

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF TUAM HELD AT
THE OFFICES OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF TUAM, TUAM, COUNTY GALWAY
ON MONDAY 8th JUNE AT 2.14pm.**

CATHAOIRLEACH:	Cllr. Hoade
I LÁTHAIR FREISIN	Cllr. Cunniffe, Cllr. Killilea, Cllr. McHugh Farag, Cllr. Reddington, Cllr. Turner.
AS LÁTHAIR	Cllr McHugh Ryan
BAILL OIFIGIGH:	Mr. Michael Owens, D.O.S., Mr. Conrad Harley - SE, Mr. Sean Kennedy – EE, Mr. Peter Lally – EE, Geraldine Byrne, Meeting Administrator, Ms. Sinéad Naughton – Staff Officer, Marie Nicholson – Community Safety Co-Ordinator. Josephine Mullins – Community Safety Co-Ordinator.

MDT260031

1 – Confirmation of the Minutes of the meeting of Municipal District of Tuam held on 11th May 2026.

On the **proposal** of Cllr. Killilea and **seconded** by Cllr. McHugh Farag the minutes of the meeting of the Municipal District of Tuam held on 11th May 2026 were **agreed**.

Matters Arising

Cllr. Killilea referred to ongoing issues regarding the title of the Town Hall and the securing of the required funding. Mr. Owens advised that the process to regularise the title is ongoing and stated that, as he understands it, the funding is secure; however, the project cannot proceed until the title process has been completed.

Mr. Owens advised that he would provide members with any further updates in due course. Cllr. Cunniffe stated that the delay was deeply disappointing for the people of the town and requested that Galway County Council contact the Minister directly to seek to expedite the matter, noting the lack of available community space. Mr. Owens advised that the process rests with Tailte Éireann and that the Council cannot influence the speed at which it progresses. Cllr. Killilea noted that there is a process within Tailte Éireann to expedite matters and said he would be happy to speak with someone in that regard. Mr. Owens advised that he would follow up with the relevant staff directly on the matter.

Cllr. McHugh Farag requested an update on the bat survey in Dunmore, noting that she understood May to be the period during which the survey work needed to be carried out and that full clarification had not been provided at the previous meeting. Mr. Owens advised that he did not have an update available but would provide members with a specific update after the meeting.

Cllr. Reddington asked whether the folio issues relating to Headford Courthouse had been resolved. Mr. Owens advised that there had been engagement with the OPW regarding the availability of the overall site and that the process of regularisation had commenced. He noted that documents need to be submitted to Tailte Éireann for registration of the title and the associated right of way.

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Cllr. Killilea requested that, after an initial 11-month period, a report be brought to the Tuam Municipal District on the implementation and operation of the byelaws since their commencement.

Cllr. Reddington welcomed the byelaws and noted that the matter would be discussed at the Local Community Safety Partnership the following day. He thanked Ms. Nicholson and Ms. Mullins for their work and said the process was moving in the right direction.

Cllr. Turner also welcomed the byelaws and said he hoped local publicans and off-licences would consider appropriate signage. He noted that those selling alcohol for consumption in public places also have a responsibility in this regard.

Cllr. Hoade also welcomed the byelaws and asked how the public and event organisers would be made aware of the exemption process for events such as Headfest. She also asked whether the byelaws applied throughout the county. Ms. Nicholson advised that the byelaws currently apply to the Tuam Municipal District only and that other Municipal Districts would need to follow the same process if required. She said that, where applications are made to hold public events, the relevant sections would likely advise applicants as part of the application process, including where a casual trading licence or similar permission is being sought, that an exemption may be required.

Mr. Owens acknowledged the work of Ms. Nicholson and Ms. Mullins and said this matter was given priority when the Local Community Safety Partnership was set up, they had given a commitment for the bye-laws to be in place for the summer and this commitment had been delivered.

Mr. Owens advised that draft signage would be placed on order once approval is received from the Law Agents Department. He said that a public notice would be required in the newspaper and that relevant sections, including Planning and Corporate Services, would be linked in where they may be dealing with applications or requests for gatherings of groups of people. He noted that initial awareness would be factored in over the first 12 months.

Cllr. Cunniffe said that he envisaged that it will be enforced by An Garda Síochána as there may be other elements of anti-social behaviour involved. Cllr. Killilea asked if the fines were payable to Galway County Council which was confirmed is the case and that the Community Wardens would exercise their own discretion and would collaborate with the Gardaí.

MDT260033

On the proposal of Cllr. McHugh Farag seconded by Cllr. Cunniffe the following motion was agreed I propose; -

That all monies raised from Fixed payment Notices related to the drinking byelaws in the Tuam Municipal District be retained in the Tuam Municipal District.

This agenda item to adopt the Drinking Byelaws was proposed by Cllr. Cunniffe, seconded by Cllr. Hoade and agreed by all.

MDT260034

3 – Consideration of the Municipal District of Tuam current car park byelaws.

Cllr. Cuniffe referred to some CCTV systems in housing estates not operational and said they were particularly important for guards and asked if it could be located at the Garda Stations and policy advanced surrounding same. Mr. Owens advised the current CCTV can continue to operate as is- with some in Tuam MD under the remit of Housing Department and some under the remit of the MD. He said a code of practise is being developed for new CCTV and there will be a 4-year period where existing systems can cease or reapply to comply with any new requirements. Cllr. Cuniffe asked if the CCTV could not be moved to the Garda station or if it could be considered under the Community Safety Partnership. Mr. Owens advise it depends on whose remit it falls under and would need to be by agreement.

Cllr. Killilea wished to condemn the defacing of the sensory garden two weeks ago and commended the outdoor staff who fixed up the area thereafter. He said he also got two calls from people using the area at the back of Parkview Drive reporting throwing of water balloons and appealed for the guards to patrol that area in the evening and especially at weekends.

He referred to the 25th Anniversary of September 11 tragedy and asked the Cathaoirleach to hold the day as there is a group organising a commemoration in the memorial garden.

Cllr. McHugh Farag asked if there was any funding available to upgrade the equipment in the children's playground in the Palace Garden where parts are worn and lifting and in need of renewal. Mr. Owens said he will follow up and review the matter.

MDT260038

**On the proposal of Cllr. Killilea seconded by Cllr. Turner the following motion was agreed
I propose; -**

To send on a letter of congratulations to Cathal Sheridan of Sheridans Bar Milltown on being elected President of Vintners Federation of Ireland. As a third-generation publican we send him our best wishes for the year 2027-2028.

Monday 14th September was agreed by all as the next MD meeting date, with a possible online meeting to be held at the discretion of the Cathaoirleach during the month of June if required regarding the LPT allocations.

Chríochnaigh an cruinniú ansin @ 15:46

Approved by:

Cllr. May Hoade

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Date: *14/9/26*