Minutes of the Proceedings of the Quarterly Meeting of the Baisde Comdae. Roscomain. held at the Courthouse, Roscomain, on Wednesday. 17th May. 1922

Mr. M. O' Braonain, Chairman, presided and the following members were in attendance:- Councillors Cox. Creaton. Duignan. Gavin. Geraghty. Greene, Kenny, Neary. Ryan, O'Neill. Ward. Macken. Feehily. Dockery. Judge. Ledwith, and Moran.

Proposed by Councillor D. Creaton. Seconded by Councillor John Cox. And Resolved:- "That the Minutes of last Meeting be taken as read."

The following correspondence from the Minister for Local Gavernment was submitted and marked "Read".

Letter No. 5686 of the 6th May. 1922. re repairs to by-roads.

Circular Letter No. L. G. 2356 re advances in respect of Injury to Property.

Letter of the 11th May relative to the appointment of County Surveyor. and definition of his duties, salary. etc. The following resolution was passed thereon:-

Proposed by Councillor M. O' Braonain. Seconded by Councillor D. Creaton. And Resolved:- "That

"That re the appointment of County Surveyor, and advertisements issued for same. the Orignial resolution and intentions of the County Council stand, the letter from Dail Eireann No. N.O.S./N.O.T. on same subject notwithstanding all applicants to submit for examination except those who may be exempt as per Letter of the 7th October, 1920. Ref. No. 120.

Letters from the Congested Districts Board re the transfer of the Roads made by them to the County Council were marked "Approved."

Proposed by Councillor George N. Geraghty.
Seconded by Councillor Denis Creaton.
And Resolved:-

"That the Proposals for Payments. as set out on Form 22. for the Quarter ended 31st March 1922., made by the several Rural District Councils and the Proposal Committee and this day submitted to our Council be and are hereby approved."

The Reports of the Acting County Surveyors for the Quarter ended 31st March. 1922 was submitted. (Copy herewith).

The Forms 20. from the several Rural District Councils were submitted, and the following resolutions were passed thereon:-

Proposed by Councillor M. O' Braonain.
Seconded by Councillor George Geraghty.
And Resolved:-

"That the Proposals for New Works, and Maintenance Works formulated by the several Rural District Councils and set out on Form 20 from said Councils, and this day submitted to our Council be and are hereby approved, except the following numbers:-

Athlone No. 2. 13, 14, Rejected & No. 12. Refered back to District Council.

Boyle No. 1. 15. Rejected.

And we further resolve to enter into Contracts in respect of the Proposals approved of by us, and we authorise our Secretary to Seal this Resolution and the Contracts."

Proposed by Councillor George Geraghty.
Seconded by Councillor Denis Creaton.
And Resolved:-

"That the Proposals for New Works and Maintenance Works formulated by the several Rural District Councils and set out on Forms 20. and approved of by us at our Meeting held this day in respect of which no Contracts were entered into, be placed in charge of the County Surveyor. viz.

Athlone No. 2. Nos. 1, 3, 5, 8, 9.
Boyle No. 1. " 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9.

And we authorise our Secretary to Seal this Resolution."

Proposed by Councillor P. Gavin,
Seconded by Councillor W. O' Neill.
And Resolved:-

"That the words "To be done by Direct Labour" be deleted from Council's resolution of the 10th September 1920. re Works handed over to the County Surveyor. and the resolution of the County Council held on the 4th March 1921, re roads and half-yearly Meetings be rescinded as same was passed only as an Emergency measure."

The following Report of the Sub-Committee appointed to deal with the Sheep Dipping in the County was submitted:-

(Copy)

Report of Committee of the County Council appointed to deal with Sub-Inspectorship &c, in Scheme under the Diseases of Animals Acts.

The undermentioned attended at the Courthouse, Roscommon, on Tuesday, the 9th May, to consider the Sub-Inspectorship and other matters in connection with the Scheme adopted under the Diseases of Animals Acts. The two Veterinary Inspectors were also present. The apportioning of the County into Sub-Districts occupied a good deal of time and attention, and amongst other things the figures of the Sheep population in the various Districts had to be taken up. It was found, (according

to the figures obtainable from the last dipping Register) that the Districts of Athlone, Ballinasloe and Roscommon had a combined sheep population of 117,140 out of a total of 143,233. leaving only 28,093 for the remainder of the County including Castlerea and Strokestown where a large precentage of the sheep must be taken, as in South Roscommon, consequently we recommend that although there are eight Sub- Inspectors allotted for South Roscommon, half that number – 4 – (four) is sufficient for the North, even with this adjustment a Northern Inspector will have only about one third the number of Sheep under his charge that a Southern Inspector is responsible for, but as his area will be larger (in North) we dont advise any change in the fixed remuneration.

Each Sub- Inspector to be supplied by the Council with Baths as per Scheme and a charge of 2/6 per 100 sheep be made by the Inspector, owner supplying Dip.

All applicants for the position of Sub- Inspectorship be examined, by an Inspector from the Agricultural Department on morning of appointment as to his intelligence, knowledge of stock, and general fitness for the position.

The appointed Sub- Inspectors to attend a few lectures by the Veterinary Inspectors on Diseases in Animals, and their detection, at centres selected by the Inspectors.

(Signed) M. O' Braonain,
W. O' Neill.
Seosamh O' Riain.

Proposed by Councillor M. O' Braonain,
Seconded by Councillor S. O' Ruain.

"That the Report of the Diseases of Animals Acts Committee be adopted."

Proposed by Councillor Muiris Mac Ay Dapp.
Seconded by Councillor Seosamh O' Gaibhin.

"That we are not satisfied in how North Roscommon has been treated under the Diseases of Animals Acts. With the grouping of Districts for Inspectors of the Sheep Dipping Scheme viz. Four Inspectors for North Roscommon, and Eight for South Roscommon. And that we have Eight Sub-Inspectors for North Roscommon.

On a poll being taken Mr. O' Braonains Motion was carried by his own (Chairmans) casting vote.

The following Voted for the adoption of the Report:- Councillors M. O' Braonain, Cosc, Gavin, Greene, Ryan, O'Neill, Macken, Dockery and Ledwith.

The following voted against:- Councillors Creaton, Duignan, Geraghty, Kenny, Neary, Ward, Feehily, Judge, and Moran. The Chairman then gave his casting vote and the following was carried:-

Proposed by Councillor M. O' Braonain,
Seconded by Councillor S. O' Ruain.

And Resolved:-

"That the Report of the Diseases of Animals Acts Committee be adopted."

Mr. Malone, M. R. C. V. S. of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction stated that he examined all the applicants for the position of Sheep Dipping Inspectors and all in his opinion were qualified. The salary attached to the Office is £25.

Athlone District.

Proposed by Councillor P. Gavin,
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Kenny.
"That Frank Maguire be elected for No. 1 District South Roscommon."

Proposed by Councillor M. O' Braonain,
Seconded by Councillor P. J. Keary.
"That Mr. J. Beatty be appointed for No. 1 District." On a poll being taken Mr. Maguire was elected by 10 votes to 6.

Proposed by Councillor P. Gavin,
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Kenny.
And Resolved:-
"That Frank Maguire be elected for No. 1 District South Roscommon."

Proposed by Councillor P. Gavin,
Seconded by Councillor T. Ledwith,
"That Wm. Fallon be elected for No. 2 South Roscommon."

Proposed by Councillor Wm. O' Neill,
Seconded by Councillor M. Macken,
"That Bartholomew Doyle be appointed No. 2. South Roscommon."

On a poll being taken Mr. Fallon was elected by 9 votes to 7.

Proposed by Councillor P. Gavin,
Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwith.
And Resolved:-
"That Wm Fallon be elected for No. 2. South Roscommon Roscommon Distruct.

Proposed by Councillor P. Gavin,
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Kenny.
And Resolved:-
"That Mr. Glennon be elected for No. 3. South Roscommon."

Proposed by Councillor Geo. Geraghty.
Seconded by Councillor Denis Creaton,
And Resolved:-
"That Mr. John McDonell be appointed Sheep-Dipping Inspector for Athlone No. 4.

Proposed by Councillor M. O' Braonain.
Seconded by Councillor Denis Creaton.
"That Mr. Seay O' Cuddy be appointed for No. 1. South Roscommon Distruct.

Proposed by Councillor Geo. Geraghty.
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Kenny.
"That John Conboy be elected for No. 1 Athleague."
On a poll being taken Mr. O' Cuddy was appointed for No. 1. South Roscommon Distruct

by 11 votes to 6.

Proposed by Councillor M. O' Braonain.
Seconded by Councillor Denis Crealon.
And Resolved:-
"That Mr. Seay O'Buddy
be appointed for No 1 South Roscommon
District."

Proposed by Councillor Geo Geraghty.
Seconded by Councillor M. O' Braonain.
And Resolved:-
"That Mr. Edward Naughton
be appointed for No. 2. District, South Roscommon."

Proposed by Councillor Edward Moran.
Seconded by Councillor Michael Greene.
And Resolved:-
"That Batty O'Brien
of Knockcroghery be appointed to No. 4. South
Roscommon. District."

Proposed by Councillor John Lee.
Seconded by Councillor Denis Crealon.
"That John Kelly be elected for
No. 4 in Roscommon District"

Proposed by Councillor Pádraig O' Dubhgeannaigh.
Seconded by Councillor J. G. Feely.
"That Martin Croghan be
appointed."
On a poll being taken Mr. Kelly was elected 8
votes to 7.

Proposed by Councillor John Cox,
Seconded by Councillor Denis Keaton.
And Resolved:-
"That Mr. John Kelly
be elected for No. 4 in Roscommon District."

North Roscommon.

Proposed by Councillor J. E. Feely.
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Kenny.
"That Mr. J. Keenan be
appointed Inspector for No. 1. North Roscommon."

Proposed by Councillor Micheal Mac Dhiarmada.
Seconded by Councillor Padraig O' Dubhgeanna.
"That Michael McLoughlin be appointed."
On a poll being taken Mr. Keenan was elected
by the Casting Vote of the Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor J. E. Feely.
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Kenny.
And Resolved:-
That Mr. J. J. Keenan
be appointed Inspector for No. 1. North Roscommon.

Proposed by Councillor Denis Keaton,
Seconded by Councillor George Geraghty.
"That John Grean, Cloonraffield
be elected for No. 2. Sheep Dipping District
North Roscommon."

Proposed by Councillor Wm. O' Neill.
Seconded by Councillor P. Gavin.
"That Andrew Judge be appointed."

On a Poll being taken Mr. Crean was elected by 10 votes to 7 for the other two candidates.

Proposed by Councillor Denis Creaton
Seconded by Councillor George Geraghty.
And Resolved:-
"That John Crean, Glooncraffield be elected for No. 2. Sheep Dipping District, North Roscommon."

Proposed by Councillor M. Docking.
Seconded by Councillor P. J. Neary.
"That P. Reynolds be elected for No. 3. Division North Roscommon.

Proposed by Councillor G. Geraghty.
Seconded by Councillor M. Greene.
"That Michael McGarry, Tulsk. be elected No. 4. North. Sheep Dipping Inspector.

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Neary.
Seconded by Councillor J. E. Feely.
"That William Neary be elected for No. 4. North Roscommon District."

On a Poll being taken Mr. McGarry was elected by 11 votes to 5".

Proposed by Councillor George Geraghty.
Seconded by Councillor M. Greene.
And Resolved:-
"That Michael McGarry Tulsk. be elected No. 4. North Sheep Dipping Inspector."

A Report of which the following is a copy re Paymaster's Accounts to the County Council was submitted:- (Copy).

Tearmon,
Cuslean Reabac,
16th de Bealtaige '20

Don Runaidh
Comairle Contae, Roscomain,

A Chara,

As I have to attend Dail Meeting to-morrow and cannot be present at the Council Meeting, I wish to report as follows on the Accounts of Paymasters who worked for Roscommon County Council during the period for which the Bank could not act:-

The first paymaster appointed was Mr. McDermott. He has fully accounted for all cash he received from Rate Collectors up to the time of his arrest. All the money he received is vouched for by the Collectors' Accounts as furnished to the Secretary of the Council.

At the time of his arrest he had £818-8-7 in his Account in Bank.

This Amount was transferred to Mr. Ward of Boyle in two sums viz. £494-8-11 and £324-9-8. Mr. McDermott had taken the precaution of leaving two signed cheques as a safeguard against his capture.

Of all the money committed to Mr. McDermott two sums viz. £100-2-0 and £3 are still in the hands of Messrs. Ward, Boyle, and O'Connor, Roscommon, respectively.

All other money he received is in the

hands of the Council's authorised Officials.

Mr. Ward will explain personally and satisfactorily the circumstances connected with the above-named balance. I have not yet got the opportunity of seeing Mr. O'Connor regarding the Balance of £3, but I feel sure it is secure. After Mr. McDermack's arrest, the Chairman Mr. M. O'Braonain, carried on the duties of Paymaster for a period, after which the Acting Secretary, Mr. Gilloly carried on the work until the Bank again acted as Paymaster. The exact periods will be named by the Acting Secretary. I should like to have an opportunity of checking the following figures in Mr. Ward's Accounts:-

£500 to Boyle Union.
300 " Acting Secretary
106-13-2 " do
100 " do
318-16-7 Boyle District Council.

The Council can easily check these figures from County Council accounts. I mention them because I have not been able to find time to go to Roscommon since examining Mr Ward's Accounts. There is no difficulty in checking the figures of Messrs O'Braonain and Gilloly while acting as Paymasters because the "transfer" system was unnecessary in their case.

Question of Remuneration of Paymasters.

I am sorry to have to Report that I was the only member of the Committee appointed who went into the Accounts. My opinion

is that the Paymasters did their work very efficiently, and especially Mr. McCormack deserve decent remuneration. I am informed that other County Councils have paid them at the rate of £300 per annum. I think this rate would be reasonable and recommend it to the Council. The question of travelling expenses also arises in Mr. McCormacks case.

The Chairman will explain how he carried on Mr. McCormacks work, and I am sure the Council will pay the latter for the period he was in prison, and during which his work was done by M. O' Braonain who claims no payment. As already stated I am sorry the onus of making the report has been placed on my shoulders alone, but I must only take the responsibility.

Mise, do cara,
Domnall O' Rusirc.

Proposed by Councillor Denis Creaton.
Seconded by Councillor M. Docking.
And Resolved:-
"That above be adopted."
Paymasters to be paid at the rate of £300 per annum. McCormacks period to cover one year and a quarter.

(Signed) M. O' Braonain.

The following application from the County Council staff, viz. Miss Kelly, Messrs Brinahan and Kilmartin, for increase of salaries, was read:-

County Council Office,
Courthouse,
Roscommon,
10th May. 1922.

To
The Chairman & Members of the Roscommon
County Council.

We beg to apply for an increase in our salaries, as we find it very hard to live on what we are getting at present. We have been in the service of the Council for the following number of years. Banahan, 20 years. Kilmartin 4 years. and Miss Kelly 12 years.

During those years we have devoted our whole time to the services of the Council as we have no other employment. Our salaries are very small compared with the salaries of clerks in other County Council offices holding similar positions. For instance the clerks in Mayo County Council Office are paid at the rate of £260 a year and are only paid £132 per year, although we have much longer service than they have. Without boasting we claim to have discharged our duties as efficient as any other County Council staff in Ireland, therefore we trust you will favourable consider our application.

(Signed) Pat Banahan.
John Kilmartin.
Mary Kelly.

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Neary.
Seconded by Councillor P. Duignan,
"That the salary question be now considered".

Proposed by Councillor P. Gavin,
Seconded by Councillor W. O'Neill.
"That the application of Officials for increase in salary be adjourned for twelve months."
On a Poll being taken Mr. Gavin's Motion was carried by 8 votes to 7.
The following voted for the Motion:- Councillors Bosc, Beaton, Gavin, O'Neill, Ward, Macken, Judge, and Ledwith.
The following voted against:- Councillors M. O'Braonain, Duignan, Greene, Neary, Keheily, Docherty and Moran.

Proposed by Councillor P. Gavin,
Seconded by Councillor W. O'Neill.
And Resolved:-
"That the Application of officials for increase of salary be adjourned for twelve months."

The applications for the vacant position of County Surveyorship were submitted to the County Council and ordered to be forwarded to the Local Government Department. The following are the names and addresses of Applicants:-
Mr. J. McDonagh, Asst. Co. Surveyor, Strokestown
" M. O'Connell, Grange Terrace, Newtownstewart, Co. Tyrone.

Mr. P. J. O'Loughlin, B. E. U. D. Council, Athlone.
Mr. M. J. Leech, Asst. Co Surveyor, Tallyho Lodge, Ballymoe.
Mr. T. St. John, B. E. 41 Cabra Park, Phibsborough, Dublin.
Mr. M. J. Curley, C. D. Board, Castlemaine, Co. Kerry.
Mr. J. Kirby, B. E. Church Street, Tipperary.
Mr. M. Feeney, B. E. St. Patricks, Drumcliffe, Co. Sligo.
Mr. A. Hackett, 39 Charleville Rd. N. C. Rd. Dublin.
Mr. S. O'Hussey, Ballina, Co. Mayo.
Mr. T. S. Duggan, Drangan, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary.
Mr. J. B. Collins, Glenamaddy, Co. Galway.
Mr. M. Martin, B. E. Courthouse, Trim.
Mr. C. P. Curran, 102 St. Main Street, Wexford.
Mr. E. Kelly, Lisacul, Ballaghaderran.

A Letter from the Secretary of the Local Government Officials (Ireland) Trade Union asking the County Council to fix a superannuation allowance for Mr. J. Egan, Veterinary Inspector of Ballinasloe Union and also stating that a sum of £3 was due him for a Quarter's salary was submitted. Order made on same:- Pay amount due £3.

Letters from Mr. D. J. Hannon, Co. Solicitor Athlone re payments to Quarry owners were ordered to be paid as the Assistant Surveyor has certified them correct.

A Letter was read from the Irish Land Commission enclosing list of defaulting Land Purchase Annuitants in the County. Copy of list was forwarded to each member of the Council. Order made thereon:- "Secretary to write to each person owing annuity asking

to show cause why legal proceedings should not be taken for recovery.

(Signed) M. O' Braonain.

Letter from Mr. Denis A. Murphy Head Organiser of the Irish Products League, University College, Cork, enclosing Propaganda documents in connection with same was read and the following resolution was passed thereon:-

Proposed by Councillor Seamus O'Riain.
Seconded by Councillor J. E. Feely.
And Resolved:-

"That owing to the large number of cases of Unemployment existing at present in Roscommon, we ask this Council to show a lead by each Member joining the Irish Products League, each Member to do his part in promoting the revival of Irish Industry as this is the only way to assist in easing the unemployment existing and also to show genuine patriotism."

The following Report of the University Committee was submitted:-

(Copy).

That having regard to the reasons assigned, reasons which are known to some members of the Committee to be strictly true, the Committee recommend that no fine be imposed in the case of Miss Feely, Miss Geraghty, and Mr. Dalton, but that these students be warned to be more assiduous in their

attendance at Lectures &c. in future.

(Signed) T. A. Cummins.
J. J. Kenny.
M. O' Braonain.

The above was marked "Approved".

(Signed) M. O' Braonain,
17th May, 1922.

Proposed by Councillor P. Gavin.
Seconded by Councillor G. Geraghty.
And Resolved:-

"That the Rate Collector's poundage be considered at next Meeting."

The following order was made:-

"That Police Officers in the County be asked "to the purposes of centralizing the Accounts in "connection with payments for conveyance of "lunatics to appoint one of their Officers preferably "at Roscommon, to certify all Bills in "connection with same and receive payments "therefor."

The following Dates were fixed for the quarterly Meetings of the Rural District Councils, the Dispensary Committee and the Co. Council:-

Boyle	Sat. 8th July '22	10 o'clock, a. m.
Roscommon	Thurs. 13th " "	do
Castlerea	Sat. 15th " "	do.
Athlone	do 23rd " "	do
Carrick	Thurs. 27th " "	do

Proposal Committee

Roscommon Wednesday 9th Aug '22 11·30 am.

County Council

Roscommon Wed. 30th Aug '22 11·30 a.m.

Mc Braonáin
Chairman
8th Sept. 1922.