

COMHAIRLE BAILE THUAMA
Tuam Town Council



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Tuaim, Co. na Gaillimhe.

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Our Ref:

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4th January, 2012

To each Member of Tuam Town Council

A Chara,

The Monthly Meeting of Tuam Town Council will be held in the Town Hall on Monday, 9th January, 2012 at 7.00 p.m. You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise, le meas,

Angela Holan Baile Cleireach

Agenda

Minutes

Manager's Business

Correspondence

Power to make Bye-law – Local Government Act, 2001

Septic Tanks

Mr. Eugene Cummins, Director of Services

Dennis Tuam Water Distribution & Main Drainage Scheme

Traffic Management Plan

A. O. B.

Matters arising from the Minutes:

Replying to a request by Councillor Loftus regarding the new road scheme at the town centre, the Mayor said the road would be open in approximately two weeks. He said traffic on the inner rebel road at Shop Street would be managed by a Traffic Management Plan in place of the current one. The maps were not ready for the Council but the Manager said it would be ready in the next few days.

Report by Councillor K at the Town Engineer's report on the traffic lights at the town centre.

Report by Councillor K on the report of the Town Engineer on the traffic lights at the town centre.

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday 28th November, 2011

Present:

Mayor: Councillor Loftus

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

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

The Prayer was recited.

4th NOVEMBER

The Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday, ~~3rd October~~, 2011 was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by Councillor Ward.

Matters arising from the Minutes:

Replying to Councillor Flanagan regarding the new inner relief road the Town Engineer said the road would be open in approximately two weeks. Replying to Councillor Reilly he said traffic exiting the inner relief road at Shop Street will have to come up Shop Street until the new Traffic Management Plan is in place. Regarding the Traffic Management Plan he said the maps were not ready for public display yet. Replying to Councillor O'Hora the Manager said it would be unusual to hold a public forum prior to the opening of a road.

Replying to Councillor Kitt the Town Engineer said re-lining on Tullinadaly Road will be carried out at the same time as the lining of the inner relief road.

Councillor Reilly welcomed the start of work in Tuam Cemetery. The Members complimented Councillor Ward for his work on the Cemetery project.

Regarding the proposed abolition of Town Councils Councillor Reilly told the Members that a good meeting had been held with Ballinasloe and Loughrea Town Councils. At a meeting of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland in Dublin on Saturday there was full support for the retention of Town Councils. Letter dated 21st November, 2011 from office of Mr. Phil Hogan T. D., Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government was read.

Councillor O'Grady stated that an application to extend the Tuam Town Boundary some years ago was supported by Officials. The Population of the town, which was 7,500 within the boundary and 13,500 in the hinterland, was an accurate figure.

The Manager presented maps showing the various boundaries, Town Boundary, CSO Boundary and LAP Boundary. Replying to Councillor O'Grady Mr. Gilmore said he would talk to the IT people and see if an up-to-date estimate of the population of the town can be ascertained. Councillor O'Grady said it was important that these documents be lodged with the Sub-committee set up by the Minister. It was proposed by Councillor Reilly, seconded by the Mayor and agreed to hold a special meeting regarding the Town Boundary and Population Statistics. Councillor Flanagan said it was expected that the Minister would make an announcement at the February/Spring Seminar of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland.

Replying to Councillor O'Grady regarding C.C.T.V. the Town Engineer said the Gardai were satisfied with C.C.T.V. An investigation of the Purcell/Strockwell road camera stated there was nothing wrong with the camera. The Manager agreed to have the cameras checked and a report prepared. Councillor O'Grady asked that work on the Town Hall Clock be completed before Christmas and the bunting be removed.

Manager's Business:

Replying to Councillor Kelly regarding the Astro-turf Pitches and grant of E180,000-00 Mr. Gilmore stated that Galway County Council had received approval from the Department of Tourism, Culture and Sport for an alternative site. An advertisement will be placed in the local papers inviting proposals. The Members welcomed this.

Councillor O'Grady asked that a copy of the letter be circulated to the Members of the Town Council.

Tuam Water Distribution and Main Drainage Scheme:

The Mayor welcomed Mr. Dermot Collins, Project Engineer to the meeting. Mr. Collins told the Members it was 21 months since the scheme was started and work is on schedule to be completed in March 2012. Work at Curragh Park, Parkview Drive and the inner relief road will be completed before Christmas. Work on the N17 has been suspended until after Christmas. Work on Bishop Street will commence in January. Work was to commence that night at Tubberjarlath and Church View. Work at Church View will be completed in two weeks.

Councillor Kelly told the Members that the Residents of Church View had received notice that day that work was to commence on Church View the next day. The road from Church View/Social Welfare Office to the Railway Gates will be closed with traffic being diverted through Barrack Street. She said work had been suspended on the N17 until after Christmas in an effort to relieve congestion in the town for the Christmas period. She said Church View is a main entrance road to the town and pleaded that this work also be suspended until after Christmas. She proposed work be carried out in housing estates where there would be less disruption to traffic flow in the town. Mr. Gilmore stated that this matter had been discussed at meeting of Galway County Council earlier that day and there were suggestions made that would impact less on the town centre. Replying to Councillor Kitt, who said there was genuine concern regarding disruption and traffic chaos in the town leading up to Christmas by the work at Church View, Mr. Collins said if it was not working out the contractor would take immediate action.

Replying to Councillor O'Grady regarding McHale Terrace Mr. Collins said the design for the drainage had to be finalized. It is hoped to expedite the work and have it completed before Christmas. Replying to Councillor Bane regarding manhole covers he said Coffey Contractors were working on Ballygaddy Road that night.

Tuam Tidy Towns:

The Mayor welcomed Mr. Pat Fahy and Mr. Joe Grogan to the meeting. Mr. Fahy and Mr. Grogan, who were seeking the support of the Town Council in their efforts to enhance the town, outlined Tuam Tidy Towns committee's plans for the next three years. They paid tribute to the work done at the Railway Station and Gilmartin Road. Mr. Gilmore stated that the Town Council had planned to carry out some schemes on completion of the Tuam Water Distribution and Main Drainage Scheme. He suggested that a sub-committee with the Town Council be formed and proposals be submitted to Galway County Council. He said he had met with representatives of the Volvo Ocean Race that morning, this event has the potential to attract crowds three or four times greater than in 2009 and Tuam could benefit if preparations were put in place.

It was proposed by Councillor Kelly that the Town Council support the competition for Residential Estates. Regarding the Railway Station it was proposed by Councillor Reilly, seconded by the Mayor and agreed to invite a representative of Iarnrod Eireann to a meeting of the Board.

Tuam Stadium:

It was proposed by Councillor Bane, seconded by the Councillor Ward and agreed to invite the Chairman and Secretary of the Tuam Stadium Committee and the Chairman of the County football Board to the January meeting of the Town Council.

Power to Make Bye-laws – Local Government Act, 2001;

It was proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Reilly and agreed to defer discussion on 'Power to Make Bye-laws' to the January meeting.

A. O. B.:

It was proposed by Councillor Reilly, seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed to include septic tanks on the agenda for the January meeting.

Regarding the Old Library Building it was proposed by Councillor Reilly, seconded by the Mayor and agreed that Mr. Eugene Cummins, Director of Services be invited to the January meeting of the Board.

Councillor Bane asked that a hedge adjacent to Glynn's be cut.

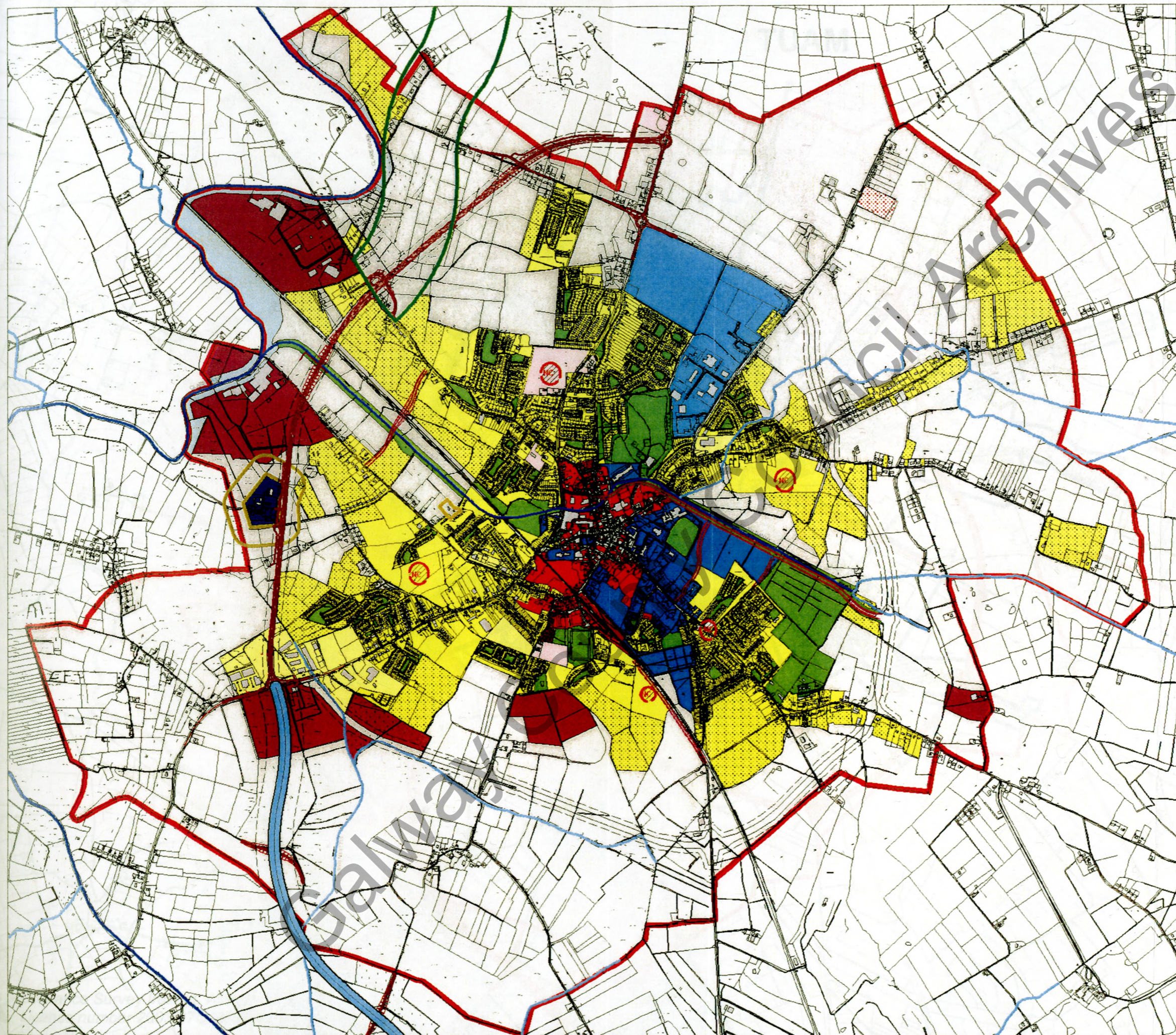
This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:

Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

Signed by:


MAYOR



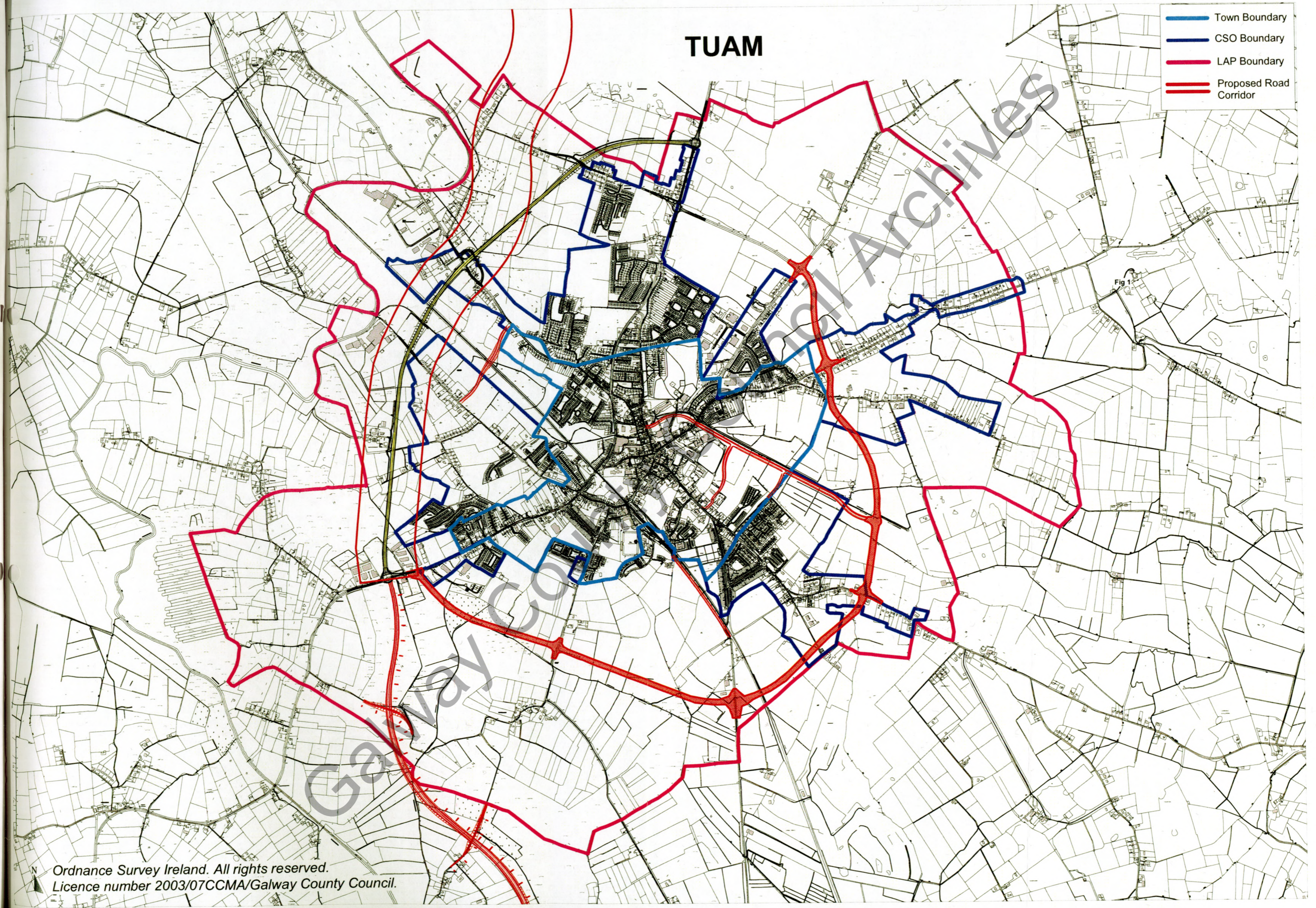
- LAP Plan Boundary
- EM - Environmental Management Area
- R1 - Residential (Phase 1)
- R2 - Residential (Phase 2)
- C1 - Town Centre / Commercial
- C2 - Commercial / Mixed Use
- C - Commercial
- NC - Neighborhood Centre (Indicative)
- OS - Open Space / Recreation / Amenity & Green Network
- BT - Business and Technology Park
- BE - Business and Enterprise
- I - Industrial
- PU - Public Utilities
- A - Agriculture
- CF - Community Facilities
- Buffer Zone
- Inner Relief Road/Inner Relief Streets
- N17 Tuam Bypass Scheme (Type 2 Dual Carriageway)
- M18/M17 Gort to Tuam (Motorway)
- N17 Tuam to Claremorris Road Scheme



**TUAM LAP 2011-2017
MAP 1A LAND USE ZONING**

TUAM

- Town Boundary
- CSO Boundary
- LAP Boundary
- Proposed Road Corridor



TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Budget of Expenses Meeting held on Monday, 28th November, 2011

Present:

Mayor: Councillor Loftus

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

Officials:

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

The Prayer was recited.

Budget of Expenses:

Mr. Gilmore introduced the Draft Budget of Expenses for the year 2012 which had been circulated to each Member and advertised. He said it was not proposed to increase the rate for 2012. He said total expenditure for 2012 is estimated at E174,350-00 while receipts are estimated at E53,300-00.

The Councillors examined the various items of expenditure and receipts proposed in the Budget of Expenses. Mr. Gilmore said all items of expenditure had been examined and reduced where possible. He reminded the Members of the loss of revenue from the Courts Service.

Following discussion it was proposed by the Councillor O'Grady, seconded by the Mayor and agreed that the rate in the Euro of 3.66 be adopted. It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor O'Grady and agreed that the draft Budget of Expenses be adopted, the net amount of E106,506-00 be demanded from Galway County Council in respect of year ending 31st December, 2012 and the form of Demand be signed by the Mayor and the Town Clerk.

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY: _____
MAYOR

**Draft Budget of Expenses for the Year to 31st December 2012
Tuam Town Council**

Receipts

	Outturn 2011	Est For 2012
Housing		
1 Rents	€ 50,000.00	€ 45,000.00
2 Annuities		
3 Ground Rents	€ 530.00	€ 300.00
Total	€ 50,530.00	€ 45,300.00
General		
Interest Bank	€ 5,752.00	€ 5,000.00
GalwayCoCo	€ 3,000.00	€ 3,000.00
Total	€ 8,752.00	€ 8,000.00
Miscellaneous		
Total Receipts	€ 59,282.00	€ 53,300.00
Gilmartin Road cleanup c/f from 2010	€ 30,000.00	
Opening Credit (Debit) Balance		€ 10,534.00
Estimated Expenditure for year	€ 185,264.00	€ 174,350.00
Estimated receipts for year	€ 59,282.00	€ 57,300.00
Final Estimated Outturn	(€ 95,982.00)	(€ 106,516.00)
Amount of demand 2011 and estimated 2012	€ 106,516.00	€ 106,516.00
Closing (Debit)\Credit Balance	€ 10,534.00	€ 0.00

Summary for 2012	
Rate in Euro	3.66
Percentage Increase in rates	0.00%

Draft Budget of Expenses for the Year to 31st December 2012
Tuam Town Council

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1 Repairs	€ 30,000.00	€ 27,500.00
1a Replace kitchens	€ 2,000.00	€ 2,000.00
2 Legal Expenses	€ 590.00	€ 700.00
3 Insurance	€ 13,648.00	€ 14,000.00
4 Town Clerks Salary 50%	€ 7,900.00	€ 5,000.00
5 Town Engineers Salary 80%	€ 6,080.00	€ 6,080.00
6 Pension	€ 0.00	€ 2,800.00
7 Printing, Post, Stationery, Advertising	€ 600.00	€ 600.00
8 Rent Collection	€ 2,800.00	€ 2,700.00
	€ 63,618.00	€ 61,380.00
General		
1 Rent, Rates on Town Hall	€ 892.00	€ 1,500.00
2 Office Expenses	€ 2,200.00	€ 2,000.00
3 Legal Expenses	€ 0.00	€ 0.00
4 Town Clerks Salary 50%	€ 7,900.00	€ 5,000.00
5 Town Engineers Salary 20%	€ 1,520.00	€ 1,520.00
6 Audit Fee	€ 0.00	€ 5,400.00
7 Print, Post etc.	€ 800.00	€ 800.00
8 Town Hall	€ 20,000.00	€ 25,000.00
9 Municipal Authorities	€ 2,840.00	€ 3,500.00
10 Receptions/Presentations	€ 1,500.00	€ 2,000.00
11 Twinning	€ 1,283.00	€ 1,500.00
12 Members Expenses LG14-02	€ 9,162.00	€ 9,162.00
13 Rep. Allowance	€ 22,348.00	€ 22,348.00
14 Tuam Chamber of Commerce Christmas Lights	€ 10,000.00	€ 10,000.00
CCTV	€ 3,500.00	€ 13,500.00
Gilmartin Road cleanup	€ 30,000.00	€ 0.00
18 Town Enhancement	€ 5,000.00	€ 5,000.00
19 Local Elections Expenses		€ 2,000.00
Refund of Rent	€ 239.00	
21 Contribution to the Arts	€ 1,500.00	€ 1,500.00
22 Miscellaneous and other expenses	€ 962.00	€ 1,240.00
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AGENDA

Budget of Expenses for 2012

Adoption of Rate for 2012

Budget of Expenses for the year to 31st December 2012
Tuam Town Council

Tuam Town Council

(Draft)

Budget of Expenses

for
year ending

31st December 2012

Presented to the Council
Monday 21st November 2011

Adopted 28.11.11

Galway County Council Archives

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Tuam Water Distribution and Main Drainage Scheme:

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Tuam Stadium

Power to make Bye-law – Local Government Act, 2001

A. O. B.

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday 7th November, 2011

Present: **Mayor:** Councillor Loftus

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

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

The Prayer was recited.

The Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday, 3rd October, 2011 was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by Councillor Flanagan. The Minutes of special Meeting held on Monday 10th October, 2011 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Kitt seconded by Councillor Reilly. The Minutes of special Meeting held on Tuesday 18th October, 2011 was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Kitt seconded by Councillor Kelly. The Minutes of special meeting held on Monday 24th October, 2011 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by the Mayor.

Matters arising from the Minutes:

Replying to Councillor Flanagan regarding the inner relief road Mr. Gilmore said temporary arrangements will be in place when the road is opened. He was of the opinion that Foster Place will be two-way. A new Traffic Management process has commenced and Mr. Liam Gavin will bring a presentation to the Board early in 2012. Replying to Councillor Flanagan he said the plans/maps will be available at the Area Office and people may make submissions.

Regarding the old Library Building Councillor O'Hora told the Members he had met with Mr. Eugene Cummins, Director of Services. He said there were 14 or 15 Groups who needed a facility and he intended to pursue the matter. He also intended to talk to the Arts Officer. It was proposed by Councillor Reilly, seconded by the Mayor and agreed to invite Mr. Cummins to a meeting of the Board.

Replying to Councillor Reilly the Town Engineer agreed to investigate regarding lights for Bobby Burke road.

Manager's Business:

Mr. Gilmore informed the Members that the Budget of Expenses for 2012 will have to be finalized in mid December. He intends to call a meeting in the next two weeks.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 28th September, 2011 from Monaghan Town Council – read.

Letter dated 10th October, 2011 from Irish Public Bodies – read.

Letter dated 17th October, 2011 from Supt. Gearoid Begley regarding CCTV. It was proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Flanagan and agreed that extra cameras be provided. Councillor Reilly asked that an existing camera be re-located.

Letter dated 21st October, 2011 from Office of Mr. Phil Hogan, Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government – read.

Letter dated 26th October, 2011 from Community, Enterprise & Economic Development Unit, Galway County Council – read.

Bord Gais:

Letter dated 4th November, 2011 from Bord Gais – read.

Tuam Mill Museum:

The Mayor welcomed Dr. Tony Claffey and Dr. Riana O'Dwyer to the meeting. Dr. Claffey spoke on Tuam's Milling Heritage, the Little Mill (Farrell's) and Tuam Mill Museum. Dr. O'Dwyer outlined the plan to restore and refurbish the Mill, the Mill Wheel, the Miller's House, the adjoining exhibition area and surrounding grounds. There was unanimous support for the project. It was proposed by Councillor Reilly, seconded by Councillor Kitt and agreed to look at the Town Enhancement Fund with a view to making a contribution to the restoration project.

Tuam Athletic Club.:

The Mayor welcomed Mr. Paddy Gilmore, Mr. Brendan Monaghan, Ms. Patricia Monaghan, Mr. Seamus Walsh and Mr. Dan O'Rourke to the meeting. Mr. Monaghan outlined the activities of Tuam Athletic Club and their plans for the future. It was proposed by Councillor O'Grady seconded by Councillor Reilly and agreed that Tuam Athletic Club should be accommodated at Lands owned by Galway County Council at Weir Road. It was agreed that Tuam Athletic Club make a formal application to Galway County Council.

Mayor of County Galway:

The Mayor and Members welcomed Councillor Michael Maher, Mayor of County Galway to the meeting. Councillor Maher said he was a member of Loughrea Town Council. He said Tuam is the only Hub town in the County and as such has benefited from investment in the Tuam Water Distribution and Main Drainage Scheme which will reap huge benefits for the town in the future. He hoped the M17/18 and Tuam By-pass would go ahead. He had recently spoken to Mr. Phil Hogan, Minister for the Environment and impressed upon him the importance of retaining Town Councils and having representation at grass roots level. Councillor Bane urged the County Mayor to exert pressure on the I. D. A. to bring jobs to Tuam and Councillor O'Grady urged the Mayor to push for investment in Tuam. Councillor Kelly asked the Mayor to liaise with Galway County Council in trying to have the Astro-turf pitches located at the Weir Road.

Mayor Maher thanked the Members for inviting him and said he had taken on board the issues raised. He hopes to have some answers when he returns to the Council prior to the conclusion of his term as County Mayor.

Councillor Bane asked that Tuam Stadium be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

A. O. B.:

Councillor Bane asked that something be done about parking beside the Bicycle Shop at the bottom of Tullinadaly Road. He also asked that loose manhole covers at Ballygaddy Road be attended to.

Councillor Ward told the Members application had been made to the T.U.S. programme operated by Galway Rural Development and three people had been appointed. Work at Tuam cemetery will start on 14th November, 2011.

Regarding the gatehouse it was agreed to contact Ms. Marie Mannion, Heritage Officer, Galway County Council.

It was proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Kitt and agreed that the Power to make bye-law – Environmental Law, Local Government Act, 2001 be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

Sympathy:

A vote of sympathy was passed with the Shaughnessy and Fahy Families on the death of Annette Fahy, the Healy Family on the death of Seamus, the Gleeson Family on the death of Clodagh, the Freeley Family on the death of Sean and the Burke Family, Marley on the death of Teresa.

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY:


MAYOR

Tuam Mill Museum
Presentation to Tuam Town Council
Monday, 7th November 2011
Refurbishment Plans for Tuam Mill Museum

Dr. Tony Claffey: Introduction

Tuam's Milling Heritage
The Little Mill (Farrell's)
Tuam Mill Museum

Dr. Riana O'Dwyer: The Plans

- * Need to refurbish Mill and related buildings, and inform Tuam Town Council of the plans and future outcomes.
- * A Committee is in place to refurbish and improve the Mill Building, the Mill Wheel, and the adjoining Miller's House.
- * The main Mill building is a protected structure, and we have taken advice from a conservation architect. Any work on this building will conform to proper conservation standards.
- * The Miller's House and surrounding grounds are also in need of attention.

Objectives:

- * To restore the Mill itself and the Mill Wheel to their former glory, and to re-open it to visitors.
- * To improve the Miller's House so that it can be available for community use, and for sustainable community enterprise.

Phase One:

- * To refurbish the Miller's House and its adjoining exhibition area, using up-to-date methods of heating and insulation to ensure sustainability.
- * Galway County Council is supporting this phase financially, and is handling the tendering process. Works will begin in the coming months.
- * The Mill Museum Committee is about to begin fundraising for this phase and also for Phase Two, the Mill Wheel, and Phase Three, the Mill building itself.
- * An important part of the process is to inform members of the Town Council of the project, and to seek your support.

Phase One will install new central heating and a new boiler in the Miller's House and Exhibition Area, refurbish the toilets, and bring the meeting room up to current standards. Part of the building is currently occupied by Corrib Country Ltd, which arranges home-stays in local accommodation for educational and heritage tourism, and is our partner-tenant in this project.

Outcome: When work is completed, we envisage that Tuam will have another amenity building of high quality, open to visitors, and available to community groups for activities such as committee meetings, rehearsals, receptions, etc. The work will also serve as a model of best-practice in terms of sustainability. We seek your support in this endeavour, and look forward to keeping you informed of progress.

Tuam Athletic Club

- Tuam Athletic Club is one of the longest established sports clubs in the North Galway area with a very proud history. Tuam AC has been very active since it was first established and numerous County, Regional and National Athletics and Cross Country Championships have been held in Tuam.
- Tuam AC has 96 fully registered members in 2011 and we hope to exceed 100 members in 2012. The membership is made up of Juveniles, Junior, Senior and Master members.
- Tuam AC members range in age from 5 yrs to over 80 yrs and we have members competing from 7 yrs of age to 76 yrs.
- Tuam AC members regularly compete at All Ireland level and Juvenile athletes have qualified for the All Ireland's on every occasion for at least the last 10 years.
- During the last 10 years Tuam AC juvenile members have won a number of All Ireland medals. Senior and Master athletes have also won a number of National medals.
- Tuam AC organizes two of the largest sports events in the town each year. The New Year 8km Road Race attracted almost 500 entries in January 2011 and the 5km Road Race in May 2011 attracted 750 entries which sold out in less than 24 hours.
- Tuam AC is self-financing and our ethos is to provide training and competition to the children of Tuam and surrounding area free of charge. We only seek an annual registration fee of €20 per member and €17 of this amount goes towards registration and insurance with Athletics Ireland.
- Tuam AC currently train indoors during the winter at St Brigids Secondary School Gym and outdoors at Toghermore Health Campus.
- Tuam AC need a permanent base to develop a proper training facility and to continue to expand the club in our community.

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Date: 17-Oct-11

Please quote the following Ref Number:

Your Ref:

Ms. Angela Holian
Town Clerk,
Town Clerk's Office,
Town Hall,
Tuam,
Co. Galway

Re. Additional CCTV for Tuam Town

Dear Ms. Holian,

Following the last Tuam Town Joint Policing Committee Meeting on 27th June 2011, Mr. Frank Gilmore, Director of Services, stated to the Gardai present, that if any locations were identified for extra CCTV cameras in Tuam, that application could be made to his office for same. As a result of this, I have discussed this issue with my Inspector and Sergeant in charge, and three locations have been identified for the provision of new cameras, which would, in my view, prove advantageous in the prevention and detection of crime and public order issues. The proposed locations are as follows:

1. At the top of Vicar Street, pointed towards the Dublin Road. This would enable observation of Dublin Road, taking in the two main banks and the area adjacent to Supermacs on the Dublin Road. This location has previously been discussed at JPC meetings, but to date, has not been provided. The Square is already covered by cameras, with one of these camera to be re-located to a more strategic location.
2. A static camera, possibly over a premises, such as the Square Inn (subject to the proprietor's permission), would taken in the parts of the Square which is not currently covered by the camera on the Town Hall. The provision of this camera, together with the camera described at (1) above, and the Town Hall camera, would provide invaluable cover of the main Square in Tuam.

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3. Finally, the third location identified is on a suitable location on High Street, pointed up High Street. This area is a regular location at night, particularly at weekends, for public order offences and assaults, and a camera in this area would prove most beneficial in the prevention and detection of such offences.

In order to obtain the optimum benefit from these cameras, from an evidential point of view, I would consider it essential that any camera, if provided, should be static. In the event of any offence occurring and being captured on CCTV, the full CCTV would then be available for the investigation and court presentation purposes.

Insp. O'Dwyer has spoken to Mr. Gilmore on 7th October in relation to this matter, who has advised that a proposal for the provision of same be submitted to him via your office.

I am convinced that the provision of the requested cameras would be of immense assistance to the work of An Garda Siochana in Tuam, whilst at the same time, provide re-assurance to the public in Tuam town centre.

Yours sincerely,

Gearoid Begley Supt.
(G. Begley)

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ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

Local Government Act, 2001

Power to make bye-law

S.199.—(1) Subject to subsection (7), a local authority may make a bye-law for or in relation to the use, operation, protection, regulation or management of any land, services, or any other matter provided by or under the control or management of the local authority, whether within or without its functional area or in relation to any connected matter.

(2)(a) Subject to this subsection and subsection (7), a local authority may make a bye-law where in its opinion it is desirable in the interests of the common good of the local community—

(i) that any activity or other matter should be regulated or controlled by bye-law, or

(ii) that any nuisance should be controlled or suppressed by bye-law.

(b) A bye-law may not be made under this subsection for a purpose as respects which provision for that particular purpose is made by or under any other enactment or may be made under such enactment.

(3) Any bye-law may include such provisions as the local authority considers appropriate for its effective application, operation and enforcement and generally to achieve the purposes for which it is made, including—

(a) its application at all times or at specified times;

(b) its application throughout the functional area of the local authority or in any specified part of that functional area;

(c) the prohibition of any activity, matter or thing;

(d) the prescription of specified standards or requirements for, or in relation to, specified activities, matters or things;

(e) the exception of classes of persons or things from the bye-law either subject to or without compliance with specified conditions;

(f) the conduct of persons at specified places or in specified circumstances;

(g) the issue of licences or other authorisations by the local authority subject to or without condition and to have effect permanently or for a specified period;

(h) the payment of a fee or charge at a specified time by any person in respect of any specified matter governed by a bye-law;

(i) the specification of a fine for a contravention of a specified provision of a bye-law as provided by section 205;

(j) the specification of a fixed payment as an alternative to a prosecution for a contravention of a specified provision of a bye-law as provided for by section 206.

(4)(a) A local authority may, subject to this Part, amend any bye-law made by it.

(b) A local authority may revoke any bye-law made by it with effect from such day as is specified in the resolution.

(5) The approval of a draft bye-law, the consideration of submissions in relation to such draft bye-law and the making, amendment or revocation of a bye-law, are each reserved functions.

(6) The power of a local authority to make a bye-law in respect of its functional area includes a power to make a bye-law in respect of the foreshore and of coastal waters adjoining that functional area and with the agreement of any other local

authority, of the coastal waters adjoining the functional area of that other local authority.

(7) The appropriate Minister may by regulation prescribe matters or classes of matters in respect of which local authorities are not entitled to make a bye-law.

(8)(a) Where, for given reasons, the appropriate Minister considers that a bye-law or any provision of it is objectionable and so notifies the local authority in writing then, if the local authority does not revoke or amend the bye-law in conformity with the notice, that Minister may by order under this subsection do so with effect from a specified day.

(b) Section 4(4)(c) applies to an order made under paragraph (a).

Procedure for making bye-law.

S.200.—(1) Not less than 2 months before a local authority makes a bye-law, the local authority shall publish a notice in one or more newspapers circulating in the area to which the proposal relates—

- (a) indicating that it is proposed to make a bye-law and stating its general purpose and where appropriate, that provision is to be made for the imposition of fixed payments in accordance with section 206,
- (b) indicating the times at which and the period, which shall be not less than one month, during which a copy of the draft bye-law will be available for public inspection, at such place as is specified in the notice,
- (c) stating that a copy of the draft bye-law will be given to any person applying for it on payment of such specified sum, if any, as the local authority may have fixed,
- (d) stating that the local authority will consider any submissions in relation to the draft which are submitted to the authority in writing by any person before such date as may be specified, not being less than 7 days after the end of the period for inspection of the draft bye-law, and
- (e) where a bye-law is subject to the approval of the appropriate Minister the notice shall comply with ^{section 201}(2)(b).

(2)(a) During the period indicated under subsection (1)(b), the local authority shall keep a copy of the draft bye-law open for public inspection, during ordinary office hours at the place specified in the notice and any person may apply for a copy of it.

(b) A copy of the draft bye-law may be obtained by any person on the payment to the local authority concerned of such fee (if any) as the local authority fixes not exceeding the reasonable cost of copying it.

(3) A local authority shall on, or as soon as may be after, the publication by it of a notice under subsection (1), send a copy of such notice together with a copy of the relevant draft bye-law to such persons as may be prescribed by regulations made by the Minister and different provisions may be prescribed for different classes of bye-law.

(4) The local authority shall consider any submissions made to it under subsection (1) and not withdrawn and may then—

- (a) make the bye-law either in accordance with the draft or subject to such changes as the local authority may, at its discretion, determine, or
- (b) not make the bye-law.

- (5) (a) A bye-law made by a local authority, other than a bye-law to which section 201 applies, shall come into force on such date as shall be specified in the bye-law, which is not less than 30 days after its making.
- (b) A bye-law to which section 201 applies shall not come into force unless approved by the appropriate Minister under that section.

Certain bye-laws to be submitted to appropriate Minister.

S.201.—(1) This section applies to a bye-law which by virtue of regulations under subsection (2) is required to be submitted to the appropriate Minister.

- (2)(a) The appropriate Minister may make regulations under this section for the purpose of designating any matter or classes of matters in relation to which a bye-law requires the approval of that Minister and any such bye-law made subsequent to the commencement of such regulations shall not come into operation unless so approved.
- (b) Subject to this section, section 200 applies to a bye-law to which this section applies but a notice to be published by the local authority under section 200(1) shall state that the bye-law to be made by the local authority is subject to the approval of the appropriate Minister and that the authority is required to submit all submissions which it receives to that Minister together with its comments (if any) on them.

(3) A local authority shall, as soon as may be after the making under section 200 of a bye-law to which this section applies, submit a copy to the appropriate Minister together with a copy of any submissions made to the authority under section 200(1) and not withdrawn and any comments which it may wish to make on those submissions.

(4) The appropriate Minister, having considered the documents submitted by the local authority under subsection (3), may—

- (a) approve the bye-law, or
- (b) approve the bye-law subject to such amendments as that Minister may incorporate in it, or
- (c) refuse to approve the bye-law.

(5) The appropriate Minister shall in approving a bye-law under this section endorse on it a statement that the bye-law has been so approved and shall specify the date on which it shall come into operation.

Publication of bye-law.

S.202.—(1) Notice of the making of a bye-law, or approval in the case of a bye-law to which ^{section 201} applies, and of the place where copies of the bye-law may be purchased or inspected shall be published in the Iris Oifigiúil and in one or more newspapers circulating in the area to which the bye-law relates.

(2) The notice referred to in subsection (1) shall include—

- (a) a statement of the general purposes for which the bye-law was made,
- (b) the date on which it comes into force,
- (c) a statement that a copy of the bye-law may be inspected, during ordinary office hours, at the principal offices of the local authority, and
- (d) a statement that a copy of the bye-law will be given to any person applying for it on payment of a specified fee, not exceeding the reasonable cost of making such copy.

- (3)(a) The local authority shall keep a copy of the bye-law open for public inspection during ordinary office hours at the principal offices of the local authority and any person may apply for a copy of it.
- (b) A copy of the bye-law may be obtained by any person on the payment to the local authority concerned of such fee (if any) as the local authority fixes not exceeding the reasonable cost of the making of a copy.
- (4) Failure to publish notice of the making of, or as appropriate, the approval of, or to make available a copy of, any bye-law does not invalidate that bye-law.
- (5)(a) Where a bye-law relates to the use, regulation or management of land provided by a local authority, a local authority shall endeavour to keep a notice displayed at or near such land that a bye-law applies to it.
- (b) Failure to provide or to keep a notice under paragraph (a) is not a defence in any prosecution for contravention of a provision of a bye-law.
- (6) A local authority shall maintain a register of bye-laws made by it under this Part and under Part VII of the Local Government Act, 1994, and the register shall—
 - (a) be available for public inspection at the principal offices of the local authority during normal office hours, and
 - (b) include the date of the coming into operation, the area of application, and an indication of the subject matter of all bye-laws made by the authority.

Proof of bye-law.

S.203.—Whenever required so to do by any court, it is the duty of a local authority, to produce to that court a true copy of any bye-law and to verify the copy to that court by having endorsed on the copy a certificate signed by an employee (whose official position it is not necessary to prove) of the local authority, by which the bye-law was made and that court shall receive the copy in evidence and, accordingly, the copy as so certified is evidence of the bye-law unless the contrary is shown.

Obstruction, etc. of authorised person.

- S.204.**—(1) In this section "authorised person" means a person authorised in writing by a local authority for the purpose of this section or, except in the case of subsection (4), a member of the Garda Síochána.
- (2) An authorised person may request any person who appears to be contravening or to have contravened a provision of a bye-law relating to any land, service or any other thing provided by or under the control or management of the local authority to leave such land or to refrain from any activity and may remove any person failing to comply with such request.
 - (3)(a) A person who obstructs or impedes or refuses to comply with a request of an authorised person acting in the exercise of the functions conferred on an authorised person by this Part is guilty of an offence.
 - (b) Where an authorised person is of the opinion that a person is committing or has committed an offence to which this section or section 205 relates, the authorised person may demand the name and address of such person and if that demand is refused or the person gives a name or address which is false or misleading, that person is guilty of an offence.
 - (c) A person who is convicted of an offence under this subsection is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding €1904.61.

(d) Where a member of the Garda Síochána is of the opinion that a person is committing or has committed an offence to which this section or section 205 relates, that member may arrest the person without warrant.

(4) A person is not bound to comply with a request of an authorised person under this section unless the authorised person produces, if requested by the person, evidence of appointment as an authorised person for the purpose of this Part.

Bye-law offences and penalties

S.205.—(1) A person who contravenes a provision of any bye-law is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding €1,904.61 or such lesser amount as may be specified in the bye-law in respect of such contravention.

(2) If the contravention of a provision of a bye-law is continued after conviction, the person causing the contravention is guilty of an offence on each day on which that contravention continues and is liable on summary conviction for each such offence to a fine not exceeding €127 or such lesser amount as may be specified in the bye-law in respect of such contravention.

Fixed payment notices

S.206.—(1) A bye-law may provide for a person to be served with a notice, specifying a fixed payment, not exceeding such amount as may be prescribed by regulations made by the Minister, in respect of a contravention of a bye-law as an alternative to a prosecution for the contravention and where the bye-law so provides it shall specify—

- (a) the amount of the fixed payment, and
- (b) the period within which it must be paid in order to avoid prosecution.

(2) A notice referred to in subsection (1) shall specify—

- (a) the name and address of the alleged offender,
- (b) in general terms the nature of the contravention alleged to have been committed,
- (c) the date and place of the alleged contravention,
- (d) the amount of the payment,
- (e) the period within which and the place where the fixed payment may be made, and
- (f) that the alleged offender is entitled to disregard the notice and defend a prosecution of the alleged contravention in court.

(3) A fixed payment shall not exceed the maximum fine duly provided for in respect of the alleged contravention concerned.

(4) Where a fixed payment has been duly paid in respect of an alleged contravention by a person, no proceedings shall be instituted against the person in respect of the alleged contravention.

Prosecution of offences (Part 1^c)

S.207.—An offence under this Part may be prosecuted by the local authority which made the relevant bye-law, by any other local authority acting on its behalf or by a member of the Garda Síochána.

Payments of fines and fixed payments

S.208.—All fines in respect of offences under this Part and all fixed payments to which section 206 relates shall be paid to the local authority by which the relevant bye-law was made.

Continuation in force of existing bye-laws, etc.

S.209.—(1) Every bye-law made under Part VII of the Local Government Act, 1994, and subsisting at the commencement of this provision, shall continue in force as if made under this Part and may be amended or revoked as if made under this Part.

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2nd November, 2011

To each Member of Tuam Town Council

A Chara,

The Monthly Meeting of Tuam Town Council will be held in the
Town Hall on Monday, 7th November, 2011 at 7.00 p.m. You are hereby
summoned to attend.

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Angel Holian

Baile Cleireach

Agenda

Minutes

Manager's Business

Correspondence

Bord Gais

Tuam Mill Museum Committee - Deputation ✓

Tuam Athletic Club - Deputation ✓

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MAYOR OF THE COUNTY

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 03/10/2011

<u>Present:</u>	Mayor Co. Loftus
<u>Town Councillors:</u>	E. Kitt, S.A. Flanagan, O. Ward, P. O'Hora, I Kelly, T. Reilly
<u>Co. Councillors:</u>	T. McHugh, S. Canney, M. Connolly, P. Roche, S. Cunniffe, M. Hoade
<u>Officials:</u>	F. Gilmore D.O.S, E. Gallagher Town Engineer, M. Dunne A.S.O
<u>Apology:</u>	Town Councillors: L. Bane, P. O'Grady,
	Town Clerk: A. Holian

The prayer was recited.

Mayor Loftus welcomed Tuam Electoral Area Council members. Replying to Cllr. Kelly regarding use of the Old Library Building at Shop Street, Cllr. Cunniffe said that he was informed by Mr. Kevin Kelly, D.O.S. that the plan was originally to sell the building and proceeds of the sale would go towards the funding the of loan raised for the New Regional offices and Library. However due to market conditions there is no plan to sell at present. Cllr. Ward informed the meeting that he was aware of the 14 groups interested in leasing the building. Cllr. O'Hora, Chair of Area Implementation Team had list of groups who expressed interest. Cllr Connolly suggested that dialogue be opened on the matter. Cllr. McHugh said that all interested groups should combine and make a joint proposal and Galway County Council would look favourably on it. It was proposed by Cllr. Kelly and seconded by Cllr Reilly that D.O.S. Eugene Cummins be invited to attend the monthly meeting or another meeting to discuss the matter. Mr. Gilmore agreed to arrange a meeting.

Mayor Loftus asked for an update on the provision of car taxing facilities at the Regional Offices. Cllr. Reilly welcomed the County Council members and requested that serious consideration be given to the provision of the Motor Tax facility at Tuam Regional Office and asked the Council members to follow up the matter.

Cllr. Kitt stated that a lot of people use online and the demand for a full Motor Tax service needs to be identified before a proposal is made. Cllr. McHugh suggested that a survey be carried out from the Motor Tax Office to determine the number of on – line users and callers to the office .

many on line users there are and how many Cllr. S.A Flanagan and Cllr. O'Hora pointed out occasions where online is not an option eg taxing a commercial vehicle and paying arrears.

Cllr. Roche suggested that the Town Council could prepare list of proposals and Area Councillors could take these proposals to local area level.

Mr. Gilmore stated that it was intended that a Motor Tax facility would be provided at the Regional Office, however staff resources are not available at present and there are other issues relating to security and direct links to main system to be considered before this service could be considered.

Mayor Loftus asked for update a situation relating to taxi ranks. Cllr. Connolly stated that he had raised the matter of the Tuam Traffic Management Plan at the County Council meeting. Replying to Cllr. Kelly , Mr. Gilmore stated that a Traffic Management Plan review will take place when works on the Main Drainage Scheme finishes and public consultation will be part of the process.

Cllr. Reilly asked if Foster Street will be open to two way traffic when the inner relief road is opened . Town Engineer, Enda Gallagher, stated that there was no proposal to make Foster Street two way when the inner relief road opens but the potential was there to review arrangements at a later date. Cllr. Kelly and Cllr. Flanagan were concerned at the lack of information. Cllr. Reilly asked if the Traffic Management Plan could be fast-tracked. Cllr. Canney suggested that the Council present plans for the inner relief road at the next Town Council meeting.

Mayor Loftus requested that the Square would facilitate a market place to bring trade into town centre. Cllr Mc Hugh stated that he understood that the initial thinking was that the Shambles was to be the location for the Town Market .

Cllr Kitt asked if the bridge at Shop Street would be reinstated to its original condition.

Mr Gilmore stated that he understood that the bridge was to be curved but he would check this out.

A proposal was made by Cllr. Flanagan and seconded by Cllr. Reilly that the matter of allowing free parking for a few hours in Tuam town on Friday or Saturday morning be placed on the agenda for the next Electoral Area meeting.

Mr. Gilmore stated that this should be considered in the context of the upcoming budget and that free parking may be abused.

Cllr. Ward raised the matter of a Preservation order for Palace Grounds. Mr Gilmore stated that the Park is zoned as Recreation and Amenity and this is the highest possible status of protection available. Protection of the park is a democratic process ,any development there must go through the planning process and would be subject to approval by the elected members .

Cllr. Reilly stated that public lighting on Galway road and Dunmore road needs to be extended and NOM allocations of €10,000 was made available previously for the Dunmore Rd. Mayor Loftus stated public lighting is needed from West Wing to Town . Cllr. McHugh asked for update on Public Lighting on Dunmore Road.

The Town Engineer stated that there is no record of NOM funds being allocated for these projects . The N17 and N83 are National Routes and any new lights must comply with National Route Lighting Designs .

Cllr. Canney enquired regarding synchronising traffic lights on N17. Application for funding has been made to N.R.A.

Cllr. Reilly stated that some areas, eg. Dunmore Road, Birmingham Road are not included in the main sewerage scheme and this is a lost opportunity. Cllr Canney stated that Weir Rd was not included . Cllr. McHugh stated that these may be a provision for these houses to form a group scheme.

Cllr. Kelly asked if this matter could be put on agenda for Electoral Area Meeting.

Adoption of Minutes of Meeting: HELD 5-9-11

Proposed by: T. Reilly

Seconded by: E. Kitt

Matters arising from the minutes

Cllr. Reilly stated work will commence on the Ambulance base on Tuesday, the 4th October.

Cllr. Reilly informed the meeting that he attended an I.P.B. meeting and stated that 10 million has been provided as a dividend for reward for Local Authorities. Tuam Town Council will received €1,000 of the dividend.

Cllr. Flanagan asked the Town Engineer if paving outside Duffys Pharmacy will be reinstated. The Town Engineer will contact Coffey's as they are obliged to reinstate anything taken up.

Cllr. Reilly proposed, seconded by Cllr. O'Hora to compliment Mayor Loftus on wreath laying ceremony at the Ann Marie McHugh memorial garden and thanked the Town Councillor members , Town Clerk and the Press. Cllr. Flanagan proposed, seconded by Cllr. Kitt to compliment Cllr. Reilly on all his work in relation to this ceremony.

Cllr. Kelly requested an update on works on the Cemetry . Cllr. Ward informed the meeting that a local leader has been selected for the Tús Cemetry Programme. The crew will be in place hopefully before this end of October. Tuam Town Council Burial Ground Committee will meet the Tús representative on site in the near future.

Mr. Gilmore informed the meeting that the result of the S.E.C. application will be announced shortly, possibly within the next two weeks.

In relation to Bord Gais , Cllr Reilly proposed that the Mayor contact Bord Gais with a view to getting a representative to attend a Council meeting . Mayor Loftus will contact the representative.

Cllr. Kitt enquired regarding Disabled parking spaces in Shambles & Bishop Street following the Big Dig. The Town Engineer replied that spaces may not have been re-installed yet but that no disabled spaces will be lost.

Cllr. Kelly requested that the sign for Tuam Trad Festival be taken down.

Cllr. Kelly requested that the Marian Choral Society sign for their musical be put up on Town Hall. There was no objection to this request. Town Engineer will arrange to remove Trad Festival sign and put up Marian Choral Society sign.

Cllr. O'Hora enquired of the Joe Dillon photograph collection could be displayed in the Town Hall. He was informed that a written request must be made for use of the room to the Town Council.

It was proposed by Cllr. Reilly that the Town Clerk would apply for a free wheelchair for use in the Town Hall under a new initiative undertaken by the Irish Wheelchair Association.

It was agreed that the Town Clerk would issue an invitation to the Tuam Athletic Club to have a delegation attend the next Town Council meeting.

Correspondence:

- 1- Tuam Athletic Club
- 2- Church of Ireland
- 3- Irish Wheelchair Association
- 4- Road Safety Authority
- 5- Nuclear Free Authorities All Ireland Forum
- 6- Pdraig and Margaret Mc Hugh
- 7- Galway Rural Development Co .Ltd.
- 8- TJK Conferences Ltd .

Sympathy

A vote of sympathy was passed to families of :

John Creavan, Bishop Street, Tuam

Ted Lydon , Sunstreet, Tuam

Miko Ralph , Bishop Street, Tuam

Brian Gibbons, Dublin Road, Tuam

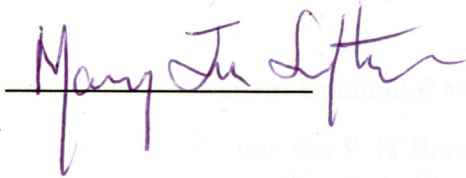
Delia McDonagh , Ballytrasna and Gardenfield, Tuam.

Mayor Loftus proposed that a bouquet of flowers be sent to Mrs. Crisham on her 105th birthday . Proposal was seconded by Cllr. Reilly.

The meeting concluded .

Recorded by : Mary Dunne A.S.O

Signed by



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TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Special meeting
held on
Monday 24th October, 2011

Present: Mayor: Councillor M. Loftus
Councillor P. O'Hora, Councillor P. O'Grady, Councillor T. Reilly,
Councillor S. A. Flanagan, Councillor I. Kelly, Councillor O. Ward,
Councillor E. Kitt.
Deputy Paul Connaughton,
Deputy Colm Keaveney,
Deputy Michael Kitt.
Ms. Angela Holian, Town Clerk

Apology: Minister Ciaran Cannon,
Senator Lorraine Higgins,
Councillor L. Bane.

The Prayer was recited.

The Mayor welcomed the Deputies to the meeting. She told them the abolition of Tuam Town Council would be drastic and inconceivable. She said the Members of the Board had met and discussed the matter and a submission had been sent to the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government. She appealed to the Deputies to meet with the Minister and impress upon him the importance of retaining Tuam Town Council and instead of abolishing the Town Councils to devolve more power to them.

Deputy Connaughton told the members he supported Town Councils 100%, he realized the concerns expressed but no Ministerial decision had been taken yet regarding the abolition of Town Councils. He said Ballinalsoe Town Council had sought a meeting with the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

Deputy Kitt stated that Tuam Town Council is associated with everything that is good in Tuam. He hoped that as Tuam is a RAPID town and has HUB status it will be looked at by the Minister. There will be changes, Galway County Council and Galway City Council will be amalgamated. He pledged his full support to Tuam and said he would engage with the Minister.

Deputy Keaveney said he would be gravely concerned if the Town Council was abolished and will support any initiative to save Tuam Town Council. He said Tuam Town Council as an organization is good value for money. He welcomed the submission made to the Minister and suggested that Tuam and Ballinalsoe meet jointly with the Minister.

Councillor O'Grady said more powers should be given to Town Councils particularly in relation to rates and planning. He said the population of Tuam is closer to 7,000 with at least 15,000 within a five mile radius. Councillor Flanagan said the Town Council had been very powerful in protecting the Palace Grounds and longer hours at the swimming pool for the People of Tuam. Councillor Kelly said Tuam has a huge young population with ten schools and the Town Council is the face of politics for young people. Tuam has a high Traveler population and is the first town in Ireland to elect a Traveler to the Board. Tuam is also the first town in Ireland to elect a Traveler as Mayor. Councillor Reilly said Tuam is the only town where the Mayor is elected by the People and paid tribute to the commitment and dedication to Tuam given by former Members of the Board. Councillor O'Hora said democracy will not be served by a diminution of local services.

It was proposed by Councillor Reilly, seconded by the Mayor and agreed that the Town Clerk contact Ballinalsoe Town Council.

Mayor Loftus said there had been a disconnection between People and politics. It is now time to build locally from the ground up. She thanked the Oireachtas Members for attending the meeting.

It was proposed by Councillor O'Hora, seconded by Councillor Reilly and agreed that bunting be erected this week in support of Tuam Stars who are playing in the County Football Final on Sunday 30th October, 2011.

It was proposed by Councillor Reilly, seconded by Councillor Kitt and agreed to send a "Get Well Soon" card to Councillor Bane.

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED: _____

MAYOR



TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Special meeting held on Tuesday 18th October, 2011

Present: Mayor: Councillor M. Loftus
Councillor O. Ward, Councillor S. A. Flanagan, Councillor T. Reilly
Councillor I. Kelly, Councillor P. O'Hora, Councillor E. Kitt.

Ms. Angela Holian, Town Clerk

The Prayer was recited.

The Meeting was called to prepare written presentation to Mr. Phil Hogan, Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government regarding proposals to abolish Town Councils.

There was unanimous agreement that the attached letter be sent to the Minister. It was also agreed to invite the local Oireachtas Members to a special meeting of the Town Council on Monday 24th October, 2011 at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall.

Councillor Bane was wished a speedy recovery.

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

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MAYOR

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19th October, 2011

Mr. Phil Hogan, T. D.,
Minister for the Environment, Heritage & Local Government,
Dept. of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government,
Custom House,
Dublin, 1.

Dear Minister,

At a specially convened meeting of Tuam Town Council held last night I was instructed to write to you. My Board is utterly dismayed at the prospect of Tuam Town Council being abolished, reject the proposal and wish to make the following observations:

1. The Population of Tuam (2006 figures), 2,997 Tuam Town and 3,888 Environs is a distorted figure as the Town Boundary has been in existence since the 1800's. 2011 figures will not be available until 2012, however Central Statistics Office 2011 figures for the Tuam Electoral division of Tuam Urban are 3,290 (9% increase) and Tuam Rural 5,525 (19.5% increase)
2. Tuam Town Council strikes a rate.
3. Tuam is a Hub town and has RAPID status.
4. County Galway is the second largest county in the Country. Tuam electoral Area is bigger than County Longford.

5. Tuam has a unique history, dates back to the 6th century and was once the capital of Ireland. Tuam has been perceived as a centre of administration for 1,000 years in ecclesiastical and secular terms. It is the head of the Arch diocese.

6. Tuam has five primary Schools, a Special School, a Gael Scoil and four post primary Schools.

7. In a study carried out by the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland "Local Government in Ireland versus European Countries" it was noted that European Counties are moving to have more representation at local level.

My Board appeals to you to consider the above, to continue the link from grassroots to Government, and instead of abolishing the Town Council in Tuam to actually give more power to Tuam to govern itself.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours sincerely,

Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Special meeting

held on

Monday 10th October, 2011

Present: Mayor: Councillor M. Loftus
Councillor L. Bane, Councillor S. A. Flanagan,
Councillor T. Reilly, Councillor I. Kelly

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

Mr. John Stapleton, President Tuam Chamber of Commerce
Mr. Brendan Holian, Secretary Tuam Chamber of Commerce

The Prayer was recited.

The Mayor welcomed Mr. Stapleton and Mr. Holian to the meeting. Mr. Holian said Tuam Chamber of Commerce was appealing to Tuam Town Council for a 20% reduction in rates. He said the Business Community has suffered a 60% reduction in business in recent years and commercial rates are a significant burden.

He asked if the contribution towards the Christmas lights was the reason the Tuam rate was higher than the Galway City rate. The Christmas lights cost E75,000-00 and it will take another three years to pay them off. He sought assurances that the Town Council would continue to pay E10,000-00 per year.

Mr. Gilmore stated that the commercial rate was based on valuations set independently by the Valuations Office. Striking a rate is a matter for the Town Council. The basic rate is to cover the cost of running the town. If the Town Council sanctions a rate reduction significant savings will have to be found. The Town Council rate is 5% of the overall rate paid by businesses in Tuam and is spent in Tuam while the County Council rate is 95%. E9m of the cost of the Tuam Town Water Distribution and Main Drainage Scheme will come from rates.

Councillor Flanagan said she was delighted the Town Council and the Chamber of Commerce were meeting in October. The Town Council supports the Business Community and all options will be considered when the Budget of Expenses for 2012 is being prepared. Councillor Bane said the Town Council had written to the Department regarding high rates and proposed that a meeting with the Tuam Electoral Area Councillors be arranged.

Mr. Stapleton thanked the Town Council for meeting with the deputation.


Abolition of Town Councils:

It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Reilly and agreed that a special meeting be held on Tuesday 18th October, 2011 to prepare a submission to the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED


MAYOR

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of Joint Policing Committee

Held on Monday 10th October, 2011

Present: Mayor: Councillor Loftus
Councillor L. Bane, Councillor S. A. Flanagan, Councillor T. Reilly
Councillor I. Kelly

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

Superintendent Gearoid Begley
Inspector Michael O'Dwyer
Sergeant Martin Connor

Deputy Colm Keaveney

Apology: Mr. Enda Gallagher, Town Engineer
Senator Lorraine Higgins
Councillor O'Hora
Councillor Kitt

The Prayer was recited.

The Minutes of meeting held on Monday 27th June, 2011 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Flanagan seconded by Councillor Reilly.

Matters arising from Minutes:

Regarding the Traffic Lights Mr. Gilmore stated that Galway County Council has made an application for funding to the N. R. A. to upgrade the traffic lights on the N17.

The link system is considered unsuitable for this area, the lights will operate independently in response to traffic on the road. It is hoped to have the new system in place early in 2012.

C.C.T.V.:

Replying to Councillor Reilly Inspector O'Dwyer stated that RAPID is in the process of making application to Galway County Council regarding an extra CCTV camera at the Square. He said there was a camera at the Swimming Pool and another at the corner of Bishop Street.

Regarding infra-red cameras Superintendent Begley said it was his understanding that infra-red cameras operate in low light areas, if used where there is natural light the picture would be blocked out. Agreeing Mr. Gilmore said infra-red cameras provide poor quality pictures and bad definition. Supt. Begley stated that CCTV usually provides good quality images but extra lighting may improve image quality.

Replying to the Mayor Supt. Begley said monitoring of CCTV cameras 24 hours a day would not be good value for available resources. CCTV does contribute/help. Public Order crime figures are down from last year. Studies carried out in the U.K. and U. S. confirm that CCTV will not solve everything, good corroboration is needed.

Mr. Gilmore stated that funding will be provided for extra cameras in 2012.

Tuam Town Water Distribution and Main Drain Scheme:

Letter dated 10th October, 2011 from Coffey Construction Ltd. regarding 24 hour Weekend Working on the N17 (between Gilmartin Road and Coca Cola) was read. Work will commence on Friday 14th October from 8 pm to 6am on Monday 17th October. Work will continue at weekends for approximately 12 weeks. Funding has been made available to carry out a full reconstruction of this section of road. The Members welcomed the reconstruction of the road and asked that footpaths also be refurbished. Deputy Keaveney asked that a traffic calming measure (such as at Blackacre) be provided on the N17/Galway Road in view of the number of Elderly People and Children in this area. There was unanimous support for this. Councillor Reilly asked that a similar traffic calming measure be considered for Dunmore Road. Councillor Bane asked that a Pedestrian Crossing be considered for Church View.

By-laws in relation to Public Drinking:

Superintendent Begley stated that there had been a number of incidences in the town recently in relation to drinking in public places. He asked that the Town Council consider the introduction of By-laws to help curb public order offences involving people who are drunk and disorderly.

He said By-laws could be introduced by the Local Authority and would be another element in maintaining law and order in terms of restricting the actions of people, particularly young people, who are legally entitled to drink and do so in excess and cause problems. The introduction of By-laws, together with CCTV and patrolling, would be another deterrent for those who engage in public drinking and the anti-social behaviour which can accompany it.

Inspector O'Dwyer said such a By-law had been introduced in Galway City and this has led to a reduction in the number of public order offences caused by people who are intoxicated.

The Members agreed the matter should be investigated. Mr. Gilmore, Town Manager said he would check the jurisdiction, whether it would be the Tuam Town Council or Galway County Council, who would enact the By-law. He said this could be done quickly and the matter brought before the appropriate Council for their consideration.

Juvenile Liaison Officer:

Councillor Reilly paid tribute to Garda Oliver King, Juvenile Liaison Officer who retired recently. It was proposed by Councillor Reilly, seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed to write to Oliver King. Replying to the Members Supt. Begley said Garda Mary Burke has just been appointed Juvenile Liaison Officer and will be based in Tuam. The Members welcomed the appointment of Mary Burke.

A. O. B.:

Replying to Councillor Reilly regarding the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme Inspector O'Dwyer said Sergeant Michael Bradley oversees the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in Tuam. Anyone interested in setting up a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme should contact Sgt. Bradley. He appealed to people to look after the old and the vulnerable. Supt. Begley urged householders to protect against the theft of home heating oil and appealed to people to keep an eye on their own and their neighbours properties. He also warned against leaving valuable in cars. He said there has been an increase in the number of thefts from cars recently especially at graveyards.

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED: 

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14th October, 2011

To each Member of Tuam Town Council

A Chara,

**The Special Meeting of Tuam Town Council will be held in the
Town Hall on Tuesday, 18th November, 2011 at 7.00 p.m. You are hereby
summoned to attend.**

Mise, le meas,

Angela Heenan

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Agenda

Preparation of Submission to Government – retain Tuam Town Council

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28th September, 2011

To each Member of Tuam Town Council

A Chara,

The Monthly Meeting of Tuam Town Council will be held in the Town Hall on Monday, 3rd October, 2011 at 7.00 p.m. You are hereby summoned to attend.

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Angela Holean Baile Cleireach

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Minutes

Manager's Business

Correspondence

Tuam Electoral Area Councillors

Tuam S. E. C.

Bord Gais

Provision of Car taxing Facilities at Tuam Area Office

Lighting – Galway Road

Preservation Order for Palace Grounds

A. O. B.

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday 5th September, 2011

Present: **Mayor:** Councillor Loftus

Councillors: L. Bane, T. Reilly, E. Kitt, O. Ward, P. O'Grady
I. Kelly,

Apology: Councillor Flanagan

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

The Prayer was recited.

The Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday, 4th July, 2011 was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by Councillor Kitt.

Mr. Kevin Dwyer, Tuam Herald was welcomed to the meeting. Mr. Tom Gilmore was wished all the best in Australia.

Matters arising from the Minutes

Replying to Councillor Kelly regarding the Astro-turf pitch Mr. Gilmore said Galway County Council had written to the Department and a reply was awaited. Regarding the cemetery the Town Engineer said he would come back with an update. It was proposed by Councillor Reilly seconded by Councillor Ward and agreed that a scheme be sought and Galway Rural Development be contacted urgently. Councillor Ward said the sub-committee on the cemetery was preparing a programme. The Manager stated that Galway County Council will support such an initiative.

Regarding the Ambulance Base Councillor Reilly told the Members he had been informed that the tender process had been concluded and an announcement is expected shortly. Replying to Councillor Reilly regarding Foster Place following completion of the inner relief road Mr. Gilmore said he would check to see if a two-way traffic system was planned.

Replying to Councillor Kitt regarding the taxi rank Mr. Gilmore said the matter will be looked at following the completion of the Tuam Water Distribution and Main Drainage Scheme. Consultation will take place.

Co-option of Member:

It was proposed by Councillor Ward and seconded by Councillor O'Grady that Mr. Pat O'Hora be appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Councillor Cunniffe. Councillor O'Hora said it was an honour for him to serve on the Board having lived and worked in Tuam most of his life. The Mayor and Members welcomed Councillor O'Hora to the Board of Tuam Town Council.

Manager's Business:

Replying to Councillor O'Grady Mr. Gilmore said there was no proposal to close the Area Office at High Street, in fact Galway County Council plan to centralize more services in Tuam. It was proposed by Councillor Reilly and seconded by Councillor Bane that a car taxing facility be provided at the Area Office. It was agreed to keep this matter on the agenda and to include it on the agenda for meeting with the Tuam Area Councillors. Replying to the Members regarding "the Gallows" the manager said other parties have to be consulted.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 29th June, 2011 – Mr. Phil Hogan, T. D., Minister for Environment, Community & L. G. to Councillor Bane. It was proposed by Councillor Bane, seconded by Councillor Reilly and agreed to invite the Tuam Chamber of Commerce to a meeting prior to the Budget of Expenses meeting.

Letter dated 5th July, 2011 from Mr. Liam Glynn, Milltown, Tuam – read.

Letter dated July 2011 from Secretary, Irish Public Bodies Mutual Ins. Ltd. It was proposed by Councillor Kelly seconded by Councillor Kitt and agreed that Councillor Reilly represent the Town Council at Annual General Meeting.

Letter dated 11th July, 2011 from Cortoon/Lavally Drama Group – read.

Letter dated 2nd August, 2011 from Dr. Matthew Potter – read.

Letter dated 10th August, 2011 from Mr. Martin Ward, Westtrav – Councillor Kelly reminded the Members that a decision not to make the Board Room available to anybody was taken by a previous Board. Councillor O’Hora suggested that applications to use the Board Room should be judged on a needs basis. It was proposed by Councillor O’Grady seconded by Councillor Kitt and agreed to make the Board Room available to Westtrav on Thursday 8th September, 2011 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Letter dated 22nd August, 2011 from Cunnane Stratton Reynolds, Land Planning & Design – read.

Letter dated 25th August, 2011 from Ms. Riana O’Dwyer, Secretary, Mill Museum Committee – It was proposed by Councillor Reilly, seconded by Councillor O’Hora and agreed to consider the application at Budget of Expenses meeting.

Letter dated 2nd September, 2011 from Ms. Helen Kelly, Tuam & District Mental Health Association – It was noted that a candlelight vigil will be held in the Palace Grounds at 8 p.m. on 10th September, 2011 – copy of letter to be directed to Galway County Council.

Tuam Water Distribution and Main Drainage Scheme

The Mayor welcomed Mr. Dermot Collins, Project Engineer to the meeting. Mr. Collins told the Members that 78 weeks (75%) of a two year programme has elapsed. The project is due to be completed by March 2012. He said all town centre works are nearly completed. There are 5 main contractors/gangs currently working on the project. Bishop Street, from Curragh Park to the Cathedral, is progressing well - a temporary road is in place. Work continues at night on the N17 from Monday to Thursday. Work is ongoing on Athenry Road, Cloonthue Road and the reservoir at Dunmore Road. Work on Dunmore Road will commence in two weeks. Work is progressing on the inner relief road and this is due for completion in December.

Replying to Councillor Kitt regarding road markings at Tullinadaly Road Mr. Collins said this would be decided upon at the end of the project. Replying to Councillor Kelly regarding disabled access he said where work has been completed road levels have been dropped. The provision of disabled access will mean sections of footpaths will have to be replaced - this work will be carried at the end of the project. Councillor Reilly asked that houses at Dunmore Road be connected to the system. The Mayor thanked Mr. Collins for attending the meeting.

Tuam S. E. C.:

The Manager informed the Members that due to a family bereavement Ms. Maire Ni Chionna was unable to attend the meeting. A presentation will be arranged for another date. Councillor Kitt told the Members that Galway County Council had put Tuam Town forward as a candidate for the National Sustainable Energy Communities (sec) Programme in Ireland. Tuam has been short listed to the last five areas bidding for two places in stage II of the competition. The second round submission will be completed in early September. A decision is expected by the end of September. Letter dated 4th August, 2011 from Mr. Brian Barret, Senior Executive Officer, Galway County Council was read. There was unanimous support for the application.

Twinning:

Councillor Kitt told the Members he had traveled to Straubing for the 20th Anniversary of the Twinning of Tuam and Straubing. The Student exchange programme is in its 27th year. He met with the Mayor of Straubing who hopes to visit Tuam in the near future. He also met with the German Attache this week and accompanied him on a tour of Tuam.

Social Housing Assessment Regulations 2011:

Councillor Reilly stated that the introduction of the Social Housing Assessment Regulations 2011 was a retrograde step. Social housing was never so necessary. Replying to the Mayor Mr. Gilmore said a family who really need a house may only be on the waiting list for a short time.

Bord Gais:

The Mayor told the Members she met with Mr. Fiachra Quigley, Provincial Sales Manager, Bord Gais. It is hoped an announcement will be made in the next month. Replying to Councillor O'Hora Mr. Gilmore said ducting for gas was installed where streets cannot be dug up again.

A. O. B.:

Councillor Reilly proposed that the Town Council lay a wreath at the Ann Marie McHugh Memorial Garden in memory of all who lost their lives in the 9/11 atrocity. Sunday 11th September is the 10th Anniversary. There was unanimous support for the proposal. It was agreed to invite representatives of An Garda Siochana and the Fire Services.

Councillor Kelly asked the Manager to contact Mr. Eugene Cummins, Director of Services regarding the Old Library at Shop Street.

It was proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Kitt and agreed that Councillor Flanagan and Councillor Reilly attend the Annual General Meeting of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland.

Congratulations were extended to Mr. Pat Fahy and the Tuam Tidy Towns Committee, Tuam Youth Theatre on staging "Beauty and the Beast", Tuam Arts Festival and Tuam Trad. Fest.

Councillor Ward asked that his Notice of Motion regarding a Preservation Order for the Palace Ground be included on agenda for meeting with the Tuam Area Councillors.

Sympathy:

A vote of sympathy was passed with the Corcoran Family, Blackacre on the death of Sarah, Geraghty Family, Bishop Street and Dunmore Road on the death of Bridie and Fleming Family, Woodquay on the death of Mrs. Fleming.

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

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MAYOR

The Social Housing Assessment Regulations 2011 S.I. 84 of 2011 and The Social housing Assessments (Amendment) Regulations S.I. 136 of 2011 came into effect on 01/04/2011

Housing Assessments

Key Points in the new system for Social Housing Assessment:

- Household must be eligible and in need of social housing.
- Focus is on Household.
- One Common application form for Social Housing Support across all housing authorities.
- Application to one housing authority only, based on applicant households current residence or connection to the area or at discretion of housing authority.
- Applicant Household may select up to 3 areas of choice, at least one area must be in the housing authority area; or two of the areas can be outside the housing authority area but must be within the common application area (within county).
- There is now a statutory timescale for housing authorities to deal with applications. In general, the housing authority will have 12 weeks to make a decision on the application.
- 3 elements to assessment: Eligibility, Need and Specific Accommodation Needs.

Eligibility – 4 Key Aspects:

1. **Right of residency** – households must have a legal right to remain in the State on a long term basis.
2. **Income** – Housing authority to set income thresholds, which cannot exceed the 3 income threshold bands set by the Minister across the country. See below for current maximum thresholds.
3. **Rent Arrears** – Once Section 20 (5) of the 2009 Act is commenced, a household that is in arrears to any housing authority for 12 weeks in the previous 3 years and has not entered into a rescheduling agreement with their housing authority will **not** be eligible for social housing support.
4. **Availability of alternative accommodation** – If the household owns accommodation that could be used to meet its housing need either by selling it or living in it, then that household is **not** eligible for social housing support.

Current Maximum Income Thresholds

The Minister has set a maximum income threshold of €35,000, €30,000 and €25,000 for a single person household, depending on the housing authority area.

There is an allowance of:

- 5% for each additional adult household member up to a max of 10%; and
- 2.5% for each child household member, up to a max of 10%.

The maximum income band for a household of 3 adults and 4 children (or more) is therefore €42,000, €36,000 or €30,000, depending on the housing authority area involved.

Maximum income threshold bands are set by the Minister across the country. Housing Authorities cannot exceed these thresholds. The maximum income for a household in Co Galway is €30,000. Income assessed is net income. Income from all over 18 years in the house is included.

The only income/payments to be excluded from the assessment are:-

- Child Benefit
- Exceptional needs payments
- Carer's allowance
- Scholarships & Higher Ed grants
- Foster care payments
- Domiciliary care allowances
- Fuel allowance
- Mobility allowance
- Living alone allowance
- Rent or mortgage interest supplements
- Payments under FAS schemes.
- Maximum household income for eligibility in Co Galway is €30,000 or €577pw

Assessing Need for Social Housing Support

In assessing whether a household has a need for social housing support, the housing authority must consider the household's current accommodation

- Is it an institution, emergency accommodation or hostel?
- Is it overcrowded?
- Is it fit for human habitation?
- Does it meet the accommodation requirements of a household member with a disability?
- If it is shared with another household, is there reasonable requirement for separate accommodation?

Galway Co Council Housing Unit – summary

Galway County Council had 3100 approved applicants for housing on 01/04/2011. These must all be reviewed. Reviews will be carried out on those short listed prior to each allocation and due to the numbers involved it will take 6 months plus to review all on the list.

Applicants will have 28 days to return their new application form and all the relevant documentation, otherwise it will be assumed that they no longer wish to proceed with their application and their names will be removed from the housing waiting list. **It is expected that some previously approved applicants will not meet the new criteria and will not now qualify for any housing support and rent supplement may be withdrawn in some cases.**

Previous income guideline used by this authority related to the applicants not being able to afford to purchase an affordable house. Now the consideration is about all adult members of a household contributing to renting privately. The old system considered housing for life either by home ownership or provision of a County Council house. The new system considers a variety of housing supports for applicants who are unable to rent or buy a property themselves. Approved applicants may be offered a council tenancy, rent supplement, the rental accommodation scheme (RAS), voluntary housing or accommodation under the long term leasing scheme.

Existing tenants are not affected by this review.

Examples of families on social welfare - jobseekers allowance (JSA) who would exceed the threshold and not be eligible are:

- A couple with 9 children under 18 years - income $\text{€}312.80 + 9 \times \text{€}29.80 = \text{€}581\text{pw}$ or $\text{€}3021.20\text{p}$
- A couple with 6 children under 18 and 1 over 18 in receipt of JSA income $\text{€}312.80 + 6 \times \text{€}29.80 + \text{€}100 = \text{€}592\text{PW}$ OR $\text{€}30,784 \text{ PA}$
- A couple with 4 children under 18 and 2 over 18 in receipt of JSA income $\text{€}312.80 + 4 \times \text{€}29.80 + 2 \times \text{€}100 = \text{€}623\text{pw}$ or $\text{€}32,864 \text{ pa}$
- 3 adults and 1 child under 18 income $3 \times \text{€}188 + 1 \times \text{€}29.80 = \text{€}594\text{pw}$ or $\text{€}30,888\text{pa}$

Galway County Council Archives



Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council

August 4th 2011

Re: Tuam Sustainable Energy Community

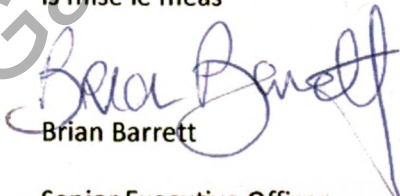
A chara,

Galway County Council has put forward Tuam town as a candidate for the National Sustainable Energy Communities (SEC) Programme in Ireland. This programme which is implemented by the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland, (SEAI), is to stimulate a national move towards sustainable energy practice through demonstration of best practice in six exemplar communities by 2015, which in turn will inform and build capacity through the SEC network.

This is a competitive bidding process and Tuam town has been successful in being shortlisted to the last five areas bidding for 2 places in stage II of the competition in 2011. We have prepared a programme of activity for the Town of Tuam to reduce its energy usage and increase energy efficiency. This involves all sections of the Tuam community from Business to citizens, to schools and the voluntary sector. This is a learning process for Tuam and Galway County Council. If we are successful in being nominated as a Sustainable Energy Community, we would be very interested in learning from Straubing and your efforts in increasing energy efficiency in your City.

We would be most grateful at this point if we could mention in our second round submission, which will be completed in early September, that we are engaging in discussions with you about how we can share experiences and learn from one another. We believe that this might bring an extra dimension to our bid.

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Brian Barrett

Senior Executive Officer

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

26th August 2011.

Re: Co-option to Tuam Town Council

Dear Ms. Holian,

Following the election to Dáil Éireann of Deputy Colm Keaveney, I wish to advise that the Labour Party has nominated Mr. Pat O'Hora, Kilmecreevanty, Tuam, Co. Galway, mobile: 087 968 5669: email ohorap@gmail.com to replace Deputy Keaveney on Tuam Town Council. Attached herewith is certificate of political affiliation. I would ask that you notify Cllr. O'Hora of all future meetings with immediate effect.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Ita McAuliffe
General Secretary

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Deimhniú Comhaltais Pholaitíochta
Certificate of Political Affiliation

I/We hereby authenticate the candidature

of PAT O'HORA

Fíordheimhním/fíordheimhnímid leis seo

iarrthóireacht _____

on behalf of the

LABOUR

thar ceann Pháirtí _____

Party at the election of members of

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

(name of local authority) for the local
electoral area of
Tuam T.C.

sa toghchán comhaltaí de _____

(ainm an údaráis áitiúil) do thoghlimistéar
áitiúil _____

Signature

John M. O'Leary

Síniú _____

Authorised Officer(s)

Oifigeach (Oifigigh) Údaraithe

Léigh na Treoracha ar an bhFoirm seo
See Instructions on this Form

Féadfar an leagan Gaeilge nó an leagan Béarla a usáid.

Is ceart ainm, seoladh agus slí bheatha an iarrthóra sa deimhniú seo a bheith go díreach mar a bheidh siad ar an bpáipéar ainmniúcháin.

Ní mór an deimhnú a bheith sínithe ag an oifigeach nó na hoifigigh den Pháirtí a bhfuil a ainm nó a n-ainmneacha I gClár na bPáirtithe Polaitíocha mar oifigeach nó oifigigh atá údaraithe chun deimhnithe a shíniú ag fíordheimhniú iarrthóireacht iarrthóirí den Pháirtí.

The Irish or English version of the certificate may be used.

The name, address and occupation of the candidate in this certificate should be the same as they will be in the nomination paper.

The certificate should be signed by the officer or officers of the Party whose name or names appear in the Register of Political Parties as being authorised to sign certificates authenticating the candidature of the candidates of the Party.