Minutes of Proceedings of Quarterly Meeting of the Roscommon County Council held at the Courthouse Roscommon, on Saturday, 8th May, 1926

Councillor M. J. Mc Dermott took the Chair, subsequently Councillor J. Dilly and finally Councillor M. O'Braonain - Chairman.

The following members were in attendance :- Councillors Hogg, J. Kelly, O'Beirne, Jordan, Waters, Mc Greal, Donegan, Hafferty, Moran, E. Keaton, Kline, O'Farrell, Mc Cann, W. Flynn, Donnelly, Killian, Burke, J. Flynn, Allen and Tedwith.

Proposed by Councillor M. Killian, Seconded by Councillor P. J. Waters.

And Resolved :-

"That the Minutes of last Meeting be taken as read".

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

Circular No. P. 21. 55578 of the 14th of December 1925 re Sanatorium Grant. Dr. Boyd Barrett attended before the Council and

and explained how the Tuberculosis Scheme could be efficiently worked in the bounty without any additional cost to the ratepayers:-
Proposed by bouncillor John O'Farrell
Seconded by bouncillor John Allen
and ~~Resolved~~:-
"That we hereby refuse to adopt a Tuberculosis Scheme in the bounty"

Proposed by bouncillor M. O'Braonain
Seconded by bouncillor P. J. Waters.
"That a Tuberculosis Scheme be adopted for the bounty to come into operation on the 1st July."

A Poll was then taken and bouncillor O'Farrell's Motion was carried by 16 votes to 5.

The following voted for bouncillor O'Farrell's Motion:- bouncillors Hogg, Kelly, O'Beirne, Jordan, Mc Gread, Donegan, E. Breaton, Kline, Mc Dermott, O'Farrell, Mc Cann, W. Flynn, Burke, J. Flynn, Allen and Ledwith.

The following voted against:- bouncillors Drury, Waters, Moran.

Moran. Killian and Brennan

The following further Amendment was proposed:-
Proposed by Councillor John Keaveney.
Seconded by Councillor John Drury.

"That the Scheme be adjourned for six months with a view to acquiring further knowledge concerning the Scheme in general."

A Poll was then taken and the Amendment was "lost" by 4 votes to 6.

The following voted for the Amendment:- Councillors Drury, Keaveney, Waters, Hafferty, Moran, Killian and Brennan.

The following voted against:- Councillors Hogg, J. Kelly, O'Beirne, Jordan, Mc Greal, Donegan, E. Breaton, Shine, Mc Dermott, O'Farrell, Mc Cann, W. Flynn, Burke, J Flynn, Allen and Ledwith.

Councillor O'Farrell's Motion was then put to the Meeting as follows and carried as a Resolution:-
Proposed by Councillor John O'Farrell
Seconded by Councillor John Allen.

And Resolved:-

"That we hereby refuse to adopt a Tuberculosis Scheme

Scheme in this County."

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

Letter No L.915/26 of the 26th March, 1926 enclosing copy of a New Bovine Tuberculosis Order:-
Proposed by Councillor M. O'Beaorain
Seconded by Councillor J. D. O'Farrell
And Resolved:-

"That our Veterinary Inspectors be instructed to carry out the necessary inspections, make Reports, etc. under the Bovine Tuberculosis Scheme."

The Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor John Flynn re abolition of Sheep-Dipping Inspectors was ruled "out of order" by the Chairman:-
Proposed by Councillor John Drury
Seconded by Councillor P. J. Waters.
And Resolved:-

"That we recommend our Sheep-Dipping Inspectors to procure the Dipping powders manufactured by Mr. Burke, Cork"

Letter No. 8511 of the 3rd May from the Office of Public Works, Dublin re restoration of the River Suck and it's tributaries at a cost of £16,000 was submitted:-

Proposed by Councillor M O'Braonain,
Seconded by Councillor E. Moran,
And Resolved:-

"That the Board of Works be informed that the County Council pending further information on the matter is not prepared to accept the obligation of maintaining the River Suck Drainage District. We require to know:-

(1) Is the Suck Board to be superseded by the County Council?

(2) What are the conditions prevailing regarding the Maintenance Tax?

(3) Are the arrears of such Tax to be collected by the Suck Drainage Board, by the County Council as their successors, or wiped out as irrecoverable?

(4) How are the Council's interests to be safeguarded from an engineering point of view?

(5) Will the Government grant a Sworn Inquiry concerning the

the present state of affairs as regards maintenance in the past and the apparent neglect of the Suck Board, its engineers and contractors?"

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

"That the Commissioners of Public Works be asked for an explanation as to why Drainage Schemes forwarded to the Board of Works on September 26th 1925, from the Athlone District of South Roscommon have been passed over without inspection while Schemes from other parts of the County forwarded to said Board on the 11th November have been inspected and recommended by the said Inspector for such Drainage Schemes to be carried out.

We further ask the President of the Free State and the Minister for Agriculture why preferential treatment in the matter of Grants to relieve unemployment have been given to North Roscommon while such

such Grants are practically unknown in South Roscommon in the matter of Drainage Schemes, the repayment of which each Drainage District is prepared to pay"

Copies to be sent to the President, Minister of Agriculture and Secretary of the Board of Works"

Proposed by Councillor M. Killian
Seconded by Councillor John Flynn.
And Resolved:-

"That in view of the abnormal increase in the number of Defaulters in the Land Commission Annuities, it is imperative that the Government devise a remedy for same and as the loan system proposed by the Government to relieve temporarily land holders who suffered severely through the ravages of the fluke disease and otherwise has proved inoperative, we again ask the Government to give each purchasing tenant the option of taking a further advance to be added to the purchase money of his holding equal to two years instalment

instalment, such sum to be retained by the Land Commission as repayment of the instalments due in the coming two years and to extend to tenant purchasers under the 1903 and subsequent Acts the option of taking decadal reductions on the lines of the Ashbourne Act.

Copies to be forwarded to the President of the Free State and each County Council in the Free State."

The County Surveyor's Report re Assistant Surveyor Mc Donagh was withdrawn by him.

The following Scheme under the Housing Act of 1925 was submitted:-

(Copy)

Housing Act of 1925

Loans which may be made in respect of Houses

Maximum Grant by Ministry in respect of House	(1) House of 3 Rooms	(2) House of 4 Rooms	(3) House of not less than 5 Rooms
Erected by any person	£45	£60	£75
Erected by any local authority or public utility Society	£60	£80	£100

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Reconstructed by any person.	£30	£40	£50
Reconstructed by any local authority or public utility Society	£40	£53-6-8	£66.13.4

The bounty council will give the loan corresponding to the amount of Government Grant excepting local authorities or public utility societies for a period of 15 years, loan to be repaid half-yearly bearing interest at the Banks rate prevailing at time of issue plus ½ per cent to cover emergencies. If the recipient so desires, he may on having his liability adjusted pay back the whole sum together at any period. Mortgage on house for a period of 15 years. The bounty council by way of loan from the Treasurer provide a sum not exceeding £10.000 for the purposes of the Act, this sum to be distributed as equitably over the different Districts of the bounty as possible having regard to the special needs and circumstances prevailing in each District.

District".

The above Scheme was adopted.
(Signed) M. O. Braonain
8th May 1926

Letter from Mr. L. E. Callan Solicitor, Boyle, claiming damage on behalf of Michael Gallagher, Aughacurrine for injury to pony and trap owing to the defective state of the road from Killelly to Trenchparks, was submitted and marked "Read".

Letter from Messrs. Farrell and Conroy, Solicitors, Ballaghaderreen claiming damage for injury to a house, the property of Miss Rogers, Ballaghaderreen, by being struck with a cart, the property of Thomas Mannion was submitted, and the following order was made thereon:- To defer

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Letter from Mr. J. Donnelly late Clerk of Athlone No. 2 Rural District Council asking the Council to fix his superannuation owing to the abolition of office was submitted:-

Proposed

Proposed by Councillor Wm Donnelly.
Seconded by Councillor P. J. Waters.
And Resolved:-
"That Mr. Frank Donnelly, ex-Clerk Athlone No. 2 Rural District Council be granted a Pension amounting to $\frac{25}{60}$ of his salary of £229-15-4 (Average)"

The following correspondence from the Secretary of the County Board of Health was submitted:-
Re Loan of £1400 for improving Castlerea Waterworks. Order:- "Loan to be applied for."
Re Loan of £600 for Artesian Wells in Tuesty, Carrowkeel and Carrowmalasson. Order:- "Loan to be applied for."
The Ministers sanction to above loans is already obtained.
Letter re collection of arrears on labourers cottages, plots etc. was submitted. Order:- Read
Letter applying for a loan of £150. for a pump at Ballyconboy. Order:- "Loan to be applied for"
Letter re Mr. B. O. Malley, Cottage Rent Collector in Carrick-on-Shannon No. 2. Rural District. Order:- "Refer to County

County Solicitor re joint action of Council and Board of Health.

Letter from Mr. T. J. Lavin District Court Clerk, Frenchpark. applying for £13 rent of office for ~~57~~ 52 weeks at 5/- per week was submitted. Order:- "To be paid at the rate of 2/6 per week."

Letter from Mr. D. J. Hannon County Solicitor, Athlone, enclosing result of Criminal Injury cases in Boyle, was submitted. Order:- "Approved."

Letter from Messrs. McDonnell & Co. Solicitors, Roscommon, asking the Council to fix the annual allowance to Mr. Henesin to which he would be entitled to as Solicitor to the late Castlerea Rural District Council, was submitted. Order:- "Amount claimed as allowance to be stated in claim."

Letter from Mr. P. J. Gaynor, Solicitor, Strokestown, claiming compensation for loss of office as Solicitor to the Strokestown Rural District Council and

subsequently

subsequently Roscommon District Council was submitted. Order :- "Amount claimed as allowance to be stated": also letter from Mr. O. J. Gaynor, claiming compensation on behalf of Mr. Mc Comiacka, late Inspector of Cow Sheds and Dairy Orders to barracks on Shannon No. 2 Rural District Council. Order :- "Amount claimed to be stated in claim."

The Quarterly Report of the Public Analyst was submitted.

The Quarterly Report of the County Surveyor for the Quarter ended 31st March 1926 (Copy herewith) was submitted and the following order was made thereon :- "Permission granted to the County Surveyor to repair the weather cocks on Roscommon courthouse out of minimal Injury Award".

The Report was marked "Approved."

The Secretary reported that the Rate Collectors made earnest efforts to close their Accounts

Accounts by to-day's Meeting and he stated that there was a total sum of £.7665-1-9 outstanding in respect of the year ended 31st March last. A sum of £.3674-7-4 could be deducted from this as the Collecting Books were not yet handed to Collector Ingan. The credit balances in the Council's Account stand at £.24,000

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

"That we direct our Secretary to hand the Collecting Books to Collector Hulett Ingan when the small amount outstanding for the year ended 31st March 1925 is collected and lodged."

Proposed by Councillor John Burke,
Seconded by Councillor John Allen,
And Resolved:-

"That we ask the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to sanction poundage at 8d to the following Collectors who have closed their 1925-26 Collections since our last Meeting

Meeting, viz:- Hugh Drury, John Crawley, James Connaughton, William Dolan, and Delia Coughlan."

Proposed by Councillor Edward Cline
Seconded by Councillor Andrew Hogg.
And Resolved:-
"That as Collector Thomas Fleming has lodged the full amount of his Warrant for the 1925-'26 Collection less the sum of £62-8-8 on his arrears list which he asks to have carried forward for subsequent Collection, we ask the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to sanction payment of poundage at 8d to him."

Proposed by Councillor M. Killian
Seconded by Councillor Edward Moran
And Resolved:-
"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to sanction payment of poundage fees at the extra 2d to Collector Jas. Connaughton on his Warrant for the half-year ended 30th September, 1925, which he closed on the 1st February notwithstanding the fact that a sum of

of over £91 was due to him in respect of refunds for the half-year ended 31st March 1925.

We also ask the Minister to sanction 2d in the £ to this Collector on his Warrant for the half-year ended 30th September 1924 which he closed in about four and a half months from the date on which he received his Books and would have closed within four months, but that there was a large amount due to him as refunds from the previous 2½ years".

Proposed by Councillor Edward Moran
Seconded by Councillor T. Y. Jordan,
And Resolved:-

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to sanction additional poundage to Collector M. Kelly at 2d - he having been paid at 6d - for the years ended 31st March 1922, 1923 and 1924. Collector Kelly was unable to close his Collections for these years within a reasonable time as there was a very big Estate on which there was a considerable amount

amount of rates in his Collection District divided amongst the adjoining tenants and the revisors report was not received until 1924 although Mr. Kelly included this Estate each year in his lists for revision. The landlord refused to pay the rates as he was out of possession and the tenants would not pay when their Valuations were not fixed with the result that the Collector, thought no fault of his own could not close his Collections. As Mr. Kelly has closed all his Collections to date and has always carried out his duties in a most satisfactory manner, we trust the Ministry will accede to our request."

Proposed by Councillor M. J. McDermott
Seconded by Councillor William Flynn.
And Resolved:-

"That as Collector Roche has appeared before us and stated he is prepared to close his Collection when he receives cheque from the Land Commission for £362:14:9 we ask the Ministry for Local Government and Public Health to sanction

sanction poundage at 8d to him, when he receives this sum from the Land Commission. In our opinion it is a very bad example to be shown by a Government Department and if it was known by the ratepayers in general the state of the Rate Collection in this County would be in a very backward condition".

Proposed by Councillor John Drury
Seconded by Councillor Wm Flynn,
And Resolved:-
"That Messrs. M. O'Braonain Allen and Burke be appointed a Committee to sign and seal the Council's Rate Books"

Proposed by Councillor M. J. Mc. Dermott.
Seconded by Councillor William Flynn.
And Resolved:-
"That the Local Government Department and the Ministry of Finance be reminded that this Council has not received the State's contribution towards the maintenance of lunatics in the District Mental Hospital for any period subsequent to the end of March 1925

and

and in order to supply the Mental Hospital Committee with sufficient funds - in accordance with law and regulations - the County Council have been obliged to furnish that Body with the State's contribution for the fifteen months following the date above-mentioned and have been therefore under the necessity of levying the amount of it on the local rates. The Council considers that the present arrangement of withholding the first instalment of the Grant allowed to until the first half of the year has expired and retaining the balance until after the audit of the Hospital Accounts should be discontinued, and the Grant paid in advance in future, or the Council may, through financial stringency, be unavoidably compelled to contribute to the Hospital Committee the amount only which is leviable mid the poor rate on the County.

Copies of this Resolution to be furnished to the General Council of County Councils".

Proposed

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

"That the Proposals for Payments made by the Proposal Committee of the County Council on the 21st April, 1926 and this day submitted to our Council be and are hereby approved"

Letter from the Manager of the National Bank, Roscommon enclosing Draft Mortgage for the Council's approval to a loan of £1400 for improving the Castlerea Water Supply was submitted:-
Proposed by Councillor P. J. Jordan,
Seconded by Councillor P. J. Waters,
And Resolved:-

"That in pursuance of the consent of the Local Government Department by letter dated the 1st May 1926, the Council do borrow from the National Bank Ltd. Roscommon, the sum of £1400 for the purpose of defraying the cost of an improved water supply scheme for Castlerea to be repaid to the Bank by half yearly instalments

instalments spread over a period of fifteen years with Interest thereon at one half per cent per annum under the Irish Banks rate rising and falling therewith from time to time but at no time to be less than 4 per cent per annum said loan to be secured by Mortgage over the rates available for that purpose and that the Seal of the Council be attached to said Mortgage."

Letter from the Excise Officer, Castlerea, asking permission to hand to his successor, possession of the Urns' Residence in Castlerea, the Council's property at the increased rent fixed by the County Council was submitted - Order:- "Granted".

Mr. John D. O'Farrell moved the following Notice of Motion standing in his name

(Copy)

"I hereby give Notice that I, "or some Councillor on my behalf, "will, at the next Meeting of the "County Council move that "the Rev. P. J. O'Beirne, b.b. Strokestown

he

"be added to the Strokestown Pension Committee."

(Signed) John O'Farrell

Proposed by Councillor O'Farrell,
Seconded by Councillor Mc Dermott,
And Resolved:-

"That the Rev. P. J. O'Beirne b.b. Strokestown, be added to the Strokestown Pension Committee."

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

"That Mr. B. V. Doyle be paid the sum of £16, salary due to him by the Athlone District Council from the 1st December, 1921, to the 1st April, 1923, as S. S. Officer, Dairy Inspector, etc, at the rate of £16 per year, subject to full particulars being supplied, sanction of Local Government Department obtained."

£ salary by claim of £21.6.8

Proposed by Councillor M. O'Brannan
Seconded by Councillor M. J. Mc Dermott
And Resolved:-

"That the Resolution concerning the travelling expenses of the County Surveyor of the 1st April 1925 be again pressed upon

upon the Local Government Department for approval".

Letter from the Secretary, Ministry of Industry and Commerce re electricity from the Shannon works was submitted and marked "Read"

Letter from Miss Massey, Galteemore, Bailey, Co Dublin asking the Council to make an Order under the Irish Society for the Protection of Wild Birds was submitted and marked "Read".

The following dates were fixed for the Meetings of the County Council:-

Finance and Proposal Committee.
Roscommon Tuesday 6th July 1926 @ 10 a.m.

County Council
Roscommon Wednesday 21st July 1926 @ 11.30 a.m.

(Signed) [illegible]

Chairman

5 July '26