

Minutes of the Proceedings of a meeting of the Roscommon County Council, held at the Courthouse, Roscommon on Tuesday the 14th May, 1912.

Councillor Galvin presided and the following councillors were in attendance: Messrs Waters, H. M. Fitzgibbon, Dwyer, Shanagher, Grogan, Conry, Miller, Gilleoly, Shanly, Thomas Kelly, O'Brien, Bussigan, Regan, McDonnell, Murray, Heavener, Igoe, Joseph Maguire and Martin.

Proposed by Councillor M. H. Grogan,

Seconded by Councillor F. Bussigan,

And Resolved:-

"That the Minutes of last meeting be taken as read"

The following correspondence from the Local Government Board were read by the Secretary:-

No. 15, 244. Enclosing copy of the Auditor's report on the Audit of the Accounts of the Roscommon County Council, for the half year ended 30th September, 1911, together with attested abstracts of the Accounts.

" 12, 285 & 6

" 16, 168, 16, 170 Enclosing copies of the Auditor's

" 16, 176, 17, 823 Reports on the Accounts of

" 17, 825, 21, 203 Local Authorities.

" 21, 204, 21, 205

& 21, 206

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- No. 16544. Directing Secretary to notify Mr. Sheeran that he had been removed from Office by Sealed Order.
- No. 17543. Directing Secretary to notify Collector Sheeran and Insurance Company of the issue of Sealed Order.
- No. 9755. Re payment of arrears of poundage to certain Poor Rate collectors in the bount.
- No. 12265. Letters relative to the collection of Poor Rate in Collector Sheeran's District, also report of the Auditor on same and letter from the Secretary of Ballyfermoyle etc., Ratepayers Association, and from the London and Lancashire Insurance Company re collection of arrears.
- No. 13217 re calling a meeting of the bount council to take steps to bring about the collector's resignation and wishes asking did collector Sheeran tender his resignation.
- No. 15504 Stating that the Board had given directions for the preparation of a Sealed Order removing collector Sheeran from Office.
- No. 15411 Sealed Order removing Mr. Charles Sheeran from the Office of Poor Rate collector in the Administrative bount of Roscommon and declaring the Office vacant; also letter from Mr. M. Morrow, Solicitor, Boyle, relative to the dismissal of Mr. Charles Sheeran from the Office of Poor Rate collector.
- No. 20919 Letter relative to the steps being taken for the close of the collection in ex-collector Sheeran's District.

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No. 19492. Letter from the Local Government Board
enclosing copy of a letter addressed to Mr.
Mr. Morrow, Solicitor, Boyle, relative to the dismissal
of Mr. Charles Sheeran from the Office of Poor Rate
Collector. 147

No. 22483. Stating that collector Sheeran's
sureties should be called on to
lodge the amount outstanding.

Mr. J. M. Whelan, Solicitor, Roscommon,
appeared for ex-collector Sheeran, and after
a long discussion the following resolution
was unanimously passed:-

Proposed by councillor Patrick Regan.

Seconded by councillor Henry M. Fitzgibbon.

And Resolved:-

"That we the members
of the Roscommon Bountly Bouncil having
heard the statements of collector Sheeran and
his Solicitors, in regard to the complaints
made to the Local Government Board, about
his collection, and upon which a Sealed
Order was made dismissing him from Office,
respectfully ask the Local Government Board
to rescind or revoke the Sealed Order dated
26th March, 1912, removing Charles Sheeran,
from the Office of Poor Rate collector, and
giving this bouncil an opportunity to inquire
into the matter of complaints against
collector Sheeran. Pending this reply of the
Local Government Board this bouncil
does not deem it necessary to proceed with
the election of a new collector."

Proposed by councillor Joseph Maguire.

Seconded by councillor Francis Bonigan.

And Resolved:-

"That the Secretary
be directed to give collector Sheeran the
Franchise

Franchise Notices as usual for distribution amongst the ratepayers in the Divisions in which he has heretofore distributed them"

Nos. 19443 & 21080 Letters relative to the collection of Poor Rate in Collector Timulty's District, and wire from the Deputy Clerk, Achlone, stating that collector Timulty did not attend and letters from the General Accident Insurance Co. re same were read, and the following resolution passed thereon

Proposed by councillor M. H. Hogan.
Seconded by councillor John Shanly.
And Resolved :-

"That collector Timulty be called upon to close his collection by Monday next, and should he fail to do so, we call upon our Secretary to write to his sureties to lodge the amount outstanding and to issue an advertisement for a new collector"

Letter No. 22429. re collector John Martin not having closed his collection was read and the following order made on same :- "To be called upon to close his collection not later than Monday next, otherwise Sureties to be called upon to lodge

lodge the amount, and advertisement to be inserted to fill position."

No. 13551. Letters relative to the Collectors.

Refund Lists for the half year ended 30th September, 1911.

" 10972 & 15078 Letters and Sealed Orders relative to the new Declaration and Scheme of the County Council for maintaining roads in the County by a system of Direct Labour.

" 8697 Letter enclosing amendment of regulations under Motor Car Acts.

" 13235 Letter sanctioning payment of the sum of £9.19.6 for extra printing under the Direct Labour Scheme.

" 13399 & Letters relative to expenditure on roads in Castlereagh Rural District.

" 14644 Letter with reference to expenditure of money on New Works. Order made on same. Copy to be sent to the District Councils.

" 13132 Letter re rates on Mount William Farm in the Rural District of Ashlone No. 2. Order made on same:—
"The Secretary to obtain advice of their Solicitors."

The following letter from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland was submitted by the Secretary:—

No. 190. Letter calling attention to the frequent outbreaks of Sheep-Scab on a farm near Roscommon. The following

order

order was made thereon :- copy to be sent to Veterinary Inspector and the R. I. B. with instructions to attend to the matter at once.

Reports from the Bountly Inspector R. I. B. Rosecommon, showing the Free and Extra Force in the bountly.

Letter from the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle enclosing copy Order made by the Lords Justices directing the deduction of £1010-19-6 (made) from sums payable to the bountly from the Local Taxation (Ireland) Act for Extra Police.

Letter from the Receiver of Constabulary enclosing Account in respect of extra police for the half-year ended the 31st March, 1912.

Claims for Malicious Injuries and Reports from the Inspectors under the Diseases of Animals Act were submitted.

Letter from the Irish Bountly Bountly's General Bountly re Bountly Insurance Societies and letter from the Secretary of the National Health Insurance Commission, Ireland, re the formation of Bountly Insurance Committee were adjourned to the Quarterly Meeting to be held on the 31st inst. and the following resolution passed thereon:-
Proposed by Bountly P. J. Waters,
Seconded

Seconded by councillor Thomas Kelly.
And Resolved:-

* That the consideration of the communication from the National Health Insurance Commission (Ireland) be adjourned to our next Meeting and that they be requested to supply the services of an expert on the question of the formation of Bountly Societies etc, for an exposition of the matter on that date before this Council.

Letter from the Irish Bountly Councils General Council enclosing report on the National Finance prepared by the standing committee on the Financial Provisions of the Home Rule Bill was marked read.

Owing to the resolution passed re ex-collector Sheeran, the appointment of another collector in his place was not made and the applications for the position adjourned to next Meeting

The committee appointed to deal with the question of an increase of poundage to the Rate Collectors met and passed the following resolution which the Council adopted

Proposed by councillor Shanly,
Seconded by councillor Regan.
And Resolved:-

* That this committee appointed

appointed to deal with the application of the Rate Collectors for an increase in their poundage unanimously recommend the Council not to allow it."

The Secretary submitted copy of a resolution from the General Synod of the Church of Ireland in connection with Bounty Scholarships, and copy resolution from the Schoolmasters' Association with reference to same which were marked read

An application from the Secretary of the Gas Company, Roscommon, claiming compensation for injury to pipes by Steam Rolling done in the town of Roscommon was marked read.

Notices of Motion standing in the names of Councillors Millar and Hillian were read and the following resolution was passed thereon:-

Proposed by Councillor John Millar,
Seconded by Councillor M. H. Hogan.

And Resolved:-

"That Mr. Ernest Kelly be appointed a member of the Agricultural and Technical Committee."

Several applications from persons for the re-authorisation of Paying Orders which were marked 'out of date' were read and the following resolution passed thereon:-

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Proposed by Councillor O. Conry,
 Seconded by Councillor H. M. Fitzgibbon,
 And Resolved:-

"That the National Bank, Limited, Roscommon Branch, Treasurer of the Bountly Council, be directed, and are hereby authorised to honour all Paying Orders issued by the Secretary on any of the Council's several accounts, which may be presented for payment within any period not exceeding six months from date of issue as stamped thereon. This authorisation to take effect from this date."

The applications from the bouskeeper, Roscommon, for requisites for use in the boushouse, and from bountly Surveyors for Office requisites were granted.

The Resolution from the Strokestown District Council re the acquisition of grazing farms for the purpose of re-afforestation and from the Westmeath Bountly Council re the payment of Irish National Teachers salaries Dublin Industrial Development Association re supplies to the various Government Departments in Ireland, and how they are dealt with, Irish Traders and Stock Owners Association re the Meat Marking (Ireland) Bill, and Committee of Management of Down District Asylum re the Maintenance of pauper lunatics were adopted. Copy of order made on resolution from

from the Down Asylum Committee:—"Copies to be sent to the Chief Secretary and the M.P's for the County"

Proposed by Councillor John Galvin,
Seconded by Councillor Joseph Maguire,
And Resolved:-

"That we warmly welcome the measure of National Self-government for Ireland now on its way to the Statute-Book, and that we direct our Secretary to convey to Mr. John Redmond as leader of the Irish Party an expression of our warm gratitude for their self-sacrificing and persistent struggle for the long sought grant of Home Rule for Ireland, and our complete confidence in them in dealing with the measure in its progress through Parliament"

Proposed by Councillor Martin M. Donnell
Seconded by Councillor Peter Shanagher.
And Resolved:-

"That as a telephone connection would be of great advantage to the merchants and professional men of Roscommon, we request the Postmaster General to have arrangements made for providing a connection and exchange in the new brown Post Office at present in course of erection. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Postmaster-General

General, The Secretary of the Post Office,
Dublin, the members of Parliament for
the County and Treasury"

The Requisition Book was signed by
the Chairman.

All other correspondence marked read

John H. H. H.

Chairman.

