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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

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OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Mr. P. Maguire, Principal Officer  
Mr. P. Ryan, Town Clerk

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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.

(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.

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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 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.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON  
TUESDAY, 9th JANUARY, 1996 IN BALBRIGGAN TOWN HALL

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

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 Special Meeting held on the 12/12/95 were circulated and confirmed.
- (B) Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on the 12/12/95 were circulated and confirmed subject to the following insertion:
- 14 (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.

2. Applications for Hire of Hall

The Town Clerk circulated an application received from Michael Johnson of the Swords Artsquad, to hire the meeting room for the purpose of holding a photography workshop on Saturday 24/02/96. The application was approved by the Commissioners. ✓

3. Correspondence

(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

There was no business under this heading.

(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

- (i) Letter dated 18/12/95 from Administrative Officer, Roads & Traffic Department regarding the 1996 Non-National Road Restoration Programme was circulated and discussed. Mr. Maguire stated that the next grant allocation should be known after the National Estimates, possibly towards the end of February, 1996.

Commissioner Gallen reported that there was considerable subsidence at the corner of Quay Street and further down the street. This was a danger to both traffic and pedestrians and requires immediate attention. Mr. Maguire undertook to examine the matter with the Town Engineer as soon as possible.

- (ii) Letter dated 11/12/95 from the Administrative Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding a replacement driver of the Roadsweeper was circulated and noted. Commissioners paid tribute to Mr. J. Mulligan for his great work during the year.

- (iii) Letter dated 06/12/95 and enclosures from Administrative Officer, Environmental Services Department regarding Sewage Treatment was circulated and noted. Commissioner Gallen queried whether Balbriggan Town Commissioners will be given an opportunity to examine the final proposal. Mr. Maguire stated that the Commissioners were entitled to make a submission to Fingal prior to finalisation of the proposal. He added that a number of sites have been identified and that it was very much a technical exercise in deciding the final location. He stated that the proposed Treatment Plant was of critical importance to Balbriggan to meet its existing and future needs.

- (iv) Report to Fingal County Council meeting of the 13/11/95 regarding policy on Open Spaces was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Gallen stated that Fingal's Parks Department had done tremendous work in the Town Park and requested that a lamp be installed on the pole outside Mill House and facing the stepway. It was agreed that a request would be forwarded to Fingal County Council to provide a vandal proof lamp at this location.

(C) Correspondence from other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

- (i) Letter dated 08/11/95 and enclosures from Honourary Secretary, A.M.A.I. regarding the closure of E.S.B. shops were circulated and discussed. It was proposed by Commissioner B. Tuite, seconded by Commissioner T. Young and agreed that a letter be sent to the Managing Director, Customer Services, E.S.B., outlining the Commissioners concerns over the closures of the E.S.B. shops.
- (ii) Letter dated 05/12/95 from Acting District Operating Manager, DART regarding a meeting to discuss access to the South bound platform at Balbriggan Railway Station for the mobility impaired was circulated and discussed. It was agreed to convene a Special Meeting with Mr. Stapleton on Monday, 15th January, 1996 at 8.00 p.m. in the Town Hall, if possible.
- (iii) Letters dated 20/11/95 from Director, Communications and Fundraising, Rehab Foundation regarding the 1995 People of the Year Awards was circulated and noted.
- (iv) Letter dated 08/12/95 from Director General, General Council of County Councils regarding the Annual Seminar scheduled for Friday 26/01/96 in the Great Southern Hotel, Shannon, Co. Clare was circulated and noted.
- (v) Letter dated 07/12/95 from Honourary Secretary, A.M.A.I. regarding the Associations 1996 Seminar "Local Government on the Threshold of Change" on Friday 9th and Saturday 10th February, 1996 in the Allingham Arms Hotel, Bundoran, Co. Donegal was circulated and discussed. It was proposed by Commissioner P. Gallen, seconded by Commissioner J. Davis and agreed that the Balbriggan Town Commissioners be represented at the Annual General Meeting of the A.M.A.I. rather than this conference. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would request copies of the conference papers.
- (vi) Letter dated 13/12/95 and enclosures from Assistant Town Clerk, Galway Corporation regarding a European Pilot Project to define the external activities of medium sized towns, was circulated and discussed. It was agreed to hold a special meeting to discuss completion of questionnaire and possibly the setting up of a sub-committee, on Monday 15/01/96, after the meeting with Iarnrod Eireann.

(D) Other Correspondence

- (i) Letter dated 10/11/95 and enclosures from John P. McCusker, Secretary, Balrothery & District Community Council was circulated and discussed. It was proposed by Commissioner P. Gallen, seconded by Commissioner M. McKeon and agreed that the Commissioners meet with the Balrothery and District Community Council to discuss the proposed development at Balrothery.

- (ii) Letter dated 03/01/96 from Director, STS Management Consultants requesting a meeting with the Commissioners to discuss the development needs of Balbriggan and North Fingal was circulated and discussed.

Commissioners expressed their confusion at the various number of local community groups mention in the letter. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the Director, STS inviting representatives from all the groups mentioned in his letter to meet with the Town Commissioners.

Mr. Maguire referred to the newspaper article, announcing the setting up of a Tourist Information Office in the former Labour Exchange Office by the Balbriggan Promotion Group. He stated that following the December Quarterly Meeting he had requested details from the Development Department. The property in question was leased to Fingal County Council by the Balbriggan Town Commissioners. He added that as head title owner, any assignment of the property must be with the express approval of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners and he had conveyed this to Fingal County Council.

- (iii) Letter dated 09/01/96 from Deputy T. Sargent regarding alternative dates for the Tidy Towns Campaign re-launch meeting was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that the matters raised in the letter would be considered at the meeting of the Working Group on Urban Renewal Designation, on Wednesday 10/01/96.

#### 4. Designated Area Status/Urban and Village Renewal

Commissioner Gallen reported that invitations had been sent out to all the relevant public representatives and to Senior Officials of Fingal County Council. There will be a forum and display in the Ballroom and following this the public representatives will be asked to lend their support to Balbriggan's application for Designated Area Status. Mr. Maguire stated that the County Architect and his team were working on the plans for the Town Hall refurbishment and he was hopeful that these will be available for the presentation.

With regard to the Village Renewal application Mr. Maguire pointed out that it might be appropriate at this stage that the Balbriggan Town Commissioners write to Fingal County Council looking for advice and information on how to go about the Village Renewal project. It is important that medium to long term plans are considered now. Following discussion it was agreed that this be included as a headed item on the March Quarterly Meeting with Fingal County Council.

5. Any Other Business

A. Commissioner T. Young

- (i) Reported that there was a caravan at Bath Road Carpark and also that the situation on the unofficial site at Ring Commons had deteriorated considerably in recent times. Mr. Maguire stated that he would have both matters examined. He was considering re-development works at Ring Commons to make the site more visually acceptable and suitable to the needs of the residents.
- (ii) Queried whether any progress had been made regarding the production of the Annual Report. Mr. Maguire stated that a draft report should be available for consideration by the end of February.

B. Commissioner N. Pyne

- (i) Reported that 4 caravans were parked at the side of the Naul Road at Delahassey and that the occupants had fenced themselves in.
- (ii) Proposed that in future when building houses that Local Authorities ensure that the letterboxes are suitably positioned.
- (iii) Requested that a letter be sent to the ESB regarding the condition of the Power Station Site.

C. Commissioner B. Tuite

- (i) Stated that the Balbriggan Town Commissioners had previously asked for measures to be taken to prevent the unauthorised parking of caravans at the Bath Road area. Mr. Maguire stated that he would raise the matter again with the Roads Department with a view to having the matter resolved at an early date.
- (ii) Queried whether Fingal County Council intended to introduce traffic calming measures on the roadway to the beach and suggested signage at both sides of the bridge. Mr. Maguire recommended that the Commissioners seek a signed petition from the residents and that in his view the best solution was to provide ramps or chicanes.
- (ii) Suggested that Fingal County Council provide Blue Signs on the Main Street and on the approach roads informing people that carparking is available at the Shopping Centres. Commissioner Tuite informed the meeting that she was aware of possible sponsorship for these signs.

D. Commissioner Gallen

- (i) Requested that a follow up letter be sent to the Managing Director, Sonopress requesting a meeting with the Balbriggan Town Commissioners.
- (ii) Queried whether the contractor engaged in carrying out works at the harbour would be replacing the sand that he had banked up. Mr. Maguire pointed out that it had been agreed that any surplus sand would be spread on the northern end of the beach. He added that the sludge from the inner bar would not be deposited near the beach.
- (iii) Stated that the resurfacing work on Quay Street was excellent and requested that Fingal County Council put back the one way system Road Sign.
- (iv) Reported that hackneys were being hired from the Square as if a taxi rank was in operation. The Carriage Office had informed her that this is illegal. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the Gardai requesting that they monitor the situation.

E. Commissioner Davis

- (i) Recommended that the successful tenderer for the Motorway contract be requested to hire local labour.
- (ii) Reported that the shale footpath at Brick Lane was in a dangerous condition and requested that Fingal County Council be requested to provide a concrete footpath. The Town Clerk undertook to bring the matter to the attention of the Area Engineer.

F. Commissioner M. McKeon

- (i) Queried whether a follow up letter had been sent to Dublin Tourism regarding the setting up of a Tourist Information Office in Balbriggan.
- (ii) requested that the Commissioners be furnished with the names of the residents at Gardiner Hill.
- (iii) Queried whether Parks Department had made any further progress on their plans for the Band Park area. It was agreed to include this work in the Community Service Programme.

G. Commissioner Timmins

- (i) Reported serious surface water flooding at Chapel Gate and particularly outside St. Peter and Paul's School.
- (ii) Recommended that future agendas for the monthly meeting be amended to give priority in the order of business to Commissioners' motions over Other Correspondence. This was agreed by the Commissioners.

- H. Commissioner G. Shields queried whether any progress had been made with the appointment of the new Traffic Warden.
- J. An Cathaoirleach Commissioner M. Harford wished fellow Commissioners and staff a Happy New Year.
- K. Commissioner Davis and members of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners extended their sympathy to the Cathaoirleach M. Harford and to the family of the late Barney McCann.

Mr. Maguire, on his own behalf and on behalf of the Town Clerk and staff asked to be joined with the members' expression of sympathy.

The meeting adjourned at 10.00 p.m.

*Monica Harford*

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
ON MONDAY 15/01/96 AT BALBRIGGAN TOWN HALL

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

M. Harford                      M. McKeon  
G. Shields                      C. Timmins

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

P. Ryan, Town Clerk

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Commissioners J. Davis, P. Gallen, N. Pyne, B. Tuite and T. Young

- (i) Letter dated 09/01/96 from Deputy T. Sargent regarding the re-launch of the Tidy Towns Association was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that a positive response be sent to Deputy Sargent outlining the Commissioner's plans to reactivate former resident associations. It was agreed that a letter be sent to existing and former resident associations urging them to become involved and to provisionally book the Town Hall for either Monday 28th February, 1996 or 4th March, 1996 for a public meeting with Deputy Sargent, the ad-hoc committee and representatives from the residents associations. It was noted that the request to allow an RTE camera crew to film part of the U.R.D. presentation had been resolved.
- (ii) Application from Balbriggan Dramatic Society to hire the Hamilton Hall from Sunday 21st January to Sunday 28th January 1996 inclusive was circulated and discussed.

The Town Clerk circulated a letter received from Michael Blount of the Balbriggan Karate Club expressing his concern over this hiring. It was noted that a number of other regular hirers of the hall had also expressed their disapproval and annoyance. It was agreed that the Balbriggan Dramatic Society would contact these groups and explain that due to an oversight on their part, they failed to lodge an application for the hire of the hall, prior to their press release announcing details of their programme.

- (iii) Letter received 15/01/96 from North Fingal Shotokan Group regarding the forthcoming visit to Balbriggan by the Russian Karate Association was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that a letter be sent to Michael Blount stating that the Commissioners, as individuals, are trying to secure some sponsorship, and requesting further details of the proposed visit. The presentation of a pennant to the Russian Karate Association was also agreed.

- (iv) U.T.O. questionnaire - letter dated 13/12/95 from Assistant Town Clerk, Galway Corporation (already circulated). The questionnaire was substantially completed and it was agreed that the Town Clerk would research a few matters further prior to returning the completed questionnaire.
- (v) Meeting with Mr. C. Stapleton, Acting District Operating Managing, DART.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that Mr. Stapleton had to cancel the appointment due to a bereavement in the family, and that he would re-schedule the meeting at a later date.

The meeting adjourned at 9.45 p.m.

*Monica Hayford*

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 13TH FEBRUARY, 1996 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:**

Mr. P. Maguire, Principal Officer  
Mr. P. Ryan, Town Clerk

An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner M. Harford presided.

At the beginning of the meeting An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner M. Harford on behalf of the Town Commissioners extended sympathy to Ms. M. Guildea and to the family of the late Edward Guildea.

Mr. Maguire, on his own behalf and on behalf of the Town Clerk and staff asked to be associated with the members' expression of sympathy.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

- (a) Minutes of Meeting held on the 9th January, 1996 were circulated and confirmed.
- (b) Minutes of Special Meeting held on Monday 15th January, 1996 were circulated and confirmed.
- (c) Minutes of Meeting with Mr. C. Stapleton, Iarnród Eireann on the 5th February, 1996 were circulated and confirmed.

**2. Applications for Hire of Hall**

Application from Ms. May Dillon McAleer for hire of Ballroom on 17th and 18th February, 1996 for Irish Dancing Competition was noted and approved.

**3. Correspondence**

**(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**

- (i) Letter dated 9/1/96 from Mr. Sean Barrett, T.D., Minister for the Marine regarding remedial and renovation works at Balbriggan Harbour was circulated and discussed.

Mr. Maguire pointed out that the grant of £60,000 fell considerable short of what is required to complete the remedial works to the harbour. Fingal County Council was reluctant to take over responsibility for the harbour until all the structural work was completed. Letters had been sent to both the Minister for the Marine and Dublin Port and Docks Board stating that substantial additional works were required prior to the take-over.

Following further discussion it was agreed that a letter be sent to Fingal County Council to determine the official position at this stage. It was proposed by Commissioner Harford and agreed that the Commissioners meet with local

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fishermen and a member of staff from Environmental Services Department, Fingal County Council to discuss the matter. It was also agreed that the fishermen be furnished with a map of the harbour in advance of the proposed meeting and asked to identify existing or potential problem areas and also to prioritise their requirements for improvement works to the harbour.

Mr. Maguire added that a comprehensive marine survey of the harbour is required. He will raise this with the appropriate department in Fingal County Council and suggest that the remedial works to the harbour be included as a headed item for the next quarterly meeting with Fingal County Council.

It was agreed that following these meetings a request would be sent to the Minister for the Marine to meet with the Commissioners on site.

- (ii) Letter dated 5/2/96 from Office for the Minister for Enterprise and Employment regarding membership of the Fingal County Enterprise Board was circulated and discussed. Commissioners expressed their disappointment that a member of the Town Commissioners had not been included on the board. It was agreed that a letter be sent to Mr. Martin McEvoy, Chairperson recommending that a member of the Town Commissioners be co-opted to the board.
- (iii) Letter of acknowledgement dated 8/1/96 from Office of the Minister for Housing and Urban Renewal regarding Conservation Grants was circulated and noted. Commissioner Gallen pointed out that this acknowledgement referred to previous discussions with Minister Liz McManus who had suggested that the Commissioners investigate the possibility of funding for the Town Hall under this heading.
- (iv) Letter dated 16/1/96 from Office of the Minister for the Environment regarding nomination for appointment to the Consultative Panel to the Dublin Transportation Office was circulated and discussed. It was proposed by an Cathaoirleach Commissioner M. Harford, seconded by Commissioner Gallen and agreed that Commissioner J. Davis be nominated to the consultative panel. It was proposed by Commissioner P. Gallen, seconded by An Cathaoirleach and agreed that Commissioner G. Shields would act as a substitute for Commissioner J. Davis in his absence.
- (v) Letter dated 18/1/96 from 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 follow up letter be sent to the National Roads Authority given that the public lighting is on the national primary route.

**(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

- (i) Letter dated 12/1/96 from Senior Administrative Officer, Development Department regarding a proposal to open a Tourism Office at the office of the former Balbriggan Employment Exchange was circulated and discussed. Commissioners expressed their concern in the manner in which this proposal was brought to their attention. It was noted that the Commissioners already have a redevelopment plan proposal for the Town Hall and that subletting part of their property could cause problems later on. It was agreed that the Commissioners would request a meeting with Mr. A. Carthy at an early date regarding ownership of the Balbriggan Employment Exchange. It was also agreed that a letter be sent to the Secretary, Balbriggan Promotions Group on the matter.
- (ii) Letter dated 12/1/96 from the Administrative Officer, Roads and Traffic Department, regarding various matters raised at the October Quarterly Meeting was circulated and noted.
- (iii) Letter dated 5/1/96 from the Senior Administrative Officer, Planning Department regarding a planning application for a two storey development on the former filling station site at the corner of Railway St. and Drogheda St. was circulated and noted. The Town Clerk undertook to check the current status of their application.
- (iv) Letter dated 15/1/96 from the Senior Administrative Officer, Planning Department, regarding the under grounding of overhead networks in Balbriggan was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would follow up the undertaking given by Telecom to prepare costings. Mr. Maguire pointed out that it was paramount that a proper plan was prepared. The traffic situation made it impossible to implement any plan at present and it is vital that the plan is ready for implementation as soon as the By-Pass is completed.

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

- (i) Letter dated 24/1/96 from Monaghan Urban District Council regarding a motion passed expressing their concern with the serious increase in crime and calling on the Minister for Justice to take the necessary steps to solve the problem was circulated. It was proposed by Commissioner G. Shields, seconded by Commissioner J. Davis and resolved that the motion was presented by Monaghan U.D.C. be adopted.
- (ii) Letter dated 11/1/96 from the Programme Manager, Eastern Health Board regarding future plans for a Fire Station in Balbriggan was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that a request would be sent to the Programme Manager to meet with the Commissioners to discuss the provision of an Ambulance Service for Balbriggan. The Town Clerk undertook to check the position with Dublin Corporation regarding the time scale for the provision of the fire station.

- (iii) Letter of acknowledgement dated 29/1/96 from Superintendent's Office, Garda Siochana, Balbriggan regarding the hiring of hackneys in the Square was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Gallen requested that a further letter be sent requesting an update.

4. (i) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner G. Shields**

It was proposed by Commissioner G. Shields, seconded by An Cathaoirleach M. Harford and resolved that "The Balbriggan Town Commissioners convey to the Chinese Ambassador to Ireland our horror at the practice in some Chinese orphanages where female babies and babies considered to be disabled are placed in dying rooms without medical care or food and where they inevitably die a slow death from starvation and neglect."

It was agreed to circulate details of the motion to other Local Authorities requesting their support.

(ii) **Motion Submitted by an Cathaoirleach, Commissioner M. Harford**

It was proposed by Commissioner M. Harford, seconded by Commissioner B. Tuite and resolved "that we, the Balbriggan Town Commissioners urge local businesses to provide relevant work experience to trainees to enable them to complete their training courses."

Commissioner Gallen suggested that Balbriggan Town Commissioners take the initiative in this matter and invite trainees to work in the Town Hall. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the Chamber of Commerce to canvass their members on the matter.

5. **Other Correspondence**

- (i) Notice of Gaming Licence application from Aidan Bissett of Quay St., Balbriggan was noted and not opposed. Mr. Maguire informed the meeting that copies of the application had been forwarded to the Chief Fire Officer, Planning Department, County Architect and the Environmental Health Officer for their observations.

6. **Designated Area Status**

Commissioner Shields reported that the working group are planning a public display in the Town Hall on Saturday 16/3/96 and possibly again on St. Patrick's Day for a few hours. The Saturday display will also include a two hour session with the site owners. Mr. Maguire agreed to liaise with the relevant Departments in Fingal County Council with a view to arranging the various displays. He added that crowd control would have to be seriously considered, and suggested that the Commissioners act as stewards on the day. Commissioner G. Shields added that the working group was meeting later in the week to finalise plans.

A question arose as to the current position regarding the consultants report on the proposed new treatment works for Balbriggan and Skerries. Mr. Maguire reported that the Preliminary Report is expected in 6/8 weeks time. Six sites were initially examined, covering an area North of Balbriggan to South of Skerries. These sites are now receiving further detailed examinations with a view to choosing the most suitable site. It was agreed that a letter of acknowledgement be sent to Jean and Hugh Scanlon of Hampton Hall Farm on the matter. The Commissioners asked to be kept up to date on the proposed treatment works.

7. **Village Renewal Scheme**

This item was dealt with in conjunction with item 3B(iv) - the under grounding of overhead networks in Balbriggan.

8. **Inner Relief Road**

Mr. Maguire reported that the grant of £100,000 was in respect of the land acquisition costs, to bring the road to the design stage and to cover the cost of the public consultation process. Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner Young and agreed that a proposal be submitted to Fingal County Council to use the grant of £100,000 to cover land acquisition and design costs and to use their Block Grant to complete the road. Mr. Maguire pointed out that it was intended to submit a further application in 1997 under the Eu-Co Financed Scheme of Grants for Non National Roads to cover the construction costs. With regard to tenders for the Motorway, Mr. Maguire stated that it was a complex matter and attention was being focused on two particular tenders to determine the most economically advantageous one.

It was agreed to include these items on the agenda for the next Quarterly Meeting with Fingal County Council.

9. **St. Patrick's Day Parade**

It was agreed to convene a Special Meeting on Monday 19/2/96 to prepare plans for the forthcoming parade. The Town Clerk undertook to make available a list of all local businesses and community organisations for the meeting.

10. **Any Other Business**

(A) **Commissioner Timmins**

- (i) Requested a clean up of the back lane on Clonard Street. The lane is at the back of the council houses and has not been cleaned for some time.

**(B) Commissioner McKeon**

- (i) Made further enquiries regarding the names and addresses of residents at Gardiners Hill. The Town Clerk undertook to raise the matter again with the Community Department, Fingal County Council. Mr. Maguire pointed out that the Council had achieved some success at Ring Commons and this was welcomed by the Commissioners.
- (ii) Made further enquiries regarding the Council's plans for the Band Park area.

**(C) Commissioner J. Davis**

- (i) Reported that there were travellers encamped at Barnageera and also at the cemetery.

**(D) Commissioner Young**

- (i) Requested details of the current financial position. It was agreed that a Financial Report would be furnished at the March Meeting.
- (ii) Reported that there was a considerable amount of rubbish, including old furniture, deposited under the bridge at the walkway from Lambreecher to the playing pitches.
- (iii) Queried the position regarding Black Rock. Mr. Maguire reported that there had been considerable storm damage, and a sign had been erected warning the public of the dangers. Following discussion the Manager agreed to present a report to the Commissioners on the structure and on proposed safety measures at this location.

**(E) Commissioner P. Gallen**

- (i) Suggested that a request be sent to Fingal County Council for additional land for a burial ground. The Commissioners recommended that they examine the land bank at Clonard Hill, opposite the existing site. The Town Clerk undertook to have the matter examined.
- (ii) Requested that a reminder be sent to the Area Engineer regarding the provision of Parking Bays for Disabled Drivers.

**(F) Commissioner G. Shields**

- (i) Made enquiries regarding the closing date for entries to the Tidy Districts Competition, sponsored by Gunnes. The Town Clerk agreed to have the information available for Friday 16/2/96.
- (ii) Made enquiries regarding the Student Summer Jobs Scheme. The Town Clerk agreed to check this with the relevant Government Department.
- (iii) Reported that there were two caravans parked at Clonard Hill and that there was a considerable amount of rubbish at the corner of the site.
- (iv) Reported that there were a number of potholes on the laneway at the Church between Curran Park and the Main Road. The Town Clerk undertook to raise the matter again with the Area Engineer.

**(G) Commissioner N. Pyne**

- (i) Requested the completion of footpaths at the development at Flemington Park. Mr. Maguire will report back on the matter at the next meeting.
- (ii) Enquired about the Tenant Purchase Scheme. Details were given to the Manager for follow up.
- (iii) Requested that a letter be sent to Bus Eireann to provide a recognised bus stop at Flemington.

**(H) Commissioner Tuite**

- (i) Pointed out that at the last Quarterly Meeting, assurances had been given that a replacement Traffic Warden would be appointed at an early date. The Town Clerk undertook to follow up the matter with the Roads Department.
- (ii) Reported that school children were creating a considerable amount of litter, particularly during break time. It was agreed to write again to the School Principals on the matter.
- (iii) Requested that a full time Town Clerk be provided at the Town Hall. Mr. Maguire stated that the proposal had not been provided for in the 1996 Estimates and consequently it was not possible to provide a full time Town Clerk in 1996. He added that the matter could be reviewed later this year when considering the 1997 Estimate of Expenses.
- (iv) Mentioned that Mr. W. Carroll of the Dublin Regional Authority would meet with the Commissioners in mid March to discuss the Interreg Programme.

**(I) An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner M. Harford**

- (i) Referred to an anomaly in the EU Social Assistance Butter Scheme. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the Department of Social Welfare on the matter.
- (ii) Reported on the recent meeting with the Managing Director of Sonopress. Commissioner Harford added that Sonopress had asked that a filter traffic light be provided at the entrance to the Industrial Estate.
- (iii) Requested the estimated completion date for the Draft Annual Report. Mr. Maguire stated that the Draft would be completed by the end of this month.

The meeting adjourned at 10.40 p.m.

*Monica Harford*



# COIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

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HALLA AN BHAILE,

BHAILE BRIGÍN.

9th February, 1996.


## 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 Feabhra 13, 1996, 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 13th February, 1996 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

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Pat Ryan,  
Cléireach An Bhaile.

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7. Village Renewal Scheme.

8. Inner Relief Road.

9. St. Patrick's Day Parade.

10. Any Other Business.

Meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners  
with Mr Ciaran Byrne (S.T.S. Mang. Conslts.)

In attendance; Cathaoirleach, Monica harford, Joe Davis, May McKeon,  
Patricia Gallen, Ned Pyne Gertie Shields,  
Colm Timmins.  
Apologies; Breedge Tuite.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr Byrne and then went on to ask if he could give the commissioners some idea as to who those involved in the Balbriggan Initiative Group (B.I.G.) were, the basis for the formation of the organisation, and the reasons for employing S.T.S..

Mr Byrne explained that the members known to him were ; Robert Beggs, Angela Cashell, Eoin O'Callaghan, & Alice Davis. B.I.G. was formed through a liaison between Balbriggan Chamber of Commerce, who represented the business people of the town, and the Cryptic Group who organise development programmes for the youth. They had applied to the Area Development Management Ltd.(A.D.M.) for funding under their Local Urban & Rural Development programme (sub programme 2). In response they were advised that their survey would have to be extended to cover the areas of Rush, Lusk, Loughshinney, Naul , Skerries etc..with all accumulated information to be submitted to A.D.M. for distillation.

Comm. McKoen expressed her concern about the Commissioners voicing their support to persons known or unknown under obscure titles. Mr Byrne explained that his brief was to talk to all groups to obtain any contribution they wished to make to the survey, and to find out from them the names of any other groups that they felt should be interviewed in this light.

Comm. Gallen pointed out that the Commissioners were the only elected representative body , and were responsible to the people of Balbriggan to ensure that all monies 'drawn down' were co-ordinated in the best interest of the town. Mr Byrne said he recognised the difficulties in co-ordinating this but A.D.M. was not set up to fund local authorities such as the Commissioners- but specifically community groups which presented initiatives.

Comm. Gallen asked if the ministerial criteria for the establishment of such boards of directors was not being ignored by B.I.G. in that it should have included the unemployed and community representatives. Mr Byrne claimed that to the best of his knowledge the board of directors should have ;

- 6 Community Representatives,
- 6 Business people/ Trade Union Officials,
- 6 people from Semi-State bodies.

these did not include elected representatives. He went on to explain that once the report had been submitted and if funding was granted, each group interested in the administration of the programme would be in a position to suggest its own nominees for the board of directors.

Comm. Harford expressed her disappointment that groups such as B.I.G. and others should be in a position to present plans for funding without the Town Commissioners who were aware of the greater plan for the town.

In response to Comm. Timmins, Mr Byrne replied that , initially, his report was due in March '96 - to be followed by public meetings etc. before the final submission could be made. Mr Byrne assured Comm. Shields that the Commissioners could make submissions to his report or directly to A.D.M.

On the point of the letter of introduction, raised at the last monthly meeting, Comm. McKeon pointed out that while she appreciated that a standard cover letter was used - it was indicative of the background that Mr Byrne had been given that he should approach the Commissioners as an 'organisation'.

Comm. Harford requested that it be 'minuted' that she personally was not happy that Mr Byrne could not explain who nominated the people who constituted this group (B.I.G.) and that she was unwilling to "stick her neck out" to lend support to a group about which she knew little or nothing.

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Comm. Shields asked if it was possible to expand the base of B.I.G.. Mr Byrne pointed out that the group had been contractually formed and there fore could not be altered.

Comm. Davis made the observation that both Cryptic and the Drop-In centre would have a major role to expand , as they should be in a position to give an education to youngsters and some of the unemployed in the preperation of C.V.s etc..

Comm. McKeon asked if the 'drawing down' of funds under Urban & Village Renewal might not be at cross purposes to other groups.Mr Byrne replied that they were totally seperate and would not cross.

Comm. Harford again thanked Mr Byrne for his help and his presentation.

*Monica Harford.*

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
WITH MR. C. STAPLETON, IRISH RAIL, HELD ON 5/2/96**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Harford, Monica      Timmins, Colm  
Gallen, Patricia      Shields, Gertie  
Young, Tom

An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner Harford, presided.

An Cathaoirleach outlined the position of the Commissioners with 'access' and previous responses from Irish Rail regarding lack of available funding.

Mr. Stapleton pointed out that there was potential for access from the east side (Harbour side) of the viaduct to the southbound platform. In response to Commissioner Gallen he explained that an electronic gate, controlled by camera from the ticket office could be installed at the entrance to the platform.

Commissioner Young asked if the only feasible entrance was from outside the environs of the existing station. Mr. Stapleton explained that suggestions of a level-crossing were impractical, as the board (Irish Rail) were abolishing level-crossings as soon as it was possible. The new rail line and signalling were designed to accommodate extra express trains to and from Belfast.

In response to questions from Commissioner Shields about the Summer Mosney trains and Commissioner Timmins about the 5/6 Drogheda trains that pass each Sunday, Mr. Stapleton said that he would investigate the possibility of these trains stopping at Balbriggan.

Commissioner Harford asked what prospects there were for the proposal of the electronic gate on the south bound platform. Mr. Stapleton could not see any problems providing he got approval for funding. The Commissioners asked that they be kept informed of any developments in this regard.

In conclusion Mr. Stapleton agreed to look into the situations regarding the signal box, the station gates, and the maintenance of the upper grass banks on the beach side of the station.

The Commissioners through the Cathaoirleach thanked Mr. Stapleton for his time and attendance, and agreed to formally (by letter) invite his board to make a presentation in the Town Hall on St. Patrick's weekend at the urban Renewal Open Exhibition - March 16th and 17th.

*Monica Harford*

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 12/3/96 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:**                      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 the 13/2/96 was circulated and confirmed.
- (b) Minutes of Special Meeting held on 19/2/96 with Ciaran Byrne, STS Management Consultants was circulated and confirmed.
- (c) Minutes of Special Meeting held on the 19/2/96 regarding the St. Patrick's Day Parade were not circulated.  
Commissioners reported that the meeting was based on the check list and letters and invitations had been prepared and sent out. The arrangements were now being finalised.

**2. Applications for Hire of Hall**

- (a) Application received from Paul Cochrane of the Balbriggan Cage Bird Society to hire the meeting room on 20/3/96 at 8 p.m. was circulated and approved.
- (b) Application received from Ashling Casey of the Balbriggan Drop In Centre to hire the Ballroom on the 21/4/96 and 18/7/96 was circulated and approved.  
Commissioners requested that the names of the stewards be obtained in advance of hiring.

**3. Correspondence**

**(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**

- (i) Letter and enclosures dated 1/2/96 from Chairman, Sports Strategy Group, Department of Education, Sports Section, Hawkins House, Dublin 2, regarding the preparation of a national sport strategy document was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would complete the questionnaire and to recommend the provision of a National Swimming Pool, a National Sports Complex, and promotion of the Community Games as priority objectives.

**(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

- (i) Letter dated 21/2/96 from Senior Parks Superintendent regarding Community Service in Balbriggan was circulated and discussed. The Town Clerk reported that he had written back to the Probation and Welfare Service Officer pointing out the reservations expressed by the Senior Parks Superintendent. It was agreed that the matter would be pursued further following the response of the Probation and Welfare Officer. Mr. Maguire pointed out that the introduction of the Community Scheme might prove more successful if operated in conjunction with the Tidy Towns Committee.
- (ii) Letter dated 22/2/96 from Senior Executive Engineer, Environmental Services regarding the Pedestrian Pier at Blackrock was circulated and discussed. Mr. Maguire pointed out that there was considerable structural deterioration and that there was no alternative but to demolish the pier. The location was also dangerous at certain tidal conditions and consequently there was no plans to restore the pier. Following discussion it was agreed that a letter be sent to the Senior Executive Engineer to formally request that he examine the area with a view to providing a replacement amenity at an alternative location.

**(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

- (i) Letter dated 8/2/96 from C. Stapleton, District Manager, Suburban, Iarnrod Eireann enclosing booklet outlining access to DART Stations for the mobility impaired was circulated and noted.
- (ii) Letter dated 23/2/96 from C. Stapleton, District Manager, Suburban, Iarnrod Eireann regarding meeting with Town Commissioners on the 5/2/96 was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that all future correspondence on Commissioners headed paper should be signed by either the Cathaoirleach or the Town Clerk.
- (iii) Letter dated 24/1/96 from Conference Co-Ordinator, Donegal County Council regarding Annual Conference of the Local Authorities Members Association on the 11th & 12th April 96 was circulated and noted. Mr. Maguire undertook to arrange to have the conference papers forwarded to the Commissioners.
- (iv) Letter dated 12/2/96 from Leixlip Town Commissioners regarding their proposals for the reform of the A.M.A.I. was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that the proposed reform be compared with the existing rules of the Association before any response is formulated.
- (v) Letter dated 29/2/96 from Programme Manager, Eastern Health Board regarding a meeting on the provision of an Ambulance Service at Balbriggan was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that an evening meeting would be arranged after the quarterly meeting with Fingal County Council. The Town Clerk undertook to liaise with the Programme Manager on the matter.
- (vi) Letter dated 6/3/96 from the Heritage Council regarding grant applications was circulated and noted.

**4. Motions**

There was no business under this heading.

5. **Other Correspondence**

- (i) Letter dated 15/2/96 from Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance's Ltd. regarding appointment of nominee was circulated and discussed. It was noted that Commissioner C. Timmins had been nominated for the life of the existing Commission.
- (ii) Letter dated 16/2/96 from Institute of Public Administration regarding Town Twinning Grants was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that a public meeting would be called and to invite former members of the committee to attend. Commissioners who were formerly members of the committee would decide the format of the proposed meeting.
- (iii) Notification from Housing Conference Secretariat, Institute of Public Administration, of forthcoming National Housing Conference scheduled for 24th, 25th and 26th April, 96 was circulated and noted.
- (iv) Letter dated 3/2/96 from Ciaran Byrne, Director, STS Management Consultants regarding meeting of the 20/2/96 with the Town Commissioners was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would formulate a submission to STS on the basis of suggestions/comments to be submitted by the Commissioners by Friday 22/3/96.
- (v) Letter dated 3/3/96 from Donal Cassidy, Project Co-Ordinator, The Sunshine Fund regarding RTE - Telecom Eireann - People in Need Trust Telethon was circulated and discussed. Commissioners unanimously supported the project and indicated their willingness to support the project from the outset. The Town Clerk pointed out that the redevelopment works were due to commence on the 20/3/96 at 10 a.m., with the main bulk of the work being carried out over the Easter Weekend.
- (vi) Letter dated 1/3/96 from Superintendent's Office, Garda Station, Balbriggan regarding hackneys operating in the Square was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Gallen undertook to notify local hackney drivers of the contents of the letter.
- (vii) Letter from Chapelgate Residents Association regarding traffic/parking problems was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Davis reported that there was no public lighting in half of the estate and that development works were ongoing. Mr. Maguire will get the Planning Department to check out the current position. The Commissioners proposals regarding traffic and parking were being examined by the Traffic Study Group. The Town Clerk will follow this up with the Roads and Traffic Department. It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner M. Harford and agreed that the Association be invited to meet with the Commissioners to examine the agenda in detail.
- (viii) Letter dated 10/1/96 from the Embassy of the Peoples Republic of China outlining their response to the film "Return to the Dying Rooms" was circulated and noted.
- (ix) Letter dated 12/3/96 from the Hon. Treasurer, Balbriggan Cycling Club requesting the Commissioners approval to the erection of a memorial stone on the bridge in Bridge St. to commemorate Harry Reynolds winning of the One Mile Amateur Cycling Championship of the World on the 15/8/1896, was circulated and discussed. The Commissioners agreed unanimously to the proposal. Mr. Maguire undertook to look into the planning requirements (if any).

- (x) Letter dated 12/3/96 from Lakestar Investments Ltd. advising of their intention to dismantle and remove the link bridge at the Balbriggan Trade Centre, Railway Street was circulated and noted.

6. **Quarterly Meeting with Fingal County Council**

The Town Clerk circulated the agenda for the quarterly meeting scheduled for Tuesday 19/3/96 at 2.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 46/49 Upper O'Connell St., Dublin 1.

7. **Tidy Towns Committee**

It was proposed by Commissioner M. McKeon seconded by Commissioner T. Young and agreed that the Commissioners would rescind their previous decision to meet on the 21/3/96 and instead to attend the public meeting scheduled for the 20/3/96 in the Town Hall.

8. **St. Patrick's Day Parade**

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that arrangements were proceeding and that the response to date was quite poor. The Commissioners agreed to increase their efforts to secure further participation in the Parade.

9. **Any Other Business**

(A) **Commissioner G. Shields**

- (i) requested that a public light be provided at the Cricket Pitch. The Town Clerk will correspond with Fingal County Council Environmental Services and Parks Departments on the request.

(B) **Commissioner M. McKeon**

- (i) referred to the recent allocation of £100,000 for the Balbriggan Inner Relief Road and Commissioner Gallen's proposal that Fingal County Council use discretionary monies to complete the Inner Relief Road this year. The Town Clerk stated that this item was included on the agenda for the forthcoming fortnightly meeting with Fingal County Council.
- (ii) requested that Fingal County Council pave the area outside the Combined Clubs premises when it is completed.
- (iii) stated that as there are only 4 years to go to the year 2000, it was important that the Balbriggan Town Commissioners set down its list of priorities at this stage and make a firm commitment to work closely with all community groups and organisations to make Balbriggan a town to be proud of.

(C) **Commissioner C. Timmins**

- (i) reported that the road works had stopped outside St. Peter & Pauls School due to inclement weather and asked that they be recommenced as soon as possible.

**(D) Commissioner N. Pyne**

- (i) referred to a matter he had raised at the last meeting concerning development works at Flemington. Mr. Maguire will arrange a site meeting with the County Architect to examine the matter.
- (ii) proposed that Fingal County Council should exempt all old age pensioners from water charges irrespective of income. Mr. Maguire pointed out that there was a direct relationship between work that can be done by Fingal County Council and its income. The imposition of water charges has made a great improvement in the amount of discretionary works that Fingal County Council can carry out. Over three quarters of those billed had paid the charge and a vote to reduce income therefore is a vote to reduce the works programme, including Balbriggan. He pointed out that the Waiver Scheme is directly related to income and specifically excludes any savings the individual might have. He added that the provision of a water supply is an essential service and expenditure on supply is far greater than the income it generated.

**(E) Commissioner B. Tuite**

- (i) reported that the resurfacing works at Fulham Terrace had still not been completed
- (ii) reported that a worker under the CE Scheme was due to start next week and requested that approval be got from Fingal County Council to include the clearing of the back entrance to Lambreecher in his list of duties.
- (iii) reported that the hedges along the roadway at the Hill of Clonard were quite high and were infested.

**(F) Commissioner Gallen**

- (i) reported that articulated lorries were parking in Clonard St and Tara Cove and called for a meeting with the Gardai and Fingal County Council to secure adequate parking accommodation for these vehicles. The Commissioners pointed out that the drivers were locals and that the present arrangement was causing a traffic hazard.

**(G) Commissioner T. Young**

- (i) referred to the unofficial halting site at Delaheasey where the travellers had erected a fence.
- (ii) complimented Fingal County Council on the great work done to date at Ring Commons. Mr. Maguire stated that this was part of a bigger plan he had for the site and that he envisaged further improvements there.
- (iii) gave the Town Clerk a list of street locations in the Town where immediate attention is required
- (iv) queried whether the hedges from Coney Hill down to Flemington Lane (Bells Land) could be cut back on the coast side for visual impact. Mr. Maguire undertook to contact the owner on the matter. It was agreed that the Commissioners would also write to the owner on the matter.

**(H) Commissioner Harford**

- (i) thanked the Commissioners for the bouquet she received on her 50th Birthday.

(I) **Mr. P. Maguire**

- (i) circulated copies of the Draft Annual Report for consideration by the Commissioners over the next month.
- (ii) referred to the proposed new Sewage Treatment Plant for Balbriggan. The consultants will be submitting their report to Fingal County Council in April. He added that the provision of a proper Sewage Treatment Plant is the number one priority for the town and is an essential requirement for both residential and industrial development.
- (iii) circulated copies of the Financial Statement to 29/2/96 to the Commissioners. The Statement was noted by the Commissioners.

The meeting adjourned at 10.25 p.m.

*Monica Harford*



# COIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

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8th March, 1996.

## DO GACH BALL DE CHOIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith i láthair ag Cruinniú de Choimisinéirí Bhaile Brigín a thionolfar ar an Márta 12, ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners will be held on 12th March, 1996 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

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PAT RYAN,  
CLÉIREACH AN BHAILE.

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## CLÁR

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  - (A) Minutes of meeting held on the 13/2/96 (circulated herewith)
  - (B) Minutes of Special Meeting held on 19/2/96 with Ciaran Byrne, STS Management Consultants (circulated herewith)
  - (C) Minutes of Special Meeting held on 19/2/96 regarding St. Patrick's Day Parade (to be circulated)
2. Applications for Hire of Hall (if any)

3. **Correspondence**

(A) **Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**

- (i) Letter and enclosures dated 1/2/96 from Chairman, Sports Strategy Group, Department of Education, Sports Section, Hawkins House, Dublin 2, regarding preparation of a national sport strategy document (circulated herewith)

(B) **Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

- (i) Letter dated 21/2/96 from Senior Parks Superintendent regarding Community Service in the Balbriggan area (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 22/2/96 from Senior Executive Engineer, Environmental Services Department, regarding the Pedestrian Pier at Blackrock (circulated herewith)

(c) **Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

- (i) Letter dated 8/2/96 from C. Stapleton, District Manager, Suburban, Iarnrod Eireann enclosing booklet outlining access to DART Stations for the mobility impaired (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 23/2/96 from C. Stapleton, District Manager, Suburban, Iarnrod Eireann regarding meeting with Town Commissioners on 5th February, 1996 (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 24/1/96 from Conference Co-Ordinator, Donegal County Council regarding Annual Conference 1996 of the Local Authorities Members Association, scheduled to take place in the Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal on the 11th and 12th April, 1996 (circulated herewith)
- (iv) Letter dated 12/2/96 from Town Clerk, Leixlip Town Commissioners regarding their proposals for the reform of the A.M.A.I. (circulated herewith)
- (v) Letter dated 29/2/96 from Programme Manager, Eastern Health Board regarding a meeting on the provision of an Ambulance Service at Balbriggan (circulated herewith)
- (vi) Letter dated 6/3/96 from the Heritage Council regarding Grant Application (circulated herewith)

4. **Motions**

5. **Other Correspondence**

- (i) Letter received 15/2/96 from Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance's Ltd. regarding appointment of nominee (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 16/2/96 from Institute of Public Administration regarding Town Twinning Grants 1996 (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Notification from Housing Conference Secretariat, Institute of Public Administration, 57-61 Lansdowne Rd., Dublin 4 of forthcoming National Housing Conference 1996 scheduled for 24th, 25th and 26th April, 1996 in the Tower Hotel, Waterford (circulated herewith)
- (iv) Letter dated 3/2/96 from Ciaran Byrne, Director, STS Management Consultants regarding meeting of 20/2/96 with the Town Commissioners (circulated herewith)

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  - (vii) Letter dated 5/3/96 from Chapelgate Residents Association regarding traffic/parking problems (circulated herewith)
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- 6. Quarterly Meeting with Fingal County Council
  - 7. Tidy Towns Committee
  - 8. St. Patrick's Day Parade
  - 9. Any Other Business

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 9/4/96 IN BALBRIGGAN  
TOWN HALL

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:      Davis, Joe                      Pyne, Ned  
                                    Gallen, Patricia              Shields, Gertie  
                                    Harford, Monica              Tuite, Bredge  
                                    McKeon, May

OFFICIALS PRESENT:              Mr. P. Maguire, Principal Officer  
                                    Mr. P. Ryan, Town Clerk (Outgoing)  
                                    Mr. D. Tumbleton, Town Clerk (Incoming)

Apologies were received from T. Young and C. Timmins who were unable to attend.

An Cathaoirleach Commissioner M. Harford presided.

Prior to commencement of the meeting the Commissioners and Mr. Maguire paid tribute to the outgoing Town Clerk Mr. Pat Ryan and thanked him for all his work and wished him every success in the future. The Commissioners also welcomed Mr. Derek Tumbleton in his new post as Town Clerk.

1.    Confirmation of Minutes

- (a) Minutes of Meeting held on the 12/3/96 was circulated and confirmed.

2.    Applications for Hire of Hall

- (a) Application received from Ms. Alice Davis of the Balbriggan Initiative Group to hire the Ballroom on 11/4/96 at 8.p.m. was circulated and approved.
- (b) Application received from Mr. Tom Fanning of the Balbriggan Combined Clubs to hire the Ballroom on the 14/4/96 at 2 p.m. was circulated and approved.
- (c) Application received from St. Johns Hearing Aid Society to hire the Bandroom on 24/4/96 at 10 a.m. was circulated and approved.
- (d) Application received from Una Kennedy of Balbriggan Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann to hire the Hamilton Hall on 25/5/96 at 10.00 a.m. was circulated and approved.

3. Correspondence

(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

- (i) Letter dated 29/3/96 from Minister for Agriculture, Food and Forestry regarding the E.U. Butter Voucher Scheme was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would follow up this matter with the Minister .
- (ii) Letter of Acknowledgement from Secretary, Sports Strategy Working Group regarding recent submission from Commissioners was circulated and noted.

(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

- (i) Letter dated 14/3/96 from Senior Administrative Officer, Planning Department regarding the Urban and Village Renewal Scheme was circulated and noted.
- (ii) Letter dated 15/3/96 from Administrative Officer, Environmental Services regarding the acquisition of additional land for the burial ground in Balbriggan was circulated and discussed. The information in the letter was disputed and it was agreed that the Town Clerk would write again to clarify the number of graves not purchased and to examine the possibility of acquiring additional land having regard to the demand for grave spaces in Balbriggan.
- (iii) Letter dated 12/3/96 from Administrative Officer, Environmental Services regarding illegal dumping in the Martello Tower area was circulated and discussed. Mr. Maguire explained the Litter Wardens role and the procedure for securing prosecutions to the meeting. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would write to the Local Residents Associations making them aware of The Tidy Towns Initiative, the litter and dumping problems being encountered and requesting that they notify the Council if they have knowledge of person(s) illegally dumping. Commissioner McKeon requested that the Town Clerk should write to the Environment Department of Fingal County Council to establish if car registration numbers given to them in relation to illegal dumping near Gardiners Hill were followed up and what action was taken.
- (iv) Letter dated 27/3/96 from Staff Officer, Environmental Services regarding the provision of extra seats at Balbriggan Burial Ground was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that Fingal County Council should replace the seat which had been removed and again review the provision of additional seating.

(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies.

- (i) Letter dated 21/3/96 from Administrative Officer, Dublin Corporation, Engineering Department regard the time scale for the proposed Fire Station in Balbriggan was circulated and discussed. The possibility of incorporating an Ambulance Bay in the plans was raised.
- (ii) Letter dated 13/3/96 from Town Clerk, Tuam Town Commissioners regarding a motion passed to reinstate the cease-fire was circulated and it was agreed that Balbriggan Town Commissioners supported the motion.
- (iii) Notification from Secretary Border Regional Authority, 1, Farnham Street, Cavan of forthcoming conference entitled "E.U. Funding - Success or Failure", scheduled for 14th and 15th June, 1996 in the Allingham Hotel, Bundoran was circulated and noted.
- (iv) Notification of 20/3/96 and enclosures from Assistant Town Clerk, Galway Corporation of forthcoming seminar on the United Towns Organisation European Project scheduled for the 10th and 11th April, 1996 was circulated and noted.
- (v) Notification dated 15/3/96 from General Council of County Councils regarding Annual Conference scheduled for 23rd to 25th May 1996 in the Corrib Great Southern Hotel was circulated and noted. ✓

4. MOTIONS

Motion submitted by An Cathaoirleach Commissioner M. Harford

- (i) " That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to review their procedures for the acceptance of tenders in view of the inordinate delay in securing the return of the traffic light system in Drogheda Street".  
The matter was discussed and it was pointed out that because of the volume of traffic passing through the town, the absence of traffic lights created major dangers to road users and therefore required urgent attention. Commissioner Davis suggested installing a temporary light system which Mr. Maguire undertook to examine.
- (ii) Motion submitted by An Cathaoirleach Commissioner M. Harford  
"That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council, Housing Department to immediately secure the perimeter of the Senior Citizens Flat Complex at Lambeecher, to prevent further anti-social behaviour at this location".  
This matter had previously been discussed at a Deputations Meeting with Fingal County Council and the motion was passed.

(iii) Motion submitted by Commissioner G. Shields

"That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to make formal requests to our M.E.P.'s to expedite settlement of the contractual dispute regarding the Balbriggan By-Pass as a matter of urgency".

The motion was discussed and it was stated that M.E.P.'s had been written to and replies received from 2 members indicating that the matter was being examined. It was agreed that the Balbriggan By-Pass would be discussed again at a future date as the Manager hoped to have a decision on same within the next week.

5. Other Correspondence

- (i) Letter dated 19/3/96 from Chief Executive, Bus Atha Cliath regarding the provision of a bus stop at Flemington was circulated and discussed. As the location involved comes under the remit of Bus Eireann it was suggested that the Town Clerk write to them also.
- (ii) Letter dated 25/3/96 from Niall McCabe, Central Network Planning, Telecom Eireann, regarding the diversion of Telecom Eireann Service from overhead to underground in Balbriggan Town was circulated and discussed. It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen and seconded by Commissioner Tuite that the cost of this work i.e. £76,397.89 + V.A.T. would be funded under the Urban and Village Renewal Programme.
- (iii) Letter dated 22/3/96 from Chief Superintendents Office, Traffic Department, Dublin Castle regarding a replacement full time Traffic Warden was circulated and noted.
- (iv) Letter dated 11/3/96 from Brian McNeaney, Senior Probation and Welfare Officer regarding the proposed Community Service Project in Balbriggan was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that a copy of the letter would be forwarded to Mr. Michael Lynch, Senior Parks Superintendent for his comments and observations.
- (v) Letter dated 28th March, 1996 from Stephen Lawless, Balbriggan Clubs Community Centre Committee regarding monies collected by the Balbriggan Community and Leisure Centre Committee was circulated and discussed. It was proposed by An Cathaoirleach Commissioner Harford and seconded by Commissioners Shields that the Town Clerk would write to the Balbriggan Clubs Community Centre Committee informing them that no funds had been transferred to the Balbriggan Town Commissioners by the Balbriggan Community and Leisure Centre Committee and accordingly, they should contact the official board of this Committee in relation to same. It was also

agreed that a letter would be sent to the official board of the Community and Leisure Centre Committee enclosing a copy of Mr. Lawless's letter and our reply and suggest to them that a Public Meeting be held to decide the future use of the funds held by them.

6. Quarterly Meeting with Fingal County Council

It was agreed that as the minutes of this meeting had not yet been finalised by Fingal County Council the matter would be discussed at the next monthly meeting of the Commissioners in conjunction with the agenda for the next quarterly meeting to be held in June.

7. Roads Matters

(i) Balbriggan By-Pass

This item had been raised and discussed earlier at the meeting.

(ii) Balbriggan Inner Relief Road

It was agreed that a discussion on this item would take place at the next monthly meeting when the minutes of the Quarterly Meeting with Fingal County Council are available.

8. Tidy Town Committee

The meeting was informed by Commissioner McKeon that a Committee had been formed at a recent public meeting and a general clean up of the town was scheduled to take place next Saturday. Commissioner McKeon also stated that support had been received from the Business Community and that the Balbriggan Town Commissioners should co-operate with the Committee to make people aware of their aims and objectives.

9. Urban Renewal Designation

Commissioner Gertie Shields complimented the Manager and his staff for an excellent presentation when plans for Urban Renewal and Designated Area Status for Balbriggan were presented to the public and members of the business community recently. It was also pointed out that representations on this matter were made to Minister Liz McManus at the launch of the Tourism Brochure "Balbriggan - A Town of Distinction " in the Cardi Marina.

10. Any Other Business

(A) Commissioner Harford

- (i) Referred to planning permission reference F95A/0800-applicant Toland Limited. The Commissioners expressed disappointment at the decision of the Planning Department. Mr. Maguire explained the planning procedure and pointed out the conditions attached to the permission. He also explained the enforcement procedure for breach of these conditions. The Commissioners requested that the Town Clerk write to the Planning Department expressing disappointment at the decision and seeking details of what use is made of the financial contributions attached to same.
- (ii) Reported that a laneway running between Fancourt Heights and Hampton Cove was being used for dumping.
- (iii) Requested that the grass cutting along the Embankments and at Martello Tower should commence as soon as possible.

(B) Commissioner Gallen

- (i) Requested that the Manager submit a copy of the Consultants report on the proposed Sewage Treatment Plant. Mr. Maguire informed the meeting that the report is expected with the next month and that a copy would be forwarded to the Commissioners when available. A copy of the November report was also requested.
- (ii) Questioned the Manager on Fingal County Councils policy in relation to childrens play grounds. Mr. Maguire stated that the Council had ceased providing open play grounds because of high insurance claims against the Council and at night they have attracted anti social behaviour which resulted in requests for their removal by local residents. Sites have been provided in public parks where a Park Ranger is available to check the site on a regular basis and take preventative action where necessary to avoid claims against the Council. The question of a playground in Ardgillan Park may be considered at a future date.

(C) Commissioner Davis

Reported on his attendance as an observer at a meeting of the Promotions Group on the 19th March, 1996. Councillor Thea Allen was elected to represent the group on B.R.E.D.S. - a meeting of the Commissioners was arranged for 16/4/96 to discuss same.

(D) Commissioner Shields

- (i) Requested on behalf of the Gardai to have the grass cut outside the Station - however, it was stated by the Manager that as was usual the frontage was the responsibility of the Gardai.

- (ii) Reported that residents of Clonard Court were seeking traffic calming measures and she will arrange to have them submit a petition.

(E) Commissioner Pyne

- (i) Requested that directional signs for the beach be erected on the Main Street.
- (ii) Enquired about the possibility of a stop sign being erected at Chapelgale to end the confusion about right of way.

(F) Commissioner McKeon

- (i) Requested on behalf of the residents of Gardiners Hill assistance with the planting of shrubs etc.
- (ii) Requested that the shelters on the beach be painted.
- (iii) Requested that the Engineer from Fingal County Council should re-examine the site at Blackrock.
- (iv) Congratulated the Manager and Town Clerk on the draft Annual Report which had been circulated at the March Meeting and this was echoed by the other Commissioners.

(G) Commissioner Tuite

- (i) Stated that a group from C.R.Y.P.T.I.C. are involved in painting the shelters on the beach.
- (ii) Requested that a letter be sent to Anne Quinn CYC Drop In Centre in appreciation of their work and to encourage them in the future.
- (iii) Referred to the caravans entering the beach through Lambreecher Estate. Mr. Maguire stated that the erection of a height control barrier similar to that at the car park would be examined.
- (iv) Referred to the Casual Trading area at Barnagerra on behalf of Commissioner Young. It was stated that traders are dumping rubbish over the wall and it was requested that a letter should be sent to Fingal County Council to rescind the Casual Trading Status.

The meeting adjourned at 10.40 p.m.

*Monica Harford*  
*14/5/96*



# COIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

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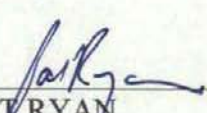
## DO GACH BALL DE CHOIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

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I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners will be held on 9th April, 1996 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

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PAT RYAN,  
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7. **Roads Matters**

- (i) Balbriggan By-Pass
- (ii) Balbriggan Inner Relief Road

8. Tidy Towns Committee

9. Urban Renewal Designation

10. Any Other Business

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 14/5/96 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:**

Philip Maguire, Principal Officer  
Derek Tumbleton, Town Clerk

An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner M. Harford, presided.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

- (A) Minutes of meeting held on the 9th April, 1996 were circulated and confirmed.
- (B) Minutes of Meeting held on the 16th April, 1996 to discuss Balbriggan Recreational, Educational and Development Scheme were circulated and confirmed.
- (C) Minutes of Meeting held on the 7th May, 1996 with Mr. William Carroll, Dublin Regional Authority were circulated and confirmed.

**2. Applications for Hire of Hall**

- (A) Application received from Balbriggan Breakaway Festival to hire the Ballroom on the 12th and 13th June at 7.30 p.m. and on the 15th June at 9.30 p.m. was circulated and approved. It was suggested that the Town Clerk should write to Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Limited to confirm that the Public Liability Insurance Policy held by the Commissioners extended cover to the green area in the event of its use by organisations without thier own insurance cover.
- (B) Application received from Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children to hire a meeting room. A discussion on this application was deferred until further information was available.

**3. Correspondence**

**(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**

- (i) Letter dated 23/4/96 from Minister for Agriculture, Food and Forestry regarding the E.U. Butter Voucher Scheme was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would again write to the Minister to obtain a full list of the products covered by the scheme and establish if the scheme could be extended to include the low fat butter products.
- (ii) Notification dated 26th April, 1996 from Assistant Principal, Department of the Environment regarding convention on Quality in Local Government to be held on the 6th and 7th June, 1996 in the Main

Conference Hall, Dublin Castle was circulated and discussed. It was proposed by Commissioners Pyne and seconded by Commissioner McKeon that an Cathaoirleach, Commissioner Monica Harford should represent the Commissioners at the convention.

(B) **Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

- (i) Letter dated 23rd April, 1996 from Administrative Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding the provision of a stop sign at Chapelgate, Balbriggan was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would again write to the Roads and Traffic Department to establish when the Traffic Study Group were meeting and to ensure that matters previously referred to them were on the agenda.
- (ii) Letter dated 9th May, 1996 from Administrative Officer, Housing Department regarding the Senior Citizens Flat Complex at Lambeeher Estate, Balbriggan was circulated and discussed. The provision of secure fencing at this location was welcomed. Commissioner Tuite expressed concern about the spikes on top of the fence and also suggested that the fencing be painted. Mr. Maguire stated that this would be considered when the work commenced.

(C) **Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

- (i) Letter dated 1st May, 1996 from Chief Executive, Bus Eireann regarding the provision of a Bus Stop at Flemington Lane was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that the Town Clerk should meet with Mr. Flannery. Commissioner Pyne stated that he had recently contacted local residents and knew of no objections from them.

4. **Motions**

(A) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner T. Young**

It was proposed by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner McKeon "That Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to provide a replacement amenity as a result of the removal of the pedestrian pier on Balbriggan Beach". The Commissioners expressed disappointment on behalf of the people of Balbriggan at the removal of the pedestrian pier and questioned the reasons for same. Mr. Maguire explained that the County Council had to have regard to safety and take the necessary action where there was a danger to the public. The Commissioners requested that a replacement amenity be provided and Commissioner Davis suggested a natural swimming/tidal pool.

(B) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner T. Young**

"That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to arrange for the cutting back of the hedgerow at Coney Hill as a matter of urgency". The matter was discussed and it was suggested

that Fingal County Council provide fencing along this stretch of road in co-operation with the owner. Mr. Maguire stated that the Council may not be allowed to fence private lands, however, he will contact Mr. Bell, the owner of the land, and the Roads Department to discuss the matter further. Commissioner McKeon suggested that the Commissioners contact Mr. Bell directly if the Council are not successful. It was agreed that the matter would be kept on the agenda for future meetings.

(C) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner C. Timmins**

It was proposed by Commissioner Timmins, seconded by Commissioner Harford and resolved "That Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to provide a pedestrian crossing on the Skerries Road at the entrance to Fancourt Heights adjacent to the County Bridge".

**5. Other Correspondence**

(A) Letter dated 7th May, 1996 from the Pastor, Balbriggan Bible Fellowship regarding gambling in the community was circulated and discussed. The matter was put to a vote and it was agreed that the Commissioners would meet Reverend Stauffer on the 21st May, 1996 at 8.00 p.m.

(B) Letter dated 26th April, 1996 from Secretary, Balbriggan Breakaway Festival regarding M<sup>l</sup> Lady Erin was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that an official reception would be held and there would be a presentation of plaques which had been sponsored by members of the local business community.

(C) Letter dated 8th April, 1996 from Mr. Thomas Fletcher regarding the renting of an allotment was circulated and discussed. The Manager informed the meeting that there were no allotments available to rent in the Balbriggan area, however, allotments were available in Donabate and as it was understood that Mr. Fletcher might also be interested in this area, it was agreed that his correspondence would be forwarded to the Development Department of Fingal County Council. The Town Clerk would also establish if allotments could be made available in the Balbriggan area.

(D) **Correspondence Submitted by An Cathaoirleach M. Harford**

(i) Copy of Press release from Deputy Trevor Sargent regarding a visit to Skerries and Balbriggan Harbours by the Minister for the Marine, Mr. Sean Barrett, T.D., was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that a meeting would be arranged with the fishermen, pleasure boat owners and officials of Fingal County Council as a matter of urgency to discuss the remedial and renovation works necessary to Balbriggan Harbour. It was also agreed following their discussions that a meeting would then be arranged between the Commissioners and the Minister for the Marine.

(ii) Letter dated 13th May 1996 from Mr. Stephen Lawless, Balbriggan Clubs Community Centre Committee regarding funds from the Balbriggan Community and Leisure Centre Committee. A lengthy discussion took place regarding the events following the decision of the

Commissioners meeting on the 9th April, 1996. Commissioners Pyne, Shields, McKeon Davis and Harford expressed disappointment at the way the transfer of funds was handled and questioned why they had not been informed of the transfer at the meeting. The Manager explained that he had entered into a confidential business transaction to obtain funds for the Balbriggan Town Commissioners redevelopment of their civic property. The monies had been lodged with the Commissioners Treasurer in a separate account which would be known as Balbriggan Town Commissioners No 2 Account. The monies would be used for the specific purpose of redevelopment of the civic property at George's Square, Balbriggan and redevelopment of the Town Hall. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would write to the Balbriggan Clubs Community Centre Committee in reply to their letter.

- (iii) Letter dated 7th May, 1996 from Deputy Trevor Sargent regarding the Balbriggan By-Pass was circulated and noted.
- (iv) Letter dated May 1996 from Deputy Nora Owen regarding the Balbriggan By-Pass was circulated and noted.
- (v) Copy of fax message dated 14th May, 1996 from Mary Banotti, M.E.P. regarding the Balbriggan By-Pass was circulated and noted.

**6. Quarterly Meeting with Fingal County Council**

- (A) Minutes of Quarterly Meeting with Fingal County Council held on 19th March, 1996 were circulated and discussed. (i) It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen and seconded by Commissioner Young that funds for the Inner Relief Road be obtained this year from Fingal County Council's Discretionary Road Grant and that the Council use the allocation of £100,000 to proceed immediately with the land acquisition and design work. It was proposed by Commissioner McKeon seconded by Commissioner Tuite and agreed that *M.H.* letters be sent to Traffic Section, Fingal County Council and the Superintendent, Balbriggan Garda Station to close the centre of Balbriggan to commercial traffic on Thursday and Friday in the interest of safety and to highlight the need for progress with the Inner Relief Road. Mr. Maguire informed the meeting that negotiations were still in progress for the purchase of land and that further funds would be sought from Fingal County Council. It is expected that further funding would follow from the Department of the Environment after the initial allocation. (ii) Commissioner Harford complimented the T.D.'s and M.E.P.'s for their response to date in relation to the Balbriggan By-Pass.

(B)

**7. Roads Matters**

- (i) Balbriggan By-Pass
- (ii) Balbriggan Inner Relief Road
- (iii) Both items had been discussed previously in conjunction with the minutes of the quarterly meeting with Fingal County Council.

**8: Tidy Towns Committee**

Commissioner Tom Young updated the meeting on the progress of the Tidy Towns initiative. The group have met over the last number of weeks and clean-ups have taken place at various locations around the town.

**9. Any Other Business**

(A) The Manager circulated a copy of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners Annual Report for 1995 to each of the Commissioners.

(B) **Commissioner Tuite**

- (i) Referred to the proposed sewage works. Mr. Maguire informed the meeting that a presentation on the proposed sewage works would be made to the Commissioners by officials of Fingal County Council and the consulting engineers at a time suitable to them.
- (ii) Called on the Minister for Education Mrs Niamh Bhreathnach to explain why the history of this country was no longer compulsory in the Leaving Certificate. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would write to the Minister to clarify the position and establish the reason for same.
- (iii) Called on the Minister for Education to issue the Price Waterhouse Report immediately, having regard to the fact that further exam works had been mislaid recently. Commissioner Tuite also questioned why exam papers had to be transported to different parts of the county for marking.
- (iv) Questioned whether replies had been received from the Eastern Health Board, Social Welfare and the Forensic section of the Department of Justice regarding motions passed at previous meetings. This will be followed up by the Town Clerk.

(C) **Commissioner Timmins**

- (i) Called on all Local Authorities to recognise Disabled Parking Stickers issued by organisations outside their own administrative area and suggested a national scheme or agreement for same.
- (ii) Referred to two proposals by the E.S.B. which had been given to the Town Clerk and requested that they be followed up with the relevant Department in Fingal County Council.

(D) **Commissioner McKeon**

- (i) Referred to the roundabout at Derham Park and requested that the signage which has been badly damaged be removed and that a roundabout similar to that in other areas be put in place
- (ii) Called on Fingal County Council to work together with Telecom Eireann in the undergrounding of cables.
- (iii) Stated that the Commissioners Room should not be used for any other purpose other than Commissioners, Manager's or Town Clerk's business.

(E) **Commissioner Pyne**

- (i) Referred to Flemington Park and questioned when it would be completed.
- (ii) Referred to the resurfacing in Tara Court.
- (iii) Referred to the sign for Derham Park. The Manager undertook to investigate these matters.

(F) **Commissioner Shields**

- (i) Referred to the Casual Trading area at Barnageeragh. It was stated that this matter had been referred to the Environment Department of Fingal County Council and that a reply is awaited.
- (ii) Requested that the Town Clerk write to Iarnrod Eireann to reinstate the wall at Barnageeragh to its original condition as it had been opened to allow essential works to the railway line
- (iii) Requested that Town Twinning be placed on the agenda for the June meeting

(G) **Commissioner Gallen**

- (i) Called on the Litter Warden to serve notice on the property at the west end of Railway Street known as the "Chicken Run" where illegal dumping is taking place.
- (ii) Questioned the Manager on the ratepayers responsibility for litter outside their property. Mr. Maguire stated that where litter results from the ratepayers business they are responsible. It was suggested that the Litter Warden should be notified of the takeaway outlet near the Town Hall.
- (iii) Referred to the directional signs which had been erected throughout the town. It was stated that the signs could be a danger particularly to blind or disabled persons. It was also stated that there was no need for this type of signage and that it would be better placed outside the town. Commissioner Gallen questioned the manager as to whether the signs could be removed. Mr. Maguire stated that he would investigate the matter
- (iv) Requested that the Commissioners meet with the appropriate officials of Fingal County Council and the Chamber of Commerce to discuss the next County Development Plan. It was agreed that a date would be set at the next monthly meeting.

(H) **Commissioner Young**

- (i) Requested that the grass is cut on the approach roads to the town
- (ii) Referred to the grass area opposite the Golf Course at Glebe North and requested that it be re-seeded.
- (iii) Referred to the travellers at Delahassy. The Town Clerk will write to the Community Department of Fingal County Council on this matter.

Commissioner Tuite enquired as to the possibility of a height control barrier in Lambreecher to prevent travellers gathering around the beach area. The Manager stated that he would investigate this.

(I) **Commissioner Harford**

- (i) Requested that the shores around the town be cleared as they are all blocked.
- (ii) Requested that the Town Clerk write to the local football clubs to discourage parking in St. Paul's Crescent.
- (iii) Requested that a letter be sent to Mr. John Hynes, Chief Executive, An Post regarding late deliveries of mail and to improve the postal system.

The meeting adjourned at 11.10 p.m.

*Monica Harford*



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## DO GACH BALL DE CHOIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith i láthair ag Cruinniú de Choimisinéirí Bhaile Brigín a thionolfar ar an Bealtaine 14, ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners will be held on 14th May, 1996 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

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DEREK TUMBLETON,  
CLÉIREACH AN BHAILE.

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1. **Confirmation of Minutes**
  - (a) Minutes of meeting held on the 9/4/96 (circulated herewith)
  - (b) Minutes of meeting held on 16/4/96 to discuss Balbriggan Recreational, Educational and Development Scheme (circulated herewith)
  - (c) Minutes of meeting held on 7/5/96 with Mr. William Carroll, Dublin Regional Authority (circulated herewith)

2. Applications for Hire of Hall (if any)

3. **Correspondence**

(A) **Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**

- (i) Letter dated 23/4/96 from Minister for Agriculture, Food and Forestry regarding the EU Butter Voucher Scheme (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Notification dated 26th April 1996 from Assistant Principal, Department of the Environment regarding convention on Quality in Local Government to be held on 6th and 7th June 1996 in the Main Conference Hall, Dublin Castle (circulated herewith)

(B) **Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

- (i) Letter dated 23rd April, 1996 from Administrative Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding the provision of a stop sign at Chapelgate, Balbriggan (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 9th May, 1996 from Administrative Officer, Housing Department regarding the Senior Citizens flat complex at Lambreecher, Balbriggan (circulated herewith)

(C) **Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

- (i) Letter dated 1st May 1996 from Chief Executive, Bus Eireann regarding the provision of a bus stop at Flemington Lane (circulated herewith)

4. **Motions**

(i) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner T. Young**

"That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to provide a replacement amenity as a result of the removal of the pedestrian pier on Balbriggan beach."

(ii) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner T. Young**

"That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to arrange for a cutting back of the hedgerow at Coney Hill as a matter of urgency."

(iii) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner C. Timmins**

"That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to provide a pedestrian crossing on the Skerries Road at the entrance to Fancourt Heights adjacent to the County Bridge."

5. **Other Correspondence**

- (i) Letter dated 7th May, 1996 from the Pastor, Balbriggan Bible Fellowship regarding gambling in the community (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 26th April, 1996 from Secretary, Balbriggan Breakaway Festival regarding M'Lady Erin (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 8th April, 1996 from Mr. Thomas Fletcher regarding the renting of an allotment (circulated herewith)

6. **Quarterly Meeting with Fingal County Council**  
Minutes of meeting held on the 19th March, 1996 (circulated herewith)
7. **Roads Matters**
  - (i) Balbriggan By-Pass
  - (ii) Balbriggan Inner Relief Road
8. Tidy Towns Committee
9. Any Other Business

**MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS TO DISCUSS  
BALBRIGGAN RECREATIONAL EDUCATIONAL AND DEVELOPMENT  
SCHEME (B.R.E.D.S.) HELD ON TUESDAY 16/4/96.**

**Commissioners Present:**

Davis, Joe  
Gallen, Patricia  
Harford, Monica  
Pyne, Ned

Shields, Gertie  
Timmins, Colm  
Young, Tom

Commissioner Davis reported back on his attendance of the Balbriggan Promotions Group on behalf of the Commissioners.

Many Commissioners expressed dismay and upset at the misinformation presented to the Commissioners by Mr. Alan Carthy of Fingal County Council and members of the promotions groups to the effect that the positions of the FÁS schemes under B.R.E.D.S. would be advertised before interviews would take place.

Commissioner Davis presented a draft of a letter that was to be circulated throughout Fingal to promote Balbriggan in June.

Commissioner Pyne suggested that Mr. Alan Carthy, Fingal County Council and a member of the Promotions Group be invited to meet the Commissioners to explain this information.

Commissioners Timmins explained that from experience, B.R.E.D.S. were not expected to advertise such positions.

Commissioner Shields accepted that this may well be the position - but pointed out that she was angry and disappointed that the information given to the Commissioners was wrong.

Commissioner Harford - because of loose association between all the component parts of B.R.E.D.S. it seemed that one would never get a resolution of who was accountable.

Commissioner Shields - accepting that we should have a constituted representative on the promotions group - but who?

Commissioner Timmins expressed an interest in going forward as a representative - if only to see how they are approaching issues of promotion, done by the group in a different manner.

All Commissioners agreed with this need.

Commissioner Young said that in all fairness, the group have produced a fine promotion leaflet.

Commissioner Timmins - proposed that Commissioner Davis be selected as a representative (seconded by G. Shields)

Commissioner Shields proposed Commissioner Timmins as substitute (seconded by P. Gallen)

Commissioner Davis requested that the Commissioners convey their disappointment to the to the M'Lady Erin organisers/committee that the event was to be taken to Alsaa, following discussions on the lack of facilities to accommodate the event. The cinema complex could not be guaranteed to be finished in time.

*Monica Harford 14/5/96*

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS WITH  
WILLIE CARROLL, DUBLIN REGIONAL AUTHORITY, HELD ON TUESDAY  
7TH MAY 1996 AT 8.00 P.M.**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Davis, Joe                      Timmins, Colm  
    Gallen, Patricia                      Tuite, Bredge  
    Shields, Gertie                      Young, Tom

Apologies received from Commissioners M. Harford, M. McKeon and N. Pyne

An Leas Cathaoirleach, Commissioner J. Davis, presided

Following a welcome and introductions by the Leas Cathaoirleach, Mr. Carroll reviewed the work of 'Interreg' to date. He explained that the Inter Regional Community Development has been extended to include the maritime boundary between Wales and Ireland (Eastern Counties). This was vitally important particularly in the region of Tourism and the development of human resources in both jurisdictions.

A typical project - if there was a typical project - would consist of one group in Wales and one in Ireland who would submit a single joint project. An example is that of the "Celtic Circle" tourism initiative - holiday tour similar to the 'Ring of Kerry' which is receiving feasibility study funding. The average funding is in the region of £50,000 with funding from £1,000 - £100,000. Some projects were submitted for joint marketing of products or holidays into the European Market.

There are limitations -A)        There is no money for Capital Funding  
    i.e. bricks and mortar  
    B)        Matching funding will be required

On this subject there is the possibility of using the costs of time and rent of a premises as part of the 25% matching funding that is required.

In response to questions from the Commissioners Mr. Carroll agreed that the best role for the Commissioners was a catalyst for other groups with ideas, however if a suitable idea surfaces his advice would be to talk with him about the feasibility and be aware at all times that if success was not possible he would advise pulling the plug. He advised that we might take the report/submission already made to A.D.M. and look at what the region needs and how Interreg could best be used.

In conclusion he offered the services of his offices to call again and meet a handful of local, interested individuals with a view to informing them of the potential of Interreg helping them and us.

The meeting then concluded.

*Monica*                      *Harford*  
    14/5/96

Minutes of Meeting Held on Tuesday 11/6/96 in  
Balbriggan Town Hall.

Commissioners Present:    Davis, Joe                    Sheilds, Gertie  
                              Gallen, Patricia        Timmins, Colm  
                              Harford, Monica        Tuite, Bredge  
                              McKeon, May            Young, Tom  
                              Pyne, Ned

Officials Present:        Philip Maguire, Principal Officer  
                              Derek Tumbleton, Town Clerk

An Cathaoirleach Commissioner M. Harford presided.

At the commencement of the meeting Mr. Maguire circulated copies of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners Financial Statement for the period January to May 1996. He invited Commissioners to examine the statement and if they had any queries in relation to same they could be raised at a later date. Mr. Maguire also reported that the present overdraft accommodation required renewal 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 Gallen and seconded by Commissioner Sheilds and resolved that the Balbriggan Town Commissioners approve renewal of the overdraft accommodation of £30,000 for a further period of 6 months subject to the sanction of the Minister of the Environment.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (A) Minutes of meeting held on the 14th May, 1996 were circulated and confirmed subject to the words "and agreed" being inserted at Section 6, line 7 after "Commissioner Tuite". Commissioners enquired if replies had been received in relation to a replacement amenity at Blackrock, the inner relief road and the cutting back of the hedgerow at Coney Hill. As no replies had been received it was requested that they be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting.
- (B) Minutes of meeting held on the 21st May, 1996 with Chapelgate Residents Association were circulated and confirmed. It was suggested that items raised at the meeting should be included on the Agenda for the Commissioners Quarterly Meeting with Fingal County Council. The Town Clerk was requested to contact Ms. Adrienne Wall to obtain a copy of the list of dangers referred to in the minutes.

- (C) Minutes of meeting held on 29th May, 1996 to discuss the Balbriggan/Skerries Waste Water Collection and Treatment Facilities were circulated and confirmed. Commissioner Gallen suggested that more members should be in attendance at meetings where officials are invited. The Commissioners who were in attendance complimented J.B. Barry and Partners and the officials of Fingal County Council on the very informative presentation. It was pointed out that Public Meetings will be held before the scheme is finalised and that the target date is the year 2000.

## 2. Applications for Hire of Hall

- (i) Application received from Mr. Michael Blount, Balbriggan Karate Club for the letting of the Commercial Club was circulated. Commissioner Gallen enquired if the Commercial Club was now available for letting. The Town Clerk explained that he hoped to conclude matters with the former tenants that week. It was explained to the Commissioners by the Town Clerk that Mr. Blount wished to carry out certain adaptations to the room and to sub-let it. Mr. Blount was offering to pay £25.00 per week for the full time letting. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would write to Mr. Blount indicating that he would be liable for the normal terms and letting conditions and that sub-letting would not be allowed.
- (ii) Application received from I.S.P.C.C., Child and Parenting Centre for the letting of a meeting room was circulated. It was explained to the Commissioners by the Town Clerk that Ms. Miriam Kelly wished to hire the meeting room on a full time basis as it would be used to store confidential files as well as being used for consultations during office hours. The I.S.P.C.C. could only offer to pay £20.00 per week for this facility. However, Ms. Kelly had stated that if the room was not available as a full time letting she would be prepared to hire the room on Thursday afternoons as an alternative in order to have a base in Balbriggan. The matter was discussed and it was suggested that the Eastern Health Board may be in a better position to provide office accommodation as the Commissioners premises had to be available to all Balbriggan residents. The Commissioners understood the very worthwhile work being done by the organisation and approved the Thursday afternoon letting in order to get the service up and running. The Town Clerk will contact Ms. Kelly and assist her in whatever way possible to secure a premises from the Eastern Health Board. It was agreed that the matter would be kept under review.
- (iii) Application received from Ms. Nora Roban, Clonard Court Summer Project to hire the ballroom on the 8th July, 1996 at 3.00 p.m. was circulated and approved.
- (iv) Application received from Balbriggan Promotions Group to hire rooms on the 30th June, 1996 at 9.00 a.m. was circulated and approved.

It was suggested by Commissioner Tuite and agreed that the letting application form be altered to include a section for the names and addresses of stewards and substitutes for all future lettings and that insurances must be verified and checked.

3. Correspondence

(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

- (i) Letter dated 31st May, 1996 from the Department of the Environment regarding substitutes to the Consultative Panel of the Dublin Transport Office was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Davis explained that nominations were at the sole discretion of the Minister. However, the matter of substitutes was on the agenda for the panels next meeting to be held on the 12th June, 1996. Commissioner Davis also pointed out that Fingal County Council had been granted £350,000.00 for traffic calming measures.
- (ii) Letter dated 31st May, 1996 from the Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and Forestry was circulated and noted.

(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

- (i) Letter dated 7th May, 1996 from the Administrative Officer, Parks Department regarding grass cutting on an agency basis was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Tuite pointed out that this matter comes up every year with different departments taking responsibility for different areas and requested that Fingal County Council and Iarnrod Eireann agree a programme of grass cutting for 1997. It was agreed that the Town Clerk should also write to Iarnrod Eireann to have the grass cut on their property. Commissioner Davis referred to the grass cutting at Chapel Street which was unsatisfactory. Commissioner Pyne questioned why bins had not been placed on the beach area yet by the Environment Department and why bins placed in other areas by the Parks Department had not been emptied.
- (ii) Letter dated 9th May, 1996 from the Senior Administrative Officer, Planning Department regarding planning application reference F/95A/0800 was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Davis questioned whether this site has been subject to proceedings by the Litter Warden or as a derelict site.
- (iii) Letter dated 10th May, 1996 from the Senior Administrative Officer, Planning Department regarding planning application reference F/95A/0800 was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Tuite questioned the financial contribution for Traffic Management facilities. The Manager explained that this was a standard levy which covered existing provisions.
- (iv) Letter dated 10th May, 1996 from the Senior Administrative Officer, Planning Department regarding Urban and Village Renewal Scheme was circulated and discussed. It was pointed

out that works will not be undertaken until 1999 and that the undergrounding and diversion of Telecom Eireann services was very costly. It was suggested that other items be looked at having regard to the opening of the Balbriggan By-Pass.

- (v) Letter dated 10th May, 1996 from the Administrative Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding the provision of signs was circulated and discussed. The provision of these signs was welcomed by the Commissioners and the Manager pointed out that there would normally be about an 8 week wait for delivery. Commissioner Young suggested that signs be provided at either end of the town to highlight the Tourist Information Service. Commissioner Tuite suggested that the Town Clerk liaise with the Tourist Office in ensuring that the relevant bodies i.e. Bord Failte, Dublin Tourism and Fingal Tourism are aware of this new service in Balbriggan.
- (vi) Letter dated 16th May, 1996 from the Administrative Officer, Roads and Traffic Department was circulated and discussed. Commissioner McKeon stated that the work had been completed satisfactorily.
- (vii) Letter dated 28th May, 1996 from the Administrative Officer, Environmental Services regarding additional seating in Balbriggan Burial Ground was circulated and noted.
- (viii) Letter dated 28th May, 1996 from the Administrative Officer, Environmental Services regarding casual trading area at Barnagerragh was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Tuite pointed out that the area has not served its purpose as the traders are not using it. It was proposed by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner McKeon and agreed that a letter be sent to Mr. Tom Kelleher, Cathaoirleach, Fingal County Council as the decision on casual trading bye-laws which includes the rescinding of Casual Trading Status is a reserved function. Commissioner Davis also stated that the town of Balbriggan should have a market and this was echoed by other members. While the suggestion of a height control barrier was welcomed it was agreed that this could prevent tourists from stopping there.
- (ix) Letter dated 28th May, 1996 from Administrative Officer, Environmental Services regarding grave spaces in Balbriggan Burial Ground was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Gallen questioned the figures given as she believes that demand is greater than that indicated and fears that a situation could arise where there would be a shortage of grave spaces. Accordingly, it was agreed that the Town Clerk would write to Mr. McDonagh at the end of the year for updated figures and report to the Commissioners at their January meeting. Commissioner Davis also questioned whether senior citizens can pre-purchase plots.
- (x) Letter dated 28th May, 1996 from Administrative Officer, Environmental Services regarding illegal dumping was circulated and discussed. While Commissioners accepted that

people would be hesitant about going to court it was also pointed out that it would act as a deterrent and in turn help prevent illegal dumping. The Manager stated that perhaps a visit from the Litter Warden might be a sufficient deterrent. He also stated that if Commissioner McKeon could provide him or the Town Clerk with the car registration numbers the matter would be followed up confidentially.

- (xi) Letter dated 30th May, 1996 from the Administrative Officer, Environmental Services regarding road gullies was circulated and discussed. The Town Clerk will follow up this matter urgently with the Area Engineer. Commissioner Young also requested that the road surface outside Ennis's pub be repaired. Commissioner Gallen referred to the condition of the road in Dublin Street just past the cinema.
- (xii) Letter dated 28th May, 1996 from Senior Staff Officer, Development Department regarding sites in Balbriggan was circulated and noted.
- (xiii) Letter dated 5th June, 1996 from Senior Staff Officer, Development Department regarding the availability of land for allotments was circulated and discussed. Mr. Maguire explained that surplus land was normally used for allotments rather than specifically acquiring it for that purpose. Commissioner Gallen questioned whether land could be made available in the Balscadden area or if the site adjacent to the grave yard could be acquired for allotments initially and in the long term to cater for the demand for grave spaces. Commissioner McKeon referred to the need for a parking area for lorries to prevent the parking in housing estates. Mr. Maguire pointed out that when the Development Plan comes up for review in 1998 the acquisition of land for industrial purposes should also be examined. Commissioner Gallen pointed out that the town does not have land at present for even small industrial units.

(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

- (i) Notification dated 29th May, 1996 from Donegal County Council on forthcoming conference entitled "Managing Health & Safety" scheduled for 17th - 20th September, 1996 was circulated and noted.

4. Motions

(A) Motion submitted by An Cathaoirleach Commissioner M. Harford

It was proposed by Commissioner Harford, seconded by Commissioner McKeon and resolved "that we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to provide a specially adapted public toilet at a suitable location in Balbriggan which is accessible to disabled persons and in particular wheelchair users."

It was pointed out by Commissioner Harford the lack of

adapted toilet facilities for disabled visitors to the town. Commissioner Gallen referred to the adapted toilet at Blackrock built by Dublin County Council which is not used. The question of adapting toilets at the viaduct was raised and it was pointed out that Access had included these in their submission. The Manager stated that as part of the redevelopment of the civic property adapted toilets will be provided and that it is hoped that improvements could be made to the toilets in the Square. Commissioner Davis suggested seeking funds from the D.T.I.

(B) Motion submitted by Commissioner Gertie Sheilds

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the programme for the accommodation of travelling families. Commissioner Davis pointed out that Gardiners Hill had not been finished to specification and was informed by the Manager that an element of refurbishment to the site was being examined. Commissioners while not objecting to accommodating travelling families questioned the manner in which unofficial sites were becoming "official". The Manager explained that while the scheme prepared by Fingal County Council proposed two sites in each electoral area the first one had to be completed in each area before the second one could commence. As Phase 1 does not feature in this programme it was agreed that the motion would be altered to read "That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council not to locate any further halting sites in the Balbriggan area until such time as each town in the County has taken its quota of travelling families". The motion was proposed by Commissioner Sheilds, seconded by Commissioner Tuite and resolved. It was agreed that a copy of the motion would be sent to all Fingal County Councillors and the matter would also be raised at the Commissioners quarterly meeting.

5. Other Correspondence

- (i) Letter dated 4th June, 1996 from Mr. Sean Lynch, Gormanstown Residents Association requesting a meeting with the Town Commissioners was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would write to Fingal County Council regarding the items raised in Mr. Lynch's correspondence before meeting with the Association and in the meantime acknowledge his letter.
- (ii) Letter dated 30th May, 1996 from Balbriggan Drop In Centre regarding a sculpture for the town was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Tuite informed the meeting that it would possibly be 12 months before the sculpture is complete. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would acknowledge the letter and inform them that the Commissioners could not help them financially but would assist them in locating a site when the sculpture is completed.
- (iii) Letter dated 13th May, 1996 from the Association of

Municipal Authorities of Ireland regarding Annual Conference to be held on 16th - 19th September 1996 was circulated and discussed. Commissioner McKeon and Commissioner Young will be attending the conference and it was agreed that proposed motions should be submitted to the Town Clerk by 21st June, 1996.

- (iv) Letter dated 13th May, 1996 from the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland regarding the Report on the Local Government Reorganisation Commission was circulated. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the report was still not available but was likely to be released in conjunction with the report on finance in Local Government and would be brought to the attention of the Commissioners as soon as it is received.
- (v) Notification from the Centre for International Co-operation of forthcoming conference entitled "Inter Regional Co-operation for European Development - an evaluation for future policy" scheduled for 19th - 21st September, 1996 in the Castleroy Park Hotel and University of Limerick was circulated and noted.
- (vi) Notification from Environmental Policy Research Centre of forthcoming seminar entitled "The Polluter Pays Principle in Practice" scheduled for Friday 14th June, 1996 at the Economic and Social Research Institute, 4, Burlington Road, Dublin 4 was circulated and noted.
- (vii) Letter dated 31st May, 1996 from the Sunday Times regarding a forthcoming article on dumping in Ireland was circulated. It was agreed that while the letter was not applicable to Balbriggan Town Commissioners that it be acknowledged by the Town Clerk.

#### 6. Quarterly Meeting with Fingal County Council

Prior to discussion on the agenda for the quarterly meeting to be held on 25th June, 1996 at 2.30 p.m. Commissioner Harford informed the meeting that she had received an acknowledgment from the Minister for the Marine, Mr. Sean Barrett but as yet a date for a meeting had not been fixed. The Town Clerk was requested to write to Development Department, Fingal County Council regarding the dangerous condition of the canopy on the former Grand Hotel.

Following discussion it was agreed that the following items would be included on the agenda for the quarterly meeting (i) Balbriggan By-Pass; Balbriggan Inner Relief Road; Commissioners submission on Parking and Traffic Proposals; closure of the centre of Balbriggan to commercial traffic; traffic calming measures; funding from the D.T.I. and the 1996 Roads Programme (ii) Programme for accommodation of travelling families; Gardiners Hill and Delahassey (iii) Anti-social behaviour; scheme of letting priorities and the allocation of dwellings (iv) Balbriggan Harbour (v) various matters relating to Chapelgate developments.

7. Designated Area Status and Urban Renewal

Report on meeting with Mr. Ruari Quinn T.D. held on the 31st May, 1996.

Commissioner Harford informed the meeting that Commissioners, members of the Chamber of Commerce and officials of Fingal County Council met with Mr. Quinn. The meeting was very positive with Mr. Quinn indicating that the scheme for Designated Area Status would continue in 1997 and gave a commitment that his department would support Balbriggan's application and requested that he be kept informed of progress in this matter. He will also liaise with the Minister for the Environment, Mr. Brendan Howlin. The delegation gave Mr. Quinn copies of the relevant reports and outlined their proposals for the Civic Property to him. Commissioner Shields complimented Mr. Maguire and Mr. David O'Connor on their attendance as it proved very helpful.

8. Balbriggan Harbour - Remedial/Renovation Works

Report on meeting with Balbriggan and Skerries Fishermens Association held on 23/5/96

Commissioner Tuite explained that the Commissioners took note of relevant points from the Fishermen but basically what was discussed at the meeting was that outlined in the letter to Mr. Sean Barrett, Minister for the Marine.

9. County Development Plan

It was agreed that this matter would be deferred until the September meeting when it is hoped that the By-Pass will have commenced, further information on Urban Renewal is available and the new session of Fingal County Council is in progress.

10. Annual Meeting

It was agreed that the Annual Meeting would take place on the 27th June, 1996 at 7.30 p.m.

11. Town Twinning

It was agreed that this matter would be deferred until the July meeting.

12. Any other business

(A) Commissioner Young

(i) Complimented the Breakaway Committee on this years festival.

(ii) Complimented the Promotions Group on the new tourist office.

(B) Commissioner Gallen

- (i) Referred to the parking at St. Pauls Crescent and requested that a letter should also be sent to the Tennis Club in relation to this matter. Residential parking in this area was suggested.

(C) Commissioner Sheilds

- (i) Requested that Fingal County Council report to the Town Commissioners on the condition of Bells laneway and on the practicalities of improving the carriageway and its junction with the N1 at Coney Hill having regard in particular to the increasing volume of vehicular and pedestrian traffic using the laneway to access County Council playing fields and the heritage site.

(D) Commissioner Pyne

- (i) Asked when Flemington Park would be completed. This matter will be followed up with the County Architect, Mr. David O'Connor.

(E) Commissioner Davis

- (i) Asked if the old Centra Shop in Lambeecher had been bought from the Council or if it had been leased originally.

(F) Commissioner Timmins

- (i) Requested that the handrail in the Viaduct be replaced. The Town Clerk will write to Iarnrod Eireann.
- (ii) Called on the Breakaway Festival Committee to have consideration for the Commissioners meeting when arranging outdoor music.

(G) Commissioner McKeon

- (i) Referred to the letter received from the residents of Church Street a copy of which will be circulated to the Commissioners at a later date. Commissioner McKeon requested that a cul de sac sign be erected and that owners of lorries parking in the street should be requested not to park on footpaths or obstruct the Nursing Home.

(H) Commissioner Tuite

- (i) Referred to pollution on beaches from Gormanstown to Balbriggan and enquired if local authorities liase with each other as the oil involved is believed to have come from Wales.
- (ii) Requested that funds be set aside in the estimates for hospitality purposes as finance is not currently available.
- (iii) Enquired as to whether a reply had been received from the National Roads Authority. The Town Clerk will follow this

up.

- (iv) Invited the Commissioners to a presentation to the Balscadden Baton Twirlers next Sunday at 3.00 p.m. in St. Patricks Hall, Stamullen prior to their departure to Verona.
- (v) Requested that the matter of dogs defecating on the footpaths and beaches be placed on the July Agenda.
- (I) Commissioner Harford
- (i) Requested that enquiries be made as to why the lifeguard was on the beach at weekends only and not during the week.

The meeting concluded at 11 p.m.

*Bredge Lint*

Meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners  
with Chapel Gate Residents' Association  
Tuesday, 21st. May 1996.

Attended by; Cathaoirleach, M. Harford.  
Commissioners, P. Gallen, C. Timmins, G. Shields.  
Chapel Gate, Trish McKeon, Adrienne Wall.  
Apologies; J. Davis, B. Tuite, N. Pyne, T. Yuong, M. McKeon.

The members of Chapel gate Res. Assoc. began by introducing a letter, sent by them to Mr Jimmy Pierce of Grifwell Developments, which outlined some of their concerns with the condition of their estate. Trish McKeon pointed out that it was not only with the estate that they had problems, but also with the traffic bottleneck at the corner of Chapel St. & Droghda St.

The Cathaoirleach replied that the Commissioners had included a proposal for a filter light in their submission to Fingal Co. Co.. All agreed that increased Garda & Traffic Warden vigilance was required to enforce the parking regulations in and around the junction. Ms Wall pointed out that the future increase in house - building would only increase the traffic problem. The Cathaoirleach undertook to write to the Garda Superintendent re; the traffic warden & the parking and also to Fingal Co. Co. re; our longstanding submission.

On the issue of street lighting, the Cathaoirleach informed the meeting that she had made some enquiries of the E.S.B. and was informed that lights No. 37 - 42 & 45 - 47 had been cleared for lighting and the Res. Assoc. would be informed of a light up date a.s.a.p.

Ms. Wall informed the meeting that the Res. Assoc. had taken a walk - about to compile a list of the dangers which they had then forwarded to the builder who refused to meet them. Comm Gallen requested that a copy of the list be left in to the Commissioners offices. The Cathaoirleach suggested that the Commissioners might undertake to oppose all future planning applications until such time as the items on the list had been satisfactorily completed, and the issues raised at the meeting should be included on the agenda for our quarterly meeting with F.C.C. Ms McKeon asked if lighting for the inner relief road might be included.

Cathaoirleach concluded the meeting by agreeing to meet with the Residents Association again following our meeting with F.C.C.

*Monica Harford*

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS WITH  
J. B. BARRY AND PARTNERS, CONSULTING ENGINEERS HELD ON  
29TH MAY, 1996 REGARDING THE PRELIMINARY REPORT FOR THE  
BALBRIGGAN/SKERRIES WASTE WATER COLLECTION AND TREATMENT  
FACILITIES

Commissioners Present: Patricia Gallen  
Monica Harford  
May McKeon  
Gertie Shields

Officials Present: Derek Tumbleton, Town Clerk.  
Seamus Coughlan, J.B. Barry & Partners.  
Ken McIntyre, J.B. Barry & Partners.  
Liam Coughlan, Senior Engineer, Fingal  
County Council.  
Maurice McDonagh, Administrative  
Officer, Fingal County Council.

The meeting began with a presentation by the Consulting Engineers outlining the procedure for the Balbriggan/Skerries Waste Water Collection and Treatment facilities.

In February 1995, Messrs. John B. Barry and Partners, Consulting Engineers were appointed to prepare a Preliminary report on the wastewater collection, treatment and disposal system for the combined towns of Skerries and Balbriggan. During the subsequent Spring and Summer, the Consultants examined and surveyed a wide area from south of Skerries to north of Balbriggan with a view to finding the best site on which to locate a new treatment works. On the 30th November, 1995 a presentation was made by the Consultants to the Commissioners outlining progress. In particular, six sites were selected as being worthy of more detailed consideration. These sites were:-

- Site A (called Hampton) in the townland of Hampton, immediately west of the railway line, some 1 km south of Balbriggan;
- Site B (called Ardgillan) in a narrow strip of land about halfway between Skerries and Balbriggan and between the main road and the coastline;
- Site C (called Barnageeragh) in the townland of Barnageeragh, north of Skerries and immediately east of the railway line;
- Site D (called Kilmainham) immediately south of Ardgillan Demesne;
- Site E (called Bremore) some 2 km north of Balbriggan

between the railway and the coastline;

- Site F (called Popeshall) is located south of Skerries adjacent to the Council's Thomastown reservoir.

The Preliminary report has examined each of the above sites in considerable detail from an engineering and economic perspective. In addition, a less detailed environmental evaluation of each site has been undertaken. The report concludes that the best site on which to locate the works is Site C.

The Preliminary report has also examined the existing wastewater collection systems for both towns and concludes that:-

- (i) the existing pumping station at Quay Street, in Balbriggan should be replaced with a new pumping station and a stormwater holding tank:-
- (ii) a new rising main and gravity sewer should be constructed between the pumphouse at Quay Street and a new pumphouse at Isaacs Bower which in turn would pump sewage to the new treatment works;
- (iii) some existing sewers in Balbriggan should be upgraded, principally along Drogheda Street;
- (iv) the sewer system in Skerries should be extended to include Barnageeragh;
- (v) the existing pumping station at Rush Road should be replaced with a new pumping station and a rising main connecting to the new treatment works.

As the proposals were approved by the elected members of Fingal County Council it is intended to submit the Preliminary Report to the Department of the Environment with a view to obtaining approval to proceed to the detailed design and contract documentation stage. The Environmental Impact Statement will be submitted to the Department for certification when available as required by Part 9 of the Planning and Development Regulations 1994. There then followed a question and answer session and the meeting concluded.

*Monica Bayford*



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## DO GACH BALL DE CHOIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith i láthair ag Cruinniú de Choimisinéirí Bhaile Brigín a thionolfar ar an Meitheamh 11, ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners will be held on 11th June, 1996 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

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DEREK TUMBLETON,  
CLÉIREACH AN BHAILE.

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### CLÁR

#### 1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (a) Minutes of meeting held on the 14/5/96 (circulated herewith).
- (b) Minutes of meeting held on the 21/5/96 with Chapelgate Residents Association (to be circulated)
- (c) Minutes of meeting held on 29/5/96 to discuss the Balbriggan/Skerries Waste Water Collection and Treatment Facilities (circulated herewith)

#### 2. Applications for Hire of Hall

- (i) Application received from Mr. Michael Blount, Balbriggan Karate Club for letting of Commercial Club (circulated herewith)

- (ii) Application received from I.S.P.C.C., Child and Parenting Centre for letting of Meeting Room (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Application received from Ms. Nora Roban, Clonard Court Summer Project to hire the Ballroom on the 8/7/96 at 3.00 p.m. (circulated herewith)

### 3. **Correspondence**

#### (A) **Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**

- (i) Letter dated 31st May, 1996 from the Department of the Environment regarding substitutes to the consultative Panel of the Dublin Transportation Office (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 31/5/96 from the Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and Forestry (circulated herewith)

#### (B) **Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

- (i) Letter dated 7/5/96 from the Administrative Officer, Parks Department regarding grass cutting on an agency basis (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 9/5/96 from Senior Administrative Officer, Planning Department regarding planning application - Reference no. F95A/0800 (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 10/5/96 from the Senior Administrative Officer, Planning Department regarding planning application - Reference F/95A/0800 (circulated herewith)
- (iv) Letter dated 10/5/96 from Senior Administrative Officer, Planning Department regarding Urban and Village Renewal Scheme (circulated herewith)
- (v) Letter dated 10/5/96 from Administrative Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding the provision of signs (circulated herewith)
- (vi) Letter dated 16/5/96 from Administrative Officer, Roads and Traffic regarding the roundabout at Derham Park (circulated herewith)
- (vii) Letter dated 28/5/96 from Administrative Officer, Environmental Services regarding additional seating in Balbriggan Burial Ground (circulated herewith)
- (viii) Letter dated 28/5/96 from Administrative Officer, Environmental Services regarding Casual Trading area at Barnageeragh (circulated herewith)
- (ix) Letter dated 28/5/96 from Administrative Officer, Environmental Services regarding grave spaces in Balbriggan Burial Ground (circulated herewith)
- (x) Letter dated 28/5/96 from Administrative Officer, Environmental Services regarding illegal dumping (circulated herewith)
- (xi) Letter dated 30/5/96 from Administrative officer, Environmental Services regarding road gullies (circulated herewith)
- (xii) Letter dated 28/5/96 from Senior Staff Officer, Development Department regarding sites in Balbriggan (circulated herewith)
- (xiii) Letter dated 5/6/96 from Senior Staff Officer, Development Department regarding the availability of land for allotments (circulated herewith)

#### (C) **Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

- (i) Notification dated 29/5/96 from Donegal County Council of forthcoming conference entitled "Managing Health & Safety" scheduled for 17th - 20th September, 1996

(D) **Motions**

(i) **Motion Submitted by An Cathaoirleach Commissioner M. Harford**

"That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to provide a specially adapted public toilet at a suitable location in Balbriggan which is accessible to disabled persons and in particular wheelchair users."

(ii) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Gertie Shields**

"That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council not to locate any further halting sites in the Balbriggan area until such time as each town in the County has taken its quota of travelling families in Phase I of the programme."

5. **Other Correspondence**

- (i) Letter dated 4/6/96 from Mr. Sean Lynch, Gormanston Residents Association requesting a meeting with the Town Commissioners (*circulated herewith*)
- (ii) Letter dated 30/5/96 from Balbriggan Drop In Centre regarding a sculpture for the town (*circulated herewith*)
- (iii) Letter dated 13/5/96 from the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland regarding Annual Conference to be held on 16 - 19 September, 1996 (*circulated herewith*)
- (iv) Letter dated 13/5/96 from the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland regarding the Report of the Local Government Reorganisation Commission (*circulated herewith*)
- (v) Notification from the Centre for International Co-Operation of forthcoming conference entitled "Inter Regional Co-Operation for European Development - an evaluation for future policy" scheduled for 19th -21st September, 1996 in the Castleroy Park Hotel and University of Limerick (*circulated herewith*)
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- (vii) Letter dated 31st May, 1996 from the Sunday Times regarding a forthcoming article on dumping in Ireland (*circulated herewith*)

6. **Quarterly Meeting With Fingal County Council**

Agenda for meeting to be held on 25/6/96 at 2.30 p.m.

7. **Designated Area Status and Urban Renewal**

Report on meeting with Mr. Ruairi Quinn, T.D. held on the 31/5/96

8. **Balbriggan Harbour - Remedial/Renovation Works**

Report on meeting with Balbriggan and Skerries Fishermen's Association held on 23/5/96

9. County Development Plan

10. Annual Meeting

11. Town Twinning

12. Any Other Business

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 9/7/96 IN BALBRIGGAN TOWN HALL

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Davis, Joe	Shields, Gertie
Gallen, Patricia	Timmins, Colm
McKeon, May	Tuite, Bredge
Pyne, Ned	

Apologies for non attendance were received from Commissioner Harford and Commissioner Young.

OFFICIAL PRESENT: Derek Tumbleton, Town Clerk. An apology for non attendance was received from Mr. Philip Maguire, Principal Officer.

An Cathaoirleach Commissioner B. Tuite presided.

COMMISSIONERS CONSENT IN RELATION TO HOUSING:

Following a report on the matter it was proposed by Commissioner Tuite, seconded by Commissioner Gallen and agreed that the Commissioners consent be given to the sale of the freehold of premises at 28 Lawless Terrace, Balbriggan.

It was suggested by An Cathaoirleach that the Commissioners meetings should end by 10.30 p.m. and this was agreed by the members.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

- a) Minutes of meeting held on the 11th June, 1996 were circulated and confirmed.
- b) Minutes of Special meeting held on the 27th June, 1996 were circulated and confirmed.
- c) Minutes of Annual meeting held on the 27th June, 1996 were circulated and confirmed.
- d) Minutes of meeting held on the 3rd July, 1996 with Bord Gais would be circulated at a later date.

2. APPLICATIONS FOR HIRE OF HALL:

Application received from Mr. Darren Browne for hire of the Ballroom on the 20/7/96 and the 3/8/96 at 6.00 p.m. was circulated. It was proposed by Commissioner Tuite, seconded by Commissioner McKeon and agreed that this matter would be discussed after the meeting.

3. CORRESPONDENCE:

(A) CORRESPONDENCE FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND MINISTERS:

- (i) Letter dated 5/6/96 from the Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Social Welfare regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners was circulated and noted.

- (ii) Letter dated 7/6/96 from the Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Education regarding the inclusion of History as a compulsory subject in the Leaving Certificate was circulated and noted.
- (iii) Letter dated 7/6/96 from the Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Education regarding issues relating to the Certificate Examinations was circulated and noted.
- (iv) Letter dated 7/6/96 from Nora Owen T.D., Minister for Justice regarding the number of staff in the National Forensic Office was circulated and noted.
- (v) Letter dated 20/6/96 from Councillor Sean Ryan, T.D., regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners in relation to the accommodation of Travelling Families was circulated and noted.

**(B) CORRESPONDENCE FROM FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL:**

The Town Clerk circulated letter dated 26/6/96 from the Senior Administrative Officer, Community Department, regarding the Council's programme for the accommodation of Travelling Families. The matter was discussed and it was agreed that the Commissioners would support residents in the affected areas and give their full backing to the Committees which had been set up to oppose the locating of further halting sites in Balbriggan. It was agreed that the Commissioners would meet with the Committees as soon as possible. It was proposed by Commissioner McKeon, seconded by Commissioner Timmins and agreed that the Town Clerk write to Mr. Galvin informing him that the Commissioners were opposing any further halting sites in the Balbriggan electoral area. It was pointed out by Commissioner Davis that there was a strong case for objecting to the National Roads Authority as the land in question for the Matt Lane site was specifically purchased for the Balbriggan By-Pass Project with E.E.C. funds which are administered by The National Roads Authority. Commissioner Timmins stated that the land for the proposed halting sites in the Malahide electoral area was in private ownership and that this could result in Balbriggan having another halting site while negotiations were continuing over land purchases. It was agreed that while the official minutes of the Council meeting held on the 8/7/96 were being prepared that the Town Clerk would in the meantime obtain a written report on the meeting from Mr. Galvin.

- (i) Letter dated 11/6/96 from the Administrative Officer, Roads & Traffic Department regarding blue car parking signs was circulated and discussed. It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner Tuite and agreed that the Town Clerk write to the Roads & Traffic Department to establish if the Council would erect the carparking signs for private businesses if they sponsored the cost and also to point out that the Commissioners had sought signs for public carparking facilities.

- (ii) Letter dated 28/6/96 from the Administrative Officer, Roads & Traffic Department regarding pedestrian crossing on the Skerries Road was circulated and discussed. It was proposed by Commissioner Timmins, seconded by Commissioner McKeon and agreed that the Town Clerk write to Fingal County Council to ensure that provision is made in next years estimates for the pedestrian crossing.
- (iii) Letter dated 24/6/96 from the Administrative Officer, Roads & Traffic Department regarding correspondence from Gormanstown Residents Association was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that the Commissioners meet with Gormanstown Residents Association on the 16th July, 1996 at 8.00 p.m. and support their campaign for road improvements.
- (iv) Letter dated 27/6/96 from the Senior Staff Officer, Development Department regarding Fossetts Circus was circulated and discussed. The Commissioners had no objection to the circus providing the car-park was reinstated to its original condition.
- (v) Letter dated 25/6/96 from Senior Staff Officer, Development Department regarding land for allotment purposes was circulated and noted.
- (vi) Letter dated 27/6/96 from Senior Staff Officer, Parks Department regarding land for allotment purposes was circulated and discussed. Commissioner McKeon will forward the names of the residents to the Town Clerk.
- (vii) Letter dated 27/6/96 from the Administrative Officer, Environmental Services regarding lifeguard on Balbriggan Beach was circulated and noted.
- (viii) Letter dated 27/6/96 from the Administrative Officer, Environmental Services regarding a report of pollution on Balbriggan Beach was circulated and discussed. It was pointed out by Commissioners that lifeguards only patrolled the front beach and that the reports of pollution had extended to other beaches.
- (ix) Letter dated 27/6/96 from the Administrative Officer, Roads & Traffic Department regarding proposals submitted by Commissioner Timmins on behalf of the E.S.B. was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Timmins informed the meeting that he had contacted the County Manager and as a result was now in contact with Mr. Joe Dalton, Area Engineer in relation to the proposals.
- (x) Letter dated 28/6/96 from The Administrative Officer, Roads & Traffic Department regarding the roundabout at Derham Park, Balbriggan was circulated and noted.

- (xi) Letter dated 26/6/96 from the Administrative Officer, Roads & Traffic Department regarding the provision of a cul-de-sac sign at the entrance to Church Street was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Gallen suggested that the Town Clerk contact the Area Engineer directly.
- (xii) Letter dated 27/6/96 from the Administrative Officer, Environmental Services regarding the placing of bins was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Pyne enquired as to the present position regarding the staff member responsible for emptying the bins and requested that the Town Clerk follow up this matter. Commissioner Tuite requested that the Press inform the public that they should bring their litter home when bins are full.
- (xiii) Letter dated 27/6/96 from the Administrative Officer, Environmental Services regarding the scheme for the purchase of grave spaces by senior citizens was circulated and discussed. Commissioners referred to the deteriorating condition of the graveyard and requested that the Town Clerk establish if a caretaker has been appointed and to arrange for the graveyard to be cleaned as a matter of urgency. Tribute was paid to Mr. Brady the former caretaker for his work in the graveyard. Commissioner Pyne requested that the Town Clerk contact the Environment Department regarding the replacement seat which is still outstanding.
- (xiv) Letter dated 3/7/96 from the Administrative Officer, Housing Department regarding the Senior Citizens Flat Complex in Lambeecher Estate was circulated and discussed. Commissioners welcomed the security that will be afforded to the residents as a result of the provision of lockable gates. It was proposed by Commissioner Tuite, seconded by Commissioner Gallen and agreed that the Town Clerk write to Fingal County Council to ensure that the cost of moving forward the side gate is included in next years estimates.
- (xv) Letter dated 28/6/96 from the Senior Staff Officer, Development Department regarding the former shop in Lambeecher Estate was circulated and noted.

**C. CORRESPONDENCE FROM OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND PUBLIC BODIES:**

- (i) Notification dated 10/6/96 from Greystones Town Commissioners of 1996 La Touche Legacy Seminar - "Role of the Local Authorities in the Promotion of Arts" scheduled for 4th - 6th October, 1996 in the La Touche Hotel, Greystones was circulated and noted.
- (ii) Letter dated 11/6/96 from the Senior Executive Officer, Eastern Health Board regarding the payment of rent supplements was circulated and discussed. Commissioners referred to the abuses of the system which should be brought to the attention of the Eastern Health Board.

It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner McKeon and agreed that the Town Clerk write to the Eastern Health Board and establish the total amount of money paid to persons in the Fingal Area in relation to rent supplements and mortgage subsidies for the year ended 31/12/95.

- (iii) Letter dated 14/6/96 from the Town Clerk, Ballyshannon Town Commissioners regarding the following motion "That the Ballyshannon Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Transport, Energy and Communications to review the Law relating to the E.S.B. and the current situation whereby Local Authorities are charged by the E.S.B. for the undergrounding and upgrading of their network" was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that the Town Clerk write to the Minister for Transport, Energy and Communications to clarify the position before a reply is issued to Ballyshannon Town Commissioners.
- (iv) Letter dated 20/6/96 from the National Roads Authority regarding the provision of motorway signs was circulated and discussed. Commissioners referred to the lack of discussion, the obstruction caused to pedestrians and the duplication of signs. Commissioners questioned whether Planning Permission was required and suggested that the Town Clerk write to the Minister for the Environment. Commissioner Tuite suggested meeting with the National Roads Authority. However, it was agreed that a report should be obtained from Fingal County Council prior to arranging the meeting.
- (v) Letter dated 21/6/96 from the Manager, Special Projects, An Post regarding letterboxes was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Pyne outlined the problems being encountered by Postmen and pointed out that mail may not be delivered to future developments where letter boxes are placed at a low level. It was proposed by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Timmins and agreed that the Town Clerk write to An Post indicating the Commissioners support for their proposals and that copies of this and An Posts letter would be sent to the Construction Industry Federation, Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland and the Planning Department, Fingal County Council.
- (vi) Letter dated 28/6/96 from the Chief Executive, An Post regarding the delivery services in Balbriggan was circulated and discussed. It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner Timmins and agreed that the Town Clerk write to the local delivery office and head office to compliment them on the improved service being provided. Commissioner Pyne outlined the new procedures for postal sorting and delivery in Balbriggan.

- (vii) Letter dated 26/6/96 from the Superintendent, Balbriggan Garda Station regarding parking at Chapel Street/Drogheda Street Corner was circulated and discussed. It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner McKeon and agreed that a meeting would be arranged with Superintendent Lambe to discuss the various items.
- (viii) Letter dated 26/6/96 from the Superintendent, Balbriggan Garda Station regarding parking at Church Street was circulated and noted.
- (ix) Letter dated 25/6/96 from the Superintendent, Balbriggan Garda Station acknowledging correspondence regarding the closure of the centre of Balbriggan to commercial traffic, drinking and loitering outside the Town Hall and parking across dished kerbs was noted.
- (x) Letter dated 27/6/96 from the Town Clerk, Nenagh Urban District Council regarding the following motion "That Nenagh Urban District Council seek the support of all Local Authorities in supporting Mrs. Nora Owen, T.D., Minister for Justice in her efforts to eradicate the drugs scourge which is rampant in Ireland" was circulated and discussed. It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner Davis and agreed that Balbriggan Town Commissioners support the motion as presented.
- (xi) Letter dated 28/6/96 from the County Secretary, Galway County Council regarding the following motion "That Galway County Council condemn the Manchester Bombing and call on the Provisional I.R.A. to reinstate its cease-fire immediately" was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that the Motion as presented be noted.
- (xii) Letter dated 28/6/96 from the District Manager, Bus Eireann regarding the provision of bus stops at Flemington, Balbriggan was circulated and noted.

#### 4. MOTIONS:

##### (A) MOTIONS SUBMITTED BY COMMISSIONER M. HARFORD:

It was proposed by Commissioner Harford, seconded by Commissioner McKeon and resolved "That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to state (a) the total cost of implementing the current programme for the accommodation of travelling families, including land acquisition and any other relevant costs and (b) to indicate the source of funding for the complete programme and if finance is immediately available".

It was suggested by Commissioner Shields that in future local landowners who sell land to Fingal County Council should insist upon a legal clause prohibiting its future use as a halting site having regard to the present situation.

**5. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:**

- (i) Letter dated 26/6/96 from the Information Administrator, Irish Wheelchair Association regarding disabled parking stickers was circulated and discussed. The content of the letter was welcomed by Commissioners.

The Town Clerk circulated the following two letters to the meeting:

- (a) Letter dated 5/7/96 from the Administrative Officer, Roads Department regarding the Balbriggan By-Pass was circulated and noted.
- (b) Letter dated 5/7/96 from the Administrative Officer, Housing Department, was circulated and discussed. Commissioners requested that the Town Clerk obtain a copy of the Housing Departments letting agreement and a copy of the agreement signed by travelling families with the Community Department. It was pointed out by Commissioner Gallen that the quarterly meeting with Fingal County Council is not a deputations meeting but a meeting between Local Authorities. Commissioner Timmins referred to the recent discrepancy over the Cathaoirleachs chain of office and stated that Fingal County Council should be informed that in Balbriggan the Cathaoirleach's chain of office is second only to the Presidents. Commissioner Gallen also clarified the position regarding the chain of office. Commissioner Tuite referred to the Fingal International Festival of Community Photography and Commissioners paid tribute to the organisers and in particular Rory O'Byrne and Michael Johnson. It was agreed that the Town Clerk write to Mr. O'Byrne and Mr. Johnson complimenting them on the exhibition, welcoming them back in the future and paying tribute to the very high standard of photography brought to Balbriggan.

**6. MOTIONS FOR DISCUSSION AT A.M.A.I. CONFERENCE:**

Copies of the motions which had been submitted by Commissioner Gallen were circulated. It was agreed that a background report on the motions would be prepared by Commissioner Gallen for Commissioner Young and Commissioner McKeon who will be attending the conference.

**7. TIDY DISTRICTS SPORTS, ARTS AND CULTURE AWARDS COMMITTEE:**

It was agreed that Commissioners would meet on 16/7/96 at 9.00 p.m. to discuss the above awards. In the meantime application forms for the various categories would be prepared and circulated.

**8. ST. PATRICKS DAY PARADE COMMITTEE:**

It was agreed that discussion on this matter would be deferred until the Commissioners meeting on the 10/9/96.

**9. TOWN TWINNING:**

It was agreed that discussion on this matter would be deferred until the Commissioners meeting on the 10/9/96.

**10. NUISANCE CAUSED BY DOGS:**

Commissioner Tuite outlined the problems caused by dogs defecating in public areas and in particular on the beaches. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that he will contact the dog warden in relation to this matter and keep the Commissioners informed. Commissioner Timmins pointed out that public awareness was important and that the Council should ensure that bins are regularly emptied. Commissioner Shields suggested having signs put up warning people to keep their dogs under control and to clean up after them because of the danger to public health. Commissioner Davis suggested designating areas in parks for dogs, a scheme which is in operation in England.

**11. CONEY HILL, BLACKROCK AND THE INNER RELIEF ROAD:**

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that replies had still not been received in respect of the above matters however he will again follow them up. In relation to the Inner Relief Road Commissioners were cautiously optimistic as a result of their quarterly meeting with Fingal County Council. However, Commissioners requested a report from Fingal County Council in relation to the pedestrian pier at Blackrock indicating why remedial works could not have been carried out and justification for its removal.

Commission Gallen requested that the Town Clerk establish from the Development Department, Fingal County Council the present position regarding the purchase of the bath houses from the Laurence O'Toole Trust and to establish their future intentions. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that Commissioner Young had reported further damage to the bath houses recently.

**12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

**(a) Commissioner Gallen.**

- (i) Complimented Scanlon's Garage on the renovations to their premises, however the unsightly doughnut on the roof destroys the visual impact of the town.

**(b) Commissioner Shields.**

- (i) Referred to the maintenance of the graveyard.
- (ii) Questioned if a reply had been received in relation to Bells Laneway. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that a reply had not yet been received
- (iii) Referred to the condition of the road surface at the entrance to the 1st cul-de-sac in Fancourt and stated that shrubbery along the Main Road needed to be cut back.

- (iv) Questioned the position regarding the wall at Barnagerragh. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that a reply had been received from Iarnrod Eireann stating that they were sourcing suitable stone and that the work would be carried out within the next few months.

(c) Commissioner Timmins.

- (i) Referred to the Three Gates Flower Shop, which he welcomed to the town. However, the owner Mr. White is placing stock on the footpath outside and causing an obstruction which could be a danger to the public and to blind persons in particular. The Town Clerk will contact the owner regarding this matter.
- (ii) Complimented the Town Clerk on the changes to the application form for hire of the halls.

(d) Commissioner Tuite.

- (i) Referred to the I.D. system which had been introduced by the Commissioners in conjunction with the local Publicans. It had been brought to Commissioner Tuites attention cases of underage drinking in the town. The Town Clerk was requested to write to every publican and off-licence owner reminding them of their responsibilities and to arrange a meeting with them if there was no improvement in the situation. Commissioner Shields called on people to report cases of underage drinking to the Gardai. The Press were requested to support the Commissioners in this matter.
- (ii) Referred to the quarterly meeting and stated that she had been informed by a Councillor that this meeting is not on Councillors official list of meetings. The Town Clerk will write to the Cathaoirleach and General Purposes Section to ensure that it is included on the list.

(e) Commissioner Davis.

- (i) Referred to the quarterly meeting and called on Mr. Thomas McManus and Mr. Noel Keenan to apologise for giving misleading information in relation to the D.T.I. Grants. Commissioner Davis called on the County Manager for an explanation and to indicate what projects have been identified by Fingal County Council.

(f) Town Clerk.

- (i) Reminded Commissioners that the A.M.A.I. would welcome any views or observations the Commissioners may have in relation to the report of the Local Government Reorganisation Commission.

The meeting concluded at 10.30 p.m.

*Bredge Tuite*

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TIDY DISTRICTS SPORTS  
ARTS AND CULTURE AWARDS COMMITTEE HELD ON 16/7/96**

**Commissioners Present:** Davis, Joe                      Shields, Gertie  
Harford, Monica                      Timmins, Colm  
McKeon, May                      Tuite, Bredge  
Pyne, Ned

Apologies received from Commissioner Gallen and Commissioner Young.

The only outstanding bills are £50.00 prize bonds due to Jim Mulligan (road sweeper) sponsored by Commissioner Gallen.

Commissioner Harford suggested that for the coming year we should target our sponsorship at £100 higher than 1995.

Commissioner Shields expressed doubt about monies due to High Street Market. Commissioner Harford and Commissioner Tuite confirmed that this had been cleared.

Commissioner McKeon proposed that we write a cheque for £190.00 fro Dunnes Florists.

Proposed standard letters for sponsorship to Fingal County Council, Iarnrod Eireann, North County Leader, Fingal Independent, all Banks and Building Societies, An Post, E.S.B, Cadbury Irl, Bridgestone Tyres, O'Neill Sports, Crossan Transport, 3 Gates Flower Shop, Conor McGowan, Frances J. Woods, An Bord Gais.

A number of other letters should be left ready for individual Commissioners to deliver by hand to the rest of the sponsors.

Commissioner Pyne pointed out that 'thank you' notes should be sent to those who contribute.

It was agreed to invite Minister for Sport, Bernard Allen, Minister for Arts, Culture and the Gaeltacht, Michael D. Higgins and Gerry Daly (R.T.E.) to present prizes on Thursday 12th September.

Entry Forms to be distributed to outlets in the town as soon as possible with a closing date set for Friday 2nd August. Judging to take place Saturday 10th August.

The closing date for the sports entries Friday 9th August. Letters to clubs to go as soon as possible.

Advertisement by any means available - Newspapers, LMFM Community Notice Board, Parish Bulletin.

Commissioner McKeon to approach Thomas Poynton regarding wine for presentation night.

Each Commissioner would be entitled to add persons to the list of invitations.

*Bredge Luite*

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
HELD ON THURSDAY 27TH JUNE, 1996.

Commissioners Present: Davis, Joe                      Sheilds, Gertie  
                                  Gallen, Patricia                Timmins, Colm  
                                  Harford, Monica            Tuite, Bredge  
                                  McKeon, May                Young, Tom  
                                  Pyne, Ned

Officials Present: Philip Maguire, Principal Officer  
                                  Derek Tumbleton, Town Clerk

An Cathaoirleach Commissioner M. Harford presided.

Prior to the meeting commencing, a minutes silence was held as a mark of respect for journalist Veronica Guerin and Garda Gerry McCabe.

It was proposed by Commissioner McKeon and seconded by Commissioner Young and agreed that a book of condolences would be opened in the Town Hall for Veronica Guerin.

Commissioner Davis submitted the following motion to the meeting "With the recent spate of killings, that the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Government to bring in internment of suspected criminals and paramilitary groups" and spoke of his reasons for submitting this emergency motion. Commissioner Davis referred to the murder of journalist Veronica Guerin and to her investigative work of the criminal underworld. Following discussion it was agreed that the motion would be altered and it was proposed by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Harford and resolved that:-

"With the recent spate of killings, that the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Government to bring in internment of known criminals and paramilitary groups".

Commissioner Gallen requested that the meeting record the events of the Commissioners quarterly meeting with Fingal County Council on the 9th July, 1996 and she expressed her dismay and disgust at the treatment of the Commissioners. This was echoed by other Commissioners. A lengthy discussion followed and Commissioners expressed their disappointment at the absence or late attendance of the 5 Councillors for the Balbriggan electoral area. The Commissioners referred to the lack of information and the loss of correspondence by officials of the Council. Commissioners also referred to the fact that despite their meeting commencing 20 minutes late through no fault of their own, the meeting still ended at 4 o'clock with less than half of the items on their Agenda being reached. The Manager then informed the meeting that despite the refusal of officials he will arrange to have reports issued to the Commissioners in respect of the items not reached

on the Agenda. It was also agreed by Commissioners that the Town Clerk would write to the 5 Councillors for the Balbriggan electoral area and the Cathaoirleach of Fingal County Council outlining the Commissioners feelings regarding their quarterly meeting.

There then followed a lengthy discussion regarding the programme for the accommodation of travelling families. The Manager outlined the Councils policy in relation to this matter. A sub-committee for each electoral area which comprised of the elected members for that particular ward and 3 members of management had identified two sites in each area which were approved by the Council. However, at the Council's June Meeting the committees were given one month to review these locations and possibly identify alternatives otherwise the plan would proceed as approved. This review is now in progress. Commissioners pointed out that the sub-committee when making their original recommendation appeared to have only looked at the Balbriggan area despite the fact that Balbriggan already has 2 sites, one at Gardiners Hill and the other at Bog of the Ring.

Mr. Maguire informed the meeting that Fingal County Council is required by the Minister for Housing and Urban Renewal to adopt and implement a programme for the provision of adequate accommodation for travelling families in its area.

The meeting then ended and was followed by the Commissioners Annual Meeting.

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A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith i láthair ag Cruinniú de Choimisinéirí Bhaile Brigín a thionolfar ar an Iúil 9, ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners will be held on 9th July, 1996 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

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DEREK TUMBLETON,  
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#### 1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (a) Minutes of Meeting held on the 11/6/96 (circulated herewith).
- (b) Minutes of Special Meeting held on the 27/6/96 (circulated herewith)
- (c) Minutes of Annual Meeting held on the 27/6/96 (circulated herewith)
- (d) Minutes of Meeting held on the 3/7/96 with Bord Gáis (to be circulated)

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

### **3. Correspondence**

#### **(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**

- (i) Letter dated 5/6/96 from Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Social Welfare regarding motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 7/6/96 from the Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Education regarding history subject (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 7/6/96 from the Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Education regarding certificate examinations (circulated herewith)
- (iv) Letter dated 7/6/96 from Nora Owen, T.D., Minister for Justice regarding National Forensic Offices (circulated herewith)
- (v) Letter dated 20/6/96 from Councillor Sean Ryan, T.D. regarding motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners (circulated herewith)

#### **(B) Correspondence From Fingal County Council**

- (i) Letter dated 11/6/96 from the Administrative Officer, Roads & Traffic Department regarding blue carparking signs (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 28/6/96 from the Administrative Officer, Roads & Traffic Department regarding pedestrian crossing on the Skerries Road (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 24/6/96 from the Administrative Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding correspondence from Gormanston Residents Association (circulated herewith)
- (iv) Letter dated 27/6/96 from Senior Staff Officer, Development Department regarding Fossetts Circus (circulated herewith)
- (v) Letter dated 25/6/96 from Senior Staff Officer, Development Department regarding land for allotment purposes (circulated herewith)
- (vi) Letter dated 27/6/96 from Senior Staff Officer, Parks Department regarding planting of shrubs and plants (circulated herewith)
- (vii) Letter dated 27/6/96 from Administrative Officer, Environmental Services regarding lifeguard on Balbriggan beach (circulated herewith)
- (viii) Letter dated 27/6/96 from Administrative Officer, Environmental Services regarding Balbriggan beach (circulated herewith)
- (ix) Letter dated 27/6/96 from Administrative Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding proposals submitted by Commissioner Timmins on behalf of the E.S.B. (circulated herewith)
- (x) Letter dated 28/6/96 from Administrative Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding roundabout at Derham Park, Balbriggan (circulated herewith)
- (xi) Letter dated 26/6/96 from Administrative Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding provision of cul-de-sac sign (circulated herewith)
- (xii) Letter dated 27/6/96 from Administrative Officer, Environmental Services regarding placing of bins (circulated herewith)
- (xiii) Letter dated 27/6/96 from Administrative Officer, Environmental Services regarding grave spaces (circulated herewith)
- (xiv) Letter dated 3/7/96 from Administrative Officer, Housing Department regarding Senior Citizens Flats Complex at Lambeeher (circulated herewith)
- (xv) Letter dated 28/6/96 from Senior Staff Officer, Development Department regarding former shop in Lambeeher (circulated herewith)

**C Correspondence from Other Local authorities and Public Bodies**

- (i) Notification dated 10/6/96 from Greystones Town Commissioners of 1996 La Touche Legacy Seminar - "Role of Local Authorities in the Promotion of Arts" scheduled for 4th-6th October 1996 in the La Touche Hotel, Greystones (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 11/6/96 from the Senior Executive Officer, Eastern Health Board regarding rent supplements (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 14/6/96 from Town Clerk, Ballyshannon Town Commissioners regarding a motion passed to review the law relating to the E.S.B. (circulated herewith)
- (iv) Letter dated 20/6/96 from the National Roads Authority regarding motorway signs (circulated herewith)
- (v) Letter dated 21/6/96 from the Manager, Special Projects, An Post regarding letterboxes (circulated herewith)
- (vi) Letter dated 28/6/96 from the Chief Executive, An Post regarding delivery services in Balbriggan (circulated herewith)
- (vii) Letter dated 26/6/96 from the Superintendent, Balbriggan Garda Station regarding parking at Chapel Street/Drogheda Street corner (circulated herewith)
- (viii) Letter dated 26/6/96 from the Superintendent, Balbriggan Garda Station regarding parking at Church Street (circulated herewith)
- (ix) Letter dated 25/6/96 from the Superintendent, Balbriggan Garda Station acknowledging correspondence regarding closure of centre of Balbriggan to traffic, drinking outside Town Hall and parking across dish kerbs (circulated herewith)
- (x) Letter dated 27/6/96 from Town Clerk, Nenagh Urban District Council regarding a motion passed to support Mrs Nora Owen, T.D., Minister for Justice (circulated herewith)
- (xi) Letter dated 28/6/96 from County Secretary, Galway County Council regarding a motion passed to reinstate the cease-fire (circulated herewith)
- (xii) Letter dated 28/6/96 from the District Manager, Bus Eireann regarding bus stop at Flemington, Balbriggan (circulated herewith)

**4. Motion Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**

"That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to state (a) the total cost of implementing the current programme for the accommodation of travelling families, including land acquisition and any other relevant costs and (b) to indicate the source of funding for the complete programme and if finance is immediately available.

**5. Other Correspondence**

- (i) Letter dated 26/6/96 from the Information Administrator, Irish Wheelchair Association regarding disabled parking stickers (circulated herewith)
- 6. Motions for discussion at A.M.A.I. Conference (circulated herewith)
- 7. Tidy Districts, Sports, Arts and Culture Awards Committee
- 8. St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee
- 9. Town Twinning
- 10. Nuisance caused by dogs
- 11. Coney Hill, Blackrock and Inner Relief Road
- 12. Any Other Business

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 10/9/96 IN  
BALBRIGGAN TOWN HALL

Commissioners Present:    Davis, Joe                      Pyne, Ned  
                                  Gallen, Patricia                Shields, Gertie  
                                  Harford, Monica               Timmins, Colm  
                                  McKeon, May                    Tuite, Bredge

Apologies for non attendance were received from Commissioner Tom Young.

Officials Present:    Mr. Davy Byrne, County Manager  
                                  Mr. Philip Maguire, Principal Officer  
                                  Mr. Derek Tumbleton, Town Clerk

An Cathaoirleach Commissioner B. Tuite presided. ✓

The meeting commenced with a presentation to Mr. Davy Byrne, County Manager on his retirement from Fingal County Council. Commissioners and officials paid tribute to Mr. Byrne and wished him well for the future. Mr. Byrne thanked the Commissioners for the presentation made to him. Commissioner Gallen then requested that the meeting be adjourned for a short time in order that a private matter be discussed.

Commissioners consent in relation to Housing:

Following a report on the matter by the Town Clerk it was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner Tuite and agreed that the Commissioners consent be given to the sale of premises at 31, Lawless Terrace to Thomasina Livesy and Raymond Gilbert. ✓

Commissioner Timmins circulated a request from the Swimming Pool Association to meet with the Commissioners to present the results of their feasibility study. It was agreed that a meeting would take place on Wednesday 18th September, 1996 at 8.00 p.m. Mr. Maguire circulated copies of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners Financial Statement for the period January to August, 1996.

1.    Confirmation of Minutes

- (a) Minutes of Meeting held on the 9/7/96 were circulated and confirmed.
- (b) Minutes of Meeting held on the 16/7/96 with Gormanston and District Residents Association were circulated and confirmed.
- (c) Minutes of the Tidy Districts, Sports, Arts and Culture Awards Committee meeting held on the 16/7/96 were circulated and confirmed.

## 2. Applications for Hire of Hall

It was agreed that as applications were currently being renewed that they would be circulated at the Commissioners next monthly meeting.

## 3. Correspondence

### (a) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

- (i) Letter dated 17/7/96 from the Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and Forestry regarding the butter voucher scheme was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that as the Minister could not be of assistance that the matter would be followed up through our M.E.P.'s.
- (ii) Letter dated 21/8/96 from the Private Secretary Office of the Minister for Education regarding issues relating to the Certificate Exams was circulated and noted.
- (iii) Letter dated 21/8/96 from the Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Education regarding the History subject was circulated and noted.
- (iv) Letter dated 28/8/96 from the Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Transport, Energy and Communications regarding the law relating to the E.S.B. was circulated and noted.
- (v) Letter dated 28/8/96 from the Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Social Welfare regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners was circulated and noted.
- (vi) Letter dated 28/8/96 from the Minister for Justice regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners was circulated and discussed. While certain aspects of the letter were welcomed, Commissioners were disappointed with other areas and it was agreed that the Town Clerk write to the Minister requesting a meeting with the Commissioners.

### (B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

- (i) Letter dated 28/6/96 from the Administrative Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding the roundabout at Derham Park was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that the Town Clerk write to Fingal County Council to ensure that provision is made in next years estimates for modifications to the roundabout.
- (ii) Letter dated 2/7/96 from the Senior Staff Officer, Development Department regarding acquisition of land for allotment purposes was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Gallen requested that the Town Clerk write to the Development Department to establish if land is available

in the Commons area and to review the position regarding Balscadden. Commissioner Pyne questioned the Manager as to why land acquired for the Balbriggan By Pass was being used for a halting site. Mr. Byrne explained that as a result of the purchase of land for the motorway, pockets of land became available. Commissioners questioned the Manager regarding the ongoing problems in Chapelgate Developments and were informed that he would try to have them resolved. Commissioner Gallen suggested that Commissioners compile a list of lands which are available or could be acquired by the Council.

- (iii) Letter dated 17/7/96 from the Acting Senior Staff Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding traffic and parking proposals for Balbriggan Town was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Harford requested that the Town Clerk write to the Roads and Traffic Department prior to each monthly meeting for a progress report.
- (iv) Letter dated 22/7/96 from the Administrative Officer, Parks Department regarding grass cutting was circulated and noted.
- (v) Letter dated 23/7/96 from the Administrative Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding Balbriggan and Skerries harbour was circulated and discussed. It was proposed by Commissioner Harford that should major work be required to the harbour following the handover that the capital expenditure be funded by the Government. Commissioner Gallen stated that a response had still not been received from Mr. Sean Barrett, Minister for the Marine regarding the request for a meeting with the Commissioners to discuss matters relating to the harbour.
- (vi) Letter dated 13/8/96 from the Senior Administrative Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding the provision of a pedestrian crossing on the Skerries Road was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Harford stated that she is awaiting a letter from a resident in Fancourt Heights requesting traffic calming measures in the estate.
- (vii) Letter dated 14/8/96 from the Senior Administrative Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding directional signage in Balbriggan was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Gallen suggested meeting with the National Roads Authority. Mr. Maguire will contact Mr. Michael Lynch, Parks Superintendent regarding directional signage for the beach and harbour.
- (viii) Letter dated 14/8/96 from the Senior Administrative Officer, Roads & Traffic Department regarding the provision of blue car-parking signs was circulated and noted.
- (ix) Letter dated 19/8/96 from the Senior Staff Officer, Parks Department regarding nuisance caused by dogs was circulated and discussed. It was noted that further correspondence relating to this matter was on the agenda.

The Town Clerk will again write to the Environmental Services Department to ensure that the beach and promenade are monitored on a regular basis by the Dog Warden.

- (x) Letter dated 20/8/96 from the Senior Staff Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding items for consideration by the Traffic Study Group was circulated and noted.
- (xi) Letter dated 21/8/96 from the Administrative Officer Parks Department regarding the grass area at Glebe North was circulated and noted.
- (xii) Letter dated 26/8/96 from the Senior Staff Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding the Inner Relief Road was circulated and discussed. Mr. Maguire informed the meeting that negotiations were still in progress with one land owner.
- (xiii) Letter dated 27/8/96 from the Administrative Officer, Community Department regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners was circulated and discussed. The Manager outlined the legal responsibility on the Council to accommodate travelling families and assured Commissioners that the complete programme will be implemented.

Mr. Maguire suggested that as there were still a substantial number of items on the agenda that the meeting should be adjourned. It was agreed that the meeting would resume on the 18th September, 1996 following the presentation by the Swimming Pool Association. As the agenda for the Quarterly Meeting with Fingal County Council had to be submitted it was agreed that the following items would be listed (1) Chapelgate, (2) Housing - Anti Social Behaviour/Scheme of Letting Priorities, (3) Traffic calming - Fancourt Heights (4) Barrier at Lambreecher and (5) Councils policy regarding proceedings for rent arrears etc.

The meeting adjourned at 10.00 p.m.

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
AND GORMANSTON AND DISTRICT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION HELD  
ON 16/7/96**

**Commissioners Present:** Davis, Joe                      Shields, Gertie  
Harford, Monica                      Timmins, Colm  
McKeon, May                      Tuite, Bredge  
Pyne, Ned

Apologies received from Commissioner Gallen and Commissioner Young.

**Gormanston Residents Association**

**Present:** Sean Lynch  
Angela McQuillan  
Sean Crossan

An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner Tuite welcomed Gormanston and District Residents Association. Gormanston and District Residents Committee presented an agenda which was adopted by the Commissioners, along with an updated road death list over 6 years.

Asked by Commissioner Harford if any of the problems would be solved by the coming of the motorway, Sean Crossan explained that when it comes, the motorway will in fact increase traffic into the town and even if it eased traffic it would be up to 4 years before it comes and at the current rate of accidents/deaths the price of the wait would be too high.

Commissioner Davis asked if G.D.R.A. had approached the County Council in Meath for the stretch of road from Station Rd (St. Martins Rd) to the Delvin Bridge. Mr. Lynch replied that much had been done by Meath County Council in the region of the Cock Tavern which had in fact reduced accidents in that region. Mr. Crossan pointed out that traffic claming 'rumble strips' had been requested from Meath County Council.

Mr. Crossan welcomed the suggestion of Commissioner Shields that we request the Gardai to endorse the requests of the Commissioners and G.D.R.A.

Commissioner McKeon suggested writing to Fingal County Council to remind them that with the completion of the By-Pass the section of road in question will no longer be under the National Roads Authority but Fingal County Council.

Commissioner Timmins suggested that to high-light their plight, the G.D.R.A. should sit down and work out the rates of the deaths to the total population and then make the comparison to a town like Swords, and then ask if that number of deaths would have been acceptable to the population of the town.

Both Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Harford suggested we submit all the documentation both to and from the G.D.R.A. to the Minister for the Environment

requesting that his Department should sort out finances and responsibility for the needed works.

Commissioner Tuite suggested that all parties (Fingal County Council, National Roads Authority, etc.) should be informed that all documentation is going to the Minister - especially now, in time for all parties annual estimates.

Bledge Tuite



# COIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

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HALLA AN BHAILE,

BHAILE BRIGÍN.

6th September, 1996.

## DO GACH BALL DE CHOIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith i láthair ag Cruinniú de Choimisinéirí Bhaile Brigín a thionolfar ar an Meán Fómhair 10, ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners will be held on 10th September, 1996 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

Is mise le meas,

DEREK TUMBLETON,  
CLÉIREACH AN BHAILE.

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#### 1. Confirmation of Minutes

- Minutes of Meeting held on the 9/7/96 (circulated herewith).
- Minutes of Meeting held on the 16/7/96 with Gormanston and District Residents Association (circulated herewith)
- Minutes of the Tidy Districts, Sports, Arts and Culture Awards Committee Meeting held on the 16/7/96 (circulated herewith)

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

### **3. Correspondence**

#### **(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**

- (i) Letter dated 17/7/96 from the Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and Forestry regarding the butter voucher scheme (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 21/8/96 from the Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Education regarding issues relating to the certificate exams (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 21/8/96 from the Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Education regarding the History subject (circulated herewith)
- (iv) Letter dated 28/8/96 from the Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Transport, Energy and Communications regarding the law relating to the E.S.B. (circulated herewith)
- (v) Letter dated 28/8/96 from the Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Social Welfare regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners (circulated herewith)
- (vi) Letter dated 28/8/96 from the Minister for Justice regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners (circulated herewith)

#### **(B) Correspondence From Fingal County Council**

- (i) Letter dated 28/6/96 from the Administrative Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding the roundabout at Derham Park (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 2/7/96 from the Senior Staff Officer, Development Department regarding acquisition of land for allotment purposes (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 17/7/96 from the Acting Senior Staff Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding traffic and parking proposals for Balbriggan Town (circulated herewith)
- (iv) Letter dated 22/7/96 from the Administrative Officer, Parks Department regarding grass cutting (circulated herewith)
- (v) Letter dated 23/7/96 from the Administrative Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding Balbriggan and Skerries harbours (circulated herewith)
- (vi) Letter dated 13/8/96 from the Senior Administrative Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding provision of a pedestrian crossing on the Skerries Road (circulated herewith)
- (vii) Letter dated 14/8/96 from the Senior Administrative Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding directional signage in Balbriggan (circulated herewith)
- (viii) Letter dated 14/8/96 from the Senior Administrative Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding the provision of blue carparking signs (circulated herewith)
- (ix) Letter dated 19/8/96 from the Senior Staff Officer, Parks Department regarding nuisance caused by dogs (circulated herewith)
- (x) Letter dated 20/8/96 from the Senior Staff Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding items for consideration by the Traffic Study Group (circulated herewith)
- (xi) Letter dated 21/8/96 from the Administrative Officer, Parks Department regarding the grass area at Glebe North (circulated herewith)
- (xii) Letter dated 26/8/96 from the Senior Staff Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding the Inner Relief Road (circulated herewith)

- (xiii) Letter dated 27/8/96 from the Administrative Officer, Community Department regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners (circulated herewith)
- (xiv) Letter dated 30/8/96 from the Administrative Officer, Environmental Services regarding Balbriggan burial ground (circulated herewith)
- (xv) Letter dated 30/8/96 from the Administrative Officer, Environmental Services regarding the kiosk on Balbriggan beach (circulated herewith)
- (xvi) Letter dated 30/8/96 from the Administrative Officer, Environmental Services regarding the dog warden (circulated herewith)
- (xvii) Letter dated 30/8/96 from the Administrative Officer, Environmental Services, regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners (circulated herewith)
- (xviii) Letter dated 30/8/96 from the Administrative Officer, Environmental Services regarding nuisance caused by dogs (circulated herewith)
- (xix) Letter dated 4/9/96 from Staff Officer, Development Department regarding the canopy on the former Grand Hotel, Bridge St., Balbriggan (circulated herewith)
- (xx) Letter dated 4/9/96 from Staff Officer, Housing Department enclosing tenancy agreement (circulated herewith)
- (xxi) Letter dated 3/9/96 from Staff Officer, Development Department regarding the Bath House at Martello Tower (circulated herewith)
- (xxii) Letter dated 27/6/96 from Administrative Officer, Planning Department regarding the Chapel Gate Developments (circulated herewith)

**(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

- (i) Letter dated 1/7/96 from the Chief Executive, Iarnrod Eireann regarding the wall at Barnagerragh (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 7/8/96 from the Town Clerk, Youghal Urban District Council regarding a motion passed to amend Local Government (Planning and Development) Regulations 1994 (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Notification dated 9/8/96 from Clare County Council of the Eighth National Tourism Seminar scheduled for 29th and 30th November 1996 in the West County Hotel, Ennis (circulated herewith)
- (iv) Letter dated 14/8/96 from the Senior Executive Officer, Eastern Health Board regarding rent and mortgage supplements (circulated herewith)
- (v) Notification dated 26/8/96 from Wexford County Council of a conference entitled "The United Irish Rebellion of 1798 and the "Bicentennial Commemoration of the Rising" scheduled for 26th and 27th September, 1996 in the Great Southern Hotel, Rosslare Harbour (circulated herewith)
- (vi) Letter dated 26/8/96 from the District Manager, Bus Eireann regarding the provision of bus stops (circulated herewith)
- (vii) Letter dated 30/8/96 from the Chief Executive, An Post regarding delivery services (circulated herewith)
- (viii) Letter dated 30/8/96 from the Acting Town Clerk, Greystones Town Commissioners regarding a motion passed relating to outstanding compensation claims (circulated herewith)
- (ix) Notification dated 30/8/96 from the Town Clerk, General Council of County Councils of a seminar on Lacey Report on Urban /County links and the K.P.M.G. report on Local Government Finance scheduled for 5th October 1996 in the Great Southern Hotel, Killarney (circulated herewith)

- (x) Notification dated 30/8/96 from Cllr. P.J. Blake of a conference entitled "Local Government Against Drugs" scheduled for the 3rd and 4th October 1996 in the Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran (circulated herewith)
- (xi) Letter dated 4/9/96 from the Town Clerk, Nenagh Urban District Council regarding a motion passed regarding the "Equal Status Bill" (circulated herewith)

#### **4. Motions**

##### **(i) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Gertie Shields**

"That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to take immediate measures to prevent itinerant caravans from driving on to the foreshore of Balbriggan beach at the area of the "Black Rock" at Lambreecher Estate"

##### **(ii) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**

"That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to ensure that where grass cutting is carried on that areas which are inaccessible to machinery are cut also."

##### **(iii) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Patricia Gallen**

"That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to introduce By-Laws declaring The Square, Balbriggan from High St. corner - Pop Inn, across to the Courthouse - Launderette inclusive as a Drink Free and Litter Free Zone."

##### **(iv) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Patricia Gallen**

"That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to introduce a By-Law declaring St. Paul's Crescent, Dublin Street, a Resident Only Parking Area."

#### **5. Other Correspondence**

- (i) Letter dated 14/8/96 from the Director, Irish Home Builders Association regarding the location of letterboxes on doors (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 16/8/96 from the General Secretary, the Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland regarding the location of letterboxes on doors (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Notification dated 29/8/96 from the Thomas Davis Commemoration Committee of the 2nd Annual Autumn School scheduled for 4th and 5th October, 1996 in Mallow (circulated herewith)
- (iv) Letter dated 30/8/96 from 16/8/96 from the Chairman, Society of Archivists Irish Region regarding the work of the Society (circulated herewith)
- (v) Notification dated 5/9/96 from Irish Association of Suicidology of a conference entitled "Suicide in Ireland - A Growing Problem" scheduled for 26th October 1996 in the Dunraven Arms Hotel, Adare (circulated herewith)

#### **6. Quarterly Meeting with Fingal County Council**

- (i) Minutes of meeting held on the 25th June, 1996 (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Agenda for meeting to be held on the 24th September, 1996

- 7. Motions for discussion at the A.M.A.I. Conference (circulated herewith)

8. Meeting Reports

- (i) Report of meeting with Bord Gais held on 3/7/96
- (ii) Report of meeting with Superintendent Lambe held on 24/7/96
- (iii) Report of meeting with Mr. James O'Brien, Eastern Health Board held on 9/8/96

9. Review of Town Hall Letting Conditions

10. St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee

11. County Development Plan

12. Town Twinning

13. Planning Application F95A/0800 - Toland Ltd. - Railway St.

14. Quarry at Fancourt

15. Revert Name of Railway St. to Station St.

16. Library Clock

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18/9/96  
IN BALBRIGGAN TOWN HALL

Commissioners Present: Davis, Joe Pyne, Ned  
Gallen, Patricia Shields, Gertie  
Harford, Monica Timmins, Colm

Apologies for non attendance were received from Commissioner Tuite, Commissioner McKeon and Commissioner Young.

Officials Present: Philip Maguire, Principal Officer  
Derek Tumbleton, Town Clerk

An Leas-Cathaoirleach, Commissioner C. Timmins presided.

Commissioner Timmins informed the meeting that Commissioner Tuite had requested that letters are sent to the Skerries and Balbriggan Tidy Towns Committees congratulating them on their recent success's. A review of the Balbriggan Tidy Districts, Sports, Arts and Culture Awards will take place on Monday 23rd September, 1996.

The Commissioners meeting which had been adjourned on Tuesday 10th September, 1996 then continued.

(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

- (xiv) Letter dated 30/8/96 from the Administrative Officer, Environmental Services regarding Balbriggan burial ground was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Harford referred to youths who are cycling through the graveyard. Mr. Maguire outlined the caretakers duties and advised that instances involving youths should be reported.
- (xv) Letter dated 30/8/96 from the Administrative Officer, Environmental Services regarding the kiosk on Balbriggan beach was circulated and discussed. The Manager suggested that the Press advertise the availability of the kiosk. It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner Harford and agreed that a notice should be placed on the Town Hall's notice board outlining the contents of the letter.
- (xvi) Letter dated 30/8/96 from the Administrative Officer, Environmental Services regarding the dog warden was circulated and noted.
- (xvii) Letter dated 30/8/96 from the Administrative Officer, Environmental Services regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Harford explained that the motion was prompted by a recent visit to the town by a group of disabled

persons which highlighted the shortage of specially adapted toilets. The Manager outlined future plans for the Town Hall and the Square. Commissioner Gallen referred to the adapted toilet at the Band Park at Blackrock which is not used. Mr. Maguire suggested that the caretaker visit the toilet on a regular basis and that keys could be made available at the Town Hall and Tourist Office for disabled visitors to the town.

(xviii) Letter dated 30/8/96 from the Administrative Officer, Environmental Services regarding nuisance caused by dogs was circulated and noted.

(xix) Letter dated 4/9/96 from the Staff Officer, Development Department regarding the canopy on the former Grand Hotel, Bridge Street, Balbriggan was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Davis suggested that the building be treated as a derelict site. Commissioner Gallen referred to the dangerous state of the wooden beams on the canopy. Mr. Maguire stated that he would follow up this matter with the Development Department.

(xx) Letter dated 4/9/96 from the Staff Officer, Housing Department enclosing tenancy agreement was circulated and noted.

(xxi) Letter dated 3/9/96 from the Staff Officer, Development Department regarding the Bath House at Martello Tower was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Gallen outlined her fears that the building will be demolished and requested a meeting with Mr. Alan Carthy, Senior Administrative Officer, Development Department to discuss the Commissioners views. Mr. Maguire assured the meeting that the bath house would not be demolished.

(xxii) Letter dated 27/6/96 from the Administrative Officer, Planning Department regarding the Chapel Gate developments was circulated. It was agreed that discussion on this matter would be deferred until after the Commissioners quarterly meeting with Fingal County Council.

(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

(i) Letter dated 1/7/96 from the Chief Executive, Iarnrod Eireann, regarding the wall at Barnagerragh was circulated and discussed. It was proposed by Commissioner Shields, seconded by Commissioner Harford and agreed that the Town Clerk write again to Iarnrod Eireann requesting that the work be completed as a matter of urgency. Commissioners referred to the availability of stone in the car park at St. Mologas.

(ii) Letter dated 7/8/96 from the Town Clerk, Youghal Urban District Council regarding a motion passed to amend Local Government (Planning and Development) Regulations 1994 was circulated and discussed. Mr. Maguire outlined the

background to the motion. It was proposed by Commissioner Harford, seconded by Commissioner Timmins and agreed that the resolution be noted.

- (iii) Notification dated 9/8/96 from Clare County Council of the Eighth National Tourism Seminar scheduled for 29th and 30th November, 1996 in the West County Hotel, Ennis was circulated and noted. The Town Clerk will forward a copy to the Tourist Office.
- (iv) Letter dated 14/8/96 from the Senior Executive Officer, Eastern Health Board regarding rent and mortgage supplements was circulated and discussed. The following motion was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner Harford and agreed that "Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Social Welfare to redirect monies paid by the Eastern Health Board for rent supplements to Fingal County Council for the provision of local authority housing".
- (v) Notification dated 26/8/96 from Wexford County Council of a conference entitled "The United Irish Rebellion of 1798" and the Bicentennial Commemoration of the Rising" scheduled for the 26th and 27th September 1996 in the Great Southern Hotel, Rosslare Harbour was circulated and noted.
- (vi) Letter dated 26/8/96 from the District Manager, Bus Eireann regarding the provision of bus stops was circulated and discussed. The Town Clerk will follow up this matter with the Gardai.
- (vii) Letter dated 30/8/96 from the Chief Executive, An Post regarding delivery services was circulated and noted.
- (viii) Letter dated 30/8/96 from the Acting Town Clerk, Greystones Town Commissioners regarding a motion passed relating to outstanding compensation claims was circulated and discussed. It was proposed by Commissioner Harford, seconded by Commissioner Gallen and agreed that the contents of the letter be noted.
- (ix) Notification dated 30/8/96 from the Town Clerk, General Council of County Councils of a seminar on Lacey Report on Urban/County links and the K.P.M.G. report on Local Government Finance scheduled for 5th October, 1996 in the Great Southern Hotel, Killarney was circulated and noted.
- (x) Notification dated 30/8/96 from Councillor P.J. Blake on a conference entitled "Local Government Against Drugs" scheduled for the 3rd and 4th October 1996 in the Great Southern Hotel, Bundoran was circulated and noted. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that a copy of the notification had been forwarded to the group Balbriggan Against Drugs.
- (xi) Letter dated 4/9/96 from the Town Clerk, Nenagh Urban District Council regarding a motion passed on the "Equal Status Bill" was circulated and noted.

#### 4. Motions

##### (i) Motion submitted by Commissioner Gertie Shields

"That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to take immediate measures to prevent itinerent caravans from driving on to the foreshore of Balbriggan beach at the area of the "Black Rock" at Lambeecher Estate".

Commissioner Shields referred to the type of barrier which had been erected at Red Island, Skerries. Mr. Maguire informed the meeting that a gallows type gate was at present being constructed and when in place should prevent further incursions at Blackrock.

##### (ii) Motion submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford

"That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to ensure that where grass cutting is carried on that areas which are inaccessible to machinery are cut also".

Commissioner Harford outlined the background to her motion. Mr. Maguire explained the procedure which normally takes place however, he suggested that if the Commissioners submit a list of locations where grass cutting was not completed it can be referred to the Parks Department for attention.

##### (iii) Motion submitted by Commissioner Patricia Gallen

"That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to introduce By-Laws declaring The Square, Balbriggan from High Street corner - Pop Inn, across to the Courthouse - Launderette inclusive as a Drink Free and Litter Free Zone".

Commissioner Gallen outlined the problems being encountered outside the Town Hall. Mr. Maguire read a letter from Fingal County Council's Law Agent recommending that a bye law banning the consumption of alcohol in public places should not be introduced. However, Mr. Maguire suggested that the Town Clerk write to authorities in Northern Ireland where drink free zones are in operation to get further information and to Fingal County Council regarding litter generated by business premises.

##### (iv) Motion submitted by Commissioner Patricia Gallen

"That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to introduce a By-Law declaring St. Pauls Crescent, Dublin Street a Resident Only Parking Area".

Commissioner Gallen outlined the problems being encountered by residents of St. Pauls Crescent. Mr. Maguire suggested a scheme whereby parking discs would only be supplied to

residents and their visitors. The Town Clerk will follow this up with the Roads Department. Commissioner Harford requested that a sign be erected for the various sports clubs at the proper entrance beside the church.

5. Other Correspondence

- (i) Letter dated 14/8/96 from the Director, Irish Home Builders Association regarding the location of letterboxes on doors was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Pyne informed the meeting that in the case of new developments, postmen remind builders of the proper location of letterboxes.
- (ii) Letter dated 16/8/96 from the General Secretary, the Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland regarding the location of letterboxes on doors was circulated and noted.
- (iii) Notification dated 29/8/96 from the Thomas Davis Commemoration Committee on the 2nd Annual Autumn School scheduled for 4th and 5th October 1996 was circulated and noted.
- (iv) Letter dated 30/8/96 from the Chairman, Society of Archivists Irish Region regarding the work of the Society was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that this correspondence be placed on the Agenda for the Commissioners meeting in October.
- (v) Notification dated 5/9/96 from Irish Association of Suicidology of a conference entitled "Suicide in Ireland - A Growing Problem" scheduled for the 26th October, 1996 in the Dunraven Arms Hotel, Adare was circulated and noted.
- (vi) The Town Clerk circulated a notification dated 10/9/96 from the Institute of Public Administration regarding the 6th Annual Town Twinning Conference scheduled for the 5th October, 1996 in Jury's Hotel, Dublin. It was agreed that the 2 nominees be decided at the Commissioners meeting on the 23/9/96.

6. Quarterly Meeting with Fingal County Council

- (i) Minutes of meeting held on the 25/6/96 were circulated and noted.
- (ii) Agenda for meeting to be held on the 24/9/96 had already been agreed and forwarded to Fingal County Council.

7. Motions for Discussion at A.M.A.I. Conference

This matter had already been discussed.

8. Meeting Reports

- (i) Report on Meeting with Bord Gais held on 3/7/96

Commissioner Timmins stated a video and brochure had been

circulated to all Commissioners.

(ii) Report on Meeting with Superintendent Lambe held on 24/7/96

Commissioner Timmins stated that Commissioners had a very satisfactory meeting with Superintendent Lambe in which a wide range of items were discussed.

(iii) Report on Meeting with Mr. James O'Brien, Eastern Health Board held on 9/8/96

Commissioner Timmins stated that Mr. O'Brien outlined the Eastern Health Boards future plans for the area.

9. Review of Town Hall Letting Conditions

It was suggested by Mr. Maguire that Commissioners examine the Town Hall letting conditions and discuss any changes at the Commissioners meeting in October.

10. St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee

It was agreed that this item be deferred until the Commissioners meeting in October.

11. County Development Plan

It was agreed that this item be deferred until the Commissioners meeting in October.

12. Town Twinning

It was agreed that this item be deferred until the Commissioners meeting in October.

13. Planning Application F95A/0800 - Toland Ltd, Railway St.

Commissioner Harford spoke of peoples disappointment at the granting of planning permission in the above case and the increase in the number of fast food outlets opening in the town. It was agreed that the Town Clerk write to Mr. Douglas Hyde, County Planning Officer and Mr. Keith Simpson Senior Planner as it appears that many factors are not being considered when decisions relating to planning permissions are being made particularly having regard to the proposals for the designation of Balbriggan under the Urban Renewal Tax Scheme. Commissioner Gallen proposed that a meeting be arranged with the Chamber of Commerce.

14. Quarry at Fancourt

It was agreed that this item be deferred until the Commissioners meeting in October.

15. Revert Name of Railway Street to Station Street

It was agreed that this item be deferred until the

Commissioners meeting in October.

16. Library Clock

Mr. Maguire expressed surprise that the clock had not been repaired yet, however he gave an undertaking that the work would be carried out in October.

17. Any Other Business

(a) Commissioner Gertie Shields

(i) Referred to the poor condition of the road surface at the top of Convent Lane. The Town Clerk will write to Mr. Joe Dalton, Area Engineer.

(ii) Enquired as to responsibility for the condition of the road surface at Balrothery where the new senior citizens dwelling are being built. Mr. Maguire stated that he would follow up this matter.

(iii) Questioned when the public phone in the Town Hall will be repaired - The Town Clerk will follow this up.

(b) Commissioner Ned Pyne

(i) Congratulated the Roads Department for cementing the area at the bus stop coming into the town.

(c) Commissioner Monica Harford

(i) Referred to the F.A.S. office and stated that it was now only opening fortnightly rather than weekly despite the high demand. The Town Clerk will write to Mr. Brendan Kennedy in F.A.S.

(ii) Referred to the footpaths in Flemington Park. Mr. Maguire stated that the County Architect and Area Engineer had examined the area and it was expected that work would commence shortly.

(d) Commissioner Gallen

(i) Stated that a number of items which she wished to discuss were on the agenda but had been deferred until the Commissioners meeting in October.

(e) Commissioner Timmins

(i) Referred to the rubble in the car park in Bremore. Mr. Maguire stated that he would contact the Parks Superintendent regarding this matter.

(ii) Stated that apologies had been received from Mr. Joe Davis who had to leave the meeting early.

(f) Town Clerk

(i) Circulated letter dated 5/9/96 from the Chairperson, Balbriggan Initiative Group regarding forthcoming meeting. It was agreed that Commissioners would attend.

The meeting concluded at 10.45 p.m.

*Bredge Luite*

**Meeting held on 18 September 1996 at 8.00 p.m. with Fingal Swimming Pool Association in the Commissioners Rooms**

**Present:**

C. Timmins, M. Harford, P. Gallen

**Swimming Pool Committee**

John Coleman - Chairman, Josephine Coffee, John Evers

Mr. Coleman thanked the Commissioners for the meeting and proceeded to inform them of the feasibility study that they had completed. He gave a brief history of the background that lead to the study with the commencement of research in 1993. The feasibility study has been accepted by Fingal County Council and has the backing of the elected representatives.

It is envisaged that the pool will be sited in Skerries, possible location at Community Centre. It will be a 25 meter pool and will incorporate a learning pool and children's pool. There will also be a changing and a coffee shop the committee informed the meeting.

Under a heading of operation and management structure, the committee advised that the facilities will be operating under

- A company, limited by guarantee
- Representatives from the Fingal county council
- Representatives from the Department of Environment
- Community representatives from all areas  
i.e. Balbriggan, Skerries, Rush, Lusk, etc.
- A representative from I.L.A.M.

The staffing will comprise

- Qualified Leisure Manager
- Lifeguards
- Pool Attendants

**Funding**

The approximate cost of building the structure will be £2m and funding will be

DOE	80%
Fingal County Council	10%
Local Funding	10%

The committee advised that their planned programme for the coming year is

- Fundraise £200,000
- Secure Site Location
- Apply for relevant grants
- Secure financial commitment from County Council
- Commission a preliminary report from design team

Mr. Coleman again thanked the Commissioners for their time and support on this project.

The meeting ended at 8.40 p.m.

*Breda Luite*

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 8TH OCTOBER, 1996 IN  
BALBRIGGAN TOWN HALL.

Commissioners Present:    Davis, Joe                                  Shields, Gertie  
                                 Gallen, Patricia                              Tuite, Bredge  
                                 Harford, Monica                             Young, Tom  
                                 Pyne, Ned

Apologies for non attendance were received from Commissioner McKeon and Commissioner Timmins.

Officials Present:    Mr. Philip Maguire, Principal Officer  
                                 Mr. Derek Tumbleton, Town Clerk

An Cathaoirleach Commissioner Tuite presided.

1.    Confirmation of Minutes

- (a) Minutes of Meeting held on the 10/9/96 were circulated and confirmed.
- (b) Minutes of Meeting held on the 18/9/96 were circulated and confirmed.
- (c) Minutes of Meeting held on the 18/9/96 with the Fingal Swimming Pool Association were circulated and confirmed.
- (d) Minutes of Meeting held on the 23/9/96 to review the Tidy Districts, Sports, Arts and Culture Awards Presentation were circulated and confirmed.

2.(A) Application for Hire of Hall

- (i) Application received from St. Georges Parish to hire the Hamilton Hall on the 12/10/96 from 9am to 1pm was circulated and approved.
- (ii) Application received from St. Johns Hearing Aid Service Ltd to hire the meeting room on the 12/11/96 from 2pm to 5pm was circulated and approved.

(B) Renewal of Hire Applications

The following applications were circulated and approved:-

<u>CLUB</u>	<u>HALL</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>DAY</u>
Athletic Club	Ballroom	6.30-7.30 pm	Mon & Wed
Crean School of Dancing	Hamilton Hall	4.30-7.00 pm	Monday
Golden Eagle Karate Club	Ballroom	7.30-9.00 pm	Tuesday
	Hamilton Hall	7.00-9.00 pm	Friday
Jehovah's Witnesses	Bandroom	10am-1.00 pm	Sunday
		7.00-10.00 pm	Friday
Rodney Lawless	Hamilton Hall	7.30-8.30 pm	Tues & Thurs
Linda McNamara	Hamilton Hall	7.30-8.30 pm	Mon & Wed
North County School of Ballet	Supperroom	4.30-6.30 pm	Wednesday
		3.00-8.00 pm	Thursday
Playgroup	Supperroom	10am-12.30 pm	Mon-Thurs
Scoil Rince Cualann	Ballroom	4.00-5.30 pm	Wednesday
		4.00-6.30 pm	Friday
Speech & Drama	Meeting Room	11am-1.00 pm	Saturday
Weightwatchers	Bandroom	7.30-9.30 pm	Thursday
Yoga	Supperroom	6.00-8.30 pm	Tuesday
Youth Club	Supperroom	8.30-10.00pm	Monday
		8.00-9.30 pm	Thursday
Trevor Sargent T.D.,	Bandroom	7.00-7.30 pm	Friday

Commissioner Bredge Tuite complimented the groups for their continued support of the Town Hall. Commissioner Gallen proposed that a meeting be held to discuss ways of increasing revenue from hall hires as a result of the recent loss of business. It was agreed that Commissioners would meet on the 15/10/96 at 8.15 p.m. to discuss same.

Commissioner Tuite circulated a letter from Mr. Adrian Collier regarding the renting of a hall for bands to practice. It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner Tuite and agreed that Commissioners meet Mr. Collier on Monday 15/10/96 at 8.00p.m. to discuss same.

### 3. Correspondence

#### (A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

- (i) Letter dated 11/9/96 from the Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Transport, Energy and Communications regarding the law relating to the E.S.B. was circulated and discussed. The Town Clerk referred to the motion which had been adopted by Ballyshannon Town Commissioners and circulated at the Commissioners meeting held on 9/7/96 which read as follows "That the Ballyshannon Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Transport, Energy and Communications to review the law relating to the E.S.B. and the current situation, whereby local authorities are charged by the E.S.B. for the undergrounding and upgrading of this network". It was agreed that Commissioners would support the motion as presented and liaise with other local authorities on the matter.
- (ii) Letter dated 18/9/96 from the Minister for Education regarding the Geography and History subjects was circulated and discussed, Commissioners welcomed the contents of the letter.
- (iii) Letter dated 27/9/96 from Bernie Malone, M.E.P. regarding the Social Assistance Butter Scheme was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Harford welcomed Ms. Malones support and queried what proposals the Minister for Agriculture, Food and Forestry had for unused butter vouchers.
- (iv) Letter dated 27/9/96 from Mary Banotti, M.E.P. regarding the Social Assistance Butter Scheme was circulated the contents of which had been previously discussed.

#### (B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

- (i) Letter dated 27/6/96 from the Administrative Officer, Planning Department regarding the Chapel Gate Developments deferred from the Commissioners meeting held on the 18/9/96 was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Harford complimented Mr. Brendan Morrissey, Administrative Officer, Planning Department on his report at the Commissioners quarterly meeting with Fingal County Council and requested that the Town Clerk contact the E.S.B. as a matter of urgency to establish when the lights in the estate would be switched on. It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner Young and agreed that the following motion which was submitted to the A.M.A.I. conference in 1994 would be circulated to all local authorities seeking their support. "That Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for the Environment to introduce legislation in relation to planning applications for private housing developments to ensure that the public open space requirement is completed when the first fifteen houses are finished and further that local authorities are bound by a similar requirement in relation to their own housing development and any private developer who fails to comply

with conditions of planning permission granted by a Local Authority would be debarred from applying for permission for development to another local authority". Commissioner Shields referred to the ongoing problems in the Chapelgate Developments and stated that legislation should be introduced to prevent a reoccurrence of this situation.

- (ii) Letter dated 10/9/96 from the Administrative Officer, Environmental Services regarding the demolition of the pedestrian pier at Blackrock was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Harford questioned Mr. Maguire regarding the demolition of the pier and referred to the minutes of previous Commissioners meetings in order to disprove the allegation made at the quarterly meeting that the Commissioners were aware that the pier was due to be demolished. The Town Clerk will write to Fingal County Council to ensure that provision is made in next years estimates for a replacement amenity.
- (iii) Letter dated 11/9/96 from the Senior Administrative Officer, Planning Department regarding the location of letterboxes on doors was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Pyne informed the meeting that there was now agreement between Management and Unions and that postmen reminded builders of the correct location for letterboxes where necessary.
- (iv) Letter dated 26/9/96 from the Administrative Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding traffic calming measures at Fancourt Heights was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Harford requested that copies of the letter be sent to Mr. Desmond Tolan and Superintendent Lambe. Commissioner Gallen referred to the request from 3 housing associations for traffic calming on the Skerries Road from Barnagerragh to Seapoint Lane. Commissioner Harford referred to the report at the quarterly meeting which stated that the traffic engineer would be coming out to Balbriggan to look at various locations. It was proposed by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Harford and agreed that the Commissioners meet with the traffic engineer to look at all areas of the town and that a list of the necessary works would be forwarded to Fingal County Council and to the Dublin Transportation Office for consideration when grants are being awarded next year.
- (v) Letter dated 1/10/96 from the Staff Officer, Development Department regarding the Old Bath House was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Gallen enquired as to whether a reply had been received from Mr. Alan Carthy, Development Department to the Commissioners request for a meeting to discuss future plans for the bath house. As no reply had been received this would be followed up by the Town Clerk. Commissioner Tuite referred to the success of Ballybunions seaweed baths.

(C) Correspondence from other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

- (i) Letter dated 13/9/96 from the Assistant Commissioner, An Garda Siochana regarding the Dublin Area Traffic and Parking (Amendment) By-Laws 1996 was circulated and noted.

4. Motions

- (i) Motion submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford

"That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Health to ensure that people are not left on a waiting list for othodontic treatment for 6 years and over and then not qualify".

Commissioner Harford outlined the background to the motion which involved a family member who for 6 years was qualified according to the Health Board but when he finally got an appointment with an orthodontist he was informed that he was not qualified. It was agreed that the Town Clerk write to the Minister for Health regarding the motion outlining the background to the case.

- (ii) Motion submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford

It was proposed by Commissioner Harford, seconded by Commissioner Young and agreed:-

"That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Finance to make provision for Access in the 1997 Budget either by grant aid to Access groups or to members of the private sector who make their premises accessible". It was agreed that the Town Clerk write to all local authorities regarding the motion.

5. Other Correspondence

- (i) Letter dated 30/8/96 from the Chairman, Society of Archivists Irish Region, regarding the work on the society deferred from the Commissioners meeting held on 18/9/96 was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Gallen pointed out that the records held in the Town Hall represented the history of the town and the Commissioners were the custodians. Accordingly, the records should be stored properly in the town. Mr. Maguire informed the meeting that Fingal County Council was pursuing funding from the Department of the Environment and suggested that the Library might be used to store the records having regard to its planned extension. Commissioner Harford suggested that ~~the~~ records be lent to Ardgillen. In the meantime the Town Clerk will contact Fingal County Councils Archivist and arrange for her to call to the Town Hall to examine proposals for the future preservation of the records.

- (ii) Letter dated 11/9/96 from Mr. Sean Crossan regarding the Tidy Districts, Sports, Arts and Culture Awards 1996 was

circulated and discussed. Commissioner Tuite expressed her thanks to Mr. Crossan for his letter and the interest he had taken in the Awards. It was agreed that a full discussion on the contents of the letter take place at the next Tidy Districts meeting.

- (iii) Letter dated 16/9/96 from Balbriggan Drop In Centre regarding their sculpture project was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that the Town Clerk contact Ms. Margaret Duffy to make arrangements for the Commissioners to view the project and it would then be discussed at the Commissioners meeting in November.
- (iv) Letter dated 17/9/96 from the Secretary, Clonard Court Residents Association regarding the park area surrounding their estate was circulated and discussed. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that he had already acknowledged the letter and written to the Parks Department in Fingal County Council. It was agreed that a letter also be sent to Mr. Michael Lynch, Senior Parks Superintendent.
- (v) The Town Clerk circulated letter dated 7/10/96 from St. Patricks Brass and Reed Band which was discussed. Commissioner Tuite informed the meeting that she had since spoken to Band members and the matter had been resolved. However, it was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner Young and agreed that the Town Clerk write to Ms. Pauline O'Hare to apologise for any misunderstanding and extend the Commissioners gratitude for their valuable contribution on the night .
- (vi) Commissioner Harford referred to the letter which had been circulated earlier on behalf of Commissioner McKeon requesting a special meeting to discuss private matters. It was agreed that Commissioners meet at 7.30 p.m. on the 24th October, 1996.

#### 6. Estimates

It was agreed that the Commissioners statutory estimates meeting take place on the 24/10/96 at 8.30 p.m.

#### 7. Review of Town Hall Letting Conditions

It was agreed that this item be discussed at the Commissioners meeting scheduled for 15/10/96 at 8.15 p.m.

#### 8. St. Patricks Day Parade Committee

Commissioner Harford suggested that the various groups in the town meet to discuss the St. Patricks Day Parade. Commissioner Davis suggested that the Balbriggan Promotions Group hold an exhibition to compliment the parade and that letters be sent to schools, the Drop In Centre, and Cryptic requesting them to prepare projects. Commissioner Davis also requested the Town Clerk to write to Dublin Tourism to encourage some of the visiting bands to take part in the

Balbriggan parade. Commissioner Young stated that the Chamber of Commerce should also be involved in preparations for the parade.

9. County Development Plan

It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner Young and agreed that the Town Clerk write to Mr. Robert Beggs, Chamber of Commerce to arrange a meeting to discuss the County Development Plan.

10. Town Twinning

Commissioner Tuite and Commissioner Gallen reported on the Annual Town Twinning Conference and outlined some of the problems now occurring. It was pointed out that local authority members would not be funded by the E.E.C. if they are on Town Twinning Committees. Reference was made to the Fingal Alliance of Twinning and the Town Clerk was requested to obtain further information. Commissioners also requested that the Town Clerk check previous minutes to establish when the last Town Twinning Committee was elected.

11. Quarry at Fancourt

Commissioner Gallen referred to various reports regarding the future use of the Quarry. The Town Clerk will write to the Roads Department to clarify the position.

12. Revert Name of Railway Street to Station Street

The Town Clerk will write to the General Purposes Section of Fingal County Council to establish the background to the original name change.

13. Access (Arrange Meeting)

It was agreed that Commissioners would meet at 1 p.m. on the 14/10/96.

14. Increasing Revenue Hall Hires

This item had been discussed earlier at the meeting.

15. Any Other Business

(a) Commissioner Monica Harford

- (i) Enquired as to whether a reply had been received from F.A.S. regarding the opening times of the Balbriggan Office. As no reply had been received it was agreed that the Town Clerk follow this up.

(b) Commissioner Ned Pyne

- (i) Requested that funding be made available for public lighting on the North Side of the Town. The Town Clerk will write

to the National Roads Authority.

- (ii) Requested public lighting in Flemington Lane/Park.
- (iii) Referred to the footpaths in Flemington and stated that the contractor had not arrived.

(C) Commissioner Joe Davis

- (i) Referred to the condition of the footpaths at Numbers 4 and 7 Fulham Street. The Town Clerk will again contact Mr. Joe Dalton, Area Engineer on this matter.

(D) Commissioner Gertie Shields

- (i) Referred to the name plaque over the Drop In Centre.
- (ii) Requested that shrubbery at the following locations be cut back - opposite the Wavin factory, along the Naul Road past Tara Court and outside Lambeecher. Mr. Maguire suggested that the Commissioners leave a list of areas to be examined with the Town Clerk and a meeting could then be arranged with the Area Engineer.
- (iii) Requested that the Town Clerk follow up with the Roads Department the position regarding Bells Laneway.

- (iv) Complimented Bord Gais and McCluskey Engineering on the standard of work and the speed in which it was carried out.

(E) Commissioner Gallen

- (i) Enquired as to whether replies had been received in respect of the following items:- Combined Clubs, drink and litter free zones and Residential Parking at St. Pauls Crescent. The Town Clerk will follow up these items.

(F) Commissioner Bredge Tuite

- (i) Requested that a letter be sent to Ross Darcy to congratulate him on obtaining his 1st cap for Irelands under 21 soccer team.
- (ii) Referred to the former caretaker of the graveyard who held a full time position and questioned why his replacement was only working on a part-time basis.
- (iii) Referred to the forthcoming marriage of Ms. Susan Neilon, Clerk Typist in the Town Hall and extended the best wishes of all Commissioners to both Susan and her finance Sean Murphy. This was echoed by the Town Clerk and Mr. Maguire.

The meeting concluded at 10.20 p.m.

*Bredge Tuite*



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4th October, 1996.

## DO GACH BALL DE CHOIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith i láthair ag Cruinniú de Choimisinéirí Bhaile Brigín a thionolfar ar an Deireadh Fómhair 8, ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners will be held on 8th October, 1996 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

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DEREK TUMBLETON,  
CLÉIREACH AN BHAILE.

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#### 1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (a) Minutes of Meeting held on the 10/9/96 (circulated herewith).
- (b) Minutes of Meeting held on the 18/9/96 (circulated herewith)

#### 2. Applications for Hire of Hall

- (A)(i) Application received from St. John's Hearing Aid Service Ltd. to hire the meeting room on the 12/11/96 from 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.
- (ii) Application received from St. Georges Parish to hire the Hamilton Hall on the 12/10/96 from 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

(B). Renewal of Hire Applications

Applications Received			
CLUB	HALL	TIME	DAY
Athletic Club	Ballroom	6.30 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.	Mon & Wed
Crean School of Dancing	Hamilton Hall	4.30 - 7.00 p.m.	Monday
Golden Eagle Karate Club	Ballroom	7.30 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.	Tuesday
	Hamilton Hall	7.00 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.	Friday
Jehovah's Witnesses	Bandroom	10.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.	Sunday
		7.00 p.m. - 10.00 p.m.	Friday
Rodney Lawless	Hamilton Hall	7.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.	Tues & Thurs
Linda McNamara	Hamilton Hall	7.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.	Mon & Wed
North County School of Ballet	Supperroom	4.30 p.m. - 6.30 p.m.	Wednesday
		3.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m.	Thursday
Playgroup	Supperroom	10.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.	Mon - Thurs
Scoil Rince Cualann	Ballroom	4.00 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.	Wednesday
		4.00 p.m. - 6.30 p.m.	Friday
Speech & Drama	Meeting Room	11.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.	Saturday
Weightwatchers	Bandroom	7.30 p.m. 9.30 p.m.	Thursday
Yoga	Supperroom	6.00 p.m. 8.30 p.m.	Tuesday
Youth Club	Supperroom	8.30 p.m. - 10.00 p.m.	Monday
		8.00 p.m. - 9.30 p.m.	Thursday
Trevor Sargent, T.D.	Bandroom	7.00 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.	Friday

3. Correspondence

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(B) Correspondence From Fingal County Council

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- (iii) Letter dated 11/9/96 from the Senior Administrative Officer, Planning Department regarding the location of letterboxes on doors (circulated herewith)
- (iv) Letter dated 26/9/96 from the Administrative Officer, Roads & Traffic Department regarding traffic calming measures at Fancourt Heights (circulated herewith)
- (v) Letter dated 1/10/96 from Staff Officer, Development department regarding the Old Bath House (circulated herewith)

**(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

- (i) Letter dated 13/9/96 from the Assistant Commissioner, An Garda Siochana regarding the Dublin Area Traffic and Parking (Amendment) By-Laws 1996 (circulated herewith)

**4. Motions**

**(i) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**

"That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Health to ensure that people are not left on a waiting for orthodontic treatment for 6 years and over and then not qualify."

**(ii) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**

"That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for finance to make provision for Access in the 1997 Budget either by grant aid to Access groups or to members of the private sector who make their premises accessible."

**5. Other Correspondence**

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- (iii) Letter dated 16/9/96 from Balbriggan Drop In Centre regarding their sculpture project (circulated herewith)
- (iv) Letter dated 17/9/96 from the Secretary, Clonard Court Residents Association regarding the park area surrounding their estate (circulated herewith)

6. Estimates Meeting
7. Review of Town Hall Letting Conditions
8. St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee
9. County Development Plan
10. Town Twinning
11. Quarry at Fancourt
12. Revert Name of Railway Street to Station Street
13. Access (arrange meeting)
14. Increasing Revenue - Hall Hires
15. Any Other Business

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 24/10/96  
IN BALBRIGGAN TOWN HALL

STATUTORY ESTIMATES MEETING

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

Officials Present:    Mr. P. Maguire, Principal Officer  
                                  Mr. P. Ryan, Town Clerk

An Cathaoirleach Commissioner Tuite presided.

1.    Commissioners Consent in relation to housing

Following a report by the Town Clerk it was proposed by Commissioner Tuite, seconded by Commissioner Young and agreed that Commissioners consent be given to the purchase of the freehold by John Hammond 52, Hampton Street, Balbriggan and Nicholas Halpin 5, Gibbons Terrace, Balbriggan.

2.    Public Phone

This item was discussed because of the continued vandalism of the public phone. It was agreed that the service should be retained. However, Commissioners would submit possible alternative locations for the phone to the Town Clerk.

3.    Motions

Commissioners agreed to the following report which was circulated by the Town Clerk:-

- A.    The following motion was submitted by Commissioner Harford at the Commissioners meeting held on 8th October, 1996.

"That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Health to ensure that people are not left on a waiting list for orthodontic treatment for 6 years and over and not qualify".

It is suggested that it be amended to read as follows:-

"That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Health to ensure that people are not placed on a waiting list for orthodontic treatment by the Eastern Health Board unless they are declared as eligible".

- B.    It was also agreed at the meeting that the following motion which had been submitted to the A.M.A.I. conference in 1994 be circulated to all local authorities.

"That we call on the Minister for the Environment to introduce legislation in relation to planning applications for private housing development to ensure that the public open space requirement is completed when the first fifteen houses are finished and further that local authorities are bound by a similar requirement in relation to their own housing development and any private developer who fails to comply with conditions of planning permission granted by one Local Authority would be debarred from applying for permission for development to another Local Authority".

It is suggested that it be amended to read as follows:-

"That we call on the Minister for the Environment to introduce legislation in relation to planning applications for private housing development to ensure that the public open space requirement is completed when the first fifteen houses are finished and further that local authorities are bound by a similar requirement in relation to their own housing development and any private developer who fails to comply with conditions of planning permission granted by one Local Authority would be debarred from applying for a further permission to that or any other Local Authority".

#### 4. Estimates Meeting

Statutory notice had been given in the press and the draft Estimates circulated in advance. The draft Estimates provide for a total expenditure of £52,160 and an income of £21,290.

There would be a net requirement of £30,870 and this together with a debit balance provision of £3,500 will result in a demand to Fingal County Council for £34,370 in respect of 1997. This would require a Town Charge of £1.95 in the pound as compared to the 1996 figure of £1.59 in the pound. This increase arose as a result of the loss of revenue from hall lettings.

It was pointed out by Mr. Maguire that no provision was being made for Town Twinning. It was agreed by Commissioners that an advertisement be placed in the Fingal Independent seeking tenders for the erection of the Christmas Tree and lights. Commissioners will forward names of interested local contractors to the Town Clerk. It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen that a separate heading should be included in the estimates for staff catering and Mr. Maguire agreed to make a provision of £200 for this item. The provision for insurance could be reduced to £4,500 as a result of negotiations with Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Limited.

It was proposed by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Tuite and resolved that the Estimate as presented by the Manager be adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 10.10 p.m.

*Bredge Tuite*

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 15TH OCTOBER, 1996  
IN BALBRIGGAN TOWN HALL

Commissioners Present: Gallen, Patricia Timmins, Colm  
Harford, Monica Tuite, Bredge  
McKeon, May Young, Tom

Apologies for non attendance were received from Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Pyne and Commissioner Shields.

Officials Present: Mr. Philip Maguire, Principal Officer  
Mr. Derek Tumbleton, Town Clerk

An Cathaoirleach Commissioner Tuite presided.

Mr. Maguire outlined the current financial position of Balbriggan Town Commissioners and paid tribute to the present and previous Cathaoirleach for their work in reducing the overall debt. Mr. Maguire circulated details of the year's expenditure to date and suggested estimates for 1997. As a result of the loss of income from hall hires it would be necessary to increase the rate in the pound.

Reference was made by Commissioners to the future legal requirements for playgroups and creches with particular reference to the condition of the Town Hall. Mr. Maguire referred to the future plans for the Town Hall and the Commissioners financial position and stated that spending large amounts of money on remedial works at this time would not be prudent. The granting of tax designation status is therefore vital for Balbriggan.

Commissioner Young requested that a member of staff be made available from Fingal County Councils Community Department to promote the Town Hall, alternatively he suggested the employment of a person on a C.E. Scheme or the involvement of a graduate for this purpose.

It was agreed that a review of the Town Hall letting conditions take place at a later date.

The meeting then concluded.

*Bredge Tuite*

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 1996 IN  
BALBRIGGAN TOWN HALL**

<b>Commissioners Present:</b>	Gallen, Patricia	Timmins, Colm
	Harford, Monica	Tuite, Bredge
	McKeon, May	Young, Tom
	Shields, Gertie	

Apologies for non attendance were received from Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Pyne.

**Official Present:** Susan Murphy, Clerk Typist

Apologies for non attendance were received from Mr. Philip Maguire, Principal Officer and Mr. Derek Tumbleton, Town Clerk.

An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner Bredge Tuite presided.

The Commissioners meeting which had been adjourned on Tuesday 12th November 1996 then continued.

- 5 (ii) Letter dated 21/10/96 from the playgroup regarding repairs to the Town Hall was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that this matter be deferred to the Commissioners meeting in December when the Town Clerk and Principal Officer would be in attendance.
- (iii) Letter dated 23/10/96 from the Divisional Engineer, Iarnrod Eireann regarding the wall at Barnageeragh was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that this item be kept under review.
- (iv) Letter dated 2/11/96 from the St. Patrick's Brass & Reed Band regarding instruments stored in the Town Hall was circulated and discussed. It was pointed out by Commissioner Tuite that the instruments were not the property of the Commissioners but that they belonged to the Pride of Balbriggan Marching Band. It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner Shields and agreed that a meeting be arranged between both bands in order to discuss the future use of the instruments. The position regarding insurance was also raised and it was agreed that the Town Clerk have this clarified.
- (v) Letter dated 5/11/96 from the Festival Director, Irish Tourist Board regarding the St. Patrick's Day Parade was circulated and discussed. It was proposed by Commissioner Harford, seconded by Commissioner Timmins and agreed that when the list becomes available in January that the Town Clerk invite participants in the Dublin Parade to take part in the Balbriggan Parade. It was proposed by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Tuite and agreed that a committee be formed to organise the 1997 St. Patrick's Day Parade and that a representative from the various clubs, organisations and businesses in the town be

invited to the Town Hall on Wednesday 4th December at 8.00 p.m. for this purpose.

- (vi) Letter dated 6/11/96 from Pavee Point Travellers Centre regarding equal status legislation was circulated and discussed. It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen seconded by Commissioner Tuite and agreed that the Town Clerk write to the Minister for Law and Equality requesting a copy of the Equal Status Bill and a summary of same if available, for discussion at the Commissioners meeting in December.
- (vii) Notification from the European Movement, Irish Council of a conference entitled "The Citizen within the European Union" scheduled for the 23rd and 24th November 1996 in the Grand Hotel, Malahide was circulated and noted. Commissioners expressed disappointment at the lack of funding for conferences and agreed that this item would be reviewed when the estimates for 1998 are being prepared.
- (viii) Letter dated 6/11/96 from the Programme Division, National Roads Authority regarding Motorway Signs in Balbriggan was circulated and discussed. As the responsibility for motorway signage remained unclear it was agreed that a letter be sent to the Manager indicating the Commissioners concerns and to establish when the decision was made to stop the erection of future signage. It was requested by Commissioner Harford and agreed that the Town Clerk write to the National Roads Authority seeking clarification of their letter.

6 **Quarterly Meeting with Fingal County Council**

It was proposed by Commissioner Timmins, seconded by Commissioner Young and agreed that the Town Clerk write to Fingal County Council regarding item 1(ii) in the minutes as no reference was made to the Councillor's comments regarding rumble strips outside the 30 m.p.h. zone on the Skerries Road. It was also agreed that apologies received should have been recorded.

7 **Drop in Centre - Sculpture Project**

Commissioner Tuite informed the meeting that she had written to Margaret Duffy to pay tribute to her for her work and to wish her every success in the future. A letter would also be sent to her superiors. It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen seconded by Commissioner Tuite and agreed that a meeting is arranged with Mr. Gerry Caffrey to discuss Balbriggan Youth Development and the Drop In Centre. It was proposed, seconded and agreed that Commissioners Harford, McKeon, Tuite and Pyne attend the meeting. A sketch of the proposed sculpture was circulated and it was proposed by Commissioner Gallen that it be located in the Bank of Ireland carpark. Commissioner Timmins suggested that the Bank of Ireland make a donation or pay for the project. It was agreed that the Town Clerk write to Anne Quinn, Balbriggan Drop In Centre with these proposals.

8 **Review of Town Hall Letting Conditions**

Following discussion it was agreed that a draft of the Town Hall Letting Conditions with the following changes would be presented at the Commissioners meeting in December.

**Applications and Charges**

Item 5: It was agreed that discos would be included as a separate category.

**General**

Item 6: It was agreed that the figure of 600 being admitted to the Town Hall would be confirmed with the Fire Officer.

Item 14: Commissioners requested clarification of this item.

Commissioner McKeon referred to an article in the Irish Independent regarding the availability of funds under the E.U. Tourism - Cultural Development Incentive Scheme 1994-99 to promote capital programmes for the arts throughout the country and grant applications of £500,000 or less would be examined. It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner Young and agreed to write to Arts and Cultural organisations in the town to form a sub committee which would be known as the Balbriggan Arts Committee (B.A.C.)

9 **Commissioners Response to Local Government Reports**

This item had been discussed previously and a meeting arranged with Mr. Frank Ryan, Institute of Public Administration on Friday 29th November, 1996 at 11.00 a.m. in the Commissioners Room. It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner Harford and agreed that Commissioners who would be unable to attend, forward suggestions etc. to those Commissioners who would be attending.

10 **Tidy Districts, Sports Arts and Cultural Awards (arrange meeting)**

A meeting was arranged for Wednesday 4th December, 1996 at 9.00 p.m.

11 **Increasing Revenue - Hall Hires (arrange meeting)**

Commissioners requested that the market plan be presented at the Commissioners meeting in December. Commissioner Young enquired if a notice had been placed in Hot Press Magazine or if the College of Marketing and Design had been contacted.

12 **Anti Litter Campaign**

Commissioner Tuite outlined plans for an anti litter campaign and it was agreed that the campaign be launched in January involving the schools and also to encompass the arts campaign.

13 **Balbriggan Harbour**

This item had been discussed previously.

- 14     **St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee**  
This item had been discussed previously.
- 15     **Any Other Business**
- (A)     **Commissioner Gallen**
- (i)     It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner Tuite and agreed that the Town Clerk write to the Parks Department, Fingal County Council requesting that two additional staff be provided to maintain the relevant areas in the town.
- (ii)    It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen seconded by Commissioner Timmins and agreed to support East Town Residents Association in their objection to planning application F96A/0842. It was also proposed by Commissioner Gallen seconded by Commissioner Harford and agreed that the Commissioners lodge an objection. It was proposed by Commissioner Shields seconded by Commissioner Gallen and agreed to meet with the Gardai seeking their support.
- (B)     **Commissioner Shields**
- (i)     Stated that the laneway at Curran Park had not been repaired.
- (ii)    Enquired about the cleaning of the traffic lights in the town.
- (iii)   Reported that the handrail was broken at the Ladies Stairs, Skerries Rd., and that it was in a dangerous condition.
- (C)     **Commissioner Timmins**
- (i)     Stated that the piles of clay in Bremore were now in a dangerous condition.
- (ii)    Enquired if it was possible to get a copy of the plan for the Inner Relief Road.
- (D)     **Commissioner McKeon**
- (i)     Requested an up to date report from Fingal County Council on developments at Bremore Historical Site.
- (ii)    Enquired as to the position regarding the tender for the Christmas Lights.
- (E)     **Commissioner Harford**
- (i)     Reported that there was serious flooding outside Corrs, Glebe House, Market Green.
- (F)     **Commissioner Tuite**
- (i)     Called on Fingal County Council to convert the lifeboat house under the arches to an arts/cultural centre as it was only being used to store machinery.

The meeting concluded at 10.15 p.m.

*Breda Tuite*

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER, 1996  
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: Mr. Philip Maguire, Principal Officer  
                                 Mr. Derek Tumbleton, Town Clerk

An Cathaoirleach Commissioner Tuite presided.

Commissioners Consent in relation to Housing

Following a report by the Town Clerk it was proposed by Commissioner Harford, seconded by Commissioner Tuite and agreed that Commissioners consent be given to the purchase of the freehold by Ms. Jenny Reid 58, Hampton Street, Balbriggan. ✓

1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (a) Minutes of meeting held on the 8/10/96 were circulated and confirmed.
- (b) Minutes of meeting held on the 15/10/96 were circulated and confirmed.
- (c) Minutes of meeting held on the 24/10/96 were circulated and confirmed.

2(A) Applications for Hire of Hall

- (i) Application received from Paul Barnett to hire the Hamilton Hall on Thursdays and Fridays was circulated and approved.

(B) Renewal of Hire Applications

The following list of applications was circulated and approved:-

<u>Hirer</u>	<u>Hall</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Day</u>
Comhaltas	Supperroom	9.00pm - 11.00pm	Wednesday
County Market	Ballroom	8.45am - 12.30pm	Friday
Easi Slim	Bandroom	10.30am - 11.30am	Tuesday
Legal Aid Board	Bandroom	10.00am - 5.00pm	3rd Tuesday of Month
I.S.P.C.C.	Meeting Room	5.00pm - 6.00pm	Thursday
Paul Shelley	Ballroom	10.30am - 12.00pm 11.00am - 1.00pm	Saturday Sunday

### 3. Correspondence

#### (A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

- (i) Letter dated 7/10/96 from the Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for the Marine regarding Balbriggan and Skerries Harbours was circulated and discussed. The Town Clerk circulated a second letter from the Minister dated 12/11/96. Commissioner Gallen referred to previous correspondence addressed to the Minister and it was agreed that a further letter be sent enclosing previous correspondence and requesting a specific meeting with the Minister both in Chambers and on site.
- (ii) Letter dated 14/10/96 from Ray Burke T.D. regarding Loreto Secondary School was circulated and discussed. It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner Tuite and agreed that Commissioners meet with the School Principal.
- (iii) Letter dated 14/10/96 from the S.W.A. Section, Department of Social Welfare regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners was circulated and discussed. Mr. Maguire stated that the administration of the rent allowance scheme may be transferred to County Councils at a future date. It was agreed that letters be sent to the Departments of Social Welfare and Environment requesting that monies from the rent allowance scheme be used for the construction of local authority accommodation.
- (iv) Letter dated 18/10/96 from Trevor Sargent T.D. regarding illegal fireworks was circulated and discussed. It was suggested by Commissioner Timmins that the Councils Community Department might become involved in the organisation of an official fireworks display. Mr. Maguire stated that the Council could not become involved due to the dangers from fireworks and the possibility of insurance claims as a result.
- (v) Letter dated 18/10/96 from Senator Dick Roche regarding a motion passed by Greystones Town Commissioners was circulated and noted.
- (vi) Letter dated 4/11/96 from Trevor Sargent T.D. regarding the "shovel brigade" was circulated and discussed. Mr. Maguire referred to the huge improvement in the quality of roads in Fingal over the last few years.
- (vii) Letter dated 5/11/96 from the Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Health regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners was circulated and noted.

#### B. Correspondence from Fingal County Council

- (i) Letter dated 2/10/96 from the Senior Staff Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding the hedge at Coney Hill was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Young requested that the Town Clerk write again to the Roads Department and

explain that the original request was made to assist in increasing tourism to the town.

- (ii) Letter dated 2/10/06 from the Senior Administrative Officer, Community Department regarding travellers halting sites was circulated and discussed. Commissioner McKeon requested that the Manager ensure that travellers are familiar with the contents of the Licence Agreement.
- (iii) Letter dated 4/10/96 from the Senior Administrative Officer, Community Department regarding the proposed halting site at Matt Lane, Balbriggan was circulated and discussed. Commissioners referred to the lack of consideration for travelling families as the proposed halting site would be located next to the motorway with no infrastructure. It is intended that travelling families are integrated into the settled community but at this location they would be seen to dominate the existing small community. It was agreed that the Town Clerk send a letter of reminder to Mr. Galvin regarding the Commissioners previous motion in relation to halting sites and to the local Councillors to establish if the motion had been discussed prior to decisions being made in relation to the programme for the accommodation of travelling families. Commissioner Timmins referred to the unsuccessful attempt by a local football club to acquire land in the area. Commissioners also referred to the lack of consideration for the former land owners who were unaware that a halting site would be located in the area.
- (iv) Letter dated 7/10/96 from the Assistant Staff Officer, Development Department regarding the canopy on the former Grand Hotel, Bridge Street was circulated and discussed. Commissioners paid tribute to Mr. Moriarty for his investment in re-opening the hotel.
- (v) Letter dated 15/10/96 from the Senior Staff Officer, Development Department regarding land for allotment purposes was circulated and discussed. It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner Young and agreed that the Manager indicate whether land could be made available along the motorway for allotment purposes. Mr. Maguire agreed to have this matter investigated.
- (vi) Letter dated 15/10/96 from the Administrative Officer, Parks Department regarding the grass area adjacent to 14, Flemington Park, was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Pyne outlined the background to this item.
- (vii) Letter dated 15/10/96 from the Administrative Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding the allocation of grants by the Dublin Transportation Office was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Davis requested that the Town Clerk write to Mr. John Henry or Fingal County Council to establish what works are planned to improve access to Skerries Rail Station. Commissioner Harford requested that Fingal County Council ensure that provision is made in the 1997 D.T.O. grants for traffic calming at Lambeecher and Fancourt Heights.

- (viii) Letter dated 16/10/96 from the Senior Administrative Officer, Community Department enclosing minutes of Chapelgate Residents Associations deputations meeting was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Harford requested that the Town Clerk establish whether a reply had been received from the Traffic Study Group in relation to item 5 in the minutes. Commissioner Gallen requested that the Town Clerk establish what progress had been made regarding the E.S.B.'s request to construct a path at the substation. Mr. Maguire stated that a meeting should be arranged at an early date with the Area Engineer to walk the town and highlight the various locations where works are required. Commissioners unable to attend should submit a list of locations to the Town Clerk in advance. Commissioner McKeon referred to the subsidence problems in Chapelgate and Mr. Maguire outlined the Planning Departments role. Commissioner Gallen stated that a copy of the Commissioners recent motion in relation to planning applications should also be circulated to local councillors and deputies. Commissioner Shields referred to the need for legislation and stated that the motion should again be brought to the A.M.A.I. conference.
- (ix) Letter dated 25/10/96 from the Senior Parks Superintendent regarding the Mill Pond open space was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that the Town Clerk write again to Mr. Lynch referring to the anti-social behaviour and enclosing a map showing the location involved.
- (x) Letter dated 29/10/96 from the Archivist regarding records of Balbriggan Town Commissioners was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Harford enquired whether the storage area in the library would be safe from flooding etc. The Town Clerk will contact Mr. Paul Harris, County Librarian. Commissioner Gallen referred to the responsibility of local authorities to preserve their records and queried whether provision had been made in the estimates. The Town Clerk will again contact Ms. Tina Hynes.
- (xi) Letter dated 1/11/96 from the Administrative Officer, Housing Department regarding the provision of security gates at the Senior Citizens Flats Complex at Lambeeher Estate was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Tuite referred to the previous requests for work at this location and it was agreed that this location would be examined when Commissioners meet with the Area Engineer.
- (xii) Letter dated 6/11/96 from the Administrative Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding the Commissioners request to meet the Council's Traffic Engineer was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that Commissioners forward items for an agenda to the Town Clerk.

(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

- (i) Letter dated 23/10/96 from the Superintendent, Balbriggan Garda station regarding bus stops at Flemington was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Pyne outlined the background to this matter. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that he had again written to Bus Eireann.
- (ii) Letter dated 21/10/96 from Newry and Mourne District Council regarding Alcohol Bye Laws was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that the Town Clerk write to the Law Agent, Fingal County Council enclosing copies of the correspondence from Newry and Mourne and Armagh District Council. It was proposed by Commissioner McKeon and agreed that the Town Clerk write to both District Councils to thank them for their effort in providing the information. Commissioner Gallen pointed out that her request for a drink free zone referred to Georges Square only.
- (iii) Letter dated 21/10/96 from Armagh City and District Council regarding consumption of alcohol in designated places was circulated. This correspondence had been discussed in conjunction with the previous item.
- (iv) Letter dated 4/11/96 from the Superintendent Balbriggan Garda Station regarding Traffic Calming Measures at Fancourt Heights was circulated and noted.
- (v) Letter dated 6/11/96 from the Honorary Secretary, Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland regarding "Towards Cohesive Local Government Town and County" and "The Financing of Local Government in Ireland" was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Gallen proposed that a special meeting be held to formulate a reply and in the meantime arrangements be made to meet with Mr. Frank Ryan, Institute of Public Administration.

4. Motions

(i) Motion submitted by Commissioner Ned Pyne

Commissioner Pyne outlined the background to the motion. Commissioner Gallen referred to Fingal County Councils statement that they would not grant planning permission for transmission masts until directives were received from the Minister and to date these have not been made.

It was proposed by Commissioner Pyne, seconded by Commissioner McKeon and agreed:-

"That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Planning Department, Fingal County Council to justify the decision to grant planning permission for the erection of a transmission mast at Flemington, Balbriggan despite the refusal of a similar application at Hollywood, Ballyboughal.

(ii) Motion submitted by Commissioner Ned Pyne

"That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Roads and Traffic Department to provide double yellow lines from the bus stop at Dublin Street to St. Peter and Pauls Church to ease traffic congestion in the area".

Commissioner Pyne outlined the background to the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Shields. However, as a number of Commissioners opposed the motion it was agreed that it be put to a vote, the result of which was as follows:- For 4, Against 5. The Cathaoirleach declared the motion lost.

(iii) Motion submitted by Commissioner Patricia Gallen

"That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the people of Balbriggan to come out and vote "Yes" in the Referendum on Bail on Thursday 28th November, 1996 which will ensure safer streets through tougher bail laws".

Commissioner Gallen outlined the background to the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Shields. However, it was decided that it be put to a vote, the result of which was as follows:- For 6, Against 2 and Abstentions 1. The motion was therefore passed.

(iv) Motion submitted by Commissioner Gertie Shields

"That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to provide full and adequate street cleaning services in any future absences of our regular cleaner Mr. Jim Mulligan".

Commissioner Shields outlined the background to the motion. However, it was agreed that it would be amended to read as follows:-

"That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to provide a second street cleaner to ensure full and adequate street cleaning services in Balbriggan".

The motion was proposed by Commissioner Shields, seconded by Commissioner Timmins and resolved.

The Town Clerk will write to the Roads Department to highlight the problems which occurred while the regular street cleaner Mr. Jim Mulligan was absent from work.

(v) Motion submitted by Commissioner Gertie Shields

"That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners fax a copy of matters of interest on the agenda of the monthly meeting to L.M.F.M. Radio Station".

Commissioner Shields outlined the background to the motion and it was agreed that it be altered to read as follows:-

"That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners forward a copy of the agenda of our monthly meeting to L.M.F.M. Radio Station".

The motion was proposed by Commissioners Shields, seconded by Commissioner Harford and resolved.

(vi) Motion submitted by Commissioner Bredge Tuite

"That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Justice to investigate the possibility of putting in place supervised half way house accommodation for young offenders prior to their release".

Commissioner Tuite outlined the background to the motion and it was agreed that it be amended to read as follows:-

"That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Justice and supporting agencies to investigate the possibility of putting in place supervised half way house accommodation for young offenders prior to their release".

The motion was proposed by Commissioner Tuite, seconded by Commissioner Gallen and resolved.

Commissioner Young requested that the Town Clerk write to Trinity House informing them of the motion.

(vii) Motion submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford

Commissioner Harford outlined the background to the motion.

It was proposed by Commissioner Harford, seconded by Commissioner Young and agreed:-

"That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Social Welfare to ensure that changes in the qualifications for entitlement to T.V. licences and electricity allowance are advertised in all post offices".

5. Other Correspondence

- (i) Letter dated 17/10/96 from the Senior Employment Services Officer regarding the Balbriggan F.A.S. Office was circulated and discussed. Commissioner McKeon requested that the Town Clerk write to Mr. Quirk to establish the number of persons in Balbriggan on F.A.S. schemes.

Commissioner Gallen proposed that as there were still a substantial number of items on the Agenda that the meeting be adjourned. It was agreed that Commissioners would meet again on the 19/11/96 at 8pm to discuss the outstanding items on the agenda.

The meeting concluded at 10.35p.m.

*Bredge Tuite*



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8th November, 1996.

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## DO GACH BALL DE CHOIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith i láthair ag Cruinniú de Choimisinéirí Bhaile Brigín a thionolfar ar an Samhain 12, ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners will be held on 12th November, 1996 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

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DEREK TUMBLETON,  
CLÉIREACH AN BHAILE.

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**5. Other Correspondence.**

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- (ii) Letter dated 21/10/96 from the playgroup regarding repairs to the Town Hall. (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 23/10/96 from the Divisional Engineer Iarnrod Eireann regarding the wall at Barnageeragh.(circulated herewith)
- (iv) Letter dated 2/11/96 from the St. Patrick's Brass and Reed Band regarding instruments stored in the Town Hall.(circulated herewith)
- (v) Letter dated 5/11/96 from the Festival Director, Irish Tourist Board regarding the St. Patrick's Day Parade.(circulated herewith)
- (vi) Letter dated 6/11/96 from Pavée Point Traveller's Centre regarding equal status legislation.(circulated herewith).
- (vii) Notification from the European Movement, Irish Council of a conference entitled "The Citizen within the European Union" scheduled for 23rd and 24th November 1996 in the Grand Hotel Malahide.(circulated herewith)
- (vii) Letter dated 6/11/96 from the Programme Division, National Roads Authority regarding Motorway Signs in Balbriggan.(circulated herewith)

**6. Quarterly Meeting With Fingal County Council**

Minutes of Meeting held on 26/9/96 (circulated herewith)

**7. Drop In Centre - Sculpture Project.**

**8. Review of Town Hall letting Conditions.**

**9. Commissioners response to Local Government Reports.**

**10. Tidy Districts Sports, Arts and Culture Awards.(arrange meeting)**

**11. Increasing Revenue- Hall Hires. (arrange meeting)**

**12. Anti-Litter Campaign**

**13. Balbriggan Harbour**

**14. St., Patrick's Day Parade Committee**

**15. Any Other Business.**

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 10TH DECEMBER, 1996  
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:        Mr. William Soffe, Fingal County Manager  
                                 Mr. Philip Maguire, Principal Officer  
                                 Mr. Derek Tumbleton, Town Clerk

An Cathaoirleach Commissioner Tuite presided.

The meeting commenced with Commissioners welcoming Mr. William Soffe, Fingal County Manager to Balbriggan and wishing him success in his appointment as Fingal County Manager.

Mr. Maguire reported that the present overdraft accommodation required renewal and subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment that Commissioners consent to the re-securing of the overdraft accommodation on the Commissioners General Account for a further 6 month period. Mr. Maguire also reported that the overdraft accommodation would be reduced from £30,000 to £20,000.

It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner Timmins and resolved that the Balbriggan Town Commissioners approve renewal of an overdraft accommodation of £20,000 for a further six month period subject to the sanction of the Minister of the Environment.

1.    Confirmation of Minutes

- (a) Minutes of meeting held on the 12/11/96 were circulated and confirmed.
- (b) Minutes of Meeting held on 19/11/96 were circulated and confirmed.

2.    Application for Hire of Hall

Application received from Peggy Finnan to hire the meeting room on various dates was circulated and approved.

3. Correspondence

(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

- (i) Letter dated 13/11/96 from the Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Finance regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners concerning Grant Aid for Access facilities was circulated and discussed. It was proposed by Commissioner Harford, seconded by Commissioner Gallen and agreed that the Town Clerk write again to the Minister to highlight the importance of this motion.

(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

- (i) Letter dated 13/11/96 from the Administrative Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding directional signage in Balbriggan was circulated and discussed. Mr. Maguire confirmed that the National Roads Authority were responsible for the signs and it was agreed that the Town Clerk follow up the Commissioners request for a meeting with the National Roads Authority.
- (ii) Letter dated 20/11/96 from the Administrative Officer, Parks Department regarding the grass area to the side of No. 14, Flemington Park, Balbriggan was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Pyne outlined the background to the correspondence and welcomed the reply from Fingal County Council. Mr. Maguire informed the meeting that the maintenance programme is normally carried out between April and October.

(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

There was no business under this heading.

4. Motions

There was no business under this heading.

5. Other Correspondence

- (i) Letter dated 13/11/96 from the District Manager, Bus Eireann regarding bus stops at Flemington, Balbriggan was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Pyne outlined the background to the correspondence. It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner Shields and agreed that the Town Clerk arrange a meeting with Mr. Flannery on site.

6. Quarterly Meeting with Fingal County Council

The proposed agenda for the quarterly meeting was circulated by the Town Clerk and approved.

7. Hall Hires - Increasing Revenue

Commissioners referred to previous discussions regarding this item and the ongoing problems with facilities in the Town Hall. It was proposed by Commissioner McKeon, seconded by Commissioner Harford and agreed that the Town Clerk write to Mr. David O'Connor, County Architect to establish what works could be carried out to the premises without infringing the overall plan. Mr. Maguire stated that tax designation was vital for Balbriggan and informed the meeting that he had been in contact with Fingal's Community Liason Unit and would report back to the Commissioners in the New Year. Mr. Maguire also stated that he would consider minor works to the Town Hall and informed the meeting that an additional person had been employed to promote the hall and ensure the collection of revenue.

8. Items for Discussion with Mr. William Soffe, Fingal County Manager

(i) Tax Designation/Urban Renewal

Commissioner Shields outlined the background to Balbriggan's case for Urban Renewal Tax Designation and paid tribute to the officials of Fingal County Council for their assistance to date. Mr. Soffe complimented the Commissioners and officials on the documents which had been prepared to support the case.

(ii) Town Hall Development

This item had been discussed in conjunction with item (i), however reference was made to the Combined Clubs new premises and Commissioners extended best wishes to the Committee.

(iii) Balbriggan By Pass

The Manager outlined the benefits to the town of the Balbriggan By Pass and indicated that it should be completed late in 1998.

(iv) Inner Relief Road

Commissioners emphasised to the Manager the importance of having the Inner Relief Road completed in advance of the By Pass. Commissioner Young stated that the Inner Relief Road would open up land for development.

(v) Sewage Works

Commissioner Davis enquired as to the present position and was informed by the Manager that an Environmental Impact Statement has to be prepared and it is expected that a consultant will be appointed in January. The statement itself will take approximately six months to prepare. Mr. Maguire explained

J.J. Barry, Consultants previous role. Commissioner Shields questioned the Manager as to the capabilities of the present system having regard to the increasing population and was informed that ongoing but temporary improvements would be carried out. The Manager informed the meeting that it is hoped that the proposed sewage works would be substantially advanced by the year 2000.

(vi) Village Renewal

Commissioners and Officials discussed the high cost of undergrounding cables. Commissioner Gallen suggested meeting with the E.S.B. and writing to the Minister. It was proposed by Commissioner McKeon, seconded by Commissioner Timmins and agreed that this item would be included on the agenda in the New Year.

(vii) Provision of Hard Shoulder/Rumble Strips on the N1 from Delvin Bridge to Flemington Lane.

Commissioners referred to Gormanston Residents Associations Deputations meeting with Fingal County Council and the failure of the traffic engineer to attend. The Manager informed the meeting that as this is such an important issue that a further meeting has been arranged and the County Engineer will be in attendance. Commissioners explained to the Manager the necessity for improvement works to this stretch of road and Commissioner Shields referred to the numerous deaths and injuries over the years. Mr. Maguire informed the meeting that the National Roads Authority is responsible for this stretch of road but that Fingal County Council act as their agents if works are necessary.

9. Any Other Business

(A) Commissioner Young

- (i) Apologised for his late attendance, wished Mr. Soffe success in his new post and requested that the Manager consider Balbriggan to be a neglected town.

(B) Commissioner Gallen

- (i) Asked the Town Clerk if an objection had been lodged by the Commissioners in respect of Planning Application No. F96A/0842. The Town Clerk confirmed that the objection had been lodged.

(C) Commissioner Timmins

- (i) Complimented the Town Clerk on the new arrangements regarding acknowledgements of correspondence.

(D) Commissioner Shields

- (i) Reported that the lights at the harbour were not working.
- (ii) Questioned Fingal County Council's powers where a dwelling has been allowed become derelict. Mr. Maguire referred to the various powers available and will arrange to have the matter investigated. Commissioner Shields will give details to the Town Clerk.
- (iii) Informed the meeting that a request had been received from the Sweetmans and Hagans at Clonard Cross for connection to the public water supply. Mr. Maguire informed the meeting that he will have the matter investigated.
- (iv) Called on the Council to replace the trees in High Street.

(E) Commissioner McKeon

- (i) Expressed the concerns of constituents regarding the future planning of Pinewood Estate with particular regard to road safety. Reference was also made to Pinewood Green Estate Management Committee and the Manager and Mr. Maguire outlined the basis for its establishment and the future plans for the Committee.

(F) Commissioner Harford

- (i) Informed the meeting that a number of public lights around the town were not working and requested that regular checks are made on all public lights in future.
- (ii) Referred to the swing park at Lambeecher and the slabs which had been previously removed. Commissioner Harford stated the red bricks had now been removed and it is believed that they have been brought to Skerries. If this is the case Commissioner Harford requested that they are returned and that the Manager report on the matter.

(G) Commissioner Tuite

- (i) Called on Fingal County Council to maintain the grass area outside Numbers 53 and 54 Lambeecher Estate.
- (ii) Called on Fingal County Council to arrange for the immediate cleaning of the shores between John Dorans and J. & D. Fashions.

Commissioners and officials extended seasons greetings and Mr. Maguire thanked the Commissioners for their support throughout the year.

The meeting concluded at 9.50 p.m.

*Breda Tuite*



# COIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

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6th December, 1996.

## DO GACH BALL DE CHOIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith i láthair ag Cruinniú de Choimisinéirí Bhaile Brigín a thionolfar ar an Nollaig 10, ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners will be held on 10th December, 1996 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

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DEREK TUMBLETON,  
CLÉIREACH AN BHAILE.

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### CLÁR

#### 1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (a) Minutes of Meeting held on the 12/11/96 (circulated herewith)
- (b) Minutes of Meeting held on the 19/11/96 (circulated herewith)

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

#### 3. Correspondence

##### (A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

- (i) Letter dated 13/11/96 from the Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Finance regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners concerning grant aid for access facilities (circulated herewith).

**(B) Correspondence From Fingal County Council**

- (i) Letter dated 13/11/96 from the Administrative Officer, Roads & Traffic Department regarding directional signage in Balbriggan (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 20/11/96 from the Administrative Officer, Parks Department regarding the grass area to the side of No. 14 Flemington Park, Balbriggan (circulated herewith)

**4 Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies (if any)**

**(D) Motions**

**5 Other Correspondence**

- (i) Letter dated 13/11/96 from the District Manager, Bus Eireann regarding bus stops at Flemington, Balbriggan (circulated herewith)

**6 Quarterly Meeting with Fingal County Council**

Agenda for meeting to be held on the 17th December, 1996

**7 Hall Hires - Increasing Revenue**

**8 Items for Discussion with Mr. William Soffe, Fingal County Manager**

- (i) Tax Designation/Urban Renewal
- (ii) Town Hall Development
- (iii) Balbriggan By-Pass
- (iv) Balbriggan Inner Relief Road
- (v) Sewage Works
- (vi) Village Renewal
- (vii) Provision of hard shoulder/rumble strips on the N1 from Delvin Bridge to Flemington Lane

**9 Any Other Business**

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 14TH JANUARY, 1997  
IN BALBRIGGAN TOWN HALL

Commissioners Present: Davis, Joe                      Shields, Gertie  
                                  Gallen, Patricia                      Timmins, Colm  
                                  Harford, Monica                      Tuite, Bredge  
                                  McKeon, May                      Young, Tom

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Commissioner Pyne.

Officials Present: Mr. Philip Maguire, Principal Officer  
                                  Mr. Derek Tumbleton, Town Clerk

An Cathaoirleach Commissioner Tuite presided.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (A) Minutes of meeting held on the 10/12/96 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 19/12/96 from the Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Equality and Law Reform regarding equal status legislation was circulated and noted.
- (ii) Letter dated 24/12/96 from the Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for the Marine regarding Balbriggan Harbour was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that copies of the correspondence would be forwarded to local fishermen and the relevant officials in Fingal County Council. Commissioner Tuite requested that the Town Clerk write again to Deputy Barrett in order that a specific date for a meeting with Commissioners can be agreed.
- (iii) Letter dated 9/1/97 from Mary Banotti M.E.P. regarding E.U. Social Assistance Butter Scheme was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Harford welcomed the contents of the letter.

(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

- (i) Letter dated 16/12/96 from the Senior Administrative Officer, Planning Department regarding planning applications register references F/96A/0414 and F/96A/0252 was circulated and

discussed. Commissioner Gallen requested the Town Clerk to obtain a copy of the Department of the Environments Guidelines for Planning Authorities entitled "Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures" and to include this item on the agenda for the Commissioners next monthly meeting. Commissioner Harford referred to Forbairts conclusions and requested the Town Clerk to write and have them confirm that the transmission masts were constructed in accordance with the guidelines and were not a danger to health. There then followed a lengthy discussion regarding Fingal County Councils policy in relation to the consideration of planning applications. Commissioners referred to the anomalies in the system and to the lack of consideration given to local objections. Commissioner Gallen referred to the preparation of a development plan by the Commissioners. Mr. Maguire suggested that the Commissioners make submissions when Fingal County Council are reviewing their development plan.

- (ii) Letter dated 18/12/96 from the Administrative Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding Access to Skerries Rail Station was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Gallen requested that the Town Clerk establish whether the Traffic Study Group had met and the outcome of the meeting. Commissioners agreed that a submission signed by the Cathaoirleach be sent to members of the study group and that reference is also made to the loss of their previous submission to Fingal County Council. A copy also to be sent to the County Manager.
- (iii) Letter dated 18/12/96 from the Administrative Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding pedestrian signals on Drogheda Street was circulated and noted.
- (iv) Letter dated 20/12/96 from the Administrative Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding car parking signs in Balbriggan was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that this item be included in the submission to the Traffic Study Group.
- (v) Letter dated 20/12/96 from the Senior Administrative Officer, Planning Department regarding planning application reference F/96A/0842 was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Harford expressed disappointment at the decision of the Planning Department and requested that the Town Clerk write and establish why their objections were not sufficient. Commissioners agreed to support the local residents in their appeal. Commissioner Gallen stated that a letter should be obtained from the Gardai to support the appeal.
- (C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies
  - (i) Notification dated 5/12/96 from the General Council of County Councils regarding the G.C.C.C. Seminar on Devolution and Development.... "Putting the Councillor at the cutting edge of Local Government", scheduled for the 24th and 25th

January, 1997 in the Hotel Westport, Co. Mayo was circulated and noted.

- (ii) Notification dated 18/12/96 from the Dublin Regional Authority on forthcoming seminar entitled "Dublin, A European City - its role in the new Europe" was circulated and noted.
- (iii) Notification dated 18/12/96 from Kerry County Council on the Local Authority Members Association Annual Conference 1997 scheduled for the 3rd and 4th April, 1997 in the Kenmare Bay Hotel, Co. Kerry was circulated and noted.
- (iv) Notification dated 30/12/96 from the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland of their Annual Seminar entitled "Urbanisation of Irish Society" scheduled for the 14th and 15th February, 1997 in the Talbot Hotel, Wexford was circulated and noted.

#### 4. Motions

There was no business under this heading.

#### 5. Other Correspondence

- (i) Letter dated 21/12/96 from the Playgroup regarding repairs to the Town Hall, deferred from a previous meeting was circulated and discussed. The Town Clerk circulated copies of the relevant sections of the Child Care (Pre-School Services) Regulations, 1996. It was agreed that a full set of the regulations be sent to the playgroup and that they keep the Commissioners informed of developments.
- (ii) Letter dated 6/11/96 from the Senior Employment Services Officer, F.A.S. regarding the appointment of F.A.S. staff in the Town Hall was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Gallen requested that the Town Clerk follow up the Commissioners enquiry regarding the F.A.S. presence in Balbriggan.
- (iii) Notification dated 11/12/96 from the Joint Business Council of the Belfast-Dublin Economic Corridor Conference scheduled for the 28th January, 1997 in the Ballymascanlon Hotel, Dundalk was circulated and noted.

The Town Clerk then circulated the following correspondence:-

- (a) Letter dated 14/1/97 from the Pride of Balbriggan Marching Band regarding a meeting with the Commissioners and members of the St. Patricks Brass and Reed Band.
- (b) Letter dated 9/1/97 from the District Manager, Bus Eireann regarding the Commissioners request for a meeting.
- (c) Letter dated 10/1/97 from the Director, Catholic Youth Council regarding the Commissioners request for a meeting.

It was agreed that the Town Clerk arrange the meetings and notify the Commissioners in due course. The Town Clerk also circulated a copy of a compliments slip for Balbriggan Town Commissioners which had recently been printed.

6. Approval of Draft Minutes of Quarterly Meeting held on 17/12/96

Copies of draft minutes were circulated and discussed. Commissioners enquired why there was an unfinished road on the display's for the Inner Relief Road. The Town Clerk will obtain maps of the complete road. Commissioner Gallen again stressed the urgent need for disc parking in St. Pauls Crescent. Having monitored the situation over Christmas, with the exception of the period from the 25th to 28th December there was no improvement in the situation. Commissioner McKeon referred to the Bath Houses and stated that the buildings would have to be restored before a decision could be made on their future use. Commissioner Tuite referred to the lifeboat house under the arches and her previous suggestion that it be used as an arts/cultural centre. It was proposed by Commissioner Harford seconded by Commissioner Shields and agreed that the Town Clerk pursue this suggestion with Fingal County Council.

Reference was made to the Christmas Lights and it was agreed that discussions should take place well in advance of next years town decoration. Commissioner Gallen suggested meeting with the Chamber of Commerce.

Commissioner Harford referred to the acknowledgements of correspondence and the positive response to the motion calling for Grant Aid to Access. The Town Clerk will write to the Minister again.

7. Urban & Village Renewal Scheme

Commissioner Tuite expressed concern at Balbriggan's position on the list for urban renewal. Mr. Maguire assured the meeting that the work will proceed but only when traffic problems have been eased by completion of the By-Pass etc.

8. Agenda for meeting with the Council's Traffic Engineer.

Commissioners will forward suggestions for an agenda to the Town Clerk. A meeting with the Area Engineer Mr. Derek Dixon will also be arranged.

9. St. Patricks Day Committee

It was agreed that Commissioners meet at 8.45p.m. on Tuesday 21st January, 1997. The Town Clerk will notify local T.D.'s of the change in the starting time for the parade.

10. Balbriggan Development Plan 1998.

The Town Clerk will arrange a further meeting with Mr. Frank Ryan, Institute of Public Administration regarding the

preparation of a Development Plan by the Town Commissioners. Mr. Maguire suggested that the Cathaoirleach and Manager of Fingal County Council be notified of the Commissioners desire to become involved in the preparation of the Development Plan.

11. Developments at Drogheda Street (Brecon Court and Oakleigh)

Commissioner Tuite referred to the condition of the footpaths at these developments and questioned what action could be taken. Mr. Maguire suggested that they identify the location on a map and refer it to Mr. Brendan Morrissey, Building Control who will then contact the developers.

12. Balbriggan Court House (Gate)

Commissioner Tuite suggested the possibility of a gate being erected at this location due to anti-social behaviour, however Commissioners believe that this is a Garda matter. Accordingly, the Town Clerk will write to the Gardai to monitor the situation.

13. Any Other Business.

(A) Commissioner Gallen

- (i) Asked if a reply had been received to their request for a drink free zone in the Square. The Town Clerk will again write to Fingal County Council's Law Department.

(B) Commissioner Shields

- (i) Requested the Town Clerk to fax a copy of the agenda to L.M.F.M. the day following the Commissioners meeting.
- (ii) Referred to complaints received regarding the dangers of rollerblading on footpaths and the risk to pedestrians. Commissioner Shields called on the press to highlight the dangers also.

- (iii) Referred to the condition of the hedge fronting Lambeeher Estate and requested Fingal County Council to clean the area and cut back the hedge.

(C) Commissioner Timmins

- (i) Referred to the dangers caused by the storage of stone and rubble in the car park at Bremore.
- (ii) Reported that individuals had fenced off sections of the Commons Lands, incorporating it into private and questioned what action could be taken.

(D) Commissioner Davis

- (i) Stated that Mr. Robert Kenny, Bremore Residents Association would be writing to the Commissioners requesting a meeting

regarding the Inner Relief Road. The Town Clerk will discuss the contents of the letter with the Roads Engineer in advance of the meeting.

(E) Commissioner McKeon

- (i) Questioned whether resurfacing at Market Green will be completed in 1997.
- (ii) Referred to the appalling condition of Mill Pond at the rear of the cinema.
- (iii) Reported a build up of sand on Mill Street.
- (iv) Enquired regarding the Library Clock.

(F) Commissioner Harford

- (i) Expressed disappointment at the complaint from a local resident regarding the Library Clock and called on the press to support the restoration and highlight the consideration given to residents regarding the chime.

(G) Commissioner Tuite

- (i) Called on the Government to ensure fair treatment for the P.A.Y.E. worker in the budget and requested that a letter is sent to the Minister for Finance.

(H) Mr. Maquire

- (i) Referred to the redevelopment of the Town Hall and requested the Commissioners approval to prepare a brief, advertise the property and also to meet with owners of neighbouring properties to discuss a common approach. Mr. Maquire will also write to the Minister as submissions regarding urban renewal are required before the end of the month.

The meeting concluded at 10.10 p.m.

*Bredge Tuite*



# COIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

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10th January, 1997.

## DO GACH BALL DE CHOIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith i láthair ag Cruinniú de Choimisinéirí Bhaile Brigín a thionolfar ar an Eanáir 14, ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners will be held on 14th January, 1997 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

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DEREK TUMBLETON,  
CLÉIREACH AN BHAILE.

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### CLÁR

#### 1. Confirmation of Minutes

(a) Minutes of Meeting held on the 10/12/96 (circulated herewith)

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

#### 3. Correspondence

##### (A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

(i) Letter dated 19/12/96 from the Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Equality and Law Reform regarding Equal Status Legislation (circulated herewith)

- (ii) Letter dated 24/12/96 from the Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for the Marine regarding Balbriggan Harbour (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 9/1/97 from Mary Banotti, M.E.P., regarding E.U. Social Assistance B6utter Scheme (circulated herewith)

**(B) Correspondence From Fingal County Council**

- (i) Letter dated 16/12/96 from the Senior Administrative Officer, Planning Department regarding planning applications (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 18/12/96 from the Administrative Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding access to Skerries Rail Station (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 18/12/96 from the Administrative Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding pedestrian signals on Drogheda Street (circulated herewith)
- (iv) Letter dated 20/12/96 from the Administrative Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding car parking signs in Balbriggan (circulated herewith)
- (v) Letter dated 20/12/96 from the Senior Administrative Officer, Planning Department regarding planning application - reference F/96A/0842 (circulated herewith)

**(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

- (i) Notification dated 5/12/96 from the General Council of County Councils regarding G.C.C.C. Seminar on Devolution and Development  
... "putting the Councillor at the cutting edge of Local Government", scheduled for 24th and 25th January 1997 in the Hotel Westport, Co. Mayo (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Notification dated 18/12/96 from the Dublin Regional Authority of forthcoming seminar entitled "Dublin, a European City - its role in the new Europe". (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Notification dated 18/12/96 from Kerry County Council of the Local Authority Members Association Annual Conference 1997 scheduled for 3rd and 4th April 1997 in the Kenmare Bay Hotel, Co. Kerry (circulated herewith)
- (iv) Notification dated 30/12/96 from the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland of their Annual Seminar entitled "Urbanization of Irish Society" scheduled for 14th and 15th February 1997 in the Talbot Hotel, Wexford (circulated herewith)

**4. Motions**

**5. Other Correspondence**

- (i) Letter dated 21/10/96 from the playgroup regarding repairs to the Town Hall - deferred from a previous meeting (circulated herewith)
  - (ii) Letter dated 6/11/96 from the Senior Employment Services Officer, F.A.S. regarding the appointment of F.A.S. staff in the Town Hall (circulated herewith)
  - (iii) Notification dated 11/12/96 from the Joint Business Council of the Belfast - Dublin Economic Corridor Conference scheduled for 28th January, 1997 in the Ballymascanlon Hotel, Dundalk (circulated herewith)
6. Approval of draft minutes of quarterly meeting held on the 17/12/96 (circulated herewith)

7. Urban and Village Renewal Scheme
8. Agenda for meeting with the Councils Traffic Engineer
9. St. Patrick's Day Committee
10. Balbriggan Development Plan 1998
11. Developments at Drogheda Street (Brecon Court and Oakleigh)
12. Balbriggan Court House (gate)
13. Any Other Business

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11/02/97 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:     Mr. Philip Maguire, Principal Officer.  
                                  Mr. Derek Tumbleton, Town Clerk.

An Cathaoirleach Commissioner Tuite presided.

Mr. Maguire circulated copies of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners financial statement for the period January to December 1996.

1.     Confirmation of Minutes

- (A) Minutes of meeting held on the 14th January, 1997 were circulated and confirmed.

2.     Applications for Hire of Hall

- (A) Application received from May Dillon to hire the ballroom on 15th and 16th February, 1997 was circulated and approved.
- (B) Application received from Dermot O'Connor to hire the Hamilton Hall on 15th and 16th February, 1997 was circulated and approved.

3.     Correspondence

(A)     Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

- (i) Letter dated 15th January, 1997 from the Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Justice regarding staffing of the Forensic Science Laboratory was circulated and noted.
- (ii) Letter dated 15th January, 1997 from Nora Owen T.D. regarding halfway house accommodation for offenders prior to their release was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Tuite outlined the background to her original motion. Commissioner McKeon stated that a national plan was required providing centres around the country. Commissioner Shields referred to the old workhouse and suggested that it be renovated and used as a workshop for training skills. Mr. Maguire pointed out that the primary need for young offenders was employment and Balbriggan could not offer this at this time. It was suggested by Commissioner Harford and agreed that the Town Clerk write to the Director, Trinity House enclosing a copy of the correspondence and outlining the Commissioners views. A letter be also sent to the Minister.
- (iii) Letter dated 15th January, 1997 from Nora Owen T.D.,

regarding a meeting with the Commissioners was circulated and discussed. As the Minister had requested that an agenda be prepared Commissioners suggested the following items:-

- Commissioner Davis: That the Minister and present Government sell the site encompassing Mountjoy, St. Patricks Institution and the Womens prison and construct a new prison at an alternative location.
- Commissioner Shields: Community Service sentences - discussion.
- Commissioner Young: How to make prison sentences more productive.
- Commissioner Tuite: Report on progress to date on operation Dochas with particular reference to seizures and convictions in the Balbriggan area.
- Commissioner Timmins: Manpower in Balbriggan Garda station (The Town Clerk will obtain up to date information on staffing levels from the Superintendent)
- Commissioner Tuite: Suggested discussion on drug rehabilitation courses in the North County and particularly in Balbriggan. However, it was agreed not to include this item as it is a matter for the Department of Health.

The Town Clerk will forward the agenda to the Minister and arrange a date and venue for the meeting.

- (iv) Letter dated 27th January, 1997 from the Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for the Environment regarding safety measures from Delvin Bridge to Flemington Lane was circulated and discussed. Commissioners stated that the chevron signs which had recently been erected at this location would not be sufficient. The signs are small in size and have not prevented speeding at this location. What has been provided is contrary to the safety measures suggested by the Gardai, Council, residents etc. If the signs are a temporary measure Commissioners want to establish the future proposals. The Town Clerk will write to the National Roads Authority requesting an urgent meeting with the Commissioners.

(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

- (i) Letter dated 6th January, 1997 from the Administrative Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding the street

cleaning service in Balbriggan was circulated and noted. Commissioners paid tribute to the excellent work and service provided by the Towns street cleaner Mr. Jim Mulligan.

- (ii) Letter dated 9th January, 1997 from the Senior Staff Officer, Development Department regarding land for allotment purposes was circulated and noted.
- (iii) Letter dated 14th January, 1997 from the Administrative Officer, Planning Department regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners was circulated and discussed. Commissioners discussed the background to the motion with particular reference to Chapelgate and Bremore. Commissioner Tuite outlined details of the Commissioners meeting with Bremore Residents Association and stated that since the meeting the Council's Parks Department had met with the Association and that Roads Department were due to meet with them. Mr. Robert Kenny, Chairperson will keep the Commissioners informed of developments. Mr. Maguire outlined the Council's future intentions regarding open space requirements and suggested that the Commissioners meet with Mr. Brendan Morrissey, Building Control. The Town Clerk to make the necessary arrangements.
- (iv) Letter dated 16th January, 1997 from the Senior Parks Superintendent regarding the open space at Lambeeher Estate, Balbriggan was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Harford suggested that the Council build a number of single storey senior citizens dwellings at this location. Mr. Maguire agreed to investigate this suggestion. Commissioner McKeon requested that it be recorded in the minutes that she did not wish to be associated with items being removed for safety reasons without an alternative being provided or the matter being discussed in advance at a Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Tuite referred to traffic calming in Lambeeher Estate and Mr. Maguire agreed to examine the possibility of the provision of a ramp at an early date. Commissioner Davis expressed reservations about houses being constructed at this location and suggested a basketball park. Mr. Maguire stated that the car park beyond the tunnel might be a more suitable location for this suggestion.
- (v) Letter dated 21st January, 1997 from the Senior Staff Officer, Parks Department regarding additional parks staff was circulated and discussed. Commissioners agreed to keep this matter under review.
- (vi) Letter dated 21st January, 1997 from the Senior Staff Officer, Parks Department regarding developments at Bremore Historical Site was circulated and discussed. Commissioners paid tribute to the standard of work on the site. It was proposed by Commissioner McKeon and agreed to defer this item until the Commissioners meeting in March to await the outcome of the Senior Parks Superintendents report on progress at the site.

(vii) Letter dated 22nd January, 1997 from the Administrative Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding various items was circulated and noted.

(viii) Letter dated 3rd February, 1997 from the Senior Administrative Officer, Planning Department regarding planning application register reference F96A/0842 was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Gallen pointed out a number of anomalies in the reply. It was agreed that the Town Clerk arrange a meeting with Mr. Walsh to discuss this particular application and the consideration of planning applications in general.

(ix) Letter dated 4th February, 1997 from the Administrative Officer, Planning Department regarding developments at Brecon Court and Oakleigh, Balbriggan was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Tuite stated that there had been some improvements at Brecon Court. Commissioner Gallen referred to a dangerous hole near 75, Drogheda Street. The Town Clerk will contact the Area Engineer in this regard.

(x) Letter dated 5th February, 1997 from the Administrative Officer, Road and Traffic Department regarding the composition of the Traffic Study Group was circulated and discussed. Mr. Maguire informed the meeting that there was no public representation on the committee.

(xi) Letter dated 6th February, 1997 from the Archivist, Libraries Department regarding records of Balbriggan Town Commissioners was circulated and discussed. Commissioner McKeon requested that it be placed on record that she did not see any reason for the records being moved to another location as they belong to the Commissioners and should be available to the public. Mr. Maguire stressed the importance of preserving the records. If they were to be stored in the library it would be strictly on a loan basis, remaining the Commissioners property and under their overall control. It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen and agreed that the Town Clerk obtain costings to micro film the records and to purchase reader machines. This item to be deferred until the Commissioners meeting in April.

(xii) Letter dated 6th February, 1997 from the Administrative Officer, Environmental Services regarding grave spaces was circulated and discussed. It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen and agreed to defer this item until the Commissioners meeting in March as she hoped to have further information at that time.

(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

(i) Letter dated 31st December, 1996 from the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland regarding the Position Paper on Local Government was circulated and noted.

- (ii) Letter dated 15th January, 1997 from the Chief Executive, The Heritage Council regarding grant assistance was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that the Town Clerk write to ensure that the Commissioners application is kept on file.
- (iii) Letter dated 17th January, 1997 from the Senior Employment Services Officer regarding FAS Schemes in the Balbriggan area was circulated and noted.
- (iv) Letter dated 29th January, 1997 from the Assistant Harbour Master, Dublin Port and Docks Board regarding lights at Balbriggan Harbour was circulated and discussed. Commissioners will notify the Town Clerk of any further problems.
- (v) Notification dated 30th January, 1997 from Ballina Urban District Council of a Local Government Information Technology Conference scheduled for 17th to 19th April, 1997 in Ballina, Co. Mayo was circulated and noted. It was proposed by Commissioner McKeon, seconded by Commissioner Young and agreed to note in the minutes in future that failure to attend conferences etc was due to insufficient funds and financial constraints.

#### 4. Motions

##### (i) Motion submitted by Commissioner Bredge Tuite

Commissioner Tuite outlined the background to her motion. It was proposed by Commissioner Tuite, seconded by Commissioner Timmins and agreed:-

"That Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to take the necessary steps to ensure that Balbriggan beach and promenade are free of nuisance caused by dogs".

Commissioner Tuite suggested that signs be erected prohibiting dog fouling. It was agreed that the Town Clerk write to the Cathaoirleach, Fingal County Council regarding the motion and requesting that it be brought to the attention of the members.

#### 5. Other Correspondence

- (i) Notification dated 16th January, 1997 from the British Urban Regeneration Association of the International Conference entitled "The Future of Cities" scheduled for 21st and 22nd April, 1997 in the Waterfront Hotel, Belfast was circulated and noted. Commissioners would be unable to attend due to insufficient funds and financial constraints.
- (ii) Notification dated 31st January, 1997 from Erne Enterprise Development Company Limited of a conference entitled "Europeanisation of Local Enterprises" scheduled for 27th and 28th February, 1997 in the Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran was

circulated and noted. Commissioners would be unable to attend due to insufficient funds and financial constraints.

- (iii) Notification dated 28th January, 1997 for certificate under Section 15 of the Gaming and Lotteries Act 1956 - Aidan Bissett, Quay Street, Balbriggan was circulated and not opposed.

6. St. Patricks Day Parade Committee

It was agreed by Commissioners to meet on the 18th February, 1997 at 8.00 p.m. to discuss arrangements for this years parade. Commissioner Tuite suggested that invitations to participate should be issued to the various groups in the town and delivered personally.

7. Alcohol Advertising

Commissioner Tuite referred to the advertisement board outside the secondary school which is owned by David Allen Advertising and has continuously been used to advertise alcohol. It was agreed that the Town Clerk write to the company requesting that they refrain from advertising alcohol at this location because of the concerns of parents whose children are attending the school. The Town Clerk will also write to the Managing Director, Guinness Group Sales as it is their product which is being advertised. Commissioner Harford suggested that this item should have been included as a motion it was not clear to her from the Agenda what it referred to and therefore she could not prepare herself in advance of the meeting.

8. Public Lighting

Commissioner Shields stated that the necessary works had been completed and requested that this item be withdrawn.

9. Parking at Entrance to Lambreecher Estate

Commissioner Shields reported a number of accidents at this location to the meeting. It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen and agreed that Commissioners meet formally with Superintendent Lambe and that quarterly meetings with the Gardai are arranged.

10. Strategy for Local Government

Commissioner Shields had included this item on the agenda and it was agreed that the Town Clerk arrange a further meeting with Mr. Frank Ryan, Institute of Public Administration.

11. Library Clock

Commissioner Gallen requested an up to date report on repairs to the Clock. Mr. Maguire informed the meeting that it is hoped that the necessary repair works will be completed within the next fortnight.

12. Residential Parking - St. Pauls Crescent

Commissioner Gallen referred to the ongoing parking problems and suggested obtaining cones from the Gardai to discourage non-residential parking at this location. It was agreed that this item be discussed with the Traffic Engineer when the Commissioners meet with him and that the Town Clerk write to the Traffic Study Group.

13. Town Centre Car Park - Street Light

Commissioner Gallen referred to the minutes of the Commissioners meeting held on the 9th January, 1996 and to her request to have a vandal proof lamp installed on the pole outside Mill House opposite the stepway. As there had been no progress to date it was agreed that this item be discussed at the meeting with the Traffic Engineer and that the Town Clerk write to Mr. John Williams, Public Lighting, Fingal County Council.

14. Any Other Business

- (A) The Town Clerk circulated notification from Balbriggan and District Citizens Information Centre of their Annual General Meeting to be held on the 25th February, 1997 which was noted and a request from Chapelgate Residents Association to meet with the Commissioners. The Town Clerk will arrange for an agenda to be submitted by Chapelgate and set a date for the meeting. Commissioners referred to the ongoing objections to the Inner Relief Road and confirmed the Commissioners full support for the project. It was agreed that the Town Clerk write to Fingal County Council indicating the Commissioners support for the project and to other bodies in the Town encouraging them to do likewise.

(B) Commissioner Young

- (i) Referred to the speed of traffic entering and leaving the town. Mr. Maguire suggested that this be brought to the attention of the Traffic Engineer when he meets with Commissioners.

(C) Commissioner Shields

- (i) Referred to an article in the Irish Times regarding a proposal to link the Dublin Belfast rail line with Dublin Airport. The Town Clerk will write to Iarnrod Eireann and the Minister for

Transport, Energy and Communications to support the idea of a spur line from Balbriggan.

- (ii) Referred to the underpass between Church Street and Seapoint and requested that the Town Clerk write to Iarnrod Eireann to erect barriers at this location to slow down youngsters on bikes who are a danger to pedestrians.
- (iii) Referred to the road surface at Balrothery and was informed by Mr. Maguire that this matter was being examined.

(D) Commissioner Timmins

- (i) Asked if progress had been made on his enquiry regarding the fencing of Commons Land. Mr. Maguire stated that the Council could take no action in this regard as rights in relation to the Commons are vested in those persons who are entitled to use the Commons and these are the only persons with sufficient legal standing to institute proceedings to prevent encroachment. However, the Town Clerk will arrange for a referencers report to be obtained to establish ownership.

(E) Commissioner Pyne

- (i) Congratulated the Town Clerk on his efforts in having a bus stop erected at Flemington and requested that the Council clear the area and provide a base on the opposite side of the road as Bus Eireann are agreeable to erecting a bus shelter at this location. The Town Clerk will contact the Area Engineer in this regard.
- (ii) Referred to the development at Ardgillan Heights and informed the meeting that the builder has opened an access on to Hampton Lane. Residents are concerned that this may become a permanent arrangement. The Town Clerk will contact Mr. Brendan Morrissey, Building Control, Fingal County Council.

(F) Commissioner McKeon

- (i) Referred to the draft programme of works on non-national roads and to items which should have been carried forward from last year. The Town Clerk will write to ensure that these items are included in this years programme.

(G) Commissioner Tuite

- (i) Requested that the Town Clerk establish the number of community hours sentenced by Balbriggan Court, confirm completion of the sentences and identify the projects on which the sentences were worked.

- (H) Commissioner Harford
- (i) Requested the Town Clerk write to F.A.S. again to establish why the Balbriggan Office is only open once a fortnight.

The meeting concluded at 10.40 p.m.

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# COIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

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7th February, 1997.

## DO GACH BALL DE CHOIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith i láthair ag Cruinniú de Choimisinéirí Bhaile Brigin a thionolfar ar an Feabhra 11, ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners will be held on 11th February, 1997 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

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DEREK TUMBLETON,  
CLÉIREACH AN BHAILE.

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## CLÁR

### 1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (a) Minutes of Meeting held on the 14/1/97 (circulated herewith)

### 2. Applications for Hire of Hall

- (i) Application received from May Dillon to hire the Ballroom on 15th and 16th February 1997 (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Application received from Dermot O'Connor to hire the Hamilton Hall on 15th and 16th February 1997 (circulated herewith)

### **3. Correspondence**

#### **(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**

- (i) Letter dated 15/1/97 from the Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Justice regarding staffing of the Forensic Science Laboratory (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 15/1/97 from Nora Owen, T.D. regarding halfway house accommodation for offenders prior to their release (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 15/1/97 from Nora Owen, T.D. regarding a meeting with the Commissioners (circulated herewith)
- (iv) Letter dated 27/1/97 from the Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for the Environment regarding safety measures from Delvin Bridge to Flemington Lane (circulated herewith)

#### **(B) Correspondence From Fingal County Council**

- (i) Letter dated 6/1/97 from the Administrative Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding the street cleaning service in Balbriggan (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 9/1/97 from the Senior Staff Officer, Development Department regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 14/1/97 from the Administrative Officer, Planning Department regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners (circulated herewith)
- (iv) Letter dated 16/1/97 from the Senior Parks Superintendent regarding open space at Lambreecher Estate, Balbriggan (circulated herewith)
- (v) Letter dated 21/1/97 from the Senior Staff Officer, Parks Department regarding additional parks staff (circulated herewith)
- (vi) Letter dated 21/1/97 from the Senior Staff Officer, Parks Department, regarding developments at Bremore Historical Site (circulated herewith)
- (vii) Letter dated 22/1/97 from the Administrative Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding various items (circulated herewith)
- (viii) Letter dated 3/2/97 from the Senior Administrative Officer, Planning Department regarding planning application - register reference F96A/0842 (circulated herewith)
- (ix) Letter dated 4/2/97 from the Administrative Officer, Planning Department regarding developments at Bremore Court and Oakleigh, Balbriggan (circulated herewith)
- (x) Letter dated 5/2/97 from the Administrative Officer, Roads & Traffic Department regarding the composition of the Traffic Study Group (circulated herewith)
- (xi) Letter dated 6/2/97 from the Archivist Libraries Department regarding records of Balbriggan Town Commissioners (circulated herewith)
- (xii) Letter dated 6/2/97 from the Administrative Officer, Environmental Services regarding grave spaces (circulated herewith)

#### **(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

- (i) Letter dated 31/12/96 from the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland regarding the Position Paper on Local Government (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 15/1/97 from the Chief Executive, The Heritage Council regarding grant assistance (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 17/1/97 from the Senior Employment Services Officer regarding FAS Schemes in the Balbriggan area (circulated herewith)

- (iv) Letter dated 29/1/97 from the Assistant Harbour Master, Dublin Port and Docks Board regarding lights at Balbriggan Harbour (circulated herewith)
- (v) Notification dated 30/1/97 from Ballina Urban District Council of a Local Government Information Technology Conference scheduled for 17th to 19th April 1997 in Ballina, Co. Mayo (circulated herewith)

4. **Motions**

(i) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Bredge Tuite**

"That Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to take the necessary steps to ensure that Balbriggan beach and promenade are free of nuisance caused by dogs."

5. **Other Correspondence**

- (i) Notification dated 16/1/97 from the British Urban Regeneration Association of the International Conference entitled "The Future of Cities" scheduled for 21st and 22nd April 1997 in the Waterfront Hotel, Belfast (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Notification dated 31/1/97 from Erne Enterprise Development Company Limited of conference entitled "Europeanisation of Local Enterprises" scheduled for 27th and 28th February, 1997 in the Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Notification dated 28/1/97 for certificate under Section 15 of the Gaming and Lotteries Act, 1956 - Aidan Bissett, Quay St., Balbriggan. (circulated herewith)

- 6. St. Patrick's Day Committee
- 7. Alcohol Advertising
- 8. Public Lighting
- 9. Parking at Entrance to Lambreecher Estate
- 10. Strategy for Local Government
- 11. Library Clock
- 12. Residential parking - St. Paul's Crescent
- 13. Town Centre Car Park - Street Light
- 14. Any Other Business

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 11TH MARCH, 1997  
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:     Mr. Philip Maguire, Principal Officer  
                                 Mr. Derek Tumbleton, Town Clerk.

An Cathaoirleach Commissioner Tuite presided.

Commissioners Consent in relation to Housing

Following a report by the Town Clerk it was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner Harford and agreed that Commissioners consent be given to the sale of 18, Lawless Terrace, Balbriggan to Helen Guildea and to the purchase of the freehold.

1.     Confirmation of Minutes

- (A) Minutes of meeting held on the 11th February, 1997 were circulated and confirmed.

2.     Applications for Hire of Hall

- (A) Application received from Barry Grimes to hire the Ballroom every Monday from 5.00p.m. to 6.00p.m. was circulated and approved.

3.     Correspondence

- (i) Letter dated 7/2/97 from the Correspondence Section, Department of Social Welfare regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners was circulated and noted.
- (ii) Letter dated 12/2/97 from Niamh Bhreathnach T.D., Minister for Education regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners was circulated and noted.
- (iii) Letter dated 24/2/97 from Mary Banotti M.E.P. regarding the E.U. Social Assistance Butter Scheme was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Harford expressed her disappointment at the reply. Following discussion it was agreed that the Town Clerk write to the Department of Social Welfare suggesting that they redeem unused butter vouchers and provide an alternative benefit.

(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

- (i) Letter dated 23/1/97 from the Senior Staff Officer, Parks Department regarding a barrier in the area of Blackrock at Lambeeher Estate was circulated and discussed. Following concerns expressed by Commissioner Shields, Mr. Maguire informed the meeting that he would endeavour to have this matter expedited. Following a request from Commissioners the Town Clerk undertook to circulate a copy of the Parks Departments Programme of Works for 1997.
- (ii) Letter dated 6/2/97 from the Administrative Officer, Environmental Services regarding grave spaces - deferred from a previous meeting was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Gallen informed the meeting that she had calculated that on the basis of the present usage that there would only be sufficient spaces in Balbriggan Cemetery to last for 5 years and not 10 years as previously intimated by the Council and proposed that the Council now proceed with the acquisition of additional land. This was seconded by Commissioner McKeon and agreed. Mr. Maguire suggested writing to the Manager of Fingal County Council enclosing a copy of the correspondence, informing him of the demand for grave spaces and suggesting that the procedure for the acquisition of additional land should commence immediately.
- (iii) Letter dated 12/2/97 from the Staff Officer, Secretariat Department regarding a change of name from Station Street to Railway Street was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Gallen outlined the background to the change of name. Mr. Maguire suggested that the Town Clerk write to Ms. Tina Hynes, Archives Section, Fingal County Council in order to establish from her records if there was any record of the change of name.
- (iv) Letter dated 20/2/97 from the Senior Parks Superintendent regarding Mill Pond open space was circulated and noted. Commissioner Davis reported a discharge into the Bracken River and will provide the Town Clerk with a map identifying the location in order that it can be investigated by Fingal County Council.

(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies.

- (i) Letter dated 5/2/97 from the Superintendent, Balbriggan Garda Station regarding anti-social behaviour at the side of the Courthouse was circulated and noted.
- (ii) Letter dated 24/2/97 from the Superintendent, Balbriggan Garda Station regarding formal meetings with the Commissioners was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Tuite requested an improved attendance by Commissioners at meetings with outside bodies. Commissioner Harford suggested that a minimum of six Commissioners should be in attendance otherwise meetings

should be rescheduled. Commissioner McKeon suggested that an agenda be forwarded to all parties in advance of a meeting in order that they can prepare themselves. As regards the meeting with the Gardai, Commissioners will submit items for discussion to the Town Clerk who will in turn agree a final agenda with the Cathaoirleach. It was agreed that the meeting take place on the 14th April, 1997 at 8.p.m. The Town Clerk informed the Commissioners that a meeting had been arranged with Mr. Frank Ryan, Institute of Public Administration on the 11th April, 1997 at 11.00a.m.

- (iii) Letter dated 28/2/97 from the Senior Employment Services Officer regarding the FAS presence in Balbriggan was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Harford expressed her disappointment at the reply and stated that the Commissioners should have been consulted regarding changes in the opening times as they had originally campaigned for a FAS presence in Balbriggan. Commissioner Shields enquired if these opening hours are exclusive to Balbriggan or apply to all areas. Commissioner Tuite requested that the Town Clerk write to the FAS head office to establish the opening times of other offices in the County. It was proposed by Commissioner Harford, seconded by Commissioner Shields and agreed that the Town Clerk write to the Senior Employment Services Officer pointing out that the usage warrants the office opening every day and to identify who the Community Groups referred to are and what type of contact was made.
- (iv) Letter dated 27/2/97 from the Town Clerk, Carlow Urban District Council regarding resolutions adopted by the Council was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Tuite requested that the Town Clerk establish the Tax Relief available for local authority charges.

#### 4. Motions

- (i) Motion submitted by Commissioners Gertie Shields

"That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to explain what criteria was used in the selection of tenants for Local Authority Housing in Balrothery - understood by the Commissioners to be senior citizen accommodation - and the age profile of people allocated houses there". Commissioner Shields reported that there was now a woman and child living with one of the male tenants in this estate. Mr. Maguire explained the lettings procedure and agreed to investigate this matter. Commissioners questioned the manager as to the criteria for these dwellings i.e. whether they were for senior citizens or all age categories. Commissioner Gallen requested that a copy of the current housing list be obtained, however, the Town Clerk informed the meeting that a copy of the list was available in the Town Hall.

(ii) Motion submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford

"That Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to make an offer available whereby renting tenants who wish to have natural gas central heating installed in their homes can do so and pay for same through their weekly rent".

Commissioner Harford outlined the background to her motion and was informed by Mr. Maguire that he would arrange to have the matter examined.

(iii) Motion submitted by Commissioner Bredge Tuite

It was proposed by Commissioner Tuite, seconded by Commissioner Gallen and agreed "That Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for the Environment Mr. Brendan Howlin T.D. to allocate monies to Fingal County Council to replace 22 prefabricated chimneys in Lambeecher Estate, Balbriggan". Commissioner Tuite informed the meeting that the residents had only received an acknowledgement to their submission to the Minister.

5. Other Correspondence

- (i) Notification dated 6/2/97 from the Environmental Recognition Centre of the 5th Annual Environmental Recognition Conference, scheduled for the 18th to 20th April, 1997 in the Cliff House Hotel, Ballybunion, Co. Kerry was circulated and noted. Commissioners would be unable to attend due to insufficient funds and financial constraints.
- (ii) Letter dated 25/2/97 from the Secretary, Balbriggan Dramatic Society regarding a meeting with Commissioners was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that the Town Clerk circulate copies of the original correspondence to Commissioners. Mr. Maguire stated that he hoped to report to the Commissioners in the near future regarding plans for the redevelopment of the Commissioners property and designated area status. It was suggested by Commissioner McKeon and agreed that the Town Clerk write to the Dramatic Society outlining the position and explaining to them that a meeting would be arranged when definite proposals for the Town Hall are available.

6. St. Patricks Day Parade

The Town Clerk circulated copies of the lists of participants in the Parade and those invited to the review stand which were then discussed by Commissioners. It was agreed that Mr. Dermot Murray, Chief Fire Officer would also be included on the invitation list.

7. Agenda for Quarterly Meeting with Fingal County Council

Copies of the Agenda were circulated and approved.

8. Any Other Business

(A) Commissioner Harford

- (i) Reported that an entrance to the town car park which had a dishd footpath had been blocked off while the footpath at the alternative entrance is not dishd.

(B) Commissioner McKeon

- (i) Reported that the footpath and wall at 26, Market Green had been damaged as a result of heavy traffic going into Hampton Mills.
- (ii) Referred to the Planning Application for a dormer bungalow facing on to Mill Pond and stated that Commissioners should monitor the situation in case of further developments at this location. The Town Clerk will write to the Planning Department.

(C) Commissioner Davis

- (i) Requested that the Town Clerk write to the Minister for Health to establish why persons on PRSI and medical cards have to wait longer than those on VHI for by pass surgery which is performed by the same surgeons who are also contracted by the State.
- (ii) Requested that the County Engineer arrange for repairs or resurfacing from the end of Dermotstown road.
- (iii) Requested that Fingal County Council write to the leaseholder or owners of Ashling Dry Cleaners to have them improve the overall condition of the building.

(D) Commissioner Timmins

- (i) Requested that Town Clerk establish if a reply had been received from Mr. Jim O'Dowd, Fingal County Council to correspondence from Chapelgate Residents Association.
- (ii) Requested that the Commissioners host a reception for M'Lady Erin contestants on the 29th May, 1997.

(E) Commissioner Shields

- (i) Requested that the green area at St. Pauls Crescent be reinstated and that the pampas grass be removed from the top of the cul de sac.
- (ii) Complimented the area engineer for work completed at Convent Lane and Georges Hill.

(F) Commissioner Pyne

- (i) Requested a progress report on the proposed path/cycleway at Bremore.
- (ii) Reported that the pathway around the beach from Double Crest to the park is in a state of disrepair.
- (iii) Complimented Derek Dixon, Area Engineer regarding the proposed bus shelter at Flemington.
- (iv) Requested that the Town Clerk write to An Post regarding the post box at Tankerville which has been blocked up and the proposed box at Supervalu.

(G) Commissioner Gallen

- (i) Enquired if progress had been made regarding a drink free zone in Balbriggan.
- (ii) Enquired if a meeting had been arranged with Mr. Mark Walsh, Planning Department, Fingal County Council.
- (iii) Referred to a newspaper article about funding for urban and village schemes by Minister McManus and asked the Manager if this referred to Balbriggan. A copy of the article will be forwarded to the Town Clerk.
- (iv) Requested that the Town Clerk write to the Traffic Study Group to establish if signage could be provided to discourage parking at dished kerbs.

(H) Commissioner Tuite

- (i) Referred to the disabled parking space which had been provided at the Post Office and stated that sufficient room was not available on the passenger side because of the post box. It will also be necessary to lower the lip of the road.

The meeting concluded at 10.30p.m.

*Bredge Tuite*



# COIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

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6th March, 1997.

## DO GACH BALL DE CHOIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

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6. St. Patrick's Day Parade
7. Agenda for Quarterly Meeting with Fingal County Council (circulated herewith)
8. Any Other Business

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 8TH APRIL, 1997  
IN BALBRIGGAN TOWN HALL

Commissioners Present: Gallen, Patricia                      Shields, Gertie  
                                 Harford, Monica                      Timmins, Colm  
                                 McKeon, May                      Tuite, Bredge  
                                 Pyne, Ned

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Commissioner Young and Commissioner Davis.

Officials Present: Mr. Philip Maguire, Principal Officer.  
                                 Mr. Derek Tumbleton, Town Clerk.

An Cathaoirleach Commissioner Tuite presided.

Mr. Maguire circulated copies of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners Financial Statement for the period January to March 1997.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (A) Minutes of meeting held on the 11th March, 1997 were circulated and confirmed.

2. Applications for hire of hall

- (A) Application received from Fidelma McGarry for hire of Meeting Room on various dates was circulated and approved.
- (B) Application received from the Breakaway Festival Committee for hire of Ballroom and Hamilton Hall on various dates was circulated and approved.
- (C) Application received from Joe Yeates for hire of Hamilton Hall on the 11th May, 1997 from 3.00p.m. to 6.00p.m. was circulated and approved.
- (D) Application received from Paddy Brosnan for hire of Ballroom on the 10th July, 1997 from 10.00a.m. to 2.00p.m. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that this application had been withdrawn as Mr. Brosnan had been unable to secure insurance for the event.

3. Correspondence

(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

- (i) Letter dated 11th March, 1997 from the Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Health regarding a motion passed by Commissioners concerning orthodontic treatment was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Harford expressed her

dissatisfaction at the reply. Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner Harford and agreed that the Town Clerk write to the Minister for Health pointing out that children who have been cleared by the Eastern Health Board for oral hygiene and declared eligible for orthodontic treatment are being refused at St. James Hospital on the grounds of oral hygiene.

(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

- (i) Letter dated 6th March, 1997 from the Senior Administrative Officer, Housing Department regarding the open space at Lambeecher Estate, Balbriggan was circulated and discussed. Commissioners expressed concern at the term "housing mix" and stated that any building at this location should be exclusively for senior citizens. Mr. Maguire informed the meeting that Commissioners would be consulted regarding proposals for this location. Commissioners also referred to ongoing problems in the senior citizen accommodation in Balrothery, details of which will be given to Mr. Maguire who will arrange to have them investigated.
- (ii) Letter dated 12th March, 1997 from the Administrative Officer, Parks Department regarding the Lifeboat House was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Tuite suggested that the machinery be stored in the Roads depot. Commissioner Gallen stated that the premises should not be vacated until there is a definite project in place as Parks Department had maintained the building and prevented vandalism. This was echoed by Commissioner McKeon.
- (iii) Letter dated 12th March, 1997 from the Administrative Officer, Environmental Services regarding litter generated by business premises was circulated and discussed. Mr. Maguire pointed out that through the co-operation of the handcart man and the litter warden it would be possible to target premises which are not adhering to the byelaws. Commissioner Gallen referred to litter problems in the Town Park and requested Fingal County Council to write to rate payers outlining their responsibilities under the litter bye-laws. This was agreed by Commissioners and Mr. Maguire stated that he would arrange for a letter to be issued pointing out the penalties and informing them that regular checks would also be made. Commissioner Shields suggested a more local approach i.e. a letter from Commissioners. Commissioner Pyne referred to the shortage of litter bins and was informed by Mr. Maguire that if sites were identified the necessary arrangements would be made for their provision.
- (iv) Letter dated 12th March, 1997 from the Administrative Officer, Environmental Services regarding nuisance caused by dogs was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Timmins expressed disappointment that Council staff do not have the powers of arrest in dealing with offenders. Mr. Maguire undertook to

discuss this matter further with Mr. McDonough.

- (v) Letter dated 13th March, 1997 from the Senior Administrative Officer, Planning Department regarding lands at Ardgillen Heights was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Pyne questioned Mr. Maguire about repairs to the laneway when the housing estate is completed. The Town Clerk will write to the Principal Officer, Roads Department and the County Engineer regarding this matter pointing out the damage caused by heavy traffic at this location.
  - (vi) Letter dated 25th March, 1997 from the Administrative Officer, Environmental Services regarding anti litter badges was circulated and discussed. Following discussion it was agreed that Commissioners would set out a programme for an anti-litter campaign. The Town Clerk will contact Mr. McDonough regarding numbers of badges etc.
- (C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies
- (i) Letter dated 18th March, 1997 from the Group Chief Executive, Coras Iompair Eireann regarding the proposed rail link to Dublin Airport was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that the Town Clerk contact Dr. Ray Byrne, Head of Programmes and Projects to arrange a meeting with the Commissioners.
  - (ii) Notification dated 26th March, 1997 from Greystones Town Commissioners of the 1997 La Touche Legacy Seminar scheduled for the 3rd to 5th October, 1997 in the La Touche Hotel, Greystones, Co. Wicklow was circulated and noted. Commissioners would be unable to attend due to insufficient funds and financial constraints.
  - (iii) Notification dated 27th March, 1997 from the Border Regional Authority of the National Conference 1997 scheduled for the 6th and 7th June, 1997 in the Great Southern Hotel, Bundoran, Co. Donegal was circulated and noted. Commissioners would be unable to attend due to insufficient funds and financial constraints.
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  - (v) Notification dated 25th March, 1997 from Ballina Urban District Council of a Local Government Information Technology Conference scheduled for the 8th to 10th May, 1997 in Ballina, Co. Mayo was circulated and noted. Commissioners would be unable to attend due to insufficient funds and financial constraints.

#### 4. Motions

##### (i) Motion submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford

"That Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to arrange for rented dwellings to be inspected every two years and where necessary for house painting and replacement of windows and doors to be implemented".

Commissioner Harford outlined the background to the motion. Mr. Maguire informed the meeting that while a backlog had occurred a programme of maintenance at regular intervals had now been set up. The motion proposed by Commissioner Harford was seconded by Commissioner Gallen and agreed.

##### (ii) Motion submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford

"That Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Cathaoirleach of Fingal County Council to nominate the Leas Cathaoirleach or another Councillor to chair the Commissioners quarterly meetings in her absence".

Commissioner Harford outlined the background to her motion. Commissioner Gallen pointed out that Balbriggan Town Commissioners is a statutory local authority and deserves mutual respect particularly from Fingal County Council its parent authority. Commissioner Gallen also referred to the treatment of Balbriggan Town Commissioners in the last year by both the Cathaoirleach and the 5 Councillors for the Balbriggan electoral area. Mr. Maguire confirmed the Managers interest and will raise the matter with the Cathaoirleach, Community Officials and the 5 elected representatives. The motion proposed by Commissioner Harford was seconded by Commissioner Tuite and agreed.

#### 5. Other Correspondence

- (i) Letter dated 7th March, 1997 from the Operations and Development Director, David Allen Holdings Ltd regarding the advertising panel at Drogheda Street, Balbriggan was circulated and discussed. Commissioners welcomed the contents of the letter.

The Town Clerk circulated details of a meeting with officials of Fingal County Council's Planning Department scheduled for 14th April, 1997 at 2.00p.m.

#### 6. St. Patricks Day Parade - Review

Commissioner Tuite paid tribute to the work of the Town Clerk and Ms. Susan Murphy organising the parade and suggested that planning for next year's parade should begin in June or July. Commissioner Tuite also expressed the hope that there would be improved participation from the Community Sector and informed

the meeting that a letter of thanks had been sent to all participants. Commissioner Timmins suggested that the car park at the assembly point be free of parked cars on the day and also suggested that the Parade Marshall not participate in the parade.

7. Agenda for meeting with Superintendent Lambe scheduled for 14th April, 1997.

Following discussion it was agreed that the following items would be included on the agenda for the meeting:-

1. Increased foot patrols to enforce the law in relation to illegal parking and persons urinating in public.
2. Heavy goods vehicles parking at the entrance to Lambreecher.
3. Provision of road marking at the traffic lights near the entrance to Lambreecher.
4. Improved sequence of traffic lights.
5. Provision of 2nd yellow box at the Square.
6. Disabled Parking Bay at Post Office.
7. Under age drinking - update on I.D. cards system.
8. Community Service Sentencing - removal of graffiti etc.
9. Traffic Warden - area covered and working hours.

8. Records of Balbriggan Town Commissioners

The Town Clerk informed the meeting of the cost of providing reader machines, storage cabinets and transferring the records onto microfilm. Mr. Maguire stressed the importance of protecting the records. The Town Clerk will make further enquiries on the matter.

9. Report on maintenance of beach, replacement of pier and painting of shelters.

Mr. Maguire informed the meeting that the programme for maintenance of the beaches will commence earlier this year. With regard to a replacement amenity for the pier, Fingal County Council are at present considering this matter. Mr. Maguire also informed the meeting that priority would be given to the painting of the shelters.

10. Any Other Business

(A) Commissioner Patricia Gallen

- (i) Enquired about the provision of a playground facility at Ardgillen.
- (ii) Enquired about the waste paper recycling bin and was informed that it had been removed as it was not economical at the present time.
- (iii) Referred to the dangerous condition of the manhole cover on Mill Street outside the late Ms. Smyths house.

(B) Commissioner Gertie Shields

- (i) Requested that the Council erect the barrier at Lambeecher as soon as possible.
- (ii) Referred to the condition of the road surface at Woodview, Balrothery.

(C) Commissioner Ned Pyne.

- (i) Requested that Fingal County Council arrange for the toilet at the Band Park to be opened during the summer even if only for limited hours.
- (ii) Called on the Commissioners to support the request for a full-time remedial teacher at Balscadden National School and outlined the present arrangement whereby the teacher attends 4 schools and can only allocate 10 hours to each per week.
- (iii) Enquired when the Combined Clubs would be paid their grant by Fingal County Council and was informed by Mr. Maguire that the Council were awaiting documentation from the Combined Clubs.
- (iv) Enquired if a report had been received regarding the path at Bremore.
- (v) Enquired when the blue signs for the beach would be erected.
- (vi) Referred to the condition of the roundabout at Derham Park.

(D) Commissioner May McKeon

- (i) Enquired about the introduction of the wheelie bin service at Glover Court and the size of bin being provided. Mr. Maguire stated that householders would have the option of either a 240 or 120 litre bin and that the bins were being introduced on a phased basis.

(E) Commissioner Monica Harford

(i) Requested a copy of the development plan submitted by various groups to A.D.M.

(F) Commissioner Bredge Tuite

(i) Enquired about the reinstatement of the area between Derham Park and the railway track embankment.

(ii) Referred to the ditch at the entrance to St. Mologas School on the Dublin-Belfast road and requested that road markings are provided due to the danger at this location.

(iii) Reported that the Gas Co. had left a pile of rubble and tarmac at the railway bridge in Lambeecher and was informed that this would be removed.

(iv) Referred to the meeting with Minister Owen and requested the Town Clerk to circulate details to Commissioners.

(v) Reported an accident on Bridge Street where a person was hit by a falling slate.

(vi) Referred to letter received from Bord Failte regarding National Home Holiday Awareness Week and sought ideas from the Commissioners.

(vii) Referred to the correspondence from the Irish Vocational Education Association. Commissioners indicated their support.

(G) Mr. Philip Maguire

(i) Referred to the meeting with Mr. Frank Ryan, Institute of Public Administration scheduled for Friday 11th April, 1997 at 11.00a.m. and requested the Commissioners permission for Mr. Ryan to address them regarding Fingal County Council's Strategic Management Initiative.

The meeting concluded at 10.35p.m.

*Bredge Tuite*



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HALLA AN BHAILE,

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4th April, 1997.

## DO GACH BALL DE CHOIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith i láthair ag Cruinniú de Choimisinéirí Bhaile Brigín a thionolfar ar an Aibreán 8, ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners will be held on 8th April, 1997 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

Is mise le meas,

DEREK TUMBLETON,  
CLÉIREACH AN BHAILE.

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### CLÁR

#### 1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (a) Minutes of Meeting held on the 11/3/97 (circulated herewith)

#### 2. Applications for Hire of Hall

- (a) Application received from Fidelma McGarry to hire the Meeting Room on various dates (circulated herewith)  
(b) Application received from the Breakaway Festival Committee to hire the Ballroom and Hamilton Hall on various dates (circulated herewith)  
(c) Application received from Joe Yeates to hire the Hamilton Hall on 11th May 1997 from 3 to 6pm (circulated herewith)  
(d) Application received from Paddy Brosnan to hire the Ballroom on 10th July 1997 from 10 to 2am (circulated herewith)

### 3. Correspondence

#### (A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

- (i) Letter dated 11/3/97 from the Private secretary, Office of the Minister for Justice regarding a motion passed by Commissioners concerning orthodontic treatment (circulated herewith)

#### (B) Correspondence From Fingal County Council

- (i) Letter dated 6/3/97 from the Senior Administrative Officer, Housing Department regarding the open space at Lambeeher Estate, Balbriggan (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 12/3/97 from the Administrative Officer, Parks Department regarding the Lifeboat house (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 12/3/97 from the Administrative Officer, Environmental Services regarding litter generated by business premises (circulated herewith)
- (iv) Letter dated 12/3/97 from the Administrative Officer, Environmental Services regarding nuisance caused by dogs (circulated herewith)
- (v) Letter dated 13/3/97 from the Senior Administrative Officer, Planning Department regarding lands at Ardgillen Heights (circulated herewith)
- (vi) Letter dated 25/3/97 from Administrative Officer, Environmental Services regarding anti-litter badges (circulated herewith)

#### (C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

- (i) Letter dated 18/3/97 from the Group Chief Executive, Córas Iompair Eireann regarding the proposed rail link to Dublin airport (circulated herewith)
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### 4. Motions

#### (i) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford

"That Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to arrange for rented dwellings to be inspected every two years and where necessary for house painting and replacement of windows and doors to be implemented."

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"That Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Cathaoirleach of Fingal County Council to nominate the Leas Cathaoirleach or another Councillor to chair the Commissioners quarterly meetings in her absence."

5. **Other Correspondence**

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- 6. St. Patrick's Day Parade - Review
- 7. Agenda for meeting with Superintendent Lambe scheduled for 14th April 1997
- 8. Records of Balbriggan Town Commissioners
- 9. Report on maintenance of beach, replacement of pier and painting of shelters
- 10. Any Other Business

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 13TH MAY 1997  
IN BALBRIGGAN TOWN HALL

Commissioners Present:    Davis, Joe                      Pyne, Ned  
                                 Harford, Monica                Shields, Gertie  
                                 McFadden, David               Timmins, Colm  
                                 McKeon, May                    Tuite, Bredge

Apology for non-attendance was received from Commissioner Gallen.

Officials Present:    Mr. Philip Maguire, Principal Officer  
                                 Mr. Alan Carthy, Principal Officer  
                                 Mr. Derek Tumbleton, Town Clerk

An Cathaoirleach Commissioner Tuite presided.

1.    Confirmation of Minutes

- (A) Minutes of meeting held on the 8th April, 1997 were circulated and confirmed.

Commissioners Consent in relation to Housing

Following a request from the Town Clerk it was agreed that Commissioners consent be given to the sale of 3, Gibbons Terrace, Balbriggan to Elizabeth Marrey and to the purchase of the freehold.

Mr. Maguire circulated copies of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners Annual Report for 1996. Commissioner Tuite paid tribute to the work of the Town Clerk and Ms. Susan Murphy in the preparation of the report and this was echoed by the other Commissioners. Mr. Maguire referred to the improvement in the Commissioners finances and pointed out that in 1996 the debit balance had been reduced from £33,106.81 to £14,047.88. Mr. Maguire also referred to Urban Renewal and informed the meeting that he expected an announcement in the near future regarding this matter.

Mr. Maguire also reported that the present overdraft accommodation required renewal and subject to the sanction of the Minister of the Environment that Commissioners consent to the re-securing of the overdraft accommodation on the Commissioners General Account for a further 7 month period. Mr. Maguire also reported that the overdraft accommodation would be reduced from £20,000 to £15,000.

It was proposed by Commissioner McKeon, seconded by Commissioner Harford and resolved that Balbriggan Town Commissioners approve renewal of an overdraft accommodation of £15,000 for a further seven month period subject to the sanction of the Minister of the Environment.

2. Applications for hire of hall

Application received from St. Johns Hearing Aid Society to hire the Bandroom on the 5th June, 1997 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. was circulated and approved.

3. Correspondence

(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

- (i) Letter dated 9th April, 1997 from the Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Social Welfare regarding a motion passed by Commissioners concerning Social Welfare payments to recipients convicted of drug offences was circulated and noted.
- (ii) Letter dated 9th April, 1997 from the Department of Justice regarding projects for community service was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Tuite suggested meeting with Mr. Brian McNeaney, Probation and Welfare Service. It was suggested by Commissioners McKeon and Commissioner Shields that a list of works be sent to the County Council and should they be unable to complete the works the Community Service Scheme could be used. It was proposed by Commissioner Harford, seconded by Commissioner McKeon and agreed that if the beach is not cleaned by the Council in advance of the arrival of visitors to Sunshine House that the Community Service Scheme be used.
- (iii) Letter dated 17th April, 1997 from the Education/Publicity Officer, Department of Arts, Culture and the Gaeltacht regarding Heritage Day 1997 was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Tuite requested that a copy of the correspondence be forwarded to the Balbriggan Historical Society. It was proposed by Commissioner McKeon, seconded by Commissioner Harford and agreed that the Town Clerk write to Fingal County Council requesting that the Councils representatives at conferences etc forward a copy of the conference notes to Balbriggan Town Commissioners as they would be unable to attend.
- (iv) Letter dated 22nd April, 1997 from the Milk Subsidies Division, Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry regarding the E.U. Social Assistance Butter Scheme was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Harford suggested that vouchers be only issued to those people who use them otherwise it causes confusion and wastes money.

(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

- (i) Letter dated 4th April, 1997 from the Archivist, Libraries Department regarding Railway Street, Balbriggan was circulated and discussed. Mr. Maguire suggested that a plebiscite be held and that the residents contact Fingal County Council in this regard. It was proposed by Commissioner Harford, seconded by Commissioner McKeon and agreed that the Town Clerk contact the occupiers in Railway Street to establish whether they wish to have the name of

the street reverted to Station Street.

- (ii) Letter dated 4th April, 1997 from the Senior Administrative Officer, Environmental Services regarding the handrail at the Ladies Stairs was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Shields welcomed the contents of the letter.
  - (iii) Letter dated 17th April, 1997 from the Administrative Officer, Parks Department regarding additional staff was circulated and discussed. Following a lengthy discussion regarding the role of the various departments of Fingal County Council and outside agencies in the maintenance of open space areas, Mr. Maguire informed the meeting that the County Manager had identified the problem of cross departmental work and that plans for the future were at present being finalised. However, Mr. Maguire will again bring the problems to the attention of the Manager and the Town Clerk will write also. Commissioner Tuite requested that replacement staff be made available when the Towns street cleaner Mr. Jim Mulligan is on leave. Commissioner Davis requested that the Town Clerk write to the Station Master in Malahide to arrange to have Iarnrod Eireann cut the grass on their property. Commissioner Shields referred to an area under the viaduct which is used as a dumping ground and requested that the Town Clerk write to Iarnrod Eireann regarding same. Commissioner Harford requested the Town Clerk to obtain a copy of the Parks Department's maintenance programme for the summer period.
  - (iv) Letter dated 8th May, 1997 from the Administrative Officer, Parks Department regarding the Lifeboat House was circulated and discussed. Mr. Maguire requested that this matter be deferred while he sought clarification. Commissioner Timmins requested that the Council ensure the Lifeboat House is protected from flooding.
- (C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies
- (i) Letter dated 10th April, 1997 from the Programme Division, National Roads Authority regarding safety measures on the N1 was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Tuite reported that the Gormanstown residents had met with the National Roads Authority and were happy with progress to date. Commissioner Timmins suggested that the matter be kept on the agenda until the report from Fingal County Council is received.
  - (ii) Letter dated 16th April, 1997 from the E.M.C. Test Service Manager, Forbairt regarding transmission masts was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Harford expressed her disappointment at the reply. Commissioner Timmins suggested writing to the I.R.P.A. for a copy of the guidelines and safety levels.
  - (iii) Letter dated 18th April, 1997 from the Senior Employment Services Officer, F.A.S. regarding the F.A.S. presence in Balbriggan was circulated and discussed. Commissioner

Harford expressed her anger at the lack of consultation with the elected representatives and following discussion it was agreed that Commissioners meet with Mr. Quirke.

- (iv) Notification dated 21st April, 1997 from Bray Urban District Council of the Joint North/South Local Authority Conference scheduled for 10th to 12th October, 1997 in Bray, Co. Wicklow was circulated and noted. Commissioners would be unable to attend due to insufficient funds and financial constraints.
- (v) Notification dated 28th April, 1997 from the Mid West Regional Authority of a conference entitled "Ireland - A Model for Success In Europe" scheduled for 19th and 20th June, 1997 in Jurys Hotel, Limerick was circulated and noted. Commissioners would be unable to attend due to insufficient funds and financial constraints.
- (vi) Letter dated 30th April, 1997 from the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland regarding the Annual Conference scheduled for 15th to 18th September, 1997 was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that motions would be submitted to the Town Clerk. Following the resignation of Commissioner Young it was necessary to appoint a new delegate to the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland. Commissioner Tuite was proposed by Commissioner Timmins and seconded by Commissioner Shields. Commissioner Harford was proposed by Commissioner McKeon and seconded by Commissioner Pyne. Commissioner Tuite then reported Commissioner Gallen's interest in the post. Following a show of hands Commissioner Harford received 4 votes and was therefore declared as delegate. Commissioner Harford expressed her gratitude to Commissioners and will now accompany Commissioner McKeon to the Annual Conference.

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#### 4. Motions

##### (i) Motion submitted by Commissioner Gertie Shields

"That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to arrange for the cleaning of the beach area and for the painting of the shelters at an early date". Commissioner Shields outlined the background to her motion and referred to previous discussion at the meeting. Commissioner Davis suggested that the opening of the toilet in the Band Park be included in the motion. The motion as presented was proposed by Commissioner Shields, seconded by Commissioner Harford and agreed. The matter would be referred to the County Manager together with a request to have the toilet in the Band Park opened.

#### 5. Other Correspondence

- (i) Notification dated 7th April, 1997 from the Laois County Enterprise Board of a conference entitled "Supporting Small Enterprises" scheduled for 4th and 5th September, 1997 in the Killeskin Hotel, Portlaoise was circulated and noted. Commissioners would be unable to attend due to insufficient

funds and financial constraints.

- (ii) Letter dated 7th April, 1997 from the Communications Executive, Guinness Ireland Group regarding the advertisement panel in Drogheda Street was circulated and discussed. Commissioners welcomed the contents of the letter.
  - (iii) Notification dated 7th May, 1997 from the Balbriggan Youth Development Committee of their Annual General Meeting scheduled for the 21st May, 1997 in the Cryptic Youth Centre was circulated and noted.
6. Resignation of Commissioner Tom Young and appointment of nominee to the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland.

As a delegate to the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland had been appointed earlier at the meeting it was decided to proceed with the co-option of a new member to the Commission. Mr. Maguire paid tribute to Commissioner Young and this was echoed by all Commissioners. The Town Clerk circulated copy letters from those persons wishing to be considered for co-option to the Commission. The first candidate Mr. Pat Touher was not proposed. The second candidate Mr. Laurence Dunne was proposed by Commissioner McKeon but was not seconded. The third candidate Mr. Terry Redmond was proposed by Commissioner Pyne and seconded by Commissioner Harford. The fourth candidate Mr. David McFadden was proposed by Commissioner Shields and seconded by Commissioner Timmins. As 2 candidates had been proposed and seconded it was agreed to hold a vote. Mr. Terry Redmond received 3 votes - from Commissioners Harford, Pyne and Davis, Commissioner McKeon abstained. Mr. David McFadden received 3 votes from Commissioners Timmins, Shields and Tuite, Commissioner McKeon abstained. As both candidates had received 3 votes the Cathaoirleach Commissioner Tuite gave the casting vote to Mr. David McFadden. Mr. McFadden was then declared elected to Balbriggan Town Commissioners. While Commissioners discussed the election the Town Clerk left the meeting to telephone Mr. McFadden who later joined the meeting and was welcomed by the Commissioners and Mr. Maguire. Mr. McFadden then spoke and expressed his gratitude to Commissioners.

Mr. Alan Carthy also joined the meeting and was introduced to Commissioners by Mr. Maguire. Mr. Carthy will be taking up the position of Town Manager following Mr. Maguire's resignation to take up an appointment with Dublin Corporation. Commissioners welcomed Mr. Carthy and also paid tribute to Mr. Maguire. The Cathaoirleach then made a presentation to Mr. Maguire from the Commissioners. Mr. Maguire thanked the Commissioners and paid tribute to the Town Clerks and Ms. Susan Murphy for their assistance during his term of office.

- 7(i) Agenda for Quarterly Meeting with Fingal County Council scheduled for the 12th June, 1997.

Commissioners will submit suggestions to the Town Clerk.

- (ii) Minutes of Quarterly Meeting held on the 13th March, 1997.

The minutes of the meeting were circulated and noted.

8. Tidy Districts, Sports, Arts and Culture Awards

A meeting of the Committee was arranged for Tuesday 27th May, 1997 at 8.00p.m.

9. Meeting with Mr. Frank Ryan, Institute of Public Administration.

A meeting was arranged for Saturday 28th June, 1997 from 10.00a.m. to 5.00p.m. The Town Clerk will make the necessary arrangements with Mr. Ryan and notify Commissioners.

10. Residential Parking - St. Pauls Crescent

Due to the absence of Commissioner Gallen it was agreed to defer this item to the June meeting. Mr. Maguire stated that it should be included on the agenda for the quarterly meeting.

11. Refuse Collection

Commissioner Tuite queried why collection days had been changed and was informed by Mr. Maguire that this was necessary to facilitate the introduction of new routes for the wheelie bins. Commissioner McFadden enquired if the Council intended privatising the refuse collection system or introducing charges and was informed that this would not happen in the foreseeable future.

12. Any Other Business

- (A) Commissioner Joe Davis

- (i) Requested that the Town Clerk write to Fingal County Council's Dangerous Buildings Section and to the owner of the Grand Hotel requesting that it be demolished or reinstated to a satisfactory condition.

- (ii) Requested that the Council write to the owners of Paddy Powers, the flats above and the hair salon regarding the poor condition of the buildings.

- (iii) Requested that Fingal County Council write to the owners of Balbriggan Shopping Centre requesting that the entrance be cleaned up.

(B) Commissioner Gertie Shields

- (i) Referred to the accident at Paddy Powers in which a person was hit by a falling slate.
- (ii) Requested that the Town Clerk write to Fingal County Council again regarding the green area at St. Paul's Crescent.
- (iii) Enquired if the Town Clerk had written to Fingal County Council on behalf of the residents of Flemington Park. Commissioner Harford will forward minutes of the meeting to the Town Clerk who will then write to the Council.

(C) Commissioner Colm Timmins

- (i) Referred to the condition of the road surface at the lower end of Chapel Street.
- (ii) Reported that both sets of traffic lights were out of sequence and were only allowing a very short crossing time.
- (iii) Referred to the condition of the car park at Bremore.

(D) Commissioner Ned Pyne

- (i) Referred to resurfacing of the path at Flemington. Mr. Maguire stated that he would contact him directly regarding this matter.
- (ii) Enquired regarding the provision of signs for the beach.
- (iii) Complimented the work on the roundabout at Derham Park and suggested placing reflective kerbing around it to prevent people driving straight across it.

(E) Commissioner Monica Harford

- (i) Reported that the grass at the rear of the flats in Chapel Street needed to be cut.
- (ii) Requested that the Town Clerk establish from FAS where and when the jobs for the Tourist Office and Enterprise Centre were advertised.
- (iii) Referred to a case discussed at a previous meeting regarding the replacement of a front door. Mr. Maguire stated that he would follow this up.

(F) Commissioner Tuite

- (i) Requested that the Town Clerk write to An Taoiseach to have the use of mobile phones banned while driving.
- (ii) Requested that the Town Clerk write to either Fingal County Council or Telecom Eireann regarding the surface of the paths outside Darcys/Kennys on Drogheda Street and at 12, Derham Park.

(iii) Reported that the audible signal was not working on the traffic lights at the lower end of Drogheda Street.

The meeting concluded at 10.15 p.m.

*George Tuite*



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## DO GACH BALL DE CHOIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith i láthair ag Cruinniú de Choimisinéirí Bhaile Brigín a thionolfar ar an Bealtaine 13, ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

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DEREK TUMBLETON,  
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- (a) Application received from St. John's Hearing Aid Society to hire the Bandroom on 5th June 1997 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (circulated herewith)

### 3. Correspondence

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- (iii) Letter dated 17/4/97 from the Administrative Officer, Parks Department regarding additional staff (circulated herewith)
- (iv) Letter dated 8/5/97 from the he Administrative Officer, Parks Department regarding the Lifeboat House (circulated herewith)

#### (C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

- (i) Letter dated 10/4/97 from the Programme Division, National Roads Authority regarding safety measures on the N1 (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 16/4/97 from the EMC Test Service Manager, Forbairt regarding transmission masts (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 18/4/97 from the Senior Employment Services Officer, FAS regarding the FAS presence in Balbriggan (circulated herewith)
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### 4. Motions

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5. **Other Correspondence**

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  - (ii) Letter dated 7/4/97 from the Communications Executive, Guinness Ireland Group regarding the advertisement Panel in Drogheda Street (circulated herewith)
  - (iii) Notification dated 7/5/97 from the Balbriggan Youth Development Committee of their Annual General Meeting scheduled for the 21st May 1997 in the Cryptic Youth Centre (circulated herewith)
6. Resignation of Commissioner Tom Young and appointment of nominee to the Association of Municipal Authorities
7. (i) Agenda for Quarterly Meeting with Fingal County Council scheduled for the 12/6/97
- (ii) Minutes of Quarterly Meeting held on the 13/3/97 (circulated herewith)
8. Tidy Districts, Sports, Arts and Culture Awards
9. Meeting with Mr. Frank Ryan, Institute of Public Administration
10. Residential Parking - St. Paul's Crescent
11. Refuse Collection
12. Any Other Business

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 10TH JUNE, 1997  
IN BALBRIGGAN TOWN HALL

Commissioners Present:    Davis, Joe                                  Pyne, Ned  
                                 Gallen, Patricia                              Shields, Gertie  
                                 Harford Monica                               Timmins, Colm  
                                 McFadden, David                             Tuite, Bredge  
                                 McKeon, May

Official Present:    Mr. Derek Tumbleton, Town Clerk.

Apology for non-attendance was received from Mr. Alan Carthy, Principal Officer.

An Cathaoirleach Commissioner Tuite presided.

Commissioner Davis proposed that the meeting should not proceed as the Manager was not in attendance. Following discussion it was agreed to proceed however, should the Manager be unable to attend at a future date that arrangements be made for Mr. Soffe's attendance.

1.    Confirmation of Minutes

- (A) Minutes of meeting held on the 13th May, 1997 were circulated and confirmed subject to the following change requested by Commissioner McKeon - item 3(c) No. 6 - that Commissioner Gallen's interest in being considered as nominee to the Association of Municipal Authorities is stated after the nominations of Commissioner Tuite and Commissioner Harford to the post.

Commissioners Consent in relation to Housing

Following a request by the Town Clerk it was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner Timmins and agreed that consent be given to the sale of 2, Gibbons Terrace to Mr. Paul Reid and to the purchase of the freehold.

2.    Applications for Hire of Hall

The Town Clerk circulated an application from Cryptic Youth Service for hire of the ballroom on Friday 27th June, 1997 from 7.00p.m. to 10.30p.m. which was approved.

3.    Correspondence

(A)   Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

- (i) Letter dated 8/5/97 from the Private Secretary, Office of the

Minister for the Environment regarding the replacement of chimneys at Lambeecher Estate, Balbriggan was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Tuite outlined the background to the correspondence. It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner Timmins and agreed that the Town Clerk write to the County Manager, Mr. Soffe to establish who classified the replacement of prefabricated chimneys as Remedial Works and request that 100% funding be provided for the work. Commissioner Harford requested a copy of the letter indicating the figure of £60,000 and this will be provided by Commissioner Tuite. Commissioner McKeon requested copies of the relevant correspondence from Fingal County Council.

- (ii) Circular dated 13/5/97 from the Department of the Environment regarding Urban Renewal and copy of report from Fingal County Council in this regard was circulated and discussed. It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner Tuite and agreed that the Town Clerk write to Deputies Bertie Aherne, Ray Burke and G.V. Wright referring to their visit to the Town Hall last November and requesting that they restate their support and grant Urban Renewal Tax Designation to Balbriggan. Commissioner McKeon referred to the Urban and Village renewal grant allocation of £320,000 to Fingal County Council and requested that the Town Clerk write to the Council to establish what projects have been designated for funding and if monies have been allocated for Balbriggan. Commissioner Shields stated that she was happy to see that the Town Clerk had included Urban Renewal on top of the Agenda for the Commissioners quarterly meeting with Fingal County Council.
- (iii) Letter dated 29/5/97 from the Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for the Environment regarding the Urban Renewal Scheme was circulated and noted.
- (iv) Letter (as above) dated 29/5/97 from the Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Housing and Urban Renewal regarding the Urban Renewal Scheme was circulated and noted.

Commissioner Tuite informed the meeting that the Town Clerk had written to Mr. Philip Maguire inviting him to continue his involvement with the Urban Renewal Designation Committee in their efforts to obtain Designated Status for Balbriggan.

(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

There was no business under this heading.

(C) Correspondence from other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

Letter dated 20/5/97 from the Town Clerk, Naas Urban District Council regarding a motion adopted at a recent meeting was circulated and discussed. It was proposed by Commissioner

Harford, seconded by Commissioner Shields and agreed that Balbriggan Town Commissioners supported the motion as presented.

4. Motions

There was no business under this heading.

5. Other Correspondence

The Town Clerk circulated the following correspondence at the meeting:-

- (i) Letter dated 9/6/97 from the Acting Chairperson North Fingal Development Group regarding the Commissioners request for a copy of the development plan submitted to A.D.M. was circulated and noted.
- (ii) Letter dated 29/5/97 from the Chairman, Hampton Cove Residents Association regarding maintenance of the right of way between Hampton Cove and Fancourt Heights was circulated and discussed. It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner McKeon and agreed that the Town Clerk write to Mr. Soffe, Fingal County Manager to establish which department is responsible and to ensure that the area is regularly cleaned and the shrubbery cut back. In addition it was agreed that this item would be included on the agenda for the Commissioners next meeting. Reference was also made to a proposal to extinguish the right of way and it was agreed by Commissioners that this should not be done without the consent of the residents. Commissioner Harford stated that should Fingal County Council be unable to carry out the work, permission should be given to the Community Service Scheme for the project.
- (iii) Letter dated 5/6/97 from the Senior Employment Services Officer, FAS regarding C.E. schemes in the Tourist Office and Enterprise Office in Balbriggan was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Harford stated that the reply failed to answer the questions asked. Following discussion it was agreed that the Town Clerk again write to Mr. Quirke requesting a meeting with Commissioners.
- (iv) Letter dated 14/5/97 from Mr. Aidan Ryan regarding proposals for the use of the Lifeboat House and railway arches was circulated and discussed. It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner Timmins and agreed that this item be deferred until the Commissioners meeting in July.

6. Proposed Agenda for Quarterly Meeting with Fingal County Council scheduled for 12/6/97

Copies of the agenda were circulated to Commissioners. Commissioner Harford suggested that Commissioners unable to

attend discuss items they have included on the agenda with those Commissioners who will be in attendance. Commissioner Davis requested that the Town Clerk contact the Station Master in Malahide to arrange for grass cutting in Balbriggan. A lengthy discussion followed regarding planning application ref. F/96A-0842-F. Macari. Commissioner Gallen suggested that a motion be submitted to the A.M.A.I. requesting planners to take social and economic matters into consideration when making planning decisions. In addition Commissioner Gallen requested that the Town Clerk write to the Minister for the Environment regarding this particular planning application highlighting the loss of privacy to Mrs. Smyth who has lived in the house for over 60 years.

7. Annual Meeting

It was agreed that the Annual Meeting would take place on Monday 30th June, 1997 at 8p.m. subject to the Manager being available.

8. Residential Parking - St. Pauls Crescent (deferred from meeting held on 13/5/97)

It was agreed that this item would be discussed at the Commissioners quarterly meeting with Fingal County Council and Commissioner Gallen will prepare a report in this regard.

9. Meeting with Dr. R.M. Byrne, Coras Iompair Eireann scheduled for 16/6/97

Commissioner Harford and Commissioner Shields stated that they would be attending the meeting to discuss the proposed rail link from Balbriggan to Dublin Airport. The Town Clerk suggested that a representative from the Chamber of Commerce might also attend.

The Town Clerk referred to the meeting with Mr. Frank Ryan, Institute of Public Administration scheduled for 28th June, 1997 and was informed that all Commissioners would be attending. It was agreed that the meeting take place in the function room in the Harvest.

10. Any Other Business

(A) Commissioner Patricia Gallen

- (i) Referred to the previous report of a danger caused by a manhole cover in Mill Street and gave the Town Clerk details of its location.
- (ii) Indicated that she wished to put forward a motion relating to the Domestic Violence Act 1996, however following discussion with Commissioner McFadden it was agreed that this item be deferred until the Commissioners meeting in July while

clarification was obtained on a legal matter.

(B) Commissioner Joe Davis

- (i) Requested that the Town Clerk write to Fingal County Council regarding the traffic lights at Supervalu and Lambeecher which are alternatively on or off.
- (ii) Requested that the Area Engineer ensure that the programme for the maintenance of the footpaths is implemented and referred in particular to the condition of the footpath in Fulham Street.

(C) Commissioner Colm Timmins

- (i) Echoed Commissioner Davis's comments about the traffic lights.

(D) Commissioner Gertie Shields

- (i) Reported the concerns of residents in Lambeecher due to groups who are gathering on Tuesdays drinking on the street. The Town Clerk will contact both the gardai and the Councils Housing Department.
- (ii) Reported dumping at the second bridge in Lambeecher.

(E) Commissioner Ned Pyne

- (i) Reported an incident involving the gardai and a local youth and informed the meeting that the matter was now being investigated and that he would inform the Commissioners of the outcome.
- (ii) Reported an incident at the recent Dail Elections whereby a person was prevented from voting even though her name appeared on the voters register.
- (iii) Requested that people who have changed address since the last election be informed that their vote may still be at their former address.

(F) Commissioner May McKeon

- (i) Requested a report on the additional safety measures proposed at Gormanston.

(G) Commissioner Monica Harford

- (i) Reported that the flats at Chapel Street, St. Pauls Crescent, Glover Court, Pinewood and Lambeecher occupied by senior citizens are not being maintained. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the maintenance of local authority dwellings was on the agenda for the Commissioners quarterly meeting with Fingal County Council.

(ii) Reported an incident involving two young girls in which they were interviewed by a male garda and requested that a ban garda be made available on each shift for similar cases.

(H) Commissioner Bredge Tuite

(i) Referred to the dangerous ditch at the entrance to St. Molagas.

(ii) Requested that the verges are cut on the open areas of all estates.

(iii) Enquired about the provision of bins on the beach.

(iv) Enquired as to a replacement for Mr. Jim Mulligan, the towns street cleaner when he is on leave.

(v) Referred to the portion of land at Clonard Court between the houses and allotments and reported local interest in acquiring it. If not she requested that it remain zoned industrial and not be rezoned residential.

The meeting concluded at 10.00p.m.





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6th June, 1997.

## DO GACH BALL DE CHOIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith i láthair ag Cruinniú de Choimisinéirí Bhaile Brigín a thionolfar ar an Meitheamh 10 ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners will be held on 10th June, 1997 at 7.30p.m. to consider the following agenda.

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DEREK TUMBLETON,  
CLEIREACH AN BHAILE.

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1. Confirmation of Minutes  
(a) Minutes of Meeting held on the 13/5/97 (circulated herewith).
2. Applications for Hire of Hall (if any)
3. Correspondence  
(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers  
(i) Letter dated 8/5/97 from the Private Secretary, Office of

the Minister of the Environment regarding the replacement of chimneys at Lambeecher Estate, Balbriggan (circulated herewith).

- (ii) Circular dated 13/5/97 from Department of the Environment regarding Urban Renewal and copy of report from Fingal County Council in this regard (circulated herewith).
- (iii) Letter dated 29/5/97 from the Private Secretary, Office of the Minister of the Environment regarding the Urban Renewal Scheme (circulated herewith).
- (iv) Letter (as above) dated 29/5/97 from the Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Housing and Urban Renewal regarding the Urban Renewal Scheme (circulated herewith).

(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council (if any)

(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

- (i) Letter dated 20/5/97 from the Town Clerk, Naas Urban District Council regarding a motion adopted at a recent meeting (circulated herewith).

4. Motions (if any)

5. Other Correspondence (if any)

6. Proposed Agenda for Quarterly Meeting with Fingal County Council scheduled for 12/6/97 (circulated herewith).

7. Annual Meeting.

8. Residential Parking - St. Pauls Crescent (deferred from meeting held on 13/5/97).

9. Meeting with Dr. R.M. Byrne, Coras Iompair Eireann scheduled for 16/6/97.

10. Any Other Business.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
HELD ON SATURDAY 28TH JUNE, 1997

Commissioners Present:    Davis, Joe                      Pyne, Ned  
                                  Gallen, Patricia                Shields, Gertie  
                                  Harford, Monica               Timmins, Colm  
                                  McFadden, David               Tuite, Bredge  
                                  McKeon, May

Officials Present:    Alan Carthy, Principal Officer  
                                  Derek Tumbleton, Town Clerk

Visitor Present:       Frank Ryan, Institute of Public Administration

The Cathaoirleach Commissioner Tuite thanked officials and her fellow Commissioners for their support throughout the year. Commissioners paid tribute to the work of the Cathaoirleach.

Mr. Carthy then took the chair for the election of the Cathaoirleach.

1.    Election of Cathaoirleach

Commissioner Timmins was proposed by Commissioner Shields and seconded by Commissioner Gallen. As there were no other nominations Commissioner Timmins was elected to the position of Cathaoirleach. Commissioner Timmins then took the chair and thanked the meeting for electing him.

2.    Election of Leas Cathaoirleach

Commissioner Pyne was proposed by Commissioner Tuite and seconded by Commissioner Harford. As there were no other nominations Commissioner Pyne was elected Leas Cathaoirleach.

3.    Election of Delegate to Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Limited.

Commissioner Timmins was proposed by Commissioner Gallen and seconded by Commissioner McKeon. As there were no further nominations Commissioner Timmins was re-elected to the position of Delegate to Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Limited for the coming year.

4.    Election of Estimates Committee

It was agreed that all Commissioners would be members of the Estimates Committee.

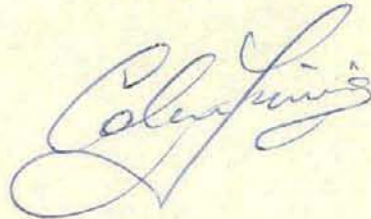
5. Election of Tidy Districts, Sports, Arts and Culture Awards Committee.

It was agreed that all Commissioners would be members of the Tidy Districts, Sports, Arts and Culture Awards Committee. Commissioner Tuite stressed the importance of all members working on the Awards Committee as the ceremony had now become a highlight of the year.

6. Election of St. Patricks Day Parade Committee

It was agreed that all Commissioners would be members of The St. Patricks Day Parade Committee. Commissioner Davis suggested that a theme be selected for the parade and that the schools become involved. Mr. Carthy suggested seeking nominees from the schools, Chamber of Commerce etc. to work with the Committee. Following further discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Timmins that this item be included on the Agenda for the Commissioners next monthly meeting.

The meeting concluded at 10.20a.m.

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 8TH JULY, 1997  
IN BALBRIGGAN TOWN HALL

Commissioners Present:    Davis, Joe                                  Pyne, Ned  
                                  Gallen, Patricia                      Timmins, Colm  
                                  McFadden, David                    Tuite, Bredge  
                                  McKeon, May

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Commissioner Harford and Commissioner Shields.

Officials Present:    Mr. Alan Carthy, Principal Officer  
                                  Mr. Derek Tumbleton, Town Clerk

An Cathaoirleach Commissioner Timmins presided.

Mr. Carthy circulated copies of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners Financial Statement for the period January to June 1997.

1.    Confirmation of Minutes

- (a) Minutes of meeting held on the 10th June, 1997 were circulated and confirmed.
- (b) Minutes of Meeting held on the 28th June, 1997 were circulated and confirmed.

2.    Applications for Hire of Hall

There was no business under this heading.

3.    Correspondence

(a)   Correspondence from Government Department and Ministers

- (i) Letter dated 12/06/97 from the Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Health regarding orthodontic treatment was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Gallen requested that the Department of Health introduce a programme to make parents and children more aware of the necessity for oral hygiene. Commissioner McKeon suggested that the programme is introduced through schools and health centres. Commissioner Davis referred to Commissioner Harford's original motion and stated that due to the length of the waiting lists some people became ineligible for the scheme. Commissioner Timmins suggested that the Department notify people approximately 6 months in advance of being called to ensure that they are prepared. It was agreed that the Town Clerk write to the Minister again outlining the various suggestions made by Commissioners.

(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

- (i) Letter dated 18/6/97 from the Administrative Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding public lighting was circulated and discussed. Commissioners referred to the lack of public lighting on the stretch of road from Wavin to Balrothery and Commissioner McFadden reported a serious accident at this location recently. Following further discussion it was agreed that the Town Clerk write to the Minister for the Environment and the National Roads Authority requesting that public lighting be provided on this stretch of road having regard to the increase in new housing in the area and the number of traffic accidents.
- (ii) Letter dated 18/6/97 from the Senior Parks Superintendent regarding grass cutting and the Lifeboat House was circulated and discussed. Mr. Carthy stated that the letter actually referred to the Bath House and not the Lifeboat House as stated. Mr. Carthy also informed the meeting that the Council does not have a programme for grass cutting as it is decided by the weather, growth etc. Commissioners referred to various problem areas around the town. Mr. Carthy suggested that particular areas are targeted and that he would contact Mr. Michael Hartnett, Principal Officer in this regard.
- (iii) Letter dated 18/6/97 from the Administrative Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding the road at St. Georges Hill was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Gallen stated her dissatisfaction with the reply. It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner Tuite and agreed that the Town Clerk write to Mr. W. Soffe, Fingal County Manager in this regard.
- (iv) Letter dated 2/7/97 from the Senior Staff Officer, Parks Department regarding various matters was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Timmins requested a copy of the Parks Work Programme for the area and an indication of the timescale for the works. In addition he requested that the Town Clerk write again to the Roads Depot regarding the reinstatement of the pathway from Double Crest to the park.
- (v) Letter dated 3/7/97 from the Archivist, Libraries Department regarding records of Balbriggan Town Commissioners. Commissioners McFadden and McKeon stated that the Commissioners should avail of this offer.

(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

- (i) Notification dated 6/6/97 from the Northern Ireland Housing Council of a conference entitled "Housing Sustainability and Energy Efficiency" scheduled for 8th to 10th October 1997 in the Causeway Coast Hotel, Portrush was circulated and noted.
- (ii) Letter dated 13/6/97 from the Town Clerk, Cobh Urban District

Council regarding a motion adopted at a recent meeting was circulated and noted.

- (iii) Notification dated 27/6/97 from Laois County Council of a conference entitled "Public Authorities and European Monetary Union" scheduled for 25th and 26th September, 1997 was circulated and noted.
- (iv) Letter dated 30/6/97 from An Post regarding postbox at Tankerville, Balbriggan was circulated and noted.
- (v) Notification dated 2/7/97 from Clare County Council of the Ninth National Tourism Seminar scheduled for 28th and 29th November, 1997 in the Auburn Lodge Hotel, Ennis was circulated and noted.

Commissioner Tuite requested that provision is made in next year's estimates for Commissioners attendance at conferences etc.

The Town Clerk then circulated letter dated 3/7/97 from the Assistant County Secretary, Galway County Council regarding a resolution passed at a recent meeting which was discussed. It was proposed by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Gallen and agreed that the Commissioners note the contents of the letter.

#### 4. Motions

It was proposed by Commissioner Tuite, seconded by Commissioner Davis and agreed "That Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for the Environment to give Town Commissioners the right to vote in the Seanad Elections".

#### 5. Other Correspondence

- (i) Letter dated 17/6/97 from Mr. Aidan Ryan regarding the Lifeboat House was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that Commissioners meet with Mr. Ryan to discuss the matter further.
- (ii) Letter dated 27/6/97 from Ms. Marie Hutchinson regarding the traffic situation in Balbriggan was circulated and discussed. Commissioner McKeon requested a copy of Superintendent Lambe's reply to Ms. Hutchinson. It was agreed that this item would be included on the agenda for the Commissioners quarterly meeting with Superintendent Lambe.
- (iii) Letter dated 27/6/97 from Mr. Mac Giolla Ceara regarding the Bath Road crossing was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Tuite stated that the crossing referred to was on Drogheda Street. It was agreed that the Town Clerk acknowledge the correspondence and forward a copy to the Roads Department. In addition the Town Clerk will request that the traffic lights

in the town are regularly maintained and report that the sound signal on these particular lights is not working.

6. Abstract of Accounts for year ended 31/12/96

Copies of the Abstract of Accounts and Statutory Audit Report had been circulated in advance and were noted by Commissioners.

7. St. Patricks Day Parade

Commissioner Tuite proposed that a date is set for a meeting and that invitations are sent to outside groups. It was agreed that the meeting would take place on the 23rd September, 1997 at 8.00p.m. Commissioner Gallen suggested that the various groups in the town appoint nominees to attend the meeting.

8. Agenda for quarterly meeting with Superintendent Lambe

The Town Clerk informed Commissioners that the meeting with Mr. Frank Ryan, Institute of Public Administration had been rescheduled to the 29th July, 1997 at 8.00p.m. and that Superintendent Lambe had suggested this date for the quarterly meeting. It was agreed that Commissioners would meet with Superintendent Lambe at 7.15p.m. in the Harvest and that the meeting with Mr. Frank Ryan would follow. It was also agreed that the following items would be included on the agenda for the meeting with Superintendent Lambe:-

1. Traffic Lights

- (a) Reply to Ms. Marie Hutchinson's correspondence.
- (b) Notification through newspapers or L.M.F.M. when traffic lights are being switched off.
- (c) Ensure that lights are manned when not in operation.

2. Traffic Warden - enforcement of parking regulations.

3. Figures on the number of people availing of the ID system.

4. Groups drinking in Lambreecher on Tuesday nights.

5. Availability of a Ban Garda on each shift. (A Commissioner reported an incident involving two young girls who were interviewed by a male Garda and suggested that a Ban Garda might have been more appropriate.

9. Tidy Districts, Sports, Arts and Culture Awards

Following a request from Commissioner Gallen it was agreed

that entries would be accepted from persons resident in the Parish of Balbriggan and that it would not be confined to the electoral area. The Town Clerk will confirm that Ms. Dominica McKeivitt is available to judge the garden competition. Commissioner McKeon proposed that Balbriggan does not enter the Tidy Towns Competition this year and following discussion the matter was put to a vote. Five Commissioners voted in favour of Balbriggan not entering the competition and two voted against. It was agreed that Balbriggan would not enter the competition and that the Town Clerk write to the Committee informing them of the decision and the reasons for same. It was agreed that the presentation of the Tidy Districts, Sports, Arts and Culture Awards would take place on 18th September, 1997 at 8p.m. and that Commissioners would meet to discuss the Awards at 8p.m. on the 15th July, 1997.

10. Inner Relief Road

It was proposed by Commissioner McKeon and agreed that the Town Clerk write to the Minister for the Environment requesting that he make the necessary finance available to ensure that the Inner Relief Road is completed. There followed a lengthy discussion regarding the Inner Relief Road with Mr. Carthy replying to various questions. Commissioner McFadden suggested meeting with the Minister. Commissioner Gallen referred to the Commissioners quarterly meeting with Fingal County Council in December 1996 and will forward copies of correspondence to Mr. Carthy to investigate.

11. Any Other Business

(A) Commissioner Ned Pyne

- (i) Referred to the condition of Flemington Lane following recent work and requested that it be resurfaced.
- (ii) Referred to Ms. Gillian Adams 5, Hampton Cove, Balbriggan from the Enda Dunne School of Dancing who was the winner of the Under 16 Championship at the All Ireland Dancing Championships 1997 and requested that a letter of congratulations be sent to Ms. Adams and Mr. Dunne.

(B) Commissioner David McFadden

- (i) Reported complaints regarding the absence of the street cleaning service when Mr. Jim Mulligan was on leave and requested that a replacement be provided when he is on leave in the future. The employment of an additional street cleaner was also requested.
- (ii) Requested that additional litter bins are provided in the town.
- (iii) Referred to the Millenium and requested that Commissioners

put forward suggestions at the September meeting.

(C) Commissioner Bredge Tuite

- (i) Referred also to the street cleaning service.

(D) Commissioner Joe Davis

- (i) Again reported the urgent need for repairs to the footpath at Fulham Street.
- (ii) Requested that the Agenda be altered to allow each Commissioner include one question which was then agreed.

(E) Commissioner Patricia Gallen

- (i) Requested that the Town Clerk follow up with Fingal County Council's Law Department the Commissioners request for a drink free zone.
- (ii) Enquired if letters had been sent to ratepayers regarding their responsibilities under the Litter Act. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that he was awaiting a reply from Mr. McDonough, Environmental Services, Fingal County Council.
- (iii) Stated that she wished to defer her motion regarding the Domestic Violence Act 1996 until she obtained further information.

(F) Commissioner May McKeon

- (i) Enquired when road resurfacing work which had been included on a previous works schedule would be carried out in Market Green and requested that the Town Clerk ensure that provision is made in next years estimates if necessary.
- (ii) Referred to the condition of the notice board at the front of the Commissioners property and enquired if improvements could be made.

(G) Commissioner Colm Timmins

- (i) Asked that the following question be included on the agenda for the Commissioners September meeting "That the Manager reports on negotiations in relation to the Town Hall redevelopment". Commissioner Timmins will contact Mr. Carthy directly regarding reports he had received regarding same.

(H) Mr. Alan Carthy

- (i) Answered a question submitted in advance by Commissioner Davis regarding the Councils proposals for the Swing Park in Lambreecher. Mr. Carthy informed the meeting that the site is at present being investigated to ascertain if it is suitable

for building purposes and explained the planning procedure which would have to be followed if it was decided to build at this location.

The meeting concluded at 10.15p.m.

*Colin King*



# COIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

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4th July, 1997.

## DO GACH BALL DE CHOIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith i láthair ag Cruinniú de Choimisinéirí Bhaile Brigín a thionolfar ar an Iúil 8, ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners will be held on 8th July, 1997 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

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DEREK TUMBLETON,  
CLÉIREACH AN BHAILE.

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#### 1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (a) Minutes of Meeting held on the 10/6/97 (circulated herewith)
- (b) Minutes of Meeting held on the 28/6/97 (circulated herewith)

#### 2. Applications for Hire of Hall

#### 3. Correspondence

##### (A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

- (i) Letter dated 12/6/97 from the Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Health regarding orthodontic treatment (circulated herewith)

**(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

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- (v) Letter dated 3/7/97 from the Archivist, Libraries Department regarding records of Balbriggan Town Commissioners (circulated herewith)

**(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

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**4. Motions**

**(i) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Bredge Tuite**

"That Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for the Environment to give Town Commissioners the right to vote in the Seanad Elections."

**5. Other Correspondence**

- (i) Letter dated 17/6/97 from Mr Aidan Ryan regarding the Lifeboat House (circulated herewith)
  - (ii) Letter dated 27/6/97 from Ms Marie Hutchinson regarding the traffic situation in Balbriggan (circulated herewith)
  - (iii) Letter dated 27/6/97 from Mr Mac Giolla Ceara regarding the Bath Road Crossing (circulated herewith)
- 6. Abstract of Accounts for year ended 31/12/96 (circulated herewith)
  - 7. St. Patrick's Day Parade
  - 8. Agenda for Quarterly Meeting with Superintendent Lambe
  - 9. Tidy Districts, Sports, Arts and Culture Awards
  - 10. Inner Relief Road
  - 11. Any Other Business

**Balbriggan Town Commissioners**  
**Financial Statement**  
**January - June 1997**

**EXPENDITURE**

Programme Item	Estimate 1997	Unpaid Bill 96	Nett Expenditure to 30.6.97	Gross Expenditure to 30.6.97
<i>Housing Insurance</i>	340.00		239.37	239.37
<i>Ballroom &amp; Corporate Property Heat &amp; Light</i>	2,450.00	577.00	572.00	1,149.00
<i>Repairs &amp; Renovations</i>	1,500.00	54.80		54.80
<i>Wages</i>	16,500.00	14,564.89		14,564.89
<i>Rates</i>	1,200.00	54.00	530.81	584.81
<i>Other Expenses</i>	670.00		183.92	183.92
<i>Office and Other Expenses Heat &amp; Light</i>	1,650.00		705.00	705.00
<i>Office Expenses</i>	1,800.00		1,467.26	1,467.26
<i>Town Clerk Allowance</i>	3,650.00	3,365.83		3,365.83
<i>Members Expenses / Conferences</i>	9,000.00		3,916.43	3,916.43
<i>Legal Fees</i>	1,000.00		48.40	48.40
<i>Insurance</i>	4,500.00		3,658.39	3,658.39
<i>Audit</i>	1,250.00		59.29	59.29
<i>Tourist/Town Decoration &amp; Improvement</i>	2,600.00	600.00	151.00	751.00
<i>Town Twinning</i>	Nil			
<i>Other Expenses</i>	300.00		50.00	50.00
<i>AMAI Contributions</i>	250.00		250.00	250.00
<i>Gas Heating System</i>	1,900.00		1,118.06	1,118.06
<i>Phones</i>	1,400.00	94.70	383.79	478.49
<i>Staff Catering</i>	200.00		58.40	58.40
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>52,160.00</b>	<b>19,311.22</b>	<b>13,392.12</b>	<b>32,703.34</b>

**RECEIPTS**

Programme Item	Estimate 97	Receipts to 30.6.97
<i>Housing Rents</i>	200.00	569.61
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	50.00	96.00
<i>General Demand Fingal Co. Co.</i>	34,370.00	34,370.00
<i>Ballroom Rents</i>	13,000.00	7,990.42
<i>Corporate Property Rent</i>	7,660.00	5,986.00
<i>Other Receipts</i>	380.00	1,102.29
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>55,660.00</b>	<b>50,114.32</b>

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 1997  
IN BALBRIGGAN TOWN HALL

Commissioners Present: Davis, Joe Pyne, Ned  
Gallen, Patricia Shields, Gertie  
Harford, Monica Timmins, Colm  
McFadden, David Tuite, Bredge  
McKeon, May

Officials Present: Mr. Alan Carthy, Principal Officer  
Mr. Derek Tumbleton, Town Clerk

An Cathaoirleach Commissioner Timmins presided.

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- (a) Minutes of meeting held on the 8th July, 1997 were circulated and confirmed.

2. Application for Hire of Hall

(A) New Applications

- (i) Application received from St. Georges Parish to hold a sale of work in the Hamilton Hall on Saturday 27th September, 1997 from 10.00a.m. to 1.00p.m. was circulated and approved.

(B) Renewal of Hire Applications

The following applications were circulated and approved:-

<u>HIRER</u>	<u>TYPE OF FUNCTION</u>	<u>HALL</u>	<u>DAYS</u>	<u>TIME</u>
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Crean Dancing	Irish Dancing	Hamilton Hall	Monday Wednesday	4.30-7.00pm 4.00-5.30pm

### 3. Correspondence

#### (A) Correspondence from Governments Departments and Ministers

- (i) Letter dated 29/7/97 from the Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for the Environment and Local Government regarding planning application reference F96A/0842 was circulated and discussed. Mr. Carthy informed the meeting that the Minister had recently indicated that he would be reviewing the planning legislation and seeking submissions in this regard. It was proposed by Commissioner Shields, seconded by Commissioner Tuite and agreed that the Commissioners make a submission. The Town Clerk will obtain a copy of the notification and circulate it to Commissioners who will then arrange a meeting to discuss same. Following further discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Gallen and agreed that the Town Clerk write to the Minister requesting that he investigate planning application reference F96A/0842. Mr. Carthy outlined the procedure followed when considering planning applications and Commissioners requested that they have an input in the decision making process and if possible a statutory role.
- (ii) Letter dated 31/7/97 from the Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Health and Children regarding heart by pass surgery was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Davis requested that the Town Clerk write again to establish why a person with private health insurance can be admitted to hospital immediately while a person attending a public consultant cannot.

- (iii) Letter dated 7/8/97 from the Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for the Environment and Local Government regarding the administration of S.W.A. housing supplements was circulated and noted.
- (iv) Letter dated 12/8/97 from the Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for the Environment and Local Government regarding the Inner Relief Road was circulated and discussed. Commissioner McKeon requested that the Town Clerk write to the Minister for the Environment requesting that funding be provided in the interests of safety and highlighting the fact that the road is of no use as long as it is incomplete. Following further discussion it was agreed that the matter be pursued at the Commissioners quarterly meeting with Fingal County Council.
- (v) Letter dated 15/8/97 from the Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for the Environment and Local Government regarding Seanad elections was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Timmins stated that the Taoiseach had promised an electoral review in the last manifesto and Commissioner Harford requested that the Town Clerk establish when a review is due to take place.
- (vi) Letter dated 29/8/97 from Deputy Nora Owen regarding the Inner Relief Road was circulated and noted.

The Town Clerk then circulated a letter from the Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for the Environment and Local Government regarding Urban Renewal which was noted.

(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

- (i) Letter dated 8/7/97 from the Senior Staff Officer, Development Department regarding dangerous and derelict sites was circulated and discussed. Mr. Carthy indicated that he would be reviewing the position regarding item 7 in the letter.
- (ii) Letter dated 11/7/97 from the Senior Administrative Officer, Housing Department regarding site at Bath Road was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Harford requested that the Town Clerk write to Fingal County Council stating that Balbriggan Town Commissioners had not requested the construction of a housing mix at this location. What had been suggested was the construction of 2 senior citizen dwellings, however this was withdrawn when it came to the Commissioners attention that dwellings are not built specifically for senior citizens. Commissioner Harford also informed the meeting that she had received a number of threats in relation to this matter. Commissioner Davis requested that the Town Clerk write to all elected members of Fingal County Council calling on them to reject any proposals for housing at this location and to ensure the site remains an amenity area. It was agreed that this matter be discussed further at the Commissioners quarterly meeting with Fingal County Council.

- (iii) Letter dated 11/7/97 from the Senior Administrative Officer, Secretariat Department regarding conference notes was circulated and discussed. Mr. Carthy explained the procedure in relation to officials and Councillors attending conferences.
- (iv) Letter dated 15/7/97 from the Senior Staff Officer, Parks Department regarding the provision of a playground facility in Ardgillen Demense was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Gallen requested that the Town Clerk write to Fingal County Council to ensure that provision is made in the 1998 Estimates for this project and that a copy of the letter is circulated to the County Manager Mr. William Soffe.
- (v) Letter dated 16/7/97 from the Senior Staff Officer, Parks Department regarding the provision of a barrier in the area of Blackrock was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Harford requested that keys for the lock on the barrier are supplied to the local fire station.
- (vi) Letter dated 23/7/97 from the Senior Staff Officer, Development Department regarding proposals for the Bath House were circulated and discussed. Commissioners welcomed the contents of the letter. Commissioner McKeon requested that the Council arrange to have the grass and shrubbery cut back on the road down to the beach.
- (vii) Letter dated 23/7/97 from the Administrative Officer, Environmental Services regarding the right of way between Hampton Cove and Fancourt Heights was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Pyne reported that a number of lights were not working and this would be followed up by the Town Clerk.
- (viii) Letter dated 28/7/97 from the Administrative Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding the pathway from Double Crest to the park was circulated and noted.
- (ix) Letter dated 30/7/97 from the Senior Administrative Officer, Planning Department regarding Urban and Village Renewal Schemes was circulated and noted.
- (x) Letter dated 30/7/97 from the Administrative Officer, Environmental Services regarding litter generated by business premises was circulated and discussed. Mr. Carthy explained the Councils policy in relation to the Litter Pollution Act 1997.
- (xi) Letter dated 1/8/97 from the Administrative Officer, Environmental Services regarding the public toilet at the Band Park was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Davis reported a similar problem in Kilkenny, however, the local authority had employed a person on a FAS Scheme who collected a small charge for the use of the toilet. Following discussion it was agreed that the Town Clerk write to the Environmental Services Department requesting that the toilet is opened for a trial period next season.

- (xii) Letter dated 1/8/97 from the Administrative Officer, Environmental Services regarding the shelters at Balbriggan beach was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that the matter be discussed at the Commissioners next monthly meeting.
- (xiii) Letter dated 15/8/97 from the Senior Administrative Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding safety measures on the N1 from Flemington Lane to Delvin Bridge was circulated and discussed. The Town Clerk provided a drawing and Mr. Carthy outlined the work to be carried out which was welcomed by Commissioners.
- (xiv) Letter dated 20/8/97 from the Administrative Officer, Environmental Services regarding the proposed fire station was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Davis requested that the Town Clerk write to the Minister for the Environment and Local Government to establish when funding will be made available and to include a copy of the correspondence from Fingal County Council. The Manager outlined Dublin Corporation's role in the provision of the fire service.
- (xv) Letter dated 25/8/97 from the Administrative Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding various matters was circulated and noted.
- (xvi) Letter dated 25/8/97 from the Administrative Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding traffic lights at Drogheda Street, Balbriggan was circulated and discussed. Commissioners reported faults on the traffic lights at Chapel Street and Drogheda Street which would be followed up by the Town Clerk.

(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

- (i) Letter dated 25/7/97 from the Senior Employment Services Officer regarding a meeting with F.A.S. was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Harford expressed her dissatisfaction with the reply and requested that the Town Clerk write again and confirm a date for the meeting.
- (ii) Letter dated 7/8/97 from the Town Clerk, Monaghan Urban District Council regarding a motion adopted at a recent meeting was circulated and discussed. It was proposed by Commissioner Shields, seconded by Commissioner Tuite and agreed that Balbriggan Town Commissioners support the motion as presented.
- (iii) Notificated dated 18/8/97 from Greystones Town Commissioners of the 1997 La Touche Legacy Seminar scheduled for the 3rd to 5th October, 1997 in the La Touche Hotel, Greystones was circulated and noted.

#### 4. Motions

- (i) It was proposed by Commissioner Harford, seconded by Commissioner Tuite and agreed that "Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for the Environment to confirm the eligibility of any elected representative to serve on a management group as a representative of a community based organisation".
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#### 5. Questions

- (i) Question submitted by Commissioner Colm Timmins

"That the Manager reports on negotiations in relation to the Town Hall redevelopment.

Mr. Carthy informed Commissioners that negotiations were not being held at present and assured Commissioners that no decisions would be made without prior consultation with them.

- (ii) Question submitted by Commissioner Ned Pyne

"That the Manager indicates when the base will be provided by the Roads Department, Fingal County Council for the proposed bus shelter at Flemington".

Mr. Carthy stated that the Area Engineer was on leave at present but that he would make enquiries in order to have the matter expedited.

- (iii) Question submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford

"To ask the Manager why the grass cutter deliberately refuses to cut grass on long verges not directly outside houses".

Commissioner Harford reported a particular area in Lambreecher where the grass was not being cut. Mr. Carthy reported that the Roads Department would be unable to cut the grass on a regular basis and therefore the residents association should consider the grants scheme run by Fingal County Council for the provision of lawnmowers and carry out

the work themselves.

6. Other Correspondence

- (i) Letter dated 6/8/97 from the Acting Secretary, North Fingal Development Group regarding the Commissioners request for a copy of the development plan was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Tuite stated that as this project was publicly funded Commissioners had a right to see the plan.
- (ii) Notification dated 11/8/97 from the Irish Association of Suicidology of a conference entitled "Suicide - Human Tragedy: Global Responsibility" scheduled for 1st November, 1997 in the Hotel Kilkenny was circulated and noted.
- (iii) Letter dated 25/8/97 from Ms. Monica Tolan regarding litter problems was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Gallen stated that the car park referred to in the letter is private property.

7. Quarterly Meeting with Fingal County Council

- (i) Minutes of meeting held on 12/6/97 were circulated and noted.
- (ii) Agenda for meeting to be held on 11/9/97 was circulated and approved.

8. Tidy Districts, Sports, Arts and Culture Awards

It was agreed that Commissioners would meet on Monday 15th September, 1997 at 8.30p.m. to discuss the Awards ceremony.

9. Town Hall Letting Conditions

Copies of the existing and amended letting conditions were circulated and Commissioners approved the changes to the letting conditions.

10. The Millenium

It was agreed that a date for a meeting be arranged at the Commissioners next meeting to discuss ideas to mark the Millenium.

11. Any Other Business

(A) Commissioner David McFadden

- (i) Enquired if a reply had been received from the National Roads Authority regarding the Commissioners request for public lighting on the N1 from St. Peter and Pauls Church to Balrothery. Commissioner Pyne referred to the request for public lighting on the northern end of the town.
- (ii) Requested that the grass is cut at Seabank before the end of the season.

(B) Commissioner Bredge Tuite

- (i) Stated that she had received an enquiry from residents of Hampton Cove to establish ownership of the land fronting the houses at the Bower.
- (ii) Reported that Council officials had been examining the former halting site by the Tower. Mr. Carthy assured Commissioners that there are no plans for a halting site at this location.

(C) Commissioner Joe Davis

- (i) Again reported the urgent need for repairs to the footpath at Fulham Street.
- (ii) Requested that the Council clean the brickwork at the entrance to Glover Court and cut back the shrubbery which is covering the two placques.

(D) Commissioner Gertie Shields

- (i) Reported that the problem of dumping at the 2nd bridge in Lambeeher had worsened.
- (ii) Enquired if improvement works could be carried out to the area of ground in Derham Park near the county bridge which is owned by Iarnrod Eireann.

(E) Commissioner May McKeon

- (i) Referred to the road works in Market Green and requested that the Council arrange to have the work completed to a satisfactory standard.
- (ii) Requested that provision is made in next years estimates for the office of the Cathaoirleach. Mr. Carthy stated that advice should be sought from the Law Agent to establish if this is possible.

The meeting concluded at 10.45p.m.





# COIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

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HALLA AN BHAILE,

BHAILE BRIGÍN.

5th September, 1997.

## DO GACH BALL DE CHOIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith i láthair ag Cruinniú de Choimisinéirí Bhaile Brigín a thionolfar ar an Meán Fomhair 9, ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners will be held on 9th September, 1997 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

Is mise le meas,

DEREK TUMBLETON,  
CLÉIREACH AN BHAILE.

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7. **Quarterly Meeting with Fingal County Council**

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8. Tidy Districts, Sports, Arts and Culture Awards

9. Town Hall Letting Conditions

- (i) Copy of existing letting charges (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Copy of proposed changes to letting conditions (circulated herewith)

10. The Millennium

11. Any Other Business

**MINUTES OF ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE  
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 23RD SEPTEMBER,  
1997**

**Commissioners Present:** Colm Timmins, Bredge Tuite, Gertie Shields,  
Monica Harford, May McKeon

**Clubs/Organisations Present:** Girl Guides, Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann,  
Promotions Group, Brigins, Cryptic,  
Chamber of Commerce

Apologies received from Commissioner Patricia Gallen, Citizens Information  
Centre and Dramatic Society.

The Cathaoirleach opened the meeting by outlining some ideas for St.  
Patrick's Day Parade 1998. As '97 had been fairly successful he hoped that a  
greater input by local clubs/groups would come about in 1998. He put  
forward the idea that we look on the Day as a day of celebration with the  
parade being part of that celebration.

The taking of the review stand away from the Square and into the Town Park  
was also suggested. In the event of rain the Town Hall would be used. Irish  
Dance music and possible drama as part of the overall picture.

Promotion Group suggested that we engage under the C.E. Scheme, someone  
who would co-ordinate the parade and its participants. Mr. Corrigan would  
enquire in Dublin on this matter.

The meeting ended at 9.30 p.m. and the next meeting was set for October.



**MINUTES OF ARTS FESTIVAL PROJECT MEETING HELD ON  
30TH SEPTEMBER 1997**

**Commissioners Present:** Colm Timmins, Monica Harford, Gertie Shields,  
Ned Pyne.

Apologies received from Commissioner Joe Davis and Commissioner Patricia Gallen.

**Clubs/Organisations Present:** Tommy Monahan, Barry Cassin, Ann Gallen, Seamus Carney, Jim Walsh.

*"To discuss the possibilities of setting up a project in the form of an Arts Festival"*

B. Cassin introduced the idea of the project. He gave a brief outline of this, local , outside Arts Exhibition, Named Writer , etc.,

Oct '98 4 Nights (Anuna) interested and have negotiated .

- (1) Annuna
- (2) Comedy ( Frank Carson)
- (3) Drama (Dan Gordon) Play night in November.
- (4) Local Talent ( Competition heats set previously).

Schools: Theatre in Education - David Grant - Lyric Belfast  
Drama Course  
Gary Feeley - Royal Hospital Dept of Modern Art  
Writers Group - Nuala O'Farley

Support: Venues and Economics. - Central Venue Town Hall.

**Comm. Colm Timmins :** Welcomed the idea.

**Comm. Gertie Shields :** Complimented the group for involving the Town Commissioners, confidence in the group.

**Comm. Monica Harford :** Delighted with the idea of using the Town Hall, any idea of cost ?

**Anne Gallen :** Hope to engage a major sponsor, negotiations in progress.

**Comm. May Mc Keon :** Thanked the group for including Commissioners, she feels the response from the townspeople would be good. She hoped that the Town Hall premises would be in better condition by the millennium year.

We would encourage their application to the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht and the Islands. We would endorse their application.

**Comm. Bredge Tuite :** Are all interested in Arts being invited?

**B. Cassin :** Explained various groups would be approached or brought on board.  
(Steering Committee)

**T.Monahan :** Introduce professional art to the town, and also draw on the local talents. Combine both ,benefit to the town, hopefully a nominal charge.

**Comm. Colm Timmins :** The Town Commissioners would be willing to allocate space. It would be discussed at length.

**T.Monahan :** Local involvement, the core value to the community no apologies for their ambition.

**Comm. May Mc Keon :** On the line up for festival, we have to come together to present the premises as **presentable**.

**B.Cassin :** A cosmetic job would suffice, important to know that no major structural work would commence at that time, discretion on all sides, until sponsorship is secured.

**Comm. Bredge Tuite :** Don't be negative, be positive, people will and do respond.

**B.Cassin :** He will keep us informed every step of the way.

The meeting ended at 9.00 p.m.



MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 14TH OCTOBER, 1997  
IN BALBRIGGAN TOWN HALL

Commissioners Present: Davis, Joe Pyne Ned  
Gallen, Patricia Shields, Gertie  
Harford, Monica Timmins, Colm  
McFadden, David Tuite, Bredge  
McKeon, May

Officials Present: Mr. William Soffe, County Manager.  
Mr. Alan Carthy, Principal Officer.  
Mr. Derek Tumbleton, Town Clerk.

An Cathaoirleach Commissioner Timmins presided.

Mr. Carthy circulated copies of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners Financial Statement for the period January to September 1997.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (a) Minutes of meeting held on the 9th September, 1997 were circulated and confirmed.

2. Applications for Hire of Hall

- (i) Application received from Loreto Convent to hire the Ballroom for physical education classes every Tuesday from 2.00p.m. to 4.00p.m. was circulated and approved.
- (ii) Application received from Enda Dunne to hold a feis in the Ballroom on Saturday 6th December, 1997 from 9.00a.m. to 10.00p.m. was circulated and approved.
- (iii) An application from Balbriggan Awareness of Drugs to hire the Bandroom on the 1st Monday of each month was circulated by the Town Clerk and approved.

3. Correspondence

(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

- (i) Letter dated 10/9/97 from the Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for the Environment and Local Government regarding public lighting on the N1 was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that the Town Clerk follow up this matter with the National Roads Authority.
- (ii) Letter dated 26/9/97 from Nora Owen T.D. regarding replacement of defective chimneys in Lambeecher Estate was circulated and

discussed. Commissioner Tuite outlined the background to the correspondence and updated the meeting on the present position regarding the residents. Mr. Carthy outlined the conditions laid down by the Department of the Environment for this scheme. Commissioner Shields suggested that a letter be sent to the residents indicating that this was the final offer.

(iii) Letter dated 2/10/97 from the Private Secretary, Office of the Taoiseach regarding Urban Renewal Tax Designation was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Davis expressed his disappointment at the reply and requested that the Town Clerk write again reminding him of the commitment given on his visit to the Town Hall. Commissioner Harford stated that a submission had already been made to the Department of Finance when the Urban Renewal Committee met with the previous Minister for Finance Mr. Ruairi Quinn. Mr. Soffe then outlined the Council's position regarding urban renewal and suggested that Commissioners delay corresponding with the Taoiseach until the integrated area plan is complete and a presentation is being made to all interested parties.

(iv) Letter dated 6/10/97 from Senator Sean Ryan regarding the Swing Park, Bath Road, Balbriggan was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Davis expressed his disappointment at the number of replies received from Councillors and requested that the Town Clerk write to the Minister for the Environment making him aware of the position. Commissioner McKeon requested that a letter be obtained from Fingal County Council stating that they will not be building at this location or any other green belt in the area. Commissioner Gallen supported this proposal and made reference to the area at Derham Park facing onto the railway line where soil testing has also taken place and asked that the Council also specify in their reply that building will not take place at this location.

(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

(i) Letter dated 22/9/97 from the Staff Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding matters raised by Flemington Park Residents Association was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Harford requested that the Town Clerk contact the Roads Engineer to request the owner of the property at the entrance to the estate to cut back the overgrowth which is obstructing the view of motorists.

(ii) Letter dated 26/9/97 from the Senior Engineer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding broken lights on Church Street and Seapoint Road was circulated and discussed. The Town Clerk will contact the E.S.B. to ensure that the lights are repaired.

(iii) Letter dated 26/9/97 from the Senior Engineer, Roads and

Traffic Department regarding public lights on the right of way between Hampton Cove and Fancourt Heights was circulated and noted.

- (iv) Letter dated 29/9/97 from the Law Agent regarding expenses of the Cathaoirleach was circulated and discussed. This item had been discussed at the estimates meeting which preceeded the monthly meeting, however, it was proposed by Commissioner McKeon, seconded by Commissioner Tuite and agreed that the Town Clerk establish the legislation which allows the payment of an allowance to the Cathaoirleach of Fingal County Council in order that the Commissioners could pursue a similar provision in Balbriggan.
- (v) Letter dated 6/10/97 from the Archivist, Libraries Department regarding records of Balbriggan Town Commissioners was circulated and noted.
- (C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies
- (i) Notification dated 17/9/97 from Dun Laoghaire/Rathdown County Council of the Joint Standing Conference on Nuclear Hazards scheduled for the 4th and 5th December 1997 in the County Hall, Dun Laoghaire was circulated and noted.
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#### 4. Motions

- (i) It was proposed by Commissioner Shields, seconded by Commissioner Tuite and agreed "That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to ensure that all storm drains are cleared before winter sets in, with special attention being paid to Quay Street where extensive flooding occurred last year."

#### 5. Questions

- (i) Question submitted by Commissioner Patricia Gallen.

"To ask the Manager if he would inform the Commissioners of the present position regarding the old Commercial Club and outline what rents remain unpaid in the Town Hall".

Mr. Carthy explained that the former Commercial Club was not currently being let as the room is taken up by the snooker table, ownership of which was transferred to Balbriggan Town Commissioners in lieu of a debt owed by the former Commercial Club Committee. Mr. Carthy explained that it is not feasible to let the room due to the cost of having to provide a caretaker and the risk of damage to the table. However, Mr. Carthy undertook to examine any suggestions from Commissioners for the future use of the room and snooker table. Mr. Carthy

then outlined the debts currently owing to Balbriggan Town Commissioners from hall hirers. Over the last year this figure has been drastically reduced and action is being taken on the remaining debts. The largest debt i.e. the Combined Clubs, Mr. Carthy hopes to have cleared before the end of the year. Commissioner Gallen will raise the matter again at the Commissioners meeting in December should the debt remain unpaid.

6. Other Correspondence

- (i) Letter dated 5/9/97 from Mr. Alex McCullagh regarding various matters in the Seapoint area was circulated and noted as it had been discussed earlier at the meeting.
- (ii) Notification dated 23/9/97 from Sherkin Island Marine Station of a conference entitled "Hazardous Waste Management: Industrial and Medical" scheduled for 6th and 7th November 1997 in the Imperial Hotel, Cork was circulated and noted.

Commissioner McKeon made reference to correspondence she had received from A.M.A.I. regarding annual subscriptions. The Town Clerk will arrange to circulate a copy to all Commissioners.

- (iii) Letter dated 23/9/97 from the General Secretary N.A.B.C.O. regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Harford stated that monitoring of tenants does not take place while Commissioner Tuite stated that N.A.B.C.O. does not adhere to the criteria for letting dwellings. Commissioner McKeon stated that Commissioners should be consulted and represented on the Committee.
- (iv) Notification dated 2/10/97 from the Irish Council for Social Housing of the Social Housing Conference scheduled for 13th and 14th November, 1997 in the Corrib Great Southern Hotel, Galway was circulated and noted.
- (v) Letter dated 6/10/97 from Balbriggan Promotion Group of their next meeting scheduled for 16th October, 1997 was circulated and discussed. Commissioners expressed their anger at the contents of this letter in particular item 10 in the draft standing orders. Mr. Soffe stated that it was vital that the Chamber of Commerce and Town Commissioners continue to work together having particular regard to the application for urban renewal. Following lengthy discussion it was agreed that the Cathaoirleach would approach the President of the Chamber of Commerce to have item 10 removed from the draft standing orders and to amend item 4 to read "membership is by invitation only and shall include 1 member selected by Balbriggan Town Commissioners ....." If this matter is resolved before the meeting it was proposed by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner McKeon and agreed that

Commissioner Gertie Shields would represent the Commissioners on the Balbriggan Promotion Group.

The Town Clerk then circulated a letter on behalf of Commissioner Gallen from East Town Centre and Seapoint Residents Association regarding planning application F/97A/0749. Commissioner Gallen outlined the background to the correspondence and stressed that the Association was not opposed to the development however, it wished to have certain items clarified. Following a request to allow the Commissioners examine the file Mr. Soffe explained that files in relation to planning applications could not be removed from the Council's office as they had to be available for public inspection. Mr. Carthy undertook to have the enquiry regarding this planning application investigated.

7. Date for Statutory Estimates Meeting

It was agreed that Commissioners would meet at 5.15p.m. on Wednesday 29th October, 1997 to discuss the 1998 estimates.

8. Town Decoration

Following a report by the Town Clerk it was agreed that the Commissioners would employ the same contractor as last year to erect the Christmas lights, providing that the same terms and conditions apply.

9. Agenda for Quarterly Meeting with Superintendent Lambe

It was agreed that Commissioners would forward items for inclusion on the agenda to the Town Clerk and that Commissioners would be notified when a date for the meeting has been agreed with Superintendent Lambe.

10. Review of Planning Legislation - Meeting Date

A meeting to discuss the Commissioners submission to the Department of the Environment regarding the review of planning legislation would follow the meeting with Superintendent Lambe.

11. Millenium

A meeting to discuss ideas for the Millenium would follow the meeting on the review of planning legislation.

12. St. Patricks Day Parade

It was agreed that Commissioners would meet on Tuesday 4th November, 1997 at 7.30p.m. to discuss the St. Patricks Day Parade.

13. Town Hall Information Window

Commissioners discussed the work carried out to the window by CRYPTIC and were assured by the Town Clerk that Commissioners business would always have priority.

14. Access

It was agreed that a meeting take place on Monday 3rd November, 1997 at 8.00p.m.

15. Report on A.M.A.I. Conference

A report prepared by Commissioner Tuite was circulated and noted.

16. Any Other Business

(A) Commissioner Joe Davis

- (i) Again requested the Area Engineer to carry out the necessary repair works to the footpath at 7, Fulham Street.
- (ii) Requested that the shrubbery at Mill Pond Park be cut back as it is obstructing the public lights.

(B) Commissioner Bredge Tuite

- (i) Reported the poor condition of the footpaths at Brecon Court and Oakleigh and referred also to the flooding which occurs at Brecon Court.
- (ii) Reported that litter bins which were designated for Balbriggan have now been placed at other locations.
- (iii) Requested on behalf of residents in Lambeecher that a "No Golf Sign" is erected in the green area by the Martello Tower.

(C) Commissioner Gertie Shields

- (i) Enquired when the next meeting with Mr. Frank Ryan of the I.P.A. will take place.
- (ii) Enquired if Fingal County Council had any control over the closing time of the coffee shop in Ardgillen Demesne which closes at 4.30p.m. while the Demesne remains open until 7.00p.m.

(D) Commissioner May McKeon

- (i) Referred to the condition of the paths and road in Market Green and requested that the Council ensure that provision is made in the 1998 estimates to have the paths repaired and road

resurfaced.

(E) Commissioner Monica Harford

(i) Enquired if the Tourist Office was moving to a new location.

(F) Commissioner David McFadden

(i) Requested that the Tidy Towns Committee reimburse Three Gates Garden Centre for a number of vouchers.

(ii) Clarified the position regarding a matter which arose during the Tidy Towns Awards which had been raised by Commissioner Harford.

(G) Commissioner Colm Timmins

(i) Enquired regarding the replacement of a number of litter bins in the town.

(ii) Enquired when Pineridge Estate would be taken in charge.

The meeting concluded at 11.00p.m.

*Colm Timmins*



# COIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

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HALLA AN BHAILE,

BAILLE BRIGÍN.

10th October, 1997.

## DO GACH BALL DE CHOIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith i láthair ag Cruinniú de Choimisinéirí Bhaile Brigín a thionolfar ar an Deireadh Fomhair 14, ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners will be held on 14th October, 1997 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

Is mise le meas,

DEREK TUMBLETON,  
CLÉIREACH AN BHAILE.

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##### (A) New Applications

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- 8. Town Decoration
- 9. Agenda for quarterly meeting with Superintendent Lambe
- 10. Review of Planning Legislation - Meeting date
- 11. Millennium
- 12. St. Patrick's Day Parade
- 13. Town Hall Information Window
- 14. Access
- 15. Report on A.M.A.I. Conference (circulated herewith)
- 16. Any Other Business

MINUTES OF STATUTORY ESTIMATES MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY  
29TH OCTOBER, 1997.

**Commissioners Present:**    McFadden, David                 Shields, Gertie  
                                    McKeon, May                       Timmins, Colm

Apologies Received:	Davis, Joe	Pyne, Ned
	Gallen, Patricia	Tuite, Bredge
	Harford, Monica	

Officials Present: Mr. A. Carthy, Principal Officer.  
Mr. D. Tumbleton, Town Clerk.

An Cathaoirleach Commissioner Timmins presided.

Statutory notice had been given in the press and the draft estimates circulated in advance. The draft estimates provide for a total expenditure of £55,580 and an income of £19,940.

There would be a net requirement of £35,640 which will result in a demand to Fingal County Council for this amount in 1998. This would require a town charge of £2.03 in the pound as compared to the 1997 figure of £1.95 in the pound. This increase arose as a result of the loss of revenue from hall lettings.

Mr. Carthy and Mr. Tumbleton answered questions from Commissioners regarding various items relating to the estimates. Commissioners requested that the Town Clerk examine ways of increasing revenue from hall hires and look at the possibility of letting the Commercial Club.

It was proposed by Commissioner Shields, seconded by Commissioner McKeon and resolved that the Estimate as presented by the Manager be adopted. Commissioner McFadden requested that it be recorded in the minutes that he was against the adoption of the estimates as he considered that the existing rates in the town were too high.

The meeting adjourned at 6.05p.m.

Coleridge

11/11/97

MINUTES OF ESTIMATES MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 14TH OCTOBER, 1997  
IN BALBRIGGAN TOWN HALL

Commissioners Present:    Davis, Joe                                  Pyne, Ned  
                                  Gallen, Patricia                              Shields, Gertie  
                                  Harford, Monica                             Timmins, Colm  
                                  McFadden, David                            Tuite, Bredge  
                                  McKeon, May

Officials Present:    Mr. William Soffe, County Manager  
                                  Mr. Alan Carthy, Principal Officer  
                                  Mr. Derek Tumbleton, Town Clerk

An Cathaoirleach Commissioner Timmins presided.

Mr. Carthy circulated details of expenditure to date and suggested estimates for 1998. Commissioners enquired if provision could be made in the estimates for the hosting of receptions etc for visitors to the Town Hall. Mr. Carthy explained that the legislation made no provision for this type of expenditure. Provision has been made in the estimates for the purchase of a photocopier which was welcomed by Commissioners. In addition it has been necessary to make a provision of £3,500 in the event of an election taking place. However, if the election does not take place this item could be reviewed. Commissioners stated that provision was made in the past for an Arts Grant and this will be investigated by the Town Clerk. Mr. Carthy and the Town Clerk answered various questions from Commissioners in relation to the estimates. As a result of the estimates presented it will be necessary to make a demand of £35,640.00 to Fingal County Council which will result in a town rate of 2.03 an increase of eight pence over the 1997 figure.

The meeting then concluded.

*Colm Timmins*

## **MINUTES OF MEETING WITH SUPT. PAT LAMBE HELD ON 28TH OCTOBER 1997**

**Commissioners Present :** Ned Pyne (Chaired) B. Tuite, G. Shields, M. Mc Keon, D. Mc Fadden.

**Gardai Present :** Supt. Pat Lambe, Sergeant Austin Foran.

An apology for non attendance was received from Commissioner Gallen.

Supt. Lambe gave a rundown on our previous meeting. He informed the meeting of the progress made on our items at the meeting.

### **Item 1:**

**Comm. Gertie Shields** Motorists ignoring the red lights at the traffic lights. Supt. Lambe said lorry drivers are at a disadvantage because of the height, he recommends markings and that we apply to Fingal County Council to bring back the marker to give drivers a clear view of the crossings. A meridian strip would also help.

Supt. Lambe will get Garda Matthew Quinn to monitor the lights and see what can be done about the situation. Sergeant Austin Foran said that technically speaking no parking should be in place from the AIB to O'Learys. Fingal County Council will be re-painting all lines in the town.

### **Item 2:**

**Comm. Monica Harford** Powers at (Rig Club) . Preventing drivers driving down the harbour. Supt. Lambe said he would speak to the manager on this matter.

### **Item 3:**

**Comm. Monica Harford** Three fathers who approached her regarding their sons, who were stopped and searched at random for drugs and were found to be not in possession. They were not treated any differently than if they had be found in possession. Supt. Lambe would hope that the Gardai would treat all people in a proper manner. Supt. Lambe said all searches random or otherwise under the misuse of drugs act, are carried out for a legitimate reason.

**Comm. May Mc Keon** said it might be the making of some young lad if he were treated differently when found not in possession.

**Comm. Ned Pyne** on a different incident it is how the matter is handled that counts.

### **Item 4:**

Traffic Warden, traffic on crossings etc., not been looked at.

**Comm. Bredge Tuite** He must be seen to do his job.

**Item 5:**

**Comm. Bredge Tuite** Speed Limits, Flemington Lane to Naul Road. Supt. Lambe suggested to write to Fingal County Council on this matter.

**Item 6:**

Increase Garda Patrols around Mill Pond . It is receiving attention, it is ongoing and some people have been prosecuted.

**Item 7 :**

**Comm. Gertie Shields** Road Markings approaching Lambreecher.

Supt. Lambe suggested we write to the County Council also on this matter. He suggests an island 22 yellow. **Comm. David Mc Fadden** suggested rumble strips. **Comm. May Mc Keon** said all road marking's must be more definite and more visible.

**Item 8 :**

**Comm. David Mc Fadden** bad dangerous situation, crossing on the brow of a hill. Poor location. Move to perhaps White Hart. Sgt. Austin Foran felt that lights would not be shifted by such a short distance, but to move the yellow lines another 6 foot, this would give advantage to the driver and a clear view.

**Any Other Business**

**Comm. Monica Harford**

The meeting ended at 8.30 p.m.

*Colin Jones*

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                              McKeon, May               Timmins, Colm

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The meeting adjourned at 6.05p.m.



MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER, 1997  
IN BALBRIGGAN TOWN HALL.

Commissioners Present:    Davis, Joe                      Pyne, Ned  
                                 Gallen, Patricia                Shields, Gertie  
                                 Harford, Monica                Timmins, Colm  
                                 McFadden, David                Tuite, Bredge  
                                 McKeon, May

Officials Present:    Mr. Alan Carthy, Principal Officer  
                                 Mr. Derek Tumbleton, Town Clerk

An Cathaoirleach Commissioner Timmins presided.

1.    Confirmation of Minutes

- (A) Minutes of St. Patricks Day Parade Committee meeting held on the 23rd September, 1997 were circulated and confirmed subject to apologies from Commissioner Gallen for inability to attend being recorded.
- (B) Minutes of Arts Festival Project meeting held on the 30th September, 1997 were circulated and confirmed subject to apologies from Commissioner Gallen for inability to attend being recorded.
- (C) Minutes of Estimates meeting held on the 14th October, 1997 were circulated and confirmed.
- (D) Minutes of monthly meeting held on the 14th October, 1997 were circulated and confirmed subject to the following change to Item 16 (B) (i) - flooding occurs at Brecon Court and not Oakleigh as stated.
- (E) Minutes of meeting with Superintendent Lambe held on the 28th October 1997 were circulated and confirmed subject to apologies from Commissioner Gallen for inability to attend being recorded.
- (F) Minutes of Statutory Estimates meeting held on the 29th October, 1997 were circulated and confirmed following a short discussion regarding Commissioner McFaddens statement that he was against the adoption of the Estimates.
- (G) Minutes of St. Patricks Day Parade Committee Meeting held on 4th November, 1997 were circulated and confirmed subject to apologies from Commissioner Gallen for inability to attend being recorded and the reference to a picture post card for 1998 being credited to Ms. Susan Tiernan.

2. Applications for Hire of Hall

(A) New Applications

- (i) Enquiry received from Mr. David Elliott for use of Town Hall Garden to sell Christmas trees was discussed and refused.

3. Correspondence

(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

- (i) Letter dated 13/10/97 from Deputy Joe Higgins regarding the Swing Park, Balbriggan was circulated and discussed. Commissioners welcomed Deputy Higgins interest and it was agreed that the Town Clerk write outlining the Commissioners views on the matter.
- (ii) Letter dated 16/10/97 from the Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for the Environment and Local Government regarding the proposed fire station in Balbriggan was circulated and discussed. Mr. Carthy answered various questions from Commissioners regarding the project.
- (iii) Letter dated 17/10/97 from the Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for the Environment and Local Government regarding planning application reference F96A/0842 was circulated and discussed. The Town Clerk will enquire from the Ombudsman if he can consider representations from the Town Commissioners on behalf of residents in the town. Following lengthy discussion Mr. Carthy suggested that Commissioners write to the Minister requesting that Balbriggan Town Commissioners have the opportunity to view planning applications for the purpose of making observations and that the planning authority should be obliged to take into consideration the rights of adjoining land/property owners to light etc. This submission should be made as part of the Ministers review of planning legislation.
- (iv) Letter dated 21/10/97 from the Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Finance regarding tax designation was circulated and discussed. Commissioners expressed their annoyance at the reply and suggested writing to An Taoiseach again reminding him of his commitment. However, following discussion it was decided to wait until the integrated area plan is completed and a presentation is being made to all interested parties.

(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

- (i) Letter dated 21/10/97 from the Administrative Officer, Environmental Services regarding correspondence from Ms.

Monica Tolan was circulated and noted. A copy of the correspondence will be forwarded to Ms. Tolan by the Town Clerk.

- (ii) Letters dated 24/10/97 and 4/11/97 from the Senior Administrative Officer Planning Department regarding planning application reference F97A/0749 were circulated and noted.

(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

There was no business under this heading.

4. Motions

(i) Motion submitted by Commissioner M. Harford

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Health to ensure that there are sufficient beds in hospital wards for patients and to guarantee no more hospital closures".

Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Harford, seconded by Commissioner Davis and agreed that the motion which would be altered as follows be forwarded to the Minister and a copy sent to the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland.

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Health to provide sufficient beds and staff in hospital wards to ensure proper accommodation for patients and to guarantee no more hospital closures".

(ii) Motion submitted by Commissioner M. Harford

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on F.A.S. to nominate a senior representative to meet with Commissioners to discuss the F.A.S. service in Balbriggan.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that arrangements were being made with F.A.S. for a meeting and that he would notify Commissioners of the date when confirmed.

5. Questions

There was no business under this heading.

6. Other Correspondence

- (i) Notification dated 3/11/97 from the Institute of Leisure and Amenity Management of a seminar entitled "Developing a Sport and Recreation Strategy" scheduled for 9/12/97 in the Kylemore Park Hotel, Dublin was circulated and noted.

7. Town Decoration

It was agreed that on Monday 8th December, 1997 the town's lights would be switched on and in the meantime the Town Clerk would contact local business's seeking sponsorship for the provision of new lighting.

8. St. Patricks Day Parade

A meeting to discuss the St. Patricks Day Parade is scheduled to take place on the 2nd December, 1997. In the meantime the Town Clerk will seek participants for the parade.

9. Housing Allocations - Input of Commissioners

Commissioner Tuite requested that Commissioners have some input into the allocation of houses in the Balbriggan area and following discussion Mr. Carthy agreed that Commissioners would be issued with a copy of the housing list as soon as it is prepared in order that they can notify the Town Clerk or Mr. Carthy of any observations they may have in relation to same.

10. Service provided by An Bord Gais in Balbriggan

Commissioner Tuite reported recent events in Balbriggan which had caused a power surge damaging gas heating systems. There had been problems between the E.S.B. and Bord Gais as to responsibility for the cost of repairs however, it is understood that claims have been submitted to the E.S.B. and it was decided to await the outcome.

11. Any Other Business

(A) Commissioner May McKeon

(i) Requested a report from the Council on what provision has been made for road/footpath works in Balbriggan in the 1998 Estimates.

(ii) Requested that the Town Clerk write again to the Council reminding them of the Commissioners position regarding halting sites.

(iii) Requested an up to date report on the proposed sewage treatment plant due to confusing reports regarding the location for same.

(B) Commissioner Monica Harford

(i) Requested information from the Minister for the Environment and the Minister for Arts and Culture regarding funding allocated to various groups in Balbriggan.

(C) Commissioner Gertie Shields

- (i) Enquired regarding membership of the Promotions Group. Commissioner Timmins stated that he had spoken to Mr. Robert Beggs, President of the Chamber of Commerce and was informed that the original proposal was only a draft however, he had taken note of the Commissioners views and would notify the Cathaoirleach of the outcome of the Chambers deliberations.
- (ii) Requested that a "No Dumping" sign be erected at the entrance to Lambeecher on the green area. Mr. Carthy suggested that a visit from the litter warden might be more appropriate.
- (iii) Reported that the laneway between Curran Park and the Church was in a state of disrepair.
- (iv) Enquired as to the present position regarding the area of land at Derham Park owned by Iarnroid Eireann.

(D) Commissioner Joe Davis

- (i) Referred to the Award received by the Community College and enquired when bins will be put in place around the town.
- (ii) Referred again to the footpath at 7, Fulham Street.

(E) Commissioner Patricia Gallen

- (i) Enquired if the Council intend erecting public lights along the by-pass particularly at the Naul Road junction.

(F) Commissioner Bredge Tuite

- (i) Reported that the audible signal on the traffic lights at Drogheda Street was not working.
- (ii) Requested the Council to arrange for an overhaul of all the traffic lights in the town due to the continued problems.
- (iii) Referred to the overflow from the flats above Supervalu and asked that it be inspected.
- (iv) Referred again to the flooding at Brecon Court.
- (v) Referred to the post of supervisor for a F.A.S. scheme in the town and stated that applicants had been misinformed. This would be included on the agenda for the meeting with Mr. J. Quirke of F.A.S. Commissioners will notify the Town Clerk of any other items to be included on the agenda.

(G) Commissioner Ned Pyne

- (i) Reported that potatoes had fallen off a lorry at the entrance

to the Industrial Estate a week earlier and had still not been removed. The Town Clerk will notify the litter warden who will contact the Company in question.

- (ii) Reported concerns from parents regarding the fruit machine in the Genoa Take Away. The Town Clerk will contact the Gardai in this regard.

(H) Commissioner Colm Timmins

- (i) Reported the condition of the footpath at 21, Craoibhinn Park.
- (ii) Enquired when Pineridge Estate would be taken in charge.
- (iii) Enquired about the completion date for Phase 2 of the Inner Relief Road.

The meeting concluded at 10.20p.m.

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# COIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRÍGÍN

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7th November, 1997.

## DO GACH BALL DE CHOIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRÍGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith i láthair ag Cruinniú de Choimisinéirí Bhaile Brígin a thionolfar ar an Samhain 11, ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners will be held on 11th November, 1997 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

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DEREK TUMBLETON,  
CLÉIREACH AN BHAILE.

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## CLÁR

### 1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (a) Minutes of St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee Meeting held on 23/9/97 (circulated herewith)
- (b) Minutes of Arts Festival Project Meeting held on 30/9/97 (circulated herewith)
- (c) Minutes of Estimates Meeting held on the 14/10/97 (circulated herewith)
- (d) Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on the 14/10/97 (circulated herewith)
- (e) Minutes of Meeting with Superintendent Lambe held on 28/10/97 (circulated herewith)
- (f) Minutes of Statutory Estimates Meeting held on 29/10/97 (circulated herewith)
- (g) Minutes of St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee Meeting held on 4/11/97 (circulated herewith)

2. **Applications for Hire of Hall**

(A) **New Applications**

- (i) Enquiry received from Mr. David Elliot for use of Town Hall Garden to sell Christmas Trees.

3. **Correspondence**

(A) **Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**

- (i) Letter dated 13/10/97 from Deputy Joe Higgins regarding the Swing Park, Balbriggan (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 16/10/97 from the Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for the Environment and Local Government regarding the proposed fire station in Balbriggan (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 17/10/97 from the Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for the Environment and Local Government regarding planning application reference F96A/0842 (circulated herewith)
- (iv) Letter dated 21/10/97 from the Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Finance regarding tax designation (circulated herewith)

(B) **Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

- (i) Letter dated 21/10/97 from the Administrative Officer, Environmental Services regarding correspondence from Ms. Monica Tolan (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letters dated 24/10/97 and 4/11/97 from the Senior Administrative Officer, Planning Department regarding planning application reference F97A/0749 (circulated herewith)

(C) **Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

4. **Motions**

(i) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner M. Harford**

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Health to ensure that there are sufficient beds in hospital wards for patients and to guarantee no more hospital closures."

(ii) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner M. Harford**

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on FAS to nominate a senior representative to meet with Commissioners to discuss the FAS service in Balbriggan."

5. **Questions**

6. **Other Correspondence**

- (i) Notification dated 3/11/97 from the Institute of Leisure and Amenity Management of a seminar entitled Developing A Sport & Recreation Strategy scheduled for 9/12/97 in the Kylemore Park Hotel, Dublin (circulated herewith)

7. **Town Decoration**

8. **St. Patrick's Day Parade**

9. **Housing Allocations - Input of Commissioners**

10. **Service provided by An Bord Gais in Balbriggan**

11. **Any Other Business**

**MINUTES OF ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD  
ON 4TH NOVEMBER, 1997**

**Commissioners Present:** C. Timmins, B. Tuite, G. Shields, M. McKeon, M. Harford

**Clubs/Organisations Present:** S. Tiernan (Girl Guides), N. Dunne (Brigins), J. McGonigle (Cryptic), A. Campbell (C.I.C.), T. O' Neill (Comhaltas), E. Darcy (Boy Scouts), S. Corrigan (Promotions Group)

Apologies Received from Commissioners J. Davis, N. Pyne, D. McFadden and P. Gallen.

An Cathaoirleach Colm Timmins welcomed all present.

**Sean Corrigan** spoke with City Parade Organisers, they suggested a "Theme" and contact Dublin Corporation Arts Centre. Costumes, artists, etc. all cost money, they had no outlet for us.

**Bredge Tuite** We have talent in the Fingal Arts Squad, they came on board for the festival parade and were enthusiastic and very helpful. We need a motivator, local business people no interest.

**Gertie Shields** We should keep it local.

**Monica Harford** Job to motivate local business people - viewed that job for the Chamber

**Susan Tiernan** St. Patrick's Day speaks for itself.

**Colm Timmins** Number of young people, business students Dundalk, Dublin, get them on board

**Bredge Tuite** Suggested Marine - Millennium, looking towards it.

**May McKeon** The initial idea must come from individual groups, then co-ordinator would come in.

**Joan McGonigle** Lots of youth groups who do not come on board. Why do they not take part.

**May McKeon** We had discussed, something afterwards, street entertainment, dancing etc.

**Theresa O' Neill** Comhaltas would give dance displays on the day.

**Gertie Shields** Displays, use Town Hall, arts displays, writers etc.

**Colm Timmins** If we had organised, in the event of rain we would have the various displays in the Town Hall.

Would a junior ceili be a possibility - 30 minutes perhaps in the afternoon, if children are exposed to the music and dance they would take part.

**Monica Harford** Local traditional groups, music on the streets.

**Susan Tiernan** Speakers at the town Hall, it should attract people, the Town Hall should be the centre of things on the day.

**Joan McGonigle** have a small sound system, it could be available.

**May McKeon** See about the traditional groups

**Colm Timmins** Get the ball rolling on promoting the parade now in November.

**May McKeon** Ask the Chamber about the window competition Seams Ennis Trophy.

**Sean Corrigan** What about a connection with the north, Rostrevor for instance. We should contact the C/C Rostrevor town Commissioners contact the local authority link (like to like)

**Niamh Dunne** Schools Art competition and Poetry competition  
Guides (St. Patrick's as a theme)

**May McKeon** A letter to go to all groups etc. notice of art competition. **Ms. Susan Tiernan** suggested that the winning picture could perhaps be a picture post card for 1998. Letter to Commandant H. V. O'Donovan, Gormanston requesting a colour party.

**Cross Border Link** Rostrevor?

Colm Timmins Will each group look to link up with their counterparts.

**Sean Corrigan** If groups/persons do attend we would have to set a proper programme.

**Bredge Tuite** Contact Margaret Duffy - as she works with co-operation North

### **Parade Schedule**

After 12 o'clock Mass - Rev. Watts/Fr. Freney - see about service

Review Stand

Route Church Car Park, down main street to Lambreecher, all heavy trucks depart the parade at this point, only marching groups back to Square.

Comhaltas display, art display in Town Hall.

Time 2 o'clock to 5 o'clock to allow for the programme.

Next Meeting Tuesday December 2nd at 7.30 p.m.



MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 9TH DECEMBER, 1997

IN BALBRIGGAN TOWN HALL

Commissioners Present:    Davis, Joe                                  Pyne, Ned  
                                 Gallen, Patricia                              Shields, Gertie  
                                 Harford, Monica                             Timmins, Colm  
                                 McFadden, David                            Tuite, Bredge  
                                 McKeon, May

Officials Present:    Mr. Alan Carthy, Principal Officer  
                                 Mr. Derek Tumbleton, Town Clerk

An Cathaoirleach Commissioner Timmins presided.

1.    Confirmation of Minutes

- (A)    Minutes of meeting held on the 11th November, 1997 were circulated and confirmed.

Mr. Carthy reported that the present overdraft accommodation required renewal and subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment and Local Government that Commissioners consent to the re-securing of the overdraft accommodation on the Commissioners General Account for a further six month period.

It was proposed by Commissioner Harford, seconded by Commissioner McKeon and resolved that Balbriggan Town Commissioners approve renewal of an overdraft accommodation of £15,000 for a further six month period subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment and Local Government.

2.    Application for Hire of Hall

There was no business under this heading.

3.    Correspondence

(A)    Correspondence from President

Letter dated 2/12/97 from President Mary McAleese regarding her recent visit to Balbriggan Town Hall was circulated and welcomed by Commissioners.

(B)    Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

- (i)    Letter dated 12/11/97 from the Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for the Environment and Local Government

regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that the Town Clerk follow up this matter with the Minister for Tourism, Sport and Recreation.

(ii) Letter dated 17/11/97 from the Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Health and Children regarding heart by pass surgery was circulated and discussed. It was suggested by Mr. Carthy that the Town Clerk write to establish the terms of engagement of surgeons and the proportion of hospital facilities allowed for private practice.

(iii) Letter dated 18/11/97 from the Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for the Environment and Local Government regarding Seanad electoral law was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Harford stated that a copy of the correspondence should be forwarded to the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland seeking their support. Mr. Carthy suggested that the Town Clerk write and request a copy of the Committees Second Progress Report.

(C) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

(i) Letter dated 13/11/97 from the Administrative Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding the cleaning of surface water drains was circulated and discussed. Following lengthy discussion Mr. Carthy stated that he would contact the Sanitary Services Area Engineer to investigate the problems in Quay Street.

(ii) Letter dated 14/11/97 from the Senior Staff Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding road and footpath repairs was circulated and discussed. Commissioners discussed at length the various road maintenance problems relating to the Balbriggan area and following a suggestion by Mr. Carthy it was proposed by Commissioner Harford, seconded by Commissioner McFadden and agreed that time would be spent at the Commissioners meeting in January preparing a list of outstanding works and prioritising them.

(iii) Letter dated 17/11/97 from the Administrative Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding provision of traffic signing and lining was circulated and discussed. It was decided to defer this matter as items referred to the Traffic Engineer had been included in the agenda for the Commissioners quarterly meeting with Fingal County Council.

(iv) Letter dated 19/11/97 from the Administrative Officer, Environmental Services Department regarding additional litter bins was circulated and discussed. Commissioner McKeon referred to the new bin at the Savoy cinema which is located in the middle of the footpath.

(v) Letter dated 20/11/97 from the Senior Engineer, Roads and

Traffic Department regarding the provision of a public light at Chapelgate was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Timmins outlined the background to his request and Mr. Carthy outlined the Councils policy in relation to the provision of public lighting on open spaces.

(D) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

- (i) Letter dated 6/11/97 from the Town Clerk, Portlaoise Town Commission regarding a motion passed at a recent meeting was circulated and discussed. Mr. Carthy outlined the background to the motion and it was agreed that the motion as presented would be supported by Commissioners.
- (ii) Notification dated 18/11/97 from the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland of a seminar entitled "Partnership Approach" Can it work for Local Government scheduled for 13th and 14th February 1998 in the Talbot Hotel, Wexford was circulated and noted.
- (iii) Notification dated 24/11/97 from the General Council of County Council's of a seminar entitled "Planning - Progress or Paralysis" scheduled for 23rd and 24th January, 1998 in the Sligo Park Hotel, Sligo was circulated and noted.
- (iv) Letter dated 28/11/97 from the Town Clerk, Gorey Town Commissioners regarding a motion passed at a recent meeting was circulated and discussed. Following a vote it was decided by Commissioners not to support the motion as presented.
- (v) Letter dated 4/12/97 from the Programme Division, National Roads Authority, regarding public lighting was circulated and discussed. Commissioner McFadden welcomed the reply and Mr. Carthy explained the procedure regarding funding. Commissioner Pyne enquired regarding the provision of lighting on the northern side of the town.

4. Motions

(A) Motion Submitted by Commissioner B. Tuite

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to raise the height of the red brick wall surrounding flats numbers 19-26 at Lambeeher Estate, Balbriggan".

Commissioner Tuite outlined the background to the motion. Commissioner Davis suggested amending the motion and it was proposed by Commissioner Tuite, seconded by Commissioner Harford and agreed that "Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to replace and raise to a reasonable height the red brick wall surrounding flat numbers 19 - 26 at Lambeeher Estate, Balbriggan".

The following three motions were circulated by the Town Clerk.

(B) Motions submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford

- (i) "Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Finance to withdraw the increase on petrol to avoid increases in consumer charges".
- (ii) "Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Finance to increase the provision of £10 million for the disabled in the budget to £20 million.
- (iii) "Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Finance to ensure that the increase in Social Welfare is not deducted from spouses Tax Free Allowance in cases where a spouse is employed".

Commissioner Harford outlined the background to the three motions. With regard to Motion No. 2 the Town Clerk will confirm the allocation for disabled in the budget. It was then proposed by Commissioner Harford, seconded by Commissioner Tuite and agreed to adopt the motions as presented.

5. Questions

(A) Commissioner Patricia Gallen

- (i) "To ask the Manager if the Council intends placing double yellow lines on Station Street (Railway Street)".

Mr. Carthy stated that as far as he was aware the Council did not intend placing double yellow lines at this location. Commissioner Gallen requested that this be confirmed in writing by the Area Engineer. Commissioners spoke of the problems in relation to parking in the area.

(B) Commissioner Bredge Tuite

- (i) "To ask the Manager if Fingal County Council have made provision in next years estimates for an extra street cleaner in Balbriggan and if not to outline what cover will be provided when the street cleaner is out sick or on leave".

Mr. Carthy stated that no provision had been made for extra staff, however he would pursue the provision of cover for the street cleaner when on leave. Mr. Carthy also explained that two staff members were currently being trained to operate the mechanical street cleaner to be introduced in the town in the future.

6. Other Correspondence

- (i) Letter dated 21/11/97 from the General Secretary, N.A.B.C.O. regarding the allocation of dwellings was circulated and

discussed. Commissioners spoke on the allocations procedure and the lack of monitoring of tenants. Mr. Carthy explained the Council's role in the matter. Commissioner Harford suggested meeting with Mr. Thompson.

7. Quarterly Meeting with Fingal County Council

- (i) Minutes of meeting held on 11/9/97 were circulated and noted.

The Town Clerk then circulated the agenda for the quarterly meeting scheduled for the 15th December, 1997 at 2.15p.m. which was approved by Commissioners.

8. St. Patricks Day Parade

A meeting in relation to the St. Patricks Day Parade is scheduled to take place on the 18th December, 1997 at 8pm.

9. Laneway at Courthouse

It was agreed to defer this item to the Commissioners meeting in January.

10. Planning Review - Meeting to prepare Commissioners Submission

It was decided to defer this item to the Commissioner meeting in January.

11. Any Other Business

(A) Commissioner Bredge Tuite

- (i) Requested Mr. Carthy to investigate the delay in a tenant purchase application, name and address to be supplied.

- (ii) Referred to the condition of the footpath at Brecon Court.

(B) Commissioner David McFadden

- (i) Questioned Mr. Carthy regarding the privatisation of the wheelie bin service.

(C) Commissioner Gertie Shields

- (i) Reported a duplication of house numbers in Woodview, Balrothery which will be investigated by Mr. Carthy.

- (ii) Enquired if a screen could be provided around the E.S.B. substation at Pineridge.

(D) Commissioner Monica Harford

- (i) Requested that the root of a tree in High Street (outside Weldons) be removed as a matter of urgency as it is causing

damage to the footpath.

(E) Commissioner Colm Timmins

(i) Welcomed the reference in the minutes of the Commissioners quarterly meeting with Fingal County Council which stated that Pineridge Estate had been taken in charge.

(F) Mr. Alan Carthy

(i) Requested that Commissioners notify him should they become aware of any two bedroom dwelling in the town becoming available as one is required urgently for a housing transfer application.

Commissioners and Officials extended seasons greetings.

The meeting concluded at 9.50p.m.

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# COIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

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5th December, 1997.

## DO GACH BALL DE CHOIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith i láthair ag Cruinniú de Choimisinéirí Bhaile Brigín a thionolfar ar an Nollaig 9, 1997 ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners will be held on 9th December, 1997 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

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

#### 3. Correspondence

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10. Planning Review - Meeting to prepare Commissioners Submission

11. Any Other Business

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 13TH JANUARY, 1998

IN BALBRIGGAN TOWN HALL.

Commissioners Present:    Davis, Joe                    McKeon, May  
                              Gallen, Patricia        Pyne, Ned  
                              Harford, Monica        Shields, Gertie  
                              McFadden, David        Tuite, Bredge

Apology for non-attendance was received from Commissioner Timmins.

Officials Present:        Mr. Alan Carthy, Principal Officer.  
                              Mr. Derek Tumbleton, Town Clerk.

An Leas-Cathaoirleach Commissioner Pyne presided.

Mr. Carthy circulated copies of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners Financial Statement for the period January to December 1997.

1.    Confirmation of Minutes

- (A) Minutes of meeting held on the 9th December, 1997 were circulated and confirmed.

2.    Application for Hire of Hall

- (i) Application received from Michael Flanagan to hire the meeting room every Saturday from 1.00p.m. to 5.00p.m. was circulated and approved.

3.    Correspondence

(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

- (i) Letter dated 19/12/97 from Senator Sean Ryan regarding public lighting from Balbriggan to Balrothery was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Gallen requested that Mr. Carthy confirm that the lighting will be provided and that any funds received from the National Roads Authority will be for this specific project.
- (ii) Letter dated 24/12/97 from Nora Owen T.D. regarding the provision of additional Gardai was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Tuite referred to the meeting with Deputy Owen, the former Minister for Justice. Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, and agreed that the Town Clerk write to the Minister for Justice requesting that

an additional patrol car be provided to Balbriggan Garda Station.

(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

There was no business under this heading.

(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

- (i) Letter dated 3/12/97 from the Divisional Engineer, Iarnrod Eireann regarding the wall at Seapoint was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Gallen outlined the situation at Seapoint and it would appear that the correspondence may refer to the wrong location. Accordingly, it was agreed that a copy of the correspondence be sent to Mr. Alex McCullagh, 5 Seapoint, Balbriggan, requesting that he identify the location on a sketch map in order that the matter could be pursued further by the Town Clerk.
- (ii) Letter dated 22/12/97 from the A/Principal Environmental Health Officer, Eastern Health Board regarding apartments at Supervalu, Drogheda Street, Balbriggan was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Tuite outlined the problems at this location and it was agreed that the Town Clerk contact the Sanitary Services Engineer to investigate same.
- (iii) Letter dated 6/1/98 from Superintendent Lambe regarding the gaming machine at Genoa Take-Away was circulated and noted.
- (iv) Letter dated 2/1/98 from Wexford Corporation regarding a motion adopted at a recent meeting was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that the Town Clerk write and request background information on the motion.

4. Motions

(i) Motion submitted by Commissioner Bredge Tuite

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council and Superintendent Lambe to implement without delay measures that will ensure the safety of the people of Balbriggan in view of the fact that the traffic problem is out of control in Balbriggan".

Commissioner Tuite outlined the background to the motion and referred to the parking and speeding problems in the town. Commissioner Gallen suggested the provision of traffic calming measures i.e. speed controls and traffic islands north and south of Balbriggan similar to that provided in other towns around the country. Mr. Carthy suggested that the following amended motions are submitted to Fingal County Council and the Garda Authorities.

- (A) "Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Garda Authorities to implement without delay measures that will ensure the safety of the people of Balbriggan including the enforcement of existing traffic regulations having particular regard to

illegal parking, breaching of speed limits and ignoring traffic signals".

- (B) "Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to implement without delay measures that will ensure the safety of the people of Balbriggan including the provision of traffic calming measures i.e. speeds controls and traffic islands both north and south of Balbriggan similar to that provided in other towns around the country".

It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner Tuite and agreed that the motions as presented be forwarded to the relevant authorities.

(ii) Motion submitted by Commissioner Gertie Shields

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to carry out an inspection of street lighting in Balbriggan with particular reference to the main primary route through the town - Clonard Street, Station Street, Market Green and the green area between Clonard Court and the town centre".

Commissioner Shields outlined the background to the motion. Following discussion, Mr. Carthy suggested that the motion be amended as follows:-

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to examine the adequacy of street lighting in Balbriggan with particular reference to the main primary route through the town, Clonard Street, Station Street, Market Green, Convent Lane and the green area between Clonard Court and the town centre. Following this examination the Council are requested to design a public lighting scheme and implement same."

It was proposed by Commissioner Shields, seconded by Commissioner Tuite and agreed that the motion as presented be forwarded to Fingal County Council.

(iii) Motion submitted by Commissioner Gertie Shields

Having outlined the background to the motion it was proposed by Commissioner Shields, seconded by Commissioner Gallen and agreed that "Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to have the boundary wall between St. Theresa's School and Craoibhinn Park inspected without delay in the interest of safety".

The Town Clerk will refer the matter to the Dangerous Buildings Inspector.

(iv) Motion submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford

Having outlined the background to the motion it was proposed by Commissioner Harford, seconded by Commissioner McKeon and agreed that "Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Health and Children to abolish the present

system of orthodontic treatment and to introduce a system which ensures that treatment commences within a year of recommendation".

(v) Motion submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford

Having outlined the background to the motion it was proposed by Commissioner Harford, seconded by Commissioner McKeon and agreed that "Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the present Government to hold an inquiry with a view to compensating people, qualified for orthodontic treatment who after five years or more fail to receive the necessary treatment and therefore may suffer permanent damage."

5. Questions

There was no business under this heading.

6. Other Correspondence

- (i) Notification dated 8/1/98 from Bray Heritage Centre of the Dargan Legacy Conference entitled "Building Bridges for the Future" to be held on Friday 24th and Saturday 25th April, 1998 in the Royal Hotel, Bray, Co. Wicklow was circulated and noted.
- (ii) Notification dated 9/1/98 from Monaghan Chamber of Commerce and Industry Ltd and Monaghan County Council of a conference entitled "Ireland - The Implications of Reductions in Structural Funding Post 1999" to be held on Friday 20th and Saturday 21st February, 1997 in the Hillgrove Hotel, Monaghan was circulated and noted.

7. Items Deferred from Commissioners Meeting held on 9/12/97

(i) List of Road Works - prioritising same

Commissioner McFadden asked that it be recorded that he had serious reservations about the preparation of a list. Following a lengthy discussion it was suggested by Commissioner Gallen that each Commissioner submit a list of road/footpath works to the Town Clerk by Friday 16th January, 1998 and a priority list would then be prepared and circulated to Commissioners before being forwarded to Fingal County Council.

(ii) Planning Review - Meeting to Prepare Commissioners Submission

It was agreed that Commissioners would meet at 6p.m. prior to the Commissioners meeting scheduled for 10th February, 1998 to prepare a submission.

(iii) Laneway at Courthouse

Commissioner Gallen requested that the Town Clerk establish ownership of the laneway and establish whether it is in the charge of Fingal County Council.

8. Estimates

Mr. Carthy referred to the announcement by the Minister for the Environment and Local Government regarding the cancellation of the local elections and informed Commissioners that until the necessary legislation is passed no changes could be made to the provision in the 1998 estimates. Mr. Carthy and the Town Clerk answered questions from Commissioners regarding the financial statement which had been circulated earlier. Commissioners referred to the filming in the town, which they welcomed and requested that the Town Clerk obtain details of the project and circulate same.

9. St. Patricks Day Parade

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that letters were being sent inviting participants in the parade. Commissioners requested that details of the history of the Seamus Ennis Perpetual Trophy be obtained from Deputy Trevor Sargent and circulated in conjunction with the shop window display. The next meeting of the St. Patricks Day Parade Committee will take place on the 19th January, 1998 at 8p.m.

10. Meeting with Superintendent Lambe - Agenda

Items to be included on the agenda to be forwarded to the Town Clerk. Commissioners to be notified of the date for the meeting when confirmed with Superintendent Lambe.

11. Report on the U.R.D. Meeting

Mr. Carthy reported on the U.R.D. meeting held on the 6th January, 1998 and answered questions from Commissioners regarding same. The Town Clerk will circulate copies of the 1998 Urban Renewal Scheme Guidelines to those Commissioners not on the Committee.

12. Any Other Business

(A) Commissioner Patricia Gallen

(i) Requested that the Council consider opening an entrance/exit from the car park opposite St. Peter and Pauls Church onto the Inner Relief Road.

(ii) Reported a fault with the new traffic lights on Chapel Street.

(iii) Reported flooding at the vehicular entrance to the Town Centre Car Park at Quay Street.

(B) Commissioner Bredge Tuite

(i) Referred to the previous request for a no golf sign at Martello Tower.

(ii) Referred to the continual problem of flooding at Brecon Court.

(iii) Requested that the Council clean the back entrance/alleyways in Lambeechee Estate. Details of persons causing the nuisance to be forwarded to the Town Clerk who will take up the matter with Mr. Joe Price, Litter Warden.

(iv) Referred to the problems arising from loose slates as a result of the recent bad weather - details of individual buildings to be forwarded to Town Clerk who will contact the Dangerous Buildings Inspector.

(C) Commissioner Joe Davis

(i) Reported flooding on the approach to the Inner Relief Road from Clonard Street.

(D) Commissioner Gertie Shields

(i) Requested that the Council examine the triangular piece of land at the entrance to the school in Lambeechee which is overgrown, rat infested and subject to dumping.

(E) Commissioner David McFadden

(i) Requested that the Town Clerk write to Fingal County Council to establish whether the wheelie bin collection is to be privatised in the future.

(ii) Referred to the Inner Relief Road and requested that the Town Clerk establish whether the acquisition of land has now been completed.

(F) Commissioner May McKeon

(i) Enquired whether the Council had set in place a plan for the maintenance of the beach area.

(ii) Enquired whether keys had been issued to all essential services for the barrier in Lambeechee.

(iii) Requested that Mr. Carthy keep any planning applications for the Balbriggan area under review having regard to the application for tax designation/urban renewal.

(G) Commissioner Monica Harford

(i) Referred again to the problem with the tree stump in High Street.

(H) Commissioner Ned Pyne

(i) Enquired whether provision could be made in wheelie bin collections for the extra rubbish accumulated at long weekends.

The meeting concluded at 10.30p.m.

*Ned Pyne*

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# COIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

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9th January, 1998.

## DO GACH BALL DE CHOIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith i láthair ag Cruinniú de Choimisinéirí Bhaile Brigín a thionolfar ar an Eanáir 13, 1998 ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners will be held on 13th January, 1998 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

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DEREK TUMBLETON,  
CLÉIREACH AN BHAILE.

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### CLÁR

#### 1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (a) Minutes of Meeting held on the 9/12/97 (circulated herewith)

#### 2. Applications for Hire of Hall

- (i) Application received from Michael Flanagan to hire the Meeting Room every Saturday from 1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. for band rehearsal.

#### 3. Correspondence

##### (A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

- (i) Letter dated 19/12/97 from Senator Sean Ryan regarding public lighting from Balbriggan to Balrothery (circulated herewith)  
(ii) Letter dated 24/12/97 from Nora Owen, T.D. regarding the provision of additional Gardai (circulated herewith)

**(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

**(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

- (i) Letter dated 3/12/97 from the Divisional Engineer, Iarnrod Eireann regarding the wall at Seapoint (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 22/11/97 from the A/Principal Environmental Health Officer, Eastern Health Board regarding apartments at Supervalu, Drogheda St., Balbriggan (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 6/1/98 from Superintendent Lambe regarding the gaming machine at Genoa Take-Away (circulated herewith)
- (iv) Letter dated 2/1/98 from Wexford Corporation regarding a motion adopted at a recent meeting (circulated herewith)

**4. Motions**

**(i) Motion Submitted by Commissioner B. Tuite**

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council and Superintendent Lambe to implement without delay measures that will ensure the safety of the people of Balbriggan in view of the fact that the traffic problem is out of control in Balbriggan."

**(ii) Motion Submitted by Commissioner G. Shields**

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to carry out an inspection of street lighting in Balbriggan with particular reference to the main primary route through the town - Clonard Street, Station Street, Market Green and the green area between Clonard Court and the town centre."

**(iii) Motion Submitted by Commissioner G. Shields**

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to have the boundary wall between St. Theresa's School and Craoibhin Park inspected without delay in the interest of safety."

**(iv) Motion Submitted by Commissioner M. Harford**

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Health and Children to abolish the present system of orthodontic treatment and to introduce a system that ensures that treatment commences within a year of recommendation."

**(v) Motion Submitted by Commissioner M. Harford**

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the present government to hold an inquiry with a view to compensating people, qualified for orthodontic treatment who after 5 years or more fail to receive the necessary treatment, and therefore may suffer permanent damage."

**5. Questions**

6. **Other Correspondence**

- (i) Notification dated 8/1/98 from Bray Heritage Centre of Dargan Legacy Conference entitled "Building Bridges for the Future" to be held on Friday 24th and Saturday 25th April, 1998 in The Royal Hotel, Bray, Co. Wicklow (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Notification dated 9/1/98 from Monaghan Chamber of Commerce & Industry Ltd and Monaghan County Council of conference entitled "Ireland - The Implications of Reductions in Structural Funding Post 1999" to be held on February 20th & 21st February, 1998 in the Hillgrove Hotel, Monaghan (circulated herewith)

7. **Items Deferred from Commissioners Meeting held on 9/12/97**

- (i) List of Road Works - prioritising same
- (ii) Planning Review - Meeting to prepare Commissioners Submission
- (iii) Laneway at Courthouse

8. Estimates

9. St. Patrick's Day Parade

10. Meeting with Superintendent Lambe - Agenda

11. Report on U.R.D. Meeting

12. Any Other Business

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 10TH FEBRUARY, 1998

IN BALBRIGGAN TOWN HALL

Commissioners Present:    Davis, Joe                      McKeon, May  
                                    Gallen, Patricia            Pyne, Ned  
                                    Harford, Monica            Shields, Gertie  
                                    McFadden, David            Tuite, Bredge

Officials Present:    Mr. Alan Carthy, Principal Officer  
                                    Mr. Derek Tumbleton, Town Clerk

An Leas-Cathaoirleach Commissioner Pyne presided

Commissioner Pyne circulated letters from Commissioner Timmins, tendering his resignation from Balbriggan Town Commissioners. Commissioners paid tribute to Commissioner Timmins and wished him every success in the future. It was then proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner Harford and agreed that further discussion of the matter would be deferred to the Commissioners meeting in March when a new member would be co-opted and the filling of any positions arising from the resignation of Commissioner Timmins would be decided.

1.    Confirmation of Minutes

- (A) Minutes of meeting held on the 13th January, 1998 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) Notification dated 19/1/98 from Departments of Public Enterprise, Health and Children and Environment and Local Government regarding a conference entitled "Communications Technology in the Community" scheduled for Friday 6th March, 1998 in Dublin Castle was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Gallen referred to Exmore in England where transmission masts are camouflaged with a tree-like material which has proved to be very successful and requested that the Town Clerk seek further information. Mr. Carthy suggested that the idea be included in a submission for the Development Plan. Commissioners then referred to the fees being charged for this particular conference and it was proposed by Commissioner McFadden, seconded by Commissioner McKeon and agreed that the Town Clerk write to the organisers expressing the Commissioners dismay at the level

of fees and requesting justification for same.

- (ii) Letter dated 20/1/98 from the Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Finance regarding motions passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners concerning the recent budget was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Harford expressed her disappointment at the reply. It was then proposed by Commissioner Tuite, seconded by Commissioner Shields and agreed that the Town Clerk write again to the Minister to establish what consideration was given to the motions and the Ministers views on same.

(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

- (i) Letter dated 23/1/98 from the Administrative Officer, Housing Department regarding duplication of house numbers in Balrothery was circulated and discussed. It was suggested by Commissioner McKeon that a letter be sent to the Planning Department requesting that particular care be taken to ensure the continuity of numbers in housing developments whether private or local authority. Following a lengthy discussion Commissioner Shields stated that she would advise the resident in question to consider providing a house name.
- (ii) Letter dated 26/1/98 from the Administrative Officer, Environmental Services regarding badges etc. with an anti-litter theme was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Tuite suggested that the scheme be extended to include secondary schools. Commissioner Harford stated that school children should be given responsibility and rewarded for anti-litter initiatives in addition to badges etc. being distributed.
- (iii) Letter dated 29/1/98 from the Administrative Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding the provision of public lighting on the N1 was circulated and discussed. Mr. Carthy informed the meeting that it was hoped to have the lights operational by October. It was proposed by Commissioner McFadden, seconded by Commissioner Harford and agreed that the Town Clerk write to the National Roads Authority requesting that funding is provided to Fingal County Council for public lighting on the northern side of the town from Flemington to Lambeecher. Commissioner Davis referred to the accident blackspot sign at Ballough which is obstructed by conifers and requested that the Town Clerk contact the Area Engineer in this regard.
- (iv) Letter dated 30/1/98 from the Administrative Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners concerning traffic calming measures was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Gallen stated that the original motion concerned speeding and not traffic volumes as stated by Mr. McManus. It was proposed by Commissioner Tuite, seconded by Commissioner Gallen and agreed that the Town Clerk write again to clarify the position. Following a suggestion by Mr. Carthy it was

proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner Harford and agreed that the Town Clerk write to the Planning Department requesting that consideration be given to the provision of traffic calming measures in the centre of the town as part of the Urban and Village Renewal grants scheme. It was proposed by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Harford and agreed that this matter be included on the agenda for the Commissioners quarterly meeting with Fingal County Council.

(C) Correspondence from other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

- (i) Notification dated 12/1/98 from Donegal County Council of a conference entitled "Strengthening the Economy on Peripheral Regions through Human Resources and Infrastructural Development" scheduled for Thursday 26th and Friday 27th February 1998 in the Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny was circulated and noted.
- (ii) Letter dated 20/1/98 from the Office of the Ombudsman, regarding planning matters was circulated and discussed. Commissioners spoke at length in relation to the planning procedure and made particular reference to planning application reference number F96A 0842 - 21 Bridge Street.
- (iii) Letter dated 26/1/98 from Superintendent Lambe regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners concerning enforcement of traffic regulations was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that this matter be included on the agenda for the forthcoming meeting with Superintendent Lambe.
- (iv) Notificated dated 16/1/98 from Wexford County Council regarding the Local Authority Members Association Annual Conference scheduled for 16th to 18th April 1998 in the Great Southern Hotel, Rosslare Harbour was circulated and noted.
- (v) Letter dated 29/1/98 from the Town Clerk, Monaghan Urban District Council regarding a motion passed at a recent meeting was circulated and discussed. It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner Davis and agreed that Commissioners support the motion as presented.

4. Motions

There was no business under this heading.

5. Questions

(i) Commissioner Patricia Gallen

"To ask the Manager to supply a copy of the complete report by consultants on waste management in Fingal with particular reference to the proposal contained therein to site a new dump in Naul".

Commissioner Gallen outlined the impact a dump in Naul would have on Balbriggan and requested a meeting between the Town Commissioners and officials of Fingal County Council to discuss their proposals. Mr. Carthy referred to the Waste Management Report and stated that he would arrange to have a copy of the Executive Summary circulated to Commissioners. Mr. Carthy outlined the present position regarding the examination of sites and following lengthy discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner McKeon and agreed that the Town Clerk write to the Environmental Services Department, Fingal County Council requesting a meeting with officials to discuss information or reports available in relation to proposals for a dump in Naul.

(ii) Commissioner Patricia Gallen

"To ask the Manager to arrange an urgent meeting between the Town Commissioners and the relevant Council officials to discuss and listen to proposals in relation to the Development Plan (Balbriggan) 1998 in the Commissioners Room".

Following a lengthy discussion it was agreed that Commissioners would attend the public meeting being held by Fingal County Council on the 10th March 1998 from 6 to 8p.m. in relation to the Development Plan. As a result the Commissioners statutory meeting would be deferred to 8p.m. on that night.

6. Other Correspondence

- (i) Notification dated 12/1/98 from Erne Enterprise Development Company Limited of a conference entitled "Towards the Enterprise Society - Enhancing the Trends" scheduled for Thursday 5th and Friday 6th March, 1998 in the Allingham Arms Hotel, Bundoran was circulated and noted.
- (ii) Correspondence dated 26/1/98 from Mr. Alex McCullagh concerning the railway wall at Seapoint and original reply from Iarnrod Eireann was circulated and discussed. The Town Clerk will forward a copy of the correspondence to Iarnrod Eireann for their comments.
- (iii) Notificated dated 27/1/98 from Fergus P. Taaffe & Co., for certificate under Section 15 on the Gaming and Lotteries Act 1956 -Aidan Bissett, Quay Street, Balbriggan was circulated and not opposed.

7. Forthcoming Meetings

(i) Meeting with Mr. Frank Ryan I.P.A. - 16th February 1998

Following a request from the Town Clerk, Commissioners indicated those who would be attending.

(ii) Meeting with Superintendent Lambe - 23rd February 1998

Items for inclusion on the agenda to be forwarded to the Town Clerk.

(iii) Quarterly Meeting with Fingal County Council - 12th March 1998

Items for inclusion on the agenda to be forwarded to the Town Clerk.

8. St. Patricks Day Parade

- (i) Letter dated 30/1/98 from Trevor Sargent T.D. regarding "Corn Buan Sheamuis Ennis" was circulated and discussed. It was agreed to proceed with items 1 and 3 in the correspondence, however item 2 was not considered practical. Commissioners also indicated that they had no objections to hanging a banner across the street for "Seachtain na Gaeilge" in March.

9. Priority List of Road Works

The Town Clerk circulated a list of road/footpath repairs which had been compiled on the basis of submissions by Commissioners and requested that Commissioners indicate their order of priority and return same by Monday 16th February 1998 in order that a final list could be prepared and forwarded to Fingal County Council.

10. Department of Justice - Manning of Garda Stations by Civil Personnel

It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen seconded by Commissioner Harford and agreed that the Town Clerk write to the Minister for Justice requesting that civilian personnel are provided where a garda is not required in order that more gardai are available for law enforcement duties.

11. Millenium

It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner McFadden and agreed that Commissioners consider ideas to mark the Millenium and that this item be included on the agenda for the Commissioners next meeting.

12. Any Other Business

(A) Commissioner Patricia Gallen

- (i) Referred to the undertaking at the last quarterly meeting with Fingal County Council to provide a sign to deter non residential parking at St. Pauls Crescent and requested an update on the provision of same.

- (ii) Referred to the allocation of £425,000 for the Stephenston Industrial Estate and requested details of the Councils proposals for same.

(B) Commissioner Bredge Tuite

- (i) Requested that the Council reinstate the wall fronting the Swing Park in Lambeecher to prevent its use as a temporary halting site by travellers.
- (ii) Reported various traffic light faults in the town and requested a complete overhaul of same.
- (iii) Requested an update on the provision of traffic calming measures in Lambeecher.
- (iv) Requested that a letter of congratulations be sent to Anthony Grant on his recent award.
- (v) Informed Commissioners that the reception for M/Lady Erin would be held on the 28th May, 1998.

(C) Commissioner Gertie Shields

- (i) Enquired about the provision of a spare key to the main gate of the graveyard due to problems contacting the caretaker and suggested that it be held in the Town Hall. Mr. Carthy will pursue the matter with the Area Engineer.
- (ii) Reported that the hedge at Number 23 Derham Park, was causing an obstruction to the visibility of motorists.
- (iii) Reported dumping on Hampton Avenue, behind the Golf Club. The Town Clerk will contact the Litter Warden regarding same.

(D) Commissioner David McFadden

- (i) Requested that the Town Clerk follow up previous correspondence concerning the privatisation of the wheelie bin service and the acquisition of land for the completion of the Inner Relief Road.

(E) Commissioner May McKeon

- (i) Referred to previous discussions regarding the maintenance of the beach area and the provision of spare keys for the barrier in Lambeecher. The Town Clerk will follow up both matters with Fingal County Council.
- (ii) Enquired if disabled parking stickers could be issued from the Town Hall. The Town Clerk will follow up the criteria with the Irish Wheelchair Association and Fingal County Council.

(F) Commissioner Monica Harford

- (i) Referred to the compensation claims by soldiers for loss of hearing and will include a motion on the agenda for the Commissioners next meeting regarding same.
- (ii) Enquired if ownership of Fingal County Council playing pitches could be transferred outright to clubs. Mr. Carthy explained the present procedure.

(G) Commissioner Ned Pyne

- (i) Extended best wishes to Commissioner Shields on her candidature in the forthcoming bye election and this was echoed by Commissioners and officials.

The meeting concluded at 10.40p.m.

*Ned Pyne*

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# COIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

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HALLA AN BHAILE,

BHAILE BRIGÍN.

6th February, 1998.

## DO GACH BALL DE CHOIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith i láthair ag Cruinniú de Choimisinéirí Bhaile Brigín a thionolfar ar an Feabhra 10, 1998 ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners will be held on 10th February, 1998 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

Is mise le meas,

DEREK TUMBLETON,  
CLÉIREACH AN BHAILE.

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### CLÁR

1. **Confirmation of Minutes**
  - (a) Minutes of Meeting held on the 13/1/98 (circulated herewith)
2. **Applications for Hire of Hall**
3. **Correspondence**
  - (A) **Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**
    - (i) Notification dated 19/1/98 from Departments of Public Enterprise, Health and Children and Environment and Local Government regarding a conference entitled "Communications Technology in the Community" scheduled for Friday 6th March 1998 in Dublin Castle (circulated herewith)

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**4. Motions**

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8. **St. Patrick's Day Parade**

- (i) Letter dated 30/1/98 from Trevor Sargent, T.D., regarding "Corn Buan Sheamuis Ennis" (circulated herewith)
- 9. Priority List of Road Works
- 10. Department of Justice - Manning of Garda Stations by civil personnel
- 11. Millennium
- 12. Any Other Business

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 10TH MARCH, 1998 IN  
BALBRIGGAN TOWN HALL

Commissioners Present:    Davis, Joe                                  McKeon, May  
                                  Gallen, Patricia                              Pyne, Ned  
                                  Harford, Monica                               Shields, Gertie  
                                  McFadden, David                                Tuite, Bredge

Officials Present:    Mr. Alan Carthy, Principal Officer  
                                  Mr. Derek Tumbleton, Town Clerk

An Leas Cathaoirleach Commissioner Pyne presided.

1.    Confirmation of Minutes

- (a) Minutes of Meeting held on the 10th February, 1998 were circulated and confirmed.

2.    Application for Hire of Hall

- (a) Application received from Fingal County Council to hire the meeting room as an office base for C.E. Supervisor was circulated and approved.

3.    Co-option of new member to Balbriggan Town Commission

The Town Clerk circulated a letter from Mr. Laurence Dunne indicating that he wished to be considered for co-option to the Commission. Letters from Ms. Elizabeth Fanning and Ms. Therese Fingleton had been circulated with the agenda. The first candidate to be considered Ms. Elizabeth Fanning was proposed by Commissioner Tuite and seconded by Commissioner Shields. The second candidate Ms. Therese Fingleton was proposed by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Harford. Commissioner McKeon then informed the meeting that Mr. Laurence Dunne's candidature was being withdrawn and as she would be abstaining from the vote, requested that she be excused and left the meeting. Commissioners then spoke in relation to the co-option. Commissioner McFadden requested that it be recorded that the normal co-option arrangements had not been followed when he was co-opted. As two candidates had been proposed and seconded it was agreed to hold a vote. Ms. Elizabeth Fanning received two votes - from Commissioners Tuite and Shields. Ms. Therese Fingleton received five votes - from Commissioners Davis, Harford, Gallen, McFadden and Pyne. Ms. Fingleton was then declared elected to Balbriggan Town Commissioners. The Town Clerk then left the meeting to telephone Ms. Fingleton who indicated that she would be joining the meeting.

4. Filling of positions arising from the resignation of Mr. Colm Timmins

It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen that this item be deferred until Ms. Fingleton joined the meeting. Commissioner Tuite proposed that Commissioners proceed in accordance with the agenda. The matter was put to a vote - two Commissioners voted to defer and five Commissioners voted to proceed with this item.

(i) Election of Cathaoirleach

It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner McFadden and agreed that an election should not be held for the position of Cathaoirleach and that the existing Leas Cathaoirleach succeed to the post as was the position in Fingal County Council. Commissioner Ned Pyne was therefore deemed to be elected to the position of Cathaoirleach and thanked Commissioners for their support.

(ii) Election of Leas Cathaoirleach

Commissioner Shields was proposed by Commissioner Tuite and seconded by Commissioner McFadden. Commissioner Davis was proposed by Commissioner Pyne. Commissioner Davis withdrew. As there were no further nominations Commissioner Shields was elected Leas Cathaoirleach.

(iii) Election of Delegate to Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Limited.

Commissioner Shields was proposed by Commissioner Pyne and seconded by Commissioner Harford. As there were no further nominations Commissioner Shields was elected to the position of delegate to Irish Public Bodies. Commissioner Gallen enquired regarding expenses and was informed that expenses were payable for attendance at the Annual General Meeting of Irish Public Bodies.

Commissioner Fingleton then joined the meeting and was welcomed by Commissioners.

5. Correspondence

(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

(i) Letter dated 18/2/98 from Nora Owen T.D. regarding Urban Renewal was circulated and noted.

(ii) Letter dated 24/2/98 from the Secretary, Electoral Area Boundary Committee regarding a review of local electoral areas was circulated and discussed. Following a lengthy discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner McFadden and agreed that Commissioners should

first meet with the Councillors from the Balbriggan electoral area before proceeding further with the matter.

- (iii) Letter dated 27/2/98 from the Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for the Environment and Local Government regarding payment of expenses to elected members was circulated and discussed. Mr. Carthy answered questions from Commissioner Harford regarding the contents of the letter

(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

- (i) Letter dated 3/2/98 from the Administrative Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding the provision of double yellow lines on Station Street (Railway Street) Balbriggan was circulated and discussed. Following lengthy discussion Mr. Carthy suggested that Commissioners examine the proposals as outlined in the letter and if necessary the matter could be further examined.
- (ii) Letter dated 24/2/98 from the Assistant Staff Officer, Development Department regarding the wall at entrance to school in Pinewood was circulated and discussed. Mr. Carthy informed the meeting that the wall referred to was the property of the school and therefore their responsibility.
- (iii) Letter dated 24/2/98 from the Senior Administrative Officer, Planning Department regarding the Urban and Village Renewal Scheme in Balbriggan was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Gallen referred to the original motion seeking traffic calming measures north and south of the town.
- (iv) Letter dated 26/2/98 from the A/Area Engineer, Environmental Services regarding surface water pipes at Supervalu, Drogheda Street was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Tuite referred to the ongoing problem of contaminated water and requested that the Town Clerk write again informing Environmental Services that she would be available to show officials the problem.
- (v) Letter dated 26/2/98 from the Senior Staff Officer, Housing Department regarding the cleaning of laneways in Lambreecher Estate was circulated and discussed. Mr. Carthy stated that when the laneways are closed their cleaning will become the responsibility of the residents.
- (vi) Letter dated 26/2/98 from the Administrative Officer, Environmental Services regarding anti-litter initiatives was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Tuite referred to the original request for arm-bands as an alternative to badges.
- (vii) Letter dated 26/2/98 from the Administrative Officer, Environmental Services regarding the wheelie bin system was

circulated and discussed. Commissioner McFadden requested that this matter be kept under review.

(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

- (i) Notification dated 9/2/98 from Greystones Town Commissioners of the 1998 La Touche Legacy Seminar entitled "Local Authorities - A Re-Assessment - 100 Years On" scheduled for Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th October 1998 in the La Touche Hotel, Greystones, Co. Wicklow was circulated and noted.
- (ii) Notification dated 4/3/98 from Youghal Urban District Council of the 1798 Seminar scheduled for the 30th April and 1st May, 1998 was circulated and noted.

6. Motions

The Town Clerk circulated the following motions submitted by Commissioner Harford.

- (i) "Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Social Welfare to extend the free electricity, t.v. licence and telephone rentals to widows and widowers under 65".

Following discussion it was agreed to defer this matter to the Commissioners next meeting in order that Commissioner Harford can amend the wording.

- (ii) "Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to examine the practice of short-term employment contracts whereby people can be employed for up to 11 months and then let go to be immediately replaced by new employees to do the same work".

Following discussion it was agreed to amend the motion as follows:-

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to examine the practice of short-term employment contracts whereby people are employed for short terms and then let go to be immediately replaced by new employees to do the same work.

Commissioner Davis requested that the Town Clerk also write to the Congress of Trade Unions regarding the motion.

7. Questions

The Town Clerk circulated the following questions submitted by Commissioner Harford.

- (i) "To ask the Manager what progress has been made with the erection of two handrails at the back entrance to the

graveyard".

Mr. Carthy informed Commissioners that the Area Engineer had examined the proposal and had suggested meeting with Commissioner Harford at the location to clarify the exact requirements.

- (ii) "To ask the Manager for an up date on the path in High Street outside Weldons House".

Mr. Carthy informed Commissioners that Parks Department intend grinding down the tree stump in question within the next few weeks.

#### 8. Other Correspondence

- (i) Notificated dated 23/2/98 from the Tidy Britain Group of the National Britain in Bloom Seminar scheduled for 28th to 30th September 1998 in Bath was circulated and noted.
- (ii) Letter dated 4/3/98 from the Programme Manager, Irish Wheelchair Association regarding Disabled Persons Parking Cards was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Gallen suggested that Commissioners meet with Mr. Regan, Programme Manager. Mr. Carthy suggested that the Town Clerk obtain a copy of the regulations.

#### 9. St. Patricks Day Parade

The Town Clerk reported on the number of entries in the parade and shop window display which was then discussed by Commissioners. Following a report by the Town Clerk, Commissioners approved a change to the route of the parade on safety grounds. It was agreed that judging of shop windows take place on Monday 16th March, 1998 at 2p.m.

#### 10. Quarterly Meeting with Fingal County Council

Commissioners informed the Town Clerk of a number of items for inclusion on the agenda. Any other items to be submitted to the Town Clerk by Wednesday 18th March, 1998.

#### 11. Millenium

It was agreed that a special meeting be held to discuss the Millenium at 7.p.m. prior to Commissioners next monthly meeting.

#### 12. Any Other Business

##### (A) Commissioner Joe Davis

- (i) Reported that the road was subsiding at the pedestrian crossing at Lambreecher.

(ii) Reported the condition of the road at the entrance to Brecon Court.

(B) Commissioner Bredge Tuite

(i) Referred also to the road at the entrance to Brecon Court.

(ii) Referred to previous reporting of traffic light faults.

(iii) Requested that the relevant departments of Fingal County Council and Iarnrod Eireann set up a programme for grass cutting.

(iv) Requested an update on the Commissioners request for traffic calming measures in Lambeecher.

(C) Commissioner Gertie Shields

(i) Reported that surface water was gathering at the end of Mill Street near the public toilet.

(D) Commissioner David McFadden

(i) Referred to the Commissioners request for public lighting on the northern side of the town and requested public lighting from the motorway along the Naul Road.

(ii) Requested an update on the acquisition of land for the Inner Relief Road.

(iii) Referred to the request for traffic calming measures in the town.

(E) Commissioner Ned Pyne

(i) Referred to the judging of essays for the St. Patrick's Day Awards - Commissioner Tuite will arrange to have a member of the Writers Group judge entries.

(F) Commissioner Patricia Gallen

(i) Requested that the Commissioners statutory meeting finish at 10p.m.

The meeting concluded at 11.00p.m.

*Ned Pyne.*



# COIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

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5 March 1998

## DO GACH BALL DE CHOIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith I láthair ag Cruinniú de Choimisinéirí Bhaile Brigín a thionolfar ar an Márta 10, 1998 ar 8.00 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners will be held on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 1998 at 8.00 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

Is mise le meas,

**DEREK TUMBLETON**  
**CLÉIREACH AN BHAILE.**

## CLÁR

### 1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (i) Minutes of Meeting held on the 10/2/98 (circulated herewith)

### 2. Application for Hire of Hall

Application received from Fingal County Council to hire the meeting room as an office base for C.E. Supervisor (circulated herewith)

### 3. Co-option of new member to Balbriggan Town Commission

- (i) Letter dated 27/2/98 from Ms. Elizabeth Fanning (circulated herewith)  
(ii) Letter dated 3/3/98 from Ms. Therese Fingleton (circulated herewith)

### 4. Filling of positions arising from the resignation of Mr. Colm Timmins

**5. Correspondence**

**(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**

- (i) Letter dated 18/2/98 from Nora Owen, T.D. regarding Urban Renewal (circulated herewith)
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- (vi) Letter dated 26/2/98 from the Administrative Officer, Environmental Services regarding anti-litter initiatives (circulated herewith)
- (vii) Letter dated 26/2/98 from the Administrative Officer, Environmental Services regarding the wheelie bin system (circulated herewith)

**(B) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

- (i) Notification dated 9/2/98 from Greystones Town Commissioners of the 1998 La Touche Legacy Seminar entitled "Local Authorities - A Re-Assessment - 100 Years On" scheduled for Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October 1998 in the La Touche Hotel, Greystones, Co. Wicklow (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Notification dated 2/3/98 from Youghal Urban District Council of the 1798 Seminar scheduled for the 30<sup>th</sup> April and 1<sup>st</sup> May 1998 (circulated herewith)

**6. Motions**

**7. Questions**

**8. Other Correspondence**

- (i) Notification dated 23/2/98 from the Tidy Britain Group of the National Britain in Bloom Seminar scheduled for 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> September, 1998 in Bath (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 4/3/98 from the Programme Manager, Irish Wheelchair Association regarding Disabled Persons Parking Cards (circulated herewith)

**9. St. Patrick's Day Parade**

**10. Quarterly Meeting with Fingal County Council**

- (i) Items for inclusion on the agenda

**11. Millennium**

**12. Any Other Business**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 1998 IN  
BALBRIGGAN TOWN HALL**

<b>Commissioners Present:</b>	Davis, Joe	McKeon, May
	Fingleton, Thérèse	Pyne, Ned
	Harford, Monica	Shields, Gertie
	McFadden, David	Tuite, Bredge

Apology for non-attendance was received from Commissioner Gallen.

**Officials Present:** Mr. Alan Carthy, Principal Officer  
Mr. Derek Tumbleton, Town Clerk

An Cathaoirleach Commissioner Pyne presided.

Mr. Carthy circulated copies of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners Financial Statement for the period January to March 1998 together with copies of the Integrated Area Plan for Balbriggan.

Commissioner Ned Pyne referred to the request at the previous meeting that statutory meetings end at 10.00 p.m. It was proposed by Commissioner Harford seconded by Commissioner Davis and agreed that future meetings finish at 10.00 p.m.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

- (a) Minutes of Meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> March, 1998 were circulated and confirmed.

**2. Applications for Hire of Hall**

- (i) Application received from St. Patrick's Brass and Reed Band to hire the Ballroom on the 19<sup>th</sup> April, 1998 from 2.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. was circulated and approved. ✓
- (ii) Application received from St. John's Hearing Aid Service to hire the Meeting Room on the 7<sup>th</sup> May, 1998 from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. was circulated and approved. ✓

**3. Correspondence**

- (A) **Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**  
There was no business under this heading.

(B) **Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

- (i) Letter dated 3/3/98 from the Senior Parks Superintendent regarding the open space at Lambeeher Estate was circulated and discussed. Following a lengthy discussion Commissioner Davis requested that the Town Clerk write to the Principal Officer, Housing Department seeking written confirmation that the proposal to build houses at this location was not being pursued.
- (ii) Letter dated 5/3/98 from the Administrative Officer, Community Department regarding grant payments for the Balbriggan Electoral Area was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Harford and Commissioner McKeon requested that

the Town Clerk write to the various bodies who issue grants requesting details of payments to groups in the Balbriggan area.

- (iii) Letter dated 9/3/98 from the Senior Staff Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding traffic light faults and traffic calming measures in Lambeecher Estate was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Tuite stated that despite the matter being raised at the quarterly meeting, repair works to the traffic lights had not yet been carried out. Commissioner Tuite also reported that officials had been measuring the road in Lambeecher. The Town Clerk will follow up both matters.
- (iv) Letter dated 10/3/98 from the Senior Staff Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding traffic calming measures was circulated and discussed. As Commissioners were not satisfied with the reply it was proposed by Commissioner McFadden seconded by Commissioner Tuite and agreed that the Town Clerk write to establish the present position regarding the provision of traffic calming measures. Commissioner Shields informed the meeting that officials had stated at the quarterly meeting that traffic volumes would have to be reassessed following the completion of the By-Pass.
- (v) Letter dated 10/3/98 from the Administrative Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding Phase 1 and 2 Stephenstown Industrial Estate Access Road was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Fingleton expressed concerns regarding the safety aspects of the proposed new development at the Tankardstown/Bremore area which will exit onto the Inner Relief Road. Mr. Carthy stated that he would examine the developers plans and report back to Commissioners.
- (vi) Letter dated 10/3/98 from the Administrative Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding the car park at St. Peter and Paul's Church was circulated and noted.
- (vii) Letter dated 6/3/98 from the Pollution Engineer, Environmental Services regarding surface water pipes at Supervalu was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Tuite welcomed the contents of the letter.

**(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

- (i) Notification dated 30/3/98 from the General Council of County Councils of a conference entitled "The Councillor as Leader – reclaiming our place as leaders in the community" scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1998 in the Tullamore Court Hotel, Co. Offaly was circulated and noted.

**4. Motions**

**(i) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Bredge Tuite**

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Government to give married women not on the live register but who are available and capable the right to apply for all C.E. and FAS schemes employment."

Commissioner Tuite outlined the background to the motion. Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Tuite, seconded by Commissioner Harford and agreed that the motion would be amended as follows:

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Government to give married persons not on the live register but who are available and capable the right to apply for all CE and FAS scheme employment."

- (ii) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**  
"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Health to implement immediate hospital improvements by ensuring that patients are admitted on a specified date and that all hospital wards are used in order that patients are not left in corridors."  
Commissioner Harford outlined the background to the motion. Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Harford seconded by Commissioner McFadden and agreed that the motion be amended as follows:  
"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Health to implement immediate hospital improvements by ensuring that patients are admitted on the specified date and that all hospital wards are fully used in order that patients are not left in corridors."

**5. Questions**

- (i) **Question Submitted by Commissioner Bredge Tuite**  
Why has a "No Golf" sign not been put in place at the Martello Tower Park?  
  
Commissioner Tuite outlined the reasons for her request and was informed by Mr. Carthy that the matter would be pursued with the Parks Department.
- (ii) **Question Submitted by Commissioner Bredge Tuite**  
Why after 3 years have the Council not pursued the matter of having the west side of the River Bracken cleared of the overgrowth?  
Commissioner Tuite stated that overgrowth at this location had contributed to flooding and was informed by Mr. Carthy that the Office of Public Works may have a role but will arrange to have the matter pursued.
- (iii) **Question Submitted by Commissioner Bredge Tuite**  
Why has the litter warden not taken action against the people who are dumping litter in the Bracken River at the area known as the Head?  
Commissioner Tuite outlined the background to the problem and was informed by Mr. Carthy that arrangements had been made to have the matter investigated by the litter warden.
- (iv) **Question Submitted by Commissioner Gertie Shields**  
To ask the Manager to ensure that the steering committee of Urban Renewal comprising 4 Town Commissioners and 4 members of the Chamber of Commerce be given details of any new developments concerning Urban Renewal as a priority, in advance of Fingal County Council or any other interested party.  
Following a lengthy discussion Mr. Carthy explained that should Balbriggan be successful in securing Urban Renewal that a monitoring group would be set up. In the meantime every effort will be made to keep Commissioners informed.
- (v) **Question Submitted by Commissioner Gertie Shields**  
To ask why nothing has been done about the broken lights at both bridges at Clonard Court?

Commissioner Shields outlined the problems at these locations and requested that vandal proof lighting be provided. Mr. Carthy will pursue the matter with the Senior Engineer, Public Lighting.

(vi) **Question Submitted by Commissioner Ned Pyne**

To ask the Manager when was the decision taken to rezone lands at Skerries Road, Balbriggan?

Mr. Carthy explained that the lands had not been rezoned. Commissioner Pyne circulated a copy of a planning proposal from the owner of the land, which was examined by Commissioners.

(vii) **Question Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**

To ask the Manager why was the Council official at the quarterly meeting unaware of Balbriggan Town Commissioners having received a letter last year stating that the shelters and Band Park were to be painted?

There followed a lengthy discussion regarding the recent quarterly meeting and the proposals for the shelters

**6. Other Correspondence**

- (i) Notification dated 23/3/98 from the Tree Council of Ireland of a conference entitled "A Vision for Greener Towns and Cities" scheduled for the 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> April, 1998 in the Ardilaun House Hotel, Galway was circulated and noted.
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- (iii) Letter dated 16/3/98 from the Planning Assistant, Exmoor National Park Authority regarding tree masts was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Tuite requested that the Town Clerk write expressing the appreciation of the Commissioners for the detailed reply.

**7. Quarterly Meeting with Fingal County Council**

- (i) Minutes of meeting held on 15/12/98 were circulated and noted. Commissioner Davis enquired regarding the delay in circulating the minutes and was informed by Mr. Carthy that the Community Department would be requested to arrange to have the minutes prepared earlier in the future.

**8. Access**

Commissioner Shields requested that a date be set for a meeting of Access and it was agreed to meet on the 27<sup>th</sup> April, 1998 at 8.00 p.m.

**9. A.M.A.I. Conference – Submission of Motions**


It was agreed that motions for submission to the A.M.A.I. Conference would be discussed at the Commissioners May monthly meeting.

**10 Any Other Business**

**(A) Mr Alan Carthy**

- (i) Referred to the report "Focus on Strategic Policy Committees" circulated to the Commissioners and to representation by the Town Commissioners on an S.P.C.
- (B) Commissioner Bredge Tuite**
  - (i) Referred to the previous request for a warning sign or protective barriers at the entrance to St. Mologa's School due to the open ditch.
  - (ii) Requested that the litter warden investigate the litter problem outside the Community College caused by students.
  - (iii) Referred to the housing list for the Balbriggan area and reported that a person was not living at the address given – details to be supplied to Mr. Carthy.
  - (iv) Requested that the E.S.B. distribute meter tokens through an outlet in the town. Commissioner Pyne stated that he believed the Credit Union distributed tokens which would be confirmed by the Town Clerk.
- (C) Commissioner Gertie Shields**
  - (i) Referred to the derelict site at Lambeeher
  - (ii) Reported that the capping had not been replaced on the section of wall at Barnagerragh which had been opened by Iarnrod Eireann.
- (D) Commissioner Joe Davis**
  - (i) Requested that the Council develop a public golf course in the Balbriggan electoral area to support tourism. Mr. Carthy informed the meeting that due to the high cost the Council would not be providing further golf courses in Fingal.
- (E) Commissioner May McKeon**
  - (i) Requested details of the Councils plans for the area from the tunnel to the beach at Lambeeher.
- (F) Commissioner Monica Harford**
  - (i) Referred to the request for handrails at the graveyard.
  - (ii) Referred to the motion submitted in relation to orthodontic treatment.
- (G) Commissioner Ned Pyne**
  - (i) Referred to opening from Lambeeher to Supervalu and reported that the bollard had been knocked down and requested the provision of staggered barriers to prevent motor bikes gaining access. Commissioner Pyne also made reference to the condition of the temporary path at this location.
- (H) Town Clerk**
  - (i) Reported that Mr. Dave Sadlier, had requested permission to place a newspaper box outside the shop. Commissioners requested time to consider the matter and it would be discussed at the Commissioners next monthly meeting.

The meeting concluded at 10.10 p.m.





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## DO GACH BALL DE CHOIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith i láthair ag Cruinniú de Choimisinéirí Bhaile Brigín a thionolfar ar an Aibreán 14, 1998 ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners will be held on 14<sup>th</sup> April, 1998 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

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**DEREK TUMBLETON**  
**CLÉIREACH AN BHAILE.**

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**6. Quarterly Meeting with Fingal County Council**

- (i) Minutes of meeting held on 15/12/98 (circulated herewith)

**7. Access**

- 8. A.M.A.I. Conference – Submission of Motions** (correspondence circulated herewith)

**9. Any Other Business**

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 12TH MAY, 1998 IN  
BALBRIGGAN TOWN HALL

Commissioners Present: Davis, Joe  
Fingleton, Therese  
Gallen, Patricia  
Harford, Monica  
McFadden, David  
McKeon, May  
Pyne, Ned  
Shields, Gertie  
Tuite, Bredge

Officials Present: Mr. Alan Carthy, Principal Officer  
Mr. Derek Tumbleton, Town Clerk

An Cathaoirleach Commissioner Pyne presided.

Commissioner Pyne extended sympathies to Commissioner Shields on her recent bereavement and this was echoed by fellow Commissioners and officials. Commissioners and officials also paid tribute to Mr. Jack Larkin who died recently.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (i) Minutes of meeting held on the 14th April, 1998 were circulated and confirmed.

2. Applications for Hire of Hall

- (i) Application received from Ann McInerney to hire the ballroom on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7.00p.m. to 8.30p.m. was circulated and approved.
- (ii) Application received from the Festival of Arts, Balbriggan to hire the Ballroom over the October Bank Holiday weekend was circulated and approved.

3. Correspondence

(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

There was no business under this heading.

(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

- (i) Letter dated 7/4/98 from the Administrative Officer, Environmental Services regarding the graveyard caretaker was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Gallen requested an update on the acquisition of additional burial ground in Balbriggan and made reference to County Council minutes in this regard.

- (ii) Letter dated 28/4/98 from the Chief Executive Officer, Fingal County Enterprise Board Ltd regarding details of funding in the Balbriggan area during 1997 was circulated and noted.

(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies

- (i) Notification dated 15/4/98 from the Mid West Regional Authority of the 4th International Conference scheduled for the 19th and 20th June, 1998 in Jury's Hotel, Limerick was circulated and noted.

4. Motions

The Town Clerk circulated the following motion which had been submitted by Commissioner Gallen:-

"We, Town Commissioners, Balbriggan call on the Minister for the Environment to explain why funding granted to Fingal County Council through the D.T.O. in respect of the construction of a cycle path at Bremore has been withdrawn".

Mr. Carthy explained that due to the time scale involved Fingal County Council had not been in a position to complete the scheme. Following lengthy discussion it was agreed to adopt the motion as presented but that a request to provide the money would also be included. It was also agreed that the Town Clerk write to the County Manager requesting a full report on events leading to the loss of funding for the cyclepath. It was proposed by Commissioner Shields, seconded by Commissioner Harford and agreed that Commissioners would prepare a press release expressing their disappointment and concern regarding the loss of funding by Fingal County Council. Commissioner Pyne stated that he would continue to raise the matter until a satisfactory reply is received.

5. Questions

- (i) Question submitted by Commissioner Ned Pyne

"To ask the Manager why £150,000 was not taken up by the Council for the provision of a cycle path at Bremore".

This matter had been discussed earlier at the meeting.

- (ii) Question submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford

"To ask the Manager for a full report on monies received from the D.T.O. for the provision of a cycle lane from Flemington Park to the Garda Station".

This matter had been discussed earlier at the meeting.

(iii) Question submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford

"To ask the Manager to outline Fingal County Council's intentions for the toilets in the Band Park".

Mr. Carthy stated the Environmental Services Department, Fingal County Council were at present preparing a report on all the public toilets in Fingal and is hoped to present the report to either the May or June Council meeting. In the meantime if Commissioners wished to have an input they should write to Environmental Services.

There followed a lengthy discussion in relation to the matter. It was proposed by Commissioner McFadden seconded by Commissioner Harford and agreed that the Town Clerk write to the Council to establish why Commissioners were not informed at the quarterly meeting of the decision regarding the shelters and toilets which had been made a month earlier. Commissioner Davis requested that the Council ensure that the appropriate officials are in attendance at any future quarterly meetings. Following a request by Commissioner Gallen it was agreed that the Town Clerk write to the 4 Councillors for the Balbriggan electoral area, the Cathaoirleach of Fingal County Council and to the Environmental Services Department requesting that the toilets in the Band Park are not demolished.

6. Other Correspondence

- (i) Letter dated 20th April, 1998 from the Deputy General Secretary, Irish Congress of Trade Unions regarding short-term employment contracts was circulated and welcomed by Commissioners.
- (ii) Notification dated 1st May, 1998 from the Rattoo Heritage Society of the Environmental Recognition 6th Annual conference scheduled for the 4th and 5th June, 1998 in Listowel Arms Hotel, Co. Kerry was circulated and noted.
- (iii) Notification dated 5th May, 1998 of the Housing Practitioners National Seminar entitled "Public Housing as a catalyst in Social Change" scheduled for 4th and 5th June 1998 in the Tullamore Court Hotel, Co. Offaly was circulated and noted.

Commissioner Davis queried why a reply had not been received from Mr. Carthy regarding proposals to construct houses on the open space at Lambreecher. Mr. Carthy informed the meeting that a reply had been prepared and would be forwarded to Commissioners within the next few days.

7. A.M.A.I. Conference - Submission of Motions

The Town Clerk circulated the following motion which had been submitted by Commissioner Harford.

"That the Minister for Health and Children abolish the present system of orthodontic treatment and introduce a system that ensures treatment commences within a year of recommendation, and that an enquiry be held with a view to compensating people qualified for orthodontic treatment who after 5 years or more have not received the necessary treatment and therefore may suffer permanent damage".

It was proposed by Commissioner Harford, seconded by Commissioner Tuite and agreed that the motion would be forwarded to the A.M.A.I. conference. Commissioner McKeon spoke on a motion she had considered submitting, however following discussion it was withdrawn. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that should another motion be prepared it could be submitted at the Commissioners next monthly meeting.

8. Quarterly Meeting with Fingal County Council - Items for inclusion on the Agenda.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the next meeting is scheduled to take place on the 11th June, 1998 at 2.00p.m. Any items to be included on the agenda should be submitted within the next fortnight.

9. Tidy Districts, Sports, Arts and Culture Awards

It was agreed that a meeting to discuss the above awards would be held on the 27th May, 1998 following the Commissioners meeting with Superintendent Maher.

10. Quarterly Meeting with Superintendent Maher - Items for inclusion on the agenda.

It was agreed that Commissioners would meet with Superintendent Maher on the 27th May, 1998 at 7.30p.m. and that the following items be included on the agenda:-

1. I.D. System
2. Parking of heavy goods vehicles in housing estates.
3. Proposal for no right turn at Courthouse
4. Enforcement of speed limits
5. Enforcement of one way system in the town
6. Individual selling drink to youths (details to be supplied)
7. Individuals/Groups drinking/loitering on steps of Town Hall

11. Any Other Business

(A) Commissioner Monica Harford

- (i) Referred to the redevelopment in Ballymun and enquired if tenants were being rehoused in Balbriggan. Mr. Carthy informed the meeting that this was not the case, however, persons from Ballymun who were on the housing list for the Balbriggan area and had reached priority could be rehoused in Balbriggan.
- (ii) Reported problems with discos which were being held in the Town Hall. The Town Clerk will follow up the matter with the organisers.

(B) Commissioner May McKeon

- (i) Requested an update on the provision of a replacement amenity for the former pedestrian pier at Blackrock.
- (ii) Requested a report on the maintenance programme for the area from the Band Park to the tunnel.
- (iii) Reported that the grass at Glover Court and Chapel Street Flats needed cutting.

(C) Commissioner Therese Fingleton

- (i) Reported that she had received a number of objections to the proposed housing scheme at Clonard Street and was informed by Mr. Carthy to contact the Housing Department in this regard.

(D) Commissioner David McFadden

- (i) Enquired if the conveyance of land for the Inner Relief Road had been completed, that monies had been set aside for construction and a completion date for same.
- (ii) Requested an update on the provision of public lighting from Balrothery to the Inner Relief Road.

(E) Commissioner Gertie Shields

- (i) Enquired if planning permission was required for the erection of plastic signs over shops. Details of particular premises would be forwarded to the Town Clerk.

(F) Commissioner Joe Davis

- (i) Requested that a letter be sent to the County Manager concerning the delay in receiving replies to correspondence.
- (ii) Requested that the Town Clerk write to Mr. Hartnett, Deputy Manager requesting that the Council arrange to have the sand removed by the J.C.B. from the Harbour wall and raked over the beach.
- (iii) Requested that the path leading from the Boathouse to the stream is cleared.

(G) Commissioner Patricia Gallen

- (i) Requested that the seats in Town Centre Car Park are returned as they had been removed during filming in the town.
- (ii) Enquired from Mr. Carthy if there had been any progress concerning the water flowing from the garage on Georges Hill.

(H) Commissioner Bredge Tuite

- (i) Enquired if work on the footpath at Brecon Court could be completed.
- (ii) Reported that there had been no progress on the provision of yellow lines at Station Street.
- (iii) Reported that a lady had slipped on grass cuttings left at Clonard Court and requested that the cuttings are lifted in future.
- (iv) Requested that ramps are provided in Vauxhall Street due to speeding problems and referred also to the request for ramps on Bath Road.

(J) Commissioner Ned Pyne

- (i) Referred to the minutes of the April meeting and Mr. Sadliers request to place a newspaper box outside the shop. Following discussion the request was refused by Commissioners.
- (ii) Thanked Commissioners for their support of the Global March the previous Sunday.

The meeting concluded at 10.15p.m.

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### DO GACH BALL DE CHOIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith I láthair ag Cruinniú de Choimisinéirí Bhaile Brigín a thionolfar ar an Bealtaine 12, 1998 ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> May, 1998 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

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**DEREK TUMBLETON**  
**CLÉIREACH AN BHAILE.**

### CLÁR

1. **Confirmation of Minutes**
  - (i) Minutes of Meeting held on the 14/4/98 (circulated herewith)
2. **Applications for Hire of Hall**
  - (i) Application received from Ann McNerney to hire the Ballroom on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7.00 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. (circulated herewith)
  - (ii) Application received from the Festival of Arts, Balbriggan to hire the Ballroom over the Bank Holiday weekend (circulated herewith)
3. **Correspondence**
  - (A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

## **2. Applications for Hire of Hall**

- (i) Application received from Caroline Burke to hire the Ballroom on Saturday mornings from 11.00 a.m. to 12 noon (circulated herewith).
- (ii) Application received from Unislim Ireland Ltd to hire the Bandroom on Mondays at 8.00 p.m. (circulated herewith).

## **3. Correspondence**

### **(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**

- (i) Letter dated 20/5/98 from the Minister for Labour, Trade and Consumer Affairs regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners concerning short-term employment contracts (circulated herewith).
- (ii) Letter dated 26/5/98 from the Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Finance regarding motions passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners (circulated herewith).
- (iii) Letter dated 26/5/98 from the Private Secretary, Office of An Taoiseach and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners concerning eligibility for the Community Employment programme (circulated herewith).

### **(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

- (i) Letter dated 5/5/98 from the Assistant Staff Officer, Development Department regarding laneway adjoining the Courthouse (circulated herewith).
- (ii) Letter dated 8/5/98 from the Senior Administrative Officer, Housing Department regarding the open space in Lambreecher Estate (circulated herewith).

### **(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

- (i) Letter dated 12/5/98 from the Acting Town Clerk, Wexford Corporation regarding a motion passed at a recent meeting (circulated herewith).
- (ii) Notification dated 15/5/98 from the Local Authority Members Association of a conference entitled "Remuneration for local elected representatives? - An International Comparison" scheduled for 4th and 5th September, 1998 in the Kenmare Bay Hotel, Co. Kerry (circulated herewith).
- (iii) Notification dated 27/5/98 from Laois County Council of the

1998 E.U. Conference entitled "The E.U./Local Government/Rural Regeneration" scheduled for the 24th and 25th September, 1998 in the County Hall, Portlaoise, Co. Laois. (circulated herewith).

4. Motions

5. Questions

6. Other Correspondence

- (i) Letter dated 15/5/98 from the Income Manager, E.S.B. regarding the distribution of meter tokens in Balbriggan (circulated herewith).
- (ii) Letter dated 22/5/98 from the Head of Youth Work Services Catholic Youth Council concerning services in the Balbriggan area (circulated herewith).

7. Statutory Audit Report on the accounts of Balbriggan Town Commissioners (circulated herewith).

8. Quarterly Meeting with Fingal County Council

- (i) Agenda for meeting to be held on the 11th June, 1998 at 2.00p.m. (circulated herewith).

9. A.M.A.I. Conference - Additional Motion

10. Annual Meeting

11. Tidy Districts, Sports, Arts and Culture Awards

12. Any Other Business

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN  
COMMISSIONERS HELD ON TUESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 1998.**

**Commissioners Present:** Davis, Joe                      McKeon, May  
Fingleton, Thérèse              Pyne, Ned  
Gallen, Patricia                  Shields, Gertie  
Harford, Monica                  Tuite, Bredge  
McFadden, David

**Officials Present:** Mr. Alan Carthy, Principal Officer  
Mr. Derek Tumbleton, Town Clerk

The meeting commenced with the Cathaoirleach, Commissioner Pyne thanking the Manager, Town Clerk, office staff and fellow Commissioners for their support during his term of office.

Mr. Carthy then took the chair for the election of the Cathaoirleach.

**1. Election of Cathaoirleach**

Commissioner Pyne was proposed by Commissioner Harford and seconded by Commissioner Fingleton. Commissioner Gallen was proposed by Commissioner McFadden and seconded by Commissioner Shields.

The matter was put to a vote and Commissioner Pyne received 5 votes and Commissioner Gallen received 4 votes. Accordingly Commissioner Pyne was elected to the position of Cathaoirleach. Commissioner Pyne then took the chair and thanked the Commissioners for electing him.

**2. Election of Leas Cathaoirleach**

Commissioner McKeon was proposed by Commissioner Harford and seconded by Commissioner Davis. As there were no other nominations Commissioner McKeon was elected Leas Cathaoirleach and thanked Commissioners for electing her.

**3. Election of Delegate to Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Limited**

Commissioner Shields was proposed by Commissioner Gallen and seconded by Commissioner Harford. As there were no other nominations Commissioner Shields was re-elected to the position of delegate to Irish Public Bodies for the coming year.

**4. Election of Estimates Committee**

It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen seconded by Commissioner Tuite and agreed that all Commissioners would be members of the Estimates Committee.

Following a request from Commissioner McKeon it was agreed to take item 7 before item's 5 and 6 on the agenda.

5. **Election of Representative to Fingal County Council's Strategic Policy Committee**

Mr. Carthy outlined the role of a Commissioner on a Strategic Policy Committee.

Commissioner Davis was proposed by Commissioner Harford and seconded by Commissioner McKeon. Commissioner Tuite was proposed by Commissioner Gallen and seconded by Commissioner McFadden.

The matter was put to a vote and Commissioner Davis received 5 votes and Commissioner Tuite received 4 votes. Accordingly Commissioner Davis was elected as the Commissioners representative on a Fingal County Council Strategic Policy Committee.

6. **Election of Tidy Districts, Sports, Arts and Culture Awards Committee and St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee**

Commissioner Gallen suggested the establishment of sub-committees to the above committees. Following lengthy discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Davis seconded by Commissioner Fingleton and agreed that all Commissioners would be members of the Tidy Districts, Sports, Arts & Culture Awards Committee and the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee. It was also agreed that Commissioners would meet on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July, 1998 at 8.00 p.m. to discuss further Commissioner Gallens suggestion.

The meeting concluded at 8.20 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY 1998 IN  
BALBRIGGAN TOWN HALL**

<b>Commissioners Present:</b>	Davis, Joe	McKeon, May
	Fingleton, Thérèse	Pyne, Ned
	Gallen, Patricia	Shields, Gertie
	Harford, Monica	Tuite, Bredge
	McFadden, David	

**Officials Present:** Mr. Alan Carthy, Principal Officer  
Mr. Derek Tumbleton, Town Clerk

An Cathaoirleach Commissioner Pyne presided.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

- (i) Minutes of Meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> June, 1998 were circulated and confirmed.
- (ii) Minutes of Annual Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> June, 1998 were circulated and confirmed.

The Town Clerk circulated copies of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners Financial Statement for the period April to June 1998 and answered questions from Commissioners in relation to same. Commissioner McKeon enquired regarding the Town Commissioners No 2 Account and the Town Clerk agreed to circulate details of interest accrued to date.

The Town Clerk then circulated the following two letters:

- (i) Letter dated 13/7/98 from Longford Urban district Council concerning the recent death of Councillor Jack Larkin was noted.
- (ii) Letter dated 3/7/98 from Naul & District Community Council regarding a forthcoming meeting to discuss Fingal County Councils recent publication "Landfill Site Selection Study"

It was proposed by Commissioner Tuite seconded by Commissioner Harford and agreed that Commissioner Pyne and Commissioner McKeon would represent the Commissioners at the meeting. Commissioner McKeon requested that the Town Clerk obtain copies of the report referred to in the correspondence and circulate same.

The Town Clerk then referred to a request for Commissioners consent to the sale of 3 Gibbons Terrace to Louis Marry by Elizabeth Marry. Following discussion it was agreed to defer this item to the Commissioners Meeting in September.

Commissioner Davis made reference to Commissioners post and was assured by the Town Clerk that matters of an urgent nature would be communicated by post or phone and that other items could be collected in the Town Hall.

The Town Clerk also made reference to the quarterly meeting with Fingal County Council and will make arrangements for Commissioners to meet with

Mr. Brian Buckley and Mr Maurice McDonough from the Environmental Services Department.

**2. Tidy Districts, Sports Arts & Culture Awards**

Following lengthy discussion it was agreed that Commissioners would meet on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July, 1998 at 8.00 p.m. to discuss the Awards.

**3. Applications for Hire of Hall**

- (i) Application received from Councillor Cathal Boland to hire the Bandroom on alternate Saturday mornings from 12.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. was circulated and approved.
- (ii) Application received from Pinewood Green Estate Management Committee to hire the Ballroom every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday from 8.00 p.m. to 12.00 p.m. was circulated and approved. Commissioners requested that the Town Clerk ensure that the proper number of stewards are in attendance and that any problems relating to the discos are brought to the attention of the organisers.
- (iii) Application received from the Festival of Arts, Balbriggan to hire the Ballroom on the 24<sup>th</sup> October, 1998 from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. was circulated and approved. It was agreed by Commissioners that the Festival of Arts pay the appropriate hall hire charges as was the case with all other hirers. The Town Clerk will write to organisers confirming that the booking had been approved and indicating the charges due in respect of the hire.

**4. Correspondence**

**(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**

- (i) Letter dated 4/6/98 from Nora Owen, T.D. regarding Balbriggan harbour was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Gallen reported two areas where restoration work was still outstanding and this will be followed up by the Town Clerk.
- (ii) Letter dated 30/6/98 from the Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform regarding policing in Balbriggan was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Gallen requested that the Town Clerk follow up her request for the provision of civilian personnel in Garda Stations. Commissioner Tuite requested that the Town Clerk confirm staff numbers in Balbriggan as she believed this may have been reduced as a result of the creation of the new Ashbourne district.

**(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

- (i) Letter dated 9/6/98 from Councillor Thérèse Fingleton, T.C., regarding the toilet in the Band Park was circulated and discussed. Commissioner McKeon paid tribute to Commissioner Fingleton for the detailed reply and was informed by Commissioner Fingleton that she had received an assurance from Fingal County Council that the work would commence in September.
- (ii) Letter dated 29/6/98 from the Staff Officer, Environmental Services regarding the Balbriggan/Skerries Wastewater Disposal Scheme was circulated and discussed. Mr. Carthy answered questions from Commissioners regarding same.
- (iii) Letter dated 30/6/98 from the Administrative Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding Balbriggan cycle track and footpath was circulated and discussed. Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Harford,

seconded by Commissioner Tuite and agreed to refer this matter to the Ombudsman. It was also agreed to write to the D.T.O. regarding the unrealistic time span allowed for the project. It was further agreed that the Town Clerk write to the Roads & Traffic Department to ascertain if any other approved projects did not proceed. The Town Clerk will also write to the Cathaoirleach of Fingal County Council regarding the matter.

- (iv) Letter dated 2/7/98 from the Administrative Officer, Roads & Traffic Department regarding various matters was circulated and discussed. Commissioner McFadden requested that the Town Clerk confirm the starting date for the Inner Relief Road. Commissioner Tuite requested that the provision of double yellow lines on Station Street be carried out as soon as possible and that the Town Clerk write to the Roads & Traffic Department to ascertain why the Council will not consider providing traffic calming measures on Vauxhall Street. Mr. Carthy then spoke in relation to the transfer of lands for the Inner Relief Road.
- (v) Letter dated 7/7/98 from the Staff Officer, Roads & Traffic Department regarding the laneway at the side of the Courthouse was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Gallen requested that a copy of the letter is forwarded to the resident concerned.

**(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

- (i) Letter dated 8/6/98 from the Income Manager, E.S.B. regarding the distribution of meter tokens was circulated and noted.
- (ii) Letter dated 8/6/98 from the National Roads Authority regarding public lighting on the Northern side of Balbriggan was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Pyne asked the Town Clerk to write requesting the provision of public lighting between the G.A.A. pitch and the end of Flemington Lane which would only involve a small number of lights.
- (iii) Letter dated 9/6/98 from the Town Clerk, Portlaoise Town Commissioners regarding a motion passed at a recent meeting was circulated and discussed. It was agreed to support the motion as presented.
- (iv) Letter dated 2/7/98 from the Town Clerk, Nenagh Urban District Council regarding a motion passed at a recent meeting was circulated and discussed. It was agreed to support the motion as presented.

**5. Motions**

**(i) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Patricia Gallen.**

It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner Tuite and agreed that "Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to introduce by-laws which will outlaw drinking on our streets and in particular drinking in the Square area of our town."

Mr. Carthy suggested that a copy of the motion is sent to the Cathaoirleach of Fingal County Council also.

**6. Questions**

**Questions Submitted by Commissioner Patricia Gallen**

- (i) "To ask the Manager to confirm if a planning application was received by Fingal County Council in respect of the housing development at the rear of 8 Drogheda Street, Balbriggan."

Following discussion it was agreed that the Town Clerk follow up this matter with the Enforcement Section of the Planning Department.

- (ii) "To ask the Manager to confirm if it is the Council's intention to re-surface the N1 road from Ballough to Balrothery following the construction and opening of the Motorway."

Mr. Carthy informed the meeting that the road itself was in good condition but that as a result of construction work on the motorway soil, etc. had been deposited and he would request the Area Engineer to investigate the matter.

**7. Other Correspondence**

- (i) Letter dated 19/6/98 from Mr. S. Mac Giolla Ceara regarding various matters was circulated and discussed. Commissioner McKeon requested that the Town Clerk acknowledge the letter and inform Mr. Mac Giolla Ceara that the various matters would be followed up with the relevant authorities.
- (ii) Letter dated 6/7/98 from Hugh Burrows, Shannon Embroidery regarding Forbairt was circulated and discussed. Mr. Carthy suggested that the company contact Mr. Michael Galvin, Development Department regarding any spare capacity in Stephenstown Industrial Estate. It was agreed that Commissioners would support the company in anyway possible.

**8. Quarterly Meeting with Fingal County Council**

- (i) Minutes of Meeting held on 30/3/98 were circulated and noted.

**9. Traffic Calming in Lambreecher**

It was agreed to defer this item to the Commissioners meeting in September.

**10. Meeting with Irish Wheelchair Association**

- (i) The Town Clerk will arrange the meeting and notify Commissioners.

**11. Any Other Business**

**(A) Commissioner Bredge Tuite**

- (i) Questioned Mr. Carthy regarding a travelling family who are moving to a field near the proposed halting site at Matt Lane.

**(B) Commissioner Gertie Shields**

- (i) Reported a broken manhole cover outside the Bridge Club.

**(C) Commissioner Joe Davis**

- (i) Requested that the Housing Department remove the shrubbery from the side of Glover Court as it is obstructing the plaques which were erected there.

**(D) Commissioner David McFadden**

- (i) Enquired about the opening date for the By-Pass.

**(E) Commissioner Monica Harford**

- (i) Enquired if land could be acquired for burial grounds by C.P.O. and Mr. Carthy explained the procedure.

**(F) Commissioner Ned Pyne**

- (i) Referred to the area from the G.A.A. pitch to Flemington and reported that the grass had not been cut on the opposite side.

The meeting concluded at 10.50 p.m.



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### DO GACH BALL DE CHOIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith I láthair ag Cruinniú de Choimisinéirí Bhaile Brigín a thionolfar ar an Iúil 14, 1998 ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners will be held on 14<sup>th</sup> July, 1998 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

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**CLÉIREACH AN BHAILE.**

### CLÁR

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- (ii) Letter dated 6/7/98 from Hugh Burrows, Shannon Embroidery regarding Forbairt (circulated herewith)
- 8. **Quarterly meeting with Fingal County Council**
  - (i) Minutes of meeting held on the 30/3/98 (circulated herewith)
- 9. **Traffic Calming – Lambeecher**
- 10. **Meeting with Irish Wheelchair Association**
- 11. **Any Other Business**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 1998 IN  
BALBRIGGAN TOWN HALL**

**Commissioners Present:** Davis, Joe  
Fingleton, Thérèse  
Gallen, Patricia  
Harford, Monica  
McFadden, David  
McKeon, May  
Pyne, Ned  
Shields, Gertie  
Tuite, Bredge

**Officials Present:** Mr. Alan Carthy, Principal Officer  
Mr. Derek Tumbleton, Town Clerk

Commissioner McKeon referred to the recent atrocity in Omagh and her condemnation was echoed by fellow Commissioners. It was suggested that Balbriggan Town Commissioners consider exchange visits with Omagh District Council.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

- (i) Minutes of Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> July 1998 were circulated and confirmed.

**Commissioners consent in relation to housing**

Following a request by the Town Clerk it was proposed by Commissioner Harford, seconded by Commissioner Gallen and agreed that Commissioners consent be given to the sale of 3 Gibbons Terrace by Mrs Elizabeth Marry to Mr. Louis Marry subject to Mrs Marry having a right of residence in the dwelling for the continuance of her lifetime.

It was proposed by Commissioner Harford, seconded by Commissioner Gallen and agreed that Commissioners consent be given to the transfer of 24 Lawless Terrace from Mrs Anne Lawless into the joint names of Mrs Anne Lawless and her son Mr. William Lawless.

The Town Clerk then circulated copies of the 1997 Annual Report of Balbriggan Town Commissioners. Commissioner Tuite paid tribute to the work of the Town Clerk and Ms. Susan Murphy in the preparation of the report and this was echoed by her fellow Commissioners.

**2. (A) Applications for Hire of Hall**

There was no business under this heading.

**(B) Renewal of Hire Applications**

<b>HIRER</b>	<b>TYPE OF FUNCTION</b>	<b>HALL</b>	<b>DAYS</b>	<b>TIME</b>
Caroline Burke	Art Class	Ballroom	Saturday	11.00 a.m. – 12.00 m.d.
Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann	Dancing & Music Lessons	Supper Room	Wednesday	7.00 p.m. – 11.00 p.m
Country Market	Market	Ballroom	Friday	8.45 a.m. – 12.00 m.d.
Jehovah's Witnesses	Bible	Bandroom	Tuesday	7.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.

	Education		Thursday Sunday	7.00 p.m. – 10.00 p.m. 10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
Linda McNamara	Aerobics	Hamilton Hall	Monday Wednesday	7.30 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. 7.30 p.m. – 8.30 p.m.
North County School of Ballet	Ballet	Supper Room	Wednesday Thursday	4.30 p.m. – 7.00 p.m. 3.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.
Playgroup	Class	Supper Room	Mon-Thurs	10.00 a.m. – 21.30 p.m.
Rodney Lawless	Aerobics	Hamilton Hall	Tuesday Thursday	7.30 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. 7.30 p.m. – 8.30 p.m.
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Unislim	Class	Bandroom	Monday	8.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.
Yoga	Class	Bandroom	Tuesday	6.00 p.m. – 10.00 p.m.

The above applications were circulated and approved.

### 3. Correspondence

#### (A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

- (i) Letter dated 23/7/98 from the Private Secretary, Office of An Tanaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment regarding the community employment programme was circulated and noted.
- (ii) Letter dated 28/8/98 from the Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Tourism, Sport and Recreation regarding representation on A.D.M. was circulated and discussed. Mr. Carthy informed the meeting that there was a prohibition on elected members serving on partnerships and that Fingal County Council were suggesting that this be lifted as part of their submission to the review committee. Mr. Carthy also suggested that a motion be submitted calling for a review of the integrated process with local development companies which would allow representation on the boards by local authority members. It was proposed by Commissioner Pyne seconded by Commissioner Tuite and agreed to adopt the motion.

#### (B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council

- (i) Letter dated 9/7/98 from the Staff Officer, Roads & Traffic Department regarding the opening of the Balbriggan By-Pass was circulated and noted. Mr. Carthy informed the meeting that the By-Pass would be officially opened on the 9<sup>th</sup> October, 1998.
- (ii) Letter dated 17/7/98 from the Administrative Officer, Environmental Services regarding various matters was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Davis informed the meeting that there had been no progress in this matter and Commissioner Tuite reported that a channel had formed on the beach which was causing further erosion. The Town Clerk will follow up these matters.
- (iii) Letter dated 19/8/98 from the County Manager regarding the 1998 Urban Renewal Scheme was circulated and noted. Mr. Carthy explained the reasons for the delay in announcing the successful towns.

- (iv) Letter dated 2/9/98 from the Administrative Officer, Parks Department regarding cleaning of the Bracken River was circulated and discussed. It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen seconded by Commissioner Harford and agreed that the Town Clerk obtain a list of owners in order that Commissioners can contact them directly regarding the cleaning of the river.
- (C) **Correspondence from Other Local Authorities**
  - (i) Letter dated 10/7/98 from the Town Clerk, Bantry Town Commissioners regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners was circulated and noted.
  - (ii) Letter dated 13/7/98 from the Town Clerk, Leixlip Town Commissioners regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners was circulated and noted.
  - (iii) Letter dated 15/7/98 from the Secretary, Tipperary S.R. County Council regarding the Housing (Traveller Accommodation) Bill 1998. Mr. Carthy informed the meeting that the Bill had now been passed into legislation.
  - (iv) Letter dated 20/7/98 from the A/Town Clerk Longford Urban District Council regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners was circulated and noted.
  - (v) Letter dated 23/7/98 from the Town Clerk, Ballinasloe Urban District Council regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners was circulated and noted.
  - (vi) Letter dated 28/7/98 from the Principal Officer, Dublin Corporation regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners was circulated and noted.
  - (vii) Letter dated 29/7/98 from the Town Clerk, Castleblaney Urban District Council regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners was circulated and noted.
  - (viii) Letter dated 4/8/98 from the Acting Administrative Officer, Tralee Urban District Council regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners was circulated and noted.  
It was agreed that the copies of correspondence concerning the Commissioners motion would be forwarded to the Tanaiste.
  - (ix) Notification dated 28/8/98 from Greystones Town Commissioners of the 1998 La Touché Seminar scheduled for 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> October 1998 in the La Touché Hotel, Greystones was circulated and noted.

#### 4. **Motions**

- (i) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Joe Davis**  
 "Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Bus Eireann to clearly distinguish all stopping points for buses in Balbriggan going to and from Dublin and to erect time tables indicating which buses are serving Dublin Airport."  
 Commissioner Davis outlined the background to the motion. Mr. Carthy suggested meeting with a representative from Bus Eireann. Following discussion it was agreed that the Town Clerk make the necessary arrangements.

- (ii) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**  
"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to inform them of the names of the people being offered local authority housing in Balbriggan."  
Commissioner Harford outlined the background to the motion. Mr. Carthy explained that it would not be possible to provide this information, however he would arrange to have the housing list which is held in the office updated on a regular basis.
- (iii) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**  
"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Public Enterprise to allow children who may not have the full bus or train fare to be taken to their destination on giving their full name and address."  
Commissioner Harford outlined the background to the motion. Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Harford, seconded by Commissioner Tuite and agreed to adopt the motion as presented.
- (iv) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**  
"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to alter the present system of requesting one third of the amount received from the sale of a private house in the event of being offered local authority accommodation."  
Commissioner Harford outlined the background to the motion. Mr. Carthy outlined the procedure involved and explained that hardship cases are examined on merit.
- (v) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Bredge Tuite**  
"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Bus Eireann to request all intending passengers boarding buses to remove back packs."  
Commissioner Tuite outlined the background to the motion. Mr. Carthy suggested that the motion be amended to include Dublin Bus also. Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Tuite, seconded by Commissioner Pyne and agreed that "Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Bus Eireann and Dublin Bus to request all intending passengers boarding buses to remove back packs."
- (vi) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Bredge Tuite**  
"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Finance to remove VAT on all shoes worn by school children irrespective of their shoe size."  
Commissioner Tuite outlined the background to the motion. Following discussion it was agreed to amend the motion as follows  
"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Finance to remove VAT on all shoes worn by school children irrespective of their size and that this could be achieved by the issuing of an agreed number of VAT free vouchers with the children's allowance."  
It was suggested by Commissioner McFadden that the motion be circulated to all local authorities.
- (vii) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Pyne**  
"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Fire Chief in Balbriggan to outline the staffing provided on an emergency call out."  
Commissioner Pyne outlined the background to the motion. Following discussion and a suggestion from Commissioner Gallen it was agreed

that the Town Clerk contact Dublin Corporation to arrange a meeting to discuss problems associated with the fire service in Balbriggan. It was suggested that the Commissioners quarterly meeting with Fingal County Council might be the venue for same.

(viii) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Pyne**

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to outline the Council's policy concerning the cutting of roadside hedging whether in private or public ownership."

Commissioner Pyne outlined the background to the motion and referred to a particular location. Mr. Carthy explained that under the Roads Act property owners are responsible for hedges on their property, however he would contact the Area Engineer in relation to the case referred to by Commissioner Pyne.

5. **Questions**

(i) **Question Submitted by Commissioner Joe Davis**

"To ask the Manager why the basketball stand and nets have not been placed in the former Swing Park in Lambreecher (promised at last two quarterly meetings)."

Mr. Carthy explained that the erection of the basketball nets has been included in the Parks Department works programme and should be completed in the near future.

(ii) **Question Submitted by Commissioner Ned Pyne**

"To ask the Manager who is responsible for laneway between Hampton Cove and Fancourt Heights."

Mr. Carthy informed the meeting that it is understood that Roads Department are responsible, however the Town Clerk will confirm that the laneway referred to has been taken in charge by the Council.

6. **Other Correspondence**

(i) Letter dated 31/7/98 from the Business Development Manager, Dublin Bus regarding correspondence from Mr. S. McGiolla Ceara was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that the Town Clerk forward a copy of the correspondence to Mr. McGiolla Ceara.

(ii) Letter dated 21/8/98 from the Organiser, Balbriggan & District Citizens Information Centre regarding new premises was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that the Town Clerk acknowledge the correspondence and explain that it was too early to enter into discussions as a decision on Balbriggan's application for Tax Designated Status has not been made and without this progress cannot be made on the redevelopment of the Town Hall.

(iii) Letter dated 3/9/98 from the Programme Division, National Roads Authority regarding public lighting on the N1 was circulated and noted. Commissioner McFadden requested that the Town Clerk write to the Public Lighting Section, Fingal County Council to establish when the scheme for public lighting from Balrothery to Balbriggan will commence.

(iv) Notification dated 3/9/98 from the Director, Sherkin Island Marine Station of a conference entitled – "Environmental Impact Studies – Are

they Workable" scheduled for the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> November, 1998 in the Imperial Hotel, Cork was circulated and noted.

**7. Quarterly Meeting with Fingal County Council**

It was agreed that items for inclusion on the agenda would be submitted to the Town Clerk by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September, 1998. Commissioner McKeon referred to a number of items she wished to have included on the agenda.

It was agreed that the Tidy Districts, Sports, Arts & Culture Awards ceremony would take place on the 15<sup>th</sup> October, 1998.

The Town Clerk reminded Commissioners that the closing date for application forms for the Local Authority Members (Gratuity) Scheme 1998 was the 15<sup>th</sup> September 1998.

**8. Quarterly Meeting with Superintendent Maher**

Items for inclusion on the agenda to be submitted to the Town Clerk by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September, 1998. The Town Clerk will notify Commissioners when a date for the meeting has been agreed with Superintendent Maher. A number of items were mentioned for inclusion on the agenda.

**9. Traffic Calming – Lambeecher**

Mr. Carthy outlined the procedure for the provision of ramps and following discussion it was agreed that the Town Clerk write to the Councillors and Roads Department to ensure that provision for this work in made in the 1999 estimates.

**10. Tidy Districts, Sports, Arts & Culture Awards**

It was agreed that Commissioners would meet on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 1998 at 7.30 p.m.

**11. Any Other Business**

**(A) Commissioner Bredge Tuite**

- (i) Referred to the request for road markings at the open ditch in front of St. Mologa's School.
- (ii) Enquired about a replacement traffic warden while the towns normal warden is on sick leave.
- (iii) Requested that the Litter Warden call to the Community College and Loreto particularly during lunch hour.
- (iv) Reported that grass cutting took place at 8.30 a.m. on a Sunday morning at the senior citizens flats in Lambeecher and requested that the shrubs to the rear of the houses be pruned.

**(B) Commissioner Joe Davis**

- (i) Reported lights not working at Pump Lane opposite the E.H.B. and at Bells Court, Lambeecher.
- (ii) Requested that the N.R.A. ensure that the Main Street is resurfaced satisfactorily.
- (iii) Reported that the traffic lights at Supervalu were faulty.

**(C) Commissioner Patricia Gallen**

- (i) Requested that the Litter Warden investigate dumping behind St. Peter's Tce (Commissioners also reported dumping at Lambeecher and the laneway at the Golf Club).
- (ii) Requested details of the planning permission for apartments to the rear of Drogheda Street (previously referred to).

**(D) Commissioner Gertie Shields**

- (i) Reported a broken traffic light at St. Peter & Paul's Church.
- (ii) Requested that the Council consider by laws prohibiting dogs from the beach due to ongoing problems.
- (iii) Requested that items resolved successfully by Commissioners are brought to the attention of the media.

**(E) Commissioner David McFadden**

- (i) Referred to the condition of the road surface exiting from Lambeecher
- (ii) Enquired when the scheme for public lighting from Balrothery to Balbriggan will commence and requested details of the scheme.
- (iii) Referred to a previous request for public lighting along the Naul Road.

**(F) Commissioner May McKeon**

- (i) Requested that the Council outline their plans for the area from the tunnel to the Bath House.

**(G) Commissioner Monica Harford**

- (i) Reported that the kiosk on the beach which is leased by the Council has not been open and requested that the Council consider reletting it to a new tenant.
- (ii) Referred to a duplication of house numbers at Bells Court with other houses in Lambeecher.

The meeting concluded at 10.45 p.m.

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# BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS

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### DO GACH BALL DE CHOIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith I láthair ag Cruinniú de Choimisinéirí Bhaile Brigín a thionolfar ar an Meán Fomhair 8, 1998 ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> September, 1998 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

Is mise le meas,

**DEREK TUMBLETON**  
**CLÉIREACH AN BHAILE.**

### CLÁR

1. **Confirmation of Minutes**
  - (i) Minutes of Meeting held on the 14/7/98 (circulated herewith)
2. **(A) Applications for Hire of Hall**

**(B) Renewal of Hire Applications**

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**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 1998 IN  
BALBRIGGAN TOWN HALL**

**Commissioners Present:**

Davis, Joe	McKeon, May
Fingleton, Thérèse	Pyne, Ned
Gallen, Patricia	Shields, Gertie
Harford, Monica	Tuite, Bredge
McFadden, David	

**Officials Present:**

Mr. Alan Carthy, Principal Officer  
Mr. Derek Tumbleton, Town Clerk

An Cathaoirleach Commissioner Pyne presided.

Commissioner Pyne extended sympathies to Commissioner Gallen on her recent bereavement and this was echoed by fellow Commissioners and officials.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

- (i) Minutes of Meeting held on 8/9/98 were circulated and confirmed.

The Town Clerk circulated copies of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners Financial Statement for the period January to September 1998.

**2. (A) Applications for Hire of Hall**

- (i) Application received from Waterfox Ltd to hire the Ballroom from 1.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. on an agreed date in October was circulated and discussed. The Town Clerk circulated letter dated 13/10/98 from the Balbriggan and District Chamber of Commerce relating to the above hire application. Following lengthy discussion Commissioner Shields proposed that a decision on the matter be deferred until Commissioners meet with the Chamber of Commerce which was seconded by Commissioner McFadden. Commissioner Harford seconded by Commissioner Davis proposed that Commissioners proceed with a decision on the hire application. The Cathaoirleach put the matter to a vote. Commissioner Shields proposal was defeated receiving 3 votes in favour and 4 against. Commissioner Harford's proposal was carried receiving 4 votes in favour, 2 against and it was agreed to approve the application by Waterfox Ltd for the hall hire. Commissioner McFadden requested that the Town Clerk confirm with Waterfox Ltd. the exact date it intended hiring the hall.
- (ii) Application received from St. John's hearing Aid Service Ltd. to hire the Bandroom on the 5<sup>th</sup> November 1998 from 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. was circulated and approved.

**3. Correspondence**

**(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**

- (i) Letter dated 30/9/98 from the Office of the Ombudsman regarding a complaint made by Balbriggan Town Commissioners was circulated and noted.

- (ii) Letter dated 7/10/98 from Mary O'Rourke, T.D., Minister for Public Enterprise regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners was circulated and noted.
  - (B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council**
    - (i) Letter dated 21/9/98 from the Administrative Officer, Roads Department regarding traffic calming measures at Baths Road, Balbriggan was circulated and noted.
    - (ii) Letter dated 29/9/98 from the Senior Parks Superintendent regarding the erection of a basketball net on the open space in Lambreecher Estate was circulated and noted.
    - (iii) Letter dated 1/10/98 from the Administrative Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding various matters was circulated and noted. Commissioner Gallen requested that the Town Clerk establish the date it is intended to commence work on the provision of public lighting from Balrothery to Balbriggan.
    - (iv) Letter dated 6/10/98 from Staff Officer, Roads & Traffic Department regarding the laneway between Hampton Cove and Fancourt Heights was circulated and noted.
  - (C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**
    - (i) Letter dated 10/9/98 from the Town Clerk, Cashel Urban District Council regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners was circulated and noted.
    - (ii) Letter dated 23/9/98 from the Acting Town Clerk, Kinsale Urban District Council regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners was circulated and noted.
    - (iii) Letter dated 29/9/98 from the Acting Town Clerk, Kilkee Town Commissioners regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners was circulated and noted.
    - (iv) Letter dated 2/10/98 from the Secretary, Tipperary S.R. County Council regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners was circulated and noted.
- It was agreed that the Town Clerk forward copies of correspondence relating to the Commissioners motion to An Tanaiste.

#### 4. **Motions**

- (i) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Harford**  
Commissioner Harford outlined the background to the motion. It was proposed by Commissioner Harford seconded by Commissioner Tuite and agreed that  
"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Health and Children to request GP's to publicly display any change in visiting charges at least one month prior to the increase taking place."
- (ii) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Harford**  
"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to alter the new lottery system for shared ownership to first come first served."  
Commissioner Harford outlined the background to the motion. Mr. Carthy explained the procedure and clarified points made by Commissioners in relation to the system. Following discussion it was

agreed that the motion be amended and that Commissioner Harford discuss the wording with the Town Clerk.

**5. Questions**

**(i) Question Submitted by Commissioner Shields**

"To ask the Manager to explain in detail Fingal County Council's decision to pull out of FAS C.E. Schemes."

Mr. Carthy outlined the position regarding the Council's role in the C.E. Schemes.

**6. Other Correspondence**

- (i) Letter dated 15/9/98 from the Area Manager, Bus Eireann regarding correspondence from Mr Mac Giolla Ceara was circulated and noted. The Town Clerk will forward a copy of the correspondence to Mr Mac Giolla Ceara.
- (ii) Letter dated 30/9/98 from the Business Development Manager, Dublin Bus regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners was circulated and noted.
- (iii) Letter dated 2/10/98 from the Managing Director, Bus Eireann regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners was circulated and noted.
- (iv) Letter dated 7/10/98 from W.H. Southard regarding Irish Crusade – Summer 1999 was circulated and discussed. It was proposed by Commissioner McKeon seconded by Commissioner Harford and agreed that the Town Clerk write to Mr. Southard informing him that the Commissioners do not have a site suitable for this project.

**7. Quarterly Meeting with Fingal County Council**

- (i) Minutes of meeting held on 11/6/98 were circulated and noted. Commissioners enquired regarding the delay in circulating the minutes and requested that they be made available within one month of the meeting. The Town Clerk will write to the Council in this regard.

**8. Tidy Districts, Sports, Arts & Culture Awards**

It was agreed that Commissioners meet at 1.00 p.m. on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October, 1998.

**9. Estimates Meeting**

It was agreed that the statutory estimates meeting be held on the 28/10/98 at 1.00 p.m.

**10. Meeting with Mr. Kevin Flannery, Bus Eireann**

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that Mr. Flannery had indicated that he was happy to meet with Commissioners and it was agreed that the meeting would be held on the 22/10/98 at 7.30 p.m. in the Town Hall.

**11. The Millennium**

It was agreed that Commissioners would consider ideas to mark the Millennium and make written submissions in this regard. This item will be

included on the agenda for the Commissioners meeting in November where it could be discussed further.

**12. Any Other Business**

**(A) Commissioner May McKeon**

- (i) Referred to the housing list for the Balbriggan area which had been circulated to Commissioners and the very high demand for housing accommodation.

**(B) Commissioner Monica Harford**

- (i) Referred also to the housing list for the Balbriggan area

**(C) Commissioner David McFadden**

- (i) Again requested the provision of public lighting along the Naul Road

**(D) Commissioner Bredge Tuite**

- (i) Referred to the development at Brecon Court and reported that the shores were still protruding above the level on the road.
- (ii) Referred to a case brought to her attention where one person had received 4 separate letters containing butter vouchers and requested that the Town Clerk establish the cost of this procedure to the tax payer.
- (iii) Referred to the site at Bremore and the Heritage Group.
- (iv) Called on Fingal County Council to state why the Cathaoirleach of Balbriggan Town Commissioners was not seated at the top table at the recent reception for the opening of the Balbriggan By-Pass.

**(E) Commissioner Patricia Gallen**

- (i) Requested that Commissioners refrain from bringing mobile phones into the Commissioners meetings

**(F) Commissioner Joe Davis**

- (i) Enquired when rerouting of the sewerage system in the town will commence.
- (ii) Enquired why the grass cutting machine does not carry a grass collection box

**(G) Commissioner Gertie Shields**

- (i) Enquired when repairs will be carried out to the laneway beside the church leading to Curran Park.

**(H) Commissioner Thérèse Fingleton**

- (i) Reported that trees and shrubbery cut along the second phase of the Inner Relief Road which are decaying and requested their removal.

The meeting concluded at 10.30 p.m.

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### DO GACH BALL DE CHOIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith I láthair ag Cruinniú de Choimisinéirí Bhaile Brigín a thionolfar ar an Deireadh Fomhair 13, 1998 ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> October, 1998 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

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**DEREK TUMBLETON**  
**CLÉIREACH AN BHAILE.**

### CLÁR

1. **Confirmation of Minutes**
  - (i) Minutes of Meeting held on the 8/9/98 (circulated herewith)
2. **(A) Applications for Hire of Hall**
  - (i) Application received from Waterfox Ltd. to hire the Ballroom on an agreed date in October from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. (circulated herewith)
  - (ii) Application received from St. John's Hearing Aid Service Ltd to hire the Bandroom on the 5<sup>th</sup> November 1998 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (circulated herewith)

### **3. Correspondence**

#### **(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**

- (i) Letter dated 30/9/98 from the Office of the Ombudsman regarding a complaint made by Balbriggan Town Commissioners (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 7/10/98 from Mary O'Rourke, T.D., Minister for Public Enterprise regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners

#### **(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

- (i) Letter dated 21/9/98 from the Administrative Officer, Roads Department regarding traffic calming measures at Baths Road, Balbriggan (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 29/9/98 from the Senior Parks Superintendent regarding the erection of a basketball net on the open space in Lambreecher Estate (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 1/10/98 from the Administrative Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding various matters (circulated herewith)
- (iv) Letter dated 6/10/98 from Staff Officer, Roads & Traffic Department regarding the laneway between Hampton Cove and Fancourt Heights (circulated herewith)

#### **(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

- (i) Letter dated 10/9/98 from the Town Clerk, Cashel Urban District Council regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 23/9/98 from the Acting Town Clerk, Kinsale Urban District Council regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 29/9/98 from the Acting Town Clerk, Kilkee Town Commissioners regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners.
- (iv) Letter dated 2/10/98 from the Secretary, Tipperary S.R. County Council regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners (circulated herewith)

### **4 Motions**

#### **(i) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Health and Children to request G.P.'s to publicly display any change in visiting charges at least one month prior to the increase taking place."

#### **(ii) Motion Submitted by Commissioners Monica Harford**

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to alter the new lottery system for shared ownership to first come first served."

### **5 Questions**

#### **(i) Question Submitted by Commissioner Gertie Shields**

"To ask the Manager to explain in detail Fingal County Council's decision to pull out of FAS C.E. Schemes."

### **6. Other Correspondence**

- (i) Letter dated 15/9/98 from the Area Manager, Bus Eireann regarding correspondence from Mr Mac Giolla Ceara (circulated herewith)

- (ii) Letter dated 30/9/98 from the Business Development Manager, Dublin Bus regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 2/10/98 from the Managing Director, Bus Eireann regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners (circulated herewith)
- (iv) Letter dated 7/10/98 from W H Southard regarding Irish Crusade – Summer 1999 (circulated herewith)

**7. Quarterly Meeting with Fingal County Council**

- (i) Minutes of meeting held on 11/6/98 (to be circulated)

**8. Tidy Districts, Sports, Arts & Culture Awards**

**9. Estimates Meeting**

**10. Meeting with Mr. Kevin Flannery, Bus Eireann**

**11. The Millennium**

**12. Any Other Business**

**MINUTES OF ESTIMATES MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup>  
OCTOBER, 1998 IN BALBRIGGAN TOWN HALL**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Davis, Joe                      McKeon, May  
   Fingleton, Thérèse        Pyne, Ned  
   Gallen, Patricia            Shields, Gertie  
   Harford, Monica            Tuite, Bredge  
   McFadden, David

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:**                      Mr. Alan Carthy, Principal Officer  
   Mr. Derek Tumbleton, Town Clerk

An Cathaoirleach Commissioner Pyne presided.

Mr. Carthy circulated details of expenditure to date and suggested estimates for 1999. Commissioners spoke in relation to the estimates presented and Mr. Carthy and the Town Clerk answered questions regarding same. The estimates provide for increased expenditure in Tourism/Town Decoration, Members Expenses/Conferences and the Wages categories. A credit balance of £8,260 arose as a result of the provision of £3,500 for elections carried forward from the 1998 estimate together with a credit balance at the end of the financial year and savings in expenditure and increased revenue in 1998. Commissioner Davis suggested meeting with the Minister for the Environment & Local Government to discuss various matters relating to the Town Commissioners estimate of expenses. As a result of the estimates presented it will be necessary to make a demand of £37,000 to Fingal County Council which will result in a town rate of 2.11 an increase of six pence over the 1998 figure and in line with the recommendations from the Department of the Environment and Local Government.

The meeting then concluded.

*Ned Pyne*

**MINUTES OF STATUTORY ESTIMATES MEETING HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 1998.**

<b>Commissioners Present:</b>	Fingleton, Thérèse	McKeon, May
	Gallen, Patricia	Shields, Gertie
	Harford, Monica	

<b>Apologies Received:</b>	Davis, Joe	Pyne, Ned
	McFadden, David	Tuite, Bredge

<b>Officials Present:</b>	Mr. Alan Carthy, Principal Officer
	Mr. Derek Tumbleton, Town Clerk

An Leas Cathaoirleach Commissioner McKeon presided.

Statutory notice had been given in the press and the draft estimates circulated in advance. The draft estimates provide for a total expenditure of £66,000 and an income of £20,740.

There would be a net requirement of £45,260 and a credit balance of £8,260 which will result in a demand to Fingal County Council of £37,000 in 1999. This would require a town charge of £2.09 in the pound as compared to the 1998 figure of £2.03 in the pound. This increase is in line with the recommendations from the Department of the Environment and Local Government.

Mr. Carthy and Mr. Tumbleton answered questions from Commissioners concerning various matters relating to the estimates. Following discussion it was suggested by Mr. Carthy that Commissioners meet with the newly elected representatives for the area following the next election to outline the Commissioners priorities for the area.

Following further discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Gallen seconded by Commissioners Shields and agreed that Commissioners meet with Senior Planners following examination of the draft development plan and outline Commissioners thoughts in relation to same. Mr. Carthy also referred to a circular from the Department of the Environment regarding the inclusion of elected representatives on the boards of partnerships and it was proposed by Commissioner Gallen seconded by Commissioner Harford and agreed that the Town Clerk follow this matter up.

It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioners Shields and resolved that the Estimate as presented by the Manager be adopted.

The meeting then concluded.

*Ned Pyne*

There was no business under this heading.

### **3. Correspondence**

#### **(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**

- (i) Letter dated 8/10/98 from the Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Finance regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners was circulated and discussed. Mr. Carthy answered questions relating to the correspondence. It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen seconded by Commissioner Harford and agreed that a similar motion which had been forwarded to the Association of Municipal Authorities be followed up by the Town Clerk.
- (ii) Letter dated 22/10/98 from the Office of the Ombudsman regarding a complaint made by Balbriggan Town Commissioners was circulated and noted.
- (iii) Press statement dated 29/10/98 from Nora Owen, T.D. regarding new traffic markings on the N1 was circulated and discussed. Following lengthy discussion it was proposed by Commissioner McKeon, seconded by Commissioner Harford and agreed that the Town Clerk write to the N.R.A. and Fingal County Council requesting that the road markings be reviewed due to the ongoing problems. Mr. Carthy suggested that reference is made to the serious traffic hazard being caused by cars who overtake on this stretch of road and suggested that breaks are provided for overtaking. Commissioners also expressed concern regarding certain signposting on the Balbriggan By-Pass and this will be followed up by the Town Clerk.

#### **(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

- (i) Letter dated 7/10/98 from the Staff Officer, Housing Department regarding shrubbery at Glover Court, Balbriggan was circulated and discussed. Mr. Carthy outlined when the works would be carried out. Commissioner Davis requested that the Council consider the removal of the shrubs that are obstructing plaques at this location and replace them with small plants.
- (ii) Letter dated 29/10/98 from Cllr. Therese Fingleton, T.C., regarding a motion proposed at a Roads & Traffic committee meeting was circulated and discussed. Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Gallen seconded by Commissioner Shields and agreed that Commissioners recommend that the Inner Relief Road is named Tankardstown Road.
- (iii) Letter dated 29/10/98 from the Administrative Officer, Environmental Services regarding various litter matters was circulated and noted.
- (iv) Letter dated 3/11/98 from the Senior Administrative Officer, Roads & Traffic Department regarding naming of Balbriggan Inner Relief Road was circulated and noted as it had been discussed earlier at the meeting.
- (v) Letter dated 4/11/98 from the A/Senior Engineer, Mechanical & Electrical Services, Roads & Traffic Department regarding road lighting Balrothery – Balbriggan was circulated and welcomed by Commissioners.

- (C) **Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**
- (i) Letter dated 2/10/98 from the County Secretary, Tipperary S.R. County Council regarding a motion adopted at a recent meeting was circulated and noted. It was proposed by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Gallen and agreed that the Town Clerk write to the Minister for the Environment & Local Government requesting that he examine the system being put in place in Northern Ireland where penalty points are issued for various traffic offences.
  - (ii) Letter dated 15/10/98 from the Senior Administrative Officer, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners was circulated and noted.
  - (iii) Letter dated 16/10/98 from the Divisional Manager North, Bus Atha Cliath regarding the removal of back packs was circulated and welcomed by Commissioners.
  - (iv) Letter dated 22/10/98 from the Town Clerk, Wexford Corporation regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners was circulated and noted.
  - (v) Letter dated 23/10/98 from the Group Chief Executive, Coras Iompair Eireann regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Harford referred to a case where a child was put off a bus for not having the full fare and requested that drivers are instructed that in similar cases the taking of a name and address is sufficient. Commissioner Shields stated that details of the specific instance should be referred to Bus Eireann for their attention.
  - (vi) Notification dated 26/10/98 from the Chief Executive, Larne Borough District Council of a seminar and workshop on Waste Management entitled "The Concern of Everyone" scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> December 1998 in the McNeill Theatre, Larne Leisure Centre, Co. Antrim was circulated and noted.
  - (vii) Letter dated 6/11/98 from the Town Clerk, Monaghan Urban District Council regarding a motion passed at a recent meeting was circulated and noted.

4. **Motions**

- (i) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**  
"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to install central heating for renting tenants with no other form of heating and to recoup the cost of same from their payments."  
Commissioner Harford outlined the background to her motion. Mr. Carthy explained that central heating is provided in priority cases such as those with medical conditions or the elderly. It was proposed by Commissioner Harford seconded by Commissioner Davis and agreed that the motion is forwarded to Fingal County Council and also to the Minister for the Environment & Local Government and a request made to him to introduce a scheme for local authorities which would alleviate this form of hardship.

## 5. Questions

### (i) Question Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford

"To ask the Manager if renting tenants approved to buy their houses under the present shared ownership scheme are entered into a lottery."

Mr. Carthy stated that renting tenants are not entered into a lottery as they have a statutory right to purchase their property from the Council. Mr. Carthy then answered further questions from Commissioners concerning this matter.

### (ii) Question Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford

"To ask the Manager when the last maintenance works i.e. painting, replacement of doors and windows were carried out to rented accommodation in the following areas – Lambreecher, Pinewood, Chapel Street Flats, St. Paul's Crescent, Glover Court, Fulham Street and Terrace, Craoibhin Park, Derham Park and Curran Park."

Mr. Carthy outlined the position and answered further questions in relation to same.

### (iii) Question Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford

"To ask the Manager if there will be a roundabout at the Garda Station on completion of the second phase of Inner Relief Road."

Mr. Carthy explained that there will not be a roundabout at this location however road resurfacing will be carried out and traffic signals provided. Commissioner McFadden enquired regarding traffic lights at the Stephenstown end. Commissioner Gallen suggested sensor lights and possibly moving the traffic lights at the church. The Town Clerk will request the Roads & Traffic Department to notify Commissioners in advance of any work being carried out.

## 6. Other Correspondence

- (i) Letter dated 19/10/98 from Mr. J.D. Bourdat regarding town twinning was circulated and discussed. It was proposed by Commissioner McKeon, seconded by Commissioner McFadden and agreed that town twinning is included on the agenda for the Commissioners meeting in January 1999.
- (ii) Letter dated 19/10/98 from Ms. D. O'Connell regarding a petition from residents of Market Green was circulated and discussed. Commissioners indicated their support for the petition.
- (iii) Letters dated October 1998 from Ann Gallen regarding the Festival of Arts Balbriggan were circulated and welcomed by Commissioners. It was agreed that the Town Clerk write to the Festival organisers congratulating them on the success on the event.

The Town Clerk then circulated letter dated 4/11/98 from Mrs Elizabeth McKenna regarding planning application reference no. F/98A/0991 which was discussed by Commissioners. Commissioners welcomed Youthreach to the town but objected to the location of their premises. Commissioner Gallen spoke in relation to the abuse of planning laws by the Bridge Club. It was agreed that the Town Clerk

write to the Planning Department supporting Mrs McKennas objection and also to Youthreach.

**7. Millennium**

It was agreed that Commissioners would hold a meeting to discuss this matter on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1998 following the meetings with Mr. Kevin Flannery, Bus Eireann and the Tooman – Anti Dump Committee.

**8. Quarterly Meeting with Fingal County Council**

The Town Clerk informed Commissioners that the next meeting is scheduled for the 10<sup>th</sup> December 1998 at 2 p.m. items for inclusion on the agenda to be submitted to the Town Clerk by the 24<sup>th</sup> November, 1998.

**9. Meetings**

- (i) Mr. Kevin Flannery, Bus Eireann – 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1998 at 7.30 p.m.
- (ii) Mr. Bill Kearney, Parks Department – 17<sup>th</sup> November, 1998 at 2.00 p.m.
- (iii) Mr. William O'Brien, Environmental Services – 17<sup>th</sup> November, 1998 following meeting with Mr. Kearney.

Commissioner Harford referred to a request by the Tooman Anti Dump Committee to meet with Commissioners and it was agreed to hold the meeting on the 3/12/98 at 8.15 p.m.

**10. Any Other Business**

**(A) Commissioner Gertie Shields**

- (i) Requested a report on the piping works being carried out at Bremore
- (ii) Informed the meeting that Balbriggan Awareness of Drugs had enquired if their vigil could be held on the 8/12/98 when the Christmas lights are being switched on. This was agreed by Commissioners, the Town Clerk to make the necessary arrangements. It was agreed that the Commissioners statutory meeting would commence at 8.30 p.m. following the lights being switched on at 7.30 p.m.
- (iii) Requested an update on the derelict site at Lambeeher.

**(B) Commissioner May McKeon**

- (i) Reported lights not working at a number of locations – these will be reported to the Public Lighting Section by the Town Clerk.
- (ii) Referred to the presentation of an oak tree to symbolise peace at Tidy Districts Awards some years ago. Mr. Michael Kenny has now requested that a location is found to plant the tree permanently. This matter will be discussed at the meeting with Mr. Bill Kearney, Parks Department.

**(C) Commissioner Patricia Gallen**

- (i) Referred to the announcement by Mr. Liam Connellan at the opening of the By-Pass of funding for the N1. The Town Clerk will establish when work is to commence and if it will coincide with the proposed sewage works, erection of public lights and Urban & Village renewal.
- (ii) Referred to the illegal development at the rear of 8-10 Drogheda Street and to the planning notice. The Town Clerk will obtain an up to date report from Planning Department.

**(D) Commissioner David McFadden**

- (i) Requested that N.R.A. provide public lighting to the north of the town.

- (ii) Requested that Fingal County Council provide public lighting along the Naul Road.

**(E) Commissioner Ned Pyne**

- (i) Requested public lighting at Bohill and Hampton Lane and enquired regarding the Council's policy for public lighting in rural areas.
- (ii) Congratulated Ms. Elaine Edwards, Fingal Independent on her recent award and welcomed the newspapers return to Commissioners meetings.

The meeting concluded at 10.20 p.m.

*Ned Pyne*

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### DO GACH BALL DE CHOIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

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**DEREK TUMBLETON**  
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### CLÁR

1. **Confirmation of Minutes**
  - (i) Minutes of meeting held on the 13/10/98 (circulated herewith)
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  - (iii) Minutes of Statutory Estimates meeting held on 28/10/98 (circulated herewith)
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**7. Millennium**

**8. Quarterly Meeting with Fingal County Council**

**9. Meetings**

- (i) Mr. Kevin Flannery – Bus Eireann
- (ii) Mr. Bill Kearney – Parks Department, Fingal County Council
- (iii) Mr. William O'Brien – Environmental Services, Fingal County Council

**10. Any Other Business**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 1998 IN  
BALBRIGGAN TOWN HALL**

**Commissioners Present:**

Davis, Joe	McKeon, May
Fingleton, Thérèse	Pyne, Ned
Gallen, Patricia	Shields, Gertie
Harford, Monica	Tuite, Bredge
McFadden, David	

**Officials Present:**

Mr. Alan Carthy, Principal Officer  
Mr. Derek Tumbleton, Town Clerk

An Cathaoirleach Commissioner Pyne presided.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

- (i) Minutes of Meeting held on 10/11/98 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 26/11/98 from Personnel/Management Development, Department of the Environment and Local Government regarding Audit Fees was circulated and noted.
- (ii) Letter dated 27/11/98 from Office of the Minister for Education and Science regarding the Ceard Teastas Gaeilge was circulated and it was agreed to defer this item to the Commissioners meeting in January.

**(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

- (i) Letter dated 17/11/98 from the Archivist, Libraries Department regarding the Centenary of Local Government was circulated and discussed. It was proposed by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Gallen and agreed that consent be given to Libraries Department for use of Commissioners records in a forthcoming exhibition.
- (ii) Letter dated 20/11/98 from Administrative Officer, Environmental Services Department regarding the kiosk at Balbriggan beach was circulated and it was agreed to defer this item to the Commissioners meeting in January. Mr. Carthy suggested that the Town Clerk obtain an update on this matter from Environmental Services
- (iii) Letter dated 23/11/98 from Administrative Officer, Environmental Services Department regarding a replacement amenity at Blackrock was circulated and it was agreed to defer this item to the Commissioners meeting in January.
- (iv) Letter dated 23/11/98 from Administrative Officer, Environmental Services regarding Balbriggan and Skerries harbours was circulated and it was agreed to defer this item to the Commissioners meeting in January.

- (v) Letter dated 25/11/98 from Senior Administrative Officer, Planning Department regarding dwellings at rear of Nos. 8 & 10 Drogheda Street was circulated and it was agreed that this matter be discussed at the Commissioners quarterly meeting with Fingal County Council.
  - (vi) Letter dated 25/11/98 from Administrative Officer, Parks Department regarding "No Golfing" sign at Martello Tower was circulated and welcomed by Commissioners.
  - (vii) Letter dated 27/11/98 from A/Senior Engineer, Mechanical & Electrical Services, Roads & Traffic Department regarding public lighting was circulated and it was agreed to defer this item to the Commissioners meeting in January.
  - (viii) Letter dated 30/11/98 from Senior Administrative Officer, Planning Department planning application reference F98A/0991 was circulated and discussed. Mr. Carthy outlined the procedures followed when considering a planning application and answered questions from Commissioners. Following lengthy discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Tuite, seconded by Commissioner McFadden and agreed that Commissioners request a meeting with the Minister for the Environment & Local Government to discuss planning issues.
- (C) **Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**
- (i) Letter dated 24/11/98 from the Town Clerk, Nenagh Urban District Council regarding motions passed at a recent meeting was circulated and discussed. It was proposed by Commissioner Davis seconded by Commissioner McFadden and agreed to support the motions as presented.
  - (ii) Notification dated 25/11/98 from Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland of a seminar entitled Road Safety – "Are Local Authorities living up to their responsibilities" scheduled for the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> February, 1998 in the Welcome Inn Hotel, Castlebar, Co. Mayo and details of annual subscriptions for 1999 were circulated and noted. The matter will be considered further when the full programme is made available.

#### 4. **Motions**

- (i) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Gertie Shields**  
Commissioner Shields outlined the background to her motion and it was then proposed by Commissioner Shields seconded by Commissioner Pyne and agreed  
"That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for the Environment and Local Government to extend the home improvements grant at present only available to people living in rural areas to needy elderly people in urban areas."
- (ii) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Gertie Shields**  
"That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Justice to bring the staffing of Oberstown House – Trinity House into the remit of the Department of Justice rather than the Department of Education as at present."  
Commissioner Shields outlined the background to her motion. Following discussion it was agreed to defer this item to the

Commissioners meeting in January. In the meantime the Town Clerk will establish which government department is responsible for staffing.

(iii) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Bredge Tuite**

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Environment and Local Government to introduce a National House Purchase Scheme."

Commissioner Tuite outlined the background to her motion. Mr. Carthy explained the scheme which is in operation at present. It was then decided by Commissioner Tuite to review the wording of her motion and to bring it before the Commissioners meeting in January.

5. **Questions**

(i) **Question Submitted by Commissioner Ned Pyne**

"To ask the Manager for an update on public lighting in Flemington."

Mr. Carthy explained that the provision of lighting at this location is being examined under the draft programme of minor works for 1999 and it is expected that a decision on same will be made at Councils meeting in January.

6. **Other Correspondence**

- (i) Letter dated 16/11/98 from Principal St. Teresa's Primary School regarding Town Crest was circulated and discussed. Commissioners approved the use of the Town Crest by St. Teresa's Primary School.

The Town Clerk then circulated additional motions submitted by Commissioners.

(i) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner David McFadden**

Commissioner McFadden outlined the background to the motion and it was then proposed by Commissioner McFadden seconded by Commissioner Harford and agreed that

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call upon the National Roads Authority in collaboration with Fingal County Council to proceed to upgrade the road leading from Balbriggan to the M1, known as the Naul Road."

(ii) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Patricia Gallen**

Commissioner Gallen outlined the background to her motion and it was then proposed by Commissioner Gallen seconded by Commissioner Harford and agreed

"That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners support the actions of the Tooman Group against a proposed dump at Tooman."

Commissioner Pyne paid tribute to the organisational work of the Tooman Group.

(iii) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner May McKeon**

Commissioner McKeon outlined the background to her motion and it was then proposed by Commissioner McKeon seconded by Commissioner Gallen and agreed that

"In view of the fact that its contents have been ignored by builders, Developers and Planners, we request that the Balbriggan Heritage Project 1989 be launched jointly by Balbriggan Town Commissioners and Fingal County Council as soon as possible."

(iv) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner May McKeon**

I call upon my fellow Commissioners to make a formal decision to:

- (a) Proceed with its proposed development of the Town Hall Properties
- (b) To liase with the Manager, senior Fingal County Council personnel and appropriate agencies (with particular emphasis on the legal aspect) with a view to having this project carried out with the least possible delay, a formal meeting to be set up for January 1999."

Following discussion it was agreed that this item be deferred to the Commissioners meeting in January. It was then proposed by Commissioner Gallen seconded by Commissioner McFadden and agreed that the County Architect be requested to produce detailed plans for the Commissioners property at the next meeting.

7. **Quarterly Meeting with Fingal County Council**

- (i) Minutes of meeting held on 8/10/98 were circulated and noted.
- (ii) Agenda for meeting to be held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December, 1998 at 2.00 p.m. was circulated and approved.

8. **Open Space at Bower**

It was agreed to defer this item to the Commissioners meeting in January.

9. **Any Other Business**

It was agreed to defer this item to the Commissioners meeting in January.

Commissioners and officials extended seasons greetings.

The meeting concluded at 10.20 p.m.

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### GO GACH BALL DE CHOIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith I láthair ag Cruinniú de Choimisinéirí Bhaile Brigín a thionolfar ar an Nollaig 8, 1998 ar 8.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> December, 1998 at 8.30 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

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**DEREK TUMBLETON**  
**CLÉIREACH AN BHAILE.**

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- (i) Letter dated 17/11/98 from the Archivist, Libraries Department regarding the Centenary of Local Government (circulated herewith)
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**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 1999 IN  
BALBRIGGAN TOWN HALL**

<b>Commissioners Present:</b>	Davis, Joe	McFadden, David
	Fingleton, Thérèse	Pyne, Ned
	Gallen, Patricia	Shields, Gertie
	Harford, Monica	Tuite, Bredge

An apology for non attendance was received from Commissioner McKeon

**Officials Present:**

- Mr. Alan Carthy, Principal Officer
- Mr. Derek Tumbleton, Town Clerk (outgoing)
- Ms. Yvonne Toal, Town Clerk (incoming)

An Cathaoirleach Commissioner Pyne presided.

Commissioner Pyne extended sympathies to Commissioner McKeon on her recent bereavements and this was echoed by fellow Commissioners and officials.

It was then proposed by Commissioner Pyne seconded by Commissioner Tuite and agreed that the agenda be deferred for one hour to allow discussion on recent events concerning the Town Clerk. Mr. Carthy stated that decisions on staffing are a matter for the Manager and that the statutory meeting was the appropriate place for any announcement concerning same. Commissioners spoke in relation to the mishandling of the situation and the lack of courtesy to Commissioners in not informing them of the decision. Commissioners also paid tribute to the Town Clerk. Commissioner Shields requested that the decision be deferred until after the elections. Commissioner Gallen requested that it be placed on record that Commissioners were always notified of staff changes concerning the Commission and that it did not necessarily happen at the statutory meeting. Commissioner Gallen also stated she had no faith in the management of Balbriggan Town Commissioners. Commissioner Pyne then read out a press statement which had been issued. Mr. Carthy answered further questions from Commissioners.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

- (i) Minutes of meeting held on the 8/12/98 were circulated and confirmed.

**2. Applications for Hire of Hall**

There was no business under this heading.

The Town Clerk then circulated Balbriggan Town Commissioners Financial Statement for the period January to December, 1998 which was noted.

**3. Correspondence**

**(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**

- (i) Letter dated 27/11/98 from the Office of the Minister for Education and Science regarding the Ceard Teastas Gaeilge – deferred from December meeting was circulated and discussed. It was proposed by Commissioner McFadden, seconded by Commissioner Harford and

agreed that the Town Clerk write again to the Minister for Education concerning this matter.

- (ii) Letter dated 1/12/98 from Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Environment and Local Government regarding the provision of central heating in local authority dwellings was circulated and discussed. Mr. Carthy outlined the scheme in operation in Fingal County Council and answered questions in relation to same.
- (iii) Letter dated 16/12/98 from Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Environment and Local Government regarding the inclusion of elected representatives on area partnerships was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Gallen asked that this matter be included for discussion at the Commissioners meeting in March.

**(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

- (i) Letter dated 20/11/98 from the Administrative Officer, Environmental Services regarding the kiosk at Balbriggan beach – deferred from December meeting was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that the Town Clerk write to the Administrative Officer, Environmental Services to establish the terms and conditions of the lease.
- (ii) Letter dated 23/11/98 from the Administrative Officer, Environmental Services regarding a replacement amenity at Blackrock – deferred from December meeting was circulated and discussed. It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner Shields and agreed that the provision of a replacement amenity at this location be considered as a millennium project. Commissioner Fingleton requested that the Town Clerk obtain a copy of the National Safety Councils report on the harbour.
- (iii) Letter dated 23/11/98 from the Administrative Officer, Environmental Services regarding Balbriggan and Skerries harbours – deferred from December meeting was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Fingleton requested that the Town Clerk obtain a copy of the independent consultants report.
- (iv) Letter dated 27/11/98 from the A/Senior Engineer, Mechanical and Electrical Services, Roads & Traffic Department regarding public lighting – deferred from December meeting was circulated and discussed. It was proposed by Commissioner McFadden and seconded by Commissioner Gallen and agreed that the Town Clerk write to Fingal County Council and request that funding for the upgrading of the Naul Road be provided as a matter of urgency. Commissioner Gallen also requested that Fingal County Council consider providing additional public lighting on High Street particularly in the area of the High Street Market.
- (v) Letter dated 2/12/98 from the Assistant Staff Officer, Housing Department regarding shrubbery at Glover Court, Balbriggan was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that the Town Clerk write again to the Housing Department outlining the problems at this location.
- (vi) Letter dated 14/12/98 from the Administrative Officer, Roads & Traffic Department regarding the improvement of the main street, Balbriggan was circulated and discussed. Commissioner Harford

requested that the Town Clerk establish if there are any time conditions attached to the provision of £150,000 for improvement works. Commissioner Gallen requested that the file on the Urban & Village Renewal Scheme be available at the Commissioners meeting in February. Commissioner Tuite also requested that Town Clerk establish what criteria are in place to ensure that road works carried out by contractors and public bodies are completed to a satisfactory standard.

- (vii) Letter dated 22/12/98 from the Senior Administrative Officer, Planning Department regarding planning application reference no. F98A/114 was circulated and discussed. The Town Clerk informed Commissioners that a copy of the conditions attached to this planning application were available, if required.

**(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

- (i) Notification dated 7/12/98 from Waterford Corporation of the Local Authority Members Association's Annual conference scheduled for 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> April, 1999 in the Tower Hotel, Water was circulated and noted.
- (ii) Notification dated 7/12/98 from Cork Corporation of a conference entitled "Emphasis on the Changing Role of Community and State" scheduled for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> March, 1999 in Fitzpatrick's Hotel, Cork was circulated and noted.
- (iii) Notification dated 10/12/98 from the General Council of County Councils of a seminar entitled "Urban Ireland – Rural Ireland : bridging the gap or deepening the divide" scheduled for 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> February, 1999 in the Grand Hotel, Malahide was circulated and noted.
- (iv) Notification dated 21/12/98 from Westport Urban District Council of a conference entitled "Planning for the future in our towns and villages" scheduled for 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> March, 1999 in Hotel Westport, Co. Mayo was circulated and noted.
- (v) Notification dated 4/1/99 from the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland of a seminar entitled "Road Safety – Are Local Authorities living up to their Responsibilities?" was circulated and discussed. It was agreed that Commissioner Gertie Shields represent the Town Commissioners at this conference.

**4. Motions**

**(i) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Gertie Shields – deferred from December Meeting**

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Justice to bring the staffing of Oberstown House – Trinity House into the remit of the Department of Justice rather than the Department of Education as at present."

Commissioner Shields outlined the background to the motion and read out an addendum to same. It was agreed that the final wording would be agreed with the Town Clerk and forwarded to the Minister.

(ii) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner May McKeon – deferred from December Meeting**

"I call upon my fellow Commissioners to make a formal decision to:

- (a) Proceed with its proposed development of the Town Hall properties.
- (b) To liaise with the Manager, Senior Fingal County Council personnel and appropriate agencies (with particular emphasis on the legal aspect) with a view to having this project carried out with the least possible delay, a formal meeting to be set up for January 1999."

Commissioner Davis spoke on behalf of Commissioner McKeon. Mr. Carthy updated Commissioners in relation to Balbriggan's application for Urban Renewal. It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen and seconded by Commissioner Shields and agreed that Commissioners meet with the County Architect to discuss this matter. It was also agreed that the Town Clerk contact the Commissioners solicitor concerning the title deeds of the Commissioners property.

(iii) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Gertie Shields**

Commissioner Shields outlined the background to her motion. It was proposed by Commissioner Shields and seconded by Commissioner Tuite and agreed that

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to carry out urgent repair work to the footbridge spanning the Bracken River at Clonard Court without further delay."

Commissioner Gallen suggested the provision of gritted tarmac on both bridges.

(iv) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Bredge Tuite**

It was proposed by Commissioner Tuite and seconded by Commissioner McFadden and agreed that

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on An Tanaiste, Mary Harney, T.D. to implement the scheme advocated by her wherein, school caretakers be brought under the Department of Education's responsibility with the finances for this being allocated directly to each school."

(v) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Bredge Tuite**

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for the Environment to implement a national house purchase scheme in line financially with previous national schemes, the reason been financial institutions are still outside the reach of most tenants who have resided for more than 20 years in their present accommodation and are over 40 years of age."

Commissioner Tuite outlined the background to the motion and following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Tuite seconded by Commissioner McFadden and agreed to amend the motion as follows

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for the Environment and Local Government to implement a national house

purchase scheme in line financially with previous national schemes, as the financial institutions and Housing Finance Agency are still outside the reach of most tenants who have resided for more than 20 years in their present accommodation and are over 40 years of age."

(vi) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Ned Pyne**

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to reverse their decision to build a halting site at Matt Lane."

Commissioner Pyne outlined the background to the motion. Commissioner Harford requested that motion (xii) be taken in conjunction with this motion. It was proposed by Commissioner Pyne, seconded by Commissioner Harford and agreed that the Town Clerk forward a copy of both motions to the Councillors for the Balbriggan Electoral Area and officials of Fingal County Council.

(vii) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Ned Pyne**

Commissioner Pyne outlined the background to the motion. It was then proposed by Commissioner Pyne seconded by Commissioner McFadden and agreed that

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to repair public lighting at the car park in Quay Street and also on the back road at Fancourt."

(viii) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**

Commissioner Harford outlined the background to the motion. It was then proposed by Commissioner Harford seconded by Commissioner McKeon and agreed that

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Environment and Local Government to provide Fingal County Council with additional funding for acquisition of lands and building of Local Authority houses this year."

(ix) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**

Commissioner Harford outlined the background to her motion and it was then proposed by Commissioner Harford seconded by Commissioner Pyne and agreed that

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to maintain water taps in graveyards at least every 3 months."

(x) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**

Commissioner Harford outlined the background to her motion and it was then proposed by Commissioner Harford seconded by Commissioner Shields and agreed that

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Environment and Local Government to make an announcement at an early date concerning Balbriggan's application for Urban Renewal."

It was also agreed to send a copy of the motion to the four members of the European Parliament requesting an update on Balbriggan's application for Urban Renewal.

- (xi) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**  
"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Eastern Health Board to have flats which are being rented inspected before subsidising the rent."

Commissioner Harford outlined the background to her motion and following discussion it was agreed to amend the motion as follows  
"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Eastern Health Board to have flats and houses which are being rented inspected and valued before subsidising the rent."

- (xii) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**  
"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to declare the Halting Site at the Bog of the Ring official and that Balbriggan be credited with 2 official sites to date."  
This motion was taken in conjunction with motion (iv).

It was agreed to take motions (xiii), (xiv) and (xv) together. Commissioner Fingleton outlined the background to the motions and it was then proposed by Commissioner Fingleton, seconded by Commissioner Shields and agreed to circulate a copy of each of the motions to Fingal County Council.

- (xiii) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Thérèse Fingleton**  
"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to immediately put into effect a plan to be included in the 1999 works Programme to regrade, clean and culvert the stream which runs from Templeville to the North beach, Balbriggan, in view of the serious flooding in the area and the threat this watercourse poses to residents in the area and to children attending the adjacent St. Mologa's National School and that preliminary plans be outlined to the next Town Commissioners meeting."

- (xiv) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Thérèse Fingleton**  
"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to investigate the causes of, and to take whatever actions are necessary to prevent and ensure that the recent flooding in the Bremore area which caused serious health hazards by the sewers backing up and raw sewerage being deposited in the home and properties of residents and business premises, does not recur and that preliminary plans be outlined to the next Town Commissioners meeting."

- (xv) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Thérèse Fingleton**  
"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to provide assistance to property owners (details supplied \*) affected by the recent flooding in the Bremore area."

## 5. Questions

There was no business under this heading.

6. **Other Correspondence**

- (i) Notification dated 10/12/98 from Monaghan Chamber of Commerce and Industry Ltd of a conference entitled "Partnership – the New Approach Redefining the role of Local Government into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" scheduled for 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> February in the Hillgrove Hotel, Monaghan was circulated and noted.
- (ii) Notification dated 15/12/98 from the Dublin Regional Authority of a conference entitled "What is the future of our Coasts" scheduled for the 25<sup>th</sup> February 1999 in the Neptune Beach Hotel, Bettystown, Co. Meath was circulated and noted.
- (iii) Notification dated 8/1/99 from the European Movement Ireland of a conference entitled "Agenda 2000 – Its relevance to the regions of Ireland" scheduled for the 19<sup>th</sup> February 1999 in the West Cork Hotel, Skibbereen was circulated and noted.

Commissioner Pyne then indicated that the meeting was concluding but agreed to take one item of business from Commissioner McFadden. Commissioner McFadden reported disturbances caused by people gathering outside the taxi company on Drogheda Street. It was agreed to write to Garda Superintendent, Balbriggan concerning this matter.

The meeting concluded at 10.55 p.m.

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## DO GACH BALL DE CHOIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

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I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> January, 1999 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

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- (xiii) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Thérèse Fingleton**  
 "Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to immediately put into effect a plan to be included in the 1999 Works Programme to regrade, clean and culvert the stream which runs from Templeville to the North beach, balbriggan, in view of the serious flooding in the area and the threat this watercourse poses to residents in the area and to children attending the adjacent St. Molaga's National School and that preliminary plans be outlined to the next Town commissioners meeting."
- (xiv) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Thérèse Fingleton**  
 "Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to investigate the causes of, and to take whatever actions are necessary to prevent and ensure that the recent flooding in the Bremore area which caused serious health hazards by the sewers backing up and raw sewerage being deposited in the home and properties of residents and business premises, does not recur and that preliminary plans be outlined to the next Town Commissioners meeting."
- (xv) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Thérèse Fingleton**  
 "Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to provide assistance to property owners (details supplied \*) affected by the recent flooding in the Bremore area."

## 5. Questions

## 6. Other Correspondence

- (i) Notification dated 10/12/98 from Monaghan Chamber of Commerce and Industry Ltd of a conference entitled "Partnership – the New Approach Redefining the role of Local Government into the 21<sup>st</sup> century" scheduled for 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> February in the Hillgrove Hotel, Monaghan (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Notification dated 15/12/98 from the Dublin Regional Authority of a conference entitled "What is the future of our Coasts" scheduled for the 25<sup>th</sup> February 1999 in the Neptune Beach Hotel, Bettystown, Co. Meath (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Notification dated 8/1/99 from the European Movement Ireland of a conference entitled "Agenda 2000 – Its relevance to the regions of Ireland" scheduled for the 19<sup>th</sup> February 1999 in the West Cork Hotel, Skibbereen (circulated herewith)

## 7. Open Space at Bower – Deferred from December Meeting

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**9. Town Twinning**

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**12. Any Other Business**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 1999 IN  
BALBRIGGAN TOWN HALL**

**Commissioners Present:**

Davis, Joe	McKeon, May
Fingleton, Thérèse	Pyne, Ned
Gallen, Patricia	Shields, Gertie
Harford, Monica	Tuite, Bredge
McFadden, David	

**Officials Present:**

Mr. William Soffe, County Manager  
Mr. Alan Carthy, Principal Officer  
Mr. Derek Tumbleton, Town Clerk (outgoing)  
Ms. Yvonne Toal, Town Clerk (incoming)

An Leas Cathaoirleach, Commissioner McKeon presided until the arrival of the Cathaoirleach Commissioner Pyne who presided over the meeting.

An Cathaoirleach Commissioner Pyne made a presentation to the outgoing Town Clerk, Mr. Derek Tumbleton and thanked Mr. Tumbleton for his service to the Commissioners.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

- (i) Minutes of meeting held on the 12/1/99 were circulated and confirmed subject to the following change that motion No. 4 (vii) be amended to read 'seconded by Commissioner McFadden'.

**2. Applications for Hire of Hall**

- (i) Application received from Michelle O'Melia to hire the Hamilton Hall for aerobics class every Tuesday and Thursday from 8.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. was circulated and approved.
- (ii) Application received from the Balbriggan Karate Club to hire the Hamilton Hall every Friday from 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. was circulated and approved.

**3. Correspondence**

**(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**

- (i) Letter dated 2/2/99 from Office of the Minister for Environment and Local Government regarding Essential Repairs Grants Scheme was circulated and noted. All Commissioners welcomed the increase in the grant scheme from the Department of the Environment and Local Government.

**(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

- (i) Letter dated 27/1/99 from the Administrative Officer, Environmental Services regarding Balbriggan and Skerries harbours was circulated and noted. Following lengthy discussion on the matter it was proposed by Commissioner Shields, seconded by Commissioner McFadden and agreed that the Town Clerk would make every effort to obtain a copy of the independent consultants report carried out on the harbour. It was also suggested by Commissioner McFadden that the Town Clerk write to the Minister for the Marine in this regard.

- (ii) Letter dated 27/1/99 from the Senior Staff Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding the Naul Road was circulated and noted. It was agreed that this item be taken in conjunction with Motions item No. 4 (ii) - Motion Submitted by Commissioner David McFadden

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to immediately begin work to upgrade the road leading from the Balbriggan Inner Relief Road to the N1 known as the Naul Road by widening the said road, with provision for a pedestrian footpath, a bicycle lane, and lighting for its full length."

Commissioner McFadden outlined the background to his motion. Mr. Carthy outlined the Council's position on funding for improvement of roads. It was agreed that the Town Clerk write to the Roads Department and obtain details of the recent allocation of funds to Fingal County Council by the Minister.

Following lengthy discussion it was proposed by Commissioner McFadden, seconded by Commissioners Shields and agreed that the Town Clerk write to the County Engineer, Fingal County Council and request that the boundaries of the new development at Westbrook adjoining to the road are confirmed.

- (iii) The Town Clerk then circulated letter dated 5/2/99 from Fingal County Council Parks Department regarding bridges at Mill Pond open space. Commissioners welcomed the contents of this letter which was circulated and noted.

**(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

- (i) Letter dated 3/1/99 from National Roads Authority regarding the N1 from Swords to the Balbriggan By-Pass was circulated and noted.
- (ii) Notification dated 22/1/99 from Westport Urban District Council of a conference entitled "Planning for the Future in our Towns and Villages" scheduled from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> March 1999 in the Hotel Westport, Co. Mayo was circulated and noted.
- (iv) Notification dated 27/1/99 from Cork Corporation of a conference entitled "Exploring the Changing Role of Community and State - Working Together for the Future" scheduled for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> March, 1999 in Fitzpatrick's Hotel, Cork was circulated and noted.
- (v) Notification dated 22/1/99 from University College, Cork of a conference entitled "Taking Local Government into the Millennium" scheduled for 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> February, 1999 in University College, Cork was circulated and noted.
- (vi) Letter dated 2/2/99 from the Town Clerk, Macroom Urban District Council regarding a motion passed at a recent meeting was circulated and noted.

An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner Pyne then circulated two questions for the Manager as follows:

**Question No. 1**

"Is it within the remit of the Town Manager Mr. Carthy to censor, and or, intercept correspondence issued forth from Balbriggan Town Commissioners?"

**Question No. 2**

"What power has the Town Manager in Law, to interfere, question, or obstruct the business of the democratically elected members of this Local Authority, Balbriggan Town Commissioners?"

Mr. Soffe spoke in relation to the replacement of the Town Clerk and to the staffing of the Commissioners Offices at the Town Hall. Mr. Carthy outlined the position in relation to recent events concerning the halting site at Matt Lane. Mr. Carthy stated that any controversial correspondence should be forwarded to his offices for his examination and perusal. Mr. Carthy also stated that he may be contacted at Fingal County Council offices should items of an urgent nature arise.

#### **4. Motions**

**(i) Motion Submitted by Commissioner David McFadden**

"That Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to immediately put a Disk Parking System into place between the hours of 11.00 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. on Station Street with a special exemption for the vehicles of the residents of that street."

Following lengthy discussions it was agreed to defer this item for inclusion at a future meeting when the matter is further examined.

**(ii) Motion Submitted by Commissioner David McFadden**

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to immediately begin work to upgrade the road leading from the Balbriggan Inner Relief Road to the N1 known as the Naul Road by widening the said road, with provision for a pedestrian footpath, a bicycle lane, and lighting for its full length."

This item was discussed under item (B)(ii) Correspondence from Fingal County Council.

**(iii) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Ned Pyne**

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Justice to bring in legislation regarding doormen (bouncers) at night clubs."

It was proposed by Commissioner Pyne seconded by Commissioner Harford and agreed to amend this motion to read as follows:

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Justice to bring in legislation regarding the licensing of doormen (bouncers) at night clubs."

Commissioner Pyne suggested that a copy of this motion be submitted to other Local Authorities.

It was agreed to take motions 4 (iv) to (vii) together.

Commissioner McKeon outlined the background to her motions. Mr. Carthy spoke in relation to sewerage and drainage systems in the area.

Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner McKeon, seconded by Commissioner Harford and agreed to adopt motions (iv) to (vii) together subject to the wording of each motion that reads 'sewerage pipes' being replaced by the wording 'drainage systems'.

**(iv) Motion Submitted by Commissioner May McKeon**

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to provide or seek funding to upgrade the existing drainage systems on Drogheda Street, Bridge Street, Dublin Street and the Square in preparation for the construction of Balbriggan/Skerries Sewage Treatment Plant."

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 It was proposed by Commissioner Harford, seconded by Commissioner Shields and agreed that this motion be adopted.
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 "Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Health to make provisions for all pharmacies to claim amounts in excess of specified monthly payment for prescriptions if patients so wish."  
 Commissioner Harford outlined the background to her motion. It was proposed by Commissioner Harford, seconded by Commissioner McKeon and agreed that the motion be carried.

## 5. Questions

- (i) **Question Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**  
 "To ask the Manager what are the Town Clerk's set hours in the Commissioners Office?"  
 Mr. Carthy confirmed the hours of the Town Clerk at the Commissioners offices.

## 6. Other Correspondence

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- (iii) Notification dated 27/1/99 from Fergus P. Taaffe & Co., for certificate under section 15 of the Gaming and Lotteries Act 1956 – Aidan Bissett, Quay Street, Balbriggan was circulated and unopposed.

Mr. Carthy and the Commissioners scheduled a meeting with the County Architect for Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Mr. Carthy explained that he is at present examining the title deeds of the Town Hall. It was proposed by Commissioner McFadden, seconded by Commissioner Tuite and agreed that the Councils Solicitors contact the land registry immediately in this regard.

The meeting was adjourned at 10.35 p.m. and a further meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 1999 at 6 p.m. to conclude the agenda.

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### DO GACH BALL DE CHOIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith I láthair ag Cruinniú de Choimisinéirí Bhaile Brigín a thionolfar ar an Feabhra 9, 1999 ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> February, 1999 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

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**DEREK TUMBLETON**  
**CLÉIREACH AN BHAILE.**

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**15. Meeting with Superintendent Gallagher**

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**17. Any Other Business**

**MINUTES OF MEETING WITH COUNTY ARCHITECT, HELD ON 23<sup>RD</sup>  
FEBRUARY 1999 IN BALBRIGGAN TOWN HALL AT 2.30 P.M.**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Fingleton, Thérèse  
Harford, Monica  
McKeon, May  
Shields, Gertie  
Tuite, Bredge

**APOLOGIES FOR NON ATTENDANCE  
FROM COMMISSIONERS:**

Davis, Joe  
Gallen, Patricia  
McFadden, David  
Pyne, Ned

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Mr. Alan Carthy, Principal Officer  
Mr. David O'Connor, County Architect  
Mr. Derek Tumbleton, Town Clerk (Outgoing)  
Ms. Yvonne Toal, Town Clerk (Incoming)

An Leas Cathaoirleach, Commissioner McKeon presided.

Mr. Carthy, Principal Officer, together with Mr. O'Connor, County Architect outlined the Council's position in relation to the redevelopment of the Town Hall, Balbriggan. Mr. Carthy proposed that a scheme be introduced to invite developers to submit plans in relation to same.

Mr. Carthy explained that initially title to the Commissioners property must be fully examined. It was agreed that a valuer be engaged to negotiate with the shop on site, Candon's, and also the Pop Inn Take Away in relation to the right of way adjoining the Town Hall buildings. Mr. Carthy and Mr. O'Connor stated that developers may be invited to submit proposals for the entire site including an extension to the public Library.

Mr. Carthy spoke in relation to the provision of a Commissioners chamber including press and public areas, Town Clerk and staff offices and the provision of a 'One Stop Shop' staffed by Fingal County Council officials.

Mr. O'Connor requested a list of hall bookings and activities and requested that Commissioners consider future proposals for hall hire.

Commissioners welcomed the proposal for the Town Hall development. Commissioner McKeon proposed that a motion she submitted for the agenda of the January meeting be considered at the adjourned February meeting scheduled for 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6.00 p.m. Motion to be considered as follows:-

"I call upon my fellow Commissioners to make a formal decision to:

- (a) Proceed with its proposed development of the Town Hall properties.
- (b) To liaise with the Manager, Senior Fingal County Council personnel and appropriate agencies (with particular emphasis on the legal aspect) with a view to having this project carried out with the least possible delay, a formal meeting to be set up for January 1999."

The meeting concluded at 4.40 p.m.

**MINUTES OF ADJOURNED MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN  
COMMISSIONERS HELD ON 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 1999  
IN BALBRIGGAN TOWN HALL**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Fingleton, Thérèse      Pyne, Ned  
Harford, Monica      Shields, Gertie  
McKeon, May      Tuite, Bredge

**APOLOGIES RECEIVED FROM COMMISSIONERS:** Davis, Joe  
Gallen, Patricia  
McFadden, David

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Alan Carthy, Principal Officer  
Derek Tumbleton, Town Clerk (Outgoing)

Apologies received from Ms Yvonne Toal, Town Clerk, (Incoming)

An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner Pyne presided.

**7. Open Space at Bower – deferred from December/January Meeting**

Commissioner Fingleton referred to trespass notices which had been erected on the open space at the Bower and following discussion it was agreed that the Town Clerk would contact the Enforcement Section of the Planning Department regarding same.

**8. Millennium/Town Decoration – deferred from December/January Meeting**

The Town Clerk outlined to the meeting the cost of providing the town decoration and stated that any special lighting requirements for the Millennium would have to be ordered in the near future. Following discussion it was agreed to meet with the Chamber of Commerce and then launch a public campaign to raise funds for improvements to the town decoration. In addition the Town Clerk will write to the Parks Department requesting that the Council provide the Christmas Tree and lights as was done in other towns in the county area.

**9. Town Twinning**

It was agreed to defer this item to the Commissioners meeting in March.

**10. Draft Development Plan**

Commissioner Harford spoke in relation to a previous motion concerning the proposed halting site at Matt Lane and it was proposed by Commissioner Harford, seconded by Commissioner Tuite and agreed that it is also submitted as an objection to the development plan. Following further discussion it was agreed that Commissioners would also make a submission in relation to proposals for Balrothery and in the area of the Viaduct.

**11. St. Patrick's Day**

Commissioner McKeon paid tribute to the Chamber of Commerce for the letter they had circulated encouraging participation in this years parade. Following discussion it was agreed to have the same programme of events as last year. Commissioner McKeon proposed that Commissioners dress in period costume on the day and this was seconded by Commissioner Tuite and agreed.

**12. Urban & Village Renewal Scheme**

Commissioner McKeon requested that the Council consider a landscaping scheme for the car park at Ss. Peter & Paul's Church and informed Commissioners that she was submitting brochures and photos in relation to proposals for the area at the back beach. Commissioner Fingleton requested that Fingal County Council take the necessary action to make the Bath House safe. Following discussion it was agreed that the Urban and Village Renewal Scheme and environmental improvements in the area of the back beach are included on the agenda for the quarterly meeting. The Town Clerk will write to the Council in relation to landscaping work at the car park.

**13. Records of Balbriggan Town Commissioners**

This matter was discussed at an earlier meeting with Ms. Tina Hynes, Archivist and the Town Clerk will provide minutes for same.

**14. Quarterly Meeting with Fingal County Council**

It was agreed that the following items are included on the agenda for the quarterly meeting:

1. Urban & Village Renewal Scheme
2. Planning Application F/98A/1144
3. Improvements in the area of the back beach
4. Proposed halting site at Matt Lane

Commissioner Tuite referred to the culverting of the river at Lambreecher and it was agreed to keep this matter under review. It was also agreed to write to the local Councillors in relation to the town decoration.

**15. Meeting with Superintendent Gallagher**

It was agreed that the following items are included on the agenda for the meeting.

1. Licensing of doormen at night clubs
2. Traffic Warden
3. I.D. System – off licences
4. Taxi Rank – Drogheda Street
5. Traffic Management
6. Vandalism to Ss. Peter & Paul's Church
7. Any Other Business

**16. Vandalism to Ss. Peter & Paul's Church**

Commissioner Harford proposed that letters are sent to the following:-

- (i) Garda Superintendent requesting regular patrols in the area.

- (ii) Local Clubs using facilities in the area to notify the Gardai of any problems
- (iii) Parish Priest offering the assistance of Commissioners.

**17. Any Other Business**

**(A) Commissioner Bredge Tuite**

- (i) Requested that the Park's Department refrain from spraying pesticides on grass verges
- (ii) Reported that lorries are parking on footpaths in Lambeecher and will submit details of same in order that the matter can be followed up with Road's Department.
- (iii) Reported that cleaning of the Main Street had ceased recently.
- (iv) Reported that laneways to the rear of houses in Lambeecher needed cleaning - details to be submitted to the Town Clerk.
- (v) Reported that the footpath from Bremore Court/Drive to Covetown needed to be completed.

**(B) Commissioner Thérèse Fingleton**

- (i) Reported that cars are driving across the open space to exit at Templeville, details to be submitted to Mr. Carthy.
- (ii) Referred to funding in the road's programme for Market Street.

**(C) Commissioner Gertie Shields**

- (i) Requested that the Council consider extending the double yellow lines from High Street into Quay Street to Mr. McNally's house.
- (ii) Referred to previous discussion concerning the derelict site at Lambeecher.

**(D) Commissioner May McKeon**

- (i) Referred to the following motion which was included on the agenda for the January meeting.  
 "I call upon my fellow Commissioners to make a formal decision to:
  - (a) Proceed with its proposed development of the Town Hall properties.
  - (b) To liase with the Manager, Senior Fingal County Council personnel and appropriate agencies ( with particular emphasis on the legal aspect) with a view to having this project carried out with the least possible delay, a formal meeting to be set up for January 1999."

It was then proposed by Commissioner McKeon, seconded by Commissioner Tuite and agreed to adopt the motion as presented.

- (ii) Referred to previous motions concerning re-surfacing work
- (iii) Expressed the delight of the Steering Committee regarding the recent announcement concerning Urban Renewal.
- (iv) Referred to a telephone conversation with Mr. Noel Dempsey's office and her request to have him visit Balbriggan for a photo call and to present centenary pins to Commissioners.

**(E) Commissioner Monica Harford**

- (i) Enquired if the resurfacing of the walkway from SuperValu to Lambreecher was included in the estimates.
- (ii) Reported problems with cars parking which prevented access for collection of wheelie bins – details to be given to Mr. Carthy.
- (iii) Enquired if equipment stolen in the Town Hall had been reported to the Gardai.

**(F) Commissioner Ned Pyne**

- (i) Reported that lights had not been repaired at Clonard Street following reports to the Council and E.S.B.
- (ii) Reported potholes on the new lane in Darcystown.
- (iii) Enquired if provision had been made in estimates for the cycle path.
- (iv) Referred to the Road Traffic Study with the Chamber of Commerce and following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Pyne, seconded by Commissioner Shields and agreed that Commissioners Tuite, McKeon and Fingleton would represent the Town Commissioners.

**(G) Mr. Alan Carthy**

- (i) Informed Commissioners that the count for the local elections will be held in the Kennel Club in Cloghran and outlined details of same.

The meeting concluded at 8.40 p.m.

*Ned Pyne*

**MINUTES OF MEETING WITH MS. TINA HYNES, ARCHIVIST, HELD ON  
23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 1999 IN BALBRIGGAN TOWN HALL AT 2.30 P.M.**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Fingleton, Thérèse  
Harford, Monica  
McKeon, May  
Shields, Gertie  
Tuite, Bredge

**APOLOGIES FOR NON ATTENDANCE  
FROM COMMISSIONERS:**

Davis, Joe  
Gallen, Patricia  
McFadden, David  
Pyne, Ned

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

Mr. Alan Carthy, Principal Officer  
Ms. Tina Hynes, Archivist  
Mr. David O'Connor, County Architect  
Mr. Derek Tumbleton, Town Clerk (Outgoing)  
Ms. Yvonne Toal, Town Clerk (Incoming)

An Leas Cathaoirleach, Commissioner McKeon presided.

Ms. Tina Hynes, Archivist, Fingal County Council submitted a draft copy of the records of Balbriggan Town Commissioners 1860 – 1995. The draft included a summary of Balbriggan Town Commissioners business including minutes of meetings, agendas, income and expenditure books, rent, receipt books etc. The Commissioners expressed their delight in reading the draft.

Ms. Hynes outlined the position in relation to the release of these records to the public. The Local Government Act 1994 defines archives as records which are over 30 years old and allows that any records containing sensitive material, may be withheld from public inspection. Commissioners felt that all records should be released, however, they requested that Ms. Hynes produce a similar draft of records over the last 30 years.

It was proposed by Commissioner Tuite, seconded by Commissioner McKeon and agreed that the release of all records of Balbriggan Town Commissioners be reviewed at a future meeting with the Archivist, Ms. Tina Hynes.

The meeting then concluded.



**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 1999 IN  
BALBRIGGAN TOWN HALL**

<b>Commissioners Present:</b>	Davis, Joe	McKeon, May
	Fingleton, Thérèse	Pyne, Ned
	Gallen, Patricia	Shields, Gertie
	Harford, Monica	Tuite, Bredge

An apology for non attendance was received from Commissioner David McFadden.

**Officials Present:** Mr. Alan Carthy, Principal Officer  
Ms. Yvonne Toal, Town Clerk (Incoming)

An Cathaoirleach Ned Pyne, presided.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

- (i) Minutes of Meeting held on 9/3/99 were circulated and confirmed.
- (ii) Minutes of Adjourned Meeting held on 23/2/99 were circulated and confirmed.
- (iii) Minutes of Meeting with Tina Hynes, Archivist held on 23/2/99 were circulated and confirmed.
- (iv) Minutes of Meeting with David O'Connor, County Architect, held on 23/2/99 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 10/2/99 from the Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Environment and Local Government regarding additional funding for the acquisition of lands and building of local authority houses was circulated and noted. Following discussion, it was proposed by Commissioner Harford and seconded by Commissioner McKeon that the Town Clerk write back to the Minister referring back to the contents of the motion passed by the Commissioners at their recent meeting.
- (ii) Letter dated 10/2/99 from the National Roads Authority regarding the upgrading of the Naul Road was circulated and noted. Following lengthy discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Shields seconded by Commissioner Tuite and agreed that the Town Clerk write again to the NRA and the Minister requesting funding for the upgrading of the main road.
- (iii) Letter dated 24/2/99 from Office of the Minister for Environment and Local Government regarding open week and other local centenary events was circulated and noted. Following lengthy discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Pyne, seconded by Commissioner Gallen and agreed that a further meeting be scheduled to discuss proposals for this item. Commissioners scheduled a meeting for Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 1999.

A separate discussion took place regarding the Commissioners attendance at a reception given by Fingal County Council on 1<sup>st</sup> March exhibiting materials

from the Archives. Commissioners stated their dissatisfaction and insult to the chain of office of the Commission. It was proposed by Commissioner Harford, seconded by Commissioner Pyne and agreed that a letter of complaint be sent to Fingal County Council in this regard.

- (iv) Letter dated 25/2/99 from Office of the Department of Education and Science regarding the operation of the Ceard Teastas Gaeilge was circulated and noted. It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner McKeon and agreed that this letter would be included on the agenda of the April meeting for further discussion.
- (v) Letter dated 2/3/99 from Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Environment and Local Government regarding a national house purchase scheme was circulated and noted. Commissioner Tuite together with fellow Commissioners welcomed the contents of this letter and also welcomed proposals of a new scheme for Housing announced by the Minister in recent days. Mr. Carthy outlined details of the house purchase schemes operated by Fingal County Council, particularly the shared ownership scheme for low income applicants.

**(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

- (i) Letter dated 19/2/99 from Administrative Officer, Environmental Services regarding maintenance of water taps in burial grounds was circulated and noted.
- (ii) Letter dated 19/2/99 from the Administrative Officer, Environmental Services regarding the provision of additional burial space in Balbriggan cemetery was circulated and noted. It was proposed by Commissioner Harford seconded by Commissioner Tuite that this letter be taken in conjunction with item 6 (ii) regarding letter dated 24/2/99 from Mrs Helen (Campbell) Edwards. Following lengthy discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Harford, seconded by Commissioner Gallen and agreed that the Commissioners make representations to Fingal County Council to consider acquiring the adjacent land for the extension of the graveyard as part of the new Development Plan.
- (iii) Letter dated 3/3/99 from Administrative Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding resurfacing of roads in Balbriggan was circulated and noted. Following lengthy discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Shields that the Town Clerk write again to the NRA and Fingal County Council requesting that Fingal County Council and other bodies liase and plan together in relation to road openings in the town.

**(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

- (i) Notification dated 10/2/99 from the Mid West Regional Authority of an International Conference entitled NUTS II Regions – National Development Plan 2000 – 2006 scheduled for 22/23 April, 1999 in the West County Hotel, Ennis, Co. Clare was circulated and noted
- (ii) Letter dated 12/1/99 from the Office of Community Services Programme, Eastern Health Board regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners concerning the inspection of houses and flats prior to the subsidising of rent was circulated and noted. Commissioners welcomed the contents and detail given in this letter. However, it was proposed by Commissioner Harford, seconded by Commissioner Pyne and agreed that the Town Clerk would write again to the Eastern Health Board regarding the valuation and registration of subsidised properties.

- (iii) Notification dated 15/2/99 from Carlow County Council of a conference entitled "Town Twinning – An Opportunity Not to be Missed" scheduled for 26<sup>th</sup> March, 1999 in the Lord Bagenal, Leighlinbridge, Co. Carlow was circulated and noted.

#### **4. Motions**

(i) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Bredge Tuite**

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Councils Roads Department to install ramps on the Naul Road at the following locations - east and west of the traffic lights and at an area adjacent to SS. Peter & Paul's National School in the interest of safety."

Commissioner Tuite outlined the background to her motion. It was proposed by Commissioner Tuite seconded by Commissioner Harford and agreed that this motion be adopted. It was also agreed that a request be made to have the area engineer visit various areas in the town in relation to the increase in traffic/speed.

(ii) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Bredge Tuite**

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Councils Roads Department to have installed with urgency dishing of all footpaths along the Inner Relief Road."

It was proposed by Commissioner Tuite seconded by Commissioner Harford and agreed to adopt this motion.

(iii) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Bredge Tuite**

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to repair immediately the footbridge at the Canal and to surface with non slip materials."

Commissioner Tuite reported details of the damage caused to the bridge and the dangerous state it is now in. The Town Clerk reported that Fingal County Council has stated that work will be completed on this bridge by the end of the month.

(iv) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner David McFadden**

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to immediately begin work to upgrade and repair the road leading from Balbriggan Inner Relief Road to the M1 Motorway known as the Naul Road, by widening and resurfacing same and providing pedestrian footpaths, bicycle track and lighting for its full length."

It was proposed by Commissioner Pyne (in the absence of Commissioner McFadden) and seconded by Commissioner McKeon that this motion be adopted.

(v) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Public Enterprise to call on Bus Eireann and Bus Atha Cliath to endeavour to have at least one wheelchair friendly bus on each route for the Millennium."

It was proposed by Commissioner Harford, seconded by Commissioner Tuite and agreed to adopt the motion as presented. A copy of the motion to be issued to the Minister for Public Services, Dublin Bus and Bus Eireann.

(vi) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Education to have school attendance officers establish reasons for children not attending school." Commissioner Harford outlined the background to her motion. It was proposed by Commissioner Harford, seconded by Commissioner Pyne and agreed that a copy of the motion be issued to the Minister for Education and Children.

(vii) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner May McKeon**

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council Roads/Parks Department to liaise with Commissioners and other agencies to seek funding for redesign and landscape of SS Peter & Paul's Church car park as part of a renewal programme."

Commissioner McKeon outlined the background to her motion. It was proposed by Commissioner Pyne, seconded by Commissioner Harford and agreed that this motion be adopted.

(viii) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner May McKeon**

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to include Bath House on north beach, Balbriggan, in List 2 Category of the Draft Development Plan 1998."

It was proposed by Commissioner McKeon, seconded by Commissioner Gallen and agreed that this motion be adopted.

(ix) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner May McKeon**

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to make a commitment that the Library Clock will be in working order before and during the millennium celebrations 1999/2000."

Following discussion it was agreed that the Commissioners would endeavour to establish if the clock can be re-instated into working order.

It was agreed to take motion (x) and (xi) together.

(x) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Gertie Shields**

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Councils Roads and Traffic Department to reinstate road markings and lines obliterated during recent repair work in the town."

(xi) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Gertie Shields**

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Councils Roads & Traffic Department to see that double yellow lines are painted where footpaths are dished to accommodate disabled."

It was proposed by Commissioner Shields, seconded by Commissioner Tuite and agreed that motion (x) be adopted and a copy of this motion be sent to Fingal County Council's Roads and Traffic Department. Mr. Carthy spoke in relation to the marking of roads and stated that it is not possible under roads legislation to mark double yellow lines on roads where dishing of footpaths for disabled has been provided.

**5. Questions**

(i) **Question Submitted by Commissioner Ned Pyne**

"To ask the Manager if there are any further developments regarding the cycle path and footpath for Flemington."

Mr. Carthy stated that the matter was under consideration with the Roads and Traffic Department, Fingal County Council, and that he will report to the Commissioners immediately of any developments.

**6. Other Correspondence**

- (i) Preliminary Notice from Kilkee Community Group/Chamber of Commerce of a conference entitled "Employment Prospects in the New Millennium" to be held on 14th and 15<sup>th</sup> May 1999 at the Kilkee Bay Hotel, Kilkee, Co. Clare was circulated and noted.
- (ii) Letter dated 24/2/99 from Mrs Helen (Campbell) Edwards, a resident at 135 Bath Road, Balbriggan regarding the provision of additional burial grounds in Balbriggan was circulated and noted. It was agreed that the Town Clerk acknowledge receipt of this letter and send the resident a copy of letter dated 19/2/99 from the Environmental Services Department under item 3 (B)(ii)
- (iii) Notification dated 25/2/99 from Sherkin Island Marine Station of the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Environmental Conference entitled "Landfill – The Issue That Must Be Addressed" scheduled for 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> April, 1999 in the Carrigaline Court Hotel, Carrigaline, Co. Cork was circulated and noted.
- (iv) Notification dated 2/3/99 from The Tree Council of Ireland of a workshop entitled "Urban Forestry – Opportunities for Local Authorities" scheduled for March 1999 was circulated and noted.

**7. Report on A.M.A.I. Conference entitled "Road Safety – Are Local Authorities Living Up to Their Responsibilities?"**

Commissioner Shields reported details of the conference to the Commissioners and has left all relevant correspondence for perusal at the Commissioners offices. Commissioner Shields stated that it is the responsibility of all elected bodies to make submissions to Local Authorities and the NRA in relation to the markings and signs for roads.

**8. Minutes of Quarterly Meeting with Fingal County Council held on 10/12/98**

The Town Clerk circulated minutes of the quarterly meeting which were noted by Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed the contents of letter dated 19/3/99 from W. Soffe, County Manager, Fingal County Council. Commissioner McKeon spoke of her dissatisfaction with Fingal County Council over the staffing of Balbriggan Town Commissioners offices and stated that she regretted the 'tone' of the letter. Commissioner Harford expressed that she is 'saddened' by the contents of the letter and Commissioner Davis also expressed concern.

**9. Any Other Business**

**(A) Commissioner P. Gallen**

- (i) Commissioner Gallen announced that Mr. M. Walsh, Principal Officer, Planning Department is to contact the Commissioners over the next week in relation to announcements on Village Renewal for Balbriggan.

**(B) Adjudication of Shop Fronts/St. Patrick's Day**

- (i) Commissioner Gallen, Shields, Fingleton and Harford agreed that judging of shop fronts be scheduled for Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March commencing at 11.30 a.m.

**(C) Adjudication of Poetry and Essay Competitions/St. Patrick's Day**

- (i) It was proposed by Commissioner Shields, seconded by Commissioner Harford and agreed that Eoghan Collum and the Writers Group would adjudicate these competitions.

**(D) Mr. A. Carthy**

- (i) Mr Carthy announced that nominations for candidates for the Town Commissioners Elections and Local Government Elections may be submitted from 10.00 a.m. on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May to 12.00 noon on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1999.

- (ii) Mr. Carthy also stated that the Town Commission is not (under Road Traffic Acts) legally in a position to introduce Parking Meters for the town of Balbriggan. Commissioner Gallen challenged this statement.

**(E) Commissioner M. Harford**

- (i) Requested that Fingal County Council consider naming the new council estate at Craoibhin Park after the late Jack Larkin, former Commissioner and Councillor.

**(F) Commissioner P. Gallen**

- (i) Spoke in relation to the protection of residential development in the town and requested that the Town Clerk write to Fingal County Council requesting the retention of existing authorised developments as an objective of the Development Plan. This proposal was seconded by Commissioner Harford and Commissioner McKeon.

**(G) Commissioner M. Harford**

- (i) Commissioner Harford spoke in relation to a mast recently erected adjacent to the Inner Relief Road/Business Park area. Mr. Carthy is to establish ownership of the lands.

The meeting concluded at 11.00 p.m.

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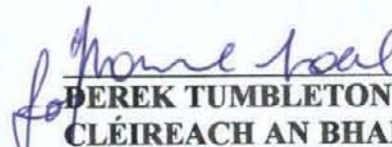
### DO GACH BALL DE CHOIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith I láthair ag Cruinniú de Choimisinéirí Bhaile Brigín a thionolfar ar an Márta 9, 1999 ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> March, 1999 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

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DEREK TUMBLETON  
CLÉIREACH AN BHAILE.

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- 7. **Report on A.M.A.I. Conference entitled "Road Safety – Are Local Authorities Living Up to Their Responsibilities?"**
  - 8. **Minutes of Quarterly Meeting with Fingal County Council held on 10/12/98 (to be circulated)**
  - 9. **Any Other Business**

**MINUTES OF MEETING WITH SUPERINTENDENT GALLAGHER HELD  
ON 5 MARCH 1999 AT 3.00 P.M.**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Gallen, Patricia                      Harford, Monica  
   Pyne, Ned                                      Shields, Gertie  
   Tuite, Bredge

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:**                      Mr. D. Tumbleton, Town Clerk (Outgoing)  
   Ms. Yvonne Toal, Town Clerk (Incoming)

**GARDAI PRESENT:**                      Superintendent Gallagher  
   Sergeant Austin Foran

Apologies for non attendance were received from Commissioners Davis, Fingleton, McFadden and McKeon.

An Cathaoirleach Ned Pyne presided.

The agenda was set as follows:

**1. Licensing of Doormen at Night-Clubs**

Commissioner Pyne spoke in relation to a number of incidents that took place recently at Life night-club in Balbriggan. Commissioner Pyne expressed concerns for the safety of persons who were ejected by doormen from the night-club. Superintendent Gallagher stated that there is no legislation in place for the licensing of doormen in night-clubs. Commissioner Gallen stated that the Government have not yet drafted legislation in relation to same. It was agreed by Commissioners and the Superintendent that political and public pressure should be put on the Department of Justice to bring urgent attention to the introduction of the required legislation.

**2. Traffic Warden**

Commissioner Tuite spoke in relation to difficulties being experienced in the town in relation to the parking of vehicles. Commissioner Tuite expressed concern that many car owners were parking in prohibited areas including specially designated areas for the visually impaired and disabled. Sargent Foran spoke in relation to difficulties at Station Street, Balbriggan where many commuters park all day. Sergeant Foran stated that the gardai were examining many possibilities for traffic in the town and were considering introducing a one way system from Station Street to the harbour. Sergeant Foran stated that the guards were not negligent in issuing parking tickets.

**3. I.D. System**

Commissioner Harford spoke in relation to concerns that many underage youths were getting alcohol from off-licence stores and pubs in the town. Commissioner Harford requested an update on the introduction of an I.D. System for the sale of alcohol. Superintendent Gallagher stated that there was no release of details of a national I.D. System proposed by the government at this point. Superintendent Gallagher stated that any complaints on the matter should be directed to the gardai.

4. **Taxi Rank**

Commissioner Pyne reported a number of complaints from residents in Drogheda Street in relation to noise and anti-social behaviour outside the taxi rank, particularly at weekends. Sergeant Foran stated that there are no particular requirements to control the taxi rank itself, however, public body order offences will be tackled by the gardai. Sergeant Foran stated that the gardai have the situation in hand and are monitoring same.

5. **Traffic**

Commissioner Pyne referred to item no. 2 on agenda which already dealt with traffic matters.


6. **Vandalism to SS Peter and Paul's Church**

Commissioners Harford, Shields and Tuite spoke of their distress over recent events and anti-social behaviour at the Church. Commissioners stated that the parish priest, Fr. Freeney, is deeply distressed over the vandalism caused in the church and its grounds. Sergeant Foran stated that summons's were issued recently to offenders. Sergeant Foran stated that the gardai were endeavouring to tackle the matter of vandalism at the church as a matter of urgency.

7. **Any Other Business**

- (i) Commissioner Tuite spoke in relation vandalism to the monastery and requested that the gardai tackle this problem.
- (ii) Commissioner Harford spoke in relation to graffiti and damage to flats at Lambeeher.
- (iii) Commissioner Tuite spoke in relation to the problem at Lambeeher and the problems encountered in relation to a certain tenant.
- (iv) Commissioner Shields spoke in relation to a number of 'souped' vehicles speeding through the town, particularly around the area at Bath Road. Sergeant Foran stated that the vehicles in question have been checked several times and that their registration and insurance is in order.
- (v) Commissioner Harford spoke in relation to dangerous driving by a bus driver outside Bingo at Dublin Street on Friday nights. Sergeant Foran stated that he would discuss same with the driver in question.
- (vi) Commissioner Pyne reported that a number of residents near the shooting club were complaining of noise and late night shooting. Sergeant Foran is to investigate same.

The meeting concluded at 4.15 p.m.



**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 1999 IN  
BALBRIGGAN TOWN HALL**

**Commissioners Present:**

Davis, Joe	McKeon, May
Fingleton, Thérèse	Pyne, Ned
Gallen, Patricia	Shields, Gertie
Harford, Monica	Tuite, Bredge
McFadden, David	

**Officials Present:**

Mr. Alan Carthy, Principal Officer
Ms. Yvonne Toal, Town Clerk

An Cathaoirleach Commissioner Ned Pyne, presided.

The Town Clerk circulated Financial Statement January – March 1999 to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Fingleton requested permission to leave the meeting at 9.15 p.m.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

- (i) Minutes of Meeting held on 9/3/99 were circulated and confirmed.
- (ii) Minutes of Meeting held with Superintendent Gallagher on 5/3/99 were circulated and confirmed.

Commissioners discussed an article which was published by the Fingal Independent on 2/4/99 quoting extracts from a letter dated 19/2/99 sent by Mr. Soffe, Fingal County Manager to the Balbriggan Town Commissioners. The Commissioners felt that the contents of this letter from Mr. Soffe, as quoted in the article, were misleading and out of context. As the letter is now in the public domain, Commissioner Gallen proposed that the Commissioners make a public statement. This was seconded by Commissioner Shields. However following further discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Harford and seconded by Commissioner Tuite, that the Town Clerk write to Mr. Soffe, County Manager and request clarification of the issues raised in the said letter dated 19/2/99.

**2. Applications for Hire of Hall**

- (i) Application received from Balbriggan Breakaway Festival Committee regarding various hall hires during May and June was circulated and noted.
- (ii) Letter dated April 1999 received from Balbriggan Breakaway Festival Committee regarding charges for hire of halls was circulated.

The Commissioners discussed this application in detail and agreed a set of charges for hire of the halls to the Breakaway Festival Committee. An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner Pyne asked questions in relation to the proposed provision of bar facilities on the Entertainment Night and stated that adequate stewarding and insurance must be provided by the Breakaway Committee on the night.

Commissioner Pyne then presented a letter from M'Lady Erin announcing the arrival of the group on 3<sup>rd</sup> June. It was agreed with Commissioners that a reception for M'Lady Erin group would be arranged as part of the Balbriggan

Breakaway Festival. Commissioner Harford requested that the festival committee get local publicity for this event.

- (iii) Application received from Mary Tolan to hire the Ballroom for aerobics classes for 9 weeks commencing on 13<sup>th</sup> April, 1999 was circulated and approved.

### **3. Correspondence**

#### **(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**

- (i) Letter dated 25/2/99 from Executive Officer, Department of Education and Science regarding the Ceard Teastas Gaeilge – deferred from March meeting was circulated. It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner Pyne that this item be deferred for discussion at the May meeting.
- (ii) Letter dated 26/2/99 from the Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform regarding Oberstown House was circulated. The contents of this letter were acknowledged and noted. Commissioner Shields expressed her concern on matter raised in relation to Oberstown House.
- (iii) Letter dated 1/3/99 from Niall Andrews, M.E.P., regarding Urban Renewal was circulated and noted
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- (vi) Letter dated 23/3/99 from Mary Banotti, M.E.P., regarding Urban Renewal was circulated. Commissioners discussed this letter together with enclosure dated 11/3/99 from Mr. Esben Polsen, European Commissioner, Brussels. The Commissioners requested that the Town Clerk write to the Brussels office.
- (vii) Letter dated 29/3/99 from Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Health regarding Drug Payment Scheme was circulated and noted. Commissioners welcomed the contents of the letter detailing the new Drug Payment Scheme being introduced by the Department of Health. Commissioners requested that the Town Clerk establish the date of implementation of the new scheme and requested that the Department of Health publicise same.

#### **(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

- (i) Letter dated 8/3/99 from Assistant Staff Officer, Development Department regarding site at entrance to school at Lambeeher was circulated and noted. Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Tuite seconded by Commissioner Shields that the Town Clerk write to the Environmental Services Department, Fingal County Council and also the Board of Management of the school adjacent to the site requesting that the site be cleared. The Town Clerk did not circulate the maps attached to each Commissioner however held the maps for inspection at the meeting table. Commissioner Gallen made a formal complaint on this matter.

Commissioner Fingleton was excused and left the meeting at 9.00 p.m.

- (ii) Letter dated 9/3/99 from Administrative Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding Council's Roadworks Programme for 1999 for the Balbriggan area was circulated and noted. Following lengthy discussion it was proposed by Commissioner McFadden and seconded by Commissioner Davis that the Town Clerk write to Roads and Traffic Department requesting clarification of certain proposed roadworks on the 1999 Programme.
- (iv) Letter dated 10/3/99 from Senior Staff Officer, Roads & Traffic Department regarding underground wiring was circulated and noted. Commissioners agreed that they continue to monitor the proposed resurfacing of roads at Balbriggan Town centre.
- (v) Letter dated 31/3/99 from Administrative Officer, Environmental Services regarding water taps in burial grounds was circulated and noted. Commissioners in particular Commissioner Harford welcomed the contents of this letter.

**(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

- (i) Letter dated 10/3/99 from Omagh District Council regarding book of condolence was circulated and noted. Commissioners expressed their concern and regret at the late notification of the exhibition held from 16 March 99, detailed in the letter. Following lengthy discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Harford and seconded by Commissioner Pyne that the Commissioners correspond further with Omagh District Council, details to be discussed at a future meeting.
- (ii) Letter dated 9/3/99 from Greystones Town Commissioners regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners was circulated and noted
- (iii) Letter dated 18/3/99 from Town Clerk, Ennis Urban District Council regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners was circulated and noted
- (vi) Letter dated 22/3/99 from Principal Officer, City Manager's Department, Dublin Corporation regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners was circulated and noted.
- (vi) Letter dated 29/3/99 from A/Town Clerk, Ballina Urban District Council regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners was circulated and noted.
- (vii) Letter dated 29/3/99 from Senior Staff Officer, Secretariat Department, South Dublin County Council regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners was circulated and noted.
- (vii) Letter dated 30/3/99 from Town Clerk, Nenagh Urban District Council regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners was circulated and noted. Commissioners welcomed the wide response received in relation to the motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners.
- (viii) Letter dated 15/3/99 from Town Clerk, Leixlip Town Commissioners regarding the Millennium was circulated and noted. It was proposed by Commissioner Tuite seconded by Commissioner Harford and agreed that projects for the Millennium would be discussed at a special meeting scheduled for 20<sup>th</sup> April, 1999 at 8.15 p.m.

- (ix) Letter dated 3/3/99 from A/Assistant Town Clerk, Waterford Corporation regarding LAMA Annual Conference scheduled for 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> April, 1999 in the Tower Hotel, Waterford was circulated and noted.
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#### **4. Motions**

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 "Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to install ramps at the entrance to Clonard Court and examine all other housing areas in Balbriggan with a view to providing ramps in the interest of public safety."  
 Commissioner Tuite outlined the background to her motion. Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Tuite, seconded by Commissioner McFadden and agreed that that this motion be adopted.
- (ii) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Bredge Tuite**  
 "Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to contact the Canoe Club of Ireland and the Sailing Club of Ireland, with a view to having the boat house facility utilised and therefore provide much needed water sports facilities for the area."  
 Commissioner Tuite outlined the background to her motion. It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen and agreed that the contents of this motion be considered at the Millennium meeting scheduled for 20<sup>th</sup> April, 1999.
- (iii) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**  
 "Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Public Enterprise to provide a Bus Eireann service through the Village of Swords."  
 Commissioner Harford outlined the background to her motion and the difficulties experienced by commuters. It was proposed by Commissioner Harford, seconded by Commissioner McFadden and agreed that this motion be adopted.

#### **5. Questions**

- (i) **Question Submitted by Commissioner Bredge Tuite**  
 "Why has the bridge at Clonard Court not been repaired as the matter was brought to the attention of Fingal County Council in October 1998?"  
 Mr. Carthy spoke in relation to difficulties being experienced by the Council in engaging contractors to carry out such remedial works. The Commissioners expressed their concern at the delay however, Mr. Carthy assured the Commissioners that the work will be undertaken as soon as possible.
- (ii) **Question Submitted by Commissioner Bredge Tuite**  
 "When do Fingal County Council intend putting down double yellow lines fronting the "Access" areas in Balbriggan as without them the "Access" areas are of no value to those they were intended to assist?"  
 Mr. Carthy explained that he is awaiting a reply from the Roads and Traffic Department on this matter.

(iii) **Question Submitted by Commissioner Gertie Shields**

"When are initial steps being taken to begin the work of refurbishment of properties of the Town Commissioners in the Square area of Balbriggan?"  
Mr. Carthy outlined the present position in relation to the redevelopment of the Town Hall properties.

Commissioner Gallen asked to be excused from the meeting and left at 10.00 p.m.

(iv) **Question Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**

"What procedures will take place when examining the objections and proposed changes to the draft development plan and when will this take place?"

Mr. Carthy spoke in relation to the procedures required to adopt the Development Plan 1998.

(v) **Question Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**

"Where does emergency water service number listed in diary for after 5 p.m. and weekends connect to (6708501) and what benefit is it to the caller?"

Mr. Carthy outlined details of the operation of emergency calls.

(vi) **Question Submitted by Commissioner Ned Pyne**

"To ask the Manager have Chapel Crescent, Knightswood Park and Balrothery Court been taken in charge and if so why have they not been maintained by the Council?"

Commissioner Pyne expressed his concerns that the Council was not cutting grass at open spaces at these locations. Mr. Carthy confirmed that the Town Clerk will contact the Parks Department in this regard.

**6. Other Correspondence**

- (i) Letter dated 9/3/99 from Editor, Byte Back regarding the Millennium was circulated and noted. It was agreed to discuss this item at the Millennium meeting scheduled for 20<sup>th</sup> April, 1999.
- (ii) Letter dated 30/3/99 from Superintendent Tom Gallagher regarding SS Peter and Paul's Church was circulated and noted.
- (iii) Letter dated 6/4/99 from Balbriggan Town and Country Committee regarding Matt Lane was circulated and noted.
- (iv) Letter dated 11/3/99 from Homeless International of Team Challenge '99 scheduled for September/October '99 was circulated and noted.
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- (vii) Memorandum dated 30/3/99 from IPA regarding Town Twinning Seminars from 20<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> April 1999 was circulated and noted.

**7. Sports, Arts & Culture Awards**

It was agreed to defer this item to the Commissioners May meeting.

**8. Grass Cutting**

Commissioner Harford agreed to bring this matter up under any other business.

**9. Any Other Business**

**(A) Commissioner Davis**

- (i) Enquired about the provision of extra bins by Fingal County Council for grass cutting. Mr. Carthy stated that Commissioner Davis should contact Mr. B. Buckley at head office.
- (ii) Requested that the basketball facilities at the Swing Park, Lambeecher be completed.
- (iii) Requested that Fingal County Council provide a pedestrian footpath from Supervalu supermarket to Lambeecher Estate.

**(B) Commissioner Bredge Tuite**

- (i) Requested that the Town Clerk write to the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform and request that additional gardai be provided for the Balbriggan area due to the proposed large increase in population.
- (ii) Requested that adequate provision be made for those with physical disabilities on polling day.

**(C) Commissioner Monica Harford**

- (i) Requested that rails be provided on steps up to Balbriggan graveyard.
- (ii) Spoke of the distress suffered by a family in the town in relation to no water supply.

The meeting concluded at 10.35 p.m.

*May McKeown*

*An Roinn Oideachais agus Eolaíochta,  
Brainse na Scrúdaithe,  
Cor na Madadh,  
Baile Átha Luain,  
Co na hIarmhí.*



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Mr. Derek Tumbleton,  
Cleireach an Bhaile,  
Balbriggan Town Commissioners,  
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*25 February 1999*

Dear Mr. Tumbleton,



I have been asked by the Minister for Education to reply directly to your correspondence regarding the operation of the Ceard Teastas Gaeilge.

I wish to reiterate that, at this point in time, there are no plans to tape all candidates at the Ceard Teastas Gaeilge examination. The question of what degree of monitoring of examiners work would be most appropriate is currently under consideration by the Department.

As stated in the Minister's reply there is no provision to appeal a candidates result in the Ceard Teastas Gaeilge examination. The examinations are held twice yearly in February/March and in November/December.

Yours sincerely,

*Kieran Devine.*

Kieran Devine,  
Executive Officer.

# BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS

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### DO GACH BALL DE CHOIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith I láthair ag Cruinniú de Choimisinéirí Bhaile Brigín a thionolfar ar an Aibreán 13, 1999 ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> April, 1999 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

Is mise le meas,

  
DEREK TUMBLETON  
CLÉIREACH AN BHAILE.

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#### 1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (i) Minutes of Meeting held on the 9/3/99 (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Minutes of Meeting with Superintendent Gallagher held on 5/3/99 (circulated herewith)

#### 2. Applications for Hire of Hall

- (i) Application received from Balbriggan Breakaway Festival Committee regarding various hall hires during May and June (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated April 1999 received from Balbriggan Breakaway Festival Committee regarding charges for hire of hall (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Application received from Mary Tolan to hire the Ballroom for aerobics classes for 9 weeks commencing on 13<sup>th</sup> April, 1999 (circulated herewith)

### **3. Correspondence**

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**7. Sports, Arts & Culture Awards**

**8. Grass Cutting**

**9. Any Other Business**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 1999 IN  
BALBRIGGAN TOWN HALL**

<b>Commissioners Present:</b>	Davis, Joe	McFadden, David
	Fingleton, Thérèse	McKeon, May
	Gallen, Patricia	Shields, Gertie
	Harford, Monica	Tuite, Bredge

**Officials Present:** Mr. Alan Carthy, Principal Officer  
Ms. Susan Murphy, Clerical Officer

An apology for non attendance was received from Commissioner Pyne.

An Leas Cathaoirleach, Commissioner McKeon presided.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

Minutes of Meeting held on the 13/4/99 were circulated and confirmed subject to the following amendments

**(i) Item 9 (A) (i)**

That "for grass cutting" be deleted

**(ii) Item 9 (D) (i)**

Commissioner McKeon requested that her comments regarding a delay in the National Postal Service be recorded.

**2. Applications for Hire of Hall**

There was no new business under this heading

**3. Correspondence**

**(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**

**(i)** Letter dated 25/2/99 from Executive Officer, Department of Education and Science regarding the Ceard Teastas Gaeilge – deferred from April meeting was circulated. Commissioner McFadden expressed the unfair method of testing and that the present system was not adequate and totally unacceptable. It was proposed by Commissioner McFadden seconded by Commissioner Harford and agreed to write again to the Minister for Education and Science.

**(ii)** Letter dated 27/4/99 together with enclosure from Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Environment regarding Urban Renewal was circulated and noted. Commissioner Gallen reported that she had spoken with Mr. M. Walsh, Planning Department, Fingal County Council and that the Urban Renewal Committee were organising an open day in the Town Hall. He had also informed her that a monitoring committee must be formed comprising 9 members from local commercial and community groups.

**(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

**(i)** Letter dated 7/4/99 from Senior Staff Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding various roads matters was circulated. Mr. Carthy informed the Commissioners that it was not in the plans to dish the footpaths on the Inner Relief Road but that when the final surface is laid it will be easy to access footpaths. Commissioners expressed deep concern at this practice and following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Tuite seconded by Commissioner McFadden and agreed to write to Fingal County Council

requesting that dishing be carried out during the construction of any other roads.

**(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

- (i) Letter dated 12/4/99 from the Programme Manager, Eastern Health Board, regarding the subsidising of rent payments by the Health Board was circulated. Commissioner Harford referred to a recent letter received from the Eastern Health Board and that this letter actually contradicted it. It was agreed to write to the Eastern Health Board and establish (i) if Community Welfare Officers adjudicate on the valuation of properties and (ii) establish if a person is entitled to ask Community Welfare Officers to inspect premises regarding essential refurbishment works. It was proposed by Commissioner Tuite seconded by Commissioner Harford and agreed to refer both letters to the Minister for Health and Children and establish if the Eastern Health Board are actually helping Landlords that are not registered and if this is in accordance with the policies of the Government and Department of Health. It was also agreed to write to the Chairperson of the Eastern Health Board.
- (ii) Letter dated 15/4/99 from the Manager, Business Development, Bus Atha Cliath regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners was circulated. The contents of the letter were very encouraging. It was proposed by Commissioner Harford seconded by Commissioner Shields and agreed to write to Dublin Bus asking if they intend extending the service.
- (iii) Letter dated 30/4/99 from Bus Eireann regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners was circulated. Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Tuite seconded by Commissioner McFadden and agreed to write to Bus Eireann requesting that the Bus Service be returned to Swords Village and also to ask where their information had been obtained and if a survey had been carried out. It was also agreed to write regarding the safety of passengers alighting at the roundabout.
- (iv) Letter dated 19/4/99 from the Programme Division, NRA, regarding the upgrading of the Naul Road, Balbriggan was circulated. Following discussion it was agreed to write back to the NRA seeking clarification of works carried out regarding improvements to 1 Km of the Naul Road.
- (v) Letter dated 19/4/99 from Buncrana UDC regarding a motion passed by the council on 14/4/99 was circulated and noted.
- (vi) Letter dated 23/4/99 from Tralee UDC regarding a motion passed by its members at their April monthly meeting was circulated. Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Gallen seconded by Commissioner Tuite and agreed to write to Tralee U.D.C. and ask them to provide the Commissioners with a copy of the adoption regulations in their area as Commissioners felt they did not have enough information to comment on the matter. It was also agreed to request a copy of the Eastern Health Boards adoption regulations.
- (vii) Letter dated 26/4/99 from Navan UDC regarding a motion passed by its members at a meeting of the council held on 6/4/99 together with additional correspondence titled 'European Cities Against Drugs' was circulated and noted. It was agreed to support the motion.

Commissioner Gallen referred to the Local Government Centenary logo on letters received from other Local Authorities and requested that the Town Commissioners use it on their letterhead, and that each Commissioner should receive an original. Commissioner Harford then referred to the presentation of

the centenary pins and suggested that in the event of the Minister for Environment not presenting the pins that the presentation be made by the Cathaoirleach of Balbriggan Town Commissioners.

- (viii) Letter dated 8/4/99 from Castleblaney UDC regarding a motion recently adopted and circulated by Balbriggan Town Commissioners was circulated and noted.
- (ix) Letter dated 12/4/99 from the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland together with copy audited report and accounts for year ending 31 December 1997 was circulated and noted.
- (x) Submission by AMAI to Mr. Noel Dempsey, T.D., Minister for Environment and Local Government on proposals to be considered for discussion in the 1999 Local Government Bill was circulated and noted. It was further agreed that any motions for the AMAI annual conference be submitted to the office before the end of May.
- (xi) Notification dated May 1999 from Larne Borough Council of a conference entitled 21<sup>st</sup> Century Energy Seminar scheduled for 21 May 99 at the McNeill Theatre, Larne Lecture Centre, Larne, Co. Antrim was circulated and noted.

#### **4. Motions**

(i) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner David McFadden**

"That Balbriggan Town Commissioners call upon the NRA to immediately complete the junction of the N1 and M1 (Balbriggan By-Pass) at the Five Roads to the South of Balbriggan and to provide lighting for 100 yards along the N1 up to the said junction."

Commissioner McFadden outlined the background to his motion. It was agreed to amend the motion to read as follows.

"That Balbriggan Town Commissioners call upon the NRA to immediately complete the junction of the N1 and M1 (Balbriggan By-Pass) at the Five Roads to the South of Balbriggan by the provision of lighting to 200 yards along the N1 up to the said junction."

(ii) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner David McFadden**

Commissioner McFadden outlined the background to his motion. It was proposed by Commissioner McFadden seconded by Commissioner Tuite and agreed that

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to immediately begin work to upgrade and repair the road leading from Balbriggan Inner Relief Road to the M1 known as the Naul Road, by widening and resurfacing same and providing pedestrian footpaths, bicycle track and lighting for its full length."

(iii) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**

Commissioner Harford outlined the background to her motion. Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Harford seconded by Commissioner Fingleton and agreed that

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Health and Children to provide substantial financial aid for elderly people who are forced to enter private nursing homes. "

It was also proposed by Commissioner McFadden seconded by Commissioner Gallen and agreed that this motion be submitted to the AMAI for discussion at their annual conference.

## **5. Questions**

### **(i) Question Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**

"To ask the Manager when will the motorway exit south of Balbriggan town be completed and also when will Phase II of the Inner Relief Road be completed."

Mr. Carthy informed the members that the N1/R132 on the Balbriggan side required the laying of the final asphalt course and the road lining and that these works were expected to be completed before the end of May.

In relation to the Inner Relief Road the final surface is due to be laid by mid May and it is anticipated that the road will be open to traffic by the end of May. Commissioner Shields then enquired about the naming of the Inner Relief Road and Mr. Carthy will report back to the Commissioners on this matter.

## **6. Other Correspondence**

- (i)** Notification from Coastwatch Europe Network of Coastal Resources Fieldtrip followed by a conference entitled 'Planning, Protection and Sustainable Use of Coastal Resources – Challenges and Solutions' scheduled for 17-19 June 1999 was circulated and noted.
- (ii)** Circular letter LG5/99 dated 28/4/99 from the Department of Environment & Local Government regarding Local Government Centenary Commemorative Telecom Eireann Callcard was circulated and noted.
- (iii)** Letter dated 4/5/99 from Shannon Embroidery Co. regarding funding for new premises was circulated. Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Shields, seconded by Commissioner Gallen and agreed to ask the Urban Renewal steering committee to meet with Mr. Burrows. It was also agreed to write to Mr. Burrows informing him of this decision.

Commissioner McFadden then informed the meeting that he would not be standing as a candidate for the Commissioners Election in June, as he would be in new employment by then and was precluded from going forward. He thanked the members for all their support during his term as Town Commissioner.

## **7. Tidy Districts, Sports Arts & Culture Awards**

It was proposed by Commissioner Shields seconded by Commissioner Harford and agreed that the Tidy Districts this year would proceed as normal and that application forms for the competitions should be prepared and distributed as soon as possible.

## **8. Redevelopment of Town Hall/Community Arts Centre Proposal**

Mr. Carthy gave a report on the progress to date regarding the registration of the deeds for the Town Hall.

Commissioner McKeon then asked the Manager if a recent newspaper article and statement made by an election candidate regarding funding for Balbriggan Library were true. Mr. Carthy informed the meeting that it was not and would make a statement on behalf of Fingal County Council refuting this statement.

It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen seconded by Commissioner McKeon and agreed that Commissioners meet to discuss the Balbriggan Urban Improvement Scheme on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May, 1999 at 9.30 a.m.

**9. Planning Application Ref: No. F98A/1144 – D. Pratt**

Commissioner Shields reported on the progress to date and indicated that most of the conditions have not been met by the Developer. Mr. Carthy will report back to Commissioners on this matter and he will also enquire if a development on Clonard Street has received planning permission.

**10. Access**

A copy of the Barcelona 1995 declaration was circulated. Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Shields, seconded by Commissioner Gallen and agreed unanimously to sign up to the agreement and fully support the declaration.

**11. Any Other Business**

**(A) Commissioner Tuite**

- (i) Enquired if the Council had tendered for the repair of the Bridge at Clonard.
- (ii) Requested that double yellow lines be put down fronting tactile paving in the town.
- (iii) Proposed that GTEC desist with introducing the Lottery on to the Internet.
- (iv) Enquired as to why the grass verge at 52/53 Lambeecher is not cut by the Council.

**(B) Commissioner Shields**

- (i) Reported large potholes on Seapoint Lane.
- (ii) Requested that the hedging opposite the Garda Station be pruned.

**(C) Commissioner McKeon**

- (i) Requested that the Commissioners obtain guidelines regarding the cutting of hedges.
- (ii) Referred to the demolition of Tankardstown House and enquired if it was a listed building.
- (iii) Referred to a newspaper article regarding Halting Sites.

**(D) Commissioner Davis**

- (i) Reported that the basketball net was still not erected at the Swing Park.
- (ii) Informed the Commissioners that he would not be standing as a candidate for the forthcoming election and that he was fully supporting Commissioner Harford.

**(E) Commissioner Harford**

- (i) Requested that Commissioners write back to Fingal County Council requesting railings for St. Peter & Paul's graveyard.
- (ii) Reported the manner in which a council employee had cut the grass at the Swing Park, Lambeecher.
- (iii) Reported that both the grass and hedging needed cutting at Glebe North and that it was rat infested.

**(F) Commissioner Gallen**

- (i) Requested that Fingal County Council advertise for local contractors by placing notices on the Commissioners notice board.

The Meeting concluded at 10.40 p.m.

# BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS

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### DO GACH BALL DE CHOIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith I láthair ag Cruinniú de Choimisinéirí Bhaile Brigín a thionolfar ar an Bealtaine 11, 1999 ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners will be held on 11<sup>th</sup> May, 1999 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

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YVONNE TOAL,  
CLÉIREACH AN BHAILE.

### CLÁR

1. Confirmation of Minutes
  - (i) Minutes of Meeting held on the 13/4/99 (circulated herewith)
2. Applications for Hire of Hall
3. Correspondence
  - (A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers
    - (i) Letter dated 25/2/99 from Executive Officer, Department of Education and Science regarding the Ceard Teastas Gaeilge – deferred from April meeting (circulated herewith)
    - (ii) Letter dated 27/4/99 together with enclosure from Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Environment regarding Urban Renewal (circulated herewith)

**(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

- (i) Letter dated 7/4/99 from Senior Staff Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding various roads matters (circulated herewith)

**(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

- (i) Letter dated 12/4/99 from the Programme Manager, Eastern Health Board, regarding the subsidising of rent payments by the Health Board (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 15/4/99 from the Manager, Business Development, Bus Atha Cliath regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 30/4/99 from Bus Eireann regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners (circulated herewith)
- (iv) Letter dated 19/4/99 from the Programme Division, NRA, regarding the upgrading of the Naul Road, Balbriggan (circulated herewith)
- (v) Letter dated 19/4/99 from Buncrana UDC regarding a motion passed by the council on 14/4/99 (circulated herewith)
- (vi) Letter dated 23/4/99 from Tralee UDC regarding a motion passed by its members at their April monthly meeting (circulated herewith)
- (vii) Letter dated 26/4/99 from Navan UDC regarding a motion passed by its members at a meeting of the council held on 6/4/99 together with additional correspondence titled 'European Cities Against Drugs' (circulated herewith)
- (viii) Letter dated 8/4/99 from Castleblaney UDC regarding a motion recently adopted and circulated by Balbriggan Town Commissioners (circulated herewith)
- (ix) Letter dated 12/4/99 from the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland together with copy audited report and accounts for year ending 31 December 1997 (circulated herewith)
- (x) Submission by AMAI to Mr. Noel Dempsey, T.D., Minister for Environment and Local Government on proposals to be considered for discussion in the 1999 Local Government Bill (circulated herewith)
- (xi) Notification dated May 1999 from Larne Borough Council of a conference entitled 21<sup>st</sup> Century Energy Seminar scheduled for 21 May 99 at the McNeill Theatre, Larne Lecture Centre, Larne, Co. Antrim (circulated herewith)

**4. Motions**

**(i) Motion Submitted by Commissioner David McFadden**

"That Balbriggan Town Commissioners call upon the NRA to immediately complete the junction of the N1 and M1 (Balbriggan By-Pass) at the Five Roads to the South of Balbriggan and to provide lighting for 100 yards along the N1 up to the said junction."

**(ii) Motion Submitted by Commissioner David McFadden**

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to immediately begin work to upgrade and repair the road leading from Balbriggan Inner Relief to the M1 known as the Naul Road, by widening and resurfacing same and providing pedestrian footpaths, bicycle track and lighting for its full length."

**(iii) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**

"That Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Health and Children to provide substantial financial aid for elderly people who are forced to enter private nursing homes."

**5. Questions**

**(i) Question Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**

"To ask the Manager when will the motorway exit south of Balbriggan town be completed and also when will Phase II of the Inner Relief Road be completed."

**6. Other Correspondence**

- (i)** Notification from Coastwatch Europe Network of Coastal Resources Fieldtrip followed by a conference entitled 'Planning, Protection and Sustainable Use of Coastal Resources – Challenges and Solutions' scheduled for 17-19 June 1999 (circulated herewith)
- (ii)** Circular letter LG5/99 dated 28/4/99 from the Department of Environment & Local Government regarding Local Government Centenary Commemorative Telecom Eireann Callcard (circulated herewith)
- (iii)** Letter dated 4/5/99 from Shannon Embroidery Co. regarding funding for new premises (circulated herewith)

**7. Tidy Districts, Sports Arts & Culture Awards**

**8. Redevelopment of Town Hall/Community Arts Centre Proposal**

**9. Planning Application Ref: No. F98A/1144 – D. Pratt**

**10. Access**

**11. Any Other Business**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY 1999 IN BALBRIGGAN  
TOWN HALL**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Joe Davis  
Thérèse Fingleton  
Patricia Gallen  
David McFadden  
Gertie Shields

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

Alan Carthy, Principal Officer  
Susan Murphy, Clerical Officer

Apologies for non attendance were received from Commissioners Harford, McKeon, Tuite and Pyne.

Following a lengthy discussion and consideration of the four options presented to the Commissioners under the Balbriggan Urban Improvement Scheme the Commissioners favoured Option No. 1. Commissioners fully supported the concept of the roundabout at the Square and the removal of the public toilets but asked that the Council identify another site for same, possibly the Church car park. Commissioners requested that the following be taken into consideration when the Council were finalising their plan.

1. That an artistic feature be included on the Square. Commissioners suggested that they work jointly with the Council on this particular aspect of the project and that they obtain sponsorship for same, by writing to the Banks, Building Societies and Credit Union. Advice should be sought from Mr. Rory O'Byrne, Fingal Arts Officer and the feature could relate to the sea/St. Mologa and should be floodlit.
2. That the footpath outside the Town Hall be widened.
3. That the cobblelock be cut back on the Skerries Road as far as the Courthouse Laneway.
4. That the loading bay outside the Pop Inn be reduced in size – similar to AIB loading bay and that the loading bays be cemented the same colour as the cobblelock rather than tarmac.
5. That the overhead wiring and laying of sewerage pipes be taken into consideration. It was agreed to write to E.S.B. and Telecom Eireann requesting a meeting with them to discuss low cost suggestions regarding the removal of overhead wiring from the Square and also regarding underground wiring for the Town Hall redevelopment.

The meeting then concluded.



**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 1999 AT 7.00 P.M. IN THE  
TOWN HALL REGARDING BALBRIGGAN URBAN  
IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.**

**Commissioners Present:**

Davis, Joe  
Fingleton, Thérèse  
Gallen, Patricia  
Harford, Monica

McFadden, David  
McKeon, May  
Shields, Gertie  
Tuite, Bredge

**Officials Present:**

Alan Carthy, Principal Officer  
Susan Murphy, Clerical Officer  
Liam McGlynn, S.A. O., Planning  
Gabrielle McKeown, Planning  
Pat O'Hoare, Engineer  
Owen Brannigan, Consultant Eng., Thorburn Colquhoun

An apology for non attendance was received from Commissioner Ned Pyne.

An Leas Cathaoirleach, Commissioner M. McKeon, presided.

Commissioner McKeon introduced the Town Commissioners and welcomed Mr. McGlynn and Council Officials to the meeting.

Mr. McGlynn then introduced the officials and outlined the background to the Urban and Village Improvement Scheme and explained that it was a major project for Balbriggan. Balbriggan had been allocated £200,000 under this scheme and the project must be completed by the end of 1999 or funding would be lost.

The Council had engaged consultants Thorburn Colquhoun, to draw up plans for the Square area and Mr. Owen Brannigan presented 4 options for the Square to the Commissioners, which mainly consisted of a small roundabout, loading bays, removing the public toilets, cobble-locking and pedestrianising the front of the courthouse.

Commissioners favoured option No. 1 but requested that the undergrounding of wiring be taken into consideration when finalising the plans and also to keep in mind the new sewerage system for Balbriggan and the redevelopment of the Town Hall. Officials explained that the undergrounding of wiring would use up most of the funding and that maybe alternative methods could be looked at. Commissioners were not in favour of the loading bays. It was suggested that an artistic feature might add to the project and money for this could be obtained through sponsorship. Traders could also be encouraged to improve their premises which would also enhance the area.

It was agreed that Commissioners would meet and look at the plans again and submit their ideas to the Council by the beginning of the following week as the final plans were due to be presented to the elected Council members on the 24<sup>th</sup> May.

Commissioner McKeon thanked the officials for their presentation and the meeting then concluded.



**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
HELD ON 9TH JUNE, 1999.**

<b>Commissioners Present:</b>	Davis, Joe	McKeon, May
	Fingleton, Thérèse	Pyne, Ned
	Gallen, Patricia	Shields, Gertie
	Harford, Monica	Tuite, Bredge
	McFadden, David	

**Officials Present:** Mr. Alan Carthy, Principal Officer  
Ms. Yvonne Toal, Town Clerk

An Cathaoirleach, Ned Pyne presided.

An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner Pyne, in the absence of the Minister for Environment and Local Government, made a presentation of centenary pins to the Commissioners. Commissioner McKeon, An Leas Cathaoirleach, presented Commissioner Pyne with his pin. Commissioner Pyne thanked the Commissioners for their service to the town of Balbriggan and in particular Commissioner Pyne paid tribute to Commissioner Gallen and Commissioner Davis for their long and valuable service to the Commissioners office. Commissioner Pyne also paid tribute to Commissioner McFadden. Commissioner Harford endorsed these sentiments and Commissioners Shields, Fingleton and Tuite paid further tribute to the three outgoing Commissioners. Commissioner Pyne then made a presentation to Commissioner Gallen and Commissioner Davis and photographs of all nine serving Commissioners were taken.

The Manager, Mr. Carthy then circulated a letter from the Planning Department, Fingal County Council in relation to the setting up of a Monitoring Committee for the Integrated Area Plan (Balbriggan Urban Renewal Scheme 1999). All Commissioners expressed their concern that no provision in particular was made for the Town Commissioners having a representative on this committee. However, Mr. Carthy assured the Commissioners that the Planning Department were negotiating with the Department of Environment on the matter. As an interim measure, Mr. Carthy proposed that the Commissioners elect a member onto the Monitoring Committee as soon as possible. Following lengthy discussion Commissioner McFadden proposed Commissioner Tuite be a representative on the IAP Monitoring Committee. This was seconded by Commissioner Davis. Commissioner Shields nominated herself, seconded by Commissioner Gallen. The matter was put to a vote. Commissioner Tuite received 5 votes, Commissioner Shields 4 votes. Commissioner Tuite was deemed elected temporary representative to the IAP Monitoring Committee. Commissioner Shields expressed her disappointment with the support from her own group.

The Town Clerk reported that the present overdraft accommodation required renewal and subject to the sanction of the Minister for Environment and Local Government that Commissioners consent to the re-securing of the overdraft accommodation on the Commissioners General Account for a further six month period.

It was proposed by Commissioner Davis seconded by Commissioner Harford and resolved that Balbriggan Town Commissioners approve renewal of an overdraft accommodation of £10,000 for a further six month period subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment and Local Government.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

- (i) Minutes of meeting held on 11/5/99 were circulated and noted.
- (ii) Minutes of meeting held on 11/5/99 regarding Balbriggan Urban Improvement Scheme were circulated and noted.
- (iii) Minutes of meeting held on 15/5/99 regarding Balbriggan Urban Improvement Scheme were circulated and noted.

**2. Application for Hire of Hall**

There was no new business under this heading.

**3. Correspondence**

**(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**

- (i) Letter dated 6/5/99 from Minister for Environment and Local Government regarding cyclepath at Bremore was circulated and noted.
- (ii) Letter dated 20/5/99 from the Minister for Education and Science regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners was circulated. Commissioner Harford welcomed the contents of this letter. Commissioner Harford proposed seconded by Commissioner Pyne and agreed a motion calling on all political parties to expedite the enactment of the recently published Education (Welfare) Bill. Motion as follows:  
"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on all political parties to expedite the enactment of the recently published Education (Welfare) Bill 1999."
- (iii) Letter dated 21/5/99 from the Minister for the Marine regarding Balbriggan Harbour was circulated. Commissioners spoke at length in relation to the condition of the harbour and reiterated their concerns over the handing over of the harbour to Fingal County Council. Mr. Carthy informed the Commissioners that Fingal County Council were not prepared to take over the harbour in its current state.

**(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

- (i) Letter dated 7/4/99 from Administrative Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding various roads matters was circulated. Following lengthy discussion the Commissioners expressed their concerns over the speeding and hazardous driving within the town of Balbriggan in particular the Clonard Court area. Commissioner McFadden proposed that the following motion be submitted to Fingal County Council:  
"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to immediately begin to provide for the installation of ramps at the entrance to all 30 m.p.h. zones within the town of Balbriggan."  
This motion was seconded by Commissioner Gallen.
- (ii) Letter dated 20/5/99 from the Senior Administrative Officer, Planning Department regarding planning application F98/1144 – D. Pratt was circulated. Commissioners spoke at length on the granting of retention permission under the above planning reference, location rear 8 Drogheda St., Balbriggan. It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen seconded by

Commissioner Shields and agreed that the Town Commissioners make an appeal against this planning decision to an Bord Pleanála. Mr. Carthy agreed that the planning fee may be drawn from the Commissioners funds in this instance.

**(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

- (i) Letter dated 25/4/99 from the Company Secretary, An Post regarding delays in the postal service was circulated and noted.

**4. Motions**

**(i) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Thérèse Fingleton**

Commissioner Fingleton outlined the background to her motion. It was proposed by Commissioner Fingleton seconded by Commissioner Gallen and agreed to amend the motion as follows:

"That in order to foster greater community spirit and a sense of identity among the proposed extended target population of Balbriggan with the existing population the Commissioners request the Minister for the Environment and Local Government to extend the jurisdictional area of Balbriggan Town Commissioners to include the Polling Districts of Balbriggan Town AA, Balbriggan Town 2 AAX, Balbriggan Rural AB and such areas contiguous to the Commissioners existing area which will be rezoned residential or industrial under the Draft Development Plan 1998 and that the Minister take whatever steps are required to put this in place."

**(ii) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Thérèse Fingleton**

"That the Manager in consultation with the Commissioners draw up Standing Orders in order to ensure the more effective administration and regulation of the meetings of the Town Commissioners."

Commissioner Fingleton outlined the background to her motion. Commissioners spoke in general in relation to the introduction of Standing Orders to the Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Harford wished to have recorded her opposition to the introduction of Standing Orders. Following lengthy discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Pyne seconded by Commissioner Tuite and agreed that the following amended motion be carried. "That the Town Commissioners draft up Standing Orders for consideration at a future meeting to ensure the more effective administration and regulation of the meetings of the Town Commissioners."

**5. Questions**

There was no business under this heading.

**6. Other Correspondence**

- (i) Letter dated 10/5/99 from the Secretary, Balbriggan and District Historical Society regarding plaques at the Lighthouse, Balbriggan was circulated and noted.
- (ii) Letter dated 25/5/99 from the Office of the Ombudsman regarding a complaint against Fingal County Council was circulated and noted.
- (iii) Notification form Tralee Chamber of Commerce of a conference entitled "Satellite Ireland" (Town and City Development in the Millennium) scheduled for October 1999 was circulated and noted.

- (iv) Notification from Omagh District Council of an International Summer School to be held in Omagh from 23-25 August 1999 was circulated and noted.
- (v) Letter dated 2/6/99 from the Chairman, Institute for Design and Disability regarding the signing up of Balbriggan Town Commissioners to the Barcelona Declaration was circulated and noted.
- (vi) Letter dated 2/6/99 from Editor, "Byte Back" regarding millennium projects for the town was circulated and noted.

**7. Audit Report**

Statutory Audit Report on the Accounts of Balbriggan Town Commissioners for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 1998 was circulated and noted.

**8. Tidy Districts, Sports, Arts and Culture Awards - Judging**

This item was deferred to the Commissioners July Meeting.

**9. Any Other Business**

**(A) Commissioner Harford**

- (i) Requested the support of the Commissioners to call on the Minister for Education and Science to provide an extra teacher for Balscadden National School.

Mr. Carthy outlined procedures in relation to the forthcoming Elections and to the opening of ballot boxes at the Commissioners Election Count.

The meeting concluded at 10.40 p.m.

*Mary McKeon*

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**MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN  
COMMISSIONERS HELD ON MONDAY 21ST JUNE, 1999.**

**Commissioners Present:**

Cannon, Mary	Mullen, Mark
Dunne, Larry	Pyne, Ned
Fingleton, Thérèse	Shields, Gertie
Harford, Monica	Tuite, Bredge
McKeon, May	

**Officials Present:**

Mr. Alan Carthy, Principal Officer
Ms. Yvonne Toal, Town Clerk

The outgoing Cathaoirleach, Commissioner Pyne, opened the meeting and welcomed the new members of the Commission. Commissioner Pyne also thanked the Manager, the Town Clerk and his fellow Commissioners for their support during his term of office. Commissioner Pyne then handed the business of the election of the Cathaoirleach to the Manager, Mr. Carthy.

**1. Election of Cathaoirleach**

Commissioner Pyne proposed Commissioner McKeon and this was seconded by Commissioner Mullen. As there were no other nominations Commissioner McKeon was elected to the position of Cathaoirleach. Commissioner McKeon was presented with the chain of office, took the chair and thanked her fellow Commissioners.

**2. Election of Leas Cathaoirleach**

Commissioner Tuite proposed Commissioner Fingleton and this proposal was seconded by Commissioner Cannon. As there were no nominations for this position, Commissioner Fingleton was elected Leas Cathaoirleach and thanked the Commissioners for their support.

**3. Election of Delegate(s) to Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland – 2 Delegates**

Commissioner Pyne was proposed by Commissioner Fingleton and seconded by Commissioner McKeon. Commissioner Harford was proposed by Commissioner Dunne and seconded by Commissioner Mullen. Commissioner Tuite was proposed by Commissioner Shields and seconded by Commissioner Pyne. As there were only 2 vacancies and 3 nominees the matter was put to a vote. The result of the vote for the 1<sup>st</sup> vacancy was Commissioner Pyne – 5 votes, Commissioner Harford – 3 votes, Commissioner Tuite – 1 vote. The first delegate elected was Commissioner Pyne. Commissioners then voted on the 2<sup>nd</sup> delegate and Commissioner Harford received 3 votes, Commissioner Tuite received 6 votes. Commissioner Tuite was elected as the second delegate to the AMAI. The Commissioners agreed that delegates to the AMAI would hold these positions for the term of office of the new Commission.

Following discussion it was agreed that substitute delegates be elected to the AMAI as follows:

Commissioner Harford was proposed as a first substitute by Commissioner Mullen, seconded by Commissioner Dunne. A second substitute Commissioner Shields was proposed by Commissioner Fingleton, seconded by Commissioner Cannon. It was agreed that Commissioner Harford and Commissioner Shields be appointed substitute delegates to the AMAI

4. **Election of Delegate to Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Ltd.**  
Commissioner Tuite proposed Commissioner Shields, seconded by Commissioner McKeon. As there were no other nominations, Commissioner Shields was elected to the position of delegate to IPB for the coming year.
5. **Election of Delegate to Integrated Area Plan Monitoring Committee.**  
Commissioner Tuite proposed Commissioner Shields, seconded by Commissioner Fingleton. As there were no other nominations for this position, Commissioner Shields was elected as representative to the IAP Monitoring Committee (Balbriggan Urban Renewal Scheme 1999). Following discussion it was agreed that a substitute delegate be elected to the IAP Committee. Commissioner Shields proposed Commissioner Harford seconded by Commissioner McKeon. It was agreed that Commissioner Harford be elected as substitute representative to this committee.
6. **Co-Operation Fingal (North) Ltd**  
The Manager spoke in relation to this organisation and suggested that the Commissioners make representations with a view to establishing a placing for the Commissioners on this body. The Commissioners agreed to elect a prospective delegate for such a position. Commissioner Shields proposed Commissioner Harford, seconded by Commissioner McKeon. Commissioner Harford was elected to take up a post, should one be established in the future.
7. **Election of Representative to Dublin Transportation Office**  
Commissioner McKeon proposed Commissioner Fingleton, seconded by Commissioner Tuite. Commissioner Harford proposed Commissioner Dunne, seconded by Commissioner Mullen. The matter was put to a vote, Commissioner Fingleton received 6 votes, Commissioner Dunne received 3 votes. Commissioner Fingleton was elected to be the representative to the DTO.
8. **Election of Estimates Committee**  
It was proposed by Commissioner McKeon, seconded by Commissioner Tuite that all Commissioners would be members of the Estimates Committee.
9. **Election of Tidy Districts, Sports, Arts and Culture Awards Committee**  
It was proposed by Commissioner McKeon seconded by Commissioner Shields and agreed that all Commissioners would be members of this committee. The next meeting for this Committee was scheduled for Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June, 1999.
10. **Election of St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee**  
It was proposed by Commissioner McKeon, seconded by Commissioner Tuite and agreed that the title to this committee be amended to include Millennium

Committee. It was agreed that all Commissioners would be members of this committee.

An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner McKeon spoke in relation to nominations to LAMA and stated that the taking up of nominations would be dealt with through the Commissioners monthly meetings.

An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner McKeon addressed the matter of the withdrawal of Fingal County Council in the administration of the FAS scheme. FAS has required that each body employing FAS workers must be represented on a new committee to be formed for the Balbriggan area. Commissioner Tuite proposed Commissioner Dunne seconded by Commissioner McKeon. Commissioner Dunne was elected to represent the Commissioners on this new committee. Commissioner Pyne proposed Commissioner Harford as a substitute representative, this was seconded by Commissioner Shields and it was agreed that Commissioner Harford be elected as substitute representative to this committee.

The meeting concluded at 8.10 p.m.

May McKeon

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### DO GACH BALL DE CHOIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith I láthair ag Cruinniú de Choimisinéirí Bhaile Brigín a thionolfar ar an Meitheamh 8, 1999 ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> June, 1999 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

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YVONNE TOAL,  
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### CLÁR

1. **Confirmation of Minutes**
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  - (iii) Minutes of Meeting held on 15/5/99 regarding Balbriggan Urban Improvement Scheme (circulated herewith)
2. **Applications for Hire of Hall**

### **3. Correspondence**

#### **(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**

- (i) Letter dated 6/5/99 from the Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Environment & Local Government regarding funding for the construction of a cycle path at Bremore (circulated herewith)
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### **4. Motions**

#### **(i) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Thérèse Fingleton**

“That in order to foster greater community spirit and a sense of identity among the proposed extended target population of Balbriggan with the existing population the Commissioners request Fingal County Council to extend the jurisdictional area of Balbriggan Town Commissioners to include the Polling Districts of Balbriggan Town AA, Balbriggan Town 2 AAX, Balbriggan Rural AB and such areas contiguous to the Commissioners existing area which will be rezoned residential or industrial under the Draft Development Plan 1998 and that the Council take whatever steps are required to put this in place.”

#### **(ii) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Thérèse Fingleton**

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### **5. Questions**

#### **6. Other Correspondence**

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7. **Statutory Audit Report on the Accounts of Balbriggan Town Commissioners for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 1998 (circulated herewith)**
8. **Tidy Districts, Sports Arts & Culture Awards - Judging**
9. **Any Other Business**

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN  
COMMISSIONERS HELD ON MONDAY 21ST JUNE, 1999.**

**Commissioners Present:**

Cannon, Mary	Mullen, Mark
Dunne, Larry	Pyne, Ned
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**Officials Present:**

Mr. Alan Carthy, Principal Officer  
Ms. Yvonne Toal, Town Clerk

The outgoing Cathaoirleach, Commissioner Pyne, opened the meeting and welcomed the new members of the Commission. Commissioner Pyne also thanked the Manager, the Town Clerk and his fellow Commissioners for their support during his term of office. Commissioner Pyne then handed the business of the election of the Cathaoirleach to the Manager, Mr. Carthy.

**1. Election of Cathaoirleach**

Commissioner Pyne proposed Commissioner McKeon and this was seconded by Commissioner Mullen. As there were no other nominations Commissioner McKeon was elected to the position of Cathaoirleach. Commissioner McKeon was presented with the chain of office, took the chair and thanked her fellow Commissioners.

**2. Election of Leas Cathaoirleach**

Commissioner Tuite proposed Commissioner Fingleton and this proposal was seconded by Commissioner Cannon. As there were no nominations for this position, Commissioner Fingleton was elected Leas Cathaoirleach and thanked the Commissioners for their support.

**3. Election of Delegate(s) to Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland – 2 Delegates**

Commissioner Pyne was proposed by Commissioner Fingleton and seconded by Commissioner McKeon. Commissioner Harford was proposed by Commissioner Dunne and seconded by Commissioner Mullen. Commissioner Tuite was proposed by Commissioner Shields and seconded by Commissioner Pyne. As there were only 2 vacancies and 3 nominees the matter was put to a vote. The result of the vote for the 1<sup>st</sup> vacancy was Commissioner Pyne – 5 votes, Commissioner Harford – 3 votes, Commissioner Tuite – 1 vote. The first delegate elected was Commissioner Pyne. Commissioners then voted on the 2<sup>nd</sup> delegate and Commissioner Harford received 3 votes, Commissioner Tuite received 6 votes. Commissioner Tuite was elected as the second delegate to the AMAI. The Commissioners agreed that delegates to the AMAI would hold these positions for the term of office of the new Commission.

Following discussion it was agreed that substitute delegates be elected to the AMAI as follows:

Commissioner Harford was proposed as a first substitute by Commissioner Mullen, seconded by Commissioner Dunne. A second substitute Commissioner Shields was proposed by Commissioner Fingleton, seconded by Commissioner Cannon. It was agreed that Commissioner Harford and Commissioner Shields be appointed substitute delegates to the AMAI

4. **Election of Delegate to Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Ltd.**  
Commissioner Tuite proposed Commissioner Shields, seconded by Commissioner McKeon. As there were no other nominations, Commissioner Shields was elected to the position of delegate to IPB for the coming year.
5. **Election of Delegate to Integrated Area Plan Monitoring Committee.**  
Commissioner Tuite proposed Commissioner Shields, seconded by Commissioner Fingleton. As there were no other nominations for this position, Commissioner Shields was elected as representative to the IAP Monitoring Committee (Balbriggan Urban Renewal Scheme 1999). Following discussion it was agreed that a substitute delegate be elected to the IAP Committee. Commissioner Shields proposed Commissioner Harford seconded by Commissioner McKeon. It was agreed that Commissioner Harford be elected as substitute representative to this committee.
6. **Co-Operation Fingal (North) Ltd**  
The Manager spoke in relation to this organisation and suggested that the Commissioners make representations with a view to establishing a placing for the Commissioners on this body. The Commissioners agreed to elect a prospective delegate for such a position. Commissioner Shields proposed Commissioner Harford, seconded by Commissioner McKeon. Commissioner Harford was elected to take up a post, should one be established in the future.
7. **Election of Representative to Dublin Transportation Office**  
Commissioner McKeon proposed Commissioner Fingleton, seconded by Commissioner Tuite. Commissioner Harford proposed Commissioner Dunne, seconded by Commissioner Mullen. The matter was put to a vote, Commissioner Fingleton received 6 votes, Commissioner Dunne received 3 votes. Commissioner Fingleton was elected to be the representative to the DTO.
8. **Election of Estimates Committee**  
It was proposed by Commissioner McKeon, seconded by Commissioner Tuite that all Commissioners would be members of the Estimates Committee.
9. **Election of Tidy Districts, Sports, Arts and Culture Awards Committee**  
It was proposed by Commissioner McKeon seconded by Commissioner Shields and agreed that all Commissioners would be members of this committee. The next meeting for this Committee was scheduled for Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June, 1999.
10. **Election of St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee**  
It was proposed by Commissioner McKeon, seconded by Commissioner Tuite and agreed that the title to this committee be amended to include Millennium

Committee. It was agreed that all Commissioners would be members of this committee.

An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner McKeon spoke in relation to nominations to LAMA and stated that the taking up of nominations would be dealt with through the Commissioners monthly meetings.

An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner McKeon addressed the matter of the withdrawal of Fingal County Council in the administration of the FAS scheme. FAS has required that each body employing FAS workers must be represented on a new committee to be formed for the Balbriggan area. Commissioner Tuite proposed Commissioner Dunne seconded by Commissioner McKeon. Commissioner Dunne was elected to represent the Commissioners on this new committee. Commissioner Pyne proposed Commissioner Harford as a substitute representative, this was seconded by Commissioner Shields and it was agreed that Commissioner Harford be elected as substitute representative to this committee.

The meeting concluded at 8.10 p.m.

Mary McKeon

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**MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN  
COMMISSIONERS HELD ON MONDAY 21ST JUNE, 1999.**

**Commissioners Present:**

Cannon, Mary	Mullen, Mark
Dunne, Larry	Pyne, Ned
Fingleton, Thérèse	Shields, Gertie
Harford, Monica	Tuite, Bredge
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**Officials Present:**

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The meeting concluded at 8.10 p.m.

May McKeon

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
HELD ON TUESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 1999.**

**Commissioners Present:**

Cannon, Mary	Mullen, Mark
Dunne, Larry	Pyne, Ned
Fingleton, Thérèse	Shields, Gertie
Harford, Monica	Tuite, Bredge
McKeon, May	

**Officials Present:**

Mr. Willie Soffe, County Manager  
Mr. Alan Carthy, Principal Officer  
Mr. Eugene Quinn, Senior Administrative Officer  
Ms. Yvonne Toal, Town Clerk

An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner May McKeon, presided.

An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner McKeon welcomed the County Manager and Mr. Eugene Quinn, Senior Administrative Officer, Fingal County Council to the meeting.

The Town Clerk circulated Financial Statement January – June 1999 to all Commissioners for their information.

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**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

- (i) Minutes of Meeting held on 8/6/99 were circulated and confirmed.
- (ii) Minutes of Annual Meeting held on 21/6/99 were circulated and confirmed.

**2. Applications for Hire of Hall**

There was no business under this heading.

**3. Correspondence**

**(A) Correspondence from Government Department and Ministers**

- (i) Letter dated 14/6/99 from Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Environment and Local Government regarding planning matters was circulated. It was proposed by Commissioner Tuite and seconded by Commissioner Shields that the Commissioners submit details of their concerns over various planning matters to the Town Clerk and that the Town Clerk would arrange a meeting with the Minister for Environment and Local Government to discuss these issues.
- (ii) Letter dated 29/6/99 from Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform concerning the post of Superintendent at Balbriggan was circulated. Commissioners welcomed the contents of this letter.
- (iii) Notification dated 25/6/99 from Nora Owen, T.D., regarding the announcement of commercial tax incentives for Balbriggan under the Urban Renewal Scheme was circulated and noted.
- (iv) Letter dated 1/7/99 from Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Environment and Local Government regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners. Commissioners discussed the motion passed regarding the proposal to have the electorate boundaries around the town extended. It

was proposed by Commissioner Harford, seconded by Commissioner Fingleton and agreed that the Town Commissioners prepare a detailed submission to the Minister for Environment of their proposals on this matter.

- (v) Letter dated 1/7/99 from Project Development Division, Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform regarding a review of the Gaming and Lotteries Acts 1956 and 1986 was circulated and noted.
- (B) Correspondence From Fingal County Council**
  - (i) Letter dated 3/6/99 from Senior Staff Officer, Environmental Services Department regarding site adjacent to St. Mologa's School, Lambreecher was circulated. The Commissioners expressed their dissatisfaction at the lack of action taken by the Council at this site. Commissioner Shields requested that the Manager obtain more information in relation to the laying of pipes at this site.
  - (ii) Letter dated 10/6/99 from Administrative Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding the provision of a footpath from Supervalu car park to Lambreecher Estate was circulated and noted.
  - (iii) Letter dated 11/6/99 from the County Manager, Fingal County Council regarding the staffing of the Town Commissioners Offices was circulated. Mr. Soffe, County Manager spoke in relation to the funding of staff at the Commissioners Offices and the Commissioners expressed their satisfaction on the matter.
  - (iv) Letter dated 22/6/99 from Senior Staff Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding the provision of rails at the graveyard, Balbriggan was circulated and noted. Commissioner Harford requested that a further request be sent to the Parks Department in relation to the provision of rails at the graveyard.
  - (v) Letter dated 1/7/99 from Administrative Officer, Roads and Traffic Department regarding traffic calming measures for the town of Balbriggan was circulated. Following lengthy discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Harford, seconded by Commissioner Shields and agreed that the Commissioners compile a listing of areas of concern where traffic calming measures are required. The Commissioners proposed that this listing be submitted to the Gardai Traffic Department for their attention. It was proposed that same be submitted to the Roads and Traffic Department, Fingal County Council for further consideration.
  - (vi) Letter dated 2/7/99 from the Senior Administrative Officer, Planning Department regarding an appeal to An Bord Pleanala under planning register reference F98A/1144 was circulated. It was agreed that this item would be taken in conjunction with item No. 9 – Planning Matters.
- (C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**
  - (i) Letter dated 9/6/99 from the Area Manager, Bus Eireann regarding the provision of a bus service through the village of Swords was circulated. Following lengthy discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Tuite seconded by Commissioner Harford and agreed that the Town Clerk write to Bus Eireann and request a copy of the survey carried out in relation to the bus service through the village of Swords. Commissioner Fingleton requested that Fingal County Council examine the safety aspect of the Bus Eireann bus stops off the roundabouts at Swords.
  - (ii) Letter dated 11/6/99 from the Customer Service Engineer Design, ESB regarding the undergrounding of wiring around the Square Area, Balbriggan

was circulated and noted. It was agreed that the Town Clerk issue a further letter to the ESB on the matter.

- (iii) Letter dated 1/7/99 from the District Manager, Telecom Eireann regarding the undergrounding of wiring at the Square, Balbriggan was circulated and noted. It was agreed that the Town Clerk issue a further letter to Telecom Eireann on the matter.
- (iv) Letter dated 21/6/99 from the A/Senior Administrative Officer, Eastern Health Board regarding the subsidising of rents by the Eastern Health Board was circulated. Following lengthy discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Tuite, seconded by Commissioner Shields and agreed that the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Social, Community and Family Affairs to cease the making of Eastern Health Board subsidised payments to landlords that are not registered or providing suitable standard accommodation to its tenants.
- (v) Letter dated 17/6/99 from Birr UDC regarding a motion passed by its members at their April meeting was circulated. It was proposed by Commissioner Harford, seconded by Commissioner Fingleton and agreed that the Balbriggan Town Commissioners fully support the motion.
- (vi) Notification dated 23/6/99 from the County Secretary, Clare County Council of the 11<sup>th</sup> National Tourism Conference scheduled for 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> November 1999 at the West County Hotel, Ennis was circulated and noted.

#### **4. Motions**

##### **(i) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Harford**

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Health to immediately appoint orthodontist/s to deal with long treatment lists for which there is no doctor available."

Commissioner Harford outlined the background to her motion. It was proposed by Commissioner Harford seconded by Commissioner Shields and agreed that the motion be carried. The Commissioners requested that a copy of this motion be submitted to the Minister for Health and the Eastern Health Board.

##### **(ii) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Harford**

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Environment and Local Government to prepare a competent means of distributing polling cards to everybody on the Register of Electors before any further elections are called."

Commissioner Harford outlined the background to her motion. Mr. Carthy, Principal Officer spoke in relation to the difficulties in compiling the completed Register of Electors. Mr. Soffe, County Manager also spoke in relation to same. Following lengthy discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Harford seconded by Commissioner McKeon and agreed that the motion be adopted.

#### **5. Questions**

- (i) "To ask the manager what progress has been made to our request at January meeting to have a commitment from Fingal County Council to have the Library Clock in chiming working order before during and after the Millennium Celebrations."

- Mr. Carthy spoke in relation to the difficulties regarding the mechanism of the Library Clock and will report back to the Town Commissioners on the matter.
- (ii) "To ask the Manager when can the Commissioners expect the commencement of the Balbriggan Skerries Sewerage/Waste Water Scheme."
- Mr. Carthy spoke in relation to the proposed Barnageera/Skerries Sewerage Treatment Scheme and the proposed Pumping Station at Isaac's Bower, Quay St., Balbriggan. Mr. Carthy stated that tenders were being invited at present for the Pumping Station and that the Barnageera Sewerage scheme will take approximately 18 months to get to tender stage.
- (iii) "To ask the Manager when can the Commissioners expect the commencement of the Town Square refurbishment project and the likelihood of it being completed by 31<sup>st</sup> December, 1999."
- Mr. Carthy stated that the redevelopment of the Square, Balbriggan would be substantially completed by the end of 1999. Commissioner McKeon spoke in relation to the laying of underground pipes at the Square and the Manager, Mr. Soffe noted these comments.
- (iv) "To ask the manager what progress has been made to date regarding acquiring additional burial ground."
- Mr. Carthy explained that the Council had not acquired any additional burial grounds. Mr. Carthy agreed that the matter will be pursued with the Environmental Services Section.
- (v) "To ask the Manager for an update on the cyclepath at Bremore, Balbriggan."
- Mr. Carthy stated that the DTO had provided £100,000 approximately for the provision of the cyclepath at Bremore. Both the Manager and Mr. Carthy assured Commissioners that work would be under contract by the end of the year.
- (vi) "To ask the Manager when will the Parks Department erect a fence around Clonard Court, Balbriggan."
- Mr. Carthy stated that there was no provision this year for the proposed fence at Clonard Court.
- (vii) "To ask the Manager when will the vacant houses in Pinewood Green be re-allocated."
- Mr. Eugene Quinn, Senior Administrative Officer, Housing Department spoke in relation to the two vacancies at Pinewood Green.
- (viii) "To ask the manager what Department within Fingal County Council are responsible for the maintenance of grass verges between footpaths and roads on estates and streets."
- Mr. Carthy and Mr. Soffe spoke in relation to the maintenance of grass verges abutting roads and open spaces. It was proposed by Commissioner McKeon and agreed that each Commissioner submit details of areas of concern to the Town Clerk for perusal with the Parks or Roads Departments, Fingal County Council.

## **6. Other Correspondence**

- (i) Letter dated 10/6/99 from the Development Officer, St. Pancras Housing Association regarding development opportunities for Balbriggan was circulated and noted.
- (ii) Letter dated 21/6/99 from S. MacGiolla Ceara, a resident at 52 Bremore Drive, Balbriggan regarding proposals for improvements in Balbriggan Town was circulated and noted.

- (iii) Notification from QMW Public Policy seminars of a seminar entitled "Effectively Tackling Social Exclusion – key challenge for the Millennium" to be held at the Stormont Hotel, Belfast on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 1999 was circulated and noted.
- (iv) Letter dated 5/7/99 from the Programme Co-Ordinator, Co-Operation Fingal (North) regarding the inclusion of a representative from the Town Commissioners on its Board was circulated and noted.

**7. Balbriggan Urban Improvement Scheme – Submissions and Observations**  
It was proposed by Commissioner McKeon, seconded by Commissioner Shields and agreed that this item be deferred to the Commissioners Tidy Districts Meeting scheduled for 14<sup>th</sup> July, 1999.

**8. Redevelopment of Town Hall**

Mr. Carthy spoke in relation to the proposed redevelopment of the Town Hall and in particular to the legal requirements, registration of deeds, necessity to engage a solicitor, conveyancing etc. It was proposed by Commissioner Shields, seconded by Commissioner McKeon and agreed that the Commissioners put a plan together for the Town Hall. Mr. Carthy asked the Commissioners if they agreed in principle to the making of a CPO on the shop and the right of way on the property. Mr. Soffe spoke in relation to same and suggested that the Commissioners propose the passing of a motion to this effect at their September 1999 meeting.

**9. Planning Matters**

This item was taken in conjunction with item 3(B)(vi)  
The Town Commissioners, Mr. Carthy and the Manager spoke in relation to the difficulties with unauthorised developments and various planning matters. Commissioner McKeon reported that Mr. D. Pratt who is the subject of Planning Appeal F98A/1144, had requested a meeting with the Commissioners. The Commissioners agreed in principle to this proposed meeting.

**10. Tidy Districts, Sports, Arts and Culture Awards**

This item was deferred to a special meeting of this committee scheduled for 14<sup>th</sup> July, 1999.

**11. Dance Licence**

This item was deferred to the Commissioners September meeting.

**12. Traffic Study Group Report**

Commissioner Tuite reported on the present position of this group.

**13. IAP Monitoring Committee Report**

Commissioner Shields reported on her first meeting at Fingal County Council with this group.

**14. Any Other Business**

**(A) Commissioner Dunne**

- (i) Commissioner Dunne spoke in relation to the requirements under the FAS Scheme.

**(B) Commissioner Tuite**

- (i) Commissioner Tuite spoke in relation to a new bill to be introduced to the Dail in relation to the removing of hedgerows/natural heritage.

**(C) Commissioner Fingleton**

- (i) Commissioner Fingleton spoke in relation to overgrown hedges at the Garda Station.

**(D) Mr. Soffe, County Manager**

- (i) Mr. Soffe Spoke in relation to improvements in services and a better liaison between Fingal County Council and Balbriggan Town Commissioners. Mr. Soffe suggested that the quarterly meeting with Fingal County Council be more carefully structured and the resolution of items be passed at these meetings.

The meeting concluded at 10.45 p.m.

May McKee

**ADDENDUM TO MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 13<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 1999.**

Commissioner Shields requested that an account be given in relation to a particular item discussed at the Commissioners meeting held on 13 July, 1999. Commissioner Shields raised a question and asked the Manager if the provision of water and sewerage services for the Balbriggan area were adequate to cater for the building of extensive new housing. Mr. W. Soffe, Fingal County Manager spoke in relation to the provision of services and stated that Fingal County Council is at present providing for same by means of the introduction of the new Barnageera Sewerage Scheme due to commence in the next 2/3 years. The new proposed pumping station at Isaac's Bower/Quay St. is reported to be at tender stage and the go-ahead for this new system will be given shortly. In this regard, Mr. Soffe assured the Commissioners that such services were in place. Commissioner Shields however was unsatisfied with the Managers reply and expressed her concerns at the rapid and expansive development of housing in the interim period.

*May McKeown*

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## DO GACH BALL DE CHOIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith I láthair ag Cruinniú de Choimisinéirí Bhaile Brigín a thionolfar ar an Iúil 13, 1999 ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> July, 1999 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

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  - (i) Minutes of Meeting held on 8/6/99 (circulated herewith)
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3. **Correspondence**
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#### **6. Other Correspondence**

- (i) Letter dated 10/6/99 from the Development Officer, St. Pancras Housing Association regarding Development Opportunities for Balbriggan (circulated herewith) – St. Pancras Housing Association Annual report 1997/98 held by Town Clerk.
- (ii) Letter dated 21/6/99 from S. MacGiolla Ceara, a resident at 52 Bremore Drive, Balbriggan regarding proposals for improvements in Balbriggan Town (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Notification from QMW Public Policy Seminars of a seminar entitled "Effectively Tackling Social Exclusion – Key Challenge for the Millennium" to be held at the Stormont Hotel, Belfast on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 1999 (circulated herewith)
- (iv) Letter dated 5/7/99 from the Programme Co-Ordinator, Co-Operation Fingal regarding the inclusion of a representative from the Town Commissioners on its Board (circulated herewith)

#### **7. Balbriggan Urban Improvement Scheme – Submissions and Observations**

#### **8. Redevelopment of Town Hall**

#### **9. Planning Matters**

#### **10. Tidy Districts, Sports, Arts and Culture Awards**

11. **Dance Licence**
12. **Traffic Study Group Report**
13. **IAP Monitoring Committee Report**
14. **Any Other Business**

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
HELD ON TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 1999.**

**Commissioners Present:**

Cannon, Mary	Mullen, Mark
Dunne, Larry	Pyne, Ned
Fingleton, Thérèse	Shields, Gertie
Harford, Monica	Tuite, Bredge
McKeon, May	

**Officials Present:** Mr. Eugene Quinn, A/Principal Officer  
Ms. Yvonne Toal, Town Clerk

An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner May McKeon, presided.

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**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

- (i) Minutes of Meeting held on 13/7/99 were circulated. Commissioner Shields proposed that the minutes of meeting dated 13/7/99 be amended to include a more detailed account of the Commissioners July Meeting attended by the Manager, Mr. W. Soffe. It was proposed by Commissioner Shields and seconded by Commissioner McKeon that the minutes be amended and circulated for confirmation at the October meeting.

**2. Applications for Hire of Hall**

**(A) New Applications**

Hirer	Function	Hall	Days	Time
Michael Blount	Karate Class	Hamilton Hall	Wednesday	8.00p.m.-10.00pm
Phyllis Monaghan	Drama	Hamilton Hall	Friday	6.30p.m.-9.00p.m.

**(B) Renewal of Hire Applications**

HIRER	FUNCTION	HALL	DAYS	TIME
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Trevor Sargent, T.D.	Clinic	Bandroom	Friday	7.00p.m.-7.30p.m.

The Commissioners approved in principal on the lettings at the Town Hall.

### 3. Correspondence

#### (A) Correspondence from Government Department and Ministers

- (i) Letter dated 29/7/99 from Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Environment & Local Government regarding the Naul Road was circulated and noted. Following lengthy discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Shields seconded by Commissioner Fingleton and agreed that the Town Clerk write to Fingal County Council and request that the Naul Road be included as a project for funding in 2000 under the Departments EU Co-Funded Scheme.
- (ii) Letter dated 27/7/99 from Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Health regarding the provision of financial aid to elderly people who enter nursing homes was circulated and noted. Commissioner Harford expressed her disappointment to the reply received from the Minister for Health's office. Commissioner Harford outlined the background to the motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners in relation to assistance to elderly persons entering nursing homes. Commissioner Shields and Commissioner Fingleton congratulated Commissioner Harford on the submission of this motion to the AMAI Conference held this week. It was proposed by Commissioner McKeon and agreed that Balbriggan Town Commissioners await responses to the motion from the AMAI Conference and further discuss this matter at a future meeting. In the meantime it was proposed by Commissioner Harford, seconded by Commissioner Fingleton and agreed that the Town Clerk write to the Department of Health requesting a complete breakdown of the £33 million spent this year under the subvention scheme.
- (iii) Letter dated 30/7/99 from Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Environment and Local Government regarding extension to town boundary was circulated and noted. Mr. Quinn, A/Principal Officer spoke in relation to this matter and stated that the Department of Environment were at present preparing new guidelines in relation to electoral boundaries. It was proposed by Commissioner Fingleton and agreed that the matter be deferred for discussion at a later date pending the publication of the new guidelines.
- (iv) Letter dated 5/8/99 from Department of Social Community and Family Affairs regarding subsidising of rents to unregistered/unethical landlords was circulated and noted. Mr. Quinn, A/Principal Officer spoke in relation to the subsidising of rents by the Eastern Health Board and stated that the matter is at present under the review of a committee set up by the Department of Environment. Following lengthy discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Shields seconded by Commissioner Fingleton and agreed that the Balbriggan Town Commissioners write back to the Department of Social, Community & Family Affairs and request a copy of the report immediately it becomes available.
- (v) Letter dated 18/8/99 from Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Environment and Local Government regarding additional funding for the acquisition of lands for housing was circulated and noted. Commissioner Harford spoke in relation to her disappointment at the lack of housing for the

Balbriggan area. Mr. Quinn, A/Principal Officer confirmed that the Department of Environment have assured Fingal County Council that they may acquire whatever land necessary for housing.

- (vi) Letter dated 24/8/99 from Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Finance regarding proposals to introduce the lottery on the Internet was circulated and noted. It was proposed by Commissioner McKeon and agreed that this letter be deferred to the October meeting.

**(B) Correspondence From Fingal County Council**

- (i) Letter dated 7/7/99 from Senior Staff Officer, Parks Department regarding various items was circulated and noted. Commissioner Harford outlined her disappointment that the Fingal County Council had not yet provided rails to the steps of the graveyard at Balbriggan. It was agreed that this matter together with item no. 2 be taken up immediately with the Environmental Services Department.
- (ii) Letter dated 29/7/99 from Senior Engineer, Roads & Traffic Department regarding dishing of footpaths was circulated and noted. The Commissioners requested an update of the Inner Relief Road, Phase 2 with regard to dishing for this road. It was agreed that the Town Clerk write to the Roads and Traffic Department on the matter.

**(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

- (i) Letter dated 12/7/99 from NRA regarding motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners was circulated and noted. The Town Clerk then circulated letter dated 9/9/99 from the NRA in relation to works carried out on the Naul Road as part of the Balbriggan By-Pass project. Commissioner Shields and Commissioner Fingleton spoke in relation to the dangerous condition of this road and the lack of proper lighting for this road which is widely used by all commuters and traffic west of the town. Mr. Quinn stated that the Councils engineers were examining this road at present. It was proposed by Commissioner McKeon seconded by Commissioner Fingleton and agreed that the Town Clerk write back to Fingal County Council enclosing copies of both letters from the NRA and request an update on the Councils proposals for the improvement of this road.
- (ii) Letter dated 20/7/99 from Office of the Ombudsman regarding cycleway at Bremore was circulated and noted. Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner McKeon seconded by Commissioner Fingleton and agreed that Balbriggan Town Commissioners request an update on the proposed cycleway and path at Bremore from the Roads and Traffic Department. Commissioner Shields proposed that Balbriggan Town Commissioners acknowledge and thank the Ombudsman for the full and thorough report carried out by his office. Commissioner Harford expressed her concern and dissatisfaction with certain issues within the report particularly in relation to the tardy approval of plans for the cycleway in 1998 by the Council and the Councillors at that time.
- (iii) Notification dated 9/7/99 from LAMA & National Association of Councillors regarding Joint Annual Conference scheduled for Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October to Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October, 1999 in the Slieve Donard Hotel, Newcastle, Co. Down. Further notification dated 8/9/99 enclosing draft programme for this conference was circulated and noted.
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##### **(A) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Gertie Shields**

- (i) "That the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council Parks Department to clean out the Bracken River at that portion of it flowing through the Town Car Park, and to provide chain link fencing at the southern end, to reduce the risk of accidents."

This motion was taken in conjunction with item 5(1) Question Submitted by Commissioner B. Tuite.

"To ask the manager who has responsibility for the cleaning of the river Bracken?"

Commissioner Shields outlined the background to her motion and spoke in relation to the dangers in particular to children at this location. Mr. Quinn A/Principal Officer stated that the matter was under examination by the Parks Department at Fingal County Council. It was proposed by Commissioner Shields seconded by Commissioner Dunne and agreed that a copy of this motion be submitted to the Parks Department at Fingal County Council.

##### **(ii) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Gertie Shields**

"That the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council Planning Department to enforce the 1.30 a.m. closing time on Deli Burger fast food outlet in Bridge Street".

Commissioner Shields outlined the background to her motion. Following discussion it was proposed by commissioner Shields, seconded by Commissioner Fingleton and agreed that this motion be adopted. Commissioner Shields undertook to carry out a survey with the residents at this location in relation to the nuisance caused by the late opening of this fast food outlet.

##### **(B) Motion submitted by Commissioner Bredge Tuite**

- (i) "That the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to put in place traffic calming measures on the Naul Road leading into Clonard Street and the Skerries Road leading on to the Back Road, Balbriggan"

It was proposed by Commissioner McKeon and agreed that this motion be deferred to the next meeting.

##### **(ii) Motion submitted by Commissioner Bredge Tuite**

"That Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council Environmental services to acknowledge their responsibility when carrying out their duties of informing the public that fines will be imposed by law to litter offenders."

It was proposed by Commissioner McKeon and agreed that this motion be deferred to the next meeting.

**(C) Motion submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**

- (i) "That the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister of Environment to provide adequate funding immediately, for the acquisition of sufficient land to accommodate at least 75% of the applicants on the current Balbriggan Housing List."

It was agreed to take Question 5 (iii) with this motion.

"What is Fingal County Councils future programme for building local authority houses in Balbriggan after the Tara Cove Scheme?"

Commissioner Harford outlined the background to her motion and spoke of her concerns over the housing crisis in Balbriggan. Mr. Quinn, A/Principal Officer outlined the Councils plans in relation to housing over the next number of years. Mr. Quinn assured the Commissioners that the Council will be providing double or treble the amount of houses being allocated at present in the next 2-5 years. The Commissioners welcomed these proposals. Commissioner Harford agreed to withdraw her motion for the present.

**Motion submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**

- (ii) "That the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to review the current points system for position on housing lists, and to devise a fair system that will ensure some applicants will not be faced with the humiliation of going down the list instead of upwards."

Commissioner Harford outlined the background to her motion. Commissioner Harford spoke in relation to loopholes in the present system and all Commissioners agreed that genuine people were losing out based on the present points system. It was agreed that the system was in urgent need of overhaul. Mr. Quinn assured the Commissioners that the matter was being examined at present on a national basis. Following lengthy discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Harford, seconded by Commissioner McKeon and agreed that this motion be unanimously passed.

**5. Questions**

**Question submitted by Commissioner Bredge Tuite**

- (i) "To ask the manager who has responsibility for the cleaning of the river Bracken?"

This question was already taken in conjunction with item 4 A (I) Motions.

**Question submitted by Commissioner Gertie Shields**

- (ii) "What progress has been made to finalise arrangements with Lease's of Commissioners Properties – to expedite the development of our property on the Square?"

Mr. Quinn A/Principal Officer spoke in relation to recent developments regarding the Town Hall re-development. Mr. Quinn informed the Commissioners that the Council were at present in a position to appoint a firm of solicitors to undertake the conveyancing and legal requirements in relation to title the premises. Commissioner McKeon together with fellow Commissioners expressed her surprise and concern that the Commissioners were not already consulted prior to the selection of the particular solicitors firm. These sentiments were echoed by fellow Commissioners.

Commissioner Shields suggested that the Commissioners agree in principal to the CPO procedure, if necessary, in acquiring full title to the premises. It was suggested that a motion to this effect be considered at the next meeting, as

previously advised by the Manager, Mr. Soffe at the Commissioners July meeting.

(iii) **Question submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**

"What is Fingal County Councils future programme for building local authority houses in Balbriggan after the Tara Cove Scheme?"

This item was already taken in conjunction with item C (I) Motions.

Mr. Quinn, A/Principal Officer confirmed that the contractor is to commence work on this development in the near future.

(iv) **Question submitted by Commissioner Thérèse Fingleton**

"To ask the Manager when he expects the landscaping on Phase Two of the Bremore Court Section of the Inner Relief Road to be undertaken and completed?"

Mr. Quinn, A/Principal Officer agreed to follow up the landscaping of this area with the Parks and Environmental Services section.

**6. Other Correspondence**

- (i) Letter dated 14/7/99 from Tralee Chamber of Commerce and Enterprise regarding a conference entitled "Satellite Ireland – Town and City Development in the Millennium" scheduled for 21 and 22 October, 1999 in the Brandon Conference Centre, Tralee, Co. Kerry was circulated and noted.
- (ii) Letter dated 17/8/99 from Comdt. OC/ACOS, Army CO-OP Squadron, regarding letter of sympathy issued on behalf of Balbriggan Town Commissioners was circulated and noted.

**7. Tidy Districts, Sports, Arts and Culture Awards**

The Commissioners agreed and scheduled a meeting of this committee for Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 11.30 a.m.

**8. Meeting with Superintendent Gallagher**

The Town Clerk requested that items for inclusion on the agenda for this meeting be submitted by the first week in October. A meeting to be arranged with Superintendent Gallagher the following week.

**9. Dance Licence Town Hall**

The Town Clerk reminded the Commissioners that the dance licence at the Town Hall had expired and asked the Commissioners if they wished to renew same. Commissioner Harford spoke of the high costs involved and Commissioner McKeon stated that the licence need not be renewed at present. The matter of a dance licence would be dealt with on a demand basis.

**10. Any Other Business**

**Commissioner Larry Dunne**

- (i) Spoke in relation to the fact that he was not notified of the new Balbriggan Fas Group meeting this week.
- (ii) Requested that Fingal County Council provide a children's playground at Ardgillan Park (similar to that at Newbridge House)

**Commissioner Mark Mullen**

- (i) Requested that the Council arrange for a clean up following litter and food left by travellers who moved on from a site at the Allotments near Stephenstown.

**Commissioner Monica Harford**

- (i) Stated that flooding at Glebe House, Market Green was causing problems.
- (ii) Reported that the sign for the toilets at the harbour be re-instated.
- (iii) Requested that streetlight outside 7 Fulham Tce. be repaired.
- (iv) Reported that subsidence on road at 81 Drogheda Street was causing problems.
- (v) Requested clarification from the Parks Department on the proposed works in relation to the provision of a pathway from Supervalu carpark to Lambreecher.

**Commissioner Mary Cannon**

- (i) Reported that trees outside the OAP's houses at High Street were uprooting the footpath and requested an update from the Roads Department.
- (ii) Requested that the Council consider extending the footpath at Covetown and continue the path through the grass verge at this location.

**Commissioner Gertie Shields**

- (i) Reported that air vents at houses at Glover Court were unsuitable and the matter should be re-examined by the Council.
- (ii) Enquired if any progress had been made in relation to clearing the site adjacent to St. Mologa's School.
- (iii) Requested that bins be provided for the carpark at the Harbour.
- (iv) Requested that bins be provided at Quay Street.
- (v) Requested that the litter warden examine the laneway at the back of the junction of Clonard Street and Clonard Court.

**Commissioner Thérèse Fingleton**

- (i) Requested that litter warden meet with Commissioners in relation to problems in Balbriggan area.
- (ii) Reported that the wall at St. Peter & Paul's Church carpark was knocked down over a year ago and requested that the Council re-instate same.
- (iii) Reported that rubble had been dumped in the Church carpark.

**Commissioner May McKeon**

- (i) Reported that residents at Pinewood Green were experiencing problems with their chimneys. Mr. Quinn, A/Principal officer explained that the Housing Department and the County Architect were examining same at present. Mr. Quinn stated that the Council were anxious to have the problems with the chimneys resolved as soon as possible.

The meeting concluded at 10.45 p.m.

May McKeon

# BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS

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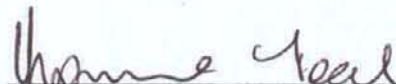
### DO GACH BALL DE CHOIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith I láthair ag Cruinniú de Choimisinéirí Bhaile Brigín a thionolfar ar an Meán Fomhair 14, 1999 ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners will be held on 14<sup>th</sup> September, 1999 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

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YVONNE TOAL,  
CLÉIREACH AN BHAILE.

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1. **Confirmation of Minutes**
  - (i) Minutes of Meeting held on 13/7/99 (circulated herewith)
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Dunne, Larry                      Pyne, Ned  
Fingleton, Thérèse                      Shields, Gertie  
Harford, Monica                      Tuite, Bredge  
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An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner May McKeon, presided.

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**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

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Application received from Claire McGlinchey to hire the Bandroom for recorder classes every Saturday from 9.45 a.m. to 10.45 a.m. was circulated and approved by the Commissioners.

An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner McKeon, opened the meeting and expressed her concerns that the Manager, without prior consultation, had appointed a firm of solicitors to act on behalf of the Commissioners with regard to the redevelopment of the property at the Town Hall. Commissioner Tuite and Commissioner Shields echoed the comments made by An Cathaoirleach.

The Town Clerk gave details of an application made for consent to sale of a portion of the garden, rear of property at 62 Hampton Street, Balbriggan. Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Harford, seconded by Commissioner Pyne and agreed that consent to sale of a portion of the property be granted by the Commissioners in this case.

**3. Correspondence**

**(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**

- (i) Letter dated 24/8/99 from Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Finance regarding proposals to introduce the Lottery on the Internet – Deferred from September Meeting was circulated. Commissioner Tuite expressed her concerns over the introduction of the Lottery to the Internet particularly in the case of younger users. Commissioner Shields and Commissioner Fingleton also expressed their dissatisfaction with the introduction of same and requested that the Town Clerk write to the Minister and seek clarification and justification in relation to its introduction to the Internet.

- (ii) Letter dated 15/9/99 from Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform regarding civilian personnel in Garda Station was circulated. Commissioner Tuite and Commissioner McKeon spoke of the lack of Garda personnel and in particular Gardai on patrol in Balbriggan town. Commissioner Harford spoke in relation to similar issues raised by the Commissioners over the past number of years with the Department. It was proposed by Commissioner Tuite seconded by Commissioner Harford and agreed to write back to the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform outlining concerns over the lack of personnel appointed to the Balbriggan area alone.
  - (iii) Letter dated 23/9/99 from Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Environment and Local Government regarding distribution of polling cards at elections was circulated. Commissioner Harford reminded the Commissioners of the motion passed by the Commissioners and proposed that the Town Clerk write back to the Minister requesting a reply to the particular motion passed. It was unanimously agreed that the reply by the Minister did not reflect the motion in question.
- (B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council**
- (i) Letter dated 6/10/99 from Assistant Staff Officer, Housing Department regarding air vents at Glover Court, Balbriggan was circulated. Mr. Eugene Quinn, A/Principal Officer spoke in relation to the air vents and reported that the County Architect is at present examining same. Commissioner Shields expressed her satisfaction that the matter was in hand.

Mr. E. Quinn, A/Principal Officer, spoke briefly in relation to the introduction of Standing Orders at the Commissioners meetings. An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner McKeon announced that Commissioner Fingleton was at present drafting up proposed Standing Orders for discussion at the November meeting.

- (C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**
- (i) Letter dated 9/9/99 from Chief Executive Officer, Eastern Health Board regarding Orthodontic Services was circulated. Commissioner Harford expressed her disgust at the contents of this letter and the long waiting lists for orthodontic treatments. It was proposed by Commissioner Harford and agreed that the Town Clerk write back to the Eastern Health Board and request clarification of the number of patients actually treated under the scheme.
  - (ii) Letter dated 23/9/99 from Town Clerk, Tullamore Urban District Council regarding a motion passed by their Council in relation to the present Tenant Purchase Scheme was circulated. Commissioner Harford, Commissioner Tuite and Commissioner Pyne expressed their unanimous support for the motion passed by Tullamore Urban District Council in relation to the Tenant Purchase Scheme. Commissioner Shields proposed that the Commissioners write to the Minister for Environment & Local Government expressing their support, this was unanimously agreed.

#### **4. Motions**

**(i) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Bredge Tuite – Deferred from September Meeting**

“That the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to put in place traffic calming measures on the Naul Road leading into Clonard Street and the Skerries Road leading on to the Back Road, Balbriggan.”

Commissioner Tuite outlined the background to her motion and proposed that a copy of same be submitted to the Roads & Traffic Department, Fingal County Council. This was seconded by Commissioner Dunne and Commissioner Cannon.

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“That Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council Environmental Services to acknowledge their responsibility when carrying out their duties of informing the public that fines will be imposed by law to litter offenders.”

Commissioner Tuite outlined the background to her motion and proposed that a copy of this motion be submitted to Environmental Services, Fingal County Council. Commissioner Pyne, Commissioner Harford together with Commissioner Shields and Commissioner Fingleton expressed their concerns over the increased amount of litter particularly on the Main Street, Balbriggan. Mr. Quinn reported that the Environmental Services Department were at present reviewing their litter management strategy. The motion was unanimously supported.

**(iii) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**

“Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Minister for Finance to ensure that all revenue recouped from Ansbacher Enquiry and tribunals be distributed for the benefit of the PAYE worker.”

Commissioner Harford outlined the background to her motion. Commissioner Fingleton fully supported the motion together with fellow Commissioners Pyne, Shields, Tuite and McKeon. Commissioner Dunne expressed his wholehearted support for this motion and declared that tax offenders should be fined or imprisoned as the law required. All Commissioners gave their unanimous support to this motion.

#### **5. Question**

**(i) Question Submitted by Commissioner Ned Pyne**

“To ask the Manager when work will commence on the cycleway/footpath at Bremore?”

Mr. Quinn, A/Principal Officer stated that he will report to the Commissioners shortly on any progress made for the provision of this cycleway.

**(ii) Question Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**

“To ask the Manager why Fingal County Council sell sites to people already housed?”

Mr. Quinn, A/Principal Officer stated that it was not Council policy to sell sites to persons already housed and requested that Commissioner Harford give further details to the Housing Department for their perusal.

**(iii) Question Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**

“To ask the Manager why were Balbriggan Town Commissioners not invited to Fingal County Council’s Tidy Towns Awards Ceremony?”

Mr. Quinn, A/Principal Officer stated that he had no answer to this question and suggested that the Commissioners follow the matter up with the relevant department.

#### **6. Other Correspondence**

- (i) Letter dated 21/9/99 from Co-Operation Fingal (North) Ltd regarding the nomination of a representative to its Board was circulated. Annual Report held by Town Clerk for inspection. Commissioner Dunne expressed his anger and disgust at the contents of this letter. Commissioner Dunne requested clarification from Fingal County Council of the manner whereby members are nominated to the board of Co-Operation Fingal. Commissioner Fingleton, Commissioner Pyne, Commissioner McKeon and Commissioner Shields expressed their anger and disappointment at the insulting tone and contents of the letter and requested that Mr. Watters be contacted with regard to setting up a meeting with the Commissioners. The Commissioners requested that the Town Clerk seek clarification of the appointment of nominees to the Co-Operation Fingal board and requested that a copy of the letter be circulated to the Fingal County Manager, Mr. Soffe. Commissioner McKeon suggested that the Minister for Environment and Local Government be consulted in relation to the insult to the Commissioners office.
- (ii) Notification dated 30/9/99 from Irish Council for Social Housing of the National Social Housing Conference to be held on 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> October, 1999 in the Limerick Inn Hotel, Ennis Road, Limerick was circulated and noted.
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- (vii) Letter dated 6/10/99 from Rose Russell, 35 Hampton Cove congratulating the Commissioners on their recent Tidy Districts, Sports, Arts & Culture Awards was circulated. Commissioners welcomed the contents of this letter. It was proposed by Commissioner Shields that the Commissioners acknowledge and thank Mrs. Russell for her letter.

#### **7. Statutory Estimates Meeting**

The Commissioners agreed that the Statutory Estimates Meeting be held on 28<sup>th</sup> October, 1999 at 1.00 p.m.

**8. Meeting with Superintendent Gallagher**

The Town Clerk informed the Commissioners that items for inclusion on the agenda for a meeting scheduled with Superintendent Gallagher should be submitted to the Town Clerk by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 1999.

**9. Millennium**

An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner McKeon announced details of a special Millennium Mass on 1/1/2000. A Millennium meeting was scheduled for 19/10/99 at 8.30 p.m.

**10. Town Twinning**

Commissioner Shields informed the Commissioners that a meeting should be held with the former Town Twinning Committee and the Commissioners with a view to resolving certain outstanding issues. It was agreed that the Town Clerk contact Mr. Eddie Darcy in order to set up a meeting in early November.

**11. Any Other Business**

**A Commissioner May McKeon**

- (i) Commissioner McKeon announced that three of the Commissioners recently attended a mass in Skerries and encouraged fellow Commissioners to participate fully in such events. Commissioner McKeon congratulated the Commissioners on the recent success of the Tidy Districts, Sports, Arts & Culture Awards and thanked Commissioners for the generous sponsorship received.

**(B) Commissioner Thérèse Fingleton**

- (i) Suggested that Commissioners write to Mo Mowlam former Northern Ireland Secretary and extend good wishes.
- (ii) Requested an update regarding the dumping of rubble at St. Peter & Paul's Church carpark
- (iii) Requested an update regarding repair of the demolished wall at this location.

**(C) Commissioner Bredge Tuite**

- (i) Referred to a request by Ms. May Dillon to use the Balbriggan Town Crest for use on trophies and medals for the Millennium Feis. Commissioners agreed that an application should be submitted in writing for approval at the November meeting.
- (ii) Requested an update on the cleaning out of the Bracken River by Fingal County Council.
- (iii) Requested that the Road Safety Officer examine a new development at the junction of Drogheda Street and Railway St.

**(D) Commissioner Ned Pyne**

- (i) Reported that none of the Commissioners with the exception of An Cathaoirleach were invited to the opening of the new Credit Union offices.

**(E) Commissioner Gertie Shields**

- (i) Spoke in relation to the obliteration of white lines on roads adjacent to the Square, also at Railway St.
- (ii) Requested that a meeting be arranged with Mr. David O'Connor, County Architect to discuss the Town Hall redevelopment in early November.
- (iii) Informed Commissioners that the BAD group had requested permission to proceed with the candlelight procession at this years Christmas festivities. All Commissioners agreed to this request.

**(F) Commissioner Mary Cannon**

- (i) Reported knowledge of a proposed bonfire at Lambecher Estate at Halloween

- (ii) Requested that a 'No Golfing' sign be erected at playing fields behind Bremore.
- (iii) Reported carparking on tactile pavement locations around the town.
- (G) Commissioner Monica Harford**
- (i) Reported anti-social behaviour outside flats at Lambeecher.
- (ii) Reported anti-social behaviour at Tankardsville House.
- (H) Commissioner Larry Dunne**
- (i) Reported dangerous and unsuitable locations where tactile paving has been provided at specially designated disabled areas.
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The meeting concluded at 10.45 a.m.

May McKee

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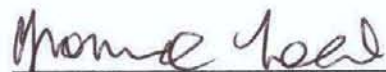
### DO GACH BALL DE CHOIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith I láthair ag Cruinniú de Choimisinéirí Bhaile Brigín a thionolfar ar an Deireadh Fomhair 12, 1999 ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> October, 1999 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

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**MINUTES OF STATURORY ESTIMATES MEETING HELD ON  
THURSDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 1999 AT 1.00 P.M.**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Cannon, Mary  
McKeon, May  
Pyne, Ned  
Shields, Gertie

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Mr. E. Quinn, A/Principal Officer  
Ms. Y. Toal, Town Clerk

An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner McKeon presided.

Statutory notice had been given in the press and the Draft Estimate of Expenses was circulated to all members for their information.

The Estimate provides for a total expenditure of £67,410 and a total income of £21,940. This results in a net requirement of £45,470 and a credit balance of £6,170 which will result in a demand to Fingal County Council in the sum of £39,300 in the year 2000. This will require a town charge of £2.20 in the pound as compared to £2.09 for 1999. This increase is in line with Department of Environment recommendations and has been approved by the Finance Officer.

It was proposed by Commissioner McKeon seconded by Commissioner Shields and resolved that the Estimates as presented by the Manager be adopted.

The meeting then concluded.

*May McKeon*

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF WITH MR. D. O'CONNOR, COUNTY  
ARCHITECT HELD ON TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 1999.**

**Commissioners Present:** Cannon, Mary                      Mullen, Mark  
Dunne, Larry                      Pyne, Ned  
Fingleton, Thérèse              Shields, Gertie  
Harford, Monica                Tuite, Bredge  
McKeon, May

**Officials Present:** Mr. Willie Soffe, County Manager  
Mr. D. O'Connor, County Architect  
Mr. Eugene Quinn, A/Principal Officer  
Ms. Yvonne Toal, Town Clerk

Mr. David O'Connor gave a brief history of the background to the redevelopment of the site at the Town Hall, Balbriggan. Mr. O'Connor stated that Fingal County Council had carried out an initial study of the halls and properties held by the Commissioners. An Integrated Area Plan was established and the property deemed as a key site in the town for Urban Renewal. It was agreed that the redevelopment of the Town Hall would include the retention of the halls for recreational and public functions, provide offices and meeting rooms. Mr. O'Connor announced that it was now at the stage where Balbriggan Town Commissioners need to engage a firm of consultants to proceed and initiate an overall package with a view to inviting developers to come forward with plans for the complete site at the Square, Balbriggan.

Commissioner Shields and Commissioner Tuite raised questions over the time scale and costs involved. The County Manager announced that Fingal County Council as an interim measure would pay the initial fees to the firm of consultants engaged on the project. These monies would be recouped to Fingal County Council at a later date. Mr. O'Connor stated that the Architects Department will initiate proceedings and look for a suitable firm of consultants in the coming weeks before Christmas 1999.

An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner McKeon thanked Mr. O'Connor for his interest and dedication shown to the Commissioners over the last number of years. Commissioner McKeon again expressed her disappointment at the engagement of a firm of solicitors by the Manager without prior consultation with the Commissioners themselves. Commissioner McKeon requested that the Manager and Fingal County Council keep the Commissioners advised on all aspects of development and progress with regard to the redevelopment of the Town Hall.

Commissioner Fingleton asked the Manager if Fingal County Council intended providing a 'One-Stop Shop' i.e. a Fingal County Council Housing/Information Office at the Town Hall. Mr. Soffe stated that Fingal County Council may lease some space, if required. Mr. Soffe spoke of Fingal County Councils plans for the provision of suitable sites at Blanchardstown, Balbriggan and Baldoyle. Mr. Soffe then spoke at length in relation to the redevelopment of the Town Hall and advised the Commissioners to plan and consider carefully in order to extract the maximum benefit from the newly developed site.

The Meeting then concluded.

*May McKeon*

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
HELD ON TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 1999.**

**Commissioners Present:**

Cannon, Mary	Mullen, Mark
Dunne, Larry	Pyne, Ned
Fingleton, Thérèse	Shields, Gertie
Harford, Monica	Tuite, Bredge
McKeon, May	

**Officials Present:**

Mr. Willie Soffe, County Manager  
Mr. Eugene Quinn, A/Principal Officer  
Ms. Yvonne Toal, Town Clerk

An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner May McKeon, presided.

**Clár**

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

- (i) Minutes of Meeting held on 12/10/99 were circulated and confirmed.
- (ii) Minutes of Statutory Estimates Meeting held on 28/10/99 were circulated and confirmed.

**2. Applications for Hire of Hall**

Application received from Enda Dunne and approval granted for the hire of the Ballroom for a Feis on Saturday 27/11/99 from 9.00 a.m. to 9.00 p.m. was granted.

**3. Correspondence**

**(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**

- (i) Letter dated 28/10/99 from Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Health concerning a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners was circulated. Commissioner Harford expressed her dissatisfaction with the reply received from the Ministers Office and proposed that the Town Clerk write back to the Minister for Health and request a reply to the questions raised at the October meeting.
- (ii) Letter dated 26/10/99 from Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Health concerning a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners was circulated. Commissioner Harford again expressed her dissatisfaction at the reply received from the Ministers Office and proposed that the Town Clerk write back to the Minister for Health and request further clarification on the matters raised at the October meeting.

**(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

- (i) Letter dated 14/10/99 from Senior Administrative Officer, Planning Department regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners was circulated. Commissioner Shields advised her fellow Commissioners that she had informed the Planning Department that the residents in question were prepared to pursue the complaints made through the courts, if necessary.

- (ii) Letter dated 20/10/99 from Housing Construction/Maintenance Department regarding the proposed renaming of Chapel Street Flats was circulated. Commissioner Pyne expressed his concern that the proposed renaming of the flats to "St. Peters Green" may cause confusion with St. Peters Terrace at the other end of the town. A number of Commissioners agreed and made additional suggestions. Mr. E. Quinn, A/Principal Officer informed the Commissioners that he would relay the comments/observations made to the Housing Department.
- (iii) Letter dated 2/11/99 from Administrative Officer, Roads & Traffic Department regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners was circulated. The Commissioners welcomed the fact that the Councils Engineer is examining proposed traffic calming measures for the Naul Road and agreed to follow up this matter over the coming months.
- (iv) Letter dated 4/11/99 from Senior Staff Officer, Environmental Services regarding St. Peter & Paul's Cemetery was circulated. Mr. Quinn announced that the handrails had in fact been installed at the cemetery in Balbriggan. All Commissioners, particularly Commissioner Harford welcomed this news.

The Town Clerk than circulated additional correspondence from Fingal County Council as follows:

- (i) Letter dated 5/11/99 from the Administrative Officer, Roads & Traffic Department concerning various roads matters was circulated. Commissioners welcomed the contents of this letter. However, Commissioner Fingleton and Commissioner Pyne expressed their concerns over the proposed provision of a new roadway fronting 15/22 Bremore Court. Commissioner Fingleton, in particular, was unhappy with the proposed road. Commissioner Harford asked the Manager if all residents at this location would be consulted in the process. Mr. W. Soffe, County Manager assured the Commissioners that all residents wishes would be taken into account.
  - (ii) Letter dated 5/11/99 from Environmental Services regarding the condition of a number of sites in the Balbriggan area was circulated. Commissioners welcomed the progress being made in relation to various environmental issues brought to light by the Commissioners. The Commissioners discussed at length the litter problem in the town. Mr. Soffe confirmed that Fingal County Councils litter plan needed updating and the Environmental Services Department were at present examining the matter. Commissioner Shields called on more prosecutions for litter offenders. This was agreed in principle by the County Manager. Commissioner McKeon suggested that some representatives from the Tidy Towns Committee be invited to the scheduled meeting with the litter warden later this month.
  - (iii) Letter dated 8/11/99 from Administrative Officer, Parks Department was circulated. Commissioner Shields welcomed the contents of this letter and agreed to report exact location details on proposed fencing at the Bracken River to the Town Clerk for perusal with the Parks Department. Commissioner Fingleton welcomed the enquiries being made in relation to the landscaping of the Balbriggan Inner Relief Road.
- (C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**
- (i) Letter dated 18/10/99 from An Bord Pleanála regarding planning appeal at 8 Drogheda Street, Ref: F98A/114 was circulated. Commissioner Shields

updated the Commissioners and reported on the conditions attached to the proposed retention of permission at this location.

**4. Motions**

**(i) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Larry Dunne**

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to provide a serviced Children's Play Area in Ardgillan Park comparable to those which they have provided at Malahide Castle and Newbridge House."

Commissioner Dunne outlined the background to his motion. Commissioner McKeon asked the Manager if he considered it possible to provide such playground features. Mr. Soffe confirmed that the matter would be examined by the Council. It was proposed by Commissioner Dunne, seconded by Commissioner Cannon that this motion be adopted.

**(ii) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Bredge Tuite**

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to put in place traffic calming measures on the Naul Road leading into Chapel Street in the interest of safety."

Commissioner Tuite outlined the background to her motion and spoke of dangerous driving and speeding on this road. It was proposed by Commissioner Tuite, seconded by Commissioner Harford that the motion be adopted.

**(iii) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Minister for Health to upgrade the Health Centre, Hampton Street, Balbriggan to the proper standard suitable for the increasing numbers now receiving treatment and assistance in the existing building."

Commissioner Harford outlined the background to her motion and detailed the inadequate and dilapidated state of the Health Centre. It was proposed by Commissioner Harford seconded by Commissioner Fingleton and agreed that the motion be adopted. A copy of the motion to be forwarded to the Minister for Health and Children.

**(iv) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Gertie Shields**

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform to incorporate Balbriggan Garda Station and personnel into the wider Dublin Metropolitan District rather than the Meath/Louth Division as is operated at present."

Commissioner Shields outlined the background to her motion. Commissioner Shields explained that following discussions and meetings with the Gardai the Superintendent indicated that it would be more advantageous for Balbriggan to be included in the Dublin Metropolitan area. The County Manager, Mr. Soffe gave his wholehearted agreement to this proposal and agreed that the motion should be forwarded to the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform for his attention.

**5. Question**

**(i) Question Submitted by Commissioner May McKeon**

"To ask the Manager what circumstances would justify having 1 adult and 1 child on the current housing list for 3 bedroomed accommodation."

Commissioner McKeon outlined the background to her question and asked the Manager to outline their policy on providing suitable housing for persons on the

waiting lists, in particular the provision of 3 bed houses to families comprising of 1 adult and 1 child. Commissioner Harford spoke of the housing crisis and need for changes in the means of assessing persons in need of housing. Commissioner Shields and Commissioner Pyne gave their wholehearted support to the need for changes in the system. Mr. Quinn outlined the Councils position in relation to the problems encountered when assessing persons in need of housing and agreed that certain changes were necessary to keep in line with the changes in family structures in the last number of years. Mr. Quinn invited the Commissioners to contact the Councils Housing Department in relation to any particular enquiries/concerns of the Commissioners.

An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner McKeon raised the matter of the hiring out of Glebe North for the purpose of allocating keys to the new Council tenants at Craoibhin Court. Commissioner McKeon enquired why the Commissioners were not invited to such an occasion. The Manager confirmed that Fingal County officials from the Housing Department were only present and that no other public representatives had attended same.

**6. Other Correspondence**

Notification of a course organised by Tree Council of Ireland scheduled for 17 – 19 November to be held at the Spa Hotel, Lucan, Co. Dublin was circulated and noted.

**7. Town Decoration Christmas 1999**

Mr. Quinn reported that works under the Urban and Village Renewal Scheme 1999 will not now actually commence until January 2000, therefore the Square, Balbriggan will not be under reconstruction over the Christmas period. Commissioner McKeon together with fellow Commissioners requested that Fingal County Council confirm that the monies will be available in year 2000 for the town improvements at the Square under the Urban and Village Renewal Scheme.

**8. Millennium / Proposed Fireworks Display**

Commissioner Pyne asked the Manager if a financial commitment was being made by Fingal County Council to assist with celebrations for the Millennium. The Manager, Mr. Soffe, confirmed that Fingal County Council will be providing same.

An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner McKeon then gave an account of a meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November with some businessmen from the town and some members of the Chamber of Commerce in relation to the proposed fireworks display for New Years Eve 1999. Commissioner McKeon stated that the cost would be in the region of £6,000.

**9. Quarterly Meeting with Fingal County Council scheduled for 9/12/99 at 2.00 p.m. - Submissions for agenda to Town Clerk before 19/10/99**

Noted and agreed that Commissioners would make their submissions to the Town Clerk.

**10. Meeting with Litter Warden**

A meeting was scheduled for 22/11/99 to meet with the Litter Warden and discuss areas of concern. It was also agreed that the Commissioners invite a member of the Tidy Districts Committee to attend the meeting.

**11. Any Other Business**

**A Commissioner Dunne**

- (i) Requested that the Town Clerk obtain a copy of the Engineers report on the demolition of the pier at Balckrock.
- (ii) Congratulated the Archivist, Fingal County Council on the thorough report of the records of Balbriggan Town Commissioners and requested that the original books be retained in the newly constructed Town Hall in the future.

**B Commissioner Harford**

- (i) Circulated a copy of letters of complaint with regard to speeding and traffic matters from residents at Templeville. Commissioner Harford proposed that the Commissioners meet with the residents association and follow up matters of concern.
- (ii) Asked if toilets at Band Park were to be demolished.
- (iii) Requested that the toilets at the Harbour be upgraded and made wheelchair friendly, as previously agreed with Fingal County Council.
- (iv) Asked if recycling bins will be provided to householders in Balbriggan.

**C Commissioner Shields**

- (i) Requested if any progress had been made in relation to the air vents at Glover Court.
- (ii) Requested that the Town Clerk contact the depot in relation to a bin collection for houses 21-49 Hampton St.
- (iii) Requested an update on works being carried out near Lambreecher Estate.

**D Commissioner Cannon**

- (i) Reported that raw sewerage was pouring onto Kings Strand.
- (ii) Requested that a shore and 2 manholes at Breacon Close be brought to road level.

**E Commissioner Pyne**

- (i) Reported complaints made in relation to the employment of the new BAPA Supervisor.

**F Commissioner Tuite**

- (i) Requested that plans be put in place to cut open spaces at the beaches for year 2000.
- (ii) Reported flooding on Bridge Street.

**G Commissioner Fingleton**

- (i) Stated she was pleased that the rubble at St. Peter & Paul's Church carpark was to be removed and enquired when the demolished wall at this location was to be replaced.
- (ii) Reported that there was no answering service at the Commissioners Offices.

**H Commissioner McKeon**

- (i) Requested a report on the library clock. Mr. Quinn advised that it was not possible to repair the clock.

Commissioner Harford spoke briefly in relation to the problems with chimneys in Pinewood. Mr. Quinn confirmed that Fingal County Council will be providing central heating to those houses affected.

The meeting concluded at 10.45 p.m.

May McKee

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### DO GACH BALL DE CHOIMISINÉIRÍ BHAILE BRIGÍN

A Chara,

Tá sé de dhualgas orm glaotar ort bheith I láthair ag Cruinniú de Choimisinéirí Bhaile Brigín a thionolfar ar an Samhain 9, 1999 ar 7.30 i.n. chun an ghnó seo a leanas a phlé.

I wish to inform you that the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> November, 1999 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the following agenda.

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YVONNE TOAL,  
CLÉIREACH AN BHAILE.

### CLÁR

#### 1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (i) Minutes of Meeting held on 12/10/99 (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Minutes of Statutory Estimates Meeting held on 28/10/99 (circulated herewith)

#### 2. Applications for Hire of Hall

Application received from Enda Dunne to hire the Ballroom for a Feis on 27<sup>th</sup> November, 1999 from 9.00 a.m. to 9.00 p.m. (circulated herewith)



National Association  
Local Government

### **3. Correspondence**

#### **(A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**

- (i) Letter dated 28/10/99 from Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Health concerning a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 26/10/99 from Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Health concerning a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners (circulated herewith)

#### **(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

- (i) Letter dated 14/10/99 from Senior Administrative Officer, Planning Department regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners (circulated herewith)
- (ii) Letter dated 20/10/99 from Housing Construction/Maintenance Department regarding the proposed renaming of Chapel Street Flats (circulated herewith)
- (iii) Letter dated 2/11/99 from Administrative Officer, Roads & Traffic Department regarding a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners (circulated herewith)
- (iv) Letter dated 4/11/99 from Senior Staff Officer, Environmental Services regarding St. Peter & Paul's cemetery (circulated herewith)

#### **(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

- (i) Letter dated 18/10/99 from An Bord Pleanalla regarding planning appeal at 8 Drogheda Street, Ref: F98A/114 (circulated herewith)

### **4. Motions**

#### **(i) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Larry Dunne**

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to provide a serviced Children's Play Area in Ardgillan Park comparable to those which they have provided at Malahide Castle and Newbridge House."

#### **(ii) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Bredge Tuite**

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to put in place traffic calming measures on the Naul Road leading into Chapel Street in the interest of safety."

#### **(iii) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Minister for Health to upgrade the Health Centre, Hampton Street, Balbriggan to the proper standard suitable for the increasing numbers now receiving treatment and assistance in the existing building."

#### **(iv) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Gertie Shields**

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform to incorporate Balbriggan Garda Station and personnel into the wider Dublin Metropolitan District rather than the Meath/Louth Division as is operated at present."

### **5. Question**

#### **(i) Question Submitted by Commissioner May McKeon**

"To ask the Manager what circumstances would justify having 1 adult and 1 child on the current housing list for 3 bedroomed accommodation."

**6. Other Correspondence**

- (i) Notification of a course organised by Tree Council of Ireland scheduled for 17 – 19 November to be held at the Spa Hotel, Lucan, Co. Dublin (circulated herewith)

**7. Town Decoration Christmas 1999**

**8. Millennium / Proposed Fireworks Display**

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**11. Any Other Business**

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
HELD ON TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 1999.**

**Commissioners Present:**

Cannon, Mary	Mullen, Mark
Dunne, Larry	Pyne, Ned
Fingleton, Thérèse	Shields, Gertie
Harford, Monica	Tuite, Bredge
McKeon, May	

**Officials Present:**

Mr. Eugene Quinn, A/Principal Officer
Ms. Yvonne Toal, Town Clerk

An Cathaoirleach, Commissioner May McKeon, presided.

Commissioner McKeon opened the meeting and requested that Commissioners take 3 items of concern before business on the agenda. It was proposed by Commissioner Tuite and seconded by Commissioner Dunne that the following three items of concern be dealt with first.

1. Planning permission granted at the corner of Railway Street and Drogheda Street, Planning Ref: F99A/0897, Decision Order No. 4464.
  2. Letter from Shannon Embroidery requesting the support of the Town Commissioners for a planning application for apartments at Clonard Street, Balbriggan, Planning Ref: No. F99A/0149, An Bord Pleanala Ref: PL06F 117052.
  3. Proposed new roadway fronting houses at 15/22 Bremore Court, Balbriggan.
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1. Commissioner McKeon asked her fellow Commissioners for suggestions in relation to item 1 above for the planning permission granted for the change of use from first floor offices at the above address to first floor restaurant. Commissioner Harford expressed her concerns in relation to making objections to such developments and together with Commissioner Shields expressed their concerns over conditions set down by Fingal County Council particularly in relation to public parking in the area and to contributions required from the developers. Commissioner Tuite endorsed these concerns. Commissioner Fingleton requested clarification on all conditions attached to the planning permission and suggested that the Town Clerk request further information from the Planning Department. Commissioner McKeon then proposed that the Commissioners establish what action the residents living in the area are prepared to take. Following lengthy discussion it was unanimously agreed that following further clarification in relation to the conditions laid down the Commissioners would assess any possible basis for an appeal against the decision issued.
  2. It was proposed by Commissioner McKeon, seconded by Commissioner Pyne and agreed that the Commissioners would write to An Bord Pleanala giving support to an appeal lodged by Shannon Embroidery in respect of the proposed apartments development at Clonard Street.

3. Commissioner McKeon reminded her fellow Commissioners of the discussion on the proposed new roadway fronting 15/22 Bremore Court held at the Commissioners Quarterly Meeting with Fingal County Council on 9/12/99. Commissioner Fingleton gave an account of an incident which occurred with a resident at the above address. Commissioner Tuite and Commissioner Shields expressed their concerns in relation to the survey carried out by the Council for this proposed road. Following lengthy discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Shields and seconded by Commissioner Cannon that the Town Clerk obtain a copy of the map and letter issued to the residents in question by Fingal County Council. It was agreed that the Commissioners would contact all affected residents in this estate and establish if there was genuine support for the new road. Commissioner Harford and Commissioner Fingleton suggested that the Commissioners write immediately to Mr. Hartnett, Principal Officer and seek clarification in relation to the manner and level of involvement by the residents on the proposed new road.

Commissioner McKeon thanked her fellow Commissioners for taking the items in question and proceeded to follow the agenda as set out.

1. **Confirmation of Minutes**

- (i) Minutes of Meeting held on 9/11/99 were circulated and confirmed.
- (ii) Minutes of Meeting with County Architect held on 9/11/99 were circulated and confirmed.

2. **Applications for Hire of Hall**

There was no new business under this heading.

Mr. Quinn, A/Principal Officer spoke briefly in relation to the engagement of a firm of architects for the redevelopment of the Town Hall. Mr. Quinn stated that it was hoped to finalise the matter in the next couple of weeks and advised that he would immediately contact the Town Commissioners once a suitable firm had been engaged.

The Town Clerk requested the consent of the Commissioners for the extension of the overdraft facility on the Commissioners No. 1 Account subject to the sanction of the Minister for Environment & Local Government for a further six month period from January - June 2000. It was proposed by Commissioner McKeon, seconded by Commissioner Mullen and resolved that extension of the overdraft facility be renewed.

3. **Correspondence**

- (A) **Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers**

- (i) Letter dated 9/11/99 from Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for the Environment and Local Government concerning the distribution of polling cards at elections was circulated. Commissioner Harford spoke of the inadequate reply issued from the Ministers Office and stated that there was no necessity for further correspondence on the matter at this stage.
- (ii) Letter dated 17/11/99 from Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Finance concerning a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners was

circulated. Commissioner Harford suggested that the Commissioners follow up the matter at a future date when such tribunals were complete.

- (iii) Letter dated 30/11/99 from Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Finance concerning proposals by the National Lottery to introduce one of their scratch card games on the Internet was circulated. Commissioner Tuite expressed her dissatisfaction at the reply issued by the Minister. Commissioner Fingleton again expressed her concerns in relation to younger users of the Internet. Commissioner Harford suggested that the Town Clerk write back to the Minister and ask how the National Lottery will monitor participation in the proposed lottery on the internet. Commissioner Fingleton agreed and also requested that the Minister clarify what type of funding was provided for this new trial.

**(B) Correspondence from Fingal County Council**

- (i) Letter dated 15/11/99 from General Purposes Section concerning a motion passed by the Council was circulated. All Commissioners supported the motion passed by Fingal County Council.
- (ii) Letter dated 17/11/99 from Senior Staff Officer, Parks Department concerning the erection of "No Golfing" signs at two locations in Balbriggan was circulated. Commissioner Tuite, Commissioner Harford and Commissioner Pyne spoke in relation to the delays encountered in the past by the Council in erecting such 'No Golf' signs. It was agreed that the Town Clerk write back to the Parks Department requesting immediate erection of these signs. Commissioner Tuite also requested that a sign at the Martello Tower be included.
- (iii) Letter dated 23/11/99 from Administrative Officer, Parks Department concerning a motion passed by Balbriggan Town Commissioners was circulated. Commissioner Dunne gave an account of the discussion on the proposed playground at the quarterly meeting held with Fingal County Council on 9/12/99. Commissioner Harford was encouraged by the report. It was agreed that the Commissioners write to Fingal County Council and request that funding be provided in the 2001 Estimate.
- (iv) Letter dated 24/11/99 from Administrative Officer, Roads & Traffic Department concerning traffic calming measures at Naul Road/Chapel Street was circulated. Commissioner McKeon opened the discussion and stated that she was extremely disappointed with the Roads Department of Fingal County Council in relation to report at the Quarterly Meeting held on 9/12/99 that the upgrading of the Naul Road would not be dealt with for several years. Commissioner Harford agreed. Commissioner Pyne, Commissioner Shields and Commissioner Tuite once again stressed the necessity to improve this road as a matter of urgency in the interest of public safety. Following lengthy discussion it was proposed by Commissioner McKeon that the Town Clerk write to Fingal County Council requesting that the Naul Road be upgraded before any further developments get planning permission in this area. This was agreed by all Commissioners.
- (v) Letter dated 29/11/99 from Administrative Officer, Roads & Traffic Department concerning various roads matters was circulated. Commissioners discussed the reply issued by the Roads and Traffic Department in relation to a number of roads matters. Commissioner Shields, Commissioner Harford, Commissioner Tuite and Commissioner Fingleton further clarified some

outstanding issues and requested that the Town Clerk write back to the Roads & Traffic Department in relation to same.

**(C) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies**

- (i) Letter dated 8/11/99 from CEO, Eastern Health Board concerning orthodontic treatment was circulated. Commissioner Harford stated that she found the figures issued by the Eastern Health Board in relation to those who obtained orthodontic treatment quite encouraging and suggested that the Commissioners be vigilant in relation to the service provided.

Commissioner Fingleton requested that she be excused from the meeting at 8.55 p.m.

**4. Motions**

**(i) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Bredge Tuite**

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to erect speed signs on Phase 1 & 2 of the Inner Relief Road as it is being used as a speedway."

Commissioner Tuite outlined the background to her motion and spoke in relation to speeding on this road. It was proposed by Commissioner Tuite, seconded by Commissioner Pyne that the motion be adopted.

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to have all surface drains cleared at Templeville, Balbriggan as serious flooding occurs outside house numbers 10 and 11 any time it rains."

**(ii) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Bredge Tuite**

Commissioner Tuite outlined the background to her motion and gave an account of the matter discussed at a meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners with the residents of Templeville. It was proposed by Commissioner Tuite, seconded by Commissioner Pyne that this motion be adopted.

**(iii) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Bredge Tuite**

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Fingal County Council to insist that safety measures be put in place prior to any further on-street development taking place, as present developers (Station St-Drogheda St) have disregarded the safety of all pedestrians."

Commissioner Tuite outlined the background to her motion. Commissioner Tuite spoke in relation to difficulties being encountered by the disabled and the blind following Main Street developments. Mr. Quinn, stated it was a question of enforcing conditions on these developers. Commissioner Pyne spoke in relation to similar difficulties at the site for the new cycleway and the dangers to pedestrians. It was proposed by Commissioner Tuite, seconded by Commissioner Harford that this motion be adopted.

**(iv) Motion Submitted by Commissioner Gertie Shields**

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Health to see that Oncology Departments in all areas of the country are properly equipped and operational to deal with the increasing number of cancer sufferers."

Commissioner Shields outlined the background to her motion. Commissioner Shields spoke of the horrors being encountered by patients all over the country over the lack of facilities for cancer suffers. This motion was unanimously supported by all Commissioners. It was agreed that the motion be circulated to all other Local Authorities.

(v) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Health to invest all revenue from cigarettes into hospitals to provide sufficient wards, beds and staff needed to completely put an end to patients on trolleys on corridors."

Commissioner Harford outlined the background to her motion. It was proposed by Commissioner Harford, seconded by Commissioner Tuite that the motion be adopted.

(vi) **Motion Submitted by Commissioner Harford**

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Health to provide an ambulance service for Balbriggan, that will guarantee response within 10 to 15 minutes of call out."

Commissioner Harford outlined the background to her motion and gave an account of an incident recently where an ambulance callout took 25/30 minutes. Commissioner Tuite suggested that the Commissioners re-activate their request for an ambulance service for Balbriggan. It was proposed by Commissioner Harford, seconded by Commissioner Tuite and agreed that the motion be adopted.

Commissioner McKeon congratulated her fellow Commissioners on the motions put forward and invited members to seek publicity as required in relation to the matters raised.

**5. Questions**

(i) **Question Submitted by Commissioner Larry Dunne**

"To ask the Manager why Balbriggan Town Commissioners have not received a copy of the engineers report on the demolition of the pedestrian pier at Blackrock despite numerous requests."

Commissioner Dunne spoke in relation to the lack of documentation and inadequate responses made by Fingal County Council's Environmental Services Department to the numerous requests made by the Commissioners in relation to the demolition of the pier at Blackrock. Commissioner Shields reminded her fellow Commissioners that it was reported that the National Safety Council had carried out a report on the pier. Commissioner Harford, Commissioner McKeon and Commissioner Tuite gave a brief history of matters relating to the demolition of the pier. All Commissioners reported great public outcry over the demolition of the pier as an amenity for the town. Following lengthy discussion Commissioner Dunne suggested that the Town Clerk write to the National Safety Council requesting a copy of the report carried out and also obtain from Fingal County Council any correspondence relating to the matter. The Commissioners agreed that the matter of a replacement facility for Balbriggan must be pursued vigorously.

(ii) **Question Submitted by Commissioner Monica Harford**

"To ask the manager for an update on proposed new Fire Station for Balbriggan."

Mr. Quinn, A/Principal officer spoke in relation to proposed developments for a new fire station for Balbriggan and reported that the proposal was in the hands of the Department of Environment at present.

## **6. Other Correspondence**

- (i) Preliminary notice of a seminar to be held at the Welcome Inn, Castlebar on 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> February, 2000 entitled "New Legislation for Millennium on Planning and Local Government" was circulated. Commissioner Tuite announced that she would be attending this conference. It was requested that a full report on the conference be given to the Commissioners.
- (ii) Letter dated 24/11/99 from Mr. G. Burrows, Shannon Embroidery Co. seeking support from the Town Commissioners in relation to a recent planning application was circulated. This letter was already dealt with at the outset of the meeting.
- (iii) Letter dated 29/11/99 from Secretary, Balbriggan Breakaway Festival regarding next year's festival was circulated. Commissioner Tuite gave a light-hearted account of the proposed quizzes, entertainment and challenges planned with Ardee Town Commissioners.

## **7. Any Other Business**

### **(A) Commissioner Tuite**

- (i) Requested that double yellow lines be provided fronting all tactile paving areas in the town.

### **(B) Commissioner Pyne**

- (i) Reported extreme danger to the public at the site of the new cycleway at Bremore and stated that the area was full of holes, pipes lying around, no fencing off of the area, no pathway for pedestrians to walk.

### **(C) Commissioner Shields**

- (i) Requested confirmation of fireworks display on 31/12/99.
- (ii) Requested if Commissioners were doing an envelope collection for same.

### **(D) Commissioner Cannon**

- (i) Reported dangerous condition of footpath from Fancourt Heights into Seapoint.
- (ii) Suggested that the Commissioners produce their own newsletter.

### **(E) Commissioner Dunne**

- (i) Reported that the kerbway at Fancourt Heights needs repainting and replacement.

### **(F) Commissioner Mullen**

- (i) Reported slippery surface on pedestrian bridges over the canal.

### **(G) Commissioner McKeon**

- (i) Spoke in relation to the fireworks display scheduled for 31/12/99 at 8.00 p.m. Commissioner McKeon stated that the harbour had been established as the most suitable location. Commissioner McKeon reported that the Gardai and Insurance Company had been notified. Two large donations had already been made by two businessmen in the town and letters had issued to others. Commissioner McKeon agreed that Commissioners may collect donations by envelope, as required. Commissioner McKeon urged her fellow Commissioners to encourage all residents to assemble at the Square at 12 o'clock midnight on 31/12/99 to celebrate the Millennium. Commissioner McKeon stated that she hoped to provide a countdown to 12 o'clock midnight. Commissioner McKeon then reminded her fellow Commissioners that a Jubilee Mass will be held on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2000 at 12 o'clock midday. Commissioner Tuite then reminded Commissioner McKeon that the Commissioners already agreed to do an envelope collection to fund the

fireworks display at a meeting held on 15/11/99. Commissioner Harford and Commissioner Shields asked the Cathaoirleach if the envelope collection was to go ahead. Commissioner McKeon suggested that Commissioners may do their own area, as required. An Cathaoirleach then wished her fellow Commissioners, the Town Clerk and the Manager a happy and peaceful Christmas.

The Meeting concluded at 10.10 p.m.

May McKeon

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