Minutes of Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Roscommon County Council held at the Courthouse Roscommon, on Monday 4th July 1927

Mr. M. O'Braonain, outgoing Chairman presided and subsequently Mr. John Drury.

The following Members were in attendance:- Councillors Neary. Hegg. Drury. Keaveney. O'Beirne. Jordan. Waters. McGreal. Donegan. Staffenly. Moran. E. Breaton. D. Breaton. McDermott. McCrann. Wm Flynn. Donnelly. Burke. J. Flynn. Allen and Ledwith.

Proposed by Councillor John Drury.
Seconded by Councillor John Keaveney.
And Resolved:-
That we, the Roscommon County Council hereby place on record this expression of our sympathy with our colleague Mr. James Donegan - upon the recent death of his father."

Proposed by Councillor Denis Breaton
Seconded by Councillor P. J. Waters.
And Resolved:-
"That

"That we congratulate our Chairman on his splendid and meritorious victory at the recent Elections for representation to the Dail and we feel that the interests of the County will be safe in his hands."

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Waters,
Seconded by Councillor James Donegan.
And Resolved:-
"That Mr. M. O'Braonain be appointed Chairman for the ensuing year."

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Waters,
Seconded by Councillor James Neary,
And Resolved:-
"That John Drury be appointed Vice-Chairman for the coming year."

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman made the statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The following correspondence from the Department of Local Government and Public Health was submitted:-
Letter No. Q. S. 25 approving of Mr.

Geraghty's employment in the bounty Surveyor's office during Mr. Mac Sinead's illness.

No. R.S. 25 approving of Miss Eileen Higgins as clerk in the bounty Surveyor's office for three months.

" " " 25 Sanctioning the cost of living bonus on Civil Service scale to the bounty Surveyor.

" " " G. 14745 & 24114 re temporary assistant to the Accountant at the closing of each half-years accounts

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

"That the council is anxious to have their request for four weeks assistance in each half-year in the Accountant's office granted and we again appeal to the Department to agree to our request".

Letter No. R.S. 25 approving of the council's proposal to make Mr. P. Dolan, Assistant bounty Surveyor, a whole-time officer.

Letter relative to the splitting up of ex-Collector Geraghty's District:-

Proposed

Proposed by Councillor Denis Creaton.
Seconded by Councillor James Neary.
And Resolved :-

"That re ex-Collector Geraghty's District, the Council is ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ unanimous after mature consideration, that the previous resolution of the Council on the subject offering Kilbride North and South to Collector Dolan and advertising for a new Collector for the Districts of Inerty, Mote and Seneg is entitled to the sanction of the Department and we request same at once in order to facilitate the working of the appointment on the 19th July."

Letter No. R. S. 25 approving of the temporary appointment of Mr. Thomas Casey B. E. Roscommon. also letter from the Chairman of the County Council making the temporary appointment for ratification by the County Council and copies of Mr. Casey's testimonials :-
Proposed by Councillor E. Creaton.
Seconded by Councillor James Neary
And Resolved :-

"That we hereby confirm

confirm the temporary appointment made by the Chairman on the 12th May 1924 of Mr. Thos. Casey B. E. Roscommon, as Assistant County Surveyor during the illness of Mr. Martin McDermott, Boyle.

Letter No. R. S. 25/2 approving of the County Surveyor's Scheme for expending the money out of the National Roads Scheme etc. earmarked by the County Council:-

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Waters,
Seconded by Councillor Denis Cleaton.
And Resolved:-

"That the County Surveyor widen a dangerous corner in the townland of Cross opposite Martin Brennan's house as several accidents have occurred there recently".

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

"That we agree to the purchase made by our County Surveyor on our behalf of an acre of land acquired from the Irish Land Commission at the sum of Thirty Pounds."

Letter No. S. 22744 re Council's refusal to pay the amount assessed on

on the Council in pursuance of Section 10 (2) of the Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Order of 1925. Order:- "To be paid."

Circular No. J. 25881 fixing the date of the annual meeting of the County Council.

Letter No. J. 21381 re letting of Boyle Workhouse premises: Order:- "To be attended to".

The Secretary submitted Agreement relative to the grazing of lands attached to the ex-Workhouse, Boyle. Mr. Monson, the tenant of the land left the country and the name of Mr. John Cryan, Vice-President of the Show-Committee was substituted as tenant.

Letter No. A. G. 25 re Special Grant of £300 for making Section of new Road in the Ardnaglass District.

Circular No. G. 28191 stating that the Council may, if they so desire, pay Doctor's expenses for attending inquests out of the Subsidiary Account on the Certificate of the Coroner. Order:- "Council approves direct through Subsidiary".

Letter

Letter No. R.S.25 asking for a Medical Certificate in the case of Martin W. Dermott, Assistant County Surveyor.

Letter No. G.24439 re liability of the Land Commission for certain rates due to the County Council.

Letter enclosing extract from the Land Act of 1924.

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

Letter No. 1924 relative to the question of Sheep-Dipping ~~arrangements~~ arrangements in the County Roscommon for the current year adjourned, also letter from Mr. R. Hans, M.R.C.V.S. Boyle, stating that he ordered two small swim baths and one hand bath from Mr. Ryan. Mr. Hans attended the Meeting and asked for four more Baths. Order:- "Two extra Baths allowed"

No. E.4049 re outbreak of Parasitic Mange in Cattle.

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

Letter No. 7767 re weights and Measures Office in the Garda Siochana

Barracks, Roscommon. Order:- "Repairs to be executed".

Letter No. 3181 re Carrowreagh Proposed Drainage District.

Nos. 20591, 21998, and 10289 re Free Grants for different Drainage Schemes in the County:-
Proposed by Councillor John Keaveney
Seconded by Councillor John Drury
And Resolved:-
"That all Drainage Schemes be adjourned to next Meeting - 19th July".

Application from the Resident Medical Superintendent, Mental Hospital, Ballinasloe, for £2356-3-10 arrears of wages due to the attendants as a result of Supreme Court Judgment given against the Committee of Management also copy of Counsel's Opinion.
Order:- "County Council to pay now the quarterly instalment due at end of July.

Application from Mr. Thomas Loney, for superannuation allowance as Housekeeper in Roscommon Courthouse for thirty-two years was submitted. The following Notice

of

of Motion was moved:-

(Copy)

"Take Notice that I, or some Councillor "on my behalf, will move at the "next Meeting of the County Council "that Mr. Lowry, Countkeeper, be "granted a superannuation "allowance according to scale."

(Signed) M. O'Braonain.

Proposed by Councillor John Drury.
Seconded by Councillor Joseph O'Beirne.

And Resolved:-

"That Mr. Lowry be granted a pension on two-thirds of his salary based on his allowances of £173 and that the consent of the Local Government Department be obtained."

The Under-Sheriff notified the County Council that he had appointed Mr Patrick Gannon, Roscommon, to the position of Countkeeper, rendered vacant by Mr. Lowry's resignation. Order:- "Approved at same salary and emoluments as predecessor".

Mr P. J. Jordan moved the following Notice of Motion:-

(Copy)

"Take Notice that I will move at the

"the next Meeting that the balance
"of the year's Scholarship due to the
"late Bridget Corrigan, Kiltoleranks,
"who died during the second term
"(10th April 1924) be paid to the parents
"to help to defray the huge medical
"expenses borne by them for
"Hospital treatment". ~~Sanction of~~
"~~Department to be obtained~~".

(Signed) O. Y. Jordan

Proposed by Councillor O. Y. Jordan,
Seconded by Councillor Pats. McGeal,
And Resolved:-

"That the balance of
the year's Scholarship due to the
late Bridget Corrigan, Kiltoleranks,
who died during the 2nd Term
(10th April 1924) be paid to the parents
to help to defray the huge medical
expenses borne by them for
hospital treatment. Sanction of
Department to be obtained".

Applications for licences
under the Poisons and Pharmacy
Act 1908 were submitted and "Granted"

Letter from Mr. George Lynch,
Solicitor, Carrick-on-Shannon re
claim of Michael Neary, tenant
of

of labourers cottage for repairs thereto. Order:- "Adjourned for Mr. Mc Dermotts Report."

The Secretary submitted Rate Inspectors Report dated the 31st May 1924. The Inspector reported that two sums of £5-12-8 paid to Mrs. S. E. Holt, ex-Clerk of Barracks-on-Shannon No. 2 and £5 paid to Mr. P. J. Neary, ex-Chairman of that Body were not accounted for The Secretary stated that he wrote to these men on the matter and no reply has been received :- Order:- Refer to the Council's Solicitor."

The following application from Mr. B Burley, Senior clerk in the County Surveyors Office was submitted:-

(Copy)

County Surveyor's Office.
Roscommon
24th June 1924.

Mr. Chairman & Gentlemen

I beg to make application to be placed on the same standard as the other permanent clerks in the Council's employment. I have now 15 years service with the Council and during that period I have always tried to give my best in the interests

interests of the Council.

Considering my number of years service and the amount of extra work I am now called upon to do owing to the National Road Schemes, I trust that this application will have your favourable consideration".

I am, Mr. Chairman & Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
(Sgd) B. Burley.

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

"That we hereby place Mr. B. Burley, Clerk in the County Surveyors Office on a salary of £250 as from the 1st April 1924 rising by annual increments to same maximum as applied to other officials of the County Council."

Reports on patients under treatment in Seamount Sanatorium were submitted.

Letter from Mr. John Moran Caretaker, Castlerea, refusing to accept the Councils offer of £6 for additional work was submitted and marked "Read"

Letter

Letter from Mr. Frank G. MacGlenny Solicitor, asking to have Paying Order No. 1478 General Account payable to Mr. Austin Bellis re-authorised as same is out-of-date. Order:- "To be re-authorised".

Letters from Collector Owen Conlon, Doon, Strokestown, asking to have his son's name inserted in the Warrant for collection of rates during his illness was submitted. Order:- "To be complied with subject to sanction" Doctor's Certificate was handed in at the Meeting.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Moran.
Seconded by Councillor John Burke.
And Resolved:-
"That the Collections of Collectors Moran, Rogers, Connaughton (Geraghty) and Regan for the year ended 31st March 1924 and Glynn and Dolan for the second half-year of this period be considered closed less the amounts of their irrecoverable lists submitted to us to day subject to the sanction of the Department of Local Government and Public Health"

Proposed

Proposed by Councillor Edward Moran,
Seconded by Councillor John Burke.
And Resolved:-
"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to sanction poundage at 8d to Collectors Moran, Cuny, Rogers, and Egan on their Collections for the year ended 31st March 1924 and to Fallon, Devanny, and Glynn for the half-year ended 31st March 1924."

Proposed by Councillor Joseph McCann,
Seconded by Councillor Joseph O'Beirne.
And Resolved:-
"That the R.M.S. of Ballinasloe Mental Hospital be required to submit to each Member of the County Council a detailed Abstract of Accounts similar to that issued by the Secretary of the Board of Health."

The Secretary submitted the Annual Revision lists and the following resolution was passed thereon:-
Proposed by Councillor M. O'Fragnain,
Seconded by Councillor ~~Joseph O'Beirne~~ Wm. Daffenty
And Resolved:-

"That-

"That the Revision lists be forwarded to the Valuation Office for the annual revision and change of names"

Letter from the caretaker of the ex-Union Buildings, Castlerea, re grazing of the lands adjoining the Fever Hospital was submitted. Order:- "To be advertised"

Applications for committal of children to Industrial Schools were submitted.

Proposed by Councillor John Drury, Seconded by Councillor John Heaney. And Resolved:-

"That we, the Roscommon County Council, hereby request the competent Ecclesiastical Authority to select a centre in Ireland for the holding of the Eucharistic Congress 1932, as the centenary celebrations of the coming of St Patrick to Ireland and as one of the most noteworthy incidents in St. Patrick's Missionary career happened at Rathcroghan in this County, we hope our request will receive due consideration.

Copies to Dr. Dooley, Bishop. and Canon Cummins, O.S. Roscommon"

Proposed

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

"That the Quarterly Meeting of the County Council be fixed for Saturday 30th July 1927 instead of Wednesday 27th July 1927"

Requirement Books was signed

All other correspondence was marked "Read"

(Signed) M. O'Raonáin

Chairman

19 July 1927