

Minutes of Proceedings of
Special Meeting of the Roscommon
County Council held at the
Courthouse, Roscommon, on
the 15th December 1925

The following Members were
present:- Councillors Mary. Dugg,
Duffy, Bull, J. Kelly, Keaneey,
O'Brien, Jordan, Grogan, Waters
Mr Greal, Donegan, Dafferty,
Moran, E. Creaton, D. Creaton,
Blair, Mr Dermott, Mr. Cram,
Hangle, W. Flynn, Donnelly,
Killian, O'Brannain, Burke, J. Flynn,
Allen, D. J. Kelly, Millar and
Bedwin.

Proposed by councillor P. J. Waters
Seconded by councillor Creaton,
And Resolved:-

"That Mr. M. H. Grogan
take the Chair"

Proposed by councillor M. H. Grogan,
Seconded by councillor M. O'Brannain
And Resolved:-

"That the Rev.
M. O'Donnell, S. S. Roscommon,
be nominated as the Council's
representative

representative on the Galway
University Governing Body"

The following correspondence
from the Department of Local
Government and Public Health
was submitted:-

Letter No. M.H. 1096 of the 20th November
with enclosures re Ballinasloe
Mental Hospital.

Mr. M^r. Dermott, one of the
Council's representatives on
the Ballinasloe Mental Hospital
Committee notified the
Council of recommendations
made with a view to
economy at the Mental
Hospital Committee Meeting
held on the 14th instant:-

Proposed by Co. P. J. Jordan.
Seconded by Co. Joseph O'Keefe.
And Resolved:-

"That we adopt
the recommendations recomm-
ended by the representatives
of this Council on the
Ballinasloe Mental Hospital
Committee."

Letter No. P. 54225 of the 21st November
enclosing draft for £ 224.13.0
amount of claim for
occupation

occupation of Strabestown
Workhouse by Military. Order:-
"Approved."

Letter No. G. 55142 sanctioning County
Council's Overdraft of £10,000.

Letter No. P. 49625 enclosing copy of
Order under Seal fixing
Miss Bligh's pension.

Circular No. J. Q. V. re speed of
mechanically propelled
road vehicles. Order:- "County
Surveyors to erect danger
signals."

Letter No. G. 54248 giving sanction
to the appointments of Messrs.
Glynn and Moran as
Temporary Rate Collectors.

Letter No. G. 50565 approving of Mr.
James Cox's superannuation
as ex- clerk of the Boyle
Rural District Council No. I.

Letter No. G. 55144 sanctioning pay-
ment of poundage fees to
certain collectors.

Letter No. G. 56433 sanctioning
appointment of temporary
collector pending result of
collector Mr. Geraghty's trial.

The following application
from collectors Dolan, Murray
and Connaughton was read:-
(copy)

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To the Chairman & Gentlemen
of the Roscommon Co. Council.
Gentlemen

We, the undersigned
~~Members~~ ^{collectors} of the Roscommon
County Council, being now
aware that a temporary
appointment is about to be
made in Collector Geraughty's
District and as members of
the Rate Collectors Association
of this County, we wish with
all respect and without in
the least proposing to act the
part of dictator, to point out
to the gentlemen of the Roscommon
County Council that the making
of such temporary appointment
meets with our disapproval and
we have our reasons for our
disapproval on the following
grounds:-

- 1st Collector Geraughty's case in which
his innocence or guilt is yet
to be proved is still pending.
- 2nd The County Council has never
yet dismissed him and under
such circumstances we respect-
fully request the Members of
the County Council to act on a
former

former suggestion of the Secretary viz. to apportion the District on collectors adjoining who will be prepared to carry on the collection of the apportioned District until such time as collector Geraghty's case is decided. If collector Geraghty succeeds in proving his innocence said collectors will only too gladly hand over their respective appointments to him.

(Signed) James Bonmaghton
Malachy Murray
William Dolan

The following order was made on above "Approved".

Proposed by councillor M. J. W. Dermott,
Seconded by councillor D. Creaton.

"That collector Geraghty's District be apportioned to each of the three collectors adjacent to the District as a temporary arrangement."

Proposed by councillor J. W. Crann,
Seconded by councillor Wm. Donnelly.

"That temporary appointment of Rate collector be made in Mr. Geraghty's District and that advertisement be now issued."

The following voted for Mr. M. J. Dermott's Motion:—Councillors
O'Beirne

O'Brien, Jordan, Grogan, Waters,
 Mr. Greal, Hafferty, Moran, D. Creaton,
 Blinn, Mr. Desmond, W. Flynn & Killian

The following voted for
 Mr. Mr. Cramm's Motion:- Councillors
 Donegan, E. Creaton, Donnelly,
 J. Flynn, Allen, D. J. Kelly, Millar,
 Ledwith and Mr. Cramm.

Mr. Mr. Desmond's Motion was
 then declared "carried" by 12 votes
 to 9 and same was put to the
 Meeting as a resolution:-

Proposed by councillor M. J. Mr. Desmond,
 Seconded by councillor D. Creaton,
 And Resolved:-

"That collector Geraghty's
 District be apportioned to each
 of the three collectors adjacent
 to the District as a temporary
 arrangement."

Mr. M. O'Brasrain (Chairman)
 then took the Chair.

Proposed by councillor M. O'Brasrain
 Seconded by councillor P. J. Jordan,
 And Resolved:-

"That North and South
 Killside go to collector Dolan,
 Thursty and Mote to collector Connaghlin
 Seegg

Scragg to collector Murray."

Letter No. G. 54086 re collector Barron's Refund lists. Order: - "Local Councillors take the responsibility."

Letter No. G. 50184 re arrangements for the conduct of bounty administration consequent on the abolition of the late Rural District Councils. Order: - "Secretary to see Secretary of the Board of Health re Flanagan checking District Council rents."

Circular No. 54325 re assets and liabilities of the late Rural District Councils. The Secretary stated that office furniture and fittings etc. were received from Cardesa and Boyle offices and he asked the bounty council to make an order for their disposal: - "Order. To be auctioned."

Circular No. G. 54552 relative to the question of introducing legislation to make the land-land liable for rates on small houses: -

Proposed by councillor M. Kilham
Seconded by councillor Wm Flynn
And Resolved: -

"That -

"That sales up to £.5 (Five Pounds)
Valuation be paid by the Landlord"
Circular No. G. 50142 enclosing copy
of the Rating of New Buildings
Order of 1925.

Circular No. R.D. 201 of the 12th October
enclosing Schedule of Main
Roads in the County Roscommon

The following Report of
the County Surveyor was submitted:
County Surveyor's Office
Courthouse

Roscommon
14th December 1925.

To

Roscommon County Council
Gentlemen

I wish to bring under
your notice the proposals for
New and Special Works which
I have received to date and the
amount of which I must say
has reached an alarmingly
high figure. I have tabulated
them all showing the number
and amount of proposals made
by each councillor and the
amount for each electoral area

You will see from the
Table that the amounts from
Barlerea and Keshin Electoral
Areas

Areas are exceptionally high and of course when all this is new a bounty-at-large charge it initially concerns every councillor. The total for the whole bounty to date is £11,316-10-0 which represents 10^d in the pound, and one councillor has applications in to the value of over £1200 and several are bordering on the thousand mark.

The Roads Meeting will be held on February 1st at which Meeting all these Proposals will be finally considered and my Roads Scheme must be lodged with the Secretary of the Bounty Council before January 16th. The last date by law for receiving these Proposals is January 1st. Therefore I would suggest that all these proposals be referred back to committees of the different areas to be gone into by them and reduced to a reasonable figure having due regard to the necessity at the present time for economy. In order to do this it will be necessary to hold committee meetings between January 1st and 16th 1926 in the different areas and I would suggest the following dates

dates if they would meet with
your approval:-

Boyle	2 nd Jan. 1926	(Saturday)	1 o'clock
Cardena	5 th	(Tuesday)	do
Recommon	13 th	(Wednesday)	do
Disheston	9 th	(Saturday)	do.

I would also like to take
this opportunity of pointing
out to the Council that under
the new Local Government Act
a lot of extra work in connection
with roads is shown on to
the County Surveyor's Department.
We have now to keep separate
Machinery Accounts which
entail a lot of work and the
amount of work done by
machinery nowadays is practically
equal to that by Direct Labour.
and then Forms 20 and 22 which
used to be formerly prepared by
the Rural District clerks have
now to be prepared by me.
Then in future separate Accounts
must be kept for each road
in the County when formerly
several roads in a Section were
lumped together and one Account
kept for all.

Considering all this
and the still extra amount of
work

entailed by the preparation of Estimates and consideration of Special Works Proposals from now till the end of March it is absolutely impossible to carry on unless I get the temporary assistance of a qualified clerk for three months and I respectfully ask you, Gentlemen, to allow me this.

Yours obedient-Servant.
(Signed) Michael Hervey
County Surveyor.

The following order was made on above "Approved".

Proposed by Councilor P. J. Waters.
Seconded by Councilor J. Millar,
And Resolved:-

"That a temporary clerk be appointed to the County Surveyor's Office (by the Surveyor) at a salary of £3 (Three Pounds) weekly."

Copy of Scheme for the purpose of discharging the duties transferred from the District Councils to the County Council, the following clauses constitute a Scheme for the County

1. A Sub-committee to be set up in each electoral area consisting of the elected members of the County Council in the Area Sec. 58 (5) L. G. Act 1925.
2. The Titles of the Sub-committee to be as follows: - Boyle Sub-committee, Bardssea Sub-committee Elphin Sub-committee and Roscommon Sub-committee and the places of Meeting shall be respectively Boyle bounthouse, Bardssea bounthouse, Elphin (Strabestown ex-Union Buildings) and Roscommon bounthouse.
3. (a) The Sub-committee shall meet in the month of January in each year and any other dates as required to consider applications for New Works and repairs to by-roads and shall submit their findings to the County Council for the Roads Meeting. Proposals to be forwarded to the Secretary of the County Council and to the County Surveyor before the 1st day of November in each year.
- (a) The Sub-committee shall at its

its first Meeting appoint one of its members as Chairman who will hold office until the first Meeting after the election of Chairman of the County Council in each year.

4. For the purpose of co-ordinating the work previously performed by the District Council, and to give adequate representation to the people concerned, we request the Board of Health under Section 13 L. G. Act 1925 to appoint the same Sub-committee as mentioned in clause 4 of this Scheme, and when matters relating to Labourers and Sanitary Acts and any other matters formerly discharged by District Councils come before the Board of Health for consideration, the Members of the Sub-committee be entitled to sit, act and vote with the Board of Health on matters appertaining to their respective areas, or, (as an alternative, the Members of the Sub-committee be entitled to discuss and offer their views but not to vote on matters appertaining to their Areas)

areas).

That one District Council clerk with the addition of a typist go to the Board of Health offices one clerk to be engaged as checker of all Rate Collectors and Rent Collectors in the County and one clerk go to the County Council office.

The following order was made on above: "Approved as above amended at Meeting held on the 15th December 1925."

(Signed) M. O. Brannan
Chairman

The following letter re Sudden Damage was submitted by the County Surveyor:-

(copy)
County Surveyor's Office
Courthouse, Roscommon
15th December 1925

To

Roscommon County Council.
Sudden Damage Proposal
re Approval of County Council
for re-building a Bridge on Yunk
Road Y. 34 near Blosnyquin.
Cost not to exceed £50.

Gentlemen

Gentlemen

With reference to the appraisal for the sum of £50 for repairs to Bridge under Sudden Damage given at your Meeting on the 19th October, 1925, I found that a greater width of the Bridge than anticipated had to be repaired, consequently £50 will not be sufficient and I shall need to spend a further £20.

I shall be glad to have your approval for spending this amount.

Your obedient Servant,

(Sgd) Michael Vesney

The following order was made on above "Approved" M. O. Braonain.

The following letter re Re-apportionment in Roscommon Rural District was submitted ^{from} to the County Surveyor:-

(copy)

County Surveyor's Office
Courthouse, Roscommon

15th December 1925.

To

The Roscommon County Council
Re-apportionment in Roscommon Rural District

Gentlemen

In the Strabestown

District I find that it is necessary to re-appoint the amounts originally estimated by me in order to meet the heavy expenditure in some Sections.

This re-appointment means no addition to my estimate, it is merely an adjustment of the annual amounts allowed for the Sections. Provision for this is made under Paragraph 3 of the general conditions of the Direct Labour Scheme now in operation and in accordance with that provision details will be given by me in my annual Report.

Yours obedient Servant,
(Sgd) Michael Nerney.
Co. Surveyor.

The following order was made on above "Approved" M. O. Brasnain

The following correspondence was submitted from the Office of Public Works, Dublin:-

Letter No. G. 22980 of the 2nd instant re collection of terminal annuities drainage rates:-

Proposed by Co. M. O. Brasnain
Seconded by Co. Edward Moran,
And Resolved:-

"That

"That we agree to collect and pay the terminable annuities drainage rates and other monies collectible or payable by us in respect of the construction or maintenance of drainage works in the proposed Drainage Works."

Letter No 20401 re accommodation for the Garda Síochána in Ballaghadereen. The following letter from the County Surveyor was submitted:-

(copy)

to Surveyor's Office,
Barrington.

Rosecommon

14.12.1925

To Rosecommon Co. Council.

Gentlemen

I was to have been today at your Meeting for the repairs of Ballaghadereen and Frenchpark barringtons but was not able to have them finished. I have measured up and made a drawing for Ballaghadereen barrington and have gone into the matter of housing the Guards in it, with the Chief Superintendent. To do this a great deal of extra construction is necessary and it cannot possibly

possibly be done for the amount of money allowed for compensation. The amount allowed is £900 and to put it in proper condition for the Guards to live in will take £1600. Therefore you will have to decide if you will put up the extra money and charge a suitable rent to recover it, or whether you will only utilise the money you were allowed which will only put it back into the same condition that it was in.

It will be necessary for you to decide this to-day in order to give me a chance to complete the plans as of course it is no use advertising for work if there is not sufficient money to meet it. It can then be advertised and tenders accepted at your next Meeting and both the barnhouses would be ready for occupation by May the 1st.

Your obedient Servant,
(Sgd) Michael Nerney
to Surmeyer.

Proposed by barraillo P. J. Waters,
Seconded by barraillo D. Breton,
And Resolved:-

"That we borrow
the

the sum of £400 for the to complete
the Ballaghaderreen boushouse
according to amended Specification"

Councillor P. V. Jordan moved
the following Notice of Motion:-

Copy

"False Notice that I, or some other
Councillor on my behalf, will
move at the next Meeting of the
County Council, that notation of
employment take place on the
roads to relieve the distress of
poor persons even for short periods

(Signed) Patrick V. Jordan.

Proposed by Councillor P. V. Jordan.

Seconded by Councillor John Millar.

And Resolved:-

"That notation of
employment take place on the
roads, pierce works, carting, and
where practicable on surface
works to relieve the distress of
poor persons even for short-
periods."

The following Notice of Motion
standing in the name of
Councillor Joseph O'Brien was
adjourned to the February
Meeting of the County Council:-

Copy

Copy.

"I hereby give Notice that I, or
 "some members on my behalf,
 "will move at the Meeting of
 "the Bounty Council, that the
 "Deputy Bounty Surveyors get a
 "fixed sum to be fixed by the
 "Bounty Council in lieu of the
 "present system of paying expense
 "per mile as travelling expenses.

(Signed) J. O'Brien

The following Notice of
 Motion standing in the name
 of councillor John Barry was
 adjourned to the February
 Meeting of the Bounty Council:-

Copy

"I hereby give Notice that I, or
 "some other members on my
 "behalf, will move that on
 "account of the number of
 "children from this bounty
 "who have been committed to
 "Industrial Schools in various
 "parts of the bounty, and also
 "from the difficulty of getting
 "vacancies for such children
 "in many existing Industrial
 "Schools, we hereby ask the
 "sanction of the Local Government
 Department

"Department" to the establishment of
 "such a school for boys in portion
 "of the vacant Workhouse Buildings
 "at Boyle under the charge of a
 "Religious community and that
 "subject to such sanction, this
 "Council do all things necessary
 "to establish such a Scheme."

(Signed) John Darcy.

Councillor John Kearney
 moved the following Notice
 of Motion standing in his name:-
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"I beg to give Notice that I, or
 "some other Member on my behalf,
 "will move at the next Meeting
 "of this Council, in face of the
 "alarming increase in rates of
 "recent years and fully realising
 "how difficult it is for the
 "ratepayers meet this increase,
 "that the salaries of the various
 "officials in this County, in-
 "cluding all employees of the
 "County Council, be reduced ten
 "per cent with a view to effecting
 "some reduction in local expen-
 "diture during the trying times
 "we are passing through. When
 "this Motion is being considered
 should

"should the Council so decide that owing to exceptional circumstances any particular officials or employees are entitled to exemption, the Council may deal with such cases on their merits."

(Signed) John Keaneley.

Proposed by councillor John Keaneley
Seconded by councillor John Dwyer

"That in face of the alarming increase in rates of recent years and fully realising how difficult it is for the ratepayers meet this increase, that the salaries of the various officials in this County including all employees of the County Council be reduced ten per cent with a view to effecting some reduction in local expenditure during the trying times we are passing through. When this Motion is being considered should the Council so decide, that owing to exceptional circumstances, any particular officials or employees are entitled to exemption, the Council may deal with such cases on their merits"

Proposed

Proposed by councillor John Millar
 Seconded by councillor Wm. Flynn,
 "That the salaries remain
 as they are."

A. Poll was then taken and
 Mr. Millar's Amendment was Carried
 by 19 votes to 6.

The following voted for the
 Amendment:- councillors Hogg, Bull,
 J. Kelly, O'Beirne, Grogan, Waters,
 Donegan, Dafferty, Moran, D. Creaton,
 Blinn, M^r Desmond, W. Flynn, Kilhoi,
 Brennan, Burke, Allen, Millar
 and Ledwith.

The following voted against
 the Amendment:- councillors Dwyer,
 Keane, Jordan, M^r Greal, L. Creaton
 and M^r Carr.

The following did not vote:-
 councillors Neary, Nangle, Donnelly
 and J. Flynn.

The Amendment was then put
 to the Meeting as a Resolution
 and Carried:-

Proposed by councillor J. Millar,
 Seconded by councillor Wm. Flynn,
 And Resolved:-

"That the salaries
 remain as they are"

The

The following Notice of Motion
was moved by councillor Dwyer:-
copy

"That we hereby give Notice that at
the next Meeting of the County
Council, we will move a Resolution
in connection with the travelling
allowances of members of the
Council and its various committees
(Signed) John Dwyer & Andrew Dugg

Proposed by councillor John Dwyer,
Seconded by councillor James Donegan
And Resolved:-

"That we, the Rosecommon
County Council, hereby record our
protest against the enactment
concerning the travelling
allowance and attendance record
of members of the County Council
and its various administrative
committees because of the
inadequate allowance for travel
by road and also the distinction
made excluding members living
within a five mile radius.

As elected representatives
of the people we consider these
enactments are degrading and
unjustifiable and because of the
fact that they were deemed
necessary

necessary they carry the imputation that elected Bodies charged with the administration of Local Government are untrustworthy and lacking in honour and integrity. If in the interests of National Economy these enactments are enforced alike on both National and Local Government representatives we shall be satisfied.

Copies to be sent to President Cosgrave, Y. Ds for County and each County Council in Saorstát."

The following Notice of Motion in Council in John Kelly's name was ruled out of order by the Chairman:-

Copy

"That all officials appointed and paid by the County Council after the 1st January 1926 be ineligible for pension."

(Signed) John Kelly

Mr. Denis J. Hannon, County Solicitor, Ashlone, wrote asking the County Council to appoint Engineers to represent the Council on the hearing of claims for Malicious Injuries. Order:- "Ask Deputy

Deputy Surveyors to act in their own Areas"

Letter from Messrs. Meldon & Co. Solicitors, 8 Merrion Square, Dublin and Messrs. H. and W. Stanley, Solicitors, 59 Dawson St. Dublin, asking for rent of Brideswell and Elphin Courthouses were marked "Refused".

The Secretary submitted receipted Bill for £11.10 from the District Court Clerk, Boyle, for repairs to his Office at Boyle Courthouse. The Secretary also submitted a letter from the County Surveyor stating that he was not notified about these repairs. Order:- "County Surveyor to inspect and if same be certified correct, to pay."

Notice of Audit from Mr. Sean Martin, Local Government Auditor, was submitted.

Letter from the Secretary of the County Board of Health asking the County Council to borrow £2000 to enable the County Board of Health to carry out a

a Sewerage Scheme for Ballinlough.

The Secretary also submitted a letter from Father M^r Dermott, P.O. Ballinlough on the same subject and Mr. David Fitzmaurice headed a Deputation to the County Council and pointed out the absolute necessity existing for such a Scheme. Proposed by councillor M. O. Brennan Seconded by councillor E. Keaton,

And Resolved:-

"That we approve of providing a loan for the Ballinlough sewerage on condition as set out in the Local Government's letter, that a Public Inquiry is held locally and the area of charge fixed thereat."

Letter from the Secretary of the County Board of Health asking the Council to allow their Assistant Surveyors to act as engineers to the Board of Health in their respective Districts. Order:- "That the Assistants act as engineers to the County Board of Health in their own Districts."

The Secretary reported that unless the County Council seriously approached

approached the question of the
 Pat Collection financial chase
 would result as he could see no
 reason why the huge sum of
 £63,000 was still outstanding out-
 of a total Warrant of £49,000:-
 Proposed by Councilor M. O. Brannan,
 Seconded by Councilor Wm Flynn,
 And Resolved:-

"That unless all Pat
 Collectors have at least half their
 Warrants lodged by the 15th January
 1926, they be recommended for dismissal."

Proposed by Councilor Joseph McGinn
 Seconded by Councilor Wm Flynn,
 And Resolved:-

"That owing to exceptional
 circumstances Collector Rogers get-
 one month from this date to
 close his account - if not closed
 by then - 15th January, Mr Rogers
 services be dispensed with as
 from that date."

The following letter from
 Collector Paul Egan was submitted:-
 (Copy)

Ballybeg, Strabestown,
 14th December, 1925

Dear Sir / Owing to serious illness
 I am

I am unable to complete my collection and hereby appoint my brother - Hubert Egan, one of my sureties, to act as my Deputy and hope the County Council will approve of it.

I enclose Doctor's certificate as to my illness.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd) Paul Egan

The following order was made on above "Approved".

Proposed by Councillor Edward Moran

Seconded by Councillor Wm Flynn.

And Resolved:-

"That we ask the Minister for Local Government to sanction 2^d in the pound extra to collector Hanly on the amount of his Warrant for the half-year ended 31st March 1922 as he collected and lodged £1970-18-10 out of a Warrant of £2086-1-6 within three months from the date he received it and would have lodged the full amount within a further week only being misinformed by another collector. This latter can be vouched for on oath if necessary, therefore considering the circumstances we think it most unfair that Mr. Hanly who has

has always nearly been paid 8^d in the pound should be deprived of it for this half-year.

We also ask the Ministry to sanction 2^d in the pound extra to collectors Berine and Tyler for the year ended 31st March 1925 as Mr. Berine lodged both moieties within ten months and from the date he received his Warrant and Mr. Tyler closed both moieties in about eight months."

Proposed by councillor John Dancy.
Seconded by councillor Wm Donnelly
And Resolved:-

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to sanction 8^d in the £ poundage to collectors O'Hara, Edward Doyle, Coleman, Devanny and Connor for the half-year ended 30th September 1925 as they have closed their collections for that period within four months from the date on which they got their Warrants. Also 2^d extra to Devanny and Coleman for the half-year ended 31st March 1925 as the former lodged

lodged the full amount of his Warrant in a little over three months and the latter within four months for that half year, and 2^d extra to collector Doyle for the year ended 31st March 1925, as he lodged the amount of his Warrant for that year in about eight months. The latter's District includes the town of Boyle where there is a very large amount of refunds. In order to show how the Council appreciate collectors who do their work efficiently we trust the Ministry will forward sanction so that payment can be made before Christmas."

Proposed by Councillor Edward Moran
 Seconded by Councillor John Burke,
 And Resolved :-

"That we ask the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to sanction 8^d poundage to collector Bramley on the amount of arrears collected by him in ex-collector Fleming's District. Mr. Bramley who had a very difficult job in clearing up his share of Fleming's arrears, did so in a most satisfactory manner

manner as he lodged every penny of them for the years ended 31st March 1924 and 1925. Should the Ministry accede to the Council's request it will be a great encouragement to Mr. Bramley to proceed diligently with his 1925-1926 collection, which he has just taken up and close before the 31st March next."

Proposed by Councillor John Burke.
Seconded by Councillor M. J. W. Dermott.
And Resolved:-

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to sanction poundage at 8d in the £ to Collectors B. V. Doyle and William Dolan on their collections for the year ended 31st March 1925"

Rev. Father Kelly, C. C. Elphin addressed the Council on the urgent need of housing accommodation in the town of Elphin and stated that grants under the Housing Act of 1925 were not available provided a proper scheme for their erection was formulated:-
Proposed

Proposed by Councillor M. O. Brennan
 Seconded by Councillor E. Moran.
 And Resolved:-

"That we recommend the Board of Health to draft a Scheme for the erection of Houses on the plots in Dolphin Town and if a suitable Scheme is put forward this Council will facilitate the matter in every way"

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Flynn,
 Seconded by Councillor J. Millar
 And Resolved:-

"That a sum not exceeding £10,000 be provided by way of loan to individual building houses, repayable on Bank's terms of years. the amount corresponding to the amount of Government Grant he receives".

The Secretary read letter from Councillor Mr. Geal stating that Messrs. Michael Mulligan and Frank Corrigan were joint contractors for Roads Nos. 256 and 258 in Casleena Rural District. Frank Corrigan went to America before any work was done on the roads and his

co-partner Michael Mulligan
 handed in a Sworn Declaration
 to that effect:-

Proposed by councillor P. W. Greal
 Seconded by councillor M. O. Basmair
 And Resolved:-

"That in view of
 the Affidavit made by Michael
 Mulligan concerning the
 contracts for the by-roads
 Nos 256 and 258 we agree to the
 alteration of the contract
 to the name of Michael Mulligan
 and direct payments to be
 made accordingly"

The Secretary read letter from
 Mr. P. A. Flanagan, Clerk of
 the Caslesea District Council
 applying for superannuation
 in respect of the Office of
 Superintendent Registrar. Order
 Adjourned for checking"

Proposed by councillor E. Moran
 Seconded by councillor P. J. Jordan
 And Resolved:-

"That this Council
 is of opinion that the time
 is overdue for the passing
 of the Remedial Legislation on
 behalf

behalf of Town Dwellers and we welcome the report that there is to be introduced in the Dail in the near future a Bill which comprises: (1) Fixity of Tenure, (2) Fair Rent Courts, (3) Provision for doing repairs for which the landlord is liable, (4) the right of a tenant to receive notice from the owner when the owner intends to sell his property so as to give the tenant the first chance to purchase and thus put an end to the scandal of people purchasing houses over the heads of occupying tenants. That the Government be asked to give facilities for the passing of a Bill embracing the clauses mentioned above and that our local representatives be requested to accord the Bill their whole-hearted support.

Copies of this Resolution to be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government, President Cosgrave, A. Lamin and Mr. Conlon J.D.S. and to each County Council in the "Society for adoption"

Proposed

Proposed by councillor E. Moran
 Seconded by councillor J. McCann.
 And Resolved:-

"That Peter Waldron
 of Castleplunket be appointed
 on the committee of Agriculture
 and Technical Instruction"

Proposed by councillor J. Kearney,
 Seconded by councillor A. Dagg.
 And Resolved:-

"That we request
 the District Justice for Ballyfasmon
 District to hold his courts
 in Ballyfasmon instead of
 bringing people from Roscommon
 to Dunshamlo a distance
 of 10 or 12 miles at great
 cost and inconvenience. There
 are suitable premises for
 holding the courts in
 Miss Lunnane's Hotel, where
 courts have already been
 held a few years ago."

(Signed) M. J. O'Sullivan
 Chairman
 6. 2. 96

