

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Special Meeting of the Bountly Council, held at the Bouthouse, Roscommon, on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> September, 1912.

Mr. J. Fitzgibbon, Chairman, presided.

The following Bouncillors were in attendance:— Bouncillors Waters, Early Dunsy, D. J. Kelly, Shanagher, Grogan, Conry, Miller, Gillisly, Shanly, Y. Kelly, James P. Maguire, O'Brien, Regan, McDonnell, O'Farrell, Hillian, Igoe, Mapocher, Joseph Maguire, Higgins and Martin

Sir Acheson McBullagh, Local Government Board Inspector, and Doctor Irwin Representative of the Women's National Health Association were present.

The Secretary submitted the following letters from the Local Government Board:

No. 45157 Approving of an allowance of one penny per mile as travelling expenses to the Assistant Surveyors of the Boyle No. 1. Strokestown and Baxlereea Districts, and for the upkeep of motor bicycles to be provided by the Bountly Council  
Order made thereon:— "Received"

.. 47313 Relative to the state of the rate collection up to the 31<sup>st</sup> August, and that collector boxes Books be specially checked.

Order made thereon:— "To be complied with"

The Secretary submitted correspondence from the Conjoint Committee of the Irish Medical Profession and copy resolution passed by the Medical Practitioners of the County Roscommon protesting against the smallness of the salary fixed by the County Council for the Chief Medical Tuberculosis Officer.

The Secretary submitted applications for the position of Medical Tuberculosis Officer for the County Roscommon, from Doctor John Coffey, 6 Lansdowne Road, Dublin; Doctor Francis P. Leyland, Boyle; and Doctor Robert P. McDonnell, 20 Lower Leeson Street, Dublin.

Proposed by councillor D. J. Kelly,

Seconded by councillor John O'Farrell,

"That Doctor Robert P. McDonnell be elected Chief Tuberculosis Officer for the County Roscommon"

Proposed by councillor John Drury,

Seconded by councillor Thomas Kelly,

"That Doctor

Francis P. Leyland be appointed Medical Tuberculosis Officer for the County Roscommon"

On a poll being taken Doctor McDonnell was elected by 15 votes to 8 votes.

The following voted for Doctor McDonnell, councillors Waters, D. J. Kelly, Shanagher, Millar, Lillooly, Shanley, James P. Maguire, McDonnell, O'Farrell, Hillian, Igoe,

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mapother, Joseph Maguire, Higgins and Martin"

The following voted for Doctor Leyland:-  
 Buncillors Early, J. Fitzgibbon, Dury,  
 Grogan, Conry, J. Kelly, O'Brien and Regan"

The Chairman declared Doctor Robert  
 M. Donnell elected.

The Secretary submitted correspondence from Her Excellency, The Countess of Aberdeen, relative to the Agreement to be entered into by the County Council in connection with the contract with the Women's National Health Association for Beds at the Association's Sanatoria.

The following resolution was passed thereon:-

Proposed by Buncillor O. J. Waters,

Seconded by Buncillor W. Higgins,

And Resolved:-

"That the Sanatorium Scheme as adopted by the County Council and the Draft contract prepared by the Women's National Health Association, embodying the above Scheme be referred to the Council's Solicitor and Secretary for examination and on their approval be forwarded to the Local Government Board for sanction"

The Secretary submitted tenders from persons willing to offer a site for a Tuberculosis Dispensary in the neighbourhood of

+ of Roscommon town.

Mr. Edward Melia of Roscommon also offered a house in the town of Roscommon to the Council for a Dispensary. The following order was made :-

"Sub-committee with Doctor M. Donnell and Sir Acheson McCullagh to visit house and report. The members of the Sub-committee, Doctor M. Donnell and Sir Acheson McCullagh, together with the Chairman and Secretary visited the house offered by Mr. Melia and afterwards the Sub-committee mentioned their opinions to the Council and after consideration all the applications were adjourned to next meeting"

Councillor Higgins read the following Notice of Motion standing in his name:-

"That the Council take into consideration at next meeting what addition should be made to the clerical staff in the Secretary's Office and what increase of salary should be given to the existing clerks"

(Signed) William Higgins

The Chairman read the following letter which he stated he had received from the Local Government Board with reference to the work in the Secretary's Office

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Local Government Board,

No. 47744/1912.

Dublin,

Roscommon County.

10<sup>th</sup> September, 1912

Sir

With reference to previous correspondence relative to the arrangements for the carrying on of the work in the Office of the Secretary of the Roscommon County Council, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they understand that the County Council had before them, at a Meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> instant, the report of the Committee appointed by them to investigate the matter and that the adoption of the report was defeated on a division by eleven votes to ten.

The Members of the Committee in the report state that they made careful inquiries into the organisation of the County Secretary's Office and examined the various forms and books required to be kept and as a result, they submitted certain recommendations making increased provision for the discharge of the duties in the Office and for strengthening the staff.

It is not clear whether by refusing to adopt the report of their Committee the County Council merely refused to adopt the particular recommendations put forward, but it appears to be clear  
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from the Committee's report that the existing arrangements are inadequate and that some additional provision is necessary in order to prevent the possibility of <sup>dislocation</sup> ~~dislocation~~ in the work of this Department.

In the circumstances, it appears to the Board that the County Council would do well to re-consider the matter and if found necessary they might refer the report back to the Committee for amendment on such points as the County Council may consider desirable.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) A. R. Barlas,

Secretary

The Presiding Chairman,  
Roscommon County Council,  
Borough, Roscommon

Proposed by Councillor J. Fitzgibbon,  
Seconded by Councillor J. A. P. Mapother,  
"That the under-mentioned  
clerks in the Secretary's Office be placed  
under and paid by the Council the  
following sums set opposite their names,  
per annum :-

P. Gillsoly.	£90
P. Banahan	60
J. Kilmartin	40
Miss M. Kelly	32.

The following amendment was moved and put to the Meeting and lost by 11 votes to 7:-

Proposed by councillor John Shanley,  
Seconded by councillor John O'Farrell,

"That each of the four clerks presently employed in the Secretary's Office obtain an increase of £10 a year each for the performance of their additional duties"

The following voted for the amendment:-  
"councillors Shanagher, Gillooly, Shanley, James P. Maguire, Regan, O'Farrell and Joseph Maguire"

The following voted against the amendment:-  
councillors Waters, J. Fitzgibbon, Dunny, Grogan, Conry, Millar, J. Kelly, O'Brien, McDonnell, Killian, Igoe, Mapocher, Higgins and Martin"

The chairman then put the original motion to the Meeting, and the following further amendment was moved and put to the Meeting, and lost by 9 votes to 12:-

Proposed by councillor John Millar,  
Seconded by councillor J. Martin;

"That the clerks in the Secretary's Office be taken over by the Council and paid undermentioned salaries:-

O. Gillooly,	£80.
P. Banahan,	55.
J. Kilmartin,	30.
Miss M. Kelly,	25.

The following voted for the amendment:-

"councillors

"Councillors Shanagher, Millar, Gilleoly,  
Shanley, James P. Maguire, Regan,  
O'Farrell, Joseph Maguire and Martin"

The following voted against the  
amendment:-

"Councillors Waters, J. Fitzgibbon, Dunny,  
Grogan, Conry, J. Kelly, O'Brien, M. Donnell,  
Killian, Igoe, Mapother and Higgins"

The Chairman then put the following  
resolution to the Meeting, and declared  
same carried:-

Proposed by councillor J. Fitzgibbon,  
Seconded by councillor T. A. P. Mapother.

And Resolved:-

"That the  
undermentioned clerks in the Secretary's  
Office be placed under and paid by  
the Council the following sums set  
opposite their names, per annum:-

T. Gilleoly	£90.
P. Banahan	60
J. Kilmartin	40
Miss M. Kelly	32

The Secretary read letters from the  
General Secretary of the Gaelic League,  
Dublin, enclosing copy resolution with  
reference to Mr. Binell's Scholarships  
in the Secondary Schools.

The following resolution was passed  
thereon unanimously:-

Proposed by councillor M. H. Grogan,

Seconded

Seconded by Councillor P. J. Waters,  
And Resolved :-

That we the Members of the Roscommon County Council bear with surprise and regret that Mr. Bissell has expressed the intention of not making Irish an essential subject for his Scheme of Scholarships from the Primary Schools to the University, and that at the same time he will require the County Councils to accept the winners of such Scholarships without any further examination.

That as the Roscommon County Council has already made Irish an essential subject for its University Scholarships and that as the Council must pay for them, we definitely decline to part with our legal and natural right to frame the course of studies required for them.

That copies of this resolution be sent to Mr. John E. Diamond, M.P. The Chief Secretary, the Connaught County Councils and the Press"

The Secretary submitted Tenders he had received for a supply of coal for the Courthouse, Roscommon. The Tender of Messrs W. W. Robinson & Son, 19 Westland Row, Dublin, to supply 42 tons of double screened Uligan coal, delivered and stored in the Courthouse for present delivery,  
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at the special price of 25/4 per ton net,  
which was the lowest, was marked  
"Accepted" by the chairman.

All other correspondence was marked  
"Read"

W.H. Gray chairman



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minutes of the Proceedings at a meeting of the County Council held in the Courthouse, Roscommon, on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> November, 1912.

Councillor Grogan presided, and the following members were in attendance:-

Councillors H. M. Fitzgibbon, John Dury, Peter Shanagher, Patrick Boney, Dominick Gillsoly, Martin M. Donnell, John Heaverney, James Igoe, Thomas A. P. Mapocher, and William Higgins.

Doctor Irwin, Representative of the Women's National Health Association was present.

Proposed by Councillor P. Shanagher,  
Seconded by Councillor P. Boney,  
And Resolved:-

"That the Minutes of last two meetings be taken as read"

Proposed by Councillor John Dury,  
Seconded by Councillor P. Boney,  
And Resolved:-

"That we, the Members of the Roscommon County Council place on record our deepest regret on the death of the Most Rev. D. Blaney, Bishop of Elphin. Copy to be forwarded to Dean Kelly"

Proposed by Councillor M. H. Grogan,  
Seconded