

COMHAIRLE BAILE THUAMA  
Tuam Town Council



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19<sup>th</sup> August 2013

To each Member of Tuam Town Council

A Chara,

The September meeting of Tuam Town Council will be held in the Town Hall on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2013 at 7.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

M. Dunne A Baile Cleireach

**Agenda**

- 1 Matters arising from minutes
- 2 Adoption of Minutes
- 3 N.O.M Cllr. Martin Ward
- 4 Erection of Memorial plaque
- 5 Visit of Mayor of Straubing
- 6 J P C Meeting
- 7 Use of Town Hall after 2014
- 8 Arts Grant Application
- 9 Managers Business
- 10 Correspondance
12. A.O.B.

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**Annual General Meeting – Tuam Town Council 24<sup>th</sup> June 2013**

Attendance Mayor E. Kitt

Cllrs. I. Kelly, L. Bane, S.A. Flanagan, T. Reilly, M. Ward, P. O'Hora, P O'Grady

Apologies from Cllr.. M. Loftus

Mr Frank Gilmore Director of Services

Mr. Enda Gallagher Town Engineer

Ms Mary Dunne A/Town Clerk

Mayor Kitt addressed the meeting and welcomed all present. He said he had great memories of his year as Mayor. He remarked on the immense pride that people had in their town and the great respect they had for the Mayor and the Town Council.

There were many highlights such as opening of the Jack Mangan Roundabout, The Irish American Link Conference, Civic Reception for the Mercy Sisters, Tuam 400 re-enactment of a Town Council meeting, People of Year Awards, Civic Reception in honour of Alan Flynn and under 21 Galway team and many more events. He thanked Cllr. I. Kelly, Deputy Mayor, the members of Tuam Town Council, Frank Gilmore, Town Manager, Enda Gallagher, Town Engineer and May Dunne, Acting Town Clerk and all the individual committees who worked together to organise the events. He wished Cllr. I. Kelly and Cllr. L. Bane well in their positions as Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Cllr. Reilly thanked Mayor Kitt for doing a wonderful job and carrying out his duties with dignity. Cllr. Flanagan and the members also complemented Mayor Kitt.

Cllr. S.A. Flanagan proposed Cllr. I. Kelly for the position of Mayor of Tuam.

Cllr. Reilly seconded the proposal and it was agreed by the members.

Cllr Flanagan stated when she was Mayor of Tuam 7 years ago Miko Kelly (R.I.P.) father of Imelda attended his last meeting and proposed Cllr. Flanagan. Miko Kelly was elected the first Mayor of

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Tuam Town Council

Tuam in 2001 and Cllr. Imelda Kelly will be the last Mayor of Tuam due to the abolition of Town Councils.

Since then she and Cllr. Kelly have become great friends, she admires her honesty, integrity, determination, enthusiasm, directness, and sense of humour and assured her of her full support throughout the year.

Cllr. Reilly stated that Miko Kelly, R.I.P. served on the Tuam Town Board for a period of 39 years in total. He was chairperson in 1967, 1974, 1981, 1991 and 1996 and held the position of Mayor in 2001 and 2004. He was a member of Galway County Council from 1974-1979.

All the members wished both Mayor and Deputy Mayor all the best in the new position.

Mayor Kelly addressed the meeting, thanking all who voted for her in 2009. She complemented outgoing Mayor Kitt on a great year.

She thanked Cllr. Flanagan for proposing her and Cllr. Reilly for seconding the proposal. She thanked the officials of Galway County Council and the press and said she looked forward to working with them in her new position. She said she looked forward to being Mayor of Tuam but it is tinged with sadness due to the Abolition of Town Councils in 2014. She wished the members of the Town Council who will contest the Election to the Municipal Council every success. She looked forward especially to working with all the Voluntary Groups who work so hard for the town and she publicly thanked them for their contributions.

She thanked her mother, family and friends for all their support.

Mayor Kelly then sought nominations for Deputy Mayor.

Cllr. Flanagan proposed Cllr. Bane for the position of Deputy Mayor. Cllr. Reilly seconded the proposal and it was agreed by the members.

Cllr. Flanagan stated that Cllr. Bane is an excellent Town Councillor who always offers a logical solution to problems that arise. The members wished Cllr. Bane all the best in his position of Deputy Mayor.

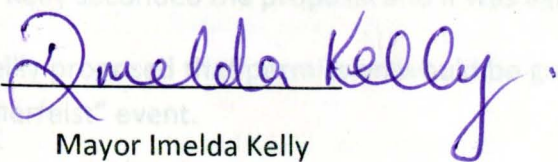
Cllr. Bane thanked his proposer and seconder. T

Town Manager, Mr. Gilmore thanked outgoing Mayor Kitt for his wonderful work during the last year and wished Mayor Kelly and Deputy Mayor Bane all the best in their new positions.

The meeting concluded

Recorded by M. Dunne A/ Town Clerk

Signed by



Mayor Imelda Kelly

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**July Meeting of Tuam Town Council held on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2013**

**Attendance Mayor I. Kelly**

**Cllrs. E.Kitt , L. Bane, S.A. Flanagan, T. Reilly, M. Ward, P. O'Hora. P O'Grady**

**Officials Mr Frank Gilmore D.O.S**

**Mr Enda Gallagher Town Engineer**

**Ms Mary Dunne A/ Town Clerk**

**Mr Ronan Glynn, Tuam Chamber of Commerce**

**Mr Dan Trayers, Tuam Chamber of Commerce**

**Apologies from Cllr M Loftus**

Mayor Kelly welcomed Ronan Glynn and Dan Trayers (Tuam Chamber of Commerce) to the meeting. Mayor Kelly read a letter from Ronan Glynn, Chairperson, Tuam Chamber of Commerce requesting use of the Council carpark situated adjacent to Tuam Leisure Centre for the August Bank Holiday "Tuam Summerfeist" and also seeking financial assistance of €1,500 towards the event.

Mr. Glynn thanked Cllr. E. Kitt the outgoing Mayor for all his assistance and congratulated Mayor I. Kelly. He outlined details of the two and a half day festival and stated that any help from the Tuam Town Council would be greatly appreciated.

Cllr. E. Kitt proposed that Tuam Town Council allocate €1,500 towards the event.

Mayor Kelly seconded the proposal and it was agreed by the members.

Cllr. Reilly proposed that permission would be granted for use of the Council Carpark for the "Summerfeist" event.

Mayor Kelly seconded the proposal and it was agreed by the members.

## **Adoption of Minutes**

Cllr. E. Kitt proposed the adoption of the June minutes of Tuam Town Council .

Cllr M. Ward seconded the proposal

## **Matters arising from the minutes**

### **Ambulance Base**

Cllr. Reilly proposed that Tuam Town Council would invite Mr. Paudie O'Riordain Area Operations Manager H.S.E to attend the September meeting of Tuam Town Council and request him to take with him an up to date timetable of operations at the Ambulance base.

Cllr. O'Hora seconded the proposal.

### **Memorial Plaque**

Cllr. O'Grady stated that the Plaque is practically finished by Kelly memorials and he would like to see it in place by the end of July.

### **Brownes Field**

Cllr. Kitt requested an update on Brownes field. Mr. Gilmore replied that the committee should prepare a proposal and submit it to the Town Council. Cllr. O'Grady advised that the Committee should seek legal advice when preparing the proposal.

### **Notice of Motion Cllr. M. Ward**

It was agreed by the members that the Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Ward calling on current Councillors to consider continuing on and representing the town on Tuam Community Council until 2015, would be placed on the agenda for the September meeting of Tuam Town Council for further discussion.

### **Straubing**

Mr. Pat O'Dwyer, Chairperson of the Straubing Committee has contacted Cllr. Flanagan regarding an invitation to the Mayor of Straubing to visit Tuam in October, 2013. It is intended that the visit would be facilitated over the October Bank Holiday week-end . Cllr. Flanagan proposed that Tuam Town Council would invite the Mayor to Tuam. Cllr. Reilly seconded the proposal and it was agreed by the members.

### **Correspondance**

*Letter from Tuam Traditional Festival Committee seeking use of the Town Hall from 19<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> September the duration of the Traditional Festival – Read*

*Cllr.T.Reilly proposed that permission be granted to the Traditional Festival Committee to use the Town Hall from 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2013. Cllr. Kitt seconded the proposal and it was agreed by all .*

**A.O.B**

Cllr. Reilly stated that the Roads at the Fairgreen were not fully re-surfaced. Mr. Gallagher said he would check the matter.

Cllr. Reilly requested that "The use of Tuam Town Hall after 2014" be placed on the Agenda for the September meeting of the Council.

Cllr. Ward enquired regarding an update in relation to the return of the remains removed from the site of the "Old Home" at Dublin Road. Mr. Gilmore stated that he will check this matter out.

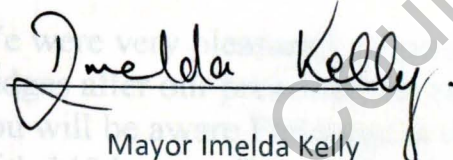
Cllr. Bane thanked Mr. Gilmore and Mr. Gallagher for the erection of stop signs at Lissadyra and the Oakes.

Cllr. E. Kitt referred to a letter read at the April meeting of Tuam Town Council from Catherine Corless, Brownesgrove Tuam, and proposed that the Town Council would make a contribution towards the memorial plaque in memory of the many children who died at the 'Home' at Dublin Rd. Tuam between 1925-1961.

Mayor Kelly seconded the proposal and it was agreed.

The meeting concluded.

Recorded by M. Dunne A/ Town Clerk

Signed   
Mayor Imelda Kelly

# Parkmore Residents Association

**PRA**

Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2013

Dear Councilors,

I am writing to you the Tuam Town Council member in my capacity as the Secretary of the Parkmore Residents Association. As you will no doubt be aware our group has been nominated for Pride of Place by the local Authority through the community and enterprise section of Galway County Council. We have reached this stage with the support of the people of the estate, the Tuam R.A.P.I.D programme, our local Community Employment scheme, Western Traveller and Intercultural Development. Help from the Mental Health Association FAS Community Employment Scheme. Galway County Council FAS Community Employment Scheme and Tus Programme.

We were very pleasantly surprised by the complimentary remarks of the Judges after our presentations and our walk about of the estate to them. As you will be aware Parkmore is the largest Housing estate in County Galway with 145 houses. We would dearly like to see the momentum that has grown in the estate in recent months being sustained.

Hence my letter: our initial efforts concentrated on getting people to paint their houses and most did, the Resident Association used what funds we could raise to paint common areas and walls etc. However some residents could not genuinely afford to paint their houses or were reluctant to commit what little spare cash they had to an amount of paint that would not be sufficient to complete the job.

Our Association would like to put together a proposal to ask you to assist us to further our work in the enhancement of the estate. We feel this would have a major benefit in terms of on both Maintenance and Morale. We were wondering if you could assist us with some of your Tuam town Council Funding to help us with this project.

This would insure that this estate would be kept to a high standard so that when houses become available that people looking for housing would be delighted to live on this estate. We are working hard to make sure that this estate does not fall like other estate in the town.

The estate is in five section and we are proposing work with people in each section to see what needs to be done to improve their area. We are looking for €5,000 with allocation 1,000 per section.

We look forward to a positive response to our project

Thanking you

Teresa Kelly

Secretary

Contact details: Mobile no: 086-3369281

Email: [tsrkelly@gmail.com](mailto:tsrkelly@gmail.com)

Venue: The Falls Hotel

Eoriatymon, County Galway

Further details to be circulated later

We look forward to your attendance at this Saturday



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# LAMA

Cumann Chomhaltai na nÚdarás Áitúil

Local  
Authority  
Members  
Association

18<sup>th</sup> June 2013

A Date for Your Diary

## Preliminary Notice

### AUTUMN SEMINAR

Friday & Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> October,  
2013

Venue: The Falls Hotel  
Ennistymon, County Clare

Further details to be circulated later

We look forward to your attendance at this Seminar



Comhairle Contae an Chláir  
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18<sup>th</sup> June 2013

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**To Each Meetings Administrator**

A Chara

At the May Monthly of Dundalk Town Council the Members adopted the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor C Keelan and it was agreed to circulate the Motion to all Local Authorities :-

“That this Council calls on the Government to implement the National Epilepsy Care Programme in full, in particular the critically needed Epilepsy Monitoring Units as a matter of urgency, and that this motion be sent as a resolution to other Local Authorities?”

The motion was seconded by Councillor S Bellew and agreed by the Members.

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**John Lawrence**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

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20<sup>th</sup> June 2013

JL/IMcD/MA

**To Each Meetings Administrator**

A Chara

At the May Monthly of Dundalk Town Council the Members adopted the following Notice of Motion, and it was agreed by way of amendment to forward the motion to to all Local Authorities for support :-

***"That this Town Council calls for the expedition of the passage through Dáil Éireann of the Poor Relief Ireland (Amendment) Bill 2013, in an effort to boost commerce and regeneration."***

***"That this call is made upon the Ministers for Finance: for Public Expenditure and Reform, for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation: and for Environment, Community and Local Government."***

***"And, should this Motion be passed, that a copy thereof be forwarded to the above-mentioned."***

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**John Lawrence**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**



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24<sup>th</sup> July 2013

JL/IMcD/MA

To Each Meetings Administrator

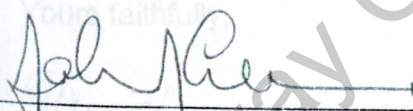
A Chara

At the June Monthly of Dundalk Town Council the Members adopted the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J Green and it was agreed to circulate the Motion to all Local Authorities :-

"That this Council calls on the Government to give official recognition status to Irish sign Language which would improve the lives and well being of our deaf and hard of hearing citizens"

The motion was seconded by Councillor H Todd and agreed by the Members.

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John Lawrence  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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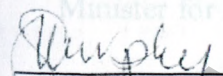
1<sup>st</sup> August 2013

To: Each Local Authority

At a recent meeting of Macroom Town Council, the members adopted the following motion and directed that it be forwarded to each Town & County Council seeking their support.

***"That Macroom Town Council calls on Minister Phil Hogan to write to all Town Councils explaining the breakdown of exact savings that are to be made by the proposed abolishment of Town Councils".***

Yours faithfully,

  
Susan Murphy  
Town Clerk

Billy Duggan  
Meetings Administrator

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Waterford  
City Council

Important Reminder



18<sup>th</sup> July 2013

To: **The Meetings Administrator**

The following motions were unanimously adopted by Waterford City Council at its monthly meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2013:

- (a) "Waterford City Council commends the 10 former workers from Waterford Crystal in respect of their pensions, welcomes of the decision of the European Court of Justice, recognises the European Court of Justice has found the former Government failed in its obligations to the workers, accepts that the judgement must go back to the High Court but calls on the Government not to drag its heels on the issue. This Council also calls on the Government to compensate all former workers of Waterford Crystal and to transpose into Irish law the 2008 EU Directive and insure it gives protection to all Irish workers and their pensions in the future."
- (b) "That Waterford City Council recognizes that the trafficking, exploitation and abuse of women and girls is taking place in Waterford and throughout the country as a direct result of prostitution. That Waterford City Council believes human rights abuses can be ended by targeting the demand for prostitution by introducing laws which make it an offence to pay for sex and is seeking such laws. We note the success of similar laws in other European countries. That Waterford City Council will convey its views to the Minister for Justice."

Yours sincerely,

**Billy Duggan**  
Meetings Administrator

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## Important Reminder



### **Greystones Town Council**

*Comhairle Baile Na gCloch Liatha*

*In association with*

### **Ards Borough Council**

#### **2013 La Touche Legacy Seminar (25<sup>th</sup> & Final Year) Incorporating the La Touche Family Gathering 2013**

#### **“Local Government – A New Dawn?”**

**Venue:** Charlesland Golf & Country Club Hotel, Greystones, Co. Wicklow

**Date:** Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> September 2013 to Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> September 2013

#### **Distinguished Panel of Speakers including:**

##### **Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> September 2013 (commencing at 4.00 p.m.)**

- **Mr. Jim Power, Chief Economist, Friends First**
- **Mr. Brendan Keenan, Group Business Editor at Independent Newspapers**
- **The Mayor, Ards Borough Council**

##### **Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> September 2013 (commencing at 10.00 a.m.)**

- **Mr. Frank McDonald, Environment Editor, Irish Times**
- **Ms. Anne O’Keeffe, Former Director, Office Local Authority Management (OLAM)**
- **Mr. Mike Nesbitt, MLA, Leader of the Ulster Unionist Party**

##### **Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> September 2013 (commencing at 11.00 a.m.)**

#### **Jim Brennan Memorial Lecture**

**Presentation by Mr. Chris Corlett,  
Archaeologist,**

**Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government**

**Seminar Fee: €150 (reduced from €195)**

**Enquiries to: Secretary, Greystones Town Council, Greystones, Tel: 01 2876694 email: greystc@wicklowcoco.ie**

**Accommodation (Special Rates) Charlesland Golf & Country Club Hotel, Greystones Tel: 01 2878200**

# RATTOO HERITAGE SOCIETY

Knoppogue North, Ballyduff, Tralee, Co. Kerry, Ireland

Tel: 087 7426231 Email: [info@kerryenvironment.com](mailto:info@kerryenvironment.com)



Friday July 12th. 2013.

For attention of  
Corporate Affairs.

A Cáirde,

we would be extremely thankful if you would bring the enclosed agenda for our Annual Environmental, Cultural and Heritage Conference and Training Seminar to the attention of your elected members.

All details of the Conference is contained in the enclosed Agenda, and is being held this year in the Golf Hotel, Ballybunion, County Kerry, from Wednesday 18th September to Saturday September 21st, 2013 The proceeds from the conference is used each year to fund the activities of the Rattoo Heritage Society which is a non profit making voluntary body. Our activities include supplying support facilities to participants in FAS, TUS, and Adult Education projects, at no cost to those organizations.

We have been involved in this work for over twenty years.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours respectfully,

*Mary Buckley O'Sullivan*

Mary Buckley O'Sullivan - Secretary.



Chief Patron: The Reverend Dr. Bill Murphy, Bishop of Kerry

The Rattoo Heritage Society is a voluntary non profit making society dedicated to the preservation, protection & promotion of the culture, heritage and environment of County Kerry.



# ANNUAL KERRY ENVIRONMENTAL CULTURAL & HERITAGE CONFERENCE & TRAINING SEMINAR FOR ELECTED MEMBERS.

**GOLF HOTEL, BALLYBUNION, CO. KERRY  
WEDNESDAY 18TH TO SATURDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2013**

## Wednesday 18th September 2013

From 10-30am (All Day)

Registration for Conference Delegates

7-45pm

Official Opening of Conference  
By the Mayor of Kerry

8pm

Buffet Supper

## Thursday 19th September 2013

10-30am- 10-45am

**Introduction of Speakers**

**Mr. Gerry O'Leary - Conference Chairman**

10-45am - 11-45am

**Radon - An Ever Present Danger**

David Fenton M. Sc, Manager Radon Section  
Radiological Protection Institute of Ireland

11-45am to 12-15.

Question and Answer Session

12 -30 to 1-45pm

Lunch

8pm

Afternoon Free

Buffet Supper

## Friday 20th September 2013

10-30am to 11-30am

**The Dangers of Underage Drinking**

A Community Garda will give a talk on the ongoing threat of alcohol abuse by teenagers. There will also be contributions from concerned parents. Teenagers present will also be invited to make a contribution to the debate.

11-30am to 11-45am

Question and Answer Session

11-45 to 12-15

**The Importance of Youth Involvement in Sports**

**John O'Regan - Former National Boxing Coach to the Irish Junior International Team.**

12-30pm to 1-45pm

Lunch

8pm

Afternoon Free

Buffet Supper

## Saturday 21st September 2013

10 am to 11-30am

**General Discussion of Conference Related Topics**

11-45am onwards

Close of conference and departure of Delegates

**Conference fee per delegate to include all meals and conference material is €150. For further information 087 7426231 or e-mail us to [info@kerryenvironment.com](mailto:info@kerryenvironment.com)**

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Training Seminars

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combat crime.pdf

om it may concern,

ie find attached information regarding two of our upcoming training seminars.

irst seminar 'Community Mental Health and the Elected Member' will be held in the Clanree Hotel, Letterkenny,  
Donegal on Friday 20th - Sunday 22nd September 2013.

cond seminar 'How the Elected Member can help combat crime' will be held in the Quality Hotel, Killarney, Co.  
on Friday 27th - Sunday 29th September 2013.

ld greatly appreciate it if you would consider these seminars for ratification at your next meeting and circulate the  
hed documents to any of your members who may be interested in attending.

s sincerely,

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Glen Mitchell [bgseminarz@gmail.com]

29 July 2013 18:05

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Attachments:

Upcoming training seminar  
Development Plans & Elected Members.pdf

whom it may concern,

Please find attached information regarding our upcoming training seminar 'Development Plans-Training the Elected Member on **your** issues of concern' which will be held in the Clanree Hotel, Letterkenny, on Friday 23rd - Sunday August.

We would greatly appreciate it if you would consider this seminar for ratification at your next meeting and circulate the attached document to any of your members who may be interested in attending.

Yours sincerely,

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10<sup>th</sup> July 2013

Angela Holian  
Town Clerk  
Tuam Town Council  
Tuam  
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A Chara

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

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Mise, le meas

Marie Deighan  
Town Clerk.



# Old Tuam Society



26<sup>th</sup> August 2013

## Old Tuam Society Seminar

Mayor Imelda Kelly  
Cc. Mary Dunne

Dear Tuam Town Clerk,

The Old Tuam Society is hosting a one-day Seminar entitled "Glimpses of Tuam Through the Centuries", on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September, in the Corralea Court Hotel in partnership with Galway County Council.

The Agenda of lecturers is made up from Old Tuam Society members Dr. Tony Claffey, Dr. Gabriel O'Connor, Dr. Raymond Gillespie: NUI Maynooth, Dr. Griffin Murray: Co. Kerry, Ruairi Ó hAodha; Tuam Librarian and Paul Duffy.

The topics to be covered will include Pre-twelfth-century Tuam, the Cross of Cong which was originally made for Tuam, Transport facilities (road, rail and proposed navigation) Water, Wind & Animal Power (milling, brewing, water supply, match production) Drainage Works, Mining, F. S. Rishworth and a look at a neglected local craft...production of counterfeit coin, through to "Tuam's Town Commissioners; their finest hour", 1899-1925.

We are publishing the Proceedings of this Seminar. This special publication will be a lasting record of Tuam's historic milestone.

We are seeking sponsorship for this publication, and would appreciate anything that could be contributed toward helping to meet this goal.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Yours Sincerely  
*Anne Tierney*

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Tuam Town Council Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2013



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Co. na Gaillimhe.

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**17<sup>th</sup> June 2013**

To each Member of Tuam Town Council

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The July meeting of Tuam Town Council will be held in the Town Hall on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at 7.30 p.m.**

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

*M. Dunne* **Al** Baile Cleireach

### Agenda

- 1 Notice of Motion – Cllr. Martin Ward – Abolition of Town Councils
- 2 Childrens Burial Ground Dublin Rd, Tuam
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- 5 Managers Business
- 6 Correspondance
- 7 A.O.B.

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### **Adoption of Minutes**

The adoption of the minutes of the May meeting of Tuam Town Council was proposed by Cllr. Kelly and seconded by Cllr. M. Loftus.

### **Brownes Field**

Mayor Kitt read a letter from the Residents of Liam Mellows Street / St. Enda's Avenue (copy attached). Mayor Kitt proposed that the Town Council would contribute €5,000 towards necessary improvements at the location.

A Discussion took place with the members unanimously agreeing that some financial support should be provided but that €5000 may be excessive. Cllr. Flanagan suggested that exact costings of works involved should be sought and a decision could then be made in relation to funding .

Mr. Gilmore stated that at a recent meeting with Mayor Kitt, G.A.A. and the Residents St. Enda's Avenue / Liam Mellows Street , it was agreed that the Town Council would provide the land.



The G.A.A. are interested in using the ground as a warm up area prior to a match and the residents would like to have the area developed as an amenity area. Mr. Gilmore stated that a compromise would be that if the G.A.A. were to use the area that they should make the necessary improvements to the standard required and the Town Council would look favourably on providing funding towards works involved in developing the area as an Amenity area.

If the G.A.A. come up with a proposal and the necessary insurance cover, an official lease could then be prepared by the Councils Law Agent.

Cllr. Kelly stated that when the residents made a previous presentation to the Town Council they seemed to have funds available to them and it would be worthwhile finding out if these funds were still available .

Mayor Kitt proposed that Tuam Town Council would advertise and seek interest from groups who would be interested in leasing Browns Field.

Cllr. Bane seconded the proposal and it was agreed by all.

### **Managers Business**

Mr. Gilmore informed members that work will begin in the Shambles Carpark in mid July and duration of works will be 12 weeks. P & D Lydon contractors will carry out the works.

Mr Gilmore informed the members that Tuam Street Lighting has been upgraded, old lights have been replaced with L.E.D. lights.

Negotiations are ongoing in relation to the M17/M18 with a target to have the contract signed at the end of this year.

### **Correspondence**

Letter from Ready Thready Sew Committee seeking use of the Town Hall for a Charity Event from 15<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> August 2013 – read.

Cllr. Kelly proposed that permission be granted for the use of the Town Hall for this event. Cllr. Flanagan seconded the proposal and it was agreed.

Cllr. O'Grady raised the matter of the number of businesses in Tuam closing down and the lack of new businesses coming into the Town and suggested that Tuam Town Council should contact the I.D.A. requesting the development of a 36 acre field on the Dunmore Road which would be available if businesses were interested in starting up in the Town . He will be in contact Mr. Bruton regarding the issue. Cllr. Bane suggested that this matter could be brought up at next meeting of sub-committee formed earlier in the year with Tuam Chamber of Commerce.

Cllr. Flanagan stated that Tuam Chamber of Commerce are carrying out a review at present and suggested that the sub-committee meet again when this review is finalised .

Cllr. Ward requested the Town Manager to check when the remains taken from the Old Home grounds approximately 1 ½ years ago will be returned to Tuam For a proper burial .  
Mr Gilmore stated that he will have the matter checked out .

Mayor Kitt and members agreed the date for the A.G.M. to be June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

The meeting concluded

Recorded by M.Dunne

Signed

*Eamonn Kitt*  
May 2013  
Mayor Eamonn Kitt

Dear Mr O'Grady,

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Yours Sincerely,

*M. Kelly*  
M. Kelly  
Architectural Conservation Officer,  
Galway County Council.

cc Planning Officer



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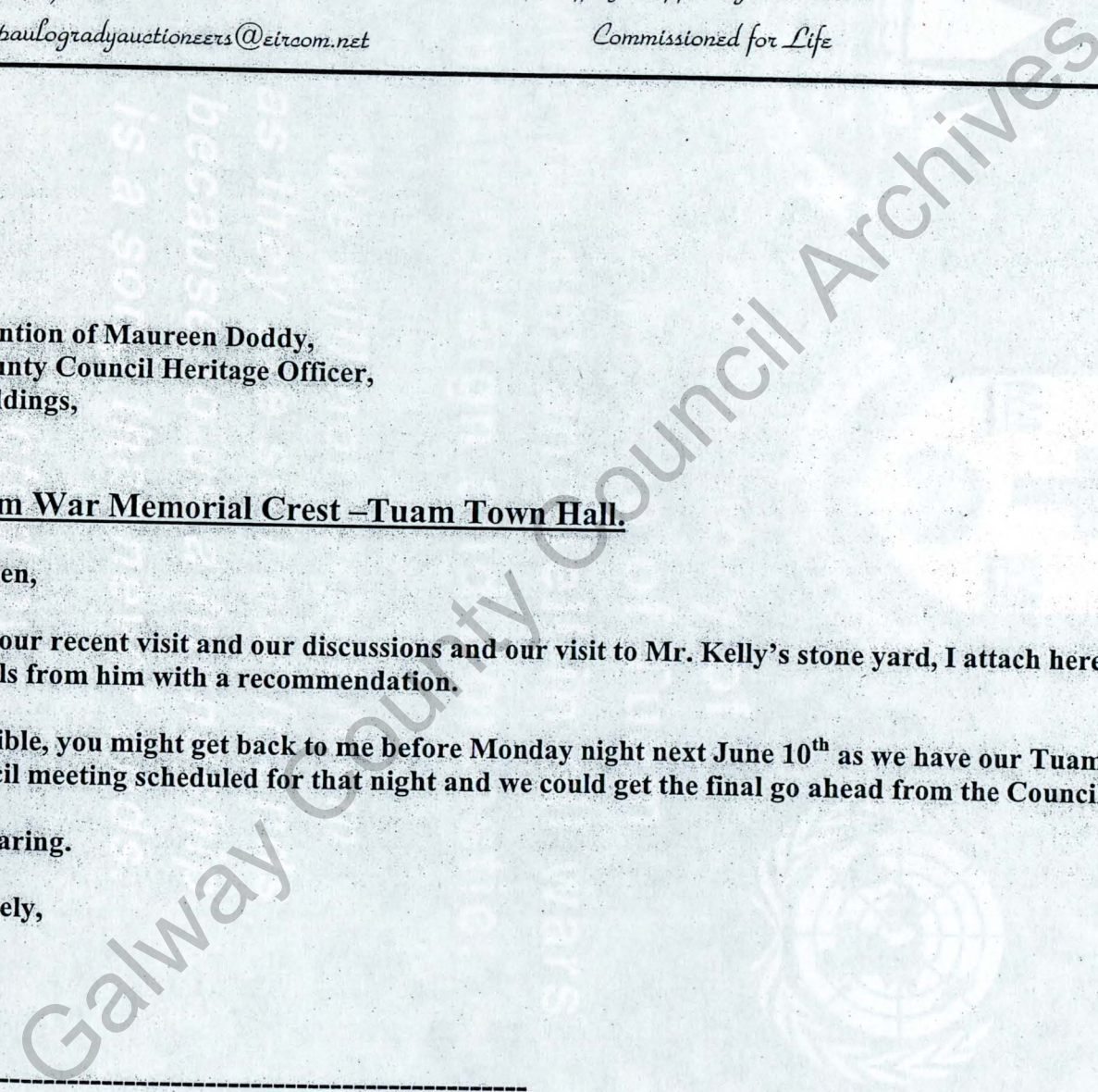
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Notice of Motion

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I would call on the current Town Cllrs to consider to continue on and become the new Tuam community Council, which was quite active in past years. The council could restart the Community Council and continue this service until June 2015 until Community Council election could be arranged. The Community council would restart on a strong footing and would ensure the success of the Tuam Town Community Council.

The new community Council would have all the structures in place, such as links and contacts with the key players, i.e. Council, Garda, Chamber of Commerce, Tuam Herald, Connaught Tribune, Galway Bay FM. The Community would also keep local issues on the agenda and in the public spotlight. I would urge Cllrs to seriously consider this motion.

Cllr Martin Ward.

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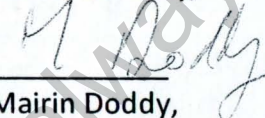
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Mayor Kitt confirmed that the letter proposed by Cllr. Reilly at the May meeting of Tuam Town Council seeking an update on the situation has been forwarded to C. Cunningham, Area Manager, Galway / Roscommon , H.S.E. West.

### **Arts Grant**

Cllr. Kelly proposed that the Arts Grant Scheme would be advertised the first week in July. Cllr. Flanagan seconded the proposal and it was agreed by the members.

### **Ambulance Base**

Cllr. Flanagan enquired if a reply was received in relation to the timetable in operation at the Ambulance Base. No reply has been received from the H.S.E. Cllr. Flanagan enquired if there was an update in relation to the Inner Relief Rd. Mr. Gilmore stated that he will follow up the matter with Mr. Gavin.

### **Adoption of Minutes**

The adoption of the minutes of the May meeting of Tuam Town Council was proposed by Cllr. Kelly and seconded by Cllr. M. Loftus.

### **Brownes Field**

Mayor Kitt read a letter from the Residents of Liam Mellows Street / St. Enda's Avenue (copy attached). Mayor Kitt proposed that the Town Council would contribute €5,000 towards necessary improvements at the location.

A Discussion took place with the members unanimously agreeing that some financial support should be provided but that €5000 may be excessive. Cllr. Flanagan suggested that exact costings of works involved should be sought and a decision could then be made in relation to funding .

Mr. Gilmore stated that at a recent meeting with Mayor Kitt, G.A.A. and the Residents St. Enda's Avenue / Liam Mellows Street , it was agreed that the Town Council would provide the land.

The G.A.A. are interested in using the ground as a warm up area prior to a match and the residents would like to have the area developed as an amenity area. Mr. Gilmore stated that a compromise would be that if the G.A.A. were to use the area that they should make the necessary improvements to the standard required and the Town Council would look favourably on providing funding towards works involved in developing the area as an Amenity area.

If the G.A.A. come up with a proposal and the necessary insurance cover, an official lease could then be prepared by the Councils Law Agent.

Cllr. Kelly stated that when the residents made a previous presentation to the Town Council they seemed to have funds available to them and it would be worthwhile finding out if these funds were still available .

Mayor Kitt proposed that Tuam Town Council would advertise and seek interest from groups who would be interested in leasing Browns Field.

Cllr. Bane seconded the proposal and it was agreed by all.

### **Managers Business**

Mr. Gilmore informed members that work will begin in the Shambles Carpark in mid July and duration of works will be 12 weeks. P & D Lydon contractors will carry out the works.

Mr Gilmore informed the members that Tuam Street Lighting has been upgraded, old lights have been replaced with L.E.D. lights.

Negotiations are ongoing in relation to the M17/M18 with a target to have the contract signed at the end of this year.

### **Correspondence**

Letter from Ready Thready Sew Committee seeking use of the Town Hall for a Charity Event from 15<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> August 2013 – read.

Cllr. Kelly proposed that permission be granted for the use of the Town Hall for this event. Cllr. Flanagan seconded the proposal and it was agreed.

Cllr. O'Grady raised the matter of the number of businesses in Tuam closing down and the lack of new businesses coming into the Town and suggested that Tuam Town Council should contact the I.D.A. requesting the development of a 36 acre field on the Dunmore Road which would be available if businesses were interested in starting up in the Town . He will be in contact Mr. Bruton regarding the issue. Cllr. Bane suggested that this matter could be brought up at next meeting of sub-committee formed earlier in the year with Tuam Chamber of Commerce.

Cllr. Flanagan stated that Tuam Chamber of Commerce are carrying out a review at present and suggested that the sub-committee meet again when this review is finalised .

Cllr. Ward requested the Town Manager to check when the remains taken from the Old Home grounds approximately 1 ½ years ago will be returned to Tuam For a proper burial .

Mr Gilmore stated that he will have the matter checked out .

Mayor Kitt and members agreed the date for the A.G.M. to be June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

The meeting concluded

Recorded by M.Dunne

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Eamonn Kitt

Cllr Martin Ward

Galway County Council Archives

16<sup>th</sup> May, 2013

Notice of Motion

Mr. Eada Kenny,  
Taoiseach,  
Department of The Taoiseach,

I have considered the current situation in relation to the dissolution of Tuam Town Council which will come in to force in June 2014. The Town Council has served the people of Tuam diligently since its inception.

The Town Council has made a difference to the infrastructure and lives of the people of the Town for decades, sadly this will shortly come to an end.

The proposed new Municipal District councils will leave a huge gap in services for the people of the Town, as currently the local Town Cllrs have their hands on the pulse and know what the requirements are, to a certain degree.

I would call on the current Town Cllrs to consider to continue on and become the new Tuam community Council, which was quite active in past Years. The council could restart the Community Council and continue this service until June 2015 until Community Council election could be arranged. The Community council would restart of on a strong footing and would ensure the success of the Tuam Town Community Council.

The new community Council would have all the structures in place, such as links and contacts with the key players, ie Council, Garda, Chamber of Commerce, Tuam Herald, Connaught Tribune, Galway bay FM. The Community would also keep local issues on the agenda and in the public spotlight. I would urge Cllrs to seriously consider this motion.

Cllr Martin Ward.

A/Town Clerk

COMHAIRLE BAILE THUAMA  
Tuam Town Council

16<sup>th</sup> May, 2013

Mr. Enda Kenny,  
Taoiseach,  
Department of The Taoiseach,  
Government Buildings,  
Upper Marlborough Street,  
Dublin 2.

Dear Taoiseach,

I wish to advise that the following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Seamie Morris was adopted by Nenagh Town Council at their April Monthly Meeting and requested that same be forwarded to your office:

**NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR SEAMIE MORRIS**

“That Nenagh Town Council ask that any State board positions that come up and are advertised through Public Jobs.ie are assessed by an independent panel and the relevant Minister should be bound by the recommendations of the panel”.

I should be glad to hear from you in this regard.

Yours faithfully,

A/Town Clerk

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Agenda

1. Tuam 400
2. Minutes
3. Matters arising from minutes
4. Update on Browne's Field
5. Managers Business
6. Correspondence
7. A.O.B.

COMHAIRLE BAILE THUAMA  
Tuam Town Council



Mayor: E. Kitt

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Officials: Mr. F. Gilmore, D.O.S.

Ms. M. Dunne, A/Town Clerk

Apologies from Mr. E. Gallagher, Town Engineer.

4/6/2013

To each Member of Tuam Town Council

The Prayer was recited.

Matters arising from Minutes

A Chara,

The June meeting of Tuam Town Council will be held in the Town Hall on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at 7.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

M. Dunne A/ Baile Cleireach

**Agenda**

- 1 Tuam 400
- 2 Minutes
- 3 Matters arising from minutes .
- 4 Update on Brownes Field
- 5 Managers Business
- 6 Correspondance
7. A.O.B.

Cllr. Reilly enquired regarding "No Left Turn" signage on the Inher Relief Road. Mr. Gilmore replied that Mr. Gallagher has requested Road Design (via Mr. L. Gavin) to review the junction and is presently awaiting the results of the review.

Adoption of Minutes

**Town Council meeting 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2013.**

The adoption of the April meeting of Town Council was proposed by Cllr. E. Kelly and seconded by Cllr. T. Reilly.

Brown's Field

Mayor: E. Kitt

Cllrs: I. Kelly, T. Reilly, S.A. Flanagan, P. O'Hora, M. Ward, M. Loftus, P. O'Grady  
Deputy Colm Keaveney

Officials: Mr. F. Gilmore, D.O.S.  
Ms. M. Dunne, A/Town Clerk

Apologies from Mr. E. Gallagher, Town Engineer.

The Prayer was recited.

**Matters arising from Minutes**

Cllr. I Kelly requested an update on the Memorial Plaque. Mr. Gilmore informed the members that the Conservation Officer Ms. M. Doddy was not satisfied with the design of the plaque and she stated that "the use of colour, typescript and layout all require clarification and an element of professional design should be involved". Mr. Gilmore suggested that the promoters contact the Conservation Officer for advise

Cllr. Kelly proposed that the Town Council site now vacated by the F.C.A. would be advertised for letting to prevent it going into disrepair. Cllr. Reilly seconded the proposal and it was agreed by all members.

Cllr. Reilly requested that a follow up letter be forwarded to the H.S.E. seeking the exact timetable for the operation of the Ambulance base as the original request has not received a reply.

A discussion took place in relation to Toghermore House and Cllr. Reilly proposed that a letter be forwarded to C. Cunningham, Area Manager, H.S.E West requesting an update on what exactly is exact position in relation to Toghermore House. Cllr. Kelly seconded the proposal.

Cllr. Kelly asked if the list of unfinished estates requested at the April meeting has been received. Mr. Gilmore stated that the list will be available shortly and it will be circulated to the members.

Cllr. Reilly enquired regarding "No Left Turn" signage on the Inner Relief Road. Mr. Gilmore replied that Mr. Gallagher has requested Road Design (via Mr. L. Gavin) to review the junction and is presently awaiting the results of the review.

Signed  
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Town Council meeting 10<sup>th</sup> May 2014

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### **Adoption of Minutes**

The adoption of the April meeting of Tuam Town Council was proposed by Cllr. I. Kelly and seconded by Cllr. T. Reilly.

### **Brownes Field**

The Mayor updated the members in relation to Brownes Field. The Town Engineer met with the residents of St. Enda's Avenue. The residents have met with the G.A.A. who are agreeable to undertake works on the site. Mr. Gilmore stated that if the G.A.A. were to be involved they would have to make a formal application and enter into a leasing arrangement with the Town Council. Insurance would also be an issue. Mr. Gilmore stated that it would be preferable that the G.A.A. and residents could reach agreement and then make formal arrangement with the Town Council. If this was not to happen priority would be given to the residents as they were first to request the use of the area.

In reply to Mayor Kitt, Mr. Gilmore stated that the Town Council would look at providing some financial assistance to the residents to enhance the area if the G.A.A. were not involved.

### **Managers Business:**

Mr. Gilmore informed the members that the contract for works in The Shambles will be awarded shortly and it is expected that works will commence in June and the expected duration of works will be approximately 12 weeks.

In reply to queries raised by members, Mr. Gilmore stated that local access will be allowed but there will be disruption.

Cllr. T. Reilly referred to the agreement at the March meeting that Residents will be contacted before works commence.

Mr. Gilmore stated that this will be done.

### **Correspondence:**

Letter from Tuam Traditional Festival Committee – read,

Cllr. Flanagan suggested that this application for funding be considered under the Arts Grant Scheme. It was proposed by Cllr. I. Kelly that this letter would be accepted as an application for funding under the Arts Grant Scheme. Cllr. Loftus seconded the proposal and it was agreed by all.

Letter from Tuam Tidy Towns – Read. Cllr. Reilly proposed that the Town Council contribution €750 to Tuam Tidy Towns towards Enhancement works in the Town. Mayor Kitt seconded the proposal and it was agreed by all.

Letter from John Joyce, Chairman of Tuam Against Biogas Committee - Read and discussed

### **Abolition of Town Councils**

Mayor Kitt welcomed Deputy Colm Keaveney and noted that apologies were received from Deputy Ciaran Cannon and Deputy Michael Kitt who could not attend due to prior commitments.

Deputy Keaveney that following the Abolition of the Town Councils , Tuam will become a Municipal District Council with Independent Statutory Functions. It is not clear yet if the Municipal Districts would be allowed set their own rate but he expected that the elected members would have discretion to change the rate of the Local Property Tax. The number of elected members in the Tuam Municipal District would be 9. There are currently 7 members serving on the Tuam Local Area Committee.

Cllr. Reilly expressed concern that despite 644 Town Councillors losing their seats when the Town Councils would be abolished, there would be no savings as the new system will cost €250,000 extra to implement. Confirmation and detail of changes to the Electoral Area boundaries is expected at the end of May 2013.

Cllr. Ward was concerned that the new system was an attack on Local democracy as the newly elected members would have the whole Electoral Area to look after as opposed to the town they represent under the present system.

Cllr . Reilly stated that there was a lack of information on the issue and would like the Minister to provide more information on the subject .

Deputy Keaveney stated that he will seek clarification from the Minister Hogan .

Cllr. Loftus requested Deputy Keaveney to seek aid from the Government for the Farming Community with the fodder crisis.

Cllr. Reilly requested that Deputy Keaveney raise the matter of Toghermore House with the Minister. Mr. Keaveney replied that he had raised the matter recently and Mr. Reilly informed him that he will not be in a position to provide information until the review being carried out presently at Toghermore House is completed.

Mayor Kitt thanked Deputy Keaveney for his attendance.

### **Bord Gais**

Mayor Kitt welcomed Bord Gais Representatives to the meeting .

Mr Fiachra Quigley Provincial Sales Manager and the other members of his team gave a presentation on the Natural Gas Project for Tuam . Detail of the presentation are attached .

A Questions and answers session took place after the presentation and a number of issues were discussed . Cllr. Reilly suggested that Bord Gais would provide an office in the town as a point of contact for the public for the duration of the works.

**A.O.B.**

Mayor Kitt proposed that a Civic Reception be held for the Under 21 Football team on winning the All Ireland Final.

Mayor Kitt requested support for the Tuam Chamber of Commerce " Town and City Revival Programme " A discussion took place and it was decided that Mayor Eamonn Kitt , Cllr Sally Ann Flanagan ,and Cllr. Larry Bane who are already on a sub-committee set up at the February meeting of Tuam Town Council would work with the Chamber of Commerce on this issue .

Cllr.Loftus stated that she would be included on this committee . Mayor Kitt stated that this could be considered at a later date

Cllr Reilly raised the issue of illegal Dumping at Cloonthue .

Cllr Kelly informed the members that " Bark in the Park " a walk organised by Tuam Mental Health Association would take place on June 9<sup>th</sup> 2013.The walk is to take place , between the hours of 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. and organisers would like to use the public car park, in front of Super Valu for the starting point, the walkers will then make their way to the Park, where they will do a round of it emerging at St. Josephs Park, down Tullinadaly hill, on to Shop St, on to Bishop Street, finishing at the car park. Cllr. Kelly requested that the Carpark in front of O'Tooles be cordoned off during this time .

Cllr.Martin Ward informed the meeting that Mr.Tyson Furey a contender for the Heavyweight title has Tuam connections and he felt it would be appropriate that the Town Council would send a formal invitation to him inviting him to visit the town .

Cllr Ward proposed that the Town Council give a presentation to Mr. Furey .

Cllr. Reilly seconded the proposal and it was agreed by all.

Mayor Kitt informed the members that all former Town Clerks recently honoured at Tuam 400 event held on 30th March 2013 will be provided with a photo of their individual presentation on the day .

The meeting concluded.

Recorded by M .Dunne

Signed by Eamonn Kitt .

Mayor Eamonn Kitt

Mary Dunne  
08 May 2013 16:30  
Eamonn Kitt  
FW: Town Council Meeting on Monday 13th May

Weir Rd.,  
Tuam,  
Co. Galway.

Thursday, 30 May 2013

Mayor Eamon Kitt.

Tuam Town Council.

Town Hall,

Tuam,

Co. Galway.

Ref: Ready Thready Sew Annual Quilt Exhibition

Dear Mayor Kitt and Fellow Town Councillors,

Firstly I would like to take this opportunity to thank Tuam Town Council for allowing us the use of Tuam Town Hall for our annual exhibition in previous years.

I am writing to you to ask you to please consider allowing us the use of the Town Hall again this year for our annual exhibition. Ready Thready Sew is a non-profit community group. Each year at our exhibition we raffle a community quilt. The making of the community quilt is funded by and it is made by the group and all of the proceeds go directly to local charity. Last year we raised €4,500 for Tuam Cancer Care.

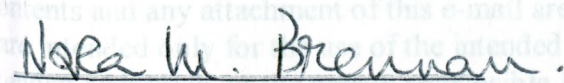
If you are happy to allow us to use the hall we would be delighted to have the use of it from the 15<sup>th</sup> of August to the 26<sup>th</sup> of August.

I would also like to add that we will leave the room neat and tidy after our use.

I hope you look favourably on this request. Due to it's central location Tuam's Town Hall is an excellent venue for our exhibition which in turn contributes greatly to the number of visitors we have at the exhibition and to the amount of money we can raise from the raffle of the community quilt.

We look forward to hearing from you and would like to wish you all the very best.

Regards,



Nora M. Brennan

Mary Dunne

From: Mary Dunne  
Date: 08 May 2013 08:56  
Subject: 'Eamonn Kitt'  
FW: Town Council Meeting on Monday 13th May

Eamonn

Reply from Ciaran Cannon .T.D

Regards  
Mary Dunne

From: Byrne, Jennifer, [mailto:Jennifer\_Byrne@education.gov.ie]  
Date: 07 May 2013 16:30  
To: Mary Dunne  
Subject: Town Council Meeting on Monday 13th May

Dear

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter to Ciarán Cannon T.D., Minister for Training and Skills regarding the Town Council Meeting on Monday 13th May.

Minister Cannon is unable to attend this meeting due to diary commitments.

Yours sincerely  
Jennifer Byrne

Jennifer Byrne  
County Secretary  
Minister of State's Office  
Department of Education & Skills  
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Dublin 1

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From: Mary Dunne  
Date: 09 May 2013 14:57  
Subject: 'Eamonn Kitt'  
FW: Tuam Town Council Meeting Monday 13th May

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Message from Michael in connection with meeting Monday night.

Regards

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From: Lynda McLoughlin [mailto:Lynda.McLoughlin@Oireachtas.ie] **On Behalf Of** Michael P Kitt  
Date: 09 May 2013 14:55  
To: Mary Dunne  
Subject: Tuam Town Council Meeting Monday 13th May

Dear Eamon,

My deputy Michael P Kitt regrets he will be unable to attend the meeting of Tuam Town Council, on Monday May 13th at 7pm, due to a prior commitment, which is also scheduled for 7pm.

He sends his regrets accordingly.

Kind Regards

Lynda McLoughlin  
Deputy of Michael P Kitt TD, Leas-Cheann Comhairle  
Leinster House, Dublin 2  
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- Agenda
1. Addition of Town Council - Oireachtas members
  2. Bord Gais Presentation
  3. Minutes
  4. Matters arising from minutes
  5. Browne's Field
  6. Managers Business
  7. Correspondence
  7. A.O.B.

COMHAIRLE BAILE THUAMA  
Tuam Town Council

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - 6<sup>th</sup> April 2013

Mayor:

E. Kitt

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

Officials:

Mr. Frank Gilmore Town Manager,  
Mr. Enda Gallagher Town Engineer,  
Mr. Liam Gavin Senior Engineer,  
Mr. John Costello Executive Engineer,  
Ms. Mary Danna A/Town Clerk,  
Mr. Mike Stewart Town Clerk

7<sup>th</sup> May 2013

To each Member of Tuam Town Council

A Chara,

The May meeting of Tuam Town Council will be held in the Town Hall on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2013 at 7.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

Baile Cleireach

Agenda

- 1 Abolition of Town Council – Oireachtas members invited in .
- 2 Bord Gais Presentation
- 3 Minutes
- 4 Matters arising from minutes .
- 5 Brownes Field
- 6 Managers Business
- 7 Correspondance
7. A.O.B.

## **TUAM TOWN COUNCIL MEETING- 8<sup>th</sup> April 2013**

**Mayor:** E. Kitt  
Cllr. Imelda Kelly, Cllr. P O'Grady, Cllr. L Bane, Cllr. P O'Hora, Cllr. M. Ward,  
Cllr. T Reilly, Cllr. S.A Flanagan..

**Officials:** Mr. Frank Gilmore Town Manager,  
Mr. Enda Gallagher Town Engineer,  
Mr. Liam Gavin Senior Engineer,  
Mr. John Costelloe Executive Engineer,  
Ms. Mary Dunne A/Town Clerk  
Mr. Mike Stewart Tuam 400 committee

Mayor Kitt recited the prayer and welcomed Liam Gavin, John Costello and Mike Stewart. Mr. Mike Stewart addressed the meeting and thanked Tuam Town Council for their help and funding in respect of the Tuam 400 Pageant held on March 30<sup>th</sup> 2013.

The next event planned for 18<sup>th</sup> April is a concert at St. Marys Cathedral featuring musicians from the World Academy of music University of Limerick under the direction of Sandra Joyce native of Tuam with special guest Micheal ó Suilleabhain . An event to commemorate the first Town Council meeting held is planned for 29<sup>th</sup> September 2013.

### **Tuam Traffic Management Plan**

Mr. Liam Gavin Senior Engineer introduced the Tuam Traffic Management Plan. (Draft 3), together with map, and schedule of amendments/additions (outlined in red). A list of submissions and details of outcome was also presented. A detailed discussion took place and a number of issues were raised by the members . Mr, John Costello stated the issues raised would be considered .

### **Shambles Car-park**

Mr. Gavin presented the plans for works at the Shambles car park. He informed the members that the Part 8 and the planning process has been completed. The project will now go to tender and it is anticipated that work will begin in June 2013. He stated that every effort will be made to accommodate businesses operating at the Shambles for the duration of works. Cllr. Reilly proposed that Council officials contact the business people involved and go through the plans with them. Cllr. Bane seconded the proposal. This arrangement replaces Cllr. Reilly's proposal at the March meeting that a public meeting be held in advance of works taking place.

### **Unfinished Estates**

Cllr. Reilly stated that there is only one estate in Tuam i.e. Carrigweir exempt from property tax. Cllr. Bane raised the matter of Estates not taken in charge by Galway County Council and having to pay property tax. Cllr. Reilly proposed that the Town Council write a letter to the Minister objecting to the levying of property tax on unfinished estates. Cllr. Flanagan seconded the



proposal and suggested that the Council should list the estates involved. A discussion took place in relation to estates not in charge of Galway County Council. The Manager advised that different situations apply in respect of individual estates, but the County Council are working on taking over estates. Cllr. Kelly asked if the County Council could provide the Town Council with a list of unfinished estates. Mr. Gilmore stated that this could be provided by the Planning Department if resources are available.

#### **Public Lighting at Weir Road.**

Mayor Kitt highlighted the lack of public lighting at Weir Road, Tuam. He was contacted by Brian McCarthy a resident in the area. He stated that Cllr. Michael Connolly was willing to contribute €1500 out of notice of motion funds if these funds could be used to fund the provision of lights in the area. Mr. Gilmore stated that Notice of Motion funds can not be used for this purpose but he will have the situation investigated in relation to pedestrian safety and check if funds are available from the Roads budget to provide some lighting at this location.

#### **Abolition of Town Councils**

Cllr. O'Hora proposed that the Town Council dedicate a special meeting to discuss the proposed abolition of the Town Council. Cllr. Reilly seconded the proposal. Mr. Gilmore advised that the local politicians should be invited to the meeting as this is a political matter. Cllr. Bane proposed that the four local T.D's be invited to the meeting. Cllr. Kelly seconded the proposal and it was agreed by all. Cllr. Flanagan stated she will provide copies of report circulated at A.M.A.I meeting in relation to the matter.

#### **Adoption of minutes**

Cllr. Reilly proposed the adoption of the minutes of the March meeting of Tuam Town Council. Cllr. Flanagan seconded the proposal.

#### **A.O.B**

In reply to Cllr. Bane, Mr. Gallagher confirmed that traffic lights at Ballygaddy Road will be in operation tomorrow 9<sup>th</sup> April.

Cllr. Reilly requested that a sign "no right turn" be erected at the bottom of Shop Street at junction with inner relief road. Cllr. Reilly stated that the lights are now working at the Glebe and thanked all involved.

Cllr. Kelly asked if there was an update on FCA site at Old Road. The Council await a reply from the Department of Defence on the matter.

Cllr. Reilly asked for an update in relation to the Ambulance base. The Council have not received a reply from the H.S.E.

Cllr. Kelly queried if there was an update on the Memorial plaque.  
Mr Gallagher informed the members that he has sought clarification from the Planning Department but has not received same to date. He stated that he will follow up the matter.

Cllr. Reilly proposed that the Town Council write to Galway City Council and thank them for lending robes to Tuam Town Council for the event held on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2013.  
Mayor Kitt seconded the proposal .

Cllr. Reilly informed members that a meeting is sought with Minister Kathleen Lynch and four local T.D's in relation to "Save Toghermore House" campaign. There will be a meeting held in the Brogue on 10<sup>th</sup> April at 9.00pm and he invited all the members to attend.

Cllr. Reilly stated that Youth reach Ireland who do great work in Tuam have been informed that their budget will be cut by 9.5%. The cuts involve 6.5% cut and further 3%. As they will not be able to continue to retain service if second cut is introduced Cllr. Reilly proposed that Tuam Town Council write to the Minister Fitzgerald requesting that she reconsiders the cuts involved. Cllr. Flanagan seconded the proposal.

#### Correspondence

Letter from Barna Waste – Read

Letter from re children's burial ground – Read Mayor and members agreed their support.

Greystones Town Council conference – Read

Westport Town Council conference – Read

Letter from Catherine Cunningham Area Manager H.S.E West to Mayor Kitt – Read

Cllr. Flanagan read a letter regarding a meeting which will be held relating to Anaerobic Digestion in Tuam Wheelchair Association on 10<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm asking for support from the Town Councillors.

#### Mangers Business

Mr. Gilmore referred to a Biodiversity Training which will be held in Tuam organised by Ms. Marie Mannion Heritage Officer and requested €2000 funding towards the hiring of a consultant to advise interested parties in Tuam on issues relating to Biodiversity and to produce a Biodiversity Action plan for Tuam .

Mayor Kitt proposed granting of funding. The proposal was seconded by Cllr. Reilly.

The Meeting concluded .

Recorded by M. Dunne

Signed by   
Mayor

 Tidy Towns®

# TUAM TIDY TOWNS

Galway Rd, Tuam, Co. Galway.

24-04-2013

Tuam Town Council.

Dear Secretary,

As you are aware a well-presented town is vital in attracting business and visitors to Tuam. We plan to enter this year's Tidy Towns Competition again in May by collaborating with Tuam Town Council, Galway County Council, the Chamber of Commerce, Tus, Fas, other agencies and the residential estates to highlight the town at its best.

This year we are adding an avenue of mature trees at the Demesne Cottages along with other minor landscaping projects around town. We requested that a Masterplan be drawn up for the Palace Park, which is in progress. A garden is planned for St. Mary's Cathedral, (we await permission from the Dean). We are also looking at improving access and visibility at Tempeall Jarlath so that schools and the public may visit more frequently.

Thank you for your support over the last two years and we look forward to it again this year. We request €1000 this year to assist us fund some of the above projects.

Hoping to hear from you soon.

Yours Sincerely

Pat Fahy

Joe Grogan

Sr. Agnes Curley

Charitable Exemption No.: CHY 20051

Chairman: Pat Fahy 085-7312541 Secretary: Sr. Agnes Curley 087-6443869 Treasurer: Joe Grogan 087-2445592

# Tuam Trad Festival

**An Roinn Cosanta**  
Department of Defence

25<sup>th</sup> April 2013

Ms Mary Dunne  
Town Clerk office  
Town Hall  
Tuam  
Co. Galway

Ref:2/98577

A Chara,

I refer to your letter dated 26/03/2013 in relation to the Hut Site at Fairgreen, Tuam Co. Galway rented by the Department of Defence for use by the RDF.

I wish to confirm that the Department of Defence no longer requires the use of the site and I also wish to convey the gratitude of the Department of Defence for your co-operation over the years.

Yours sincerely



Katherine Dwyer  
Property Management Section  
Phone 045 4 92454.

# Tuam Trad Festival

Bishop Street,  
Tuam  
Co Galway.

Ms Mary Dunne  
Town Clerk  
Town Hall  
Tuam  
Co Galway

19/04/2013

**RE: TUAM TRAD FESTIVAL 2013**

Dear Ms Dunne,

It is that time of year again when we the committee of the Tuam Trad Festival are requesting sponsorship and donations from local businesses, organisations and your good selves,

Our Festival is in its fourth year and as we are a non profit organisation we depend solely on contributions from our town. Our festival is going from strength to strength and with the times we now find ourselves in we would be so grateful if once again you could make a donation towards this annual event, our festival is rated as one of the best small traditional festivals in the country and is a social, cultural and educational event bringing hundreds of people from all over the world to Tuam each year, last year we increased our numbers with the introduction of the Young Traditional Musician of the Year which brought musicians from all of the 32 counties and was so successful that we are having enquiries all through the year, we also had an increase in numbers at our workshops and this year we are introducing a set dancing competition that will be held on the Saturday during the day and followed by a ceile again enhancing our numbers of visitors to town..

We await a favourable reply and wish to thank you in advance for your cooperation, Our festival will be launched race week this year and I will send you full details nearer the time so that all our Town Councillors can attend.

# Tuam Trad Festival

Thanking You,

Yours Sincerely



Ann Coen  
Chairperson  
Tuam Trad Festival Committee.

Galway County Council Archives



Attn: Mary Dunne  
Tuam Town Clerk,  
Galway County Council Offices  
High Street  
Tuam

The Mayor & Tuam Town Council

Dear Councillors,

The "Tuam Against BioGas Group" are working hard in our objections to a new application to construct an Anaerobic Digester in the Cloontua area close to our town. Once again we are plagued with a similar application to that which was recently withdrawn in Airglooney. The town has come together to form a much larger committee comprising of all the residential associations in the town along with our many sports clubs and private businesses to object to and to oppose such a devastating development.

We know that you have previously been briefed on the detail and we ask for your support and help to this illogical and potentially detrimental development. We will be in touch with your committee ongoing with regard to public meetings and briefings.

We would really appreciate your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely,



John Joyce Chairman  
Tuam Against Biogas Committee



**Mr. Willie Callaghan**  
 President of AMAI

### PUTTING WHAT PEOPLE FIRST?

It will certainly not be the citizens that we had the benefits of living in urban communities, for centuries in some cases, electing their own local councils.

From the abolitionists point of view the thing is perfect. Strike when the population suffering unprecedented austerity arising from what is perceived as the shortcomings of national politics. But other than the promise of a referendum on Seanad and a miniscule reduction in Deputies the national political scene appears to remain unscathed from the recent debacle.

At the level of democracy closest to the people, the least expensive, the most transparent and open is being decimated. No doubt, Town and Borough Councils are the sacrificial lambs in what will be seen as a great reform of the political system. The man and woman who just exist to serve their immediate community and ensure their voice is heard are being set aside in this "greatest little country in the world to do business in".

By the population will not realise what is being perpetrated until the harm is done. In urban communities discover they

have little or no voice in the making of policy and the spending of the rates and charges they pay, it may be too late.

At a time when the citizen, rich and poor alike, is about to pay massively for local services through property tax, water rates, commercial rates etc. those whom they should be able to hold accountable will be removed further from their influence.

Towns and Boroughs will contribute the lion's share of revenue to the local government coffers and will have the least say. This fact seems to have escaped the attention of those Chambers of Commerce commentators who have a view on everything.

Who will this scenario suit best? The fact that all urban communities will be disenfranchised will allow local government management to rule the roost and dictate the affairs of local government henceforth. This will undoubtedly be the consequence despite all the "guff" about transferring powers from the Managers to the Elected Representatives. Where are the detailed proposals other than a proposed name change from Manager to Chief Executive?

There is no doubt that local government reform was urgently required. After nearly a century of trifling reforms, of using and abusing the local government system by national politicians to win national elections, this effort by the government in the guise of efficiency, speaks volumes for the value national government places in local government as we enter the 21st century.

The proof of the pudding will be in the eating. The construction of the Municipal District Councils (MDC's), their powers and functions and their financial independence is critical to the retention of some semblance of municipal local government in Ireland. The AMAI will develop a model of MDC's that will clearly lay out what is required to give effect to the myriad of promises given by Minister Hogan over the last two years. To quote the Minister over the last year and a half:

- Town local government should be the most fundamental tier of local democracy
- A comprehensive reform of local government is needed which should place town local government at the core of the system
- I am intent not on further abolition but rather on strengthening local government.

In the Seanad on January 21st 2013 Minister Hogan made the following comments on the proposed "Municipal Districts" (note that the Minister never refers to these bodies as Municipal District Councils). These remarks in no way make clear how the most important aspect of these bodies i.e. financial independence is to be achieved.

**"Municipal districts will have significantly greater powers than the current area committees. The latter are consultative or advisory arrangements. They do not have statutory or decision making powers, whereas municipal districts will have such powers. The member will decide a range of important matters at district level and will have full powers in this regard."**

**"With regard to relevant finance and governance matters, decisions on policy at district level will be the order of the day, requiring the manager and chief executive to act and levy certain charges."**

**"The action programme makes it clear that the initial reference point in determining functions for district level will be existing town council functions."**

As of now 54 of the 80 Town/Borough Councils are rating authorities and as such are financially independent. So any "initial reference point in determining functions for district level" needs to recognise this position.

There have been a lot of calls from various individuals and meetings around the country for the AMAI to take a legal challenge against Minister Hogan's proposals to abolish Town Councils. The AMAI are in the process of getting legal opinion from Senior Council as to what the legal position is. If the Minister is in breach of constitutional or civil law the AMAI will take the appropriate steps to ensure that the law is upheld.





Cllr. Maxine Keoghan

# fixyourstreet.ie

A new government initiative and winner of three e-Government awards for 2012 has been implemented throughout Ireland. *Fixyourstreet.ie*, has been established as a service whereby the public can report issues such as graffiti, leaks, pot-holes and maintenance. This new service is greatly welcomed by local Councillors but is expected to compensate for the loss or displacement of so many councillors by way of government reforms which come into effect in 2014. However, this service when used in tandem with Councillors will not only empower communities but further will allow Councillors to refer to issues and not simply be a lone voice. Although *fixyourstreet.ie* is being lauded by Managers throughout the country, one does have to ask why it was introduced at this time and how effective will the service be.

The service would appear to emulate similar initiatives identified as 'Fix My Street' in Great Britain, Canada, Germany, Korea, New Zealand, Norway and Japan. In examining these systems it would appear that in order for the service to be a success, the programme must first be developed with this very intention and not simply established as a site to point to when quelling concerns regarding the loss of representation. Should the system be as successful as the recently developed SUSI grant system or that which centralised medical cards then perhaps the public may be a long way from achieving the success which has been achieved in Norway. The reason why focus is given to Norway is the fact that for so many reasons Norway regularly tops the United Nation's quality-of-life list in its annual Human Development Index. Norway further performs exceptionally well in overall well-being, as shown by the fact that it ranks among the top countries

in a large number of topics in the OECD's Better Life Index.

*When comparing Ireland with Norway, focus is given to two particular areas which local authorities are responsible for such as housing and the environment. Surprisingly the results for Ireland exceed that of Norway. However, Norway's oil reserves and lack of national debt will go a long way to ensure Norwegians will most probably continue to rate well in future life measurement indexes. The same cannot be stated so confidently with regard to Ireland.*

*The main concerns of fixyourstreet.ie is that there appears to be no accountability. The service as presented allows the public to report concerns, however local authorities are only obliged to acknowledge the difficulty within two days. Outlining when the problem will be dealt with does not seem to come into this*

*equation. Other concerns which need to be answered include what will happen when the email inbox fills up?*

What about when administrative boundaries change, due to an election or restructuring? How do you know if the service is not scaring users away with overwording? And most importantly how will the service to be measured? Should the service be merely a check box exercise with little or no measurement? Surely it is communities that are responsible. However, if *fixyourstreet.ie* is a genuine effort to deal with the public's concerns then it would seem response time and outcomes must be made available in a way of annual reports. As such, since the government has committed little by way of resources other than establishing a website it is difficult to see how this is anything more than mere lip service at present.



Cllr. Tom Moylan

## Members PRSI Contributions on Representational Payments

A number of queries have been raised by elected members over the last number of years in relation to PRSI Contributions payable on member's representational payments. These queries have come to the attention of the AMAI that when some members have made a claim for a social welfare payment, they have been told that that the PRSI Contributions on their representational payments are not been taken into account for their social welfare entitlement and are not been included as part of their stamp.

The PRSI contribution class paid on representational payments under €100 per week is Class M. This PRSI Class M would be applicable to the majority of Town Council representation payments which total €4,166 per annum. Class M relates to people with a nil contribution liability (such as employees under age 16, persons in receipt of occupational pensions or lump-sum termination payments and public office holders with a weekly income of less than €100 a week). Because Class M relates to people with a nil

contribution, i.e. a nil employee & employer contribution, the PRSI Contribution is not taken into account when considering if a member is entitled to a social welfare payment. The AMAI is currently lobbying the Minister in order to have this situation changed and to have this PRSI Contribution taken into account if members are claiming for a social welfare payment. We would request that all delegates contact their Oireachtas Representatives to bring this issue to their attention and to the attention of the relevant Minister.

## ELECT

### Introduction:

Over the last number of years and elected members have inquired about details of what should they choose to do at local Elections. The service is applicable to retiring members since May 2014. It is clear that this scheme is being introduced including the 2014 Local Elections. It should be clarified by the Minister.

### PRE MAY 2000 EX

Ex gratia for Town Council  
Ex gratia for Borough Council

### POST MAY 2000 EX

Gratuity figure for Town Council

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However please note

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NON RATING TOWN

Former Town Commissioner

RATING TOWN COU

Former Urban District Council

BOROUGH/LARGE

## ELECTED MEMBERS GRATUITY PAYMENT SUMMARY

### Introduction:

Over the last number of months a number of delegates and elected members have contacted the AMAI to enquire about details of Gratuity Payments payable should they choose to retire and not contest the 2014 Local Elections. The current Gratuity Payment Scheme applicable to retiring elected members has been in operation since May 2000 and all indications currently are that this scheme will remain in operation up to and including the 2014 Local Elections, however this has to be clarified by the Minister over the coming months.

### Current Gratuity Payment Details:

The amount of gratuity payable for years of service is calculated depending on length of service prior to May 2000 and after May 2000. The ex gratia payment for pre-May 2000 service is based on the 1999 retirement gratuity scheme and is dependent on whether the service of the member was with a Borough Corporation, UDC or service with a Town Commission. The ex gratia payment for post May 2000 service is calculated at a 1/5th of the representational payment per year of service. The current levels of representational payment and the amount of gratuity payable per year of service is as follows:

### PRE MAY 2000 EX GRATIA PAYMENT DETAILS AS FOLLOWS:

Ex gratia for Town Commissioners	€178.56 per year of service
Ex gratia for Boroughs/UDC's	€357.11 per year of service

### POST MAY 2000 EX GRATIA PAYMENT DETAILS AS FOLLOWS:

Gratuity figure for Town Councils (Former Town Commissioners Part VII)	$\frac{€2,281}{5}$	= €456.20 per year of service
Gratuity figure for Town Councils (Former UDC's Part VI)	$\frac{€4,181}{5}$	= €836.20 per year of service
Gratuity figure for Borough's/Large Town Councils Part V	$\frac{€8,362}{5}$	= €1,672.40 per year of service

However please note where a retiring member has more than 40 years service the amount of gratuity to be paid will be for the period of service from May 2000 with the balance of the Ex gratia payment for the number of years service prior to May 2000 up to a maximum of 40 years for both pre-May 2000 and post May 2000 service. (For example if a member retires in June 2014 after 50 years with 14 years qualifying service post May 2000 the maximum service which will count towards the Ex gratia payment for pre May 2000 will be 26 years.)

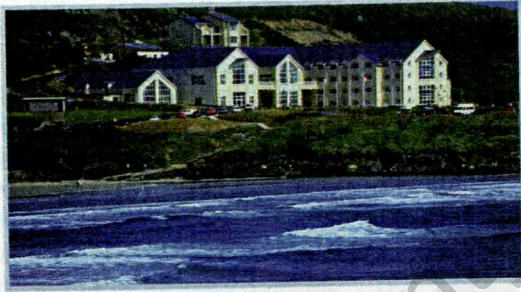
### EXAMPLE 1 - COUNCILLOR ELECTED IN 1985 RETIRING IN 2014

COUNCIL TYPE	Pre May 2000	Post May 2000	Total Gratuity Due
<b>NON RATING TOWN COUNCIL</b> (Former Town Commissioners)	€178.56 x 15 = €2,678.40	€456.20 x 14 = €6,384.00	<b>€9,062.40</b>
<b>RATING TOWN COUNCIL</b> (Former Urban District Councils)	€357.11 x 15 = € 5,356.55	€836.24 x 14 = €11,707.36	<b>€17,063.91</b>
<b>BOROUGH/LARGE TOWN COUNCILS</b>	€357.11 x 15 = € 5,356.55	€1,672.40 x 14 = €23,413.60	<b>€28,770.15</b>

# A Date For Your Diary

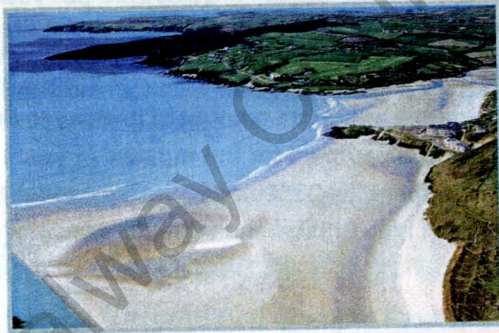


## ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2013



September  
Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> - Sat 14<sup>th</sup> 2013

Inchydoney Island Lodge  
& Spa, Clonakilty,  
West Cork



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9<sup>th</sup> April 2013

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

Re:

Dear Mary,

Tralee Town Council  
Archaeological  
life and legacy  
17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> M  
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life and legacy  
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Please find enclosed  
to attend please  
Conference C  
further details  
[info@saintbr](mailto:info@saintbr)

I hope you can

With best wishes

Michael Scanlon  
Town Clerk

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Comhairle Bhaile  
Prionsa  
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## TRALEE TOWN COUNCIL

9<sup>th</sup> April 2013

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

**Re: St. Brendan International Conference, Tralee – 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> May 2013**

*Dear Mary,*

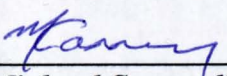
Tralee Town Council is collaborating with University College Cork and the Kerry Archaeological & Historical Society in the organising of an international seminar on the life and legacy of St. Brendan the Navigator to be held in Tralee on Friday & Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> May. We would welcome the support of Tuam Town Council and hope that officials and/or members of the Council would be able to attend.

An international panel of speakers will share their professional insights on the remarkable life and legacy of St. Brendan and the Early Christian Church in Ireland. The programme includes guided visits to North Kerry sites associated with Brendan. It should be of particular interest to members wishing to utilise the Christian heritage of their area to promote their town for cultural tourism.

Please find enclosed the St. Brendan Conference Brochure and Booking Form. If you wish to attend please complete and return with Purchase Order to the St. Brendan International Conference Committee, c/o Ashe Memorial Hall, Denny Street, Tralee, Co. Kerry. For further details you can go to our website at [www.saintbrendanweek.com](http://www.saintbrendanweek.com) or email at [info@saintbrendanweek.com](mailto:info@saintbrendanweek.com). Early booking is advisable.

I hope you can join us in Tralee in mid May.

*With best wishes,*

  
Michael Scannell  
Town Clerk

**Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe  
Galway County Council**



**Traffic Management Plan 2013**

**TUAM**

**Draft 3 (March 2013)**

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**First Schedule: Parking Prohibited during Business Hours**

Ref.	Name of Street	Portion of Street
1A.	Bishop Street	North side from the junction with Park View Drive – northeast for a distance of 76.2m
2B.	High Street	South side from a point 5m east of the junction with Church Lane, to a point 53.2m east of the said junction
27A.	Milltown Road	East side from a point 30m south of the junction with Old Ballygaddy Road, to a point 135m south of the said junction
12G.	Galway Road	West side from a point 25m north of the junction with Churchview, to a point 175m north of the said junction

**Second Schedule : Parking Prohibited at All Times**

Ref.	Name of Street	Portion of Street
1B.	Bishop Street	North side from a point 75m south of its junction with Parkview Drive, to a point 45m west of said junction
1D.	Bishop Street	North side from a point 75m southwest of junction with Park View Drive, to a point 175m southwest of said junction
1C.	Bishop Street	South side from the junction with the Cathedral Grounds - westwards for a distance of 105m
1E.	Bishop Street	South side from the eastern boundary of the Cathedral Carpark - northeast for 215.5m to entrance to Curragh Park
1F.	Bishop Street	North side from its junction with Swimming Pool access road, to a point 24m northeast of said junction

1G	Bishop Street	North side from the western boundary of the Co. Co. carpark - southwest for 90m	3H
2C	High Street	North side from the junction with Market Square to a point 10 m west of said junction and 10m north of said junction.	3I.
2A.	High Street	From a point 5m west of its junction with Church Lane, to a point 47m west from said junction	3J
2E.	High Street	South side from 5m east of its junction with Church Lane, to 5m south of the same junction	3K
2F.	High Street	South side from the junction with Sawpit lane, to a point 36m east of said junction.	
2G	High Street	South side from the junction with Sawpit Lane , to a point 41m southwest of said junction and from its junction with Sawpit Lane, to a point 30m south of said junction	4A
2H	Galway Road	South side from its junction with Abbey Trinity Road to a point 70m northeast of the said junction	4B
2I	Galway Road	North side from its junction with Abbey Trinity Road, to a point 53m east of the said junction	4C
2M	Sawpit Lane	South side from a point 4.8 m east of the gate at the entrance to the Cathedral to a point 22 m southeast of the said entrance	5A
3B	Dublin Rd.	North side from its junction with Vicar St. to a point 72m southeast of said junction	5B
3C	Dublin Rd	North side from a point 25m northwest of its junction with Stockwell Rd., to a point 88m southeast of said junction	6C
3D.	Dublin Rd.	South side from its junction with Vicar St., to its junction with Circular Rd	6D
3E.	Dublin Rd	South side from its junction with Circular Road, to a point 57m southeast of the Dublin Road/Stockwell Road junction	6E
3F	Dublin Rd	South side from its junction with Stockwell Rd. , 57m northwest of said junction	7A