Minutes of Proceedings of Meeting of Roscommon County Council held at the Courthouse, Roscommon on Tuesday, 15th February, 1924

Councillor John O'Farrell presided and subsequently Councillor John Drury, Vice Chairman.

The following Members were present:- Councillors Neary, Hogg, Drury, Keaveney, O'Beirne, Grogan, Mc Greal, Donegan, Hafferty, Moran, E. Beatson, Kline, Mc Dermott, O'Farrell, Mc Brann, Wm. Flynn, Donnelly, J. Flynn, and Allen.

Proposed by Councillor James Neary
Seconded by Councillor Edward Kline
And Resolved:-
"That Mr. John O'Farrell take the Chair."

Proposed by Councillor James Neary.
Seconded by Councillor Edwd. Beatson
And Resolved:-
"That the Minutes of last Meeting be taken as read."

A letter was submitted from the Chairman - Mr. M. O'Braonain thanking

thanking the Council for their note of condolence with him on the death of his father

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The following resolutions to decide the various sums to go on the ~~agenda~~ Estimate for the approaching financial year were passed :-

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

"That the Estimate of the Ballinasloe Mental Hospital be reduced by £2120"

Proposed by Councillor Andrew Hogg
Seconded by Councillor James Neary.
And Resolved :-

"That owing to the exhorbitant levy for the burning of the Knockmicar Creamery which is on a few divisions only, the period of rate be extended to a period of three years subject to the Solicitor's opinion."

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

"That

"That the Malicious Injury claims of O'Neill and Naghten to be levied off the townlands of Bloomfield and Bloomfield be spread over a period of five years for collection as we consider it a severe hardship that the occupiers of these townlands be asked to pay 17/4 if levied in one year subject to legal opinion".

Proposed by Councillor Joseph W. Crann
Seconded by Councillor J. D. O'Farrell.
And Resolved:-

"That the Malicious Injury Decree of John Tighe Drumlish, be spread over a period of three years for collection subject to legal opinion"

Proposed by Councillor Wm Hafferty
Seconded by Councillor M. H. Grogan.
And Resolved:-

"That the balance remaining to credit of the ex-Rural District of Castlerea being sufficient to meet it in the year 1924-28 the charge for national injuries is to be met thereout and no separate rate levied"

Proposed

Proposed by Councillor M. J. Grogan
Seconded by Councillor J. Mc. Cann
And Resolved :-
"That we pay at our Meeting to-day all claims for Malicious Injuries under £100."

Proposed by Councillor Patk. Mc. Geal
Seconded by Councillor Edwd. Creighton
"That this Council strike no rate for teaching Irish"

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Hafferty
Seconded by Councillor Wm. Flynn.
"That this Committee strike the usual rate for the teaching of the Irish language."

A Poll was then taken and the Motion to strike a rate was defeated by 10 Votes to 9.

The following voted for the Motion :- Councillors Neary, Drury, Grogan, Hafferty, Moran, Mc. Cann, Wm Flynn, Donnelly and J. Flynn.

The following voted against :- Councillors Hogg, Keaveney, O'Beirne, Mc. Geal, Donegan

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Proposed by Councillor Park. Mc. Greal.
Seconded by Councillor E. Creighton.
And Resolved :-
"That this Council strike no rate for teaching Irish."

Proposed by Councillor James Neary
Seconded by Councillor John Keaveney
And Resolved :-
"That we request the Department of Agriculture to recoup half the Secretary's salary of £60 as clerk to the Diseases of Animals Acts. This resolution to be retrospective."

Proposed by Councillor John Flynn.
Seconded by Councillor William Flynn.
And Resolved :-
"That the Athlone Urban District Council be requested to transfer to this Council's account all the arrears due to this County in respect of the County in lieu of rates on Government property in the Athlone Urban District."

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The following letter was submitted from the Co. Surveyor:-

(Copy)

Co. Surveyor's Office
Courthouse,
Roscommon
8. 2. 1924

Report of the County Surveyor to the Roscommon Co. Council re Estimate for repairs and renovations of County Courthouses

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my estimate for repairs and renovations to the Courthouses in the County under your charge.

From the monies already in hands I have sufficient to complete the repairs and improvements to Boyle Courthouse and to maintain the Courthouses of Boyle, Roscommon, and Castlerea for the coming twelve months*.

The Courthouse in Castlerea is going into a state of dilapidation as nothing seems to have been done with it for a number of years. The roof and cornices require repairs and the exterior

* At the present time the money is all earmarked for Boyle and Roscommon, and it will be necessary for you to pass a resolution authorising me to spend it in Castlerea for the coming twelve months.

exterior requires to be touched up. The windows are in many cases rotting for the want of paint. All the woodwork requires painting The interior requires distempering I would estimate for the doing of this work a sum of £150.

bounty bourthouse in Roscommon. This bourthouse requires a complete overhaul. It is one of the finest in Ireland and it would be a pity to allow it to deteriorate. As you can see for yourselves all the woodwork requires cleaning and varnishing and in some cases painting. The windows are all shaking and going bad for the want of paint, the walls want distempering, the floors of the bounty bourd chamber and principal offices requires to be covered and some office furniture is needed both in the Secretary's and bounty Surveyor's Offices. Certain alterations have to be done in order to re-arrange the offices, to give more suitable accommodation, and to do this work in a proper manner I estimate that it will take the

Sum

sum of £850.

The above amounts may appear high, but no painting or repairs of the kind I mentioned have been done for the past thirty years and the total amount I ask for does not come to a penny in the £ and I am sure you will all appreciate those buildings which are your own property should be kept in a decent condition, and the offices of your staff, which are the chief offices of local Administration should also be fitted up in an up-to-date manner.

I am, Gentlemen
Your obedient Servant,
(Sgd) Michael Nemey
Co. Surveyor

The following order was made on same "Adopted".

Councillor John Drury then presided.

Letter and telegram from the Irish Tourist Association asking the County Council

to

to levy a rate in aid of the Tourist ~~Association asking the County~~ Advertising was submitted and marked "Refused".

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

Letter No. 52245 of the 13th November stating that if a Tuberculosis Scheme was formulated by the County Council half of the net expenditure in carrying out the Scheme together with the Roscommon County's share in the Sanatorium Grant of £1263 would be available. Order:- "Read"

Letters Nos. 53515, 58222, 39176. & 53985 re appointment of County Medical Officer of Health and enclosing list of duties to be performed. Order:- "Adjourned"

Letter No. 35004 enclosing copy of the Architect's Report on the advisability of having the Workhouse Buildings at Castlerea converted into dwellings. Order:- "Read"

Letter

Letter No. 58730 relative to the proposed superannuation to Mr. Heneun as Solicitor to the late Castlerea Rural District Council and letter from Mr. Heneun on the same subject. The following resolution was passed thereon:-
Proposed by Co. John O'Farrell,
Seconded by Co. John Allen,
And Resolved:-
"That Mr. Michael J. Heneun, Solicitor, Roscommon be allowed a pension at the rate of £25 per annum as ex-Solicitor to the late Castlerea Rural District Council as from the date - 30th September 1925 being the date on which that Council was abolished by the Local Government Act of 1925."

Circular No. 60463 fixing the scale of compensation payable under the School Attendance Officers (Compensation) Order of 1924 was marked "Read"

Letter No. 54161 enclosing copy of letter addressed to the County Board

Board of Health re the adoption of a Scheme for promoting the welfare of the Blind in the County was marked "Approved".

Circular No. 56951 relative to the general conditions under which the Poor Rates are being collected. Order:-"Adjourn to Quarterly Meeting".

Letter No. 4059 re rent charged to Michael Devine as tenant in the ex-Workhouse, Strokestown, and stating that sanction to same cannot be given. Order:- 1/- per week to be charged to all tenants".

Letter No. R.G.M. 201 re Road Maintenance Grants 1927-28 and stating that a Grant of £6109 is being given to County Roscommon out of the Road Fund:-
Proposed by Councillor M. H. Grogan.
Seconded by Councillor W. Donnelly
And Resolved:-
"That the County Council are prepared to allow the County Surveyors Estimate for taking of ~~Road Grants~~ Grants Roads to stand and will not avail of the taking

Learning grant by the Roads Department."

Letter No. 3893 enclosing Order under Seal transferring the Powers, Duties, etc. of the Town Commissioners to the County Board of Health and Public Assistance. Order "Read".

Letters enclosing copies of the Auditor's Reports on the accounts of Roscommon Town Mental Hospital, and the County Board of Health.

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

Letter No. 22926 enclosing copies of letters from Mrs. S. Harris, Frenchpark, and from the Roscommon County Board of Health re the state of Bloonshannille Abbey:-

Proposed by Councillor Jas. Neary,
Seconded by Councillor John O'Farrell
And Resolved:-

"That we forward the correspondence from the Board of Works re Bloonshan-

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ville Abbey to the County Board of Health and asks them to obtain from the Irish Land Commission sufficient land for a new burial plot with a view to the preservation of the Abbey ruins by the Board of Works."

Letter No. 15326 enclosing copy of the Changing Order of the Ballybay Drainage District. Order:- "Read"

Letter No. 145 enclosing copy of Changing Order of the Drogham Drainage District. Order:- "Read."

Letter and Petition to be presented to the County Council re the Boyle River (Tinacarra) proposed Drainage District. Order:- "Refer to the County Surveyor"

The question of the permanent collection of rates for the Districts formerly collected by ex-Collector Geraghty was now considered and a resolution from the Rate Collectors Association of the County Roscommon asking the Council to leave the District as at present allocated to Collectors Connaghton, Dolan and Murray, who have been for a long term of

of years in the service of the County Council:-
Proposed by Councillor Wm. Donnelly
Seconded by Councillor John Flynn
"That the Rate Collection District formerly collected by Mr. Geraghty be declared vacant when the second moiety of present collection be closed and that a new appointment be then made for the Districts of Trenty, Mote and Seneg and that Kilbride North and South be added to Collector Nolan's District."

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Hafferty
Seconded by Councillor Edwd Moran
"That the present arrangement holds good, and if not, the vacancy be advertised".
A Poll was then taken and Mr. Donnelly's Motion was carried by 16 Votes to 3.
The following voted for Mr. Donnelly's Motion:-
Councillors Neary, Hogg, Drury, Kearney, O'Beirne, Grogan, Mc Greal, E. Preaton, Kline Mc Dermott, O'Farrell, Mc Cann, W. Flynn, Donnelly, J. Flynn & Allen.

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The following voted against:-
Councillors Donegan, Hafferty and Moran.
Proposed by Councillor Wm Donnelly.
Seconded by Councillor John Flynn.
And Resolved:-
"That the rate Collection District formerly collected by Mr. Geraghty be declared vacant when the second moiety of the present collection is closed and that a new appointment be then made for the Districts of Treaty, Mote and Seneg and that Kilmide North and South be added to Collector Dolan's District."

Councillor John Drury withdrew the Notice of Motion standing in his name relative to the Roscommon Town Affairs

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Proposed by Councillor John Drury.
Seconded by Councillor John Kavanagh
And Resolved:-
"That the Rev. M. O'Beirne, P.P. Tarmonbarry be added to the Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction".

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The Notice of Audit of the Roscommon Town Affairs was submitted.

Letters from Messrs. Kelly and Walker, Solicitors, Athlone. enclosing Requisition to tax costs as Solicitors to the late Athlone No. 2 Rural District Council and the County Board of Health for period ended 30th September 1925 were submitted:- Order:- "Mr. Hannon to tax costs."

Application from Mr. W. J. Walker, Solicitor, Athlone. for compensation for loss of office as Solicitor to Athlone Rural District Council was adjourned pending the result of Taxation.

Letter from Senator Sir Edward Bellingham enclosing Plans and Book of Reference of the proposed Arigna Transport Development (Railways & Canals) Scheme was submitted:-
Proposed by Councillor John Keaveney
Seconded by Councillor P. Mc Greal

And

And Resolved :-

"That we, the Roscommon County Council having considered so much of the Plans, Sections and Books of Reference of the proposed Anglo Transport Development (Railways and Canals) Scheme, as affects the interests of this Council hereby approve of same. We have also considered the merits of the whole proposition, which includes the establishment of a wide gauge Railway, instead of the Cavan and Leitrim narrow gauge Railway including the line up the Anglo valley, and we are satisfied that the construction of a wide gauge would materially stimulate agriculture and trading interests, and alone all facilitate the economic development of the mineral resources of Anglo and Shiveanearin which could be despatched without deterioration or increased cost to the proper markets.

We realize that the construction of the entire Scheme as proposed would give immense employment so urgently needed in the District at present and will establish

permanent

permanent employment in the developing of the mineral resources thus enabling the people to keep their sons and daughters at home instead of having to emigrate to foreign countries. We further realise that the giving of employment to a large number of people as will be necessarily on the construction of the Railways and the development of the minerals, will give immediate relief to the taxpayer in respect of unemployment, not only in the District but throughout the country, and also that the carrying out of the Scheme will bring immense Revenue to the Government in various ways which could be applied towards the reduction of taxation and the development of further industries in the country.

In these circumstances we ask the Senators and Y. Ds' representing the County to support the passage of the Bill through the Dieachtas with all their power, so that the necessary works and development may be

be commenced with as little delay as possible which are so urgently needed at the present time. That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Minister for Industry and Commerce, the President of the Irish Free State, The T. D's for the County and to Senator Sir Edward Bellingham Bart."

Letter from the Managers of the National Bank, Roscommon, stating that his Directors would give a loan of £10,000 for 10 years at 5½ per cent. (additional Housing Loan):-

Proposed by Councillor J. Keaveney.
Seconded by Councillor John O'Farrell.

"That we refuse to borrow the sum of £10,000 for Loans under the Housing Act for the present as we consider this an inopportune time for embarking on further Schemes involving the overtaxed ratepayers in further expense."

Proposed by Councillor Edwd. Moran,
Seconded by Councillor Wm. Hafferty

"That this Council avail themselves of the £10,000 now offered by the National Bank for the

the purpose of carrying out the proposed Housing Scheme through."

A Poll was then taken and Councillor Keaneys Motion was carried by 11 Votes to 4.

The following voted for Keaney's Motion :- Councillors Neary, Hogg, (~~Denny~~), Keaney, O'Beirne, Grogan, Mc Greal, E. Keaton Kline, O'Farrell, Donnelly & Allen.

The following voted against:- Councillors Barry, Donegan, Hafferty, Moran, Mc Dermott, Mc Keown, and W. Flynn.

Proposed by Councillor J. Keaney
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Farrell.

And Resolved :-

"That we refuse to borrow the sum of £10,000 for loans under the Housing Act for the present, as we consider this an inopportune time for embarking on further Schemes involving the overtaxed ratepayers in further expense".

Letter from the Managers of the National Bank, Roscommon, enclosing Mortgage to be executed by the Council for Loan of £5000

£5000 for steam-rolling the Athlone-Roscommon road:-
Proposed by Councillor Edwd. Brighton
Seconded by Councillor James Neary.
And Resolved:-
"That we hereby sign and seal the Mortgage submitted to us for the loan of £5000 for Steam-Rolling the Athlone-Roscommon Road"

The following letter from the County Surveyor was submitted:-

(Copy)

To Surveyor's Office
Courthouse.
Roscommon.
9.2.1924.

Report of the County Surveyor to the Roscommon County Council re Ganger Charles Doherty.

Gentlemen

As instructed by you at your Meeting held on the 25th January I went to Ganger Doherty's section on Thursday. 24th January to investigate the charges made against him by two men named Michael Beirne and Edward Keneham.

I found Ganger Doherty working with his men and those

others

other men who made the complaints met me there.

The charge made by Beirne as to Ganger Doherty using his own horse on the road in another man's name I found to be true, the horse being actually working that day. The ganger said he did not know it was irregular but guaranteed not to do it in future as I pointed out to him that on the face of it, it was unfair whilst other carters might be looking for work.

In the case of the complaint by Thomas Beirne that he could not get work carting, the ganger said he had no work for him, and that when he did get a chance of work when the brushes started there, he went on strike with a good many others against working on a tonnage basis. This Beirne denied, but to clear the matter up, the ganger agreed to my instructions to give him an equitable share of the work in future as the man is apparently a good

worker

workers and anxious to work.

With regard to the other charge of Michael Devine's that Ganger Doherty drew stones quarried for Priest Lahons to have his own house built, I find that his own house is built about sixteen years and I could find no corroboration of this charge.

A further charge of having misappropriated coal belonging to the County Council made by the same man also lacks corroboration, and further the charge is made for a time about four years ago.

I then asked Doherty why he did not give work to Michael Devine and he stated that on previous occasions, when he did employ him, he found him in public houses on two occasions and on another occasion, he turned up at the quarry drunk with his horse, and that generally he was an unsatisfactory man.

With regard to Lenehan's charge about getting paid for working the ganger's horse when the horse was not working I could get no confirmation of this

this and further he could not give me the date.

I personally consider the root of the trouble to be spite as those charges if true should have been brought on before. I further think that a certain amount of freedom must be given to the gangers in the selection of his men as otherwise he will not get the best men, nor will he have the same authority over them.

Since I have taken up duties here as County Surveyor I have had no cause for complaint against Ganger Doherty and I can say that his roads are all in tip-top order and he always keeps his expenditure low. I consider him a very good man and at the moment would be very sorry to lose him.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
(Sgd) Michael Kenny

Proposed by Councillor J. Keaveney.
Seconded by Councillor James Keary.
And Resolved:-
"That having heard the

the explanation of the County Surveyor concerning complaints made against Ganger Doherty, we exonerate him from all charges made against him with the instruction that in future he is not to have his own horse at works."

The County Surveyor submitted letters from Mr. Stephen Hannon and Mrs. Mc Namara Roscommon, stating that they will accept £800 and £400 respectively for moving back their houses in Church St. Roscommon for the purpose of widening the dangerous corner there :-

Proposed by Councillor Edward Blunt
Seconded by Councillor Joseph O'Beirne
"That this Council adjourn consideration of purchasing Mr. Hannon's and Mrs. Mc Namara's property to widen Roscommon street until the country gets more prosperous"

Proposed by Councillor John Drury.
Seconded by Councillor James Neary.
"That the sum of £100 be offered to Mr. Hannon and £50

£.50 to Mrs. Mc Namara for the purpose of widening the corner at their premises and that the County Surveyor bring this offer before the Ministry."

A Poll was then taken and Councillor Kline's Motion was defeated by 9 votes to 8.

The following voted for Councillor Kline's Motion:- Councillors O'Beirne, Mc Greal, Donegan, E. Keaton, Kline, Mc Dermott Mc Cann, and J. Flynn.

The following voted against Mr. Kline's Motion:- Councillors Neary, Hogg, Drury, Keaveney, Grogan, O'Farrell, W. Flynn, Donnelly and Allen.

Proposed by Councillor John Drury.
Seconded by Councillor James Neary.

And Resolved:-

"That the sum of £.100 be offered to Mr. Hannon and £.50 to Mrs. Mc Namara for the purpose of widening the corner at their premises and that the County Surveyor bring this offer before the Ministry."

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Hafferty
Seconded by Councillor John Drury.

And

And Resolved:-

"That any Road Works which have been advertised at the recent Tender Meetings and not tendered for be again advertised and Tenders accepted in Roscommon. Tenders to be opened at the Quarterly Meeting to be held on the 25th instant."

Proposed by Councillor Edward Kline.
Seconded by Councillor Wm Donnelly.
And Resolved:-

"That all work on roads now done by piece work be put up for contract in ten ton beds wherever practicable either delivered on roads or broken in quarries and all edging to be put up for contract in mile lengths and to be done in winter as far as possible"

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Hafferty.
Seconded by Councillor E. Moran.
And Resolved:-

"That Mr. Nerney prepare a Plan for the Courthouse in Ballinlough and Estimate to be submitted to the May Meeting."

Proposed by Councillor A. Hogg.
Seconded by Councillor J. Heaveney.
And

And Resolved:-

"That the attention of the Railway Co. be called to the deplorable condition of the road across Boyle Railway Bridge with a view to its immediate repair."

Mr. Edward Creighton moved the following Notice of Motion standing in his name:-

(Copy)

"I, or some other Member of the "Council on my behalf, will "beg for leave to move at the "next Meeting of the County "Council, that in view of the "abnormally depressing Seasons "so telling in their effects on "every member of the community "we, the representatives of the people "deem it to be our imperative "duty in accordance with the "pledges given them at the time "of the Election, to order as and "from the 1st April next, a "discontinuance of the weekly "half-holiday as extended to "all road employees of this "Council, until such time as circumstances

"circumstances and a brighter prospect
"justify us in reviving it."
(Signed) Edward Keaton.

Proposed by Councillor Edwd Keaton.
Seconded by Councillor P. McGreal.
"That in view of the abnormally depressing seasons so telling in their effects on every Member of the Community, we, the representatives of the people deem it to be our imperative duty in accordance with the pledges given them at the time of the Election to order as and from the 1st April next, a discontinuance of the weekly half holiday as extended to all road employees of this Council, until such time as circumstances and a brighter prospect justify us in reviving it."

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Hafferty.
Seconded by Councillor Edward Moran.
"That we leave all our employees working hours as they are at present without interfering with wages or hours"

A Poll was then taken and Councillor Keaton's Motion was
Carried

Carried by 14 Votes to 4.

The following voted for the Motion:- Councillors Neary, Hogg, Drury, Keaveney, O'Beirne, Mc Greal, G. Breaton, Kline, Mc Dermott, O'Farrell, Mc Cann, W. Flynn, Donnelly and Allen.

The following voted against:- Councillors Grogan, Donegan, Hafferty and Moran.

Mr. Breaton's Motion was then put to the Meeting as a resolution and carried.

The following Report of the University Committee was submitted. No alterations were made as regards the value of the University Scholarships with the exception of additional marks given for some subjects:-

(Copy)

We hereby award Nine Primary Scholarships in the following order:-

Athlone No. 2	One
Boyle No. 1	do
Carrick No. 2	do
Castlerea	Three
Roscommon	do

Always provided that if a requisite number of candidates

do

do not qualify in any District the vacant Scholarship may be given to a candidate qualified in another District who cannot obtain a Scholarship in his own District.

Order:- "Approved with alterations"
(Signed) J. H. Cummins
M. O'Donnell.
M. J. McDermott

Proposed by Councillor Edwd. Creighton
Seconded by Councillor Wm. Flynn.
And Resolved:-

"That we approve of the Report of the University Committee submitted to us to day"

Proposed by Councillor Joseph McCann
Seconded by Councillor Andrew Hogg.
And Resolved:-

"That with regard to the date (August 1st) fixed by the Local Government Dept. on which ~~(Scholarships)~~ candidates for Scholarships from Primary to Secondary Schools must be under 14 years we suggest that the date be altered to January the 1st preceding the examinations. As things stand at present a large percentage of children are handicapped by losing

losing the work of a whole school year. The suggested alterations would remove that handicapping and would effect no one adversely."

The Secretary submitted the Tenders accepted for the coal contracts (Irish and English coal) and stated that he accepted the lowest in each case.
Order:- "Approved".

Letter from Mr. James Conlon, Ballyfarnon, asking the County Council to fix a rent of £25 per annum on the Courthouse his property:-
Proposed by Councillor A. Hogg,
Seconded by Councillor J. Keaveney
And Resolved:-
"That the rent of the Courthouse in Ballyfarnon be fixed at the sum of £25"

Proposed by Councillor James Neary,
Seconded by Councillor Edwd. Creighton
And Resolved:-
"That the amount payable to Mrs. Kelly, caretaker of the Frenchpark Courthouse

for

for fuel and light be at the rate of £5 a year."

A Refund list from Collector P. G. Shanagher was submitted:-
Proposed by Councillor M. J. Grogan.
Seconded by Councillor John Bury.
And Resolved:-

"That Collector Shanagher be given credit for the amount of his Refund list, viz. £39-13 due by the Castlerea Electric Lighting and Milling Co. in closing his Collection for the half-year ended 30th September 1926 and that the amount be carried forward for subsequent Collection.

We ask the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to sanction poundage at 8d to Collector Shanagher on the amount of his Warrant for above half-year less amount of poundage on £39-13"

Proposed by Councillor Edward Moran
Seconded by Councillor Wm. Flynn.
And Resolved:-

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to sanction 2d extra

extra poundage to esc. Collector Mc. Cann on his Warrant for the year ended 31st March 1925."

Letter from Mr. J. J. Banks, Starlestown, asking to have Paying Order No. 134 for £-5-15 re-authorised:-
Proposed by Councillor Wm. Donnelly
Seconded by Councillor Andrew Hogg.
And Resolved:-
"That the permission of the Minister for Local Government be sought for the re-issue of an out-of-date Paying Order in favour of Mr. J. J. Banks for £-5-15."

Reports on Patients in Drumcondra Sanatorium were submitted.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Hafferty
Seconded by Councillor James Donegan
And Resolved:-
"That in order to facilitate the tenants of the Artizans' Dwellings in the purchase of their houses, we hereby direct that the abstract of conveyance of this property be

he immediately procured and handed over to the Tenants' Solicitors - Messrs. Farrell Mc. Donnell & Co. If the document has left the custody of the town authority the clerk of the said Authority be instructed to procure same immediately."

Application from the Very Rev. Canon Cummins, Roscommon for the use of Roscommon Courthouse for a Charity Entertainment was submitted: Order:- "Permission to be granted."

Proposed by Councillor Jas. Neary. Seconded by Councillor Wm. Donnelly. And Resolved:-

"That the next Meeting of this Council - the Quarterly Meeting - be held on Friday, 25th February, 1924, instead of the date already fixed"

The following Notice of Motion was handed in:-

(Copy)

"That we, or some Members on our behalf, will move at the

"the next Meeting of the
"County Council to be held on
"the 25th instant that the
"resolution passed refusing
"to strike a rate of one penny
"in the £ be rescinded and
"that the Council do levy a
"rate of one penny for the
"teaching of our National
"Language.

(Signed) William Rafferty,
Edward Moran, Wm. Flynn.
John Flynn & M. H. Grogan

(Signed) M. O'Braonáin
Chairman.
25. Feby/927.