

COMHAIRLE BAILE THUAMA
Tuam Town Council



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7th May, 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 12th May, 2008 at 7.00 p.m. You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise, le meas,

Angela Holan Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Minutes

Manager's Business

Correspondence

Grove Hospital

Court House

Tuam Fair Trade Committee

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday 7th April, 2008

Present:

Mayor: Councillor Ward

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

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 Tuesday 4th March, 2008 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by the Councillor Warren.

Matters arising from Minutes:

Councillor Reilly thanked the Town Manager and the Town Engineer for the Public Notice regarding the taxi rank. He said People are entitled to make written submissions. Replying to the Mayor Mr. Gilmore said the Courts Service was agreeable to paying for the re-decorating of the Town Hall. Replying to the Members Mr. Gilmore said he had been informed by the Courts Service that they hoped to progress the Dublin Road site as soon as possible. It was agreed to keep the matter on the agenda.

Councillor Flanagan asked if the Palace Grounds Park could be patrolled at night because of vandalism. Councillor Reilly proposed that a feasibility study be carried out by Galway County Council with a view to erecting fencing, and having entrances/exits locked at night. Councillor Browne-Lane and Councillor Warren were opposed to fencing but hoped CCTV would cut down on bad behaviour. Councillor O'Grady was also opposed to fencing and said lack of lighting was the problem. The Mayor was also opposed to fencing and said the problems were being caused by a small minority and proposed the matter be raised at the JPC meeting. Replying to Councillor Flanagan regarding speed ramps on the road to the park the Town Engineer said he would investigate.

Councillor Waren asked that rubbish be removed from areas around the town and houses at Parkmore and Gilmartin Road. Mr. Gilmore said the problems with litter has deteriorated in Tuam again. Galway County Council put a great deal of effort and a lot of money into the control of litter and illegal dumping, litter fines were not effective in solving the problem. Covert surveillance is ongoing in some areas, naming and shaming of offenders is being considered. He said a pilot project is underway in the town where Council Officials are calling to houses to see proof of litter receipts. Illegal dumping will continue to be a problem until it becomes an anti-social issue in its own right.

Replying to Councillor Browne-Lane Mr. Gilmore said he would have a report on vacant houses in the town for the next meeting.

Manager's Business:

Mr. Gilmore told the Members the Mayor of the County would like to hold a meeting in his home town. It was proposed by Councillor Warren seconded by Councillor O'Grady and agreed that the May meeting of Galway County Council be held in the Town Hall, Tuam on Monday 26th May, 2008.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated February, 2008 from Irish Public Podies Mutual Insurances Ltd. regarding the 82nd Ordinary General Meeting. It was proposed by Councillor Flanagan, seconded by councilor Kelly and agreed that Councillor Reilly would represent Tuam Town Council at the meeting.

Letter dated 15th February, 2008 from Nenagh Town Council - read.

Letter dated 25th February, 2008 from Tralee Town Council - read.

Letter dated 27th February, 2008 from Road Safety Authority - read.

Letter dated 27th February, 2008 from Ms. Anne Fahy, Secretary, Tuam Market Group.

There was unanimous support for the Markets in Tuam and it was agreed a letter of support be issued.

Email dated 27th February, 2008 from Clonmel Borough Council - read.

Email dated 28th February, 2008 from Thurles Town Council - read.

Letter dated 28th February, 2008 from Clonmel Borough Council - read.

Letter dated 28th February, 2008 from Macroom Town Council. - read.

Letter dated 28th February, 2008 from 2 B Light Company - read.

Letter dated 29th February, 2008 from Mr. Noel Dempsey, T. D., Minister for Transport - read.

Letter dated 29th February, 2008 from Ms. Kathleen Doyle, Commissioner for Taxi Regulation - read.

Letter dated 1st March, 2008 from Sr. Patricia Fahy, Tuam Fairtrade Steering Committee read.

Letters dated 26th February, 3rd March, 13th March and 27th March, 2008 from office of Mr. John Gormley, T.D., Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government read.

Letter dated 6th March, 2008 from Mr. Eric Stenzel, Weir Road, Tuam – to be discussed at next meeting of the Board.

Letters dated 27th February and 13th March, 2008 from office of the Minister for Education and Science, Ms. Mary Hanafin, T. D. - read.

Letter dated 14th March, 2008 from Mr. Ray Bonar, Chief Ambulance Officer. Mr. Gilmore told the Members the Ambulance base was going ahead on the "Grove" site independent of the development of the Health Campus. Discussions are taking place with the Architect and Designers.

Letter dated 18th March, 2008 from Mr. Alex MacLean, A/Local Health Manager, Galway PCCC. - read

Letter dated 19th March, 2008 from Confederation of European Councillors - read.

Letter dated 14th March, 2008 from Mr. Noel Treacy, T. D. - read.

Letter dated 19th March, 2008 from Senator Ronan Mullen - read.

Letter dated 25th March, 2008 from Mullingar Town Council - read.

Letter dated 26th March, 2008 from National Adult Literacy Agency - read.

Letter dated 28th March, 2008 from Adrian Ahern, A/General Manager, Galway PCCC. - read.

A. M. A. I. Newsletter and Preliminary Notice of the 95th A.M.A.I. Annual Conference.

Grove Hospital:

Mr. Gilmore said he had been in contact with Deputy Kitt in relation to the Grove Hospital. He had no update from the Health Service Executive in relation to progress on the site. It was proposed by Councillor Browne-Lane, seconded by the Mayor and agreed to write to Taoiseach elect, Mr. Brian Cowen, T. D., congratulate him on becoming Taoiseach and inform him that the Town Council would like to see action on the Grove Hospital.

Tuam By-pass:

Replying to Councillor O'Grady Mr. Gilmore said the re-design of the Northern junction is being finalised. He said he hoped to have more information for the next meeting. Galway County Council are continuing with land purchase etc.

Tuam Water & Main Drainage Scheme:

The Mayor welcomed Mr. Liam Gavin, Senior Engineer, Galway County Council, Mr. Paul Batty, Engineer, Water Services, Galway County Council and Mr. Colm Claffey, Ryan Hanley Consulting Engineers. Mr. Gavin stated that the contract consisted of replacing watermains, foul sewers and surface water pipes in the town, a treated water storage reservoir at Slievedarragh (5,250 cubic metres or 1.15 m gallons), storm water holding tank, Broadband ducting, Gas network ducting and Telecom ducting (ESB). Replying to the Members Mr. Gavin said the Tuam Project is at the top of a two year programme (2007 – 2009) published by the Department. He said the tender/recommended contractor is being assessed at the moment and will be forwarded to the Department shortly. During discussion Mr. Gavin said while it was hoped to appoint a contractor in July, actual work should begin in September/October. Mr. Claffey said work on the N17 will be carried out at night. No work will be carried out in the Square at night. It is hoped to minimize disruption in the town by forward planning. A dedicated Public Liaison Officer will be appointed and the contractor will be required to provide a dedicated Web Site which would be updated daily.

The Members welcomed the installation of ducting for Broadband, Gas and ESB. They hoped that areas badly affected by flooding would be addressed, particularly from the Tubberjarlath Road/Athenry Road junction to the Railway Bridge and Dublin Road from the Mercy Convent to the Courthouse. They expressed concern at "part restoration" of roads and called for all streets in the town to be fully restored. The Members welcomed the E28.6m "Water Services Investment Programme".

A. O. B.

Councillor Kelly told the Members she had been approached by People, who supported the amalgamation of St. Patrick's and St. Jarlath's schools, but who were concerned that the name St. Patrick's would be lost. She said both schools were known throughout Ireland and people feel both names should be retained. There was unanimous support for the retention of both names. It was agreed to write to Archbishop Neary, patron of both schools, and inform him that the Town Council would support the retention of the two names.

It was agreed that the "Fairtrade" People be invited to the next meeting.

Sympathy:

A vote of sympathy was passed with the following Families:

Lyons Family, Tullinadaly Road on the death of Chrissie
Farragher Family, Gilmartin Road on the death of Paddy
O'Connor Family, Church View on the death of Miko
Roache Family, Birmingham Road on the death of Helen
Leufer Family, Parkview Drive on the death of Pascal
Meehan Family, Tubberjarlath Road on the death of Christy

This concluded the meeting

Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY: _____

Martin Ward

MAYOR

RYAN HANLEY

**TUAM TOWN WATER DISTRIBUTION AND
MAIN DRAINAGE STAGE 2
- CIVIL WORKS CONTRACT**



Presentation to:

Tuam Area Committee

13 March 2008

PERSONNEL

- ◆ **Liam Gavin, Senior Engineer, GCC.**
- ◆ **Martina Connaughton, Senior Executive Engineer, GCC.**
- ◆ **Michael Joyce, Ryan Hanley Consulting Engineers**
- ◆ **Colm Claffey, Ryan Hanley Consulting Engineers**

INVESTMENT

- ◆ **DoEHLG “Water Services Investment Programme” – approved amount = €28.6 million**

WHATS INCLUDED IN THE CONTRACT

- ◆ **Watermains**
- ◆ **Foul Sewers**
- ◆ **Surface Water Pipes**

WHATS INCLUDED IN THE CONTRACT

- ◆ **Treated Water Storage Reservoir at Slievedarragh (5,250m³ or 1.15 m gallons)**
- ◆ **Storm Water Holding Tank**

WHATS INCLUDED IN THE CONTRACT

- ◆ **Broadband Ducting**
- ◆ **Gas Network Ducting**
- ◆ **Telecom Ducting (ESB)**

WHATS INCLUDED IN THE CONTRACT

- ◆ **Athenry Town Watermains (761 metres
225 diameter)**

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WHEN IS WORK TO START ON SITE?

- ◆ **Tendered on 30 Aug '07**
- ◆ **Tenders Returned 26 Oct '07**
- ◆ **Report On Tenders Completed 15 Feb '08**
- ◆ **Report To be Approved by Minister of Environment**
- ◆ **Start Construction (May/June)**

BENEFITS TO THE TOWN?

- ◆ **“Hub” town under “National Spatial Strategy”**
- ◆ **Significant Infrastructural Investment (€28.6m WSIP)**
- ◆ **Industrial/Commercial/Business Capacity Increase**
- ◆ **Core Services (Water, Sewers, Broadband, Gas) will not be an impediment for development or external investment**
- ◆ **Attractive Town For Investment**
- ◆ **Upgraded Water Network With Enhanced Fire Fighting Capacity**

BENEFITS TO THE TOWN?

- ◆ **Dedicated Storage Reservoir**
- ◆ **Reduction in Leakage on the Water Distribution Network Stormwater Overflows Removed**
- ◆ **Reduced Overflows at the Weir Road PS**
- ◆ **Integrated Design Approach (All services included in one contract) Which Will Serve Town >20 yrs**
- ◆ **Quality Services for Centre of Excellence**
- ◆ **In line with Galway County Council policy of high quality water management and dedication to excellence**

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PROPOSED DUCTING

◆ Proposed Gas Distribution Network

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Notes:

- i) For Existing Electrical and Telecom Services refer to existing utilities drawings on CD
- ii) Existing Services are based on record drawings and should not be deemed to be inclusive of all existing underground services.
- iii) Services should be located on site by the Contractor prior to commencement of excavation.
- iv) The Contractor shall consult with utility companies and carry out investigative works to locate all services prior to all excavations.

CONTRACT NO. 1000000000
 DRAWING NO. 1000000000
 DATE 10/08/2007

LEGEND

Ducting to gasmeter/riser Gas Main

TENDER DRAWINGS

client	GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL	scale	1/5000
project	TUAM TOWN WATER SUPPLY SCHEME	drawn	EE
		checked	M.J.
description	Gas Ducting Key Plan	job no.	371
		ref no.	
		date	August 2007
drawn by	Ryan Hanley	drawn no.	800
checked by		checked by	
approved by		approved by	

Sherwood House
 Sherwood Avenue
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Ryan Hanley
 consulting engineers



PROPOSED DUCTING

◆ Proposed Broadband, ESB and Eircom Ducting

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DUCTING SCHEDULE

LINE TYPE	LOCATION	SURFACE	DEPTH (mm)	DIAMETER (mm)	LENGTH (m)	
BROADBAND	Ballygally Rd	RHD	110	4	0	207
BROADBAND	MT	RHD	110	4	0	2427
BROADBAND	Wdr Road	RHD	110	4	0	532
BROADBAND	High Street	RHD	110	4	0	380
BROADBAND	Spur	RHD	110	4	0	40
BROADBAND	Dunmore Road	RHD	110	4	0	038
BROADBAND	Lark Hill	RHD	110	4	0	876
BROADBAND	Blaney St./Sun St	RHD	110	4	0	187
BROADBAND	Dublin Road	RHD	110	4	0	380
BROADBAND	San Thome St	RHD	110	4	0	498
BROADBAND	Church View	RHD	110	4	0	300
BROADBAND	Wdr Street	RHD	110	4	0	380
FDCK	Sun Street	PTH	110	2	5	570
FDCK	Galway Rd	PTH	110	2	3	430
FDCK	The Square	PTH	110	2	0	32
ESB	Blaney St.	PTH	125 & 50	2	0	332
ESB	Wdr St.	PTH	125 & 50	2	0	504
ESB	The Mall	PTH	125 & 50	2	3	110
ESB	Dublin Road	PTH	125 & 50	2	10	360

LEGEND

- Broadband Ducting (4x110)
- Fibre Ducting (2x110)
- Fibre Crankset (R no.)
- ESB Ducting (1x125 and 1x50)
- ESB Manhole (27 no.)

TENDER DRAWINGS

client	GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL	scale	1/5000
project	TUAM TOWN WATER SUPPLY SCHEME	drawn	CE
description	Proposed Ducting Layout	checked	CE
		approved	M.L.
		job no.	1371
		date	August 2007
		eng. no.	700
Ryan Hanley consulting engineers		Sherwood House Sherwood Avenue Taylor's Hill Galway	

CONTRACTORS SEQUENCE OF WORK

- ◆ **To be determined by the Contractor taking into account the following:**
 - Time allowed to complete the work
 - Constraints set out in the specification
 - Agreed traffic management plans
 - Road closure requirements

- ◆ **First 10 weeks on site: Works planning, exact route selection, services identification, procurement of materials etc.**

PUBLIC LIAISON

- ◆ **It is intended that stakeholder group representatives are met and advised of the forthcoming works**
- ◆ **It is intended that a dedicated liaison officer is appointed to carry out the following:**
 - **“man” a dedicated consumer information/complaints phone line**
 - **Log details on consumer query/complaint**
 - **Advise consumer**
 - **Get legitimate complaints resolved**
 - **Keep the consumer updated**

PUBLIC LIAISON

◆ **Dissemination of information and progress can be carried out in the following ways:**

- **Local press**
- **Galway Bay FM**
- **Dedicated website**
- **Letter drops**
- **Updates to stakeholder group representatives**
- **Detailed advance road signage**

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ROAD REINSTATEMENT

◆ **Roads to be reinstated either:**

- Full width
- Half width
- In DBM or HRA

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Road Reinstatement Schedule

Item No.	Road (Dist. approx.)	Road (Full Width)	Road Material	Prop. Width (m)	Prop. Type	Length (m)	Location
1	5	S.W.				275	Olney Rd. (N17)
2	8	S.W.	2	Concrete	11.25/ASL		Olney Rd. (N17)
3	8	S.W.				200	Olney Rd. (N17)
4	8	S.W.	2	Concrete		280	St. Ben's Tr. (N17)
5	8	S.W.				1770	Wilson Road (N17)
6	8	S.W.				358	Wilson Road (N17)
7	8	S.W.				358	Wilson Road (N17)
8	4	S.W.				1682	Kilberry (West Rd)
9	8	S.W.				1884	Mar Rd
10	4	S.W.				1800	Beljenny Rd.
11	4	S.W.				300	Beljenny Rd.
12	4	S.W.				800	Olney Rd. - Overcross
13	6	S.W.				71	Clonkeen
14	7	S.W.				400	Clonkeen
15	8	H.P.A.	2.3	Concrete	262/210		View St. - Linn Wilson St
16	4	S.W.	2.3	Concrete	105/115		The Mill
17	5	S.W.				240	High Street
18	8	H.P.A.				180	High Street
19	8	S.W.				200	Feeler Place
20	4	S.W.				280	Old Ballycaddy Rd.
21	8	S.W.				700	Tullinady Rd.
22	8	S.W.				410	Denmore Cottages
23	3	S.W.				45	2 Yarnes Ice (to rear)
24	6	S.W.				420	Colgrain Bridge
25	8	H.P.A.				310	Sean Parnell St.
26	8	S.W.	2.3	Concrete	1800/260		Dunlop/Clonkeen Rd.
27	4	S.W.				300	Dunlop/Clonkeen Rd. 7th C. C.
28	4	S.W.				100	Clonkeen
29	5	H.P.A.				60	View St.
30	10	H.P.A.	8	Pavement	150/100		See separate drawing
31	6	S.W.				210	Preparation Contract
32	18	S.W.				170	Clonkeen Car Park
33	7	S.W.	1.5	Pavement	150/150		Sheep Street
34	8	S.W.	2.3	Concrete	270/270		Sheep St. - Sun Street
35	6	S.W.				200	Sun Street - Clonkeen Rd.
36	5	S.W.				100	Sheep St. - Clonkeen Rd.
37	4	S.W.				100	Park View Drive, Clonkeen, Area
38	6	S.W.				240	Park View Drive
39	7	S.W.				1400	Dunmore Rd.
40	4	S.W.				1000	Dunmore Rd.
41	18	H.P.A.				400	Lin. Rd. (Clonkeen - Dunmore Rd.)
42	3	S.W.				1200	Clonkeen
43	5	S.W.				15	Olney Rd. - Clonkeen
44	5	S.W.				150	Millstream Park
45	4	S.W.				180	Terry Court
46	8	S.W.				40	Preparation Contract

H.P.A. = Hot Rolled Asphalt
 S.W. = Shallow Asphalt material with Tar and Chip
 T.C. = Tar and Chip

- LEGEND**
- Hot Rolled Asphalt (half width) _____
 - Bitumen Macadam/Overlaid with Tar & Chip (half width) _____
 - Tar & Chip (half width) _____
 - Hot Rolled Asphalt (Full width) _____
 - Bitumen Macadam/Overlaid with Tar & Chip (Full width) _____
 - Tar & Chip (Full width) _____
 - Paved Path _____
 - Concrete Path _____
 - Macadam Path _____
 - Reference Number (N) _____

TENDER DRAWINGS

client	GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL	scale	1/10000
project	TUAM TOWN WATER SUPPLY SCHEME	drawn	C.E.
		checked	M.J.
description	Road and Footpath Reinstatement	job no.	377
		date	August 2007
drawn by	Ryan Hanley	checked by	
checked by	Sherwood House Sherwood Avenue Taylor's Hill GALWAY	date	900
	consulting engineers		

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Meeting of Joint Policing Committee

Venue: Tuam Town Hall

Time: 8.00 p.m.

Date: 7th April, 2008

Agenda

1. Minutes
2. After-business parking/Parking of trucks
3. Damage of property/Foot patrols
4. A.O.B.

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of Joint Policing Committee

Held on Monday 3rd September, 2007

Present:

Mayor: Councillor M. Ward

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

Minister M. Kitt, Deputy P. Connaughton,

Supt. Seamus Keane, Inspector Aiden Foley

Mr. Pat O'Hora, Community Development Officer

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

Apology:

Councillor Browne-Lane, Councillor Flanagan,
Mr. David Collins, Mrs. Teresa Kelly

The Prayer was recited.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 26th February, 2007 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor O'Donnell-Brady seconded by Councillor McHugh.

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

Matters arising from Minutes:

Councillor O'Grady said he had proposed at the last meeting that An Gardai Siochana address People on the dangers of drugs. Now that the schools are back it would be appropriate to hold an open forum on drugs, 25% of the Population of Tuam are non-national and it would be a matter of coaxing people to a meeting. He said the Town Hall would be an ideal place to hold such a meeting. Deputy Connaughton said a public meeting would not have the same impact, maybe a special arrangement between the schools and children could be arranged - Parents Associations would support this. Supt. Kane said the Gardai do give talks to Parents and Groups, he supported the holding of a forum on drugs. Mr. O'Hora stated that the V.E.C. also had people doing this work and agreed that if everyone working in the drugs area got together the meeting could be informative. Councillor Reilly said he had attended a meeting for parents where an excellent presentation had been made by the Gardai and the Health Service Executive. The Mayor stated that there was no help for people trying to get of hard drugs. Deputy Kitt asked what was being done for people who are addicted, most of the treatment centers are private. He said People need more information.

Mr. Gilmore stated that the RAPID Co-ordinator had been requested to liaise with the various organizations and come back with suggestions with a view to holding an open forum. This could be done in conjunction with the Gardai. Mr. Gilmore and Supt. Keane agreed to liaise with RAPID.

It was proposed by Councillor O'Grady, seconded by Councillor McHugh and agreed that an evening for Parents and Adults be held in the Town Hall. Councillor Kelly proposed that the meeting should be well advertised and aimed at parents of 5th and 6th class students.

C.C.T.V.:

The Members expressed annoyance at the delay in the provision of the C.C.T.V. The Mayor stated that planning permission had to be applied for again because of a technicality. C.C.T.V. should be up and running by December.

A.O.B.:

Replying to the Members who expressed concern at the rise in the incidents of vandalism in the town over the past months Supt. Keane said that while he could not be case specific there had been a number of incidents of criminal damage, large numbers of trees and windows had been broken etc. He confirmed that people had been apprehended for these crimes and were being dealt with appropriately.

He agreed there had been a significant rise in crime in Tuam but there had also been a rise in detection. He said Parents need to know where their children are at night. Replying to Councillor Warren he said the Gardai get good co-operation from the Public and everything reported is fully investigated. Councillor O'Grady asked that something be done about "Boy racers" and noisy exhausts. Councillor Reilly stated that youths are running riot at night, breaking car mirrors, vandalizing trees, etc. He appealed to people who know the perpetrators to inform the Gardai. He said Elderly People are living in fear. Mayor Canny said there was also an increase in rural crime, he said the population of the country was increasing yearly and there should be more Gardai. Deputy Connaughton said this was not just a Tuam issue - figures released for the Galway/Roscommon district indicate a significant rise in crimes against the person, burglaries etc. In the past People gave a lot of time to "Neighbourhood watch" schemes. Supt. Kane stated that the neighbourhood watch schemes were worthwhile and it was planned to re-launch the "Neighbourhood Watch" schemes again. Garda Rory Brennan will be the liaison officer in Tuam.

Councillor Kelly said there was a lack of youth facilities in Tuam. She said there were four national schools and five secondary schools in the town. She congratulated the "No Name" Club who have no permanent place to practice. She said a youth centre was needed in the town. Councillor Reilly agreed with this, he said the contribution of the "No-Name" club was immense, and said the biggest problem faced by organizations was lack of a site and funding. Councillor O'Grady called on the Clergy to look at their resources/buildings.

Mr. Gilmore said Galway County Council supports and supplies lands for community projects. Lands have been provided for sports at Parkmore. Galway County Council will consider serious proposals. Deputy Kitt said the Dept. of Arts, Sports and Tourism make grants available.

Mr. Maitias O'Gormaille, Honorary Secretary, Palace Grounds Committee told the meeting that elderly People use the park as a short-cut, lights would be the secret of success, he asked that the provision of lights be considered. He also asked that the River be cleaned.

The Mayor and Members congratulated the Galway minors on reaching the all Ireland Final and wished them good luck. They also wished the Galway Hurlers good luck.

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

Signed by: Martin Ward
MAYOR

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To each Member of Tuam Town Council

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Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Minutes

Manager's Business

Correspondence

Grove Hospital

Tuam By-pass

Tuam Fair Trade Committee

Presentation re: Tuam Water & Main Drainage Scheme

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday 4th March, 2008

Present: Mayor: Councillor Ward

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

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 4th February, 2008 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor McHugh seconded by the Councillor Warren. The minutes of special meeting held on Monday 31st January, 2008 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by Councillor Kelly.

Matters arising from Minutes:

Replying to the Mayor Mr. Gilmore said a presentation will be arranged for the Town Council regarding the water/sewerage scheme. A presentation will be given to the Tuam Electoral Area Committee next week. Galway County Council will ensure a good information system is in place, a P. R. person will be appointed to liaise with the People of Tuam and disruption will be minimized. Replying to Councillor O'Grady he said the tender documents are being evaluated at present and it is hoped the documents will go to the Department of the Environment before the end of April. Replying to Councillor Warren he said the scheme is a massive investment in Tuam and will bring prosperity. Details, including start date, will not be available until the contractor is appointed. Replying to Councillor Kelly he said he was not in a position to say if ducting for Broadband will go ahead. Replying to Councillor McHugh he said Galway County Council are hopeful of an early response from the Department. The Mayor and Members welcomed the investment of E28m in the town.

Replying to Councillor Warren the Town Engineer said all the CCTV cameras are up and running. The Town Engineer said yellow lines at the entrance to Rivercrest Estate will be installed as part of the Traffic Management Plan. Pedestrian lights outside St. Patricks School will be re-set. Replying to Councillor McHugh the Town Engineer said the Community Wardens will monitor the CCTV cameras. Replying to Councillor O'Grady Mr. Gavin said infra-red lights can be installed if needed. Replying to Councillor Browne-Lane Mr. Gilmore said the cost of CCTV will be shared by Galway County Council and Tuam Town Council.

Replying to Councillor Browne-Lane Mr. Gilmore said the Courts Service is responsible for the cost of decorating the areas they use in the town hall. Councillor Warren told the Members the Tuam Stars premises had been purchased by the Courts Service. Councillor Reilly queried if the Courts Service had indicated when they will move back to their own premises. The Members agreed they wish to retain Court Services in Tuam but want to see a new Court House as soon as possible. Mr. Gilmore said he would clarify the matter at the next meeting.

Councillor Reilly thanked the Town Engineer for grants sanctioned for the provision of new footpaths and repairs to existing footpaths. The Members welcomed the pedestrian crossing proposed for the Purcel/Stockwell road.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 30th January, 2008 from InsideIreland.ie - read.

Letter dated 4th February, 2008 from Rattoo Heritage Centre - read.

Letter dated 4th February, 2008 from Local Authorities Members Association - read.

Letter dated 5th February, 2008 from Macroom Town Council. There was unanimous support for the following motion:

“In light of the 2006 statistics that 14,598 dogs were put to sleep by local authorities not to mention the number of dogs put down by individuals, Macroom Town Council calls on the Government to introduce a microchipping and neutering/spaying incentive scheme to curb unwanted dogs (suggestion: licence for a neutered dog = E10.00, licence for unneutered dog = E150.00”.

Letter dated 6th February, 2008 from Sustainable Energy Ireland - read.

Letter dated 18th February, 2008 from Edenderry Town Council. There was unanimous support for the following motion:

“That this Council calls on the Minister for the Environment, Heritage & Local Government to amend the Planning Laws to ensure that developers, prior to leaving a development, have the street lighting, which forms a part of the planning applications, lit up in the interest of the safety of those living in that particular development”.

Letter dated 20th February, 2008 from Ballyshannon Town Council - read.

Letter dated 22nd February, 2008 from the National Crime Prevention Unit, Garda headquarters. - To be included for discussion at next J. P. C. meeting.

Letter dated 22nd February, 2008 from Mullingar Town Council. There was unanimous support for the following motion:

“That this Council urges the Health Services Executive and St. Vincent’s Hospital to provide proper isolation wards for cystic fibrosis patients”.

Letter dated 27th February, 2008 from Ms. Martina Maloney, County Manager to Councillor Martin Ward, Mayor. Replying to the Members Mr. Gilmore said the **Tuam Hub Development Committee** is being established as a monitoring committee and would meet three or four times a year. The Department of the Environment has also set up a monitoring committee whereby County Managers of Hub towns meet on a regular basis. A lot of work is being done in the development of Tuam, new N17, By-pass, water/sewerage scheme etc. Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor Browne-Lane seconded by Councillor Reilly and agreed the Mayor and Deputy Mayor represent Tuam Town Council on the **Tuam Hub Development Committee**.

Letter from Tuam Chamber of Commerce re: invitation to the Mayor and Members of the Board to the St. Patrick’s Parade. It was proposed by Councillor Reilly, seconded by Councillor McHugh and agreed that Tuam Chamber of Commerce be accommodated regarding electricity on St. Patrick’s Day. Councillor O’Grady called on Tuam Chamber of Commerce to take down the Christmas lights. Mr. Gilmore said he had been disappointed with the Christmas lights in Tuam this year. He had visited Portumna where there was a beautiful display and the lights had been erected by a Local Action Committee with no local authority support. Ms. Sarah Roarty was congratulated on her election as President of the Tuam Chamber of Commerce.

Notice re: 2008 Sports Capital Programme - noted.

Notice re: National Spring Clean – 1st to 30th April.

The Mayor circulated copies of samples of proposals for the "centerpiece" for the Chair of Office. It was agreed to seek another quote.

Grove Hospital:

Letter dated 28th February, 2008 from Ms. Priya Prendergast, Local Health Manager, Galway PCCC was read. The Members expressed extreme anger at the letter and the lack of progress on the Tuam Health Campus. It was proposed by Councillor Browne-Lane, seconded by Councillor Flanagan and agreed to write to the T. D's. for the area.

It was proposed by Councillor Reilly, seconded by the Mayor and agreed to write to Ms. Prendergast and request that the chiropody service withdrawn from Tuam be reinstated. It was proposed by Councillor McHugh, seconded by Councillor Reilly and agreed to write to Mr. Ray Bonar regarding the Ambulance Base.

Tuam By-pass:

Councillor Reilly told the Members E5m has been provided for the Tuam By-pass for 2008. Mr. Gilmore said there was no further update on the project.

Taxi Regulations:

A copy of the draft Bye-Laws was circulated to the Members. Mr. Gilmore thanked Mr. Gavin, Town Engineer for preparing the Draft Regulations. He said the Draft Bye-Laws will be presented to the Tuam Electoral Area Committee meeting next week. They will then be advertised and submissions invited. This will take four weeks. Following another two week the Bye-Laws will become law. Replying to Councillor Browne-Lane Mr. Gilmore said there were sixteen licence holders in Tuam. He said Taxi People have asked the Minister to put a halt on the number of taxis. Replying to Councillor McHugh Mr. Gilmore said there will be thirteen taxi spaces, the loading bays can be used after 6 p.m. giving another twenty five spaces.

A. O. B.

Replying to Councillor Warren the Town Engineer said speed ramps were on order. Councillor Warren said the speed ramps in Palace Fields were very effective and should be installed in all housing estates.

It was proposed by Councillor O'Grady and seconded by Councillor McHugh that in future the installation of speed ramps be a condition of planning permission. Councillor Reilly stated there was continuing problems at the Palace Grounds Park. He asked if fencing and closing the park at night would be considered. He called on Galway County Council to carry out a feasibility study. Councillor Browne-Lane asked that Supt. Keane be contacted with a view to holding a Joint Policing Committee meeting. Replying to Councillor O'Grady who asked what the mechanisms are to get section 23 designation in an effort to kick start the construction industry Mr. Gilmore said this was a matter for the relevant Minister.

Congratulations and good wishes were extended to Councillor Tom McHugh, his Family and Staff on the opening of the Ard Ri hotel.

Sympathy:

A vote of sympathy was passed with the following Families:

Ward Family, Gilmartin Road on the death of David
Gleeson Family, Kilcloghans on the death of John
Ward Family, Dublin Road on the death of John
Ralph Family, Bishop Street on the death of Patricia
Councillor O'Donnell-Brady on the death of her uncle Hugh Devanney

This concluded the meeting

Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY: _____

Martha Ward

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

27th February 2008.

Mayor of Tuam,
Cllr. Martin Ward,
36 Tirboy Estate,
Tuam,
Co. Galway.

RE: Tuam Hub Development Committee

Dear Mayor Ward,

The National Spatial Strategy (NSS) identified a network of cities and larger urban areas designated as **Gateways** whose development was to be promoted as part of the Government's overall framework for achieving more balanced regional development.

Nine medium to large towns were also identified in the NSS as **Hubs** to ensure that the positive effect of the Gateways in the regions would be extended to areas between the Gateways, and provide a link to the rural parts of the region.

One of the nine Hubs identified in the NSS is Tuam.

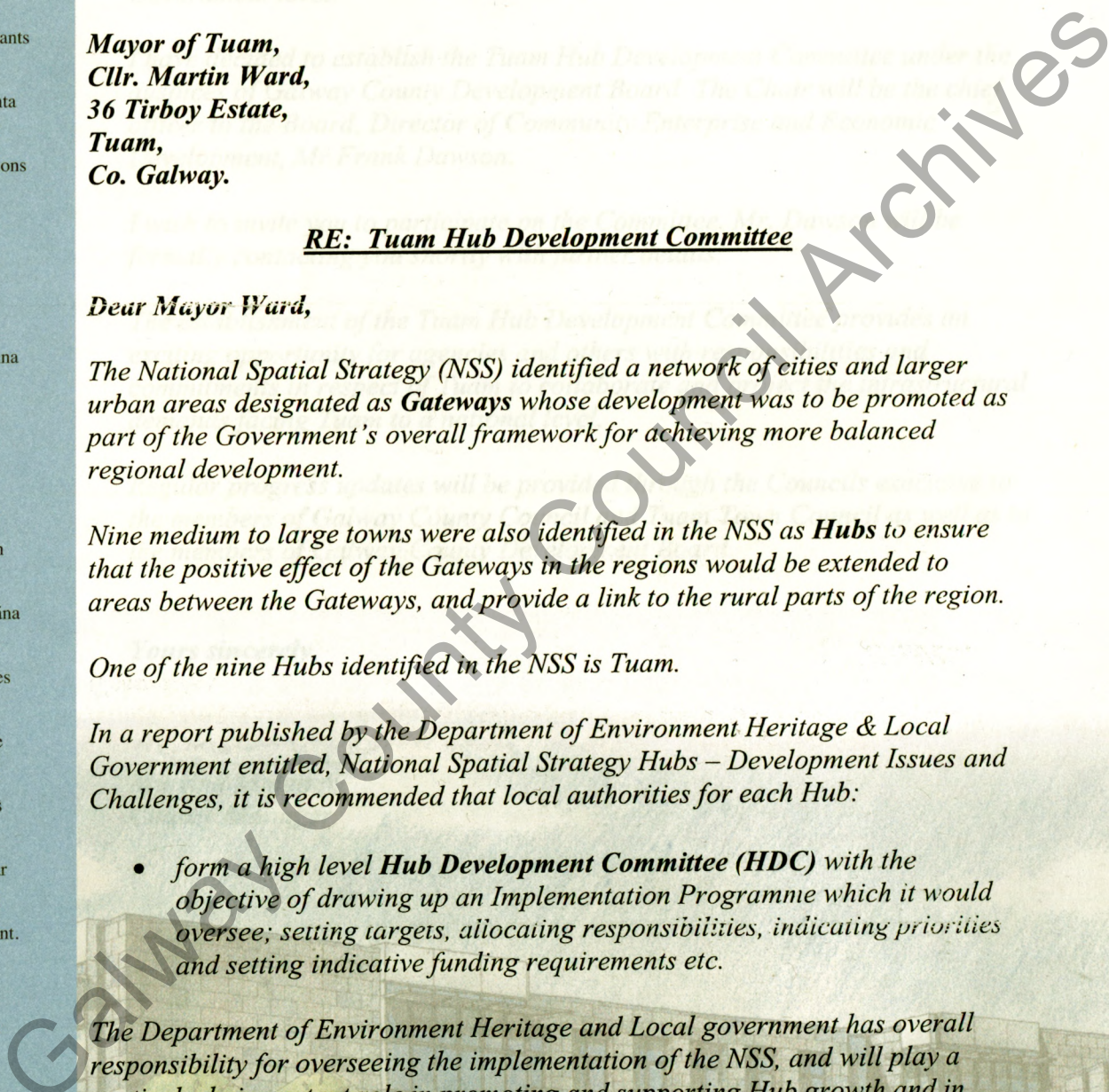
In a report published by the Department of Environment Heritage & Local Government entitled, *National Spatial Strategy Hubs – Development Issues and Challenges*, it is recommended that local authorities for each Hub:

- form a high level **Hub Development Committee (HDC)** with the objective of drawing up an Implementation Programme which it would oversee; setting targets, allocating responsibilities, indicating priorities and setting indicative funding requirements etc.

The Department of Environment Heritage and Local government has overall responsibility for overseeing the implementation of the NSS, and will play a particularly important role in promoting and supporting Hub growth and in maintaining a formal line of communication with the Tuam Hub Development Committee.

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The Report also recommends that existing NSS co-ordination or cross-Departmental arrangements be adapted or extended to ensure that Hubs-related issues can be dealt with efficiently and effectively at Central Government level.

I have decided to establish the Tuam Hub Development Committee under the auspices of Galway County Development Board. The Chair will be the chief officer to the Board, Director of Community Enterprise and Economic Development, Mr Frank Dawson.

I wish to invite you to participate on the Committee. Mr. Dawson will be formally contacting you shortly with further details.

The establishment of the Tuam Hub Development Committee provides an exciting opportunity for agencies and others with responsibilities and commitments in respect of Tuam to collaborate and project the infrastructural demands facing Tuam to a national level.

Regular progress updates will be provided through the Councils executive to the members of Galway County Council and Tuam Town Council as well as to the members of Galway County Development Board.

Yours sincerely,

M. Moloney
Martina Moloney,
County Manager



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Ms. Angela Holian,
Town Clerk,
Tuam Town Council,
Town Clerks Office,
Town Hall,
Tuam,
Co. Galway.

28th February 2008

Re: The development of Tuam Health Campus

Dear Ms. Holian,

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 22nd February 2008 regarding the development of Tuam Health Campus.

I regret to inform you that a meeting at this point in time is not advisable as there are currently no further developments with regard to the development of the Tuam Health Campus.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,



Priya Prendergast
Local Health Manager
Galway PCCC

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30th January, 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 Tuesday, 4th March, 2008 at 7.00 p.m. You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise, le meas,

Angel Holian Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Minutes: Minutes of Special meeting held on 31st January, 2008
Minutes of Monthly meeting held on 4th February, 2008

Manager's Business

Correspondence

Tuam By-pass

Town Hall

Court House

Taxi Regulations

Person of the Year, Corralea Court Hotel at 9 p.m.

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday 4th February, 2008

Present: Mayor: Councillor Ward

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

Apology

Councillor Reilly, Councillor McHugh,
Mr. Frank Gilmore Director of Services

Officials:

Ms. Angela Holian, Town Clerk
Mr. Shane O'Hehir, Community & Enterprise,
Galway County Council

The Prayer was recited.

The minutes of monthly meeting held on Monday 7th January, 2008 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Warren seconded by the Councillor Kelly. The minutes of sub-committee meeting held on Monday 21st January, 2008 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Flanagan seconded by Councillor O'Grady.

Matters arising from Minutes:

Councillor Browne-Lane told the Members that the Traffic Lights at the Milltown Road /Ballygaddy Road junction are still not working properly. She said People approaching from the Ballygaddy Road had to wait a long time before the green light appears. She asked that the lights be adjusted.

Councillor Warren stated that the sale of the sports complex to the Courts Service is almost complete but a recent report stated it would be five years before a new Court House would be built in Tuam. It was agreed to include the Court House on the agenda for the next meeting. Councillor Warren called on the Galway County Council to provide lighting at Athenry Road and Tubberjarlath Road and introduce yellow lines at the entrance to Rivercrest Estate.

Councillor O'Grady asked if there had been any progress on the cleaning of the river. He called on Galway County Council to replace playground equipment removed from Ballygaddy Road playground. He said the People of Liam Mellows Street are practically locked in their houses because of parked cars, the Taxi people are not happy and the Traffic Management Plan cannot be put in place until the main drainage/water scheme project is completed.

The Mayor stated that the public toilet is still not working. The Mayor requested Galway County Council to prepare a report/presentation, for the March meeting of the Board, regarding the main drainage/water scheme project, work on which is due to being in April 2008.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 28th December, 2007 from Clonmel Borough Council. There was unanimous support for Notice of Motion regarding fines for an offence for parking in a disabled Persons parking space. Clonmel Borough Council request the Department of Transport to amend legislation to allow for an increase of the existing fine of E80 up to E500

Letter dated 4th January, 2008 from Office of the Environmental Enforcement Environmental Protection Agency – read.

Letter dated 4th January, 2008 from Passage West Town Council. There was unanimous support for the following: "While welcoming the measures outlined in the new Road Safety Strategy, Passage West Town council calls on the Minister for Transport and Marine to postpone the implementation of the new rules concerning provision licence holders until the waiting period for a driving test has been reduced to the 8 week target set by the Government".

Letter dated 10th January, 2008 from Portlaoise Town Council. There was unanimous support for the following: "That Portlaoise Town Council calls on the Minister to remove water service charges from schools. That Portlaoise Town Council contacts the Minister for the Environment & Local Government, requesting that the proposed water charges for schools be waived as this would impose an unacceptable burden on schools already under financial pressure. That Portlaoise Town Council calls on the Taoiseach, Mr. Bertie Ahern, Minister for the Environment, Mr. John Gormley and Minister for Education & Science, Ms. Mary Hanafin to formulate a policy whereby no school pays water charges".

Letter dated 14th January, 2008 re: Local Authority Members Association – read
Notice - Galway County Council Schemes 2008 – noted

Third Sector Forum – Notice of Seminar – Irelands Newest Immigrants, ensuring their participation in the 2009 European and Local Elections – read.

Notice of National Planning conference – read.

Letter dated 24th January, 2008 from Irish Water Waste & Environment – read.

Letter dated 25th January, 2008 from Ms. Monica Simmons, B & Q OPL Awards Co-ordinator – read.

Walking Route Proposal for Western Traveller and Intercultural Development Centre – noted.

Email dated 28th January, 2008. It was proposed by Councillor Warren, seconded by Councillor O'Donnell-Brady and agreed that the Town Crest, MAYOR and Tuam Town Council be included on the "centre piece" of the Chair of Office.

Email dated 25th January, 2008. The Mayor told the Members he had been contacted by Residents of "Cois-na-hAbhain" regarding the state of the roads in the estate. He asked the Members to push to have roads in the estate completed.

Letter dated 1st February, 2008 from Jerzy Chrabecki, President, Integrative meetings of Friends, Vienna -

Grove Hospital:

Letter dated 30th January, 2008 from Ms. Anne O'Neill, Senior Administrative Officer, Galway PCCC, Health Service Executive. It was agreed to seek a meeting with Ms. Priya Prendergast, Local Health Manager.

C.C.T.V.:

The Members welcomed the installation of the CCTV cameras. They hoped the system would be fully operational in a few days.

Application on Historical Towns:

The Mayor welcomed Mr. Shane O'Hehir to the meeting. Mr. O'Hehir stated that following letter dated 22nd November, 2008 from Failte Ireland consultation had taken place and an application had been submitted for funding under the **National Development Plan (NDP) 2007-2013 Infrastructure Fund – Historic Town Trails**. He outlined the sites included in the application. A brochure is being prepared by Galway County Council outlining Tuams Historic Town Trail. Councillor Browne-Lane suggested that 'Cnoc Ma', Togher Avenue and the Gardenfield walk be included. Councillor O'Grady proposed that the river (river walk), mill wheel and other areas be considered for inclusion. Mr. O'Hehir agreed to prepare a draft form for the March meeting of the Board.

Notice of Motion:

The Mayor spoke on his notice of motion. There was unanimous support for the following Notice of Motion:

“That Tuam Town Council call on Galway County Council to explore and where possible implement the effective collection of refuse, in consultation with the collectors and householders in the Tuam area, that new householders and existing householders account for the disposal of refuse where an issue arises”.

Straubing:

Councillor Flanagan told the Members that the Tuam Festival coincides with the Straubing Festival and she proposed that in future the Mayor of Straubing be invited to Tuam for the St. Patrick's Day Parade. This was seconded by Councillor Browne-Lane.

A.O.B.:

The Mayor told the Members there would be a special Mass for Peace in Kenya at St. Nicholas church, Galway on Saturday 9th February, 2008 at 1 p.m. Regarding the Reform Treaty the Mayor stated that a seminar has been arranged for 7.30 p.m. on 22nd February, 2008 in the Corralea Court Hotel on behalf of the “No Campaign”.

Mr. Gilmore was wished a speedy recovery.

This concluded the meeting

Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY: Martin Ward
MAYOR

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Ms. Angela Holian,
Town Clerk,
Tuam Town Council,
Town Clerks Office,
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Tuam,
Co. Galway.

30th January 2008

Re: The development of Tuam Health Campus

Dear Ms. Holian,

I refer to your letter of the 25th inst. regarding the development of Tuam Health Campus.

We are concerned to progress this project as quickly as possible, within the appropriate regulatory framework. In the case of Tuam Health Campus, this is the Competitive Dialogue Procurement Process.

We are currently finalising the evaluation of Expressions of Interest which were received from potential bidders. I expect this to be completed in the near future.

The Health Service Executive will then move to the second stage of the competitive dialogue process, Invitation to Participate in Dialogue, and I will let you know when this is due to commence.

Yours sincerely,

Anne O'Neill
Senior Administrative Officer
Galway PCCC

Tuam Town Council

Minutes of Special Meeting held on Thursday 31st January, 2008

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

Officials: Mr. Stephen Lally, Town Engineer
Mrs. Angela Holian, Town Clerk

Apology Councillor Reilly, Councillor Ward, Councilor McHugh.

The Prayer was recited.

The Meeting was called to agree on areas to be included in the submission to the Department under the "Special Block Grant for the Provision of new Footpaths and repairs to existing Footpaths in former Town Commissioner Areas".

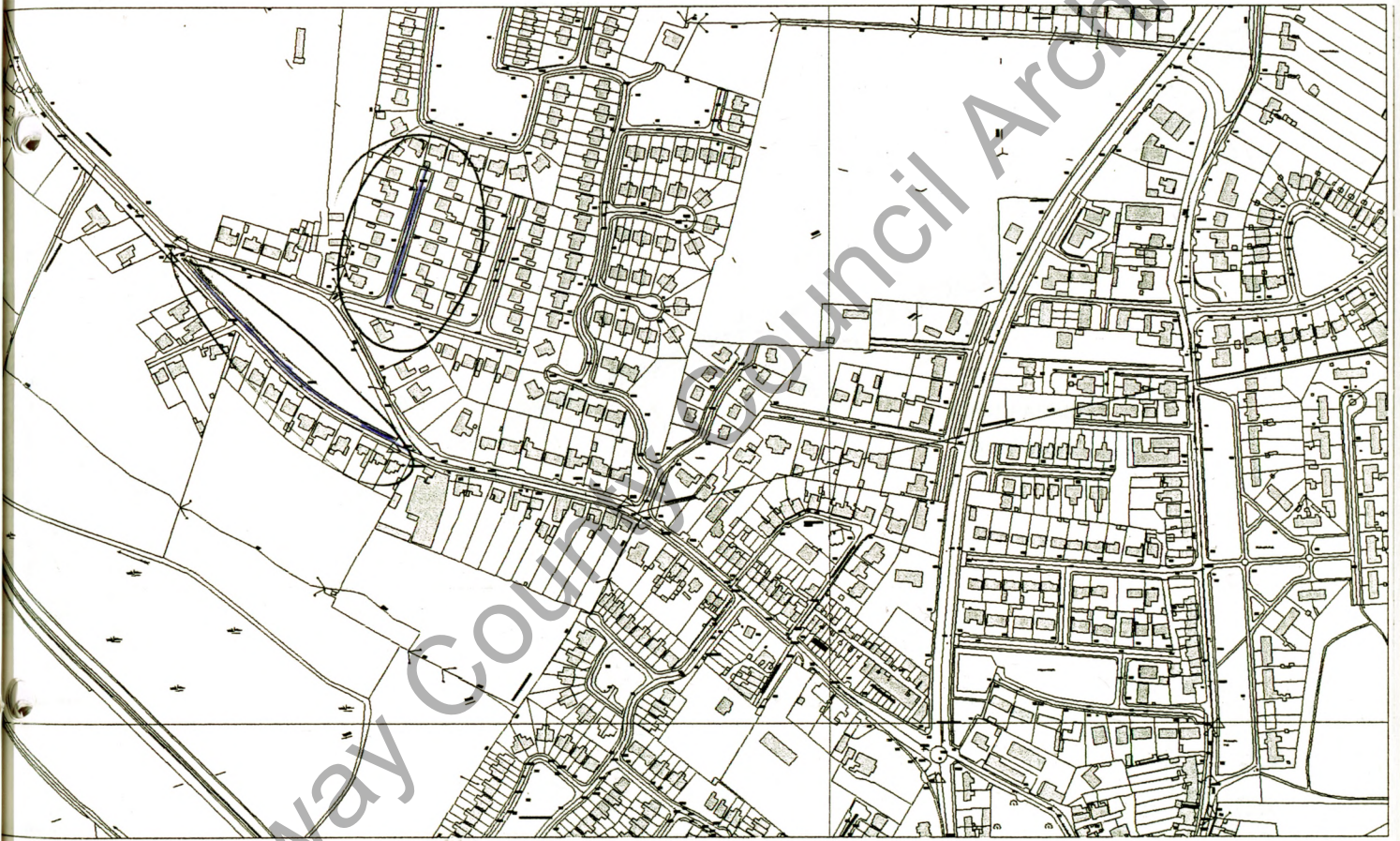
The Members examined the various proposals. It was proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Browne-Lane and agreed that the following areas be included in the submission: Ballygaddy Road, Dublin Road, Belair Drive, Birmingham Road, Glebe, Fairgreen Heights and Tullinadaly Road.

This concluded the Meeting

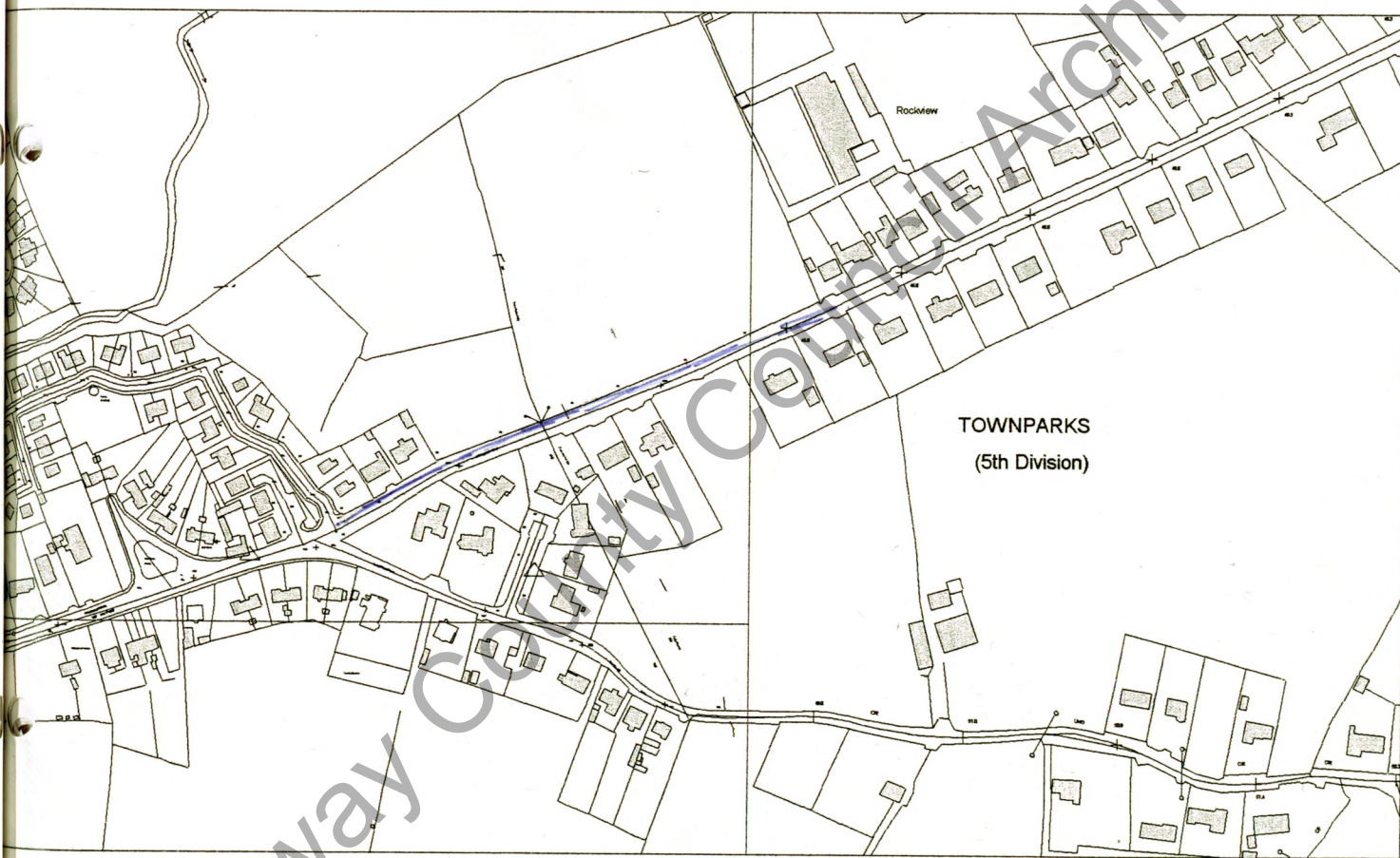
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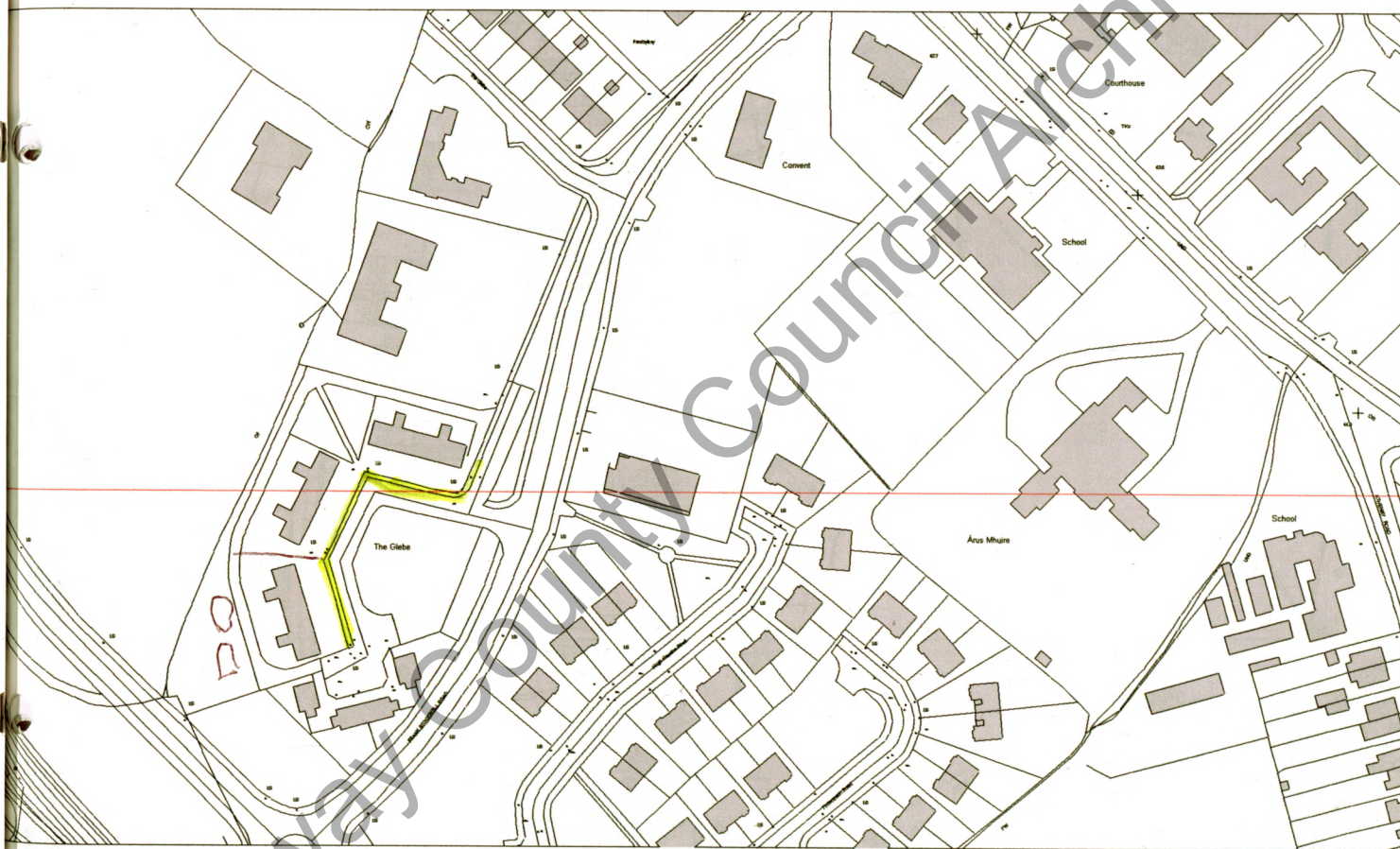


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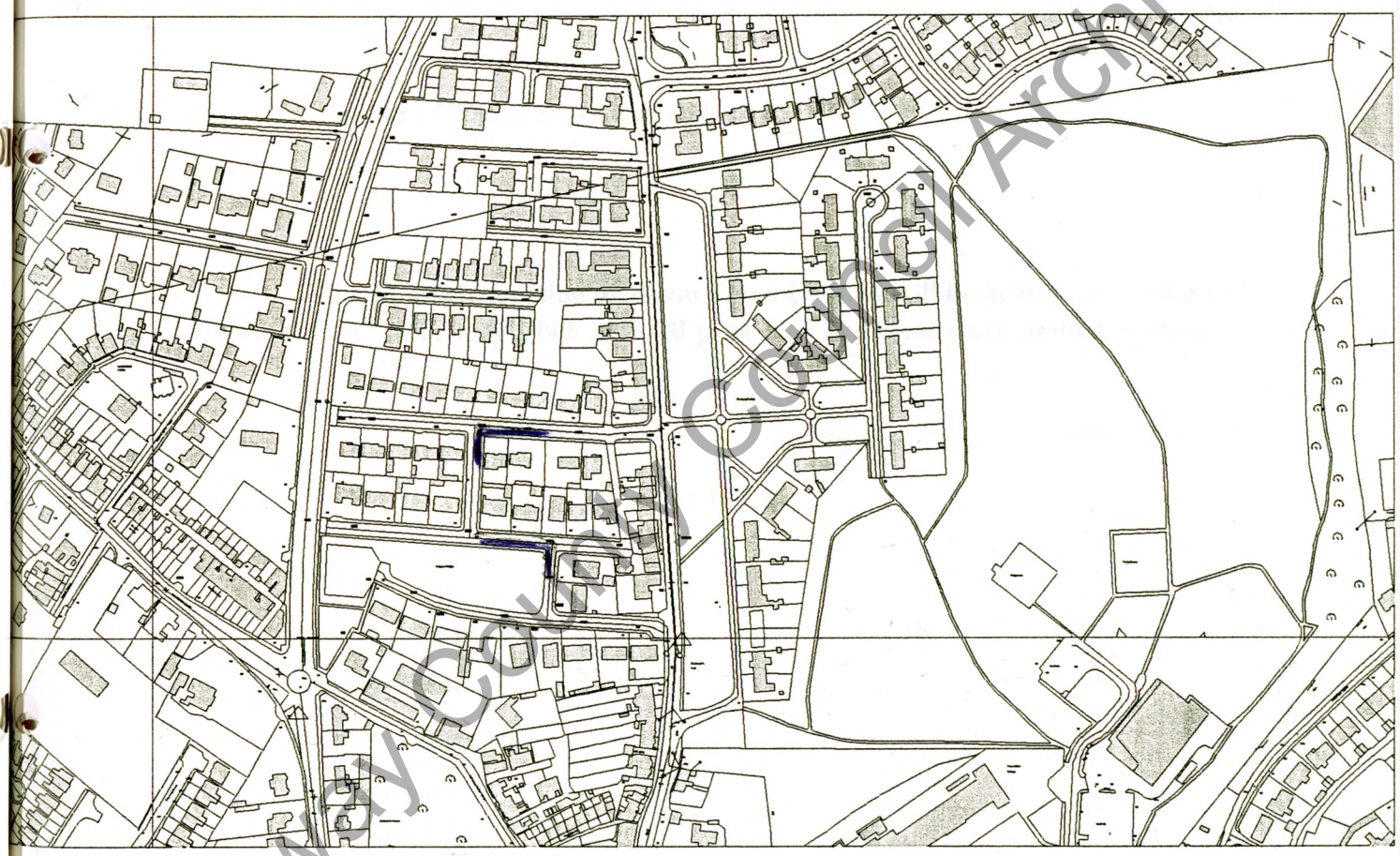
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(5th Division)

Birmingham Rd.



The Glebe

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Fairgreen Hayes

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- ② Tony CLARKE
- ③ GILIAN GRASBY
- ④ MIKE BODKIN
- ⑤ TOM NAUGHTON

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30th January, 2008

To each Member of Tuam Town Council

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Angela Holan Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Minutes:

Manager's Business

Correspondence

The Grove Hospital

Tuam By-pass

C.C.T.V

Presentation by Eimear Dolan – Application on historical towns

Notice of Motion – Councillor Ward

That Tuam Town Council call on Galway County Council to explore and where possible implement the effective collection of refuse, in consultation with the collectors and householders in the Tuam area, that new householders and existing householders account for the disposal of refuse where an issue arises.

Straubing

Tuam Town Council

Special Sub-Committee Meeting

Held on Monday, 21st January, 2008

Present:

Mr. P. Gavin, Town Engineer, Ms. A. Holian, Town Clerk, Councillor S. A. Flanagan, Councillor I. Kelly.

Letting of Town Hall for Art Exhibition – Arus Mhuire

Councillor Flanagan explained that she had been contacted by People from Arus Mhuire who intend to hold an Art Exhibition in May 2008. They needed to know if the Town Hall was available as they want to advertise. Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Flanagan and agreed to make the room on the ground floor available.

Recorded by:

Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

Signed by: Markie Ward

MAYOR

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday 7th January, 2008

Present: Mayor: Councillor Ward

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

Apology Councillor 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 3rd December, 2007 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Warren seconded by the Councillor Reilly. The minutes of sub-committee meeting held on Monday 26th November, 2007 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by Councillor O'Grady. The minutes of special meeting held on Monday 26th November, 2007 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Warren seconded by Councillor Reilly. The Minutes of Budget of Expenses meeting held on Monday 26th November, 2007 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by Councillor McHugh.

The Mayor told the Members he would like to introduce a notice of motion regarding a recycling charge on plastic bottles. It was agreed this would be discussed at the end of the meeting.

Matters arising from Minutes:

Replying to Councillor McHugh regarding the Taxi Rank Mr. Gilmore stated that the draft Taxi By-laws have been sent to the Law Agent for Legal Opinion and will then go before the Electoral Area Committee. They have to be advertised for four weeks and a wait of two week - this is the statutory process. It is hoped to have the Taxi Rank in operation by the end of March.

Councillor Browne-Lane asked if Galway County Council would consider a parking area for trucks, she said there were complaints of trucks causing a hazard to pedestrians also unlit trucks parked at entrances to housing estates. She said there were serious safety issues at the Pedestrian crossings in the town. Councillor Reilly stated that trucks parked away from their area are in danger of being vandalised. Mr. Gilmore said he would talk to the Town Engineer and the Gardai.

Replying to Councillor Warren the Town Engineer said speed ramps would be installed at Parkmore Estate. He agreed to look at the Dublin Road Estate with a view to having speed ramps installed. Councillor Warren asked that the Community Wardens visit a house at Parkmore with a view to removing debris from the front garden.

Replying to Councillor Warren who stated that parking on the entrance to Rivercrest Estate, Dublin Road was causing real problems the Town Engineer said double yellow lines would be introduced. Replying to Councillor Browne-Lane regarding after business hours parking Mr. Gilmore said this was an issue of Community Policing and may be referred to the Joint Policing Committee.

Manager's Business:

Mr. Gilmore told the Members that a motorway order for the N17 was published by Galway County Council on the 7th December, 2007. This will be the first motorway west of the Shannon. It is hoped that construction will start in approximately one and a half years.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 30th November, 2007 from Macroom Town Council – read.

Letter dated 3rd December, 2007 from Monaghan Town Council – read.

Letter dated 12th December, 2007 from Mr. Des Howett, Local Services Section (Control of dogs Acts. 1986 & 1992 – Summary of Returns for 2006) – read.

Letter dated 17th December, 2007 from Office of the Minister of State, Dept. of Agriculture, fisheries and Food. It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the Mayor and Town Clerk attend meeting on Wednesday 16th January, 2008.

Letter dated 18th December, 2007 from Mr. Kevin Byrne, Engineering Services, O.P.W. Councillor Browne-Lane said the Town Council would not desist from complaining about the condition of the river. She said the letter from the O.P.W. clarified the matter. She congratulated Mr. Declan Tierney and the Connaught Tribune on the article.

Councillor Reilly also complimented the Connaught Tribune for highlighting the issue and said approximately thirty Anglers are available to help with the clean up of the river. The Mayor asked Councillor Reilly to pass the O.P.W. contact name to the Anglers. Mr. Gilmore stated that it was not the responsibility of the Town Council to clean the river.

Letter dated 20th December, 2007 from Mid-West Regional Authority – read.

Grove Hospital:

Letter dated 7th December, 2007 from Deputy Michael Kitt together with copy of letter dated 5th December, 2007 from Ms. Mary Harney, T. D., Minister for Health and Children was read. The Members expressed disappointment at contents of letter from the Minister. Councillor McHugh stated that a Brief was being prepared by the Health Service Executive and will be circulated to the company's who expressed an interest by the end of February. Mr. Gilmore said the Ambulance Base was tied in with the procurement process at the moment. Regarding the Ambulance Base Galway County Council have offered to help with a site. No decision has been taken yet but it is expected a meeting will be held in the next four or five weeks. Galway County Council have asked the Health Services Executive to keep them informed. Following further discussion it was proposed by the Mayor seconded by Councillor Reilly and agreed to write to Ms. Priya Prendergast, Local Health Manager, Health Service Executive.

Tuam By-pass:

The Mayor stated that the Town Councillors are going to be very unpopular People in Tuam when the new water/sewerage scheme starts later in the year if the traffic congestion is as bad as was experienced in Tuam in the lead up to Christmas. He urged Galway County Council to identify alternative roads in an effort to divert as much traffic as possible away from the centre of town. He called on People to consider walking to work and school instead of driving.

Mr. Gilmore told the Members there was no further update on the Tuam By-pass. Galway County Council will continue to proceed with the land acquisition process. Replying to Councillor O'Grady Mr. Gilmore said all services processed by the N.R.A. are by tender. Auctioneers advising land owners are not appointed by Galway County Council or the N.R.A. Auctioneers acting for the N.R.A. are appointed following public procurement.

C.C.T.V.:

Councillor Reilly said he had received complaints of damaged property and broken windows from business people. He proposed that the Town Council write to Supt. Keane and request that foot patrols be provided on the streets late at night. It was proposed by Councillor O'Grady and seconded by Councillor Reilly that this matter be referred to the Joint Policing Committee.

Replying to the Members regarding C.C.T.V. the Town Engineer said ducting is in place. Site development work will be completed by the end of the week. Poles and cameras are due to be erected on Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th January. It will then be up to the E.S.B. to connect the power supply. Mr. Gilmore said Galway County Council will do their utmost to speed up the connection.

Letter dated 22nd November, 2007 from Failte Ireland:

Letter dated 22nd November, 2007 from Ms. Meave McKeever, Product Management Officer, Heritage & visitor Attractions, Failte Ireland re: National Development Plan 2007-2013 – Infrastructure fund-Historic Town Trails. Mr. Gilmore instructed that the application form for grants be sent to Galway County Council.

Nomination of Member to G.R.D. Partnership Company:

It was proposed by Councillor Reilly and seconded by Councillor Warren that the Mayor be the representative of Tuam Town Council on the G. R. D. Partnership Company.

Notice of Motion:

The Mayor spoke on his notice of motion. There was unanimous support for the following Notice of Motion:

“That Tuam Town Council call on the Minister for the Environment to introduce a green

bottle recycling charge of 12 cents on each and every plastic bottle purchased in the state, to be made refundable to the consumer when plastic bottles are returned to the shop of purchase or a deduction of the charge of 12 cents on purchase of a similar item. This system is in operation in many European countries and has benefited the environment.

A.O.B.:

Councillor O'Grady asked that Playground equipment removed from the playground at Ballygaddy road last October be replaced. The Town Engineer agreed to investigate.

Councillor Reilly proposed that in future the Town Council get involved in "ringing in the new year", have a float or music in the Square, be at the Square with the People. Councillor McHugh suggested that this be discussed at the December meeting.

Regarding the "**Person of the Year**" it was proposed by Councillor McHugh and agreed to advertise again, for 2 weeks, for nominations.

The Mayor and members congratulated the Town Engineer on the birth of a baby daughter.

Sympathy:

A vote of sympathy was passed with the following Families:

Brady Family, Cloonascragh on the death of Joe
Costello Family, on the death of Una
Kelly Family, Corohan on the death of Bob
Kelly Family, Corohan on the death of Mary
McGagh Family, Gardenfield on the death of Pete
Trayers Family, Athenry Road on the death of Gerry

This concluded the meeting

Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY: _____


MAYOR