pl) – read.

Letter dated 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2009 from Office of the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government – read.

Letter dated 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2009 from Mullingar Town Council – read.

Letter dated 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2009 from Nuclear Free Local Authorities Secretariat – read.

Letter dated 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2009 from Dr. Theresa Reidy, University College Cork re: Local Government Workshop – read.

Letter dated August 2009 from Mr. Juntin Kilcullen, Director Trocaire – read.

Letter dated 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2009 from Mr. Chris Barrow, Kelly Life Education Ltd. – read.

### **Grove Hospital:**

Replying to the Members Mr. Gilmore said there were no new developments regarding the Health Campus. It was agreed this would be raised at the Public Meeting in October.

### **Court House:**

Replying to the Members Mr. Gilmore said the Courts Service have responded to an offer to use the Grove Hospital but need to continue to use the Town Hall for the immediate future. Replying to Councillor Loftus he said he would raise the matter of an office in Tuam to accept fines etc. The Members support the retention of the Courts in Tuam.



### **Tuam Town Trail:**

Letter dated 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2009 from Ms. Eimear Dolan, Community, Enterprise & Economic Development Unit, Galway County Council was read. The Members welcomed the on-going work of the Tuam Town Trail.

### **Tuam Hub Fund Application:**

The Deputy Mayor welcomed Mr. Brian Barrett, Community, Enterprise & Economic Development Unit, Galway County Council to the meeting. Mr. Barrett told the Members that submissions were invited to a new fund - BMW Region, NSS Gateways and Hubs European Regional Development Grants Scheme in July 2009 - Up to E1.4 million is on offer to each hub on a 60% funding rate (programme size E2.3 million). The closing date for submissions was 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2009. Matching funds cannot come from borrowings or reducing the capital balances of the Local Authorities (compliance with Dept. of Finance circular 12/2/'08). Submissions must strategically fit with the operational programme of the BMW, the NSS, Regional Planning guidelines and local development plans and strategies for a Hub town. The programme is to be fully completed by the end of 2010. He outlined the approach to the scheme, review of strategies, additional priority, constraints, connecting Tuam concept and objective of submission. He outlined projects identified under a series of themes, connecting community buildings, connecting community through developing the public realm and connecting technology. He said a submission was made, subject to the endorsement of Tuam Town Council and Galway County Council. A decision by the BMW Regional Assembly will be made by the end of September, 2009, a consultation process with stakeholders to agree final implementation - October to December 2009, implementation October 2009 onwards with completion by December, 2009. Replying to Councillor Kelly he said the community gym will be located at Bhru Bhride, a house at Parkmore Estate has been identified as a Community house. Replying to Councillor Loftus Mr. Gilmore said a plan to upgrade the Shambles had been presented to a previous Town Council, the final details were not agreed but the work cannot commence until the Tuam Town Water Distribution and Main Drainage Scheme is completed. Proposals to develop the Shambles will be brought back before the Town Council. Replying to the Members Mr. Gilmore said E750,000-00 earmarked for broadband ducting and cabling represents half the cost of providing Broadband ducting. The Members welcomed the scheme. The application was approved on the proposal of Councillor Kelly seconded by Councillor Ward.

### **Taxi Rank:**

Letter dated 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2009 from Mr. Gerry Mullins, Shop Street was read. Councillor Loftus pleaded that something be done in relation to the present taxi rank both in Shop

Street and High Street – reducing the space available to taxi's in both streets. Replying to the Members Mr. Leahy, Senior Executive Engineer stated that the statutory process had been gone through in relation to the provision of the taxi rank. There will have to be consensus between the Traders and the Taxi people and in view of the imminent start of the Tuam Town Water Distribution and Main Drainage Scheme it would be make no sense to revisit this now. It is the attention of Galway County Council to do a comprehensive Traffic Management Plan for Tuam and this will be brought before the Town Council in due course. Mr. Gilmore suggested that the Traders and Taxi people come up with a scheme.

**Gas Connection:**

Mr. Gilmore informed the Members that ducting for Gas was included in the Tender Documents for the Water Distribution and Drainage Scheme. Final agreement will be between Galway County Council and An Bord Gais.

**Public Meeting:**

The Town Clerk informed the Members that a room had been booked at the Ard-Ri Hotel for Public Meeting to be held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2009 at 7 p.m. It was agreed to hold a special meeting on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2009 to draw up agenda.

**A. O. B.:**

It was agreed to hold the next J. P. C. meeting on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2009.

**Sympathy:**

A vote of sympathy was passed with the Ellicot Family, Millstream Park on the death of Teresa, and the Hession Family, Ballymoate on the death of Bina.

This concluded the meeting

Recorded by,  
Angela Holian,  
Town Clerk

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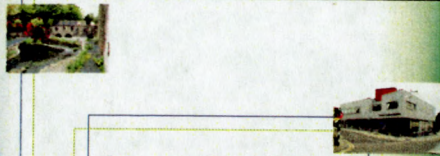
*Tom Reilly*  
MAYOR



# Connecting Tuam

BMW Region NSS Gateways and  
Hubs European Regional  
Development Grants Scheme

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## Connecting Tuam

BMW Region NSS Gateways and Hubs European Regional Development Grants Scheme

## Background

July 29th, 2009

- BMW invites submissions to a new fund BMW Region NSS Gateways and Hubs European Regional Development Grants Scheme.
- Up to €1.4million on offer to each hub on a 60% funding rate. (Programme size €2.3million)
- Closing date for submissions 4pm on 20th August, 2009 (requested an extension to allow consultation)
- Matching Funding could not come from borrowings or reducing the capital balances of the local authorities (Compliance with Dept of Finance circular 12/2008)
- Submissions must strategically fit with the operational programme of the BMW, the NSS, Regional Planning Guidelines, and local development plans and strategies for the hub.
- Programme to be fully completed by end of 2010

## Our approach

Review strategies and projects of the following

- Tuam Town Council
- Tuam Hub Committee
- Tuam RAPID AIT
- Tuam Chamber of Commerce
- Tuam Community Forum
- Galway County Council

Develop a shortlist of potential project(s) to be included in a submission

Identify sources of matching funding

Identify timeframes for project implementation

No single project identified that could be completed within the timeframe and where matching funding would be available

Develop a theme for the programme that linked a range of projects

## Review of strategies

- Priorities for Hub Towns (Dept of Env.)
- Town Development Plan (Local Authority)
- HUB Development Committee
- RAPID Area Implementation Team

Projects emerging around the themes of

- Connectivity
- Sustainable development
- Revitalizing the heart of the town

## Additional Priority

A desire to leave a visual legacy so that people could identify with the positivity of being a designated Hub Town

## Constraints

- Effect of the Water Services Investment Programme
- Securing Matching Funding Public/Community
- Economic Recession has curtailed the ability of development of brownfield sites in short-term
- (Lack of Time for Consultation)

### Connecting Tuam Concept



- To advance the potential of a Hub, its technological connectivity is critical.
- To have a sustainable Hub, transport connectivity externally and internally are essential.
- To develop the social and community vibrancy of a Hub the connectivity of its inhabitants is essential.

### Objective of Submission



- Connecting the Hub with the external environment through better Communications Connectivity
- Connecting and highlighting Community and Public Buildings in the Hub Town through improved walkways and designated walking routes
- Connecting Communities in the Hub Town through upgrading sustainable community buildings
- Connecting Communities through improving recreational spaces and meeting areas and developing the public realm in the town
- Connecting the retail sector by testing new technologies and preparing the town for future technological developments

### Projects identified under a series of themes



- Connecting Community and Public Buildings 460,000  
*Investment in the sustainability of community and public buildings*
- Connecting Community through the development of the Public Realm 1,010,000  
*Investment in the physical heart of the Town*
- Connecting Technology 880,000  
*Investing in Technology to prepare Town for e-society*

### Connecting Community Buildings



Combined Heat and Power Unit for the Swimming Pool	235,000
Upgrading of The Mill	60,000
Greening of the Mall Theatre – improved insulation and solar based heating	60,000
Energy Refurbishment of the Community Gym	50,000
Energy Refurbishment of a Community House	35,000

### Connecting Community through developing the Public Realm

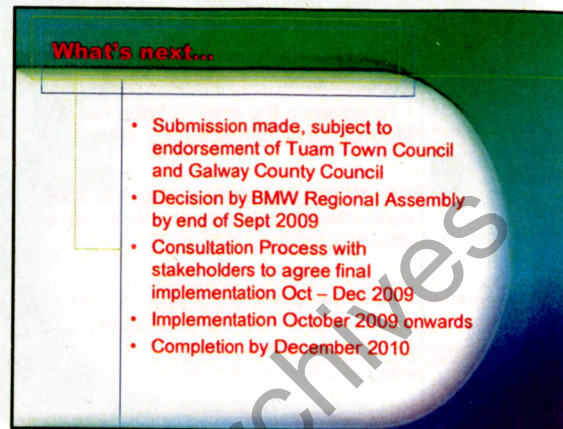
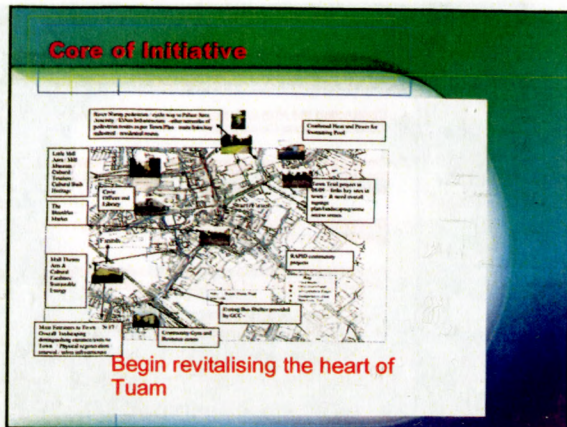


The Shambles Development	750,000
Public Lighting of the Palace Grounds	90,000
Improving Accessibility of the Town – Access Audits 2006	50,000
Physical refurbishment of Public areas in Local Authority Residential Areas	50,000
Common signage programme for Tuam Hub	30,000
Landscaping of River Nanny amenity areas	20,000
Tree Planting Programme	10,000
Enhancing central Tourism focal point	10,000

### Connecting Technology



Broadband Ducting and Cabling	750,000
Undergrounding of utility cables	60,000
Extend CCTV system	30,000
Near to Point Technology Project	20,000
Public Hot spot at Town Library	20,000



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**Meeting of Joint Policing Committee**

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 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2009 at 6.30 p.m. You are invited to attend.

Mise le meas, A. Holohan  
Baile Cleireach

**Agenda**

1. Minutes
2. C. C. T. V.
3. Hooliganism
4. Traffic Management
5. Tuam Town Water Distribution and Main Drainage Scheme
6. A. O. B.

# TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

## Minutes of Meeting of Joint Policing Committee

Held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2009

Present:

Mayor: Councillor P. Warren  
Councillors: I. Kelly, A. O'Donnell-Brady, M. Ward,  
G. Browne-Lane, S. A. Flanagan, P. O'Grady.

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

Deputy Paul Connaughton,  
Deputy Micheal Kitt, Minister of State

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

Apology:

Councillor T. McHugh  
Councillor T. Reilly  
Mr. Peter Gavin, Town Engineer  
Mr. David Collins

The Prayer was recited.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2008 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Kelly seconded by Councillor Flanagan.



The Mayor welcomed everyone to the Meeting. He particularly welcomed Inspector Michael O'Dwyer to his first meeting of the Joint Policing Committee. As this was the last meeting of the present Town Council Board he thanked everyone for their work, help and contribution to the success of the J. P. C.

### **Matters arising from Minutes/C.C.T.V:**

Superintendent Skehill told the meeting that Gardai needed more training in the use of the CCTV. She said she had met with Mr. Gavin, Town Engineer and Duffy's Pharmacy had been identified as the best location for the extra camera. The camera will be set facing across the Square and down Vicar Street. She said static cameras are more useful. Mr. Gilmore told the meeting that funding is available for the extra camera. He didn't know if the camera was ordered but agreed to pursue the matter. He also said the camera on the Town Hall rotates at present but can be adjusted to a fixed position if that is the better option.

Replying to Councillor Browne-Lane regarding CCTV and extra lights in the Palace Grounds Mr. Gilmore said there was a delay in the installation of Public Lighting but he was hopeful the lights would be installed as soon as possible.

Replying to Deputy Connaughton Superintendent Skehill said CCTV is not monitored constantly but the Gardai can check at anytime and it is of benefit. There is a heightened awareness of CCTV.

Replying to Deputy Kitt Mr. Gilmore said CCTV comes under the Data Protection Commissioner, the footage is available to the Gardai at all times.

### **Traffic Congestion on N17/Traffic Lights not synchronised:**

The Mayor asked if some thing could be done regarding the continuing problems being experienced by motorists on the N17 especially on Thursday and Friday evenings when traffic is backed-up for miles out the Galway Road. Superintendent Skehill said this was not a Garda problem, the sequencing of the lights is at fault. The Weir Road junction also causes problems.

Mr. Gilmore said funding is available to synchronize the lights, however the traffic lights were installed at different times by different suppliers and this could be a problem. He said synchronization will not eliminate the problems because of the capacity of traffic going through the town – the cure is the Bypass. He agreed to investigate regarding synchronization of the lights and inform the Members.

**Garda presence at Dublin Road at School times:**

Councillor Browne-Lane told the meeting, that as stated at the ordinary meeting she had serious concerns regarding traffic congestion and safety problems on Dublin Road at school times, she felt there should be more help from the Gardai and the Community Wardens in patrolling the area at school times. Mr. Gilmore said he would ask the Roads and Transportation Committee/Road Safety Team to investigate regarding providing School Wardens and a designated drop of place.

Councillor Ward asked that a pedestrian crossing be installed at Vicar Street urgently.

**Garda presence/foot patrol in the town centre at night especially at weekends**

Superintendent Skehill told the Members that assaults, between January and March this year, were down by 75% compared to last year and public order offences were down by 14%. "Operation Curb", targeting young people driving dangerously or using souped-up vehicles, had resulted in 28 vehicles being seized from young people in the same period. These vehicles will only be returned to the owners on condition that they be made compliant with the legal requirements and payment of a fine of E125.00.

Replying to Deputy Connaughton regarding "Neighbours from hell" Mr. Gilmore said Galway County Council deal with anti-social behaviour as quickly as possible but very often a tenant is punished because of the conduct of a relative/family member. Superintendent Skehill said in one case a second anti-social behaviour order had to be served before the tenant/family moved out.

This concluded the meeting.

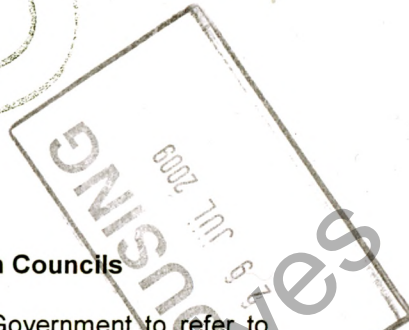
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Town Clerk

Signed by: Tom Reilly  
MAYOR

Mr. Frank Gilmore, D.L.



Comhshaol, Oidhreacht agus Rialtas Áitiúil  
Environment, Heritage and Local Government



16 July 2009

LG 13/09

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**Annual Expenses of Members of Borough and Town Councils**

I am directed by the Minister for the Environment, Heritage & Local Government to refer to circular EL 03/09 of 11<sup>th</sup> March 2009 which inter alia, informed of the Government's decision to reduce travel and subsistence rates and of its application to the annual expenses allowance of county and city councillors. Arising from this, the annual expenses allowances of the elected members of borough and town councils have been revised downwards to €3,054, €2,036 and €1,018 for the respective groupings of urban authorities as set out in the table under and may be paid from a date not earlier than 12<sup>th</sup> June 2009 as the local authority may decide.

In addition, to reflect retrospective increases of rates arising from circulars EL 11/09 and EL 12/09, revised allowances may also be paid in respect of the dates specified in the table (i.e. 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 and 1 July 2008 to 11 June 2009) respectively as the local authority may decide.

Local Authority	From 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008	From 1 July 2008 to 11 June 2009	From 12 June 2009
Borough Councils and Athlone, Bray, Dundalk, Ennis and Tralee Town Councils	€3,343	€3,393	€3,054
Town Councils – Arklow, Athy, Ballina, Ballinasloe, Birr, Buncrana, Bundoran, Carlow, Carrickmacross, Carrick-on-Suir, Cashel, Castlebar, Castleblayney, Cavan, Clonakilty, Clones, Cobh, Dungarvan, Enniscorthy, Fermoy, Kells, Killarney, Kilrush, Kinsale, Letterkenny, Listowel, Longford, Macroom, Mallow, Middleton, Monaghan, Naas, Navan, Nenagh, New Ross, Skibbereen, Templemore, Thurles, Tipperary, Trim, Tullamore, Westport, Wicklow, Youghal plus Balbriggan, Droichead Nua, Greystones, Leixlip, Mullingar, Portlaoise and Shannon Town Councils	€2,229	€2,262	€2,036
Remaining Town Councils	€1,114	€1,131	€1,018

This circular represents a direction given by the Minister pursuant to sections 4 and 142 of the Local Government Act 2001 and the Local Government (Expenses of Local Authority Members) Regulations 2006 in relation to the expenses of members of borough councils and town councils.

Any enquiries on this circular should be directed to Local Government Policy Section at (01) 8882728/2701. Please note that this circular will also be posted to Sharepoint.

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*for Allen*

Local Government Policy Section.

To each: County/City Manager/Town Clerk

*Copy to B. McDermott  
& Relawan DOS  
Town Clerks  
to notify elected  
members  
21/7/09*



F. Gilmore

From website 7/19/09

# Tidy Towns Competition 2009

## Adjudication Report

Centre: Tuam Ref: 1029  
County: Galway Mark: 235  
Category: E Date(s): 09/06/2009

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2009
Overall Development Approach	50	29
The Built Environment	50	38
Landscaping	50	34
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	28
Litter Control	50	30
Waste Minimisation	20	11
Tidiness	30	14
Residential Areas	40	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	24
General Impression	10	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>235</b>

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### Overall Development Approach:

The importance town of Tuam is warmly welcomed back to the TidyTowns competition. Thank you for the completed application form, the very useful map, copies of examples of your meeting minutes, documentation in connection with your submission to PEIS Funding, with examples of the splendid press coverage your spring clean-up secured. We were very impressed with the extensive photographic analysis of the difficulties and opportunities that abound in this most interesting town. It can sometime be almost overwhelming when TidyTowns committees initially survey the range the range of tasks that face them. It is always beneficial to identify the items for priority action. In each case this exercise should incorporate the name of the lead agency with which you plan to tackle the task. To be effective please insure that you insert a start date and a completion date for each project. This has the effect of preventing your three year plan from becoming merely a "wish list" without any real consideration of the resources and agencies involved in their completion. It is very apparent based on the enormous success of your clean-up day that there is a reservoir of good will to be tapped both at community, club and commercial level in addition to the local authorities. The street signage is very good and the one way traffic system is working well. The Square is colourful and vibrant and the little mill project is a significant success.

### The Built Environment:

The large and well presented shopping centre is impressive while the regional offices of Galway County Council are a fine building, well presented. St. Mary's Cathedral is imposing and would be improve if the splendid iron gates were wire brushed and repainted. The river bridge is most attractive at the start of Shop Street while the Roman Catholic Cathedral, in Bishops Street was very well presented. The Town Hall is a fine building and we enjoyed the fine stone frontage of O'Toole's. Gilligan's Restaurant certainly caught the eye and the fine traditional shop front of Connaughton was a delight. The ruins of Temple Jarlath (1319) and the grounds were very well presented. The Garda Station looked well but we were disappointed to note the flag

poles but no flags flying unlike the Credit Union which was enhanced by the flags flying there. The flying of flags is one of the least expensive enhancements one can recommend, bringing colour and movement to the scene in an instance. Lynch Antiques in Forster's Place caught the eye as did Geraghty's Clothes Shop in Bishops Street. Schools generally and the National school in particular were well presented.

#### Landscaping:

This aspect has received considerable attention and to good effect. The amenity area with the yellow pump on the N17 approach was attractive while the Fairgreen Heights communal grassed areas were a delight. The raised flower bed at the sports field was a pleasant cameo. Don't overlook the opportunities and value of small incidental flowerbeds and planting which can add greatly to an overall colourful vista. The sculpture in Market Square and the Ann-Marie McHuge Memorial Garden are a delight. We were impressed by the grounds of the Irish Wheelchair Association which were splendid. The communal grassed area at Newtown Morris was an example as to how well thing can be. The Palace Grounds Park still has additional potential while the landscaping on the Dublin Road approach, when fully mature, will add greatly to this approach. The ambitious landscaping on the Galway approach road is to be applauded. The communal garden and grassed area in Parkmore Housing Estate augmented by suitable tree planting is commended.

Council FAS  
Scheme covers  
green communal  
Areas.

#### Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The selection of suitable native, berry bearing plants in landscaped areas is an important element in the creation of the essential food chain if wildlife and especially bird life are to be attracted. The creation of a bird life enhancement programme over a number of years helps to establish opportunities and identify suitable locations. Discuss the options with a local bird life enthusiast or contact the Wildlife Officer at the Office of Public Works. The river bio-diversity project being undertaken by the Anglers Club commencing at Shop Street at the very centre of the town is a wonderful project and we look forward to its progress over time.

#### Litter Control:

Litter management generally on the day of adjudication was of a high order apart from Milltown Road, which was very much below par. There is a good supply of litter bins throughout the town and the residential housing estates were very well presented noticeable St. Joseph's Park. The anti-litter signs in Tullindaly Road were both attractive and effective. Again congratulations on the great success of your national spring clean-up and securing such a high level of involvement by the school. The dividing of responsibility among litter teams in respect of each street is an excellent development and should lead in time to a competition which might be sponsored by commercial interests or the local authority. Securing an anti-graffiti and a gum removal device would clearly be of additional benefit.

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#### Waste Minimisation:

This category is as much about securing a change of mind set as it is dealing appropriately with waste material. The concept of reducing usage to start with, reusing where viable and recycling wherever possible is now widely excepted as being both a mark of good citizenship and economic good sense. Secure the involvement of the Environmental Department of Galway County Council in addition to the support that is available from agencies with which they will put you in touch. Plan to stage an information evenings on the value to individual households of composting waste and other methods on reducing dependence on expensive landfill.

#### Tidiness:

Many aspect, impacting on the overall vista, fall to be considered under this "catch all" heading. There was an amount of weeds between the road and pavement in many location especially on some streets. Where weeds are killed by chemical means it is important that the residue be sweep up and removed for best effect. The fine Fairgreen communal grassed area is diminished by the number of capping stones which were missing from this area. The Pay & Display sign at the Cathedral needs attention as it is quite worn. A number of signs need simply to be washed for best effect noticeably the Tourist Office sign at the bridge among many others. The damaged and derelict cars in the garage on the Sligo approach on the N7 should be screened in some manner or ideally removed. The potentially very pleasant old pump in St. Joseph's would benefit from washing at least but ideally painted.

#### Residential Areas:

The decision to have an inter-residential area competition is to be applauded as this has proved most beneficial in other centres. The estate off the N17 was very well presented but some weeds were noted at the base of front facing walls. Hillcrest private house was a delight while the communal grassed areas in St. Joseph's Park were very well presented. Waterslade Downs looked very well as did the Oak's House Estate with a number of splendid individual gardens. The new pavement at Belair Drive add considerable to the overall

vista, while Hilltop Close was an excellently presented area.

**Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

The N17 directional sign is somewhat obscured by nearby trees and may need to be repositioned. The speed limit signs are fine but their poles require to be wire brushed and repainted. On Ballygaddy Road additional planting would be beneficial while the road surface was somewhat below par both here and also at Belair Drive. Broadly roads were well swept and attractively presented.

**General Impression:**

Tuam has enormous potential and clearly an energetic and imaginative Tidy Town's committee determined to present it in a suitable and an increasingly agreeable manner. Blessed with its river and its extensive amenity area it has clear opportunities to advance substantially in the Tidy Town's competition.

All involved in this successful resurgence after six years into the TidyTown's programme again are applauded and greatly thanked for their efforts and wished well in the years to come.

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## **Tuam Town Trail**

### **Update Tuam Town Council September 7<sup>th</sup> 2009**

#### **The Trial Route**

The trail will start and finish in Market Square area and include an orientation map to highlight all the stops on the trail. The route will follow the current town trail which is included in the Tuam 'Architectural' Walking Tour and is also available in an audio version on [www.galwayeast.com/wayfinding](http://www.galwayeast.com/wayfinding) and on [www.galway.ie](http://www.galway.ie). It has been designed to provide a 1 hour route and facilitating the visitor to undertake a 'circular' route of the town.

#### **Trail Signage**

Signage for the trail will be installed in next month and will include orientation panel to provide a map of the overall route. At each stop there will be an interpretative panel providing images and details on the site. All signs will be bi-lingual English and Irish. The route will include directional posts with finger signs indicating the stop that you have passed and the next stop on the route.

Funding for the signage is provided by Failte Ireland and Galway County Council are funding graphic design and printing of the panels and all installation. Tuam is selected as one of 19 'Historical Town Trails' and the style of signage was provided by Failte Ireland who demanded it be the same as all other towns. It consists of cast iron signage in a dark green colour.

The layout of the information boards however, will reflect the style of the current panels which are considered to be 'best practice' of all the Historical Towns.

Assistance in preparing the information for the 'orientation' and interpretative' panels has been provided by Galway East Tourism (Neil Campbell) in consultation with local groups an in particular Dr. Tony Claffey. All final panels will be agreed with Council Conservation Officer Mairin Doddy and Heritage Officer Marie Mannion.

#### **Promotion of the Trail**

The trail is currently promoted by Galway East Tourism, Galway County Council and Failte Ireland as part of six town trails in the County. It is profiled on a number of web-sites to date and once the signage is in place (by early October) Tuam will be included on the [www.discoverireland.com](http://www.discoverireland.com) site and promoted as an historical town nationally and internationally, alongside Waterford, Kilkenny, Loughrea etc. The ongoing promotion of Tuam Town Centre and the Trail is a significant benefit of this Signage Scheme.

#### **Installation of the Signs**

The signs are being installed by Council Staff. Eamon Coyle is assigned Engineer in Tuam Regional Office. Final locations of signs are considered in terms of safety and conservation and access/owners. Draft trail has been presented to Town Council previously and outline provided to Tuam Chamber of Commerce.

#### **Further Details: Please Contact**

Eimear Dolan  
Community, Enterprise & Economic Development  
Galway County Council  
091-476506  
[edolan@galwaycoco.ie](mailto:edolan@galwaycoco.ie)

Extract from current Tuam Brochure – provides general overview of the trial – brochures can be downloaded from [www.galway.ie/visiting](http://www.galway.ie/visiting) or [www.galwayeast.com/wayfinding](http://www.galwayeast.com/wayfinding)

The map shows a route through Tuam, Ireland, with various landmarks and buildings labeled. The route starts at the Railway Station and goes through the Shopping Centre, St. Mary's Cathedral, Temple Jarlath, and The Little Mill, eventually leading to the Cathedral of Assumption and The Square. The map is surrounded by descriptive text and small images of buildings.

Proposed Location of Signs – Conservation Officer has advised on appropriate sites, final agreements with relevant landowners and Town Engineer.

Stop	Site	Sign	Notes
1	The Square	1 X Large OP D 1.5m W X 1.2 H	Large Orientation Panel – This is a map showing the entire route and general history of town. Final exact location to be agreed in The Square area.
1	Town Hall	1X– Panel 750mm X 1200mm	Information Panel
4	Cathedral of Assumption	Large Panel (includes reference to 2,3)	Large Panel in Council carpark area opposite entrance to Cathedral. Will profile the Bishops Palace also. People directed to walk back to Square and down shop street.
5	The Little Mill	Information Panel	Standard Interpretative Sign in riverside area –
5	Shopping Centre	Orientation	Large Orientation Panel (with map of whole route) and Directional Signs – exact location to be agreed with owner of Shopping Centre.
6	St. Mary's Cathedral	Information	Information Sign will be external to the grounds and on advice of Conservation Officer.
7	Temple Jarlath	Information	Standard Interpretative Panel – again location in keeping with site and other signage and entrance.
8	Railway Station	Information	Standard interpretative Panel – people will be directed back past The Shambles to Square to end.



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2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2009

**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> September, 2009 at 7.00 p.m. You are hereby summoned to attend.**

Mise, le meas,

Angela Holian Baile Cleireach

**AGENDA**

**Minutes**

**Manager's Business**

**Nomination to County Dev. Board** – letter dated 12<sup>th</sup> August, '09 (no. 13)

**Nomination to S. P. C. Scheme** – letter dated 28<sup>th</sup> August, '09 (no. 21)

**Correspondence**

**Grove Hospital**

**Court House**

**Tuam Town Trail/walk – E. Dolan**

**Tuam Hub Fund Application**

**Taxi Rank**

**A. O. B.**

**Gas Connection**

**Public Meeting**

## TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Special meeting held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2009

Present: Mayor – Councillor Reilly  
Councillor Warren, Councillor Bane, Councillor Kitt, Councillor Kelly  
Councillor Flanagan.

Apology: Councillor Cunniffe  
Councillor Loftus

The meeting was called to discuss the proposal/recommendation to abolish Town Councils in the McCarthy report.

### McCarthy Report:

It was proposed, seconded and agreed to submit the following Notice of Motion to the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland for discussion at Annual Conference:

“Tuam Town Council proposes that the recommendations to abolish Town Councils contained in the McCarthy Report be withdrawn”.

It was agreed to circulate the motion to all Town Councils and the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

### Email from President of Tuam Chamber of Commerce:

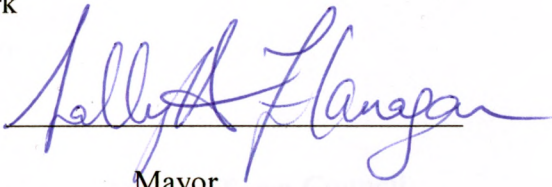
It was agreed to write to Ms. Roarty and express disappointment at the tone of the email and the questioning of the relevancy of the Town Council to the Business People of Tuam. State that Tuam Town Council will support Tuam Chamber of Commerce in the future as it has in the past and point out that the Town Council have no control over reports in the media.

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Tuam Town Council

**Straubing:** It was noted that Sr. Angela together with four of the original students who first visited Tuam in 1984, the start of the Tuam/Straubing student exchange programme, will be in Tuam at the end of August. A civic reception for Sr. Angela will take place in the Town Hall on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2009 at 5.30pm. Regarding visit to Straubing it was agreed that Councillor Kitt represent the Board in Straubing

Recorded by:  
Angela Holian,  
Town Clerk

SIGNED:



Mayor

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31<sup>st</sup> July, 2009

To: **Each Member of Tuam Town Council**

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A special meeting of Tuam Town Council will be hold in the Town Hall on  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2009 at 7.00 p.m. You are invited to attend.

Mise, le meas,

Angela Hehan Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Discuss McCarthy Report

Email from President of Tuam Chamber of Commerce

## TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Special Sub-committee meeting

Held on

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2009

Attendance: Mayor Reilly, Councillor Flanagan, Councillor Warren, Councillor Bane and Angela Holian, Town Clerk.

The Members had called to the Town Hall and it was agreed not to hold a special meeting to discuss letter dated 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2009 from Mariann Hughes Browne, Visual Arts Director, Tuam Arts Festival.

It was noted that as the Tuam Arts Festival were accommodated in the Town Hall every year it since the inauguration of the Arts Festival and it would be in order to make the big room on the ground floor available again this year.

Recorded by:  
Angela Holian,  
Town Clerk

*Ally Flanagan*  
Deputy Mayor



## TUAM ARTS FESTIVAL

The Arts Lab,  
Dublin Road,  
Tuam.  
23rd. July, 2009

F.A.O. Tuam Town Council

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write on behalf of Earwig! Tuam Arts Festival for permission to use the Town Hall as a venue for Visual Arts during the festival again this year. The Festival is an annual non-profit event in its 7<sup>th</sup> year, run by a large voluntary group who with the support and generosity of the towns business people, have turned it into a hugely successful event attracting thousands of people to the town for the month of August each year.

This year the visual arts will open with a Visual Arts Trail day on Saturday August 8<sup>th</sup>, and run until the end of the festival on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. This would require the use of the Hall a couple of days before the 8<sup>th</sup> to set up, and perhaps a day or two after the 23<sup>rd</sup> for take down.

The Community Group "Ready Thready Sew" who have previously exhibited in the Town Hall and will be familiar with the space has been selected to use the venue and they will have invigilators in place throughout the festival to look after it, opening and closing as per your requirements.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mariann Hughes Browne

Visual Arts Director

087/6481637

email: [tuamvisualarts@gmail.com](mailto:tuamvisualarts@gmail.com)



# **TUAM TOWN COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2009**

**Present:** Mayor: Councillor Reilly

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

**Apology:** Councillor 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 meeting held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2009 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Kelly seconded by Councillor Ward.

The minutes of Annual meeting held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2009 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Warren seconded by Councillor Bane.

The minutes of ordinary meeting held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2009 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Kelly seconded by Councillor Ward.

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

Replying to Councillor Kelly regarding the entrance to Rivercrest Housing Estate Mr. Leahy, SEE said this estate had not been taken in charge by Galway County Council. He intended to meet with the Developer and request that yellow box/lines be put in position at the entrance. He said the Community Wardens would monitor the situation.

Replying to Councillor Kelly regarding parking at Old Road Mr. Leahy said Old Road was included in the new Traffic Management Plan, implementation of which is being delayed because of the Water Distribution and Drainage Scheme. The Members asked if bollards could be placed on one side of the road to deter parking.

Replying to Councillor Kelly regarding the old scout hall Mr. Gilmore said the old hall is leased to the Boy Scouts.

Replying to the Mayor regarding the Remedial Works Scheme for Gilmartin Road/St Enda's Ave/Tirboy area Mr. Gilmore said the submission had not been sent to the Department yet.

Replying to Councillor Cunniffe Mr. Gilmore said the Town Council will be invited to nominate representatives to the Galway County Council Special Policy Committees when these committees are being formed. The SPC scheme was presented and adopted at meeting of Galway County Council held on 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2009. It is hoped to have the SPC's in place by September. Regarding the recreational amenity fund he said he would have details at a future meeting.

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

Mr. Gilmore told the Members that Galway County Council expect to sign the contract for the Tuam Town Water Distribution and Main Drainage Scheme later this year. Negotiations are continuing with An Bord Gais. There are no new developments regarding Broadband. Replying to Councillor Cunniffe he said the cost of ducting for Broadband was included as a priced item in the estimate of cost for the Water Distribution and Drainage Scheme. It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Cunniffe and agreed to write to the Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources regarding the inclusion of the broadband ducting. Replying to Councillor Flanagan the Mayor said he was in constant contact with Deputy Kitt and Deputy Treacy regarding this project and they are also pushing for Broadband ducting. Following further discussion it was proposed by Councillor Flanagan, seconded by Councillor Warren and agreed to hold a public meeting in October. It was agreed to hold the meeting at the Ard Ri Hotel on either the 12<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2009.

Regarding the Ambulance Base Mr. Gilmore said the Health Service Executive have confirmed that they hope to submit a planning application to Galway County Council for the Ambulance Base at "The Glebe" in the near future.



### **Correspondence:**

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2009 from Old Tuam Society. It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Warren and agreed to accommodate the Old Tuam Society, the big room on the ground floor to be made available for exhibition on 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2009. It was proposed by Councillor Flanagan, seconded by Councillor Loftus and agreed that Councillor Bane be included on the Sub-committee regarding letting of the Town Hall. The Members of the Sub-committee now are Councillor Bane, Councillor Flanagan, Councillor Kelly, the Town Clerk and the Town Engineer.

Email dated 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2009 from Ms. Sarah Roarty, President, Tuam Chamber of Commerce re networking brunch. The following Councillor will be available to attend: Councillor Cunniffe, Councillor Kelly, Councillor Flanagan, Councillor Reilly and Councillor Ward

Letter dated 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2009 from Tuam Celtic A.F.C. - launch of Tuam Celtic Book for 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Letter dated 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2009 from Ms. Sarah Roarty, President, Tuam Chamber of Commerce. Councillor Cunniffe asked that the Town Hall be power washed. Councillor Ward stated that there was now a charge of E4.00 per car at the recycling centre. Councillor Warren said there would be an increase in indiscriminate dumping which was what happened when charges were introduced before. The Mayor agreed to liaise with the Chamber of Commerce.

Letter dated 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2009 from Mr. John Morgan, Director of Services, Roads & Transportation Unit, Galway County Council. The Members welcomed the extension of Speed limits. Replying to Councillor Loftus Mr. Leahy said the infrastructure was not in place to synchronise the traffic lights on the N17. Mr. Gilmore said this would be addressed when improvements/roadworks were being carried out.

Letter dated 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2009 from Mr. Gary Barrett, Gumdoctor Ltd. - read.

Letter dated 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2009 from Diageo Ltd. - read.

Letter dated 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2009 from Macroom Town Council - read.

Letter dated 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2009 from Wayfinder Systems ltd. - read.

Letter dated 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2009 from Milltown Defibrillator Group - read.

### **Court House:**

Replying to Councillor Bane Mr. Gilmore said negotiations were taking place between the Courts Service and the H. S. E. He said the Courts Service is committed to building a Court House in Tuam but there have been severe cutbacks in the Courts Service Capital Expenditure Programme. Replying to Councillor Kelly he said the Courts Service will be looking for a new Lease on the Town Hall in October.

**Browns Field:**

Replying to Councillor Warren Mr. Gilmore advised the County Football Board to write to the Town Council.

**A. O. B.:**

Replying to Councillor Warren regarding renaming the Dublin Road Estate Mr. Gilmore advised the residents to write to Mr. Kevin Kelly, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs, Galway County Council.

Replying to Councillor Warren regarding cutting back of trees Mr. Leahy said he would investigate.

Replying to Councillor Loftus Mr. Leahy said he would investigate regarding the provision of speed ramps at Athenry Road.

Replying to Councillor Ward regarding U.D.C. Status Mr. Gilmore said he would prepare a report for the September meeting.

Replying to Councillor Bane Mr. Gilmore said if the Taxi People and the Business People agree the by-laws can be changed. It was agreed to include the matter on the agenda for the September meeting.

Replying to Councillor Cunniffe regarding the County Development Plan Mr. Gilmore said he would prepare a presentation for the Town Council.

Replying to Councillor Kelly regarding footpaths in the cemetery Mr. Leahy said he would talk to the Environment Unit, Galway County Council.

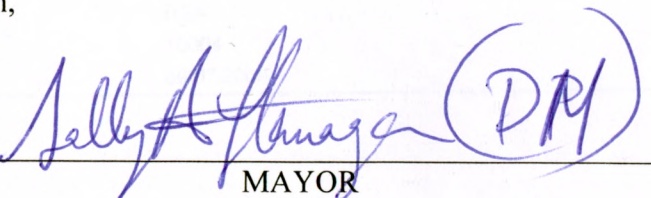
It was agreed to hold the next J. P. C. meeting Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2009.

**Sympathy:** A vote of sympathy was passed with the Keane Family on the death of Rita, the Dolly Family, Tubberjarlath Road on the death of Paddy and the Cresham Family, Cloonkeely on the death of Michael

This concluded the meeting

Recorded by,  
Angela Holian,  
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY:

 (DP)

MAYOR



<b>The Insured:</b>	OLD TUAM SOCIETY
<b>I.N.V.C.F Identifier Code:</b>	G 06G259
<b>Correspondence Address:</b>	C/O MICHAEL O'NEILL, BARBARSFORT, TUAM, GALWAY,

<b>INTERESTED PARTY</b>	N/A
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<b>Period of Insurance:</b>	From 11/07/2009 to 10/07/2010
<b>Renewal Premium:</b>	€272.80 inclusive of Levy at 3% (€7.80)

**Insurance Schedule**

Insurance is provided in respect of the following:

**Insured Primary Activity**

<b>Primary Activity:</b>	<b>Cultural</b>
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Description	Sum Insured
Public Liability indemnity amount:	<b>€1.3 million.</b>
Employers Liability:	<b>€13 million.</b>
Employer Liability Insurance Wage Roll - Clerical Staff:	<b>NOT INSURED</b>
Employer Liability Insurance - Community/FAS Staff:	<b>NOT INSURED</b>
Employer Liability Insurance Wage Roll - All Other Staff:	<b>NOT INSURED</b>
Q1. Is the premises built mainly of brick, stone, concrete or other non-combustible materials?	<b>YES</b>
Q2. Is the premises protected by an intruder alarm or all external doors to be protected by a 5-lever mortice deadlock, cylinder operated mortice deadlock, deadlocking multi-point locking system or 2 key-operated security bolts with all windows/skylights to be protected with key-operated locks, steel bars, grilles, or lockable gates?	<b>YES</b>
If NO to any of the above questions the details given:	<b>N/A</b>
Property Insurance Buildings:	<b>NOT INSURED</b>
Property Insurance Fixture and Fittings:	<b>NOT INSURED</b>
Property Insurance Contents:	<b>NOT INSURED</b>
Cover for money:	<b>NOT REQUIRED</b>
Property Insurance Other building's insured:	<b>NOT INSURED</b>
Business Interruption Cover - Gross Profit Sum Insured	<b>NOT INSURED</b>

<b>Policy Excess</b>	<b>€ 100.00 Policy Excess applies.</b>
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<b>Endorsements Attaching To This Insurance:</b>	NONE
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<b>Your broker</b>	BHP INSURANCE (RSA) 01-6202030
<b>Insurer</b>	RSA
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<b>Date</b>	06/07/2009

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AGENDA

Minutes

Manager's Business

Correspondence

Grove Hospital

Court House

Brown's Field

A. O. B.

# **TUAM TOWN COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2009**

**Present:** Mayor: Councillor Reilly

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

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

The Prayer was recited.

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

Mr. Gilmore told the Members Tuam Town Council is a Statutory Representative Body and by virtue of its history is a housing authority. An annual Budget of Expenses is prepared each year, a copy of the Budget of Expenses for 2009 will be circulated to the new Members. He said the Joint Policing Committee had been established under the Garda Siochana Act 2005, each Town Council now has its own Joint Policing Committee. The members of the J. P. C. consist of the members of the Town council and Officials, Oireachtas Members, Members of An Garda Siochana and Community Representatives. He said the Town Council are entitled to be represented on the Special Policy Committees of Galway County Council which will be before the Annual Meeting of Galway County Council to be held on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2009.

Mr. Gilmore told the Members that Galway County Council had received approval from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government to borrow funding to progress the Tuam Town Water Distribution and Main Drainage Scheme. A full reconstruction of the streets in the town will follow the completion of the Scheme.

Replying to the Members, who said a major International Computer Company was considering locating in Tuam but the lack of Broadband would be an issue, he said no decision had been made regarding the inclusion of ducting for broadband but a more urgent case will be made to the Minister now that the Water Distribution and Drainage Scheme has been approved. Galway County Council lodged a submission for broadband with the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources on behalf of Tuam three or four year ago. Mr. Gilmore said the E27m Tuam Town Water Distribution and Main Drainage Scheme will be a major investment in the town. Work should start early in 2010 and take approximately two years to complete. There will be major disruption in the town. Galway County Council will initiate a PR Campaign, a Liaison Person and a helpline will be provided. People will be kept informed.

Mr. Gilmore told the Members that Galway County Council had a recreation fund for Tuam. He said the Water Distribution and Drainage Scheme had delayed renovation of the Shambles and the Town Trails/Walks. The Town Council have also been putting cash aside to co-fund these projects. He said he would bring proposals to a future meeting of the Board. He also said there would be more positive news for Tuam in the next few months.

#### **Tuam Tidy Towns:**

Letter dated 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2009 from Ms. Sarah Roarty, chairperson, Tuam Tidy towns Committee was read. The Members welcomed Tuam coming 20<sup>th</sup> out of 60 in a recent survey and paid tribute to the Tidy towns Committee and the people who took part in the recent "Clean-up" which took place in several areas of the town. It was agreed to circulate the letter from the Tidy Town committee to the Members.

#### **Ambulance Base:**

Replying to the Mayor Mr. Gilmore said he would endeavour to get information for the next meeting of the Board.

#### **Agenda for next meeting:**

Councillor Bane asked that the Court House be included on the agenda for the next meeting also field adjacent to Tuam Stadium known as Brown's Field.

**A. O. B.:**

It was proposed by Councillor Flanagan, seconded by Councillor Warren and agreed that a Civic Reception be accorded to Sr. Angela from Straubing when she visits Tuam in mid August.

It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Loftus and agreed that the Board seek a meeting with Mr. Fred Barry, C. E. O., National Roads Authority.

This concluded the meeting

Recorded by,  
Angela Holian,  
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY: Tom Reilly

MAYOR

# **TUAM TOWN COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of Annual Meeting held on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2009**

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

**Officials:**

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

The Prayer was recited.

The outgoing Mayor welcomed everybody to the meeting. He invited the Town Clerk to read out the names of the People elected to the Board.

The Town Clerk informed the Members that the following People had been elected to the Board of Tuam Town Council following local elections held on 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2009: Councillor Tom Reilly, Councillor Sally Ann Flanagan, Councillor Peter Warren, Councillor Mary Loftus, Councillor Eamon Kitt, Councillor Imelda Kelly, Councillor Larry Bane, Councillor Shaun Cunniffe and Councillor Martin Ward.



### **Election of Mayor:**

The outgoing Mayor congratulated the newly elected Councillors and the re-elected Councillors. He thanked Councillor O'Grady (Deputy Mayor for the past year) for his help and advice. He said Councillor O'Grady had been a tremendous servant to Tuam and he wished him all the best in the future. He thanked the Members of the Board, Mr. Frank Gilmore, Director of Services, the Town Engineer, the Town Clerk and the Press for their support during the year.

He then invited nominations for the position of Mayor. It was proposed by Councillor Kitt and seconded by Councillor Kelly 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 and the Members for electing him Mayor. He congratulated the outgoing Mayor on an excellent year and wished the outgoing Deputy Mayor and members who did not seek re-election good wishes for the future. He welcomed the new members to the Board. He said he looked forward to working with the Members, Director of Services, the Town Clerk and the Town Engineer for the next five years.

### **Election of Deputy Mayor:**

The Mayor invited nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor. It was proposed by Councillor Warren and seconded by Councillor Kelly 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 complimented the Mayor on his election and paid tribute to the outgoing Mayor. She welcomed the newly elected members.

### **Election of Delegates to Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland:**

It was proposed by Councillor Warren and seconded by Councillor Kitt that Councillor Flanagan represent the Town Council at the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland. It was proposed by Councillor Ward seconded by Councillor Kitt that the Mayor also represent the Town Council at the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland. It was proposed by Councillor Flanagan and seconded by Councillor Warren that Councillor Kelly be the deputy representative.

**Election of Delegate to RAPID:**

It was proposed by Councillor Kelly and seconded by Councillor Bane that Councillor Kitt represent the Board at RAPID.

It was proposed by Councillor Cunniffe and seconded by Councillor Warren that Councillor Loftus be the deputy representative.

**Election of Delegate to Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Ltd:**

It was proposed by councillor Kelly and seconded by Councillor Kitt that the Mayor represent the Board at the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Ltd.

The Town Manager congratulated the new Mayor and paid tribute to the outgoing Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by:  
Angela Holian,  
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY

Tom Reilly

MAYOR

**TUAM TOWN COUNCIL**  
**ANNUAL MEETING – 15<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2009**

Appointment of \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed by Councillor Kill that Co. Reilly

Seconded by Councillor Keely he Mayor

Proposed by Councillor Wanner that Co. Flanagan

Seconded by Councillor Keely he deputy Mayor

Proposed by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_

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Tuam Town Council



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10<sup>th</sup> June, 2009

**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, 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2009 at 7 p.m. You are hereby summoned to attend.**

Mise, le meas,

*Angela Holian* Baile Cleireach

**AGENDA**

**Election of Mayor**

**Election of Deputy Mayor**

**Appointment of two delegates to Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland**

**Appointment of delegate to RAPID Area Implementation Team**

**Appointment of delegate to Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Ltd.**

## Declaration Of Result

Tuam Town Council  
Local Election - 5 June 2009

The following is the result of the poll taken on June 05, 2009 to fill the nine seats in the constituency of Tuam Town Council.  
I declare the candidates to be elected (in the following order)

Name	Party	Occupation	Address	Proposer	Proposer's Address
Tom Reilly	Fianna Fáil	Public Representative	20 Trinity Court, Tuam	self	20 Trinity Court, Tuam
Sally-Ann Flanagan	Fine Gael	Public Representative	12 Woodfield, Galway Road, Tuam	self	12 Woodfield, Galway Road, Tuam
Peter Warren	Fine Gael	Company Representative	64 Athenry Road, Tuam	P. J. Burke	Ballymote Road, Tuam
Mary Loftus	The Labour Party	Publican	High Street, Tuam	self	High Street, Tuam
Eamon Kitt	Fianna Fáil	Principal Teacher	Weir Road, Tuam	self	Weir Road, Tuam
Imelda Kelly	Non-Party	Primary school teacher	3 Waterslade Downs, Tuam	self	3 Waterslade Downs, Tuam

( The attached result sheet sets out the total number of votes cast for each candidate, any transfer of votes made to each candidate and the total number of votes credited to each candidate at the end of the count at which such transfer took place. )

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Returning Officer

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Date

Declare Result

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Local Election - 5 June 2009

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I declare the candidates to be elected (in the following order)

Name	Party	Occupation	Address	Proposer	Proposer's Address
Larry Bane	Fine Gael	Self employed	3 The Oaks, Tuam	self	3 The Oaks, Tuam
Shaun Cunniffe	The Labour Party	Business man	Ballygaddy Road, Tuam	self	Ballygaddy Road, Tuam
Martin Anthony Ward	Non-Party	Manager	36 Tirboy, Tuam	self	36 Tirboy, Tuam

( The attached result sheet sets out the total number of votes cast for each candidate, any transfer of votes made to each candidate and the total number of votes credited to each candidate at the end of the count at which such transfer took place. )

Angela Holian  
Returning Officer

6, 6, 09  
Date

Declare Result

06-Jun-09

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**LOCAL ELECTION - 5 June 2009**

**CONSTITUENCY OF  
TUAM TOWN COUNCIL**

TOTAL ELECTORATE	5,863
INVALID BALLOT PAPERS	74
VALID POLL	3,291
NUMBER OF SEATS	9
QUOTA	330

CANDIDATE(S) ELECTED	
TOM REILLY (F.F.)	SHAUN CUNNIFFE (LAB.)
SALLY-ANN FLANAGAN (F.G.)	MARTIN ANTHONY WARD (NON-P.)
PETER WARREN (F.G.)	
MARY LOFTUS (LAB.)	
EAMON KITT (F.F.)	
IMELDA KELLY (NON-P.)	
LARRY BANE (F.G.)	

NAMES OF CANDIDATES (15 No.) (* Denotes outgoing member)	First Count	Second Count	Third Count	Fourth Count	Fifth Count	Sixth Count	Seventh Count	Eighth Count	Ninth Count
	Number of Votes	Transfer of Reilly, T's Surplus and Result	Transfer of Flanagan, S's Surplus and Result	Transfer of Warren, P's Surplus and Result	Transfer of Loftus, M's Surplus and Result	Transfer of Morahan, G's and Mullarkey, B's Votes and Result	Transfer of Ward, O's Votes and Result	Transfer of Osikoya, P's Votes and Result	Transfer of O'Hora, P's Votes and Result
BANE, LARRY (F.G.)	248	+13	+13	+12	+3	+9	+2	+16	+25
CUNNIFFE, SHAUN (LAB.)	227	+8	+4	+4	+4	+6	+1	+14	+59
FLANAGAN, SALLY-ANN (F.G.)	383	-	-53					268	327
KELLY, IMELDA (NON-P.)	229	+22	+14	+8	+3	+15	+8	+19	+30
KITT, EAMON (F.F.)	281	+35	+7	+6	+2	-	-	-	-
LOFTUS, MARY (LAB.)	354	-	-	-	-24			331	331
MORAHAN, Grainne (S.F.)	48	+3	+1	-	+1	-53		330	330
MULLARKEY, Breda (F.F.)	14	+12	-	+1	-	-27		-	-
O'GRADY, Paul (F.G.)	182	+4	+6	+8	+2	+3	+1	+6	+21
O'HORA, Pat (LAB.)	150	+5	+3	+4	+5	+7	+10	+15	-199
OSIKOYA, Paul Oladipo (G.P.)	100	+4	+3	+3	+2	+2	+9	-123	-
		104	107	110	112	114	123	-	-

REILLY, TOM (F.F.)		-112								
	442	330	330	330	330	330	330	330	330	330
WARD, MARTIN ANTHONY (NON-P.)		+4	+1	+3	+1	+7	+57	+16	+18	
	162	166	167	170	171	178	235	251	269	
Vard, Owen (Non-P.)		+2	+1	+1	+1	+3	-99			
	91	93	94	95	96	99				
WARREN, PETER (F.G.)		-	-	-50						
	380	380	380	330	330	330	330	330	330	330
on - transferable papers not effective						+28	+11	+37	+46	
	-	-	-	-	-	28	39	76	122	
TOTAL	3,291	3,291	3,291	3,291	3,291	3,291	3,291	3,291	3,291	3,291

PART A - 1 to 9 of 9 Counts.

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*Angela Holen*  
Returning Officer

*6/6/09*  
Date



# TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2009

**Present:** Mayor: Councillor Warren

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

**Apology** Councillor Reilly

**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 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2009 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor McHugh seconded by the Mayor.

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

Replying to the Members Mr. Gilmore said it was hoped that the Library will be moving into the Civic Offices in a few weeks. Staff from various units of the County Council including housing will also be based there. He said facilities will be expanded in the future.

Replying to Councillor Kelly Mr. Gilmore said a recent closure of the library was not due to cut backs, there is no plan to down-grade library services.

Replying to Councillor O'Grady Mr. Gilmore said there was no news regarding the Water Distribution & Main Drain Scheme.

Replying to the Mayor regarding the entrance to Rivercrest Estate Mr. Leahy said this will be dealt with. Regarding roads he said a decision had been taken to defer major work until after the completion of the Water Distribution & Main Drain Scheme.

Councillor Browne-Lane said there was ongoing complaints regarding road surfaces in the town. She also asked that the green areas be maintained.

Replying to Councillor Kelly regarding parking at Old Road Mr. Leahy said a revised Traffic Management Plan was being prepared for Tuam he said he would look at the status and see if Old Road could be dealt with. Regarding the Scout Hall Mr. Leahy said he hoped to have news for the next meeting. Councillor O'Grady stated that a number of organizations in the town were looking for accommodation and the old St. Patrick's School would be ideal. It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed that the Town Council write to Archbishop Neary.

Replying to Councillor O'Grady Mr. Gilmore said a Remedial Works Scheme for Gilmartin Road, St. Enda's Ave and Tirboy Estate is being prepared by Galway County Council, it is hoped to make a submission to the Department in the next month.

Councillor Ward thanked the Manager and the Engineer for providing skips for the recent clean up by the Residents of the area. The Members welcomed the planned scheme.

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

Mr. Gilmore told the Members the Annual Meeting (first meeting after Local Elections) will be held on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2009.

### **Correspondence:**

Letter dated 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2009 from Mr. Tony Walsh, Chairperson, Tuam Fairtrade Action Committee was read. It was agreed to send letter of support to the Fairtrade Action Committee.

**A. O. B.:**

Replying to the Mayor Mr. Gilmore said a list of unfinished estates is being compiled by Galway County Council. Millstream Park was "taken over" by the Council last year. Blackacre Estate is on a planning list to be taken over. The Members asked that lights at Athenry Road, Tubberjarlath Road, Curragh Park and Circular Road be replaced or refurbished.

It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor O'Donnell-Brady and agreed to open a book of solidarity with abuse victims. Mr. Gilmore agreed the book could be available for signing at the new Civic Offices during normal working hours. It was agreed to launch the Book on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2009 at 4 p.m. in the Town Hall.

The Mayor thanked everybody for their co-operation during the past five years. He thanked the Deputy Mayor, the Members, Mr. F. Gilmore, Director of Services, Mr. Peter Gavin and Mr. Stephen Lally, Town Engineers, Mr. John Leahy, Senior Executive Engineer, Ms. Angela Holian, Town Clerk and the Press for their support. He said he was delighted to hold the position of Mayor for the past year. He said many issues had been dealt with in the past five years, C.C.T.V. had been installed, two new playgrounds had been provided, the river had been cleaned – he thanked Galway County Council and the Fisheries Board, Pedestrian lights had been installed at Purcell/Stockwell Road, the Taxi Rank had been provided and the Town Council had contributed to the up grading of the Christmas lights. He wished Councillor Browne-Lane, Councillor McHugh and Councillor O'Donnell-Brady - who are not seeking re-election – all the best in the future. He wished the Members going forward for re-election the best of luck.

Councillor Browne-Lane said the Browne Family had a long and proud association with the Town Council, she had been co-opted to the Board in 1990 following the death of her father who had been elected fifty four years ago. She thanked Members and Officials and wished everyone good luck. Councillor O'Donnell-Brady said it had been an honour and privilege to serve on the Board for the past five years and wished everyone good-luck. Councillor McHugh said she had enjoyed her time on the Board and wished everyone good-luck.

Mr. Gilmore thanked the Mayor, Members of the Board, Officials, Supt. M. Skehill, Members of the Gardai and the Press for their co-operation and assistance over the past five years.

This concluded the meeting

Recorded by,  
Angela Holian,  
Town Clerk

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

*Peter Warren*

MAYOR

COMHAIRLE BAILE THUAMA  
Tuam Town Council



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20<sup>th</sup> May, 2009

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, 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2009 at 6.30 p.m. You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise, le meas,

Angela Holman Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Minutes

Manager's Business

Correspondence

Grove Hospital

A. O. B.

# **TUAM TOWN COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2009**

**Present:** Mayor: Councillor Warren

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

**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 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2009 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Kelly seconded by Councillor Reilly.

The minutes of special meeting held on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2009 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Ward seconded by the Councillor Flanagan.

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

Replying to Councillor Kelly Mr. Gilmore said with the departure of Mr. Gavin, Town Engineer some jobs will have to be taken up by other people. The Scout Hall will be inspected as soon as possible. He said that Mr. Leahy, Senior Executive Engineer would be dealing with issues relating to the town. The Manager, Mayor and Members paid tribute to Mr. Gavin thanked him for his contribution to Tuam and wished him well in the future.

Replying to the Members regarding the condition of the roads in the town Mr. Leahy said a decision had been taken to defer major work until after the completion of the Water Distribution & Main Drain Scheme however ongoing maintenance will continue. He said an assessment of National roads is made this time of year and a submission will be made to the N.R.A. for the N17.

Mr. Gilmore said Galway County Council had still not got approval/ go ahead for the Water Distribution & Main Drain Scheme. When a definite response is received from the Department the County Council will decide how to proceed. Councillor Reilly said he had met with the Taoiseach and Minister Lenihan recently and informed them of the importance to Tuam of the Water Distribution & Main Drain Scheme. He was hopeful the work would go ahead in the near future.

Councillor Reilly complimented everyone involved in the recent "clean-up" of the town.

### **Correspondence:**

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2009 from Director of Policy and Operations, Commission for Taxi Regulation – read.

Letter dated 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2009 from Kilarney Town Council – read.

Letter dated 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2009 from Monaghan Town Council. There was unanimous support for the following notice of motion:

"Monaghan Town Council calls on the Department of the Environment and Local Government to ensure that the decision not to notify vehicle owners when their NCT is due be reversed".

Letter dated 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2009 from Mullingar Town Council. There was unanimous support for the following notice of motion:

"That Mullingar Town Council urges the Health Service to provide more support for dementia sufferers and their carers".

Letter dated 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2009 from Chambers Ireland – read.

Letter dated 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2009 from Mr. Tom Ryan, Director, Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland – read.

### **Annual Financial Statement:**

Mr. Gilmore introduced the Annual Financial Statement for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2008. In the Capital Account there was a credit balance of E125,884-00. Revenue Expenditure for the year was E161,679-00 while receipts were E158,028-00 bringing the credit balance to E338,795-00. The Annual Financial Statement for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2008 was approved on the proposal of Councillor O'Grady seconded by Councillor Ward.

### **Contribution to the Arts:**

It was proposed by Councillor O'Grady, seconded by Councillor Ward and agreed to allocate E300-00 each to the Marian Choral Society, Earwig and the Old Tuam Society.

### **Grove Hospital:**

Letter dated 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2009 from Councillor Sean Canney together with letters dated 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2009 - Ms. Priya Prendergast, Local Health Manager, H. S. E. to Councillor Canney - Ms. Priya Prendergast, Local Health Manager, H. S. E. to Deputy Finian McGrath, T.D. – read.

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

The Mayor welcomed Mr. Peter Digan, Rivercrest Estate, Dublin Road to the meeting. Mr. Digan told the Members that the Entrance to Rivercrest Estate, directly across from the supermarket, has become very dangerous and requested that signs be erected to stop cars parking across the entrance to the estate. Following discussion Mr. Gilmore said the matter had been noted.

**It was agreed to hold a meeting on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2009 at 6.30 p.m.**

**Sympathy:**

Councillor Reilly proposed a vote of sympathy with the Killilea Family on the death of Mark Junior. A vote of sympathy was also passed with the following Families:

Ward Family, Halting site on the death of Tom  
Gillespie Family, Dublin Road on the death of Pat  
Cahill Family, Church View on the death of Mai  
Naughton Family, Bishop Street on the death of Sally

One minutes silence was held as a mark of respect for the deceased.

This concluded the meeting

Recorded by,  
Angela Holian,  
Town Clerk

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

PETER WARREN,  
MAYOR