Minutes of Proceedings of Quarterly Meeting of the Roscommon County Council held at the Courthouse, Roscommon on Friday, 5th November, 1926.

Mr. M. O'Braonain Chairman, presided, and the following Members were in attendance:- Councillors Drury, Kearney, Waters, Mc Greal, Donegan, Hafferty, Moran, E. Dreaton, Kline O'Farrell, Mc Cann, W. Flynn, Wm. Donnelly, Burke, Allen, Millar and Ledwith.

Proposed by Councillor J. Mc Cann, Seconded by Councillor E. Dreaton, And Resolved:-

"That the Minutes of last Meeting held on the 23rd October, be marked as "Read".

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

Letter No. L 38440 re Ballaghadereen Courthouse and proposed use of portion thereof as Garda Siochana Barracks

Order:-

Order:- "Adjourn."

Circular No. H. 39176 re appointment of County Medical Officer of Health. Order:- "Adjourn for attendance of Medical Inspector"

Letter No. G. 50178 re allowance for temporary assistance to the Accountant.

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

"That the Local Government Department be informed that the Council in considering Mrs. O'Keeffe's application for expert assistance for four weeks in each half-year made necessary on account of the transferred District Council business, was aware that the permanent staff of the Council being less than hitherto could not be spared to meet Mrs. O'Keeffe's demand and we again ask the Department to allow Mrs. O'Keeffe's request to be granted."

Letter No. 44402 Auditor's Report on the Accounts of Ballinasloe Mental Hospital for

for period ended 31st March 1926"
Letter No. 20340 from the Office of Public Works, Dublin re Ballinamore and Ballyconnell Canal was submitted and marked "Read."

Mr. Andrew Hogg moved the following Notice of Motion standing in his name:-

(Copy)

"Take notice that I or some other "Member on my behalf will at "the next Meeting, move that "the expenditure for New Works "under Roads Scheme will not "exceed £4000 and each area "get a proportionate share "according to its Valuation."

(Signed) Andrew Hogg.

Proposed by Councillor Andrew Hogg.
Seconded by Councillor John Keaveney
And Resolved:-

"That the expenditure for New Works under the Roads Scheme will not exceed 3½d in the £ and that each electoral area get a proportionate share according to its valuation and population"

Letter

Letter was received from the Acting Secretary, County Board of Health applying for a loan of £3500 for the proposed improvement of Strokestown Waterworks:-

Proposed by Councillor J. D. O'Farrell,
Seconded by Councillor Edwd. Kline,
And Resolved:-

"That our Treasurer or the Board of Works be asked if a loan of £3,500 can be obtained for a long period to meet the requirements of the proposed improvement in Strokestown waterworks."

The following applications from the County Surveyor were submitted:- See over.

(Copy)
County Surveyor's Office,
Courthouse,
Roscommon.
4th November 1926

Gentlemen,

I request your sanction to the following Sudden Damage Works executed within the September half-year, and paid out of Contingencies allocated in

Gentlemen, I beg to make application to you for the services of a temporary clerk for a period of three months to cope with the amount of extra work entailed by the preparation of the Road Works Scheme and preparation of Estimates for coming year. I am, Gentlemen, Your obedient Servant, (Sgd) Michael Kearney, Co. Surveyor.

4.11.1926. Order:- Approved at salary of £3 per week

in Schedule 1926-27.

(1) Rebuilding broken down Bridge at Derraun. £38=6=2

(2) Rebuilding bulwert on Road No. 340 at Aghadreelán. £16=15=4

(3) Erecting temporary Protection paling on Drumma Bridge broken by lorry. (Claim lodged by the County Surveyor) £4=1=6

(4) Rebuilding broken down bulwert on Road No. 181 at Scraba. £23=18=0

£83=1=0.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
(Sgd) Michael Nerney.

Proposed by Councillor M. O'Braonain,
Seconded by Councillor P. J. Waters,
And Resolved:-
"That the County Council hereby approves of the following Sudden Damage repairs carried out by the County Surveyor within the half-year ended September 1926:-

(1) Rebuilding broken down bridge at Derraun. £38=6=2

(2) Rebuilding bulwert on Road No. 340 at Aghdreelán. £16. 15. 4

(3)

(3) Erecting temporary protection railing on Drumnea. Bridge £4-1-6
(4) Rebuilding culvert on Road No. 181 at Scrahn. £23-18-0

Report to County Secretary from the District Surveyor, on the state of Ballinlough Workhouse.

The building is in a very bad state of repair and bears more resemblance to a barn than a workhouse.

The woodwork of all doors and windows is decayed and the plaster is falling off the walls and ceiling. I sent a detailed report to the County Surveyor on this about the 18th June 1926.

It will take about £50 to effect the necessary repairs.

(Signed) James Flanagan

P.S. Since the above Report was written Mr. Flanagan has told me that in reality the building is so bad that a new one is required.

(Signed) Michael Feeney
Co. Surveyor.

Order:- Estimate to be prepared and

and Tenders taken at next Meeting"

The Report of the County Surveyor for the Quarter ended 30th September was submitted.
Order :- "Approved subject to resolutions on proposals. County Surveyor to fix dates for District Roads Meetings."

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Donnelly.
Seconded by Councillor M. O'Braonain
And Resolved :-
"That the County Council apply for a loan of £5000 for the steam-rolling of the Athlone - Roscommon road on such terms as recent loans for similar purposes were obtained."

Proposed by Councillor M. O'Braonain
Seconded by Councillor Park. Mc. Greal
And Resolved :-
"That the Council approves of the County Surveyor paying for the urgent repairs carried out at Boyle Courthouse out of amount allocated for renovation of Roscommon Courthouse. Knowing that he had not foreseen this liability when estimating for maintenance

of

of Councillors for 1926-1924"

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Waters.
Seconded by Councillor Wm. Flynn.
And Resolved:-
"That Mr. Burke, Allen and the Chairman be a Committee for re-arrangement of Councilhouse accommodation."

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Waters
Seconded by Councillor W. Donnelly.
And Resolved:-
"That the County Surveyor be authorised to spend an additional sum of £-101-6-4 on the repairs to Ballynee Bridge"

Proposed by Councillor John Keaveney
Seconded by Councillor John Drury
And Resolved:-
"That owing to the increased traffic on the road leading from the Aughna mines to the Aughna Railway Station (at least ten times the normal traffic) the Council give the County Surveyor a direction to have this road kept in reasonable repair by allowing him draw upon the money already

already provided for contingencies"

Proposed by Councillor Wm Donnelly.
Seconded by Councillor John Keaveney
And Resolved:-
"That the Proposals for Payments made by the Proposal Committee of this Council at their Meeting on the 23rd October and this day submitted to us be and are hereby approved."

The Quarterly Report of the Public Analyst was submitted.

The following Report re Artizans Dwellings, Roscommon, was submitted:-
(Copy)
As a result of the inquiry which was held on Saturday last, we find that according to the figures given to us by the Secretary of the Advisory Committee the sum of £284-2-1 is supposed to be to the credit of the No. 2 account which deals only with the affairs of the Artizans Dwellings We advise that this money be paid immediately to the Board of Works. We also

consider

consider that the County Council should be made aware of the amount of penal interest that has accrued on those houses as the result of the mal-administration of the Advisory Committee in not having sent this money to the Board of Works. We also recommend that the County Council should know if any portion of this £284-2-1 has been used for any other purpose. We recommend that the Council help them in every way possible.

(Signed) William Daffenty
Edward Moreau

The following Scheme of Purchase by the Tenants was submitted:-

(Copy)

(1) A sum of £2500 to be paid in 50 half-yearly instalments of £5 each. Payments to be made in advance.
(2) The Tenants to insure the houses against damage.
(3) The Tenants to take responsibility for all repairs.

(4)

(4) The tenants to pay legal expenses in connection with the sale.
(5) A Rent 10/- per house per year to be paid in perpetuity by the tenants.
(6) The Board of Works to be entitled to collect any further payments that may come from the Blaney fund, after the completion of sale.
(7) The tenants to pay all arrears of rent.

(Signed) James J. Loftus,
on behalf of Tenants

(Order:- "Approved)

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

"That we ask the Local Government Dept. and the Board of Works to accept the proposal of the occupiers of the Artizans' Dwellings for purchase of these Houses."

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

"That if the Scheme put forward for the purchase of

of the Artizans dwellings be not accepted a rent of six shillings per week from this ~~week~~ date be fixed on those houses in order to meet their liabilities"

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Daffely
Seconded by Councillor Ed. Moran,
and resolved
"That the facts in connection with the Artizans Dwellings built by the Roscommon Town Commissioners having been placed before us, we have come to the conclusion that there has been maladministration of those houses by which the tenants are the sufferers.
We hereby request the Minister for Local Government and the Commissioner for Works on receipt of the sum passed this day to remit the penal interest charged by them and further that the interest for the years 1921 and 1922 and 1923 be remitted."

Letter submitted from Mr. John Forde, Solicitor, Boyle, asking to have the fine imposed on Patrick Bracken, Headue, under the

the Motor Car Act cancelled or mitigated":-

Proposed by Councillor John Dwyer.
Seconded by Councillor John Keaveney.
And Resolved:-
"That we request the District Justice of Carrick-on-Shannon District to take into consideration that the defendant - Pat Bracken - Keadue, had forwarded the amount due in respect of his Motor Tax to Roscommon two days previous to his being summoned and we believe the case ought to be reconsidered by the Justice with a view to remit the amount of the fine inflicted".

Application for the position of Rate Collector rendered vacant by the resignation of Collector P. J. Mc Cann was received from Miss Lillie Hayden
Proposed by Councillor J. Mc Cann
Seconded by Councillor Wm Flynn.
And Resolved:-
"That Miss Hayden be appointed Rate Collector in room of Mr. Mc Cann"

Letter

Letter from the Canelábor Union Buildings. Castlerea asking if he would obey a Councillor's order to give vacant rooms to another tenant. Order :- "Don't take order"

Letter from Councillor P. J. Jordan asking to have contractor's name in Road Contract altered :-
Proposed by Councillor M. O'Braonain
Seconded by Councillor Wm Flynn.
And Resolved :-
"That the contractor for by-road through Castromore leading from Buckhill North to Aghalustia local road be transferred with the consent of the sureties from the name of Robert Gaver, Aughnine, Moyne Ballaghaderreen, to whom payments should be made as Gaver has gone to America and Moran has agreed to carry out his work."

The Secretary submitted the following list showing the amount outstanding in respect of the half-year ended 30th

30th September, 1926:-

Date of Warrant taken up.	Name	Amount still outstanding	Amount of Warrant.
1st July 1926	Pats. Fallon	£ 244. 12. 0	£ 429 = 3 = 3
18th Aug. "	Batty Moran	384. 10. 6	£1111 = 1 = 11
22nd June "	Hugh Drury	432. 17. 8	1345. 6. 10
22nd July "	Harry Rogers	541. 2. 1	1949. 19. 11
2nd June "	James Glynn	44. 18. 10	493. 14. 5
22nd " "	John Tyler	466. 19. 7	1135. 7. 1
6th Septr. "	Wm Carron	826. 16. 6	1120. 6. 1
26th June "	P. G. Shanagher	520. 19. 2	1821. 0. 10
23rd " "	Thos. Fleming	230. 0. 6	946. 12. 3
" " "	Wm. Bolan	212. 3. 8	1003. 12. 0
11th Sept "	Hubert Regan	848. 14. 1	1817. 17. 9
23rd " "	M. J. Rourke	620. 11. 3	2617. 2. 6

Order:- "Above Collectors to be asked for explanation".

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 8d. in £ to the following Collectors who have closed their Collections for the half-year ended 30th September last":- B. O Boyle.
Mannion

Marrion James Murray, Crawley, Croghan, and Beirne, and also to Malachy Murray on his apportioned share of ex-Collector Geraghty's District for above half-year which he has lodged in full."

Letter from Weights and Measures Inspector re state of Office was submitted:-
Order:- "Board of Works to be communicated with."

Application from Miss B. A. Cahalan, University College, Galway, asking to have her Scholarship increased from £50 to £65 was marked "Refused"

The Rate Books and Collectors' Warrant of the Town Advisory Committee was signed by the Chairman and two other Members of the Council.

(Signed) Edmd Farrell

Chairman