

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

Mr M. O'Braonain, Chairman, presided, and the following Members were in attendance Councillors Drury, Keaveney, O'Beirne McFreal, Donegan, Hafferty, Moran, E. Creaton, McDermott, McBrann, Wm Flynn, Burke, Sedwirth, Nangle, Donnelly and Allen.

Proposed by councillor John Drury,
Seconded by councillor William Flynn,
And Resolved: -

"That we, the Roscommon County Council, hereby place on record our most profound regret at the loss sustained by the County through the death of the most Rev. Dr. Boyne, Bishop of Elphin. As a Roscommon man he was an ornament to both Church and State. As a Churchman his keenest interest was in the spiritual welfare of those under his charge, no labour, no duties, were too much when he wished the advancement of his flock.

His interest in education and in the other temporal affairs of his people never seemed to weary and by his generous financial support he always led the way to help his countrymen, and we sincerely regret the loss caused by his death to the Diocese and

and the County"

Proposed by Councillor M. J. McDermott,
Seconded by Councillor John Allen
And Resolved: -

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

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

Letter No. G. 30607 stating that the collectors'
Refund Lists were being attended to.

The Secretary submitted from Mr P. J.
neilans, State Solicitor, Roscommon, stating
that Collector Malachy Murray was not being
treated fairly by the County Council or its
officials as regards poundage and refund of
irrecoverable rates: - "Order" "The Council
consider there is no cause for complaint
against the Council or its officials"

Letter No. G. 30608 sanctioning poundage fees to
certain Rate Collectors.

Letter notifying the County Council that the
sum of £8528-19-11 payment on account
of the Agricultural Grant for the year
ending the 31st March, 1927, has been
forwarded.

Letter No. P. 25489 re the occupation of
Castlereagh ex-Workhouse by unauthorised
persons: -

Proposed by Councillor Edward Moran.
 Seconded by Councillor William Hafferty
 And Resolved: -

"That the advisability of having the ex-Workhouse at Castlereagh altered to Dwellings in order to meet the acute house shortage there, be laid before the Ministry of Local Government and the Board of Works"

The caretaker of the ex-Workhouse, Castlereagh, complained about the trespass and other damage done to the ground there: - Order: - "Solicitor to be instructed to take proceedings against Garty for possession and against Fetherstone for rent and damage to premises"

Circular No. G.31863. re Rates on Vacant Dwelling Houses.

Letter No. G.31693 stating that payment of poundage at 8d may be made to Collector Baron and at 6d. to Deputy Collector Egan and asking the position as regards the original collector in this District: Order: - "Collector Egan to be asked to resign."

Circular No. M. 1004 from the Department of Industry and Commerce re Statistics (Census of Production) Order 1926.
 Order "Noted."

Circular No. M.I. 209 of the 11th September 1925
re Clerical duties in connection
with the registration and Licensing
of Mechanically Propelled Road Vehicles.
Order: - "That we allow 2 per cent for
the collection of Motor Tax."

The following correspondence from the
Department of Agriculture was submitted: -
Letter No. L. 2900 conveying the Department's
approval to the employment of Sheep-
Dipping Inspectors: - Order: - "The
temporary Inspectors appointed by
Mr Hans to come up for appoint-
ment at next Meeting."

Mr. Doran, Veterinary Inspector,
reported that six hand-dipping Tubs
were required in the Athlone area
and tenders were submitted for same.
The tender of Mr J. J. Murphy, Athlone,
was approved.

The following correspondence from the
Office of Public Works, Dublin, was submitted
Letter No. 23295 re Room in Garda Síochána
Barracks, Roscommon, for the
accommodation of Weights and
measures and asking what rent the
Council are prepared to pay: -
Order: - "Board of Works to be
asked if they will recoup County
Council."

if repairs are carried out under the Co. Surveyor for accommodation rooms in old Barracks. Council agreeable to pay rent thereafter. Rent £1 year".

Letter No. 13878 re Barrowreagh and Ballymintan.

Drainage Districts:—

Proposed by Councillor M. O. Braonain

Seconded by Councillor P. Lidurth

And Resolved.

"That we agree to collect and pay the terminable annuities, drainage rates, and other monies collectible or payable by us in the construction of maintenance of Drainage Works in the proposed Drainage Districts of Barrowreagh and Ballymintan"

The Secretary submitted a joint Report from the County Councils of Galway and Roscommon relative to the River Suck Drainage

Proposed by Councillor William Hafferty

Seconded by Councillor M. J. McDermott

And Resolved:—

"That the joint conference between the representatives of the Galway and Roscommon County Councils are of opinion that the County Councils concerned and the taxpayers have a right to know the exact position concerning the relations existing between the Suck Drainage Board and the taxpayers, and we demand

- (1) That an audit of the accounts of the Drainage Board. be held at once by an Auditor appointed by the Government and a statement of accounts presented to the County Councils for the years 1920, '21, '22, '23, '24 and '25.
- (2) That the intentions concerning the arrears due since 1920 be made known.
- (3) On account of the general complaints made that no benefits have been derived nor can be derived from Suck Drainage by some lands already scheduled in the catchment area that an Appeals Tribunal be set up to hear claims for exemption which would bring the catchment area up to date."

Mr John Keaveney moved the following
 Notice of Motion standing in his name:-
 Copy.

"I beg to give Notice that I, or some other Member
 "on my behalf, will move at the next Council
 "meeting that practical steps be taken and
 "some means devised to protect the paying
 "ratepayers of this County from the ever
 "growing abuse for paying for the defaulting
 "Annuitants of the County in addition
 "to their own"

(Signed) John Keaveney.

Proposed by Councillor John Keaveney.
 Seconded by Councillor Joseph McBrann.
 And Resolved:—

"That this Council request the Government to pass immediate legislation for the protection of tenant purchasers who pay their annuities punctually and prevent the ever increasing abuse of having to pay for our well to do neighbours also. the last official defaulters list furnished to us shows that there are about 2,000 defaulters in this County owing from one to twenty-one payments in sums varying from a few shillings to £900 resulting in the stoppage of several thousands pounds out of Grants due to this County and consequent increase in our rates, this we consider the most glaring injustice and strongly protest against it, in the opinion of this Council all tenant purchasers enter in to an agreement or contract to pay their annuities, and that failing to do so, is violation of their agreement or contract. We therefore strongly suggest the early passage of legislation empowering the Land Commission to take over the land from defaulters for the purpose of enlarging uneconomic holdings, the parcelling out of some of it to the young men who are daily emigrating from our shores, or for whatever purpose the Land Commission may deem advisable, first preference to be given the defaulter in possession, on payment of all arrears due.

Copies of this resolution to be sent by our Secretary to President Cosgrave, the Minister for Agriculture, J.D.'s for the County and the Secretaries of all County Councils in the Free State for adoption by their respective Councils."

Letter from Mr Sean MacSimead, Clerk in the County Surveyor's Office, applying for six months leave of absence and enclosing Doctor's certificates was submitted and the following order was made thereon "Approved"

Letter from Messrs. McDonnell & Co Roscommon, asking the County Council to fix the amount of Mr. Heverin's superannuation as Solicitor to the late Rural District Council of Eastlerea. Order: - "Refer to Ministry asking on what basis Pension will be fixed."

Application from the caretaker of the ex-Workhouse Eastlerea, for the use of a field attached to the building was submitted. Order: - "Held over"

The County Surveyor submitted his Report for the Quarter ended 30th June (copy herewith)

Proposed by councillor William Donnelly,
 Seconded by councillor Patrick McNeal,
 And Resolved :-

"That the Proposals for
 Payments made by Proposal Committee at
 their meeting on the 3rd July and this
 day submitted to our Council be and are
 hereby approved of."

Proposed by councillor Joseph O'Beirne.
 Seconded by councillor William Flynn.
 And Resolved :-

That the Minister for
 Local Government and Public Health be
 asked to sanction poundage at 8d to
 Collector Rogers on his warrant for the
 year ended 31st March, 1926 as he closed both
 Moieties in about five months. He got
 his Books on the 18th. February 1926, closed
 the first moiety on the 9th June and the
 second moiety to-day."

Mr. D. J. Hannon, County Solicitor, Athlone
 submitted result of claims for Malicious
 Injuries heard at Boyle Sessions on the
 30th June. Order :- "Approved"

Application from the Courtkeeper,
 Courthouse, Roscommon, for 35 Tons of
 the best double-screened Orel coal was
 submitted and marked "Approved"

The Secretary reported that when inspecting the Boyle ex-Workhouse, he found the boundary wall down in several places. Order: - "Repairs to boundary wall of Boyle ex-Workhouse be referred to Mr McDermott, engineer but not to exceed £15."

Reports on Patients from this County in Peamount Sanatorium were submitted

Application from Miss Searson, asking to be appointed caretaker of the Ballaghaderreen Courthouse, was submitted and marked. "Adjourned"

Resolution from Cork County Council calling upon the Government to appoint a commission to inquire into the cost of administration in the Free State was submitted and marked "Approved"

Letter from the Hibernian Insurance Co. re Fire Insurances under the Council was submitted and marked "Read"

The following were submitted: -
Letter from Mr William Cooke, caretaker, Ballyrea, ex-Workhouse re Barty.
Letter from the Committee of A & T. S. re Travelling expenses.

Resolution from Secretary of the Authorised Ford
Dealers. re Road Tax.

Report re Sheep-Scab from Mr. Hans. M. R. L. V. S.

Letter from County Surveyor re J. Smyth's
Petrol Pump.

Resolution from Co Mayo Committee of
Agriculture re unemployment.

Notices re Commitment of Children to Industrial
Schools.

Reports from Veterinary Inspectors re Dipping
Inspectors.

Letter from Mr F. J. Kelly re Income Tax.

Resolution from Meath County Council re
travelling expense.

Resolution from the Irish Nurses Union re medical
treatment of school children.

Resolution from County Board of Health,
Kilkenny, re appointment of Public
Officials

Resolution from Longford County Council
re Guard Patrols.

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

Proposal Committee

Roscommon Saturday 23rd October, 1926 11.30am

County Council.

Roscommon. Friday 5th November, 1926 11.30am
(Signed) W. O. Macnamara 23/10/26

