

COMHAIRLE BAILE THUAMA
Tuam Town Council



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Tuaim, Co. na Gaillimhe.

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Our Ref:

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22nd December, 2008

To each Member of Tuam Town Council

A Chara,

The Monthly meeting of Tuam Town Council will be held in the Town Hall on Monday, 5th January, 2009 at 7.00 p.m. You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise, le meas,

Angela Nolan Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Minutes

Manager's Business

Correspondence

Grove Hospital

A. O. B.

Tuam Chamber of Commerce – Ms. Sarah Roarty- A sustainable town

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday 1st December, 2008

Present: Mayor: Councillor Warren

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

Mr. Michael Kitt, T.D. Minister of State,
Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government
Deputy Paul Connaughton, T. D.,
Deputy Noel Treacy, T. D.,
Councillor Michael Connolly Councillor Tiernan Walsh
Councillor Colm Keaveney Councillor Tom McHugh
Councillor Sean Canney

Apology: Councillor M. Ward
Councillor Sinead Connaughton
Deputy Ulick Burke, T. D.,
Mr. P. Gavin, Town Engineer

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

The Prayer was recited.

The minutes of monthly meeting held on Monday, 3rd November, 2008 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by the Councillor Kelly.
The minutes of special meeting held on Wednesday, 19th November, 2008 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by Kelly.

Matters arising from the Minutes:

Replying to Councillor McHugh who said Residents from the Pottery, Weir Road had to endure lack of a footpath, speeding traffic, bad lighting and a pot-holed road to get to the town Councillor Browne-Lane said she had raised the matter of the footpaths with the Town Engineer at the special meeting held on 19th November, 2008. Mr. Gilmore agreed to discuss the matter with the Town Engineer.

Manager's Business:

Mr. Gilmore informed the Members that work on the traffic lights on the N17 would be carried out in early 2009 in an effort to co-ordinate the traffic lights and improve traffic flow in the area.

Mr. Gilmore informed the Members that Galway County Council had been appointed as "Home Choice Loan" facilitators for the counties of Connacht, Donegal, Cavan and Monaghan.

Correspondence: The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 28th October, 2008 from Clones Town Council – read.

Letter dated 6th November, 2008 from office of Mr. Gerry Glynn, District Manager, Iarnrod Eireann – read.

Letter dated 10th November, 2008 re: Spring Seminar 2009 – Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland – noted.

Notice re: "Lily Ceremony" at the Chapel Lane Bridge, Tuam on Monday 8th December, 2008 – noted.

Grove Hospital:

The Mayor thanked the Oireachtas members and County Councillors for attending the meeting. He said the Town Council were very frustrated at the lack of progress on the Health Campus and referred to letter dated 21st October, 2008 from office of the Minister for health and Children.

He said the matter is discussed at every meeting of the Board, they had met with the Minister for Health and the former Minister for Health and it is now time to get answers. The Councillors were critical of the non-progressing the Health Campus.

Deputy Connaughton said he had put down a Dail question on the Health Campus a few weeks ago but was unable to get answers from the Minister. He said the project hasn't been progressed one step since a model of the proposed Health Campus was presented almost seven years ago.

Deputy Treacy said the Health Campus is a government priority, he had spoken to the Minister for Health and H. S. E. West who confirmed that the project would go ahead. A planning application for the Ambulance Base will go forward in January, 2009.

Minister Kitt said inspite of delays he didn't agree with the negativity. A lot of money has been invested in Tuam. The H. S. E. West hope to progress the Ambulance Base early in the new year.

Tuam Town Water Distribution & Main Drain Scheme:

Replying to Councillor McHugh Mr. Gilmore said the start date has not been confirmed yet. Regarding ducting for Broadband he said the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources have refused to provide the necessary funding to include the ducting. Replying to Councillor Walsh Mr. Gilmore said the cost of the Broadband ducting is 700,000-00/800,00-00. Replying to Councillor Connolly he said Galway County Council would be prepared to fund the ducting if same could be recouped from the Department. Deputy Connaughton said he had put down a Dail question on the matter for the following Thursday. Minister Kitt said he had discussed this with Minister Ryan, Dept. of Communications but has had no definite response yet. All agreed it would be ridiculous to proceed with the "dig" and not include ducting for Broadband. It was agreed that the Oireachtas members seek a meeting with both the Minister for the Environment and the Minister for Communications.

Application for use of Town Hall by Tuam Town Market:

It was proposed by Councillor Reilly, seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed to let the Town Hall (ground floor) to Tuam Town Market for the winter months as recommended by the Sub-committee.

A. O. B.:

Congratulations were extended to Mr. Gerry Noone and Mr. Eamon McNamara on receipt of medals for twenty years service with the Fire Brigade.

Councillor O'Grady asked that the cemetery be opened on Sundays.

Councillor O'Grady asked that the colour of the decorative chains on the Square be changed as a number of people have fallen over them.

This concluded the meeting

Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY:

PETER WARREN

MAYOR

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Draft Budget of Expenses Meeting held on Monday **1st December, 2008**

Present:

Mayor: Councillor Warren

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

Apology:

**Councillor M. Ward
Mr. P. Gavin, Town Engineer**

Officials:

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

The Prayer was recited.

Budget of Expenses:

Mr. Gilmore introduced the Draft Budget of Expenses for the year 2009, which had been circulated to each Member and advertised. He proposed an increase in the rate of 3%. He said total expenditure for 2009 is estimated at E186,600.00 while receipts are estimated at E91,099.00.

Replying to Councillor Browne-Lane he said he had included an amount of E20,000.00 for C.C.T.V. as at the previous J.P.C. meeting it had been agreed extra cameras were required. He said this amount would not appear in the Budget of Expenses for 2010. It was proposed by Councillor Browne-Lane, seconded by Councillor Reilly and agreed that the history of the Town Council, Town Hall, photos etc be displayed in the Town Hall and this process be commenced this year.

The Councillors examined the various items of expenditure and receipts proposed in the Budget of Expenses. It was proposed by Councillor Flanagan, seconded by Councillor O'Grady and agreed that the contribution to Tuam Chamber of Commerce be increased to E10,000-00 and the allocation for the Town Hall be reduced by E2,000-00.

It was proposed by the Councillor Flanagan, seconded by Councillor Reilly and agreed that the rate in the Euro of E3.66 be adopted and that the draft Budget of Expenses, be adopted by the Councillors, that the net amount of E107,485-56 be demanded from Galway County Council in respect of year ending 31st December, 2009 and that the Form of Demand be signed by the Mayor and the Town Clerk.

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY:

PETER WARREN

MAYOR

Tuam Town Council

Budget of Expenses

for
year ending

31st December 2009

Adopted
Monday 1st December 2008

**Draft Budget of Expenses for the Year to 31st December 2009
Tuam Town Council**

Receipts

	Outturn 2008	Est For 2009
Housing		
1 Rents	€ 55,000.00	€ 56,000.00
2 Annuities	€ 2,480.00	€ 900.00
3 Ground Rents	€ 1,230.00	€ 700.00
Total	€ 58,710.00	€ 57,600.00
General		
Interest Galway Co Co	€ 4,683.00	€ 5,000.00
Bank	€ 9,430.00	€ 11,500.00
Rent Town Hall	€ 16,312.00	€ 16,999.00
Total	€ 30,425.00	€ 33,499.00
Miscellaneous		
Work on Town Hall for Court Service	€ 8,400.00	
Fire claim 47 Gilmartin Road	€ 9,850.00	
Total	€ 18,250.00	
Gross Total	€ 107,385.00	€ 91,099.00
Opening Credit\Debit Balance		(€ 11,984.56)
Estimated Expenditure for year	€ 218,929.00	€ 186,600.00
Estimated receipts for year	€ 107,385.00	€ 91,099.00
Final Estimated Outturn	(€ 111,544.00)	(€ 107,485.56)
Amount of Demand 2008 and estimated 2009	€ 99,559.44	€ 107,485.56
Closing (Debit)\Credit Balance		(€ 11,984.56)

Summary for 2009	
Total Demand	107485.56
Rate in Euro	3.66
Percentage Increase in rates	3.00%

**Draft Budget of Expenses for the Year to 31st December 2008
Tuam Town Council**

	Outturn 2008	Est For 2009
Housing		
1 Repairs	€ 30,000.00	€ 20,000.00
1a Replace kitchens	€ 2,000.00	€ 2,000.00
2 Legal Expenses	€ 930.00	€ 1,000.00
3 Insurance	€ 17,795.00	€ 22,000.00
4 Town Clerks Salary 50%	€ 7,730.00	€ 7,900.00
5 Town Engineers Salary 80%	€ 6,100.00	€ 6,500.00
6 Pension	€ 1,030.00	€ 1,100.00
7 Printing, Post, Stationery, Advertising	€ 558.00	€ 600.00
8 Rent Collection	€ 2,530.00	€ 2,700.00
9 Works for Court Service	€ 8,400.00	€ 0.00
Chimney repair 62 Gilmartin Rd	€ 5,000.00	
	€ 82,073.00	€ 63,800.00
General		
1 Rent, Rates on Town Hall	€ 2,066.00	€ 2,100.00
2 Office Expenses	€ 2,500.00	€ 4,000.00
3 Legal Expenses	€ 0.00	€ 0.00
4 Town Clerks Salary 50%	€ 7,730.00	€ 7,900.00
5 Town Engineers Salary 20%	€ 1,520.00	€ 1,600.00
6 Audit Fee	€ 3,100.00	€ 3,100.00
7 Print, Post etc.	€ 800.00	€ 1,000.00
8 Town Hall	€ 18,500.00	€ 18,000.00
9 Municipal Authorities	€ 4,500.00	€ 4,500.00
10 Receptions\Presentations	€ 1,370.00	€ 1,600.00
11 Twinning	€ 900.00	€ 1,500.00
12 Members Expenses LG14-02	€ 9,900.00	€ 9,900.00
13 Rep. Allowance	€ 16,676.00	€ 19,100.00
14 Tuam Chamber of Commerce Christmas Lights		
Contribution to Tuam Chamber	€ 8,000.00	€ 10,000.00
		€ 0.00
18 Town Enhancement	€ 20,000.00	€ 10,000.00
19 Local Elections Expenses	€ 2,000.00	€ 5,000.00
20 Urban Village Renewal	€ 16,200.00	€ 0.00
21 Contribution to the Arts	€ 1,750.00	€ 1,750.00
22 Miscellaneous and other expenses	€ 962.00	€ 1,750.00
23 CCTV	€ 18,382.00	€ 20,000.00
	€ 136,856.00	€ 122,800.00
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AGENDA

Budget of Expenses for 2009

Adoption of Rate for 2009

Draft Budget of Expenses for the Year to 31st December 2009

Tuam Town Council

(Draft)

Budget of Expenses

for
year ending

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Presented to the Council
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Tuam Town Council

Special sub-committee meeting
Held on Monday 1st December, 2008

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

Letting of Town Hall to Tuam Town Market

The meeting was called to discuss application by Tuam Town Market for use of the Town Hall for the winter months. The Town Clerk told the Members that Ms. D. Allen-McManus had called earlier that day, paid the relevant fee and thanked the Town Council for the use of the Town Hall (ground floor) for the market held on Saturday 29th November, 2008. She said it was the best market day yet in Tuam and requested the use of the building for the winter months.

Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Flanagan and agreed to recommend the letting of the Town Hall (ground floor) to the Tuam Town Market for the winter months on terms per the application form.

Recorded by:

Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

Signed by:

PETER WARREN

MAYOR

Tuam Town Council

Minutes of Special Meeting held on Wednesday 19th November, 2008

Present: Mayor - Councillor Peter Warren,
Councillor Ann O'Donnell-Brady, Councillor Paul O'Grady, Councillor Gilleesa
Browne-Lane, Councillor Tom Reilly, Councillor Imelda Kelly.
Officials: Mr. Peter Gavin, Town Engineer, Mrs. Angela Holian, Town Clerk

The Town Engineer presented proposals for refurbishment of footpaths at Belair Drive, Cedar Court, Dunmore Road, Tullinadaly Road and Dublin Road under the "Special Block Grant for the provision of new footpaths and repairs to existing footpaths in former Town Commissioner Areas". Replying to the Mayor the Town Engineer said section of footpath at Athenry Road would be refurbished following completion of the Water Distribution and Main Drainage Scheme. Replying to Councillor Reilly regarding footpath at Newtownmorris the Town Engineer said this would be repaired. It was proposed by Councillor Reilly and seconded by Councillor Kelly that "No. Parking" signs be erected at various places. Replying to Councillor Browne-Lane the Town Engineer said application for funding for lights for the park would be included for 2009. Councillor Browne-Lane asked that reflective strips be provided on the steps in the park. It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the proposals as presented by the Town Engineer be adopted.

Application for use of the Town Hall from Tuam Town Market:

The Mayor stated he had been contacted by Ms. Cathy Welby, Tuam Town Market who stated that the last market had to be cancelled because of the bad weather and requested the use of the ground floor of the Town Hall for about six months.

It was proposed by Councillor Reilly, seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed to accommodate the Market people on Saturday 29th November, to charge the rate as outlined on the Application Form and to include the matter on the agenda for the December meeting. It was agreed to hold a sub-committee meeting at 6.15 pm prior to the monthly meeting on the 1st December.

A.O.B.

The Mayor told the Members he had been contacted by an Alan Monaghan who manufactures a product/kerbing/ducting for Broadband in England. Mr. Monaghan would be willing to come and talk to the Town Council. The Mayor said he would bring a sample of the ducting to the next meeting.

This concluded the meeting

Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY:


MAYOR

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21st November, 2008

Mr. Peter Gavin,
Town Engineer,
Area Office,
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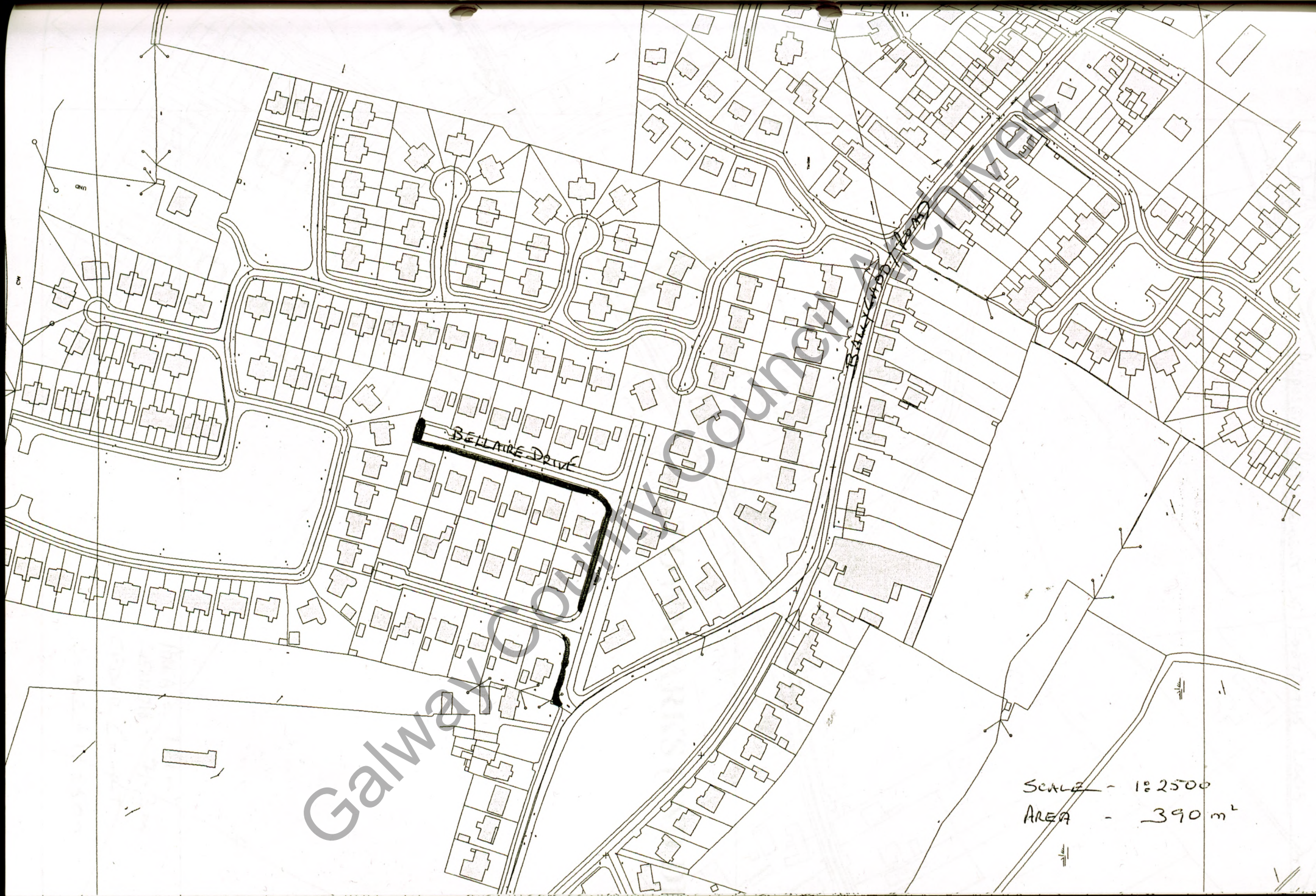
Re: **"Special Block Grant for the provision of new footpaths and repairs to existing footpaths in former Town Commissioner Areas"**

A Chara,

At special meeting of Tuam Town Council hold on Wednesday, 19th November, 2008 it was proposed, seconded and agreed that the following areas be submitted for consideration by the Department under the above scheme:- Belair Drive, Cedar Court, Dunmore Road, Tullinadaly Road and Dublin Road.

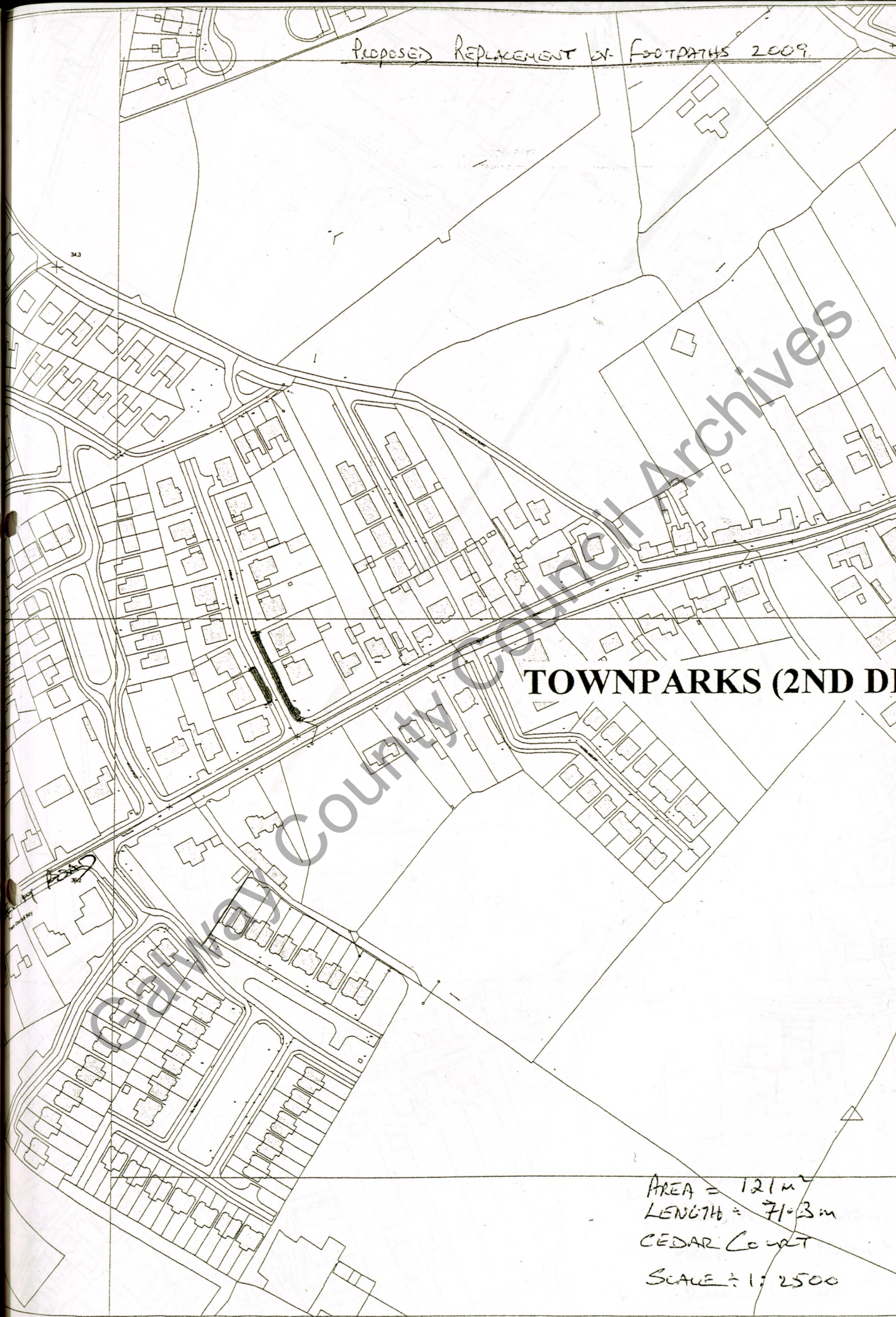
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Angela Holian
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk



SCALE - 1:2500
AREA - 390 m²

PROPOSED REPLACEMENT OF FOOTPATHS 2009.



TOWNPARKS (2ND DI

AREA = 121 m²
LENGTH = 71.3 m
CEDAR COURT
SCALE = 1:2500



DUNMORE ROAD

LENGTH = 500 m

AREA = 900 m²

SCALE 1:2500

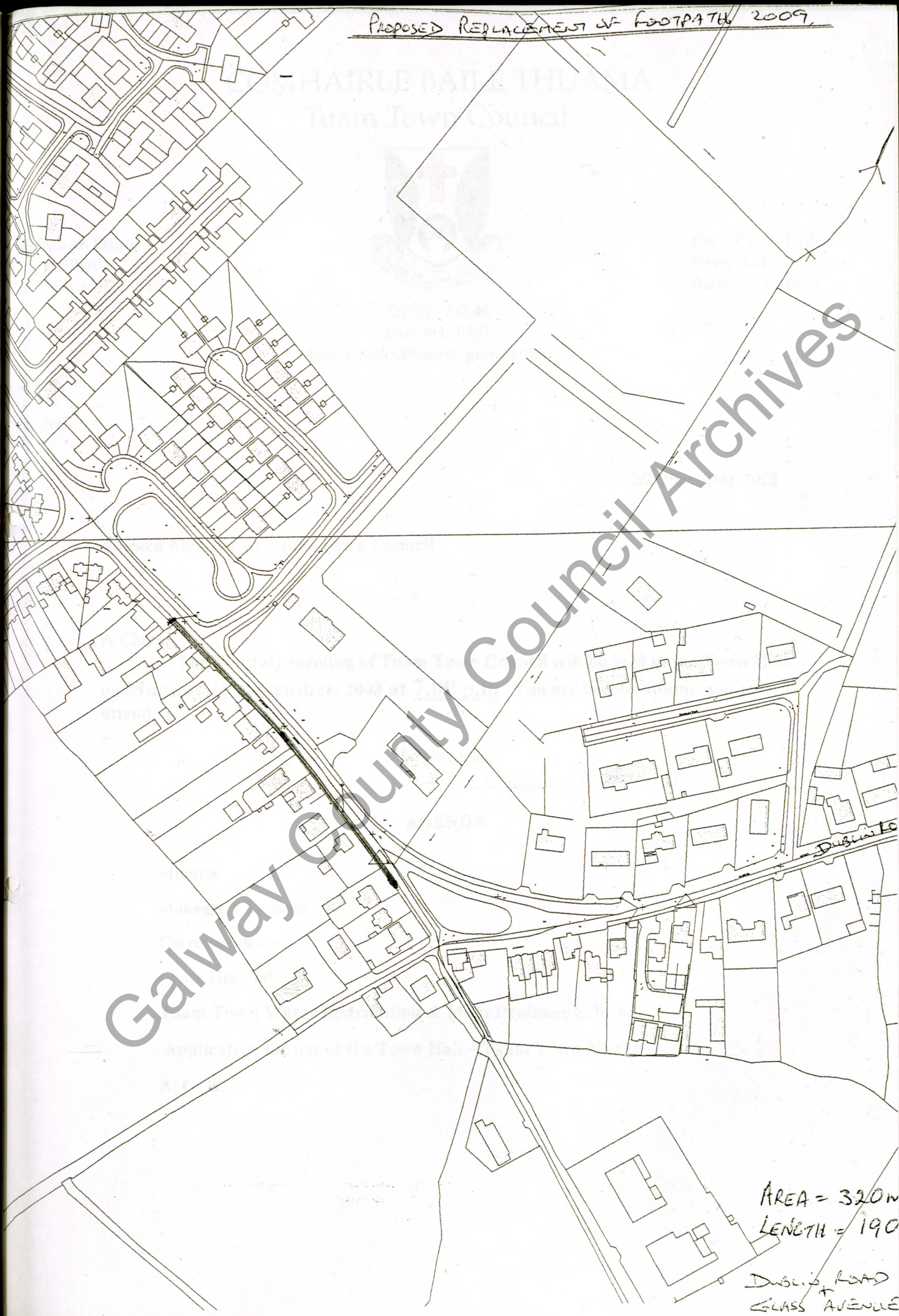
AREA = 225 m²
LENGTH = 132 m.
SCALE = 1:2500



1:2500

PROPOSED REPLACEMENT OF FOOTPATH 2009

CHAIRLE BATH THOUGHT
Tuan Town Council



AREA = 320m
LENGTH = 190

DUBLIN ROAD
GLASS AVENUE

SCALE 1:25

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Tuam Town Water Distribution & Main Drainage Scheme

Application for use of the Town Hall – Tuam Town Market

A. O. B.

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday 3rd November, 2008

Present: Mayor: Councillor Warren

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

Apology: Councillor 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, 6th October, 2008 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Ward seconded by the Councillor O'Donnell-Brady. The minutes of special meeting held on Monday 13th October, 2008 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Ward seconded by Councillor Browne-Lane.

Matters arising from the Minutes:

Regarding the taxi rank the Mayor told the Members that meetings had been held between the taxi people and the business people. Councillor Reilly had been invited to chair the meetings. Matters are progressing satisfactorily and more meetings are planned.

Manager's Business:

Mr. Gilmore informed the Members that Galway County Council had received confirmation of funding for the Tuam Town Water Distribution and Main Drainage Scheme. Letter dated 29th October, 2008 from Mr. Michael Kitt, T. D., Minister of State for Environment, Heritage and Local Government was read. Replying to the Members Mr. Gilmore said it was expected work would commence in early 2009, the matter of gas ducting and broadband have not been resolved, a final decision is awaited on an application to the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources regarding Broadband. He said Galway County Council will mount a Public Relations campaign, the Town Council will be briefed and the People of Tuam will be informed. The Mayor and Members welcomed the announcement that the job is to go ahead. They hoped that Broadband and gas ducting would be installed and thanked the Manager, Galway County Council and all involved in securing the project.

Replying to Councillor O'Grady Mr. Gilmore said the Civic Offices would be finished in March or April 2009. As far as is possible a full range of services will be provided, planning, housing and general facilities as before. Replying to Councillor Ward he said no decision had been taken regarding a car taxing facility.

Councillor O'Grady asked that the Town Council be informed of the number of vacant houses in the town and who was eligible to apply for same. Following discussion Mr. Gilmore said the allocation of houses was a complex issue, while Councillors were entitled to make representations to the Council the best way to proceed is to contact the Housing Section, Galway County Council.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 1st October, 2008 from Monaghan Town Council – read.

Letter dated 13th October, 2008 from Clones Town Council – read

Letter dated 14th October, 2008 from Ms. Teresa Kelly, R.A.P.I.D. Community Representative. Replying to the Members Mr. Gilmore said it was up to the Town Council to accept a nomination to the J. P. C. It was agreed to write to R.A.P.I.D.

Letter dated 17th October, 2008 from Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform – read.

Letter dated 21st October, 2008 from office of the Minister for Health and Children was read - Outrage was expressed at the contents of the letter as this information is already in the public domain. The Town Council and People of Tuam want to know when they will have the facilities. It was proposed by Councillor Browne-Lane, seconded by Councillor McHugh and agreed to invite T.D.'s, Senators and County Councillors to the December meeting of the Board.

Notice of Local Authority Members Association Annual Winter Seminar.

A. M. A. I. Newsletter – September, 2008 issue.

Set Date for Budget of Expenses Meeting:

It was agreed to hold the Budget of Expenses meeting on Monday 1st December, 2008 at 6.30 p.m. The ordinary meeting will be held at 7 p.m.

A. O. B.:

Replying to Councillor Browne-Lane the Town Engineer said the road sweeper would be directed to the places mentioned.

Replying to the Mayor regarding a playground at Cois-na hAbhainn Mr. Gilmore advised the residents to contact their local County Councillor.

Replying to Councillor O'Grady the Town Engineer said he had located the lamp standards, he will apply for funding for lights in the palace ground next year.

The Mayor congratulated the Marian Choral Society on a great show.

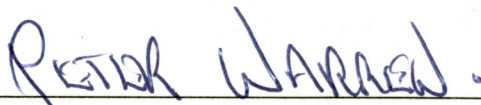
Sympathy:

A vote of sympathy was passed with the Presentation Sisters on the death of Sr. Teresa Conway and the Quirke Family, Parkview Drive on the death of Gerry.

This concluded the meeting

Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY:



MAYOR

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Special meeting held on Monday 13th October, 2007

Present

Mayor Councillor P. Warren

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

Officials: Mr. F. Gilmore, Director of Services
Mr. P. Gavin, Town Engineer
Mrs. A. Holian, Town Clerk

The Mayor welcomed Ms. Sarah Roarty, President, Mr. Tom O'Donoghue, Vice President and Mr. D. P. Morrin, Secretary, Tuam Chamber of Commerce to the meeting.

Ms. Roarty outlined the proposals for the Christmas lights. She said the cost of new lights for the town was E100,000-00 plus a one-off cost of E30,000-00 to upgrade the infrastructure and erect the lights this year. The upgrade will result in lower annual costs, erection of the lights will be reduced to between E7,000-00 and E10,000-00 in future years also electricity costs will be reduced by approximately 80% as the new display will consist of LED bulbs. She said the Chamber of Commerce were getting a loan from Tuam Credit Union, backed by two independent guarantors, and asked the Town Council to contribute E10,000-00 per year for five years. Mr. Morrin told the Members that E34,000-00 of E67,000-00 pledged to the project had been collected from local traders.

The Mayor and Members congratulated the deputation on their presentation but said the Town Council couldn't give a five year commitment as the term of the present Board ends in June 2009.

Ms. Roarty thanked the Town Council for their continued support and asked that this years contribution be increased to E10,000-00. Mr. O'Donoghue said if the Town Council supported the plan the whole town would reap the benefits of a state-of-the-art Christmas display. He also said the Chamber of Commerce would make a submission again next year.

Mr. Gilmore explained that the E8,000-00 allocated to the lights for this year could not be increased as this had been agreed at the Budget of Expenses meeting last year.

It was then proposed by Councillor Reilly, seconded by Councillor Ward and agreed that the E8,000-00 for 2007 and E8,000-00 for 2008 be released to the Chamber of Commerce immediately. A final decision on the contribution for 2009 would be made at the Budget of Expenses meeting.

O. P. W.:

It was agreed that the Board Room be made available to the O. P. W. on Thursday night for a lecture by Mr. Patrick Larkin, Genealogist.

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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29th October, 2008

To each Member of Tuam Town Council

A Chara,

The Monthly meeting of Tuam Town Council will be held in the Town Hall on Monday 3rd November, 2008 at 7.30 p.m. You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise, le meas,

A Holean

Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Minutes

Manager's Business

Correspondence

Grove Hospital

Set Date for Budget of Expenses meeting

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday 6th October, 2008

Present: Mayor: Councillor Warren

Councillors: A. O'Donnell-Brady, I. Kelly, P. O'Grady
G. Browne-Lane, M. Ward.

Apology: Councillor T. Reilly
Councillor T. McHugh
Councillor S. A. Flanagan

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, 1st September, 2008 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Kelly seconded by the Councillor O'Donnell-Brady.

Matters arising from the Minutes:

Replying to Councillor Browne-Lane regarding Christmas Lights Mr. Gilmore said he had been contacted that day by the President of the Chamber of Commerce who had informed him that new lights were being purchased and that the Town Council would be asked to contribute E10,000-00 per year for five years. Letter dated 3rd September, 2008 from Ms. Sarah Roarty, President, Tuam Chamber of Commerce was read. It was agreed to invite a deputation from the Chamber of Commerce to a special meeting of the Town Council to be held on Monday 13th October, 2008 at 7.30 p.m. - after the J.P.C. meeting.

Councillor Kelly said neither she nor the other members of the Board had been invited to the recent drugs awareness meeting. She said every Councillor is a member of the J. P. C. and should have been informed. The Mayor and Members noted that a meeting of the J. P. C. had been arranged for Monday 13th October, 2008.

Replying to Councillor Browne-Lane regarding the traffic lights at Ballygaddy Road the Town Engineer said the lights had been investigated and were in order. The Mayor said there were awful problems with traffic on the Galway Road on Thursday and Friday evenings. It was agreed to include this on the agenda for the J.P.C. meeting.

The Town Engineer was complimented on the number of new footpaths in the town.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 9th September, 2008 from Mayo County Council – read.

Letter dated 22nd September, 2008 from Director of Policy and Operations, Commission for Taxi Regulation – read

Letter dated 8th September, 2008 from Manager Investment Services together with letter dated 20th August, 2008 from Director – Secretariat & Business Support Services, Failte Ireland confirming grant of E14,300 for Tuam Historic Town Trail. The Members welcomed the grant.

Letter dated 30th September, 2008 from Mr. Pat O'Dwyer, Tuam-Straubing Twinning Committee – read.

Letter dated 3rd October, 2008 from Ms. Dorene Allen-McManus, Chairperson, Tuam Town Market Committee. It was agreed to send copy of letter to Galway County Council.

Letter dated 20th September, 2008 from Ms. Lisa Heffernan, 38 St. Joseph's Park. There was unanimous support for the request for provision of Public Lighting in the Palace Grounds Park. The Town Engineer agreed to investigate the cost of providing lights.

Grove Hospital:

Councillor O'Grady said he found it galling that a one hundred bed hospital for Loughrea had been progressed at such speed while Tuam has been waiting for nearly ten years and are unable to get an update for plans for the proposed health campus. It was agreed to keep the Grove Hospital on the agenda.

Deputation:

The Mayor welcomed Taxi Drivers Mr. Denis Tierney and Mr. Kevin Mullins to the meeting. Mr. Tierney thanked the Town Manager, the Town Engineer and everyone involved in the provision of the taxi rank in Tuam. He asked if more signage could be provided especially outside the line indicating the taxi rank. People continue to park on the taxi rank also barrels are parked and the taxi drivers have to double park. He said Business People also have concerns but the taxi rank at high street is used. He said he wouldn't agreed with suggestions to move the taxi rank to another location – keep it where it is – taxi drivers want the rank in High Street.

Mr. Gilmore said Galway County Council will review the taxi ranks but nothing will be done until a decision is made on whether the Tuam Town Water Distribution and Main Drainage Scheme is to go ahead. He advised the Taxi Drivers, Traders and People from the Engineers office to meet and discuss the problems and come to a consensus. The Town Engineer confirmed new signs had been ordered. It was agreed to include Taxi Ranks on the agenda for the J. P. C. meeting.

A. O. B.:

The Mayor told the Members that he had been informed by Tuam Community Development Resource Centre that President Mary McAleese will be in Tuam on Thursday 30th October, 2008 at 3 p.m. to open the Tuam Community Childcare Centre.

Councillor Kelly asked that the Board write to Iarnrod Eireann and request that the railway track be cleaned.

Replying to Councillor Ward who asked that a pedestrian crossing from the Clinic to the Railway Kitchen be provided the Town Engineer said this was included for proposed works for next year.

School Teachers:

The Mayor and Members welcomed School Teachers from Germany, Spain and Turkey to Tuam. The Teachers visited as part of a project designed to promote intercultural approaches to education throughout Europe and were hosted by St. Patrick's School, Tuam. They were introduced to the Board by Mr. Steve Lane, Principle, St. Patrick's School who explained the role of the "Comenius" project where teachers come to Ireland to learn more of the Irish Education System. St. Patrick's School is taking part in the "Peeping through the Window" Project where students share their experiences of family, food, celebrations and sports with children in German, Spanish and Turkish schools.

Sympathy:

The Mayor proposed a vote of sympathy with Mr. Tom Gilmore on the death of his mother. A vote of sympathy was also passed with the following families:

Shaughnessy Family, St. Enda's Ave on the death of Mrs. Shaughnessy
Steward Family, Dublin Road on the death of Carmel
Ward Family, Gilmartin Road on the death of James
Cloonen Family, Ballygaddy Road on the death of Paddy
Kelly Family, Gilmartin Road on the death of Mrs. Kelly
Kirrane Family, Ballygaddy Road on the death of Noel
Lunn Family, Athenry Road on the death of Jane

This concluded the meeting

Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY:

PETER WARREN.

MAYOR



Fáilte Ireland

National Tourism Development Authority

Ms. Angela Holihan
Town Clerk
Tuam Town Council
Town Hall
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Co Galway

**Re: National Development Plan 2007 – 2013
Tourism Product Development Sub-Programme: Historic Towns Initiative
Grantee: Tuam Town Council**

Project: Tuam Historic Town Trails

8th September, 2008

Dear Ms. Holihan,

Enclosed please find the Letters of Offer in duplicate, in respect of the above project. This offer is based on your original application any amendments to same will be dealt with in due course.

Should you wish to accept this offer please sign one copy of the letter and return it to us, within the specified time. The other copy should be retained for your own file.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



Beverley Sherwood
Manager Investment Services – Attractions & Events



Fáilte Ireland

National Tourism Development Authority

Ms. Angela Holihan
Town Clerk
Tuam Town Council
High St
Tuam
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20th August 2008

LETTER OF OFFER

Re: National Development Plan 2007 – 2013
Tourism Product Development Sub-Programme: Historic Town Initiative
Grantee: Tuam Town Council
Project: Tuam Historic Town Trail

Dear Ms. Holihan,

We refer to your application seeking financial assistance towards the provision of a range of tourist signage, including orientation, interpretive & information boards, along designated Historic Trails which guide the visitor around the town. Ref: Appendix A for detailed project description and cost schedule. The aim of this project is to maximise the tourism potential of this Historic Town and enhance the visitor's overall experience, by developing a nationally coherent, consistent and trustworthy set of pedestrian signs, thus ensuring that the experiences of the visitor is pleasant, stimulating and welcoming, and that they can explore the town with ease & comfort.

Grant Offer

The National Tourism Development Authority (see Appendix J) on **28 July 2008** approved an offer of grant assistance in the maximum sum of **€14,300** (the "Grant") calculated as **100%** of total allowable eligible expenditure **€14,300**, payable out of the Tourism Product Development Sub-Programme: Infrastructure Fund which is financed by the Irish Exchequer. The balance of the required funding and any additional or unforeseen costs must be met by **Tuam Town Council**. The eligibility criteria as set out in the Operational Guidelines and Application Form apply.

The grant will be administered in accordance with the attached Operational Guidelines of the Initiative.

Electronic Communication

Please note that, in line with the procedures introduced for the grant application phase of this Programme, the norm for all written communication in subsequent phases is to be electronic rather than hard form, except where impractical or otherwise specified by Fáilte Ireland. Original documentation, where required, will be returned.

1. Purpose

The Project involves the provision of a range of tourist signage, including orientation, interpretive & information boards, along designated Historic Trails which guide the visitor around the town. (See Appendix A).

2. Completion of Work

- (a) The Project must commence no later than **31 December 2008** and must be completed by **30 June 2009** – unless formally agreed with Fáilte Ireland.

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- (b) The Project must be completed in accordance with the submission plans and/or project costings as approved by Fáilte Ireland and in accordance with the provisions of the Guidelines for the Tourism Product Development Sub-Programme: Historic Towns Initiative
- (c) Certain particular conditions in relation to the maintenance of industry standards, statutory and local authority requirements and financial and tax matters in relation to the Project are set out in Appendices **B – H** attached and these form part of the offer conditions and must be complied with by you.
- (d) The Project must be kept in operation for the duration of the Grant Period (as defined in Paragraph 4 (a) below).

3. Drawdown of Grant

- (a) Fáilte Ireland will not permit any drawdown of the Grant until:
 - (i) it has received, in each case in form and substance satisfactory to it, the documents, items and evidence specified in this Paragraph 3 and in Appendix F;and that it is satisfied that:
 - (ii) you are not in default of any term of this Letter of Offer; and
 - (iii) all representations and warranties made or repeated in Paragraph 11 are accurate with reference to the facts and circumstances then subsisting.
- (b) You may claim drawdown of the Grant in up to two instalments. Please note the electronic format requirements set out in Appendix F.
- (c) Grant payments will only be made to the body specified as the Grantee, based on expenditure incurred and paid by the Grantee. Expenditure incurred/paid by a third party in connection with the Project, unless reimbursed in full by the Grantee, will not be grant-aided.
- (d) The Grant may only be drawn down provided a sum of not less than **25% of the overall cost of the Project** is provided by the Grantee towards the Project.
- (e) The final Grant instalment will be released only on satisfactory completion/delivery of the full Project and compliance with all statutory requirements, in accordance with the Letter of Offer. Certain expenditure, forming part of the Project but ineligible itself for grant under the criteria ie. Design fees and Labour costs, will be required to be satisfactorily completed before the final Grant instalment is released, if that expenditure is considered by Fáilte Ireland to be essential to the grant-approved Project.
- (f) Payments will be made on your completion of a prescribed Grant claim form with supporting documentation and Chief Financial Officer or reporting accountant's statement which will be examined, prior to payment of the Grant, by Fáilte Ireland and/or its agents. Any costs of such examinations may be recovered from you by Fáilte Ireland.
- (g) **It should be noted that the timing of all payments will be subject to the availability of Exchequer Funds to Fáilte Ireland.** Grant funding of projects under this Scheme is dependent on funds being received from the Exchequer. In the event of such funding not being received or being discontinued for whatever reason, there will be no liability on the part of Fáilte Ireland, the Department of Arts, Sport and Tourism, or the Exchequer to make good any shortfall.
- (h) The final date for effecting payment of the Grant under the Tourism Product Development Sub Programme is **31 December 2009**. However, the effective date of the Project is related to the completion date referred to in Paragraph 2(a).
- (i) EU State Aid rules restrict grants under this Capital Funding Programme where costs are partly or wholly assisted, directly or indirectly, by any agency of the State or the European Union, or where costs are eligible for tax relief under certain tax incentive schemes.
- (j) If you are availing of any other grants these must be notified to Fáilte Ireland as they will influence the grant entitlement under this Letter of Offer.

4. Security

The Grant under the terms of this Letter of Offer is to be secured by the following:

- (a) A deed of covenant (the "**Deed of Covenant**") incorporating a covenant that you will maintain the Project for tourism purposes for a period of at least ten years from the date of payment of the last instalment of the Grant (the "**Grant Period**").

5. Monitoring during Grant Period

At any time during the Grant Period, you will make all books and records relating to the Project available to an accountant, auditor, surveyor or other consultant appointed or designated by Fáilte Ireland upon the giving of seven days' notice. You will provide all necessary co-operation and will comply with all directions, if any, which may be given by Fáilte Ireland on foot of such appointees'/designates' reports.

6. Retention of Records

- (a) In accordance with Irish and European Union audit and financial control requirements, all documents relating to the grant-aid, from application form, through tendering, expenditure and payment records and vouchers, to final payment of the Grant, must be kept by you for subsequent audit inspection for a period which ends on the later of three years beyond the close of the relevant Capital Funding Programme, or ten years after the last Grant payment is made. Before any such documentation is destroyed, prior written permission from Fáilte Ireland must be obtained. (See Appendix H)
- (b) This retention of records requirement, and the period involved, also extends to all contractors and sub-contractors engaged by you in the Project. It is your responsibility to enter a written agreement with these contractors and sub-contractors to this effect and on request to provide copy thereof to Fáilte Ireland.

7. Visitor Use

- (a) During the Grant Period the all elements of the routes approved for funding must be available to the public at all reasonable times and hours.
- (b) Fáilte Ireland staff and/or its consultants must have access to all elements of the routes approved for funding at all reasonable times, for the purposes of inspection, during the Grant Period.

8. No Disposal of Grant Aided Facility

You will not, before the end of the Grant Period, sell, transfer, assign, sub-let or otherwise dispose of your interest in the Project without the written consent of Fáilte Ireland.

9. Repayment

The Grant shall become immediately repayable to Fáilte Ireland (without demand) if:

- (a) Any/all element/s of the route/s approved for funding cease to be operated as historic town walking routes (as agreed under the terms of this Letter of Offer and described in Appendix A) during the Grant Period.
- (b) If any of the conditions of this Letter of Offer, including the conditions set out in the Appendices to this Letter of Offer, are not fulfilled.
- (c) You fail to observe or perform any of your obligations under, or are otherwise in breach of default of, any term or provision in the Security or any part thereof or any other document entered into prior to or in connection with the Letter of Offer.

10. Marketing

It is essential that the capital investment be complemented by suitable investment in marketing the Project. Accordingly, the conditions set out in Appendix E must be complied with.

11. Warranties and Undertakings

In accepting the offer of the Grant, the following warranties and undertakings are made by you to Fáilte Ireland:-

- (a) That all acts, conditions and things required to be done and performed and to have happened before your acceptance of the terms and conditions of this Letter of Offer to constitute the Grant offer a valid obligation on your part have been done and performed and have happened in due and strict compliance with the Laws of the Republic of Ireland.
- (b) That you have full power, authority and legal right to borrow and bind yourselves hereunder and to observe the terms and conditions of the Grant offer and that there is no provision in any document, mortgage, trust deed or agreement binding on you or affecting property therein which would conflict with or prevent you accepting the Grant offer on the terms and conditions stated in this letter or making drawings hereunder of the maximum amount of the Grant offer, or would prevent your performance or observance of any of the terms hereof.
- (c) That on each new drawing under the Grant offer the warranties and undertakings given above are repeated.
- (d) That in the event of the cessation of the Project's operation within the Grant Period, the Grant becomes immediately repayable in full to Fáilte Ireland.
- (e) That **Tuam Town Council** will maintain all elements of the routes approved for funding for the 10 year Grant Period.

12. Cost

All legal and other professional charges and any costs incurred in connection with the setting up of the Grant offer or in connection with the Security will be payable by you. This includes all outlays, search fees, stamp duty, registration fees and VAT. In addition, the costs of the Grant claim examination, as dealt with in Paragraph 3(f) above, may also be recovered from you by Fáilte Ireland.

13. Further Requirements

You agree to comply with ongoing requirements of Fáilte Ireland during the development of the Project and during the Grant Period.

14. Publicity

- (a) Publicity, which acknowledges the funding and role of the NDP and Fáilte Ireland, is required during the course of construction, including the erection of a sign or plaque on the Project site, indicating such support for the Project.
- (b) On completion of the Project, you must erect a sign/plaque of a permanent nature, at or on the grant-aided facility, indicating NDP and agency support for the Project in a form specified by Fáilte Ireland, prior to the official opening of the Project or the final payment of the Grant, whichever is the earlier.
- (c) Arrangements for official opening of the Project, including provisions for acknowledging NDP support, must be notified in advance to Fáilte Ireland. Recognition must also be placed on all promotional literature.

15. Public Procurement

- (a) Please note that EU public procurement procedures must be followed and complied with.
- (b) You should note that more than two successive levels of sub-contracting or unjustified (for grant purposes) sub-contracting operations are ineligible.
- (c) Please note that, while contractors who share common ownerships or directorships with project promoters are not precluded from supplying works to the projects concerned, if there is any possibility, however remote, that such contractors may be used on the Project for which grant aid has been sought, you must ensure that Fáilte Ireland is made aware of such relationships. Failure to provide this information may result in subsequent expenditure being considered ineligible.

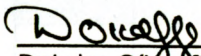
- (d) You should retain all records relating to tendering/procurement/contracting/sub-contracting, for audit inspection.

16. Freedom of Information

This Letter of Offer confers permission on Fáilte Ireland to disclose, in connection with the Project, (a) any information supplied by you to Fáilte Ireland, (b) any relevant data accumulated by Fáilte Ireland in administering the grant-aid to the Project, except where the information is considered to be financially sensitive. You will be contacted in this regard prior to the release of any such information.

Applicants are asked to note that no further action will be taken, and this Letter of Offer will be null and void, unless a full signed copy of this Letter of Offer (with the section below, "Acceptance of Grant Offer" fully completed) is returned within the next 10 days to Fáilte Ireland.

Yours sincerely,



Deirdre O'Keefe

Director - Secretariat & Business Support Services

ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT OFFER

We hereby confirm our acceptance of the above Letter of Offer, together with all of the above terms and conditions and the attached appendices.

In the case of a Local Authority, signatures from the County Manager and Chief Financial Officer are required.

Authorised Signatory/Signatories on behalf of Grant recipient:

Signed _____ Signed _____

Date _____ Date _____

Name _____ Name _____
(in block capitals) (in block capitals)

Position: **County Manager** Position: **Chief Financial Officer**

On behalf of _____ On behalf of _____
(Organisation/Company Name) (Organisation/Company Name)

APPENDIX A

**DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT
DETAILED COST SCHEDULE**

The Project will consist of one historic town trail in Tuam – see attached map of routes

The project will maximise the tourism potential of this Historic Town and enhance the visitor's overall experience through the development of a coherent, consistent and trustworthy set of pedestrian signs which will ensure that the experience of the visitor is pleasant, stimulating and welcoming and enabling the tourist explore the town with ease and comfort.

Type of Cost	No./Unit Cost	Total Costs €	Ineligible Costs €	Eligible Costs €	Grant Rate %	Grant Amount
Number of Routes:	1					
Total Points of Interest on each route – see attached map:	5 in total					
ORIENTATION SIGNS						
No. Small	0					
Cost per unit	€1,780	-	-	-	-	-
No. Large	3					
Cost per unit	€2,090	6,270	-	6,270	100%	6,270
Total Cost		6,270	-	6,270	100%	6,270
DIRECTIONAL SIGNS						
No. Posts	0					
Cost per unit	€390	-	-	-	100%	-
No. Fingers	7					
Cost per unit	€130	910	-	910	100%	910
Total Cost		910	-	910	100%	910
INTERPRETATION SIGNS						
No. Standard Panel	4					
Cost per unit	€1,780	7,120	-	7,120	100%	7,120
No. Large Panel	0					
Cost per unit	€2,090	-	-	-	-	-
No. Interpretation Plaques	0					
Cost per unit	€540	-	-	-	-	-
Total Cost		7,120	-	7,120	100%	7,120
Total Materials Cost:		14,300	-	14,300		14,300
DESIGN & INSTALLATION COST:	2 days @ €2,350 per day	4,700	4,700	-	0%	-
TOTAL		19,000	4,700*	14,300	100%	14,300

* Must be completed in order to drawdown the grant.

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of Joint Policing Committee

Held on Monday 13th 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 7th 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 1st 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 7th 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 Walsh
MAYOR

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Date: 22nd May 2008

Each:
Joint Policing Committee Representative

RE: Divisional Boundary Changes Project

I wish to update you with the current status of the Garda Boundary Realignment Project.

As you are aware, the Commissioner proposes making changes to Regional, Divisional, District and Sub District boundaries to realign Garda geographical areas with local authority boundaries, as outlined in An Garda Síochána Policing Plan 2008 (Appendix 1 refers).

The key benefits of this initiative are:

- Greater efficiencies and effectiveness in facilitating the establishment and administration of Joint Policing Committees in accordance with the provision of Section 22(1) of the Garda Síochána Act 2005.
- Joined-up-Government / Service Provision – the multi agency approach to service provision can be provided more efficiently and effectively where agencies have the same boundary lines and command areas e.g. the Courts Service.

This overall initiative is managed by a Programme Board chaired by Assistant Commissioner, Strategy, Garda Headquarters, Phoenix Park, Dublin 8.

I am currently establishing the *Roscommon Galway-East Project Board* to manage the introduction of this initiative locally. This board will comprise of local district officers, representative associations, civilian personnel and an inspector or sergeant as secretary. I am the chairperson of this Project Board.


I have been tasked by the Commissioner to assess the implications on the delivery of the policing service as a consequence of introducing the Boundary Project in our Division. This initial work will take approximately 4 weeks.

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As a first step the Project Board will look at the impact on local services including: Garda personnel, telecommunications, IT, assets such as accommodation & vehicles, population, landmass profile etc.

It is intended to introduce the overall initiative in 2008 as outlined in this years An Garda Síochána Policing Plan. An implementation strategy with specific rollout dates is currently being developed. I am more than happy to keep you up to date with developments on this project.



Paul Hargadon
Chief Superintendent

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Appendix 1 – Boundary Changes

Boundary Changes

The Commissioner proposes making changes to Regional, Divisional, District and Sub District boundaries to realign Garda geographical areas with local authority boundaries. This will generate greater efficiencies and effectiveness in facilitating the establishment and working of Joint Policing Committees in accordance with the provisions of Section 22(1) of the Garda Síochána Act, 2005:

Existing Regional and Divisional Boundaries		Proposed Regional and Divisional Boundaries	
Eastern Region	Regional Headquarters	Eastern Region	Regional Headquarters
	Mullingar		Mullingar
Division	Divisional Headquarters	Division	Divisional Headquarters
Louth / Meath	Drogheda	Meath <i>(New Division)</i>	Navan <i>(New Divisional Headquarters)</i>
Carlow / Kildare	Naas	Kildare <i>(New Division)</i>	Naas <i>(Existing Divisional Headquarters)</i>
Laois / Offaly	Portlaoise	Laois / Offaly	Portlaoise
Longford / Westmeath	Mullingar	Westmeath <i>(New Division)</i>	Mullingar <i>(Existing Divisional Headquarters)</i>
		Wicklow <i>(New Division)</i>	Bray <i>(New Divisional Headquarters)</i>
Northern Region	Regional Headquarters	Northern Region	Regional Headquarters
	Sligo		Cavan <i>(New Regional Headquarters)</i>
Division	Divisional Headquarters	Division	Divisional Headquarters
Sligo / Leitrim	Sligo	Sligo/Leitrim	Sligo
Donegal	Letterkenny	Donegal	Letterkenny
Cavan / Monaghan	Monaghan	Cavan / Monaghan	Monaghan
		Louth	Drogheda <i>(Existing Divisional)</i>

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		<i>(New Division)</i>		<i>Headquarters)</i>	
Western Region		Regional Headquarters		Western Region	
Division		Galway City		Regional Headquarters	
Galway West		Divisional Headquarters		Galway City	
Roscommon / Galway East		Galway City		Galway City (<i>Existing Divisional Headquarters</i>)	
Mayo		Roscommon		Roscommon (<i>Existing Divisional Headquarters</i>)	
Clare		Castlebar		Castlebar	
		Ennis		Ennis	
South Eastern Region		Regional Headquarters		South Eastern Region	
Division		Kilkenny		Regional Headquarters	
Waterford / Kilkenny		Divisional Headquarters		Kilkenny	
Wicklow / Wexford		Waterford		Divisional Headquarters	
Tipperary		Wexford		Waterford (<i>Existing Divisional Headquarters</i>)	
		Thurles		Wexford (<i>Existing Divisional Headquarters</i>)	
				Thurles	
				Kilkenny (<i>New Divisional Headquarters</i>)	
Southern Region		Regional Headquarters		Southern Region	
Division		Anglesea Street, Cork City		Regional Headquarters	
Cork North		Divisional Headquarters		Anglesea Street, Cork City	
Cork City		Fermoy		Divisional Headquarters	
Cork West		Anglesea Street, Cork City		Mallow	
		Bandon		(<i>New Divisional Headquarters</i>)	
				Anglesea Street, Cork City	
				Bandon	

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Kerry Limerick	Tralee Henry St	Kerry Limerick	Tralee Henry St
Dublin Metropolitan Region	Regional Headquarters Harcourt Square	Dublin Metropolitan Region²	Regional Headquarters Harcourt Square
Division	Divisional Headquarters	Division	Divisional Headquarters
DMR North	Santry	DMR North <i>Balbriggan District will be permanently realigned from the existing Division of Louth / Meath into the DMR North during 2008.</i>	Santry
DMR South DMR East	Crumlin Dun Laoghaire	DMR South DMR East <i>Bray District will be permanently realigned from the existing Division of DMR East into the Wicklow Division during 2008.</i>	Crumlin ³ Dun Laoghaire
DMR West DMR South Central DMR North Central DMR Traffic	Blanchardstown Pearse Street Store Street DMR Traffic	DMR West DMR South Central DMR North Central DMR Traffic	Blanchardstown Pearse Street Store Street DMR Traffic

¹ Mallow Road and Watercourse Road Garda Stations (Cork) to close and merge as a new Garda Station in Blackpool (Cork).

² In light of demographic and infrastructural changes and for the purposes of alignment with the four Local Authority areas, an examination of Divisions and Districts within the DMR will be conducted during 2008.

³ The proposed movement of the DMR South Divisional Headquarters from Crumlin to Tallaght will be progressed during 2008

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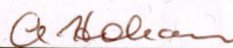
8th October, 2008

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 13th October, 2008 at 7.30 p.m. (following J.P.C. meeting) You are invited to attend.

Mise, le meas,


Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Deputation from Tuam Chamber of Commerce re: Christmas Lights

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Meeting of Joint Policing Committee

Venue: Tuam Town Hall

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Date: 13th October, 2008

Agenda

1. Minutes
2. C. C. T. V.
3. Traffic congestion/Traffic Lights at N17/Shopping Centre
4. Monitor Taxi Rank
5. Recent attacks on young People

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of Joint Policing Committee

Held on Monday 7th April, 2008

Present:

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

Inspector Fran Nicholson, 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

The Prayer was recited.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd September, 2007 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by the Mayor.

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

The Manager welcomed Inspector Nicholson to the Committee. He paid tribute to Supt. Keane and thanked him for his contribution to Tuam. Inspector Nicholson told the meeting he would be representing the Superintendent for the next few weeks.

Matters arising from Minutes:

Councillor O'Grady asked if there was any plans to hold another Drugs Forum following the very successful one held last year. Inspector Nicholson stated that the Drugs unit gives talks in the schools on a regular basis. The Mayor stated that People had to wait three months to get on a methadone programme. David Collins said he had recently been involved in a drugs awareness talk given by an ex-addict on the effects of drugs and felt such a talk would be very beneficial and have a big impact. He proposed that such a person might be invited to talk at a future Forum. It was proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Reilly and agreed that another Forum be held. It was proposed by David Collins seconded by Councillor Reilly and agreed to hold the Forum in mid to late September. It was proposed by Councillor Browne-Lane, seconded by Councillor Reilly and agreed to form a sub-committee, Mr. David Collins, Inspector Nicholson and Councillor Flanagan, to co-ordinate the Forum.

Replying to Councillor O'Grady regarding CCTV Inspector Nicholson said CCTV was helpful to An Garda Síochána but there should be a link to the Garda Station. Mr. Gilmore said he had attended a briefing by POBAL recently and a presentation was made by the Data Commissioner. There was robust discussion on the use of CCTV. He said under the Data Protection Act strict controls will be introduced, there will be a template issued which will be quite strict and a set of protocols put in place. Replying to Councillor Browne-lane Inspector Nicholson said it was too soon to notice any change in anti-social behaviour since the installation of CCTV.

After Business parking/Parking of trucks

Councillor Browne-Lane said trucks were constantly parking on the pedestrian crossings in the town centre and on the hard shoulder of main roads. Parking at the entrances to housing estates, especially at night is a regular issue and should be addressed. Councillor Reilly stated that in the past truck drivers had found their vehicles vandalized when parked away from their homes. Inspector Nicholson said all reports would be investigated.

Damage of Property/Foot patrols

Replying to Councillor Reilly Inspector Nichelson said that while he could not comment on any individual case People had been before the courts the previous Friday following vandalism and broken trees in some areas of the town.

A.O.B.:

Replying to Councillor O'Grady regarding a proposal to fence the park and close it at night Inspector Nichelson said this could lead to other problems.

Replying to the Members regarding "Boy racers" and "souped up" cars Inspector Nichelson said a lot of these cars are within the law. Big exhausts are illegal and when such cars are stopped by the traffic unit and found to be highly modified prosecutions can follow. An initiative is being launched in Roscommon to educate young drivers and this will be come to Tuam in the coming months.

Pat O'Hora told the meeting that in conjunction with RAPID there was funding available to be used for security for Old People. He invited ideas and suggestions.

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

Signed by: _____

Martin Ward
MAYOR

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Yours sincerely,

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Director - Secretariat & Business Support Services

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Signed M. Moloney Signed Nuala Heffernan

Date 25/9/08 Date 15/09/08

Name MARTINA MOLONEY Name NUALA HEFFERNAN
(in block capitals) (in block capitals)

Position: **County Manager**

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Date <u>25/9/08</u>	Date <u>15/09/08</u>
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