



TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS



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Tuam Town Council

Meetings

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Special Meeting of Tuam Town Council 21st January, 2013.

Attendance: Mayor: E. Kitt
Cllrs: I. Kelly, T. Reilly, L. Bane, S.A. Flanagan, P. O'Hora, P. O'Grady

Deputy M. Kitt
Depty C. Keaveney
Deputy P. Connaughton
Apologies from Deputy C. Cannon

Officials: M. Dunne A/Town Clerk

Mayor Kitt welcomed Derek Cassidy, Tuam Voluntary Force. Mr. Cassidy addressed the meeting, he thanked the local representatives for their support and involvement in the campaign to retain all services at Toghermore House. He thanked Minister Reilly for his commitment to funding, the H.S.E. for their decision not to close the Residential units, the local and national media, Dr. Hennelly for her stance in the matter and the residents of Toghermore House and their families. He stated that there is an urgent need to get written clarification from Minister Kathleen Lynch and the H.S.E. in relation to securing the long-term future of Toghermore House. He expressed disappointment at the decision to abolish Town Councils.

Mayor Kitt informed the meeting that due to a prior engagement Cllr. Cannon was unable to attend this meeting and sent his apologies. He was informed by Deputy Cannon that this funding is a reprieve only and when the fire safety issues are addressed the future of Toghermore House can be focused on.

Deputy Connaughton informed the meeting that Public Representatives will continue to keep pressure on until the necessary works are completed. He stated that there is a need to know where the funds for works are coming from and to ensure that no other proposed Developments fro Tuam are affected.

Deputy Kitt stated that the decision has provided a less pressurised environment for debate about the future of Toghermore House. He is confident that the improvements will be carried out and he hopes that the development of further facilities at the site will happen also.

Deputy Keaveney cautiously welcomed the decision stating that further clarification is needed. He was concerned about the long term future of the facility as the H.S.E. have plans to build a 40 bed unit at U.C.H.G and staff from Toghermore may be transferred there. He thanked all concerned in the campaign.

Cllr. Reilly welcomed the decision and thanked the T.D.'s and Councillors and asked for their continued support to provide more facilities at Toghermore.

The members also cautiously welcomed the decision and stated that T.D.'s needed to keep pressure on to retain the facilities at Toghermore House.

Cllr. O'Hora read 4 main points from a statement issued by Minister Kathleen Lynch.

- 1- The decision to close a unit is a matter for the Minister for Health .
- 2- Other services at Toghermore House must continue to operate as normal.
- 3- Fire Safety issues cannot be used again as a reason to close the Residential unit.
- 4- There is strong commitment to progress the "Vision for Change" and the Minister is committed to developing services for the Mental Health Sector .

Ambulance Base:

In reply to Mayor Kitt, Deputy Connaughton stated that he had no up to date information but will be pushing for the best service for the facility, but other areas will not lose out on services because of this.

Deputy Kitt understood that there is 11 staff outlined in the Service Plan for the facility and at present the issue seem to relate to staffing.

Deputy Keaveney stated that discussions are taking place and the service plan should be available shortly and he strongly recommended that a delegation from Tuam Town Council meet the Area Manager, P.O' Riordain.

Cllr. O'Grady stated that there has been no deviation from what Mr. O' Riordain said at the September meeting of Tuam Town Council but the Council needs to keep in contact with him.

Jobs Industry in Tuam:

Deputy Connaughton stated that Tuam needs to decide what type of industry is suitable for the Town and Councillors and T.D.'s should keep in touch with the I.D.A.

Deputy Keaveney stated that the last Budget has provided for 10,000 new positions nationally for S.O.L.A.S.

Deputy Kitt stated that the Absence of Leader Funding is an issue for Tuam.

Cllr. Flanagan stated that a sub-committee should be set up to work with the Chamber of Commerce in providing a package which could be taken to I.D.A.

Cllr. Flanagan proposed the setting up a sub-committee.

Cllr. Kelly seconded the proposal and it was agreed by the members that a sub committee be set up.

Cllr. O'Hora stated that when he and other members met Catherine Blewitt, I.D.A., she stated that the opinions of existing successful Business people in Tuam should be sought in relation to providing industry / jobs.

Cllr. O'Hora proposed that Business people from Tuam should be included on the sub-committee set up with the members of Tuam Town Council and the Chamber of Commerce.

Cllr. Reilly seconded the proposal.

Grove Site:

Deputy Keaveney stated that 20 sites were announced nationally for Primary Care Centres and one of these is planned for Tuam. He doesn't know what model will be used.

Deputy Connaughton and Deputy Kitt are also hopeful that Tuam will have a Primary Care Centre.

Mayor Kitt thanked the T.D's for attending the meeting .

Any Other Business:

Cllr. Reilly proposed that Mayor Kitt contact Ballinasloe and Loughrea Town Councils with regard to making a joint submission in relation to the proposed Abolition of Town Councils. Mayor Kitt seconded the proposal.

Mayor Kitt has contacted the Mercy Sisters and they will come back with a suitable date for the planned Civic Reception.

Cllr Reilly stated that tenants should be sought for the Town Council owned site at The Fairgreen as otherwise the Army may demolish the site .

The meeting concluded .

Recorded by M. Dunne A/ Town Clerk

Signed

 Eamon Kitt

Mayor

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 3RD DECEMBER 2012

Mayor: E. Kitt
Cllrs. I. Kelly, L. Bane, T. Reilly, M. Loftus, O. Ward, P. O'Grady, P. O'Hora.
Apologies from Cllr. S. A. Flanagan.

Officials: Mr. Frank Gilmore, D.O.S
Mr. Enda Gallagher, Town Engineer.
Ms. M. Dunne, Acting Town Clerk.

Delegates from Tuam Chamber of Commerce: Mr. Ronan Glynn (President)
Mr. Kevin Farrell
Mr. Mark Giblin

The Prayer was recited.

Mayor Kitt welcomed the Delegates from Tuam Chamber of commerce, the members and all present.

Cllr. Bane who had requested that the delegation be invited to attend stated that it was important that the Tuam Chamber of Commerce and Tuam Town Council work together for the benefit of the Town . The main topic of concern raised by the Delegation and members was the difficulties experienced by the business community in paying Rates . Town Manager, Mr. Gilmore, stated that the payment of rates is a statutory obligation but where difficulties in paying rates arises the rate payer should contact the Finance Department, Galway County Council early on and their situation will be looked at sympathetically and it may be possible to work out a timeframe for payment more suitable for the individual rate payer. As Rates are adopted by the County Councillors, the Town Council and Chamber of Commerce should make their views known to the Local Area Councillors. Rates collected in the town are generally spent in the Town.

Delegate Kevin Farrell expressed frustration at having to pay Water Charges and bind charges as well as rates. Ronan Glynn would like to see clarity as to how the Rates collected are spent and would like to see a portion of the Rates collected in Tuam Town ringfenced for particular works in the Town.

Cllr. Reilly and the other members complimented the Chamber of Commerce on an excellent evening at switching on of Christmas Lights Ceremony on 1st December, 2012.

Adoption of Minutes:

Cllr.Kelly proposed the adoption of the minutes of the Tuam Town Council meeting of held on 5th November 2012 . Cllr.Reilly seconded the proposal.

Signed by 
Mayor

Matters arising from minutes:

Mayor Kitt thanked Cllr. T.Reilly and Cllr.O'Grady and the members of the Chamber of Commerce who attended the meeting with Catherine Blewitt and also Cllr. S.A. Flanagan & Cllr. I. Kelly who met the Minister initially.

Cllr.Reilly requested that following on from previous discussions that the Town Council write to Bord Gais for an update on provision of gas in the Town.

Following on from decision made at November meeting Cllr. Reilly requested that the four Galway East T.D's be invited to a special meeting to discuss the staffing and provision of a 24 hour / 7 day week service at Tuam Ambulance Base.

Cllr. O'Grady stated that what Mr. O'Riordan had promised has been provided and the provision of an extended service seemed to be dependent on Finance being available. It was agreed by the members that the Area T.D'S be invited in to discuss this matter.

Cllr. Ward asked if the figures for rates for Tuam Town were available . Mr. Gilmore stated that the figure for Rates levied is €1.15 million but the figure for rates collected will not be available until year end.

Correspondance

Invite from Chamber of Commerce to Tuam Lights up Event December 1st 2012 - read.

Letters from GAA regarding AGM - read.

Letter from Ballybriggan Town Council regarding abolition of Town Councils -read.

Letters from Tuam Community Games- read.

A.O.B

Cllr. Bane enquired regarding the plans for the Shambles Car-Park. Mr. Gilmore stated that plans are not available yet.

Mayor Kitt requested that Tuam Town Council contribute €200 to Tuam Community Games committee towards the wonderful work they do. Cllr. Reilly proposed the granting of €200 contribution. The proposal was seconded by Cllr. Loftus.

Cllr. Bane enquired if reinstatement of roads in estates e.g Bel air Dirve after "The Big Dig" will be confined to routine maintenance . Mr. Gallagher replied that there is no funding available for anything other than routine maintenance at present, there may be improvements carried out next summer.

Cllr. Reilly asked if repairs could be carried out to Abbeytrinity Estate as the estate was used for parking of machinery during the Big Dig. Mr. Gallagher stated that he will refer back to Coffeys to check the CCTV.

The meeting concluded .

Recorded by M.Dunne A/Town Clerk

Signed by *Liamon Kitt*
Mayor

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by 7/15

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Tuam Town Council 2013 Budget Meeting 3rd December 2012

Mayor: E. Kitt
Cllrs. I. Kelly, L. Bane, T. Reilly, M. Loftus, O. Ward, P. O'Grady, P. O'Hora.
Apologies from Cllr. S. A. Flanagan.

Officials: Mr. Frank Gilmore, D.O.S
Mr. Enda Gallagher, Town Engineer.
Ms. M. Dunne, Acting Town Clerk.

Mr. Gilmore presented the Budget for 2013.

Cllr. Ward queried the increase in allocation from €13,500 to €46,500 for CCTV.

Mr. Gallagher stated that the CCTV system needs a total re-vamp as the quality of recordings is very poor and it is intended that the project will go to tender in 2013.

In reply to Cllr. Reilly on the cost factor involved Mr. Gilmore stated that it was 5 years since the present system was put in place and technology has advanced a lot since.

Cllr. O'Hora queried if the existing stock is being upgraded or replaced. Mr. Gallagher replied that not all cameras will be replaced at one time. The upgrading of all cameras will take 2-3 years. It would be intended that the consul would be replaced first and the Gardai will advise on the priority in which the individual cameras should be upgraded. New cameras will also be provided at key locations where there are no cameras at present. A discussion took place regarding the location of CCTV recording equipment after the Abolition of Town Councils in 2014.

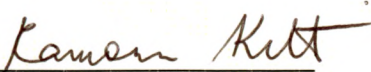
Cllr. Reilly proposed that the Manager would contact the Gardai with a view to discussing the installation of this equipment in the Garda station. Mayor Kitt seconded the proposal

Cllr. Ward proposed the Adoption of the Budget for 2013. Cllr. Loftus seconded the proposal.

Cllr. Reilly proposed rate in the euro which will remain at 3.66 in 2013. Cllr. Kelly seconded the proposal.

Cllr. Reilly proposed that photographs of all past Town Clerks be displayed in the Town Hall alongside photographs of members. Cllr. Loftus seconded the proposal.

Recorded by
M. Dunne A/Town Clerk

Signed: 
Mayor

COMHAIRLE BAILE THUAMA
Tuam Town Council



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

Town Clerks Office,
Town Hall,
Tuam, Co Galway.

26th November 2012.

To: Each member of Tuam Town Council

A Chara,

The December meeting of Tuam Town Council will be held in the Town Hall on Monday 3rd December 2012 at 7.00pm.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

M. D. A. J. Baile Cleireach

Agenda

1. Minutes
2. Tuam Chamber of Commerce
3. Community Games
4. Manager's Business
5. Correspondence
6. A.O.B

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

5th November 2012

PRESENT: **Mayor:** E. Kitt
 Councillors: I. Kelly, S. A. Flanagan, L. Bane, T. Reilly, O. Ward, P. O'Grady, P. O'Hora,
 Apologies from Cllr. Loftus
 Officials: Mr. Frank Gilmore, D.O.S.
 Mr. Enda Gallagher Town Engineer
 Ms. Mary Dunne, Acting T/Clerk

Adoption of Minutes

Cllr. Reilly proposed adoption of minutes of Tuam Town Council meeting held on 1st October 2012. Cllr. Kelly seconded the proposal.

Matters arising from minutes

Cllr. O'Hora requested the following amendment to the minutes of 1st October 2012;-

Cllr. O'Hora proposed that Tuam Town Council express their objection to the proposed extinguishment of Right of Way on the roadway linking the Palace Grounds and Bishop Street. The proposal was seconded by Cllr. Ward and agreed by the members.

Cllr. Bane following on from his proposal at last months meeting requested that Tuam Chamber of Commerce be invited to the December meeting of Tuam Town Council.

Mayor Kitt stated that he will be meeting Catherina Bluett I.D.A on Thursday at 1.00pm and he has invited Ronan Glynn President of Tuam Chamber of Commerce to attend. He invited the members to attend if they were in a position to do so.

Cllr. Reilly asked if there was an update relating to Bord Gais. Mr. Gilmore stated that he will contact Bord Gais over the next few days.

Cllr. Reilly proposed that Tuam Town Council invite the four Galway East T.D's to a special meeting to discuss the staffing and provision of a 24 hour 7 day/week service at the Tuam Ambulance Base.

The proposal was seconded by Cllr. Kelly and agreed by the members.

As no reply was received to letters from Tuam Town Council requesting an update on the position relating to Tuam Stadium, Mayor Kitt proposed that the Town Council write again to the Secretary of Galway Football Board and Galway County Board expressing disappointment at the lack of a reply and again requesting the information sought.

Cllr. Bane requested that Tuam Stadium would be included on the agenda for the December meeting so that the matter can be discussed with Tuam Chamber of Commerce.

Managers Business

Mr. Gilmore informed members that he has not yet received details from the Department relating to period for adoption of Rates. When this information is available a meeting will be arranged to discuss and adopt the rate for 2013. It is intended that this meeting will be held in November but if information is not available this matter will be dealt with at the December meeting of Tuam Town Council

Cllr. O'Hora asked if the figure for rates paid in respect of property in Tuam Town was available?

Cllr. Ward asked if this information could be provided at the next Town Council meeting.

Mr. Gilmore stated that if this information can be abstracted by the Finance Department it will be available at the next meeting.

Cllr. Bane enquired relating to the position with Rate payers who find it difficult to pay.

Mr. Gilmore stated that this problem is countrywide and suggested that the individuals involved contact the Finance Officer and the situation would be looked at sympathetically.

Correspondence

Letter from Tuam Chamber of Commerce regarding Christmas lighting-Read.

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Letter from Monaghan Town Council. Read

A.O.B

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Mr. Gilmore stated that 3 or 4 spaces may be lost. He said he will present the plans as soon as they are available .

Cllr. O'Grady congratulated O'Tooles Supermarket on achieving 15th place on the awards list for best supermarket in Ireland.

Cllr. Reilly proposed that a letter be forwarded from Tuam Town Council to Coffey construction complimenting them on "a job well done" in respect of "The Big Dig".

Cllr. Ward raised a number of queries in relation to the proposed extinguishment of Right of Way at the Palace road.

1. Current position in relation to the proposed extinguishment of right of way.
2. Valuation of Council car park at Bishop Street.
3. Planning permission in respect of the new inner relief road.

In reply to the queries raised, Mr. Gilmore replied:-

1. That the proposed extinguishment Right of Way was brought to the October 2012 meeting of Galway County Council but a decision was deferred until the November 2012 meeting.
2. The Council car park had been valued by a professional valuer .
3. The Inner Relief Road was subject to a part 8 planning which which included public consultation and was approved by Bord Pleanala .

Further discussion took place and Cllr. Ward proposed a motion of no-confidence in Manager of Tuam Town Council Mr Gilmore .

Mayor Kitt requested that Cllr. Ward withdraw the motion as there was no support for the motion from the remaining 7 councillors .Cllr .Ward left the meeting .

Certain statements were made by Councillor Ward which the Manager will be dealing with in due course.

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Signed by *Kamron Kitt*
Mayor

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Signed by _____
Mayor

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Mary Dunne,
Acting Town Clerk,
Tuam Town Council,
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Tuam.
Co Galway.

November 23, 2012.

Re: Tuam Lights Up

For the attention of Mayor Eamon Kitt and members of Tuam Town Council.

Dear Mayor and Members,

Tuam Chamber of Commerce would like to take this opportunity to invite you to join us for The Tuam Lights Up event on Saturday December 1st 2012.

We would be delighted if you could take part in the Santa Parade and festivities and please feel free to dress in festive clothing.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Ronan Glynn". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Ronan Glynn
President
Tuam Chamber of Commerce (2012)

Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Coiste Peile na Gaillimhe



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22ú Samhain, 2012


Ms. Mary Dunne,
A/Town Clerk,
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Co. Galway.

Dear Mary,

Further to your recent letter of the 13th inst. regarding Tuam Stadium, I wish to re-confirm that arrangements are still being made for the A.G.M. of Tuam Stadium, as part of the overall re-structuring of County Galway A.G.A., on the direction of Central Council.

Towards this end, a series of Conventions and Meetings will be held between the 3rd and 17th of next month, with the new structures becoming operational in January 2013. The A.G.M. of Tuam Stadium will be held under the new system, thereafter.

Yours sincerely,


Seamus Ó Grada,
Rúnaí.

P.S. Attached please find copy of letter forwarded to you on the 2ú Samhain, 2012



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2ú Samhain, 2012

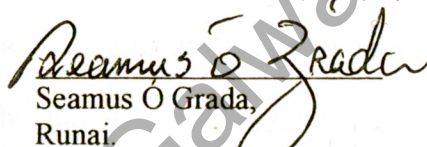
Ms. Mary Dunne,
Acting Town Clerk,
Town Council,
Town Hall,
Tuam,
Co. Galway.

Dear Mary,

Further to your letter of the 10th ult. in relation to Tuam Stadium, I wish to confirm that arrangements are being made for the A.G.M. of Tuam Stadium, as part of the overall re-structuring of County Galway G.A.A.

As regards its financing, this is dependent on external resources as was pointed out at our meeting on the 14th May last. An application is currently with the Sports Council for a National Lottery Sports Grant and permissions of the Provincial and Central Councils will be required for any other capital requirements.

Yours sincerely,


Seamus Ó Gráda,
Runaí.



Mary Dunne

From: Balbriggan Town Council [Balbriggantowncouncil@fingalcoco.ie]
Sent: 16 November 2012 09:26
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srooney@laoiscoco.ie
Subject: FW: BTC Motion

Dear all,

The following notice of motion was passed at the November Meeting of Balbriggan Town Council. Members requested that this notice be circulated to all councils for consideration.

“Balbriggan Town Council calls on the Minister for the Environment, The Taoiseach and the Tanaiste to meet Balbriggan Town Council to discuss the impact the proposed abolition of the Council will have on the Town.”

Regards

Brian Murray
Town Clerk
Balbriggan Town Council

Household Charge - Funding Local Services

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Tuam Community Games



Agenda
Dec. meeting

To Whom it Concerns

This year Tuam Community Games celebrates 40 years of unbroken service to the children of Tuam and its' environs.

In the past 40 years Community Games has provided sporting and cultural opportunities for thousands of children who subsequently went on to contribute in a very significant way to the development of Tuam into the modern and confident town of today. The volunteers who have kept Community Games alive in that 40 year period have also made a profound contribution to the well being of our society and provided enormous opportunities for two generations of Tuam's youth.

To celebrate the great history and outstanding achievement of Tuam Community Games over the past 40 years we are hosting a celebration event in the Corralea hotel on **Saturday 17th November 2012, at 8.30pm**. We would appreciate any sponsorship from you that would assist us in making this even possible.

I know that you are inundated with requests of this nature but given the contribution that Community Games has made to the town of Tuam and it's hinterland and the long association between the organisation and the significant milestone of 40 uninterrupted years, I hope that you would be in a position to support our request to defray some of the costs.

We thank you for your support over all the years to the Tuam Community Games organisation.

Yours faithfully,

Tony Lee, Chairman - 087 - 6541988
Hugh Gallagher, Secretary
Kevin Donnellan, Treasurer
Jim Byrne Asst. Treasurer
Paddy Gilmore PRO
Thomas O'Rourke, Activities

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Tuam Town Council



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

Town Clerks Office,
Town Hall,
Tuam, Co Galway.

30th October 2012

To each Member of Tuam Town Council

A Chara,

The November meeting of Tuam Town Council will be held in the Town Hall on Monday 5TH November at 7.30 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

M. Dune A. Baile Cleireach

Agenda

Minutes

Tuam Stadium

Managers Business

Correspondance

A.O.B

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – 1st OCTOBER, 2012

PRESENT: Mayor: E. Kitt
Councillors: I. Kelly, S. A. Flanagan, L. Bane, T. Reilly, O. Ward, P. O'Grady, P. O'Hora,
Apologies from Cllr. Loftus
Officials: Mr. Frank Gilmore, D.O.S.
Ms. Mary Dunne, Acting T/Clerk

The Prayer was recited. Cllr. Reilly proposed that a minutes silence be observed in memory of the late Paddy Halion, R.I.P., whose mother Nora had served on Tuam Town Council.

Cllr. Sally- Ann Flanagan seconded the proposal.

Adoption of Minutes:

Cllr. Kelly proposed the minutes of the September meeting of Tuam Town Council held on 3rd September, 2012.

Cllr. Reilly seconded the proposal.

Bord Gais:

Cllr. Reilly enquired regarding the up to date position regarding Bord Gais. Mr. Gilmore stated that Mr. Gallagher, Town Engineer, was informed by Mr. Quigley that Bord Gais are still awaiting regulatory confirmation before they can proceed with a supply to Tuam. Board Gais re-issued contracts recently as time frames for previous contracts had expired and they want to be in a position to proceed with works immediately upon grant of permission. No definite time lines are available.

Tuam Cemetery Wall:

Cllr. Reilly requested that a survey be carried out on Tuam Cemetery wall with a view to having repairs carried out as there are individual stones missing and loose pockets appearing in the wall. Mr. Gilmore agreed to have the matter investigated.

Application for Funding Tuam Chamber of Commerce:

Mayor Kitt read a letter from Tuam Chamber of Commerce seeking funding in respect of the "Turn to Tuam campaign".

Cllr. Bane proposed that Tuam Town Council would meet with Tuam Chamber of Commerce to discuss the matter. Cllr. Reilly seconded the proposal and it was agreed that a meeting should take place. Cllr. Kelly and the members complimented Tuam Chamber of Commerce on the Family day held on 22nd September and stated that it was a great boost to the town.

Applicaton for funding – Tuam Tidy Towns:

Cllr. Kelly pointed out that it was proposed and seconded at a previous Town Council meeting that €500 be granted to Tuam Tidy Towns. Mr. Gilmore stated that he would like to see a programme of works in respect of funding granted by Tuam Town Council, as funding should relate to specified measurable works.

Mayor Kit complimented Tuam Town Councillors on providing funding for bunting and would like to see bunting provided for upcoming Tuam Stars match. Cllr. Flanagan stated that Brian Loftus will provide funding for this bunting.

J.P.C. Meeting:

It was agreed by members that the following items would be included on the Agenda for the JPC meeting which will be held on Monday 5th November 2012.

1. Parking on the Dublin Road (close to schools) and parking on Chapel Lane (close to Dempsey's shop).
2. Cutback on Community Policing
3. Traffic calming on Ballygaddy road.
4. Community Watch.

Erection of Memorial Plaque:

Cllr. Ward stated that the present position regarding the plaque is that clarification on the exact wording is required and also details relating to how the plaque would be secured on to the Town Hall. When these details are finalised, and the Mayors signature provided, compliance is expected.

A.O.B.

Cllr. Flanagan informed the members that there will be a workshop held in relation to "The Gathering" on 11th October 2012 in the Corralea Court Hotel at 7.30pm and she encouraged members to attend if possible.

Cllr. Bane proposed that a letter be sent to the G.A.A .requesting an update in relation to the Annual General Meeting and also a follow – up relating to financing of Tuam Stadium. Cllr. Kelly seconded the proposal.

Cllr. Reilly proposed that Tuam Town Council write to the Jack and Jill foundation complimenting them on the tremendous work they carry out .

Mayor Kitt seconded the proposal.

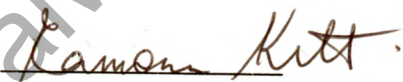
Cllr. O'Grady raised the matter of staffing of the new ambulance base. He said that there are 11 people from the Tuam area working in the Ambulance service and he understood that if they were to take up positions in the Tuam base they would have to resign from their present positions and lose their conditions of employment. Cllr. O'Grady proposed that the Town Council request that the exact situation be set out in a letter to the Mayor. Cllr. Reilly seconded the proposal.

Cllr. O'Hora proposed that Tuam Town Council express their objection to the proposed extinguishment of Right of Way on the roadway linking the Palace Grounds and Bishop Street. Cllr. Ward seconded the proposal.

The meeting concluded .

Recorded by M.Dunne A/Town Clerk

Signed by :



Mayor



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive



17th October, 2012.

Ms. Mary Dunne,
A/Town Clerk
Town Clerks Office
Town Hall,
Tuam,
Co. Galway.

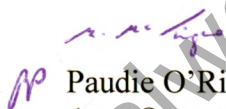
Re: Tuam Ambulance Base

Dear Ms. Dunne,

Further to your correspondence dated 15th October, 2012 received today, we wish to advise that the HSE and the National Ambulance Service have Terms & Conditions of Employment for staff and these will not be affected by the opening of Tuam Ambulance Base.

The National Ambulance Service will adhere to agreed processes and procedures within the ambulance service for dealing with staff transfer requests to other bases including Tuam Ambulance base.

Yours sincerely,


Paudie O'Riordan
Area Operations Manager - West

Seirbhís Otharcharr Reigiúnach an Iarthair,
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Mary Dunne,
Acting Town Clerk,
Tuam Town Council,
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Tuam.
Co Galway.

September 30, 2012.

For the attention of Mayor Eamon Kitt and members of Tuam Town Council.

Dear Mayor and Members

On behalf of Tuam Chamber of Commerce I would like to formally thank you for making the Town Hall available to us for the recent "Tuam, Family Fun day". This helped greatly in making the day such a huge success for the town in general.

The Chamber of Commerce recognises the important role The Town Council plays in the town of Tuam and looks forward to continued co-operation with yourselves in the future.

Yours sincerely

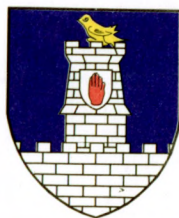
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President, (2012)

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MONAGHAN TOWN COUNCIL

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TOWN HALL
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MONAGHAN

1st October 2012

Angela Holian
Town Clerk
Tuam Town Council
Tuam
Co. Galway

A Chara

At the September Monthly Meeting of Monaghan Town Council the Members adopted the following Notices of Motion and it was agreed to circulate them to all Local Authorities:-

- (a) "That Monaghan Town Council calls for the immediate release of Gerry McGeogh, Marion Price and Martin Corey. Everyone is entitled to due process and these Irish citizens have been denied this. Their continued detention without trial is an infringement of their human rights and clearly undermines the justice system on this island. Their imprisonment is unjust and is in defiance of rulings by the Courts in both cases. Both have been granted bail by the Courts and yet remain in prison".
- (b) "That this Council call on the Minister for Finance to rescind his decision to withdraw tax relief for first time buyers from January 2013".
- (c) "Write to the Minister for the Environment regarding his proposal to change the rules that cars over 10 years old would have to be tested every year instead of the present 2 years".

Mise, le meas

Marie Deighan
Town Clerk

Tidy Towns Competition 2012

Adjudicator Report

Galway Rd
Tuam
Co. Galway
20th Oct. 2012

To: Stakeholders in Tuam's Sustainable Progress.

Tuam Town Council

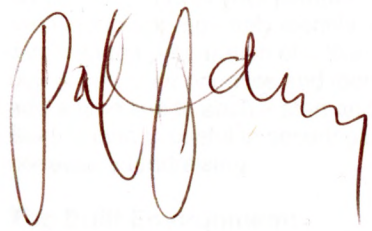
Dear Secretary,

Enclosed please find the Tidy Town's Adjudicator report for 2012, also are marks for similar towns in Co. Galway. We hope you find them informative.

Thanks for your support over the last two years. We will be in touch shortly regarding future projects.

Yours Sincerely

Pat Fahy (Chairman Tuam Tidy Towns)



Tidy Towns Competition 2012

Adjudication Report

Centre: Tuam

Ref: 1029

County: Galway

Mark: 246

Category: E

Date(s): 13/06/2012

| | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 2011 | Mark Awarded 2012 |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Overall Development Approach | 50 | 30 | 31 |
| The Built Environment | 50 | 38 | 38 |
| Landscaping | 50 | 35 | 35 |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 50 | 28 | 29 |
| Litter Control | 50 | 30 | 30 |
| Tidiness | 30 | 15 | 17 |
| Waste Minimisation | 20 | 11 | 11 |
| Residential Areas | 40 | 20 | 21 |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas | 50 | 25 | 27 |
| General Impression | 10 | 7 | 7 |
| TOTAL MARK | 400 | 239 | 246 |

Overall Development Approach:

Welcome to Tidy Towns 2012. Thank you for your comprehensive entry form, the splendid Tuam town map, details of the 'Promote St. Mary's Wildlife' photographs and your three year programme. We particularly welcomed the time line you have sent as part of your three year plan. We admired the many examples where the kerb stones are painted in bright yellow and white. We noted the major work in progress on Frank Stockwell Road and especially along Purcell Road. There are many agreeable and pleasant shop fronts on Shop Street. We admired the many signs 'Welcome to Tuam' and also the sign indicating your twinning statue - Strauving (Germany). The Market Square was a very attractive, busy and bustling area. Sadly there are a number of closed down businesses throughout the town and one hopes that future developments will find a beneficial, present day use for these. We admired the use of "weathered" boulders for landscaping in locations, for example at the Purcell/Stockwell Road roundabout. The Presentation Convent with its backdrop of mature trees was a very arresting vista. The Town Hall in the Market Square is an imposing building which is being well presented. The town is served with very extensive parking facilities near the church while on street parking in other locations is not well facilitated.

While the format of your planner is appropriate for use during the current year a somewhat different format is required to appropriately identify your plans over the next three years. You are urged to give some time this winter to the preparation of a five or even three year programme of activities. This should set out your objectives, your priorities and identify those agencies with whom you will engage to achieve them. Be sure to add a time line to each - start and finish dates - so that a realistic and workable set of proposals emerge. Such a plan is useful in securing community engagement, agency support and also helps in sponsorship and necessary fundraising.

The Built Environment:

The splendid cathedral of the 'The Assumption' is an imposing structure as is the nearby St. Jarlath's College. The impact of the cathedral is necessarily diminished by the extent of car parking in the front. What a wonderful plaza that space would make. The adjacent former archbishop's palace is an imposing structure. The sculptural installation of the large wheel is an interesting addition to the streetscape at this point. The Ard Ri Hotel looked most attractive and it was well presented as was the Connaught Arms. The Black Rose restaurant is housed in a most significant building. The Irish Wheelchair building was bright and well painted and located in excellently presented gardens. On a different scale, Geraghty's of Bishop Street looked well as did O'Tooles. Concanon and Meagher Solicitors are housed in an imposing new building. The Grove Medical Centre was neat and well presented while Paul O'Grady and Company caught the eye. O'Tooles Supervalu Supermarket was very well presented, bright and well painted. The Gaelscoil Iarfhatha was admired as was the Tuam Bookshop. Sadly a number of shops and commercial stores have closed down but these are being presented and maintained to the optimum degree possible in the circumstances.

Landscaping:

The Tuam Star Sports Ground was very well presented. The Celtic Park, with work in progress still on its front wall but the club grounds generally were well presented. Some incidental areas like the splendid display at the start of the Frank Stockwell Road were admired and the 'Little Mill' Road by the river was a gem. The small scale garden at the commencement of the Milltown Road is a delightful development which could be replicated elsewhere. Tuam Leisure Centre was colourful and the grounds well presented. We admired the information panel on the wall of the ancient burial grounds of the parish with links as far back as 1360AD. The practice, ongoing, of cutting back the grass to the inside edge of kerbs is applauded. The large public park on Ballygaddy Road was admired. The plans for the 'Sensory Garden' at St. Mary's Cathedral will be watched with interest and you are wished success with your proposed 'Heritage and Wildlife Walk'. As a general principle if this can be kept away from busy traffic it will probably prove of greater interest. Have you considered the installation of a 'Slí na Sláinte'?

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The plans you have in mind for St. Mary's Cathedral 'Sensory Garden' clearly will take considerable energy and time to reach conclusion. The River Nanny which is the current focus of your activities in association with the local angling club, clearly would benefit from the proposed major clean up. We would be glad to learn of the progress in this regard. Drawing attention to the bio-diversity by issuing the leaflets to the primary school and encouraging them to investigate nature by going on observational fieldtrips is an initiative to be applauded. It is important that there is a follow-up to this to ascertain what the results were or indeed the level of activity engendered.

Litter Control:

We admired many 'Keep Tuam Tidy' signs throughout the centre and other notices urging use of the litter bins provided. Litter was still in evidence towards the centre of the town and on Frank Stockwell Road. By contrast Milltown Road was completely clear of litter and a joy to admire.

Tidiness:

For a town of its size Tuam is mercifully free from major black spots, albeit the large work in progress on Purcell Road seems to have stopped. The disused railway and the frontage of the livestock mart would benefit from additional attention. Minor items also intrude. The tattered flags at Highway Services Ltd. needs to be replaced. The large broken plastic and electric sign on the gable end of Computex Repair Centre should be removed. Fly posting seems to be very much reduced. Traffic volumes and flows, although still heavy, are of a more manageable nature. The weeds and grass on pavements are less of a difficulty than previous years but still leaves room for additional improvement.

Waste Minimisation:

Your efforts with the Chambers of Commerce and with the school to draw attention to these issues are commendable. Have you considered staging an information evening at which waste minimisation concepts can be explored by the community at large? We admired the Bring Bank at the Leisure Centre and the inclusion of a Clothes Bank also. Your plans to introduce a 'Green Sticker' for local businesses who achieve a high rate of waste minimisation are an excellent way to increase public awareness of this growing need.

Residential Areas:

Barnadern Estate is a mature, well presented area where the individual gardens and the communal grassed areas have been well presented. Sadly, as elsewhere, there is an extent of weeds outside the kerbs which detracts from the overall presentation. Hilltop Close and Black Acres are excellent developments while The Meadows are again a well presented housing estate. Meadow Grove is excellent but again marred somewhat by the weeds outside the kerbs. Tober Jarlath Road which was tree lined featured many delightful houses. Individual houses on the Dublin Road and elsewhere all contributed to a pleasant overall vista.

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Tidy Towns

ANALYSIS OF MARKS BY COUNTY

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Milltown Road was very neat, recently swept and was devoid of litter. The road surface in some locations gave rise to concern notably on the Ballygaddy Road. Seemingly it has been dug or disturbed on a number of occasions and the surface has not been adequately made good following these excavations.

The road surface at the central parking area is considerably below par with some almost frightening pot holes to negotiate. Kerbs and hedgerows on approach roads are very well presented and many of the approach roads feature excellent individual gardens.

General Impression:

We were struck by the number of volunteers observed on the day of adjudication particularly on the N17 and their individual and collective efforts are applauded. Tuam is an interesting town with a number of specific difficulties, occasioned by the topography which impacts on traffic flows. In common with towns of similar size it has also to endure a number of businesses which have fallen victim to the current recession. Despite these difficulties you are continuing to push forward and we applaud your ongoing efforts to ensure that Tuam is well presented.

Thanks to all involved for this year's presentation.

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CATEGORY A

| | MARK |
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| Monivea | 294 |
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| Caltra | 267 |
| Glinsk | 253 |
| Na Forbacha | 246 |
| Castleblakeney | 242 |
| Creggs | 238 |
| Letterfrack | 238 |
| Leenane | 232 |
| Lawrencetown | 231 |
| Tynagh | 225 |
| Ardrahan | 211 |
| Abbeyknockmoy | 210 |
| Castlegar | 205 |
| Menlough | 200 |
| Kilkerrin | 183 |
| Kilconnell | 180 |
| Newbridge | 180 |

CATEGORY B

| | MARK |
|--------------|-------------|
| Milltown | 299 |
| Abbey | 298 |
| Clarinbridge | 291 |
| An Spideal | 274 |
| Roundstone | 258 |
| Dunmore | 254 |
| Carna | 250 |
| Moylough | 244 |
| Glenamaddy | 239 |
| Ahascragh | 226 |
| Aughrim | 216 |
| Ballygar | 215 |
| Craughwell | 180 |



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M a c r o o m T o w n C o u n c i l

NOTICE OF MOTION by Councillor Pat O'Connell and agreed by all the Members of Macroom Town Council.

To Each Local Authority, T.D., Senator, the AMAI & Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government

A Chara,

At the October Monthly Meeting of Macroom Town Council the Members adopted the following motion and asked that it be circulated to all Town, Borough and City Council's, T.D.'s, Senators, the AMAI and Mr. Phil Hogan, Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government.

"That this Council rejects the decision of the Minister of the Environment, Community and Local Government to abolish all Town and Borough Councils. While the members of Macroom Town Council recognise that there is a need for meaningful reform, the undemocratic way in which the Minister has proposed to eliminate *the least expensive layer of Local Government being* Town and Borough Councils without debate defies the meaning of democracy in Politics.

Kindly bring this motion to the attention of your Members at the earliest possible opportunity.

Is Mise le meas,

Eileen O'Connor
S/Town Clerk

A Date For Your Diary

February 15th & 16th 2013

AMAI 
Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland

SPRING SEMINAR

BRANDON HOUSE HOTEL,
NEW ROSS, CO. WEXFORD



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Request
further detail
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Tuam Tidy Towns

Galway Rd

Tuam

Co. Galway

5.11.12

Frank

€500 was
proposed & seconded
at previous
meeting. you
requested a
programme of
works. Is
this adequate
can we propose
payment
in June.

Attention Frank Gilmore

Dear Mr Gilmore,

We requested €500 from Tuam Town Council
over six months ago. I also sent details of how the money
would be spent, which I outline below:

€200 to Athenry Residents Assoc. { Joe Lunn
Tommy Gavin

€100 to Domesne Cottages Resid Assoc.
{ Dave McGrath

€100 to Hilltop Resid. Assoc. { Sr. Anne Corr
Maureen Donnelly

We also spent money over the year on plants, shrubs
equipment, paint (€500 for feasibility study ^{Sensory Garden} St. Marys) Garden Design
in Moycullen -

5 No. Wildlife signs (€400 Approx to Abbey signs - These will be erected
shortly. (€200 Anabur 200 Tuam Tidy Towns)

Thanking you

Yours Sincerely

Pat Foley - 085-7312541

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Tuam Town Council



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Halla an Bhaile,
Tuaim, Co. na Gaillimhe.

Town Clerks Office,
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24TH September 2012

To each Member of Tuam Town Council

A Chara,

The October meeting of Tuam Town Council will be held in the Town Hall on Monday 1st October 2012 at 7.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

_____ Baile Cleireach

Agenda

1. Minutes
2. Bord Gais
3. Tuam Cemetry Wall
4. Application for Funding Tuam Chamber of Commerce
5. Application for Funding Tuam Tidy Towns
6. Agenda for J.P.C. Meeting 5th November 2012
7. Erection of Memorial Plaque
8. Manager's Business
9. Correspondence
10. AOB.

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 3rd September, 2012

Present:

| | |
|--------------|---|
| Mayor: | Cllr. E. Kitt |
| Councillors: | S. Kelly, S.A. Flanagan, L. Bane, O. Ward, P. O'Grady, P. O'Hara |
| Officials: | Mr. Frank Gilmore, D.O.S. Mr. Enda Gallagher, Town Engineer. Mr. Sean Whelan, Senior Resident Engineer, Water Services. Mr. Mary Dunne, A/Town Clerk. Mr. Paudie O'Riordain, Area Operations Manager H.S.E.(West) Representatives of "Restore the Palace, Preserve our Right of Way" Committee. |

The Prayer was recited.

The Mayor welcomed everyone present.

Adoption of Minutes

Cllr. Reilly proposed the minutes of Tuam Town Council Annual General meeting held on 25th June 2012. Cllr. Kelly seconded the proposal.

Cllr. Reilly proposed the minutes of July meeting of Tuam Town Council held on 25th June 2012.

Cllr. Kelly seconded the proposal.

Cllr. Kelly proposed the minutes of the special meeting of the Town Council held on 20th August 2012 to discuss the Proposed Extinguishment of Right of way .Cllr. Reilly seconded the proposal.

Extinguishment of Right of Way:

Cllr. O'Hara raised a point of order stating that the incoming delegation expected that the County Councillors representing the Electoral Area would be present and that a civicy inclusive discussion could take place with Councillors and officials present.

Mayor Kitt explained that he had endeavoured to organise a meeting with Council officials and County Council members. The feedback from County Councillors was that the meeting would be pointless unless Mr. Jim Cullen, D.O.S. could attend and Mr. Cullen was not available.

Representatives of "Restore the Palace, Preserve our Right of Way" expressed dissatisfaction that area councillors were not present at the meeting and subsequently left the meeting .

Mayor Kitt expressed his disappointment at the walk-out but pointed out that the item was placed on the agenda for discussion at the monthly meeting and it was intended that a further meeting would be held with Councillors and officials present.

Mr. Gilmore, Town Manager informed the members that following a decision by Councillors at a County Council meeting an agreement was made with Mr. Joe O'Toole regarding a land swap and in return for the land Mr. O'Toole would construct a new Roadway. The section 183 disposing of the land was voted on by County Councillors in May, 2011.

Presently there are two separate issues being dealt with separately by sections within Galway County Council.

- (1) Issues in relation to planning
- (2) Extinguishment of Right of Way

The Planning section are dealing with Planning issues and have sent a warning letter to the Developer informing him that the Development which has taken place appears to be in contravention of planning permission granted.

The extinguishment of Right of Way is dealt with by the Roads and Transportation Department. Submissions will be accepted in relation to the extinguishment of Right of Way until 17th September 2012. Submissions will be considered and the final decision will be made by County Councillors as the extinguishment of Right of Way is a Reserved function. The Manager pointed out that the Town Council have no statutory powers in this matter.

Before the end of the meeting a letter was handed in from the "Restore the Palace Preserve our Right of Way" Committee requesting a meeting with the Area County Councillors before September 17th.

Mr. Gilmore stated that if the group wish to bring a delegation to the Electoral Area meeting, they should contact the Chairperson, Mr. Michael Connolly . Three persons from the group speak at the meeting for 15 minutes and then leave. The Mayor of Tuam Town Council will also be invited to attend.

Cllr. Kelly proposed that Tuam Town Council meet the Area County Councillors separately . Cllr. Bane seconded the proposal. Mayor Kitt agreed to contact the Councillors and arrange a meeting for Thursday, 6th September, 2012 if possible.

Arts Grants:

An application for funding was received from Tuam Traditional Festival Committee for funding under the recently advertised Arts Grants Scheme. Mayor Kitt proposed that €500 be provided. Cllr. Reilly seconded the proposal. Cllr. O'Grady proposed that a copy of accounts be submitted by Grant recipients. Cllr. Reilly seconded the proposal.

Bunting:

The provision of street bunting was raised by Cllr. Reilly and Cllr. Bane. Mr. Gilmore informed the members that the cost of putting up the bunting would cost €600. Following discussion it was agreed that the Mayor would contact the Chamber of Commerce and seek assistance with the provision of buntings and flags.

JPC Meeting:

It was agreed that the Acting Town Clerk would contact the Superintendent to arrange a J.P.C meeting.

Ambulance Base:

The Mayor welcomed Mr. Paudie O'Riordain, Area Operations Manager, H.S.E West. Mr O'Riordain informed the members that the new ambulance base is expected to be in operation by the end of October and will be staffed by existing staff from Galway base. To provide a 24 hour / 7 day week service, 11 staff members would be required and a Business Case will be put forward next year for staffing.

Tuam Main Drainage:

Mr. Sean Whelan, Senior Resident Engineer, Galway County Council informed the members that due to problems with connections to the Palace Fields, a new sewer pipe will have to be laid through the Palace Grounds. He assured members the park will be fully reinstated after completion of works. Resurfacing works will also take place from market square to Egans garage Dunmore road over the next few weeks. Cllr. Flanagan queried why these works could not be carried out during school holidays. Mr. Whelan explained that after pipelaying, time must be allowed for settlement before resurfacing can take place.

Managers Business:

Mr. Gilmore informed members that contract documents are being prepared for improvement works in the Shambles. Part 8 has already been done. In reply to Cllr. O'Hora Mr. Gilmore stated that a market place could be accomodated.

Other Business:

It was proposed by Mayor Kitt and seconded by Cllr. Kelly that Cllr. Reilly and Cllr. Flanagan attend the A.M.A.I Conference in Ballinasloe on 13th 14th and 15th September.

In reply to Cllr. Ward's query relating to the motion from Mayo County Council read at the July meeting,

"that the members resolve to call on the Government to introduce the necessary legislation and or constitutional change to prohibit the receipt of a second state,semi-state or E.U. pension by any one individual and that no state ,semi state or E.U pensioner be employed by the State ,or semi state body while in receipt of State or semi – state pension."

Mr. Gilmore stated that the Acting Town Clerk would write to Mayo County Council supporting the motion.

Mayor Kitt informed the members that following on from Cllr .Flanagan's meeting with the Minister, Ms Bluett from the IDA will be visiting Tuam shortly to carry out an audit with regard to potential job creation in Tuam Town.

The meeting concluded.

Recorded by M.Dunne A/ Town Clerk

Signed by : Liam Kitt
Mayor

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Mary Dunne,
Acting Town Clerk,
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August 31, 2012

For the attention of : Mayor Eamonn Kitt and members of Tuam Town Council.

Dear Mayor and Members,

As you are aware the last couple of years have been a difficult time for the shops and traders in the town of Tuam and indeed for the spirit of the town in general. Not only did they have to contend with the poor economic climate, but on top of that, the infrastructural works, while most welcome, also contributed to a drop in the number of people coming to Tuam to conduct their daily and weekly business.

Over the last few months Tuam Chamber of Commerce has been strengthening its membership base and better organising its structures. As the end of this, much welcomed, and vital, infrastructural upgrade approaches, Tuam Chamber of Commerce believes that now is the appropriate time to concentrate resources in winning back business and promoting our town on a number of levels, commercially and socially. We want to tell people about our new town, a town that is set up for the future.

With this in mind we have developed an overall marketing plan that will position Tuam as an ideal location to live, shop and work in and help breathe renewed life into the town. The plan is to initially target the 40,000 or so people in the hinterland of Tuam with a view to making them positively aware of what Tuam has to offer, and we believe that Tuam has a lot to offer. On another level we would hope to eventually target potential employers and start-ups with the same positive message.

This campaign will be based around the catchphrase "Turn to Tuam" and will be adaptable for various situations over the 6 month lifespan of the campaign. The campaign will encompass all positive aspects of Life in Tuam, not just the obviously commercial ones. We will be using outdoor advertising, print media, Internet, PR and Radio to convey this message. (Enclosed is a sample Billboard booked for the N17 at Claretuam.)

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We are not so naive to think that an advertising and promotional campaign in itself will achieve the above outlined goals. It will take a change in the way we do business and the way in which we perceive ourselves as a town on a number of levels. From a business point of view, in conjunction with this campaign, we will be consciously striving to better the service and deals on offer, and in general we will endeavour to make the overall shopping experience in the town a quality one.

We would like to think that a project of this nature has the backing of all concerned bodies and that we can as a whole take this opportunity to actively look at and improve many aspects of life in and around the town Tuam. We feel that this project could be a cross body project emphasising all the positive attributes of Tuam which will also demonstrate a renewed level of cooperation in the town.

As part of the overall strategy the first in a series of "Family fun days" will take place in Tuam on sat the 22 Sept. We are liaising with Tuam Library on this day as they are hosting a children's certificate giving event, and will be providing a novel day out for the kid's and adults alike and we will simultaneously raising funds for the local meals on wheels. We hope to host at least three of these days before the year end.

The overall campaign spend is currently estimated at around €20,000. While we have the backing of the business community we are however experiencing a shortfall of in excess of €5,000, for the initial spend. We would appreciate it if Tuam Town Council would consider supporting us with this shortfall and indeed on the project in general.

We Appreciate and acknowledge the close working relations that the Chamber of Commerce has with the Town Council in the past and wish to assure you that this money will be well spent.

Should you require any other information on this project, we would be delighted to meet and present to you, in more detail on this worthwhile project. Thank you for your time on this matter.


Ronan Glynn

President Tuam Chamber of Commerce

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- OVER 2,000 PARKING SPACES
- OVER 10 ATMs
- OVER 200 SHOPS
- OVER 10 COFFEE SHOPS
- OVER 10 RESTAURANTS
- OVER 6 LADIES BOUTIQUES
- OVER 5 MENS FASHION OUTLETS
- OVER 5 CAR SHOPS
- A LIBRARY/PUBLIC PARK/PLAY GROUND
- GROUND/SWIMMING POOL
- AND LOTS MORE



To - C'lr Reilly

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To - C. Mr. Kelly

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SPECIAL MEETING OF TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

20th August 2012

Present:

Mayor: E. Kitt
Councillors: I. Kelly, S.A. Flanagan, L. Bane, T. Reilly, P. O'Hora,
M.Loftus
(Apologies from Cllr. O'Grady)

Officials: M. Dunne, A/Town Clerk
M.Lavelle Senior Engineer, Galway County Council

"Restore the Palace Preserve our Right of Way" committee members:

Steve Lane
Leo Moran
Kevin Dwyer
Thomas Shaughnessy
Thomas Niland
Cllr. S. Cunniffe

Mayor Kitt welcomed the Committee . He stated that the Town Council were delighted to facilitate the meeting.

He informed the committee that the Town Council will support them any way they could .He clarified that the extinguishment of Right of way is an issue for Galway County Council and is not within the remit of Tuam Town Council . He stated that he would look on the meeting as an information gathering opportunity. Mayor Kitt said that he would make every effort to organise a meeting with the Local Area Councillors and County Council officials in relation to issues raised .

The following members of the committee addressed the meeting: Steve Lane
Leo Moran
Kevin Dwyer

They expressed their dissatisfaction in relation to the current traffic /pedestrian arrangements existing on the roadway linking the Inner Relief Road at the Palace Grounds and Bishop Street. Their main concerns related to the safety of school children and the elderly. In particular the following issues were raised:

- Footpath width
- Health & Safety issues
- Disability access
- Lack of cycleways
- Demolition of mature trees

The speakers voiced strong opposition to the intention to extinguish the Right of way on the roadway (old Swimming pool Road)and sought the Councillors support. The Committee complimented the Town Council on their efforts in retaining the Palace Grounds (Tennis Courts).

Cllr. Reilly proposed that a meeting be held with the Local Area Councillors and County Council officials to discuss the matter.

Cllr. Loftus seconded the proposal.

Cllr. O'Hora proposed that the Town Council vote to oppose the extinguishment of right of way at the meeting.

Mayor Kitt requested that this motion be deferred until it is discussed at the September meeting.

Cllr. O'Hora agreed to defer the motion.

The meeting concluded.

Signed by

Liamson Kitt

Mayor

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Tuam Town Council
Minutes of Annual meeting held on Monday 25th June 2012

Present: Mayor Cllr. Mary Loftus (outgoing)
Cllr. Eamon Kitt, Cllr. Larry Bane, Cllr. Owen Ward, Cllr. Imelda Kelly, Cllr. Paul O'Grady, Cllr. Pat O'Hora, Cllr. Tom Reilly, Cllr. Sally-Ann Flanagan.

Officials: Mr. Frank Gilmore, Director of Services,
Mr. Enda Gallagher, Town Engineer,
Ms. Mary Dunne A/Town Clerk.

The prayer was recited.

Election of Mayor

The outgoing Mayor thanked everyone for their support during the year. She said it was a busy year and she enjoyed her role despite suffering ill health.

Cllr. Reilly, Cllr. Flanagan and other members thanked Mayor Loftus for performing her duties so well despite it being a difficult year for her.

Cllr. Reilly welcomed the Kitt family and complimented them on 64 years unbroken service to politics.

Mayor Loftus invited nominations for the position of Mayor.

It was proposed by Cllr. Reilly and seconded by Cllr. Flanagan that Cllr. Kitt be elected to hold the office of Mayor of Tuam for the coming year. There was no other proposal and Cllr. Kitt was elected. Cllr. Kitt took the chair.

Mayor Kitt thanked his proposer and seconder.

Mayor Kitt said it was a great honour for him to be Elected Mayor of Tuam. He said the last two years were difficult for Tuam especially for the Business Community with the "Big Dig" but its time now to get people back into the town. He said he looked forward to working with Tuam Chamber of Commerce in promoting the Tuam 400 celebrations next year. He said he would also continue to promote the re-opening of the Western Rail Corridor.

Election of Deputy Mayor.

Mayor Kitt invited nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor.

It was proposed by Cllr. Flanagan and seconded by Cllr. Reilly that Cllr. Imelda Kelly be elected Deputy Mayor of Tuam for the coming year. There was no other proposal and Cllr. Kelly was elected Deputy Mayor.

Mayor Kitt congratulated Cllr. Kelly on her election.

Town Manager Mr. Gilmore congratulated incoming Mayor and Deputy Mayor. He thanked the outgoing Mayor. All present thanked the outgoing Mayor and wished Mayor Kitt good luck in the position.

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by
M. Dunne.
A/Town Clerk.

Signed by Liamon Kitt ;
Mayor.

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