

Minutes of Proceedings of Meeting of the
Roscommon County Council. held at
the Courthouse, Roscommon on Saturday
the 23rd October 1926

Mr M. O'Braonain, Chairman,
presided and the following members
were in attendance: - Councillors Neary,
Hogg, Drury, Cull, John Kelly, Keaveney,
O'Beirne, Jordan, McIreal, Donegan,
Moran, Hafferty, E. Creator, D. Creator,
Cline, McDermott, McBrann, W. Flynn,
Donnelly, Killian, Burke, J. Flynn (Dan),
Allen and Ledwith.

Proposed by councillor John Allen
Seconded by councillor James Neary.
And Resolved.

"That the Minutes
of the last meeting be taken as 'Read'

Proposed by councillor M. McDermott,
Seconded by councillor W^m Flynn
And Resolved.

"That the Mental
Hospital Committee be informed that
the sum demanded by them from this
Council for a financial year should be
such as to defray, with their own receipts
the expenses incurred in the financial
year which ends on the last day of
March, and ^{the} last of which expenses are
defrayed at the Committee's April

Meeting. No substantial sums in respect of the new financial year following should be payable until the May meeting about the date of which this bounty council holds its quarterly meeting and transfers the first quarter's funds to the committee. (Copy of this to be sent to Galway bounty council).

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

Letter No. S.G. 11/25 and Circular S.G. 11/201
~~stating the Roads in the bounty~~
 Roscommon included in the
 National Road Scheme and enclosing
 tracing.

Letter No. H 569/2046/1926 asking if the
 National Bank, Roscommon, have
 agreed to advance a loan of £10,000
 under the Housing Act of 1925.

Letter from the National Bank on the
 same subject and refusing to
 grant a loan was submitted

The Manager of the National
 Bank was also present at the
 council Meeting and could
 give no reason for the
 Directors' refusal

Proposed by councillor M. J. McDermott
 Seconded by councillor William Flynn

"That we renew our application to Treasurer for Housing Loan of £10,000"

Proposed by councillor John Keaveney.

Seconded by councillor James Neary.

That we adjourn the application of Housing Loan for a period of twelve months.

A Poll was then taken and the following voted for councillor Keaveney's amendment: - councillors Neary, Drury, Bull, Keaveney, O'Brien & Breaton, D. Breaton, Allen and Ledwith.

The following voted for councillor McDermott's motion: - councillors Hogg, Kelly, Jordan, McCreath, Donegan, Hafferty, Moran, Blane, McDermott, McBrann, Flynn, Donnelly, William Brennan, Burke, and John Flynn (Dan). Councillor McDermott's motion was then declared carried by 16 votes to 9 and put to the meeting as follows: -

Proposed by councillor M. J. McDermott.

Seconded by councillor William Flynn.

And Resolved: -

"That we renew our application to Treasurer for Housing Loan of £10,000."

Letter No. R. S/25 asking for Medical Certificate in the case of Mr. S. MacSinnéad clerk in the Co. Surveyors Office and sanctioning the temporary appointment of Mr. Eamon Geraghty as clerk in the Co. Surveyors Office at a salary.

salary of £8. per week.

Letter No. P.31.959 giving the Minister's sanction to certain interest on overdraft of the late Roscommon Union.

Letters No. G.34605 & G.39404 re Mr. Heverin's claim for superannuation as Solicitor to the Castlerea Rural District Council now abolished.

Proposed by councillor Edward Blane.

Seconded by councillor Edward Moran
And Resolved

"That we hereby grant a pension of £46-5-10 per annum to Mr. Heverin in respect of his loss of office as Solicitor to the Castlerea Rural District Council, being the two-thirds of his average profit costs for the three half-years ended 30th September 1925."

Letter No. R.S/25 of the 31st July, 1926 asking the amount paid in travelling expenses to Assistant Surveyors since the 6th February last.

Order. "Particulars furnished"

Circular Letter No. G.27589 stating that the sum assessed on the County Council under the General Battle Diseases Fund is £318-15-2.

Circular letter No. 37067 enclosing copy of ~~letter~~ ^{the} Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act 1926.

Letter No. P.H. 38538 enclosing copy of letter

to Sligo County Board of Health re temporary appointment of nurse A. O'Beirne, a pensioner of Roscommon County Council.

Letter No. 38440 re Ballaghaderreen Courthouse and projected use of portion thereof as a Garda Síochána Barracks.

Order: — "Adjourn to next meeting".

Letter No. G. 33274 enclosing Order under Seal fixing superannuation allowance of £80-8-5 to Mr. Francis Donnelly, late clerk of the Athlone no. 2 R.D. Council.

Letter No. P. 35800 enclosing Order under Seal fixing superannuation allowance at £11-19-9 to Mr. P. A. Flanagan, formerly clerk of the Castleca Rural District Council, in respect of loss of emoluments as Superintendent Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages.

Letter No. G. 35893 enclosing Order under Seal transferring the business of the Broghan Drainage District to Roscommon Council.

Letter No. G. 41918 enclosing copy of Local Authorities (Mutual Assurance) Act 1926.

Letter No. S.G. 11/25 Approving of the Co. Surveyors Scheme for expending £5,280 out of the sum of £17,792 earmarked for County Roscommon.

Letter No. G. 45730 enclosing copy of letter from the Irish Land Commission re serving of Demand Notes by Council's collectors.

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

~~Letter No. 14226~~ asking for more detailed information.

Letter L. 29000 Sanctioning the temporary appointment of Messrs B. Beune and F. McDermott as temporary Sheep-Dipping Inspectors.

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

Letter No. 14226 asking for more detailed information by the Co. Surveyor when furnishing reports under the Arterial Drainage Act 1925

Letter No. 14030. re additional sum of £2,000 expended on the Elphin Drainage District.

Letter No. 15015. re arrears of maintenance due by the Luck Drainage benefactors also letter from the Secretary of Galway Co. Council on this subject.

Letter No. N. 16196 stating that a sum of £4,000 is to be expended on the Hind River District of which the Government will pay £1,000

Letter No. N. 5121 re proposed Drainage of the Boyle River at Timrecarra.

Letter No. 15326 stating that the Drainage of the Ballybay District was

properly executed.

Letter No. 10924 re expenses incurred in the
Drainage of the Broghan Drainage District

The following Report of the University
Committee was submitted: -

We hereby recommend Miss Maureen
McNally, and Miss Catherine Calahan,
for an extension of their University
Scholarships for another year, also recommend
University Scholarships to the following: -
Mary A. Beirne, Christina Tudge, and Patk. J. Feeney
We also recommend that the following
scholarships in Secondary Schools be renewed
for another year: - Teresa Owens, Mary A.
Martin, Margt. A. Flanagan, Michael Kelly,
Patrick J. Reid, Catherine Ryder, Catherine
Craughwell, Margt. Mee, Patk. J. Killian
and Mary McGuinness

The Committee hereby award scholarships to
the following: - Patk. J. Mullen, Mary V. O'Farrell,
Hugh Flynn, Bgt. Rogers, Bgt. Corrigan,
Ellie A. Coleman, Lee O'Grady, Charles T. O'Garra
and Thomas J. Kelly.

The Committee regret their inability to
award Maggie McGuinness a Scholarship
because though she passed the examination
she is ineligible by rule of the Council
of the 9th 1926.

Order: - Bgt. Rogers disqualified by reason
of the fact that her birth certificate states
her to be one year over age. "Approved": -

" Subject to above remarks re Bgt. Rogers.
 (Signed) M. O. Braonair.
 Chairman.

Additional report of the University Committee.

Keeping in mind as a basic consideration the fact that Scholarships are provided for out of the rates with the object of helping the intellectual and brilliant children of the poor to obtain Intermediate and University education we submit to the County Council the following views :-

1. We consider there should be no discrimination between the children of ratepayers in the County whether those ratepayers be farmers or whether they be in receipt of salaries from other positions.

2. We consider that insufficient means and insufficient means alone (always providing the students be worthy individuals) should be the basis on which scholarships should be awarded.

3. But we consider that in fixing the standard of means above which scholarships may not be granted the present depressed condition of the ratepayers should be taken into account.

Everyone knows that farmers and indeed many shopkeepers too find it almost impossible to meet their many and pressing obligations, and it would be farcical and unjust to ask a poor man struggling on ^{say} ten or twenty

acres of land, or with a languishing trade to contribute his quota to the upkeep of a boy or girl in college whose parents are in receipt of four or five hundred pounds per annum or its equivalent. Unless there are exceptional circumstances such as large families or illness which cause reduction of this amount.

4. We therefore recommend that the County Council fix the standard of means at as low a figure as possible and that until times improve as few scholarships as possible be awarded and that these recommendations be inserted in the University Scheme 1924

(Signed) J. H. Cummins.

M. J. McDermott.

M. Kilian

J. Flynn.

Order: - "To be inserted in the Scheme."

M. O. Braonain.

Letter from Mr Timothy McGuinness was submitted asking the County Council to review the decision of the University Committee re awarding a scholarship to his daughter Maggie McGuinness. Order: "Refused"

The following letter was submitted from the Accountant.

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A bhara,

I find that the making up of the Councils accounts each half-year of late has been exceedingly heavy because of the numerous loan accounts transferred from the abolished Rural District Councils' accounts for Housing loans, Trunk Road Grant payments and road-loans, statistics of finances called for by the Department of Local Government and Public Health, and extra work in relation to pensions, ex-workhouses, etc all these are in addition to the already very heavy financial work of a County Council. I may state that the payments necessitate the issue of 18,000 cheques yearly.

During the month allowed for making up a half-year's accounts the applications for payments have to be examined for the Finance Committee's meeting, and they have become very numerous and troublesome.

In consequence of all these circumstances I need some help while the accounts are being made up, and of course that help will need to be expert.

Mise le mesr.
(Signed) B. J. O'Keeffe.

Order: - "Granted" Accountant.
Proposed by Councillor Mr. O'Braonain
Seconded by Councillor Mr. Killian
And Resolved "That as sum

of £3 per week plus Railway fare be allowed for an Assistant (to be recommended by Mr Flanagan ex. D. C. Clerk) for the Accountants' Office for four weeks in each half-year.

Application from the Superintendent of the Garda Síochána, Roscommon, for a sand-blast machine for the Inspector of Weights and Measures at Boyle was submitted:—

Order:— "To be supplied".

Mr John Keaveney moved the following notice of motion:—

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We beg to give notice that at the next meeting of the County Council, we, or some member acting on our behalf will move that all coal contracts of our Council financed from the rates of the County, terminate. none but Irish coal be burned in future.

(Signed) John Keaveney,
Owen Bull.

Proposed by Councillor John Keaveney,
Seconded by Councillor Owen Bull.
And Resolved,

"That as all our coal contracts terminate none but Irish coal be used in future when obtainable and at the right price.

Mr John Drury moved the following
notice of motion:—
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"I hereby give notice that I, or some other member on my behalf, will move at next meeting of the County Council that the Rev. Malachy Brennan, Kilglass, be appointed on the Roscommon Agriculture and Technical Instruction Committee.

Proposed by councillor John Drury.
Seconded by councillor James Neary.
And Resolved.

"That Rev. M. MacBraman be appointed a member of the Strokestown Old Age pension Committee and also a member of the Agricultural Technical Committee.

Proposed by councillor John Drury.
Seconded by councillor James Neary.
And Resolved.

"That Rev. P. J. Kelly, Strokestown be appointed a member of the Agricultural Committee.

Proposed by councillor M. J. McDermott.
Seconded by councillor William Flynn.
And Resolved.

"That The Very Rev. P. Canon Butler P. P. Elphin be appointed on the Roscommon Agricultural

and Technical Committee and also on the Strokestown Old Age Pension Committee.

Letter from the Under-Sheriff, Roscommon stating that Mr. Chas. Lennon has been appointed caretaker of the Roscommon Courthouse Gate Lodge. Order:— "Approved"

Letter from Under-Sheriff, Roscommon enclosing copy of a letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, re changing Polling Booth from Drumlion School to Drumlion Hall.

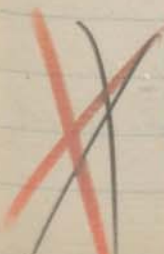
Order:— Council agreeable to the change.

Letter from Mr. Chas. Lennon, Gate Lodge, Roscommon, for usual supply of coal viz. 5 Tons was submitted. Order:— "Granted"

Application from Kate Cahill, Boyle, re authorisation of Paying Order No. 49558 of the 29th February 1926 was submitted:—

Order:— Re-authorize if

Application from Mr. E. E. Ballan, Solicitor Boyle, re authorisation of Paying Order No. 4955 of the 18th February 1921 was submitted. Order: Re-authorize if sanctioned

 Letter from Secretary, to Board of Health, Roscommon re state of cottage Rent collections in the late barrick-on, Shannon No. 2.

R. D. Council was submitted.

Order: - Council's Solicitor to proceed against collector in barrick on Shannon No. 2.

Collector Paul Egan tendered his resignation as Rate collector. Order: - "Resignation accepted" To be advertised for January meeting.

Collector P. J. Mcbrann tendered his resignation as Rate collector. Order: - "Accepted." To be advertised for next meeting.

Proposed by councillor Denis O'Leary.
Seconded by councillor James Neary
And Resolved.

"That the Council recommend to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health the applications of collectors Moran, Baron and Egan to be poundage at 8^d on their warrants for the year ended 31st March 1926, which they closed in full. These three collectors have only been appointed within the past two years and have had a very difficult job in collecting arrears left outstanding by their predecessors therefore we trust the minister will accede to the Council's recommendation as it will be an incentive to these collectors to proceed diligently with their work in future. We also ask the Minister to sanction 8d. poundage to collector O'Hara on his warrant for the half-year 30th September last which he closed on

the 8th instant and to collector Devaney who closed on the 14th instant for the same half year.

Proposed by councillor John Burke.
 Seconded by councillor Edward Moran.
 And Resolved

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to sanction poundage at 2d. extra to collector Mcbrann whose resignation has been accepted to-day, on his warrant for the half year ended 31st March 1925, he having lodged both moieties within ten months"

Proposed by councillor John Burke.
 Seconded by councillor Edward Moran.
 And Resolved

"That the arrears lists of collectors James Martin, James Bonnaughton and Edward Doyle, who have closed their warrants for the half year ended 30th Sept. last, less amounts in column 10 of said lists, be forwarded to the Local Government Dept. for their ruling. The Council after carefully considering these lists recommend that the amounts in column 10 be struck off as irrecoverable, except item No 1110 £4-3-9. on Mr Bonnaughton's list which should be carried forward and the collectors given credit for them and the collectors given credit for them in closing their collections for above half year. Viz. Jas. Martin £8-14-6, Edward Doyle £29-1-4

and James Bonnaughton £120-11-4

Proposed by councillor John Drury,
Seconded by councillor P. J. Jordan,
And Resolved,

"That we the Roscommon County Council ask the Minister for Local Government whether he will give sanction to a proposal of a local committee of responsible persons in Boyle to purchase the ex-Fever Hospital and the field at the ex-workhouse in Boyle for the purposes of it being converted into and used as a Public Park and for the holding of Agricultural Shows etc., This Council is at a financial loss each year from these premises in respect of the Land Commission annuity.

We also submit that building sites could be offered for sale off the frontage of the ex-workhouse grounds without in any way interfering with the use of the existing buildings and we suggest that if this proposal meets with the approval of the Minister the price realised from the sale of any plots off these premises would be used to redeem as far as possible the advance made from the Land Commission towards the purchase of these premises.

We ask the Minister to give his sanction to this proposal.

Application from Mr R. Hans. M. R. C. V.S. for eight Swim Baths was submitted.

Order : - "Adjourn"

Letter from Messrs Nooney & Dowdall, Solicitors, Mullingar, stating legal proceedings will be taken against the Council if the amount of the Malicious Injury Decree is not paid forthwith. Order:- "Refer to Solicitor".

Letter from Mrs S. J. Kelly, Frenchpark, asking to be appointed caretaker of Frenchpark Sessions House. was submitted.

Order. Mrs Kelly to be appointed courtkeeper in Frenchpark. at £5 per annum.

Letter from Mr J. Sheran, Doon, Boyle, for use of Frenchpark Courthouse, for holding an Irish Glass was submitted :-

Order : - "Refused".

Minutes of the proceedings of the Roscommon Advisory Committee were submitted :-

Proposed by councillor John Burke,

Seconded by councillor Edward Moran,

And Resolved.

"That an inquiry be held into the business of the Roscommon Towns Committee re finance etc. comprising of three Members of the County Council, two from the Towns Committee and two

from the Town Tenants League. Councils
representatives:- Mr E Moran, Wm Hafferty and
M. J. McDermott. Date of Meeting, 30th Oct 12 o'clock

Letter from District Justice, Castlereagh,
re state of Ballinlough Courthouse was
submitted. Order:- "to Surveyor to inspect."

Proposed by councillor James Neary,
Seconded by councillor Denis Creators,
And Resolved

"That in accordance
with Sec. 63 (1) of the Local Government
Act 1925. we ask the Minister to authorize
payment of contributions by us towards
the travelling expenses of members of
Committee's set up by the Council
under Article 55 (1) a of the Public Bodies
Order 1925, and also to councillors who
attended joint meetings of the members
of this Council, the Board of Health,
the ex District Council Clerks, held prior
to the 1st October 1925 for the purpose of
winding up the affairs of the District
Councils

Proposed by councillor Edward Moran.
Seconded by councillor John Burke,
And Resolved.

"That in accordance
with the provisions of Secs. 7 & 8
respectively of the Housing Buildings

Facilities Acts 1924 and 1925. we agree to remit nineteen - twentieths of the rates assessed by us for the current financial year on houses in respect of which a grant has been made by the minister for Local Government and Public Health. under above Acts, and which have not been included in the new Buildings Lists made by this Council under the rating of New Buildings Order 1925; and we further direct that all such houses be added to the new Buildings List.

Proposed by councillor Mr. Killiam,
Seconded by councillor Wm Donnelly,
And Resolved.

"That we ask the Board of Works to give an explanation as to why the Board's Engineer was sent to report on the Tinnecarra River in the Northern area of this County before reporting on the Cross River in the Southern area, considering that the petition, map and our Engineer's Report on the Cross River was sent to the Board about two months earlier than in the case of the Tinnecarra river. We cannot understand why the petitions are not taken up in the order ^{in which} they are forwarded to the Board

Notices from District Court Clerk's re committing children to Industrial Schools.

were submitted. Order: - "Approved."

Reports on Patients under treatment at
Paramount were submitted.

Letter from caretaker ex-workhouse,
Stokestown, was submitted stating that
a dozen locks and keys were required
Order: - "To be procured."

Resolution from Hon. Secretary of the
National Organization of Town Tenants re
administration of Town Advisory Committee
was submitted and marked. "Read"

Councillor Andrew Hogg handed in the
following notice of motion: -

Copy.

"Take notice that I or some other member
on my behalf will at next meeting
move that the expenditure for new works
under the Roads Scheme will not exceed
£4,000 and each area get a proportionate
share according to its valuation."

(Signed) Andrew Hogg.

Signed
M. Krasnow
5 Nov 1926.

