

## TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of special meeting held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2009

Present: Mayor: Councillor P. Warren, Councillor S. A. Flanagan, Councillor I. Kelly and Ms. Angela Holian, Town Clerk

The meeting was called to discuss application for permission to use the Town Hall on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2009 from Mr. F. Hopkins, Sinn Fein.

It was agreed that the Town Hall be made available at the usual rate per hour.

Email dated 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2009 from Ms. Sarah Roarty, President, Tuam Chamber of Commerce regarding conference on the Western Rail Corridor was read. It was agreed that the Town Council be represented at the conference.

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by:  
Angela Holian,  
Town Clerk

SIGNED: Peter Warren

MAYOR

## Tuam Town Clerk

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**From:** sarah roarty [sorcharoarty@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** 23 April 2009 22:01  
**To:** Angela Holian  
**Cc:** DP Morrin; odonoghuesolicitors@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Request for Councillors to attend WRC Conference

Dear Angela,

There is a conference planned for May 1st 2009 in Claremorris on the Western Rail Corridor - see attached programme.

I understand that all elected representatives have received an invitation to attend but as of this evening there are no confirmed attendees from the Tuam Town Council. The closing date for registration was Monday 20th April.

The extension of the rail system from Athenry to Tuam and onwards to Claremorris and Collooney is an essential piece of infrastructure for the west and in particular for Tuam as a Hub within the region.

As President of Tuam Chamber of Commerce I will be in attendance to reinforce the need for this investment in our region and I would ask you to contact each of our elected representatives to request their attendance also. Tuam Chamber of Commerce would be happy to pay the €100 registration fee for each attendee to ensure we have a strong and unified voice to demand this essential service for balanced regional development in the west.

After the conference I will accompany Mr. Johann Friedrich Colsman, Member responsible for Rail Transport of the Cabinet of the EU Transport Commissioner to Tuam to show him first hand the value that this investment will deliver to our area.

I look forward to a strong contingent from Tuam attending the conference.

Best Regards,  
Sarah Roarty  
*President, Tuam Chamber of Commerce*

*Circulated to Members.*



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**The Western Rail Corridor: Sustainable Regional Transport at a time of Economic Constraint**  
*Bealach Iarnróid an Iarthair: Iompar Reigiúnach Inbhuanaithe agus Srianta Eacnamaíocha i bhfeidhm*  
**Conference Timetable Clár**

09.00	Tea / Coffee / Registration	
09.30	<b>Introduction to Morning Session</b>	<b>Ms. Lisa McAllister</b> <i>Chief Executive, Western Development Commission</i>
	Morning Session	<b>Chair: Dr. Mícheál MacGréil, S.J.</b> <i>Patron of West on Track and Secretary Western Inter-County Railway Committee</i>
09.45	<b>Opening Address</b>	<b>Mr. Johann Friedrich Colman</b> <i>Member responsible for Rail Transport of the Cabinet of the EU Transport Commissioner</i>
10.15		<b>Mr. Anthony D Smare</b> <i>U.K. rural and regional railway development advisor</i>
10.45	<b>Keynote Address</b>	<b>Mr. Noel Dempsey T.D.</b> <i>Minister for Transport</i>
11.15	Coffee Break	

	Late Morning Session	<b>Chair: Ms. Helen Rochford Brennan</b> <i>Member Western Development Commission and West on Track</i>
11.45		<b>Dr. John Lynch</b> <i>Chairman of CIE</i>
12.15	<b>User Perspectives</b>	<b>Enterprise: Mr. Howard Knott</b> <i>Irish Exporters Association</i> <b>Community: Mr. Colmán Ó Raghallaigh</b> <i>West on Track</i> <b>Tourism: Mr. Jim Deegan</b> <i>Railtours Ireland</i>
1.30		<b>Mr. Éamon Ó Cuív T.D.</b> <i>Minister for Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs</i>
		<b>Q&amp;A</b>
	<b>Closing Address</b>	<b>Mr. Frank Dawson</b> <i>Roscommon County Manager, Member of Western Inter-County Railway Committee</i>
2.00	Close & Lunch	

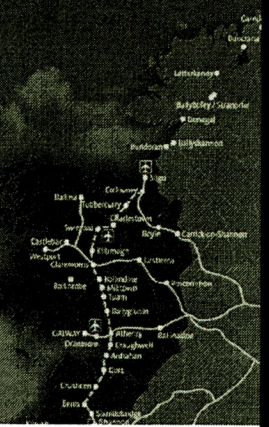
**Western Rail Corridor: Conference Registration Form**

(Please complete in block capitals)

I/We wish to register	delegate(s) @ €100 each
Name:	
Organisation:	
Address:	
Contact Telephone:	
Mobile:	
Email:	
I enclose cheque for €	Payable to West on Track

Please forward cheque, with completed registration details, by **Monday April 20th** to:  
**Sheila Hunt**  
**West on Track**  
**Innovation House**  
**Chapel Lane**  
**Claremorris**  
**Co. Mayo**

There is no fee payable for community groups. Community groups should register online or post form to West on Track (Tel: 1890 946 200) by Monday April 20th. To register online, please email: [conference@westontrack.com](mailto:conference@westontrack.com)





**COMHAIRLE BAILE THUMA**

**TUAM TOWN COUNCIL**

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**FOR THE**

**YEAR ENDED ON THE**

**31st DAY OF DECEMBER 2008**



**ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS OF TUAM TOWN COUNCIL**

**REVENUE ACCOUNT 2008**

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT	TOTAL	EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT	TOTAL
	€	€		€	€
Balance (if any) in favour at close of 2008		342,446.49	Balance (if any) against at close of 2006		NIL
Money supplied by the County Transfer from 2007	52,000.00	52,000.00	<b>Housing</b>		
Others			Maintenance and Repair of Houses	26,195.18	
Cancelled PO			Legal	1,360.00	
Co. Co. Interest	4,683.60		Insurance	17,793.85	
Bank Interest	9,430.58		Salaries	10,348.36	
Courts Service	24,712.00		Worker Pensions	1,025.13	
Town Hall Rents	210.00	39,036.18	Printing, Postage & Stationery	457.80	
Housing -			Rent Collection	2,343.83	59,524.1
Rents	53,508.37		<b>Other Expenses</b>		
Instalments of Purchase Money	2,480.39		Town Hall Expenses	25,310.93	
Other Receipts	38.49		Painting, Stationery and Advertising	759.50	
Ground Rents	1,114.15		Rent, Rates, Taxes and Insurance	2,065.71	
Mortgage Deposits			Office Expenses	2,924.50	
Sale of House			Salaries, Fees, etc.	8,419.79	
Fire Claim	9,850.00		Retiring Allowances and Gratuities		
Refund from Land Registry		66,991.40	Audit		
			Members Expenses	10,045.79	
			Reps Allowance	18,744.02	
			AMAI	3,014.43	
			Receptions/Presentations	995.83	
			Twinning	827.28	
			Contribution to Tuam Chamber of Commerce	8,000.00	
			Town Enhancement	18,381.72	
			Contribution to Arts	1,750.00	
			Misc	855.46	
			Transfer to Account 17852816		
			Refund of Deposit	60.00	102,154.91
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>158,027.58</b>	<b>500,474.07</b>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>161,679.11</b>	<b>161,679.11</b>
Balance (if any) against at close of 2008		NIL	Balance (if any) in favour at close of 2008		338,794.96

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**SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF REVENUE ACCOUNT**

	CHARGE			DISCHARGE			
	Balance in favour at close of last year	Receipts	Balance against at close of this year	TOTAL	Balance against at close of this year	Expenditure	Balance in favour at close of last year
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Total	342,446.49	158,027.58	-	500,474.07	-	161,679.11	338,794.96

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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 2008
TOTALS	125,883.75									125,883.75

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**STATEMENT OF BALANCES AT CLOSE OF FINANCIAL YEAR 2008**

Dr.	€	€	Cr.	€	€
Treasurer, due by him:-			Treasurer, due to him:-		
Revenue Account....	34,911.06		Revenue Account....		
Capital Account....	322,371.39	357,282.45	Capital Account....		
Officer's Imprest Accounts		3.87	Unpaid Bills....		3,499.
Receipt and Expenditure of			Receipt and Expenditure of		
Capital Moneys:-			Capital Moneys:-		
Expenditure in Excess		110,913.15	Unexpended Balance		
Balances against Account:-			Balances in favour of Account:-		
			Overlodged by R/C		
<b>Total ...</b>	<b>357,282.45</b>	<b>468,199.47</b>	<b>Total ...</b>	Revenue Capital	338,794 125,883 21. <b>468,199.</b>

**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 2008		357,282.45	Balance due to Treasurer at close of December 2008		
Balances in hands of other Officers:- at close of .....			Balances Due to Other Officers:- at close of .....		
Interest		3.87	Unpaid Bills		3,499.3
Cash in hands of R/C		110,913.15	Overpaid by R/C		21.3
Other Assets:- (specify)			Other Liabilities:- (specify)		
Rent Due		6,709.05			
Annuity Arrears		89.95			
<b>Total ...</b>		<b>474,998.47</b>	<b>Total ...</b>		<b>3,520.7€</b>



**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	2,049.62	58,318.00	60,367.62	53,508.37	150.20	6,709.05
Annuities	480.39	2,089.95	2,570.34	2,480.39		89.95
	<b>2,530.01</b>	<b>60,407.95</b>	<b>62,937.96</b>	<b>55,988.76</b>	<b>150.20</b>	<b>6,799.00</b>

Percentage 89% 11%

**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
	55,897	100,063		

**CERTIFICATE BY CLERK**

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

Dated this 25 day of March 2009  
A. Nolan  
 Town Clerk

**AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE**

I have audited the Books and Accounts of the Tuam Town Council for the year ended on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2008 and I hereby certify the foregoing to be true Abstract therefrom.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2009  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Local Government Auditor



COMHAIRLE BAILE THUAMA  
Tuam Town Council



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Halla an Bhaile,  
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Our Ref:

Your Ref:

6<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, 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2009 at 7.00 p.m. You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise, le meas,

Angela Holean Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Minutes

Manager's Business

Correspondence

Annual Financial Statement

Contribution to the Arts?

A. O. B.



# **TUAM TOWN COUNCIL**

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

- Present:** Mayor: Councillor Warren
- Councillors: I. Kelly, A. O'Donnell-Brady, M. Ward  
G. Browne-Lane, S. A. Flanagan, P. O'Grady
- Officials:** Mr. Frank Gilmore, Director of Services  
Ms. Angela Holian, Town Clerk
- Apology:** Councillor McHugh  
Councillor Reilly  
Mr. Peter Gavin, Town Engineer

The Prayer was recited.

The minutes of special meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2009 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Kelly seconded by Councillor Flanagan.

The minutes of monthly meeting held on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2009 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Ward seconded by the Councillor Kelly.

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

Replying to Councillor Browne-Lane regarding the state of the roads in the town Mr. Gilmore agreed that stretches of road are in a bad condition, some repairs had been carried out but as stated at previous meetings, Galway County Council are awaiting a decision regarding the Water Distribution & Main Drain Scheme. Replying to the Mayor he as Tuam is a RAPID town he was hopeful that the project would proceed.

Councillor Browne-Lane told the Members she had serious concerns regarding traffic and safety problems on Dublin Road at school times. The Mayor said a "Lollypop Person" was engaged at a number of schools in Galway and asked if this could be considered for Tuam. Mr. Gilmore said the County Council in co-operation with the schools organise the "lollypop Person". He said he would talk to the Community Wardens with a view to approaching the schools also the Roads Unit/Safety People. It was agreed to discuss the matter further at the Joint Policing Committee meeting.

Replying to Councillor Kelly regarding the old scout hall the Mayor said he had contacted the Boy Scouts who said they still use the building occasionally. It was agreed to ask the Town Engineer to check the condition of the old Scout Hall.

Replying to Councillor Flanagan Mr. Gilmore said the town rate may only be considered at the next Budget of Expenses meeting in November/December, 2009

Replying to the Members regarding the taxi rank Mr. Gilmore said there had been huge public consultation prior to the implementation of the taxi rank. He suggested that People try and make the best use of the facilities there. He agreed the matter could be looked at in the future.

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

Mr. Gilmore told the Members the revised Part 8 process for the N17 Bypass is underway. The period for inspection of the plans and particulars of the scheme elapsed on March 25<sup>th</sup>. The deadline for submissions and observations is 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2009. Galway County Council intend submitting the Part 8 Managers Report to the Councillors at a full Council meeting to be held on 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2009. It is proposed to construct the Scheme as part of the Gort-Tuam PPP. The NRA has indicated that construction will begin on the PPP Scheme in the second half of 2010.

Replying to Councillor O'Grady Mr. Gilmore said the Bypass would solve the traffic problems at Weir Road.



The Members agreed to meet at the Town Hall at 6.30 p.m. and view the new Civic offices prior to the next meeting which will be held on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2009.

### **Correspondence:**

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2009 from Monaghan Town Council. There was unanimous support for the following Notices of Motion:

“That this Council calls on the Minister for Finance to reduce the current vat rate to at least the same level as Northern Ireland so as to give business in the Border Region a stimulus to retain shoppers”.

“That this Council rejects outright the proposed reintroduction of across the Board third level fees as this will lead to deprivation of the less well off among the student population. Means testing should be introduced. The present proposal would deprive the nation of the talents of possible future leaders in every facet of our society”.

“In the interest of protecting rate paying retail shops and services from undue overheads, that this Council correspond with Phonographic Performance Ireland (PPI) and Irish Music Rights Organization (MRO) to ensure fees being levied to shopkeepers are not done in duplication for the same service”.

Letter dated 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2009 from Longford Town Council – read.

Letter dated 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2009 from Nenagh Town Council. There was unanimous support for the following Motion:

“Nenagh Town Council calls on Government to maintain investments in primary education, to avoid increasing class sizes at Primary level and to ensure that the educational opportunities of our children are protected in these economically challenging times and requests the Mayor to inform An Taoiseach of this resolution”.

Letters dated 16<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2009 from Ms. Breda McDermott, County Secretary, Galway County Council – read.

Letters dated 19<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2009 from office of the Tanaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Ms. Mary Coughlan, T. D. – read.

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

Letter dated 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2009 Monaghan Town Council – read.

Letter dated 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2009 from Ms. Teresa Burke, Corrib County Holidays to Councillor Kelly. It was agreed to send a copy of the letter to the Town Engineer.

The Mayor informed the Members that a town “clean up” would take place on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2009

**Grove Hospital:**

Letter dated 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2009 from Ms. Priya Prendergast, Local Health Manager, HSE West was read. Email dated 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2009 from Deputy Paul Connaughton together with reply to Parliamentary Question No. 1066/09 regarding the Tuam Health Campus was read. The Members thanked Deputy Connaughton for the Email regarding the expenditure to date.

Councillor O'Grady told the Members that Engineers on behalf of the Courts Service had inspected the Grove that day with a view to using the building as a temporary Court House.

Replying to Councillor O'Grady Mr. Gilmore said there was no up-date on the Ambulance Base.

**A. O. B.:**

Councillor Ward requested that the Board write to Iarnrod Eireann and ask them to clean up the area around the railway gates and the station.

**Sympathy:**

A vote of sympathy was passed with the following Families:

Stockwell Family, Tullinadaly Road on the death of Frank  
Kelly Family, Bishop Street on the death of Willie  
Coyne Family, bishop Street on the death of Paddy  
Hopkins Family, Old Racecourse on the death of Teresa  
Treacy Family, St. Joseph's Park on the death of

This concluded the meeting

Recorded by,  
Angela Holian,  
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY:

PETER WARREN.

MAYOR





**CORRIB COUNTY HOLIDAYS**

**Cllr Imelda Kelly,  
Tuam Town Commissioners  
Town Hall,  
Tuam,  
Co. Galway.**

11<sup>th</sup> March, 2009.

Dear Imelda

I read with interest in the Tuam Herald the proposal to place a barrier at the Palace Grounds Coach Park. Corrib Country Ltd have been using this coach park for our French coaches as a pick up stop for host families and students for the past few years.

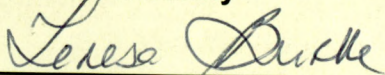
Boy racers are always speeding around the park and they are an embarrassment and a danger where students and families are gathered. They are also arrogant & aggressive. Unfortunately we have no other site in the town for the coaches to park. We had the coaches park at Abbeytrinity, the Cathedral car park, O'Tooles and the Mart over the years but none of the above are available to us any more.

A barrier would make it impossible for our French coaches and families to park and make the transfers. We are bringing much valued business into Tuam & North Galway and it is important to have access to this site. Perhaps more ramps along the side of swimming pool at entrance to coach park would be effective in deterring the menace of boy racers.

I wish you & the commissioners good luck in arriving at a decision and that when you do you will consider our dilemma.

Many thanks for your consideration.

**Yours sincerely**



**Teresa Burke,  
Manager.**

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13<sup>th</sup> March, 2009

**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 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2009 at 7.30 p.m. You are invited to attend.

Mise le meas, Angela Holean  
Baile Cleireach

**Agenda**

1. Minutes
2. C. C. T. V.
3. Traffic congestion on N17/Traffic Lights not synchronized
4. A Garda presence at Dublin Road and school areas morning and evening because of illegal parking
5. A Garda presence/foot patrol in the town centre at night especially at weekends



# TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

## Minutes of Meeting of Joint Policing Committee

Held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2008

Present: Mayor: Councillor P. Warren  
Councillors: S. A. Flanagan, M. Ward, I. Kelly, P. O'Grady,  
A. O'Donnell-Brady, G. Browne-Lane, T. Reilly.

Superintendent Marie Skehill, Sgt. Martin Connor

Mr. Pat O'Hora, Community Development Officer  
Mr. David Collins

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

Apology: Minister Kitt

The Prayer was recited.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2008 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by the Mayor.

The Mayor and welcomed everyone to the Meeting. He particularly welcomed Supt. Marie Skehill to her first meeting of the J. P. C.

### Matters arising from Minutes:

Replying to the Members regarding the recent drugs awareness meeting Supt. Skehill said the meeting had been advertised. No formal invitations had been issued as the Town Council had a representative on the sub committee. The event was aimed at students and their parents. Councillor Flanagan said she attended the first sub committee meeting but was not notified of subsequent sub committee meetings. Councillor Kelly said she had attended the previous drugs awareness meeting held in the Town Hall and had been so impressed she had proposed the recent meeting. Lack of communication between the various agencies on the ground had been discussed at the first J. P. C. meeting and it was regrettable that there was a lack of communication on this issue - the sub-committee should have reverted to the main committee.

Mr. Gilmore welcomed Supt. Marie Skehill to the J. P. C. meeting. He said the J. P. C. had been established under the Garda Siochana Act 2005 and in accordance with guidelines issued. Anything that is organized should be done in conjunction with the Town Council. Replying to David Collins he said the J. P. C. is a sub committee of the Tuam Town Council. It was proposed by Councillor Ward, seconded by Councillor Reilly and agreed that another drugs awareness meeting be held in the future. The Mayor and Members complimented the people involved in holding the drugs awareness meeting.

Replying to the Mayor regarding trucks parked outside Logstrip at night Supt. Skehill said this would be investigated.

### C. C. T. V.:

Supt. Skehill said C.C.T.V. was fantastic but some of the cameras are rotating quickly especially the one on the Town Hall. She queried if another camera could be installed on the Town Hall/The Square. Supt. Skehill also said more Gardai needed to be trained in monitoring C.C.T.V. footage as some Gardai who had been trained had recently been transferred to other Garda districts.

Mr. Gilmore said the cameras can be configured to whatever format is required, either fixed or set at a particular speed. He said quotes had recently been sought for two more cameras for the town - he would investigate the possibility of installing an extra camera at the Square. He said the Council was still awaiting the issue of guidelines from the Data Protection Commissioner, as to how C.C.T.V. footage is to be used and stored. Replying to the Members Mr. Gilmore said infra-red technology would not improve the images as the cameras will work with very little light however night time images could be improved by enhanced public lighting. Replying to Councillor Ward regarding a monitor for the Garda station he said this would be subject to funding being made available.



Supt Skehill said a monitor at the Garda station would require extra resources. Replying to Councillor O'Grady, who queried if a civilian could monitor C.C.T.V. footage at the Garda station, Supt. Skehill said this would be a data protection issue and would not be possible.

Mr. Gilmore said the Council was happy to facilitate the Gardai with access to the monitor/footage in the Town Hall and that as only authorized people were allowed access to the system the security of the system would not be compromised in any way.

### **Traffic Congestion/Traffic Lights at N17 Shopping Centre:**

The Mayor asked if the Gardai could turn off traffic lights at the Shopping Centre, Weir Road and Ballygaddy Road especially on Thursday and Friday evenings when traffic is backed up four and five miles out the Galway Road and have Garda manpower direct traffic in an effort to ease congestion. Councillor Browne-Lane said Members of the Board had received many complaints and People think the sequencing of the lights at Ballygaddy Road is throwing the other lights out and contributing to traffic congestion. Replying to Councillor O'Grady Mr. Gilmore said sequencing of the lights is a matter for Galway County Council. Councillor Reilly told the meeting that Galway County Council is planning a major refurbishment of the Weir Road/Galway Road junction with the traffic lights being replaced by a roundabout.

Replying to the Members Supt. Skehill said she would be reluctant to put Gardai on static duty at traffic lights and Garda Reserves can't work on their own.

Mr. Gilmore said the problem is the volume of traffic going through the town and the delay in the provision of the By-pass.

### **Monitor Taxi Rank:**

Replying to the Members Supt. Skehill said People who park on the taxi rank are on a prohibited area.

### **Recent Attacks on Young People:**

Replying to the Members Supt. Skehill said the onus on the Gardai is to protect people. The traffic unit is in attendance in the town centre at night also the detective branch. Anyone who is assaulted should talk to the Gardai. At present a lot of Public Order cases are being brought before the Courts.

Supt. Skehill told the meeting that from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2009 changes will be made to Regional, Divisional, District and sub District boundaries to realign Garda geographical areas with local authority boundaries. Tuam and Ballinasloe districts come under the Galway East Division. Tuam will have two new sub districts - Headford and Ballymoe.

**A.O.B.:**

Letter dated 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2008 from Mr. Mattias O’Gormaille, Honorary Secretary, Palace Grounds Committee was read regarding “Boy racers” and noise pollution. Councillor Reilly said he had been approached by Resident of Parkview Drive and Demense regarding the noise and drinking in the Palace Grounds at night especially at weekends. Councillor O’Grady said Dublin Road was being treated like a runway. Supt. Skehill said public lighting is poor in the park, the Gardai are concerned at the effect this anti-social behaviour has on elderly people and certain areas are being targeted. Any person who is caught will be without their car for a time. People will be before the Courts. Replying to the Members who called for barriers to be erected at the entrance to the Park Mr. Gilmore said various options will be examined.

Pat O’Hora told the meeting that RAPID have funding from the dormant accounts scheme and the theme this time is homelessness. He said names may be given to Ms. Ann Mallaghan, RAPID co-ordinator.

Mr. Gilmore agreed to liaise with Supt. Skehill regarding arranging the next meeting. Supt Skehill said she would like to have the agenda 21 days prior to the meeting.

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by:  
Angela Holian,  
Town Clerk

Signed by:

PETER WARREN  
MAYOR



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Tuam Town Council



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1<sup>st</sup> April, 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, 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2009 at 6.30 p.m. You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise, le meas,

Angela Holian Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Minutes

Manager's Business

Correspondence

Grove Hospital

A. O. B.

JPC meeting

# TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

## Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2009

**Present:** Mayor: Councillor Warren

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

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

The Prayer was recited.

The minutes of monthly meeting held on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2009 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by the Councillor Ward.



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

Replying to Councillor Browne-Lane who said the roads in the town have deteriorated even more the Town Engineer said every effort is being made to keep the roads in good order but weather conditions are not helping. Regarding the Water Distribution & Main Drain Scheme Mr. Gilmore said Galway County Council is still awaiting a response from the Department.

Replying to the Mayor regarding the traffic lights at Purcell/Stockwell Road the Town Engineer said a problem with fuses has now been resolved and it is hoped to have the traffic lights working this week. Replying to the Members the Town Engineer said he would investigate regarding the traffic lights on the N17.

Replying to Councillor Reilly regarding the pedestrian crossing at Blackacre the Town Engineer said a part had been ordered for the lights.

Replying to Councillor Ward the Town Engineer said a section of the old part of the cemetery would be resurfaced. An application for funding for ramps had been made through RAPID.

Regarding the installation of an automated barrier in the Palace Grounds it was proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Browne-Lane and agreed that this be progressed and funding be provided from the "Town Enhancement" allocation. It was agreed to request Galway County Council to contribute to the cost.

Councillor O'Grady informed the Members that the sale of the Sports Centre to the Courts Service has been completed.

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

Mr. Gilmore informed the Members that the planning process for the Tuam By-pass in accordance with Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations has commenced and will be adjudicated on in the next two months. He said the 2 x 2 dual carriageway was a better proposal than the previous 2 x 1 proposal. The scheme will include an over bridge at Kilcloghans and a compact grade separated junction at Ballygaddy Road. Replying to Councillor McHugh who said the Weir Road was not being serviced by the By-pass he said this issue has been raised with the N.R.A. Councillor Reilly said discussions are taking place regarding connectivity to the Weir Road. Mr. Gilmore said the motorway from Rathmorrisey to Tuam and the Tuam By-pass will be un-tolled and constructed as one under a P.P.S. Scheme. The Scheme is programmed to start mid 2010. The Members complimented the Manager and Design Team.



Replying to Councillor O'Grady Mr. Gilmore said it was untrue that fifteen Traveller families had been offered accommodation in Tuam. He said the Families concerned have strong connections with Galway City and have no interest in living outside the City. Councillor Ward also said the Families had no interest in relocating to Tuam.

### **Correspondence:**

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2009 from Mr. Jim McGovern, Director, West Regional Authority – read.

Letter dated 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2009 from Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd. It was proposed by Councillor McHugh, seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed that Councillor Reilly represent Tuam Town Council at Ordinary General Meeting of Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.

Letter dated 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2009 from Sustainable Energy Ireland – read.

Letter dated 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2009 from Mr. Sean O'Neachtain, M.E.P. regarding undocumented Irish in America. It was proposed by Councillor Reilly, seconded by Councillor O'Donnell-Brady and agreed to write to the offices of President Barack Obama and Secretary of State Hilary Clinton.

Letter dated 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2009 from Laois County Council – read.

Letter dated 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2009 from Ms. Esther Geraghty, Chairperson, Tuam No Name Club regarding use of the Old Scout Hall. The Mayor agreed to contact the Boy Scout Leader.

Letter dated 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2009 from Councillor Sean Canney. It was proposed by Councillor McHugh and seconded by Councillor Browne-Lane that the timber structure at High Street be removed. There was unanimous support for the proposal and it was agreed to call on Galway County Council to remove the structure permanently.

Letter dated 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2009 from Tuam Chamber of Commerce. It was proposed by Councillor O'Grady, seconded by Councillor Ward and agreed to release E10,000-00, contribution to the Chamber of Commerce/Christmas Lights as soon as possible.

Letter dated 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2009 from Mr. Tony Walsh, Chairman, Fairtrade Action Committee re: Public Meeting to be held in Corralea Court Hotel on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2009 at 8. p.m. - noted.

### **Grove Hospital:**

It was agreed to write to the Health Service Executive.



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

It was proposed by Councillor Reilly that a goodwill message be sent to Mr. Benny Brady and Mr. Rory Treacy. The Members wished both men a speedy recovery and it was agreed to send "Get well soon" cards.

It was proposed by Councillor McHugh, seconded by Councillor Browne-Lane and agreed to set up a sub-committee to investigate regarding photos of former Chairpersons, Mayors and/or group photos to be hung in the Boardroom.

It was proposed by Councillor Reilly, seconded by Councillor Ward and agreed to hold a meeting of the J. P. C. on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2009 following the ordinary meeting of the Board.

Councillor O'Grady proposed that Tuam Town Council discuss U. D. C. status or the equivalent

### **Omitted from Minutes of Meeting held 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2009**

#### **Notices of Motion – Councillor Ward**

- 1 Councillor Ward spoke on his motion regarding the provision of a pedestrian crossing on the Purcell/Stockwell road from the Railway Kitchen to the Health Centre. He said there has been a fatality on this road a few years ago and people, young and old, were terrified when crossing the road at this junction. There was unanimous support for the motion,
- 2 Councillor Ward spoke on his motion regarding FAS CE Schemes. He called on the Minister for the Environment to review the FAS CE Schemes. He said the present time limit of three years is totally unsatisfactory and should be extended to five years especially in the current climate. He said FAS CE Schemes should be increased rather than allow people, who would prefer to work and contribute to society, fall into the welfare net. There was unanimous support for the motion.
- 3 Councillor Ward spoke on his motion regarding Irish jobs. He called on the Government to reduce tax bands and engage with all foreign National Companies in an effort to prevent the loss of Irish jobs. There was unanimous support for the motion.

**Sympathy:**

A vote of sympathy was passed with the following Families:

Cullen Family, Ballygaddy Road on the death of Jack  
Barrett Family, Ballygaddy Road on the death of Mary  
Lynch Family, Old Road on the death of Paddy  
Fahy Family, Parkview Drive on the death of Patricia

This concluded the meeting

Recorded by,  
Angela Holian,  
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY:

*Peter Warren*

MAYOR

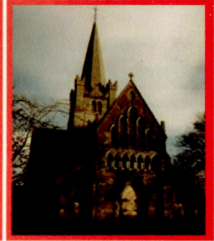


# Galway County Council

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## N17 Tuam Bypass



### Details of Proposed Development in Accordance with Part 8 of Planning and Development Regulations 2001

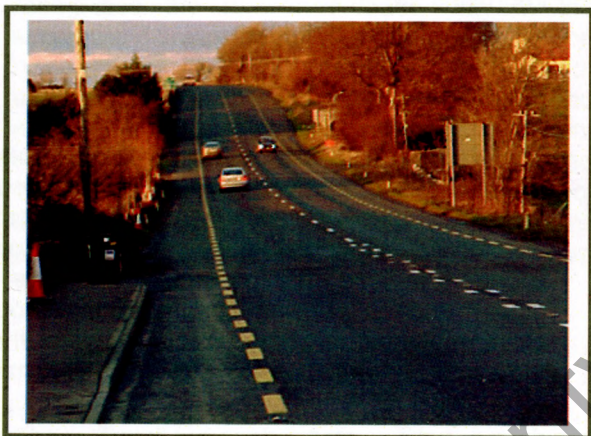
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## Introduction

The existing N17 is 123km long and extends from Galway City in the south to Sligo in the north, where it joins the existing N4 at the Tubberbride roundabout.

The proposed scheme will bypass Tuam Town, commencing at Kilmore at a proposed at grade roundabout with the existing N17 and proposed M17, connecting back to the existing N17 north of Tuam Town at Mountpotter via another at grade roundabout. The proposed scheme is 4.2km in length.



*Existing N17 at Mountpotter*



*Existing N17 at Kilmore*

## Update Since August 2006

The N17 Tuam Bypass originally went through Part 8 Planning in September 2005 and was approved by An Bord Pleanála in August 2006. Since then there have been changes to both the strategic importance of the bypass and the design standards.

The N17 Tuam Bypass has been identified as part of the Atlantic Corridor in Transport 21. Transport 21 is a capital investment framework under the National Development Plan through which the transport system in Ireland will be developed, over the period 2006 to 2015. Transport 21 identified the Atlantic Corridor as a specific spatial strategy route. The Atlantic Corridor runs from Letterkenny to Waterford via Sligo, Tuam, Ennis, Limerick, Mallow and Cork (N15, N17, N18, N20 & N25). The upgrading of this route is intended to improve access to and between the major towns and cities it serves, or passes close to, and their respective hinterlands.

The original design standard used for the N17 Tuam Bypass was the National Roads Authority Interim Advice Note on Road Link Design for 2 + 1 Roads, issued in 2005. This has been superseded by TD9/07 Road Link Design and TD10/07 Road Link Design for Type 2 and Type 3 Dual Carriageways.

In light of Transport 21 and the changes to design standards a review was undertaken of the published bypass route. This was to establish whether the scheme presented and brought through Part 8 Planning was in keeping with an overall inter-urban strategy as laid out within Transport 21 for the Atlantic Corridor and also whether the design tied in with current standards. This review also took into account the fact that the scheme to the south 'M17 Tuam to Galway' would be of Motorway standard. The out come of this study was a proposed change to the cross section of the road and junction strategy along the bypass.

The proposed scheme will be a 2+2 (Type 2) Dual carriageway with the following;

- underbridge at Weir Road;
- compact grade separated junction at Ballygaddy Road;
- overbridge at Kilcloghans; and
- at grade roundabouts at both tie in points with the existing N17, north and south of Tuam Town.



This proposal does not require any additional land to that identified during the original Part 8 Planning.

## National Context

The proposed road improvements may be viewed nationally in the context of the National Development Plan (2000 - 2006 and 2007 - 2013), Transport 21, the National Roads Needs Study (1998) and the Galway County Development Plan (2003 - 2009).

### National Development Plan

The National Development Plan 2000 - 2006 set out the development strategy for National Primary Routes which included the N17 as part of the Atlantic Corridor from Letterkenny to Cork and on to Waterford.

The National Development Plan 2007-2013 sets out the economic and social investment priorities needed to realise the vision of a better quality of life for all. This better quality of life will be achieved by supporting the continued development of a dynamic and internationalised economy and society with a high commitment to international competitiveness, social justice and environmental sustainability.

Investment in economic infrastructure is a key element in the promotion of competitiveness and the generation of sustainable economic growth and employment. It also contributes to regional development and assists environmental sustainability. As part of the investment in economic infrastructure, good transport infrastructure is crucial to the promotion of national competitiveness and sustainable development. It is critical that enterprises are able to efficiently move goods both internally, and to and from external markets. It is also vital that the workforce has access to reliable and efficient means of transport which is environmentally sustainable.

### Transport 21

Transport 21, announced in November 2005, sets out a 10-year transport investment framework costing just over €34 billion from 2006 to 2015 and covering both public and private capital investment in national roads, public transport and regional airports. Whilst the Transport 21 investment programme extends

beyond this latest National Development Plan, the transport investments set out therein are derived from, and form part of, the overall investment framework under Transport 21.

Transport 21 takes account of the major economic, social and demographic changes in Ireland over the past decade, the impact of these changes on transport demand, the strategic policies developed for areas relating to and impacting on transport, the National Spatial Strategy and the need to provide a modern transport network for the future.

A core aspect of the approach is the enhancement of connectivity at national, regional and local levels. The availability of an efficient, predictable and sustainable national transport network is a key factor underpinning economic growth and competitiveness and in improving quality of life.

### The National Spatial Strategy

The National Spatial Strategy (NSS) for Ireland is a twenty year planning framework designed to achieve a better balance of social, economic, physical development and population growth between regions. Its focus is on people, on places and on building communities. Through closer matching of where people live with where they work, different parts of Ireland will be able to sustain:

- a better quality of life for people
- a strong, competitive economic position and
- an environment of the highest quality

The Strategy is:

- national - it provides a national framework to guide policies, programmes and investment
- spatial - it is concerned with the location of people, their work and other activities and how different places relate to each other
- strategic - it offers a broad, long term, comprehensive twenty year view for achieving more balanced patterns of development

In this strategy the Government is spelling out the basis on which all areas of the country will have the opportunity to develop to their potential within a national spatial planning framework for the period up to 2020.



The strategy requires that areas of a sufficient size be built up through a network of 'Gateways' and 'Hubs'. Galway along with Dublin, Cork, Limerick / Shannon and Waterford have been identified as 'Gateways'. Tuam has been identified as a hub to Galway and will act as support and be supported by this Gateway.

The improvement of physical and other connections between the gateways and hubs will ensure that the capabilities and critical mass of the gateways can be used more effectively to the benefit of the gateway itself, the hub and other towns and related villages and rural areas.

#### **County Galway Development Plan 2003 – 2009**

The current Galway County Development Plan recognises the role that roads play in the economic development of the region. The region relies heavily on the public road network for transportation. Improvements to the road network will help to relieve areas of congestion, improve safety levels for road users and contribute to improved economic performance of the County. The Development Plan highlights as an objective the completion of the N17 Tuam Bypass scheme.

#### **Tuam Local Area Plan 2005 – 2011**

The Tuam Local Area Plan prohibits development on lands which are reserved for the provision of both the ring road and the N17 Bypass and where development would affect the route, line, level or layout of the new road.

### **Need for the Scheme**

The need for the Scheme is derived from Government policy and development plans, as set out above, and to cater for the increasing volumes of traffic on the existing highway network within County Galway.

The development of a high quality dual carriageway/motorway link between Letterkenny and Waterford (Atlantic Corridor) was a specific objective of the National Development Plan 2000-2006 and the proposed scheme represents a part of this proposed network. In addition, the designation of Galway as a national "gateway" and Tuam as one of its hubs, under the National Spatial Strategy further highlights the need for the Scheme

### **Scheme Description**

The road type proposed for the Tuam Bypass is a Type 2 dual carriageway, which will have two lanes in both directions, a central reserve of 1.5 metres and a hard strip of 0.5 metres both sides. A cross section of this road type is shown in the scheme brochure. The scheme is 4.2 km in length and will extend from Kilmore in the south, where it will connect with the proposed M17 Tuam to Galway Motorway to Mountpotter in the North where it ties back into the existing N17. There are six new bridges including a footbridge at Kilmore, an underbridge at Weir Road, a river crossing and rail crossing at Airgloony and overbridges at Ballygaddy Road and Kilcloghans Road. There will be at grade roundabouts at Kilmore, Mountpotter and Burke Road. A compact grade separated junction is proposed at Ballygaddy Road.



*Example of a Type 2 Dual Carriageway*

### **Scheme Design History**

The scheme commenced in May 2000 and has evolved through a series of phases and consultations as per the requirements in the National Roads Authority's Project Management Guidelines. The are listed below:

#### **Constraints Study (May '00 – Feb. '01)**

Public Consultation held in October 2000, four route corridors were presented, two to the east and two to the west, in conjunction with Primary Constraints in the study area.

#### **Route Selection (Feb '01 – May '02)**

An "Emerging Preferred Route" (EPR) was presented to the elected members of Galway



County Council as part of the "N17/N18 Preferred Route Presentation" in July 2001.

A modified EPR to accommodate a possible future extension northwards towards Milltown was presented at the second public consultation in September 2001.



#### **Public Consultation September 2001**

The Route Selection Report was completed and issued May 2002.

#### **Preliminary Design (Mar '04 – May '05)**

In March 2004 Galway County Council reactivated the project. This resulted in the development of a "stand alone" scheme for Tuam with an amended Preferred Route.

February 2005 a public consultation was held in Tuam on the "stand alone" scheme.

The "Proposed Scheme" map appeared in the local press in May 2005.

#### **Part 8 Approval (Sept 05)**

In September 2005 the N17 Tuam Bypass received Part 8 Approval for a 2+1 road type.

#### **An Bord Pleanála Approval (August 06)**

An Bord Pleanála granted approval of the N17 Tuam Bypass for a 2+1 road type in August 2006.

#### **CPO Publication (Nov '06)**

CPO Publication for the scheme took place in November 2006.

#### **Design Review ('07 to Feb '09)**

Further to the publication of the CPO, there have been changes to

- the strategic importance of the Bypass as part of the Atlantic Corridor (Transport 21),
- design standards used.

This led to review of the cross section of the road and junction strategy. The proposal put forward for this Part 8 is the outcome of this design review.

#### **Further Information**

Detailed drawings (Plans, Long & Cross Sections) relating to the proposed N17 Tuam Bypass scheme may be viewed for the duration of the inspection period at:

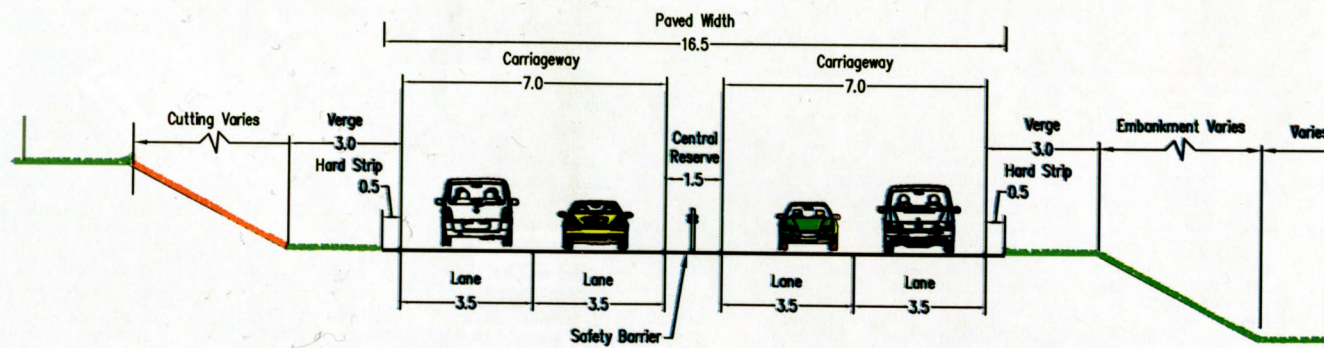
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The inspection period will terminate no less than 4 weeks after the publication of the Part 8 Procedure notice. Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development, dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development will be situated, may be made in writing to Galway County Council within a period specified in the published notice.

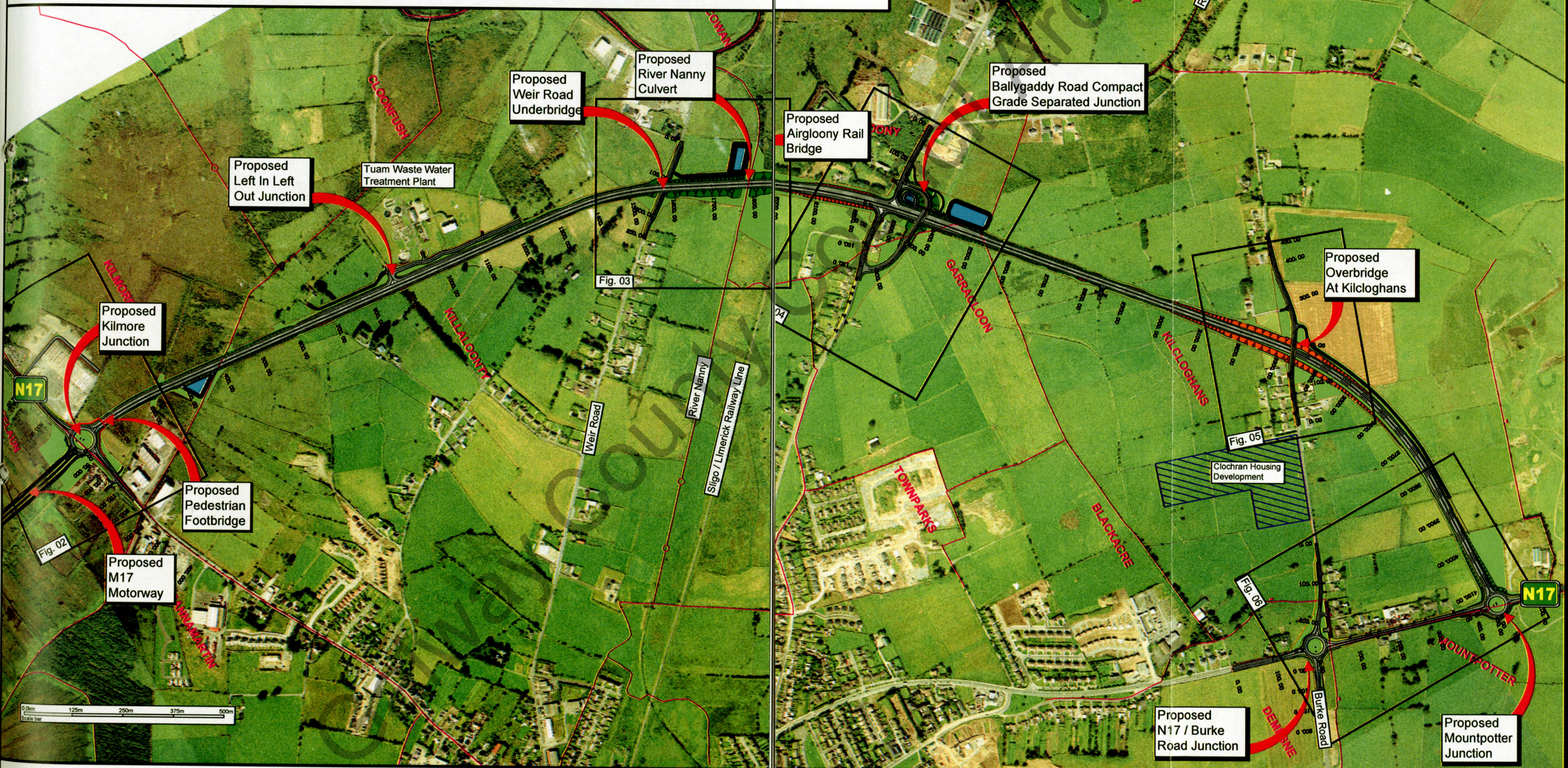
All submissions received during the Part 8 process will be considered and addressed in a report, which will be prepared for the County Manager. The County Manager will present this report to the elected members of Galway County Council at their regular monthly meeting. This report provides a detailed analysis of all the scheme elements and addresses all submissions or observations made in relation to the scheme during the specified period.

The scheme may then proceed as recommended in the Manager's Report, unless the Local Authority, by resolution, decides to vary or modify the scheme or decides not to proceed with the scheme.





Typical Type 2 Dual Carriageway Cross Section - N17 Tuam Bypass



# Proposed N17 Tuam Bypass



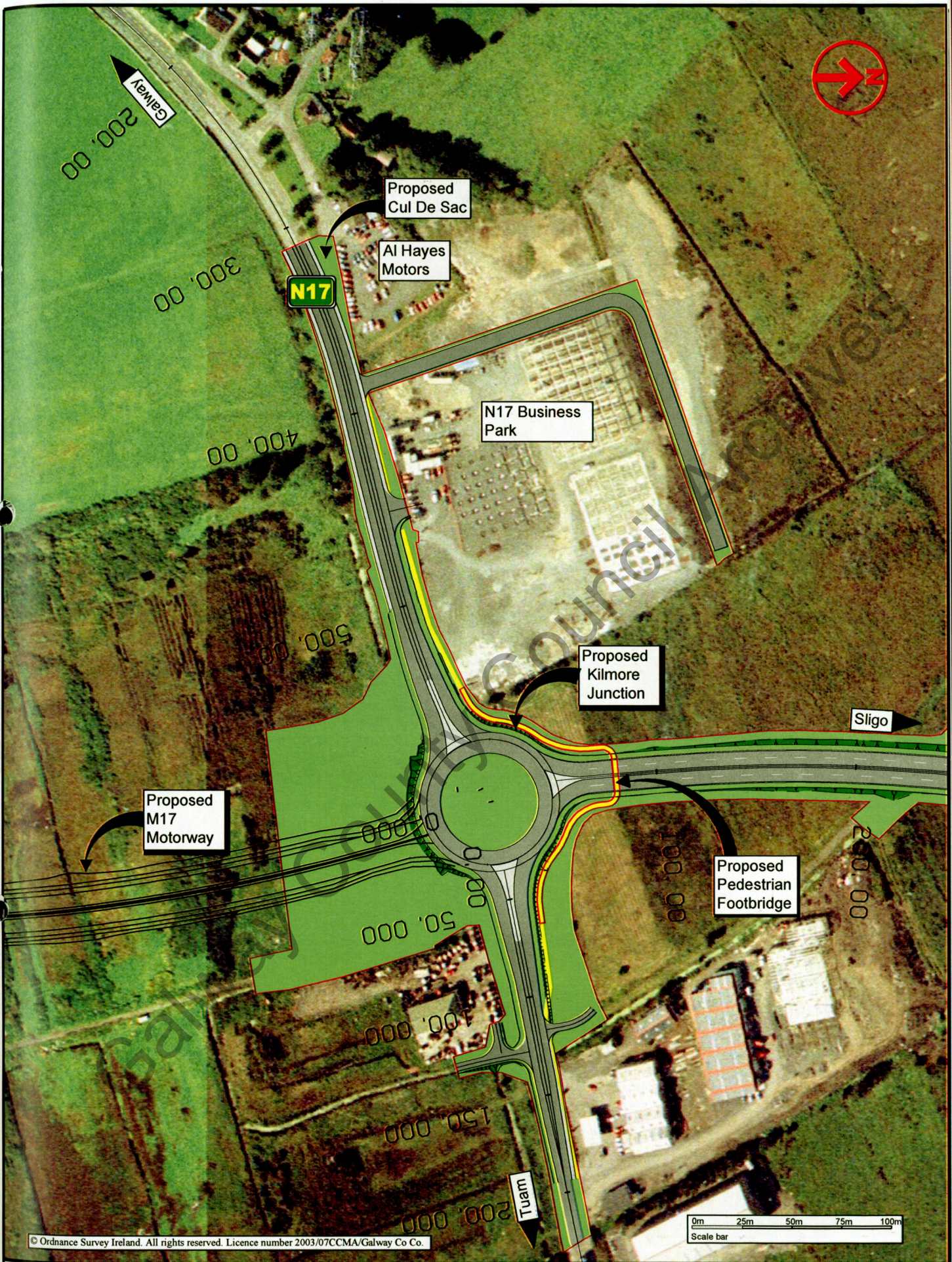
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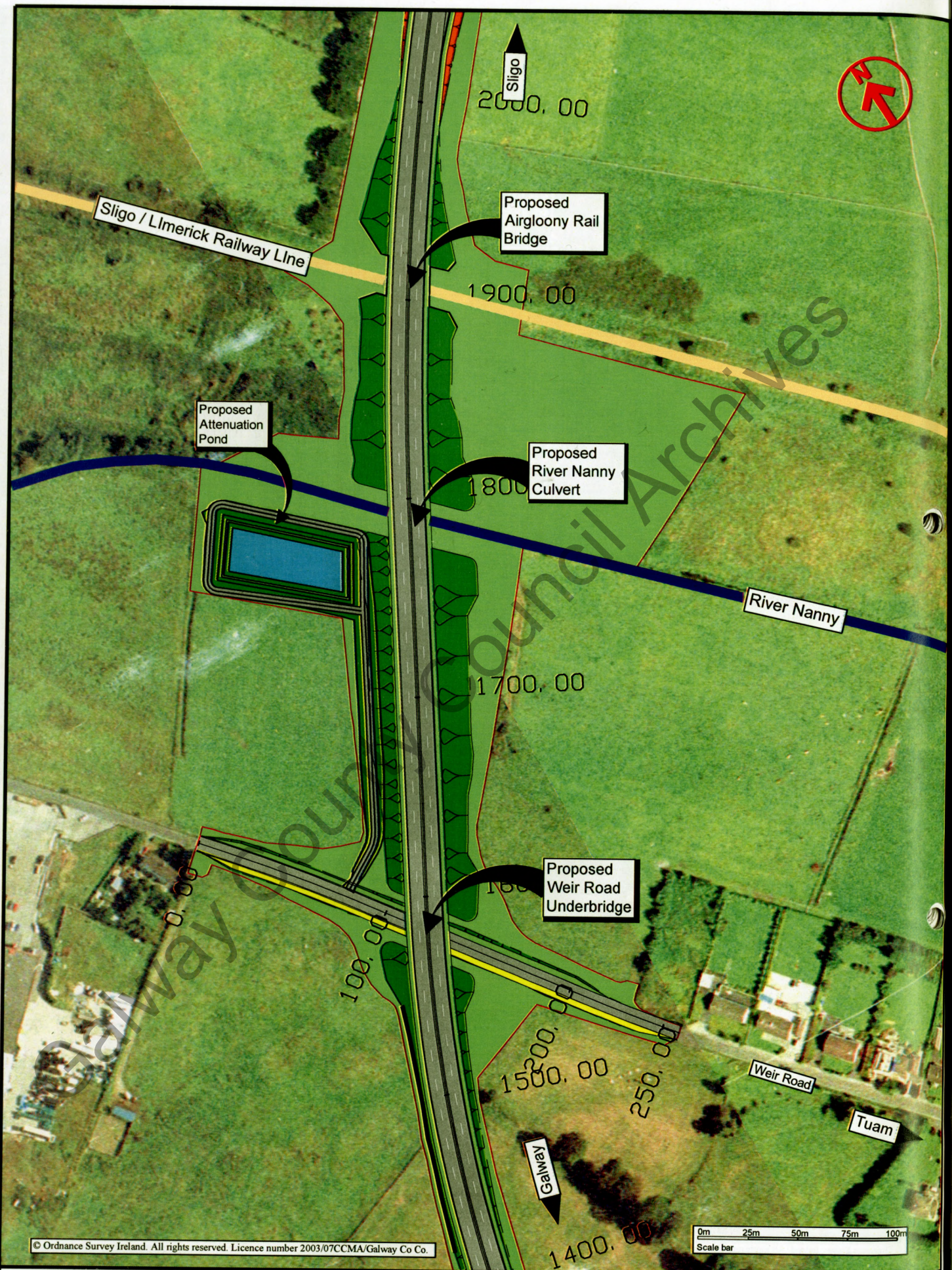




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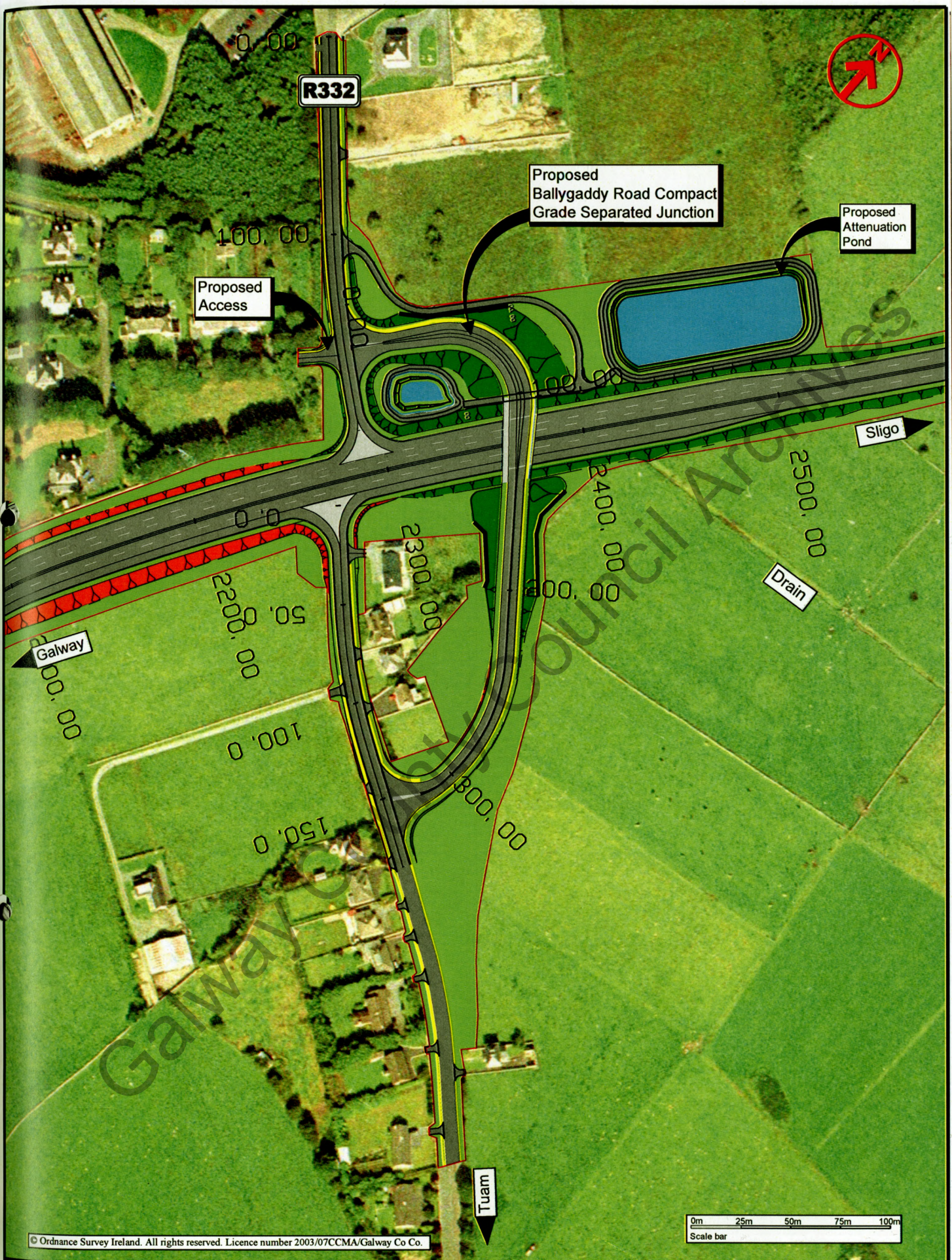



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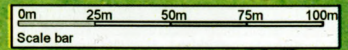
  
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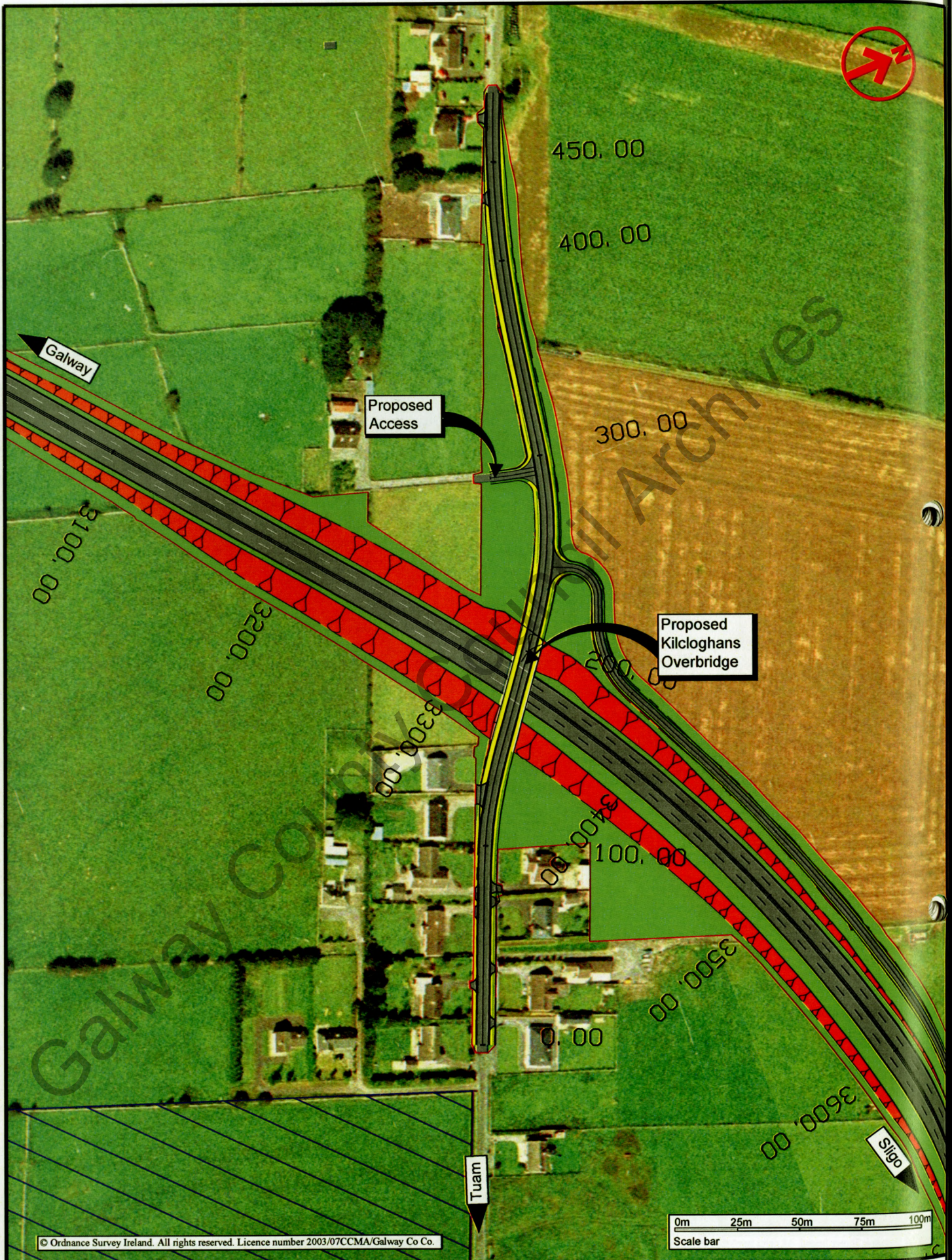

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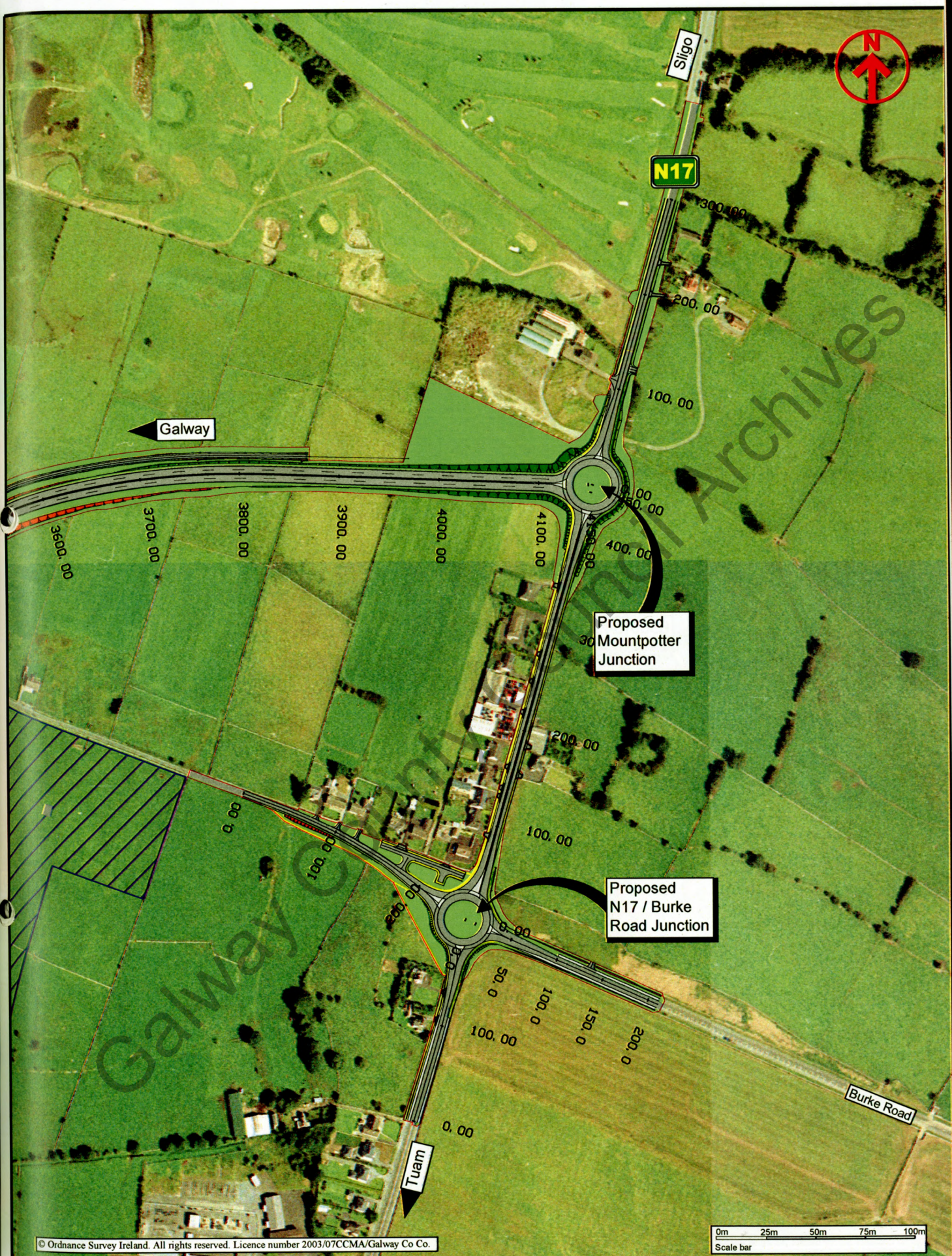
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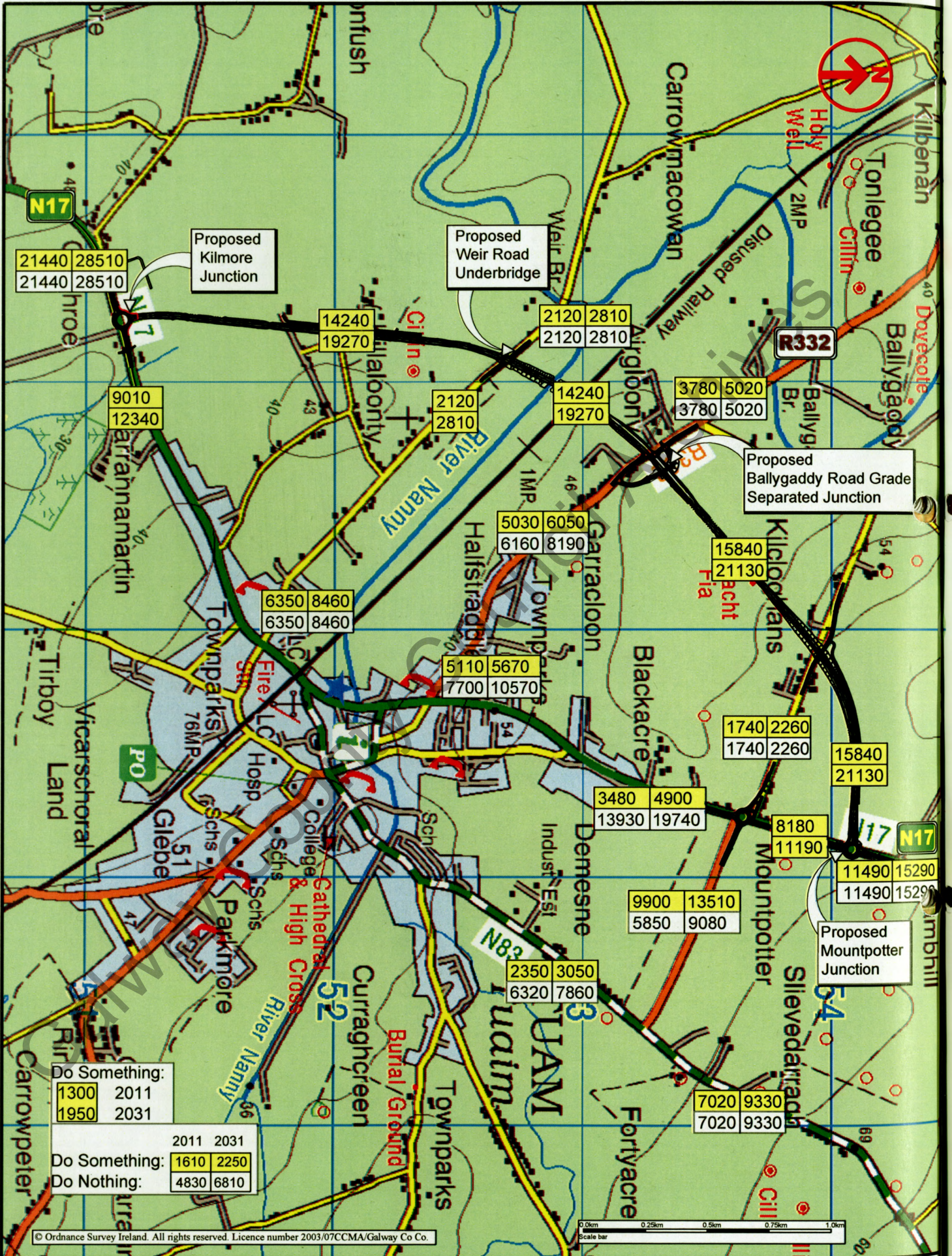
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Separated Junction

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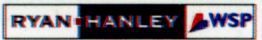
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## TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of special meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2009

Present: Mayor: Councillor P. Warren  
Councillor I. Kelly, Councillor T. Reilly, Councillor P. O'Grady,  
Councillor S. A. Flanagan, Angela Holian, Town Clerk

Apology: Councillor O'Donnell-Brady  
Councillor Browne-Lane

The Meeting was called to discuss the nominations for "2008 Tuam Person of the Year" and "2008 Tuam Group of the Year". Following discussions it was decided that the 2008 Tuam Person of the Year was Dr. Anthony Claffey and the 2008 Tuam Group of the Year was Della Dolan and her committee.

It was agreed to hold a function in the Corralea Court Hotel on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2009 at 8.30 p.m. following the March meeting of the Board.

Re: proposal by Councillor O'Grady to invite Mr. John Taylor to address the Board (meeting held Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2009) the proposal was seconded by Councillor Reilly.

Recorded by:  
Angela Holian,  
Town Clerk

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor



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Tuam Town Council



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9<sup>th</sup> February, 2009

To each Member of Tuam Town Council

A Chara,

A special meeting of Tuam Town Council will be held in the Town Hall on  
**Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2009 at 7.00 p.m.** You are hereby summoned to  
attend.

Mise, le meas,

*a Moleen*

Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Person of the Year

Group of the Year



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25<sup>th</sup> February, 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2009 at 7.00 p.m. You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise, le meas,

Angel Holian Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

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Manager's Business

Correspondence

Grove Hospital

A. O. B.

Function re: Person of the Year



# TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

## Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2009

**Present:** Mayor: Councillor Warren

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

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

The Prayer was recited.

The minutes of monthly meeting held on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2009 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by the Councillor McHugh. The minutes of special meeting held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2009 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by Kelly.



It was proposed by the Mayor and agreed that a special meeting be held after the ordinary meeting to discuss the "2008 Tuam Person of the Year". Councillor Flanagan proposed that nominations for "Young Person of the Year" be sought also. Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Reilly and agreed to include the category "Young Person of the Year" when inviting applications for the 2009 Tuam Person of the Year.

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

Councillor Browne-Lane said the roads in the town are in an atrocious condition and asked that something be done urgently. She complimented the Town Engineer on work done beside the steps in the park. Replying to Councillor Browne-Lane the Town Engineer said repairs to lights at High Street would be carried out by the E.S.B. Replying to Councillor Reilly regarding parking at the Old Road the Town Engineer said the Old Road was included in a submission for 2009 and he hoped to have information for the next meeting.

Replying to the Mayor the Town Engineer said the Traffic Lights at Purcell/Stockwell Road will be fixed next week. Regarding ramps at Parkmore and Dublin Road Estate he said these would be installed.

Councillor Ward said the lights at the St. Enda's Ave end of Gilmartin Road were deplorable and ramps were badly needed in an effort to slow down traffic. A parking area in the graveyard needed to be resurfaced. The Town Engineer agreed to investigate. Regarding faulty lights at College Green Mr. Gilmore said while this was the responsibility of the Developer, Galway County Council would have a bond in this case and he advised Residents to write to the Director of Roads, Galway County Council. Replying to Councillor Kelly the Town Engineer said installation of an automated barrier in the Palace Grounds would cost E5,000-00 to E6,000-00. Lights for the park are included in a RAPID Scheme for 2009.

Councillor Flanagan asked that action be taken regarding illegal parking – parking on loading bays, pedestrian crossings, disabled persons spaces and parking on both sides of Dublin Road. Replying to Councillor Flanagan the Town Engineer said the footpaths would be cleaned.

Replying to Councillor McHugh who said lighting was poor and footpaths non existent from the traffic lights to "The Pottery" on the Weir Road Mr. Gilmore undertook to investigate the matter. The Town Engineer agreed to investigate regarding the lights.

Replying to Councillor O'Grady regarding opening of the cemetery on Sundays the Town Engineer said he would talk to the Caretaker.



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

Replying to the Members regarding the start date for the Water Distribution & Main Drain Scheme Mr. Gilmore said Galway County Council are awaiting a response from the Department. Replying to Councillor O'Grady he said Galway County Council did have on-going correspondence with the Department over the last twelve months. There is no guarantee that any project will go ahead.

Regarding the Ambulance Base Mr. Gilmore said no correspondence had been received from the Health Service Executive however he did get a voice mail message which said that all capital projects were being reviewed in light of the current financial situation. Councillor O'Grady said the church and mortuary section of the grove hospital, with its own entrance and plenty of parking space, should be converted for use. It was proposed by Councillor O'Grady and seconded by Councillor Ward that the church and mortuary be converted to accommodate a court house and ambulance base. Mr. Gilmore said he had been informed that the Courts Service had no budget for major improvement work in 2009. The provision of a court house at Dublin Road is to be processed through the planning process.

Mr. Gilmore informed the Members that "Expressions of Interest" have been invited for the Gort to Galway, Galway to Tuam, Tuam By-pass and the Tuam to Claremorris road. He said the selected route from Tuam to Claremorris will be decided in the next few weeks. The targeted start date is 2009/10. The Members welcomed this.

### **Correspondence:**

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2009 from Marian Choral Society. It was agreed to advertise for application for "Contribution to the Arts" in April and make decisions at the May meeting of the Board to be held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2009.

Letter dated 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2009 from Colmcille Heritage Trust – read.

Letter dated 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2009 from Integrated Acoustic Solutions Ltd. – read.

Letter dated 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2009 from Sr. Patricia Fahy, Secretary, Fairtrade Action Committee – read.

Letter dated 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2009 from Ballina Town Council – read.

Letter dated 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2009 from Ms. Patricia Oliver, Director, Environmental Education Unit, An Taisce – read.

Letter dated 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2009 from Mullingar Town Council. There was unanimous support for the following Notice of Motion: "That the Government would reduce the TV licence fee by at least 50% of the current cost.



**Sympathy:**

Councillor Reilly proposed a vote of Sympathy with the Burke Family on the death of Ian. A vote of sympathy was also passed with the following Families:

Flaherty Family on the death of Benny, St. Jarlath's Court  
Donnellon Family on the death of Martin, St. Jarlath's Court  
Nolan Family on the death of Joe, St. Jarlath's Court  
Naughton Family on the death of Michael Joe  
Mawn Family, St. Joseph's Park on the death of Paddy  
Holden Family, Rivercrest on the death of Jarlath  
Tynan Family, Bishop Street on the death of Jim

This concluded the meeting

Recorded by,  
Angela Holian,  
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY:

PETER WARREN  
MAYOR



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28<sup>th</sup> January, 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2009 at 7.00 p.m. You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise, le meas,

Angela Holecian Baile Cleireach

**AGENDA**

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Notices of Motion: Councillor Ward



1. That Tuam Town Council call on Galway County Council to insure without delay a pedestrian crossing at the Purcell/Stockwell road as a matter of urgency. We should not wait for the Tuam Traffic Management Plan to have this endorsed. The crossing from the Railway Station to the Health Centre is a nightmare for both young and old and we as Councillors have received numerous complaints. We don't want another serious accident on our hands before action is taken in relation to a safe pedestrian crossing.
2. That this Council calls on the relevant Minister to review the current situation in relation to FAS CE Schemes. One area which needs reviewing is the current time-limit which officially is three years, this is totally unsatisfactory under the current climate. <sup>places to be increased to 5 yrs</sup> That FAS community places be increased rather than allow people fall into the welfare net who would prefer work and contribute to the community and society.
3. That this Council calls on the Government not to stand by and allow Irish jobs to be lost to other EU Nations. I am referring to DELL's move to Poland with the loss of 1900 jobs, and the loss of several thousand more that were directly supplying or benefiting from DELL here in Ireland. The Government must reduce tax bands further and engage all foreign national companies who are thinking of leaving this county because of corporate greed. It would be more important to have Irish workers paying taxes rather than foreign countries benefiting from our loss.



## Tuam Town Council

### Minutes of Special meeting held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2009

Present Mayor: Councillor P. Warren  
Councillors: I. Kelly, M. Ward, G. Browne-Lane, T. Reilly  
S. A. Flanagan  
Officials: Ms. A. Holian, Town Clerk

Apology: Councillor P. O'Grady  
Councillor A. O'Donnell-Brady  
Councillor T. McHugh

The meeting was called in response to letter dated 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2009 from Supt. M. Skehill regarding Joint Policing committees (Policing Plan) Tuam Division.

It was agreed the following be submitted:

Traffic on the Galway Road to Milltown Road not moving freely, the traffic lights are not synchronized, the traffic is constantly backed-up on the Abbey Trinity section especially at peak times.

A Garda presence is required at Dublin Road and School areas morning and evening because of illegal parking especially on Dublin Road.

A more visible Garda presence, foot patrol etc. in the town centre at night especially at weekends is required, also more Garda patrolling of residential areas.

Regular review of C.C.T.V.

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by:  
Angela Holian,  
Town Clerk.

SIGNED BY: 

MAYOR



An Ceannfort,  
An Garda Síochána,  
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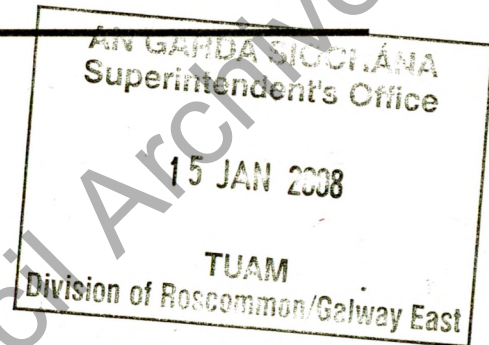
Superintendent,  
Garda Station,  
Tuam,  
Co. Galway.

Our Ref:  
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15 January 2009

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Ms Angela Holian,  
Town Clerk Tuam.



**RE : Joint Policing Committees ( Policing Plan )  
Tuam District.**


Dear Angela,

I am writing to you in respect of the policing plan for Tuam District for the year 2009,

I am presently putting submissions together for inclusion in the plan, I would be grateful if you could consult members of the J.P.C and advise me if they wish to have submissions included for consideration in the plan.

In anticipation of submissions from the J.C.P committee I would appreciate a reply by 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2009.

Yours Sincerely,

  
Superintendent.  
( M. Skehill )

Mission Statement:

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

To each Member of Tuam Town Council

A Chara,

The Special meeting of Tuam Town Council will be held in the Town Hall on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2009 at 6.30 p.m. You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise, le meas,

A. Moleen Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Joint Policing Committees (Policing Plan) Tuam District



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An Garda Síochána,  
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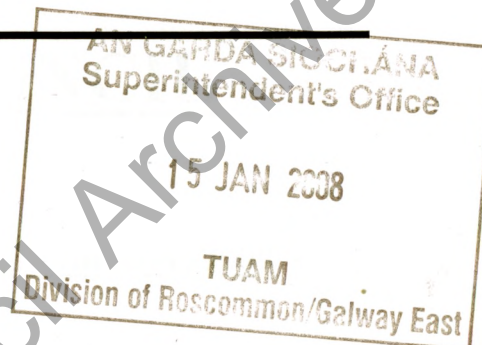
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Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'M. Skehill'.  
**Superintendent.**  
(M. Skehill)

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# TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

## Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2009

**Present:** Mayor: Councillor Warren

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

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

The Prayer was recited.

The minutes of monthly meeting held on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2008 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by the Councillor Kelly. The minutes of Budget of Expenses meeting held on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2008 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by Councillor O'Donnell-Brady. The minutes of special meeting held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2008 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Kelly seconded by Reilly.



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

Councillor Browne-Lane asked that prior to the Tuam Market People using the Town Hall again that evidence of Insurance be supplied.

The Mayor asked if something can be done to some of the roads around the town which are in a very bad state, especially Galway Road, Dublin Road and Ballygaddy Road. The Town Engineer stated that when the schedule of works is received priority will be given to sections of road which will not be dug up for two years.

Replying to Councillor Browne-Lane who asked if, following the closure of court houses at Dunmore, Glenamaddy and Headford, extra courts will be held in the Town Hall Councillor O'Grady said no extra days are planned for Tuam but it is planned to hold the courts on Tuesdays. The court offices are being transferred from the Shambles to Galway from 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2009.

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

Replying to the Members regarding the start date for the Water Distribution & Main Drain Scheme Mr. Gilmore said one or two issues had been raised with the Department and Galway County Council are awaiting a response. No response has been received regarding ducting for Broadband.

Regarding the Ambulance Base Mr. Gilmore said he had contacted the Health Service Executive before Christmas but has not had any response yet. Councillor O'Grady stated that lives were being put at risk because of the lack of an Ambulance Base and told the members of a case where a heart attack patient was waiting to be taken to hospital for a number of days. Councillor Reilly stated that he had been informed that plans for the Tuam Ambulance Base were very advanced.

It was agreed to write to Mr. P. O'Riordian, Ambulance Officer, Health Service Executive and request a meeting as soon as possible.

### **Correspondence:**

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2008 from Macroom Town Council – read.

Letter dated 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2008 from office of Ms. Kathleen Doyle, Commissioner for Taxi Regulation – read.

Letter dated 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2008 from Kilarney Town Council – read.

Letter dated 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2008 from Mr. Paul Osikoya, Green Party Candidate for Tuam Town Council – read.

Letter dated 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2008 from Mr. Paddy Harte, Project Director, "A Journey of Remembering" – read.



### **Grove Hospital:**

The Members expressed disappointment at the lack of progress in relation to the Grove Hospital/Health Campus. It was noted that following the attendance of the Oireachtas Members at the December meeting no correspondence had been received from them.

### **Palace Grounds:**

Replying to Councillor Kelly regarding lighting in the park the Town Engineer said he had sent proposals to Galway County Council. He said he would consider options regarding closing the park at night.

### **Tuam Herald,**

The Mayor and Members congratulated David and Ian Burke and their Families on the sale of the Tuam Herald. They thanked them for their contribution to Tuam over the years and wished them 'all the best' for the future. They extended good wishes to the new owner. Councillor O'Grady proposed that the new owner of the Paper, Mr. John Taylor, be invited to address the Board.

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

Replying to Councillor Reilly regarding parking on both sides of the road at Old Road the Town Engineer said there were no by-laws in place at Old Road. Councillor O'Grady said Barrack Street was in a similar position – parking should only be allowed on one side of the street.

Councillor Reilly asked that a skip be removed from a house at Gilmartin Road.

Replying to the Mayor Mr. Gavin said the Pedestrian Lights at Purcell/Strockwell Road would be in operation that week.

### **Tuam Chamber of Commerce:**

The Mayor welcomed Ms. Sarah Roarty, President, Mr. Tom O'Donoghue, V-President and Mr. D. P. Morrin, Secretary Tuam Chamber of Commerce to the meeting. Ms. Roarty outlined the plans for 'Sustainable Town' status for Tuam. She said Tuam Chamber of Commerce is hoping to secure Tuam as one of two zones to follow on from a Sustainable Energy Ireland venture launched in Dundalk in 2008. Mr. Morrin stated that G. M.I. T. were also involved and part of the project would see a wind turbine installed at the IDA industrial park in Tuam.



The Members congratulated the Chamber of Commerce on the presentation and fully supported the project. Mr. Gilmore said Galway County Council supported the project but the application will have to be in the name of Tuam Town Council. Mr. O'Donoghue stated that the Town Council, Galway County Council, Tuam Chamber of Commerce and G.M.I.T. will have to meet in the coming weeks to progress the project.

**Sympathy:**

A vote of Sympathy was passed with the following Families:

Flaherty Family on the death of Benny, St. Jarlath's Court  
Donnellon Family on the death of Martin, St. Jarlath's Court  
Nolan Family on the death of Joe, St. Jarlath's Court  
Naughton Family on the death of Michael Joe  
Mawn Family, St. Joseph's Park on the death of Paddy  
Holden Family, Rivercrest on the death of Jarlath  
Tynan Family, Bishop Street on the death of Jim

This concluded the meeting

Recorded by,  
Angela Holian,  
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY:

*PETER WARREN*

MAYOR