

Balbriggan Karate Club



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① a chora,

I wrote to the Town Clerk Mr Gibbons regarding the room used by the now defunct Commercial Club, I expressed an interest in renting the commercial room on a permanent basis similar to the arrangement with the Commercial Club, we proposed to set up a full time karate centre in Balbriggan with polished floor and mirrored wall, I would be obliged if you would update me on this matter.

During the previous administration Balbriggan Karate Club complained about interference in our activities by former members of our club who were expelled and who also use the complex having set up a rival to our long established club, for two years this group "Golden Eagle" has used the complex without adequate insurance cover contrary to condition laid down by the "Irish Martial Arts Commission" and the Town Hall itself, the town clerk was made aware of the situation.

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The "Irish MARTIAL ARTS Commission" has informed me that "Golden Eagle" are no longer affiliated to their organization and suggested that we reiterate that only authorized "Black Belt" instructors can teach Karate and that the Hall management should be aware of their position if a claim is made, since September 1994 Golden Eagle were the Town Hall without an authorized Black Belt instructor each Wednesday night, I have already asked Mr Pat Ryan to verify if alternative insurance is in place to cover this situation.

I also highlighted the instance where a petition was presented to the Commissioners in an attempt to remove our club from the Ballroom on Friday nights, I outlined the fact that children as young as 7/8 years old were asked to sign the petition and that several forged signatures were on the petition,

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The outgoing commissioners were made aware of the manipulation of minors and the forged signatures yet no apparent action was taken on this matter.

And now the "Fingert Ind. 20/1/95 under the caption "Swords Karate Club celebrate 10 years" noted that the club (Sword Karate Club) has recently started a karate class in Balbriggan Town Hall on Fridays 7:9 PM. with instructors Damien + Doreen Browne, last year a directive was sent to all clubs to specify what area they use i.e. Ballroom / Hamilton Hall Etc, now Swords Karate club and the Brownes are advertising Balbriggan Karate Clubs times of training in the Town Hall causing further confusion, we would appreciate if the commissioners would contact Swords Karate club and the Brownes regarding this matter.

Balbriggan Karate club, "Black Raven" is the original and oldest martial arts club in the town and a long standing tenant of the Town Hall complex, we share excellent relations with all other martial arts clubs in Balbriggan — except the Brownes who

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as previously stated were expelled from our club, Balbriqgan Karate Club has evolved to the stage that the town is now being represented at both national and international level, Bournemouth in 1993 and Hungary in 1994.

Balbriqgan Town Commissioners have it in their power to resolve this unsavoury situation and once again I call on this body to do so.

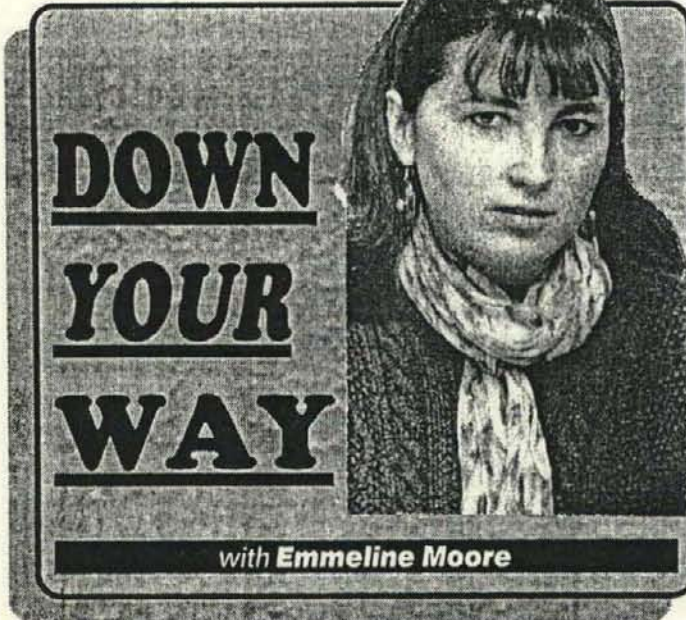
The Browns insist on training in the same complex, at similar times and on the same nights but charge half the recognized tuition fee as Balbriqgan Karate Club.

Balbriqgan Karate Club from its formation train on Friday and Wednesday nights, we simply ask that the commissioners re-allocate Golden Eagle two different night/week, this would provide some distance and in my opinion would resolve the current debacle and would be extremely appreciated.

15/11/95 - Gertie Shields

works in the GRT
official Board.

PHOTO COPY



RORY O'DONNELL (Left), Brian Quinn and David Fagan at the Swords Karate Club training in St. Cronin's N.S.

Swords Karate Club celebrate 10 years

CELEBRATING their 10th anniversary this year are a very successful Swords based Karate Club.

Swords Shotokan Karate Club, which is now well established in the Fingal area, is also looking for new

members to join their growing club.

Nowadays, everyone needs to be able to defend themselves, be they children, male or female and Shotokan provides an artistic means of defence, according to Kathy McMahon from Swords Shotokan Karate Club.

She pointed out that all age groups could benefit from the classes which are held in Brackenstown School on Monday and Thursday nights from 7 pm to 8 pm with instruction provided by 2nd Dan Black Belt Philip Lunney. Sunday morning

classes are also held at the Castle Shopping Centre, Swords between 11 and 12 noon and these are under the guidance of 3rd Dan Black Belt, Michael Sherlock.

Not content with these exhausting sessions in Swords the club has recently

started a class in the Town Hall in Balbriggan on Friday nights from 7 pm to 9 pm. The instructors in Balbriggan are brothers Damien and Darren Brown.

The club has participated successfully in many

competitions and recently Sensei K. Enoeda, 8th Dan Black Belt, Chief Instructor for Europe was invited by the Karate Club of Ireland to conduct a two day course in Trinity College.

This course enabled hundreds of Karate

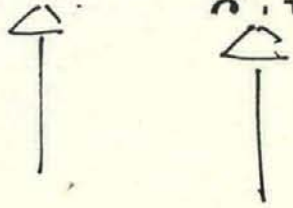
Club enthusiasts, including fifteen from Swords Shotokan Karate Club to gain higher proficiency grades in their sport. All the attending Swords Club members were successful in their grades.

The club's next

outing/grading session will take place in Galway under the eagle eye of Sensei K. Enoeda.

And just a reminder that a collection to help pay for equipment for Swords Karate Club will be held in Swords shortly.

(NB) CATHY MC MAHON LIVES IN BALBRIGGAN + ASSOCIATED WITH GOLDEN EAGLE, + KNOWS WELL THAT BALBRIGGAN K. CLUB USE TOWN HALL ON FRIDAY.



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Balbriggan Karate Club Newsletter



"President Robinson Views Fingal Karate"

The instructor panel of "North Fingal Shotokan Group" were delighted when asked to put on a display when the President Mary Robinson officially opened Loughshinny Community Hall. Loughshinny Karate instructor Paul Bermingham received the invitation and a display team representative of all the Fingal club's under instruction from Michael Blount, performed outside in the brilliant sunshine. Prior to the display a private audience was held with the President in the C.Y.M.S. Hall where Michael Blount outlined the history and progress of Fingal Karate to Mrs. Robinson who is herself an honorary black belt.

"World Karate Championships Report"

The national junior Karate squad travelled to Miskolc/Hungary in October 1994 for the "2nd World Children Karate Championships". Balbriggan was represented at this prestigious world event by Michael Blount Jnr. from Balbriggan Karate Club "Black Raven" who was selected for the national team.

Thirty five countries and almost 2,000 competitors participated in the two day event in the city of Miskolc. Michael won his first fight, but was beaten by the narrowest of margins in the 2nd round. However, 14 year old Philip Kealy from Kilnarnagh took bronze in his section.

The coach trip from Budapest to Miskolc was shared with the South African, Belgian and Kazakhstani Karate athletes from Kazakstan, and all the youngsters mixed freely forging new friendships, exchanging addresses, etc.

Balbriggan Karate Club "Black Raven" takes part in all O.N.A.K.A.I. squad sessions and trips abroad will now be a regular feature in club activity.

"New Black Belt and 5 Brown Belts"

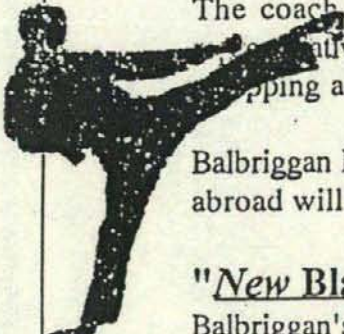
Balbriggan's Paul Bermingham was awarded his 1st Dan Black Belt at a grading examination in Kilnarnagh. Paul is a long standing member of Black Raven and also instructor to Loughshinny Karate Club.

On 23 November 1994 fifty eight Fingal students underwent a grading examination in Balbriggan Town Hall with Sensei Kealy S.I.K.A. This was the biggest ever Shotokan grading in Balbriggan and five students were promoted to Brown Belt level.

Congratulations to: Colin Fitzsimons, Mark Scott, Michael Blount Jnr., Brendan Smullen and Liz Cawley.

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"Shotokan Group Formed"

With the expansion of Shotokan Karate in Fingal in 1994, an umbrella organisation has been set up known as the "North Fingal Shotokan Group". It represents clubs in Loughshinny, Skerries, Balbriggan and Naul. A new club "Rush Shotokan" has been formed and will open shortly and premises are being sought in Swords for a club there.

"Special Courses"

Balbriggan Karate Club "Black Raven" attended two special courses recently. One in Trinity College with Enoeda Sensei, and a special S.I.K.A. course in Crumlin with Alistair/Mitchell, "World Shotokan Karate Federations" chief instructor to G.B.

"Annual Awards & Inter Club Competitions"

The annual awards and inter club competition was held in Balbriggan Town Hall on 19 December 1994. Shotokan clubs from the "North Fingal Group" and Balbriggan Kempo Karate Club participated in what was a lively and busy afternoon. Event officials were: Mick Blount, Mick Kelly, Mary Kelly, Paul Bermingham, Anne Mc Inerney and Brendan Smullen.

The awards ceremony was held during the event with certificates of merit presented by John Cunningham N.L.M.A.F. A surprise presentation of a framed picture with President Robinson was presented to Michael Blount to commemorate the Presidential visit.

Balbriggan Karate "Club Person 1994" was Anne Mc Inerney. "Achievement of Year" was Paul Bermingham and Michael Blount Jr. "Most Improved Senior" was Richard O'Carroll and Anne Mc Inerney. "Most Improved Junior" was Adam O'Callaghan and Colin Fitzimmons.

"Ladies Self Defence"

Special 6 week Course. Starts Wednesday 18 January 1995 from 7.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. in the Band Room - Town Hall. A repeat of last year's course. The emphasis being on street survival and practical self defence.

"Balbriggan Karate Club 'Black Raven'"

Shotokan Training Schedule

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|-----------|------------|---|------------|--------------------|
| Sunday | 11.00 a.m. | - | 01.00 p.m. | Hamilton Hall |
| Wednesday | 08.00 p.m. | - | 10.30 p.m. | Hamilton Hall |
| Friday | 07.00 p.m. | - | 08.30 p.m. | Town Hall Ballroom |



Fully insured with Black Belt instructors always in attendance. All Shotokan students welcome and existing grades will be retained. Affiliated to the "Official National Amateur Karate Association of Ireland" O.N.A.K.A.I.



"Karate Info"
Phone: 8414529

MICHAEL BLOUNT

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON 10/1/95

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

| | |
|------------------|-----------------|
| Davis, Joe | Shields, Gertie |
| Gallen, Patricia | Timmins, Colm |
| Harford, Monica | Tuite, Bredge |
| McKeon, May | Young, Tom |
| Pyne, Ned | |

OFFICIALS PRESENT

P.A. Gibbons, Town Clerk
S. Carey, Principal Officer

An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner Gertie Shields, presided.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

a) Minutes of Meeting held on 13/12/94 were read and confirmed.

2. Applications for Hire of Hall

There was no new business under this heading.

3. Correspondence

A: Correspondence from Government Departments & Ministers

(i) Letter dated 15/12/94 from Minister for the Environment re By-Pass was read.

Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Gallen seconded by An Cathaoirleach and agreed to write back to the new Minister concerning funds for the By-Pass.

B: Correspondence from Public Representatives and Local Authorities

(i) Letter dated 14/12/94 from Ray Burke, T.D. re: VAT was read and noted.

(ii) Letters (4) from Local Authorities re: VAT were read and noted.

(iii) Letter dated 16/12/94 from Eastern Health Board re: Ambulance was read. Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Gallen seconded by An Cathaoirleach and agreed to write back and clarify the Commissioners point of view in relation to the fact that there would be no improvement for the Balbriggan service.

C: Other Correspondence

(i) Letter dated 2/1/95 from Keith Rankin re: Balbriggan Lighthouse was read. It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen seconded by Commissioner Young and agreed to write back requesting drawings.

(ii) Letters (3) from Public Representatives and Local Authorities re: VAT on clothing were read and noted.

(iii) Letter dated 3/1/95 from Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland re: Seminar was read and noted.

(iv) Letter dated 6/1/95 from Minister for the Environment re: Reorganisation was read. Following discussion it was agreed to contact An Cathaoirleach concerning the calling of a meeting to discuss the matter.

4. Report on ACCESS meeting

A report on the ACCESS launch on 21st November, 1994 was given by An Cathaoirleach and Commissioners Gallen and Tuite. following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Davis seconded by An Cathaoirleach and agreed to contact Iarnrod Eireann regarding ACCESS for disabled people to stations and trains on Dundalk's urban line. It was further proposed by Commissioner Gallen seconded by Commissioner Tuite to contact Marcia Collier to meet the Commissioners concerning the furthering of ACCESS for disabled in Balbriggan.

5. Report on Meeting with Garda Superintendent

A report on the meeting with the Superintendent was given by those members who were present at the meeting. Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Pyne seconded by Commissioner Harford and agreed to write to the Superintendent agreeing to the parking restrictions on Bridge Street from the corner of Clonard Street to Keelings house. It was further proposed by Commissioner Gallen seconded by An Cathaoirleach to write to Fingal County Council to erect proper parking signs in the town. It was further proposed by Commissioner Young seconded by Commissioner McKeon that enquiries be made concerning the erection of signs or issuing a letter to traders, to leave parking on the streets for customers only. It was further proposed by Commissioner Harford, seconded by Commissioner Shields that the Commissioners contact schools and residents associations to ask them to pass on any information to the Gardai or the Town Commissioners, in total confidence, in relation to drugs in the area. it was further proposed by Commissioner Harford, seconded by An Cathaoirleach and agreed to ask the Gardai to make life as difficult as possible for the drug pushers in the town.

6. Other Business

(i) An Cathaoirleach gave a report on the meeting she had with Mr. McDonald from Fingal County Council concerning the Bracken River. He had stated ownership had to be established on the various tracts of land and he would do so. On the proposal of Commissioner Gallen seconded by An Cathaoirleach it was agreed to contact Mr. McDonald and ask him would he again meet with the Commissioners.

(ii) On the proposal of Commissioner Gallen it was agreed to have a written report available on the meeting with the Community Centre Committee and the County Council.

(iii) On the proposal of Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Harford it was agreed to write to Glebe North wishing them luck in their forthcoming match with Shamrock Rovers.

- (iv) On the proposal of Commissioner McKeon, seconded by An Cathaoirleach congratulations were extended on the Christmas Lights and she requested a report be given on the cost of the lights.
- (v) On the proposal of Commissioner Tuite, seconded by An Cathaoirleach, it was agreed to again write to Fingal County Council concerning the erection of a light at the nursing home in Church Street.
- (vi) On the proposal of Commissioner Tuite, seconded by An Cathaoirleach it was agreed to ask Fingal County Council to have another look at the parking bays on the Square and to provide spaces at the Courthouse/Post Office and Railway Street.
- (vii) On the proposal of Commissioner Tuite, seconded by Commissioner Harford it was agreed to request An Post to place a Post Box in the Hampton Street/High Street area to facilitate the elderly in the area.
- (viii) On the proposal of Commissioner Pyne, seconded by An Cathaoirleach it was agreed to ask Fingal County Council to give a report on the public lighting works to be carried out in Balbriggan in 1995.
- (ix) On the proposal of Commissioner Pyne, seconded by An Cathaoirleach it was agreed to ask Fingal County Council to repair the footpath from Drogheda Street to Bremeore.
- (x) In reply to Commissioner Harford, Mr. Carey explained the new housing list system to the meeting .
- (xi) On the proposal of Commissioner Young, seconded by An Cathaoirleach it was agreed to circulate an up to date report on the situation concerning the Combined Clubs and Town Hall developments.
- (xii) On the proposal of Commissioner McKeon, seconded by An Cathaoirleach it was agreed to ask Fingal County Council for up an to date report on the Halting Site and the families who are at present on it.
- (xiii) In reply to An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner Gallen stated, that the Roads Engineer had stated that the litter bins would be erected in the town by the end of the week.
- (xiv) On the proposal of Commissioner Tuite, seconded by An Cathaoirleach it was agreed to write to Fingal County Council concerning the adoption of Bye- Laws for the fouling of footpaths by dogs.

The meeting ended at 9.25 p.m.

*For by — 14/1/95 —
 Gertrude Shields*

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**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS WITH
BADMINTON CLUB HELD ON 31ST JANUARY, 1995 AT 9.15 P.M.**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT Gallen, Patricia Shields, Gertie
 Harford, Monica Timmins, Colm
 McKeon, May Tuite, Bredge

Apologies for non attendance were received from Commissioners Davis, Pyne and Young.

BADMINTON CLUB Joan McGonigle
 Michael Horan

An Cathaoirleach apologised for the delay in meeting with the Badminton Club as the meeting had been scheduled for 9.00 p.m. An Cathaoirleach informed them that the engineer had been down in the Town Hall, and that his report should be with the Commissioners this week.

Michael Horan outlined the following : the long delay in replacing lights (which is essential for their sport), leaking of roof which leaves wet patches on the floor, Thursdays - following the activities in the hall on that day the floor has a lot of grit on it, the lateness of their finish time, and the start up time of the badminton left no time for the floor to be cleaned. Not been informed of the Blood Transfusion Unit, which meant they had to play league matches in the Hamilton Hall. As they make out their league programme in October they felt as long standing tenants of the Town Hall they should have received ample notice. On the showers, they felt they were not an immediate problem, but as they were almost installed, wondered when the job would be complete. Some of the items listed, certainly the change of game times, has lost them members. Their main priority was the safety of the play area. The Commissioners assured them that a more positive approach would be taken. Commissioner Harford suggested that if the services were not forthcoming, a reduction in rent should apply. The Commissioners added that all information in relation to the renovating needed in the hall and the progress would be conveyed to the Badminton Club.

The meeting then ended.

*Jan R - 14/2/95
Gertie Shields*

ITEM 2

BALBRIGGAN RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

"Rockview"
174 Hampton Cove
Balbriggan
Co. Dublin

8411660 Home
2696622 Work

6 February 1995

Mrs G Shields
Chairperson
Balbriggan Town Commissioners
Town Hall
Balbriggan

Dear Mrs Shields

As you are probably aware the Rugby Club is one of the beneficiaries of the 1995 Festival and Frank Carson is our candidate for Lord Mayor.

As part of the fund raising campaign Frank wants to put on a major entertainment event in the town. The only place which would have the ability to host such an event is the Town Hall. I am therefore applying to the Commissioners for the use of the Town Hall for this event. No definite date has yet been received as Frank is still working on the format and the cast but we are looking to either the last Sunday in March or the first Sunday in April. If we are granted permission for the use of the Town hall, it would be our intention to apply for an occasional licence for the event. We have already researched the area of insurance and it should not be a problem to obtain the necessary cover.

This has the potential to be a major entertainment event in the Town and we believe will be of great benefit to the area. A successful venture of this nature would leave opportunity for future events, the type of which are badly missed in the town.

We look forward to your favourable response. if in the meantime you need any further information please contact Gerry Hennigan (8412128, w, 8411856 h) who is Chairman of our organising committee or in his absence myself.

Yours sincerely

Robert Cashell

Robert Cashell
Hon Secretary



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PARKS DEPARTMENT



Mr. Patrick Gibbons,
Cleireach an Bhaile,
Town Hall,
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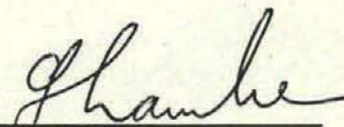
Our ref: OS 154
31 January 1995

**Re: Stile between Hampton Cove
and the Bower, Balbriggan**

Dear Mr. Gibbons,

I refer to your letter dated 21/10/94 regarding the above and wish to advise that the Senior Parks Superintendent reports that the Parks Department are not involved but that the matter should be referred to the Roads Department. I have referred your correspondence to that department for investigation and reply.

Yours sincerely,


John Lambe
Senior Staff Officer

*for by 14/1/95
Gertie Shields*

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COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS

GERALD KELLY BCL

DONAL TAAFFE BCL



Our Ref : JP/DT

Your Ref :

Date : 30th January 1995

Registered Post

The Secretary,
Balbriggan Town Commissioners,
Town Hall,
Balbriggan,
Co. Dublin.

Re: Aidan Bissett - Gaming Licence Application

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed and served upon you, under cover of registered post, a true copy of the Application for Gaming Licence on behalf of Mr. Aidan Bissett.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'F. Taafe'.

FERGUS P. TAAFFE & CO.

encl.

*For file - 14/1/95
Alicia Shields*

THE DISTRICT COURT

DUBLIN METROPOLITAN DISTRICT - BALBRIGGAN

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CERTIFICATE
UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 15 OF THE
GAMING AND LOTTERIES ACT 1956

AIDAN BISSETT - APPLICANT

TAKE NOTICE that the above named Applicant of Clonard Street, Balbriggan, in the County of Dublin, will apply to the District Judge sitting at the District Court, Balbriggan, in the County of Dublin, on Thursday the 2nd day of March 1995 next at 10.30 am for a Certificate under Section 15 of the Gaming and Lotteries Act, 1956, authorising the issue of a licence permitting gaming at an amusement hall or funfair, namely the Applicant's premises at Quay Street, in the town of Balbriggan, Barony of Balrothery East and County of Dublin and in the said Court area.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the Applicant will rely on the following matters in support of his application:-

1. The Applicant is not disqualified by Section 8 of the said Act, from the promotion of gaming under Section 6 of Section 7 thereof.
2. Forms of entertainment other than gaming are also to be provided to wit:-
Football, basketball, amusement machines, slot machines, ice hockey, amusement wall machines of various types, electric rifle ranges, American pin-ball tables, game machines and other funfair novelties.

Dated this 30th day of January 1995.

*a true copy
HDB*



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ROADS AND TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

Mr. Patrick A. Gibbons,
Town Clerk,
Town Hall,
Balbriggan,
Co. Dublin



Our Ref: R/RA/B5

Date: 18 January 1995

Dear Mr. Gibbons,

I refer to your representations on behalf of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners in relation to the underpass at the railway bridge at the end of the Skerries Road, Balbriggan.

The Area Engineer has advised that a warning sign will be erected at this location as soon as it is delivered.

Yours sincerely,

M. MC PHILLIPS
STAFF OFFICER

for R - 14/1/95

MD/OD



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ROADS AND TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

Mr. Patrick A. Gibbons,
Town Clerk,
Balbriggan Town Commissioners,
Town Hall,
Balbriggan,
Co. Dublin.

Date: 12 January 1995

Dear Mr. Gibbons,

I refer to your letter dated 24/11/94 concerning the provision of the Inner Relief Road at Balbriggan.

The up-to-date position since my letter dated 9/11/94 is that a case has been made to the Department of the Environment for an allocation under the E.U. Co-Financed Scheme of Grants for Improvement Works on Non-National Roads so that the purchase of land required to enable the section of the proposed Balbriggan Inner Relief Road from Chapel Street to Stephenstown which would provide access to Stephenstown Industrial Estate can be proceeded with in 1995 and for an allocation to allow the construction of that part of the Inner Relief Road to go ahead in 1996.

Yours sincerely,

T.P. Sheehan
T.P. SHEEHAN
SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

*for P - 14/1/95
Gerthi Shields*

NMCH/OD

1st meeting

Meeting with ACCESS Tue 31st Jan '95

Commissioners present

G. Shels B Lute P. Gallen, M. Harford
L. Linnins M. Keown

Apologies = M. Lync, J. Young Joe Davis

ACCESS = Maan. Collier, Paddy Roberts

Chairperson, welcomed the guests, she

asked for ideas, to commence access work in

Balbriggan.

Paddy Roberts

M.A.B. are the fore-runners,

Reason for this its flatness

199. £500,000 for pilot projects, coming from the
minister for law reform,

~~Public~~ ^{proj.}
Malahide G.V. Weight
Skeries chosen

Local Authorities and non local authorities projects
are eligible for funding

Co. Councillor will make the application on
our behalf.

Private ^{sector} ~~applicant~~ 25% ^{they give} grant toward it

~~P. Gallen, Stage I = footpaths = can we get a grant for same = yes~~

~~Highlighting signs, street lighting, seating (sense atgers)~~

~~M. Harford. could we + Paddy/Maia, make a list of.~~

P. Gallen Stage I

to engage the support of those in the town who have a disability, and drawn up a list of areas that need to be accessed in Balbriggan.

M.H. Church, - P.O. - Supermarket, - Library (ramp)

(door) - - -

Paddy = Balbriggan, it should have been prioritised due to the heavy flow of traffic.

1. Make rep to local councillor
2. Submit list / of outlining areas needing access.
3. You need your own group in your own town

Collect our info.

Mr Jim Brick, → Dublin Transport Initiative
contact him

Dishing urgently needed, from Church, into town
Steeles Bridge into town
handrails Droghda St to into town
Street lighting OK. no toilet

The Access group to ~~report~~ ^{lead} back to HC's.

M.R.B. get more information from them

G. Shibs = Grants, (for accessing (new buildings carpentry))

contact Gabe about new building for access.

Collect names interested in group
look at all areas of the town, buildings,
parks, shops, doors, facilities within banks ect.
Set up group -

P. Roberts, No skating on main st, or side street.
Visually impaired, objects on footpaths.

M.H. Crossing, light change sequence, too fast, motorists

Paddy. New traffic lights with cameras, in Skerries
He would see us as the umbrella group.

Application in before April '95, and we might be
included in the priority list for '95

P.G. Parking Bay legislation, soon becomes law,
N.R.B. Video/film on access =
Mary Freehill - Vocational Officer
National Rehabilitation Board
44 North Great Georges St, Dublin - 747503

Contacts — ^{Selshen} Mary (Daly) James Cannon
Marcia Collier
Mary Grant
Tom - Budge Neill

Application from the Access group.

J. C's monitor the progress.

All ~~the~~ main thoroughfares must be prioritised.

P. Galley to meet M. Collier, and other interested parties
to look at the parking disabled bays.

Thanks to Paddy Roberts, Marcia Collier

P. Gallen. 31st Community
Meeting (3) development J.L. F.C.O. It has been reported that
C. Clubs, are been invited to the
meeting. She was of the understanding
it was to be an information for
the publically elected Reps.

Proposed. She has asked the c/p. if the meeting is
concerning the Town Hall, only the J.L.'s
to attend, If it is concerning Cinema project
both groups attend. agreed by all /

P.G. Tom Gany, we had been asked and agreed
not to have a meeting on the Monday.
Gerti to contact Mary Connor F.C.O.

P.G. proposed a letter of condolences to the
Lawless family

Meeting 31st Jan 95 9¹⁵

Badminton Club

Joan ~ Ganagale, Michael Horan.
c/p apologise for delay in meeting with them

Lighting, Showers, ^{lost} Gerti - said
we engineer loco. was down
looking at the hall, and we should
know the recommendations made by him
this Thursday.

Michael Horan, delay in replacing lights in Main Hall.

M.H. we should ensure that Seamus ~~st.~~ would have
sufficient items, ect. we draw up a list. Give to
town clerk.

Roof Leaking = Leaking wet patch on floor.
repairs immediate

P.G. asked Michael for what facilities needed in place
for 30th Jan match played in Hamilton Hall.

Fixtures meeting in Oct, only last week Blood Transfusion,
they found out, they were there, so had to use
Hamilton Hall.

O A P. - Wheel of Fortune

Rose Show

Blood Transfusion

Commissioners function

X no official ~~notified~~ to the club about the B. Transfusion X
been there on the night

A notice re: Leasing office to work re management of
the hall's i.e. clubs, ect c/p. said this should help
with matters such as this.

3 eyes 10,000, Badminton Club have given to the Comm
Not been allowed into hall until 9.30, this has lost
them membership.

The addition of shawees, - safe area to play -
all sports movements, Committees are taking
chances, at the moment, putting members on the floor.

Thursday's = floor, after the days activities it needs
repalishy, lateness of finish up, leaves no time
to have this job done.

M. Harford.

Previously, no power over the hall, in the future
we're JG's will be taking a more positive view
M. Kearns

We are meeting with members of Fingal C.C. this
week. We will put on board these to the council

M. Harford, if these services are not forthcoming a reduction
in their rate should apply.

Road surface on road outside barracks
adequately, a few potholes were filled,
unsatisfactory. Traffic coming into barracks
for articulated lorries, trucks ect.
Heavy trucks tearing up the roads.

J.C's The D.P.W. = He will talk to the Goods
re this problem.
We will contact both on the issue

● Play Area - the area is dark and in
need of lighting.
The Residents Association are prepared to help
and seek funding for the further development
of the area. They would love to take part
in the tidy estates, but the estate is still
not complete.

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Meeting 1st Feb 1995
Meeting with Keith Rankin
Lighthouse Dome

M. Harford, C. Timmins, P. Gallen, J. Young
G. Sheels, B. Luite.

K. Rankin Frank Petty to Co. Engineer.
Frank Lights no information on the dome
through photographs of similar lighthouses he has
ascertained the size and shape required to
replace the dome, with modern materials.

Keith is in a position to make plans, source
material, and survey the lighthouse

1960

£40,000, would cover the project ①

Project / Proposal ① Replace Dome

Project / Proposal ② Replace Dome, and restore the lighthouse

He the commissioners will write to Dublin Port/Loch it is in their ownership

J.E. He will write to Dublin Port, ^{asking} ~~informing~~ them of the ~~proposed~~ project, ~~ask~~ ^{for} their assistance. permission to take on this project.

{ He are initiating a proposal (Port/Loch) at this moment in time the harbour is the starting point for all historical walks

Keith will continue his research, on materials, ect. while we look into the funding grants situation.

A proposal set down by the commissioners that seek grant/funding for the restoration of the lighthouse and the re-constructing of the dome. at the harbour Balbriggan.

Priority Repair list.

(Safety + appearance)

Replacement of bulbs

Tank. leaks in some
all these items should be look at immediately

M.K.

M.H

The Hamilton, needs completion
all information we have on the ongoing
improvement we will keep the Badminton Club
informed.

Ex's sheet for 1st Feb and also
9th Jan 95, for tomorrow night.

Susan.

Contact Cole, as to who is responsible
for the cutting of gears set at Gordi Borenk's

83 877 414

Clare Connor

Ring Marie Wright 8411072

Monica ✓

May ✓

Neer ✓ = 8413604 → after 4⁰⁰

Tom ✓

Colin ✓

Geeti ✓

Bradley ✓

Patricia ✓

Joe Davis ✓

BREMORE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

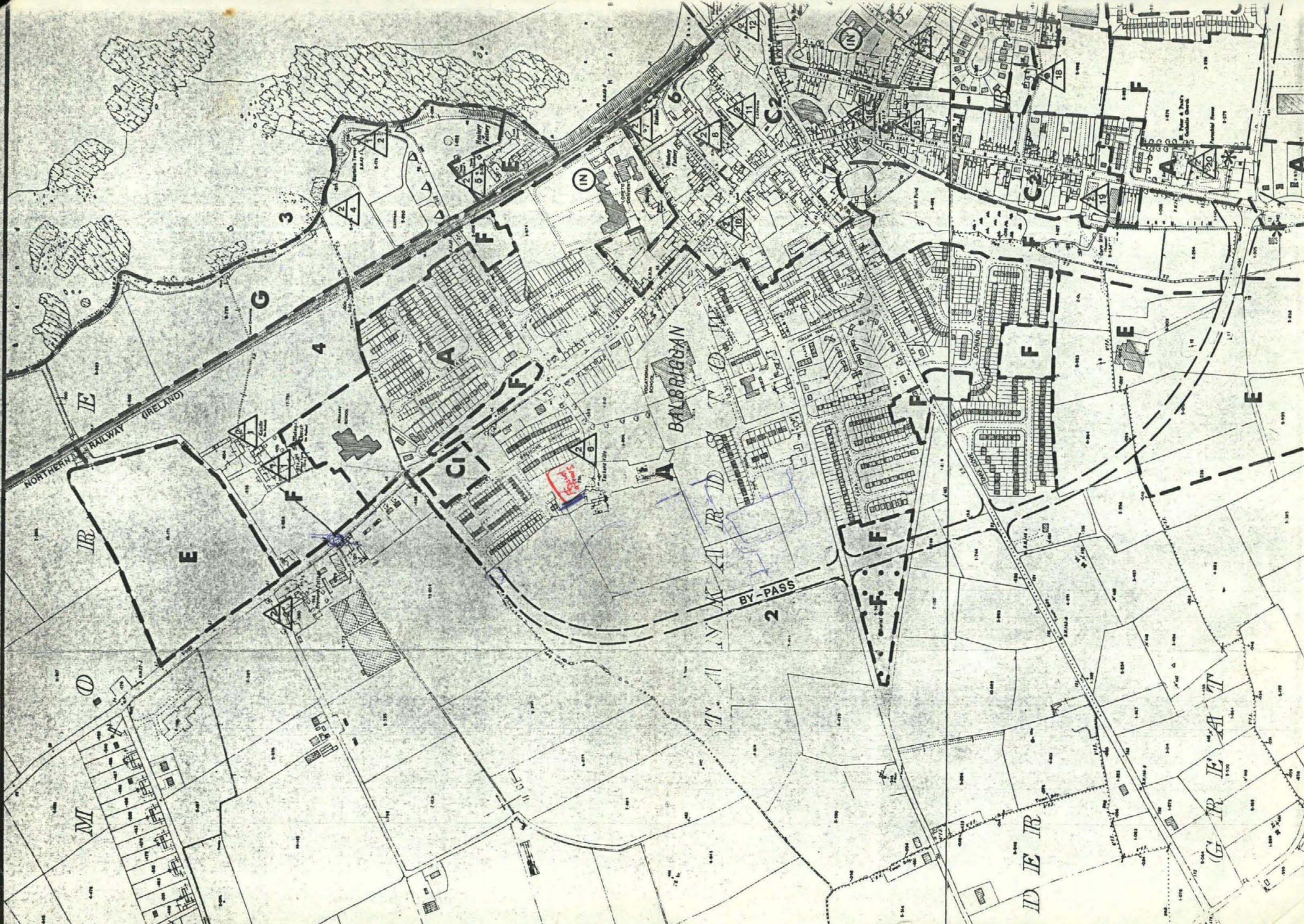
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Balbriggan,
Co. Dublin.
Phone: 8411 213.

MEETING WITH BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS. 1 ST FEBRUARY, 1995.

1. DEFINE THE BOUNDARY OF THE PLAY AREA.
2. PERIMETER / BOUNDARY FENCE & SAFETY OF CHILDREN.
3. FLOODING - many gardens flooded since the play area was landscaped & grassed.
- play area flooded.
4. FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL, PARKS DEPARTMENT.
- When will the play area be taken in charge by the Parks Department?
5. ROAD SURFACE - all roads on the estate need resurfacing.
6. ACCESS TO HOUSES OVERLOOKING PLAY AREA
(- VEHICLE ACCESS)
7. EXTRA WATER TO DITCH FROM CHAPELGATE.

Mr. Robert Kenny.
Chairman.

Copy of map - showing inner ring Road and the roundabouts
Answers requested to the above questions.
for our Feb 14th meeting



Wed 1st Feb 1995

Bremore Residents Association
Commissioners present

G. Shields B. Linte J Young M Hayford P. Galbraith L. Timmins
Apologies J. Davis M^{rs} Keown N. Lyne

Bremore Residents Association

Robert Kenny Pat Garvey Martin Timmins

Bremore R.C. agenda

1 Define the boundary of play area

2 ~~Per~~

Sorry Bredge - No Dictaphone.

I think Pat must have it with him.

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Wed 1st

Feb 1995

Bremore Residents

Commissioners present B. Lubb, G. Atks, J. Young
M. Hooper, P. Gallen, C. Timmins
apolois J. Lewis, M. Keown, M. Pyne
Bremore Residents
R. Henry, P. Gony, Martin Timmins

Development of area - they consider it would
not be up to parks department satisfaction
from Oct the area is flooded, proper drainage.
Their worry, the identity of Bremore must be maintained.

They need to establish where boundaries
end, at Chapelgate.

Peace, (Bulleter) Chapelgate £8,500 for development

Q. We must establish if the green area is complete

Q Services for Chapelgate are at the play area.

Q Boundaries must be established/defined.

Q No access through the play area

Q What form the area will

Bremore Q Ask the parks Dept, to look into this matter
J, C's, Ask manager to have an answer on the matter
for our Feb meeting

Bremore Residents.

One Area of Bremore; (14-20) have numbers
these have no access to ambulance, fire brigade ect.
The area fronting these houses is also unkempt.

Ditch / River = Bremore have requested, fencing or
piping of this. Money has been made
available some years ago. An up-to-date on
this matter. All surface water now running
into ditch.

1987 The Bremore Residents had a full meeting
with council officials. Full support was given
to them. No moves by council from them.
The £8,500 bond, for landscaping. Where
is it.

Innee Relief Road.

This affects Bremore, Cove town.

They requested the exit/entrance of same

Option 1 Roundabout exit Bremore/Cove town
Option 2 → Roundabout, ^{behind Cove town} coming out at Bremore
Tatch House, beyond the school. Traffic Study
prefer option (2)

Copy of these maps to be sent to

Robert Kenny Bremore Residents

Susan → { request these maps from L.O.C., if we do not }
{ have them in the office }

C Increase in traffic from Chapelgate, the
increase in preceding traffic



COIMISINÉIRÍ
BHAILE
BRIGÍN

Post Box 8412178

Balla an Bhaile,

Co. Duibhlinn

DATE BRIGÍN.

10th March, 1995.

DO GACH BALL DE CHOIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Ta se de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith i lathair ag Cruinniu de Choimisineiri Bhaile Brigin a thionolfar ar an 14ú Máirt 1995, ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghno seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners will be held on 14th March, 1995 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

Is mise le meas,

P.P. [Signature]
CLÉIREACH AN BHAILE.

CLÁR

1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (a) Minutes of Meeting held on 14/2/95 (circulated herewith)
- (b) Minutes of Special Meeting with Balbriggan Promotional Committee on 17/2/95 (circulated herewith)
- (c) Minutes of Special Meeting on 27/2/95 re: President Robinson's visit (circulated herewith)
- (d) Minutes of Special Meeting on 7/3/95 to welcome President Robinson (circulated herewith)

2. **Applications for Hire of Hall** (if any)

3. **Correspondence**

- (i) Letter dated 27/1/95 from Local Government Re-Organisation Commission re: Review of Town Local Government. (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 10/2/95 from Institute of Public Administration re: Town Twinning Grant Assistant 1995. (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 14/2/95 from Bremore Residents Association re: Proposed Halting Site. (circulated herewith)
- (iv) Letter dated 13/2/95 from Chapel Gate Residents Association re: Proposed Halting Site (circulated herewith)
- (v) Letter dated 24/1/95 from Bray U.D.C. re: L.A.M.A. Conference on 20/21 April 1995.
- (vi) Letter dated 14/2/95 from Greystones Town Commissioners re: Ban on Fox Hunting and Hare Coursing
- (vii) Letter dated 20/2/95 from Fingal County Council Roads Department re: Road Repairs at Curran Park and Pinewood Green (circulated herewith)
- (viii) Letter dated 1/3/95 from Garda Commissioner re: Parking of Heavy Goods Vehicles in Residential Areas. (circulated herewith)
- (ix) Letter dated 24/2/95 from Fingal Swimming Pool Association requesting a meeting with the Commissioners. (circulated herewith)

4. **Meeting with Fingal County Council on Tuesday 21st March, 1995 at 2.30 p.m.**

- (i) Consideration of Agenda

5. Provision of Private Hire Hackney Service

6. St. Patrick's Day parade

7. Designated Area Status

8. Inner Relief Road

9. **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Ned Pyne**

"To ask the Minister for Enterprise and Employment to assist Double Crest out of its present state, and to make every to keep full employment at the factory."

10. **Motion Submitted by Ned Pyne**

"To ask Parks Department to repair walk way from Ladies Stairs on Skerries Road to Barnageera Beach."

11. **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Ned Pyne**

"To ask Fingal County Council for update on the future plans for Balbriggan in the next 5 years."

12. Any Other Business

Gertie Shields 14.3.95

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REORGANISATION COMMISSION**

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27 January, 1995.

Town Clerk
Balbriggan Town Commissioners

Dear Town Clerk,

Review of Town Local Government

The Local Government Reorganisation Commission, established under the Local Government Act, 1994 to carry out a review of town local government, requests your authority to make a written submission in relation to the review in accordance with section 57(b) of the Act.

The Commission is required to submit recommendations to the Minister for the Environment within twelve months for the creation of a modernised system of town local government. Specific issues to be covered by the Commission's review include:

- the most appropriate future classification for the existing eighty town authorities;
- functions, staffing, financial and other organisational arrangements for town authorities;
- relationships between town authorities and county councils;
- criteria and procedures for the possible establishment of local authorities for towns currently having none;
- measures for implementation of proposed changes.

Submissions should relate to the above matters, which are set out in full in sections 56 and 59 of the 1994 Act, and regard should be had to the criteria in section 55(2) of the Act, which specifies guidelines for the Commission. A copy of Part X of the Act is enclosed for reference.

Submissions or enquiries should be forwarded to the following address:

Secretary,
Local Government Reorganisation Commission,
Marketing Centre,
Custom House Quay,
Dublin 1.
(Tel 01-8748591)

The latest date for receipt of submissions is Friday, 31 March, 1995. It is emphasised that this is the final deadline and it would be appreciated if you would respond as early as possible in advance of that date.

Yours Sincerely,

Denis Conlan,
Secretary to the Commission.

PART X

TOWN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Local Government
Reorganisation
Commission.

53.—(1) There shall stand established on such day as the Minister may appoint by order a body to be known as the Local Government Reorganisation Commission ("the Commission").

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(2) The provisions of the *Fifth Schedule* shall apply to the Commission.

Chairperson and
members.

54.—(1) The Commission shall consist of not more than seven members one of whom shall be the chairperson.

(2) The chairperson shall be appointed by the Minister.

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(3) The members shall be appointed by the Minister and shall include—

(a) a member of a county council,

(b) a member of a local authority other than a county council or a county borough council,

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(c) a county manager,

(d) a person having knowledge or experience of local authority staffing matters,

(e) a person having knowledge or experience in the field of business, commerce or administration.

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(f) an officer of the Minister.

(4) A person who is for the time being entitled under the Standing Orders of either House of the Oireachtas to sit therein, or who is a member of the European Parliament, shall, while such person is so entitled or is such a member, be disqualified for becoming or being a member of the Commission.

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(5) Nothing in this section shall affect the appointment of a person to fill a casual vacancy pursuant to *article 2* of the *Fifth Schedule*.

Guidelines for
Commission.

55.—(1) In this section and *section 56*, except where the context otherwise requires, a reference to a town includes a reference to a borough (other than a county borough), an urban district, a town for which town commissioners are elected, and a town to which *section 56 (1) (c)* applies.

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(2) In the preparation of a report pursuant to *section 56* the Commission shall have regard to—

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(a) the need to secure maximum benefit from the operation of the local government system generally, including the representation of local community interests;

(b) the need for effectiveness, efficiency and economy and to ensure that the best use is made of available resources in the operation of the local government system and in particular to safeguard the position of county councils as the primary units of local government;

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- 5 (c) the need to ensure there is no avoidable increase in financial demands on the Exchequer or on local authorities with consequential implications for taxpayers and locally and that there is no avoidable increase in existing staff numbers and costs;
- (d) community identity, civic tradition, local capabilities and capacities and the provision of a proper system of local government for towns consistent with the foregoing paragraphs; and
- 10 (e) such submissions as may be made to it pursuant to *section 57*.

56.—(1) The Commission shall prepare and submit to the Minister a reorganisation report which shall contain proposals as to— Reorganisation report.

- 15 (a) (i) arrangements for satisfactory local government for towns in the State including the number of classes of local authority which should be established for such towns,
- (ii) the general role and functions appropriate to each such class of authority,
- 20 (iii) financial, staffing and organisational matters in respect of each such class, and
- (iv) consequential implications for county councils and the appropriate relationships between each such class and such councils;
- 25 (b) the appropriate class for each town for which there is a local authority in existence at the commencement of this Part;
- (c) appropriate criteria and procedures for the establishment of a local authority in a town where there is no local authority;
- 30 (d) such other (if any) matters relating to local government as the Commission may consider relevant or as the Minister may request;
- 35 (e) the measures to be taken and the arrangements to be made (including administrative, statutory and transitional arrangements) for the implementation of the proposals.

(2) The Commission shall be independent in the performance of its functions.

57.—The Commission shall, as soon as may be after the day appointed under *section 53 (1)*, publish notice of the task it is assigned pursuant to *section 56* and shall— Notice of review.

- 40 (a) invite submissions from the public,
- (b) request each local authority to make a submission in relation to the said review, including such information and particulars and within such period, not being less than two months, as may be specified in the notice.
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Work programme.

58.—(1) The Commission shall commence operations as soon as may be after its establishment and complete its work within a period of 12 months thereafter or such longer period as the Minister may allow. The Commission shall, if requested by the Minister, submit an interim report on any particular aspect of its work. 5

(2) The Commission may, for the purposes of its reorganisation report, by notice in writing request any local authority to furnish to it such information as it may reasonably require within such period as shall be specified in the request and a local authority shall comply with any such request. 10

Implementation of reorganisation proposals.

59.—(1) The Minister may, having considered a reorganisation report of the Commission, by regulations under *subsection (2)* give effect to and provide for the implementation of the proposals made therein, with or without modifications. Different regulations may be made at different times in respect of different matters to allow for the implementation of such proposals on a phased and orderly basis. 15

(2) Regulations under this subsection may make provision for—

(a) the constitution of specified classes of local authority, their titles, corporate status and finances;

(b) the allocation of functions under different enactments to local authorities of different classes and the application to authorities of different classes of specified enactments; 20

(c) the relationships between different classes of local authorities and county councils;

(d) staffing, organisational and other administrative arrangements; 25

(e) criteria and procedures for the establishment of a local authority of a particular class for a town for which there is no local authority in existence at the commencement of this Part; and 30

(f) such other measures as may be necessary for the establishment of such classes of local authority.

(3) Where it is proposed to make regulations under *subsection (2)* a draft of the regulations shall be laid before each House of the Oireachtas and the regulations shall not be made until a resolution approving of the draft has been passed by each such House. 35

(4) The Minister may by regulations under this subsection provide that any local authority in existence at the time of the making of such regulations shall be a local authority of such class as may be specified therein. 40

(5) Regulations under *subsection (2)* or (4) may contain all such provisions as appear to the Minister to be necessary or expedient for the purposes of or to give full effect to or to facilitate the implementation of the proposals or modified proposals referred to in *subsection (1)* and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing such regulations may include provision for— 45

(a) the reconstitution of a local authority as a local authority of a class referred to in *subsection (2) (a)*;

- 5 (b) the making and operation of transitional arrangements arising from or in relation to such implementation including the preparation of schemes by the relevant managers, to have effect in accordance with the provisions of the regulations, in relation to functions, finances, staffing, property, organisational arrangements or any other things affected by such implementation and for the transfer if such is necessary of any property, officers and employees or any other thing to a specified local authority;
- 10 (c) the adjustment of any matter or thing (including any financial adjustment) that in the opinion of the Minister will arise from the implementation of reorganisation proposals or modified proposals;
- 15 (d) any matter or thing for or in respect of which provision is made by section 16 or 17 of the Local Government (Dublin) Act, 1993, or for which provision may be made by order under section 9 or 34 of the Act of 1991 with such modifications as the Minister may consider appropriate in the particular circumstances.
- 20 (6) Regulations under this section shall have effect notwithstanding the provisions of any other enactment and every such enactment shall be construed and have effect subject to and in accordance with the provisions of the regulations.

25 **60.**—A local authority or a public authority may supply to the Commission, on such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon by the relevant authority and the Commission, any services, including services of staff, required by the Commission for the performance of any of its functions. Provision of services to Commission

PART XI

30 MISCELLANEOUS

- 35 **61.**—(1) The Minister may by instrument under the Minister's hand or seal delegate to a named officer or to an officer of a specified grade, position or description any function of the Minister specified in the delegation and may revoke the delegation. Discharge of certain functions by Minister
- 40 (2) A delegation is without prejudice to the right of the Minister to exercise the function.
- (3) Every delegated function shall be exercisable and performed by the delegated officer subject to the general superintendence and control of the Minister and to such limitations (if any) as may be specified in the delegation or which may be specified by the Minister at any time thereafter.
- (4) In this section, an officer means an officer of the Minister who is an established civil servant for the purposes of the Civil Service Regulation Act, 1956.
- 45 **62.**—(1) The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1854, ("the Act of 1854") shall cease to apply to the relevant areas referred to in subsection (4) and accordingly separate local authority estimates shall no longer be prepared in respect of such areas. Cesser of Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1854 in certain areas.

ITEM 3(1)

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An Foras Riaracháin



**INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION**



MEMO

TO: Each Town Clerk
FROM: Seán Ó Riordáin
RE: Town Twinning Grant Assistance 1995
DATE: 10 February 1995

I am pleased to be able to advise you that the European Commission will be continuing its scheme of support for twinning throughout 1995. The budget has been increased by 300,000 ecu, but as you are only too aware, the demand for grant aid is considerably greater, particularly with three new member states in since 1.1.1995.

Nonetheless, I am pleased to report that once again Irish committees were the most successful applicants for funding in 1994. A total of 71 committees were supported, which represents some 58% of the total number of eligible committees. However, the average grant level fell by 6% and this unfortunately is likely to continue unless committees can produce high quality applications.

In that regard, I would continue to encourage you to try to organise some "European" activities as part of your twinings. These may not cost a lot of money, if anything at all, i.e. get local TDs, MEPs or members of the Irish Council for the European Movement to give a talk about things European. Visits to EU funded actions such as Leader projects, new tourist facilities etc. could also be worth considering. If the Commission feels that there is not an obvious "European dimension" to your application they may write to you asking for something "European" to be organised. They are now using this criteria as the basis for supporting a twinning committee's activity.

In addition and just to let you know, I will be organising a series of seminars on other funding opportunities in the early Summer. I hoped I would have been able to do so before now, but unfortunately the two biggest opportunities, i.e. the Socrates and Leonardo Programmes, remain to be agreed.

Please feel free to contact me. If by chance you are no longer involved with your local committee, please pass this letter on to the new committee.

With continued best wishes.



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

SECRETARIAT-GENERAL

Town Twinning

**Information regarding financial assistance
from the European Commission for town-twinning
1995**

The Preamble to the EC Treaty states that the Member States of the European Community are "determined to lay the foundations of an ever-closer union among the peoples of Europe". To meet that objective of bringing the Community's citizens closer together the Commission has, since 1989, been running a special programme to support town-twinning schemes which it regards as a valuable way of **involving ordinary people and their local elected representatives in European integration** and strengthening their sense of belonging to the European Union.

Under the programme grants are awarded for certain European-scale twinning activities that either establish **new twinning relationships** or **strengthen existing relationships**.

Since the programme began, more than 13.000 towns all over Europe have received European Commission support for their exchange schemes. The Commission endeavours to encourage the largest possible number of schemes, but the potentially large number of towns involved in twinning and the limited scale of the funds available mean that it has to **target its assistance on specific types of projects**.

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A. ELIGIBILITY

□ Meetings and exchanges on topics of European interest between towns in the European Union⁽¹⁾ that are twinned or are setting up a new twinning scheme **are eligible for assistance**. The following types of initiatives enjoy **priority**:

- (1) new twinning schemes;
- (2) multilateral exchanges involving broadly based representative groups of twinned towns in several countries;
- (3) exchanges between twinned towns that are disadvantaged because of their geographical location (eg. peripheral and remote regions, large distance between partner towns,...);
- (4) small twinned towns.

Grants are also available for projects promoting closer ties between citizens of European Union towns and towns in Central and Eastern Europe⁽²⁾.

In order to receive a grant, eligible projects must demonstrate a clear interest in bringing people closer together and creating a genuine European awareness among citizens.

They may involve all social and age groups. The most important thing is to organise an exchange which - taking account of the people involved (children, young people, adults,...) - helps to deepen links and to improve understanding between people in their social, economic, professional, political and cultural environment.

The following are examples of interesting discussions which could be included in the programme of a twinning activity: Community policies or issues relating to European unification; problems of racism and xenophobia; the protection of the environment and particularly problems which transcend national borders; unemployment and the means to overcome it at European level.

Other examples worth mentioning include: meetings which allow for an exchange of information on the administrative practices of local authorities in different countries; comparative visits of firms, factories, agricultural cooperatives and other local facilities.

⁽¹⁾ *Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, the United Kingdom.*

⁽²⁾ *Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia.*

□ However, the following are not eligible for assistance:

- exchanges of any nature that fall outside the framework of town-twinning;
- operations which might come under other Community programmes (Socrates, Leonardo, Youth for Europe, Eurathlon, Pacte, Ecos/Ouverture,)⁽³⁾;
- exchanges involving less than 10 participants per town;
- exchanges between towns less than 250 km apart;
- exchanges of a touristic or profit-making character;
- exchanges primarily involving local councillors or civil servants.

B. WHAT DOES THE AID CONSIST OF?

1. EXCHANGES BETWEEN TOWNS

Twinned towns can receive grants to cover part of the costs of gatherings which they arrange with their partner towns. The grant consists of a contribution towards organizational expenditure (eg. hire of meeting rooms, visits, ...) borne by the host town and the travel costs of the visiting town(s).

(a) Organizational expenditure

The amount of the grant for the host town towards organizational costs is based on a qualitative assessment: (European character, issues and topics discussed, innovatory aspects of the event...) and a quantitative assessment (number of participants, distance...) of the application. If the result of the calculation is below **ECU 500**, no grant is awarded; the upper limit is **ECU 5,000**.

(b) Travel costs

For the refunding of the travel costs of the guest town(s), the following rates are applied:

- a maximum of **ECU 0.02** per km and per person (minimum 10, maximum 100 persons) if one of the towns is located in one of the following areas:

⁽³⁾ Addresses and information about these programmes are available from the European Commission's offices in each member State.

AUSTRIA (Burgenland), BELGIUM (Hainaut), FINLAND (Lappi, Oulu, Pohjois-Karjala), FRANCE (Corsica), GERMANY (Brandenburg, Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, Saxony, Saxony-Anhalt or Thuringia), GREECE, IRELAND, ITALY (Abruzzo, Basilicata, Calabria, Campania, Marche, Molise, Apulia, Sardinia, Sicily), the NETHERLANDS (Flevoland), PORTUGAL, SPAIN, SWEDEN (Norrbotten, Västerbotten and Jämtland) and the UNITED KINGDOM (Scotland, Merseyside and Northern Ireland).

- a maximum of **ECU 0.01** per km and per person in all other cases.

As in the case of organizational expenditure, if the result of the calculation is below ECU 500, no grant is awarded; the upper limit is **two thirds of the travel costs** with a maximum of **ECU 5,000** per visiting town.

In all cases Community grants can only be made for a single specific event and not for a series of activities, such as an annual programme. Not more than one grant can be awarded per town and/or twinning scheme per year. Therefore it is in the interest of the applicants, in agreement with their local partners, to carefully select the event they wish to submit to the European Commission.

2. SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

To enable officials and promoters at the local, regional, national and European level, to give greater substance to twinning schemes and to help them with the practical problems of organizing them, the Commission may also give flat-rate grants for a certain number of symposia, seminars, conferences and other working meetings held for that purpose. Priority will be given to operations that focus on topics of European interest involving participants from several countries.

Note:

The fact that an applicant meets the criteria of eligibility for a subsidy is no guarantee that the aid requested will in fact be granted; thus eligibility does not itself give rise to any obligation on the part of the Commission towards the applicant to grant such a subsidy.

C. PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS

1. Application forms

All applications for grants must be made on a special form; there are two types of forms:

- * type 1: for exchanges between towns;
- * type 2: for seminars and conferences.

Forms are available in all eleven Community languages and can be obtained from:

European Commission

Secretariat-General

"Town Twinning"

Nerviens 9 Building

rue de la Loi 200

B - 1049 Brussels

They may also be obtained from:

- * Offices of the Commission and the European Parliament in the Member States;
- * European and national twinning organizations such as the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR) or the United Towns Organization (UTO).

Application forms for type 1 operations (exchanges between towns) must be completed by the host town, i.e. the town in which the event is taking place. The other towns involved (ie. guest towns) may not submit separate applications. The host town is responsible for gathering all necessary information from guest towns (number of participants, travel costs, grant requested, etc...) and transmitting it to the Commission. The applicant must be the host town's local council or twinning committee, even if the application relates to an event organized by another body (sports association, school, etc...).

The Commission will consider applications only if they are accompanied by all necessary information and documents, which must include the programme for the event and a detailed budget (organization and travel costs). Without these elements the application cannot be examined and evaluated.

2. Time-limits for applications

Applications to the Commission must be postmarked **at least three months before the date on which the event starts**. Applications received after this deadline will not be considered.

3. Examination of applications

The Commission's services will examine each application to check for eligibility of the event, to evaluate the content of the programme and, on that basis, decide whether a grant can be awarded or not.

If the application is not accepted, the Commission will indicate by letter the reasons to the host town.

If the application is successful, each of the towns involved will be informed individually by letter from the Commission. They will be required to sign and return a form (attached to the letter of notification) setting out the conditions governing the awards.

4. Payment

The grant will be paid by bank transfer (and by no other method) to each recipient town and only after the event has taken place and the Commission has received all supporting documents.

Gerie Shields
10-2-95

ITEM 2

APPLICATION FOR HIRE OF BALLROOM, SUPPERROOM AND/OR BANDROOM ^{OR}

1. NAME OF APPLICANT: Ballynagar Junior Drama HAMILTON HALL
2. ADDRESS OF APPLICANT: 50 TARA Court
Ballynagar TEL. NO. 8411644
3. If applying on behalf of an Organisation, State:-
(a) NAME OF ORGANISATION: _____
(b) NAME OF SECRETARY: Phyllis Monaghan
(c) ADDRESS OF SECRETARY OR ORGANISATION ADDRESS: AS Above
(d) WHETHER COMMUNITY OR COMMERCIAL: Community
4. APPLICATION FOR HIRE OF:- BALLROOM SUPPERROOM BANDROOM
(Tick as Appropriate). HAMILTON HALL
5. DATE(S) OF PROPOSED HIRING: Sat 4 March
6. TIMES REQUESTED: 11-1 - 2-4 (and
even SAT. 2 PM to 3 PM also)
7. TYPE OF FUNCTION: Drama Work Shop.
8. PURPOSE FOR WHICH FUNCTION IS BEING HELD: _____
9. NUMBER OF PERSONS ATTENDING FUNCTION: 25
(For maximum number see Conditions of Letting)
10. AGE - GROUP OF PERSONS ATTENDING FUNCTION: 5-13
11. NUMBER OF STEWARDS EMPLOYED: 2
(For minimum number see Conditions of Letting).

I/we hereby declare that I/we have read the conditions of letting and that I/we agree to be bound by them. I/we undertake to immediately repair any damage (accidental or otherwise) caused during the time in which I/we are using the premises and to furnish a written statement to the Commissioners giving full details of such damage. I/we agree to recoup to the Commissioners any losses they may incur, through loss of booking as a result of such damage.

I/we agree to pay the required deposit with this application and to pay the full hiring charge before the function. I/we understand that should I/we fail to do so that the Commissioners reserve the right not to accept the booking or having accepted it, reserve the right to cancel it and the Commissioners will not be held responsible for such non-acceptance or cancellation. (Details of deposit and letting fees are available on request)

SIGNED: 1. Phyllis Monaghan DATE: 3-March 95
2. _____ DATE: _____

APPLICATION RECEIVED AND CHECKED: _____
DATE: _____

APPLICATION NOTED BY COMMISSIONERS: _____
Chairman (or nominated member).



Bremore,
Balbriggan,
Co. Dublin.
14th February, 1995.

Chairperson,
Balbriggan Town Commissioners,
Town Hall,
Balbriggan.
Co. Dublin.
A Chara,

We, the undersigned residents of Bremore, Balbriggan, wish to register our total opposition to the proposed itinerant halting site to be located at Bremore, Balbriggan.

In our opinion the proposed area is unsuitable for a halting site, as due to the heavy volume of traffic on the main Dublin/Belfast road, it would be a dangerous area for the proposed travellers and their children; it is beside one of the local primary schools; beside the Heritage site which is presently being developed, beside the several football playing pitches; and too close to the already polluted beach.

Furthermore, we object to the proposal of a further site for Balbriggan, as there are already two halting sites in the town - one at Gardiners Hill, which was never maintained and is a total eyesore, and was the subject of violence between feuding families late last year. The other one is at the Bog of the Ring which is also a disgrace. We feel that Balbriggan has more than played its part in looking after the itinerant community taking into account the existing halting sites, and that numerous families have been housed in Council Housing estates down the years.

It has also come to our attention that the proposed

site for Skerries area could possibly be located at Ardgillan castle. While we consider this would be a disastrous decision regarding the tourist attraction for Ardgillan, could we point out that Ardgillan Castle is in the Balbriggan area, not Skerries, and that would be locating a further site in the Balbriggan District. We feel strongly that all other towns and villages that have not already got a halting site should play their part.

Yours faithfully,

Maurice Roy 4, Broom Balbriggan
Joseph Roy 4, Broom Balbriggan
Ved Pyne, T.C. Broom - Balbriggan.

over/

John Shields

14.2.95

ITEM 3 (iv)

CHAPEL GATE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION



Chapel Gate Residents
Association,
c/o 99 Chapel Gate,
Naul Road,
Balbriggan,
Co. Dublin.

13th February 1995

Dear Sirs,

We the residents of Chapel Gate wish to object most strenuously to the proposed siting of a Travellers halting site on the important and historic Bremore Monastic settlement.

Balbriggan already has eleven bays and has housed a high percentage of Travellers in the Bath Road and Pinewood areas. We feel that Balbriggan has done its part in the above areas and it is time that other areas in Fingal opened their doors.

Yours Faithfully

Brigid Dervan
Chairperson

Gertrude Shields. 13. 2 - 95

ITEM 3(V)



Comhairle Bhailecheanntair Bhrí Chualann Bray Urban District Council

Oifigí an Bhaile, Naomh Crónain, Príomhsráid, Brí Chualann
Tel.: 2868285, 2868278 Fax: 2860930

24th January, 1995

Our Ref: DMcL/EMcE

Mr. Pat Gibbons,
Town Clerk,
Balbriggan Town Commissioners,
Town Hall, Town Hall,
The Square,
Balbriggan, Balbriggan,
Co. Dublin



A Chara,

**Re: Local Authority Members Association Annual Conference 1995
Royal Hotel, Bray, Co. Wicklow - 20th/21st April 1995.**

A Chara,

The 12th Annual Conference of the Local Authority Members Association will be held in the Royal Hotel, Bray, Co. Wicklow, on the 20th and 21st April 1995. It is hoped that the conference will be officially opened by An Taoiseach, Mr. John Bruton T.D.

The Local Authority Members Association Executive Committee have chosen the following themes for their annual conference this year:

- The National Roads Authority
- European Nature Conservation Year
- Education & Health - priorities/prospects for the future
- Europe and Regionalisation
- North/South Economic Co-operation.
- Public Representatives - their utterances and the law.

The guest speakers will include:

- Mr. John Taylor M.P.
- Mr. Liam Connellan -Chairman of the National Roads Authority
- Councillor Mark Durkan -Chairman of the S.D.L.P.

- Councillor Tony Ferguson - Chairman, Border Region
- Mr. Sean O Riordan - European Officer, Institute of Public Administration
- Councillor Sam Campbell - Chairman of the National Association of Councillors (Great Britain)
- Mr. Blaise Treacy - Wicklow County Manager
- Mr. Michael McLoone - Donegal County Manager
- Mr. Donal O'Shea - Chief Executive Officer North-eastern and North-western Health Boards
- Representative of the V.E.C. Chief Executive Officers Association
- Mr. Damien Fee - Chairman, Governing Body, Tallaght RTC.

An appropriately experienced speaker on economic matters has yet to be confirmed to give the keynote address on north/south economic co-operation.

The conference fee of £180 includes:

- Conference documentation.
- Dinner, Banquet, Lunches, Tea and Coffee
- Golf, Thursday 20th April 1995 - 8.30 a.m. Charlesland Golf & Country Club.
- Tour, Friday 21st April 1995.

Accommodation is available at the Royal Hotel, (telephone 01-2862935). Specially reduced rates of £28.00 p.p.s and £38.00 single will apply. Delegates who have inquiries about alternative accommodation can contact Aisling Durcan at the Bray Tourist Office, (telephone 01-2866796).

Mr. Brendan Howlin T.D., Minister for the Environment, has been invited to attend at Guest of Honour at the Conference Banquet.

I would be grateful if you could bring notice of this conference to the attention of your members at the next appropriate meeting. I am enclosing a registration form and I would appreciate if it could be returned as soon as possible.

A detailed programme will be forwarded to each delegate following receipt of registration form.

I have been asked by the Executive Committee of the Local Authority Members Association to forward a copy of this letter to your Chairman, which I am currently arranging.

Mise, le meas,


D. McLoughlin
TOWN CLERK.

Murti Sheldal
24.1.95

ITEM 3 (VI)



Greystones Town Commissioners

COIMISINÉIRÍ BAILE NA gCLOCH LIATHA

All Correspondence to
be addressed to the Town Clerk.

OUR REF. GTC/18

YOUR REF.



Town Clerk's Office,
Greystones,
Co. Wicklow.

Phone: 01-2877122

Fax: 01-2877173

Date 14th Feb., 1995

TO THE COUNTY SECRETARY/
TOWN CLERK OF EACH
LOCAL AUTHORITY

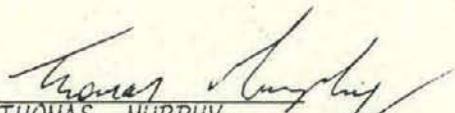
Re: Notice of Motion:- "That this Commission calls on the Minister for
Justice to enact legislation to ban fox hunting and hare coursing"

A Chara,

The above notice of motion was unanimously passed by the Greystones Town
Commissioners at their meeting held on the 31st ultimo.

The Commissioners requested that the motion be circulated to all local
authorities requesting their support for same.

Mise le meas,


THOMAS MURPHY,
ACTING TOWN CLERK

Hetti Shields 14.2.95

ITEM 3(VI)



Comhairle Chontae Fhine Gall

Bosca 174,
46/49 Sráid Uí Chonaill Uacht,
Baile Átha Cliath 1.

Fingal County Council

P.O. Box 174,
46/49 Upper O'Connell Street,
Dublin 1.

Tel: (01) 872 7777

Fax: (01) 872 7113

ROADS AND TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

Mr. Patrick A. Gibbons,
Town Clerk,
Town Hall,
Balbriggan,
Co. Dublin.



Our Ref: R/RA/B5

Date: 20 February 1995

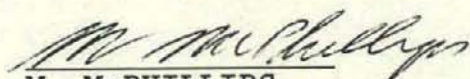
Dear Mr. Gibbons,

I refer to your representations on behalf of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners regarding road repairs in Curran Park and Pinewood Green, Balbriggan.

Finance has been provided in the 1995 Estimates for improvements to the road surface in Curran Park. This work will be carried out as soon as possible in the current year.

Remedial repairs will be carried out on the roadway at bottom of Pinewood Green Housing Estate as soon as the work can be fitted into the Area Engineer's Programme of Works.

Yours sincerely,


M. McPHILLIPS,
STAFF OFFICER.

MD/CK

Maire Shield

20.2.95

ITEM 3(VIII)

AN GARDA SIOCHANA

Any reply to this communication should be addressed to:

Commissioner,
Garda Síochána,
Phoenix Park,
Dublin 8.



OIFIG AN CHOIMISINEARA,
BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH.

and the following number quoted:

OT 66/199/68

The Town Clerk,
Balbriggan Town Commissioners,
Town Hall,
Balbriggan,
Co. Dublin.



RE: PARKING OF HEAVY GOODS VEHICLES IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS.

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Commissioner is at present involved in the process of making Temporary Rules to prohibit the parking of heavy vehicles in residential areas in the Dublin area.

Before such Temporary Rules are introduced it will be necessary to have areas designated in each local authority area which will be exempt this prohibition. Dublin Corporation has now submitted a list of streets to the Commissioner for consideration in respect of the Dublin Corporation area.

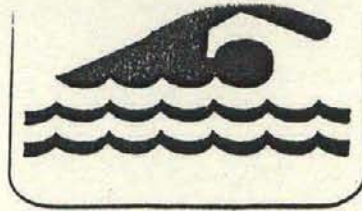
Dublin City Council is anxious that these Temporary Rules be introduced as quickly as possible.

I would be pleased if you could forward, as soon as possible, to Assistant Commissioner, "D" Branch Services (Traffic), Garda Headquarters, Phoenix Park, a list of streets in your area which would be exempt the ban on the parking of heavy vehicles.

A. Mulvey C/Supt. for
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER

Gertrude Sheldrake 28.2.95

ITEM 3(ix)



FINGAL SWIMMING POOL ASSOCIATION

9, Tara Cove,
Balbriggan,
Co. Dublin.

Town Clerk,
Town Hall,
Balbriggan,
Co. Dublin.



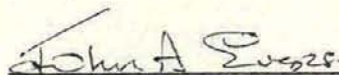
24th February, 1995.

Re: BUILDING A 25 METRE SWIMMING POOL
IN THE NORTH FINGAL AREA.

I have been asked by the Fingal Swimming Pool Association to write to you to request a meeting with the Town Commissioners in order to seek their support for our project. We have to date made significant progress and would like to outline our plans.

We look forward to your reply,

Yours sincerely,



John A. Evers,

Lyetic Shields

24.2.95



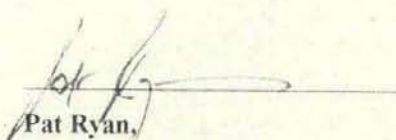
15th March, 1995.

Mr. C. Brohoon,
Administrative Officer,
Community Department,
Fingal County Council,
2/3 Parnell Sq.,
Dublin 1.

A Chara,

I refer to your letter of the 1/3/95 regarding the scheduled meeting on Tuesday 21st March, 1995 between Fingal County Council and the Balbriggan Town Commissioners. I now enclose the proposed agenda, and would ask that in finalising your agenda, the order of priority as per the attached, be maintained.

Is mise le meas,


Pat Ryan,

Cleireach an Bhaile.

**Agenda for Quarterly Meeting with Fingal County Council
on Tuesday 21st March, 1995.**

1. **Balbriggan Motorway/By-Pass** - Progress Report
2. **Balbriggan Inner Relief Road** - Progress Report
 - (a) Proposed line of Road
 - (b) Location of Roundabout(s)
 - (c) Ownership of Land
 - (d) Progress report re: application to Department of Environment for Finance
3. **Sewage Treatment**
 - (a) Intermediate steps to rectify existing problems at pumping station
 - (b) Up to date report on the plans for the Balbriggan/Skerries treatment works
4. **Maintenance Programme for**
 - (a) Balbriggan Beach
 - (b) Bracken River
5. **Road Safety at St. Molaga's National School**
- School Warden and Children at risk
6. Provision of Public Lighting on the approach roads North and South of Balbriggan
7. Repair/Provision of footpaths
8. Progress Report on development at Bremore Historical Site.

Muriel Shields. 15. 3. 95.



COMISIUNAIRÍ
BHAILÉ
BRIGÍN

7th April, 1995.

DO GACH BALL DE CHOIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Ta se de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith i lathair ag Cruinniu de Choimisineiri Bhaile Brigin a thionolfar ar an 11ú Aibreán 1995, ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghno seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners will be held on 11th April, 1995 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

Is mise le meas,

Pat Ryan,

Cléireach An Bhaile.

CLÁR

1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (a) Minutes of Meeting held on 14/3/95 (circulated herewith)
- (b) Minutes of Special Meeting re: (i) Review of Town Local Government and (ii) Town Twinning held on 20/3/95 (circulated herewith)

- ✓ (c) Minutes of Special Meeting re: Over-Expenditure 1994 Accounts held on 29/3/95 (circulated herewith)
- ✓ (d) Minutes of Special Meeting with former Town Twinning Committee held on Monday 3rd April, 1995 (to be circulated)

✓ 2. **Applications for Hire of Hall** (if any)

3. **Correspondence**

- ✓ (i) Letter dated 3rd March, 1995 from Senator Dan Kelly
Re: Rathoo Heritage Conference to be held in Dingle in May (circulated herewith)
- ✓ (ii) Letter dated 10th March, 1995 from Ballina Urban District Council
Re: Conference on Industrial Promotion/Job Creation in Ballina on 5th & 6th May 1995 (circulated herewith)
- ✓ (iii) Letter dated 8/3/95 from Tipperary South Riding County Council
Re: Motion passed on Central European Time for Ireland (circulated herewith)
- ✓ (iv) Letter dated 8/3/95 from Tipperary South Riding County Council
Re: Motion passed on Funding and Support for Local Government (circulated herewith)
- ✓ (v) Letter dated 15/3/95 from Northern Ireland Housing Executive
Re: 1995 International Federation for Housing and Planning Congress in September '95 in Belfast (circulated herewith)
- ✓ (vi) Letter dated 14th March 1995 from the General Council of County Councils
Re: Annual Conference 1995 in Kilkenny 24 - 26th May 1995 (circulated herewith)
- ✓ (vii) Letter dated 10th March, 1995 from Passage West Town Commissioners
Re: Motion passed on Framework Document on Northern Ireland (circulated herewith)
- ✓ (viii) Letter dated 6th March, 1995 from Dungarvan Urban District Council
Re: Resolution passed calling for an end to punishment beatings in Northern Ireland.
- ✓ (ix) Letter dated 3rd April, 1995 from Development Department, Fingal County Council
Re: Derelict Site at 97 Drogheda St (circulated herewith)
- ✓ (x) Letter dated 30th March, 1995 from Roads and Traffic Department
Re: Stile between Hampton Cove and the Bower (circulated herewith)
- ✓ (xi) Letter dated 31/3/95 from Dublin Port and Docks Board
Re: Balbriggan Light House (circulated herewith)

- ✓ 4. Provision of Private Hire Hackney Service
- ✓ 5. Designated Area Status
- ✓ 6. Inner Relief Road
- ✓ 7. Balbriggan Breakaway Festival

✓ 8. **Motion Submitted by An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner G. Shields**

"That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the elected members of Fingal County Council to join with us in seeking a meeting with the Minister for the Environment to discuss the out of date, inefficient Sewage Treatment System in Balbriggan and the resultant pollution to the beach by raw sewage."

9. **Motion submitted by An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner G. Shields**

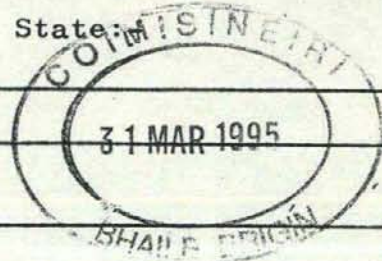
"That elections to all local and Public Bodies be carried out on an annual basis at the Annual General Meeting." *Deferred*

10. Any Other Business

COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN

APPLICATION FOR HIRE OF BALLROOM, SUPPERROOM AND/OR BANDROOM OR HAMILTON HALL

1. NAME OF APPLICANT: Rinda McNamee
2. ADDRESS OF APPLICANT: 1d Lambrook, Balbriggan
C. Dublin TEL. NO. 8413264
3. If applying on behalf of an Organisation, State:
 - (a) NAME OF ORGANISATION: _____
 - (b) NAME OF SECRETARY: _____
 - (c) ADDRESS OF SECRETARY OR ORGANISATION ADDRESS: _____
 - (d) WHETHER COMMUNITY OR COMMERCIAL: _____
4. APPLICATION FOR HIRE OF:- BALLROOM SUPPERROOM BANDROOM HAMILTON HALL
(Tick as Appropriate).
5. DATE(S) OF PROPOSED HIRING: Tuesday, Thursday
6. TIMES REQUESTED: 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm
7. TYPE OF FUNCTION: Aerobics / Body Tone Classes
8. PURPOSE FOR WHICH FUNCTION IS BEING HELD: Personal fitness
9. NUMBER OF PERSONS ATTENDING FUNCTION: 10 - 25.
(For maximum number see Conditions of Letting)
10. AGE - GROUP OF PERSONS ATTENDING FUNCTION: 20 - 35.
11. NUMBER OF STEWARDS EMPLOYED: none
(For minimum number see Conditions of Letting).



I/we hereby declare that I/we have read the conditions of letting and that I/we agree to be bound by them. I/we undertake to immediately repair any damage (accidental or otherwise) caused during the time in which I/we are using the premises and to furnish a written statement to the Commissioners giving full details of such damage. I/we agree to recoup to the Commissioners any losses they may incur, through loss of booking as a result of such damage.

I/we agree to pay the required deposit with this application and to pay the full hiring charge before the function. I/we understand that should I/we fail to do so that the Commissioners reserve the right not to accept the booking or having accepted it, reserve the right to cancel it and the Commissioners will not be held responsible for such non-acceptance or cancellation. (Details of deposit and letting fees are available on request)

SIGNED: 1. Rinda McNamee DATE: _____
2. _____ DATE: _____

APPLICATION RECEIVED AND CHECKED: _____
DATE: _____

APPLICATION NOTED BY COMMISSIONERS: _____
Chairman (or nominated member).

COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN



APPLICATION FOR HIRE OF BALLROOM, SUPPERROOM AND/OR BANDROOM OR HAMILTON HALL

1. NAME OF APPLICANT: St. John's Hearing Aid Services
 2. ADDRESS OF APPLICANT: 22 Fairy Hill, Blackrock
(Co. Dublin) TEL. NO. 2887245

3. If applying on behalf of an Organisation, State:-
 (a) NAME OF ORGANISATION: ST John's HEARING AID SERVICE
 (b) NAME OF SECRETARY: JOANNA BURKE
 (c) ADDRESS OF SECRETARY OR ORGANISATION ADDRESS: 22. FAIRYHILL, BLACKROCK.
 (d) WHETHER COMMUNITY OR COMMERCIAL: COMMERCIAL
4. APPLICATION FOR HIRE OF:- BALLROOM SUPPERROOM BANDROOM
 (Tick as Appropriate). HAMILTON HALL
5. DATE(S) OF PROPOSED HIRING: 20/5/95 from 10. AM to 1.00 PM.
6. TIMES REQUESTED: (10-1)
7. TYPE OF FUNCTION: Hearing Aid Exhibition
8. PURPOSE FOR WHICH FUNCTION IS BEING HELD: Testing of hearing.
9. NUMBER OF PERSONS ATTENDING FUNCTION: 10?
 (For maximum number see Conditions of Letting)
10. AGE - GROUP OF PERSONS ATTENDING FUNCTION: ALL AGES.
11. NUMBER OF STEWARDS EMPLOYED: - NONE.
 (For minimum number see Conditions of Letting).

I/we hereby declare that I/we have read the conditions of letting and that I/we agree to be bound by them. I/we undertake to immediately repair any damage (accidental or otherwise) caused during the time in which I/we are using the premises and to furnish a written statement to the Commissioners giving full details of such damage. I/we agree to recoup to the Commissioners any losses they may incur, through loss of booking as a result of such damage.

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SIGNED: 1. Joanna Burke DATE: 21/3/95
 2. _____ DATE: _____

APPLICATION RECEIVED AND CHECKED: _____
 DATE: _____

APPLICATION NOTED BY COMMISSIONERS: Martin Shulless. 11.4.95
 Chairman (or nominated member).



SENATOR DAN KIELY
Tel: 088 594 995 (Private Line)
01 662 0089 (Direct Line)
01 678 9911 (ext 3892)

SEANAD ÉIREANN
BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH
(Dublin 2.)



3 March 1995

Dear Secretary,

Enclosed you will find information about the forthcoming Rathoo Heritage Conference to be held in Dingle in May.

I would be grateful if you would put it before your next Council meeting for delegates to be chosen to attend.

Sincerely yours,

Dan.

SENATOR DAN KIELY

Lyetic Shulda.
11-4-95

Environmental Recognition

A R A T T O O H E R I T A G E E N T E R P R I S E

RATTOO HERITAGE CENTRE Knoppoge North, Ballyduff, Tralee, Co. Kerry, Ireland.
Tel: 066-31744, Fax: 066-31743



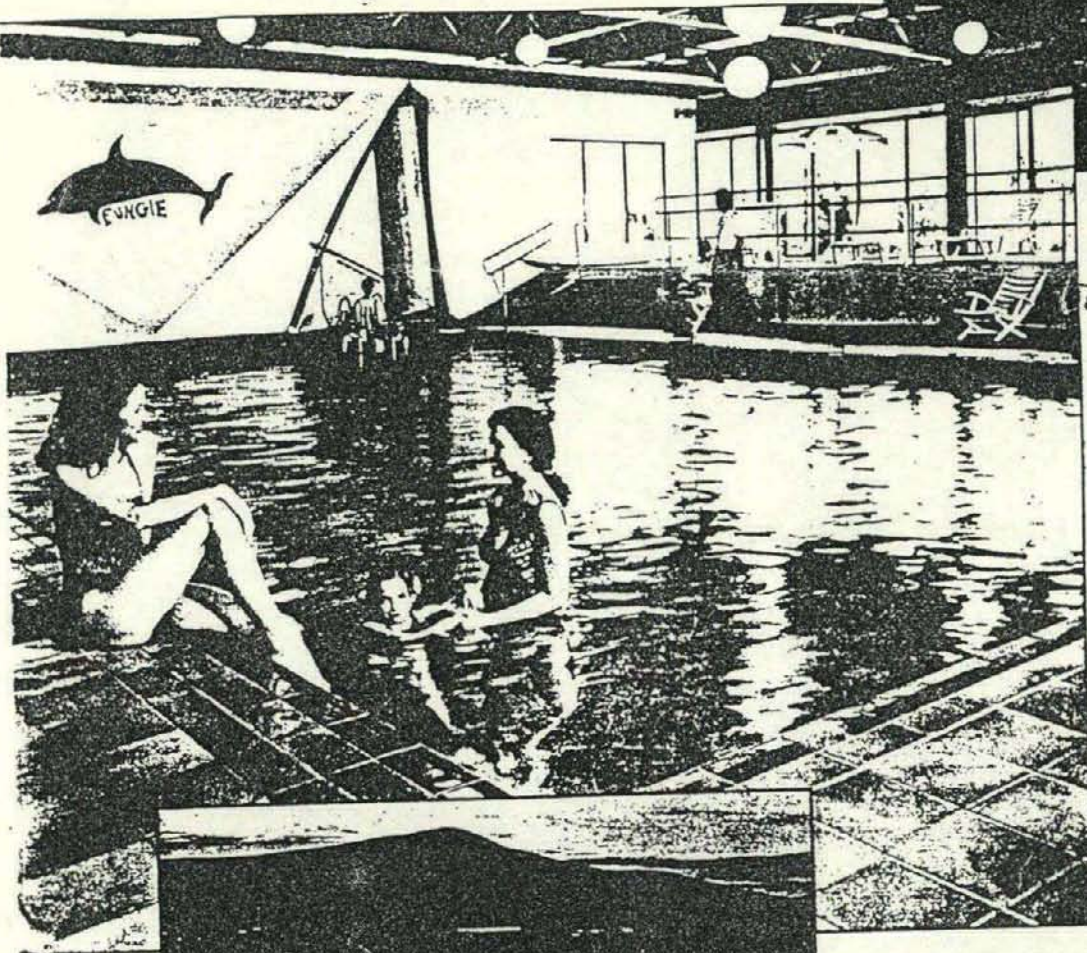
THE THIRD ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL RECOGNITION WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE SKELLIG HOTEL DINGLE ON THURSDAY MAY 18TH. FRIDAY MAY 19TH. AND SATURDAY MAY 20TH 1995. WOULD YOU PLEASE BRING THIS CONFERENCE TO THE ATTENTION OF YOUR COUNCILLORS AT YOUR NEXT MEETING. ENCLOSED PLEASE FIND BOOKING FORMS AND INFORMATION LEAFLET ON SKELLIG HOTEL. COUNCILLORS ARE REQUIRED TO MAKE THEIR OWN ACCOMMODATION ARRANGEMENTS AS THE CONFERENCE FEE OF £145 PER DELEGATE ONLY COVERS SEMINAR AND MEALS. WE WILL FORWARD YOU A LIST OF CONFERENCE SPEAKERS AND ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE IN DINGLE WITHIN THE NEXT 14 DAYS. BOOKING IN FOR THE CONFERENCE IS ON THURSDAY 18TH MAY FROM 7 P.M. TO 9 P.M. AT THE SKELLIG HOTEL.

YOURS SINCERELY,

Elizabeth B. Whelan.
ELIZABETH BUCKLEY WHELAN.

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOGNITION is a Resource Centre located in Ballyduff, North County Kerry and is a centre of study for the Environment with special interest in Wild Flowers-Migrant Bird Life, the Sea Shore and the Mammals of Ireland. It is a voluntary non profit making body.

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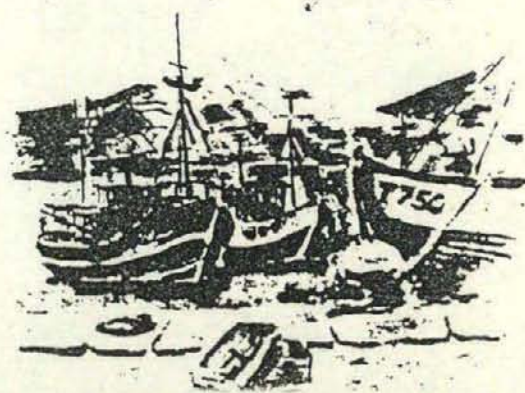
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Tone Street,
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10th March, 1995.

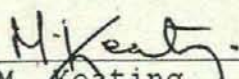
To Each Local Authority

A Chara,

I enclose herewith details of Conference on "Industrial promotion/job creation" which will be held in Ballina on 5th - 6th May, 1995.

The Council would be very grateful to receive your support for the conference.

Mise, le meas,


M. Keating,
TOWN CLERK.

Gertrude Sheddell
11-4-95

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BALLINA URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL IN ASSOCIATION WITH
BALLINA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

CONFERENCE ON INDUSTRIAL PROMOTION/JOB CREATION

VENUE: DOWNHILL HOTEL BALLINA, FRIDAY & SATURDAY,
MAY 5TH & 6TH 1995

REGISTRATION: 10.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.

PROGRAMME: DAY 1 - FRIDAY 5TH MAY, 1995:
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11.30 a.m.

\* Coffee \*

11.45 a.m.

Address of Welcome by Cllr. Ernie  
Caffrey, Chairman Ballina Urban District  
Council

12.00 noon

Keynote address and official opening

Minister for Employment and Enterprise -  
*Mr. Richard Bruton, T.D.*

12.30 p.m.

Open forum with the Minister

1.00 p.m.

\* Lunch \*

Conference Theme Day 1: Local Initiatives - Driving the  
Local Economy

2.00 p.m.

Speaker: *Mr. Billy Lewis*, Chief Executive  
Moy Valley Resources Ltd.

"The idea that became a reality"

Open Forum

3.00 p.m. Speaker: *Dr. J.J. Raftery* M.E. Ph.D C.Eng  
F.I.E.I. M.I.C.E. F.B.C.S.  
McCarthy & Partners

"Industrial Development and  
Deep-Sea Port Facilities in  
Mayo"

Open Forum

4.15 p.m.

\* Coffee \*

4.30 p.m.

Speaker: *Mr. Clive Collins*, Former Dean  
of the Department of Economics  
and Director of C.L.E.D. (Centre  
for Local Economic Development)  
Coventry, England

"University Education - a case  
for Decentralisation"

Speaker: *Mr. Cormac O'Duffy*  
Director Faith Alive

"The Local Initiative"

Open Forum

8.00 p.m.

\* Dinner \*

10.00 p.m.

Music: Tony Chambers of the Ballroom of  
Romance Film Fame

PROGRAMME:

DAY 2 - SATURDAY, 6TH MAY, 1995:  
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10.00 a.m.

Speaker: *Mr. Des Mahon*, Mayo County
Manager

"Industrial Development, The
Local Authority Perspective"

11.15 a.m.

* Coffee *

11.30 a.m.

Speaker: *Mr. Tom Hyland*, Regional
Manager, I.D.A.

"Inward Investment"

12.30 a.m.

* Lunch *

From 2.00 p.m. Delegates have a choice of:

- (i) A visit to Ceidhe Fields Interpretative Centre (the five thousand year old farming settlement)
- (ii) Golf Competition on Ballina Parkland Course
- (iii) Free fishing for 4 hours on the salmon-rich River Moy

8.00 p.m.

Conference Dinner

Guest of honour: *Mr. Enda Kenny, T.D.*
Minister for Tourism & Trade

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CONFERENCE FEE:           £150.00           Includes Conference  
(per Delegate)                                   Dinner, Tours, Lunches,  
                                                                                                                                  Documentation etc.  
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CM/13/2/1995.

8 March, 1995.

The Secretary of
Each Local Authority.

A Chara,

At a recent Meeting of this Council, the following resolution was passed and it was agreed to circulate same to all other local Authorities:-

"That this Council calls on the Government to give serious consideration to the adaptation to Central European Time for Ireland".

Is mise, le meas,

K. Fleming

A. Fleming,
COUNTY SECRETARY.

KB/CF.

Martin Shields. 12. 11. 95

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CM/13/2/1995.

8th March, 1995.



The Secretary of
Each Local Authority.

A Chara,

At a recent Meeting of this Council, the following resolution was passed and it was agreed to circulate same to all other local Authorities:-

"That this Council requests the Government to demonstrate it's support for Local Government by putting into place a proper funding system and by signing relevant European Union Acts supportive of Local Government and that this motion be circulated to all Local Authorities for their support".

Is mise, le meas,

K. B. Fleming
K. B. Fleming,
COUNTY SECRETARY.

KB/CF.

Gertrude Sheehy

15-4-95



INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION
FOR HOUSING AND PLANNING

'Accommodating Differences'

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

10 -14 September 1995
Belfast · Northern Ireland

Mr Pat Gibbons
Town Clerk
Balbriggan Town Commissioners
46-49 Upper O'Connell St
Dublin 1

15th March 1995

Dear Mr Gibbons,

You will be aware that the Northern Ireland Housing Executive is hosting the 1995 International Federation for Housing and Planning Congress, this September in Belfast. The theme of the Conference is "Accommodating Differences" and delegates will have an opportunity to explore new ideas in the fields of housing, planning and the environment, all of which are of relevance to the work of your Council.

I have enclosed a copy of the Registration Brochure which provides further information on the Congress, together with the fees.

This prestigious International Congress which will be one of Northern Ireland's key events for 1995, is taking place at a significant time in the development of Northern Ireland and I hope that you will be able to support the event by sending delegates.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely

W V Blease
Chief Executive

Congress Hosts

Northern Ireland Housing Executive
The Housing Centre, 2 Adelaide Street
Belfast BT2 8PB Northern Ireland

Chief Executive

Professor W. V. Blease
MA BSc(Econ)

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Lyette Scheldt, 11. 4. 95

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GENERAL COUNCIL OF COUNTY COUNCILS

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14 March, 1995



To EACH TOWN COMMISSION

Re: GCCC Annual Conference 1995 - 24-26 May, 1995 - Kilkenny

Dear Town Clerk,

I wish to advise your Town Commission that the General Council's Annual Conference 1995 will be held on 24th to 26th May, 1995. The venue for this year's Conference is the

"Hotel Kilkenny"
College Road
Kilkenny

I now invite your Town Commission to consider the selection of delegates to the Conference at its next meeting, and to formally nominate such delegates on the enclosed Registration Form.

This year's Conference will deal with the general theme

"The Work of Local Government -
Powers and Functions of Local Authorities"

A panel of authoritative speakers is being assembled at present, and the presentations will be of particular interest to all local authority members and senior officials. The speakers will look at the current powers and functions of local authorities in Ireland, and at how the general competence of these authorities can be extended. The final Conference Programme will be circulated shortly. The Conference fee is IR£150.00 per participant, which will cover conference meals, tours and documentation. Delegates to the conference will be responsible for their own accommodation. A limited number of very attractive bed and breakfast packages have been agreed with the conference hotel; IR£30.00 per person sharing; and IR£42.50 per single room. These must be booked directly with the hotel at 056-62000. I will circulate a list of the other B & B accommodations in the Kilkenny City area to nominated participants.

Yours sincerely,

Simon Moroney
Simon Moroney
DIRECTOR GENERAL

Gertrude Sheldrake
11.4.95

Enclosures 1

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GENERAL COUNCIL OF COUNTY COUNCILS

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 1995

"Hotel Kilkenny"

24th - 26th May, 1995

REGISTRATION FORM

Please reserve _____ place(s) at the Conference for the following delegates from _____ Town Commissioners.

1. Name: _____

2. Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

Tel. No.: _____

Tel. No.: _____

3. Name: _____

4. Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

Tel. No.: _____

Tel. No.: _____

5. Name: _____

6. Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

Tel. No. : _____

Tel. No.: _____

7. Name: _____

8. Name: _____

Address: _____

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Registration Fee enclosed for these delegates - _____ x IR£150.00 = IR£ _____

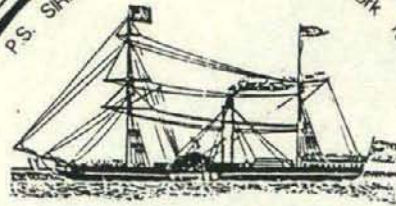
Registration Form together with fee should be forwarded to:

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TOWN COMMISSION

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The Secretary of
Each Local Authority

10th March 1995

Our Ref: RO/EK

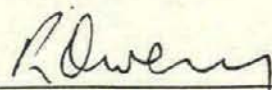
A Chara,

The following motion was adopted by the Commissioners at our last monthly meeting. We are sending a copy of the Resolution to every Local Authority North and South which we feel is probably unique.

We hope that your Council would formally adopt the motion and give it the necessary publicity. We are motivated because of our belief that Local Authorities are the true representatives of ordinary people in their areas large and small. We feel that such an expression of a desire for peace would have tangible results. We are also informing the Forum for Peace and Reconciliation of our decision.

"That we as a Local Authority express our appreciation of work done by former and present Governments in reaching an agreement with their British counterparts to lead to the publication of the Framework Document on Northern Ireland and the Government recognition of the right to consideration by all parties of the recently prepared Unionist Document and any other document as a step forward to the continuation of peace and the eventual establishment of a permanent peace in these Islands as approved by the democratic process in which all parties North & South would hopefully participate".

Yours faithfully,

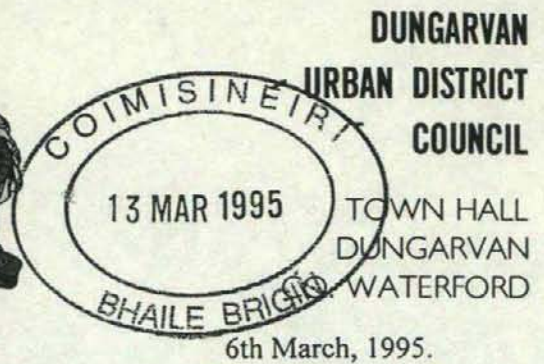
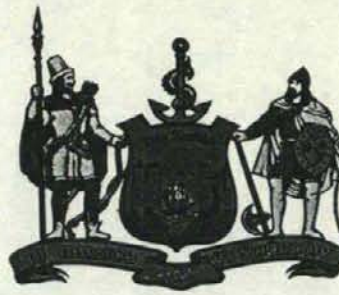

TOWN CLERK

Gertrude Shields 11.4.95

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To The County Secretary/Town Clerk of Each Local Authority.

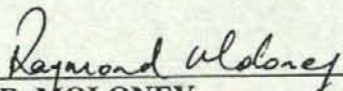
A Chara,

The following resolution was unanimously passed by Dungarvan Urban District Council at a recent meeting.

"That this Council seek the support of all local authorities in an appeal to those directly and indirectly involved in the peace process i.e. Minister for Foreign Affairs, Leadership of Sinn Fein, Unionist Leaders and British Ministers with responsibility for Northern Ireland, to bring about an end to punishment beatings in Northern Ireland as these beatings run counter to the principle of a cessation of violence".

The Council requested that the resolution be circulated to all local authorities requesting their support.

Mise, le meas,


R. MOLONEY,
ACTING TOWN CLERK.

Yvonne Shields

11. 4. 95



Comhairle Chontae Fhine Gall

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2/3 Cearnóg Parnell,
Baile Átha Cliath 1.

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DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Mr. Patrick Ryan,
Town Clerk,
Balbriggan Town Commissioners,
Town Hall,
Balbriggan,
Co. Dublin.

Our Ref : DS. 815

Your Ref :

Date : 3rd April, 1995

Re : Derelict Sites Act, 1990 - Site at 97 Drogheda Street,
Balbriggan, Co. Dublin - Denver Construction Ltd.

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 21st ult., in the above regard refers, I wish to advise you that Statutory Notice pursuant to Section 11 of the Act was served on the owner/occupier of the above derelict site requiring the carrying out of specified remedial works.

As the terms of said Notice have not been complied with, the Council's Law Agent has been instructed to institute legal proceedings against the owners.

[Signature]
RP Senior Staff Officer,
Development Department.

Yvonne Shields. 11. 4. 95



Comhairle Chontae Fhine Gall

Bosca 174,
46/49 Sráid Uí Chonaill Uacht,
Baile Átha Cliath 1.

Fingal County Council

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Dublin 1.

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ROADS AND TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

P. Gibbons,
Town Clerk,
Town Hall,
Balbriggan,
Co. Dublin



Our Ref: R/RA/B5

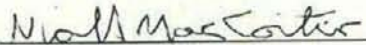
Date: 30 March 1995

RE: STILE BETWEEN HAMPTON COVE AND THE BOWER, BALBRIGGAN

A Chara,

I refer to your letter regarding the above. The Area Engineer in charge of Roads Maintenance has informed me that this stile and the end wall in which it is set are the property of the residents of the Bower. As the stile concerned is therefore private property, it is not proposed by Fingal County Council to carry out any works to it.

Is mise le meas,


N. MacCOITIR
CLERICAL OFFICER

NMcC/OD

Martin Shields 11.4.95

ENDA CONNELLAN
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

DUBLIN PORT AND DOCKS BOARD
BORD PORT IS DUGANNA ATHA CLIAITH

Our Ref: HA 7

31 March 1995

Mr. Pat Ryan,
Balbriggan Town Commissioners,
Town Hall,
Balbriggan,
CO DUBLIN.



**DUBLIN
PORT**

PORT CENTRE, ALEXANDRA ROAD,
DUBLIN 1.

TELEPHONE: (01) 8722777, 8748771

FAX: 8741241

Balbriggan Lighthouse

Dear Mr. Ryan,

I refer to your letter of 16th March, 1995, in relation to a proposal to carry out some restoration work, involving the replacement of a dome on the above lighthouse.

The Board has no objection to the Commissioners proposal on condition that:-

1. All costs will be defrayed by the Commissioners from their own or grant aided funds,
2. Detailed plans are submitted for the prior approval of the Board before any works commence,
3. The Commissioners indemnify the Board against all claims arising directly or indirectly from the carrying out of any works on the Board's property.

Yours sincerely,

E.P. Connellan,
Chief Executive.

KEITH RANKIN & ASSOCIATES
CONSULTING STRUCTURAL AND CIVIL ENGINEERS
51 DUBLIN ST., BALBRIGGAN, CO. DUBLIN
TEL: 8492348

Patrick A Gibbons
Town Clerk,
Balbriggan Town Commissioners,
Town Hall,
St. Georges Sq.,
Balbriggan,
Co. Dublin
14 March 1995

Re: Balbriggan Lighthouse Project.

To The Commissioners,

Further to our meeting of the 1st. February last on the above project I confirm my brief as follows;

"To carry out survey of existing lighthouse building to ascertain the condition of same and to prepare, from information available, a scheme to replace the dome and lantern of the lighthouse. To prepare sufficiently detailed drawings and specifications to allow accurate prices to be acquired for the new structure. The new dome is to be as close in detail to the original dome as is possible given the information available. The new dome is to be constructed of modern materials to limit the requirement for maintenance. The remainder of the building is to be renovated as required. I am to issue the relevant drawings, specifications and contract documents to competent contractors for tender. I am to inspect the tenders and prepare a report on the tenders and make a recommendation to the Commissioners. Should the project received adequate funding, I am to act as the Commissioners representative and oversee construction and commissioning of the renovated lighthouse. To this end I will liaise with the relevant authorities, contractors and suppliers with regard to technical, planning and operational matters."

If there are any items to be added to the brief or modifications required, please advise me accordingly.

Please find attached for your information a progress report and some drawings prepared to date on the above project. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



Keith Rankin.

PROGRESS REPORT No.1
ON
REPLACEMENT DOME ETC.,
TO
BALBRIGGAN LIGHT HOUSE
14TH. MARCH 1995.

General:

Further to our meeting of the 1st. February we have progressed the work on the project to a point where we will be in a position to issue drawings to relevant contractors and suppliers for prices within the next two weeks.

Survey:

We carried out a dimensional and photographic survey of the existing lighthouse tower on the 11th. of February last. The information we acquired enabled us to develop a scheme which will allow us to retain the existing lamp and lens apparatus. The centre of the apparatus will require to be raised to the original focal plane height which is approximately 200mm above the existing level. We would also propose to alter the rear of the apparatus to allow the light to flash inland thereby bringing the lighthouse character into the town. The survey also showed that there is little scope for the use of the building for any other purpose. The entire structure has only one circular room approximately 2750mm in diameter. The lean-to building adjacent to the lighthouse may be converted into a limited "museum". At the moment this building is used by fishermen to store nets and lobster pots etc. Any alternative use of this building would have to be agreed with the relevant harbour authority.

Scheme:

It is proposed to construct a galvanised mild steel frame and this will be the structural element in the new lantern. On top of this frame will be bolted a G.R.P. (Glass Reinforced Plastic) dome which will have an integral gutter and weather vane. To the sides of the frame will be fixed white aluminium glazing bars similar to a conservatory construction. The glazing will be of 6mm Polycarbonate which is vandal proof. This glazing is also less prone to brittle fracture as is the case with glass. It would appear from examination of available photographs that the original blocking, i.e. the pedestal below the glazing was exposed granite. We propose to replicate this feature using reconstituted granite.

Scheme Contd.

This is basically concrete made with granite aggregate which has the granite exposed by pressure washing before the concrete sets.

There was a window to the south side of the tower which has been blocked up. I would propose opening up this window again and introducing a hardwood double-glazed window of original detail.

Contractors:

I have produced a list of contractors to which I propose to issue the tender documents. They are as follows:

Fal-Clar Construction Ltd.,
15 Trinity St.,
Drogheda.
Co. Louth.

Mac Contractors Ltd.,
12 Grove Hill,
Malahide,
Co. Dublin.

Collen Bros,
East Wall,
Dublin 3.

All the above contractors are civil engineering contractors and have a proven track record in marine and associated civil works. If there are additional contractors which the Commissioners would like included please contact me with their names and addresses. I will contact them and ascertain their suitability. It is proposed to retain the ordering of the G.R.P. dome with ourselves and possibly the ordering of the reconstituted granite. The short list for the G.R.P. work is set out below:

Valentia Marine Ltd.,
Valentia Island,
Co. Kerry.

Fibre Glass Products Ltd.,
Strawhall Ind. Estate,
Carlow.

Kevna Ltd.,
Barnhill,
Clonsilla
Dublin 15.

Contractors Contd. The reconstituted granite suppliers will be either;

Techcrete Ltd.,
Howth.

Precast Products Ltd.,
Waterford.

Planning
Permission:

A Planning Permission Application will be required to be lodged for the proposed works. When the drawings are prepared within the next two weeks, an application could be made almost immediately. A successful application will allow development anytime within the following five years. I understand at this time no approach has been made to Dublin Port for permission to carry out the proposed works. Should the Commissioners want to proceed with this part of the project it would be prudent to approach the Port beforehand. I will contact Fingal County Council in relation to the fee required.

Fees:

My fee for the work on the project will be as set out below:

Stage 1: Preparation of documentation for pricing purposes inspection of tenders and preparation of report with recommendation, includes surveys; £525.00

Stage 2: Preparation of Planning Application; £200.00

Stage 3: Issue of construction drawings and supervision of project, preparation of final account; £700.00

Any work additional to the brief will be charged at an hourly rate plus expenses.

At this time a fee of £425.00 is due and I should be obliged if you issue me with a cheque at your earliest convenience.

Fingal County Council Planning fee. This may be waived because of the nature of the project.

Insurance:

The Commissioners will require to be insured for Employers Liability, Public Liability etc., The Commissioners should contact their Law Agent and their Insurance Broker in this regard. I have Professional Indemnity which will cover my input into the project. This is available for the Commissioners Broker to inspect at any time.

Model:

I have contacted Mr. Derek Fagan of Fancourt Heights, Balbriggan in relation to this item and he is at present considering the implications of taking on additional work under his existing circumstances. I shall inform the Commissioners of his intentions.

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me. I shall issue the Commissioners with a copy of the Tender Documents when they become available.

Yours Sincerely



Keith Rankin.

Patrick Shields.
11-4-95

Balbriggan Breakaway Festival

99 Chapel Gate,
Naul Road,
Balbriggan,
Co. Dublin.

Tel: (01) 841 4324

April 1995



Dear Mr. Ryan,

As part of the Balbriggan Breakaway Festival the second M'Lady Erin National Competition will be held on Saturday June 10th. in the Milestone.

The "M'Ladys" will arrive in Balbriggan on the evening of Thursday June 8th at approx. 5.30p.m. and will depart on Sunday June 11th.

Would it be possible that a Civic Reception be held in the Town Hall to greet the ladies on Thursday evening with light refreshments being served.

We are expecting in and around 23 ladies from all over Ireland to take part in the competition and many will be travelling with their families and insofar as is possible all will be staying in and around the Balbriggan area.

We hope that the reception will go ahead and that the first people to greet the M'Ladys will be the leaders of the Community.

Should you require any further information please contact the undersigned.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely

Brigid Dervan
Secretary

Gertie Shields 11.4.95



COIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

TELEFÓN 8412178

FAX 8412044

HALLA AN BHAILE,

BHAILE BRIGÍN.

5th May, 1995.

DO GACH BALL DE CHOIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Ta se de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith i lathair ag Cruinniú de Choimisinéirí Bhaile Brigín a thionolfar ar an 9ú Bealtaine 1995, ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghno seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners will be held on 9th May, 1995 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

Is mise le meas,

Pat Ryan,

Cléireach An Bhaile.

CLÁR

1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (a) Minutes of Meeting held on 11th April, 1995 (circulated herewith)

Pat Ryan
9/5/95
Patricia Shields 9/5/95

2. **Applications for Hire of Hall** (if any)

- a) Peter Boylan - Irish Dancing Class

3. **Correspondence**

A. **Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**

- (i) Letter dated 26/4/95 from Minister for Education regarding the provision of night classes for the Leaving Certificate in the Fingal area (circulated herewith).
(ii) Letter dated 25/4/95 from Minister for Environment regarding Balbriggan Inner Relief Road (circulated herewith).
(iii) Letter dated 14/4/95 from Office of the Minister for Enterprise and Employment regarding Double Crest Ltd. (circulated herewith).

B. **Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

- (i) Letter dated 12th April, 1995 from Roads and Traffic Department regarding Resurfacing of Access Lane to Curran Park/Craoibhin Park beside the Parochial House (circulated herewith).
(ii) Letter dated 12/4/95 from Roads and Traffic Department regarding Pothole outside 126A Hampton Cove (circulated herewith).
(iii) Letter dated 12/4/95 from Roads and Traffic Department regarding Road Surface surrounding manhole in Tara Court (circulated herewith).
(iv) Minutes of Quarterly Meeting with Fingal County Council on 21/3/95 (circulated herewith).

C. **Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

- (i) Letter dated 5/4/95 from Eastern Health Board regarding improvement works to the Balbriggan Health Centre (circulated herewith)
(ii) Letter dated 6/4/95 from EdenDerry Town Commissioners re: Motion passed calling for an Amendment to Local Government Act 1941, Section 57 (Disqualification from Membership of a Local Authority for Non-Payment of Rates)

D. **Other Correspondence**

- (i) Letter dated 10/4/95 from Tommy Monaghan (circulated herewith)
(ii) Letter from Fingal Swimming Pool Association (circulated herewith)

4. **Provision of Private Hire Hackney Service**

Letter from Kims Cab and Mini Bus Service (circulated herewith)

5. Designated Area Status

6. Inner Relief Road

7. **Motion Submitted by Commissioner B. Tuite**

"That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the E.S.B. to serve all its customers in Balbriggan by opening a Payments Office".

8. **Motion Submitted By Commissioner T. Young**

"That the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on all Residents Associations to be reactivated in relation to community spirit and particularly in relation to the drug problem."

9. **Motion Submitted by Commissioner J. Davis**

"That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to investigate any anti-social behaviour that is reported to them against residents living within Council dwellings and to take appropriate action under the tenancy agreement".

10. **Motion Submitted by Commissioner J. Davis**

"That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Justice to set up special courts to deal with drug related charges and to bring forward legislation which would forbid bail to be given in these cases".

11. **Motion submitted by Commissioner J. Davis**

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12. **Motion Submitted by Commissioner J. Davis**

"That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for the Environment to make funding available to the Irish Wheelchair Association to enable them to keep open the driving school which is under threat of closing in June through lack of finance"

13. **Motion Submitted by An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner G. Shields.**

"That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to take immediate action to remove the travellers from Pinewood Estate".

12. Any Other Business.

Office of the Minister
Oifig an Aire



DEPARTMENT OF
THE ENVIRONMENT
AN ROINN COMHSHAOL
CUSTOM HOUSE, DUBLIN 1
TEACH AN CHUSTAIM
BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH 1

25 April, 1995.

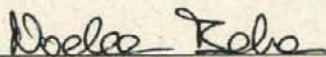
Mr. Pay Ryan,
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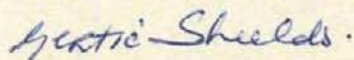
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Yours sincerely,



Noeleen Behan,
Private Secretary.



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Department of the Environment
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Teach Dhroichead Uí Chonail,
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2 May, 1995

Secretary,
Fingal County Council,
P.O. Box 174,
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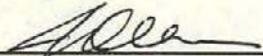
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Yours sincerely,



Jim Deeney,
Road Works Section.
Ext: 2274

Lyette Shulley - 03.5.95

SAO ROADS AND
TRAFFIC DEPT.
03 MAY 1995
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NATIONAL ROADS AUTHORITY

An tÚdarás um Bóithre Náisiúnta

P. RYAN 50
COMMUNITY
Relief
NRA

St. Martin's House
Waterloo Road
Dublin, 4
IRELAND

Telephone: 01 660 2511
Fax: 01 668 0009

Date ² 5 May, 1995

Our ref.

Your ref.

Ms. Patricia Gallen,
Town Commissioner,
Town Hall,
Balbriggan,
Co. Dublin.

Dear Ms. Gallen,

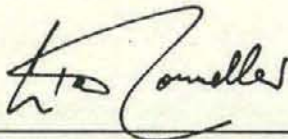
I refer to your letter and enclosures of 19 April, 1995 in relation to the proposed Balbriggan Inner Relief Road.

As the proposed inner relief route would not form part of the network of national roads, it would not fall within the remit of the National Roads Authority. Responsibility for this project is a matter for Fingal County Council, possibly with road grant assistance from the Department of the Environment.

In order to be of assistance, I have forwarded your correspondence to the Department of the Environment for their consideration.

I trust this clarifies the matter for you.

Yours sincerely,



Liam Connellan,
Chairman.

Lyetic Shields 9/5/95



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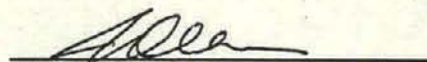
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Martin Shields 9-5-95

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Don Mc Donald / to Mr Donald.

- ① New parts installed - Pump ✓
- ② 2 overflows only in recent times as a result of EBS overflows.
- ③ Pump is being examined by the Consultants as part of their brief.
- ④ It is intended that the Consultants will make a presentation to the Fingert Co Co - class. in July & hopefully the Commission later possibly in September. - date to be set.
- ⑤ The question of diverting surface water from the holding tanks - Don Mc Donald on ALC
- ⑥ Danny O'Connor Co. Engineer has given a commitment to attend DC quarterly meeting between the BTC's & Fingert
⑦ a monthly meeting of the BTC's

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Env. Dept. Survey
Joe Pina

9-10.30 AM only

8325245

J. Davis

~~Don~~ Donald 2271/2056
on ALC

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FINGAL COMMUNITY AND GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING - 27/04/95

ITEM NO. 2

QUESTION: Councillor S. Gilbride

"To ask the Manager if he has been in touch with Fingal Swimming Pool Association regarding a site for their proposed swimming pool and if a suitable site is available?"

REPLY:

Discussions have taken place with representatives of Fingal Swimming Pool Association which represent Skerries and its environs in relation to a site for a proposed swimming pool project in the Skerries area.

A site suggested by the Fingal Swimming Pool Association is at present under examination, in consultation with the Council's Planning Department. When this examination has been completed the Association will be notified accordingly.

No discussions have been held regarding the financing of this pool or its continuing running costs.

Martin Shields 9.5.95

Mr. P. Maguire,
Principal Officer,
Fingal County Council,
46/49 Upper O'Connell Street.

Our Ref : DS 815

Your Ref :

Date : 27th April 1995

Re : Derelict Site - Entrance to Lambeecher Estate (97 Drogheda Street, Balbriggan).

I refer to your letter dated 19th April, 1995 regarding above.

This site has been examined and considered derelict within the definition of the Derelict Sites Act, 1990. Statutory Notice under the Act was served on the owners of the site on the 8th December, 1994 requiring the carrying out of specified works to render the site non-derelict.

As the terms of the said Notice have not been complied with the Council's Law Agent has been instructed to institute legal proceedings against the owners. A court date is awaited.

As this site stands entered in the Derelict Sites Register the Council has also demanded a Derelict Sites Levy from the owners.

O'Meara
Senior Staff Officer,
Development Department.

Quirke Shields 9.5.95

likely court date

- June 95

no date set as yet

J 9/5/95



**FINGAL
SWIMMING POOL
ASSOCIATION**



John Evers,
Fingal Swimming Pool Association,
9, Tara Cove,
Balbriggan,
Co. Dublin.

Mr. Pat Ryan,
Cleireach an Bhaile,
Coimisineiri,
Bhaile Brigin,
Town Hall,
Balbriggan,
Co. Dublin.

Re: Proposed building of a Swimming Pool.

A Chara,

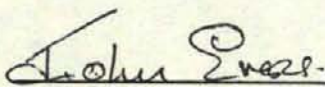
I refer to your letter concerning the above and on behalf of our Committee, I wish to express our thanks for your support and the courteous manner we were afforded when we met with the Commissioners on 3rd April.

At the last meeting of our committee on 26th April a proposal was put to attach a copy of your letter of support to our mail shot (copy enclosed) * which we intend to circulate in the Balbriggan area as soon as can be arranged in May 1995. We will then commence a door to door canvass for support.

I know we can depend on your support, however, we wish to clear this proposal with the Commissioners before proceeding further. We feel that the inclusion of your letter with our mail shot will add great weight to our proposed project and that the community of Balbriggan will give their support as have the other Communities in the North Fingal area.

I look forward to your reply,

Yours sincerely,


John A. Evers.

not enclosed B. 5/5/95



COIMISINÉIRÍ
BHAILÉ
ÓRIGIN

SUTHÁN 8412178

FAX 8412044

HALLA AN BHAILÉ,

BHAILÉ ÓRIGIN.

File copy

11th April, 1995.

Mr. John Evers,
9 Tara Cove,
Balbriggan,
Co. Dublin.

A Chara,

The Balbriggan Town Commissioners wish to extend their wholehearted support for your Swimming Pool Project. Commissioners are aware that there is a great need for a public swimming pool in North Fingal, and wish you every success with the project.

Is mise le meas,

PAT RYAN,

CLÉIREACH AN BHAILÉ.

Maire Shields 9/5/95



Kim's Cab & Mini Bus Service

It is understood that changes are currently being considered to alter the status of cabs and private hire cars presently available in the Balbriggan area. We in Kim's Cab and Mini Bus Service having successfully served the local community for the last eight years, would like to make the following observations, which we earnestly hope may be found to be constructive and helpful.

It is our opinion, that any changes in the existing "modus operandi" must be introduced solely in a way that will benefit not alone the local community but also enhance Balbriggan itself, especially in the field of trade and tourism and this, we feel, could best be done by the provision of a proper taxi rank. This would ensure that there would always be available in a prominent place, vehicles for hire at all times to the visitors to our town and thereby be an added amenity.

The proposal to retain private hire or cab status, with a designated area for waiting, would not in our considered opinion, serve the purpose adequately. In the first instance, as the vehicles would remain in the private hire category, there is every reason to believe, as has happened in other areas, a designated area will only be fully maned at peak periods and so the whole aspect of improving facilities in our town would have failed.

Secondly, having consulted with the carriage office, they also would favour the abandonment of a situation, where only private hire is available in Balbriggan, because from the control point of view, it is not always visible to ensure that the required standards are being adhered to, especially in the area of fair structure and once again, availability.

Now as we approach the dawn of a new century, and if Balbriggan is to get and keep it's rightfully place in the forefront of the Irish Tourism, it is blatantly obvious that a taxi rank is what is required and we would like to enumerate the argument in favour of this.

- (a) Control
- (b) Availability
- (c) Added Amenity
- (d) Approved Fares

We trust that these points may prove to be of some use when the various committees, councillors and commissions, sit down to discuss what is needed in Balbriggan in the field of public transport. We would point out that in our considered opinion, a taxi rank is the only answer as this will not alone enhance the town, but ensure that Balbriggan will be on a level playing field with all the other major tourist destinations, because after all, from the year 2000 onwards, such an amenity will be regarded as being a basic ingredient in any area wishing to attract it's fair share of visitors and thereby enjoy the obvious spin-offs in all other commercial areas.

Signed: Annella Deeth
W. Deeth

Martin Shields
 9/5/95



50, Tara Court,
Balbriggan,
Co. Dublin.

10.4.1995.

The Town Commissioners,
Town Hall,
Balbriggan, Co. Dublin.

Dear Pat,

Many thanks for your correspondence of 31.3.1995 regarding my achievement in the "P.J. O'Connor" Awards.

Please convey to the commissioners my pleasure and gratitude for their thoughtful gesture.

Yours sincerely,

TOMMY MONAGHAN

Martin Shields 9/5/95.



COIMISINÉIRÍ BAILE ÉADAN DOIRE
EDENDERRY TOWN COMMISSIONERS



Town Hall Edenderry Co. Offaly.

Date: 6TH APRIL, 1995

TO THE COUNTY SECRETARY/TOWN CLERK OF EACH LOCAL AUTHORITY

A CHARA,

THE FOLLOWING MOTION WAS ADOPTED BY EDENDERRY TOWN COMMISSIONERS AT THE MARCH MONTHLY MEETING:-

"THAT SECTION 57 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1941 BE CHANGED OR DELETED AS IT IS DISCRIMINATORY, IN THAT IT DOES NOT APPLY TO ALL ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES."

THE MEMBERS REQUESTED THAT THIS MOTION BE CIRCULATED TO ALL LOCAL AUTHORITIES REQUESTING THEIR SUPPORT FOR SAME.

MISE LE MEAS,

GERRY DILLON,
A/TOWN CLERK.

NOTE: SECTION 57 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1941 REFERS TO THE DISQUALIFICATION FROM MEMBERSHIP OF A LOCAL AUTHORITY FOR NON-PAYMENT OF RATES.

Please reply to:
The Town Clerk

Telephone
(0405) 31256

Hetric Shields 9/5/95

shuidhfidh an Tigh sin tar éis an orduithe sin do leagadh fé n-a bhráid, rún do rith ag cur an orduithe sin ar nea-mbrí beidh an t-ordú san curtha ar nea-mbrí dá réir sin ach beidh san gan dochar do bhailfocht éinní do rinneadh fé roimhe sin.

Udarás áitiúil do leantúint ar marthain.

55.—Ní dhéanfa sé deifir do bhuan-mharthanacht údarás áitiúil fé n-a dteideal dlís do réir dlí mar chólucht corparuithe no nea-chorparuithe (pé aca é) baill an údarás áitiúil sin do chur as oifig no, más bárdas contae-bhuirge no buirge eile an t-údarás áitiúil sin, oifig an árd-mhéara no an mhéara agus oifigí na seanóirí do bheith folamh mar gheall ar an geur-as-oifig sin.

CUID V.

FORALACHA I DTAOBH RATAI.

Srian le feidhm an Achta Rialtais Aitiúla (Rátaí ar Thithe Comhnaíthe Beaga), 1928.

56.—Ionoighreacht do bheadh, mara mbeadh an t-alt so, ina tigh comhnaíthe beag do réir bhrí an Achta Rialtais Aitiúla (Rátaí ar Thithe Comhnaíthe Beaga), 1928 (Uimh. 4 de 1928), alos aon bhliana airgeadais áitiúla áirithe, ní bheidh sí, alos na bliana airgeadais áitiúla san, ina tigh comhnaíthe beag do réir bhrí an Achta san i gcás an ionoighreacht san do bheith dlísithe san Iontaobhas Talmhan do Mháirnéalaigh agus Saighdiúirí Eireannacha an Iadh lá d'Abrán na bliana airgeadais áitiúla san.

Dí-cháilid mar gheall ar gan rátaí d'íoc.

57.—Má tharlann i gceann aon bhliana airgeadais áitiúla, maidir le méid aon ráta do bhail údarás áitiúil in aghaidh na bliana san, go mbeidh sé ar fad no go mbeidh cuid de gan íoc no, neachtar aca, go mbeadh an céanna gan íoc mara mbeadh go ndearna ráta-bhailitheoir é do roimh-íoc agus é d'íoc leis an údarás áitiúil sin, beidh feidhm agus éifeacht ag na forálacha so leanas, sé sin le rá:—

- (a) más ball d'aon údarás áitiúil i gceann na bliana airgeadais sin an duine dhlighfidh an méid sin d'íoc leis an údarás áitiúil sin no leis an ráta-bhailitheoir sin (pé aca é), beidh sé dí-cháilithe chun leantúint ina bhall den údarás áitiúil sin,
- (b) beidh an duine sin dí-cháilithe chun a thoghtha no a roghnuithe ina bhall d'aon údarás áitiúil go dtí go n-íocfaidh iomlán an mhéide sin.

Rátaí do ghlanadh tré shuim do chur ina gcoinnibh.

58.—Má bhíonn suim dlíte ag aon duine ar údarás áitiúil agus, san am gcéanna, go mbeidh suim dlíte ag an údarás áitiúil sin ar an duine sin alos rátaí no go mbeadh dlíte alos rátaí amháidh

passed by either such House within the next twenty-one days on which such House has sat after such Order is laid before it, such order shall be annulled accordingly but without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done thereunder.

55.—The continuity of the existence of a local authority by the title appropriate to them according to law as a corporate or unincorporated body (as the case may be) shall not be affected by the removal from office of the members of such local authority nor, where such local authority is the corporation of a county or other borough, by the vacancy in the office of lord mayor or mayor and the vacancies in the offices of aldermen occasioned by such removal.

Continuity of existence.

PART V.

PROVISIONS IN RELATION TO RATES.

56.—A hereditament which but for this section would, as regards any local financial year, be a small dwelling within the meaning of the Local Government (Rates on Small Dwellings) Act, 1928 (No. 4 of 1928), shall not, as regards that local financial year, be a small dwelling within the meaning of the said Act if on the 1st day of April in that local financial year such hereditament is vested in the Irish Sailors and Soldiers Land Trust.

Restriction on application of Local Government (Rates on Small Dwellings) Act, 1928.

57.—Where, at the expiration of any local financial year, any rate made by a local authority in respect of that year is unpaid, to the extent of an amount either equal to the whole or a part of such rate or would be unpaid to that extent but for the fact that such amount has been advanced and paid to such local authority by a rate collector, the following provisions shall apply and have effect, that is to say:—

Disqualification for non-payment of rates.

- (a) if the person liable to pay such amount to such local authority or such rate collector (as the case may be) is a member of any local authority at the expiration of such financial year, he shall be disqualified from continuing to be such member,
- (b) such person shall be disqualified from being elected or chosen to be a member of any local authority until he has paid the whole of such amount.

58.—Where a sum is due to any person by a local authority and, at the same time, a sum is due to such local authority by such person in respect of rates or would be so due but for the fact

Discharge of rates by setting off.

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BALBRIGGAN TC

NO. 002 PAGE 02



**EASTERN
HEALTH
BOARD**

BORD
SLAINTE
AN OIRTHIR

Community Care Area 8,
Cromcastle Road,
Coolock,
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Ph: 8476122

5th April 1995

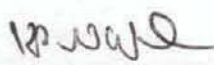
Mr. Pat Ryan,
Cleireach an Bhaile,
Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin,
Town Hall,
Balbriggan,
Co. Dublin.

Re: Balbriggan Health Centre

Dear Mr. Ryan,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 21st ultimo regarding the above and to advise you that some improvements, including roller shutter murals, are planned for the near future.

Yours sincerely,



K. P. Ward,
Area Administrator

Genetic Shields 4/5/95



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COMMUNITY DEPARTMENT

Mr. Pat Ryan,
Town Clerk,
Balbriggan Town Commissioners,
Town Hall,
Balbriggan,
Co. Dublin.

26th April, 1995.

Dear Mr. Ryan,

I attach herewith, minutes of quarterly meeting held between Balbriggan Town Commissioners and this Council on Thursday, 21st March, 1995.

Yours sincerely,

N Byrne

Senior Administrative Officer,
Community Department.

Encls.

NB/CEB



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ROADS AND TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

Mr. Pat Ryan,
Town Clerk,
Town Hall,
Balbriggan,
Co. Dublin



Date: 12 April 1995

Dear Mr. Ryan,

I refer to your letter on behalf of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners regarding the road surface surrounding a manhole in Tara COURT, Balbriggan.

I have requested the Senior Engineer in charge of Road Maintenance to attend to this matter as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

MARY MC PHILLIPS
STAFF OFFICER

MMcP/OD

Martin Sheehy 9/5/95



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Town Hall,
Balbriggan,
Co. Dublin



Date: 12 April 1995

Dear Mr. Ryan,

I refer to your letter dated 21st March, 1995 on behalf of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners in relation to a pothole outside 126A Hampton Cove, Balbriggan.

I have requested the Senior Engineer in charge of Road Maintenance to arrange for necessary repairs to be carried out at this location as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

MARY MC PHILLIPS
STAFF OFFICER

MMcP/OD

Justin Shields
9/5/95



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Town Hall,
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Date: 12 April 1995

Dear Mr. Ryan,

I refer to your letter on behalf of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners in relation to resurfacing of the access lane to Curran Park/Craoibhin Park beside the Parochial House.

I am having this matter examined and I will write to you further as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

MARY MC PHILLIPS
STAFF OFFICER

MMcP/OD~

Justie Sheehan 9/5/95



DEPARTMENT OF
ENTERPRISE & EMPLOYMENT

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER

Our Ref: **951011/MEE**

// April 1995

Mr. Pat Ryan
Cleireach An Bhaile
Coimisinéirí Bhaile Brigín
Halla an Bhaile
Baile Brigín
County Dublin.

Dear Mr. Ryan,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your recent representations to the Minister for Enterprise and Employment, Mr. Richard Bruton TD on behalf of Balbriggan Town Commissioners seeking assistance for Double Crest Limited in Balbriggan.

I will bring your correspondence to the Minister's attention at the earliest opportunity and a further reply will issue to you as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Clare Tiernan
CLARE TIERNAN
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Kurtic Shields 9/5/95



Office of the Minister
Oifig an Aire



DEPARTMENT OF
THE ENVIRONMENT
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25 April, 1995.

Mr. Pay Ryan,
Cléireach an Bhaile,
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Balbriggan,
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Dear Mr. Ryan,

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Yours sincerely,

Noeleen Behan
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Lyndie Shields - 9/5/95

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Town Clerk,
Balbriggan Town Commissioners,
Balbriggan,
Co. Dublin.



Please Quote Ref. No. Educ. 2991/95/D

26 April, 1995

Dear Mr. Ryan,

Thank you for your recent correspondence regarding the provision of night classes for the Leaving Certificate in the Fingal area.

I am having this matter looked into within my Department and I will be in touch with you again at a later date.

Yours sincerely,

Niamh Bhreathnach, T.D.,
Minister for Education.

Hester Shields 9/5/95

- ① Analysis re Capital Expenditure ✓
- ② Report to Comm. General re above - Grant
- ③ Agenda + motions
- ④ Waps
- ⑤ Letters.
- ⑥ Financial Statement Fiscal - Geraldine
- ⑦ Quarterly meeting

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- ⑨ Bank o/p of Faulkner
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⑪ Annual report -

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MONAGHAN URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Town Hall,
No. 1 Dublin Street,
MONAGHAN,
Co. Monaghan.

ITEM 3 C (11)

9th May, 1995.

To: **EACH LOCAL AUTHORITY.**

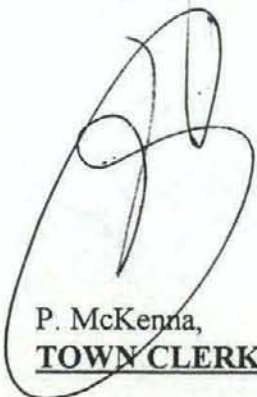
A Chara,

The following is the text of a resolution adopted by the Members of Monaghan Urban District Council at it's recent monthly meeting and I have been instructed to forward a copy of same to you for your Council's consideration:-

- (a). "That in view of the terrible conditions endured by Irish Prisoners in England, that this Council calls on both the Irish and British Governments to immediately introduce the transfer of sentenced persons".

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Mise le meas,



P. McKenna,
TOWN CLERK.

Lyette Shields

BÁRDAS SHLIGIGH

HALLA AN BHAILE,
SLIGEACH.



CORPORATION OF SLIGO
TOWN HALL,
SLIGO

GUTHÁN: 071-42141/42142

TELEPHONE: 071-42141/42142
FAX: 071-41056



MO THAG:
MY REF:

THIS MATTER IS BEING DEALT WITH BY:

DO THAG:
YOUR REF:

ITEM 3 C (ii)

DATE:
8th May, 1995.

TO EACH LOCAL AUTHORITY

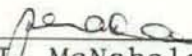
Dear Sir,

Sligo Borough Council at its meeting on 2nd instant unanimously resolved as follows:

"That this Corporation calls on the Government to bring in guidelines and regulations and set down some qualification for those running Schools of Motoring and that this motion be circulated to all local authorities in the 26 counties".

Please bring this matter to the attention of your Council.

Yours faithfully,



J. McNabola,
TOWN CLERK.

Justie Shields



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An Réigiún Átha Cliath, Sráid na Tuinne,
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Your ref:

Our ref:

5th May, 1995

17th 3 c (v)

Pat Ryan,
Cleireach an Bhaile,
Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin,
Hall an Bhaile,
Baile Brigin.

A Chara,

Thank you for your letter of 12th April to our Skerries Office, which has been passed to me for response.

ESB has an arrangement with Allied Irish Banks whereby our customers, in locations where there is no ESB Office, can pay their ESB bill free of charge at the local AIB Branch. We have confirmed with the AIB Branch at St. Georges Square, Balbriggan that they provide this facility free of charge to our customers.

I hope the above is of some assistance. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any further information.

Yours sincerely,

John Corrigan
JOHN CORRIGAN,
INCOME ACCOUNTANT.

Martin Sheldall



COIMISINÉIRÍ ÓHAILE ÓRIGÍN

guthán 8412178

FAX 8412044

halla an óhaile,

baile órigín.

5th May, 1995.

DO GACH BALL DE CHOIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Ta se de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith i lathair ag Cruinniú de Choimisincirí Bhaile Brigín a thionolfar ar an 9ú Bealtaine 1995, ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghno seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners will be held on 9th May, 1995 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

Is mise le meas,

Pat Ryan,

Cléireach An Bhaile.

CLÁR

1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (a) Minutes of Meeting held on 11th April, 1995 (circulated herewith)

2. Applications for Hire of Hall (if any)

- a) Peter Boylan - Irish Dancing Class

3. Correspondence

A. Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

(i) Letter dated 26/4/95 from Minister for Education regarding the provision of night classes for the Leaving Certificate in the Fingal area (circulated herewith).

(ii) Letter dated 25/4/95 from Minister for Environment regarding Balbriggan Inner Relief Road (circulated herewith).

(iii) Letter dated 14/4/95 from Office of the Minister for Enterprise and Employment regarding Double Crest Ltd. (circulated herewith). *keep in an app.*

B. Correspondence from Fingal County Council

(i) Letter dated 12th April, 1995 from Roads and Traffic Department regarding Resurfacing of Access Lane to Curran Park/Craoibhin Park beside the Parochial House (circulated herewith). *Joe Dalton*

(ii) Letter dated 12/4/95 from Roads and Traffic Department regarding Pothole outside 126A Hampton Cove (circulated herewith) *will be attended to ASAP*

(iii) Letter dated 12/4/95 from Roads and Traffic Department regarding Road Surface surrounding manhole in Tara Court (circulated herewith). *will be attended to ASAP*

(iv) Minutes of Quarterly Meeting with Fingal County Council on 21/3/95 (circulated herewith).

C. Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

(i) Letter dated 5/4/95 from Eastern Health Board regarding improvement works to the Balbriggan Health Centre (circulated herewith)

(ii) Letter dated 6/4/95 from EdenDerry Town Commissioners re: Motion passed calling for an Amendment to Local Government Act 1941, Section 57 (Disqualification from Membership of a Local Authority for Non-Payment of Rates)

D. Other Correspondence

(i) Letter dated 10/4/95 from Tommy Monaghan (circulated herewith) *Noted.*

(ii) Letter from Fingal Swimming Pool Association (circulated herewith)

4. Provision of Private Hire Hackney Service

Letter from Kims Cab and Mini Bus Service (circulated herewith)

5. Designated Area Status

6. Inner Relief Road

7. Motion Submitted by Commissioner B. Tuite

"That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the E.S.B. to serve all its customers in Balbriggan by opening a Payments Office". *Pay thro' ATD I go charge per Customer Services, CBS & Jemma.*

8. Motion Submitted By Commissioner T. Young

"That the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on all Residents Associations to be reactivated in relation to community spirit and particularly in relation to the drug problem."

9. **Motion Submitted by Commissioner J. Davis**

"That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to investigate any anti-social behaviour that is reported to them against residents living within Council dwellings and to take appropriate action under the tenancy agreement".

10. **Motion Submitted by Commissioner J. Davis**

"That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Justice to set up special courts to deal with drug related charges and to bring forward legislation which would forbid bail to be given in these cases".

11. **Motion submitted by Commissioner J. Davis**

"That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Finance to introduce legislation which would allow financial institutions dealing with mortgages to be able to withdraw their services from people convicted of drug trafficking".

12. **Motion Submitted by Commissioner J. Davis**

"That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for the Environment to make funding available to the Irish Wheelchair Association to enable them to keep open the driving school which is under threat of closing in June through lack of finance"

13. **Motion Submitted by An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner G. Shields.**

"That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to take immediate action to remove the travellers from Pinewood Estate".

12. Any Other Business.

Gertie Shields.

4/5/95

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To each R.A.

A Chave,

The STCs have asked me to write to you regarding the very serious drug problem in Calabasas. The Commissioners are calling on all Resident's Associations to be particularly vigilant regarding this problem. They wish to inform all residents that they are willing to meet with them and to ~~lobby~~ ^{provide representation} on their behalf where necessary.

The Commissioners are ^{also} calling for a major reactivation of all Resident's Associations and a rekindling of Community spirit.

~~Members~~ ^{Should you wish to meet with the Commissioners please} you wish to meet with the Commissioners please contact me at ~~8412178~~ or ~~8412178~~ The Town Hall (Phone No. 8412178) and I will make the necessary Arrangements.

I wish to meet

C. M. Harab



Please type &
show to T. Young



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ROINN POBAL

FAX MESSAGE/Teachtaireacht Fax

Chuig: SUSAN NEIKON
TO :

ó: PAT RYAN
FROM :

Dáta: 17/5/95 Uimhir Fax: 8727914
DATE: FAX NO:

Uimhir Leathanaigh In Eineacht Leis Seo: 2
NO. OF PAGES TO FOLLOW:

Teachtaireacht:
MESSAGE :

SUSAN - COM. TOM YOUNG SUGGESTED
THAT you RING EACH COMMISSIONER
REGARDING OUR CURRENT LIST OF
RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS & UPDATE
RECORDS IF NECESSARY
Also please type attached letter
& show it to him for HIS
COMMENTS

Tom Pat

Gertrude Shields



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ROADS AND TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

Mr. Pat Ryan,
Town Clerk,
Town Hall,
Balbriggan,
Co. Dublin



Date: 12 May 1995

Dear Sir,

I refer to your letter requesting the introduction of speeding restrictions at Tara Court, Balbriggan.

A general speed limit review is to be undertaken as soon as possible. All areas that are affected by Housing Development will be included including Tara Court, Balbriggan.

Yours sincerely,

T. MC MANUS
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

GB/OD

Patricia Shields.



COMHAIRLE BHAILE CHEANNTAIR BUNDOBHRÁIN

BUNDORAN URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Clerk's Office,
Bundoran,
County Donegal.
Fax/Tel. (072) 41230.

Our Ref:

Your Ref:



ITEM 3 c (i)

9th May, 1995.

TO/

EACH LOCAL AUTHORITY

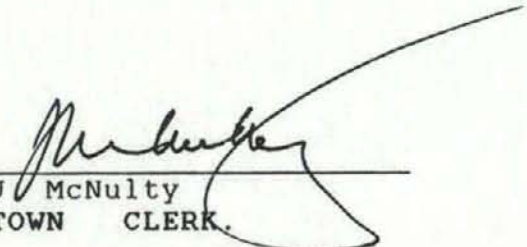
A Chara,

At a recent meeting of Bundoran Urban District Council, the following resolution was unanimously agreed by the Council:-

"That we call on the Minister for Justice to immediately amend the Criminal Justice (Public Order) Act, 1994 to prohibit without exception the consumption of alcohol in public places."

Please bring this resolution to the attention of your Council.

Mise, le Meas,


J McNulty
TOWN CLERK.

Gertie Shields.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE FHINE GALL

(Fingal County Council)

Community Department,
2/3 Parnell Square.

Ext. 2901

22nd May, 1995.

TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Dear Councillor,

The next meeting between Balbriggan Town Commissioners and Fingal County Council is scheduled for Thursday, 29th June, 1995 at 2.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 46/49 Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin 1.

The matters for discussion are set out below.

Yours sincerely,

Pádraig Ó Mórdha

p.p. Senior Administrative Officer,
Community Department.

Gertrude Shields

2.30 p.m. -
4.00 p.m.

Balbriggan Town Commissioners
(Balbriggan Electoral Area)

1. Balbriggan Motorway/By Pass - progress report.
2. Balbriggan Inner Relief Road -
 - (i) Progress report.
 - (ii) Funding under the E.U. Co-Financed Scheme of Grants 1996 - preparation of application.
3. Sewage Treatment
 - (i) Progress Report re: remedial works at Pumping Station.
 - (ii) Balbriggan/Skerries Treatment Works update on consultant's report and site meeting with Fingal County Council.
4. Maintenance Programme for:
 - (i) Balbriggan Beach
 - (ii) Bracken River
5. Travellers
 - (i) Prevention of unauthorised encampments on public open spaces.
 - (ii) Pinewood and Barnageera - recurring problems.
6. Annual Departmental Estimates for Balbriggan - Preparation and consideration of priority lists.
7. Public Lighting on the approach roads North and South of the town.
8. Repair and provision of footpaths
 - (i) Access for disabled - progress report on application to D.T.I.
 - (ii) Outstanding repairs.



23 Shenick Drive,
Skerries,
Co. Dublin.

22nd May, 1995.

Mr. Pat Ryan,
Town Clerk,
Town Hall,
Balbriggan,
Co. Dublin.

Dear Mr. Ryan,

Re: Proposed Community Swimming Pool

Thank you very much for the interest you have shown towards our project. Thank you also for the letter of support you gave us. As you know we have copied this and circulated it with our mail shot prior to collecting in Balbriggan. We hope to have this task completed within the next few weeks.

We look forward to further co-operation with you in our future endeavours to see our project to completion.

Yours sincerely,

Lucy Wilson

Lucy Wilson,
Hon. Secretary.

Gerrie Shields



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ROADS AND TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

Mr. Pat Ryan,
Town Clerk,
Town Hall,
Balbriggan,
Co. Dublin



Our Ref: R/RA/B5

Date: 23 May 1995

1704 J(B)(i)

Dear Mr. Ryan,

I refer to my letter dated 12th April, 1995 in relation to resurfacing of the access lane to Curran Park/Craoibhin Park beside the Parochial House.

This area will be resurfaced during the current year, as soon as it can be fitted into the Area Engineer's Programme of Works.

Yours sincerely,

M. McPHILLIPS
STAFF OFFICER

MD/OD

Georgie Shields



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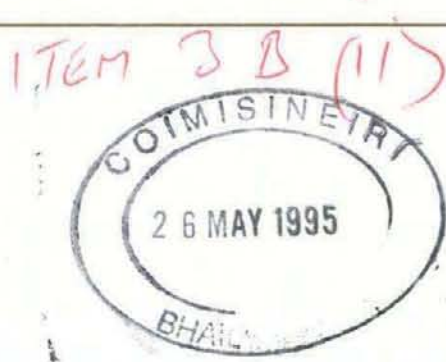
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HOUSING DEPARTMENT

May 25, 1995.



Mr. Pat Ryan,
Town Clerk,
Town Hall,
Balbriggan,
Co. Dublin.

Dear Mr. Ryan,

I refer to your letter dated 16th May, 1995.

In this connection I wish to confirm that the Council will investigate any complaints of anti-social behaviour and take the appropriate action where necessary.

Yours faithfully,


E. QUINN,
SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER.

Lyette Shields

DT/PS

Balbriggan Dramatic Society



'Sheemore'
Market Green
Balbriggan
Co. Dublin

(01) 8413660 (h)

(01) 8303155 (w)

Mr Pat Ryan,
Town Clerk,
Town Hall,
Balbriggan,
Co Dublin.

ITEM 3 D (1)

30th May, 1995.

Dear Mr Ryan,

Please see the attached copy letter which we have sent to Michael D Higgins T.D. Minister For Arts Culture and the Gaeltacht.

If you feel that there is any way that you can help to promote or assist us, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Grainne McKeon

Grainne Mc Keon.
Secretary,
Balbriggan Dramatic Society.

Gertie Shields

Balbriggan Dramatic Society

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Mr. Michael D. Higgins,
Minister for Arts Culture & The Gaeltacht,
Department of Arts Culture & The Gaeltacht,
Government Buildings,
Merrion Street,
Dublin 2.

23rd May 1995,

Dear Minister,

The "Irish Times" of 8th May, 1995 reported on a speech you gave in Cork, in which you appealed to the Local Authorities to support the Arts. The timing of your speech was so appropriate to the situation in which we find ourselves, that we feel it necessary to communicate directly with you.

We are the committee of Balbriggan Dramatic Society in North County Dublin. We are aware that the problems of a small amateur society in a small North Dublin Town can hardly be put on the top of your priority list. However, we would contend that our situation is an exact microcosm of what you were talking about.

Our Society has been in existence for fifty years. We have brought the Art of Drama to our town year after year, through Three Act and One Act Plays, Workshops and Festivals. We have won awards, won festivals, performed on stage and radio. We have been in All-Ireland finals and performed as *Bearla agus as Gaeilge*. All of this has been achieved without us ever having a base. We have rehearsed in houses, sheds, over pubs, in cricket clubs, school halls and prefabs. Our performances for many years took place in the "Balrothery Inn" Theatre. Alas, this is no longer there. Now we perform where we can.

So, Minister, this is our problem. We need a base, a place to rehearse and perform. Don't worry we are not seeking millions of pounds. We are not asking that you send in the builders to start digging the foundations for a "State of the Art" modern Theatre. No such thing! Because we have made a marvellous discovery. We have found a place. Our last two performances have been in the Anthony Hamilton Hall. This is part of the Town Hall complex owned by the Local Authority. The venue is excellent. It is central. It has plenty of room and the acoustics are like something from a Greek Amphitheatre. It is a venue of exciting potential but it is in an awful state of disrepair from sheer non use for years. It once had a stage, this is gone - replaced by unfinished offices. All signs of paintwork have faded into memory. It is used sometimes for Karate and Badminton but lies idle for the most part.

We recently put on six performances at this location. To achieve this it was necessary to do the following:

- Erect our own stage and set
- Erect scaffolding for lighting
- Hire chairs for the Friday performance
- Buy black material to cover the ugliness of the unfinished offices

Now, here is the rub, Minister. To hire this hall cost us approximately £500 and let it be stated that we are casting no blame on the Fingal Councillors, Town Commissioners, Public Representatives and the Town Clerk who are all sympathetic and "on our side". We also appreciate the Arts grant from Fingal County Council, however this is only the tip of the iceberg. Everyone agrees that the situation is ludicrous but no one seems to be able to do anything about it.

So, we are appealing directly to you, Minister, to break down the bureaucratic mountain of regulations, guidelines, statutory instruments, customs and practice or whatever is blocking us from turning this building into a Centre for Art.

We are asking that in order to achieve this objective you consider either a), giving over to us the ownership of the hall or b), creating a shared ownership between the Local Authority and ourselves or c), granting us an exemption from payment with a guarantee of time for performances and rehearsals.

As is our custom, in our recent production we gave three performances to Charities, all of which made a substantial profit. We performed three times for ourselves and ended up with a debt of ten pounds. Our expenses not only include the hire of the hall but we must also pay for the rights of the play we stage.

Apologies for the length of our communication but we think that it would be a cruel piece of irony if we are forced out of existence precisely when our Minister is calling on Local Authorities to support the arts.

Yours faithfully,

Grainne Mckeon

GRAINNE MCKEON,
Secretary.

Yvonne Shields



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COMMUNITY DEPARTMENT

17cm 3(8) (111)

Mr. Pat Ryan,
Cleireach an Bhaile,
Town Hall,
Balbriggan,
Co. Dublin.

30 May 1995

Dear Mr. Ryan,

I refer to yours of 10th March, 1995 and set out below the number of halting sites in the Fingal area:-

Permanent Halting Sites

| | |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| Gardiner's Hill, Balbriggan | 5 units |
| Collinstown Park, Swords | 5 units |
| St. Bridget's Park, Porterstown | 5 units |
| St. Bernadette's Park, Ballycoolin | 10 units |

Group Housing Scheme

| | |
|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Parslickstown Gardens, Parslickstown | 10 units |
|--------------------------------------|----------|

Temporary Sites

| | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Bog of The Ring | 6 families |
| Cappagh | 20 families |
| Cruiserath | 6 families |
| Morgan's School, Navan Road | 6 families |
| Forest Little Road, Swords | 10 families |
| St. Christopher's, Cappagh | 25 families |

All of the above sites are authorised by the Council. However, as I am sure the Commissioners are aware, unauthorised roadside encampments can spring up in any location overnight and it is therefore impossible to give definite numbers for anything other than authorised sites. It is the policy of Fingal County Council to accommodate travelling families throughout the entire Fingal area rather than concentrate their accommodation in any one particular place.

Yours sincerely,


Michael Galvin,
Senior Administrative Officer.

Janetie Shields



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FINANCE DEPARTMENT



Ms Gertie Shields
Cathaoirleach
Balbriggan Town Commission
Town Hall
Balbriggan
Co Dublin

01.06.95

Dear Cathaoirleach

I am writing to you to express my sincere appreciation for the invitation to the Town Hall last Friday evening. I was delighted with the unexpected presentation which I received. Once again I would like to thank you and your colleagues for the co-operation given during my association with the members of Balbriggan Town Commissions.

Yours sincerely


S Carey
Deputy County Manager





Regional Report - Request for Submissions

The Dublin Regional Authority in common with the other Regional Authorities throughout the country is required to produce an Regional Report before the end of 1995 and subsequently every five years. The Regional Authority invites submissions relating to the issues outlined below.

Specifically submissions should be brief and relate to any one or more of the various issues to be dealt with in the Regional Report. These will include the following:

- * an overview of the region;
- * a review of the needs and development requirements of the region;
- * an overview of the Development Plans of the constituent Local Authorities in the Dublin Region;
- * provision and co-ordination of public services generally.
- * the role of consumerism in the provision of public services;
- * the longer term qualification by Dublin for EU Structural Fund spending.
- * the strategic planning of the Dublin Region and the adjoining area.

In the context of the provision and co-ordination of public services within the Dublin Region the Authority particularly welcomes proposals and recommendations relating to the co-ordination of such services, the consistency and compatibility of the plans, policies and programmes of public service providers.

Interested parties requiring further information should contact the Dublin Regional Authority in the first instance.

The closing date for the receipt of submissions is 9th June, 1995. It will be further noted that a small number of submissions may be requested to present oral submissions to the Regional Authority.

Lyette Shields



DEPARTMENT OF
ENTERPRISE & EMPLOYMENT

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER



Our Reference: 951011/MEE.

31 May, 1995.

31 May

Mr. Pat Ryan,
Cleireach An Bhaile,
Commissioners Bhaile Brigin,
Halla An Bhaile,
Balbriggan,
County Dublin.

Dear Mr. Ryan,

I refer further to your representations to the Minister for Enterprise and Employment, Mr. Richard Bruton, T.D., on behalf of Balbriggan Town Commissioners concerning the difficulties being experienced by Double Crest Ltd., due to the high value of the Irish punt against sterling.

The Minister fully understands the very real concerns of any business which is dependant on the UK market to any significant extent. Unfortunately, the currency tensions which we are now experiencing are the result of international influences, and do not simply reflect the appreciation of the £IR against the £Stg in isolation. While the \$US has severely weakened, large funds have transferred from \$US holdings to D.M. holdings with consequent appreciation of the D.M. relative to most other currencies including other ERM currencies. This general currency uncertainty coupled

with the financial markets' concerns regarding the UK political scene, has resulted in the associated weakening of Sterling against other currencies including the £IR. The Irish pound has in fact depreciated against the Deutsche Mark and other ERM currencies including the French Franc.

The Government believes that the maintenance of a stable exchange rate within the ERM is important for the continued economic success of this country, particularly in regard to the maintenance of a low inflation environment, including moderate wage inflation. These policies have contributed to the growth of this economy in recent years and will contribute to further growth in the future.

The amendments to Employers' PRSI contribution rates announced in this year's budget were intended to particularly help the labour intensive and low margin sectors of Irish business. Hopefully these measures will provide some relief, to what is hoped will only be a temporary period of exchange rate turbulence. Unlike the 1992 currency situation, interest rates have been only marginally affected by the recent currency tensions.

Finally, the Minister has asked me to say that the Government is maintaining a continuing review of the day-to-day developments in the currency markets, particularly in regard to the IR£ Sterling exchange rate.

Yours sincerely,

Clare Tiernan

CLARE TIERNAN,
Private Secretary.

Yvonne Shields

PINEWOOD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

18 Pinewood Green Hill,
Hampton,
Balbriggan,
Co., Dublin.



30th May '95.

ITEM 3 D (iii)

Balbriggan Town Commissioners
Balbriggan,
Co., Dublin.

Dear Commissioners,

We the residents of Pinewood Estate held our first meeting on 30th May 1995. The following committee was elected:

- Anne Richardson Chairperson
- Gerrard Cannon Vicechairperson
- Hilary Geraghty Treasurer
- Bernie O'Reilly Ass. Treasurer
- Liz Fanning Secretary
- Margaret Wilde Secretary

other committee members include

- Martina Baxter
- Helen Boylan
- Gerry Byrne
- Sean Gilbert
- Donal Levins
- Pat Maher
- Kim Mc Kenna
- Patrick Orange
- Joe Whelan.
- Mick May.

We request a meeting with the Town Commissioners as a matter of urgency to discuss some of major problems on our estate.

EXTREME

Thanking you,

Anne Richardson Chairperson.

8413462

Lyndie Shields



COMISIÓNÉIRÍ
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FROM

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TO

PAT RYAN, COMMUNITY

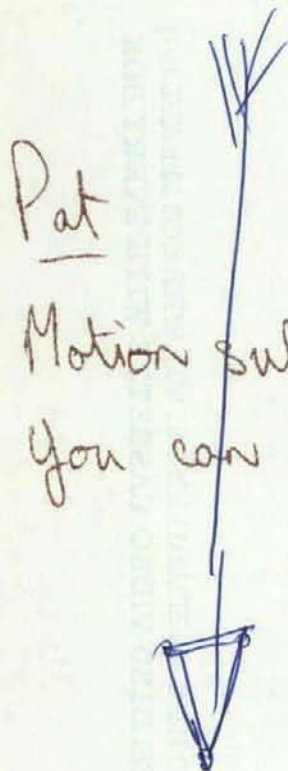
SUBJECT

COMMENTS

9 ~~2~~ Pages to follow

Will fax motions from other
Commissioners later on this
morning -

That Fingal County Council make available
 on request to the Balbriggan Commissioners
 files on planning applications, which may
 be causing some concern to elected Representatives
 because of lack of access to maps & other information.



Pat

Motion submitted from Comm. G. Shields.
 You can word it better for her.

That Fingal CC Planning Dept set up
 a system whereby an officer from the
 Planning Dept visit with the T.C.
 to discuss PA which may be of
 concern to the local elected reps.



COIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

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9th November, 1995.


DO GACH BALL DE CHOIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Ta se de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith i lathair ag Cruinniu de Choimisineiri Bhaile Brigín a thionolfar ar an Samhain 14, 1995, ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghno seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners will be held on 14th November, 1995 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

Is mise le meas,


Pat Ryan,
Cléireach An Bhaile.

CLÁR

1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (a) Minutes of Meeting held on the 10th October, 1995 (circulated herewith)
- (b) Minutes of Statutory Estimates Meeting held on Tuesday 24/10/95 (circulated herewith)
- (c) Minutes of Meeting with Telecom Eireann on 09/11/95 (to be circulated)

2. Applications for hire of the Hall (if any)

3. Correspondence

(a) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

- (i) Letter dated 12th October, 1995 from the Minister for the Marine regarding Balbriggan Harbour (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 02/08/95 from Department of the Environment regarding Expenses of Members (circulated herewith)

(b) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

- (i) Letter dated 08/11/95 from Administrative Officer, Environmental Services regarding Community Service Scheme (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 07/11/95 from Community Development enclosing Minutes of Quarterly Meeting with Fingal County Council on 5th October, 1995 (circulated herewith)

C. Correspondence from other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

- (i) Letter dated 20/10/95 from Carlow Urban District County Council regarding a resolution passed calling on the Minister for Equality and Law Reform to let Publicans/Shopkeepers maintain the right to refuse (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 25/09/95 from Bundoran Urban District Council regarding a resolution passed calling on the Departments of Finance and Tourism to investigate Bank Charges in general and particularly the handling charge on sterling (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letters dated 09/10/95 from Superintendent's Office, Balbriggan Garda Station regarding:
 - (a) Speeding traffic along the Bath Road (circulated herewith)
 - (b) Overnight parking of trucks outside St. Peter & Paul's Church (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 10/10/95 from Commissioner, Garda Siochana, Phoenix Park, Dublin 8 regarding proposal by Dublin Corporation to increase the fee for a Parking Disc from 80p to £1.00 (circulated herewith)

D. Other Correspondence (if any)

4. Designated Area Status/Urban Renewal
5. Inner Relief Road
6. Ireland/Wales Maritime Interreg Programme 1994 to 1999.
7. Balbriggan/Skerries Treatment Works.

8. Motion submitted by Commissioner T. Young

"That Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Bord Failte to set up a Tourist Information Office in the Square in Balbriggan for the summer season."

9. Motion submitted by Commissioner T. Young

"That Balbriggan Town Commissioners set up a Tourism Task Force comprising the Commissioners and all other interested parties with a view to developing the tourism potential of the town."

10. Motion submitted by Commissioner T. Young

"That the Balbriggan Town Commissioners produce an Annual Report outlining the Commission's activities throughout the previous year".

11. Motion re-submitted by Commissioner B. Tuite

"That Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to serve notice under the Derelict Sites Act on the owner of the premises known as the Hotel, the Square, Balbriggan".

12. Motion submitted by Commissioner B. Tuite

"That Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Justice, Nora Owen, to increase the number of staff in the National Forensic Offices to a level capable of dealing with the alarming increase in the need for their services with particular emphasis on illegal drugs".

13. Motion submitted by Commissioner C. Timmins

"That the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on all political parties to agree to refrain from the erection of political posters on telegraph poles, lamp standards or public buildings within the town and its environs".

14. Motion submitted by An Cathaoirleach Commissioner M. Harford

"That the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on landlords to evict tenants who have been convicted of drug offences within their rented premises and that the Eastern Health Board cease rent subsidy to same persons".

15. Motion submitted by An Cathaoirleach Commissioner M. Harford

"That Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Department of Social Welfare to cease benefit payment to recipients convicted of drug offences".

16. Motion submitted by An Cathaoirleach Commissioner M. Harford

"That Balbriggan Town Commissioners call for the inclusion of a member of the Balbriggan Town Commission on the Fingal County Enterprise Board".

17. Motion submitted by Commissioner G. Shields

"That Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to erect a speed limit sign of 30 m.p.h. at the junction of Drogheda Road, Lambeecher Estate as a matter of urgency".

18. Any Other Business



(C) Correspondence from other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

- (i) Letter and enclosures received on 25/09/95 from Sligo Chamber of Commerce & Industry and Sligo Corporation, in association with Telecom Eireann and An Bord Trachtala regarding forthcoming conference "Ireland, Creating the Climate for Trade and Investment", scheduled for November 6th & 7th, 1995 in the Sligo Park Hotel, Sligo, was circulated and noted. The Town Clerk undertook to try and get the Conference papers through Fingal County Council for circulation to Commissioners.
- (ii) Letter dated 28/09/95 from Superintendent's Office, Balbriggan regarding Bye-Laws prohibiting the consumption of alcohol was circulated and discussed. It was agreed to include this item on the agenda for the forthcoming meeting with the Superintendent. It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner M. Harford and agreed to contact the Superintendent's Office to set a date for the meeting.

(D) Other Correspondence

There was no business under this heading.

4. Designated Area Status/Urban Renewal

An Cathaoirleach Commissioner M. Harford stated that a full report would be completed and forwarded to Commissioners within a week.

5. Inner Relief Road

Commissioners expressed dissatisfaction at the responses received from Fingal County Council officials at the recent quarterly meeting. Mr. Maguire pointed out that Fingal County Council would be re-applying for grant aid for the Inner Relief Road and undertook to get Commissioner's a copy of Fingal County Councils submission to the Department of the Environment. There was no possibility of Fingal County Council financing the road from its own resources. Following discussion, various proposals were mooted by Commissioners. To rationalise matters, Mr. Maguire suggested a 3 pronged approach. Viz Commissioners to

- (1) request a meeting with Fingal County Council officials to formulate an application for finance under the EU Co-financed Scheme.
- (2) Make a separate submission in support of the application directly to the Minister for the Environment.

- (3) Seek a meeting with the Minister for the Environment to discuss the matter. At that stage Commissioners could decide the membership of the deputation to meet the Minister.

Mr. Maguire's proposal was unanimously agreed.

6. Tidy Districts, Sports, Arts and Culture Awards 1995

An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner M. Harford stated that a sub-committee had been formed in July. No meeting had taken place since the meeting in July due to the heavy work schedule. Commissioner B. Tuite expressed disappointment with the procedure. Following discussion it was agreed that all Commissioners should meet on Monday 16/10/95 at 8.15 p.m. to discuss arrangements for the Award Ceremonies scheduled for Thursday, 26/10/95 at 8.30 p.m.

7. Quarterly Meeting with Fingal County Council

Commissioners gave a verbal report on the Quarterly Meeting. It was noted that it is not Fingal County Council's policy to remove silt from the Bracken River. The question of trolleys being dumped in the river was also raised. It was agreed that we write again to the Supermarket owners specifying that legal action will be taken unless they carry out a daily round up of these abandoned trolleys.

It was proposed by Commissioner T. Young, seconded by Commissioner M. McKeon and agreed that the Tidy Towns Committee be reconstituted and that we avail of FAS, Community Service and Summer Student Schemes to tackle the ongoing litter problems in the town. Commissioner Davis pointed out that there was no litter bin between Lambeeher and Hacketts.

Commissioner McKeon pointed out that the driver of the road sweeper retired a few weeks ago and has not been replaced to date. The Commissioner queried why the roads had not been swept and shores not emptied in the last 8 weeks.

Mr. Maguire stated that he surveyed the town with the Area Engineer Mr. J. Dalton from Lambeeher to St. Peter & Paul's Church on the southside. He understood that an order had been placed for additional bins and will follow up the matter with Mr. J. Dalton. An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner M. Harford requested that a bin be placed inside the low wall opposite the carpark at Lambeeher.

8. Traffic/Parking Proposals for Balbriggan

Commissioner Gallen pointed out that a list of proposals had been left with the Gardai in February 1994. These were subsequently agreed with the Gardai, with some amendments. Following discussion it was agreed to include this item on the agenda for the proposed meeting with the Garda Superintendent.

The ban on the parking of Heavy Goods vehicles will also be raised at the meeting. Commissioner Timmins queried the position regarding the bollards at St. Peter & Paul's School and this will be checked with the Area Engineer.

9. Plan for Social Housing - New Tenant Purchase Scheme

An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner M. Harford queried the requirement that a prospective Tenant Purchaser must produce documentary evidence of having been refused a loan from 2 financial institutions before being considered for a Local Authority loan.

Following discussions, Commissioners Harford and Tuite undertook to provide Mr. Maguire with specific details of cases known to them. Mr. Maguire agreed to review the scheme under the various categories to see how it is applied.

10. IBEC/CBI Joint Business Council - presentation on Belfast/Dublin Economic Corridor

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that Mr. J. Toner was available to make a presentation to the Commissioners on Thursday, 12th October at 3.00 p.m. in the Town Hall.

11. Motion submitted by an Cathaoirleach Commissioner M. Harford

It was proposed by An Cathaoirleach Commissioner M. Harford, seconded by Commissioner M. McKeon and resolved that "Balbriggan Town Commissioners, while welcoming the decision to provide a new Fire Station in Balbriggan, now call on Fingal County Council in conjunction with Dublin Corporation and the Eastern Health Board to ensure that a permanent ambulance service is included in their future plans for the Fire Station."

Mr. Maguire stated that Dublin Corporation had made a presentation to Fingal County Council in the last month outlining their proposals. He pointed out that Dublin Corporation was the responsible Fire Authority while the Eastern Health Board was responsible for the Ambulance Service. Following discussion it was agreed that a letter be sent to both the Eastern Health Board and Dublin Corporation on the matter.

12. Any Other Business

- (i) Commissioner B. Tuite queried (a) the position regarding the Hotel in the Square. The Town Clerk undertook to include the Commissioner's former motion regarding the hotel on the November meeting agenda, (b) handed in circulars regarding the Interreg Programme 1994/1995. The Town Clerk undertook to have copies circulated to each Commissioner and to include this item on the November agenda.
- (ii) Commissioner M. McKeon pointed out (a) that the library clock was broken for a number of years and requested that it be repaired, (b) that the windows of the library had not been cleaned for a number of years. Mr. Maguire undertook to raise both matters with Fingal County Council at an early date.
- (iii) Commissioner Pyne (a) asked that the situation at the halting site at the Bog of the Ring be examined at an early date as the number of caravans on site had doubled in recent times, (b) pointed out that the Telecom site which had been the subject of considerable correspondence/discussion in recent times, had now been tidied up by Telecom.
- (iv) Commissioner G. Shields requested (a) that Fingal County Council honour a previous commitment and remove the tree outside 29/31 High Street. Mr. Maguire stated that he would have the matter examined and pointed out that Fingal County Council will not carry out any works within the curtilage of the dwelling, (b) that the speed restrictions sign for Bath Road be erected at an early date. It was agreed that a letter be sent to Roads Department to expedite the matter.

The meeting ended at 10.35 p.m.



MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS

STATUTORY ESTIMATES MEETING HELD

ON TUESDAY, 24/10/95 IN BALBRIGGAN TOWN HALL

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: McKeon, May Shields, Gertie
 Gallen Patricia Timmins, Colm
 Harford, Monica Pine, Ned
 Young, Tom Tuite, Bredge

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Commissioner J. Davis.

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mr. P. Maguire, Principal Officer
 Mr. P. Ryan, Town Clerk

An Cathaoirleach Commissioner M. Harford presided.

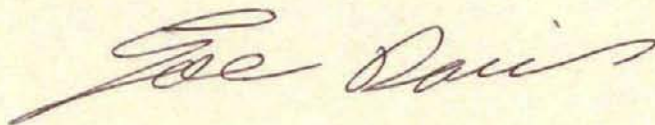
At the outset, Mr. Maguire stated that the prescribed period for the preparation of the Estimates is the 1st October to the 30th October, 1995. Statutory notice had been given in the press and draft Estimates circulated in advance. The draft Estimate provides for a total expenditure of £54,180 and an income of £27,300.

There will be a net requirement of £26,680 and this together with a debit balance provision of £3,500 will require that the demand to Fingal County Council will be £30,380 in respect of 1996. This will require a Town Charge of £1.59 in the pound as compared to the 1995 figure of £1.40 in the pound. The debit balance arose primarily through overexpenditure incurred as a result of statutory increases in fees. A number of other outstanding bills are being investigated and will be reported to the Commissioners in due course.

Following discussion, it was proposed by An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner M. Harford, seconded by Commissioner Shields and resolved that the Estimate as presented by the Manager be adopted.

It was proposed by Commissioner T. Young, seconded by Commissioner P. Gallen and resolved that the Manager issue a press release stating that the estimates as adopted are a sound business plan to meet the expenses and liabilities of Balbriggan Town Commissioners for the coming year.

The meeting adjourned at 9.35 p.m.





OIFIG AIRE NA MARA
(Office of the Minister for the Marine)

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH 2
(Dublin 2)

Our Ref: M0361

12 October 1995



Mr. Pat Ryan
Cleireach an Bhaile
Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin
Halla An Bhaile
Baile Brigin
County Dublin

Dear Mr. Ryan,

I refer to your recent representations regarding a motion by Balbriggan Town Commissioners requesting that Balbriggan Harbour be brought up to to an acceptable standard before the hand over to Fingal County Council.

I am making enquiries about this matter and I will write to you again as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Sean Barrett TD
Minister for the Marine

BK

2 August, 1995.

DEPARTMENT OF
THE ENVIRONMENT
AN ROINN COMHSHAOIL

LG 3/95

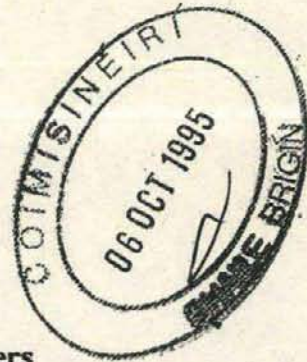
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Expenses of Members

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for the Environment to refer to the system of expenses of elected members of local authorities.

Following a review of the system of expenses in the light of experience of its operation the following changes have been made.

- (1) Members annual allowances have been revised upwards - see Appendix A.
- (2) Members subsistence rates have also been increased - see Appendix A.
- (3) There are miscellaneous adjustments (favourable) as regards aspects of the attendance requirement, certain calculations and other aspects of the system (including (3) and (4)) - see Appendix B.
- (4) The adjustments to members annual allowances and the increase in subsistence rates (Appendix A) will apply from 1 January, 1994 and the changes mentioned in Appendix B from 1 January, 1995.
- (5) Any future increases in local authority officers mileage and or subsistence rates should be applied automatically in the calculation of members expenses for conference travel, travel as part of a delegation etc. Annual allowances will be revised as necessary.

This circular and appendices represent directions given by the Minister pursuant to Section 3 of the Local Government Act, 1991 and the Local Government




(Expenses of Local Authority Members) Regulations, 1993 in relation to the expenses of members of borough corporations, urban district councils and the boards of town commissioners.

Arrangements as regards payments in connection with meetings of the local authority associations will be the subject of a further circular.

Local authorities are also reminded of the specific provisions of the Local Government Act, 1991, the Expenses Regulations and circular LG49/2 in relation to inclusion in the annual report of certain data as to the expenses system and conference attendance and the authorisation procedures for the latter.

Any enquiries on the details contained in the circular can be addressed to C. Davis or N. Rowland at (01) 6793377 Exts: 2701 and 2703.

Mise le meas,


J. Crockett,
Assistant Principal,
Local Government Section.

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Chambers
Cobletto

To each Town Clerk.

APPENDIX A
REVISED SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCES

1. The rates of annual allowances for members are increased from £400 to £420, £800 to £840 and £1,300 to £1,360 for the respective groupings of urban authorities.
2. Members subsistence rates have been increased as follows:

| NIGHT ALLOWANCE | DAY ALLOWANCES | |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Rate | 7 hours or more | 3 hours but less than 7 hours |
| £63.35 | £19.09 | £7.79 |

3. The rates set out at 2 above will apply for authorised conference attendance, participation in deputations (outside of meetings) etc.
4. All of the above rates apply from 1 January, 1994.

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80% qualifies them for 100% allowance i.e. £840

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APPENDIX B

MISCELLANEOUS ADJUSTMENTS TO OPERATION OF EXPENSES SYSTEM

1. The current attendance requirement is 80% and this will continue to apply for three quarters of the annual allowance. For one quarter of the allowance, the attendance threshold has been reduced to 50% attendance.

Full payment of one quarter of the allowance is therefore payable for attendance by a member at 50% or more of the total number of meetings which that member was due to attend (i.e. meetings of the full council; meetings of committees; joint committees of which he/she is a member). Where a member attends less than 50% of the total number of due meetings, then the proportion of the one quarter payable shall be proportionate to the number of meetings attended. If for example 5 meetings are attended when 7 meetings is the 50% threshold, the $\frac{5}{7}$ of one quarter of the annual allowance is payable. The remaining three quarters of the allowance is subject to 80% attendance as before.

2. The calculation of the standard 80% attendance threshold and of the amount of the allowance when less than 80% attendance is achieved should accord with the rules as set out at paras. 2 and 3 below.

3. In determining eight tenths of the relevant number of meetings, any fraction of the number of meetings shall be disregarded. If for example the total number of meetings which a member was due to attend in the period was 16 then eight tenths of the relevant number of meetings is $16 \times \frac{8}{10} = 12\frac{8}{10}$ or 12.8. In this example, the fraction or percentage point should be totally disregarded (i.e. it should not be rounded up to 13 meetings) so that full payment of the allowance is available for attendance at 12 meetings.

4. In calculating the amount of the allowance payable when a member attends less than

eight tenths of the relevant number of meetings, any percentage point should be rounded up. So that if for example a member attends 7 meetings when the relevant number of meetings for full payment of the allowance is 12 meetings, then the proportion of the allowance payable is $\frac{7}{12}$ or 58.33% of the maximum entitlement. In such instance, the 58.3% should be rounded up to 59% and this percentage of the allowance is payable. This will apply to every percentage point (i.e. .1 or .9).

5. The rules at 3 and 4 should also apply in the case of calculations as regards the reduced attendance threshold at paragraph 1 above.
6. Expenses separate from a members annual allowance may be paid for attendance at the AGM of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd. subject to authorisation by the Authority in accordance with circular LG49/2.
7. The changes set out in the foregoing paras. apply from 1 January, 1995.
8. Finally queries have been raised as to the level of payment where the number of meetings is below the index figure used in the formula for calculating the annual allowance. The position is that once 80% or upwards of the relevant number of meetings (i.e. meetings of full council plus meetings of committees and joint committees of which the person is a member) are attended the member qualifies for the full allowance determined in accordance with the formula.
9. It is entirely a matter for the authority to determine the actual number of meetings. Arrangements should be in place to ensure they are prepared and organised in a business like manner and conducted efficiently and effectively so as to minimise demands. Procedures should be reviewed periodically to identify any changes in existing arrangements which may lead to improvements in this regard.



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ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Mr. Pat Ryan
Cleireach an Bhaile
Balbriggan Town Commissioners
Town Hall
Balbriggan
CO. DUBLIN



8 November 1995

Re: Re-introduction of Community Service Scheme in Balbriggan

Dear Mr. Ryan

I refer to your letter dated 3 October 1995 in the above matter.

We note with interest that the Commissioners are considering re-introduction of the Community Service Scheme in Balbriggan. Before making any comment however the Council would be obliged if you would let us have details of the scheme as it formerly operated together with whatever information the District Court in Balbriggan can provide regarding the current operation of such schemes.

The question of any involvement by the Council in the operation of such a scheme and in particular the matter of supervision, insurance and the attitude of the unions, would have to be carefully examined. The matter will be further considered on receipt of additional details from you.

Yours sincerely

Maurice McDonough
Administrative Officer



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COMMUNITY DEPARTMENT

Mr. Pat Ryan,
Town Clerk,
Balbriggan Town Commissioners,
Town Hall,
Balbriggan,
Co. Dublin.

7 November 1995

Dear Mr. Ryan,

I enclose herewith minutes of quarterly meeting held between Balbriggan Town Commissioners and this Council on Thursday, 5th October, 1995.

Yours sincerely,

N. Byrne

Senior Staff Officer,
Community Department.

NB/NMD

F.A.O. Town Commissioners

Comhairle Bailecheanntair Ceatharloch



Baile Ceatharloch

Arus an Bhaile,
Ceatharloch.

Our Ref. JW/JDeL

Your Ref.

Carlow Urban District Council,
Town Hall,
Carlow.

Telephone: (0503) 31759 & 31578

Date 20th Oct. 1995


TO EACH LOCAL AUTHORITY

Dear Sir,

Carlow Urban District Council adopted the following Resolution and directed that it be referred to each Local Authority.

“That Carlow Urban District Council make representations to the Minister for Equality Law and Reform, calling on him to let Publicans/Shopkeepers maintain the right to refuse.”

Yours faithfully,



J. WATTERS,
TOWN CLERK.



COMHAIRLE BHAILE CHEANNTAIR BUNDOBHRAÍN

BUNDORAN URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Clerk's Office,
Bundoran,
County Donegal.

Fax/Tel. (072) 41230.

Our Ref:

Your Ref:



25th September, 1995.

TO/

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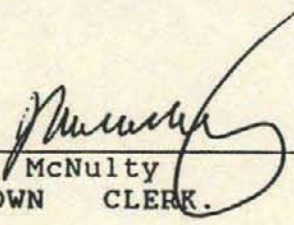
A Chara,

At a recent meeting of Bundoran Urban District Council, the following resolution was unanimously agreed by the Council:-

"That this Council calls on the Departments of Finance and Tourism to investigate Bank Charges in general and particularly the handling charge on sterling, as it is affecting tourism."

Please bring this resolution to the attention of your Council.

Mise, le Meas,



J. McNulty
TOWN CLERK.

GARDA SÍOCHÁNA.

Oifig an Cheannfoirt.
Baile Brígin,
Condae Átha Cliath.
Our Ref: BAL. 934/95.
Your Ref:
Phone: (01) 841 2714.



Superintendent's Office,
Balbriggan,
Co. Dublin.
02.10.1995.



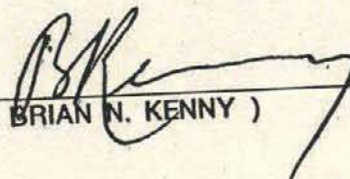
Mr. Pat Ryan,
Cléireach an Bhaile,
Colmísinéirí Bhaile Brígin,
Halla an Bhaile,
Baile Brígin,
Condae Átha Cliath.

re : Complaint of Speeding Traffic along the Bath Road Area.

A chara,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 02.10.1995 in above matter and it is receiving attention.

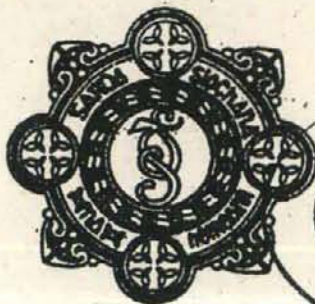
Yours sincerely,


(BRIAN N. KENNY) Superintendent.

GARDA SÍOCHÁNA.

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Condae Átha Cliath.

Our Ref: *BAZ. 1281/95*
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Superintendent's Office,
Balbriggan,
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10 OCT 1995

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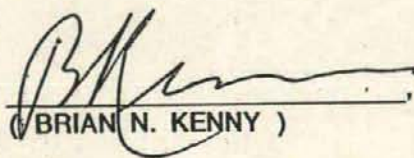
Mr. Pat Ryan,
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Halla an Bhaile,
Baile Brígin,
Condae Átha Cliath.

re : Complaint of trucks parked overnight outside SS Peter & Church, Balbriggan.

A chára,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 04.10.1995 in above matter and it is receiving attention.

Yours sincerely,


_____, Superintendent.
(BRIAN N. KENNY)

AN GARDA SIOCHANA

Any reply to this communication should be addressed to:

Commissioner,
Garda Síochána,
Phoenix Park,
Dublin 8.

and the following number quoted:

OT 66/199/68

The Town Clerk,
Balbriggan Town Commissioners,
Town Hall,
Balbriggan,
Co. Dublin.

OIFIG AN CHOIMISINEARA,
BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH.



RE: Proposal by Dublin Corporation to increase the fee for a Parking Disc from 80p to £1.00.

A proposal has been received by the Commissioner from Dublin Corporation to amend Bye-law 27(a) of the Dublin Area Traffic and Parking Bye-laws 1986 (as amended) as follows:-

"The fee for a parking disc shall be:-

- (a) in case the disc is issued by Dublin Corporation (within the meaning of Part IV of the Local Government Act 1991 (No. 11 of 1991)), £1.00".

The Commissioner proposes to amend the Bye-laws accordingly. In accordance with the provisions of Section 89 and 90 of the Road Traffic Act, 1961, as amended the Commissioner must consult with each Local Authority.

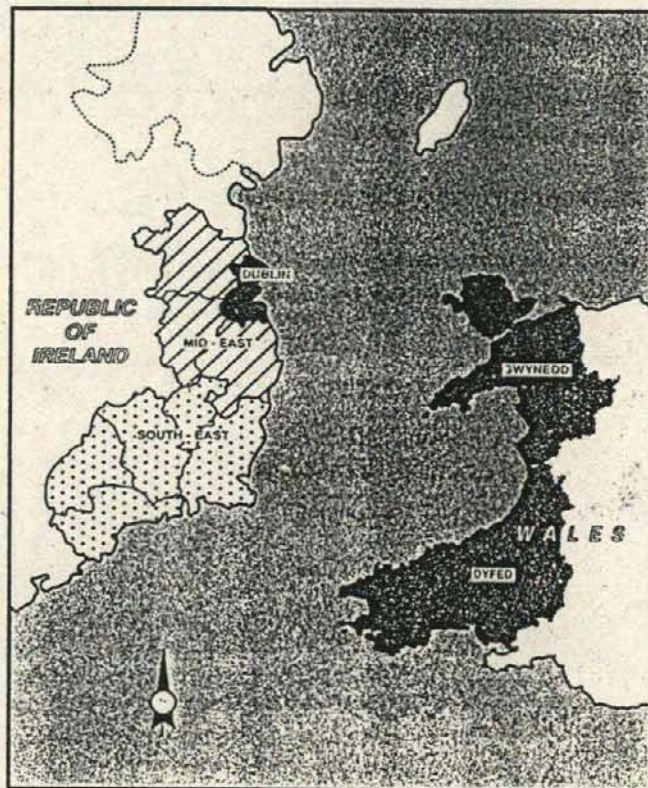
Please have this proposal brought to the notice of your Council and let us have your views at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully,

Brend M. Mahon Supt. for
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER



SUMMARY OF
IRELAND/WALES MARITIME INTERREG PROGRAMME
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OVERVIEW OF MARITIME INTERREG

In 1990 the European Commission adopted INTERREG I, which ran until December 1993 with a budget of over a billion ECU*. Its aim was to tackle specific problems of development in both internal and external borders regions of the Community, and to strengthen cross-border partnerships. In the first INTERREG Programme, these borders were mainly land borders. However in this round, which will operate until 31 December 1999, the borders between Ireland and Wales have been designated for inclusion in the Programme.

While maritime borders would not normally qualify for eligibility under the programme, the inclusion of this combined area was justified according to the European Commission because there were "special problems or features for Ireland, the only Member State with no land link to the Community and which relies to a large extent, on its links to the Community via North Wales." Three of the newly formed regions in Ireland - the Dublin, Mid-East and South East regions, in which the ports of Dublin, Dun Laoghaire, Rosslare, Waterford and New Ross are situated, were designated under INTERREG II, as were the corresponding regions in Wales - Gwynedd and Dyfed, in which the counterpart ports of Holyhead, Fishguard, Milford Haven and Pembroke Dock are respectively situated.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The aims of the joint Ireland/Wales INTERREG II Programme are to:

- promote the creation and development of networks of co-operation across the common maritime border, and where relevant to link these networks to wider Community networks in the context of the completion of the Single European Market;
- assist the eligible maritime border region of Wales and Ireland to overcome development problems which arise from its relative isolation within the European Union, mainly through the upgrading of major transport linkages between the two parts of the region and the EU; and
- contribute to the competitiveness of the Irish Economy through the upgrading of major transport linkages to the rest of the EU.

The main strategic objectives of the Programme will be to:

- improve transport links and transport infrastructure;
- enhance the tourism potential of the area;
- maintain and further enhance the economic potential of the area;
- set up joint emergency planning procedures;
- develop the scope for co-operation in the human resources, cultural and information technology areas, generally, and as horizontal measures supporting the other areas of the programme;
- create and develop networks of co-operation incorporating human resource, economic development, tourism and the environment.

In order to achieve these strategic aims and objectives the Programme has been divided into two main priority areas:

- transport, environment and related infrastructure;
- general economic development through investment in tourism/people/culture/business co-operation etc.

The Maritime INTERREG Programme has thus been divided into the following two sub-programmes:

SUB-PROGRAMME 1: MARITIME DEVELOPMENT

The Maritime Development Sub-Programme consists of three measures. These measures, and corresponding EU aid in MECU are as follows:

| Measure | MECU** |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| (1) Transport | 53241 |
| (2) Transport Information Systems and Facilities | 2725 |
| (3) Marine and Coastal Environment and Emergency Planning | 3395 |

* IR £1 = 1.24 ECU

** MECU = Million ECU

It is the aim of transport related measures 1 and 2 to maximise the ease of travel between the two parts of the eligible area, and to open the way to greatly increased co-operation both within the context of the Programme and generally. Types of action which may be eligible for funding under these measures are the improvement of ferry terminal facilities, and the provision of freight, travel and tourist information giving details on the use of the central Irish seaports for seamless facilities and services. Measure 3, which deals with environmental protection, aims to emphasise the need for monitoring traffic on the seas between the two areas and to provide a high quality emergency response capability. An indicative type of action which might receive funding would be the development and co-ordination of pollution emergency, response plans, training and the provision of equipment.

SUB-PROGRAMME 2 - GENERAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The General Economic Development Sub-Programme consists of four measures which will receive the following amount of EU aid:

| Measure | MECU |
|----------------------------------------------|-------|
| (1) Economic Development Co-operation | 8,185 |
| (2) Tourism and Culture Co-operation | 9,620 |
| (3) Human Resources Development Co-operation | 6,415 |
| (4) Technical Assistance | 0,755 |

These measures make up the central body of joint activity which will be generated by the INTERREG Programme, and aim to address specific weaknesses within the area while taking advantage of identified strengths and opportunities within the economic, tourism and human resource sectors.

MEASURE 1: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATION

This measure forms the basis of activity to assist the adaptation of the region to the Single Market. It aims to support the joint development of business activity in the area to adapt to change and to enter new markets. The objectives of this measure are as follows:

- to encourage and facilitate the establishment and development of cross border links and networks of co-operation and partnership between bodies engaged in the field of economic development (i.e. business, professional and development agencies, local authorities and community groups);
- to encourage actions for improving the provision of services through co-operative action; and
- to encourage the development of co-operative enterprises generally.

The following action is indicative of those which would be eligible for funding under this measure:

- the development of linkages between trade organisations, professional associations and other bodies aiming to facilitate cross-border contacts in the economic and social spheres.

MEASURE 2: TOURISM AND CULTURAL CO-OPERATION

This measure consists of three elements: (1) Joint marketing and Research; (2) Visitors Services; and (3) Tourism Resource Development. The objectives of the measure are the sustainable development of the eligible area as a quality visitor destination through joint marketing visitor services and the co-operative development of complementary products in the activity, heritage and cultural tourism areas through a series of integrated actions which will:

- increase visitor spend in the INTERREG area;
- extend the season and thereby lengthen employment for seasonal workers;
- improve product quality and service standards for visitors to the area;
- encourage the development of cross-border marketing initiatives;
- improve cultural contacts and co-operation between Ireland and Wales.

The production of visitor information brochures, pamphlets, etc. on a joint basis throughout the INTERREG area is one action which might qualify for funding under this measure.

MEASURE 3: HUMAN RESOURCES CO-OPERATION

This is an horizontal measure supporting all ESF related projects within the programme which aims to contribute to economic regeneration through education and training actions. The objectives of this measure are as follows:

- to contribute to economic regeneration of the eligible cross border regions through co-operative education and vocational training actions;
- to create a cross-border focus where co-operative education and training initiatives and linkages will open up opportunities leading to access to further education and/or employment;
- to develop courses with a cross-border dimension, sharing of resources and the exchange of information and experience through the establishment of education, vocational training and business links; and
- to create networks between educational institutions on opposite sides of the border.

The following are two of the types of action which might be funded under this measure:

- Seminars, training, workshops and experience exchange programmes;
- Actions in the area of education and training which improve the labour-market mobility of workers.

MEASURE 4: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

This measure is designed to strengthen and enhance the management and control required for the monitoring and evaluation of the Maritime INTERREG Programme, and to assist the implementation of the programme by:

- providing a dedicated computer network to service the programme;
- introducing a dedicated telephone enquiry line to facilitate enquiries; and
- organising seminars and information days to provide for information and publicity concerning the programme.

IMPLEMENTING AUTHORITIES

The authorities with overall responsibility for the implementation of the INTERREG II Programme, (as designated by the Member States in accordance with Article 2(2) of Regulation 2083/93), are the Department of Finance, Ireland, and the Welsh Office, Wales. While the overall framework responsibility for the detailed implementation of the ERDF element of the Programme lies with these offices, responsibility for the detailed implementation of the ESF element will rest with the Department of Enterprise and Employment, Ireland and the Department of Employment UK.

IMPLEMENTING ARRANGEMENTS

The arrangements for implementation, control and monitoring and evaluation of the Programme will comprise structures at three levels as follows:

1. Joint Monitoring Committee consisting of representatives of the European Commission, relevant Government Departments, Regional Authorities, key local partners and others. The Committee will monitor and generally oversee the implementation of the Programme.
2. Joint Working Group drawn from representation of Government Departments, relevant organisations, Chairs of Joint Sectoral Technical Groups, key local partners as appropriate. This group will be the decision making body in relation to project applications.
3. Development Co-ordinators comprising two from Wales (one from each County) and three from Ireland (Secretaries of each Regional Authority). This group will motivate local activity and enterprise within the Programme and promote its aims and objectives at local level. It will provide the relevant input required by the other levels.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND APPLICATION FORMS PLEASE CONTACT:

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|------------------|-----------------------------|-------|---------|
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| Maura Carey | Gwynedd (Wales) | 01286 | 679685 |
| Thomas Byrne | South-East Region (Ireland) | 052 | 26200 |
| Rosemarie Davies | Dyfed (Wales) | 01267 | 224190 |
| Ultan McCabe | Mid-East Region (Ireland) | 0404 | 66058 |

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Ballyrigga. ^{Wednesday. November. 22 -}
Craft. Fair

Town Commissioners had a very good meeting with Mr. J. J. Ryan, Administrator, Area Development for Small Enterprise Board.

He told the Commissioners that they had staged a very successful ^{Promotions} display of the work of local people presenting their work on display stands - in various venues - Blanchardstown - Swords - to name some of those nearest to Ballyrigga. They felt that it might be a good idea to hold a Promotions (open day) in the Town Hall on Sunday December 10th. To give people an opportunity to display their own work in the area of enterprise. There would be a stand where information would be given on every aspect to do with starting your own business. They were hoping to attract at least 15 to 20 stands - on the day.

^{Existing} Small Businesses could be given a boost. Information on Training, Finance & Grants would be readily available.

Tourism would also be covered and it was felt that this would be an ideal opportunity for anyone ~~was~~ interested in promoting Ballyrigga as a tourist ^{area} ~~venue~~ ~~to~~ ~~come~~ ~~to~~ ~~find~~ out - just what was available - advice Finance etc. All this was taking place under the auspices of the Department of Enterprise & Employment. People could sell at the various Craft Stands on the Day.

There was an allocation of £100,000 ^{EU.} of this fundus
constituted of 75% European and 25%.

~~Anything~~ Anyone employing under 10 people
would be considered for grants under the scheme.

Suggested Date Dec. 10th
opens at 10 A.M.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON 10/1/95

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

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| Davis, Joe | Shields, Gertie |
| Gallen, Patricia | Timmins, Colm |
| Harford, Monica | Tuite, Bredge |
| McKeon, May | Young, Tom |
| Pyne, Ned | |

OFFICIALS PRESENT

P.A. Gibbons, Town Clerk
 S. Carey, Principal Officer

An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner Gertie Shields, presided.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

a) Minutes of Meeting held on 13/12/94 were read and confirmed.

2. Applications for Hire of Hall

There was no new business under this heading.

3. Correspondence

A: Correspondence from Government Departments & Ministers

(i) Letter dated 15/12/94 from Minister for the Environment re By-Pass was read.

Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Gallen seconded by An Cathaoirleach and agreed to write back to the new Minister concerning funds for the By-Pass.

B: Correspondence from Public Representatives and Local Authorities

(i) Letter dated 14/12/94 from Ray Burke, T.D. re: VAT was read and noted.

(ii) Letters (4) from Local Authorities re: VAT were read and noted.

(iii) Letter dated 16/12/94 from Eastern Health Board re: Ambulance was read. Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Gallen seconded by An Cathaoirleach and agreed to write back and clarify the Commissioners point of view in relation to the fact that there would be no improvement for the Balbriggan service.

C: Other Correspondence

(i) Letter dated 2/1/95 from Keith Rankin re: Balbriggan Lighthouse was read. It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen seconded by Commissioner Young and agreed to write back requesting drawings.

(ii) Letters (3) from Public Representatives and Local Authorities re: VAT on clothing were read and noted.

(iii) Letter dated 3/1/95 from Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland re: Seminar was read and noted.

(iv) Letter dated 6/1/95 from Minister for the Environment re: Reorganisation was read. Following discussion it was agreed to contact An Cathaoirleach concerning the calling of a meeting to discuss the matter.

4. Report on ACCESS meeting

A report on the ACCESS launch on 21st November, 1994 was given by An Cathaoirleach and Commissioners Gallen and Tuite. following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Davis seconded by An Cathaoirleach and agreed to contact Iarnrod Eireann regarding ACCESS for disabled people to stations and trains on Dundalk's urban line. It was further proposed by Commissioner Gallen seconded by Commissioner Tuite to contact Marcia Collier to meet the Commissioners concerning the furthering of ACCESS for disabled in Balbriggan.

5. Report on Meeting with Garda Superintendent

A report on the meeting with the Superintendent was given by those members who were present at the meeting. Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Pyne seconded by Commissioner Harford and agreed to write to the Superintendent agreeing to the parking restrictions on Bridge Street from the corner of Clonard Street to Keelings house. It was further proposed by Commissioner Gallen seconded by An Cathaoirleach to write to Fingal County Council to erect proper parking signs in the town. It was further proposed by Commissioner Young seconded by Commissioner McKeon that enquiries be made concerning the erection of signs or issuing a letter to traders, to leave parking on the streets for customers only. It was further proposed by Commissioner Harford, seconded by Commissioner Shields that the Commissioners contact schools and residents associations to ask them to pass on any information to the Gardai or the Town Commissioners, in total confidence, in relation to drugs in the area. it was further proposed by Commissioner Harford, seconded by An Cathaoirleach and agreed to ask the Gardai to make life as difficult as possible for the drug pushers in the town.

6. Other Business

(i) An Cathaoirleach gave a report on the meeting she had with Mr. McDonald from Fingal County Council concerning the Bracken River. He had stated ownership had to be established on the various tracts of land and he would do so. On the proposal of Commissioner Gallen seconded by An Cathaoirleach it was agreed to contact Mr. McDonald and ask him would he again meet with the Commissioners.

(ii) On the proposal of Commissioner Gallen it was agreed to have a written report available on the meeting with the Community Centre Committee and the County Council.

(iii) On the proposal of Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Harford it was agreed to write to Glebe North wishing them luck in their forthcoming match with Shamrock Rovers.

- (iv) On the proposal of Commissioner McKeon, seconded by An Cathaoirleach congratulations were extended on the Christmas Lights and she requested a report be given on the cost of the lights.
- (v) On the proposal of Commissioner Tuite, seconded by An Cathaoirleach, it was agreed to again write to Fingal County Council concerning the erection of a light at the nursing home in Church Street.
- (vi) On the proposal of Commissioner Tuite, seconded by An Cathaoirleach it was agreed to ask Fingal County Council to have another look at the parking bays on the Square and to provide spaces at the Courthouse/Post Office and Railway Street.
- (vii) On the proposal of Commissioner Tuite, seconded by Commissioner Harford it was agreed to request An Post to place a Post Box in the Hampton Street/High Street area to facilitate the elderly in the area.
- (viii) On the proposal of Commissioner Pyne, seconded by An Cathaoirleach it was agreed to ask Fingal County Council to give a report on the public lighting works to be carried out in Balbriggan in 1995.
- (ix) On the proposal of Commissioner Pyne, seconded by An Cathaoirleach it was agreed to ask Fingal County Council to repair the footpath from Drogheda Street to Bremore.
- (x) In reply to Commissioner Harford, Mr. Carey explained the new housing list system to the meeting .
- (xi) On the proposal of Commissioner Young, seconded by An Cathaoirleach it was agreed to circulate an up to date report on the situation concerning the Combined Clubs and Town Hall developments.
- (xii) On the proposal of Commissioner McKeon, seconded by An Cathaoirleach it was agreed to ask Fingal County Council for up an to date report on the Halting Site and the families who are at present on it.
- (xiii) In reply to An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner Gallen stated, that the Roads Engineer had stated that the litter bins would be erected in the town by the end of the week.
- (xiv) On the proposal of Commissioner Tuite, seconded by An Cathaoirleach it was agreed to write to Fingal County Council concerning the adoption of Bye- Laws for the fouling of footpaths by dogs.

The meeting ended at 9.25 p.m.

*For by — 14/1/95 —
 Gertrude Shields*

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**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS WITH
BADMINTON CLUB HELD ON 31ST JANUARY, 1995 AT 9.15 P.M.**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT Gallen, Patricia Shields, Gertie
 Harford, Monica Timmins, Colm
 McKeon, May Tuite, Bredge

Apologies for non attendance were received from Commissioners Davis, Pyne and Young.

BADMINTON CLUB Joan McGonigle
 Michael Horan

An Cathaoirleach apologised for the delay in meeting with the Badminton Club as the meeting had been scheduled for 9.00 p.m. An Cathaoirleach informed them that the engineer had been down in the Town Hall, and that his report should be with the Commissioners this week.

Michael Horan outlined the following : the long delay in replacing lights (which is essential for their sport), leaking of roof which leaves wet patches on the floor, Thursdays - following the activities in the hall on that day the floor has a lot of grit on it, the lateness of their finish time, and the start up time of the badminton left no time for the floor to be cleaned. Not been informed of the Blood Transfusion Unit, which meant they had to play league matches in the Hamilton Hall. As they make out their league programme in October they felt as long standing tenants of the Town Hall they should have received ample notice. On the showers, they felt they were not an immediate problem, but as they were almost installed, wondered when the job would be complete. Some of the items listed, certainly the change of game times, has lost them members. Their main priority was the safety of the play area. The Commissioners assured them that a more positive approach would be taken. Commissioner Harford suggested that if the services were not forthcoming, a reduction in rent should apply. The Commissioners added that all information in relation to the renovating needed in the hall and the progress would be conveyed to the Badminton Club.

The meeting then ended.

*Jan H - 14/1/95
Gertie Shields*

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS WITH ACCESS
HELD ON 31ST JANUARY, 1995.**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT Gallen, Patricia Shields, Gertie
 Harford, Monica Timmins, Colm
 McKeon, May Tuite, Bredge

Apologies for non attendance were received from Commissioners Davis, Pyne and Young.

ACCESS Marcia Collier
 Paddy Roberts

An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner Shields presided.

An Cathaoirleach welcomed the guests. She asked for their ideas on how to commence the task to ACCESS Balbriggan.

P. Roberts stated that the National Rehabilitation Board were the forerunners of the ACCESS project because of its outlay. Malahide was also a pilot project. He outlined how they approached it. Their local councillors and the N.R.B. combined their efforts, in securing the necessary information and application forms. He added that £500,000 was available for such projects, and that if application was submitted by April '95, it might be included in the priority list for '95. Grants are available for Local Authority and Private Sector projects. Commissioner Gallen suggested that we engage the support of those people in the town who have disabilities, and draw up a list of areas which need to be assessable to the disabled such as the Church, Post Office, Supermarkets and Library.

P. Roberts could not understand why Balbriggan was not a priority, due to the continuous traffic flow. He suggested we :-

1. Draw up our list (photograph areas)
2. Submit list
3. Set up our own ACCESS group
4. Contact Mr. Tim Brick, Dublin Transport Initiative
5. Contact the N.R.B.

A video from the N.R.B. (Mary Freehill) was available to all interested parties. Commissioner Gallen offered to accompany Marcia Collier and a small group of disabled persons to look at the disabled parking bays with the view of ascertaining the correct positioning. An Cathaoirleach thanked Marcia Collier and Paddy Roberts for attending the meeting.

Following the meeting with ACCESS the Commissioners discussed the scheduled meeting on

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Thursday 2/2/95 with Fingal County Council, Community Development representatives.

Commissioner Gallen put forward a proposal in relation to the meeting to take place on Thursday 2nd February, 1995 with Fingal County Council, Community Development representatives. Her motion was in response to reports that the Combined Clubs were being invited to attend the meeting. She was of the understanding it was to be an information meeting for the publicly elected representatives.

Proposal

An Cathaoirleach to seek clarification if the said meeting is concerning the Town Hall, if so only the Town Commissioners to attend. If it was concerning the cinema both Town Commissioners and Combined Clubs would attend. It was agreed by all present.

Commissioner Gallen asked that it be recorded that Commissioner Young had asked, and was agreed upon that we do not hold the meeting on Monday night as he would be unable to attend.

Commissioner Gallen also proposed that a letter of condolence go to the Lawless family.

Jan R.
14/2/95
Gertrude Shields

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS WITH BREMORE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION HELD ON 1ST FEBRUARY, 1995.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT Gallen, Patricia Timmins, Colm
 Harford, Monica Tuite, Bredge
 Shields, Gertie Young, Tom

Apologies for non attendance were received from Commissioners Davis, McKeon and Pyne.

BREMORE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Robert Kenny
Pat Garvey
Martin Timmins

Bremore Residents Association Agenda

1. Define the boundary of the play area
2. Perimeter/boundary fence and safety of children
3. Flooding: many gardens flooded since the play area was landscaped and grassed , play area flooded
4. Fingal County Council, Parks Department - when will the play area be taken into charge by the Parks Department?
5. Road Surface - all roads on the estate need resurfacing
6. Access to houses overlooking play area, vehicle access
7. Extra water in ditch from Chapelgate

Development of Play Area

Robert Kenny stated that their worry was that the identity of Bremore will be lost with the Chapelgate development on their doorstep. It must be established if the play area is complete. The need for a boundary be defined. Confirm that the Bremore play area is for Bremore residents only. No access through the play area to Chapelgate (this is happening at present). Answers to the above questions for our February meeting.

One area of Bremore (house numbers 14-20) have no access for services, i.e. fire brigade and ambulance. The area fronting these houses is unkept.

Ditch/River

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The residents association have requested the fencing in or piping of this river. Monies have been made available some years ago for this. All surface water running into the ditch. An up to date report on this matter requested.

Bond for Play Area

Bremore residents had a full meeting with the Council. The Council gave their full support. No move by the Council as yet. The £8,500 bond, where is it?

Inner Relief Road

The exit of this road will effect Bremore Residents. They requested an up to date report on same. Copies of the maps concerning the exit/roundabouts to be requested from the Council, and copies of these to be forwarded to Robert Kenny.

Road Surface

The area outside the Garda Barracks, in a bad state. This is caused by articulated trucks coming into the barracks and reversing the trucks on this stretch of road. The Commissioners will contact the Office of Public Works and the Gardai on this matter.

Lighting in Estate

The play area is very dark. The residents are prepared to help with the development of the area, and also seek funding to develop the area. One of the reasons why they do not participate in the Tidy Districts is that they feel they have nothing to offer. The Commissioners thanked the residents and assured them of their full support on the mater.

The meeting then ended.

For By — 18/4/55
Gertrude Shields.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING WITH KEITH RANKIN HELD ON 1/2/95

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

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| Gallen, Patricia | Timmins, Colm |
| Harford, Monica | Tuite, Bredge |
| Shields, Gertie | Young, Tom |

Apologies for non attendance were received from Commissioners Davis, McKeon, and Pyne.

An Cathaoirleach welcomed Keith , and expressed the thanks of the Commissioners for his interest in the Lighthouse.

Keith told the Commissioners that himself and Frank Petty a county council engineer have been gathering information and material on the lighthouse and its dome. Through photos of similar domes/lighthouses they were able to ascertain the size, shape and materials needed to replace it. Drawings were shown to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Gallen asked Keith if he was in a position to make plans, source material etc. Keith said yes and he had gone so far as estimating the cost. £25,000 was the figure, but to allow for any sudden costs, £40,000 would cover the cost of implementing the entire project.

Project/Proposal 1 - Replace Dome

Project/Proposal 2 - Replace Dome and Restore Lighthouse

The meeting then ended.

The Commissioners felt that the project would be an added attraction in the area of tourism. It was agreed to write to Dublin Port & Docks as it is in their ownership seeking their permission to take on this project. Keith will continue his research, and the Commissioners will look into funding/grants. A proposal was set down by the Commissioners "That they seek grant/funding for the reconstruction of the lighthouse dome and the restoration of the lighthouse."

For R -
14/2/95
Gertie Shields

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD IN TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY 2/2/95 AT 8.00 P.M.

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| COMMISSIONERS PRESENT | Gallen, Patricia | Shields, Gertie |
| | Harford, Monica | Timmins, Colm |
| | McKeon, May | Tuite, Bredge |
| | Pyne, Ned | Young, Tom |

An apology for non attendance was received from Commissioner Davis.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mr. C. Brohoon, Administrative Officer, Community Department
 Ms. C. Connors, Area Community Officer, Community Dept.
 Mr. P. Ryan, Town Clerk, Balbriggan Town Commissioners

BALBRIGGAN COMBINED CLUBS

T. Murphy, T. Fanning, J. Hammond, C. Graham, M. White, S. Lawless, F. Harper

BALBRIGGAN COMMUNITY & LEISURE CENTRE COMMITTEE

M. Wright, E. McGovern

An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner G. Shields presided.

Charlie Brohoon gave the meeting an overview of the County Council's position regarding grants to local organisations and requested that the three groups look at the possibility of setting up a joint committee to explore the area of the provision of community facilities in the town. He gave an indication of the level of funding available from the department for ALL grants in 1995/1996 and made it clear that any funding would be directed at the most positive response to community needs.

Having outlined this, Mr. Brohoon emphasised that the County Council was not laying down any rules governing this provision but was asking that the groups would talk to one another to come up with the best and most reasonable solution. He also emphasised that the needs of all groups should be taken into account when deciding on the best course of action.

In the discussion that followed concerns were expressed that the Town Commissioners had not had a chance to fully discuss the needs of the Town Hall and that without this discussion they could not fully participate at any negotiations regarding a joint approach. Commissioners felt that the meeting was organised without due preparation as they had not been given the opportunity to discuss the matter

with Fingal County Council beforehand. They had not been asked for their views or opinions on the facilities for the Town Hall and were embarrassed with the debate now developing. The Combined Clubs were concerned that this delay in the Town Hall position would have an adverse effect on their application. M. Wright for the Community Centre Committee was not in a position to state which project they would back until both groups could come up with a firm idea of their plans, but that the Community Centre Committee would support both groups in the provision of facilities for the Town.

The Combined Clubs wanted clarification about the position regarding their grant which they understood was already approved. Mr. Brohoon undertook to confirm the position regarding the decision made by Council (whether it is a recommendation or an approval). He was also at pains to point out that the purpose of the meeting was not to decide on funding for one or the other of the two premises, but to provide a forum for discussion about the future of both.

M. Wright emphasised that the Community Centre Committee have no intention of taking over the role of the Town Commissioners in the Town Hall. The Commissioners requested that Fingal County Council's Architects would look at the Hall as a matter of urgency so that they could come to an agreement about future usage and take part in the joint process.

At this point Mr. Brohoon reiterated his earlier statement about the two projects, expressed satisfaction that the meeting had allowed for a full and frank discussion and hoped that this would lead to a positive outcome. He also stated that the application from the Combined Clubs was a good proposal and would be favourably considered by the department, without being held up by the setting up of the joint body. Having said this he also noted that the Council would not be in a position to fund the full shortfall for this project. He also stated that the role of the council is to act as a catalyst in the provision of facilities for the town of Balbriggan.

In response to Commissioner Tom Young's question "Is it the situation that Fingal County Council want co-operation and liaison between the three organisations?", Mr. Brohoon replied that it is and that this does not involve any interference in the individual management of the various centres, but only in so far as an umbrella organisation can be established to look at the long-term strategy for the provision of facilities.

The Combined Clubs expressed their willingness to participate on such a body, but voiced their concern at the long delay in getting approval for their grant. Mr. Brohoon said that there could be a report to the next meeting of council recommending the grant and the Council are not inclined to hold anyone back.

Commissioners want to meet with Fingal County Council to discuss the Town Hall, agree a programme and then meet again with those present with an update. It was agreed that a meeting should be called between the Town Commissioners and Fingal County Council at an early date.

The reports in the press have been misleading to all groups in Balbriggan and it is important that the exact position is clarified.

The meeting adjourned at 9.25 p.m. having agreed in principle to the establishment of a joint body, following the Town Commissioners proposed meeting with Fingal County Council and their examination of the Architects report on the future of the Town Hall.

*Path - 14/2/05
Hertie Shields.*

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS WITH EAST TOWN CENTRE AND SEAPOINT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION HELD ON 2ND FEBRUARY, 1995 AT 9.30 P.M.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT Gallen, Patricia Shields, Gertie
Harford, Monica Timmins, Colm
McKeon, May Tuite, Bredge
Pyne, Ned Young, Tom

An apology for non attendance was received from Commissioner Davis.

RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION Victor Bennett
Colm Gamble
Eugene McIlgorm
Eitne Nally

An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner Shields, presided.

Commissioner Shields introduced the Commissioners and Mr. Colm Gamble introduced the residents.

Mr. Gamble pointed out that the function of the meeting was not to lobby the Commissioners at this point in time, but this may come about sometime in the near future. The residents had met Fingal County Council in September and had been asked to outline not only the problems of their area but also the solutions. The association has decided to circulate a questionnaire to its members seeking both the problems and the solutions.

Commissioner Shields suggested that, if they liked, some of the Commissioners would go along by way of support. This was welcomed by the residents.

Mr. Gamble outlined that the association considered that there were 2 main problems

- a) Traffic - One 30 mph limit sign was not sufficient and should be repeated along the route. The erection of an articulated lorry sign at the 'County Bridge' had improved the situation. Commissioner Gallen pointed out that the Garda Superintendent had decided against re-establishing the 2 way system. There were also uncertainties about the increased traffic due to the Station Street development.
- b) Anti Social Behaviour - this was concentrated in 4 major areas 1) Station St., 2) Mill St., 3) Seapoint Subway, 4) High St. - Shopping Centre Entrance.

With regard to the Town Park area they concluded that closing an entrance will only move the

problem to another one. At their meeting with Fingal County Council it was mooted that one of the bridges would be taken away. They have since had doubts that this would be of benefit. In answer to a question from Commissioner Timmins, Colm Gamble requested that the Town Commissioners lobby Fingal County Council to hold off on this development until their survey has been completed. One of the greatest concerns of the Association was that this portrayed a poor image of the town of Balbriggan.

The meeting then ended.

for by
Hester Shields . 14. 2 - 95

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS WITH
BALBRIGGAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HELD ON MONDAY 6TH FEBRUARY, 1995
AT 8.00 P.M.**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT Gallen, Patricia
Harford, Monica
McKeon, May
Shields, Gertie
Timmins, Colm
Tuite, Bredge
Young, Tom

Apologies were received for non attendance from Commissioners Davis and Pyne.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Robert Beggs
Angela Cashell
Robert Cashell
Michael Reilly

An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner Shields presided.

The following agenda was discussed.

- 1. Leadership Programme
- 2. Designated Status
- 3. Tourism: Historical, Lighthouse dome
- 4. Traffic
- 5. Liaison for Community Functions i.e. St. Patrick's Day Parade, Christmas lights
- 6. ACCESS - Balbriggan

An Cathaoirleach welcomed the Chamber of Commerce.

Commissioner McKeon said it was a momentous occasion. Both groups have the interest of the town at heart. The working of all interested parties with the elected representatives, exchanging information, working together. Angela Cashell accepted the sentiments expressed and hoped that by working together we would achieve the best for the town.

1. Leadership Programme

Angela Cashell stated that there is a possible £1,000,000 for the County of Dublin . We had been left out of the previous programme. If the money is forthcoming, the programme would be broad based i.e. part-time employment, conversion of buildings for the tourist industry. More information is available . Dublin County is rural, so there is great hope. An Cathaoirleach stated that this information needs to be available to a greater audience.

2. **Designated Status**

The Chamber have met with County Manager Davy Byrne. Mr Byrne is prepared to help Balbriggan, if Balbriggan helps itself. Tax relief on development, refurbishment of shop fronts. Outside investment coming to the town. A programme, to look at buildings and areas with potential must be developed. Not all of Balbriggan requires the status. Towns such as Drogheda who have sought the status have benefited from this.

Commissioner Gallen: Is urban renewal, the same as designated status.

Commissioner McKeon: Perhaps our previous attempt had not sufficient work done on the submission.

Robert Beggs: There must be political will from all sides to back our submission. The plans can not be realised until the motor way, inner relief road are constructed.

Robert Cashell: The only down side of the programme would be that it may be seen as a very selective process and might be tempted to lobby against this side of it. Hopefully with in the next few weeks, Davy Byrne will have examined the plan submitted and we can work from there.

3. **Tourism - Historical, Lighthouse Dome**

Commissioner Gallen: The Commissioners have commissioned Keith Rankin to survey the lighthouse, and a report is expected within a month. She was hopeful that funding would be available for the project. We must look at the harbour and its environs as great potential for tourism, look to include it in the urban renewal scheme.

Commissioner Harford: The Port and Docks, who own the harbour have no interest in Balbriggan and have informed the Commissioners of this. They want to be rid of it.

Michael Reilly asked how the Port/Docks are allowed to let the harbour deteriorate to such an extent. Why not take them to court.

Tom Young: They are just about keeping it in a state of maintenance for safety purposes only.

4. **Historical Site Bremore**

Angela Cashell: We must work together on these projects. We have only lately seen our town as a tourist attraction. We have the basics on our doorstep. Write to Iarnrod Eireann regarding Sunday trains. A project plan should be drawn up to look at all our options.

5. **Traffic**

The Chamber felt following their meeting with the Superintendent that his only interest was in keeping the traffic flowing through the town. Commissioner Harford stated the Commissioners

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meeting with him was more fruitful in so far as any suggestions we had to offer on the traffic would get his attention.

B. Tuite: The increase in traffic passing through Balbriggan has risen substantially since the opening of the Dunleer by-pass. Following discussion it was agreed to seek a joint deputation with the Minister for Environment to secure funding for the inner relief road.

6. **Community Functions: St. Patrick's Day Parade, Christmas Lights**

Commissioner Young: The parade needed an injection, traders participating. A personal approach rather than by letter.

Angela Cashell: The Chamber were meeting with the traders, she will bring it to their attention, and encourage more involvement by them.

Commissioner Gallen: A golden opportunity was missed on the recent R.T.E. Head to Toe programme. The clothes modelled were not from Balbriggan, but from Athboy. She felt as the models were from Balbriggan more should have been made of the opportunity.

7. **ACCESS**

An Cathaoirleach: Commissioners Gallen, Tuite and Shields had met with Skerries Access group, at their launch. A meeting followed this. It was decided to look for support to set up Access in Balbriggan.

Commissioner Gallen: The Red Cross have expressed their interest in the project and will take part in surveying the town. Other persons with disabilities will be approached and their views/thoughts collated.

Angela Cashell asked that representatives from the Commissioners and the Chamber would meet in about 10 days to discuss all items from to-nights meeting. She expressed her thanks to the Commissioners

Per [Signature] 14/4/98
Hertie Shields

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS WITH ST. PATRICK'S BRASS AND REED BAND HELD ON 6TH FEBRUARY, 1995 AT 9.30 P.M.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT Gallen, Patricia Shields, Gertie
 Harford, Monica Tuite, Bredge
 McKeon, May

Apologies for non attendance were received from Commissioners Davis, Pyne, Timmins and Young.

BAND REPRESENTATIVES Larry Dunne
 Martin McEvoy
 Pauline O'Hare

An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner Shields, presided.

An Cathaoirleach stated that the meeting was in response to a letter given into the office by members of the band. The Commissioners were unaware of any letter been received. After a discussion it was ascertained that the letter came to the office in June 1994. Commissioner McKeon expressed her dissatisfaction at the band vacating the premises at that time, but said we were not made aware of their reasons for leaving. Pauline O'Hare stated that the band were offered storage facilities in St. George's School, plus practice time. They accepted the offer, and sent a letter to that effect and expressed their thanks to the Commissioners. Larry Dunne said there were 3 reasons which forced them to vacate

1. Unable to meet the cost of rental
2. Limited access to the storage facility
3. After renovation of the Band room, assurances were given to the band, that the storage facility for their instruments would be for their use only. This did not happen. Other groups using the Band room had access to the facility. Their average monthly rent including their monthly meeting (£12) was in the region of £65. The Commissioners expressed their dissatisfaction that the storage space provided for the instruments was used by others. As the Commissioners are the custodians of the bands instruments, this was a condition they had sought for the band. Commissioner McKeon stated that the Commissioners had requested preferential treatment but this request was denied. Prior to the renovation to the Band room they, the band had a special rate. Commissioner Gallen was not in favour of special rates for any group, as the premises has to be run on a commercial basis. However she was in favour of special conditions in certain circumstances.

Commissioner Shields asked the band to look at raising their 50p subscription to a more realistic one. T. Young/M. Harford/ B. Tuite asked if there was any way we could entice the band back, adding that

the Commissioners must ensure that in the future, we must be more aware of tenants grievances. The embarrassment of meeting one of our tenants seven months after a letter had been left in the office for our attention was not the way to conduct business. Commissioner McKeon stated that the under utilisation of the premises is one of the reasons for the hourly rate.

An Cathaoirleach stated that a group co-ordinator would be working to make the premises user friendly. If they considered returning to the Band room , she suggested they contact the Town Clerk, Mr. Pat Ryan and discuss the matter with him. Commissioner McKeon asked if they had felt aggrieved at having left the Band room. Larry Dunne stated that they are the only group who own no property, and are at the disposal of the townspeople, for concerts at no charge. The Commissioners are the custodians of the instruments . The cost of replacing the instruments would be £65,000. All of these taken into consideration, the answer would be yes, they should be given special concessions. They the band had always tried to involve the Commissioners , inviting them to all their functions in Balbriggan, but only two Commissioners ever attended, Commissioners Gallen and Lawless, but this was in their personal capacity. The Commissioners stated that at no time had they received any invitations, nor were they brought to their attention.

Commissioner McKeon said it was an enlightening meeting, and it would give us fuel when we meet the manager to discuss the matter.

Apologies were extended to the band by An Cathaoirleach on behalf of the Commissioners. We could not make any decisions until the full body were present. The band invited the Commissioners to attend their A.G.M. and assured them that any future invitations would be brought to their attention.

for h ————— 14/1/95
Gertie Shields.

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD
ON TUESDAY 14TH. FEBRUARY 1995, IN BALBRIGGAN TOWN HALL.**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT Davis, Joe Shields, Gertie
 Gallen, Patricia Timmins, Colm
 Harford, Monica Tuite, Bredge
 McKeon, May Young, Tom
 Pyne, Ned

OFFICIALS PRESENT S. Carey, Principal Officer
 P. Ryan, Town Clerk

An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner Gertie Shields, presided.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

- a) Minutes of Quarterly Meeting with Fingal County Council on 6/12/94 were circulated and confirmed.
- b) Minutes of Meeting held on 10/1/95 were circulated and confirmed.
- c) Minutes of Special Meeting with Access on 31/1/95 were circulated and confirmed.
- d) Minutes of Special Meeting with Badminton Club on 31/1/95 were circulated and confirmed.
- e) Minutes of Special Meeting with K. Rankin on 1/2/95 were circulated and confirmed.
- f) Minutes of Special Meeting with Bremore Residents Association on 1/2/95 were circulated and confirmed.
- g) Minutes of Special Meeting with Community Development Department, Balbriggan Combined Clubs, and Balbriggan Sports and Leisure Committee on 2/2/95 were circulated and confirmed.
- h) Minutes of Special Meeting with East Town Centre and Seapoint Residents Association on 2/2/95 were circulated and confirmed.
- i) Minutes of Special Meeting with Balbriggan Chamber of Commerce on 6/2/95 were circulated and confirmed.
- j) Minutes of Special Meeting with St. Patrick's Brass and Reed Band on 6/2/95 were circulated and confirmed.

2. Applications for Hire of Hall

Letter from Balbriggan Rugby Club enquiring about hire of hall was circulated and discussed. The Commissioners agreed in principle to the hiring and requested that the Town Clerk examine the letting conditions, stewardship and staffing implications as this will be a special event involving an Occasional Licence.

Correspondence

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- i) Letter from Balbriggan Karate club was circulated and discussed. The Town Clerk pointed out that the Golden Eagle Karate Club had submitted evidence of Public Liability insurance cover. Following discussion it was agreed that a letter be sent to their insurance company on the matter. It was also agreed that the lease for the Commercial Club would be examined.
- ii) Letter from Aidan Bissett re: Gaming Licence was circulated and noted. Commissioners had no objections to the application. The Town Clerk advised Commissioners that the application had been referred to Fingal County Council's Planning and Architects Departments., the Health Officer and Fire Officer for their observations.
- iii) Letter from Tralee Urban District Council re: New Drink and Driving Laws was read and noted. It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by An Cathaoirleach that the contents be noted.

3.2 Correspondence /Replies from Fingal County Council Departments

- i) Letter from Parks Department re: stile between Hampton Cove and the Bower was read. This item was discussed together with item 11 - motion submitted by An Cathaoirleach. Commissioners requested that Parks Department be reminded that they had in fact repaired the stile in the past. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would raise the matter with both Parks and Roads Departments with a view to having the stile repaired at an early date.
- ii) Letters from Roads and Traffic Department re: the provision of the Inner Relief Road was read. Following discussion, it was agreed to keep this item on future agendas.
- iii) Letter from Roads and Traffic re: underpass at the Railway Bridge, at the end of the Skerries Road, Balbriggan was read. Following discussion it was agreed to write back to the Roads Department for additional information on the matter.

4. Provision of Private Hire Hackney Service

Commissioner Gallen pointed out that there was an urgent need to provide a proper Private Hire Hackney Service in the town. The Commissioners suggested that the provision of a parking bay area and telephone outside the Town Hall be considered. Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Gallen and seconded by An Cathaoirleach that a meeting be arranged by local Hackney Drivers to discuss the matter further and to get their views and advice on how the system should operate.

5. St. Patrick's Day Parade

This item was discussed together with item 7, motion submitted by Commissioner Harford, "that the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Chamber of Commerce to urge local traders to participate in the St. Patrick's Day Parade". This motion was seconded by Commissioner Young and it was agreed to write to the Chamber of Commerce on the matter. A general review of the 1994

Parade followed. It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen and seconded by Commissioner Young that An Cathaoirleach only be invited to speak at the Parade. It was also agreed that a personal letter be sent to traders, shopkeepers and community groups urging them to participate. Commissioners agreed to update the mailing list. It was proposed by Commissioner McKeon, seconded by An Cathaoirleach that letters be sent to the Girl Guides and the Boy Scouts thanking them for all their help in the past and asking them to decorate the stand again this year. It was agreed that a letter be sent to St. Patrick's Brass and Reed Band asking them to lead the Parade. Finally, it was agreed to meet at the Review Stand at 2.30 p.m. and that the Parade should start at 3.00 p.m.

6. Motion Submitted by Commissioner M. Harford.

It was proposed by Commissioner Harford, seconded by Commissioner Pyne and resolved "That the Balbriggan Town Commissioners oppose any proposals for a further Halting Site in Balbriggan and call on Fingal County Council to upgrade the existing site to the beauty spot it was originally meant to be". Following discussion it was agreed that Balbriggan Town Commissioners would oppose any proposals for a further Halting Site in Balbriggan and that they would lobby Councillors on the matter. Commissioners were unanimous in their opposition to the selection of Bremore. A letter from Lambeccher Tenants Association objecting to the programme was also noted.

Mr. Carey pointed out that the number of travelling families in the Fingal area was quite high and that even if the recommendations in the report were implemented some 50/70 families would still not be accommodated. Capital monies are available from the Department of the Environment to provide sites but there is no provision for maintenance. Mr. Carey added that Gardiners Hill was now operating normally and that there was no dereliction there. He acknowledged that Balbriggan had made a great contribution towards the settlement of travellers and stated that it was an extremely difficult human problem that needed to be addressed. Mr. Carey added that it is ultimately a matter for the elected members to decide on the programme. If adopted it would probably take about four years to be fully implemented. It would not be possible to proceed with the programme without reasonable local consent. Following further discussion Commissioners requested that a letter be sent to Fingal County Council requesting a report on the current number of Halting Sites in Fingal with particular emphasis on the North county towns and villages.

7. Motion submitted by Commissioner M. Harford.

It was proposed by Commissioner Harford seconded by Commissioner Young and resolved "that the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Chamber of Commerce to urge local traders to participate in the St. Patrick's Day Parade". It was agreed that a letter be sent to the Chamber of Commerce to urge local traders to participate in the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

8. Motion Submitted by an Cathaoirleach Commissioner G. Shields.

It was proposed by An Cathaoirleach seconded by Commissioner McKeon and resolved "that Fingal County Council erect a light in the laneway beside 109 Hampton Cove as a matter of urgency". It was agreed to write to the Public Lighting Section regarding the broken light in the laneway beside 109 Hampton Cove.

9. Motion Submitted by An Cathaoirleach Commissioner G. Shields.

It was proposed by An Cathaoirleach seconded by Commissioner Young and resolved "that Fingal County Council fill in the large pot-hole at 126A Hampton Cove as a matter of urgency". It was agreed to write to the Roads Department regarding the pothole outside 126A Hampton Cove.

10. Motion Submitted by An Cathaoirleach Commissioner G. Shields.

It was proposed by An Cathaoirleach "that Fingal County Council inspect the condition of the vacant site in Hampton Cove and take whatever measures are necessary to prevent its continued use by young people for anti-social activities". Following discussion it was agreed to investigate the matter further.

11. Motion Submitted by An Cathaoirleach Commissioner G. Shields.

It was proposed by An Cathaoirleach "that Fingal County Council Roads Department carry out immediate repairs to the stile between Hampton Cove and Fancourt Heights". It was agreed that the Town Clerk would write to both Parks and Roads Departments requesting immediate repairs to the stile between Hampton Cove and Fancourt Heights.

12. Motion Submitted by Commissioner P. Gallen.

It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen seconded by Commissioner Young and resolved "that the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for the Environment to grant Urban Renewal Status to Balbriggan". Following discussion it was agreed to make an application to the Minister for the Environment for Designated Area Status for the Town. Mr. S. Carey advised members to renew the application in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce and pointed out that the Fingal Planning Officer is available to assist in preparing the application. Commissioners agreed to meet with the Chamber of Commerce to prepare a joint application.

13. Any Other Business

An Cathaoirleach Commissioner G. Shields requested that:

1. a letter be sent to the Roads Department requesting resurfacing of the access lane to Curran Park/Craoibhin Park - beside Parochial House.

Commissioner J. Davis requested that:

1. a letter be sent to Iarnroid Eireann re: lack of wheelchair access to south bound trains.

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2. a letter be sent to the Roads Department requesting urgent repairs at manhole cover in Tara Court.
 3. a letter of appreciation be sent to May Dillon

Commissioner C. Timmins requested that:

1. a letter be sent to Parks Department requesting postponement of proposal to remove footbridge at townpark pending the outcome of a local survey.
2. a letter be sent to Planning Department requesting that the Developer provide and erect the sign for Pineridge.
3. a letter be sent to the Roads Department requesting road safety signs for Chapel Street.
4. a letter be sent to Environmental Services requesting the provision of bins along the promenade.
5. a letter be sent to Fingal County Council regarding dogs fouling the beach.

Commissioner P. Gallen requested that:

1. the Architects report on the Town Hall be made available to Commissioners at an early date.

Commissioner B. Tuite

1. advised that the President Mary Robinson had accepted an invitation to visit the Women's Study Group on the 7th March at 11.00 a.m. and requested that arrangements be made to ensure that the bin collection is rescheduled.
2. requested that a letter be sent to FAS regarding the status of the local FAS office in Balbriggan.

Commissioner M. McKeon

1. stated that she was aware that Fingal County Council had roadside bins in stock in the Depot and request that a letter be sent requesting their immediate installation.
2. pointed out that the surface repair work carried out at Dublin Street two weeks ago has already washed away and requested that the Roads Department be informed.

Commissioner N. Pyne requested that:

1. a letter be sent to the Eastern Health Board expressing the Commissioners disapproval at the state of neglect of the exterior of the Health Centre.
2. requested that confirmation be sought from Fingal County Council as to when the Combined Clubs might expect their grant.
3. a letter be sent to the Roads Department regarding the footpaths from Drogheda Street to Bremore.
4. a letter be sent requesting public lighting north and south of the Town.

Commissioner T. Young requested:

- 1. the setting up of a joint deputation to meet the Minister for the Environment re: the Traffic and Balbriggan Roads Initiative.

On the proposal of Commissioner T. Young, seconded by Commissioner Harford, it was agreed to meet with I.D.A. to ascertain the development strategy plan for Balbriggan.

Commissioner M. Harford requested that:

- 1. a letter be sent to the Development Department regarding the derelict sit at 97 Drogheda Street (entrance to Lambeecher).

The Meeting concluded at 10.45 p.m.

for Mr Shields. 14.3.95

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS AND
BALBRIGGAN PROMOTIONAL COMMITTEE HELD ON 17TH FEBRUARY, 1995 AT
8.30 P.M.**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT Gallen, Patricia Shields, Gertie
 Harford, Monica Tuite, Bredge
 McKeon, May Young, Tom

PROMOTIONAL COMMITTEE

Thea Allen
Robert Beggs
Eileen Cogan
Angela Cashell

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Lack of participants by the local businesses was the main point discussed. The commercial life of the town was missing out of the opportunity to promote their business.

(P. Gallen, Tom Young)

It was not necessary to have float, perhaps groups i.e. grocers, pubs, etc. could have a joint effort to promote their particular trade.

(A. Cashell, R. Beggs)

Both felt that time was not on our side, and it would be unwise to jump in on a major scale this year. It was recommend that for '96 the event would be planned months in advance. For this year they would encourage as many as possible to participate.

G. Shields suggested we contact the Department of Defence, to participate i.e. fly over, colour party. She also suggested that we contact the organisers of the Dublin City Parade re: American Bands, as a number of the bands are finished by 12 o'clock they might be interested in coming to Balbriggan. Thea Allen will make enquiries.

It was agreed that the parade needed a theme, and we would build on the parade from this year.

Urban Renewal Status

The representatives from the Promoters Committee were of the impression that the only item for discussion at the meeting was the St. Patrick's Day Parade. The Commissioners were of the impression it was the Urban Renewal Status which was under discussion. The promoters committee

are not the Chamber. Robert Beggs and Angela Cashell are members of the Chamber. The following was discussed.

(G. Shields)

The status is needed for Balbriggan. It would open up a new era for the town. The importance of working together on the project was stressed. It was pointed out that the submission must come through the local authority (Balbriggan Town Commissioners). Mr. S. Carey had informed the Commissioners at the February meeting that the County Manager would ensure that all the professional advice needed would be available for the purpose of putting the submission together. It was agreed to form a sub-committee, set dates to lobby our T.Ds and to plan the schedule.

(M. McKeon)

A working committee of not more than 3 from the Commissioners and 3 from the Chamber. This would have to be referred to the full Commission.

(A. Cashell)

The 3 members for the Chamber would be A. Cashell, R. Beggs and R. Cashell. Tuesday 28th February, 1995 was the date agreed for the first meeting in the Commissioners Rooms at 8.00 p.m.

(T. Young, M. McKeon)

Following their attendance at the Association of Municipal Authorities conference in Bundoran at which Derry O'Connell (National Building Agency) presented a slide show depicting the before and after effects of Designated Status, they suggested that we invite him to Balbriggan, for a public meeting. They felt he would encourage the local people, business and otherwise to give their full support for the project.

The meeting ended at 9.45 p.m.

Gertie Shields . 17. 3 . 95

ITEM 1(C)

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD
ON 27th FEBRUARY, 1995 AT 9.00 P.M. TO DISCUSS PRESIDENT MARY ROBINSON'S
VISIT TO THE TOWN HALL**

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| COMMISSIONERS PRESENT | Davis, Joe | Shields, Gertie |
| | Gallen, Patricia | Timmins, Colm |
| | Harford, Monica | Tuite, Bredge |
| | McKeon, May | Young, Tom |
| | Pyne, Ned | |

OFFICIALS PRESENT Pat Ryan, Town Clerk

An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner G. Shields, presided.

An Cathaoirleach stated that she was delighted to hear that President Robinson had agreed to visit the Town Hall on Tuesday 7/3/95. A general discussion followed on the protocol, the exact arrangements and presentation of a gift. It was agreed that all Commissioners would meet in the Commissioners Rooms at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday 7/3/95

The meeting concluded at 10.00 p.m.

Gertie Shields - 27.2.95

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7/3/95 TO WELCOME
PRESIDENT MARY ROBINSON AT 10.30 A.M.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT Davis, Joe Shields, Gertie
 Gallen, Patricia Timmins, Colm
 Harford, Monica Tuite, Bredge
 McKeon, May Young, Tom
 Pyne, Ned

OFFICIALS PRESENT Sean Carey, Principal Officer
 Pat Ryan, Town Clerk

An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner Shields presided.

Commissioner Shields stated that she was delighted that President Mary Robinson had agreed to visit Balbriggan. The Cathaoirleach was looking forward to formally welcoming the First Lady on her first visit to the town. There was unanimous agreement that this was indeed an historic occasion for the town of Balbriggan.

The meeting adjourned at 10.40 a.m. to formally welcome President Mary Robinson to the town.

Gertie Shields
7-3-95

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD
ON TUESDAY 14TH. MARCH 1995, IN BALBRIGGAN TOWN HALL.**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT Davis, Joe Shields, Gertie
 Gallen, Patricia Timmins, Colm
 Harford, Monica Tuite, Bredge
 McKeon, May Young, Tom
 Pyne, Ned

OFFICIALS PRESENT S. Carey, Principal Officer
 P. Ryan, Town Clerk

An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner Gertie Shields, presided.

- 1. Confirmation of Minutes**
 - a) Minutes of Meeting held on 14/2/95 were circulated and confirmed.
 - b) Minutes of Special Meeting with Balbriggan Promotional Committee held on 17/2/95 were circulated and confirmed.
 - c) Minutes of Special Meeting on the 27/2/95
Re: President Robinson's visit were circulated and confirmed.
 - d) Minutes of Special Meeting on 7/2/95 to welcome President Robinson were circulated and confirmed.

- 2. Applications for Hire of Hall**
Application from Balbriggan Junior Drama Group was circulated and discussed.
Commissioners were in favour of the letting.

- 3. Correspondence**
 - i) Letter dated 27/1/95 from Local Government Re-organisation Commission
Re: Review of Town Local Government was circulated and discussed.
It was agreed to convene a Special Meeting on Monday 20/3/95 at 8.30p.m. in the Town Hall to prepare a submission to the Local Government Re-Organisation Commission.

 - ii) Letter dated 10/2/95 from the Institute of Public Administration

Re: Town Twinning Grant was circulated and discussed.
It was agreed to arrange a Special Meeting on Monday 20th March to discuss the matter in more detail.

- iii) Letter dated 14/2/95 from Bremore Residents Association
Re: Proposed Halting Site was circulated and discussed.
It was proposed by Commissioner Harford and seconded by Commissioner Gallen that a letter be sent assuring the Residents Association of the Town Commissioners support and updating them on the proposed programme.
Following further discussion Mr. S. Carey confirmed that the Gardiner Hill site was not being extended.
- iv) Letter dated 13/2/95 from Chapel gate Residents Association
Re: Proposed Halting Site was circulated and discussed.
It was agreed that they also be assured of the Town Commissioners ongoing support and that they be given an update on the programme as soon as possible.
- v) Letter dated 24/1/95 from Bray UDC
Re: LAMA Conference on the 20/21st April 1995 was circulated and discussed.
It was proposed by Commissioner Davis seconded by Commissioner T. Young and agreed that Commissioner P. Gallen should attend the conference.
- vi) Letter dated 14/2/95 from Greystones Town Commissioners
Re: Ban on Fox Hunting and Hare Coursing was circulated and discussed.
It was proposed by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Gallen and agreed that the letter be noted.
- vii) Letter dated 20/2/95 from Fingal County Council Roads Department
Re: Road repairs at Curran Park and Pinewood Green was circulated and discussed.
Commissioners stated that they were pleased with the news that Finance has been provided in the 1995 Estimates for improvements to the road surface in Curran Park, and that remedial repairs will be carried out on the roadway at the bottom of Pinewood Green Housing Estate.
- viii) Letter dated 1/3/95 from Garda Commissioner
Re: Parking of heavy goods vehicles in residential areas was circulated and discussed.
It was agreed to write to the Garda Commissioner pointing out that Fingal County Council will provide the list. Mr. S. Carey stated that the matter would be examined by Fingal County

Council and that he would ensure consultation with Balbriggan Town Commissioners prior to the list being sent to the Garda Commissioner.

ix) Letter dated 24/2/95 from Fingal Twinning Pool Association was circulated and discussed. It was agreed to meet with the association and to set a date at the Special Meeting scheduled ~~for~~ Monday 20th March, 1995.

4. **Meeting with Fingal County Council on Tuesday 21st March, 1995 at 2.30p.m.**
Following discussion, an Agenda was prepared and the Town Clerk confirmed that it would be forwarded to Fingal County Council without delay.

5. **Provision of Private Hire Hackney Service**
Commissioner Gallen agreed to contact the Hackney drivers with a view to setting a date for a meeting.

6. **St. Patrick's Day Parade.**
The Town Clerk outlined the response to date for the parade. It was proposed by Commissioner J. Davis and seconded by Commissioner T. Young that in future years a "Theme" be set for the parade. Arrangements for this years parade were then finalised.

7. **Designated Area Status.**
The Cathaoirleach pointed out that the Committee had made considerable progress. They were now at the stage where they felt they needed professional assistance from the Fingal Planning Officer. Mr. S. Carey agreed to contact the Planning Officer and stated that he would act as catalyst in ensuring that a proper application was made for Designated Area Status for the town.

8. **Inner Relief Road.**
Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner B. Tuite and seconded by an Cathaoirleach, Commissioner G. Shields that a letter be sent to the new Minister for the Environment, requesting that he meet with the Balbriggan Town Commissioners to discuss the financing of the Inner Relief road.

9. **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Ned Pyne.**
It was proposed by Commissioner Pyne, seconded by Commissioner M. McKeon and resolved, "to ask the Minister for Enterprise and Employment to assist Double Crest out of its

present state and to make every effort to keep full employment at the factory". Following discussion it was agreed to write to the Minister at an early date.

10. Motion Submitted by Commissioner Ned Pyne.

It was proposed by Commissioner Pyne, seconded by Commissioner T. Young and resolved to ask Parks Department to repair walkway from Ladies Stairs on Skerries Road to Barnageera Beach". Following discussion, Commissioners agreed that the pathway and steps were in a dangerous state and that a letter be sent to Parks Department requesting repairs as soon as possible.

11. Motion Submitted by Commissioner Ned Pyne.

It was proposed by Commissioner Pyne "to ask Fingal County Council for an update on the future plans for Balbriggan in the next 5 years." Mr. S. Carey stated that the plan was an all embracing one. He detailed 3 main features of the plan which he considered complementary and which would facilitate renewal of the town.

1. The By-Pass.
2. The new Treatment Works.
3. Designated Area Status.

Following discussion the Town Clerk undertook to circulate the Town Commissioners with the relevant part of the Development plan as soon as possible.

12. Any Other Business.

12.1 Commissioner T. Young requested that the services of the Town Clerk be extended to more than 1 day a week in the Town Hall. Mr. Carey pointed out that there were imminent staff changes in Fingal County Council, and that the matter would be considered further at a later date.

12.2 Commissioner Gallen stated that the Principal in St. Georges' School was looking for permission to bring the pupils to the Town Hall to discuss the role and functions of the Town Commissioners. The Town Clerk stated that this would require some preparatory work and that he would provide a Civics Information Course on the Town Commissioners for the pupils at a later date.

12.3 Commissioner Gallen requested that letters be sent both to the Minister for Justice and President of the High Court condemning Justice O'Flaherty's decision today in the "X" case to reduce the sentence imposed on the man by 10 years .

- 12.4 Commissioner Harford requested that the Commissioners meet with the Tidy Towns Committee with a view to offering assistance and encouraging local initiative. The Commissioners suggests that plants, shrubs and trees be planted around the halting site. Mr. S. Carey pointed out that Community Affairs in Fingal County Council would respond positively to these suggestions.

- 12.5 Commissioner Harford requested that letters be sent to both the Minister for Education and the V.E.C. requesting the provision of night classes for Leaving Certificate in the Fingal Area. The Commissioner pointed out that the nearest college offering this course was in Whitehall.

- 12.6 Commissioner C. Timmins requested that speeding restrictions be placed in Clonard Court and requested that a letter be sent to the Traffic Department on the matter.

- 12.7 Commissioner B. Tuite requested
 - 1. That a letter be sent to the banks requesting the removal of the bank charge of 40p currently being charged for processing ESB bills.
 - 2. That Fingal County Council be requested to develop the green area in Pinewood prior to the final 10 houses being allocated.

- 12.8 Cathaoirleach Commissioner G. Shields requested that letter be sent
 - 1)officially thanking Fingal County Council Roads, Parks and Environmental Services Departments for the work done in preparation for the Presidential visit ,
 - 2) to Aras an Uachtaráin thanking President Mary Robinson for honouring the Town with her visit
 - 3) to all the school principals thanking them for their co-operation and assistance during President Robinsons visit ,
 - 4) to Fingal Traffic Department regarding speeding on Clonard St. .

- 12.9 Commissioner Ned Pyne requested
 - 1) that Fingal County Council be asked to arrange to have a speed limit sign erected at the entrance at Chapel Gate (Nos. 1 - 18)
 - 2) that a letter be sent to Fingal County Council regarding footpaths outside Richardsons and 1 and 2 Naul Road
 - 3) that the Town Clerk follow up the position with Fingal Development Department regarding the Derelict Site at 97 Drogheda St.

12.10 Commissioner J. Davis requested that letters be sent to both the Minister for the Environment and the Leader of the Democratic Left Party seeking clarification on the Managers power to cut off supplies for non-payment of water charges.

The meeting adjourned at 10.20 p.m.

Amendment

- 12.10.1 Commissioner J. Davis requested that letters be sent to both the Minister for the Environment and the Leader of the Democratic Left Party seeking clarification on the Managers power to cut off supplies for non payment of water charges.
- 12.10.2 That a letter be sent to Iarnrod Eireann regarding lack of access to south bound trains by disabled person.

The meeting adjourned at 10.20 p.m.

Yvonne Shields.
11-4-95

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 20TH MARCH, 1995 AT 8.30 P.M.
IN BALBRIGGAN TOWN HALL.

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| COMMISSIONERS PRESENT | Gallen, Patricia | Timmins, Colm |
| | Harford, Monica | Tuite, Bredge |
| | Pyne, Ned | Young, Tom |
| | Shields, Gertie | |

Apologies for non attendance were received from Commissioners Davis and McKeon

An Cathaoirleach Commissioner Gertie Shields presided.

1. Town Twinning
Following discussion Commissioners agreed to invite the former members of the Town Twinning Committee to a special meeting in the Town Hall on Monday 3rd April, 1995.

2. Review of Town Local Government
Following discussion the Town Clerk undertook to prepare a draft submission for circulation to Commissioners. It was agreed that the latest date for receipt of suggested amendments would be Wednesday 29/3/95.

The meeting ended at 9.40 p.m.

Gertie Shields 11. 4. 95
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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS
ON WEDNESDAY 29TH MARCH 1995

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Gallen, Patricia
Shields, Gertie
Tuite, Bredge
Young, Tom

Apologies were received from Commissioners J. Davis, M Mc Keon,
M Harford, C. Timmins, N. Pyne.

OFFICIALS PRESENT P, Ryan Town Clerk

An Cathaoirleach Commissioner G. Shields presided

Commissioners consent to Over- Expenditure in 1994
in accordance with Section 11 of the City and County
Management (Amendment) Act 1955.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that over-expenditure in the sum of £17,350 had occurred in 1994. The main areas of over-expenditure were office heating, members expenses and Tourism and Town Decoration. Following discussion it was proposed by An Cathaoirleach seconded by Commissioner Gallen and resolved that Commissioners approve the over-expenditure in the sum of £17,350 and that they approve the seeking of the necessary overdraft facilities in relation to this over-expenditure.

The meeting then ended.

Gertie Shields

29. 3. 95

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS
ON WEDNESDAY 29TH MARCH 1995

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Gallen, Patricia
 Shields, Gertie
 Tuite, Bredge
 Young, Tom

Apologies were received from Commissioners J. Davis, M Mc Keon,
M Harford, C. Timmins, N. Pyne.

OFFICIALS PRESENT P, Ryan Town Clerk

An Cathaoirleach Commissioner G. Shields presided

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expenditure were office heating, members expenses and Tourism and
Town Decoration. Following discussion it was proposed by An
Cathaoirleach seconded by Commissioner Gallen and resolved that
Commissioners approve the over-expenditure in the sum of £17,350
and that they approve the seeking of the necessary overdraft
facilities in relation to this over-expenditure.

The meeting then ended.

Patricia Shields
11.4.95

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON TUESDAY 11th April, 1995, IN BALBRIGGAN TOWN HALL.

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| COMMISSIONERS PRESENT | Davis, Joe | Shields, Gertie |
| | Gallen, Patricia | Timmins, Colm |
| | May McKeon | Tuite, Bredge |
| | Ned Pyne | Young, Tom |

An apology for non attendance was received from Commissioner Harford.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

S. Carey, Deputy Manager, Fingal County Council
 Mr. P. Maguire, Principal Officer
 Mr. P. Ryan, Town Clerk

An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner Gertie Shields, presided.

Vote of Sympathy - Eric Nolan

The Commissioners extended their deepest sympathy to the family of the late Eric Nolan. Members paid tribute to his great community spirit and in particular his outstanding fund-raising achievements for the Childrens' Hospitals. As a mark of respect the meeting observed a minutes silence.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (a) Minutes of Meeting held on 14/3/95 were circulated. Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner McKeon, seconded by Commissioner Gallen and resolved that Item 12.10 be amended by the addition of Item 12.10 (ii) that a letter be sent to Iarnroid Eireann regarding the lack of access to south bound trains by disabled persons.
- (b) Minutes of Special Meeting re (i) Review of Town Local Government and (ii) Town Twinning held on 20/3/95 were circulated and confirmed.
- (c) Minutes of Special Meeting re: Over Expenditure 1994 Accounts held on 29/3/95 were circulated and confirmed.
- (d) Minutes of Special Meeting with former Town Twinning Committee held on Monday 3rd April 95 were not circulated. Commissioner Gallen pointed out that the meeting had to be adjourned. Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner McKeon and seconded by an Cathaoirleach, Commissioner Shields that a public meeting be called. Commissioner Gallen pointed out that there were a number of legal implications to be resolved prior to the dissolution of the 1988 Town Twinning Committee.

2. Applications for Hire of Hall

(i) Applications from Linda McNamara and St. John's Hearing Aid Service were circulated. The Commissioners agreed to accept both applications.

3. Correspondence

(i) Letter dated 3rd March '95 from Senator Dan Kiely re: Rathoo Heritage Conference was circulated. Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Gallen and agreed that the letter be noted.

(ii) Letter dated 10th March '95 from Ballina Urban District Council re: Conference on Promotion/Job Creation in Ballina on the 5th and 6th May '95 was circulated, and discussed. It was proposed by Commissioner Davis seconded by Commissioner Gallen and agreed that the letter be noted.

(iii) Letter dated 8/3/95 from Tipperary South Riding County Council re: Motion passed on Central European Time for Ireland was circulated and discussed. It was proposed by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Tuite and agreed that the motion be adopted.

(iv) Letter dated 8/3/95 from Tipperary South Riding County Council re: Motion passed on Funding and support for Local Government was circulated and discussed. It was proposed by Commissioner Young seconded by Commissioner Timmins and agreed that the motion be adopted.

(v) Letter dated 15/3/95 from Northern Ireland Housing Executive re: 1995 International Congress in September '95 in Belfast was circulated and discussed. Mr. S. Carey pointed out that this was an International Conference and that at most, County Councils would be sending 1/2 members. He suggested that Mr. Maguire, Mr. Ryan and members prepare an annual plan for attendances at conferences. Following discussion it was agreed that a letter be sent to the Northern Ireland Housing Executive acknowledging receipt of their letter.

(vi) Letter dated 14/3/95 from the General Council of County Council re: Annual Conference 1995 in Kilkenny 24-26th May '95 was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that the letter be noted.

(vii) Letter dated 10/3/95 from Passage West Town Commissioners re: Motion passed on Framework Document on Northern Ireland was circulated and discussed. It was proposed by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Young and agreed that the the motion be adopted.

(viii) Letter dated 6/3/95 from Dungarvan Urban District Council re: Resolution passed calling for an end to punishment beatings in Northern Ireland was circulated and discussed. It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner Young and agreed that the motion be adopted.

(ix) Letter dated 3/4/95 from Development Department Fingal County Council re: Derelict Site at 97 Drogheda St. was circulated and discussed. Commissioners were informed that Fingal County Council's Law Department would arrange to have a summons issued to Denver Construction within 6 weeks, in the event of specified works not being carried out in the interim.

(x) Letter dated 30/3/95 from Roads and Traffic Department re: Stile between Hampton Cove and the Bower was circulated and discussed. Commissioners pointed out that a public right of way existed

at the Bower and that Parks Department had carried out repairs in the past. The Town Clerk undertook to have the site referenced and also to send a reminder to the Parks Department.

(xi) Letter dated 31/3/95 from Dublin Port & Docks Board re: Balbriggan Lighthouse was circulated and discussed. Commissioners pointed out that Mr. Rankin had not been retained on a fee basis. It was agreed that a letter be sent to Mr. Rankin on the matter.

(xii) Letter dated 6th April '95 to Cathaoirleach Commissioner Shields from Fas re: Community Employment was read. Letter dated 11/4/95 from Balbriggan Combined Clubs regarding cutbacks by Fas on Community Employment Schemes was also read. Following discussion it was agreed to circulate the Commissioners with copies of both letters. It was proposed by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Tuite that a letter be sent to the Minister outlining the Commissioners opposition to the Fas cutbacks, and highlighting the knock-on affect on Community Projects with particular reference to the Balbriggan Combined Clubs project.

(xiii) Transcash

Details of the new Transcash system were circulated and discussed. Mr. Carey pointed out that this was part of an efficiency drive in rent collection and that already there was a 15 to 20% improvement in the collection rate. Following further discussion Commissioners indicated that they did not require a meeting with the Housing Department on the matter.

(xiv) St. Patrick's Brass & Reed Band

Commissioners acknowledged receipt of invitations to the St. Patrick's Brass & Reed Band's Annual Prize Giving and Certificate Presentations on Sunday 30th April 1995 in the Old Age Pensioners Hall, High St., Balbriggan at 3.00 p.m.

4. Provision of Private Hire Hackney Service.

Commissioner Gallen stated that the hackney drivers had still not responded to a request for their views on the provision of a private hire hackney service for the town. It was agreed to pursue the matter further.

5. Designated Area Status

Commissioners outlined the working group's progress to date. It is hoped to have a draft submission available in 4 weeks time. Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Young and agreed that the Commissioners meet in Committee to discuss the draft submission as soon as it becomes available. The Cathaoirleach, Commissioner Shields reported on a conference she had attended on Urban and Village Renewal.

6. Inner Relief Road

Letter dated 11/4/95 from Roads Department was circulated. Following discussion, the Town Clerk undertook to consult with Roads and Planning Departments Fingal County Council and to provide Commissioner Gallen with the information she required prior to the L.A.M.A. Conference.

7. Balbriggan Breakaway Festival

Letter received from Balbriggan Breakaway Festival on the 5/4/95 was circulated and discussed. Following discussion it was agreed to provide light refreshments in the Town Hall on Thursday evening 8th June for the "M'Ladys".

8. Motion Submitted by An Cathaoirleach Commissioner Gertie Shields

It was proposed by An Cathaoirleach Commissioner G. Shields, seconded by Commissioner P. Gallen and resolved "that we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the elected members of Fingal County Council to join with us in seeking a meeting with the Minister for the Environment to discuss the out of date, inefficient Sewage Treatment System in Balbriggan and the resultant pollution to the beach by raw sewage ." Following further discussion it was agreed a) to write to the Minister seeking a meeting and b) that the County Council be asked to consider directing surface water from the holding tanks and to installing a new pump. Mr. Carey pointed out that consultants had commenced work on the preparation of a preliminary report for upgrading the system in both Balbriggan and Skerries, and that Commissioners would be advised further on the matter.

9. Motion Submitted by An Cathaoirleach Commissioner Gertie Shields.

"That elections to all local and public bodies be carried out on an annual basis at the Annual General Meeting " was deferred pending further information.

10. Any Other Business

- (i) Commissioner T. Young requested greater interaction between Fingal County Council staff and Balbriggan Town Commissioners at the quarterly meetings. Mr. S. Carey suggested that Commissioners consider reducing the number of items on the agenda to allow fuller discussion and attention to top priority items.
- (ii) Commissioner J. Davis requested that a) a site meeting be arranged with Environmental Services Engineer for Friday 21st April '95
- b) that a letter be sent to Advertising Standards Authority regarding timetables for buses and trains.
- (iii) Commissioner C. Timmins requested immediate steps be taken to ensure that the reclaimed stone at the County Bridge is made safe.
- (iv) Commissioner N. Pyne requested a) that a letter of congratulations be sent to the Balbriggan Cycling Club regarding this years Rás.
- b) that a letter be sent to Fingal County Council requesting (i) the sign for Derham Park (ii) that as a general policy all nameplates contain both the Irish and English version.
- (v) Commissioner M.McKeon requested that a street light be provided at the Bedford Nursing Home as a matter of urgency.

(vi) Commissioner B. Tuite a) pointed out that traffic in the town was increasing everyday and that traffic lights are constantly being ignored. The Commissioners requested that a letter be sent to the Gardai on the matter.

b) that arrangements be made to set a date for a meeting with Access

c) that a letter be sent to Isobel Hurley thanking her for all the coverage in the Fingal Independent and wishing her every success for the future.

(vii) An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner G. Shields a) requested that a sign be erected at the front of Lambeccher Estate prohibiting dumping.

b) on behalf of the Town Commissioners thanked Mr. S. Carey for the kindness, courtesy and patience he had shown as Manager to the Balbriggan Town Comissioners and wished him well in his new appointment as Deputy Manager Fingal County Council.

c) Welcomed Mr. P. Maguire as new Manager of Balbriggan Town Commissioners.

The meeting adjourned at 10.20 p.m.

Gerard Shields. 11-11-95



**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON
TUESDAY 9TH MAY, 1995 IN BALBRIGGAN TOWN HALL.**

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| COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: | Davis, Joe | Pyne, Ned |
| | Gallen, Patricia | Shields, Gertie |
| | Harford, Monica | Timmins, Colm |
| | McKeon, May | Young, Tom |

An apology for non attendance was received from Commissioner Tuite.

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| OFFICIALS PRESENT: | Mr. P. Maguire, Principal Officer |
| | Mr. P. Ryan, Town Clerk |

An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner Shields, presided.

1. **Confirmation of Minutes**

Minutes of Meeting held on 11/4/95 were circulated and confirmed.

2. **Applications for Hire of Hall**

(i) Application from Peter Boylan for hire of SupperRoom for Irish Dancing classes was circulated and accepted.

(ii) Commissioner C. Timmins stated that an application was forthcoming from Clonard Celtic for hire of SupperRoom on 15th June for their AGM and the main hall on 17th June for prize giving ceremony. These applications were agreed subject to availability.

3. **Correspondence**

A. Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

(i) Letter dated 26/4/95 from Minister for Education regarding the provision of night classes for Leaving Certificate in the Fingal area was circulated and discussed. It was agreed to keep this item on future agendas pending a further response from the Minister.

(ii) Letter from Minister for the Environment dated 25/4/95 re: Inner Relief Road. It was agreed to discuss this item in conjunction with Item no. 6.

(iii) Letter dated 14/4/95 from Office of the Minister for Enterprise and Employment regarding Double Crest Ltd. was circulated and discussed. It was agreed to follow up the matter with the Ministers office.

B. Correspondence from Fingal County Council

(i) Letter dated 12th April, 1995 from Roads and Traffic Department regarding resurfacing of access lane to Curran Park/Craoibhin Park beside Parochial House was circulated and discussed. Mr. Maguire pointed out that the matter was been examined by the new area Engineer Mr. J. Dalton. There was no provision in this years estimates for this resurfacing work. Mr. Maguire suggested that Commissioners prepare a list, prioritising the problem areas in the town. The list should be sent to Fingal County Council in September 1995 for consideration when preparing the 1996 Estimates.

(ii) Letter dated 12/4/95 from Roads and Traffic Department regarding pothole outside 126A Hampton Cove was circulated and discussed. Mr. Maguire informed the meeting that the Area Engineer had agreed to carry out the necessary repairs as soon as possible.

(iii) Letter dated 12/4/95 from Roads and Traffic Department regarding road surface surrounding manhole in Tara Court was circulated. Mr. Maguire stated that the Area Engineer had stated that the matter would be attended to as soon as possible.

(iv) Minutes of Quarterly Meeting with Fingal County Council on 21/3/95 were circulated and discussed. Following discussion it was agreed that Commissioners would submit their proposals to the Town Clerk for inclusion on the agenda for the next quarterly meeting by Friday, 12th May, 1995. The Town Clerk undertook to contact Fingal County Council's Secretariat Department regarding the date for the June meeting and also to request that a calendar for the quarterly meetings be forwarded to the Town Hall.

C. Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

(i) Letter from E.H.B. regarding improvement works to Balbriggan Health Centre was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that a further letter be sent to the E.H.B. pointing out that the railings need to be replaced as a matter of urgency.

(ii) Letter dated 6/4/95 from Edenderry Town Commissioners re: Motion calling for amendment to Section 57 of the Local Government Act 1941 was circulated and discussed. It was proposed by Commissioner M. Harford, seconded by an Cathaoirleach Commissioner G. Shields and resolved that the letter be noted.

D. Other Correspondence

(i) Letter dated 10/4/95 from Tommy Monaghan was circulated and noted.

(ii) Letter from Fingal Swimming Pool was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that the location of the site for the proposed swimming pool should be determined before proceeding any further. Mr. Maguire stated that he understood that Fingal County Council was examining a suggested site beside the existing Community Centre in Skerries. Mr. Ryan undertook to clarify the position for Commissioners as soon as possible.

4. **Provision of Private Hire Hackney Services**

Letter from Kim's Cabs and Mini Bus Service and Balbriggan Cabs was circulated and discussed. It was proposed by Commissioner P. Gallen, seconded by Commissioner M. Harford and agreed that a meeting be arranged with local taxi/cab drivers and staff from the Carriage Office.

5. **Designated Area Status**

Members of the working group reported on their progress to date. It is hoped to have a draft submission available for consideration in the near future.

6. **Inner Relief Road**

This item was discussed together with Item 3A(ii) - letter from Department of Environment regarding Balbriggan Inner Relief Road. Letter dated 5th May from National Roads Authority to Commissioner Gallen was circulated. Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner M. McKeon, seconded by an Cathaoirleach, Commissioner G. Shields and agreed that letters be sent (i) to Fingal County Council to now prepare an application for funding under the 1996 E.U. Co. Financial Specific Improvements Grants Scheme and (ii) to the Minister for the Environment re-emphasising the need to secure funding for the Inner Relief Road and again requesting that he meet with Commissioners to discuss the matter.

Commissioner Gallen reported on the L.A.M.A. Conference and her discussions with Mr. Liam Connellan, Chairman of the National Roads Authority.

7. **Motion Submitted by Commissioner B. Tuite**

"That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the ESB to serve all its customers in Balbriggan by opening a Payments Office". Following discussion it was agreed to defer this motion to the next meeting of the Town Commissioners.

8. **Motion Submitted by Commissioner T. Young**

It was proposed by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Gallen and resolved "That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on all Residents Association to be reactivated in relation to community spirit and particularly in relation to the drug problem". Following further discussion it was agreed that a letter be sent to local residents/street associations urging members to be particularly vigilant in relation to the drug problem.

9. **Motion Submitted by Commissioner J. Davis**

It was proposed by Commissioner J. Davis seconded by Commissioner M. Harford and resolved that "The Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to investigate any anti-social behaviour that is reported to them against residents living within Council dwellings and to take appropriate action under the tenancy agreement". Mr. Maguire confirmed that the resolution would be communicated to Fingal County Council at an early date.

10. **Motion Submitted by Commissioner J. Davis**

It was proposed by Commissioner J. Davis, seconded by Commissioner T. Young and resolved "That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Justice to set up special courts to deal with drug related charges and to bring forward legislation which would forbid bail to be given in these cases".

11. **Motion Submitted by Commissioner J. Davis**

"That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Finance to introduce legislation which would allow financial institutions dealing with mortgages to be able to withdraw their services from people convicted of drug trafficking". Following discussion it was agreed that the legal implications be considered further.

12. **Motion Submitted by Commissioner J. Davis**

It was proposed by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner C. Timmins and resolved "That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for the Environment to make funding available to the Irish Wheelchair Association to enable them to keep open the driving school which is under threat of closing in June through lack of finance". Following discussion it was agreed that a letter be sent to the Minister for Health also on the matter.

13. **Motion Submitted by An Cathaoirleach Commissioner G. Shields**

It was proposed by An Cathaoirleach, seconded by Commissioner Harford and resolved " That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to take immediate action to remove travellers from Pinewood". Mr. Maguire informed the meeting that Fingal County Council was aware of the problem and that Community Affairs Staff were investigating the problem at the moment. He pointed out that the area would be examined by experts to determine if steps could be taken to prevent future incursions.

14. **Any Other Business**

(i) Commissioner P. Gallen (a) requested that a public meeting be set up to seek the views of local disabled/elderly persons. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would contact Ms. Mary Freehill of the National Rehabilitation Institute to set a date.

(b) Pointed out that Quinns Supermarket trolleys were littering the harbour and suggested that Fingal County Council take action under the Litter Act. Following discussion it was agreed that a letter be sent to Quinns on the matter.

(ii) Commissioner M. Harford pointed out that for the recent clean up of Lambeccher Estate, Fingal County Council had hired skips from a contractor based in South Dublin, despite the availability of local skip hire contractors. Mr. Maguire undertook to examine the Council's policy in this matter.

(iii) Commissioner C. Timmins pointed out (a) that the pile of reclaimed rubble from the County Bridge and deposited in the carpark at Bremeore had increased considerably since the last meeting. This rubble was causing an obstruction in the carpark and the situation was now quite dangerous. The Town Clerk undertook to investigate further and to take the matter up with the relevant department in Fingal County Council.

(b) that the nameplate for Pineridge was still in his back garden. The Town Clerk undertook to contact Planning Department again on the matter.

(iv) Commissioner J. Davis requested that (a) Fingal County Council investigate bad smells coming from the Bracken river behind Maguires. Mr. Maguire agreed to have the matter investigated by the Environmental Services Department, (b) Fingal County Council carry out immediate repairs to the footpath at the corner of Clonard St and Fulham Tce. as it was in a dangerous condition, (c) that Fingal County Council be requested to arrange to have the grass cut at the approaches to the beach.

(v) An Cathaoirleach Commissioner G. Shields reported on the site meeting with Mr. McDonald and Mr. M. McDonagh, Environmental Services, Fingal County Council.

The meeting ended at 10.00 p.m.

G. Shields

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**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON 26TH MAY 1995
PRESENTATION TO MR. SEAN CAREY**

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| COMMISSIONERS PRESENT | Davis, Joe | Pyne, Ned |
| | Gallen, Patricia | Shields, Gertie |
| | Harford, Monica | Timmins Colm |
| | McKeon, May | Tuite, Bredge |

An apology for non attendance was received from Commissioner Tom Young

OFFICIALS PRESENT Sean Carey, Deputy County Manager

Apologies for non attendance were received from Pat Ryan, Town Clerk, and Philip Maguire, Principal Officer.

An Cathaoirleach convened a special meeting in order to record the presentation to the former Manager of Balbriggan Town Commissioners, Mr. Sean Carey.

- An Cathaoirleach Commissioners Shields thanked Sean for all his help to the Commissioners during his term with us.
- Commissioner Gallen stated that thanks to his managership it has taken us forward and that there were changes for the better. She wished him the best in his new position as Deputy County Manager.
- Commissioner Davis thanked Sean for all the help and guidance to him and wished him well in his new position.
- Commissioner Tuite stated that Sean had always been fair with the Commissioners and very obliging when the Commissioners required any information.
- Commissioner Harford stated that during Sean's time he gave confidence to the Commissioners and boosted their moral. She congratulated him and wished him luck in the future.
- Commissioner Timmins, thanked Sean for showing him how the executive side of the job worked. Wished him the best of luck for the future.
- Commissioner McKeon thanked Sean for enlightening the Local Authority, for the moral status to the managerial , executive and reserved functions. She wished him the best in his new position and whenever she heard the term "executive function " she would be reminded of him.

- Commissioner Pyne stated that it had been a pleasure to know and work with Mr. Carey, and that the gain to others is our loss.

Sean Carey then thanked the Commissioners for inviting him to Balbriggan and stated that his time with them was of great benefit to him. He added that he had full confidence in Philip Maguire as Manager and that he would, no doubt, do a great job in the town. He also stated that the Town Commissioners and the town were at a new cross-roads, with the advent of Urban Renewal Designation and confirmed that Fingal County Council would be fully behind the Commissioners in their pursuit of this status. He also confirmed that the Council had forwarded a proposal to D.O.E. under the "Village Renewal Scheme" and they were very hopeful of a positive response. He went on to say that there was still a lot of worthwhile work to be done yet, in the town, by the Commissioners and he had every confidence that the Commissioners will achieve what they set out to do.

An Cathaoirleach and Commissioners then presented a Philip Gaffney hand made Ivory/Bronze Chess set to the Deputy County Manager.

The meeting then concluded.

Gertie Shields

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON
13th JUNE, 1995 IN BALBRIGGAN TOWN HALL

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| COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: | Davis, Joe | McKeon, May |
| | Gallen Patricia | Shields, Gertie |
| | Harford, Monica | Timmins, Colm |
| | Young, Tom | TWITE, BREOGE |

An apology for non attendance was received from Commissioner Pyne.

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mr. P. Maguire, Principal Officer
Ms. S. Neilon, Clerk/Typist

An Cathaoirleach Commissioner G. Shields presided.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (A) Minutes of Meeting held on 9/5/95 were circulated and confirmed.
- (B) Minutes of Special Meeting held on 26/5/95 regarding the Presentation to Mr. S. Carey, Deputy Manager, Fingal County Council were circulated and confirmed.

2. Applications for Hire of Hall

There was no business under this heading

3. Correspondence

(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

- (i) Letter dated 18/05/95 from Minister for Education regarding the provision of night classes for the Leaving Certificate in the Fingal Area was circulated and discussed. It was proposed by Commissioner Harford, seconded by An Cathaoirleach Commissioner G. Shields and agreed that a letter be sent to the County Dublin V.E.C. on the matter.

- (ii) Access to South Bound Trains for disabled/elderly at Balbriggan Railway Station.
- A,B, & C. Letter dated 24/5/95 from Minister for Transport, Energy and Communications, together with letters dated 22nd and 29th May, 1995 from Iarnrod Eireann, were circulated. It was agreed to bring forward this correspondence to the public meeting, on "Access for Disabled and Elderly" scheduled for 22nd June, 1995. Commissioner Davis suggested that a short term solution such as a basic level crossing could be provided at a reasonable cost. He recommended that both the Minister for Transport and the Manager, Suburban Rail, Iarnrod Eireann be invited to meet with Commissioners to discuss the matter.
- (iii) Letter dated 26/05/95 from Minister for Justice regarding legislative proposals to deal with drugs related issues was circulated and noted.
- (iv) Letters dated 30/05/95 from Minister for Health and 2/6/95 from Minister for the Environment regarding driving school run by Irish Wheelchair Association were circulated and discussed. Commissioners reported that they were aware that the Minister has since rescinded his decision and that additional funding would be provided to ensure the survival of the driving school.
- (v) Letter dated 17/05/95 from Minister for Justice regarding the decision of the Court of Criminal Appeal to reduce the sentence of a man convicted of unlawful carnal knowledge of a girl under 15 was circulated and noted.
- (vi) Letters dated 10/5/95 and 2/6/95 from Department of the Environment regarding Conference on Social Housing - The Way Ahead to be held on 5/7/95 in Jury's Hotel, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4 were circulated and discussed. It was proposed by Commissioner M. McKeon, seconded by Commissioner T. Young and agreed that the Cathaoirleach, Commissioner G. Shields, and Commissioner M. Harford would attend the conference.
- (vii) Letter dated 31/05/95 from Minister for Enterprise and Development regarding Double Crest Limited was circulated. Following discussion it was agreed that the Minister's letter be noted at this stage.

(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

- (i) Letter dated 23/05/95 from Roads & Traffic Department regarding resurfacing of the access lane to Curran Park/Craoibhin Park was circulated and discussed. It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by An Cathaoirleach Commissioner G. Shields and agreed to keep this item on future agendas until the resurfacing works were satisfactorily completed.
- (ii) Letter dated 25/05/95 from Housing Department regarding complaints of anti-social behaviour were circulated and discussed. Mr. Maguire informed the meeting that a number of meetings had taken place and he intended to keep Commissioners informed on the matter.
- (iii) Letter dated 30/05/95 from Community Department regarding halting sites in the Fingal Area was circulated and discussed. Mr. Maguire outlined the current position in Pinewood, Barnageera and the Carnival field. He stated that bollards would be positioned at the pedestrian entrance at the back of Hampton and a ditch constructed at Pinewood to prevent access. He pointed out that the Council were currently preparing a plan which will cater for all families in Temporary sites. This would involve the provision of sites for 20 additional families in each of the electoral areas in Fingal.
- (iv) Letter dated 12/05/95 from Roads and Traffic Department regarding the introduction of speeding restrictions at Tara Court was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the Roads and Traffic Department, Fingal County Council requesting (a) traffic calming measures on Chapel Street in order to reduce traffic speeds in the Tara Court area, (b) a site meeting with the Area Engineer and/or a Traffic Engineer. It was further agreed that a letter be sent to the Garda Superintendent requesting speed checks in this area.

(C) Correspondence from other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

- (i) Letter dated 09/05/95 from Bundoran Urban District Council regarding a motion passed calling on the Minister for Justice to immediately amend the Criminal Justice (Public Bodies Order) Act, 1994 to prohibit, without exception the consumption of alcohol in public places was circulated. Following discussion it was agreed that the motion be noted. The use of local by-laws was also raised and it was agreed that this aspect would be examined.

- (ii) Letter dated 8/5/95 from Sligo Corporation regarding a motion passed calling on the Government to bring in guidelines and regulations for Schools of Motoring was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the Minister for the Environment to clarify the current position regarding regulations/qualifications for running Schools of Motoring.
- (iii) Letter dated 9/5/95 from Monaghan Urban District Council regarding a motion passed regarding Irish Prisoners in England was circulated and discussed. It was proposed by Commissioner B. Tuite, seconded by Commissioner Gallen and agreed that the motion should include the wording "only as part of the Peace Process". It was agreed that a letter be sent to Monaghan Urban District Council suggesting this amendment.
- (iv) Letter dated 23/5/95 from Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland regarding the Annual Conference in Castlebar, on 18th - 21st September, 1995 was circulated and discussed. It was agreed to defer this item to the annual meeting scheduled for the 28/6/95.
- (v) Letter dated 05/05/95 from E.S.B., Customer Services Department regarding bank fees for processing E.S.B. bills was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that a further letter be sent to the E.S.B. regarding Customers' present methods of payment.

(D) Other Correspondence

- (i) Letter dated 30/05/95 from Balbriggan Dramatic Society and their submission to Minister for Arts, Culture and the Gaeltacht regarding the Anthony Hamilton Hall was circulated and discussed. It was proposed by Commissioner T. Young, seconded by Commissioner Gallen and agreed that a meeting be arranged with the Dramatic Society to discuss the matter.
- (ii) Letter of appreciation dated 1/6/95 from Mr. S. Carey, Deputy Manager, Fingal County Council was circulated and noted.
- (iii) Letter dated 30/5/95 from Pinewood Residents Association requesting a meeting with Balbriggan Town Commissioners as a matter of urgency was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that a meeting be arranged for Monday 26/6/95 at 9.30 a.m.

4. Provision of Private Hire Hackney Service

This item was discussed together with item 12. It was agreed that copies of the Road Traffic (Public Services Vehicles) (Amendment) Regulations 1995 would be forwarded to Commissioners and local cab drivers for their information. It was proposed by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Timmins and resolved:

"That the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to make taxi ranks available in a designated area under the new powers granted to them from the Minister for the Environment."

It was further agreed that a submission be made to Fingal County Council on the matter.

5. Designated Area Status/Village Renewal Application

An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner G. Shields outlined progress to date. It is hoped to have a draft submission available by the end of the month. The Commissioners intend asking Fingal County Council to support their application following their submission.

6. Inner Relief Road

Commissioners were informed that Fingal County Council had been requested to now prepare an application for funding under the 1996 E.U. Council Financed Scheme for improvement works on non-national roads.

7. Tidy Districts and Sports Awards 1995

It was agreed that a Committee meeting be arranged to organise the 1995 competition.

8. Opening hours - Balbriggan Branch Library

Commissioner Gallen pointed out that Balbriggan Branch library was open 5 days a week. There was a great demand to have the library open on Saturdays and Commissioner Gallen requested that Fingal County Council be asked to provide such a service. Mr. Maguire pointed out that the staffing implications were being looked at by Fingal County Council. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the County Librarian on the matter and to include this item on the September 1995 agenda.

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9. Motion submitted by Cathaoirleach Commissioner G. Shields

It was proposed by An Cathaoirleach Commissioner G. Shields, seconded by Commissioner P. Gallen and resolved:

"That Fingal County Council set up a system whereby on a monthly basis, a member of the Planning Department staff meets with the Town Commissioners to discuss planning applications which may be of concern to both the Town Commissioners and the Councillors for the area".

10. Motion submitted by Commissioner J. Davis

"That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council Parks Department to cut the grass embankments at the beach front and to implement a proper maintenance programme for the area."

Following discussion it was agreed that the matter would again be taken up with the Parks Department and Iarnrod Eireann.

11. Motion submitted by Commissioner J. Davis

This item was dealt with in conjunction with Item No. 4.

12. Motion submitted by Commissioner M. Harford

It was proposed by Commissioner Harford, seconded by Commissioner Davis and resolved"

"that the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council's Housing Department to liaise with Commissioners and local Councillors prior to allocating houses in the Balbriggan area".

13. Motion submitted by Commissioner T. Timmins

It was proposed by Commissioner Timmins, seconded by Commissioner Young and resolved:

"That Balbriggan Town Commissioners request that Fingal County Council include Balbriggan beach in all submissions for Blue Flag Status".

14. Motion submitted by Commissioner P. Gallen

"That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to erect the Public Light at Bedford Nursing Home, Church Street, as funding has already been allocated for this purpose".

Mr. Maguire informed the meeting that an order had been placed with the E.S.B. to provide 2 lights on Church Street on existing poles in the immediate vicinity of the Nursing Home.

15. Motion submitted by Commissioner P. Gallen

It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner J. Davis and resolved:

"That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to either remove the 2 shelters at the Band Park or offer their use to local organisations, as they are currently used for anti-social activities".

It was agreed that a letter be sent to Fingal County Council on the matter.

16. Any Other Business

A. Commissioner Tuite requested that a letter be sent to Fingal County Council Environmental Services Department to take immediate action to reduce the build up of sand on the beach side of the harbour.

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(i) Commissioner McKeon requested that a letter be sent to the Minister for Social Welfare regarding an apparent anomaly in the payment of Unemployment Assistance.

(ii) That Commissioners begin a project in September 1995 to have E.S.B. and telegraph poles removed from the streets of Balbriggan. The Commissioners requested that a letter be sent to the relevant Agencies in the interim seeking advice and assistance on the project.

C. Commissioner Timmins pointed out that no attempts were made to remove the rubble at the carpark at Brémore. Mr. Maguire stated that the matter would be raised again with the Parks Department.

D. Commissioner Gallen requested that letters be sent to both Gallens and Hodgins Furniture thanking them for their sponsorship for the the M'Lady's reception.

E. Commissioner Davis enquired about replacing the Harry Reynolds Memorial Plaque at Hampton Street. It was agreed that the matter would be looked into.

- F. An Cathaoirleach Commissioner G. Shields requested (i) the removal of trees in High Street as Fingal County Council had agreed in December, 1994 to have these removed and replaced by a smaller species, (ii) that letters be sent to local schools and chipshops regarding recurring litter problems at lunchtime.
- G. Commissioner Harford informed the meeting that it has been brought to her attention that certain objections to the Northern Motorway were bogus. The Commissioners requested that these be investigated by Fingal County Council.

The meeting ended at 10.45 p.m.

Monica Harford
11/4/95.

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MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS

HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 28TH JUNE, 1995

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Davis, Joe Shields, Gertie
 Gallen, Patricia Timmins, Colm
 Harford, Monica Tuite, Bredge
 McKeon, May Young, Tom
 Pyne, Ned

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mr. P. Maguire, Principal Officer
 Mr. P. Ryan, Town Clerk

At the outset it was proposed by Commissioner Shields, seconded by Commissioner Gallen and agreed that Mr. Maguire would take the chair for the election of the Cathaoirleach.

1. Election of Cathaoirleach

Commissioner Shields was proposed by Commissioner Timmins and seconded by Commissioner Gallen. Commissioner Harford was proposed by Commissioner Pyne and seconded by Commissioner McKeon.

Following a vote, Commissioner Harford received 5 votes and Commissioner Shields received 4. Accordingly Commissioner Harford was elected to the position of Cathaoirleach. Commissioner Harford then took the chair and thanked the meeting for electing her.

2. Election of Leas-Cathaoirleach

Commissioner Davis was proposed by Commissioner Tuite and seconded by Commissioner McKeon. Commissioner Timmins was proposed by Commissioner Gallen and seconded by Commissioner Shields. Commissioner McKeon was proposed by Commissioner Pyne and seconded by Commissioner Harford.

Following a vote Commissioner Timmins received 4 votes, Commissioner Davis 3 votes and Commissioner McKeon 2 votes. As Commissioner McKeon had received the least number of votes she was eliminated and a second vote was taken.

Following the second vote Commissioner Davis received 5 votes and Commissioner Timmins received 4 votes. Accordingly Commissioner Davis was elected Leas-Cathaoirleach.

3. Election of Delegate to Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.

Commissioner Davis proposed Commissioner Gallen. Commissioner Gallen withdrew. Commissioner Gallen proposed Commissioner Timmins, seconded by Commissioner Harford. Commissioner Pyne proposed Commissioner Shields. Commissioner Shields withdrew.

As there were no further nominations Commissioner Timmins was re-elected to the position as delegate to Irish Public Bodies for the coming year.

4. Election of Estimates Committee

It was proposed by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Young and agreed that all members would be members of the Estimates Committee.

5. Election of Tidy Districts and Sports Awards Committee

It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner Harford and agreed that all members would be members of the Tidy Districts and Sports Awards Committee for the coming year.

6. Election of St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee

It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner Harford and agreed that all members would be members of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee. It was further proposed by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Young and agreed that the Committee meet in September 1995 to discuss ideas and a theme for the 1996 St. Patrick's Day Parade.

The meeting then ended.

Monica Harford
11/7/95

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD
ON 11TH JULY, 1995 IN BALBRIGGAN TOWN HALL.**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Davis, Joe Pyne, Ned
Gallen, Patricia Shields, Gertie
Harford, Monica Tuite, Bredge
McKeon, May Young, Tom

An apology for non attendance was received from Commissioner Timmins.

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mr. P. Ryan, Town Clerk

An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner Harford, presided.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (a) Minutes of Annual Meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners held on 28th of June, 1995 were circulated and confirmed.
- (b) Minutes of Special Meeting held on 28th June, 1995 regarding the Local Government Auditor's Report were circulated and confirmed.
- (c) Minutes of Meeting held on 13th June, 1995 were circulated and confirmed.

2. Application for Hire of Hall

There was no business under this heading.

3. Correspondence

(a) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

(i) Letter dated 21/6/95 from Minister for the Environment regarding the Balbriggan Sewage Treatment System was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that a letter be sent to Fingal County Council requesting a full description of the proposed Balbriggan and Skerries Waste Water Disposal Scheme as referred to in the Minister's letter. Mr. Ryan pointed out that the Consultants will be presenting a model of the Scheme to the Fingal County Council's Environmental Services Committee in the near future and hopefully to the Commissioners at a later stage.

Monica Harford

(ii) Letter dated 13/6/95 from Minister for Health regarding funding for the Irish Wheelchair Association was circulated and discussed. It was proposed by Commissioner Tuite, seconded by An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner Harford and agreed that a further letter be sent to the Minister for Health asking him to take steps to ensure the continuation of the service in the long term.

(b) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

(i) Letter dated 15/6/95 from Roads and Traffic Department regarding footpath repairs at the corner of Clonard Street and Fulham Terrace was circulated and noted.

(ii) Letter dated 28/6/95 from Senior Parks Superintendent regarding shelters at Bath Road., Balbriggan was circulated and discussed. The Town Clerk circulated a letter forwarded to Mr. Maguire from Cryptic Youth Service, wherein they expressed an interest in the Shelters, at Bath Road. It was agreed that a letter be sent to Fingal County Council requesting that (a) they paint the shelter in the interim and (b) provide details of the overall plan for redevelopment of the amenity open spaces adjoining Bath Road.

(iii) Letter dated 26/6/95 from Parks Department regarding stone/gravel in the carpark beside Bremore Castle was circulated and discussed. Commissioners pointed out that the situation remained the same. The Town Clerk undertook to take up the matter again with the Parks Department. It was agreed that this item be included on the Agenda for the September meeting.

(iv) Letter dated 15/6/95 from Roads and Traffic Department regarding the Balbriggan Inner Relief Road was circulated and noted.

(v) Letter dated 21/6/95 from Roads and Traffic Department regarding speeding cars on Bath Road was circulated and discussed. It was proposed by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner McKeon and agreed that a letter be sent to the Gardai on the matter. It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner Young and agreed that Fingal County Council be requested to provide "Children at Play" signs and to make provision for these in next years estimates if necessary.

(vi) Letter dated 7/6/95 from Environmental Services Department regarding the hiring of skips was circulated and noted.

(c) Correspondence from other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

(i) Letter received 26/6/95 from Superintendent's Office, Balbriggan regarding speeding traffic on Chapel Street was circulated and discussed. It was agreed to include this item on the September Agenda.

(ii) Letter received 22/6/95 from Greystones Town Commissioners regarding seminar on "The Role of Local Authorities in Urban and Rural Development" was circulated and noted.

(iii) Letter dated 13/6/95 from Eastern Health Board regarding Balbriggan Health Centre was circulated and noted.

(d) Other Correspondence

Letter dated 6/7/95 from Balbriggan Dramatic Society requesting a meeting in September, was noted.

4. Provision of Private Hire Hackney Service

Commissioners confirmed that they received copies of the Road Traffic (Public Services Vehicles) (Amendment) Regulations 1995. Commissioner Gallen confirmed that copies had also been received by the local cab drivers and that they would contact the Town Clerk regarding their submission to Fingal County Council.

5. Designated Area Status/Village Renewal Application

Members of the Working Group outlined the current position. The Working Group will be presenting an overview on Wednesday evening 12th July, 1995 to T.D.'s, Councillors, Commissioners and members of the Council of the Chamber of Commerce. Following discussion it was agreed that a special meeting would be convened if Commissioners so desired, to discuss the final draft submission. Commissioner Gallen requested a copy of Fingal County Council's submission under the Urban and Village Renewal Scheme in relation to Balbriggan and the Town Clerk undertook to forward a copy as soon as possible to each Commissioner.

6. Inner Relief Road

There was no further business under this heading.

7. **Motions for A.M.A.I. Conference**

Commissioner Gallen proposed that "we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for the Environment to introduce legislation requiring all Planning Authorities to comply with the same planning laws that the Office of Public Works and individuals are subject to."

Commissioner McKeon proposed "that we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Social Welfare to abolish the requirement whereby individuals who are seeking employment while living with their parents, are means tested on the family income for the purpose of qualifying for Unemployment Assistance."

The motions submitted by Commissioner Gallen and Commissioner McKeon were unanimously accepted as Balbriggan Town Commissioners motions for the upcoming A.M.A.I. Conference.

8. **Tidy Districts and Sports Awards 1995**

It was agreed that a special meeting take place on Wednesday, 19th July, 1995 at 8.00 p.m. to organise this year's competition.

9. **Architect's Report on works to be carried out - Balbriggan Town Hall**

Commissioners pointed out that they still had not received the Architect's report on the Town Hall. The Town Clerk undertook to raise the matter with Mr. Maguire, at an early date.

10. **Motion submitted by Commissioner G. Shields**

It was proposed by Commissioner Shields, seconded by An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner Harford and resolved that "Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to carry out immediate repairs to the broken seat outside the Courthouse as it is in a very dangerous condition." It was agreed that a letter be sent to Roads Department, Fingal County Council on the matter.

11. **It was proposed by Commissioner G. Shields, seconded by Commissioner Gallen and resolved "that Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to carry out repairs to the seat in the Town Centre Park and to replace the paving beside this seat." It was agreed that a letter be sent to Parks Department on the matter.**

12. It was proposed by Commissioner Shields, seconded by Commissioner Gallen and resolved "that Fingal County Council erect direction signs to the beach in Balbriggan." Following further discussion it was agreed that a letter be sent to Fingal County Council requesting "Welcome to Balbriggan, by the Sea" signs for the town.

13. Motion submitted by Commissioner B. Tuite "that Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to serve notice under the Derelict Sites Act on the owner of the premises known as the Hotel, the Square, Balbriggan." Following discussion Commissioner Tuite agreed to defer the motion to the September meeting and to seek a meeting with the owner in the interim.

14. Motion submitted by Commissioner P. Gallen "that we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners condemn the decision by Fingal Housing Department to build several houses on a strip of land in Balrothery Village, previously assigned as open space." Following discussion Commissioner Gallen agreed to defer the motion to the September meeting to allow for clarification in the interim as to the exact location and extent of the proposed development. It was further agreed that a letter be sent to the Chairman, Balrothery Community Council requesting their views and observations on the development.

15. **Any Other Business**

(a) **Commissioner B. Tuite:**

(i) commended the local lifeguards for saving the lives of 2 teenagers at Black Rock earlier in the day and asked that (a) a letter of appreciation be sent to them and (b) Fingal County Council erect a warning sign at this location alerting swimmers to the danger at ebb tide with off-shore winds.

(ii) pointed out that "Rave Discos" had taken place twice in recent weeks at the County Council playing field normally used by the Rugby Football Club. Commissioner Tuite requested that a letter be sent to both the Manager, Fingal County Council and the Garda Superintendent requesting immediate action to prevent a further party from taking place on Saturday next 15th July, 1995.

(iii) stated that a recent report in the Fingal Independent regarding Breakaway Festival was inaccurate and that a letter be sent to the Festival Committee pointing this out.

(b) Commissioner McKeon stated that she was unhappy with the number of domestic issues appearing on monthly agendas and asked if these could not be condensed and channelled through the Town Clerk. Following discussion it was agreed to review matters at a later date.

(c) Commissioner Pyne requested that a letter be sent to Telecom Eireann regarding their site at the end of Drogheda Street.

(d) Commissioner Davis:

(i) enquired further regarding the Harry Reynolds Memorial Plaque. It was pointed out that the plaque is in the possession of Harry Tuite and will be re-erected at a future date.

(ii) stated that he was disappointed to learn that Fingal County Council has still not acted on his recommendation to use the JCB to clear the sand on the Harbour Road. The Town Clerk undertook to raise the matter again with the Environmental Services Department.

(iii) requested that a letter of congratulations be sent to Robert McGuffin re his recent victory in the International Bachelor of the Year competition.

(e) Commissioner Shields enquired further about the stile at Hampton Cove. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that Parks Department had given a commitment to carry out the necessary repairs next week on a once off basis, and that the question of ownership/right of way was also being examined by the Development Department.

(f) Commissioner Gallen requested:

(i) that a letter be sent to Iarnród Éireann regarding the subway from Church Street to Seapoint.

(ii) that in the absence of agreed minutes of the Quarterly Meeting with Fingal County Council, a verbal report should follow at the next meeting of the Commissioners.

(iii) pointed out that recent press reports contained a number of inaccuracies and suggested that a request be sent to the Editors of newspapers servicing the Balbriggan area to meet with Commissioners to discuss the matter. This was agreed by the Commissioners.

(g) Commissioner Young queried the lack of attendance of the press at the meeting.

(h) An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner M. Harford reported on the recent conference on Social Housing - "The Way Ahead" and circulated copies of documentation received at the conference.

The meeting ended at 10.25 p.m.

Monica Harford

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON
12TH SEPTEMBER, 1995 IN BALBRIGGAN TOWN HALL

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Davis, Joe McKeon, May
 Gallen, Patricia Shields, Gertie
 Harford, Monica Timmins, Colm
 Young, Tom Pyne, Ned

APOLOGIES: Tuite, Bredge

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mr. P. Maguire, Principal Officer
 Mr. P. Ryan, Town Clerk

An Cathaoirleach Commissioner M. Harford presided.

ITEM 1: Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of meeting held on the 11th July, 1995 were circulated and confirmed.

ITEM 2: Application for Hire of the Hall

(i) Mr. P. Ryan circulated a schedule of applications received for renewal of Hire of the Hall, for consideration. The schedule was noted.

(ii) Application from St. Georges Church for a Sale of Work on the 7th October, 1995 was circulated and agreed.

ITEM 3: Correspondence

(a) **Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers.**

(i) Letters dated 28/7/1995 and 30/8/1995 from Office of the Minister for Transport, Energy and Communication regarding a request to meet with the Town Commissioners and representatives from Iarnród Éireann was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would contact The Manager, Suburban Rail, with a view to arranging a meeting with Commissioners in the Town Hall, to discuss access to Southbound Trains for Disabled/Elderly at Balbriggan Railway Station.

(ii) Letters dated 27/7/1995 and 15/8/1995 from Offices of the Minister for the Environment regarding qualifications for running Schools of Motoring was circulated and noted.

(iii) Letter dated 17/7/1995 from Office of the Minister for Enterprise and Employment regarding the Community Employment Scheme was circulated and discussed. It was proposed by Commissioner C. Timmins, Seconded by Commissioner T. Young and agreed that a copy of the Minister's letter be sent to the Balbriggan Combined Clubs for their information.

(iv) Letter dated 24/7/1995 and enclosures from Office of the Minister for the Environment regarding resolutions adopted by the A.M.A.I. in September 1994, were circulated and noted.

(b) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

(i) Letter dated 15/8/1995 and enclosures from Senior Administrative Officer, Housing Department regarding the proposed development of 7 single storey houses at Balrothery were circulated and discussed. Mr. Maguire stated that Fingal County Council propose to build 7 single storey one-bedroom houses on the site. The scheme has been approved by Fingal County Council and will go ahead. It is intended that those houses will be allocated to local Senior Citizens.

(ii) Letter dated 15/8/1995 from Ms. M. Crealey, Law Agent regarding Bye-Laws prohibiting the consumption of alcohol was circulated and discussed. Following discussion it was agreed that a letter be sent to the Gardai on the matter.

(iii) Letter dated 15/8/1995 from Senior Administrative Officer, Housing Department regarding a motion passed at the June meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners calling on Fingal County Council Housing Department to liaise with Commissioners and local Councillors prior to allocating houses in the Balbriggan area was circulated and discussed. Mr. Maguire pointed out that Councillors are advised in advance of proposed allocations, in the normal course of events. He stated that he would examine the possibility of including Town Commissioners in the advance notification system.

(iv) Letter dated 17/7/1995 from Senior Staff Officer, Parks Department regarding the storage of stone at St. Mologas Park was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Timmins pointed out that the position had not changed and was again potentially quite dangerous with the return of the football season. The Town Clerk undertook to raise the matter again with Parks Department.

(v) Letter dated 22/8/1995 from Senior Parks Superintendent regarding shelters at Bath Road was circulated and discussed. Mr. Maguire stated that he would discuss the matter further with the Senior Parks Superintendent. He proposed a Mural Scheme with local youths involved in conjunction with the North County Artsquad. Following discussion, it was agreed that Mr. Lynch be asked to outline his plan to improve the entire area.

(vi) Letter dated 31/8/1995 from Administrative Officer, Environmental Services Department regarding the proposed Balbriggan and Skerries Waste Water Disposal System was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that this item should be included in the forthcoming Quarterly Meeting with Fingal County Council.

(vii) Letter dated 10/8/1995 from Principal Officer, Fingal County Council and letter dated 8/8/1995 from Office of the Minister for Arts, Culture and the Gaeltacht regarding representations received from North Fingal Shotokan Group regarding the Anthony Hamilton Hall were circulated and discussed. It was proposed by commissioner McKeon, Seconded by An Cathaoirleach Commissioner Harford and agreed that the correspondence be noted.

(viii) Letter dated 31/8/1995 from Administrative Officer, Roads Department regarding residential areas recommended for exemption from the ban on the parking of heavy goods vehicles was circulated and discussed. Commissioners pointed out that trucks were being parked on the new footpath outside St. Peter & Paul's Church. Mr. Maguire pointed out that it is possible to recover the cost of repairing "unusual damage" and asked that vehicle registration details be given to the Town Clerk, if known. Following further discussion it was agreed that a letter be sent to the Garda Superintendent on the question of locating/providing parking bays for heavy goods vehicles in the Balbriggan area.

(ix) Letter dated 29/8/1995 from Senior Administrative Officer, Planning Department regarding planning applications in the Balbriggan area was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that Commissioners would contact the Town Clerk in advance of the Quarterly Meetings with Fingal County Council, with the reference numbers of planning applications they wish to discuss.

(x) Letter dated 31/8/1995 from Senior Administrative Officer, Community Department regarding Travellers at Bath Road, was circulated and discussed. Mr. Maguire stated that he would follow up the possibility of erecting barriers at Bath Road with the County Engineer at an early date.

(c) Correspondence from other Local Authorities

(i) Letter dated 13/7/1995 from Cobh Urban District Council regarding a motion passed calling on the Government to introduce a Constitutional Amendment to recognise the existence of Local Authorities was circulated and discussed. It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, Seconded by Commissioner Pyne and resolved that the motion as resolved by Cobh Urban District Council be adopted.

(ii) Letter dated 13/7/1995 from Cobh Urban District Council regarding a motion passed calling on the Minister for Enterprise and Employment to introduce legislation to regulate Sunday trading was circulated and discussed. It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, Seconded by Commissioner Young and agreed that the motion be noted.

(iii) Letter dated 11/7/1995 from Clare County Council regarding their forthcoming Tourism Seminar on Friday 24th and Saturday 25th September, 1995 at the West County Hotel, Ennis, was circulated and noted.

(iv) Letter dated 10/8/1995 from Westport Urban District Council regarding a resolution passed deploring the action of the French Government in intercepting the Green Peace vessel, Rainbow Warrior II, was circulated and discussed. It was proposed by Commissioner Timmins and seconded by Commissioner Young and agreed that the motion be adopted. Following further discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner Timmins and agreed that the French Embassy be written to expressing concern not only at the interception of the Green Peace vessel but also at the continuance of nuclear testing.

(v) Letter and enclosures received 28/7/1995 from Chairperson, Adjudications Committee, People of the Year Awards were circulated and discussed. It was agreed that the late Eric Nolan be this year's nomination from Balbriggan Town Commissioners. The Town Clerk undertook to clarify the position with the Adjudicating Committee regarding posthumous awards. It was further agreed that in the event of more than one nomination being acceptable, that the parents of Eilish and Katie, the separated siamese twins, be nominated.

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(vi) Letter dated 4/8/1995 from the Regional Manager, E.S.B., regarding the undergrounding of overhead networks in Balbriggan was circulated and discussed. Mr. Maguire pointed out that the process was quite expensive and had been included in the submission for village renewal. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would examine the sourcing of finance for such a project.

(vii) Letter dated 26/7/1995 from Chief Executive, Telecom Eireann, regarding the diversion of Telecom Eireann service from overhead to underground in Balbriggan Town was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Gallen proposed that a meeting be arranged with the E.S.B. and Telecom and that they be asked to carry out a survey of the town and also to prepare costings for such a project.

(viii) Letter dated 18/8/1995 from District Manager Dublin Telecom Eireann regarding the tidying up of the front of the Telecom Eireann site at the end of Drogheda Street was circulated and noted. It was agreed that a reminder be sent to Telecom on the matter and also to enquire if Telecom intend transferring from Dublin Street to Drogheda Street in the near future.

(ix) Letter dated 28/7/1995 from the Education Officer, County Dublin Vocational Education Committee regarding the provision of night classed fro Leaving Certificate in the Fingal area was circulated. Following discussion it was agreed to note the contents of the letter and to await a further response from the Education Officer.

(x) Letter dated 16/8/1995 from the Manager, Suburban Rail, Iarnród Éireann regarding a clean-up of the Subway from Church Street to Seapoint at Balbriggan Railway Station was circulated and discussed. It was agreed to include this item on the agenda for the forthcoming meeting with Mr. Murphy.

(xi) Letter received 25/8/1995 from Superintendents' Office, Balbriggan regarding speeding traffic in the Bath Road area was circulated and discussed. Mr. Maguire will raise the matter with the Traffic Committee and suggested that the Town Commissioners write to the Gardai requesting speed restriction signs for the area.

(xii) Letter received 1st September, 1995 from Dublin Regional Authority regarding forthcoming Dublin Regional Information Seminar on the Interreg II Programme on Wednesday 20th September, 1995 was circulated. Mr. Maguire pointed out that due to budgetary constraints attendance would have to be on a voluntary basis. Commissioners P. Gallen, B. Tuite, G. Shields and C. Timmins expressed interest in attending on this basis and the Town Clerk undertook to notify the Dublin Regional Authority accordingly.

D. Other Correspondence

(i) Letter dated 8/8/1995 from the Joint Business Council regarding a presentation on the Belfast/Dublin Economic Corridor was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would examine the ramifications of the Joint Business Council's offer to make a presentation on the subject to the Commissioners. Mr. Maguire suggested that the Chamber of Commerce might be interested in inviting the Joint Business Council to make the presentation.

(ii) Letter received 18/7/1995 from Balbriggan Cabs regarding their proposal to Fingal County Council to create a new taximeter area in North County Dublin was circulated. The Town Clerk also circulated a letter he had received from Kims Cabs requesting a meeting with Commissioners to discuss the matter. Mr. Maguire pointed out that Dublin Corporation would be carrying out the functions connected with the granting and renewal of hackney licences for a period of one year from 1st September, 1995, on behalf of Fingal County Council. Dublin Corporation have invited submissions on the Taxi/Hackney Service and the closing date is 29th September, 1995. It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner Young and agreed that Commissioners meet with these cab/hackney drivers with a view to making a submission at an early date. The Town Clerk undertook to try and arrange a meeting for Friday, 15th September, 1995.

(iii) Letter received 3/8/1995 from Premises Projects Manager, Bank of Ireland regarding the removal of external seating at the Balbriggan branch was circulated and discussed. It was agreed, subject to compliance with the Planning Departments requirements, that the Bank be requested to move the two seats into the corner behind the bus shelter. The Town Clerk undertook to look into the matter.

(iv) Letter dated 31/7/1995 from Anna Livia Radio Station, requesting permission to attend meetings of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners was circulated and discussed. It was agreed to allow Anna Livia attend the monthly meetings, subject to certain restrictions regarding cameras and recording equipment.

ITEM 4: Designated Area Status/Urban Renewal

An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner Harford, outlined progress to date. The application has been submitted to the Minister for the Environment and an acknowledgement received. A series of meetings will now be arranged to lobby politicians to support the application.

Commissioner J. Davis pointed out that the meeting was now out of order as it was contrary to a standing order requiring monthly meetings to be concluded by 10.00 p.m. It was proposed by Commissioner Shields and seconded by Commissioner Young to extend the meeting to allow for brief discussion on the remaining items on the agenda. Mr. Maguire proposed that Items 5, 6, 7 and 10 be deferred and this was agreed. It was also agreed that Item 11 - Christmas Lights be deferred to the Estimates Meeting.

ITEM 8: Financial Statement

A Financial Statement outlining the position as at 31/8/1995 was circulated and noted. Mr. Maguire stated that he considered it appropriate to have a number of Estimates meetings to discuss the Revised Estimate for 1995 and the 1996 Estimate of Expenses. A meeting was arranged for Thursday 21/9/1995 at 7.30 p.m.

ITEM 9: Quarterly Meeting with Fingal County Council

(i) Minutes of Meeting on Thursday 29/6/1995 were circulated and noted.

(ii) Preparation of Agenda for forthcoming Quarterly Meeting scheduled for Thursday 5th October, 1995 at 2.30 p.m.:-

(a) Commissioner Gallen requested that the ongoing problems regarding the Bracken River be included on the Agenda.

(b) Commissioner T. Young requested that the Consultants Report on the Sewage Treatment Works for Skerries/Balbriggan be included.

(c) The Town Clerk pointed out that it will be necessary to have the complete Agenda formulated by Wednesday next 20th September, 1995 and requested that Commissioners submit their requests before then.

ITEM 12: Community Service Scheme - Reintroduction in Balbriggan in conjunction with the District Court

Commissioner Gallen pointed out that such a scheme operated successfully in the town in the past and requested that the Town Clerk raise the matter with both Fingal County Council and the District Court. Commissioner Gallen suggested that the scheme could be used to clean the Bracken River, deal with litter problems and paint the shelters.

ITEM 13: Litter Problems

Commissioner Gallen queried whether shopkeepers were legally responsible for litter outside their shops, particularly where it can be shown that the litter was not generated by them. Mr. Maguire pointed out that in certain establishments such as chip shops/ice cream shops there was an onus on the owners to control litter in their area particularly at weekends. The legal position was unclear, however and he will have it examined and notify the Town Clerk accordingly. Mr. Maguire added that he was having the town reviewed in relation to the provision of extra litter bins and their locations.

Commissioner Gallen proposed that a letter be sent to the schools requesting the reintroduction of Junior Litter Wardens. It was also pointed out that there is no replacement for the handcart man when he is on annual leave.

ITEM 14: Motion submitted by An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner M. Harford

It was proposed by An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner M. Harford, seconded by Commissioner McKeon and resolved that "Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for the Marine to ensure that Balbriggan Harbour is brought up to an acceptable standard prior to handing over to Fingal County Council, or else provide the necessary finance to Fingal County Council to do so."

Mr. Maguire stated that he recently met with Captain Wiltshire of the Port and Docks Board, on site in Balbriggan. Mr. Maguire requested that a structural survey be carried out and requested that the Port and Docks Board provide a number of facilities to improve the fabric of the harbour. He had since written to Captain Wiltshire confirming details of their site meeting and requesting that the work be carried out prior to the handover to Fingal County Council. It was agreed that the Balbriggan Town Commissioners would also write to the Department of the Marine on the matter.

ITEM 15: Motion submitted by An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner M. Harford

It was proposed by An Cathaoirleach Commissioner Harford, seconded by Commissioner Shields and resolved "that Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to consider Balbriggan in the next grant allocation under the Non-National Roads Special Restoration Programme."

The meeting ended at 10.45 p.m.

Monica Harford

MEETING WITH HACKNEY OWNERS, AIDAN BRITTON &
EAMONN QUINN ON FRIDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER, 1995.

COMMISSIONER PRESENT: Gallen, Patricia
 Harford, Monica
 Shields, Gertie
 Tuite, Bredge

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Commissioner McKeon, Timmins, Young, Pyne and Davis.

The meeting was called with two of the Hackney Drivers in Balbriggan to formulate a submission to Dublin Corporation regarding the new Taxi Regulations.

- * It was proposed that a designated area to accommodate 2 vehicles be marked at the Square, with a telephone, displaying the phone numbers of those drivers in Balbriggan.
- * Adequate sign posting noting Taxi Rank should be erected throughout the Town.
- * Both parties agreed with the points systems, as set out in the proposed regulations and stated that it is imperative that this system be strictly adhered to, giving priority to those currently in full employment from such service.
- * It was proposed that the Hackney Hire service, currently operating in the town should be upgraded to Taxi status.
- * The recommended cost of £3,000 per plate should be waived for a 3 year period for those coming from "Hackney Hire" into Taxi status.
- * It was proposed that on the initial change-over the condition requiring the immediate installation of meters be waived for the first year of operation, to enable the proposed service to build up its customer base.
- * It was proposed that a minimum charge of £3 should apply and a 50p per mile charge apply thereafter.
- * It was proposed that Balbriggan should be central focal point in North County Dublin for a new Taxi Service.
- * It was proposed that applications for Taxi plates be vetted, in the case of local applications, the Town Commissioners should be consulted on such applications.

Monica Harford

Minutes of Deputations Meeting held with

Balbriggan Town Commissioners

on Thursday, 5th October, 1995.

Present:

Deputation:

Commissioners:

J. Davis, G. Shields, B. Tuite, T. Young.

Officials:

P. Ryan, Town Clerk.

Apologies:

P. Gallen, M. Harford, M. McKeon, N. Pyne, C. Timmins.

County Councillors:

T. Allen, P. Coyle, C. Gallagher, D. Healy, M. Kennedy, J. Larkin, J. Maher, S. Terry

Council Officials:

P. O'Mordha, Administrative Officer; T. McManus, Administrative Officer; M. McDonagh, Administrative Officer; D. McDonald, Senior Executive Engineer; N. Keenan, Senior Executive Engineer; J. Lambe, Senior Staff Officer; N. Byrne, Assistant Staff Officer.

Item 1:

Road Matters - Progress Report on:-

(i) Northern Motorway/Balbriggan Bypass

With regard to Northern Motorway/Balbriggan Bypass, Roads Department reported that tenders have been received for the construction of the Balbriggan Bypass and these are presently being examined. It is hoped that work will commence early in 1996. The construction period for a contract of this nature is approximately 2½ to 3 years.

(ii) Balbriggan Inner Relief Road

Roads Department reported that to date the Council has not had the available funds to commence work on the Balbriggan Inner Relief Road. An application for funding was made to the Department of the Environment under the EU Co-financed Scheme of Grants in 1994. This application was not successful. It is expected that applications for funding under the scheme will be invited in the near future by the Department of the Environment. The Council will make a further application at this stage.

- (iii) Maintenance Programme - list of priorities submitted to Area Engineer in July 1995.

The list of priorities submitted to the Area Engineer was discussed. Roads Department confirmed that repairs at Bremore/Flemington Lane, Bremore Drive/Court, part of Quay Street, Roundabout at Craoibhinn/Derham up to St. Theresa's School and at Curran Park will be completed by the end of this year. With regard to the other items on the list, it was reported that these would have to be examined in the context of the overall programme of works for Roads Department.

The Commissioners complimented the Roads Department on the work carried out on the footpaths at St. Peter's and Paul's National School

Item 2:

Bracken River

- (i) Recurring litter problems - enforcement of the Litter Act.
- (ii) Maintenance of areas in private ownership.
- (iii) General clean-up of the area.

The situation at Bracken River was discussed.

Environmental Services Department reported that three landowners at this location have been written to and asked for their goodwill and co-operation in cleaning the area. The Council is anxious to avoid prosecutions in this case as the landowners in question have undertaken some work and have indicated a willingness to co-operate with the Council in this regard.

At certain areas at which ownership has not been established, it is unclear where the legal responsibility for maintaining the river lies. The Council's policy regarding cleaning of rivers was explained to the deputation. Large bulky items e.g. old bicycles, prams or items considered likely to cause flooding are removed. However it is not Council policy to remove accumulated silt.

It was reported that the owners of Ennis' Bar had approached the Council with a view to cleaning a stretch of land at the rear of their premises. The Council is to supply a quotation for this purpose.

Parks Department reported that they would be interested in acquiring some of the land for a walkway along the river. However this will be dependent on funding available to the Council.

The possibility of employing school leavers/students under the Student Summer Employment Scheme to carry out this work was discussed. The Town Clerk will further investigate this possibility.

Item 3:

Sewage Treatment

Progress report on:-

(i) Remedial works at Pumping Station

Environmental Services Department reported that the Consultant Engineers have been asked to prepare documents in order to apply to the Department of the Environment for funding to carry out improvement works at the Pumping Station. The estimated cost of this work would be in the region of £200,000.

The Commissioners requested that future planning permissions for development in the area would be refused pending improvement of the sewerage system.

It was agreed that an on-site meeting be held between Balbriggan Town Commissioners and Council officials in order to show the Commissioners the works in the pumphouse.

(ii) Balbriggan/Skerries Treatment Works - Consultants Report and presentation of model of the proposed scheme to the Commissioners.

Environmental Services Department reported that the consulting engineers made a presentation to County Councillors recently. A similar presentation will be made to Balbriggan Town Commissioners. The Commissioners were asked to notify Environmental Services Department of a date when the presentation could be made.

Item 4:

Amenity Open Spaces

(i) Overall plan for redevelopment of Bath Road area.

Parks Department reported that a plan for the area is currently being prepared. However the plan is not finalised as yet. The plan will include upgrading of the car park, restoration of the Martello Tower and will be aimed at enhancing the tourist potential of the area. When the plan is finalised Parks Department will present it to the Commissioners at a future meeting.

(ii) Shelters in Band Park.

Parks Department reported that these shelters are unsightly and are not of use to Community Groups or Sports Clubs due to unsuitability of size and location. It is the intention of the Parks Department to remove these shelters.

The Commissioners stated that it is their wish to retain the shelters.

(iii) Car Park at St. Mologas - Removal of Rubble.

Parks Department reported that the rubble will be removed shortly.

Item 5:

Traffic and Public Lighting

(i) Speeding traffic on Chapel Street and Bath Road areas.

The Commissioners reported that speeding traffic at these locations is a serious concern to residents and requested that traffic calming measures be put in place. Provision of rumble strips or ramps was suggested.

Roads Department reported that speeding traffic is mainly a matter for the Gardai to control. In order to put any traffic calming measures in place e.g. ramps, rumble strips etc. it is necessary first to get a consensus from local people as to their views on the matter.

Roads Department agreed to put in place a 30 m.p.h. repeater speed limit sign at the entrance to the estate.

(ii) Illegal Parking of Heavy Goods Vehicles.

It was reported that the Garda Commissioner is considering making regulations to prohibit the parking of heavy goods vehicles in residential areas. A report on the matter has yet to come before the Council.

(iii) Public Lighting on Approach Roads North and South of the Town.

Roads Department reported that an application for funding for lighting of the National Route was made to the Department of the Environment. This application was unsuccessful and as an alternative measure the "delineator scheme" was put in place. There are no further proposals at present to provide additional public lighting.

ITEM 6:

Village Renewal Scheme - Update on the application and planned programme of works.

Planning Department explained that the scheme is actually composed of two elements i.e. Urban Renewal and Village Renewal. Balbriggan comes under the Village Renewal scheme. The Council has made a submission under the scheme which has been approved by the Department of the Environment. It is proposed to commence work in Balbriggan in 1997. In the meantime it was suggested that the Commissioners form a group to include local businesses, community groups etc. and the Commissioners themselves, in order to formulate proposals as to how the money will be spent.

ITEM 7:

Planning Applications - Files requested by the Commissioners

No files were requested by the Commissioners.

Joe Davis

3. Correspondence

(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

- (i) Letter dated 12/10/95 from the Minister for the Marine regarding Balbriggan Harbour was circulated and discussed. It was proposed by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner McKeon and agreed that the letter be noted. Commissioner Gallen stated that at a recent programme on RTE featuring the harbour and lighthouse, did little to promote the town. Following further discussion it was agreed that Commissioners view a videotape of the programme before deciding on an appropriate response.

Mr. Maguire pointed out that a motion had been passed at Fingal County Council's meeting on 13/11/95, that Fingal County Council write to the Minister for the Marine requesting him to allocate £1 million to Balbriggan and Skerries Harbours for urgent repairs and maintenance before the handover from the Port & Docks Board.

- (ii) Letter dated 02/08/95 from Department of Environment regarding expenses of members was circulated and noted.

(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

- (i) Letter dated 08/11/95 from Administrative Officer, Environmental Services regarding the Community Service Scheme was circulated and discussed. Mr. Ryan reported that he had been in contact with the Probation & Welfare Office, Smithfield, and would pursue the matter further.
- (ii) Letter dated 07/11/95 from Community Development enclosing minutes of Quarterly Meeting with Fingal County Council on the 05/10/95 was circulated and discussed. Commissioner McKeon requested that Fingal County Council provide details of the 1996 Estimates in so far as they relate to Balbriggan. Mr. Maguire pointed out that the 1996 Estimate was a fairly complex and detailed report. It does not give a breakdown of expenditure by area. He undertook to arrange with the Town Clerk to have copies of the draft Estimate deposited in the Town Hall for Commissioners information .

Commissioner Pyne queried the lack of progress with regard to the public lighting north and south of the town. Following discussion it was agreed that a further letter be sent to the Minister for the Environment pointing out the obvious dangers of these unlit roads. Mr. Maguire pointed out that it is important that finance is secured while the road continues to be classified as a National Primary. He undertook to also raise the matter with the Roads Department, Fingal County Council.

(C) Correspondence from other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

- (i) Letter dated 20/10/95 from Carlow U.D.C. regarding a resolution passed calling on the Minister for Equality and Law Reform to let publicans/shopkeepers maintain the right to refuse, was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Young pointed out that the law as it stood at present, allowed publicans the right to refuse service without explanation, but that changes in the law were proposed. Following further discussion it was proposed and resolved that the motion be adopted.
- (ii) Letter dated 25/09/95 from Bundoran U.D.C. regarding a resolution passed calling on the Departments of Finance and Tourism to investigate Bank Charges in general and particularly the handling charge on sterling was circulated and discussed.

It was proposed by Commissioner Young seconded by Commissioner Pyne and agreed that the motion as presented be adopted.

- (iii) Letters of acknowledgement dated 09/10/95 from Superintendent's Office, Balbriggan regarding:

- (a) speeding traffic along Bath Road
(b) overnight parking of trucks outside St. Peter & Pauls School

were circulated and noted. Mr. Ryan pointed out that these items were included on the agenda for the proposed meeting with the Superintendent. It was agreed that a reminder be sent to the Superintendent regarding the request for a meeting.

- (iv) Letter dated 10/10/95 from Commissioner, Garda Siochana, Phoenix Park, Dublin 8, regarding proposal by Dublin Corporation to increase the fee for a Parking Disc from 80p to £1.00 was circulated and noted. Following discussion it was agreed (a) that another letter be sent to Iarnroid Eireann requesting a meeting (b) that the provision of parking meters for Balbriggan be included as a headed item for the December meeting.

(D) Other Correspondence

There was no business under this heading.

4. Designated Area Status/Urban Renewal

The Working Group reported that following the recent meeting with Minister L. McManus, a press release was proposed. The release will shortly be submitted to the Committee for consideration and then to the Commissioners. Commissioner Gallen confirmed that Balbriggan is included in the review currently being conducted by the Department of the Environment and that the Review Group's findings were expected in February, 1996. It was proposed by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Tuite and agreed that the Working Group be requested to outline a plan of action for the next 6 months. Mr. Maguire pointed out that it is important that all development possibilities for the town are followed up.

5. Inner Relief Road

Mr. Maguire reported that an application had been prepared by Roads Department for finance under the E.U. Co-Financed Scheme for 1996 and lodged with the Department of the Environment on Friday, 10/11/95.

6. Ireland/Wales Maritime Interreg Programme 1994 - 1999

It was proposed by Commissioner Tuite, seconded by Commissioner Gallen and agreed that Balbriggan Town Commissioners pursue an Exchange Training Programme. Commissioner Tuite reported that under the Interreg Programme there was a Scheme for co-operative education and training initiatives, and linkages which could be of mutual benefit in areas of education and employment. It was also agreed that we contact Ms. Maura Carey (in Gwynedd, Wales) for further information and application form.

7. Balbriggan/Skerries Treatment Works

Mr. Maguire reported that the consultants would be making a presentation to the Commissioners on the proposed new Treatment Works on the 30/11/95. He pointed out that a new Treatment Works was essential for future developments in the town and a strong case would be made to the Department of the Environment to give it high priority.

8. Motion submitted by Commissioner T. Young

It was proposed by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner McKeon and resolved "that the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Bord Failte to set up a Tourism Information Office in the Square in Balbriggan for the summer season". It was agreed that letters be sent both Bord Failte and Dublin Tourism on the matter.

9. Motion submitted by Commissioner T. Young

It was proposed by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Gallen and resolved that "Balbriggan Town Commissioners set up a Tourism Task Force comprising the Commissioners and all other interested parties with a view to developing the Tourism potential of the Town". Commissioner Young pointed out that there were a number of high profile celebrities in the town and they should be contacted to see if they were interested in possibly joint chairmanship of the Task Force. Mr. Maguire pointed out that Fingal County Council had sponsored a Tourism Initiative and circulated copies of a report entitled "Tourism Potential of the Fingal Region", for the Commissioners information. Following further discussion Commissioners agreed to pursue a pro-active development role in the whole area of Tourism for Balbriggan.

10. Motion submitted by Commissioner T. Young

It was proposed by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner B. Tuite and resolved that "the Balbriggan Town Commissioners produce an Annual Report outlining the Commissions' activities throughout the previous year".

Mr. Maguire stated that Fingal County Council would help in the presentation. A draft report will be prepared by the Town Clerk in the New Year for consideration by the Commissioners.

11. Motion re-submitted by Commissioner B. Tuite

Commissioner Tuite called on Fingal County Council to service notice under the Derelict Sites Act on the owner of the Hotel, The Square, Balbriggan. Mr. Maguire reported that positive steps are about to be taken regarding the Hotel. Following discussion Commissioner Tuite withdrew the motion with the option to re-submit at a later date if no progress was made.

12. Motion submitted by Commissioner B. Tuite

It was proposed by Commissioner B. Tuite, seconded by Commissioner J. Davis and resolved that "Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Justice, Nora Owen to increase the number of staff in the National Forensic Offices to a level capable of dealing with the alarming increase in the need for their services with particular emphasis on illegal drugs".

13. Motion submitted by Commissioner C. Timmins was deferred

14 - Motions 14 to 16 submitted by An Cathaoirleach Commissioner

16. M. Harford were deferred

17. Motion submitted by Commissioner G. Shields

It was proposed by Commissioner Shields, seconded by Commissioner Tuite and resolved that "Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to erect a speed limit sign of 30 m.p.h. at the junction of Drogheda Road, Lambeecher Estate as a matter of urgency".

Mr. Maguire reported that he had discussed the matter with the Area Engineer and would be clarifying the positioning of the signpost with him at an early date.

18. Any Other Business

- (i) Mr. Maguire circulated a letter which Housing Department, Fingal County Council had sent to each tenant of Pinewood Green Estate outlining their responsibilities as tenants under the Council's Tenancy Agreement.

Commissioners welcomed the move and stated that they were delighted with progress in Pinewood and wished the Tenant Participation Project every success.

- (ii) Commissioner Young queried the timescale regarding the motions he had submitted and which had been resolved. The Town Clerk undertook to correspond with the appropriate bodies straight away. It was also agreed that a draft of the Annual report be prepared early in the New Year for consideration by the Commissioners.
- (iii) Commissioner Gallen referred to the recent Planning Application for a restaurant and take away with offices over, at the corner of Railway Street and Drogheda Street. The Commissioner objected to the take-away element because of its siting and because of the potential disturbance to local residents. It was proposed by Commissioner McKeon, seconded by Commissioner Davis and agreed that Commissioners would examine the plans and take a vote on the matter on the 27/11/95 following the proposed meeting with the Chamber of Commerce. The Town Clerk undertook to have a copy of the Planning Application available for examination by Commissioners in the Town Hall on Friday 17/11/95.
- (iv) Commissioner Pyne queried the delay in erecting the nameplate for Derham Park. The Town Clerk undertook to raise the matter with the Area Engineer at an early date.

- (v) Commissioner McKeon requested that the Commissioners convene a meeting in January '96 to reactivate the Tidy Towns Association and to commence a major drive, to promote the town.
- (vi) Commissioner Tuite (a) raised the matter of a replacement driver for the Road Sweeper and it was agreed to send a further letter to Environmental Services, Fingal on the matter, (b) queried the recent report in the Fingal Independent regarding the public meeting called by a local T.D. to reconvene the Tidy Towns Association. Following discussion it was agreed that a letter be faxed to the T.D. on the matter.

The meeting adjourned at 10.30 p.m.

Monica Harford

MEETING WITH GARDAI HELD ON WEDNESDAY 29TH NOVEMBER, 1995.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Gallen, Patricia
Harford, Monica
Shields, Gertie
Tuite, Bredge
Young, Tom

GARDAI: Superintendent B. Kenny
Sergeant B. Carthy
Inspector G. O'Brien

The Gardai had sent their submissions to Fingal Road Safety, ten months ago and as yet they have received no reply. The Commissioners indicated that the following areas are of concern:

1. Entrance to Lambeecher
2. Traffic Calming Measures at Baths Road
3. Articulated Lorries, Parking at Lambeecher

The Superintendent suggested that the Commissioners contact Fingal County Council and arrange a meeting with the Road Safety Department. They assured the Commissioners of their support on all the issues.

As the Traffic Warden had retired this week the Gardai advised the Commissioners to contact the Department of Justice, under whose jurisdiction traffic wardens are appointed, regarding a replacement.

Drugs

The Superintendent reported that it was a difficult problem but felt that with the local communities helping it was of great assistance to them in their fight against drugs.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the gardai and welcomed the new Inspector G. O'Brien .
The Superintendent thanked the Commissioners

The meeting concluded at 4.00 p.m.

Monica Harford

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS

ON TUESDAY, 12TH DECEMBER, 1995 IN THE

TOWN HALL TO DISCUSS REFURBISHMENT PLANS

FOR THE TOWN HALL

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

J. Davis
P. Gallen
M. Harford
M. McKeon

G. Shields
C. Timmins
T. Young
N. Pyne

Apologies for non attendance were received from Commissioner B. Tuite.

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Mr. P. Maguire, Principal Officer
Mr. D. O'Connor, County Architect
Mr. P. Hurley, Senior Executive Architect
Mr. P. Ryan, Town Clerk

At the outset Mr. Maguire introduced Mr. David O'Connor, County Architect, and Mr. Pat Hurley, Senior Executive Architect, Fingal County Council. Mr. Maguire pointed out that the architects had completed a survey of the building. Mr. O'Connor gave a brief description of the current state of disrepair of the building. He recommended a major redevelopment plan for the Town Hall, to maximise flexible uses of the building. Following a presentation of an outline plan, it was agreed that the County Architect would arrange to have a level survey of the Square carried out, to work up the plans further, and bring them forward to the Urban Renewal Presentation scheduled for the 17/01/96, if at all possible.

The meeting then adjourned.

Monica Harford

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON
TUESDAY, 12TH DECEMBER, 1995 IN BALBRIGGAN TOWN HALL

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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| Davis, Joe | Shields, Gertie |
| Gallen Patricia | Timmins, Colm |
| Harford, Monica | Young, Tom |
| McKeon, May | Pyne, Ned |

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Commissioner B. Tuite.

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Mr. P. Maguire, Principal Officer
Mr. P. Ryan, Town Clerk

An Cathaoirleach Commissioner M. Harford presided.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (A) Minutes of Meeting held on 14/11/95 were circulated and confirmed.
- (B) Minutes of Special Meeting with Garda Siochana, Balbriggan on the 29/11/95 were circulated and confirmed.

2. Applications for Hire of Hall

- (A) Application received from Tony Coyne of Balbriggan Athletic Club was circulated and discussed. The application was approved subject to availability.
- (B) Letter dated 28/11/95 from Deputy T. Sargent requesting permission to hire the hall on Wednesday 17/01/96 for the purposes of holding the A.G.M. of the Tidy Towns Committee. Commissioners informed the meeting that this date coincided with a meeting they had scheduled in the Town Hall to launch their new year campaign for Designated Area Status for Balbriggan. It was agreed that an invitation be sent to Deputy Sargent and that he be requested to reschedule the A.G.M. if at all possible.

3. Correspondence

- (A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers
 - (i) Letter of acknowledgement dated 29/11/95 from the Office of the Minister for the Environment regarding public lighting north and south of the town was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that a reminder be sent to the Minister's Office and also that a letter be sent to the Senior Engineer, Public Lighting, Fingal County Council on the matter.

- (ii) Letter dated 13/11/95 to County Manager, Fingal County Council regarding Urban and Village renewal sub-programme was circulated and discussed.

Mr. Maguire pointed out that Balbriggan is now eligible for assistance under the Village Renewal Scheme. This re-classification does not affect the town's eligibility for Urban Renewal Status. The current Village Renewal Scheme has another 4 years to run. Mr. Maguire emphasised the need to commence a major push in mid 1997 to coincide with the completion of the By-Pass. Commissioner Gallen stated that the standard of finish on the recently dished footpaths was poor, particularly at Quay Street corner and at Dunnes. It was agreed that the matter would be taken up with the Executive Engineer with a view to conducting a survey of the footpaths in the Town.

(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

- (i) Letter dated 15/11/95 from Secretariat Department regarding the conference papers for the "Creating the Climate for Trade and Investment" Conference on the 6th and 7th November, 1995, was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the organisers of the conference requesting copies of the conference papers.
- (ii) Letter dated 09/11/95 from Administrative Officer, Environmental Services regarding the undergrounding of overhead networks in Balbriggan was circulated and discussed. It was agreed to take up the matter with the Planning Department.
- (iii) Letter dated 22/11/95 from Senior Administrative Officer, Community Department regarding Balbriggan Library was circulated and discussed. Mr. Maguire pointed out that he understood the Library Clock was very important from an architectural point of view and that experts had been commissioner to repair it as soon as possible.
- (iv) Letter dated 10/11/95 from Acting Senior Engineer, Electrical Section, Roads and Traffic Department regarding public lighting at Seapoint was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would check and see whether the lamp had been repaired in the interim.

(C) Correspondence from other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

- (i) Letter dated 08/11/95 regarding a motion passed expressing concern about the dangerous effect of "bull bars" on the front of vehicles which are involved in road traffic accidents was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the Minister for the Environment outlining the Commissioners concern and asking that he introduce regulations banning their use, except for agricultural purposes.
- (ii) Letter dated 29/11/95 from Bord Failte regarding a Tourist Information Office for Balbriggan was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that a letter be sent to Dublin Tourism requesting a meeting to explore the possibility of locating a Tourist information Office in the Town Hall, possibly through a Community Employment Scheme.
- (iii) Letter dated 20/11/95 from Eastern Health Board regarding future plans for a fire station and ambulance base in Balbriggan was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that a request be sent to the Programme Manager, to meet with the Commissioners to discuss the matter.
- (iv) Correspondence received from Superintendent's Office, Balbriggan, regarding his recommendations on speeding traffic along Bath Road was circulated and discussed. Commissioners reported that they had received a number of complaints from residents in the area and that they were very worried about the level of speeding traffic within the estate. Commissioners were informed that this matter was included as a headed item for the Quarterly Meeting with Fingal County Council scheduled for Wednesday 20/12/95.
- (v) Letter of acknowledgement dated 20/11/95 from Senior Probation and Welfare Officer, Smithfield Chambers regarding the Community Service Project was circulated. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that he had met with Mr. Brian McNeany, Senior Probation Officer, responsible for the Community Service Scheme in Balbriggan. Mr. McNeany suggested that the Commissioners prepare a programme of works to cover a 6 to 12 month period. Following discussion, it was agreed that Commissioners would submit their proposals to the Town Clerk early in the new year, for consideration.

(D) Other Correspondence

- (i) Letter dated 29/11/95 from Manager of Super Valu, Balbriggan regarding abandoned trolleys in the river was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that a letter of acknowledgement be sent to the Manager. Mr. Maguire informed the meeting that he had raised the matter with the manager of Quinnsnorth on a number of occasions and had impressed upon him the need to ensure that their abandoned trolleys are reclaimed on a regular basis.
- (ii) Letter dated 27/11/95 from Brian Kearns, Knock Cross, Balrothery regarding the issue of tax plates was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would correspond with Mr. Kearns on the matter.

4. Designated Area Status/Urban and Village Renewal

Commissioners reported that a meeting was scheduled for 17/01/96 in the Town Hall and that all the public representatives were being invited to attend and lend their support to the application for Designated Area Status.

5. Progress report on Northern Motorway (Balbriggan By-Pass) and the Inner Relief Road

Letter dated 06/12/95 from Senior Administrative Officer, Roads and Traffic Department setting out the current position was circulated and discussed. Commissioners were informed that this item was also included on the Agenda for the Quarterly Meeting with Fingal County Council, scheduled for 20/12/95. Mr. Maguire recommended that the Commissioners seek a meeting with the Minister for the Environment early in the new year to make a case for Balbriggan infrastructural works. It was proposed by Commissioner Shields, seconded by An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner Harford and agreed that a request be sent to the Minister to meet with a deputation from the Balbriggan Town Commissioners.

6. Provision of Parking Meters in Balbriggan

Commissioners reported that a combined submission from Commissioners, Gardai and the Chamber of Commerce had been lodged with Fingal County Council in January, 1995. It was agreed that a letter be sent to Engineering Department on the matter.

7. Designated parking bays for disabled drivers

Commissioner Gallen reported that an order had been signed in November, 1993 by the Garda Commissioner and the Minister for the Environment designating parking bays in the town. The Commissioner requested that Fingal County Council proceed with the necessary road markings, as soon as possible. Mr. Maguire stated that he understood that a recommendation to this effect would be submitted to the Traffic Study Group on Wednesday, 20/12/95. It was agreed that the matter would be followed up with the Engineering Department. It was also agreed that a letter be sent to the Minister for Justice to replace the Traffic Warden who had recently retired.

8. Balbriggan Harbour - outline specifications for remedial and renovative works

Mr. Maguire reported that the Port and Docks Board propose to spend £100,000 on the harbour.

He emphasised that this work should have been done years ago and that the proposal will not bring the harbour up to the desired standard. The correspondence received from Mr. B.D. Torpey, Chief Engineer, Dublin Port and Docks Board was noted.

9. Motion re-submitted by An Cathaoirleach Commissioner M. Harford

It was proposed by Commissioner Harford, seconded by Commissioner Davis and resolved "that the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on landlords to evict tenants who have been convicted of drug offenses within their rented premises and that the Eastern Health Board cease rent subsidy to same persons".

10. Motion re-submitted by An Cathaoirleach Commissioner M. Harford

Motion re-submitted by An Cathaoirleach Commissioner M. Harford was amended following discussion. It was proposed by Commissioner Harford, seconded by Commissioner J. Davis and resolved "that the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Department of Social Welfare to investigate Social Welfare payments to recipients convicted of drug offenses".

11. Motion re-submitted by Commissioner An Cathaoirleach Commissioner M. Harford

It was proposed by An Cathaoirleach Commissioner M. Harford, seconded by Commissioner Shields and resolved "that the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call for the inclusion of a member of the Balbriggan Town Commission on the Fingal County Enterprise Board".

12. Motion submitted by Commissioner G. Shields

It was proposed by Commissioner G. Shields, seconded by An Cathaoirleach Commissioner M. Harford and resolved that the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Health to provide adequate funding to the Eastern Health Board to supply incontinence bedding for people who are being nursed at home".

13. Motion submitted by Commissioner G. Shields

It was proposed by Commissioner G. Shields "that the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to take immediate action to alleviate flooding at the McGrath home at the entrance to Bremore Estate. Mr. Maguire informed the meeting that he understood the matter had been attended to by the Area Engineer. Following discussion it was agreed that the Area Engineer be asked to monitor the situation. It was noted that this item is included on the agenda for the forthcoming Quarterly Meeting with Fingal County Council.

14. Any Other Business

- (A) Commissioner N. Pyne (i) reported that the original nameplate for Derham Park had been re-erected on the wall. The Town Clerk undertook to raise the matter again with the Area Engineer, with a view to having a new nameplate erected at the corner of house no. 17.
(ii) requested that a letter be sent to Bus Eireann requesting an improved bus service in the mornings.
(iii) requested that Fingal County Council be requested to provided extra seats at the top end of the graveyard.
- (B) Commissioner J. Davis requested that a letter be sent to Iarnrod Eireann pointing out that the Arrow Trains are not capable of dealing with the existing level of commuters and that steps be taken to rectify matters.
- (C) Commissioner P. Gallen reported that Sonopress had announced plans to transfer 50 workers to a site on the Naas Road and requested that a letter be sent to the Managing Director requesting a meeting to discuss the matter.
- (D) Commissioner G. Shields (i) requested that the Town Clerk investigate whether there were any surplus Christmas lights available, as she had received requests regarding same.
(ii) reported that the direction sign to Ath Cliath, situated in the Square, required adjustment.
- (E) Commissioner M. McKeon and An Cathaoirleach Commissioner M. Harford extended the Season Greetings to fellow Commissioners and Staff.

- (F) Mr. Maguire reported that it was necessary that the Commissioners approve over-expenditure for 1995 in accordance with Section II of the City and County Management (Amendment) ACT 1955. He stated that the present overdraft accommodation required renewal in relation to this over-expenditure. He recommended that the Commissioners approve over-expenditure of £28,000 for 1995 and, subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment, that they consent to the re-securing of the overdraft accommodation on the Commissioners' General Account for a further 6 month period.

It was proposed by Commissioner Harford, seconded by Commissioner Young and resolved that the Balbriggan Town Commissioners approve over-expenditure in the sum of £28,000 for 1995, and subject to the sanction of the Minister of the Environment, approve renewal of the overdraft accommodation of £30,000 for a further period of 6 months.

Monica Harford