Minutes of Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Roscommon County Council held on the 3rd July 1926.

Mr. M. O'Braonain, outgoing Chairman presided and the following Members were in attendance:- Councillors Neary, Davey, J. Kelly, Keaveney, O'Beirne, Jordan, Waters, Mc Greal, Hafferty, Moran, Brennan, Kline Mc Dermott, O'Farrell, Mc Cann, Vaughan, W. Flynn, Donnelly, Killian, Burke, J. Flynn and Allen.

Proposed by Councillor J. Allen
Seconded by Councillor P. J. Waters.
And Resolved:-
"That M. O'Braonain be elected Chairman for the ensuing year."

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Waters.
Seconded by Councillor John Keaveney.
And Resolved:-
"That Mr. John Davey be elected Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year."

Messrs. M. O'Braonain and John Davey signed the Statutory

Statutory Declarations of Acceptance of Office as Chairman and Vice-Chairman".

Proposed by Councillor James Neary.
Seconded by Councillor M. J. McDermott
And Resolved:-
"That the Minutes of Meetings of the 8th May and 9th June be taken as read."

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

Letter No. Y. 21459 fixing the date of the Annual Meeting of the County Council.

G. 18935 stating that no statutory authority exists for the payment of travelling expenses to Dr. Kelly, Longhlynn.

G. 20456 stating that the Council's request re payment of travelling expenses to certain Members cannot be complied with.

G. 18024 enclosing copy of Order under Seal transferring Ballyhay Drainage District to the Roscommon County Council:-

Proposed

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Donnelly.
Seconded by Councillor John Flynn.
And Resolved:-

"That re the transfer of the Ballyhay Drainage District to the Council, owing to the very unsatisfactory reports concerning the unfinished state of the work done in the District the Council is not prepared to accept responsibility for the maintenance of the District pending a full report of the work done together with the amount of money expended thereon, from the Engineer responsible for the carrying out of the works."

Letter No. G.23044 stating that the Minister has no power to sanction an extension of time for the payment of overdue Accounts to Messrs. Donnelly Bros. Banteer
Proposed by Councillor M. O'Braonain
Seconded by Councillor Wm. Hafferty
And Resolved:-

"That Messrs. Donnelly's Bill for £15-3-3 be paid as we consider from the accounts before us that this amount is legally

legally due although statute barred."

Letter No. P. 24084 re lettings in ex-Workhouses in the County Roscommon.

Letter No. G. 24244 re payment of poundage fees to certain Collectors:-

Proposed by Councillor John Burke
Seconded by Councillor M. O Braonain
And Resolved:-

"That we refer the Ministry of Local Government and Public Health to their letter No. G. 24244 of the 29th May and we again ask them to reconsider the case of Collector Thos. Fleming and sanction poundage at 8d to him as his Collection is finally closed off now."

Letter No. P. 25245 giving sanction to payment at 10/- per week to Peter Nash, caretaker of the ex-Workhouse, Boyle.

Letter No. G. 25952 asking the Council to pass a resolution re Mr. J. Donnelly's superannuation.

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

"That

"That the superannuation allowance to Mr. J. Donnelly, late Clerk of the Athlone No. 2 Rural District Council be fixed at £80.8.5 per annum."

Letter No R/S. 25 sanctioning the Council's proposal to pay travelling expenses to the County Surveyor on a mileage basis.

Letters Nos. G. 25896 & 24796 refusing to sanction payment of poundage fees to Collector Rorke at the rate of 8d in the pound:-
Proposed by Councillor M. J. Mc Dermott
Seconded by Councillor Wm Flynn.
And Resolved:-
"That in consideration of the circumstances affecting Mr. Rorke's collection, the Council is unanimous in agreeing that Mr. Rorke is entitled to ~~poundage~~ 8d in the pound and ask the Local Government Department to reconsider their decision in his case. Full particulars to be furnished."

Letter No. L.R/39/1 re erection of Sign Posts. Order:- "On order."

Letter No. P. 29145 enclosing copy of

of Statutory Declaration received from Mr. P. A. Flanagan in regard to his claim for compensation for loss of office:-
Proposed by Councillor M. O'Braonain
Seconded by Councillor Wm. Hafferty.
And Resolved:-
"That we fix the superannuation of Mr. P. A. Flanagan late Superintendent Registrar for Castlerea area at £11-13-4 per annum"
The foregoing resolution was "Carried" Mr. E. Beatón dissenting

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Proposed by Councillor John Burke,
Seconded by Councillor Bernd. Naugle,
And Resolved:-
"That in the case of ex-Collector Lane's Collection for the year ended 31st March 1925, we wish to bring under the Ministry's notice that the sum of £101-7-10 is still outstanding in this Collection District. We are of opinion the present Collector - Mr. Moran should not be asked to lodge this sum to close his Collection as £69-18-9 is at present irrecoverable as will be seen from Mr. Moran's arrears list and the balance according to Collector Moran would

would appear to have been collected by Lane, but not lodged to the credit of the bounty bound. Under the circumstances we ask the Ministry to allow us to treat £58-9-11 irrecoverable and £11-8-10 to be carried forward for subsequent collection, and £31-9-1 to be deducted from poundage due to Lane. Further we ask the Minister to sanction poundage at 8d to Collector Moran on the arrears collected by him in respect of above period and at 6d to Lane on the amount collected and lodged by him."

Proposed by Councillor John Flynn.
Seconded by Councillor John Allen.
And Resolved:-

"That we ask the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to sanction 8d poundage to Collector M. Murray on his portion of rates collected and lodged by him in respect of ex-Collector Geraghty's District for the year ended 31st March 1926 and to Collector Fallon on his Warrant for the same year."

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

Letter No. 9607 stating that a further sum of £2000 is required for the Elphin Drainage District

Proposed by Councillor Joseph McGann
Seconded by Councillor Edward Blaine
And Resolved:-

"That the Council is not satisfied that the additional sum of £2000 proposed to be spent on the Elphin Drainage District would have been necessary under ordinary circumstances and that we cannot agree to tax the people concerned with this additional cost if it has been unnecessarily incurred as we believe it has".

Letter No. 9694 re River Suck Drainage District and letter from the Secretary of the Galway County Council on the same subject:-

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

"That the following Members of the County Council be

be appointed to meet the Reps. of the Galway County Council on Monday, 12th July, at Ballinasloe and consider jointly the question of the Sick Drainage:-
The Chairman and Messrs. Moran, Flynn and the Secretary, also the other Members of the Ballinasloe Asylum Committee, and Galway be asked to acquaint their representatives on the Asylum Committee of this decision"
Mr. M. J. Kelly, Ballyforan, to be informed of this Meeting

Letter No. 12543 re Carrowreagh and Ballymintan Drainage Districts
Proposed by Councillor M. O'Braonain
Seconded by Councillor J. Flynn.
And Resolved:-
"That the County Council accepts responsibility for the maintenance after reconstruction of the Carrowreagh and Ballymintan Drainage Districts."

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Donnelly.
Seconded by Councillor J. Neary.
And Resolved:-
"That the Council undertake

undertake to provide the necessary money required to carry out the repairs to the Bridges at Lysterfield and beyond to make effective the drainage on lands in that locality." Cost not to exceed £125"

Proposed by Councillor James Neary.
Seconded by Councillor P. J. Waters.
And Resolved:-
"That we demand the Board of Works to take the necessary steps at once regarding the sinking of the Tinnacarna River as by doing so it will be instrumental in draining all the small rivers from Kilpkin to Loughglynn and Ballaghaderreen as these areas are being heavily flooded from time to time destroying meadows and crops"

Proposed by Councillor M. J. McDermott,
Seconded by Councillor Wm. Flynn.
And Resolved:-
"That the Ballinasloe Mental Hospital be sent on the instalment due at once."

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The following Notices of Motion were moved by Councillor P. J. Jordan:-

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"Take Notice that I or some "other Councillor on my behalf "will move at the next Meeting "that the by-roads leading from "the Ballaghadereen road at "Barrowgarve and ending in "the Ballaghadereen - Loughglynn "road be henceforth maintained "as a "local road" as it fulfils "the required conditions and "that the eastern branch "through Barrowgarve be "similarly scheduled as local"

(Sgd) P. J. Jordan

Order:- "Adjourn to November Meeting"

(Copy)

"Take Notice that I, or some "other Councillor on my behalf "will move at the next Meeting "of the County Council that "in future when any Malicious "Lying Slander is made against "any Electoral area, division, "or particular part of that "area, that every Councillor "in that area shall be

immediately

"immediately notified of the name "of the applicant, amount claimed "area of charge suggested (if any)" "and such other information "as will be of assistance to him "in securing evidence to oppose "the claim"

(Signed) P. J. Jordan.

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Jordan.
Seconded by Councillor P. J. Waters.
And Resolved:-

"That Notices be served from the County Council Office."

Letter from Mr. D. J. Hannon, County Solicitor, Athlone enclosing copy of letter received from the Hibernian Insurance Co. re the case of ex-Collector Martin Geraghty. The following order was made thereon:- "Solicitor to proceed for recovery from Insurance Co."

Proposed by Councillor M. O'Braonain
Seconded by Councillor P. J. Waters.
And Resolved:-

"That the position of Rate Collector for the vacancy created

created in Mr. Geraghty's District come up at first Meeting in 1924

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

"That the position of Rate Collector for the Divisions of Killeside North and South, Fuerty, Mote and Scregg, lately occupied by Mr. Martin Geraghty now convicted for embezzlement be declared vacant and Mr. Geraghty services be considered terminated since the 4th April 1925, the date the Collection Books were taken up from Collector Geraghty"

Application from Mr. William Boolse, caretaker of the ex-Workhouse, Castlerea asking to be placed on the same footing as the caretaker in Boyle, also letter re buildings formerly occupied by Mr. Featherstone, and now vacant, was submitted. Mr. Boolse also reported that Mr. Featherstone one of the County Councils tenants vacated those premises and did not deliver up the key

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to the caretaker. The Secretary reported that the sum of £18 was due by Fetherstone for rent. Order:- "Refer to Councils Solicitor to take action against Fetherstone"

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Hafferty Seconded by Councillor T. J. Jordan. And Resolved:-

"That William Cooke the caretaker in Bandrea Workhouse be placed on the same footing as Peter Nash, the caretaker of the Boyle Workhouse - namely to be paid 10/- weekly instead of 2/-."

Letter from Mr. Charles Mc Dermott, District Council Clerk, Ballaghaderreen, claiming allowance for heating and lighting of office since the June 1920 was submitted and marked "Read"

Application from Mr. T. Feeney to erect a Dipping Tub in the Bawn Ballintubber, was submitted and marked "Refused"

Letter from Messrs. McDonagh & Boland Dublin

Dublin, re Council's Insurances were submitted and marked "Read"

Letter from Canon Hanlé, Castlerea, re Rent of the Manly Hall, Castlerea was submitted. The letter stated that the Hall was not yet restored. Order :- "County Surveyor to see Connolly Bros, Contractors"

Letter from Mr. James Doyle, rent Collector, Boyle, enclosing list of arrears of Cottage rents and asking to have the sum of £2.2 cancelled. Order :- "Approved"

Letter from Mr. J. J. Loftus, Hon. Secretary Town Tenants Association, Roscommon, re rents on Artizans Dwellings was submitted :-
Proposed by Councillor P. J. Waters,
Seconded by Councillor M. O'Braonain
And Resolved :-
"That the auditor be asked to take up the accounts of the Roscommon Town Committee on his next visit to the County Council Office and if there is need for a public inquiry the Auditor to make a special report."

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The following Report of the County Surveyor on Form 22 was submitted:-

(Copy)

County Surveyor's Office.
Roscommon
2nd July 1926

The Secretary,
Roscommon County Council.

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I enclose herewith Form 22 duly completed. In the case of Proposal No. 369 of the 26th February 1924, Roscommon Rural District, for repairs of a by-road from Mount Pleasant to Midgefield, there was some dispute with the Contractor with regard to the length of the road to be repaired according to his specification. I deferred £5 until I would investigate the matter. On investigation I found that the Contractor was not bound to go further than the gullet at the nearing of Midgefield but he was bound to repair this gullet to satisfaction. When on a personal inspection there some few months back I did not consider the gullet was made sufficiently wide on the

west

west side so I gave instructions to Mr. Mc Donagh, the District Surveyor, to have this matter remedied by the contractor and explained in detail to him what was wanted and I said that if this work was done satisfactorily before this quarter ended I would recommend payment of the £s previously deferred. On Tuesday last, the 29th ultimo, one of the parties living on the road came to me and complained that this gullet had not yet been widened. On yesterday I had Mr. Mc Donagh's quarterly Report on this work stating that he had inspected it on the 8th June 1926 and that the gullet was completed in accordance with my instructions It was then evident to me that somebody was stating a falsehood so I went down there myself to-day and found that nothing whatsoever had been done with it since my last inspection.

This I consider a very serious matter, not that the amount of money involved is very large but from the fact that as it is a physical impossibility for me to personally

inspect

respect all those Works and as I have to rely for the ruling of payments on the District Surveyors Reports and unless they are authentic and reliable you may be paying for work never done.

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(Sgd) Michael Nerney.
County Surveyor.

Order :- "Mr. Mc Donagh to be brought before next Meeting for explanations and if not satisfactory his services to be dispensed with at once."

Proposed by Councillor M. O'Braonain.
Seconded by Councillor Mc Geal.
And Resolved :-
"That Mr. J. Mc Donagh, Deputy Surveyor, be called upon to reply to the County Surveyors correspondence of the dates - March 20th 1925 and February 13th 1926 - re Messrs. Connolly Bros. Bill and explain his conduct for so long neglecting to attend to this matter."

Proposed by Councillor Edward Blue.
Seconded by Councillor Joseph Mc Gann.
And Resolved :-
"That we ask the Minister

Minister for Local Government and Public Health to allow to be authorised Paying Order No. 1494 drawn in favour of ex-collector Wm. Fleming for preparation of Jurors Lists. New Paying Order to be made out in favour of the Hibernian Insurance Co. who had to make good Fleming's defalcations."

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

"That we hereby direct our Secretary to forward Revision Lists to the Valuation Office."

Proposed by Councillor P. T. Jordan,
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Farrell,
And Resolved:-

"That this Council enters its most emphatic protest against any proposal which would derogate Galway University to an inferior status in the State because we consider that historically, geographically, educationally, and above all psychologically our Provincial University has at least equal claims to any of the sister Universities of the Nation."

Proposed

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Waters.
Seconded by Councillor P. Y. Jordan.
And Resolved:-

"That we, the Members of the Roscommon County Council protest against outsiders being appointed in future under the new Local Officers Act to any position which may become vacant under the Council, provided there are men in the County with equal qualifications to outsiders and we claim as a body that men born in County Roscommon are entitled to first preference and that copies of this resolution be sent to the Secretary of each Council in the west of Ireland."

Letter from Mr. William Donnelly, Kiltoom, for license under the Tarsons and Pharmacy Act was submitted, also report from the Gardai approving of same.
Order:- "Granted".

The following order was made and addressed to Mr. J. B. Doran Veterinary Inspector, Athlone:-

James Doran, Esq, M.R.C.V.S.
Please see Dipping Inspector Maguire Carrowphadden

Barrowpshadden, also Councillor Donnelly Kiltoom, regarding the facilities for dipping sheep in that area and if necessary order an additional hand-bath or two to be used in the Kiltoom District immediately.

(Signed) M. O'Raonain

Proposed by Councillor John O'Farrell
Seconded by Councillor Edward Kline
And Resolved:-

"That Rev. T. J. O'Beirne, b.b. Strokestown, be appointed a Member of the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction"

Mr. E. Kline, Ruane, Kilglass, Strokestown, wrote asking the County Council to remove his name from the Agriculture and Technical Committee and same was submitted and marked "Accepted".

Report from Secretary, Dunmount Sanatorium, on patients from County Roscommon, was submitted.

(Signed) M. O'Raonain

Chairman