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TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

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TUAM TOWN COUNCIL OF 12TH MAY, 2014

Attendance: Mayor I. Kelly

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

Officials: Mr. L. Gavin, Acting Director of Services

Mr. E. Molloy, Senior Engineer

Mr. J. Leahy, Senior Executive Engineer

Ms. M. Dunne, Acting Town Clerk

Mayor Kelly welcomed everyone to the final meeting of Tuam Town Council. Cllr. Reilly on behalf of Pieta House Committee thanked all who took part in the "Darkness to Light" walk. Mayor Kelly and the Councillors all the Councillors complimented all who took part.

Cllr. Reilly requested an update on Brownes Field and also in relation to the contribution to Tuam Tidy Towns Committee and Tuam Trad Festival Committee.

Matters arising from the minutes:

Mr. Gavin stated that the Council are in the process of trying to identify ownership and he would appreciate an input from anyone who may have information which would speed up the process. Cllr. Bane proposed that the Town Council would write to the Municipal District Council requesting that they follow up on the Brownes Field Project. Mayor Kelly seconded the proposal. Mayor Kelly confirmed that contributions were allocated to Tuam Trad Festival and Tuam Tidy Towns at the April meeting the Town Council.

Cllr. O'Hora requested an update on the position relating to the FCA Hall. Mr. Gavin stated that an inspection was carried out and there are some works to be done. This will also be carried on to Municipal District Council.

Adoption of Minutes:

Cllr. T. Reilly proposed the adoption of the April minutes of Tuam Town Council. Cllr. M. Ward seconded the proposal.

Tuam Community Council:

Mayor Kelly proposed that a date be set for the first meeting to Tuam Community Council and requested all members interested to attend. The date was set for Monday, the 9th June, 2014. Cllr. Reilly seconded the proposal.

Cllr. Reilly asked if the Town hall would be available for the meetings. Mr. Gavin stated that it would not be available for the first meeting but the Committee may write to the Municipal District Council for permission to use the Town Hall.

Application for Funding for Tuam Sugarbeat Festival and Tuam Community Games Committee:

Mr. Gavin stated that €500 will be allocated by Tuam Town Council to the Sugarbeat Festival Committee and €500 will also be allocated to Tuam Community Games Committee.

A.O.B

Mayor Kelly asked if there were plans for the safe keeping of the Mayoral chain and stated that her late Father Miko Kelly R.I.P was the first Mayor of Tuam and she was the the last mayor and the Kelly Family would like to sponsor a secure cabinet to display the chain if Galway County Council were agreeable to this .

Mayor Kelly proposed that the Mayoral chain would be retained in Tuam preferably Tuam Library where it could be on public display .

Cllr Flanagan seconded the proposal

In reply to Cllr. Reilly in relation to photographs in display in the Town Hall , Mr. Gavin stated that the assets of Tuam Town Council would transfer to Galway County Council and the Council would be mindful of the history of these photographs .

The Councillors individually spoke of their time spent on Tuam Town Council and referred to the huge loss the Town Council will be to the people of Tuam Town .

They thanked all Councillors and officials past and present for their contribution.

Mr Gavin Director of Services thanked the Mayor , all past and present Town Councillors , and Town Clerks . He stated that history will show the huge effort and time put into the town and this work will continue into the future with the Municipal District Council . He stated that the town is well placed with infrastructure i.e Roads , water , gas, for the future .

Mayor Kelly welcomed all present especially the members of the 2004 and 1999 boards ,retired Town Clerk Angela Holian and all Engineers , Council Staff, and members of the press.

She referred to the first Mayor of Tuam Town Council in 2002 and 12 years later she is the last Mayor of the Town Council.

Town Council - Final Meeting

She read an extract from the minutes of the first meeting of Tuam Town Council on March 5th 2002 and commented that many of the same issues were being raised at the present meetings .

She stated that the Town Council was a forum for highlighting issues affecting the Town Council
The Council also provided financial support to a lot of Community Groups like Tuam Trad Festival , the Old Tuam Society , Tuam Tidy Towns ,Tuam Chamber of Commerce , and other groups .

She referred to the loss of Tuam People of the year awards . The role of Mayor is a loss to the town as the Mayor represented the people of Tuam at so many events and promoted the town in such a positive way . She thanked all the wonderful people and groups doing fantastic work for the town and who make this town a special place to live . She stated that she is confident that despite losing the Town Council Tuam will continue to maintain its community spirit,its love of culture ,sport and arts. She thanked the Deputy Mayor,Cllr. Larry Bane,all the council officials ,members of the press. She wished Cllr. Bane and Cllr.Kitt well in the upcoming elections . She thanked her family and especially her mother Nuala who has had a family member on the council for the past 47 years . She finished with the wording from the Tuam Crest "Tuath Thuama go Buan"

Recorded by Mary Dunne

The Meeting concluded

SIGNED
Mayor Kelly

Maude Kelly

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Town Council -Final Meeting.

As we conclude the May meeting the last ever meeting of Tuam Town Council I would like to welcome you all here this evening on this very historic occasion. I would like to especially welcome the members of the 2004 & 1999 boards , retired Town Clerk Angela Holian & our previous Director of Services Mr Frank Gilmore all engineers and council staff, members of the Press, Ladies & Gentlemen .Tonight is a very sad night for the town of Tuam as our town loses its town board after 401 years. At this point I would like to thank and remember all past commissioners & councillors both living and deceased who have served this town so well over the years. You will be glad to hear I'm not going to recount the events of the last 401 years but I am going to go back to 2002.

In 2002 Tuam Town Commissioners became Tuam Town Council (in accordance with the Local Government Act of 2001) & the Chairperson of the day, Miko Kelly ,my late father, became the first Mayor of Tuam. I'm sure at the time he never would have believed that 12 years later his daughter would become the Last Mayor of Tuam.

I am now going to read the minutes of that meeting from March 5th 2002.

*****Im sure you will agree that in some ways little has changed and in other ways a lot has changed. As history has proven not only locally but nationally & globally change is inevitable and whether we agree or disagree with it our Town Council will be abolished on May 22nd.

People including ourselves would be of the opinion that as town councillors we had very little real power however we did have

a forum for highlighting issues , and had a direct line to the town engineer and Director of Services from Galway Co Council The fact too that our meetings were covered by the local press kept the people of the town informed of what was happening at our meetings.

The town council gave financial support to a lot of local community groups like Tuam Trad festival, Old Tuam Society, Tuam Tidy Towns & Tuam Chamber of Commerce .The Town Council supported all cultural, historical ,sporting , charitable, religious and economic efforts in the town over the years.

The loss of Tuam People of the Year awards is another civic event that has come to an end this was a very simple acknowledgement of local volunteers doing tremendous work in the community.

The role of Mayor is another loss for the town as the Mayor represented the people of Tuam at so many events and ceremonies and promoted the town in a positive way. In my year as Mayor I met so many wonderful people and groups doing fantastic work for the town these people are invaluable & make an outstanding contribution to this community.

As the last Mayor of Tuam I would like to thank each and everyone of those people and I am very confident that despite losing its town council Tuam will continue to maintain its community spirit its love of culture, sport, the arts and most of all its fantastic people who make this town such a special place to live. Finally, I would also like to thank my fellow councillors , my Deputy Mayor Cllr. Larry Bane ,all the council officials especially Mary Dunne , members of the press, and I would like to wish our two sitting councillors Cllr Larry Bane & Cllr. Eamonn Kitt all the very best in the upcoming election.

I would like to thank my family and friends for all their support during my year as Mayor and I would like to give a special mention

to my mother Nuala Kelly who has had a family member on the council for the past 47 years .This is the first local election she has not been canvassing for in a very long time.

Mar focail scoir,tá súil agam go fhanaigh "Tuath Thuama go Buan" mar a deirtear ar an gCrest.

Go raibh mile agaibh go léir.

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COMHAIRLE BAILE THUAMA
Tuam Town Council



April Meeting of Tuam Town Council held on 7th April, 2014

Clereach an Bhaile,
Baile an Bhaile,
Tuam, Co. na Gaillimhe.

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

Apologies: Cllr. M. Loftus

Officials: Mr. Liam Gavin, Acting Director of Services

Mr. Sean Langan

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Mayor Kelly welcomed Mr. John Sheridan on behalf of Pieta House in relation to the "Darkness to Light 5 km walk/Run planned for the morning of 10th May, 2014. He informed the meeting that the official opening of Pieta House took place on 9th April, 2014 and he invited the members to attend.

Mayor Kelly thanked John Joyce and wished the Committee well with the "Darkness to Light" Walk. The Acting Town Manager, Liam Gavin, and Council members individually complimented the group on the great work they do. Cllr. Kelly stated that he is proud to be involved with Pieta House.

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 12th May 2014 at 6.00 p.m

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

Baile Cleireach

Agenda

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- 4 Applications for contributions from Tuam Community Games Committee and Sugarbeat Festival Committee
- 5 Tuam Civic Amenity Site
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Attendance: Mayor I. Kelly
Cllrs: L. Bane, E. Kitt, M. Ward, P. O'Hora, T. Reilly, S.A. Flanagan, P. O'Grady

Apologies: Cllr. M. Loftus

Officials: Mr. Liam Gavin, Acting Director of Services
Mr. Sean Langan, Town Engineer
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Mayor Kelly welcomed Mr. Shane Donnellan and Mr. John Sheridan, the event organisers with Sugarbeat Tuam Music Festival to the meeting. The festival is planned for August 23rd, 2014 (details attached). They asked the Town Councillors and the media for local support. They were also seeking a financial contribution of €1,500. The Mayor and members congratulated John and Shane and informed them that they will examine the financial situation and let them know if funds are available.

Mayor Kelly welcomed Mr. Mick Concannon and Ms. Fiona Cormican from Cluid Housing Association. The representatives were invited by Cllr. Martin Ward and they provided outline plans for a regeneration programme at Gilmartin Road. The programme would involve demolishing some houses, retaining others, and developing some of the long gardens at the rear of the houses into an open area.

Cllr. Ward stated that he was amazed at the transformation in a similar programme carried out by Cluid in Longford. A figure of €88,000 per unit was provided as an estimate for the regeneration programme. The members welcomed the presentation and would like Galway County Council to look favourably on the project. (Copy of presentation is attached)

Matters Arising from the Minutes:

Cllr. Reilly requested an update on the provision of Public Lighting on the N17. Town Engineer, Mr. Langan advised that this is one of the projects included in the Walking/Cycling strategy. Footpaths and Public Lighting will be provided from the town to Brogans Garage, Galway Road, Tuam.

Cllr. O'Grady asked if there was any progress on the designation of an area in the Shambles for a monthly farmers market.

Mr. Gavin stated that there is a National Issue with Markets and the Department of Environment is due to issue guidelines, the designation of the Tuam Market will be addressed when the guidelines are received.

Cllr. O'Hora asked if there was any progress in relation to leasing of the F.C.A. Hall. Mr. Langan stated that the building has not been inspected yet and it needs to be checked by an Electrician. Mayor Kelly requested that an inspection would be carried out prior to the next Town Council meeting.

Mr. Gavin advised that the Building cannot be leased until it is advertised for lease and submissions invited from all interested parties.

Cllr. O'Grady asked if there were any plans for the use of the Town Hall after the Abolition of the Town Council.

Mr. Gavin stated that all buildings, assets and liabilities of the Town Council would transfer to Galway County Council and the Municipal District Councils would be involved in the decision on the future use of the Town Hall.

Brownes Field

Mr. Liam Gavin, Acting Town Manager updated the members on the position in relation to Brownes Field. He stated that Galway County Council, the G.A.A. and the residents are in agreement with the plans for Brownes field. However, the problem is Galway County Council have not yet established the ownership of the property and it would be unwise to progress with plans until the title to the property is established.

Tuam Community Council

Cllr. Ward stated that he would like to see the present Town Councillors continue on as members of Tuam Community Council with planned bi-monthly meetings. Invitations could be sent to the Elected members of the Municipal District Council inviting them to attend. Mayor Kelly stated that she has met a number of people in the Town who would like to see this happen. She confirmed that she would be interested in being involved. Cllr. Reilly confirmed that he would be interested also. Mayor Kelly requested that the other members consider if they are interested and confirm their interest at the next Town Council meeting. Cllr. O'Hora was concerned that if there was no budget available that the meetings may become a talking shop and advised that a slightly different model could be looked at where proposals from the meeting could be brought forward to Council level by the members of the Municipal District Council who would be attending the meetings.

Cllr. Reilly requested that this item be placed on the Agenda for the May meeting.

Adoption of the minutes

The adoption minutes of the March meeting of Tuam Town Council was proposed by Cllr. Reilly and seconded by Cllr. Kitt.

Applications for funding from Tuam Tidy Towns and also Tuam Traditional Festival .

In response to applications for funding received it was agreed by the members that a contribution of €800 would be granted to Tuam Tidy Towns and a contribution of €700 would be granted to Tuam Trad Festival .

It was agreed that requests for contributions received from Tuam Community Games committee and Sugarbeet Festival Committee would be discussed at the May meeting of Tuam Town Council .

Managers Business

Mr. Gavin presented the Galway County Walking and Cycling strategy to the members:

A discussion on the proposed works took place .

Cllr. Reilly proposed that works as outlined in the Galway County walking and Cycling Strategy progress .

Mayor Kelly seconded the proposal.

Notice of Motion

A.O.B

Mayor Kelly read the following N.O.M

Cllr. Kitt enquired if traffic calming measures could be provided at Woodfield Estate , Galway Road , Tuam .He also requested that the Community Wardens be vigilant and impose fines where necessary for offences relating to dogs litter in public places particularly the Palace grounds . Town Engineer Mr. Langan stated that the wardens patrol the Palace grounds on a regular basis and there is a decrease in the incidents recently .

Cllr. Bane raised the matter of repair of Public Lighting at Lissadyra and enquired if repairs could be carried out where an application to take the Estate in charge has been submitted . Mr Gavin replied that repairs cannot be carried out by Galway County Council unless the Estate is actually taken in charge by Galway County Council .

Cllr Kitt stated that he had been approached by residents of Cuirt na Cora Estate on the Weir Road requesting that a sign would be erected at the entrance to the estate .

Mr . Langan stated that he will check with the Planning Department as there may be a Bond to cover cost of the signage .

Cllr. O'Hora stated that he uses the Tuam Civic Amenity site regularly and has noticed a decline in the number of customers using the site and suspects that this is contributing to the huge amount of illegal dumping in Tuam and environs . He requested current information relating to usage of the site .

Mr Gavin stated that he will request this information from the Environment Section of Galway County Council .

Cllr Reilly suggested that questionnaires would be sent out to the public requesting details relating to how they dispose of their waste .

Mayor Kelly requested that this item would be included for discussion on the agenda for the May meeting .

COMHAIRLE NA RIA THUAMA
Tuam Town Council

Notice of Motion

Mayor Kelly read the following N.O.M

“ Cllr Tom Reilly requests Tuam Town Councillors to support the following Motion calling on the Minister Phil Hogan T,D.to sanction the election of a Directly Elected Mayor to towns where Town Councils will be abolished”.

The motion was proposed by Cllr. Reilly and seconded by Cllr. Kitt .

Cllr Reilly requested that this N.O.M would be passed to Loughrea and Ballinasloe Town Councils .

The meeting concluded

Recorded by M.Dunne

Signed by

Imelda Kelly

Mayor Imelda Kelly

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To each Member of Tuam Town Council

A Chara,

**The April meeting of Tuam Town Council will be held in the
Town Hall on Monday 7th April 2014 at 7.00 p.m.**

Agenda is Attached.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

M. Dunne A/Baile Cleireach

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 3RD March, 2014

MAYOR: T. Kelly

CLERKS: L. Bane, E. Kint, P. O'Hara, M. Ward, P. O'Grady,
Reilly, S.A. Flanagan, M. Loftus

Agenda

OFFICIALS: Mr. E. Molloy Acting Director of Services

Presentation of Pieta House with Mr. John Joyce

Cluid Housing Association CEO Brian Gorman

Matters arising from minutes.

Adoption of Minutes .

Brownes Field Section 183 Local Government Act 2001

Tuam Community Council.

Traffic Calming measures in Estates in Tuam Town

Applications for funding from Tuam Tidy Towns and also Tuam
Traditional Festival .

Managers Business

Correspondance .

A.O.B

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TUAM TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 3RD March, 2014

MAYOR: I. Kelly

CLLRS: L. Bane, E. Kitt, P. O'Hora, M. Ward, P O'Grady, T. Reilly, S.A. Flanagan, M. Loftus

OFFICIALS: Mr. E. Molloy Acting Director of Services

Mr. S. Langan, Town Engineer.

Ms. M. Dunne, Acting Town Clerk.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Cllr. Reilly requested an update on public lighting on the N.17.

Cllr. Kitt requested an update on Brownes field.

Mr. Langan replied that the Consultants are looking at a proposal for public lighting and footpaths from the Town to Brogans Garage as it would be pointless in constructing footpaths and providing lighting past this point as there are plans for a roundabout at this location later . In relation to Brownes field Mayor Kelly stated that she had a discussion with the Committee recently and they are willing to proceed with developments themselves due to the delay. Cllr. Reilly stated that both parties are in total agreement but are awaiting the finalising of the lease. Cllr O'Grady referred to the Planning permission which is about to issue in the vicinity.

Mr. Langan informed the members that a section 183 must be prepared by the Town Council and the terms and conditions of the lease need to be thrashed out. A discussion took place and Cllr. Bane proposed that a meeting be set up to discuss the matter and attempt to move it forward for Friday 7th March for the three Councillors who sit on the Stadium Committee, the G.A.A, the residents Committee, and Mr. Langan Town Engineer. Cllr. Kitt seconded the proposal.

In relation to the FCA Hall , Mayor Kelly stated that the building needs to be inspected to establish the state of the building before a leasing arrangement can be considered.

Adoption of Minutes

The adoption of the February meeting of Tuam Town Council was proposed by Cllr. Reilly and seconded by Cllr. Ward.

N.O.M Cllr.Martin Ward

The following Notice of Motion from Cllr. Martin Ward was read by Mayor Kelly.

"I request that Tuam Town council consider and review ways of mediating between Tuam palace road committee and O Tooles super valu in relation to the ongoing saga about the right of way.

I believe as local town councillors that we have a duty to intervene and address the current issue that may have and is having divisive effect with people in the Town and local area.

We should contact both parties and ask if they would be interested in mediation and take it from there. I believe personally that their always can be a solution found if there is a will there away."

Cllr. Ward referred to the notice of motion and stated that he believed that the Town Council should intervene as the issue was having a divisive effect with the people of Tuam. A debate took place where some members were in agreement with mediation and others unsure of how mediation would help as the matter was before the courts.

Cllr. Loftus proposed the notice of motion.

Cllr. O'Grady seconded the proposal.

Mayor Kelly informed the meeting that she doesn't feel qualified to mediate in this situation.

Mayor Kelly counter proposed the notice of motion and requested that the matter be left until after Bord Pleanala make a decision.

The counter proposal was seconded by Cllr. Flanagan.

Votes were taken by a show of hands as follows-;

Cllrs in favour of mediation – Cllr. Ward, Cllr. O’Grady and Cllr. Loftus.
Cllrs in favour of leaving the matter until after Bord Pleanala decision –
Mayor Kelly, Cllr. O’Hora, Cllr. Kitt, Cllr. Reilly and Cllr. Flanagan.

Correspondance

Letter from Dundalk Chamber of Commerce - read.

Letter from Cross Border tourism -read.

Letter relating to Purple Flag Academy - read.

Letter from Tuam Traditional festival seeking contribution towards Tuam Trad festival 2014. Read

Mayor Kelly deferred this matter to the April meeting of Tuam Town Council.

Letter from Tuam chamber of Commerce inviting the Town Council to lead the 2014 St. Patricks Day parade. – Read.

Cllr. Reilly proposed that Tuam Town Council write and thank the Chamber of Commerce for their invitation and inform them that the Town Councillors would be delighted to lead the parade.

A.O.B

The Local government auditors report for year ended 31/12/2012 was noted.

Mayor Kelly informed the meeting of the results of the Tuam People of the year awards 2014.

Tuam Person of the year is Ann Coen (Tuam Traditional festival)

Young person of the year is Simon Tierney (Care for Shane)

Group of the year is “Tuam Mens shed”.

The date for the awards night was fixed for March 24th 2014 at 8.00pm.

Mayor Kelly requested that an inspection be carried out on the leak inside the door in the town hall with a view to carrying out repairs.

Cllr. Ward requested that Tuam Community Council be included as an item on the April meeting of Tuam Town Council.

He informed the meeting that he will not be contesting the Municipal District Election.

Mayor Kelly stated that she raised the matter of the Grove car park being retained after the re-opening of the Shambles car park at the Tuam Electoral Area Committee meeting . She was informed that the Council will put in a request to the HSE regarding the matter.

Cllr. Reilly complimented the County Council on work carried out at the Shambles Car park.

Cllr. Reilly proposed that Tuam Town Council would write to the HSE requesting that the boards would be removed from the Grove hospital building and also requesting the potholes at Toghermore Avenue to be filled in. Mayor Kelly seconded the proposal.

Mr. Langan requested that a hold would be put on sending this letter at the moment due to security issues at the Gove Car-park site.

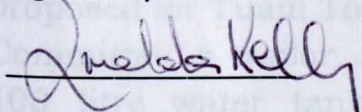
Cllr. O'Hora proposed that the Town Council write to Dr. Christine Kinealy and congratulate her on her impending induction into the Irish American Hall of fame. Dr. Kinealy played a key role in the American link conference organised by the Old Tuam Society and Galway County Council in 2012. Cllr. Kitt seconded the proposal.

A vote of sympathy was passed for all who passed away in Tuam since the February meeting of Tuam Town Council

The meeting concluded .

Recorded by M.Dunne

Signed by



Mayor Imelda Kelly

TUAM TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 3RD FEBRUARY, 2014

- MAYOR:** I. Kelly
- CLLRS:** L. Bane, E. Kitt, P. O'Grady, M. Ward, P. O'Hora, S.A. Flanagan, T. Reilly
- APOLOGIES:** From Cllr. M. Loftus
- OFFICIALS:** Mr. L. Gavin, Acting Director of Services.
Mr. S. Langan, Town Engineer.
Ms. M. Dunne, Acting Town Clerk.

Cllr. Reilly requested an update on the extension of Public Lighting on the N17 and also upgrade of Traffic Lights at Weir Road.

Cllr. Bane asked if the Traffic Lights at Abbeytrinity Shopping Centre could be checked out and also requested an update regarding the inclusion of a right turn lane at the Traffic Lights at Weir Road.

Adoption of Minutes:

The adoption of the January meeting of Tuam Town Council was proposed by Cllr. E. Kitt and seconded by Cllr. T. Reilly.

Brownes Field:

Cllr. Kitt enquired if the amount of the contribution to be provided by Tuam Town Council towards the project has been decided.

Mr. Gavin stated that when full agreement is reached between all parties the Town Council can decide on the figure for the contribution. A discussion took place, Mayor Kelly, and the members urged the Director of Services to progress this proposal as a matter of urgency to ensure its completion prior to the Abolition of the Town Council.

Cllr. Reilly asked that a letter be forwarded to the staff employed on the Fas Scheme at Tuam Stadium who do wonderful work .

Mayor Kelly welcomed Willie Kiefel, Murt Fallon and Keith Mitchell the deputation representing Tuam Tidy Towns Committee. Willie Kiefel addressed the members outlining the "Hanging Basket Scheme" proposed for Tuam Town in 2014. He outlined the requirements of the Committee, a trailer, smaller generator, a rainwater extraction pump, 100 litre water tank and a lance and fittings . The Committee

requested a contribution of €1,500 from the Town Council to cover the cost of this equipment.

Mayor Kelly stated that the Town Council have always supported the Tidy Towns Committees and she would like the Town Council to provide a contribution towards the cost of equipment.

In relation to planned work Cllr. Reilly suggested that the committee liaise with Town Engineer, Mr. S. Langan . Cllr. O'Hora stated the "The Mens Shed" may be in a position to provide voluntary help if required. Cllr. Reilly enquired as to when a decision would be made in relation to a contribution to Tuam Tidy Towns Committee .

Mr. Gavin stated that he will have a reply for the next meeting .

Mayor Kelly welcomed Mervyn Fahy and Tara Killilea, members of Tuam Amateur Drama Group, who made a presentation to the Council requesting the use of the hall used previously by the F.C.A. but now vacated.

Presently the Amateur Drama Group are using a number of venues for rehearsals and storage of costumes and equipment and it would be more suitable to have everything stored under on e roof. The group are willing to take over the upkeep of the building.

In reply to Mayor Kelly, Tara Killilea stated that if they were given the premises they would be happy to accommodate other groups in the town.

Mr. Gavin, Acting D.O.S. stated that the condition of the building must be examined prior to a decision to let the premises. If it is decided to let the building , the Town Council would advertise for submissions from interested groups.

A discussion took place and the members agreed that it would be an excellent idea to have one particular group responsible for the hall, but have it available to other groups also .

Mayor Kelly requested Mr. Gavin to provide an update on the position for the March meeting.

Childrens Burial ground Memorial plaque.

Cllr. Kitt raised the matter of funding for the Memorial Plaque at the Childrens burial ground. Mayor Kelly stated that there is a sum of €2000 contribution included in the budget for this project.

Cllr. Ward enquired if the roadway into the back of the houses could be repaired. He stated that County Councillors were willing to contribute notice of motion money towards the project if this was feasible.

Mr. Gavin stated that he will have the repair of the roadway investigated as the road may be a private road. He requested Mr. Langan to investigate and if it is a public road to determine the cost of repair works.

Cllr. Kitt proposed that €2000 be contributed towards the Childrens Burial Ground project. Cllr. Ward seconded the proposal.

Contribution to Parkmore Residents Association

Mayor Kelly raised the matter of the contribution to Parkmore Residents association as discussed at a previous Town Council meeting .

It was proposed by Cllr. E. Kitt and seconded by Cllr. T. Reilly that €1,000 be contributed to the Parkmore Residents Association as provided for in the Annual Budget for 2014.

Mayor Kelly informed the members that the "People of the Year Awards 2014" would be advertised this week and the closing date for applications would be 21st February, 2014.

The Annual Financial statement for year ended 31st December 2012 was presented to the Councillors.

Correspondence:

Letter from Padraig Birmingham in relation to the One Book One Community project – Read .

The project promotes literacy through the promotion of reading across the community of Tuam .The project is based around the school completion project and the home liason teachers from St. Patricks Primary School , Mercy Primary school , Presentation Primary School ,St Jarlath's College , Archbbishop Mc Hale College and Tuam Library

Cllr. Kitt proposed that €300 be contributed towards the Educational Project "One Book One Community".
The proposal was seconded by Cllr. Reilly.

Letter of appreciation from Grandson of Danny Kelly – Read

Cllr. O'Hora proposed that the Town Council write to the Kelly family and acknowledge the letter of appreciation. Cllr. Reilly seconded the proposal.

Letter from Sr. Agnes Curley – Read.

Cllr. Ward stated that there is a very active committee in Gilmartin Road who do wonderful work. He suggested that dereliction orders be issued by the Council on owners of derelict houses there. He stated that old houses could be demolished, new houses could be built, and Voluntary Housing Agencies such as Cluid and Respond could be invited to take charge of them. He stated that residents in the area must be given ownership and supported with resources.

Cllr. Reilly stated that he also supports the work done. He asked Mr. Gavin if an evaluation could be carried out of the houses in Gilmartin Road.

Cllr. O'Grady stated that he has great respect for Sr. Agnes and her committee and supports her in the work she does, but he disagrees with the way houses are allocated in Gilmartin Road. He stated that there is need for a decent debate on Housing Policy.

Cllr. O'Hora stated that the residents must be given a role in housing management and be educated for this role.

All the members pledged their support for Sr. Agnes in her work.

Cllr. Reilly proposed that a letter be forwarded to Sr. Agnes stating that her letter was discussed, the views taken on board, and inform her that the members support her in her work.

Cllr. Kitt seconded the proposal.

Managers Business.

Mr. Gavin stated that he expected some developments in the provision of public lighting at Weir Road in the next two months.

The pedestrian crossing at Purcell / Stockwell Road and the Inner Relief Road will be installed in the next month .

He also expects to have progress on the removal of the Viewing Tower at High street Tuam within the next two months.

Works at the Shambles car-park are expected to be completed at the end of February or beginning of March.

In reply to Cllr. Kitt , Mr. Gavin stated that the Council is working with the shopowners in the Shambles but there will be no compensation.

Cllr O'Grady complimented the workers who are working on the project in such difficult conditions.

A.O.B

Mayor Kelly stated that she has been approached by residents of the town regarding the state of disrepair of the gates and railings at Tuam Burial Ground. She stated that Mr. Enda Gallagher had received a quote of approx. €40,000 for repair works. He was in contact with Ms Mairin Doddy, Conservation officer, Galway County Council at the time. She requested that a letter be forwarded to Mairin Doddy to revive the matter and enquire if there is financial assistance available for this type of work.

COMHAIRLE BAILE THUAMA
Tham Town Council

Mayor Kelly queried if the Grove Car-park could be retained when works in the Shambles are completed.

Cllr. Bane requested that the Town Engineer Mr. Langan would investigate if the 100 yards of wall built on Ballygaddy Road could be extended.

Cllr. O'Grady asked if the Town Hall Clock could be repaired.

Cllr. Ward stated that the roof of the Grove Hospital needs repair and the building also needs painting. Cllr. Reilly proposed that the Town Council would write to Catherine Cunningham regarding the state of disrepair of the building and request details of their plans for the building in the future. Cllr. Flanagan seconded the proposal.

Cllr. Ward would like to condemn the misuse of Social media and have the condemnation highlighted.

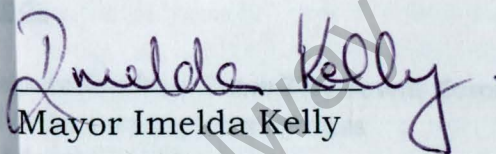
Cllr. Reilly informed the members that there is an A.M.A.I Spring seminar on in Bundoran on 14th and 15th February 2014.

Cllr. Reilly and Cllr. Flanagan will attend.

The meeting concluded.

Recorded by M.Dunne

Signed by


Mayor Imelda Kelly

M.D.

COMHAIRLE BAILE THUAMA Tuam Town Council



January meeting of Tuam Town Council held on 6th January 2014.

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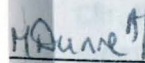
To each Member of Tuam Town Council

A Chara,

The February meeting of Tuam Town Council will be held in the Town Hall on Monday 3rd February 2014 at 7.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

 Baile Cleireach

Agenda

Deputation from Tuam Tidy Towns Committee (letter from Committee attached)

- Matters arising from minutes
- Adoption of Minutes
- Brownes Field
- Future of the Scout Hall
- The Home Childrens Memorial Plaque
- Parkmore Residents Association request for funding .
- People of the Year Awards
- Annual Financial Statement 2012 (attached)
- Managers Business
- A.O.B

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.January meeting of Tuam Town Council held on 6th January 2014.

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

Apologies:- Cllr. M. Loftus, Cllr. M. Ward.

Officials:- Mr. L Gavin Acting Director of Services,
Mr. S. Langan Town Engineer,
Ms. M. Dunne Acting Town Clerk.

Mayor Kelly welcomed everyone back after Christmas and wished everyone a happy new year. She welcomed Mr. Liam Gavin Acting Director of Services to the meeting.

Matters arising from the Minutes.

Cllr. Reilly raised the matter of Browns Field and requested Mr. Liam Gavin , Acting Town Manager to report back to the Council at the February meeting with an update on the current position. The request was supported by Cllr. Kitt who stated that during his term as Mayor he proposed that €5,000 would be allocated towards this project and he would like to know if this contribution would be forthcoming.

Cllr. Bane stated that the project should be progressed as it would benefit attracting people into the town. He also raised the matter of safety on the new inner relief Road .

Cllr. Reilly requested that the public lighting would be extended on the N.17. There is a 50kph speed limit in place at the location. He requested also in the interest of safety that a "no right turn" sign would be erected at the junction of the new Inner relief road and shop street as discussed at a previous meeting.

Cllr. Reilly requested that the Chairperson of Tuam Tidy Towns would be invited to the February meeting of the Council so that he could provide a programme of works which they intend to carry out. Cllr. Reilly proposed that a letter be sent to the OPW requesting that the river nanny would be cleaned from the Weir Road to Bishop Street. Mayor Kelly seconded the proposal. Mr. Gavin Acting Town Manager suggested that in lieu of writing a letter, that Mr. S. Langan Town Engineer would follow up the matter and liase with the OPW regarding these works, as Mr. Langan has been dealing with the OPW in relation to other Council matters. Mr. Langan stated that he has met with the OPW and while a dispensation has been given by the Fisheries Board to carry out these works they cannot commence until after 31st March 2014.

Cllr. Bane raised the matter of traffic backing up on the N.17 northbound and requested that funds be allocated as a matter of urgency to provide a filter lane for traffic turning right at Weir Road as this would allow traffic to flow more freely and reduce the back-up.

Cllr. Kitt suggested that if the traffic lights were upgraded and "intelligent" lighting installed it may help the situation. Cllr. Reilly referred to a previous request to have all the traffic lights synchronised.

Adoption of the Minutes

Cllr. Reilly proposed the adoption of the minutes of the December meeting and the Annual Budget meeting of Tuam Town Council .

Cllr.Kitt seconded the proposal and the minutes were adopted .

Capital Projects funded by Town Council Funds.

Mayor Kelly proposed the provision of new street lighting at Weir Road would be prioritised as one of the projects for capital funding and requested that the project be placed at the top of the list. Cllr. Kitt seconded the proposal and it was agreed by all.

Cllr. Bane proposed that the footpaths at Liam Mellows Street would be upgraded. Cllr. Reilly seconded the proposal and requested that footpaths at Abbeytrinity would also be upgraded.

Cllr. Flanagan requested that a new playground or refurbishment of the existing playground would be considered as one of the projects to be funded. Cllr.O'Hora suggested that consideration should be given to a number of playgrounds at different locations in the town as opposed to one larger one.

Cllr. O'Grady raised the matter of funding for re-generation of Gilmartin Road and stated that he did not agree with further funding of this scheme and suggested that the County Council re-examine the procedures for the allocation of Council houses.

Cllr. Reilly stated that a report should be prepared giving details of the amount of funding already provided in the area, and outlining the current situation relating to houses in the estates.

Mayor Kelly suggested that three or four projects from the list of Capital Projects presented should be prioritised on the basis of need and also on safety grounds. Mr. Gavin advised the Council to prioritise four projects and report back to the February meeting, with advice on how the projects could be delivered. A discussion took place and it was agreed that the following projects should be considered, -:

Provision of street lighting at Weir Road, Tuam

Refurbishment of the Palace Grounds Playground

Upgrading of footpath at Liam Mellows street, Abbeytrinity and other locations in the town.

Removal of Viewing Tower on High Street.

B.M.W. Funding

Mr Langan informed the members that Pedestrian crossings will be put in place on the Stockwell / Purcell Road at the Railway station and also on the New inner Relief Road in February .

Twinning of Tuam and Newcastle

Cllr. Reilly proposed that a letter be forwarded to the Lord Mayor of Newcastle informing him that this matter has been discussed by the Town Council and the Council are looking favourably at the proposal . They are in the process of checking out the procedures relating to a Twinning Arrangement and will inform him of the outcome.

Cllr. Bane seconded the proposal.

A.O B.

Mayor Kelly enquired if the yellow boxes at High Street could be upgraded.

Mr. Gavin stated all the lining included in the Traffic Management Plan is not in place yet but any lining provided for in the plan will be put in place shortly .

Cllr. O'Grady asked Mr.Gavin when the Grove Car- Park will be open for Public use.

Mr Gavin replied that the Car-park will be open within a week.

Mayor Kelly enquired if there was a timeframe for completion of works in the Shambles Car – park .

Mr. Gavin stated that the timeframe is 6 to 8 weeks.

Cllr. Reilly stated that he was approached by residents of "The Pottery " estate regarding a situation where children are throwing chips on to the roadway creating a dangerous situation .Mr.Langan said he will have the matter checked out .

Cllr Kitt enquired if chewing gum could be removed from footpaths in the centre of town .

Tidy Towns

TUAM TIDY TOWNS

Correspondance

Letter from Waterford County Council regarding Mental Health Conference January 31st -1st February – Read It was proposed by Cllr. S.A. Flanagan and seconded by Cllr.E.Kitt that Cllr.T.Reilly attend the seminar

Agenda 2014

Recorded by M.Dunne

Signed by

Imelda Kelly
Mayor Imelda Kelly

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This year Tuam Tidy Towns will embrace a bold plan of action. We will make a definite statement to mark the town out because we believe our town is unique and the centre of the universe. You have to believe and act accordingly. Below are some of our plans to make Tuam even more unique.

We propose to enact a Hanging Basket Scheme for the town of Tuam in 2014. For the scheme to be a success, watering and maintenance of the baskets would be necessary from the first of May to the middle of October. Our committee and agents are committed to this endeavour and are most willing to carry out this watering and

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TUAM TIDY TOWNS

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Chairman: Michael Waldron 087-9828048 Secretary: Sr. Agnes Curley 087-6443869 Treasurer: Elizabeth Meagher 086-8646176

maintenance over the six months of the coming summer and for the summers to come.

However, in order to accomplish this we must acquire the following: a trailer, small generator, rainwater extraction pump, 100 litre water tank, lance and fittings, hose and rainwater tanks at locations with large roof areas. All of this will require about €1500 and a grant to cover this expense from Tuam Town Council would be an imperative. This scheme is a very worthy one. It should bring a fantastic benefit to the town over a number of years, for a relatively small outlay combined with voluntary input.

In conjunction with this project we plan to have summer plantings for planters in the centre of town. This is the most inexpensive and effective way to use them. Micro plants need to be planted in January/February to be ready come May. We are in the process of negotiating a contract for eight planters with extras for expected vandalism. We are very hopeful that you the Town Council could fund this project, as a parting gift to the town, which once started and with our voluntary assistance could sustain itself long into the future.

We hope to arrange that power washing will have effect at various locations, Curragh Park, Temple Jarlath High Street, the wall bounding St Mary's with High Street, and walls at the Weir Road junction. At Temple Jarlath we plan to insert all-weather profiles made by JFC onto the wall, so that variegated ivy can take root on the wall that would in time completely cover it. The "Woodcutter" could go and live somewhere else. We hope the County Council will install litter bins on this street in more effective positions. They may even be persuaded to repaint their old county building. With all these improvements High Street could recover some of its pride!

An agreement has been made with Inland Fisheries Ireland and the Office of Public Works for a reconfiguration of the Nanny River from just upstream of the Palace Grounds Bridge downstream to the Presentation Bridge, a distance of 200 metres. This project will go ahead pending permissions from the Presentation Board of Management and Galway County Council. It will be funded by Tuam Anglers Association.

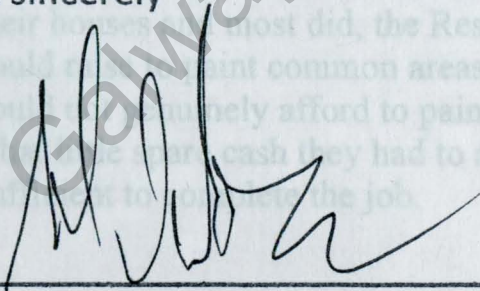
TUS and Tuam Anglers have already been spraying Hogweed for a number of years and are beginning to bring it under control. Now they will have to tackle Japanese Knotweed, a different but probably an even more difficult problem.

A new cycling and walking route is being presently built taking in Dunmore Road Bobby Burke Road N17 and Tullinadaly Road. We intend to plant 46 trees on this route.

A new road was built last year leaving bare unfinished walls and rusty stanchions clearly visible. Pending permission we hope to cut away the stanchions and paint the walls. Similarly we plan paint or improve some derelict buildings pending permission of their owners.

The Shambles will be rebuilt. A new green created on the N17 approach from Milltown will bloom. Our town will be a better place.

Yours sincerely



Michael Waldron Chairman, Tuam Tidy Towns Committee

Parkmore Residents Association



Date: 3rd 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

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ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS OF TUAM TOWN COUNCIL
REVENUE ACCOUNT

DRAFT ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

FOR THE

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2012

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS OF THE TUAM TOWN COUNCIL

REVENUE	AMOUNT	TOTAL	EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT	TOTAL
Balance Brought Forward	€374,202.54				
Other			Maintenance & Repair of houses	€10,560.28	
Deemed DCC	€106,816.00		Legal	€366.75	
DCC interest paid	€1,613.70		Insurance	€13,876.20	
Bank Int	€1,102.44		Salaries	€9,324.14	
Dividend	€1,417.92		Rest of 2011	€1,045.65	€24,472.02
Page of 2011	€51.49		Other Expenses		
		€116,910.85	Town Hall Expenses	€9,907.81	
			Rates	€1,000.00	
			Office Expenses	€1,200.00	
	€223.44		Salaries	€1,000.00	
	€1,500.00	€1,723.44	Audit	€1,000.00	
			Members Allowance	€1,000.00	
			Allowance	€1,000.00	
			Receptions/Prize	€1,000.00	
			Twins	€298.00	
			Transfer of	€10,000.00	
			Improvement	€10,876.74	
			Contribution to Arts	€366.91	
			Miscellaneous	€219.42	
					€24,669.74
			Total Expenditure		€115,244.17
		€251,917.33	Balance (if any) in favour at close of 2012		€416,773.16

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**ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS OF TUAM TOWN COUNCIL
REVENUE ACCOUNT**

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT	TOTAL	EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT	TOTAL
	€	€		€	€
Balance (if any) in favour at close of 2011	€374,202.84				
		€374,202.84	Housing		
Others			M'tenance & Repair of houses	€10,860.26	
Demand GCC	€106,516.00		Legal	€365.75	
GCC Interest paid on Loan	€1,610.70		Insurance	€12,876.20	
Bank Int	€1,102.44		Salaries	€9,324.14	
			Rent Collection	€1,048.68	
Dividend	€1,617.92				€34,475.03
Dept of Defence Rent	€63.49	€110,910.55	Other Expenses		
Housing Rents	€45,070.46	€45,070.46	Town Hall Expenses	€9,907.81	
			Print, Post & Stationery	€873.77	
Other Receipts			Rates	€892.18	
Ground Rents	€233.48		Office Expenses	€1,994.98	
Grant	€1,500.00	€1,733.48	Salaries	€8,257.00	
			Audit	€4,373.00	
			Members Annual Allowance	€9,726.79	
			AMAI	€1,542.18	
			Reps Allowances	€19,846.52	
			Receptions/Presentations	€1,293.84	
			Twinning	€298.00	
			Tuam Chamber of Commerce	€10,000.00	
			Town Enhancement	€10,876.74	
			Contribution to Arts	€566.91	
			Miscellaneous	€219.42	
					€80,669.14
Total Receipts	€157,714.49		Total Expenditure		€115,144.17
		€531,917.33	Balance (if any) in favour at close of 2012		€416,773.16

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SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF REVENUE ACCOUNT

CHARGE Balance (if any unexpected at close of last year)	Receipts	Balance against at close of this year	TOTAL	DISCHARGE Balance against at close of this year	Expenditure	Balance in favour at close of this year
€374,202.84	€157,714.49		€531,917.33		€115,144.17	€416,773.16

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PARTICULARS OF RENT COLLECTION

	Arrears Due at close of last year	Rents and Purchase Annuities Accrued	Total for Collection	Collected	Arrears	
					Irrecoverable & Old Credit Balances Written Off	Due at close of this year
Rents	€823.42	€45,128.00	€45,951.42	€ 45,070.46	€0.00	€880.96
Totals				€45,070.46		

99.87%

STATEMENT OF NET CHARGE ON REVENUE IN RESPECT OF THE PROVISION OF HOUSES.

TOTAL NO. OF HOUSES	EXPENDITURE	RECEIPTS	FALLING ON RATES

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STATEMENT OF BALANCES AT CLOSE OF FINANCIAL YEAR 2012

DEBIT		CREDIT		TOTAL
Revenue Account	€ 102,946.84			
Capital Account	€ 478,423.76	€ 581,370.60		
		Imprest A/c	€ 58.50	
		Due re Gilmartin Rd	€ 4,989.10	
		Unpaid bills	€ 9,566.09	
		Galway County Council	€ 25,000.00	€ 39,613.69
		Bal in favour Capital Account	€ 124,983.75	
		Bal in favour Revenue Account	€ 416,773.16	€ 541,756.91
Total				€ 581,370.60
		Total:		€ 581,370.60

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Mary Dunne

From: Eamonn Kitt [redacted]
Sent: 29 January 2014 14:19
To: Mary Dunne
Subject: Fwd: For attention of Town Councillors

Hi Mary

Would you please photocopy this enclosed e-mail for discussion at our next meeting. It's about the 'One Book One Community' project. I feel it is a worthy cause for consideration.

Many thanks

Eamonn

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Padraig Birmingham [redacted]
Date: Wed, Jan 29, 2014 at 2:07 PM
Subject: For attention of Town Councillors
To: Eamonn Kitt [redacted]

Eamonn please find below details of our project and thanks again.

We are seeking your support for the One book One Community project that runs annually in Tuam.

One book one community is an initiative that promotes literacy through the promotion of reading across the community of Tuam.

In order to fund this initiative in the past we have relied on support from local businesses, extra funding from schools, support from our local education centre and Tuam town library. Unfortunately this year these sources are not in a position to support us due to reductions in their own funding. Therefore we are now asking others if they are in a position to help us.

The project/initiative is an education based group in Tuam town, based around the School Completion Programme, the home school liaison teachers from St. Patrick's Primary School, Mercy Primary School, Presentation Primary School, St. Jarlath's College, Archbishop McHale College and Tuam Library.

In the past we have tried to ensure that all of the students in 5th and 6th classes in the mentioned primary schools and 1st years in St. Jarlath's College and Archbishop McHale College get the opportunity to read, explore and discuss a selected novel. Last year over 230 students took part in the scheme.

This year we will run the project from 24th February 2014 to 11th April 2014. The costs involved include the purchase of the books, in school workshops, prizes and visiting speakers and artists.

In supporting this you would be supporting a major educational initiative in the community

This initiative will:

· Ensure that all students in the mentioned classes will receive a book (getting a book into every house is a priority of the project).

From: Mary Dunne
Sent: 20/01/2015 10:00
To: [Redacted]
Subject: [Redacted]

- Allow students from disadvantaged backgrounds access to literacy workshops and discussion groups.

- Allow students who don't use English at home to improve their English through a community initiative.

- Include parents as much as possible in the initiative.

- Encourage a community wide approach to education.

- Encourage students to visit the local library.

If you decide to support us then the funding is operated through the School Completion Project as this project crosses across all of the schools and has rigorous financial oversight.

We sincerely thank you for considering our proposal.

One Book One community working group

Petrina McDonagh HSCL Archbishop McHale College

Teresa O'Dowd HSCL St.Jarlath's College Tuam

Berni Smith School Completion Programme

Emer Donaghue Tuam Library

Padraig Birmingham HSCL St. Patrick's P.S.

our own Michael Joe Crowned as Tuam Person of the year for his daily litter picking .The article written by Tom Gilmore a few months ago would decry any of the recent negative articles.

Gentlemen and ladies these are the facts .. I have refrained from responding to the many Media requests to go on Radio to answer the article in the Tuam Herald on 9th of January Last June Tom Mc.Hugh called for the road to be demolished ,Tom later informed me that he was misrepresented by the paper Is Paul O Grady also misrepresented ,? I hope so because such articles are inflamatory ,unjust and un true We are a road with a future .

We will continue to maintain it and I have a PLAN A DREAM and I will be sharing it with a member of Galway Co.Co.very soon

God Bless you all and Happy days ,feel free to join my team when you retire

Sr.Agnes Curley

Sr. Agnes Curley

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Proposal To Tuam Town Council – 3rd February, 2014

Firstly, we would like to thank the Tuam Town Council for giving us the opportunity to present this proposal

Proposal For: Use of the former Reserve Defence Forces Barracks, Old Road, Tuam

Proposed By: The committee of the Marian Choral Society on behalf of the Marian Choral Society, Tuam

Proposed Use:

We view the premises of the former Reserve Defence Forces Barracks as a potential base for our society.

We currently rehearse in various hotels, pubs and wherever space is freely available to us at the time. This usually results in the necessity to acquire multiple venues at once as various parts of the cast need to rehearse separately.

We currently store our costumes and props on the top floor of the Parish Centre (formerly the Mercy Convent) and while we are appreciative of the space we can only gain access through the administrators at times that are convenient to all parties. This sometimes results in us being unable to access items as required.

All the Society's administration activities are currently carried out in different committee members homes and/or places of work. This can prove difficult to carry out functions such as membership, insurance, ticketing, promotion, liaising with patrons, sponsors and members etc than if it were all run from one central location.

We also feel that this premises would give us the opportunity to expand and move our Society forward while still being cognitive of all past achievements, ie. a reception area which shows the history of the Society and recognizes all past, present and future members contributions to the Society, which could be viewed by the public at various events, festivals etc.



Also, as members of A.I.M.S. (The Association of Irish Musical Societies), we currently host the Western Region meetings in Tuam. These take place in the Rustic Vaults on Vicar Street. The A.I.M.S. Western Region incorporates 19 societies from Sligo to Clare and everywhere in between. We think that to hold such meetings in a facility provided by the town would demonstrate the councils commitment to the support of and dedication to the Arts in Tuam, for others to see.

This facility would allow us to bring all of our day to day activities under one roof and also provide us with the space to grow and realise all our ambitions.

Proposed Management of the Premises:

We propose that the committee of the Marian Choral Society take over all aspects of the management of this site.

We would take full responsibility for all upkeep and not allow it to fall into disrepair.

Our committee currently comprises of, a Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, P.R.O. and assistants for all roles. Each of these roles would take on their aspect with respect to the management of the premises. We would also propose that we given permission to make alterations to the building ie, installation of toilet facilities, removal of partitions, dance floor construction, external signage etc, while adhering to planning processes.

We understand that should we be successful in obtaining access to the premises, we will be responsible for ensuring full adherence to any and all legislative and regulatory requirements and/or any costs that may be incurred as a result of occupancy, including (but not exhaustive of) the payment of rates, service charges, utilities, health and safety standards and appropriate insurance.

We will hold our AGM on 13th February, 2014 where we will propose to amend our constitution to compel any future committee to take full responsibility for the premises.

Funding:

We are a non-profit organization and raise our running costs through our shows and other charitable activities. As such, we are not in a position to offer any rental payment for the premises, however, the Society does possess a small surplus of



funding which will be used for the upkeep of the building and any alterations required. Further details can be provided on request by our Treasurer.

About Us:

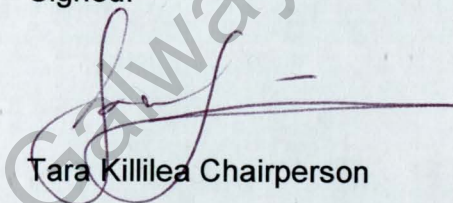
The Marian Choral Society has been part of our town for 40 years, putting on a musical production every year for the last 37 years. It has brought so much joy to many participants as well as literally thousands of patrons and audience members over this time.

This Society has given so much to the people of Tuam over the years and has always been very professionally run. We, the present committee, believe that although this proposal is a 'big ask', we are sure that for the Society to be in possession of a 'home' here in town, can only lead to another bright 40 years of musical entertaining and entertainment for young and old alike in Tuam.

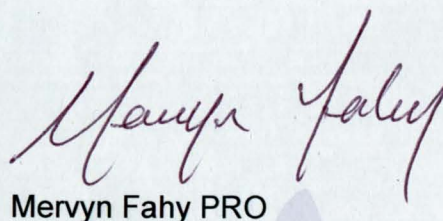
Our Committee:

- Tara Killilea - Chairperson
- Jane McNamara - Secretary
- Paul Kelly - Treasurer
- Mervyn Fahy - Public Relations Officer (ph: 087 997 3814)
- Keith Fleming
- Sandra Higgins
- Emma Lally
- Bronagh McLoughney

Signed:



Tara Killilea Chairperson



Mervyn Fahy PRO

- on behalf of the Marian Choral Society

