

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

Present: Mayor Cllr. Eamonn Kitt
Cllr. Mary Loftus, 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.

Adoption of minutes

Cllr. Reilly proposed minutes of Town Council meeting of 11th June 2012.
Cllr. Bane seconded the proposal.

Matters arising from minutes

Cllr. Kelly queried if the Traffic Management Plan was on display at present.
Mr. Gilmore informed the meeting that an advertisement will be in the local papers this week.

Cllr. Bane proposed that the Arts grants be advertised within the next month.
Cllr. Reilly seconded the proposal.

Cllr. Flanagan informed the meeting that in reply to her letter, the Minister has informed her that negotiations are taking place and he will do his utmost to have Tuam included for all funding sources irrespective of Hub status.

Cllr. Reilly informed the meeting that the criteria for abolition of Town Councils is due to be published in July. It was proposed by Cllr. Reilly and seconded by the Mayor and agreed that Council members would meet after the publication of the document.

Mayor Kitt informed the meeting that planning permission has been granted for a Plaque. He commended Cllr. Ward and the other members on their involvement, and thanked Mr. Gilmore and Mr. Gallagher.

Managers Business

Mr Gilmore informed the meeting that a quotation has been received for the upgrade and maintenance of the CCTV system .

Trip to Straubing

Mayor Kitt stated that he would not be available to travel to Straubing for the 16th and 17th August. It was agreed that Cllr. Bane and Cllr. Reilly would discuss and decide who would attend.

Cllr. Flanagan proposed that Joint Policing Committee meeting be held in September. Cllr. Reilly seconded the proposal.

Correspondance

Letter from Mayo County Council stating that a motion was unanimously adopted by Mayo County Council "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."

Votes of Sympathy.

Votes of sympathy were passed to the following:

Shaughnessy family on the death of Mary Shaughnessy, Tirboy.
Maguire family on the death of John, St. Endas Avenue
Smyth family on the death of Theresa, Kilmore.

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by
M. Dunne.
A/Town Clerk.

Signed by


Mayor.

Tel: 093-24123
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18th June 2012

To each Member of Tuam Town Council

A Chara,

**The Annual General Meeting of Tuam Town Council will be held in the Town Hall on
Monday 25th June 2012 at 7.00 p.m.**

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

_____ Baile Cleireach

Agenda

1. Election of Mayor
2. Election of Deputy Mayor

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Agenda

1. Minutes
2. Trip to Straubing
3. Manager's Business
4. Correspondence
5. AOB.

Tuam Town Council

Minutes of Monthly meeting 11th June 2012.

Mayor : Cllr. Mary Loftus
Councillors : Cllr. E. Kitt, Cllr. S.A. Flanagan, Cllr. I. Kelly, Cllr. O. Ward, Cllr. P O'Grady,
Cllr. P.O'Hora, Cllr. T. Reilly, Cllr. L. Bane

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

Mr. Fiachra Quigley Board Gais
Deputy Colm Keaveney,
Deputy Paul Connaughton,
Deputy Michael Kitt,
Senator Lorraine Higgins,
Apologies from Deputy Ciaran Cannon

The prayer was recited.

Bord Gais

Mr. Quigley Manager for new Connections Bord Gáis, addressed the meeting and informed the members that Board Gáis are engaged in sensitive commercial negotiations with key businesses to contract the required Gas usage necessary to meet the approval criteria set by the commission for Energy Regulation (C.E.R).

He stated that Bord Gas will be pleased to update the Town Council when sufficient progress has been made and permission has been secured from C.E.R to commence planned works. On receipt of permission to proceed, Bord Gáis will engage in a comprehensive sales campaign so that all businesses adjacent to the national gas mains can avail of connections.

Councillors expressed disappointment that progress was slow but the views from Bord Gais were positive and requested that the public be kept informed.

Senator Lorraine Higgins stated that Oireachtas members present should write to the Regulator to ask to have works expedited.

Mayor Loftus thanked Mr. Quigley for his attendance and welcomed the Oireachtas members to the meeting.

Oireachtas Members

Deputy Keaveney informed the members that funding of €17 million has been sought by the H.S.E West to develop the old Grove site as a new Primary Care Centre. He stated ducting for fibre optic broadband has been installed as part of the "Big Dig" and the Department have given written confirmation that funding of €800,000 to €1 million euro will be provided. He also informed the meeting the Government have committed to expenditure on new school buildings for the Gael Scoil in Tuam and St. Olivers school for children with special needs.

Deputy Connaughton has confirmed that despite his previous reply Mr. Bruton is now willing to meet a delegation from the Tuam Town Council.

Cllr. Flanagan thanked Deputy Connaughton for securing the delegation with the Minister. She queried if the new ambulance base will provide 24 hour cover?

Deputy Connaughton stated that he will be pushing for 24 hour cover but he has no information at present.

Replying to Cllr. Bane's query on whether the I.D.A will visit Tuam at all, Deputy Connaughton replied that he had been in contact with the I.D.A and they are aware of the need to get Industry into Tuam.

Deputy Kitt stated that while he was pleased that 17 million was ringfenced by the H.S.E for the Primary Care centre he was concerned about the loss of beds at Arus Mhuire after 2015.

He stated that he raised the issue of the N.17 with the Minister and there is no suggestion of breaking up this scheme.

Cllr. Kitt asked the Oireachtas members to fight for 24 hour service for the Ambulance base as anything less than a 24 hour service seven days a week is unacceptable for the town. He also requested them to ask the Minister not to jeopardise three and four teacher schools.

Deputy Keaveney stated that 700 additional posts have been advertised nationally for the Ambulance on service and he would continue to push for a 24 hour service.

Cllr. Reilly proposed that Mr. O'Riordan H.S.E West be invited to the Town Council to clarify the situation. Mayor Loftus seconded the proposal.

Adoption of Minutes

Cllr. Reilly proposed minutes of the Town Council meeting of 14th May 2012.

Cllr. Flanagan seconded the proposal.

Tuam Traffic Management Plan

Tuam Traffic Management will go on Public Display next week in Tuam Regional office and Library.

Managers Business

Town Manager Mr. Gilmore stated that the Town Council meetings should be structured to start at 7.00 and finish at 8.30pm.

Cllr Flanagan proposed the 7.00 p.m start and 8.30 finish of the meetings.

Cllr. Reilly seconded the proposal.

It was agreed that Mr. Frank Gilmore and Ms. Sinead Cannon would be the two signatories on the cheques for Tuam Town Council.

Mr. Gilmore presented a brochure "The Irish American Link, people, places, culture" prepared by Galway County Council Heritage officer Marie Mannion to the members. The brochure provides details of a seminar being held in Tuam from 12th to 16th July 2012. Ms. Mannion requested financial support from the Town Council.

Cllr. Reilly proposed that €3500 be provided for this project.

Mayor Loftus seconded the proposal.

Members agreed that the conference is very important for business in Tuam and extra effort should be made to welcome people into the town for the duration of the seminar.

Correspondance

Letter from Tuam Tidy Towns requesting €500 to assist clean-ups and amenity work.

Letter from Tuam Traditional Festival requesting use of a room in the Town Hall for the duration of the festival September 13th to September 16th 2012.

Invitation from Tuam Trad Festival committee to the festival launch in the Rustic Vaults on Friday 15th at 8.30pm and also seeking funding from the Town Council.

Thank you letter from Derek Cassidy " Tuam Person of the year "

Cllr. Reilly proposed that €500 be allocated to the Tidy Towns project.

Mayor Loftus seconded the proposal. Mr. Gilmore advised that the committee must provide details of what the funding will be spent on.

While there was support for the festival and agreement that the Town benefited hugely from the event, there was a disagreement over how funding should be allocated. Cllr. Bane stated that a letter requesting funding should be adequate.

Other members were of the opinion that an application should be accepted as part of the Arts grant applications scheme which will be publicly advertised.

Street Lighting

Town Manager Mr. Gilmore informed members that a scheme for the upgrade of public lighting starting at the Square and extending to the main streets is planned for Tuam.

There is specific funding for this scheme, which involves replacing the orange lighting with white energy efficient lighting. Tuam is the first town in the county to benefit from this scheme.

Civic Reception for Jack Mangan

Cllr. Reilly proposed that a civic reception be held in honour of Jack Mangan.

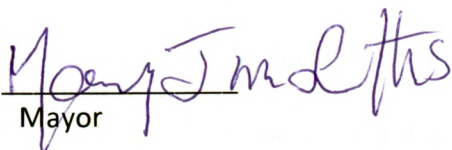
Cllr. Kitt seconded the motion.

The meeting concluded.

Recorded by M.Dunne A/ Town Clerk

Signed by :

Mayor



PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000-2010DECISION under SECTION 34 of the ACT of 2000Circulated
25/6/2012

Reference Number: 12/479

Date of Receipt of Application: 19/04/2012

Tuam Town Council
Town Hall
Tuam
Co. Galway

I hereby give you **NOTICE** that the Galway County Council has by order dated 13 JUN 2012 decided to grant **PERMISSION**

To the above named, for development of land, in accordance with documents lodged, namely:

to erect a memorial plaque on the facade of Tuam Town Hall, which is a protected structure, to commemorate all the citizens of the town of Tuam and its surround that fought and died in all wars both foreign and domestic **in the townland of Tuam**

and subject to the conditions 2 set out in the Schedule hereto.

Main reasons and considerations on which the decision is based:-

The proposed development has been assessed, within the restrictions imposed by the principles of proper planning and sustainable development and having regard to the policies and objectives of Galway County Council as set out in the 2009 - 2015 County Development Plan. Based on this assessment it is considered that the proposed development is in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area and with the provisions of the Development Plan.

Signed this 13 day of June 2012 on behalf of Galway County Council


pp COUNTY SECRETARY

THIS NOTICE IS NOT A GRANT OF PLANNING PERMISSION and work should not be commenced until a grant of permission is issued. Permission will be issued on the expiration of the period for the making of an appeal (i.e. four weeks from the date of the above mentioned order), if there is then no appeal before Bord Pleanala.

In deciding this Planning Application Galway County Council has, in accordance with section 34(3) of the Act, had regard to any submissions or observations received.

SEE ATTACHED SCHEDULE**(CONDITION NO.'S 2)**

A grant of permission shall cease to have effect on expiration of 5 years beginning on the date of such grant, as regards

- a) The entire development if the development to which the permission relates is not commenced during that period, and
- b) So much of the development as is not completed within that period, in the case of development which has been commenced but not completed

Please see attached sheet for important Notice regarding Planning Appeals

SCHEDULE REFERRED TO - PLANNING REFERENCE NO. 12/479

- (1) The proposed development shall be carried out in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the application on the 22nd of May 2012, except as may otherwise be required in order to comply with the following conditions.

Reason:- In the interest of clarity.

- (2) Prior to the commencement of any development on foot of this permission, a scaled layout of the exact final wording and its exact final arrangement on the plaque with the dimensions in accordance with that of the finished product to be fixed to the external wall of Tuam Town Hall shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with the Planning Authority.

Reason:- In the interest of the protection of the character of Tuam Architectural Conservation Area.

Galway County Council Archives

Important Notice regarding Planning Appeals/Building Control Act 1990

A: Planning Appeals

An appeal against a decision of a Planning Authority under Section 34 of the Act of 2000 as amended may be made to An Bord Pleanála. An appeal to An Bord Pleanála will be invalid unless it is accompanied by a fee (see schedule over for details of fees). **The applicant or any other person may appeal against the above decision within 4 weeks beginning on the day of the giving of the decision.** Appeals should be addressed to An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, Telephone Lo-call 1890 275 175.

The appeal should include your name and address, subject matter of the appeal, grounds of the appeal and supporting material and arguments, the correct fee.

In the case of a third party appeal, the acknowledgement by the Planning Authority of receipt of the submission or observation made by the person to the Planning Authority at the application stage.

Any grounds of appeal or information submitted after the appeal is lodged cannot be considered.

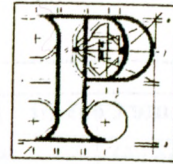
Please note that this notice is a decision to grant and work shall not be commenced until a grant of permission or approval is issued. You should also note that an outline permission is subject to the subsequent approval of the Planning Authority. Development shall not commence until such approval has been obtained.

B: Building Control Act 1990

The Building Regulations 1997 set out the requirements to be observed in the design and construction of buildings after 1 July 1998 and will apply to new buildings and to extensions, material alterations and certain changes of use of existing buildings subject to the exemptions as set out in the Regulations.

The Building Control Regulations 1997 provide for

- (a) Submission of a "Commencement Notice" not less than 14 days or more than 28 days before works commence on buildings (to include dwellinghouses) or a material change of use takes place to any building and a fee of €30 per building must be lodged with the "Commencement Notice" from 1st July 1998.
- (b) An obligation to apply for and obtain a "Fire Safety Certificate" before works commence on buildings (including flats but excluding dwellinghouses), or a material change of use takes place to any building.



Guide to Fees payable to An Bord Pleanála - 2011

This guide does not purport to be a legal interpretation of the fees payable to the Board. Further information in respect of fees can be obtained from the Board by contacting it at 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1.

Tel: 01 8588100

email: bord@pleanala.ie or at www.pleanala.ie

Appeals/Referrals under Planning Acts	On or before 2 nd September 2011	On or after 5 th September 2011
(a) Appeals against decisions of Planning Authorities		
Appeal		
(i) 1 st party appeal ¹ relating to commercial development ² where the application included the retention of development.	€4,500 or €9,000 if an EIS ³ involved	€4500 or €9,000 if an EIS or NIS ⁴ involved
(ii) 1 st party appeal relating to commercial development (no retention element in application).	€1,500 or €3,000 if EIS involved	€1,500 or €3,000 if EIS or NIS involved
(iii) 1 st party appeal non-commercial development where the application included the retention of development.	€660	€660
(iv) 1 st party appeal solely against contribution condition(s) – (2000 Act ⁵ section 48 or 49).	€220	€220
(v) Appeal following grant of leave to appeal.	€110	€110
(vi) An appeal other than referred to in (i) to (v) above.	€220	€220
(b) Referral.	€220	€220
(c) Reduced fee for appeal or referral (applies to certain specified bodies ⁶).	€110	€110
(d) Application for leave to appeal (section 37(6)(a) of 2000 Act).	€110	€110
(e) Making submission or observation (specified bodies exempt ⁶).	€50	€50
(f) Request for oral hearing under section 134 of 2000 Act.	€50	€50
<p>Note: The above fee levels for planning appeals and referrals remain unchanged from those already in force since 2007 (but note the addition of NIS in (i) and (ii) above).</p>		

Substitute Consent Part XA of 2000 Act	On or before 2 nd September 2011	On or after 5 th September 2011
(a) Application for leave to apply for substitute consent.	Nil	€3,000 except no where previous permission set as by Court decision
(b) Application for substitute consent.	Nil	Similar to fee for application to Planning Authority
(c) Request for oral hearing under section 177Q of 2000 Act.	Nil	€50
Strategic Infrastructure Development		
(a) Application for Strategic Infrastructure Development ⁷ under Planning and Transport (Railway Infrastructure) Acts.		
(i) Application under section 37A, 182A or 182C of 2000 Act or section 47 of Transport (Railway Infrastructure) Act 2001.	€100,000	€100,000
(ii) Application under section 181A of 2000 Act.	€100,000	€60,000
(iii) Road Authority application under section 49 or 51 of Roads Act 1993.	€100,000	€60,000
(iv) Application by Local Authority under section 175 or 226 of 2000 Act.	€100,000	€30,000
(v) Application for compulsory acquisition of land (section 214, 215A or 215B of 2000 Act) relating to (i), (iii) or (iv) above.	€100,000	As (i), (iii) or (iv) above.
(b) Making submission or observation (specified bodies exempt ⁶).	€50	€50
(c) Request for pre-application consultations, section 37B, 181C or 182E of the 2000 Act or section 47B of Transport (Railway Infrastructure) Act 2001.	Nil	€4,500 (€3,500 refunded if not more than 1 meeting held)
(d) Request for an oral hearing under section 134 of 2000 Act.	€50	€50
(e) Request for alteration under section 146B of 2000 Act.	€100,000	€30,000
General		
(a) Request for scoping of an EIS.	Nil	€5,000
(b) Submission of EIS following request from Board.	Nil	€1,500
(c) Submission of NIS following request from Board.	Nil	Commercial development €1,500 Non-commercial development €220

18th July, 2011.

Water Pollution/Water Services Act	On or before 2nd September 2011	On or after 5th September 2011
Fees under section 66 of Water Services Act 2007 ⁸ and section 8 of Water Pollution Act 1977, as amended.		
(i) Appeal.	€126	€500
(ii) Reduced appeal fee.	€63 (specified bodies ⁶)	€220 ⁹
(iii) Submission/Observation.	€38	€50
(iv) Request for Oral Hearing.	€63	€50
Fees under section 20 of the Water Pollution Act 1977 (as amended). ¹⁰		
(i) Appeal.	€126	€126
(ii) Reduced appeal fee (applies to certain specified bodies ⁶).	€63	€63
(iii) Submission/Observation.	€38	€38
(iv) Request for Oral hearing.	€63	€63
Air Pollution Act¹¹		
Appeal.	€60	€60
Submission/Observation.	€10	€10
Request for Oral Hearing.	€60	€60
Building Control Act 1990 (as amended)		
Appeal.	€250	€500

¹ An appeal made by the person by whom the planning application was made.

² Commercial development includes residential development of 2 or more houses.

³ Environmental Impact Statement.

⁴ Natura Impact Statement.

⁵ 2000 Act means Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended.

⁶ A list of these bodies is available from the Board.

⁷ Where cost recovery applies fees are offset against costs incurred.

⁸ Fees under section 66 of the Water Services Act 2007 will only apply when that section is commenced after the 5th September, 2011.

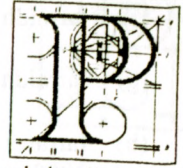
⁹ After 5th September, 2011 the reduced appeal fee applies to appeals made by any person entitled to appeal other than the applicant for a licence, the person causing, making or permitting the discharge or the occupier of the premises from which the discharge is made (in effect all third party appeals including those by certain specified bodies).

¹⁰ The Board's power to set fees does not cover fees relating to appeals under section 20 of the 1977 Act and these fees remain as set by Ministerial Regulation. In these cases the reduced fee applies to certain prescribed bodies.

¹¹ The Board has no power to amend existing fees under the Air Pollution Act and these fees remain as heretofore as set by Ministerial Regulation.

An tAcht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt, 2000
 An tAcht um Sheirbhísí Uisce 2007
 agus an tAcht um Rialú Foirgníochta, 1990

An Bord Pleanála



De réir na n-achtachán thuasluaite, cuireann an Bord in iúl go bhfuil táillí socraithe aige, atá ceadaithe ag an Aire Comhshaoil, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil, maidir leis na nithe seo a leanas thíosluaite – i gcásanna ina bhfuil táillí nua nó leasaithe socraithe, beidh siad i bhfeidhm ón Luan, an 5ú lá Meán Fómhair, 2011. Nuair nach mbíonn an táille cheart in éineacht leis an iarratas nó achomharc nó ábhar eile, is féidir iad a bheith neamhbhailí.

Cineál Cáis	Ar nó roimh 2ú lá Meán Fómhair, 2011	Ar nó tar éis 5ú lá Meán Fómhair, 2011
(a) Achomhairc i gcoinne cinnidh den Údarás Phleanála		
Achomharc		
(i) Achomharc ón gcéadú páirti ¹ a bhaineann le forbairt thráchtáil ² (tá cead coinneála san iarratas).	€4,500 nó €9,000 mar tá RTT ³ san áireamh	€4,500 nó €9,000 mar tá RTT nó RTN ⁴ san áireamh
(ii) Achomharc ón gcéadú páirti a bhaineann le forbairt thráchtáil (gan aon rud a choinneáil).	€1,500 nó €3,000 mar tá RTT san áireamh	€1,500 nó €3,000 mar tá RTT nó RTN san áireamh
(iii) Achomharc ón gcéadú páirti nach mbaineann le forbairt thráchtáil agus cead coinneála san iarratas.	€660	€660
(iv) Achomharc ón gcéadú páirti i gcoinne amháin coinníoll ranníocaíocht(aí) – (Acht 2000 ⁵ alt 48 nó 49).	€220	€220
(v) Achomharc tar éis cead chun achomharc a dheonú	€110	€110
(vi) Achomharc seachas achomharc dá dtagraítear in (i) go (v) thuas.	€220	€220
(vii) Táille laghdaithe (iníoctha ag comhlachtaí forordaithe áirithe ⁶).	€110	€110
(b) Tarchur	€220	€220
(c) Iarratas ar chead chun achomhairc a dhéanamh (alt 37(6)(a) don acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000)	€110	€110
Nota: Níl aon athrú i gceist ar na táillí mar gheall ar na hachomhairc agus na tarchuir thuasluaite atá i bhfeidhm ó 2007 (ach amháin i gceann RTN).		
(d) Iarratas ar Fhorbairt Bonneagair Straitéisigh ⁷		
(i) Iarratas faoi Alt 37A, 182A nó 182C den Acht 2000 nó alt 47 den Acht Iompair (Bonneagar Iarnróid) 2001.	€100,000	€100,000
(ii) Iarratas faoi alt 181A den Acht 2000.	€100,000	€60,000
(iii) Iarratas Bóithre Údarás Áitiúil faoi alt 49 nó 51 d'Acht na mBóithre, 1993.	€100,000	€60,000
(iv) Iarratas ó Údarás Áitiúil faoi alt 175 nó 226 d'Acht 2000.	€100,000	€30,000
(v) Aon cheannach éigeantach talún (alt 214, 215A nó 215B d'Acht 2000) a bhaineann le (i), (iii) nó (iv) thuas.	€100,000	Faoi mar atá sé i (i), (iii) nó (iv) thuas.
(e) Iarraidh ar comhairliúcháin réamhiarratais, alt 37B, 181C nó 182E d'Acht 2000 nó alt 47B den Acht Iompair (Bonneagar Iarnróid), 2001.	Náid	€4,500 (€3,500 íoctha ar ais i gcás nach dtionólfar níos mó ná cruinniú amháin)

(f) Iarraidh ar athrú a dhéanamh faoi alt 146B d'Acht 2000.	€100,000	€30,000
(g) Iarraidh scóipe ar RTT.	Náid	€5,000
(h) Iarratas ar chead chun iarratas a dhéanamh ar thoiliú ionadach (Cuid XA d'Acht 2000)	Náid	€3,000 seachas táille ar bith na atá cead pleanáil curtha ar ceal f'ordú cúirte
(i) Iarratas ar thoiliú ionadach (Cuid XA d'Acht 2000)	Náid	Mar aon le táille bheith le hÍochas Údarás Pleanáil
(j) Seolta RTT tar éis iarraidh ón mBord é sin a dhéanamh.	Náid	€1,500
(k) Seolta RTN tar éis iarraidh ón mBord é sin a dhéanamh.	Náid	Forbairt thráchtáil €1,500 Forbairt neamhthráchtáil €220
(l) Iarraidh ar éisteacht ó bhéal faoi alt 134 nó 177Q d'Acht 2000	€50	€50
(m) Aighneacht nó barúil a dhéanamh (in aon chás)	€50	€50 (comhlac forordaithe áiríthe dhíolmhaith)
(n) Táillí faoi alt 66 d'Acht um Sheirbhísí Uisce, 2007 agus faoin alt 8 den Acht Rialtais Áitiúil (Truailiú Uisce), 1977 (arna leasú).		
Achomharc	€126	€500
Táille laghdaithe achomhairc (iníochta ag comhlachtaí forordaithe áiríthe ⁶).	€63	€220
Aighneacht/Tuairimí	€38	€50
Iarraidh ar éisteacht ó bhéal	€63	€50
(o) Acht um Rialú Foirgníochta, 1990 (arna leasú)		
Achomharc	€250	€500

¹ Achomharc déanta ag an iarratasóir cead Pleanála.

² Baineann forbairt thráchtáil le forbairt cónaithe dhá theach nó níos mó.

³ Ráiteas Tionchair Timpeallachta.

⁴ Ráiteas Tionchair Natura.

⁵ Ciallaíonn Acht 2000 an tAcht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt, 2000 (arna leasú).

⁶ Tá liasta le fáil ón mBord faoi na cumanna seo.

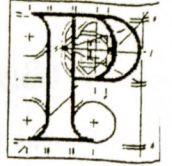
⁷ Nuair atá costas a ghnóthú i gceist, cuirtear táillí i gcoinne costais a tabhaíodh.

An Rúnaí
An Bord Pleanála,
64 Sráid Maoilbhríde,
Baile Átha Cliath 1.

6^ú Iúil, 2011.

Teil: 01 858 8100

www.pleanala.ie



Planning Appeal Form/Check List

(Please read notes overleaf before completing)

1. The appeal must be in writing (e.g. not made by electronic means).
2. State the -
 - name of the appellant
(not care of agent) _____
 - address of the appellant
(not care of agent) _____
3. If an agent is involved, state the -
 - name of the agent _____
 - address of the agent _____
4. State the Subject Matter of the Appeal*
 - Brief description of the development _____
 - Location of the development _____
 - Name of planning authority _____
 - Planning authority register reference number _____

** Alternatively, enclose a copy of the decision of the planning authority as the statement of the Subject Matter of the Appeal.*
5. Attach, in full, the grounds of appeal and the reasons, considerations and arguments on which they are based.
6. Attach the acknowledgement by the planning authority of receipt of your submission or observations to that authority in respect of the planning application, the subject of this appeal. (Not applicable where the appellant is the applicant).
7. Fee of € _____ attached in respect of the appeal.
8. Fee of € _____ attached in respect of request for an oral hearing of the appeal, if a request is being made.
9. Ensure that the appeal is received by the Board in the correct manner and in time.

Signed _____ Date: _____

A format similar to the above may also be used where a person is making submissions or observations on an appeal in accordance with section 130 of the Planning and Development Act 2000. Substitute 'observer' for 'appellant' and 'submission/observation' for 'appeal' at each reference. Items 6 and 8 above are not applicable to the making of submissions or observations.

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Notes (See Form/Check List overleaf)

1. Rules for Making Appeals

You are advised to check the latest version of "A Guide to Making a Planning Appeal" issued by the Board. It is available from the Board, telephone (01) 858 8100 and on our website www.pleanala.ie. It may also be available from your planning authority.

A significant number of appeals are invalid because they are not made in accordance with the statutory rules.

2. Appeal Fees

You are advised to check the appropriate fee for making an appeal. Different fees apply depending on the nature of the appeal. A leaflet "Guide to Fees payable to the Board" is available from the Board, telephone (01) 858 8100 and on our website www.pleanala.ie. It may also be available from your planning authority. Note that appeal fees may change from time to time.

A significant number of appeals are invalid either because no fee or an incorrect fee is included.

3. Time Limits

The time limit for making an appeal is, except where the appeal is made following a successful application for leave to appeal, four weeks beginning on the date of the planning authority decision (not the day it is sent or received). The first day is the day the planning authority decision is made. For example, if the decision of a planning authority is made on Wednesday 2nd of a month, the last day for receipt of the appeal is Tuesday 29th of the same month, or Wednesday 30th. There are special rules where the last day falls on a day the Board's offices are closed or when the appeal period falls over the Christmas/New Year period. Check our leaflet for further information.

A significant number of appeals are invalid because they are late – sometimes, just one day late.

4. Delivering the Appeal

- Send the appeal by post to *The Secretary, An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1*,
 - or,
 - deliver it by hand, to an employee of the Board (not a security person), during office hours (9.15 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.) on Monday to Friday,
- so that the appeal reaches the Board by the last day for making an appeal.

Do not place the appeal in the Board's letterbox. A significant number of appeals are invalid because they are incorrectly delivered.

5. Completeness

The appeal must be fully complete from the start. You are not permitted to submit any part of it at a later time within the time limit. Neither are you permitted to clarify, elaborate or make further submissions either for the purposes of complying with the rules for making an appeal or otherwise, unless invited by the Board.

This document is issued as an aid to making a valid planning appeal to the Board. It may be used as a 'cover page' for making such an appeal but there is no legal or other requirement to do so. The document should be read in conjunction with the latest versions of the Board's leaflets "Making a Planning Appeal under the 2000 Planning Act" and "Guidance on Fees payable to the Board". The guidance given in those leaflets and in this document also applies generally to the making of submissions and observations by 'observers' under section 130 of the 2000 Planning Act. A significant number of submissions and observations by 'observers' are also invalid because the appropriate rules are not observed.

This document does not purport to be a legal interpretation of the law in relation to making a planning appeal. You should consult the appropriate legislation, including sections 37 and 127 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 and the statutory rules governing the making of appeals (section 130 for 'observers').

An appeal or a submission or observation on an appeal that is not made strictly in accordance with the statutory rules will be invalid. The Board has no discretion to relax or vary the rules. The onus is on YOU to meet all the requirements at the time you make the appeal/submission/observation.

14th February

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14th June, 2012

To: The Meetings Administrator

The following motion was unanimously adopted by Mayo County Council at its monthly meeting held on 14th May, 2012:

"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 a State or semi-state pension. Furthermore, if the motion be adopted, that it be circulated to all other local authorities for their consideration".

Yours sincerely,



John McHale,
A/Meetings Administrator.

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Tuam Town Council

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF 14th May 2012

Mayor : Councillor Loftus

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

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

Mr. Noel Treacy, Chairman of County Board, G.A.A.
Mr. John J. O'Halloran, Chairman of Football Board
Mr. Bernie O'Connor, Secretary, Galway County Board
Mr. John Hynes, C.E.O. Galway County Board.
Paddy Talty , President Tuam Stadium Committee
Ronan Glynn, President of Town Chamber of Commerce

The Prayer was recited.

Cllr. E. Kitt, Deputy Mayor welcomed the G.A.A. delegation from Galway Football and County Board, Mr. Noel Treacy, Chairman of County Board, Mr. John J. O'Halloran, Chairman of Galway Football Board, Mr. John Hynes, C.E.O. Galway County Board, Mr. Bernie O'Connor, Secretary, Galway G.A.A. and Mr. Paddy Talty.

Cllr. Bane updated the delegation on the situation relating to Tuam Stadium and the members unanimously agreed that the Town Council would support the Stadium any way possible but pointed out that funding was necessary .Cllr. Reilly and Cllr. Kitt had put their name forward at the last Town Council meeting as being available to serve on the Stadium Committee. Mr. Treacy addressed the meeting and apologised for not attending the Council meeting sooner. He stated that Tuam Stadium is recognised as Galway's second football venue and that €300,000 has been invested in Tuam Stadium over the last 3 years and plans are in place to invest €500,000 in the Stadium.

Mr. John Joe O'Halloran addressed the meeting and stated that at the start of the league, two matches were planned for Pearse Stadium, and out of the remaining two one would be in Tuam Stadium and hopefully a second depending on how the team were doing, however it was the decision of management based on the teams performance to have the last game played at Pearse Stadium. He reiterated that €300,000 was spent in the Tuam Stadium and there is no debt outstanding. He stated that advertising, hoarding on the grounds could raise up to €15,000 annually. He stated the Stadium

have submitted an application for funding under the Sports Capital Fund but an announcement will not be made until October/November, 2012.

Cllr. Flanagan enquired how people from Tuam could get a position on the Tuam Stadium Committee. Mr. Treacy replied that anyone interested could e-mail or write to John Hynes, Chief Executive of Galway County Board.

Cllr. Bane stated that the facilities of Tuam Stadium were not up to standard.

Mr. Treacy stated that it is hoped that the €500,000 would be invested in improvement works.

Cllr. Kelly stated that the A.G.M. of Tuam Stadium Committee needs to be held where the public can attend.

Mr. O'Connor stated that the Town Council will be notified of the A.G.M.

Mr. Ronan Glynn, President of Tuam Chamber of Commerce offered the full support of Tuam Chamber of Commerce.

Councillors and delegates acknowledged Mr. Talty's service to G.A.A

Cllr. Bane thanked the delegates for their attendance and for clarifying issues raised.

Adoption of Minutes

Minutes of 2nd of April, 2012 were proposed by Cllr. Reilly and seconded by Cllr. Kelly.

Matters arising from minutes

Cllr. Bane raised the matter of resurfacing at Fairgreen Heights

Mr. Gallagher Town Engineer, stated that Coffeys will be carrying out trench reinstatement works only but the County Council will be resurfacing the large turning area later. Cllr. Bane queried if works would be carried out on Ballygaddy Road. Mr. Gallagher stated that works are included in the Road Programme for 2012 and tenders are being evaluated at present.

Cllr. Kitt enquired if there was any development on the meeting between D.O.S. Jim Cullen and representative of Joe O'Toole.

Mr. Gilmore had no update on this but stated that safety issues will be addressed as part of the Safety Audit.

Correspondence

The following correspondence was read and noted

Letter from Tipperary Peace Convention

Notice relating to TJK Conference(Planning Seminar) at Patrick Punch Hotel Limerick

Letter dated 17th April from IPB

Letter dated 23rd April from SORE.ie

Notice from The institute of Professional Training regarding Seminar "bord Gais to reform the Water Sector in Ireland .

Cllr. Reilly proposed that a representative from Board Gais be invited to address the meeting. Cllr. Kitt seconded the proposal.

Hub Status

Cllr. Flanagan stated that despite over 96 million being made available countrywide in Leader funding, Tuam town because of its designation as a Hub town is ineligible to apply for such funding. She has written to the Minister seeking clarification of the issue.

Mr. Gilmore stated that the Hub status helped secure almost €30 million for Tuam Main Drainage scheme but the town should push for more funding for other projects such as M.17.

Cllr. Flanagan proposed that the Town Council seek a delegation with Minister Bruton, Minister for Enterprise in the interest of getting enterprise and jobs to Tuam and highlight the need for the motorway. Cllr. Reilly seconded the proposal.

Mayor Loftus stated that she would like to have the Oireachtas members attend the meeting to outline their plan for town.

Illegal Dumping

Cllr. Reilly raised the issue of "illegal dumping and vacant places" stating that approx €40,000 was spent in Gilmartin Road but there are still 15 vacant properties here.

Mr. Gilmore stated that a specific plan to improve Gilmartin road is being prepared by the Director of Services, Housing.

Mr. Gallagher stated that a report was prepared by the Community Wardens and there are only isolated problem areas there presently and that residents are very pro-active.

Cllr. Ward stated that too many unemployed people and people with social problems and travellers are being housed here. Cllr. Ward stated that as part of the Tus Programme plans are in place to give a facelift to some houses.

Cllr. O'Hara enquired if the area of ground fronting the Mart adjacent to the Railway line could be improved or if it is a derelict site. Mr. Gilmore informed him he will have this investigated. He also stated that if the Tidy Towns Committee come up with a specific projects the Council would be willing to help them.

Cllr. Flanagan proposed that a subcommittee from the Town Council be set up to work with the Tidy Towns Committee. Cllr. Kelly seconded the proposal.

The members on the sub-committee are Cllr. Flanagan, Cllr. Kelly, Cllr. Ward and Cllr. Reilly.

Cllr. Flanagan asked what were rates of fees for Civic Amenity Site. Cllr. Kitt asked if there would be a charge for Electric goods and batteries.

Mr. Gilmore informed them that he would check the matter out.

Cllr. Kelly stated that she received complaints regarding the condition of outside of Town Hall.

Power to make Byelaws - Local Government Act 2001

Cllr. Ward raised the matter of power to make Byelaws. Mr. Gilmore replied that he raised the matter in relation to drinking on the Street and was informed that the Gardai have adequate powers without Byelaws. Byelaws cannot be looked at present due to staff shortages.

Managers Business

Mr. Gilmore informed the members that the notice of completion was received in respect of the Annual Financial Statement.

He also informed the members that a Freedom of Information request was received from the Irish Independent Newspaper in relation to expenses paid to Town Council members.

A.O.B

Cllr. Kitt enquired if synchronised lighting could be provided at the Traffic Lights at Weir Road. Mr. Gilmore stated he would check it out.

Cllr. Flanagan proposed that Cllr. Bane, Cllr. Kitt, and Cllr. Reilly be put forward for election to Tuam Stadium Committee.

Cllr. Kitt seconded the proposal.

Cllr. Flanagan proposed that a civic reception be held for the Tuam Herald on their 175th anniversary.

Cllr. Reilly seconded the proposal.

Cllr. Kelly congratulated Tuam Community Games on their 40th Anniversary and Tuam Herald on their 175th Anniversary.

Cllr. Reilly paid tribute to Gerry O'Neill, Waterservices Supervisor who retired recently.

Cllr. O' Hora expressed disappointment with the decision that Mr Cummins D.O.S. Housing not to meet with Arts Group who submitted a proposal to rent the old Library building at Shop Street. Mr. Gilmore read out the letter sent to the Group.

Cllr. Kelly proposed that Tuam Town council write to Mr. Cummins, D.O.S. and request that he meet the Group. The proposal was seconded by Cllr. Reilly.

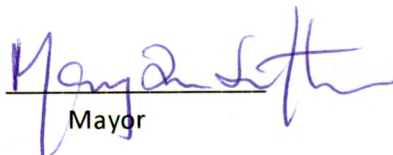
One minutes silence observed in respect of the following deaths: Votes of sympathy were passed:

Eugene Holian
Tommy Coleman (Jnr)
Teresa Flanagan
Steven Wilson
Ollie Fahey
Emmanual Morley

The meeting concluded.

Recorded by
Mary Dunne A/Town Clerk

Signed by


Mayor

Mary Dunne

From: Carol.Toolan@djei.ie on behalf of diary@deti.ie
Sent: 06 June 2012 11:38
To: Mary Dunne
Subject: Request for meeting with Minister Bruton
Attachments: Action Plan for Jobs - dail speech.docx; DJEI_DL 6pp_Leaflet_HR.pdf; Start and Grow your Business - 2.pdf

Dear Mary

I refer further to your recent letter to Minister Richard Bruton requesting a meeting to discuss enterprise and jobs for Tuam Town. The Minister regrets, due a very heavy schedule of commitments over the coming months, that there is no suitable opening in the diary to facilitate your request.

As you may know, the Government recently published the Action Plan for Jobs, 2012. The objective of the action plan is to transform the operating environment for business to make it easier to start up, expand, access finance and to find new markets. The plan is built around four key themes: supporting indigenous businesses; attracting more international start-ups and multinational companies; targeting sectors of potential; and improving competitiveness across the economy. I include a copy of the Minister's speech, which outlines the key themes and main actions contained in the plan.

The Government has committed to deliver an annual Action Plan for Jobs; with quarterly targets for delivery every year. An implementation monitoring group will be established to ensure that quarterly delivery targets are delivered by each relevant Department or Agency. This is the beginning of a process, and further ideas and proposals will be worked on in the context of the 2013 Action Plan for Jobs. In that context, the Minister would welcome a submission from Tuam Town council, in the context of the Action Plan for Jobs 2013.

Kind regards
Carol Toolan
Diary Secretary
Office of Minister Richard Bruton TD
Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation
23 Kildare Street
Dublin 2
Email: diary@djei.ie
Tel: 01 631 2177

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Key Actions

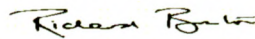
A full list of Actions can be found online at www.djei.ie but a small sample of some of the key actions in 2012 include:

1. Design and launch a new Development Capital Scheme, aimed at addressing a funding gap for mid-sized, high-growth, indigenous companies with significant prospects for jobs and export growth. €50 million of State investment is expected to leverage up to an extra €100 million in private sector funding over its lifetime.
2. Restructuring of the enterprise agencies in order to better target supports towards indigenous businesses with job-creation potential.
 - Establish a new Potential Exporters Division within Enterprise Ireland to target a wider group of potential exporting companies.
 - Establish a new "one-stop-shop" micro enterprise support structure through the dissolution of the existing CEB offices and the creation of a new Micro Enterprise and Small Business Unit in Enterprise Ireland that will work with Local Authorities to establish a new network of Local Enterprise Offices (LEOs) in each Local Authority.
 - Establish a joint Enterprise Ireland/IDA senior management team to work on cross-agency priorities such as attracting international start-ups, improving mentoring for SMEs, and helping SMEs win supply contracts from multinationals.
3. Help more small businesses win big contracts, including:
 - Measures to make public procurement more accessible to Irish SMEs, such as amending pre-qualification criteria, pre-qualification panels for SMEs and a new Procuring Innovation initiative which focuses on procuring solutions to specific needs, rather than prescriptive products or services.
 - Measures to help more SMEs to win contracts with multinationals based here.
4. Measures to target improved performance by indigenous companies, including:
 - Greater funding for mentoring and management development networks.
 - Long-term development programmes for 250 managers and short-term programmes for 700 managers.
 - Increased mentoring of SMEs by top business leaders, multinationals and large Irish companies.
 - Securing 750 new buyers for exporting Irish companies in 2012.
 - Making 200 investments over €500,000 in EI-assisted firms in 2012.
5. The targeted temporary Partial Credit Guarantee for SMEs struggling to access credit will go live – for every €100 million extra in loans guaranteed under this demand-led scheme, over 1200 small businesses will benefit.

6. The Micro Finance fund will go live, generating up to €100 million in extra lending for micro-businesses over ten years.
7. The second call for Innovation Fund Ireland will go live, worth approximately €60 million, to invest in small Irish based high-tech companies.
8. Launch the Diaspora Finders Fee initiative ("Succeed in Ireland") to attract greater numbers of inward investors to Ireland.
9. Through the Strategic Investment Fund, channel commercial investment from the NPPF and matching investment from private sector investors towards productive investment in the Irish economy. The NPPF will also commit €250 million to the Infrastructure Fund, which will seek up to €1 billion from institutional investors in Ireland and overseas for investment in infrastructure in Ireland.
10. Accelerate the delivery of economic outcomes from Government investment in research by implementing a Research Prioritisation Plan and enact new legislation to target the State's research funding towards applied areas of research with strong potential for commercialisation and job-creation.

Conclusion

The scale of the challenge is enormous. Our economy has taken a hit unlike any other in the developed world. But the determination to reverse the failures and begin to grow jobs again is equal to that challenge. It will not be easy and there are no quick fix solutions. It took many years of the wrong policy decisions to arrive at this point for our economy and our people and it will take several years to undo the damage done in those years. The Action Plan for Jobs 2012 sets out the actions, both major and some relatively minor, that will continue the process of rebuilding our economy, and achieving that goal as set out by the Taoiseach of making Ireland the best small country in the world in which to do business.



Richard Bruton, T.D.
Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation

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The Challenge

With over 300,000 job losses since a flawed economic model collapsed in 2008 and with more than 315,000 people unemployed, half of them for over a year, there is no greater challenge facing our country than getting our people back to work.

To that end the Taoiseach has set a Government ambition for Ireland to be the best small country in the world in which to do business by the centenary of the 1916 Rising. This is an ambitious goal but it is an achievable one. Becoming the best small country in the world in which to do business will require a deep transformation of Government and of all sectors of our society. But that is exactly where we need to be as a society and as an economy.

The Approach

The annual Action Plan for Jobs is designed to help achieve that ambition for our economy and for the jobs it can support. It is not a plan designed to sit on a shelf nor does it suggest a single "big bang" solution to an unemployment crisis built up through years of poor policy choices. The Action Plan for Jobs is a plan designed to help rebuild our broken economy, reform by reform, innovation by innovation so that we can realise the ambition to have 100,000 more people at work by 2016 and 2 million people in work by 2020. It is not a strategy document, it is a working document.

Action Plan Structure

The Government in November 2011 committed to completing an annual Action Plan for Jobs that would involve the whole of Government focusing on what part they and their agencies could play in protecting or creating jobs.

This Plan is for 2012, subsequent Action Plans will be prepared for 2013, 2014 and so on, until our goals are realised.

In total there are more than 275 distinct actions identified to be delivered in 2012 by all 15 Departments of Government and 36 agencies of the State. Each action has an identified lead Department or Agency with a quarter (Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4 etc) identified for completion of each action.

At the same meeting of Cabinet that approved the Annual Jobs Plan process it was agreed that a monitoring Group comprising of the Department of the Taoiseach, the Department of Jobs, Enterprise, and Innovation and the Department of Public Expenditure and Forfas would be formed to meet regularly and police the delivery of the actions identified in the report.

This monitoring group will report in to the Cabinet Committee on Economic Recovery and Jobs and will prepare quarterly reports on implementation.

Action Plan Content

The Action Plan for Jobs will address seven principal areas:

1. Building competitiveness advantage – Innovation, Costs, Skills & Infrastructure
2. Supporting indigenous start-ups
3. Assisting indigenous business to grow
4. Attracting inward entrepreneurial start-ups
5. Developing and deepening the impact of FDI
6. Developing employment initiatives within the community
7. Exploiting sectoral opportunities, including:
 - Manufacturing
 - Health/Life Sciences
 - Green Economy/Agri-Food
 - ICT Hardware and Software
 - Cloud computing
 - Digital Games
 - Tourism
 - International Financial Services
 - Business Process Outsourcing/Shares Services
 - Education Services
 - Construction
 - Retail/Wholesale
 - Arts, Culture and Creative Enterprise

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Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation
Consultation with Business

1. Seed capital scheme

If you start up and work full-time in your own company, you can claim back the income tax you paid in the **previous six years** to invest equity into a company (subscribed as shares) engaged in a qualifying trade. The amount of relief is restricted to the amount of the investment. Since November, the scheme is open to a much wider range of sectors and the ceiling on recoverable tax can now be up to €100,000 in each of the six look back years.

2. Three Year Corporate tax exemption

The scheme provides relief from corporation tax on the trading income and certain gains of new start-up companies in the first 3 years of trading. There will full relief on income and gains relating to the trade where total corporation tax liability in any of the first 3 accounting periods does not exceed €40,000. There will be marginal relief where the tax liability falls between €40,000 and €60,000.

3. R & D Tax Credit up to €100,000

The first €100,000 of all qualifying R&D expenditure will benefit from the full 25% R&D tax credit from 2012. This is of particular benefit to SMEs. For larger R and D expenditure, the tax credit will continue to apply only to the amount by which expenditure in 2012 exceeds that incurred in the base year 2003.

- The total tax benefit of qualifying research and development expenditure is 37.5% when in addition to the tax credit you takes into account the normal 12.5% corporation tax deduction for the expenditure.

4. Taking on a new employee: PRSI Exemption Scheme

A new PRSI Incentive Scheme exempts employers who create new and additional jobs from paying the employers' portion of the PRSI contribution for 18 months. The criteria for eligible workers have been relaxed. Employees must have been on the Live Register for 6 months.

5. Taking a person 1 year out of work (double tax relief)

Revenue Job Assist offers both employers and workers an incentive where people who have been 12 months on the live register (or disability allowance) are employed:

- The **employer** gets double write-off of the wages plus employers PRSI for three years – even at the minimum wage, it is worth €2,500 per year to a company and up to €8,000 per year to a sole trader
- The **worker** gets an extra tax allowance – of €3,810 plus €1,270 for each child in year 1, and two-thirds of these allowances in year 2, one-third in year 3 – for a worker on the 20% rate it is worth at least €762 in the first year or €1,524 over the three years.

6. Back to Work (Enterprise) allowance

If you have been signing on for over 12 months and you would like to become self-employed, the Back to Work Enterprise Allowance (BTWEA) allows you to keep your social welfare payment for 2 years (Year 1: 100%, Year 2:75%). To qualify, you must be:

- Setting up a business that a Local Integrated Development Company or a Facilitator has approved in writing in advance,

A **short term Enterprise Allowance** can be claimed by anyone who has lost their job and who is eligible for Job Seeker's benefit. It runs until your benefit payment would have expired.

7. Potential Exporters Division

Enterprise Ireland has established a new *Potential Exporter Division* to stimulate greater activity within companies across all regions and to reorient those demonstrating real growth potential from the domestic to the international market place. The new unit will provide assistance designed to aid client companies investigate, prepare and execute an international strategy including:

- Practical business advice, information and market intelligence
- Targeted funding supports where appropriate
- Suitable training and development

Phone (01) 727 2829 or visit www.enterprise-ireland.com/GetExportReady

8. Micro-Finance Fund

The Government is developing a Micro finance fund targeted at start-up, newly established, or growing micro enterprises across all sectors, employing not more than 10 people. It will provide loans of up to €25,000 for commercially viable proposals that do not meet the conventional risk criteria applied by commercial banks. Applicants will have to demonstrate that they have been refused credit by a commercial lending institution before their application is considered. Initial seed equity of €10m is being invested and this will be leveraged by additional loans. Borrowers will pay a commercial interest rate.

9. Partial loan guarantee scheme

A Temporary Partial Credit Guarantee Scheme is being developed which will partially guarantee loans to viable businesses whom banks have refused credit because of:

- Insufficient collateral
- The lender does not have the skills to carry out a proper assessment, due to a lack of knowledge of new sectors, markets or technologies

Businesses must show ability to repay the loan. Loan assessment will be carried out entirely by the bank. Strict terms will protect the taxpayer.

The scheme will not cover:

- Primary production in agriculture, horticulture and fisheries nor Property-related activities
- Lending by way of an overdraft, nor pure refinancing of existing debts. However, cover can be given for the new lending element in an overall package of support to the business, including consolidation of existing debts.

A line of credit directly linked to an exporting contract cannot be included due to state aid rules

10. High Potential Start-Up (Enterprise Ireland)

Enterprise Ireland's High Potential Start-Up (HPSU) team provides intense support, seed and venture capital to entrepreneurs and early stage companies that are considered to have an innovative product, service or technology, and have the potential to achieve exports sales and create employment. To qualify a company should be headquartered in Ireland, less than 6 years old and capable of creating 10 jobs in Ireland and realising €1 million in sales within three to four years of starting up. Enterprise Ireland's HPSU Team is located at The Plaza, Eastpoint Business Park, Dublin 3. Early Stage Start-Up enquiries should phone 01 7272885.

11. Competitive Start Fund (Enterprise Ireland)

The Competitive Start Fund awards €50,000 to innovative start-ups, which have the capability to succeed in global markets. You are eligible to apply if you are an existing or potential client of Enterprise Ireland's HPSU programme. The Fund is a competitive one with 4 calls planned for 2012, supporting 60 start-ups. For more information on the Competitive Start up Fund e-mail: csf@enterprise-ireland.com or phone 01 7272202

12. Start-up Grants and Mentoring (County Enterprise Boards)

The **CEB mentor programme** matches up the knowledge and skills of experienced business practitioners with small business owners. The specialist fields for mentor engagement include general management, financial structuring, production planning, marketing, distribution, corporate organisation and strategic planning. Contact your local CEB for further information.

Priming and business Grants are available for businesses in manufacturing or internationally trading services. The maximum Grant available is 50% of the investment or €150,000 whichever is the lesser. Grants over €80,000 and up to €150,000 shall only be considered where the company shows potential to export internationally and / or graduate to Enterprise Ireland. The priming grant is only available within the first eighteen months of setting up the business.

A Feasibility / innovation Grants may be a maximum of 50% of the investment or €20,000 whichever is the lesser (in the South and East region).

13. Employment and Investment Incentive (EII)

This scheme which has replaced the Business Expansion Scheme is available to the majority of unquoted small and medium sized companies. The maximum investment by all investors in any one company or group of companies is €10,000,000 subject to a maximum of €2,500,000 in any one twelve month period. It allows individual investors to obtain income tax relief on investments up to a maximum of €150,000 per annum in each tax year up to 2013. Relief is initially available to an individual at 30%. A further 11% tax relief will be available where it has been proven that employment levels have increased at the company at the end of the holding period (3 years) or where evidence is provided that the company used the capital raised for expenditure on research and development.

14. Innovation Vouchers:

If you own or manage a small limited company with a company registration number and you have a business opportunity or problem that you want to explore, you can apply for an Innovation Voucher worth €5,000. The objective of the Innovation Voucher initiative is to build links between Ireland's public knowledge providers and small businesses and create a cultural shift in the small business community's approach to innovation. Contact innovationvouchers@enterprise-ireland.com

15. Credit Refusals:

Credit Review Office

If you're a small business, sole trader or farm owner who has had difficulty getting credit or loan facilities of up to the new €500,000 limit or you have had an unfavourable change to your existing credit terms, get in touch with the Credit Review Office for an independent review. The banks are required to comply with the recommendation or to give their reasons for not doing so to the Credit Review Office. The Office has overturned the Banks' decision in four cases. Call them on **1850 211 789** or visit online at www.creditreview.ie where you will find good advice on how to approach your bank.

Code of conduct for business lending to SMEs

A new code of conduct for SMEs came into effect on January 1st 2012. Financial institutions are now required to meet a number of provisions including: the lender's procedures for dealing with SMEs in financial trouble; details of fees or charges that may apply to firms as a result of financial difficulties; details of the type of information the lender may require from the SMEs and information on firms' rights to appeal a decision on a lending arrangement.

16. Foreign Earnings Deduction:

A Foreign Earnings Deduction (FED) is being introduced to assist companies seeking to expand into emerging markets in Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa. The maximum amount of income that can be deducted under the scheme will be €35,000 per annum. The deduction will operate for three years (ending in the 2014 tax year).

17. New Frontiers Programme

Enterprise Ireland launched **New Frontiers**, Ireland's new national entrepreneur development programme that is delivered at a local level by the Institutes of Technology. If you have an innovative business idea and are planning to establish and run your own company the New Frontiers Entrepreneur Development Programme can provide you with a package of supports to help accelerate your business development and to equip you with the skills and contacts that you need to successfully start and grow your company. Enterprise Ireland is providing €4.25 million in funding to enable the Institutes of Technology to deliver the programme.

18. Pathways to Work

High level target:

- 75,000 of those long term unemployed in February 2012 will be in employment by 2015 – this is more than double the current rate
- Average time a person who becomes unemployed will spend on the live register will fall from 21 months in February 2012 to 12 months by end 2015

Key Actions:

- Introduce profiling of all new claimants by end 2012 (50% by May), including signing a contract to participate in a progression plan
- Engage with those still on the live register after 3 months in a group setting
- Interview 130,000 unemployed during 2012 giving advice and guidance
- Provide 73,000 placements in 2012 in back to education, work experience and community employment
- Support 12,000 to get Back to Work (Enterprise) Allowance
- Provide 110,000 Solas, Skillnets, labour market activation and Springboard places
- Expand local authority training placements to 2,000 by the middle of next year
- Support 12,000 in local and community development programme

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Action Plan for Jobs

Minister Bruton's Daily Speech

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Action Plan for Jobs

Minister Bruton's Dáil Speech

I thank the House for making time available to debate this matter. No case is more compelling in Ireland at the moment than that of addressing the jobs crisis. Everyone elected to the Chamber is aware that in the past three years almost 350,000 jobs have been lost. Sadly, most of these have been lost by people under the age of 30 years. These are the people who will drive the economic future of the country. There is an absolute obligation on everyone in society to get in behind action to tackle the jobs crisis. I approach this debate in an open manner. We are keen to hear and develop ideas.

The purpose of the Action Plan for Jobs 2012 is to harvest what can be done across Government within the next 12 months and to set it out in a coherent way and set about implementing it. When we reflect on previous major strategies, whether to address climate change or health, we find that what went wrong was a failure to implement change or to hold people to account in the move from the good idea to delivering it in a coherent way. This is despite that these were well-placed ambitions

We believe this plan is different in an important way. Each measure has a responsibility assigned to it. The Taoiseach will play a central role in monitoring the delivery of each responsibility. As every one in the House is aware we come to this crisis recognising that a fundamental shift has occurred in the economy. Fundamental damage has been done to the economy. It is not a question of trying to get back to where we were with some stimulus package, even if we could afford it. This is about major change across many sectors. This has inspired the programme of actions and reform that the Government has undertaken on many fronts.

The Minister, Deputy Michael Noonan, has undertaken a major restructuring of the banking system. Without this restructuring and the creation of pillar banks that have the ability to lend we could not get the economy going. The Minister, Deputy Joan Burton, is undertaking a major transformation of employment services. Over the years, people have rightly been critical of the system in Ireland whereby often welfare was conditional on being idle and one was paid only if one was idle. The concept the Minister is developing is that people should be supported to be active, to develop their potential, to get opportunities and to move on with their lives. This is a fundamental shift in the way we think about the challenge.

The Minister for Education and Skills, Deputy Ruairí Quinn, is undertaking a major change of the training network. We all understand that the FÁS system probably got caught in a certain view of the world associated with the construction boom and, as a

result, it lost ground. We need a more modern system of training focused on where the opportunities in our economy will come from. This is part of the major reform agenda. We must reorient our tax system to emphasise the importance of enterprise as opposed to property. The Minister for Finance, Deputy Michael Noonan, has undertaken this work. This is another considerable shift.

The work undertaken by the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform, Deputy Brendan Howlin recognises that we own assets such as the National Pensions Reserve Fund. There are State assets available and we must think of innovative ways to use these resources to drive the necessary infrastructure of the future. The creation of a €1 billion infrastructure fund is central to this.

The new approach this document encapsulates holds that creating, promoting and supporting employment is not the concern of one or two Departments, it is the concern of every one and every Department can contribute. Each of the 15 Departments has put forward actions as part of this programme and 36 agencies have put forward actions as well. The idea is to put jobs first and foremost and this is what the Government has set about. At the same time we must do a good deal of work to correct the public finances.

Much restructuring remains to be done but there is a central goal which people have bought into. We have every right to be optimistic about our capacity to rebuild the economy and its employment base. Some of the most ambitious and creative companies in the world pick Ireland as the location of choice in which to set up companies. Despite the difficulties in the economy we continue to have one of the highest rates of business start-up in Europe. More and more people have the courage to take on the difficult task of setting up their own business and ensuring they generate customers and make the business succeed. These are fundamentals on which we can build.

We have set out what I believe to be ambitious but realistic targets in respect of the net employment increase and other targets. This ambition has been clearly articulated by the Taoiseach time and again in his declarations that he wants to make Ireland the best small country in the world in which to do business by 2016. This will involve a good deal of re-working of the system.

We are a team. The Minister of State, Deputy John Perry, is working on the small business dimension and examining how to audit the licences and the obligations that companies are subject to. The Minister of State, Deputy Sean Sherlock, is examining how we use the vast investment we have made over many years. Credit is due to previous Governments for creating this investment. We have invested in research and development capability in our higher education institutions. The challenge is to move from being a ship builder and of creating these individual areas of excellence to being an Admiralty where one organises and directs the resources to create commercial

opportunities and to create companies and enterprises that can succeed. This is the task of reorientation we must carry out in this Department.

The sad truth is that Ireland forgot what it was to succeed in a small open economy. We got carried away believing that property could do it for us and, sadly, through the noughties we lost export market share. Each year, six years in a row, we lost export market share which was the lifeblood of our small open trading economy. Now that the crash has come, significantly more damage has been done than that property simply led us astray. Take for example the skill choices that young people made when choosing what to do in college. Approximately 10% of those who started in the year 2000 chose technology, an important sector where there are now huge skill shortages. In the boom years, those selecting this option fell from 10% to 3.5%. Therefore, it was not just that we got too expensive, but that other parts of our system became distorted through the choices people were making as to what they felt would build a strong future for us. The task of reorienting our system will need a major transformation that will involve many other Departments along with our own.

This is about going back to basics. The role of individuals willing to start a business is crucial and we must ensure that we provide the best opportunities we can to ensure those willing to take that risk have the best chance of success. It is for this reason that we are reorganising the local enterprise support service. The county enterprise boards have done great work, but we recognise now that there are gaps in that system and that small companies hit a ceiling in that system and do not have the chance to progress seamlessly to programmes that could help them develop and become major exporters and companies. We believe it is important to have a seamless ladder between Enterprise Ireland and the local enterprise office, setting standards for those local offices and for the local authorities. The local authorities have huge potential to shape economic development. They can make the licensing and planning procedures easier to undertake and make it easy to comply with requirements. They can create opportunities for procurement and thereby create an environment in which businesses can succeed.

It is important to see the reform we will undertake, in which the Minister of State, Deputy Perry, will play a central role, as not just about creating a one-stop shop, but about creating a location where the excellent new ideas on enterprise formation will be fed through Enterprise Ireland and where there will also be a new attitude to enterprise within the local authority system. This is ambitious, but it is right to be ambitious in this area. This first experience for small businesses starting up is crucial and we want to make it easier for them to succeed. We are also developing a micro-finance project. We recognise that banks, particularly at the current time, do not want to touch the very small start-up company, such as the one that needs approximately €20,000 to get

started. Banks will not be interested in the administration and risk involved with that. Therefore, we must intervene in that area and are doing so.

We also need to see established companies expand and grow without being taken over by a foreign company because they have grown to a certain stage and capability. Therefore, we are putting in place a development capital fund of €150 million which is aimed at companies that are growing fast or at well established companies in traditional sectors that are not clients for venture capital but which need equity to go to the next level without being taken over by foreign interests. This fund is an important initiative.

We also want to see more companies break into new export markets. In that regard, I welcome the initiative proposed by the Minister for Finance, Deputy Noonan, which will be implemented this year and which will allow tax relief for placing people in the BRICS countries. These are emerging markets and while we are doing well in those markets, we are doing so from an extremely low base. The total percentage of trade from all the BRICS countries is less than 5%. These are rapidly growing markets and we need to recognise that and build our part of that market. We are also stretching further by setting up a first-time exporter division within Enterprise Ireland for the many companies that have never exported. We are targeting approximately 1,800 companies that do not export but which have the capacity to get a foot on the export ladder. This initiative is an important statement on how Ireland needs to transform for these markets.

There are practical ways in which we can help businesses win new contracts. We have looked specifically at how we can get public procurement more oriented towards innovative small companies so as to help them break into this area. As other Members are aware, it is always disconcerting to travel abroad and find some wonderful Irish companies doing business in places like India, China or America but to realise that they have not been able to get even one customer in Ireland for their innovative product. If we want to see small companies succeed, we must give them this first break.

The action plan also hopes to focus on developing sectors where we can stake out a lead. We have mentioned many of these areas, but ours is not an exhaustive list. We recognise that action can be taken in key sectors, some of which are traditional sectors like the agrifood business. Horizon 2020, which was developed by the last Government has put ambition on the map for agriculture and the food sector. It is important we deepen and strengthen this. However, there are new sectors, such as digital gaming and cloud computing. These offer opportunities in areas where Ireland has critical mass and can build success. We need to ensure the State nurtures these opportunities and that no obstacles stand in the way. When looking at sectors in which we can stake out a future, we must also look to see we have the skills base right, the access to investment capital

and that we exploit the cluster we have and get people together to collaborate. We must ensure we have the research facilities to support those new sectors and that these are properly oriented towards the needs of the companies. This is an important theme of the action plan.

We must also recognise that foreign investment is vital. A high proportion of our exports - too high to be honest - comes from foreign owned companies. While it is great to see a major name, like Hewlett Packard last week, deciding to expand in Ireland, it would be even better if we could see some of the new dynamic companies establishing and starting their business in Ireland. This is an opportunity we intend to target. If one visits places like Silicon Valley, one will see that more than half of the companies that have started up there are not owned by US citizens, but by people who have chosen Silicon Valley as a location which has the dynamism to help them thrive. I believe we have that similar environment. We have many of the best companies in the world and we have many of the best skills in the world, particularly in the IT and medical device sectors. We also have a good research base, a good corporate tax regime, a good business environment and now have venture capital funds in place with the capacity to fund companies.

Therefore, Ireland can now say it is the go-to place for start-ups, particularly in certain sectors. We need to sell this vision. Just as the IDA actively pursues well established companies and seeks to get them to establish here, we need to supplement the work Enterprise Ireland does in identifying international players who could start first time businesses. We are very fortunate to have Dylan Collins as one of the ambassadors for this initiative. He is a serial entrepreneur in the digital gaming sector and has set up many successful companies, such as Havok. Someone like him can tell his peers what it is like to do business in Ireland and we need to exploit such opportunities.

I am pleased that an idea that came from the consultative process is being realised through the Succeed in Ireland idea. This is the idea to give a finder's fee to Irish people, or non-Irish people, who introduce a new company - typically a small company - which decides to use Ireland as a gateway to develop its European business. The IDA is an exemplary authority, but it cannot be in every location. All resources are strained and this idea is a worthwhile project to access the diaspora to look and work on Ireland's behalf to identify companies that could successfully locate and develop from an Irish base. We are looking forward to launching the details of this project next month.

We should also recognise that some of the basics must be got right, including the competitiveness of our economy. Difficult changes have had to be undertaken; we know all about this in the public service and in many private companies which have been restructured. Work practices have changed and wages have come down. We must

ensure that right across the board we get a more competitive economic structure. This will include reform of legal services and cost of access, which is important, and consideration of our skills base to ensure the sort of choices and facilities we offer are cost-effective and recognise the needs of enterprise. That is really important to our long-term competitiveness. We must examine our research investment and get the best out of it.

There is an agenda across the costs and infrastructure that is crucial to create the environment where businesses can succeed. We are fortunate that over the past two years there has been a very significant improvement of almost 20% in our unit wage costs relative to the rest of Europe . That has given us a significant edge and is the reason we are now doing well in export markets. We must copperfasten this success and it should not be eroded at the first sign of recovery. We should examine what structural changes we can make in our economy to get all the different sectors, including energy, public service costs and red tape, addressed appropriately.

I have introduced this plan to the House and it is a really important first step. Action Plan for Jobs 2012 will be followed by another plan in 2013 and subsequent years because we recognise the need for relentless attention to this challenge. It is not a question of doing this and thinking we can rest on our oars. This debate is about hearing the best ideas from people, although this must happen with the knowledge that we are living in constrained times. People must recognise that we have limited resources. Much of this is about using our money in a smarter way to leverage activities by others who can support the challenge we face.

Recd. 1/6/2012

Dear Tuam Town Council

May I sincerely thank you all for bestowing on me the 'Tuam Person of the Year' award. I am deeply humbled and honoured and also very grateful. I must apologise again for not getting there on time but as you know; my family were involved in an accident on the way to the event.

I was going to say on the night that we have such a great community. They are so generous and supportive. What I do and The Tuam Voluntary Force do would not be possible if it weren't for the great support we get. In a lot of our events I really try to get the community involved and entertain them as much as possible and whenever I get a chance I will promote our great town to its fullest.

Although fundraising is very difficult nowadays I have no intentions in stopping at the moment. The local charities we have in our town are second to none and deserve as much as we can give them. They really are a credit to our community.

I am currently organising our summer events where I fully expect to top the €100,000 mark from the last 5 years of voluntary work. Of course, there are so many people who help me with the events, and even members of the council have helped so I'd like to thank everyone very much.

It's great to have a council that listens to the community and also gets involved with various projects, events and organisations and we are very lucky to have each and every one of you.

God bless and thank you all again

Derek Cassidy



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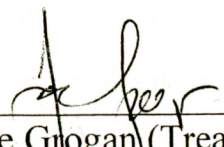
TUAM TIDY TOWNS

**Tuam Town Council,
Town Hall,
Tuam,
Co. Galway.
11/06/2012**

Dear members,

Following on from our meeting last November it has been decided rather than having a best kept residential competition we would focus our efforts on assisting the housing estates with clean up's and planting of shrubs, flowers etc. To this end we have spent a considerable sum of money received as donations to our organisation and are now in need of additional funding for other projects. We would be grateful to the Council if you could sponsor €500.00 to help us continue our good work.

Yours sincerely,



Joe Grogan (Treasurer)
Tuam Tidy Towns

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Tuam Trad Festival

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Bishop Street,
Tuam
Co Galway.

Ms Mary Dunne,
Town Clerk,
Town Hall
Tuam
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11/06/2012

RE: Tuam Trad Festival. 2012.

Dear Ms Dunne,

As chairperson of Tuam Trad Festival Committee, I write to request the use of a room at Tuam Town Hall for the duration of our Festival 2012, from Thursday 13th September – Sunday 16th inclusive. This room will be used as a festival office for the weekend and will be manned throughout. Our Festival insurance will cover use of same and I can issue you with a copy nearer the time,

I await a favourable reply and wish to thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Thanking You,

Yours Sincerely



Ann Coen
Chairperson Tuam Trad Festival Committee.

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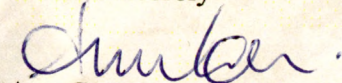
Tuam Trad Festival committee is launching their 2012 event on next Friday night in the Rustic Vaults, Vicar Street, Tuam at 8.30pm, this is an invitation for our Town Councillors to attend on the night, a great night of entertainment is guaranteed. Town Councillor Mr Larry Bane, a member of our 2012 committee will officiate at the event.

Our Festival is in its third year and we are a non profit organisation depending solely on donations from our local businesses, our festival is going from strength to strength and with the times we now find ourselves in we would be so grateful if you could make a donation towards this annual event to maintain Tuam's high profile in traditional music, our festival is classed as one of the best small festivals in the country and is a social, cultural and educational event bringing hundreds of people from all over the world to Tuam each year, all contributions are greatly appreciated.

We await a favourable reply and wish to thank you in advance for your cooperation, we look forward to meeting you on Friday night next.

Thanking You,

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Tuam Trad Festival Committee.

From Facha Gungley - Read out at meeting June 11th 2012

Tuam Town Council Meeting 11th June 2012

Thank you for your invitation to this meeting of Tuam Town Council to update you on the proposed natural gas connection to the town of Tuam.

Bord Gáis Networks is continuing to work closely with all of the key stakeholders to deliver this project, including local businesses and Galway County Council, while looking forward to the opportunity update to Tuam Town Council.

While there was an expectation to be in a position to address the Town Council on the progress of the proposed gas connection during April and May, Bord Gáis Networks remains engaged in sensitive commercial negotiations with key businesses to contract the required gas usage necessary to meet the approval criteria as set by the Commission for Energy Regulation (CER).

Representatives of Bord Gáis Networks will be pleased to address the Town Council with a comprehensive update when sufficient progress has been made and permission has been secured from the CER to commence our planned works.

On receipt of permission to proceed to construction, Bord Gáis will engage in a comprehensive sales campaign so that all businesses adjacent to the natural gas main can avail of the financial benefits of using natural gas.

We appreciate the continued support of the Town Council in our efforts and we hope to engage with you in the near future.

Thank You

Mary Dunne

From: Ciaran Cannon [cannonloughrea@gmail.com]
Sent: 05 June 2012 12:06
To: Mary Dunne
Subject: Tuam Town Council

Mary,

With regard to the Tuam Town Council meeting on next Monday 11th June.
Can you please convey my apologies to the meeting as I have a previous engagement on
Monday evening.

Regards,

Ciaran Cannon TD.

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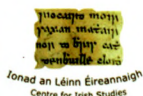
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Thursday 12th - Monday 16th July 2012
Ard Rí Hotel, Tuam, Co. Galway, Ireland.



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THURSDAY 12th July 2012

9.00am - 9.30am Registration at Ard Ri House Hotel, Tuam
 9.30am Explore the Hidden Heritage of East Galway Tour
 6.00pm Return to the Ard Ri House Hotel, Tuam

FRIDAY 13th July 2012

9.00am - 9.30am Registration
 9.30am - 10.00am Welcome Address in Killoghan's Suite: Anne Tierney, President of The Old Tuam Society; County Mayor*: Tuam Mayor*; Conor Newman, Chairman, The Heritage Council.
 10.00am - 11.00am Keynote address, *Irish Diaspora* by Professor Gearóid Ó Tuathaigh
 11.00am - 11.20am Tea/Coffee

SESSION A1

11.20am - 12.00pm Major Dick Dowling, *Hero of Confederate Texas* by Tim Collins. *Please tick to book this session*
 12.00pm - 12.40pm *From Poverty to Plenty - Folk Perspectives on Emigration to America* by Críostóir Mac Cárthaigh
 12.40pm - 2.00pm Lunch

SESSION B1

11.20am - 12.00pm The Jackie Clarke Collection - focusing on Irish American artefacts by Sinéad McCoolle. *Please tick to book this session*
 12.00pm - 12.40pm *Plastic Paddy: The Irish in American Cinema* by Tony Tracy
 12.40pm - 2.00pm Lunch

SESSION A2

2.00pm - 2.40pm Colonel Patrick Kelly of the Irish Brigade, Gettysburg via Castlehackett by Brendan Higgins. *Please tick to book this session*
 2.40pm - 3.30pm *The Influence of the Irish on American Church History* by Professor Alan Delozier
 3.30pm - 3.50pm Tea/Coffee
 3.50pm - 4.30pm *Irish Emigrant Geographies: Irish Writing and the Migrant Experience* by Dr. Nessa Cronin.
 4.30pm - 5.00pm Pecha Kucha

SESSION B2

2.00pm - 2.40pm Graveyard Memorials - A Genealogical Resource by Dr. Christy Cunniffe. *Please tick to book this session*
 2.40pm - 3.30pm *Reconstructing the world they left behind* by Marie Boran & Brigid Clesham
 3.30pm - 3.50pm Tea/Coffee
 3.50pm - 4.30pm *Tracing Your Ancestors, using the Sources and Services available at the Galway Genealogy Centres* by Monica Hyne.
 4.30pm - 5.00pm Pecha Kucha

CONFERENCE DINNER

6.00pm - 7.00pm Corralea Court Hotel, Tuam. Wine Reception and Music of Emigration by John Faulkner.
 7.00pm - 9.00pm Conference Dinner-After dinner speaker: Professor Christine Kinealy

* Name of incoming Mayors will be available at the end of June.

REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete in BLOCK CAPITALS and return with your payment to:
 Irish American Link Conference, Old Tuam Society, 4, Bishop Street,
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Name: _____
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Please tick appropriate box

1. Full Conference Fee €195.00
 (3 days lectures, 2 Day Trips, tea/coffee, lunches, Friday evening dinner, Saturday evening dinner)

2. Partial Conference Fee

Thursday Bus trip: Hidden Heritage of East Galway €20

Friday Lectures (including tea/coffee & lunch) €50

Friday Lectures (including tea/coffee, lunch and Friday evening dinner) €85

Saturday Lectures (including tea/coffee & lunch) €50

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Sunday Lectures (including tea/coffee & lunch) €50

Monday Bus trip: Hidden Heritage of West Galway €20

Total € _____

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I enclose a cheque/bank draft for € _____ (Euros) payable to Old Tuam Society 2012 Conference, and post to: Old Tuam Society, 4 Bishop Street, Tuam, Co Galway, Ireland. Payments from outside of Ireland please pay by bank draft or contact www.irishamericanlink.com for payment by Paypal.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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Moved by Cllr. Flanagan and seconded by Cllr. Reilly

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How to find Conference



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Officials: Mr. Frank Gilmore, Director of Services

Ms. Angela Holian, Town Clerk

Mr. Enda Gallagher, Town Engineer

Ms. Mary Dunne, A.S.O.

The Prayer was recited.

Minutes:

Minutes of the meeting of the 5th March, 2012 were proposed by Cllr. Flanagan and seconded by Cllr. Reilly

Tuam Stadium:

Cllr. Tom McHugh, Chairman, Tuam Stadium Committee attended the meeting at the request of the Town Council. Town Councillors expressed their disappointment at the decision not to hold the Galway/Kildare League match at the Tuam Stadium. They also expressed dissatisfaction at the non-attendance of Noel Treacy, Chairman of the County Board and John Joe O'Holloran, Chairman of the Galway Football Board at the Council meeting. Cllr. Bane stated that Noel Treacy and John Joe O'Holloran have been contacted and are available to attend. Cllr. McHugh stated that Games fixtures are not in control of the Stadium Committee. He understood the decision to move this game to Pearse Stadium was made by the Team Management. The Stadium is in need of refurbishment, new dressing rooms are needed and the Stadium Committee will be applying for funding. Cllr. Kelly was extremely surprised that the Galway Football Team panel can tell the Football Board where matches are played and stated that the Town Council should put pressure on the Galway Football Board to have matches played in the town. She thanked Cllr. McHugh for attending.

It was proposed by Cllr. Reilly, seconded by Cllr. Kitt and agreed that a member of the Town Council make themselves available to serve on the Tuam Stadium Committee. Cllr. Reilly and Cllr. Kitt stated they were willing to go on the Committee.

Traffic Management Plan:

Mr. Liam Gavin, Senior Engineer, Galway County Council presented the Draft 2012 Traffic Management Plan together with the relevant maps and schedules. The plan was discussed in detail and many issues were raised by the members. Mr. Gavin advised the members that the plan will go on public display after Easter in County Hall, Area Offices and the County Council Website for a period of 6 weeks. Submissions can be made during this period to County Hall or the Regional Office.

Cllr. Kelly thanked Mr. Gavin and stated that it would be very important that a public meeting is held where officials would be available to provide information to the public relating to the plan. She urged the press to publicise the public meeting. In reply to Mayor Loftus on when the public meeting will be held, Mr. Gavin advised that the public meeting would be organised early in the 6 week period.

All Weather Pitch:

The members welcome the decision to locate the Astro-turf pitch at the Tuam Celtic Grounds. Cllr. Flanagan thanked Deputy Michael Kitt, Galway County Council and all involved in the process.

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Cllr. Reilly informed the meeting that the naming of the Jack Mangan roundabout has gone through at County Council level. Mr. Gilmore informed the members that provision of signs will be organized by Galway County Council.

Cllr. O'Grady enquired as to the current position of the memorial plaque as he expected the application for planning permission would be ready to hand into Galway County Council. Cllr Ward informed the members that the site map was ready and the application for planning permission may proceed.

Cllr. Reilly proposed that "Illegal Dumping and vacant properties" be placed on the Agenda for next months meeting.

Cllr. Bane queried if locations at Fairgreen Heights, just patched up after works carried out by Coffey Construction will be resurfaced. Mr. Gallagher, Town Engineer, stated that some areas are just repaired and others are resurfaced. He will check the situation regarding Fairgreen Heights.

Cllr. Reilly asked if Fairgreen Heights is in the charge of Galway County Council. Mr. Gilmore advised that advance notice is required if queries like this are raised. Cllr. Reilly requested a reply on the status of Fairgreen Heights and the Glebe for the next meeting.

Cllr. Flanagan requested an update on funding for the Playground and stated that a small slide is broken. Mr. Gallagher replied that the slide will be looked after and he has no feedback yet on funding.

Cllr. Kelly requested a brief summary on situation relating the roadway from the Community Centre to the Swimming pool as she is concerned for safety of pedestrians and particularly school children. Cllr. Flanagan, Cllr. Kitt, Cllr. Reilly, Mayor Loftus also raised concerns regarding safety issues at the location. Mr. Gilmore replied that the area of the carpark has been transferred to Joe O'Toole as part compensation of the new road and an extinguishment of right of way will be carried out. Director of Services, Jim Cullen will be meeting a representative of Joe O'Toole to investigate ways of making the area safe. He advises members to await the outcome of the discussions. Mr. Gilmore stated that a Safety Audit will take place on the Road shortly.

Cllr. Reilly proposed in the interest of Safety that a Beacon be erected at the Pedestrian crossing on the O'Toole Road. He also requested that Community Wardens follow up on dog owners in relation to dog fouling in the Palace Grounds.

Cllr. Ward requested that Bye Laws LG Act 2001 be discussed at next meeting.

Cllr. Kitt welcomed the statement by Greenway people not to seek the use of the W.R.C. as a walkway.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read:

Letter dated 27th February 2012 from Dept .of Arts Heritage and the Gaeltacht

Letter dated 13th March 2012 from Nuclear Free Local Authorities All Ireland Forum

Letter dated 15th March 2012 from Chambers Ireland

Letter dated 20th March 2012 from Pat Fahy ,Chairman Tuam Tidy Towns . It was proposed by Cllr Kelly and seconded by the Mayor that Tuam Town Council support the Tidy Towns Committee .Cllr Kitt stated that Mr O'Toole will co-operate with the restoration of the Millar's Cottage

Letter dated 20th March 2012 from Killarney Town Council

Letter dated 20th March 2012 from James A. Graffin Hon. Secretary, Mount Sion Past pupils union.

Notice re "The Economic Potential of Arts & Cultural Tourism"

Cllr. Bane following on from a previous proposal requested that invitations go to the following requesting that they attend the next Council meeting on 14th May 2012.

Chairman of Galway Football Board: John Joe O'Holleran

Chairman of County Board: Noel Treacy

Chairman of Tuam Stadium Committee: Tom McHugh

President of Tuam Chamber of Commerce: Ronan Glynn

He passed on apologies from Ronan Glynn for his non attendance at this months meeting.

Annual Financial Statement:

The Annual Financial Statement for year ended 31st December, 2011 was presented to the members. The adoption of the A.F.S. was proposed by Cllr. E. Kitt and seconded by Mayor Loftus.

Retirement of Angela Holian, Town Clerk:

Ms. Angela Holian retires from the position of Town Clerk, Tuam on the 13th April, 2012 with 28 years of dedicated service. Family and friends gathered after the Town Council meeting to mark this special occasion.

Glowing tributes were paid to Angela by Mayor Loftus, Town Councillors, County Councillors, Town Manager, former Town Commissioners, Town Engineer, Council officials and media. Angela was described as diligent, professional, courteous, calm and collected and a true friend.

She was wished a very happy retirement and a presentation was made by Mayor Loftus on behalf of the Town Council and officials. Angela thanked all for their kind works and said she was always treated with courtesy by Councillors and staff

The meeting concluded

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Signed by


Mayor

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