

Minutes of Proceedings of a Meeting
of the Roscommon County Council,
held at the boushouse, Roscommon, on
Tuesday, 13th August, 1912.

Councillor Galvin presided, and the
following Councillors were in attendance:-
"Councillors Drury, Shanagher, Grogan,
Conry, Gilleooly, Shanly, Thomas Kelly,
James O. Maguire, O'Brien, O'Farrell, Killain,
Heaveney, Mapocher and Joseph Maguire"

Proposed by Councillor Thomas J. O'Brien,
Seconded by Councillor Thomas Kelly,
And Resolved:-

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

The Secretary submitted the following
correspondence from the Local
Government Board for Ireland:-

No. 37059. Letter enclosing copy of the
Auditor's Report on his audit
of the Accounts of Roscommon
County Council for the half-
year ended the 31st March, 1912,
together with attested Abstracts
of Accounts.

.. 32940.
.. 33041.
.. 35248.
.. 35250.
.. 36357

Letters enclosing copies of the
Auditor's Reports on the
Accounts of Local Authorities

- No. 28589. Letter assenting to an extension of the limit of expenditure on roads in Basklesa Rural District by a sum of £600 for year ending 31st March, 1913.
- " 34131. Letter assenting to payment of poundage fees to certain Poor Rate collectors.
- " 34336. Letter relative to the proposed refund by the Rosecommon Bountly Bouncil of rates paid in respect of premises unoccupied at the time the rate was made.

Order made thereon :- Pay amount.

Proposed by Buncillo Thomas J. O'Brien,
 Seconded by Buncillo Thomas Kelly,
 And Resolved :-

" That having heard the letter from the Local Government Board read, relative to the refund claimed by Mr. Walker on Basklesrange house and premises, this Bouncil pay the amount claimed."

Letter No. 92.11. Letter enclosing copy Order made by the Board prescribing the qualifications of the Medical Superintendent of a hospital or dispensary established by a bountly Bouncil under the Tuberculosis

Prevention (Ireland) Act, 1908.

Letter No. 91/11. Letter forwarding model plans for Dispensary Buildings for Tuberculosis.

" " 41722. Letter relative to the state of the Poor Rate collection up to the 31st July, 1912, and stating that the collection compares very unfavourably with that in other bounties, and that thirteen collectors have up to the present totally disregarded their duties and that these Officers should be notified that in the event of a continuance of such neglect the Board will be obliged to consider the advisability of their removal from Office

The Secretary submitted Deputy Checkers' Reports and Return showing state of collection up to the 31st July, 1912.

Order made thereon :- "collectors to be informed of substance of this letter"

Letter No. 36045

" " 37264 Letters relative to the re-organisation of the Secretary's Office in connection with the working of the Direct Labour Scheme and the Insurance Act, 1911.

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The Secretary read letter from the National Health Insurance Commission (Ireland) relative to the question of the method of assessing contributions in the case of persons employed under the Direct Labour Scheme and suggesting that it might be feasible for this work to be performed by the ganger.

The following extract from the Bounty Surveyor's report, dated 5th August, 1912, to the Proposal Committee relative to the working of Direct Labour, and the duties in connection with the Insurance Act, 1911, was read :-

"The statutory duties imposed upon you by the National Insurance Act which came into operation on the 15th ult., are difficult to carry out in reference to the large number of workmen employed by you at Direct Labour work and from my observation of the efforts made by the Bounty Secretary last week on your behalf to protect your interests. I consider you should take immediate action in the matter. I have to request you to make some practical workable arrangement immediately for carrying out the statutory duties imposed upon the Bounty Council by the National Insurance Act, in reference to the payment of labourers and workmen employed in

in the execution of public road maintenance by Direct Labour."

The following report was read by the Secretary:-

To the Descommon County Council
12th August, 1912.

Gentlemen

I beg to inform you that the work in connection with my Office is now greatly increased owing to the numerous duties to be fulfilled in connection with new legislation and especially owing to the working of a Direct Labour Scheme in the County. When Direct Labour was introduced and for the first two years payment of wages was made by means of a Paying Order issued to each ganger fortnightly, but for better efficiency I was directed by the Auditor to send Paying Orders for wages direct to each employee. This necessitates the issuing of an average of about 700 or 800 fortnightly and some fortnights between 1100 and 1200 were issued. Under the second Scheme which is now in existence the Local Government Board directed that each person employed must be paid by means of a Paying Order issued fortnightly through the post.

I have had to employ two clerks permanently since the change was made in

in issuing Paying Orders, and on some occasions I had to employ in addition extra assistance.

Under the National Insurance Act which came into operation on the 15th July, 1912, there is a statutory duty imposed on Employers to see that Employers rate is paid and that each Employee's card is stamped when payment is made. The work in connection with this is exceedingly troublesome and the responsibility great.

Two Meetings of the Council were convened to consider the procedure to be adopted by the Council but only one Meeting was held and no definite decision was arrived at by the Council.

The Local Government Board suggest that a Committee be appointed to consider the question of the re-organisation of the Secretary's Office in connection with Direct Labour and Insurance Act of 1911.

In order to help the Council pending arrangements I have carried out the payments to labourers in respect of the last fortnight's payments but had to employ additional help and regret to state that it will be impossible for me to undertake this extra work and responsibility with existing staff and hope the Council shall fall in with Local Government Board's suggestion.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
(Signed) M. J. Heverin.

Proposed by Councillor M. H. Hogan.
Seconded by Councillor Thomas Kelly.
And Resolved:-

"That Messrs
J. A. O. Mapother, John Shanly, Thomas O'Brien,
Pat Murray, M. H. Hogan, John Heavener,
D. J. Kelly, be appointed a Committee to
inquire into the re-organisation of
the Secretary's Office in connection with
the working of the Direct Labour Scheme
and the Insurance Act, 1911, and to
submit their report to the County Council
Meeting on September 3rd 1912"

The Secretary read letters and telegram
from the Secretary, Galway County Council
relative to the erection of a Sanatorium
and submitted the following Draft
Scheme for Treatment of Tuberculosis
drawn up by the Sub-committee:-

County of Roscommon

Draft Scheme for Treatment of Tuberculosis
in the County Roscommon as adopted
by County Council at Meeting held on
13th August, 1912.

1. That one Principal Dispensary be
established in some central position
in County, in or near the town of
Roscommon

Roscommon with an accommodation of not less than four observation beds, and a certain number of moveable shelters (Say 20).

2. That 4 Depots or Branch Dispensaries be established:- one in each of the following Rural Districts, 1. Baxlereagh.

2. Boyle. 3. Strokestown. 4. Bideswell.

3. That a Medical Tuberculosis Officer be appointed at a salary of £400 per annum to include travelling expenses such Officer to be a registered Medical Practitioner of not less than five years standing and to have Diploma in Public Health and to have taken, or to take such course in special training in Tubercular disease as may be prescribed. Such Officer shall devote his whole time to the duties of the Office, shall act as Medical Adviser to the County Insurance Committee and shall not engage in any private practice.

4. That a duly qualified Nurse to act as Matron of the Dispensary be appointed at a salary of £75 per annum with light, fuel and apartments.

5. That Local Committees be formed as soon as possible in each Rural District to engage the services of District Nurses, and that where Nurses are engaged a grant of £20 be made towards the cost of past services, such services to be given under the directions of

of the Medical Tuberculosis Officer.

6. That the offer of the Women's National Health Association be accepted relative to making provisions for Tubercular cases recommended by the Insurance Committee for Sanatorium Treatment, to the extent of 15 permanent beds for adults and four permanent beds for children at £70 per bed in each case as cost of establishment.

7. That the Committee take the necessary steps relative to providing suitable treatment for advanced stages of Tuberculosis.

8. That we request the Sanitary Authorities in the County to adopt part 1. of the Tuberculosis Prevention Act (Ireland) 1908.

9. That all Medical Practitioners in the County be requested to co-operate in the Scheme at such remuneration as may be fixed after consultation with the Officers concerned or their representatives.

(Signed) M. J. Hevesin.
Secretary.

The following order was made on Scheme "Approved"

Proposed by Councillor O'Conry.

Seconded by Councillor John O'Farrell.

And Resolved:-

"That

"That the Scheme as drawn up by our Committee be adopted and advertisements be issued in all the local papers and Dublin Freeman, Irish Times and Slainthe, for a Nurse and a Doctor. The appointment to be made at the Quarterly Meeting on the 3rd September should the Local Government Board sanction Scheme"

Proposed by Councillor T. A. O. Mapother,
Seconded by Councillor James O. Maguire,
And Resolved:-

"That advertisements be issued inviting tenders from persons willing to provide a site for a Tuberculosis Dispensary in a suitable position in the neighbourhood of Roscommon stating the terms on which the land is offered"

The following correspondence from Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland were submitted:-
Letter relative to the outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease and Sealed Order prohibiting the landing of Hay or Straw into Ireland.

^{Submitted}

The Secretary, the following:-
Reports from County Inspector A. J. B. Roscommon, showing Free and Extra Force in the County, and
Letter

letter from Mr. John P. Hayden M.P. relative to the Extra Force.

Reports from Inspectors under ~~the~~ Diseases of Animals Acts.

Claims for Malicious Injuries and Reports of the police on same

Correspondence relative to the collection of arrears of Poor Rate in Ex-

collector Sheeran's District, and Deputy ^{checkers} Report on the collection of arrears in Ex-collector Sheeran's District
Quarterly Report of the Public Analyst.

Letters from the Secretary, Westmeath County Council enclosing copy resolution passed by his Council at meeting held on the 4th July, 1912, relative to Achlone bourchouse and from the Hon. Secretary of Achlone Merchants and Traders Association on the same subject were read.

The following report of the Committee appointed to confer with the Westmeath County Council was read:-
"As Members of the Committee appointed to meet the County Council of Westmeath and confer with them regarding the erection of a bourchouse at Achlone, we met the Westmeath Council at Mullingar on the 4th July, instant, and informed them, according to resolution passed at the Meeting of the Roscommon County Council, held on 18th June, 1912, that our Council were willing to contribute Roscommon's fair proportion of a sum of
£1000

£1000 to be expended in the erection of the proposed boushouse we suggested that such proposition would be about one-third the entire cost. The Westmeath Bouncil refused to entertain the proposition to expend the sum named in the building of a boushouse, believing that such a sum would be insufficient to provide a boushouse suitable for the joint purposes of the two bounties, and they passed a resolution sanctioning the expenditure of £2000 on the building subject to the contribution of half the costs by our bounty. In addition they directed that the plans prepared by their bounty Surveyor should be laid before our Bouncil. We recommend that those plans be submitted to our bounty Surveyor, that he, and the bounty Surveyor of Westmeath be asked to confer as to the probable cost of a boushouse suitable for the purposes which the two bounties have in common, and they be requested to submit their report, if they agree, or their separate reports, in the event of disagreement between them, to the two bounty Bouncils.

Notwithstanding the fact that the compulsory powers of His Excellency - the Lord Lieutenant, the exercise of which has rendered the building of a boushouse at Achlone imperative, are limited

limited, and cannot oblige our Bouncil to contribute towards a larger expenditure than £1000, we would suggest that if it ~~shall~~^{should} be found, as a result of the conference between the two Bountly Surveyors, that a sum of £1000 would be inadequate to meet the common requirements of the two Bounties it would not be unreasonable for our Bountly to be asked to contribute its fair proportion of the larger sum shown to be necessary for that purpose, any special expenditure required by the Bountly Westmeath, for purposes with which the Bountly Roscommon is not concerned, being left ~~of~~ out of account in calculating the proportion payable by the two Bounties"

(Signed) Thos. A. P. Mapother
M. H. Grogan.

Proposed by Buncillor John Dury.

Seconded by Buncillor P. Bonny.

And Resolved:-

"That the report of messrs Mapother and Grogan with reference to their conference with the Westmeath Bountly Bouncil re Achlone Bounchouse be adopted"

Proposed by Buncillor John O'Farrell.

Seconded by Buncillor P. Bonny.

And Resolved:-

"That the
National

National Bank, Roscommon Branch, be requested to lend to the County Council of Roscommon the sum of £1140 for the purpose of steam rolling roads in the Strokestown Rural District as sanctioned by the Local Government Board for Ireland, in letter dated 3rd August, 1912. No. 37905. The above mentioned sum to be lent to the Council at the rate of 3% per annum, repayment to be spread over the period of 5 years. The necessary Agreement with the Bank for the purpose of perfecting the loan to be signed on behalf of the Council by the Chairman and Secretary, and the Seal of the Council to be affixed"

Letter from the Secretary of the Postumna Bridge Committee, demanding another contribution of £130 from the County Council of Roscommon was read. Order made thereon:—"To pay"

Copy of resolutions passed at a Meeting of the County Roscommon Roads Improvement Committee, held on the 19th July, 1912, were submitted. Order made thereon:—"Referred to County Surveyor"

Letter from the Irish Manager of the Automobile Association and Motor Union
relative

relative to the erection of Direction Signs was marked "Adopted"

The following extract from the Bounty Surveyor's report to the Proposal Committee relative to grants from the Road Board was read:-

"I recommend you also to consider what steps would be advisable to take to obtain a reasonable grant from the Road Board for Road Improvement work in the bounty. The amount stated to be available for Ireland last year has not been yet allocated, and yet the grant proposed for the current year is hardly more than half of the grant obtained last year. I shall be very pleased to do what I can in the matter, with the help of strong resolution from you in support of our claim"

Proposed by councillor John O'Snell,
Seconded by councillor J. P. Maguire,
And Resolved:-

"That the attention of the Road Board be called to the insufficiency of the proposed grant to the Bounty Roscommon for the current financial year for the purpose of continuing steam rolling on the trunk roads scheduled by them, there are about 63 miles scheduled in the bounty, and as the estimated period for

for renewal is five years, the least mileage which should be rolled yearly is thirteen miles, so that the proposed grant which corresponds to only seven miles is inconsistent with the Road Board's approved plan and would prevent it from being carried out.

We desire the Bounty Surveyor to place the views of the Bounty Council clearly before the Road Board and to arrange the order of carrying out the work to obtain best results".

The Secretary submitted letters from the clerks of the District Councils of Achlone No. 2. Boyle No. 1. Basclerea and Strokestown, relative to resolutions passed by their Councils, on the recommendation contained in the Bounty Surveyor's Report to the Bounty Council at meeting held on the 31st May, 1912, that the Assistant Surveyors be provided with Motor Bicycles.

Basclerea and Boyle No. 1. District Councils approved of the recommendation.

The following extract from the Bounty Surveyor's report to the Proposal Committee was read:-

"I also recommend to your favourable consideration the proposal to provide Motor Bicycles for use of the
Deputy

Deputy Surveyors in supervision of Direct Labour work, together with an allowance of one penny per mile travelled at work in aid of upkeep."

Proposed by Councillor M. H. Grogan,
Seconded by Councillor P. Conry,

And Resolved :-

"That the Assistant Surveyors for the Boyle, Strokestown and Castlelea Districts be supplied with a Motor Bicycle each, and allowed one penny a mile as travelling expenses while using such machine on the County Council's business. This provision of machine and mileage allowance is subject to the condition that the cost of the machine and travelling allowance can be charged to the Rural Districts concerned respectively. The bicycles are to remain the property of the Council, and be kept in repair without further expense to the Council."

The Secretary submitted copy of resolution passed by Boyle No. 1 Rural District Council at meeting held on the 2nd August, 1912, authorising the County Council to borrow the necessary loans as recommended by the County Surveyor for the requirements of Boyle No. 1. District Council

Copies of resolutions passed by the
District

District Councils of Galway and Roscommon asking the County Council to put the compulsory provisions of the Irish Education Act, 1892, into operation in Galway and Roscommon Districts were read, and letter from the Secretary, Office of National Education, Dublin, enclosing Regulations which were marked "Approved"

The following resolution was passed thereon :-

Proposed by Councillor M. H. Lyogan.

Seconded by Councillor J. Galvin.

And Resolved :-

"That the compulsory clauses of the Irish Education Act, 1892, be and are hereby applied to the Rural Districts of Roscommon and Galway, and that the following be the County Council's representatives on the school attendance committees :-

Galway :- Messrs Lyogan, John Fitzgibbon, Henry Igoe, and G. J. Waters

Roscommon :- Messrs Galvin, Higgins, M. Donnell, Mupcher, Gilleoly

An equal number of managers to be appointed by the National Education Commissioners in each District. That the Commissioners Draft Regulations be adopted"

The Secretary submitted letter from

Mrs. McDonnell, Ballyfozan, and letter from H. Hannon, Achlone, requesting the Council to issue Paying Orders instead of ones which were not presented within time.

Order made on letters :- "Local Government Board to authorise payment"

Letter was read from Mr. Elder, Solicitor, Achlone, enclosing an account of monies alleged to be due to Ex-Solicitor Timulty by the Roscommon County Council amounting to £84-5-8 and stating he was directed by Mr. Timulty to apply for payment of same.

Order made on letters :- "Copy to be sent Local Government Board"

Applications for requisites by the Housekeeper, Roscommon, were marked "Granted"

The Requisition Book was signed by the Chairman

Letter from the Lord Mayor of Dublin enclosing copy resolution relative to the Irish cattle Trade was marked "Adopted"

All other correspondence were marked "Read"

John Fyfe
Chairman