Minutes of Proceedings of Meeting of the Roscommon County Council held at the Courthouse, Roscommon, on Wednesday, the 21st April 1926.

Mr. John Deery, Vice-Chairman presided and the following Members were in attendance:- Councillors Neary, J. Kelly, O'Beirne, Jordan, Grogan, Waters, Mc.Creal, Hafferty, Moran, E. Beaton, D. Beaton, Kline, Mc.Dermott, O'Farrell, Mc.Cann, Wm. Flynn, Burke, J. Flynn (Dan) Allen and Lediwich.

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Jordan, Seconded by Councillor James Neary,
And Resolved:-
"That the Minutes of the County Council of the 6th and 24th February be taken as read."

The following correspondence from the Department of Local Government and Public Health was submitted:-
Letters Nos. P. H. 8511, 12025, & 16395 re Scheme for the Treatment of Tuberculosis in the County. (Committee will meet on the morning of the 8th May, date of Quarterly Meeting)

Meeting).

Letter No. G.7940 giving the Ministers sanction to payment of salary to Messrs. Donnelly and Gilleran, ex District Council Clerks.

" No. G.8269 stating conditions under which increased poundages will be paid in future. Order:- "Approved"

" 8240 approving of the permanent appointment of Miss Walsh.

" D.B.11 explaining how the council's contribution under the damage to property (compensation) Act 1923 was expended. Order "Approved"

" G.10534 sanctioning payment of Overdue Accounts to Messrs. Donnolly Bros. Carlanea. Order "Approved" "Refer to Local Committee"

" 7089 enclosing Auditor's Reports on the accounts of the Roscommon County Council for the four half-years to September, 1925.

Proposed by Councillor O.Y. Jordan
Seconded by Councillor E. Cleaton
And Resolved:-

"That

"That in accordance with the suggestion contained in the Auditor's Report, we hereby increase the rent of £30 to £40-15-6 on the present tenant of the residence attached to the Workhouse, Baslenea, and when the premises are vacated by him, the rent be increased to £50 and rates."

The Auditor's Reports on the County Committee of Agriculture and the Mental Hospital, Ballinasloe, were also submitted.

Letter No. R.S. 25 re Assistant County Surveyors' Travelling expenses. Proposed by Councillor John Burke. Seconded by Councillor M. J. Mc Dermott And Resolved:-

"That the various aspects of the case were considered when fixing the travelling expenses of the Assistant County Surveyors at the Meeting of the Council held on the 6th February 1926."

Letter No. Y. 60567 confirming the alterations of the Polling Places made by the County Council.

Letter

Letter G. H. 869/4426 re authority for borrowing a loan for the erection of houses in Roscommon town.

Circular giving deductions made in the Agricultural Grant for the year ended 31st March 1926.

Letters Nos. 14096 and 15530 re loan for improving Castlerea Water Supply and stating that the Minister would recommend the Minister of Justice to make the required loan, repayment to be spread over a period of fifteen years at 5¾ per cent. The Secretary informed the Council that the County Treasurer notified him he would advance the loan on the old terms.

" R.S. 25 Sanctioning payment of £2.2 to the County Surveyor in respect of each preliminary Report made by him on petitions submitted under the Arterial Drainage Act 1925

" G. 14390 stating that the Collection of Rates in the County Roscommon was most unsatisfactory. Order:- "Collectors to be asked to close on

on the 8th May or Books will be taken up.

Letter No. L.S. 25 re Mr. Mc. Donagh's claim in connection with Strokestown Workhouse. Order:- "That we ask the Minister for Local Government to comply with the proposal of this Council"

Letter from the Department of Industry and Commerce re supply of new local and working standards required under the Weights and Measures Acts, amounting to £15.6. Order:- To be ordered."

The following correspondence from the Department of Agriculture was submitted:-

Letter No. L.915 enclosing copies of memorandum as to certain points of procedure and copies of the Bovine Tuberculosis Order of 1926:-

Proposed by Councillor John Drury
Seconded by Councillor D. Beaton
And Resolved:-

"That Letter No. L.915 from the Department of Agriculture re Bovine Tuberculosis Act

Act be referred to the Diseases of Animals Acts Committee Secretary to write to the Department for sufficient copies (30 of each) of the Order and Memorandum for each Member of the Council. Meeting to be held on 8th May."

The Secretary submitted correspondence from the Office of Public Works, Dublin, re Arterial Drainage Act 1925, also letter relative to Ballinamore and Ballyconnell Canal. Order:- "County Council refuse to contribute".

Proposed by Councillor James Neary
Seconded by Councillor P. Y. Jordan,
And Resolved:-

"That we request the Board of Works to inspect the Drainage Schemes in North Roscommon recently passed and submitted by this Council for early inspection as the Schemes cover an extensive area and work would do much to relieve prevalent distress in these Districts and we especially request the immediate holding

of

of the necessary inquiry with regard to the Drainage at Tinnacarra so as to get this very necessary work done if possible this year."

Letter from the Irish Land Commission enclosing list of Defaulting Land Purchase Annuitants in the County was submitted:-
Proposed by Councillor John O'Farrell,
Seconded by Councillor Denis Breaton
And Resolved:-

"That we hereby authorise the Secretary to have a list of Defaulting Land Purchase Annuitants printed and circulated amongst the Council. List to be revised up to date before being forwarded to printers"

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

"That the Dail pass a short Act which will empower the Sheriff to collect the outstanding Land Purchase arrears in the same manner as we collect the poor rates at the present time, when they are three months overdue. the Sheriff to have power to

to make seizures as for Poor Rates"

Proposed by Councillor O. Y. Jordan,
Seconded by Councillor Pat. W. Gaeal.
And Resolved:-
"That ~~the~~ our Deputies
to the Dail be requested to obtain
and furnish this Council a
Return (a) of the number of cases
and names within the year
1925-26 in which the County
Roscommon Sheriff returned
nulla-bona writs or decrees
in cases of default in payment
of Land Purchase Annuities
and (b) the number in which
goods or other possessions
were seized by him and either
sold or redeemed and (c) whether
notice of ~~it~~ the intended seizures
was given by him to the
Defaulters"

Councillor Joseph O'Beirne
moved the following Notice
of Motion standing in his
name:- No. order was made thereon:-

(Copy)
"I hereby give Notice that I
"will move at the next
"Meeting of the County Council
that

"that the shilling in the pound
"put on barrick No. 2. as a special
"rate be knocked off as I am
"informed there was sufficient
"money to the credit of barrick No. 2
"last June to pay all claims
"due by the bounty bounail".
(Signed) Joseph O'Beirne.

Bounaillor John Drury moved the following Notice of Motion standing in his name:-

(Copy)

"I hereby give Notice that I, or
"some other Member on my
"behalf, will move at the
"next Meeting of the bounty
"bounail, that the bounail
"fix the duties to be performed
"by the caretaker of the Boyle
"ex-Workhouse Buildings and
"that the existing salary or
"wages of 2/- (two shillings) weekly
"allowed this caretaker be increased
"to such amount as appears
"reasonable for the duties to
"be performed"

(Signed) John Drury.

Proposed by Bounaillor John Drury.
Seconded by Bounaillor P.J. Waters.
And Resolved:-

"That

"That this Council amend the former resolution fixing the salary of Peter Nash, Caretaker of Boyle ex. Workhouse at 2/- per week and hereby increase same to 10/- per week, he to answer any night call for admission to the Hospital, and any other duties which the Council may order from time to time".

The Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Mc. Cann re election of Member on the Roscommon Town Committee was withdrawn

Councillor John Flynn's Notice of Motion re abolition of Sheep Dipping Inspectors was adjourned to quarterly Meeting.

Letter from Messrs. W. Bonnell & Co. Solicitors, Roscommon, enclosing Requisition to tax their costs as Solicitors to the late Castlerea Rural District Council was submitted:-
Proposed by Councillor J. D. O'Farrell,
Seconded by Councillor D. Beaton

And

And Resolved :-
"That Mr. Y. G. McSherry Solicitor, be instructed to represent this Council on Messrs. McDonnell & Co's Bill of Costs"

Letter from the Engineer-in-Chief, Department of Posts and Telegraphs, asking permission to erect a telegraphic line in Ballyforan was submitted.
Order :- "Granted, subject to the County Surveyor's approval".

Letter from the Secretary of the Loughglynn Old Age Pension Committee, asking to have the Rev. M. Cunningham appointed on the Loughglynn Sub-Committee was submitted :-
Proposed by Councillor D. Beaton,
Seconded by Councillor P. J. Waters,
And Resolved :-
"That the Rev. M. Cunningham be appointed on the Loughglynn Old Age Pension Committee".

Reports from Roscommon Sanatorium re condition of the County Roscommon patients there were submitted.

M. P. A.

Mr. P. A. Flanagan, Rate Inspector reported that Mr. B. O. Malley. Cottage Rent Collector, Carrick-on-Shannon did not attend for the purpose of having his Books checked. Order:- "Refer to County Board of Health for particulars re any prosecution pending."

Letter from the Hon. Secretary, Cumann na Gaedhael, Ballaghaderreen enclosing resolution passed by that Body protesting against the Electric Light Tax of 2/8 in the £ being levied on the townlands of Kilcolman, Knockanaconny, Lung and Friars Hill, also letter from the Rev. T. Spelman on the same subject, were submitted:- Proposed by Councillor P. J. Waters. Seconded by Councillor Ed. Moran

And Resolved:-

"That the separate rate for Electric Lighting in Ballaghaderreen be reduced to 1/8d in the £ for the current year 1926-1927."

The Report of the County Surveyor

Surveyor v Assistant Surveyor
Mr. Donagh was adjourned to
the Quarterly Meeting.

The following Tenders
for the repair of the Courthouse
at Ballaghaderreen were submitted:-

Name	Amount
Messrs. J. J. W. Quinn & Son, Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim.	£1463
Connolly Bros. Castlerea	£1414. 10
John Regan, Saw Mills, Ballaghaderreen	£1556
Francis Price, Ballinamore, Co Leitrim	£1458. 15
Joseph Mc. Donagh, Lynteen, Co. Sligo	£1448
Chas. Feeney, Lisnaneane, Coonyquinn	£1398. 10
Michl. Nolan Castlerea	£1345
Francis J. McGowan, High St. Ballaghaderreen	£1350
Michael Mooney, Derrynacarta, B'deerreen	£1190

Proposed by Councillor T. J. Waters.
Seconded by Councillor Denis Cleaton.
And Resolved:-
"That the Tender of
Francis

Francis J. Mc. Gowan, ~~Gurteen, bo. Sligo~~. High St. Ballaghaderreen, for the reconstruction of the Ballaghaderreen Bourdhouse according to the plans and Specfications of the County Surveyor be accepted. The lowest Tender was Rejected as the Council did not consider the Sureties solvent."

The following Tenders were submitted for the repairs of the Frenchpark Bourdhouse:-

Messrs. F. J. Mc. Avinia & Son, Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim	£.446
" Connolly Bros. Castlerea	£.399
Mr. Henry Woods, Clooncrow, Castlerea	£.398
" Michael Dolan, Castlerea	£.389
" John Regan, Ballaghaderreen	£.345.10
" F. J. Mc. Gowan Ballaghaderreen	£.350
" Charles Feeney, Lisnaneane, Cloonyquin	£.349.17.9
" Joseph Mc. Donagh. Gurteen, bo. Sligo.	£.338.8.

Proposed.

Proposed by Councillor M. H. Grogan.
Seconded by Councillor James Deany.
And Resolved:-
"That the Tender of Joseph W. Donagh, Curtlen, Co. Sligo, for the reconstruction of Frenchpark Courthouse according to the plans and specifications of the County Surveyor be accepted".

The following Report of the University Committee was submitted:-

(Copy)

A Special Meeting of the University Committee was held on the 3rd April 1926. Rev. M. O'Doyle & Mr. M. O'Braonain (Chairman) and the Secretary - Mr. P. J. Gilloely were present, and the following Report was drawn up:-

1. That the continuation of his Scholarship granted as a favour on account of the very special circumstances of the time, to Mr. Dalton, M.B.C. be interpreted as placing him in the same position to said Scholarship as if he had continued his course without

without interruption.
2. That Physiology be one of the Subjects for the Examination in 1926.

(Signed) M. O'Brannain
Chairman

The above Report was Approved of by the County Council at their Meeting held on the 21st April.

Letter from Mr. Thos Walsh, Strokestown, offering £30 for the grazing of the land attached to the Strokestown ex-Workhouse was submitted Order:- "Accepted".

Tenders at £16.10 each were received from Messrs. W. Ryan, Kilpheir St. Boyle, and Mr. Y. J. Monson, Secretary of the Boyle Agricultural Show Committee, for the grazing of the lands attached to the ex-Workhouse, Boyle:-
Proposed by Councillor Wm. Flynn,
Seconded by Councillor John Kelly.
And Resolved:-
"That the Tender of the Boyle Show Society for the

Workhouse lands at Boyle for a period of eleven months for the sum of £-16-10 (Sixteen Pounds, Ten Shillings) be accepted"

Tender from Mr. Thos Higgins, The Square, Roscommon, for the grazing of the Fair Green, Roscommon, at £12 was accepted.

Tender from Mr. Thos. Nevin, Racecourse Rd. Roscommon, for the grazing of the plot of land on the Racecourse Rd. at £3 was accepted.

Tender of Mrs. Anne McDonnacha, Lanesboro St. Roscommon, for the Weighbridge in Roscommon at £14 was accepted.

A letter of which the following is a copy was ordered to be referred to the Department. The person referred to in the letter believed his contract was for five years although only a three years contract expiring in 1921:-

(Copy)

Ardcarne,
Boyle. 19th April, 1926

Road No. 50

Dear Sir

In reply to your letter of the 5th ultimo re claim of Peter Mc Donagh, Killykeramnock, for labour and material supplied to the above road in 1922-'23. During this year approximately one half of the material annually specified during the term of his contract was supplied and spread on the road and a somewhat similar amount of surface labour done.

I would recommend that £5 be paid to compensate for the labour and material supplied.

Your obedient Servant,
(Sgd) M. Mc Dermott

Order:- "Refer to Department."

Letter from Mr Martin Curran Water Rent Collector, Roscommon, re arrears of Water rate due by the Sisters of Mercy amounting to £6.15 was adjourned to next Meeting.

Proposed by Councillor John O'Farrell,
Seconded by Councillor M. H. Grogan,
And Resolved:-

"That

"That the Local Government Department be informed that a number of members of this Council have attended five Meetings of the Council out of seven held within the half year ended 31st March last many of these Members travelling long distances by road, no railways being available, and that the Department be requested to permit the assumption that they have attended three-fourths of the Meetings held, with a view to the provisions of Section 63(2)(a) of the Local Government Act of 1925."

Proposed by Councillor John O'Farrell,
Seconded by Councillor James Keary.
And Resolved:-

"That we approve of the Tenders accepted by the County Surveyor for the undermentioned Road Works which were referred to him at our last Meeting:-

Athlone Nos. 36. 37. 444. 646. 644. and 656.
Boyle " 495. 496. 538. 541, 541a, 542 and 559
Castlerea " 508. 515. 521. 579. 598. 599. and 601.
Roscommon. 236. 612, 630.
Strokestown. 218. 223. 554. 582. 563 and 566.
Special Works Nos. 248. 621, 494, 498. 539. 540. 516, which have not been tendered for

for he rejected"

Proposed by Councillor Parks. Mc Greal.
Seconded by Councillor Edward Kline,
And Resolved:-
"That the Local Government Department be informed that during the Anglo Irish War when Rate Collection was much retarded, the National Banks, Treasurer of the Roscommon Union, allowed Overdrafts on the account of that Institution, to help to tide it over that period when it was sought to carry on local public services while repudiating British control, and debtor interest accrued amounting to £53-0-9 which the County Council now desire to discharge and the Local Government Department are requested to authorise the payment of it."

Proposed by Councillor James Neary.
Seconded by Councillor Edward Kline,
And Resolved:-
"That the Ministers for Local Government and Public Health be asked to sanction poundage at 8d. to all Collectors who

who have closed their 1925-26 Collections. In doing so we wish to bring under the Ministry's notice that no approved requirements whereby Collectors should qualify for the higher rate were laid down by the Council to cover this period, therefore we trust the Ministry will accede to our request on this occasion, as from the commencement of the current financial year definite fixed conditions have been laid down, and henceforth Collectors will only be paid the extra 2d when they comply with these conditions."

Proposed by Councillor John Burke.
Seconded by Councillor John Kelly.
And Resolved:-
"That we ask the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to sanction poundage to ex-Collector John Mc Dermott and James Glynn, the present Collector on the respective amounts collected and lodged by them for the former Collection District for the year ended 31st March 1925 as the full amount of the Warrant for this District is now lodged to the credit of this Council. We also

also asks the Ministers sanction for payment of poundage and any other monies due to ex-Collector Fleming, to the Hibernian Insurance Co. who had to make good the defalcations on the part of this Collector who was convicted of embezzlement."

Proposed by Councillor John Flynn.
Seconded by Councillor Parks. Ledwith.
And Resolved:-
"That the Ministry's sanction be obtained for payment of 2d extra poundage to Collector James Murray for the year ended 31st March 1922. Mr. Murray's Books were seized by Irregulars and held for a considerable time and as a result he was delayed several months in the closing of his Collection for this period".

Proposed by Councillor John Burke.
Seconded by Councillor John Drury
And Resolved:-
"That we refer the Ministry of Local Government and Public Health to our resolution of the 15th December last and their letter

letter No. C. 3119 of the 29th January and again ask them to sanction the extra 2d poundage to Collectors Devanny and Coleman on their Warrants for the half-year ended 31st March 1925 as Devanny lodged the full amount of his Warrant for that period in a little over three months and and Coleman within four months and Collectors E. Doyle, Kelly and Beirne for the year ended 31st of March 1925, Doyle closed within eight months although his District comprises the town of Doyle which is the most difficult in the County. Tyler also closed within eight months Kelly within about seven months and Beirne ten. We also ask the Ministry to consider Collector Hanly's application for the extra 2d and direct our Secretary to again forward copy of our resolution of the 15th December last in connection with the case, as under the circumstances we consider Mr. Hanly should get the 2d extra.

In asking the Ministry to reconsider these cases we wish to state these are our best Collectors and

and do not wish to have them penalised.

Proposed by Councillor M. J. Grogan.
Seconded by Councillor Wm Dafferty.
And Resolved:-
"That the Collectors Refund lists submitted to us be forwarded to the Ministry of Local Government for their ruling".

Proposed by Councillor Jos McCann.
Seconded by Councillor Ed. Kline
And Resolved:-
"That with a view to affecting a much needed economy in administration owing to the bad financial plight of the country due to over taxation and thus proving their own sincerity, the Government be called upon to apply a 15 per cent cut to the salaries of all Ministers, Secretaries, Assistant Secretaries, Secretaries to Secretaries and all the other innumerable high placed officials who are wallowing in luxury while the tax-payer is living

in misery and want"

(Signed) M. J. M. Dermott
Chairman