

COMHAIRLE BAILE THUAMA
Tuam Town Council



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20th September, 2011

Meeting of Joint Policing Committee

To: Each Member of the Joint Policing Committee

A Chara,

A meeting of the Joint Policing Committee will be held in the Town Hall on
Monday 10th October, 2011 at 7 p.m. You are invited to attend.

Mise le meas

Angela Holian
Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Minutes

C. C. T. V.

Tuam Town Water Distribution & Main Drainage Scheme

By-laws in relation to Public Drinking

Juvenile Liaison Officer

A. O. B.

Galway Rep.

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of Joint Policing Committee

Held on Monday 27th June, 2011

Present: Mayor: Councillor Loftus
Councillor I. Kelly, Councillor T. Reilly, Councillor P. O'Grady,
Councillor L. Bane, Councillor E. Kitt, Councillor S. A. Flanagan,

Senator Lorraine Higgins

Superintendent Gearoid Begley
Inspector Michael O'Dwyer
Sergeant Martin Connor

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

Apology: Mr. Pat O'Hora
Deputy Paul Connaghton

The Prayer was recited.

The Minutes of meeting held on Monday 8th November, 2010 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by Councillor Kelly.

The Mayor welcomed Senator Higgins to her first J. P. C. Meeting.

Matters arising from Minutes:

It was proposed by Councillor Reilly and seconded by Councillor Kelly that the Traffic Lights at the N17/Ballygaddy Road and N17/Weir Road junctions be replaced by roundabouts. Councillor Reilly called on the County Council to acquire a property at the Weir Road junction to construct a roundabout. Councillor Kitt and Councillor Flanagan queried the suitability of a roundabout at Weir Road while Sergeant Connor said the staggered nature of the junction at Weir Road meant a roundabout would not be suitable. Supt. Begley stated that the problem was the volume of traffic traveling through a small space. He suggested that a scientific/safety survey be carried out before any change is made.

The Manager stated that uncontrolled junctions would be a hazard for Pedestrians, cyclists etc. and may not be the appropriate solution. He said the Traffic Lights will be upgraded and synchronised when work on the N17 is completed and this should lead to improved traffic flow.

Following further discussion the proposal was withdrawn and the Town Engineer agreed to check surveys carried out at both junctions.

C.C.T.V.:

Replying to Councillor Reilly Inspector O'Dwyer stated that a new location has been identified for the proposed extra camera at the Square. RAPID are dealing with this. Mr. Gilmore stated that the Housing Unit, Galway County Council also proposed to erect a camera at Gilmartin Road. Replying to the Members Supt. Begley said the quality of footage from the cameras was dependent on factors such as light and weather. C.C.T.V. on its own does not prove everything, it is a deterrent and a preventative tool, evidence from witnesses is still the most important aspect of crime prevention. Replying to the Members Mr. Gilmore said the C.C.T.V. cameras in Tuam are not infra-red. He also said maintenance work had been carried out on the cameras in the past month. It was proposed by Councillor O'Grady, seconded by Councillor Reilly and agreed that a C.C.T.V. camera be installed on the road to the Palace Grounds.

Tuam Town Water Distribution and Main Drain Scheme:

Councillor Bane asked if free parking could be made available in Tuam in order to get people into the town. Senator Higgins stated that Business People in other towns had also suggested half an hour to one hour of free parking in an effort to encourage more people into the centre of towns. Councillor Kelly felt unlimited free parking would be abused. Councillor Kitt suggested limiting free parking to Saturdays as the present system where people can park for a short time for 20 cents is working well. Councillor O'Grady said the provision of more parking spaces was the issue and called on parking areas at the Grove and the Schools etc to be made available.

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Mr. Gilmore said free parking would deny Galway County Council of revenue at a time when services are being curtailed due to lack of funding. He said traffic income is down throughout the county while expenses are static. Parking is a problem in all towns. Galway County Council will look at traffic charges if requested to do so.

A.O.B.:

Replying to Councillor Reilly regarding the lack of new Gardai Recruits Supt. Begley said the Gardai Siochana will always endeavour to do their best with available resources and provide a service to the People.

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY:

Mary In Litan
MAYOR

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31st August, 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, 5th September, 2011 at 7.00 p.m. You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise, le meas,

Angela Healy Baile Cleireach

Agenda

Minutes ✓

Manager's Business

Correspondence

Co-option of Member ✓

Tuam Water Distribution and Main Drainage Scheme ✓

Tuam S. E. C. – presentation by Maire Ni Chionna

Social Housing Assessment Regulations 2011 – Income threshold

Bord Gais ✓

A. O. B.

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday 4th July, 2011

Present: **Mayor:** Councillor Loftus

Councillors: S. A. Flanagan, T. Reilly, O. Ward, P. O'Grady
I. Kelly,

Apology: Councillor Kitt, Councillor Bane, Deputy Connaughton,

Officials: Mr. Enda Gallagher, Town Engineer,
Ms. Angela Holian, Town Clerk

Deputy Colm Keaveney, T. D.
Deputy Michael Kitt, T. D.
Senator Lorraine Higgins

The Prayer was recited.

The Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday, 13th June, 2011 was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by Councillor Kelly. The Minutes of Annual Meeting held on 13th June, 2011 was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Flanagan seconded by Councillor Reilly.

Councillor O'Grady congratulated Mr. Kevin O'Sullivan, formally of the Tuam Herald, on his appointment as Editor of the Irish Times.

Matters arising from the Minutes:

Replying to Councillor Reilly the Town Clerk said Mr. Fiachra Quigley, Provincial Sales Manager, Bord Gais would attend the September meeting of the Board. Replying to Councillor O'Grady regarding rumours that High Street would have to be dug up again the Town Engineer said Bord Gais was on board from the start of the Tuam Water Distribution and Main Drainage Scheme and only 'pits' to gain access to the ducts already laid will be dug. Disruption will be minimal.

Regarding Rates Councillor Flanagan told the Members Councillor Bane was unable to attend the meeting because of a family bereavement. She read letter dated 29th June, 2011 from the Minister for Environment, Community & Local Government.

It was proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Reilly and agreed to deal with applications for funding under the "Contribution to the Arts" at the end of the Meeting.

Replying to Councillor Ward who stated that there was no emergency service in the town at weekends the Town Engineer said this had been highlighted and the Town Manager had agreed to clarify the situation. He agreed to raise the matter with the Manager.

Councillor Reilly asked that the new income threshold for Local Authority houses be discussed. Councillor Ward said the new Social Housing Assessment Regulations 2011 are discriminatory and are an infringement of Article 40 of the Constitution. It was agreed to include the matter on the agenda for the September meeting also to invite the Tuam Electoral Area Councillors to a special meeting.

The Mayor welcomed Deputy Kitt, Deputy Keaveney and Senator Higgins to the Meeting.

Industry and Employment: Deputy Keaveney said the consumer collapse had been ten times greater in Ireland than in any country. Costs: rates, rents etc. are a major issue. Legislation is imminent in relation to upward only rents and reliefs to the retail sector. It is hoped the new rates of vat and prsi will drive job creation.

Deputy Kitt said Companies are retaining jobs in Tuam. He supports the Duffy/Walsh report. He said he would like to see support for Galway Airport.

Senator Higgins said she had not been a member of the Oireachtas at the time of the last meeting. High rates have a knock-on effect and she hoped to tackle this in the Senate. It is important to try and facilitate businesses to stay open.

M17/M18 and Tuam By-pass: Deputy Keaveney said he had been in contact with the Minister for Transport. This road is part of the programme for Government, discussions are continuing and proposals are being considered. It is hoped to have more details in September.

Councillor Kitt stated that the N. R. A. had met with the preferred bidders and land acquisition is going ahead.

Senator Higgins said she fully supports the M17/18 and Tuam by-pass.

Western Rail Corridor:

Deputy Kitt said there had been 250,000 journeys from Galway to Limerick and this is very encouraging. Improvement to the timetable is being looked at. A review of prices is also taking place and this should be complete by September. Crusheen and Oranmore stations will be open next year.

Deputy Keaveney said he had met with the Minister and 'West on Track' and the consensus is to maintain the project and he hopes to see the Athenry to Tuam section opened in the future.

Ambulance Base: Councillor Reilly told the Members the Ambulance Base has gone to Tender. The Tender process should be completed by September and it is hoped construction will commence then. He paid tribute to the Order of Malta who have provided an excellent service in Tuam over the years.

Fuel prices: Councillor Flanagan stated that the variation in fuel prices has been discussed at a number of Town Council meetings. The Department of Transport has been contacted and is monitoring Tuam, prices have dropped noticeably.

V. E. C.: Senator Higgins told the Members the Headquarters of the County Galway V.E.C. was located in Athenry. She would be calling on the Minister to keep the V.E.C. Headquarters of the newly amalgamated Galway/Roscommon V.E.C. in Athenry as this would be close to Roscommon town and Galway City. The members supported this.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 20th June, 2011 from Ms. Sara Lane, Pat Lane Shoes Ltd., regarding parking at Shop Street. It was agreed to write to Ms. Lane and inform her that the matter is discussed regularly by the Town Council but nothing can be done until the Tuam Water Distribution and Main Drainage Scheme is completed.

Letter dated 27th June, 2011 from Mr. Kevin Kelly, Director of Services – read.

Letter dated 14th June, 2011 from Mr. Albert Comer, SEO Planning & Sustainable Development Unit, Galway County Council. It was proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Reilly and agreed the Mayor attend the County Galway Joint Policing Committee Workshop.

Tuam Water Distribution and Main Drainage Scheme:

Councillor Flanagan told the Members she had been contacted by Mr. Dermot Collins, Project Engineer that evening to state he was unable to attend the meeting. It is expected work at Shop Street will be completed on 15th July. Work on Bishop Street may not start until September.

Memorial Plaque:

Councillor Ward presented quotation for cost of erecting a Memorial Plaque on the Town Hall in memory of all who died in all wars. It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Reilly and agreed that the plaque be erected on the exterior front wall of the Town Hall, the cost of E500-00 be paid from the Town Enhancement fund. It was proposed by Councillor Reilly, seconded by Councillor Flanagan and agreed to write to Ms. Mairin Doddy, Conservation Officer.

Councillor O'Grady told the Members a commemorative ceremony would be held in N. U. I. G. on Sunday 10th July for all who joined the British Army. A Military Historian will be in attendance.

Tuam Athletic Club:

Letter from Mr. Brendan Monaghan, Secretary, Tuam Athletic Club which was read at meeting held on 13th June, 2011 was discussed. Councillor O'Grady said Galway County Council own land at Weir Road. He proposed that the Astro-turf pitches be located there, public ground, and the Athletic Club may also be accommodated there. Letter dated 22nd June, 2011 from Deputy Kitt was also read. The Mayor stated that Tuam Celtic had applied to have the Astro-turf pitches located at their grounds. It was proposed by Councillor Reilly, seconded by the Mayor and agreed to write to Mr. Monaghan and state that the proposal will be considered.

Contribution to the Arts:

It was proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Flanagan and agreed to allocate E1,000-00 to Tuam Youth Theatre, E300-00 to Map of the City of Tuam by John Bourke and E200-00 to Dr. Matthew Potter, The Municipal Revolution in Ireland Book.

A. O. B.:

Councillor Reilly told the Members he had been approached by People who had received litter fines after leaving bottles at the bottle bank on the Weir Road. He called on Galway County Council to erect appropriate signs at the bottle bank. He also said the phone number advertised is out of order.

Regarding a bench at Parkmore Estate the Mayor asked the Town Engineer to talk to Residents in the area before the bench is refurbished.

Councillor Ward stated that the Tuam Cemetery Committee – Councillor Ward, Councillor Kelly, Councillor Flanagan, Councillor O'Grady, and Councillor Reilly- had met with the Town Engineer.

The cost of repairs to the Gates, ironwork etc. is estimated to be E40,000-00. He proposed setting up a group through the T.U.S. programme operated by Galway Rural Development which would allow unemployed people apply to be included in refurbishment work at cemeteries for a twelve month period. Insurance would be covered by Galway Rural Development. Supervision, tools and materials will have to be supplied. Eight cemeteries in the Tuam area could be included in the scheme.

Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor Kelly and seconded by Councillor Reilly that E5,000-00 allocated by the Town Council in 2010 for work at the cemetery be used to carry out emergency work.

It was proposed by Councillor Reilly, seconded by the Mayor and agreed to investigate regarding the T.U.S. programme.

It was proposed by Councillor Flanagan, seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed that the Mayor represent the Town Council at the 20th Anniversary of the twinning of Tuam with Straubing in Straubing in August

It was proposed by Councillor Reilly, seconded by the Mayor and agreed that Arthritis Ireland be given the use of the big room downstairs for their monthly meetings, 1st Tuesday of each month, starting in September.

It was proposed by Councillor O'Grady, seconded by Councillor Reilly and agreed to write to Fr. Stephen Farragher and Fr. Ray Flaherty and wish them well in their new assignments.

Sympathy:

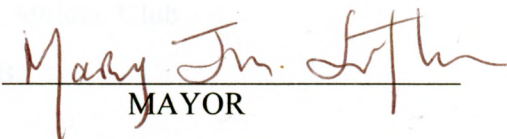
A vote of sympathy was passed with the following

- Maloney Family on the death of Jarlath
- Farrell Family on the death of Nancy
- Higgins Family, on the death of Johnny
- Forry Family on the death of Mary
- Councillor Flanagan on the death of her Aunt

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY


MAYOR

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29th June, 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, 4th July, 2011 at 7.00 p.m. You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise, le meas,

Angela Nolan

Baile Cleireach

Agenda

Minutes ✓

Manager's Business ✓

Correspondence ✓

Co-option of Member ✓

Tuam Water Distribution and Main Drainage Scheme ✓

Proposed Memorial Plaque

Tuam Athletic Club

A. O. B.

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday 13th June, 2011

Present: **Mayor:** Councillor Loftus

Councillors: T. Reilly, L. Bane, O. Ward, P. O'Grady
S. Cunniffe, E. Kitt, I. Kelly, S. A. 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 Special Meeting held on Wednesday, 13th April, 2011 was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by Councillor Kitt. The Minutes of Special Meeting held on Monday 18th April, 2011 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by Councillor Kelly. The Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday, 9th May, 2011 was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by Councillor Flanagan. The Minutes of Special Meeting held on 16th May, 2011 was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Flanagan seconded by Councillor Reilly. The Minutes of second Special Meeting held on 16th May, 2011 was adopted on the proposal of the Mayor seconded by Councillor Flanagan.

Matters arising from the Minutes:

Replying to Councillor Bane regarding resurfacing of Ballygaddy Road the Town Engineer said a submission/proposal to resurface 500 meters of road has been sent to the Department. The white line at Dublin Road will be re-instated. Regarding the Traffic Lights he said it was hoped to have the lights re-aligned before September. Regarding site at Weir Road Mr. Gilmore said discussions are taking place.

It was proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Reilly and agreed to write to Mr. Kevin Kelly, Director of Services, Galway County Council and ask for explanation as to why the old Library building cannot be leased to a voluntary group.

It was proposed by Councillor Flanagan, seconded by Councillor Reilly and agreed to invite the area T. D.s to the July meeting. It was proposed by Councillor Bane, seconded by Councillor Reilly that a special meeting be held.

Replying to Councillor O'Grady the Manager stated that Galway County Council has an active programme for unfinished estates. Following discussion the Mayor said she would contact Senator Higgins with a view to organizing a meeting with Minister Penrose.

Replying to Councillor O'Grady Mr. Gilmore said if somebody wrecks a local authority house they are taken off the housing list. He said there are particular issues and difficulties relating to properties at Gilmartin Road but various initiatives are being brought forward. The Rent Supplement Scheme is controlled by another agency. Councillor O'Grady asked for a list of vacant houses in Tuam.

Manager's Business:

Regarding the M17/M18 Mr. Gilmore said he had no further update.

Regarding the Ambulance Base Mr. Gilmore told the Members he would contact the Mayor in the morning if there was any update.

Mr. Gilmore informed the new Mayor that she was now a Member of the Tuam Electoral Area Committee. A meeting of the Tuam Electoral Area Committee will be held at 12 noon on Friday 17th June, 2011 in the Housing Unit, County Hall.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 5th May, 2011 from Celtic Anglian Water, Athenry. The Manager agreed to raise the issue with the water services unit. It was proposed by Councillor Reilly, seconded by the Mayor and agreed to write to Mr. Jim Cullen, Director of Services.

Letter dated 5th May, 2011 from Michael P. Kitt, T. D., Leas-Cheann Comhairle – read.

Letter dated 9th May, 2011 from Monaghan Town Council – read.

Letters dated 10th, 13th and 23rd May, 2011 from Mr. Leo Varadkar, T. D., Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport – read.

Letter dated 9th May, 2011 from Mr. Pat Fahy, Chairman, Tuam Tidy Towns Committee – Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor O’Grady, seconded by the Mayor and agreed that E500-00 from the Town Enhancement Fund be given to the Tidy Towns Committee.

Letter dated 17th May, 2011 from ARDS Borough Council – read.

Letter dated 24th May, 2011 from Old Tuam Society – It was agreed the big room downstairs be made available for Photographic Exhibition.

Letter dated 26th May, 2011 from National Roads Authority – read.

Letter dated 26th May, 2011 from Office of the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport – read.

Letter dated 24th May, 2011 from Irish Public Bodies – It was proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Cunniffe and agreed Councillor Reilly attend meeting.

Notice of: Information Morning – Cardiovascular Health in Irish Travellers – noted.

Notice of: West regional meeting – Irish Council for Social Housing – noted.

Tuam Water Distribution and Main Drainage Scheme:

Councillor Kitt asked that when Tullinaday Road is being relined the white line be placed in the middle of the area outside the parking area. He also asked that an update on progress be made available in the local press. It was proposed by Councillor Bane, seconded by the Mayor and agreed to invite Mr. Dermot Collins, Project Engineer to the July meeting.

Bord Gais:

It was proposed by Councillor Reilly, seconded by the Mayor and agreed to invite a representative from Bord Gais to the July meeting.

A. O. B.:

It was proposed by Councillor Flanagan, seconded by Councillor Reilly and agreed to advertise for applications under the “Contribution to the Arts” Scheme.

Replying to Councillor Ward Mr. Gilmore said there was an emergency service available to Tenants of Local Authority houses. Galway County Council had not bought any more houses in Tuam. Councillor Ward asked the Manager to inform the Board of the number of vacant houses in Tuam.

Councillor O'Grady read letter from Tuam Athletic Club. It was agreed the letter be circulated to the Members and included on the agenda for the July meeting.

Replying to Councillor Bane Mr. Gilmore advised People who are in difficulty to go and talk to the Finance Officer. The matter may also be raised with the Tuam Electoral Area Councillors. Councillor Bane asked that **Rates** be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

Councillor Cunniffe told the Members that this was his last meeting. The Mayor, Manager and Members thanked Councillor Cunniffe for his contribution to Tuam Town Council.

It was agreed to hold a special meeting, following the Joint Policing Meeting, on 27th June, 2011 to co-opt a new member to the Board.

Sympathy:

A vote of Sympathy was passed with the following Families:

Fitzgerald Family on the death of former Taoiseach, Dr. Gareth Fitzgerald
Costello Family on the death of former Taoiseach Declan Costello
Lenihan Family on the death of Deputy Brian Lenihan
Bell Family on the death of former Deputy Michael Bell
Reilly Family on the death of Michael
Ryan Family on the death of Pauline
Morrisey Family on the death of Vincent
McGrath Family on the death of Kathleen

This concluded the meeting

Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY: 

MAYOR

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual Meeting held on Monday, 13th June, 2011

Present: Mayor: Councillor Flanagan – outgoing

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

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

The Prayer was recited.

Election of Mayor:

The outgoing Mayor thanked everyone for their co-operation during the year. She thanked the Manager, the Engineer, the Town Clerk and the Press for their support. She thanked the Fine Gael Party and Members of the Board. She also thanked her Family and friends. She said it had been a very busy year and it had been a privilege to represent the Town Council at various functions. She wished the in coming Mayor good luck.

She then invited nominations for the position of Mayor. It was proposed by Councillor Reilly and seconded by Councillor Flanagan that Councillor Loftus be elected to hold the office of Mayor of the Town of Tuam for the coming year. There being no other proposal Councillor Loftus was elected. Councillor Loftus took the Chair.

She congratulated the outgoing Mayor on an excellent year. She said she was extremely humbled and honoured to be elected Mayor of Tuam and thanked the Members for electing her. She said she joined the Labour Party in 1979 and was the first Labour Party Mayor of Tuam. This together with the election of Deputy Keaveney to the Dail and the appointment of Senator Higgins to the Seanad is a feat never achieved before by the Labour Party in Galway East. She thanked her Family and friends. She said she would do her best for Tuam.

Election of Deputy Mayor:

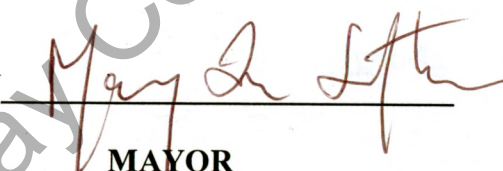
The Mayor invited nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor. It was proposed by Councillor Reilly and seconded by Councillor Ward that Councillor Kitt be elected Deputy Mayor of the Town of Tuam for the coming year. There being no other proposal Councillor Kitt was elected. Councillor Kitt thanked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

The Manager congratulated the incoming Mayor and Deputy Mayor and assured them of the support of the Management of Galway County Council. He thanked the outgoing Mayor for her dedication throughout the year. All present paid tribute to the outgoing Mayor and wished the new Mayor good luck.

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

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Monday 27th June, 2011 at 7 p.m. You are invited to attend.

Mise le meas, *Angela Holian*
Baile Cleireach

Agenda

1. Minutes
2. C. C. T. V.
3. Tuam Town Water Distribution and Main Drainage Scheme
4. A. O. B.

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of Joint Policing Committee

Held on Monday 8th November, 2010

Present: Mayor: Councillor S. A. Flanagan
Councillor L. Bane, Councillor I. Kelly, Councillor O. Ward,
Councillor P. Warren, Councillor S. Cunniffe, Councillor M. Loftus,
Councillor E. Kitt

Superintendent Gearoid Begley
Inspector Michael O'Dwyer
Sargent Martin Connor

Deputy Michael Kitt
Mr. Pat O'Hora

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

Apology: Councillor Reilly

The Prayer was recited.

The Minutes of meeting held on 5th July, 2010 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Kitt seconded by Councillor Cunniffe.

Matters arising from Minutes:

Regarding Crime Statistics Superintendent Begley stated that provisional figures for the Tuam Sub District to 25th October, 2010 compared with 2009 showed that Public Order offences decreased by 31 from the previous year. Criminal Damage cases increased by 14 on the previous year, there were 10 instances on one night alone and 4 on another occasion. Thefts were down by 26 while burglaries decreased by 10 when compared with 2009. Replying to Deputy Kitt he said Minor Assaults, 'Section 2', Offences increased by 11 over 2009. Serious Assaults, 'Section 3', Offences - where there is physical damage to a person - were down slightly. Replying to Councillor Loftus he said all public order issues are alcohol related. Replying to Councillor Kitt Inspector O'Dwyer said Garda Hugh Gallagher liaises with the schools and young people - training is taking place at the moment regarding a pilot scheme for secondary schools. The Members welcomed the initiation of five new "Neighbourhood Watch" schemes in the town.

Tuam Town Water Distribution and Main Drain Scheme:

Councillor Kelly thanked Supt. Begley and the Gardai for the efficient way they responded to a traffic jam earlier in the evening. Councillor Warren asked that Dublin Road -beside St. Patricks School' - be monitored as cars are coming down the one-way system. Councillor Bane asked that the traffic lights at the Old Road/Ballygaddy Road junction be adjusted.

A. O. B.:

Replying to the Mayor regarding a vacancy on the Joint Policing Committee Mr. Gilmore said the vacancy will be filled from the Community and Voluntary Sector and this will be done by Galway County Council.

Replying to Councillor Cunniffe regarding monitoring of C.C.T.V. Supt. Begley said the Gardai do not take on monitoring. Monitoring of C.C.T.V. would mean four Gardai having to be taken of street duty, this would be an inefficient use of available resources. The Town Manager stated that C.C.T.V. was funded by the Departments of Communications and Justice and Law Reform and may be used by Gardai post incidents. The monitor is fully accessible to the Gardai and access can be gained very quickly.

Replying to Councillor Ward regarding the installation of speed inhibitors on cars Supt. Begley said that was a matter for legislation.

Supt. Begley told the J. P. C. that the Local Policing Plan for 2011 is being prepared and any suggestions would be welcomed.

It was agreed to hold the next J. P. C. meeting in February 2011.

Letter dated 9th September, 2010 from Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform was read.

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

Signed by:


MAYOR

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Co. Galway

27.06.2011

Dear Angela

This is to advise you that
having been nominated by the Labour
Party to the vacancy on the Tham
Town Council (on the elevation CLR Committee)
I have great pleasure in confirming
that I would be honored to take up the
position

Yours Faithfully

Pat O'Hosa

COMHAIRLE BAILE THUAMA
Tuam Town Council



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8th June, 2011

To: Each Member of Tuam Town Council

A chara,

The Annual meeting of Tuam Town Council will be held in the Town Hall on Monday, 13th June, 2011 at 7 p.m., prior to the ordinary meeting. You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise, le meas,

Angela Holean

Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Election of Mayor

Election of Deputy Mayor

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Special meeting

held on

Monday 16th May, 2011

Present: Mayor: Councillor Flanagan

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

Officials: Ms. Angela Holian, Town Clerk

Tuam Water Distribution and Main Drainage Scheme:

It was proposed by Councillor Reilly, seconded by Councillor Kitt and agreed that the Mayor arrange a meeting with Mr. Dermot Collins, Project Engineer and Mr. Owen Long, Coffey Construction Ltd. regarding work at Shop Street.

Tuam Cemetery Committee:

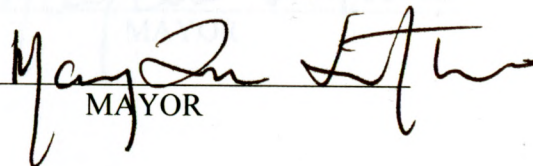
Councillor Kelly read Email from Ms. Mairin Doddy, Conservation Officer to Mr. Enda Gallagher, Town Engineer - copy to be circulated to the Members of the Board. The Committee agreed to meet on Wednesday at 8 p.m. and then arrange meeting with the Town Engineer on Thursday.

A. O. B.:

Letter dated 16th May, 2011 from Mr. Derek Cassidy, Tuam voluntary Force was read and noted.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY:


MAYOR



TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Special meeting
held on
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- Present: Mayor: Councillor Flanagan
- Councillors: L. Bane, E. Kitt, T. Reilly, O. Ward, S. Cunniffe,
M. Loftus, I. Kelly.
- Officials: Ms. Angela Holian, Town Clerk

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting. It was proposed by Councillor Kelly and seconded by Councillor Bane that Mr. Paul O'Grady be appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Councillor Warren. The Mayor and Members welcomed Councillor O'Grady to the Board of Tuam Town Council.

Councillor O'Grady thanked the Mayor, Members of the Board and his Fire Gael Colleagues. He paid tribute to Peter Warren and wished him well. He said he was happy to be back and intended to be vocal on issues such as the Astro-turf pitches, Western Rail Corridor, M17/Tuam by-pass, the Grove Hospital and Planning matters in Tuam.

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY: Mayor O'Grady
MAYOR

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8th June, 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, 13th June, 2011 at 7.30 p.m. following Annual meeting. You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise, le meas,

A. Nolan

Baile Cleireach

Agenda

Minutes Special meeting held 13th April, 2011
Special meeting held 18th April, 2011
Monthly meeting held 9th May, 2011
Special meetings held 16th May, 2011

Manager's Business

Correspondence

Tuam Water Distribution and Main Drainage Scheme

A. O. B.

Matters arising from the Minutes:

Regarding variation in fuel prices it was proposed by Councillor Reilly
Mayor was asked to write to the Minister for Transport regarding the
warding right of Hugh Hession Road the Town Engineer and he would
represent the Council or Kelly regarding planning and the Town Hall in
Loughrea. The O.P. will have to contract the end of the way
plans for district buildings. (C. Manager)

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday 9th May, 2011

Present: **Mayor:** Councillor Flanagan

Councillors: E. Kitt, L. Bane, I. Kelly, S. Cunniffe,
O. Ward, T. Reilly, M. Loftus

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

The Prayer was recited.

The Minutes of Special Meeting held on Monday, 28th March, 2011 was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by Councillor Kitt.

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

Deputy Michael Kitt was congratulated on his appointment as Leas-Cheann Comhairle.

Matters arising from the Minutes:

Regarding variation in fuel prices it was proposed by Councillor Reilly, seconded by the Mayor and agreed to write to the Minister for Transport. Replying to Councillor Reilly regarding lights at Hugh Hession Road the Town Engineer said he would investigate.

Replying to Councillor Kelly regarding painting and decorating the Town Hall the Town Engineer said the O.P.W. will have a contractor on site before the end of the week. Regarding derelict buildings the Manager said he was awaiting a report.

Replying to the Mayor the Town Engineer said one set of bicycle racks has been installed between the Fire Station and the Civic Office.

Replying to Councillor Bane regarding resurfacing of Ballygaddy Road the Town Engineer said he was awaiting proposals from Coffey Construction in relation to the areas which they have to resurface. Regarding the Traffic Lights he said "Forecourt Services" are to investigate.

Replying to Councillor Ward regarding pedestrian crossing at Purcell Road the Town Engineer said a pedestrian crossing will be installed when work is completed on the Tuam Water Distribution and Main Drainage Scheme:

It was proposed by Councillor Bane, seconded by Councillor Reilly and agreed to invite the local T. D.'s to a meeting before the end of June.

Manager's Business:

Regarding the Ambulance Base Mr. Gilmore told the Members he was still awaiting confirmation from the Health Service Executive that construction will commence.

Regarding the M17/M18 Mr. Gilmore said, despite media speculation, the P. P. P. project is still completely underway. The Mayor said she had also been in contact with the Department of Transport and read letter received.

Mr. Gilmore told the Members that Mr. Eugene Commins has been appointed Director of Services for housing.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 13th April, 2011 from office of the Taoiseach, Mr. Enda Kenny, T. D. – read.

Letter dated 13th April, 2011 from Mr. Martin Quinn, Secretary, Tipperary Peace Convention – read.

Letter dated 14th April, 2011 from National Transport Authority, Public Transport Regulation Division – read.

Letter dated 21st April, 2011 from Mr. Michael Kitt, T. D., Leas-Cheann Comhairle – read.

Letter dated 5th May, 2011 from Department of Justice and Law Reform, White Paper on Crime Unit – noted.

Tuam Water Distribution and Main Drainage Scheme:

The Mayor informed the Members she had contacted the Project Engineer prior to the meeting. Work is continuing at night on the N17 between Corrib Oil and Ballygaddy Road. Work is continuing at Weir Road, Church View, Tullinadaly Road, Shop Street, and Glass Lane. She said Coffey Construction are proposing 24 hour working at weekends on the N17, O'Connell's to Coca Cola, which would mean less disruption to Residents and motorists during the week. It would also mean the work would be completed quicker.

Mr. Gilmore stated that final details have not been worked out. Consultation must take place between the Roads Unit, Galway County Council, the Water Unit, Galway County Council and Coffey Construction, the Town Engineer and Executive Engineer.

The Members unanimously supported 24 hour work at weekends on the N17, O'Connell's to Coca Cola, provided all departments are in agreement.

The Members asked that better signs be erected especially at Ballygaddy Road and end of Chapel Lane.

Councillor Kitt complimented Coffey's for their co-operation during their time at Weir Road.

Unfinished Housing Estates:

Replying to Councillor Bane Mr. Gilmore advised People in housing estates to form Resident Associations. These representative bodies can hold a vote and request Galway County Council to take their estate in charge. Councillor Reilly stated that grants were available to Resident Associations.

Filling of Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor Reilly, seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed to hold a special meeting on Monday, 16th May, 2011 at 5 p.m.

Annual Meeting:

It was agreed to hold the Annual meeting on Monday 13th June, 2011.

A. O. B.:

Replying to Councillor Ward Mr. Gilmore said under the 1956 Fluoridation Act the Government decided that sodium fluoride would be added to the public water supply at a rate of .8 to 1 part of a million. This is approved by the World Health Organisation. Regarding a preservation order for the Palace Grounds Mr. Gilmore said Tuam Town Council has no statutory role in planning. Galway County Council is the Planning Authority.

Regarding the proposed Astro-pitches Councillor Ward asked the Manager to inform the Board of land owned by Galway Council in Tuam with a view to providing the facilities at another location.

Councillor Kelly read letter dated 18th April, 2010 from Tuam Community Arts Group-Earwig requesting the support of the Town Council in their application to Galway County Council for the use of the old Library building at Shop Street. There was unanimous support for Earwig.

Replying to Councillor Kelly regarding the cemetery the Town Engineer said FAS workers are not allowed to work in cemeteries. A report was awaited from the Conservation Officer. The Members decided to set up a sub-committee and organize a clean up at the cemetery also invite Members of the Public to take part.

Councillor Bane stated that the white line on a section of Dublin Road, from Highway to Joyce's, had faded and asked that it be re-instated.

Replying to Councillor Loftus Mr. Gilmore said any concerns in relation to C.C.T.V. cameras will be investigated. Councillor Reilly asked if the cameras were "infra-red".

It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Reilly and agreed to hold a Civic Reception for the Galway Under-21 Football Team who recently won the All-Ireland Final.

Regarding dogs fouling the footpaths Councillor Cunniffe appealed to dog owners to clean up after their pets.

Councillor Cunniffe told the Members that following meeting held on 18th April, 2011 he and two other people, concerned at losing both the proposed development and the inner relief road, contacted Presentation College and Galway County Council. Following discussions the project is now in a more favourable position. Councillor Cunniffe was congratulated on his initiative. The Members also wished the Milltown Road development all the best.

The Members congratulated the newly formed Tidy Towns Committee.

It was agreed to hold a J. P. C. meeting.

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Tuam Town Council

Sympathy:

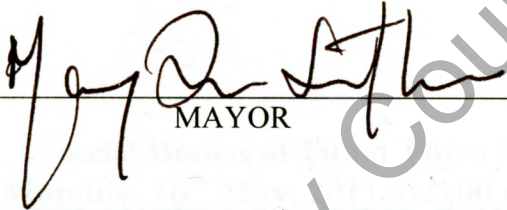
A vote of Sympathy was passed with the following Families:

Finnegan Family, Abbeytrinity on the death of Eileen
Byrne Family, Tonemoyle on the death of Pamela
Mills Family, Tubberjarlath on the death of Ned
Hession Family, on the death of Mary Connolly Hession

This concluded the meeting

Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY:


MAYOR

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11th May, 2011

To each Member of Tuam Town Council

A Chara,

**A special Meeting of Tuam Town Council will be held in the
Town Hall on Monday, 16th May, 2011 at 5.00 p.m. You are hereby
summoned to attend.**

Mise, le meas,

Angela Holan Baile Cleireach

Agenda

Filling of Vacancy



Prospect Lodge,
Tulsk,
Castlerea,
Co. Roscommon.

9 May 2011

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

Dear Ms. Holian,

I wish to advise that in order to comply with S.19 (3) of the Local Government Act, 2001, the Fine Gael Party has held a convention to select a replacement to fill the casual vacancy on Tuam Town Council created by the resignation of Peter Warren as a member of Tuam Town Council.

Paul O'Grady of the Deanery, Dublin Road, Tuam, Co. Galway is proposed as the replacement candidate; he is an **Auctioneer and Publican** by profession.

You can contact him on 087-2445980 or by e-mail on paulogradyauctioneers@eircom.net. (Please note these contact details are for your benefit and not for publication at this time).

I believe that our proposal is in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Government Act 2001, and specifically, the candidate proposed for co-option complies with the requirements of S.13 of the Act, as regards his/her eligibility for membership of the Town Council.

I trust you will find this in order.

Yours sincerely,

DARRAGH KELLY
FINE GAEL WESTERN AREA REGIONAL ORGANISER
071-9639915/086-1731517
E-MAIL: DARRAGHFG@EIRCOM.NET



The Deanery,
Dublin Road,
Tuam,
Co. Galway.

9 May 2011

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

Re: Nomination as co-optee to Tuam Town Council

Dear Ms. Holian,

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 19(5) of the Local Government Act, 2001 - I hereby consent to my nomination by the **Fine Gael Party** as co-optee to Tuam Town Council to fill the casual vacancy created by the resignation of **Peter Warren** from Tuam Town Council.

Also, I have read the provisions set out under Section 13 of the Local Government Act 2001 relating to "Disqualifications from Local Authority Membership" and I wish to confirm my eligibility for membership, should I have the privilege of my nomination for co-option being approved by Tuam Town Council.

Yours sincerely,

Paul O'Grady

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Mob: 087-2445980
E-mail: paulogradyauctioneers@eircom.net

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Special meeting held on Monday 18th April, 2011

Present: Mayor: Councillor Flanagan

Councillors: O. Ward, L. Bane, E. Kitt, S. Cunniffe, I. Kelly,
M. Loftus, T. Reilly.

Officials: Mr. Frank Gilmore, Director of Services
Mr. Kevin Kelly, Director of Services
Mr. Jim Cullen, Director of Services
Ms. Angela Holian, Town Clerk

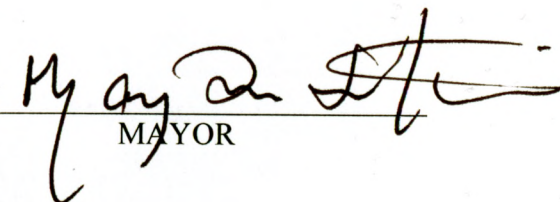
The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting. She thanked the Members of the Public for attending the meeting.

The Members welcomed the construction of the road. Following a vote the eight Members of the Board unanimously agreed to oppose any development at the Palace Grounds.

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY


MAYOR

Tennis Ground

Playground

PROPOSED TENNIS/
BASKETBALL COURTS

225 AC

36C

Bus Parking

9.2S

36AC

Leisure Centre and Swimming Pool

Swimming Pool

36CC

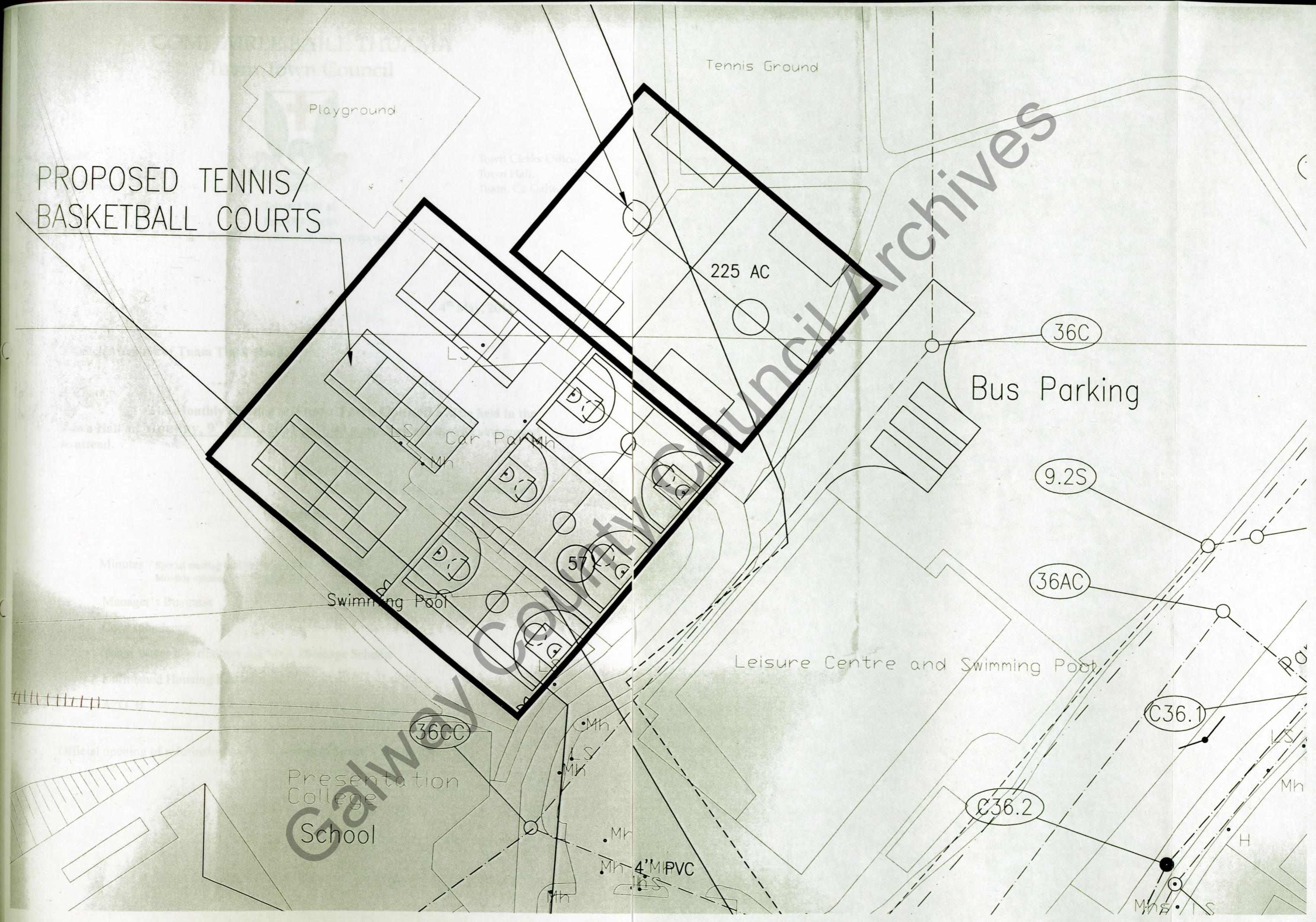
Presentation
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School

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4th May, 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, 9th May, 2011 at 7.00 p.m. You are hereby summoned
to attend.**

Mise, le meas,

Angel Holian Baile Cleireach

Agenda

Minutes Special meeting held 28th March, 2011
Monthly meeting held 4th April, 2011

Manager's Business

Correspondence

Tuam Water Distribution and Main Drainage Scheme

Unfinished Housing Estates

A. O. B.

Official opening of refurbished car park at Bishop Street - 5 p.m.

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Special meeting **held on** **Wednesday 13th April, 2011**

Present: Deputy Mayor: Councillor Loftus

Councillors: O. Ward, L. Bane, S. A. Flanagan, S. Cunniffe,
I. Kelly, E. Kitt, T. Reilly

Officials: Mr. Frank Gilmore, Director of Services
Mr. Kevin Kelly, Director of Services
Mr. Jim Cullen, Director of Services
Ms. Angela Holian, Town Clerk

The Deputy Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Mr. Cullen stated that the construction of the proposed road from Waterslade to Bishop Street would mean that significant water and sewerage services could be re-routed, achieving savings - work at the housing development at Waterslade would prove difficult and challenging. The Contractor for the Tuam Water Distribution and Main Drainage Scheme has delayed work while the matter of the road and tennis courts is being discussed/resolved. The point has now been reached where work must proceed. Replying to the Members Mr. Cullen said the proposed road is in the development plan for Tuam - Galway County Council is not in a position to build the road. Part of the land is in the ownership of Galway County Council. The construction of the new road would alleviate problems at Shop Street and Bishop Street - if the road is not built disruption will be more severe. Ownership of the road will be transferred to Galway County Council - Public Ownership.

Mr. Kelly presented a map of the new proposed location of the Tennis Courts which had been agreed with the Board of Management of the School. The revamping of the existing tennis court would not be acceptable. The proposal will have minimum impact on the park. The astro-turf pitches are also included as the Department will not allow the grant to be moved to another location.

Replying to the Members Mr. Kelly said approval in principle of the Town Council is what is being sought, people will be invited to make submissions under the Public Consultation process.

The Members welcomed the building of the relief road.

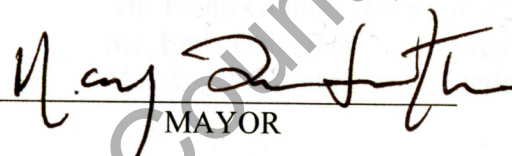
It was proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by the Mayor and agreed that the new proposal be marked out on the ground and a meeting be held on Monday 18th April, 2011 at 7 p.m. when a final decision on the matter will be taken.

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by:

Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY:


MAYOR

Matters arising from the Minutes

Replying to Councillor Warren regarding the advert for a vacant position Mr. Gilmore had letter dated 27th March, 2011 from Mr. Kevin Kelly, Director of Services, Corporate & Culture, Services Planning & Sustainable Development. It was proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by the Mayor and agreed that the local T. D. C. Regarding the relocation of the Towns Court/Deeds Office on 31st March and that the work had taken place on the 31st March and that the Developer will be available a meeting will be held.

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday 4th April, 2011

Present: **Mayor:** Councillor Flanagan

Councillors: O. Ward, P. Warren, L. Bane, I. Kelly,
T. Reilly, E. Kitt, M. Loftus, S. Cunniffe

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, 7th March, 2011 was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Warren seconded by Councillor Reilly. The Minutes of Special Meeting held on Tuesday, 22nd March, 2011 was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by Councillor Kelly.

The Mayor and Members congratulated Councillor Cunniffe on his co-option to Galway County Council.

Matters arising from the Minutes:

Replying to Councillor Warren regarding the Astro-turf/all weather pitches Mr. Gilmore read letter dated 22nd March, 2011 from Mr. Kevin Kelly, Director of Services, Corporate & Cultural Services Planning & Sustainable Development. It was proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by the Mayor and agreed to write to the local T. D's. Regarding the relocation of the Tennis Court/Basketball Court Mr. Gilmore said consultation had taken place between the School Management and the Developer, when the details are available a meeting will be called.

Replying to Councillor Reilly the Town Engineer said the footpath between the O'Toole car park and the County Council car park is in the ownership of Mr. O'Toole. The signs ordered have not been delivered yet. Regarding lights at Hugh Hession Road he said part of the Glebe is not "in charge" of Galway County Council.

Replying to Councillor Bane the Town Engineer said discussions were still taking place regarding a drainage scheme prior to the resurfacing of the Ballygaddy Road. Regarding the playground at Dublin Road the Community Wardens visited the area and gave the Residents the phone number of the Guard to contact.

Replying to Councillor Kitt the Town Engineer said no work has been done in relation to traffic calming measures at Cloonthue Road.

Replying to Councillor Kelly the Town Engineer said discussions were taking place with the Courts Service regarding repainting the Town Hall.

Replying to Councillor Cunniffe regarding bicycle racks the Town Engineer said they would be installed in approximately 3 weeks.

Manager's Business:

Regarding the Ambulance Base Mr. Gilmore told the Members that he had been informed by the Health Service Executive that tenders have been short listed to six. They hope to see construction commence this year.

Mr. Gilmore told the Members there was a vacancy on the Corporate Affairs and Cultural SPC following the co-option of Councillor Cunniffe to Galway County Council – letter dated 24th March, 2011 from Ms. Breda McDermott, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services refers. It was proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Kitt and agreed that Councillor Reilly represent Tuam Town Council on the SPC.

Regarding the M17/M18 Mr. Gilmore said the development of the P. P. P. project is highly confidential. The NRA is fully committed to the project. E120m has already been invested. It was proposed by Councillor Reilly, seconded by Councillor Loftus and agreed to write to the Taoiseach and Minister for Transport.

Bank Mandate:

The Town Clerk told the Members that when the Bank mandate was being updated in November, 2009 at item number 4 "any two of above signatures" was ticked instead of "any one of above signatures" which was the case prior to 2009. It was proposed by Councillor Kitt, seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed that item number 4 on the Bank mandate revert to one signature.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 16th March, 2011 from Mr. Albert Comer, Senior Executive Officer, Planning & Sustainable Development Unit, Galway County Council – noted.

Letter dated 3rd March, 2011 from Mr. Sean Morris, Secretary, Nuclear Free Local Authorities UK and Ireland – read.

Letter dated 25th March, 2011 from Monaghan Town Council – read.

Notice of Local Authority Members Association Spring Seminar in Fairways Hotel, Dundalk on 29th April, 2011.

Tuam Water Distribution and Main Drainage Scheme:

The Mayor informed the Members she had contacted Mr. Dermot Collins, Project Engineer prior to the meeting. Work is ongoing on Dublin Road and the Weir Road. Work is continuing at night on the N17, North and South. Church View will be closed next week. Foster Place will re-open on Thursday. A section of Tullinadally Road will be closed from Monday 11th April. Shop Street will be closing on 3rd May, 2011.

Replying to Councillor Cunniffe who suggested that work on Shop Street might be carried out at night the Manager said he would discuss the matter with the Water Services Unit, Galway County Council.

Replying to Councillor Bane Mr. Gilmore said the traffic lights on the N17 are on manual control at the moment, the installation of an automatic control system will be investigated.

Replying to Councillor Ward the Town Engineer said work on the Purcell road was complete. Councillor Ward asked that a pedestrian crossing be installed at the Railway Kitchen end.

Water Meters/Frozen pipes:

Mr. Gilmore told the Members that the Celtic Anglian Water Company is responsible for water meters, some of which shattered during the cold spell.

Some meters were replaced and others were repaired. Some meters were installed less than 4 feet below ground – the standard depth for roads is 4 foot. Some new meter boxes will have to be installed. Galway County Council is liaising with the Department of the Environment. Councillor Reilly thanked the County Council for their co-operation during the cold spell. It was proposed by Councillor Reilly, seconded by Councillor Cunniffe and agreed to invite Celtic Anglian to a meeting.

Suicide Prevention:

The Mayor welcomed Ms. Mary O'Sullivan, Suicide Prevention Officer, Galway, Mayo and Roscommon to the meeting. She also welcomed Councillor Peter Roache. Ms. Sullivan outlined the work of the National Office for Suicide Prevention.

Councillor Roache thanked the Members for including Suicide Prevention on the agenda. He said suicide is a spontaneous act but is a nightmare for families. He said there had been 540 deaths by suicide in Ireland last year.

The Mayor and Members thanked Ms. O'Sullivan and Councillor Roache for an excellent presentation.

Derelict Buildings:

The Mayor welcomed Mr. P. J. McGrath, Galway Road to the meeting. Mr. McGrath presented photos of derelict houses adjacent to his home. He said he had brought this to the attention of some Members of the Board some months ago but nothing had happened. He appealed to the Town Council to put pressure on Galway County Council to do something with the neglected/abandoned properties. Mr. Gilmore agreed to take the matter up with the Environmental Section, Galway County Council.

ST. Jarlath's College:

The Mayor told the Members they were invited to St. Jarlath's College on Saturday night to welcome home the St. Jarlath's football team who are playing in the Colleges Football Final for the Hogan Cup. It was agreed that flags and bunting be erected on the Town Hall. St. Jarlath's were wished good luck in the game.

A. O. B.:

Replying to Councillor Ward regarding house repairs Mr. Gilmore said repairs were carried out on a programmed basis.

Replying to Councillor Loftus the Manager said the paying of car tax at the Council Offices at High Street had to be re-considered because of shortage of Staff.

The Mayor asked that the Court Services be contacted with a view to locating re-cycling bins at the car park adjacent to the old Court House.

Alan Kelly was congratulated on his winning of the Junior "West has got Talent" Competition.

The Mayor, Members and Officials paid tribute to Councillor Warren who was attending his last meeting. Councillor Warren thanked the Members of the Board for their support since he was first elected in 1998. He thanked the Manager, former Managers, the Town Engineer, the Executive Engineer, the Town Clerk and the press for their support over twelve years. He said the highlight of his time as a Councillor was being elected Mayor. He thanked his Wife and Family for their continued support.

Sympathy:

A vote of Sympathy was passed with the following Families:

Fahy Family, Belclare on the death of Jim
Monaghan Family, Ballygaddy Road on the death of Eddie
Gormally Family, Demense on the death of Matt
Ward Family, Gilmartin Road on the death of Teresa
Grimes Family, Airglooney on the death of Michael
Gormally Family, Brownsrove on the death of Joe

This concluded the meeting

Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY:


MAYOR



KK/mg

Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council

22nd March 2011

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

Re: Astro-Turf/ All-Weather Pitches, Tuam

Dear Angela,

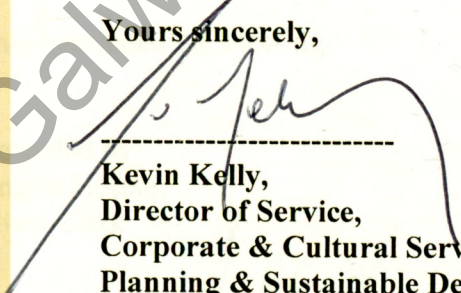
I refer to your letter dated 15th March, 2011 regarding the above and confirm that the grant in question is from the Sports Capital Funding Scheme of the Department of Arts, Sport and Tourism.

The grant has been made available to Galway County Council to provide all-weather pitches on lands owned and controlled by Galway County Council. The process would normally involve the Local Authority entering into a Deed of Covenant with the Department which would provide for the repayment of the grant to the Department if the conditions of the grant were not met.

The Department have indicated that it would not be possible to transfer the grant allocated to the Local Authority to a club or other organisation.

I trust that this will clarify the position.

Yours sincerely,



Kevin Kelly,
Director of Service,
Corporate & Cultural Services
Planning & Sustainable Development

c.c. Each Member of Tuam Electoral Area Committee



TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Special meeting held on Monday, 28th March, 2011

Present: Mayor: Councillor Flanagan
Councillor O. Ward, Councillor I. Kelly, Councillor L. Bane
Councillor P. Warren, Councillor T. Reilly, Councillor E. Kitt,
Councillor S. Cunniffe, Councillor M. Loftus

Ms. Angela Holian, Town Clerk

Deputy Colm Keaveney
Deputy Paul Connaughton
Deputy Michael Kitt

Apology: Deputy Ciaran Cannon

The Mayor and Members welcomed the Deputies to the meeting and congratulated them on their recent election.

Matters raised included Industry and Employment, M17-M18 (Gort to Tuam road) and Tuam by-pass, Western Rail Corridor, Education (RTT Teachers), variation in fuel prices and the proposed Ambulance Base for Tuam.

The Mayor and Members asked the Deputies to consider the matters raised and respond in due course. The Mayor also suggested that another meeting be arranged for may/June.

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY:


MAYOR

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30th March, 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, 4th April, 2011 at 7.00 p.m. You are hereby
summoned to attend.**

Mise, le meas,

Angela Nolan Baile Cleireach

Agenda

Minutes:

Manager's Business

Correspondence

Tuam Water Distribution and Main Drainage Scheme

Water Meters/Frozen Pipes

Mary O'Sullivan – County Suicide Prevention Officer

A. O. B.

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Special meeting held on Tuesday 22nd March, 2011

Present: Mayor Sally Ann Flanagan, Councillor Imelda Kelly and Town Clerk Angela Holian.

The meeting was called to decide on application to use the Town Hall received from Tuam Tidy Town Committee. It was proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by the Mayor and agreed to let the Tidy Towns Committee use the big room on the ground floor for meetings until the end of June – proof of insurance to be provided.

Application for use of the Town Hall by Presentation College Transition Year Students was also dealt with. The Students require a room for two weeks to set up a volunteer centre/room as part of the Young Social Innovators Programme. Two girls, supervised by a teacher, will attend from 10 a.m. to 12 noon three mornings a week. This was agreed to.

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED:


MAYOR

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

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

Present: **Mayor:** Councillor Flanagan

Councillors: P. Warren, L. Bane, T. Reilly, S. Cunniffe,
E. Kitt, O. Ward, I. Kelly M. Loftus,

Officials: Mr. Enda Gallagher, Town Engineer,
Ms. Angela Holian, Town Clerk

The Prayer was recited.

The Minutes of Special Meeting held on Wednesday 12th January, 2011 was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Warren seconded by Councillor Reilly. The Minutes of Special Meeting held on Monday 17th January, 2011 was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Warren seconded by Councillor Reilly. The Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 7th February, 2011 was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by Councillor Loftus. The Minutes of Special meeting held on Monday 28th February, 2011 was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by Councillor Loftus.

The Mayor and Members congratulated the recently elected T. D's. They thanked the outgoing T. D's and wished them well. Councillor Bane proposed inviting Deputy Cannon and Deputy Connaughton to a meeting. It was proposed by Councillor Reilly, seconded by Councillor Warren and agreed to invite the four T. D's for the area to the next meeting of the Board. It was proposed by Councillor Bane, seconded by Councillor Warren and agreed to hold a special meeting.

Matters arising from the Minutes:

Councillor Kelly queried if there was any progress in relation to the Astro-turf/all weather pitches. The Members agreed it was imperative the allocation of E180,000-00 be retained in Tuam and the best location for the pitches was Tuam Celtic as they have planning permission and lighting in place. It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Reilly and agreed to get clarification in writing regarding the 'ringfencing' of the funding.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 14th January, 2011 from Tuam Fairtrade Committee – noted.

Letter dated 2nd February, 2011 from the Mayor of Straubing – read.

Letter dated 11th February, 2011 from Skibbereen Town Council – read.

Letter dated 16th February, 2011 from National Parks and Wildlife Service – read.

Letter dated 24th February, 2011 from Monaghan Town Council – read.

Letter dated 4th March, 2011 from Tuam Chamber of Commerce – noted.

Notice of "The 1916 conference" in Riverside Park Hotel, Enniscorthy on 26th March, 2011.

Notice of Local Authority Members Association Spring Seminar in Fairways Hotel, Dundalk on 29th April, 2011.

Message from Mr. Brian McCarthy regarding variation in fuel prices in Tuam – It was agreed this matter be raised with the T. D's. also with Tuam Chamber of Commerce.

Tuam Water Distribution and Main Drainage Scheme:

Replying to Councillor Reilly the Town Engineer said he would get details of the Board Gais network for the next meeting.

Councillor Kitt asked that Pedestrian and wheelchair access to Circular Road be maintained while the road is closed.

Replying to Councillor Bane regarding Ballygaddy Road the Town Engineer said a section of road from the roundabout to Garracloon will be reinstated.

Replying to Councillor Cunniffe regarding damaged curbs on footpaths the Town Engineer said Galway County Council will insist on any damaged areas being refurbished.

Replying to Councillor Loftus regarding E.S.B. ducting the Town Engineer said there will be no under-grounding of overhead wires.

Person of the Year:

The Mayor thanked the sub-committee and announced that Ms. Caroline Heffernan has been selected Tuam Person of the Year for 2010. Tuam Celtic Soccer Club has been selected Tuam Group of the Year for 2010. It was agreed to hold reception for the recipients on 28th March, 2011.

A. O. B.:

Replying to Councillor Reilly the Town Engineer said he would check the pathway between the O'Toole car park and the County Council car park at Bishop Street. Regarding signs at the car park he said it was hoped signs would be erected prior to the next meeting. Councillor Reilly said a number of lights are not working at Hugh Hession road and he requested Galway County Council to authorize the E.S.B. to install new lights/bulbs.

Councillor Kitt asked that traffic calming measures be installed at Cloonthue Road. Replying to Councillor Kitt regarding two houses at the corner of Gilmartin Road the Town Engineer said he would investigate.

Replying to Councillor Bane regarding the playground at Dublin Road the Town Engineer said complaints will be investigated. Councillor Bane asked that a "yellow Box" be installed at the entrance to the Mart.

Replying to Councillor Ward regarding the M17 - Tuam to Gort Road the Town Engineer said there was no progress. Regarding grit boxes - quotes have been obtained and arrangements are being made to take delivery of same.

Sympathy:

A vote of Sympathy was passed with the following Families:

Cassery Family, Waterslade on the death of Bridie
Councillor Ward on the death of his brother John

This concluded the meeting

Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY:


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To each Member of Tuam Town Council

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Mise, le meas,

Angela Holian Baile Cleireach

Agenda

Special meeting held 12th January, 2011

Minutes: Special meeting held 17th January, 2011

Monthly meeting held on 7th February, 2011

Special meeting held on 28th February, 2011

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Tuam Water Distribution and Main Drainage Scheme

A. O. B.

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Special meeting held on Monday, 28th February, 2011

Present: Mayor: Councillor Flanagan
Councillors: P. Warren, O. Ward, I. Kelly, L. Bane, E. Kitt

Apology; Councilors: T. Reilly, M. Loftus, S. Cunniffe

Letter dated 2nd February, 2011 from Ms. Esther Geraghty, Tuam Youth Theatre was read. It was proposed by Councillor Warren, seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed to let Tuam Youth Theatre have the use of the big room on the ground floor for rehearsals for their upcoming production.

Application for use of the Town Hall for Children's entertainment (puppet show) after the St. Patrick's Day Parade was discussed. It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Warren and agreed to Make the big room on the ground floor available for the puppet show on 17th March, 2011.

Transition Year Students plan for the Car park at bishop Street was discussed. It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Kitt and agreed to contribute E2,000-00 from the Town Enhancement Fund to the project.

It was agreed to consult with the Flynn Family regarding the proposal by the Mayor to have a plaque erected in the town in commemoration of Johnny Flynn and to discuss the matter at the next meeting.

The Mayor informed the Members that a meeting of the Tidy Towns Committee will be held in the Corralea Court Hotel on Wednesday 2nd March, 2011.

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

Signed by:  MAYOR

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

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

Present: **Mayor:** Councillor Flanagan

Councillors: L. Bane, P. Warren, O. Ward, T. Reilly, E. Kitt,
M. Loftus, I. Kelly, S. Cunniffe,

Officials: Mr. Frank Gilmore Director of Services
Mr. Enda Gallagher, Town Engineer,
Ms. Angela Holian, Town Clerk
Mr. Dermot Collins, Project Engineer, Tuam Water
Distribution and Main Drainage Scheme

The Prayer was recited.

The Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 10th January, 2011 was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by Councillor Warren.

Matters arising from the Minutes:

Replying to Councillor Warren the Town Engineer said a section of road adjacent to the Eircom Building has not been taken in charge by Galway County Council. Lights are being costed for the full section. Regarding the M17/18, Tuam to Gort road, Mr. Gilmore said negotiations were continuing between the Developer and the PPP unit of the NRA.

Replying to the Mayor the Town Engineer said the bicycle racks should be delivered inside two weeks.

Replying to Councillor Reilly regarding a sign at the multistory car park the Town Engineer said he would check.

Replying to Councillor Cunniffe regarding problems with water meters during the cold weather Mr. Gilmore said he was awaiting a response from the Water Services Unit. He hopes to address the matter at the next meeting.

Replying to Councillor Kelly regarding pot holes at Shop Street, Tullinadaly Road, Chapel Lane, Galway Road etc the Town Engineer said the extent of the damage meant it was taking longer to carry out repairs. He said Tuam Water Distribution and Main Drainage Scheme is commencing on Tullinadaly Road in March and in Shop Street in April. Replying to the Members Mr. Gilmore said Galway County Council was aware of frustration felt by people, he appealed for patience and said Tuam will have the highest standard of roads when the Water Distribution and Main Drainage Scheme is completed.

Manager's Business:

Mr. Gilmore told the Members he had been in contact with the H. S. E. that day. Funding has been committed for the Ambulance Base. A Member of the H. S. E. will attend a meeting after the tender process has been finalized.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 5th January, from Colmcille Heritage Trust – read.

Letter dated 12th January, 2011 from Irish business Against Litter – read.

Letters dated 5th and 24th January, 2011 from Monaghan Town Council – read.

Letter dated 24th January, 2011 from Ennis Town Council – read.

Letter dated 23rd January, 2011 from Mr. Willi Kiefel, Parkview Drive, Tuam – read.

Letter dated 27th January, 2011 from Mullingar Town Council – read.

Letter dated 27th January, 2011 from Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance – read.

Letter dated 28th January, 2011 from A. M. A. I. – read.

Letter dated 28th January, 2011 from Ratooh Heritage Society – read.

Letter dated 4th February, 2011 from Sr. Agnes, 35 Gilmartin Road, Tuam – read.

Tuam Celtic:

The Mayor welcomed Mr. Seamus Sweeney to the meeting. Mr. Sweeney told the Members Tuam Celtic is in existence for 37 years and caters for over 400 Members. He outlined their plans for the future. He said Tuam Celtic has planning permission for Astro-turf pitches at their site at Cloonthue Road. The required lighting is already in place. They also have planning permission for a Community Centre. The facilities at Tuam Celtic are available to everyone including the Schools. He appealed to the Councillors to have the proposed pitches, planned for the Palace Grounds, relocated to the Tuam Celtic site as a lot a people object to the location of same at the Palace Grounds. The Mayor thanked Mr. Sweeney for his presentation.

Following discussion the Members congratulated Tuam Celtic on their fantastic work with young People. They agreed that the preferred location for the Astro-turf pitches is the Tuam Celtic site. They acknowledged being told that the funding was non-transferable but agreed to talk again to the Director of Services.

Tuam Chamber of Commerce:

The Mayor welcomed Ms. Sarah Roarty, C. E. O., Tuam Chamber of Commerce to the meeting. Ms. Roarty outlined plans/initiatives proposed by the Chamber of Commerce for 2011, updated version of the Love your Town Loyalty Scheme, promote a Tidy Towns initiative, a Business Conference to be addressed by Mr. Danny McCoy, Director General, I.B.E.C. and a trade mission to China in April.

Regarding the Rates Mr. Gilmore advised that the Chamber of Commerce engage with the Town Council earlier and suggested a submission be made for 2012 in August or September 2011. The Mayor thanked Ms. Roarty for attending the meeting.

Tuam Water Distribution and Main Drainage Scheme:

Mr. Dermot Collins, Project Engineer stated that the Tuam Water Distribution and Main Drainage Scheme is in the 11th month of a two year contract. He said the resurfacing of Dublin Road had been completed that day. Circular Road will be closed for one week. Resurfacing is also taking place at Killaloonty Road. Part of the Weir Road will be resurfaced shortly. Work at Ballygaddy Road adjacent to Glynns will be completed next week. Work continues behind Athenry Road and at the Reservoir. Work is continuing at night on the N17 south of Weir Road with resurfacing being carried out weekly. Work is also progressing on the N17 north from the Bobby Burke Road to the Garage/Centra Supermarket. Work will commence on Tullinadaly Road in March on a sectional basis, the Public will be notified. Shop Street will be closed from April to June.

Replying to Councillor Reilly he said footpaths at Trinity Court will be restored.

Replying to Councillor Bane he said an extensive survey of the drainage system along by McHale Terrace has not yet been completed. Replying to Councillor Ward he said weather conditions had affected the installation of road markings. Replying to Councillor Warren he said work was slightly behind because of the bad weather. The Mayor thanked Mr. Collins and invited him to the next meeting of the Board.

Notice of Motion:

Councillor Ward spoke on his motion regarding a Preservation Order for the Palace Grounds Park. The motion was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Ward seconded by Councillor Kelly.

A. O. B.:

The Mayor asked if the Town Council would support the Presentation College Transition Year Students Project for 2011. It was agreed to discuss at the February meeting of the Board. Councillor Reilly asked if letter regarding 1863 Map of the City of Tuam also be discussed.

The Mayor asked that a bell, first erected by the Town Commissioners in 1886 be preserved. It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Reilly and agreed that the bell be cleaned and put on display.

Replying to Councillor Cunniffe regarding the Weir Road Mr. Gilmore said the National Roads Authority is responsible for National Routes and Motorways but also manages road funding allocations for County Councils. Galway County Council provides funding for local and regional roads.

Councillor Warren told the Members he intended to step down from the Board of the Town Council in May 2011. He said because of work and other commitments he would be unable to give 100% to the Town Council. He said he had been a Member of the Board for the past twelve years and thanked everyone for their co-operation.

Sympathy:

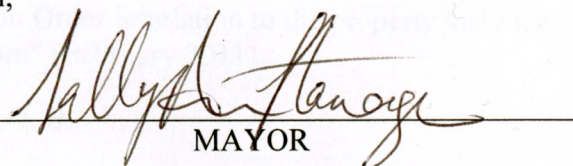
A vote of Sympathy was passed with the following Families:

Healy Family, Abbeyknockmoy on the death of Lisa
McCabe Family, Bishop Street on the death of Ann
Ward Family, Gilmartin Road on the death of John
Tarpey Family, Caherlea on the death of Mairead
Gormally Family, lavally on the death of Eddie

This concluded the meeting

Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY:


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2nd February, 2011

To each Member of Tuam Town Council

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Ambulance Base

Tuam Celtic

Tuam Chamber of Commerce

Tuam Stars

Tuam Water Distribution and Main Drainage Scheme

Notice of Motion – Councillor Ward

“I propose Tuam Town Council request Galway County Council to immediately grant a Preservation Order in relation to the property known as “The Palace Grounds”, Bishop Street, Tuam” (February 2011).

A. O. B.

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday 10th January, 2011

Present: Deputy Mayor: Councillor Warren

Councillors: O. Ward, T. Reilly, L. Bane, E. Kitt,
S. Cunniffe, I. Kelly, M. Loftus

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

Apology: Councillor Sally Ann Flanagan

The Prayer was recited.

The Mayor wished everyone a happy new year.

The Minutes of special Meeting held on Wednesday, 24th November, 2010 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by Councillor Kitt. The Minutes of ordinary meeting held on Monday 6th December, 2010 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by Councillor Kitt. The Minutes of Budget of Expenses Meeting held on Monday 6th December, 2010 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by Councillor Kitt. The Minutes of Budget of Expenses Meeting held on Monday 13th December, 2010 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by Councillor Ward.

Matters arising from the Minutes:

Replying to Councillor Cunniffe the Town Engineer stated that Bicycle Racks were on the way.

Replying to Councillor Kelly regarding later hours at the Library Mr. Gilmore said he had written to Mr. Kevin Kelly, Director of Services.

Replying to Councillor Reilly Mr. Gilmore said the Tuam Water Distribution and Main Drainage Scheme had been delayed by the bad weather. It was proposed by Councillor Bane, seconded by Councillor Reilly and agreed that Mr. Dermot Collins, Project Engineer be invited to the February meeting of the Board.

Councillor Reilly asked that a sign be erected at the car park in Bishop Street indicating the area where parking must be paid for.

Replying to Councillor Ward the Town Engineer said a grit depot had been provided at the Swimming Pool.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 14th December, 2010, from Galway County Council re: Invitation of comments in relation to a Wind Energy Strategy for County Galway. – noted

Letter dated 23rd December, 2010 from Office of Minister for Transport – read.

Letter dated 3rd January, 2011 from Restaurants Association of Ireland – read.

The Mayor welcomed the positive news from I.B.A.L., Tuam has gone from no. 49 to no 28 on the litter table. He said this was a huge lift to the Town. He appealed to People to clean outside their own premises.

Ambulance Base:

It was proposed by Councillor Reilly seconded by Councillor Loftus and agreed to invite a Member of the H. S. E. to the next meeting of the Board.

Tuam Chamber of Commerce:

Letter dated 7th January, 2011 from Tuam Chamber of Commerce was read. Replying to Councillor Kitt the Manager said Galway County Council took the decision not to reduce the county rate. All money collected in Tuam is spent in Tuam. Tuam has benefited in recent years – a swimming pool which is subsidized, Broad Band Investment, Investment in the Tuam Water Distribution and Main Drainage Scheme. The town rate has been adopted and cannot be revisited.

All Members agreed that discussions and meetings should be held with Tuam Chamber of Commerce. Tuam Town Council fully supports the Chamber of Commerce and agreed more dialogue is needed. It was proposed by Councillor Bane, seconded and agreed that the Chamber of Commerce be invited to the February meeting of the Board.

The Mayor welcomed Mr. Kevin Farrell to the Meeting. Mr. Farrell outlined the problems experienced with frozen pipes and a frozen meter which forced his business to close during the cold spell and asked that something be done to prevent an occurrence of same in the future. He asked if a water meter could be brought into a building. The Members also outlined problems experienced by householders. Councillor Cunniffe asked that pipes be put 'well down' where roads are being dug up. Councillor Reilly paid tribute to Council Staff who worked over Christmas.

Mr. Gilmore said the exceptionally low temperature, -17, caused havoc. Modern very well insulated houses couldn't be heated. Water was rationed in many areas, a helpline set up by Galway County Council logged 186 leaks in one day. Untold damage has been done to roads. Galway County Council had noted the problems with the water meters, the Water Services Division had been asked to investigate. He said he would discuss the situation with Water Services and respond at the next meeting. He paid tribute to staff who worked over Christmas.

Notice of Motion:

Councillor Ward spoke on his motion regarding multiple pensions. Councillor Kitt stated that this had been discussed by the Government following the last election and multiple pensions will not be paid in future. Legislation dealing with the matter has gone through.

A. O. B.:

Councillor Cunniffe asked that something be done about dogs littering the footpaths. He also asked that Gilmartin Road be monitored as he had received reports of horses in gardens.

Replying to Councillor Ward regarding Church View the Town Engineer said temporary restoration was being carried out.

Replying to Councillor Bane regarding resurfacing of Ballygaddy Road the Town Engineer said he would have information for the next meeting.

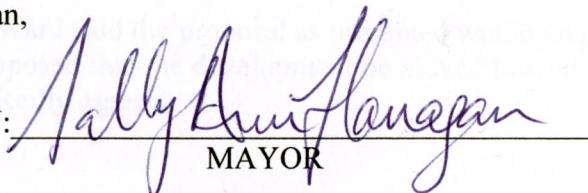
Replying to the Deputy Mayor regarding pot holes the Town Engineer said it would be two to three weeks before inside the speed limits are dealt with as work is continuing on main roads.

Replying to Councillor Reilly Mr. Gilmore said he was hopeful that the contract for the Tuam By-pass and the Tuam to Gort road would be signed this month.

This concluded the meeting

Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY:


MAYOR

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Special meeting
held on
Monday 17th January, 2011

Present: Mayor: Councillor Flanagan
Councillors: P. Warren, O. Ward, L. Bane, E. Kitt, I. Kelly
S. Cunniffe, T. Reilly

Officials: Mr. Kevin Kelly, Director of Services
Mr. Gus McCarthy, Planning Consultant
Ms. Angela Holian, Town Clerk

The Members together with Mr. Kevin Kelly, Director of Services and Mr. Gus McCarthy, Planning Consultant had earlier visited the Palace Grounds and viewed the proposed location the new Tennis Court and the All-weather pitch.

Mr. Kelly told the Members the proposed development had been kept as close as possible to the school grounds in an effort not to encroach a lot on to the green area. The present walkways would be re-routed.

Replying to the Mayor Mr. McCarthy said he had attended meetings with the Board of Management of the School and the present layout evolved from these discussions. The Board of Management is happy with the layout as presented to the Town Council.

Councillor Ward said the proposal as presented would take away too much of the green area and proposed that the development be moved toward the existing Tennis Court. Councillor Reilly agreed.

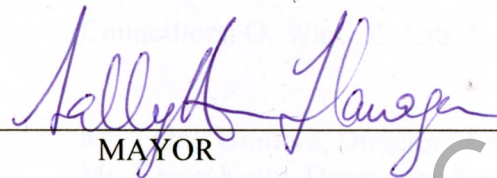
Following further discussion Councillor Reilly said the proposed layout as presented to the Board was not acceptable and proposed that a decision on the matter be deferred until a new map/layout is drawn up and clarification is got from the school. The Members also insisted that the present walkways be retained. It was proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Reilly and agreed to write to the Board of Management of the School when the new map is available.

The Mayor stated that the approval of the revised Plan by the Town Council was dependent on the Board of Management of the School and Public Opinion.

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY


MAYOR

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TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Special meeting **held on** **Wednesday 12th January, 2011**

- Present: Deputy Mayor: Councillor Warren
Councillors: O. Ward, E. Kitt, S. Cunniffe, L. Bane, I. Kelly
- Officials: Mr. Frank Gilmore, Director of Services
Mr. Kevin Kelly, Director of Services
Mr. Jim Cullen, Director of Services
Ms. Angela Holian, Town Clerk
- Apology: Councillor Flanagan, Councillor Loftus, Councillor Reilly

The Deputy Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Mr. Cullen informed the Members that the Tuam Water Distribution and Main Drainage Scheme had reached a difficult stage, the sewers run through part of the Presentation College grounds. However an opportunity has arisen – the development of the O’Toole site which includes a road from Waterslade to Bishop Street. It is now proposed to relay the sewer, away from Presentation College, along the new road. The O’Toole development presents an opportunity to proceed with the construction of an inner relief road and include all services, Water, Gas ducting, Broadband ducting etc all in one go. The construction of the road is dependent on the relocation of the Tennis Court/ Basketball Court.

Mr. Kelly presented a map showing a proposal to construct a new Tennis Court/ Basketball Court at the Palace Grounds. He also stated that funding for the all-weather pitch was still available.

Replying to the Members Mr. Kelly said Galway County Council was not involved in discussions between the School and the Developer. The plan before the Board had been agreed in principle with the Board of Management of the School. He said the Developer is funding the relocation of the Tennis Court and the grant is available for the all weather pitch. Replying to Councillor Kelly he said the School would have a "licence" to use the Tennis Court. The all weather pitch, which would generate income, is a separate issue and would be subject to a planning application. If the proposal is adopted by the Town Council it will mean an investment of E500,000-00 in sport facilities in Tuam at very little cost to the taxpayer.

Councillor Cunniffe said there was a huge demand for recreational facilities in Tuam and the proposal should be made work in a way that wouldn't take away from the Park. Councillor Kitt was supportive of the proposal as long as a significant part of the park remained unaltered.

Replying to the Members Mr. Gilmore said Public ownership is valid – alternative hours at the swimming pool was achieved by negotiation, the proposed facilities would be under the control of the democratic process. Galway County Council are looking at the overall picture and trying to facilitate this development and are anxious to develop Tuam as a retail hub for North Galway.

Following further discussion it was proposed by Councillor Ward, seconded and agreed that Mr. Kelly and the Members meet at the Palace Grounds on Monday 17th January, 2011 to view the area to be taken up by the Tennis Court and the All-weather pitch and clarify where they may be located in the park.

It was agreed to meet at the Palace Grounds at 4.15 p.m. on 17th January and then hold a meeting in the Town Hall at approximately 5.30 p. m.

The Deputy Mayor thanked Mr. Kelly, Mr. Cullen and Mr. Gilmore for attending the meeting and answering the questions presented by the Members of the Board. He welcomed the provision of sport facilities in Tuam but the decision of the Town Council would be dependent on the agreement of the School and the People of Tuam.

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY


MAYOR

COMHAIRLE BAILE THUAMA
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5th January, 2011

To each Member of Tuam Town Council

A Chara,

A **SPECIAL Meeting of Tuam Town Council** will be held in the
Town Hall on **Wednesday, 12th January, 2011 at 7.00 p.m.** You are hereby
summoned to attend.

Mise, le meas,

Angel Holan Baile Cleireach

Agenda

Proposed re-location of Basket Ball and Tennis Courts to Palace Grounds

