

COMHAIRLE BAILE THUAMA
Tuam Town Council



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

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Our Ref:

Your Ref:

1st 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 6th October, 2008 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

Deputation – Taxi Drivers

School Teachers at 8.00 p.m.

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

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

Present:

Mayor: Councillor Warren

**Councillors: A. O'Donnell-Brady, I. Kelly, S. A. Flanagan,
G. Browne-Lane, P. O'Grady, T. McHugh, 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 Annual meeting held on Monday 30th June, 2008 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Flanagan seconded by Councillor McHugh.

The minutes of monthly meeting held on Monday, 30th June, 2008 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by the Councillor Kelly.

Matters arising from the Minutes:

The Mayor and Members thanked the Manager and the Town Engineer for the work done on the River Nanny and the green area at Shop Street. The Members also welcomed the work being carried out on the river at the Palace Grounds. Replying to Councillor McHugh the Town Clerk said she was still trying to contact the Probation Officer. Replying to Councillor Browne-Lane regarding flooding at Athenry Road Mr. Gilmore said the tenders for the water and main drainage scheme have been sent to the Dept. of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government and a response is imminent. Replying to the Mayor the Town Engineer said the gullies were cleaned regularly. Some work had been carried out at the back of the houses experiencing flooding and the area is being monitored.

Replying to the Mayor regarding the Pedestrian lights at upper Dublin Road the Town Engineer said the control box had been hit by lightning and a new one has been ordered. Replying to Councillor O'Donnell-Brady he said there is a similar problem with the Pedestrian lights at Bishop Street.

Replying to Councillor O'Grady regarding the Christmas lights Mr. Gilmore said he was awaiting a response from the Chamber of Commerce. Funding will be withheld until the Board receive and are satisfied with the details of the proposed scheme for this year. It was agreed to write to the Chamber of Commerce.

Councillor Reilly welcomed the provision of new footpaths at Ballygaddy Road and Birmingham road.

Councillor McHugh asked that the situation regarding the taxi ranks be looked at again. She said Traders in Shop Street are experiencing difficulties accessing their premises because of the taxis. High Street is deserted, the taxi rank is not being used and nobody else can park there. There is no demand for fifteen taxi spaces in the town from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Councillor Reilly asked if High Street could revert to being Pay & Display until 6 p.m. and a taxi rank after 6 p.m. Following discussion the Members agreed the matter needs to be resolved urgently. Mr. Gilmore said the matter would be reviewed.

Replying to Councillor Kelly regarding lack of taxi signs the Town Engineer said signs would be ordered.

Councillor McHugh asked that the disabled parking space at Shop Street be made more "user" friendly.

Replying to Councillor Flanagan regarding parking on Church Lane the Town Engineer said the matter would be investigated.

The Mayor told the Members he wanted to make it clear that Tuam Town Council did not reject funding for two five-a-side all weather pitches. The Town Council welcomed the allocation but the Palace Grounds was not suitable for this development and the Town Council was unanimous in wanting these facilities located at another area in the town.

All Members agreed that facilities were needed in the town but they were consistent in resisting attempts to put developments in the Palace Grounds and wish to retain the park as an area where people can walk or sit in peace and quiet.

The Members welcomed the proposed development at Belclare.

Councillor Browne-Lane asked that the Traffic Lights at the Ballygaddy Road/Milltown Road junction be attended to as when approaching the lights from Ballygaddy Road the green light only allows three cars through before before turning red.

Managers Business:

Regarding the Grove Hospital Mr. Gilmore told the Members there was no progress regarding the Hospital Campus. A planning application was being prepared for the Ambulance Base on the Grove site.

The Members welcomed the planning decision regarding the proposed development at Galway Road and hoped the development proposed for the centre of the town would also be successful.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Email dated 19th June, 2008 from Meath County Council – read.

Letters dated 19th June, 2008 from Boyle Town Council – read.

Email dated 20th June, 2008 from Roscommon County Council – read.

Letter dated 30th June, 2008 from Laois County Council – read.

Letter dated 1st July, 2008 from Westmeath County Council – read.

Letter dated 4th July, 2008 from Mr. Michael Kitt, T.D., Minister of State for Environment, Heritage and Local Government – read.

Letter dated 17th July, 2008 from Killarney Town Council – read.

Letter dated 22nd July, 2008 from Mullingar Town Council – read.

Letter dated 22nd July, 2008 from the Health Service Executive – read.

Letter dated 31st July, 2008 from Mullingar Town Council – read.

Notice: Third Sector Forum re: Local Authority Financing, seminar to take place on Thursday 16th October, 2008 in Killarney Plaza Hotel, Killarney - read.

Notice: A. M. A. I. 95th Annual Conference 2008 to be held in the Sligo Park Hotel, Sligo on September 11th – 13th.

Court House:

Replying to Councillor O'Grady Mr. Gilmore said a transfer had been completed. The Courts Service are working on procuring a design team. Councillor Browne-Lane asked that alternative parking be provided in that area during construction of the new Court House.

Annual Financial Statement:

Mr. Gilmore introduced the Annual financial Statement for the year ended 31st December, 2007. In the Capital Account there was a credit balance of E125,884-00. Revenue Expenditure for the year was E189,661-00 while receipts were E226,354-00 bringing the credit balance to E342,447-00. The Annual Financial Statement for year ended 31st December, 2007 was approved on the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by Councillor Kelly.

Contribution to the Arts:

It was agreed that E700-00 be allocated to the Tuam No Name Club and E400-00 each be allocated to Tuam Youth Club and Mr. Eric Stenzel. As the application from the Tuam Fairtrade Action Committee did not come under the "Arts" a contribution from another area would be considered.

Congratulations:

The Mayor and Members congratulated Tuam Arts Festival Committee on a very successful 2008 Festival.

Congratulations were extended to the Galway Minor Football Team on reaching the All-Ireland Final.

The Mayor congratulated Mr. Seamus Sweeney, Kilcloghans for raising funds for the provision of a defibrillator. The defibrillator will be held at the Tuam Celtic Base and will be available to anyone in an emergency. It was proposed by Councillor Browne-Lane seconded by Councillor Reilly and agreed to write to Mr. Sweeney, congratulate him on the provision of the defibrillator and thank him and his wife for their commitment to Tuam Celtic.

A. O. B.:

Mr. Gilmore agreed to contact Superintendent Marie Skehill with a view to arranging a J. P. C. meeting.

Replying to Councillor Reilly regarding the provision of a new Fire Station Mr. Gilmore said the procurement process for the technical team is in progress. It is hoped to appoint consultants before Christmas and go to the planning stage by mid 2009.

Replying to Councillor McHugh regarding ducting for broadband Mr. Gilmore said Galway County Council is still awaiting approval from the Department. A response is held up pending a response regarding the water and main drainage scheme.

Replying to Councillor Kelly regarding the cemetery the Town Engineer said some remedial work would be carried out.

Replying to the Mayor regarding road cleaning at Parkmore, Gilmartin Road and Tirboy the Town Engineer said these areas would be included.

The Mayor told the Members that a group of Teachers and Students from Spain, Turkey and Greece would be visiting Tuam in October. It was agreed to officially welcome them and provide light refreshments following the October meeting of the Board.

Regarding the "Tuam Person of the Year" it was agreed to advertise the event in October. It was proposed by Councillor Browne-Lane, seconded by Councillor O'Donnell-Brady and agreed the Mayor publicise the event.

Replying to the Mayor regarding C.C.T.V. Mr. Gavin said all cameras are up and running.

The Mayor and Members condemned recent attacks on young people in the Town. They advised the victims to contact the Gardai - the matter to be raised at the J. P. C. meeting.

Sympathy:

A vote of sympathy was passed with the following families:

Quinn Family, Kilcloghans on the death of Johnny
Smythe Family, Dangan on the death of Charles
Cassidy Family, St. Enda's Ave on the death of Michael
Moggan Family, Cloonaglasha on the death of Ted
Desmond Family, St. Enda's Ave on the death of Mary
Donlon Family, Belclare on the death of Eamon
Connolly Family, Dunmore on the death of Mrs. Connolly
Caffrey Family, Dublin Road on the death of Kathleen
Dean Alister Grimason, Cong on the death of Mrs. Grimason

This concluded the meeting

Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY:

PETER WARREN

MAYOR



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



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Director of Services*

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Oifig an Aire Stáit um Chomhshaol, Oidhreacht agus Rialtas Áitiúil
Office of the Minister of State for Environment, Heritage and Local Government

4 July 2008

Ms Angela Holian
Town Clerk
Tuam Town Council
Town Hall
Tuam
Co Glaway

Dear Angela

In October 2006, the Government introduced new forms of fixed price contract for public sector construction projects with the objective of limiting the risk to the State of cost escalation and of achieving better value for money by compelling contractors to control costs. A transitional arrangement for cases where contracts were being advanced under the old form of contract came to an end on 13 February last.

The termination of the transitional arrangement would have impacted on a number of water services schemes under the Department's Water Services and Rural Water Programmes. These contracts had been tendered for on the basis of the old form of construction contract but the contracts had not been awarded before the transitional arrangement was terminated in February.

Because of my concerns that there could be cost implications and delays arising from the need to re-commence these projects using the new contract forms, we have been in contact with the Minister for Finance seeking a dispensation for those cases that had already reached a very advanced stage under the old form of contract. The Minister for Finance has now informed me that, in order to avoid delay in project delivery, he has agreed that there should be some flexibility on this issue and that, subject to appropriate sanctioning arrangements, water services scheme tenders received before 6 May 2008, using the old form of contract, should be allowed to proceed on that basis.

The final details in relation to the sanctioning arrangements for these contracts will be finalised between the two Departments over the next few days.

A dispensation for the Tuam Town Water Supply and Sewerage Scheme stage 2 has been sought.

Yours sincerely

Michael Kitt

Michael Kitt, TD
Minister of State for Environment,
Heritage and Local Government

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COMHAIRLE BAILE THUMA

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For the

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 2007

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS OF THE TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

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Abstract of Accounts of the TUAM Town Commissioners

REVENUE ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS	Amount £ s d.	Total £ d.	EXPENDITURE	Amount	Total
Balance (if any) in favour at close of		305,753-01	Balance (if any) against at close of		
Money supplied by the County Council	99,139-00		Housing of the Working Classes:—		
State Grants:—			Maintenance and Repair of Houses	19,926-10	
Housing Fund			LEGAL	680-00	
Housing Subsidy			INSURANCE	17,336-82	
Recoupment of Losses on Allot- ments			SALARIES	13,311-07	
School Meals			WORKER PENSION	1,022-47	
Others:— CANCELLED P.O.	45-85		PRINT, POST, STAT	385-98	
CO CO. INTEREST	82 19-44		RENT COLLECTION	3,234-11	
BANK INTEREST	7,105-34				
COURTS SERVICE	15,913-50		Town Hall Expenses	21,944-98	
TOWN HALL	613-00		Painting, Stationery and Adver- tising	698-87	
Housing:—			Rents, Rates, Taxes and Insur- ance	1,649-26	
Rents	55,897-76		Office Expenses	2,728-79	
Instalments of Purchase Money	2,949-85		Salaries, Fees, Etc.	8,882-64	
Other Receipts			Retiring Allowances and Gratui- ties	2,721-13	
REDEMPTIONS			Elections, Law and Audit		
GROUND RENTS	997-41		MEMBERS	10,091-97	
TENANCY DEPOSITS	120-00		Other Expenses	15,844-15	
SALE OF HOUSE	35,000-00		REPS ALLOW	3,425-11	
FIRE CLAIM	5097-50		ANAI		
REFUNDS FROM LAND REC Allotments	255-86		RECEPTIONS/ PRESENTATIONS	1,539-00	
Contributions from other Local Authorities (Details to be specified)			TWINNING	801-98	
Rents from Corporate Estate, Town Hall and other properties			CONTRI TO TUAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	8,000-00	
Fairs, Markets and Weighbridge Tolls			TOWN ENHANCEMENT	1,500-00	
Baths and Wash-houses			CONTRI TO ARTS	1,000-00	
Other Receipts (to be specified):—			MISC	936-30	
			TRAS TO AECT 17852216	52,000-00	
			Loan Charges		
Total Receipts	226,354-21	532,107-22	Total Expenditure	189,660-73	

342,446-49

CHARGE			TOTAL	DISCHARGE		
Balance in favour at close of last year	Receipts	Balance against at close of this year		Balance against at close of last year	Expenditure	Balance in favour at close of this year
305,753-01	226,354-21		532,107-22		189,660-73	342,446-49
<u>Co. Co. INVESTMENTS.</u>						
	Bal at 1-1-07			110913-15		
	Add Interest			3219-14		
				<u>114,132-29</u>		
	Ant to Revenue			3219-14		
	Bal at 31-12-07			<u>110,913-15</u>		

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RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE OF CAPITAL MONEYS

S FOR WHICH OBTAINED	CHARGE						TOTAL £ s. d.	DISCHARGE		
	Balance (if any) unexpended at close of last year	Instalments Received	Grants	Other Receipts	Total Receipts	Balance (if any) expended in excess at close of this year		Balance (if any) expended in excess at close of last year	Expenditure	Balance (if any) unexpended at close of this year
	125,883-75									
TOTAL										125,883-75

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STATEMENT OF BALANCES AT CLOSE OF FINANCIAL YEAR

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Treasurer, due by him :—			Treasurer, due to him :—		
Revenue Account	152,011-26		Revenue Account/		
Capital Account	260,940-97	412,952-23	Capital Account		
Officers' Imprest Accounts		3-81	Unpaid Bills		55,533-56
Receipt and Expenditure of Capital Moneys :— <i>G. Co. Co.</i>		110,913-15	Receipt and Expenditure of Capital Moneys :—		125,883-75
Expenditure in Excess			Unexpended Balance		
Balances against Account :—			Balances in favour of Account :—		342,446-49
Cash in hand of R/c			<i>Overlaid by R/c</i>		5-39
Total		523,869-19	Total		523,869-19

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 <i>2002</i>		412,952-23	Balance due to Treasurer at close of		
Balances in hands of other Officers :— at close of <i>Subvent</i>		3-81	Balances Due to Other Officers :— at close of		
<i>Galway Co. Co.</i>			<i>U. P. B's</i>		55,533-56
<i>Cash in hand of R/c</i>		110,913-15	<i>opaid by R/c.</i>		5-39
Other Assets (specify) :—			Other Liabilities (specify) :—		
<i>Rent Arrears</i>		2,049-62	<i>Annually Payments</i>		
<i>Annuitiy Arrears</i>		480-39			

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	3,036-14	54,600-70	57,636-84	55,897-76	355-20 - 665-74c 310-54c	2,049-62
ANNUITIES	1,085-70	2,344-54	3,430-24	2,949-85		480-39
TOTALS	4,121-84	56,945-24	61,067-08	58,847-61	310-54c	2,530-01
PERCENTAGES				96%		4.14%

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
	£ 55,894	£ 100,063	£	£

CERTIFICATE BY CLERK

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

Dated this 18th day of April '08
A. Nolan Clerk.

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

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

Dated this day of 19.....

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Tuam Town Council



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27th August, 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 1st September, 2008 at 7.00 p.m. You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise, le meas,

Angela Holan Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

✓ Minutes Minutes of Annual Meeting held 30th June, 2008
Minutes of Monthly Meeting held 30th June, 2008

✓ Manager's Business

✓ Correspondence

✓ Grove Hospital

✓ Court House

✓ Annual Financial Statement - 2007

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday 30th June, 2008

Present:

Mayor: Councillor Warren

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

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, 9th June, 2008 were adopted on
the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by the Councillor McHugh.**

Matters arising from the Minutes:

Replying to Councillor McHugh regarding the area near the Mill Museum the Town Clerk said no reply had been received from the Probation Officer. Councillor McHugh called for a Community Employment Scheme to keep this tourist area free from litter. She disagreed with a call to have the benches removed. Councillor O'Grady called for the area to be cleaned, the installation of more lighting and regular monitoring. He asked that grass be removed from areas of Bishop Street.

Replying to Councillor Browne-Lane regarding the state of the River Nanny the Town Engineer said he had been in contact with the local Anglers and the O.P.W. and a cleaning process will begin later this week or early next week. The Mayor and Members welcomed the cleaning of the River.

Replying to Councillor Kelly the Town Engineer said railings at Tullinadaly Road would be removed.

Mr. Gilmore said the Mill Museum/River Area would be cleaned up. Galway County Council are operating covert surveillance in Tuam in efforts to combat illegal dumping and this area would be included.

Councillor Ward asked if anything can be done at Athenry Road where a number of houses were flooded during the recent heavy rain. The Mayor said he arrived in Athenry Road during the heavy rain and couldn't get out of his car. He said flash floods have caused a lot of damage and cost a lot of money in the past few years, Athenry Road is the only area of the town to be affected by this type of flooding. Councillor O'Grady stated that Athenry road is included in the "Tuam Water and Main Drainage Scheme". The Members called on Galway County Council to carry out remedial work urgently. Mr. Gilmore said Galway County Council will see if something can be done.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 4th June, 2008 from Listowel Town Council – read.

Notice: "JFK Symposium" to be held in New Ross, Co. Wexford on 28th June, 2008 - noted.

Court House:

Replying to Councillor O'Grady Mr. Gilmore said he would contact the Courts Service.

Grove Hospital:

Replying to the Members Mr. Gilmore said he had contacted the Health Service Executive. He said Architects have been appointed to draw up plans for the Ambulance Base. The proposed Health Campus which will cost E50M to E60M is a Public Private Partnership and the E14M provided by the Government is a part contribution. The Health Service Executive have selected five developers and discussions are taking place as to how to progress the Health Campus.

The Members expressed grave disappointment at the lack of progress on the Health Campus, the lack of information available to the Board and agreed to discuss the matter at the September meeting. They welcomed progress on the Ambulance Base.

Hub Committee Meetings:

The Mayor informed the Members that he was unable to attend meetings at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday mornings and the Deputy Mayor would attend instead. It was agreed to inform Mr. Brian Barrett.

No. Name Club:

The Mayor and Members congratulated the No Name Club on winning another All Ireland Final. Congratulations were also extended to the recipients of the Individual Awards.

Contribution to the Arts:

Letter dated 6th March, 2008 from Mr. Eric Stenzel, letter dated 4th April, 2008 from Tuam Fairtrade Action Committee, letter dated 12th April, 2008 from Tuam No Name Club and letter dated 30th June, 2008 from Tuam Youth Club were read and discussed. It was agreed to make a decision at the September meeting.

Christmas Lights:

Mr. Gilmore told the Members he had asked Tuam Chamber of Commerce to initiate proposals to improve the Christmas lights.

A. O. B.:

Councillor Reilly thanked the Town Manager, the Town Engineer and Galway County Council for the provision of the Taxi Rank.

Replying to the Mayor Mr. Gilmore said discs for use at disabled drivers parking spaces can be obtained from the National Disablement Authority.

Sympathy:

A vote of sympathy was passed with the following families:

Heneghan Family, Rusheens on the death of Brian
McHugh Family, Weir Road on the death of Joe
Greaney Family, Corofin on the death of Patrick

This concluded the meeting

Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY:



MAYOR

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual Meeting held on Monday, 30th June, 2008

Present: Mayor: Councillor Ward – outgoing

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

Officials:

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

The Prayer was recited.

Election of Mayor:

The outgoing Mayor thanked everybody for their co-operation during the year. He thanked the Deputy Mayor, the Board Members, Mr. Frank Gilmore, Director of Services, Mr. Peter Gavin, Town Engineer, the Town Clerk and the Press for their support during the year. He said the country was entering a time of uncertainty and he hoped it would be short-term. He said he hoped the Western Rail Corridor, the Water/Waste Water scheme, the Hospital Campus and the By-pass would all go ahead. He welcomed the proposed six hundred new houses for Tuam and the O'Toole development. He welcomed the opening of the Miko Kelly Park at Dublin Road and said smaller developments were planned for Parkmore and St. Enda's Ave

He then invited nominations for the position of Mayor. It was proposed by Councillor O'Grady and seconded by Councillor Flanagan that Councillor Warren be elected to hold the office of Mayor of the Town of Tuam for the coming year. There being no other proposal Councillor Warren was elected. Councillor Warren took the Chair. He thanked his proposer and seconder. He congratulated the outgoing Mayor on an excellent year. He said it was a great honour to be elected Mayor of Tuam on his tenth year on the Board and the final year of the present Board. He hoped to see positive development in the coming year especially Broadband, the Hospital, the Ambulance Base, the By-pass and the Western Rail Corridor. He thanked his wife and family for their continued support.

Election of Deputy Mayor:

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

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

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY



MAYOR

Tuam Town Clerk

From: Will Kiefl (wkiefl@irishgo.ie)
Sent: 07 July 2008 22:34
To: Tuam Town Clerk
Subject: Translation 94315 Straubing

24th of June 2008

From the Office of the
Lord Mayor of Straubing

Tuam Town Council
Mrs. Angela Holian,
Town Clerk
Town Hall,
Tuam, County Galway
Republic of Ireland

Dear Mrs. Holian,

thank you very much for your nice letter dated June 16, 2008.
I have been delighted about your good wishes to my election as Lord Mayor (of
Straubing)
I assure you that I am also committed to the Twinning with Tuam and I am particularly
interested in the maintenance of the Youth Exchange Programme.
My term of office has only started and I am therefore very busy with appointments.
However, I hope that I will soon be able to find time to visit your town.
Furthermore I would be delighted if I could meet and welcome a delegation of your town
to the International Twinning Day at our traditional "Gaeubodenvolksfest" (Harvest
Festival)

Cordially yours

Markus Pannermayr

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Tuam Town Clerk

From: Willi Kiefel [wkiefel@indigo.ie]
Sent: 07 July 2008 22:34
To: Tuam Town Clerk
Cc: Patrick O'Dwyer
Subject: letter from Lord mayor Markus Pannermayr

Dear Angela,

here is my translation:

"Translation

94315 Straubing

24th of June 2008

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Cordially yours

Markus Pannermayr"

I will also send you a hardcopy of this translation.

regards

Willi Kiefel

Recd. 30.6.08
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94315 Straubing, 24. Juni 2008

COMHAIRLE BAI
Tuam Town Council



**Der Oberbürgermeister
der Stadt Straubing**

Tuam Town Council
Mrs. Angela Holian, Town Clerk
Town Hall
Tuam / County Galway
Republik Irland

Sehr geehrte Mrs. Holian,

herzlichen Dank für Ihren freundlichen Brief vom 16. Juni 2008. Über Ihre Glückwünsche zur Wahl des Oberbürgermeisters habe ich mich sehr gefreut.

Ich versichere Ihnen, dass auch mir die Partnerschaft mit Tuam und insbesondere der damit verbundene Jugendaustausch sehr am Herzen liegen. Auch wenn die dienstlichen Termine gerade jetzt zu Beginn meiner Amtszeit dicht gedrängt sind, finde ich hoffentlich bald einmal Zeit, Ihre Stadt auch einmal persönlich besuchen zu können. Ich würde mich außerdem freuen, wenn ich eine Delegation aus Tuam zum traditionellen Partnerschaftstreffen auf dem diesjährigen Gäubodenvolksfest begrüßen dürfte.

Mit herzlichen Grüßen
Ihr

Markus Pannermayr

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25th June, 2008

To: Each Member of Tuam Town Council

A chara,

**The Annual meeting of Tuam Town Council will be held in the Town Hall on
Monday, 30th June, 2008 at 7 p.m. You are hereby summoned to attend.**

Mise, le meas,

Angela Holian

Baile Cleireach

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Election of Mayor

Election of Deputy Mayor

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TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday 9th June, 2008

Present: Mayor: Councillor Ward

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

Apology: 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, 12th May, 2008 were adopted on the proposal of the Mayor seconded by the Councillor Warren.

Councillor O'Donnell-Brady informed the Board that she has resigned from the Progressive Democrats and will operate as an Independent for the remainder of the life of the Board.

Matters arising from the Minutes:

Councillor McHugh asked when the area by the river near the Mill Museum would be cleaned up. She said she had requested that the Probation Officer be contacted at the last meeting but nothing had been done. She complimented Galway County Council on the hanging baskets but said they need to be watered daily otherwise they will die.

Councillor Warren said urgent action was needed at Gilmartin Road where empty houses were littered with rubbish. He asked if there was any scheme, such as in Galway, where litter is picked up daily. Councillor O'Grady complimented the Town Engineer and his staff on the plants and cleanliness of the Square but said grass needed to be removed from the footpaths at Bishop Street. Councillor Kelly said there was litter on the green area at Tullinadaly Road, a litter bin which was vandalized had been removed and not replaced also part of a fence was rusted and broken. Councillor Browne-Lane said the river is overgrown and needs to be cleaned. She queried if there was any scheme whereby students could be employed to tackle littered areas for eight or ten weeks during the school holidays. Councillor Reilly said Residents at Parkmore wanted a bench removed because of vandalism also the road from Supervalu to the Swimming Pool is being used as a racetrack.

The Mayor said Galway County Council had commenced an initiative whereby householders are being queried regarding disposal of rubbish. He said People have got to take responsibility, People who are caught littering should be prosecuted, 99% of rubbish can be recycled at the Civic Amenity Centre. He said about sixty baskets of flowers would be hung around the town in the next week.

Mr. Gilmore said he noted the points raised. He said we are a filthy nation when it comes to litter and unless someone is caught red-handed it is difficult to obtain evidence of the offence. He said certain areas need special treatment, he would see if something could be organized for these areas.

It was proposed by Councillor McHugh, seconded by the Mayor and agreed to write to the Probation Service.

Replying to Councillor Warren regarding vacant houses Mr. Gilmore said Town Council Members are free to make representation to Galway County Council at anytime. He could not comment on an individual case but Galway County Council's scheme of letting priorities includes length of time on housing list, previous history, anti-social behaviour etc. He said the system is very fair and everybody who applies for a house fills in a questionnaire. He said transfers are not given likely, the County Council does not offer transfers.

Manager's Business:

Mr. Gilmore informed the Members that a half day Regional Seminar on the Green Paper on Local Government, Stronger Local Democracy – Options for Change will take place in the Hilton Hotel, Limerick City on Monday 7th July, 2008 at 9.30 a.m. He said a number of workshops would be held:- elected mayors and the devision of reserved and executive functions, town government and strengthening the connection with the local community, the role of regional governance and linkages with national government, quality service, value for money and the financing of local government. He asked that a number of Councillor be nominated to attend. It was agreed Councillor Reilly, Councillor Ward, Councillor O'Grady, Councillor Kelly, Councillor Browne-Lane, Councillor McHugh and the Town Clerk attend the seminar.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 9th May, 2008 from Dundalk chamber of Commerce – read.

Letter dated 15th May, 2008 from New Ross Town Council. There was unanimous support for the following motion:

“That this Council calls on the Minister for the Environment to allow Local Authorities to decide housing policy in their respective areas and that we further call on the minister to ensure that the acquisition of land banks for social housing continues as a central plank of housing policy at a local level”.

Letter dated 15th May, 2008 from Mr. Paddy Harte, Project Director, A Journey of remembering – read.

Letters dated 28th May, 2008 from Macroom Town Council. There was unanimous support for the following Motion:

“That Macroom town Council calls on the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government to change the law regarding the payment of refuse charges in private rented accommodation. At present, this is the duty of the tenants and not the landlord. In a lot of cases the tenants do not have long-term contracts, so why should they pay annual refuse charges. If a refuse service is provided to tenant, they will use it. A small increase in tenants rent would off-set the cost to landlords. Fly tipping has become a major national problem and this Council believes that a change in this law would greatly reduce this problem”.

Letter dated 27th May, 2008 from Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland regarding Green Paper on Local Government Reform.

From Greystones Town Council Notice of 2008 La Touche Legacy Seminar.

From Chambers Ireland – Excellence in Local Government Awards 2008.

Grove Hospital:

The Town Clerk informed the Members that letter to H. S. E. had not been replied to. Councillor McHugh said Ms. Prendergast promised to keep the Town Council informed. Councillor O'Grady stated that the Board should insist on getting up-to-date information on the Health Campus and the Ambulance Base. Mr. Gilmore agreed to write to the Health Service Executive.

Court House:

Mr. Gilmore told the Members that he had contacted the Courts Service. The Court Services are anxious to move but are still waiting for confirmation of legal documents.

Annual General Meeting:

It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Reilly and agreed to hold the Annual Meeting on Monday 30th June, 2008 at 7 p.m. also to bring the July meeting forward to Monday 30th June, at 7.30 p.m.

Tuam Water & Main Drainage Scheme:

Replying to Councillor O'Grady Mr. Gilmore stated that a number of issues have arisen which have nothing to do with central funding. Galway County Council have been obliged by the Department of Finance to get legal advice. The Department of the Environment have put a stay on all new contracts which were not signed by 1st February, 2008. The matter has been raised with Minister Kitt. Some issues have yet to be resolved however he expected the scheme to go ahead.

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Councillor Reilly told the Members he had attended a meeting in the Radisson Hotel on the 28th May, organized by the Department of Transport, regarding Public Transport. Transport 21, the Western Rail Corridor, M17, Tuam By-pass and the N17 were discussed.

Oral hearings have been completed in the case of the Tuam By-pass and Tuam to Rathmorrisky Road/M17. Regarding the N17/Tuam to Claremorris a presentation had been made in the Ard-Ri Hotel, Tuam recently also in Ballindine. The N17/Tuam By-pass should start in 2010/11.

Mr. Gilmore stated that the Tuam By-pass will form part of the N17 Tuam to Claremorris route. Two or three of the five options presented don't use a major part of the Tuam By-pass - the preferred option should be available by the end of the year. This will be done as a P.P.P. contract and should be opened by 2013/14.

Regarding the Western Rail Corridor Councillor Reilly said the Athenry to Tuam section should start in late 2009. Raising the Ballyglunin bridge on the N63 is being looked at. The Mayor stated that Minister O'Cuiv was very supportive of the Western Rail Corridor and should be invited to a meeting of the Board.

A. O. B.

The Mayor congratulated Councillor Sean Canney on his year as Mayor of County Galway and complimented him on a "job well done".

Replying to Councillor Warren regarding Dynamo Blues Mr. Gilmore said they had been given a lease on ground at Dublin Road.

Replying to Councillor O'Donnell-Brady the Town Engineer said signs stating "under 12" would be erected on the children's playground in the park.

This concluded the meeting

Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY: _____


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4th June, 2008

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TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday 12th May, 2008

Present:

Mayor: Councillor Ward

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

Apology:

**Councillor O'Grady
Mr. Peter 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, 7th April, 2008 were adopted on
the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by the Councillor McHugh.**

The Mayor told the Members that the 10th Annual European relay run is to arrive in Tuam on 21st May at approximately 7 p.m. He said a number of the participants will be accommodated at Bru-Bride that night and appealed for accommodation for the remainder of the participants.

Matters arising from the Minutes:

Replying to Councillor Warren Mr. Gilmore said repairs to the traffic lights at the Ballygaddy Road/Milltown Road junction were to be completed that evening or the next day. Replying to Councillor Browne-Lane who expressed concern at the length of time taken to repair the traffic lights he said considerable damage had been done to the controls in an accident and experts had to be called in to carry out the repairs. He said Galway County Council would set up a process to alert the public through the local media. Replying to Councillor Reilly Mr. Gilmore said An Garda Síochána switched off the lights at Abbey Trinity.

Councillor Warren asked if graffiti on the walls of a house at Dublin Road would have been recorded on CCTV. It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Reilly and agreed to request An Garda Síochána to investigate.

Replying to Councillor McHugh who asked if there was any plan to deal with litter or tidy up the green areas in the town Mr. Gilmore said this work could be carried out under a Community Service Scheme. He said there was a Community Employment Scheme in the Palace Grounds. At a meeting of the sub-committee of the hub committee proposals to enhance the town were discussed. Some work would be carried out through RAPID. Councillor Warren thanked Galway County Council for work done at a house in Parkmore. Councillor Browne-Lane asked that opening times of the Civic Amenity Site be publicised.

On the proposal of Councillor Flanagan, seconded by Councillor Browne-Lane congratulations were extended to the Transition Year Students, Presentation College on their Y.S.I. award.

Councillor Reilly congratulated Inspector Nicholson on having extra Gardaí on foot patrol in the town at the weekend.

Councillor Warren said he had read an article in the Tuam Herald regarding a proposed major development at Galway Road. At present the People of Tuam travel to other centers to shop and would welcome Dunne's, Tesco etc. These developments would bring huge benefits and employment to Tuam and attract people into the town. There was unanimous support for the developments which have been submitted for planning permission. The Members wished Mr. Joe O'Toole all the best with his planning application, a decision on which is due on Wednesday 14th May. Mr. Gilmore said it would be inappropriate of him to comment on any proposed Development. Galway County Council fully support the development of Tuam.

Replying to Councillor Reilly regarding the proposed new fire station at Milltown Road Mr. Gilmore said the procurement process was underway.

Manager's Business:

Mr. Gilmore told the Members it was hoped the Taxi Rank for Tuam would be in place by June.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 6th March, 2008 from Mr. Eric Stenzel, Weir Road, Tuam. It was agreed to advertise in the Tuam Herald and invite applications under the "Contribution to the Arts" scheme, Mr. Stenzel's letter to be included for consideration.

Letter dated 8th April, 2008 from Mr. Paul Flanagan, Private Secretary, Minister for Health and Children – read.

Letter dated 11th April, 2008 from Ms. Kathleen Doyle, Commissioner for Taxi Regulation – read.

Letter dated 11th April, 2008 from The Sunday Business Post – read.

Letter dated 12th April, 2008 from Tuam No Name Club – to be included for consideration under the "Contribution to the Arts" scheme.

Letter dated 18th April, 2008 from Mullingar Town Council – read.

Letter dated 18th April, 2008 from Rev. Fintan Monahan, Diocesan Secretary. Councillor Warren told the Members that he and Councillor O'Grady met with Archbishop Neary on Tuesday 6th May, 2008.

Letter dated 18th April, 2008 from Clonmel Borough Council – read.

Letter dated 18th April, 2008 from Killarney Town Council – read.

Letter dated 22nd April, 2008 from Passage West Town Council. – read.

Letter dated 22nd April, 2008 from Chambers Ireland – read.

Letter dated 30th April, 2008 from Mr. Paul Mooney, Private Secretary to the Tanaiste and Minister for Finance – read.

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

Notice of "Nation Hub Town Conference", hosted by the Mayor of Cork –noted.

Notice of Rehab "People of the Year" Awards – noted.

Notice of new Irish Language and Activity Courses for Adults and Families in Clochan Breanainn, Co. Kerry – noted.

Letter of thanks from Supt. Seamus Keane.

Grove Hospital:

It was proposed by Councillor McHugh, seconded by Councillor Warren and agreed to invite Ms. Marie Prendergast, H. S. E. West to a meeting of the Town Council with a view to making a presentation on the progress of the Health Campus.

Tuam Fairtrade Committee:

Letter dated 4th April, 2008 from Sr. Patricia Fahy, Secretary, Fairtrade Committee was read - to be included for consideration under the "Contribution to the Arts" scheme. Ms. Sarah Roarty told the Members that four catering outlets have agreed to use fairtrade coffee and ten retail units will stock fairtrade products. Tuam is now close to applying for certification as a "Fairtrade Town". An information meeting has been arranged at Supervalu from 8.30 p.m. that evening. The Mayor thanked Ms. Roarty for her presentation, congratulated the Fairtrade Committee and said they had the full support of the Town Council.

A. O. B.

Ms. Sarah Roarty told the Members that Tuam Chamber of Commerce is fifty years in existence this year. It is hoped to raise the profile of the Chamber of Commerce and a number of events are planned during the year including "Secure your Future – start your own Business", "Challenges for Women in Business".

It was proposed by Councillor Flanagan, seconded by Councillor Reilly and agreed to write to Councillor Ciaran Cannon and congratulate him on his election as leader of the Progressive Democrats.

It was proposed by Councillor Reilly, seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed to write to the new Mayor of Straubing and congratulate him on his election as Mayor, also to write to former Mayor Perlak.

Sympathy: A vote of sympathy was passed with the following Families:

Gillespie Family, Dublin Road on the death of Seamus
O'Shea Family, Airglooney on the death of Margaret
Murphy Family, Galway Road on the death of Ann
Mullins Family, Dublin Road on the death of Mrs. Mullins
Connell Family, Kilconly on the death of Tom

This concluded the meeting

Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY: Marlin Ward

MAYOR