

*Commemoration of Centenary*  
**ROSCOMMON COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**ANNUAL MEETING**  
**21<sup>st</sup> JUNE, 1920**



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# 1920 Elected Councillors Roscommon County Council

## **Boyle**

Doyle, Edward  
Duignan, Patrick  
Neary, Patrick  
Ward, Michael  
Lavin, Andrew

## **Elphin**

Colgan, John J.  
Cox, John  
Greene, Michael  
Ryan, James

## **Castlerea**

Beirne, Patrick, J.  
Brennan, Jack  
Lannin, Thomas  
Lavin, Bernard  
Creaton, Denis

## **Roscommon**

Brennan, Michael  
Gavin, Patrick  
Geraghty, George  
Kelly, D.J.  
Kenny, J.J.  
Shine, William

## **Co-Opted Members**

Ledwith, Patrick  
Madden, Richard

## **Ex Officio Members**

Feely, James  
McCormack, Joseph  
McGovern, Thomas  
Macken, Michael  
Oates, James  
Sharkey, Una



**Extract of Resolutions adopted at the  
Annual Meeting of Roscommon County Council,  
21<sup>st</sup> June, 1920**

“That this Council of the elected representatives of Roscommon County Council at a duly convened Meeting hereby acknowledges the authority of Dáil Eireann as the duly elected Government of the Irish people and undertake to give effect to all decrees duly promulgated by the said Dáil Eireann in so far as same affects this Council. That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Republican Minister for Foreign Affairs for transmission to the Governments of Europe and to the President and Chairman of the Senate and House of Representatives of U.S.A.”



“That the leaf on which a resolution is written which condemned the Rising of 1916 be torn from the Book and burned.”

“That we the members of Roscommon County Council in Meeting assembled on June, 21st 1920, condemn in the strongest manner possible the resolution passed by the Roscommon County Council on the 16th May, 1916, condemning the Rebellion against British Rule in Dublin in Easter Week in 1916 and while we strongly desire to eliminate it from the Minute Book and burn it, we feel at the same time that our purpose will be better served and the perfidy of the men who passed the resolution better exposed by having it retained as at present in the Minutes with a copy of this resolution sealed on it with the seal of the County Council.”

The Amendment was then put to the Meeting and the following noted FOR:- Councillors J. Brennan, M. Brennan, D. Creaton, Gavin, Kelly, Kenny, B. V. Lavin and McGovern.

The following noted AGAINST:- Councillors Colgan, Cox, Doyle, Duignan, A. Lavin, J. Lavin, Neary, Ward, Feehily, McCormack and Oates.

The amendment was declared “Lost” by 8 votes to 11 and the Motion put to the Meeting as a resolution and carried and the page of the Minute Book containing the Resolution was burned by Councillor McCormack.



Minutes of Proceedings at  
Annual Meeting of the Roscommon  
County Council, held at the  
Courthouse, Roscommon, on  
the 21<sup>st</sup> June, 1920.

Councillor D. J. Kelly, outgoing  
Chairman presided, and the  
following were in attendance:-  
Messrs. J. Brennan, M. Brennan,  
Bolgan, Box, Breton, Doyle,  
Duignan, Gavin, Kenny, B. V. Lavan,  
A. Lavin, J. Lavin, Heary, Ryan,  
Shine, Ward, Macken, Feehily,  
M<sup>r</sup>. Connack, M<sup>r</sup>. Gurney and Oates.

All the Councillors present  
signed the Statutory Declarations  
of Acceptance of office.

The Secretary submitted  
correspondence from the District  
Clerks relative to the representatives  
appointed by the District Council

Proposed by Councillor Michael MacLarrd,  
Seconded by Councillor Sean O'Colgan  
And Resolved:-

"That Mr. R. Madden,  
Inschadoo, be co-opted a member  
of Roscommon County Council."

Proposed



Proposed by councillor Patrick Gavin;  
Seconded by councillor Michael Macken,  
And Resolved:-

"That Patrick Ledwith  
be co-opted a member of  
Rosecommon County Council."

Proposed by councillor D. J. Kelly,  
Seconded by councillor Sean O'Colgáin,  
And Resolved:-

"That Mr. A. Lavin  
be elected Chairman."

The Chairman then made  
the Statutory Declaration of  
Acceptance of Office."

Proposed by councillor Denis O'Leary,  
Seconded by councillor James J. Lenny,  
And Resolved:-

"That Mr. Michael  
Brennan be elected Vice-Chairman  
of Rosecommon County Council."

The Vice-Chairman then  
made the Statutory Declaration  
of Acceptance of Office."

Proposed by councillor Aislinn O'Leary,  
Seconded by councillor Michael O'Leary,  
And Resolved:-

"That we exceedingly  
regret our inability to conduct  
the business of this Council  
in



in the Irish Language. However we can only console ourselves that it is no fault of ours that we are obliged to speak in Beurla.

We therefore pledge ourselves to do all we can to learn the language so that we may yet be able to transact all the business of our Meetings in Irish, and we also pledge our utmost support to the Gaelic League in its efforts to realise an Irish speaking people.

We also pledge ourselves to the following:-

- (1) Knowledge of the Irish Language will in future be a special consideration in making all appointments under the Bountie Council.
- (2) Headings on all Council papers to be in Irish, and cheques and money orders to be printed entirely in Irish when present supply is exhausted."

X / Proposed by councillor M. O'Brogan  
Seconded by councillor P. S. O'Byrne  
And Resolved:-  
"That



"That this Council of the elected representatives of Rosecommon Bountly Council at a duly convened Meeting hereby acknowledges the authority of Dail Eireann as the duly elected Government of the Irish people, and undertake to give effect to all decrees duly promulgated by the said Dail Eireann in so far as same affects this Council. That copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Republican Minister for Foreign Affairs for transmission to the Governments of Europe and to the President and Chairman of the Senate and House of Representatives of U.S.A."

Proposed by Councillor Seamus McCoppyne.  
Seconded by Councillor Seamus Oates.  
And Resolved:-

"That this Council of the elected representatives of Rosecommon congratulate the I.R.A. on the many victories they have gained in the field, the many fortresses they have captured and the many general successes they have achieved, that we earnestly hope their arms may be crossed with equal if not greater  
greater



greater successes in the future  
till the final victory is achieved  
and the Army of Occupation  
driven from the country.

That copies of this resolution  
be forwarded to the Commander-  
in-Chief of the I. R. A. the President  
of the United States and the  
Premier of Great Britain."

The Secretary read letter from  
Mr. M. H. Hogan stating that  
he was not accepting the  
office of County Councillor

Proposed by Councillor M. O'Brien  
Seconded by Councillor James J. Lenny  
And Resolved:-

"That the entire  
Council be appointed Finance  
and Proposal Committee, three  
to form a quorum. That the  
Treasurer's Advice Notes for  
payments out of the Subsidiary  
Account be signed every fortnight  
by any three members"

Proposed by Councillor M. O'Brien  
Seconded by Councillor Patrick Gavin  
And Resolved:-

"That the following  
be appointed on the Diseases of  
Animals



Animals Act's committee:- "The entire council."

Proposed by councillor Patrick Gavin,  
Seconded by councillor Thos. W. Gorman,  
And Resolved:-

"That the following  
be appointed on the General  
Management committee:-" The  
entire council."

Proposed by councillor M. O'Boysin,  
Seconded by councillor James J. Kenny,  
And Resolved:-

"That the following  
be appointed on the Infirmary  
committee:- Messrs. Doyle, Heary,  
Ward, Bolgan, Miss Sharkey, Mr.  
P. J. Beine, Breaton, B. V. Lavan,  
J. Lavin, J. Brennan, D. J. Kelly,  
Gavin, Heraghty, M. O'Boysin,  
and J. Oates."

Proposed by councillor Thos. Lavin,  
Seconded by councillor James Oates,  
And Resolved:-

"That the following  
be appointed on the Asylum  
committee:- Denis J. Kelly,  
Patrick Gavin, P. Ledwith, B. V. Lavan,  
J. J. Kenny, D. Breaton, Rev. M. O'Hanaghan,  
Rosemmon, and Rev. James  
Heary, Damm."

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The Secretary read letter from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction relative to the appointment of members on the County Committee of Agriculture and the following resolution was passed :-

Proposed by councillor Bend V. Lavan  
Seconded by councillor Denis Creaton  
And Resolved :-

"That the entire Council form the Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction with a power of co-opting to the number of six, one-fourth to form a quorum"

Proposed by councillor Denis Creaton,  
Seconded by councillor B. V. Lavan.  
And Resolved :-

"That Mr. M. Brennan, Mr. Bolgan, Mr. Doyle, act on the General Council of County Councils."

Proposed by councillor Thos. Lavin,  
Seconded by councillor B. V. Lavan,  
And Resolved :-

"That the whole Council form a Pension Committee one-fourth to form a quorum."

Proposed



Proposed by councillor D. J. Kelly,  
Seconded by councillor Denis O'Keefe,  
And Resolved:-

"That the Ashlone  
District Sub-Pension Committee be  
composed of the following:-

Messrs. William Shine, Michael  
Macken, Rev. Father O'Beirne, L.B. Ashlone,  
Ven. Archdeacon Deane, P. P. Ashlone,  
Rev. Father Gallagher, L.B. Ashlone,  
Queen Nolan, Cornmaught Street, Ashlone  
Michael J. O'Keefe, Cornmaught Street,  
Ashlone, Sean O'Hurley, and  
D. J. Kelly, Dysart."

Proposed by councillor Patrick Gavin,  
Seconded by councillor Jas. J. Kenny,  
And Resolved:-

"That the Ballinacree  
District Sub-Pension Committee  
be composed of the following:-

Mr. Park. Gavin, Derrylahan, Thomastown, Ashlone		
" Park. Ledwith, Cappahuse, do do		
" Francis Kenny, Cornmaught, Bloonfad, B. she		
" John Hurley, Bulliaugh do do		
" Edward O'Connor, Ballydangan do		
Rev. John Wylott, do do		
Mr. Joseph Burke, Ardnaclug do		
" Michael Kenny, Bloonwash, Bloonfad, do		
" Kieran Daly, Carnelton, Thomastown, Ashlone		

Proposed by councillor Michael Ward,  
Seconded



Seconded by councillor Edward Doyle.  
And Resolved:-

"That the Boyle District Sub-Pension Committee be composed of the following:-  
Mr. W. Ward, Boyle, Mr. J. Feeley, Boyle.  
Mr. P. Dugan, Keadue, Rev. Mr. Wagner, Boyle, Canon Shanley, Boyle,  
Rev. J. Flanagan, Kootchall,  
Mr. A. Lavin, Ballybarnon,  
Mr. E. Doyle, Crossna, and  
Mr. P. Delahunty, Boyle."

Proposed by councillor Park. J. Heary.  
Seconded by councillor Seamus MacCormac  
And Resolved:-

"That the barrick-on-Shannon, No. 2. District Sub-Pension Committee be composed of the following:-

Mr. Michael Dooherty, Lisadorn, Elphin,  
" P. J. Heary, Barrow, Elphin  
" Seamus MacCormac, barrick-on-Shannon  
Rev. Father Glynn, Dumlion  
Mr. Patrick Dunleavy, Kilmore,  
" James Durr, Ballagh  
" Martin W. Dermott, Dumlion,  
" Patrick Kilty, Kootchall,  
" Michael W. Jones, Tynna, Carnick."

Proposed by councillor Bernd V. Lavan,  
Seconded by councillor Denis Creaton  
And



And Resolved:-

"That the following be appointed Old Age Pension Sub-Committee for the Basildon Rural District save and except the Dispensary Districts of Loughghlyn and Ballaghaderreen:-

Mr. Thos. Lavin, Bleggemagh, Frenchpark

" Bernard V. Lavan, Ballinlough

Rev. Father Loftus, Bloorfad.

Mr. P. Burke. do

Canon Harte, Basildon

Mr. Patrick Heneghan, Ballinlough

Mr. Jack Brennan, Inlagh, Baslephunket

" Thos. W. Gower, Wills Grove, Ballintubber

" Frank Forde, Basildon.

Proposed by councillor Denis Breaton,

Seconded by councillor Sean O'Spionan

And Resolved:-

"That the following be appointed members of the Old Age Pension Sub-Committee for the following part of Basildon Union. The Dispensary Districts of Ballaghaderreen and Loughghlyn:  
Father Gallagher, Ballaghaderreen

Mr. P. J. Beirne do

" P. J. Waters do

" John Breaton do

Rev. Canon B. Heraghty, Loughghlyn

Mr. Andrew Keamney do.

Mr.



Mr. Dennis O'Keefe, Loughgllyn  
Rev. Michael O'Beirne, b.b. Disrael  
Mr. Wm. Madden, Berreghal, do "

Proposed by councillor James Oates,  
Seconded by councillor Thos. Lavin,  
And Resolved:-

"That Messrs. J. J. Kenny,  
M. O'Donnovan, George O'Keefe,  
Frank Judge, Rev. Canon Cummins,  
Father Conry, Father Conry,  
Father Finnan, P. J. Shally, and  
Father Hurley be appointed  
members of the Roscommon  
Old Age Pension Sub-committee."

Proposed by councillor Sean O'Colgan,  
Seconded by councillor Michael Ward,  
And Resolved:-

"That the following  
be appointed members of the  
Stokestown District Sub-Pension  
Committee:-

Rev. Canon M. Desmond, Elphin  
" Dean O'Keefe, Stokestown  
Samus O'Riain do  
Mina O'Sullivan do  
John Cox, Kilbarr, Roskeery  
Michael Greene, Duane, Kilglass, Stokestown  
Sean S. O'Colgan, Elphin  
Tommy O'Sullivan, Stokestown  
Michael M. Hugh do  
Proposed



Proposed by councillor John Cox,  
Seconded by councillor M. O'Byrne  
And Resolved:-

"That Miss O'Farrell,  
Messrs. D. J. Kelly, M. Ward, Miss Sharkey,  
J. J. Bolgan, J. Geraghty, B. V. Lavan,  
and J. J. Kenny be appointed  
members of the County Roscommon  
Insurance Committee."

Proposed by councillor Denis Creaton,  
Seconded by councillor John Cox,  
And Resolved:-

"That Bernard V.  
Lavan, Jack Brennan, D. J. Kelly,  
James J. Kenny, Canon Cummins,  
Father O'Flanagan, Michael Ward,  
Michael Brennan, James Oates  
and Mr. Doyle, be appointed  
members on the University Committee"

Proposed by councillor Michael O'Byrne  
Seconded by councillor D. J. Kelly,  
And Resolved:-

"That the existing  
members of the Agricultural  
Council, Messrs. J. D. O'Farrell  
and Maguire, representing the  
Roscommon County Committee  
of Agriculture and Technical  
Instruction be asked to retire  
as they now cease to represent  
the



the people and thereby give the new committee the powers of appointing two members"

The Secretary read telegram from Miss Sharkey of which the following is a copy:-

21<sup>st</sup> July, 1920

County Council Clerk Hester.  
Courthouse, Rosecranon.

Circumstances unavoidable  
detained me in place. Regret  
inability of being with new  
Council to-day. God save the  
Republic.

Mina Sharkey

The following correspondence from the Local Government Board was submitted:-

Letter No. 37408 enclosing copy of  
the Auditor's Report on  
the Accounts of Boyle Union  
for the half-year ended  
31<sup>st</sup> March, 1920.

Letter No. 36414 relative to the construction of the Rockhill Road in the County of Rosecommon and stating that they had authorised an advance of £547-7-10 to



to meet the balance of expenditure due on this work when it was closed down in December last. Letters Nos. 37487, 38373, and 39522 relative

to the widening of Basleread Viaduct also letter from Miss and Mr. O. Farrell, Basleread, relative to same. The Secretary explained all the particulars with reference to the widening and the following resolution was passed thereon:-

Proposed by councillor J. J. Kenny,  
Seconded by councillor Thos. Lavin,  
And Resolved:-

"That in reference to Basleread Viaduct propose that no further action be taken in regard to carrying out the work until our new County Surveyor be appointed."

Letter No. 38550 giving sanction to loans of £950 and £550 for the purpose of steam rolling roads in the Rural Districts of Ashlowe No. 2 and Ballinashoe No. 2 respectively.

Other correspondence was also submitted.

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The following correspondence from



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

Letters Nos. 3418 and 673 relative to the Bovine Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order of 1914

Letters Nos. 1263 and 1499 relative to arrangements with reference to sheep dipping and correspondence from the Sheep Dipping Inspectors.

The following resolution was passed:-

Proposed by councillor J. J. Kenny.  
Seconded by councillor W. O. O'Sullivan.  
And Resolved:-

"That the present system dealing with the sheep dipping arrangements be suspended and at the next meeting a Scheme be formulated for the proper and effective carrying out of sheep dipping. In the meantime we instruct the people to have their sheep dipped in a proper and thorough manner and every effort made to prevent any outbreaks of disease irrespective of any other authority."

Letters from the Irish Land Commission relative to  
Appears



appears due on a farm situated in the Electoral Division of Ballinagh the area of the holding amounting to 216 acres, 1 rood, and 28 perches, appears £466-14-6.

After some discussion it was decided that the Secretary write to the parties concerned to know what they intend doing.

Letter No. 15899 relative to the Weeds and Agricultural Seeds (Ireland) Act, 1909, was submitted.

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Proposed by Councillor Thomas Lavin,  
Seconded by Councillor James Oates,  
And Resolved:-

"That all applications re Annual Denision be forwarded to the Valuation Office."

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Proposed by Councillor Denis Beaton,  
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Kenny,  
And Resolved:-

"That all Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act be renewed."

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Proposed by Councillor Seamus McCann  
Seconded by Councillor Seamus E. O'Leary  
And Resolved:-

"That the leaf on which a resolution is written which



which condemned the Rising of 1916 be torn from the Book and burned."

The following Amendment was moved :-

Proposed by Councillor M. O. Brennan  
Seconded by Councillor Patrick Gavin.

"That we, the members of the Roscommon County Council in Meeting assembled on June 21<sup>st</sup>, 1920, condemn in the strongest manner possible the resolution passed by the Roscommon County Council on the 16<sup>th</sup> May, 1916, condemning the Rebellion against British Rule in Dublin in Easter Week 1916 and while we strongly desire to eliminate it from the Minutes Book and burn it, we feel at the same time that our purpose will be better served and the perfidy of the men who passed the resolution better exposed by having it retained as at present in the Minutes with a copy of this resolution sealed on it with the Seal of the County Council."

The Amendment was then put to the Meeting and the following voted for :- Councillors J. Brennan, M. Brennan, Brennan, Gavin.



Lavin, Kelly, Kenny, B. V. Lavan and M. Lyons. The following voted against:- Buncillors Bolgan, Bos, Doyle, Duignan, A. Lavin, P. Lavin, Neary, Ward, Feehily, M. Connack, and Oates.

The Amendment was then declared "Lost" by 8 votes to 11, and the Motion was put to the Meeting as a resolution and carried and the page of the Minute Book containing the Resolution was burned by Buncillor M. Connack.

Proposed by Buncillor Sean S. O'Colgan  
Seconded by Buncillor J. E. Feely,  
And Resolved:-

"That we, the members of the Roscommon Bountly Council wish to place on record our appreciation of the action of the Railway employees and Transport workers in refusing to handle the munitions of war for the destruction of the people of Ireland and we pledge our support to and ask the people of the Bountly Roscommon to assist by every means in their power, those men who are carrying on the fight"

Proposed by Buncillor Seamus M. O'Connell,  
Seconded



Seconded by councillor Sengup O'Leary  
And Resolved:-

"That the Sub-Sheriff being an agent of the High Sheriff and having given assistance to the Army of Occupation in occupying the boursehouse propose that the County Council cancel the salary paid to the Sub-Sheriff for the future."

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Application from the Veterinary Inspectors for an increase on their pre war salaries was submitted and marked "Adjourned"

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Report from Sir Charles Dawson was submitted.

Application from the Hibernian Insurance Company stating that they were in position to offer a discount of 10% on insurance premiums subject to the insurance being left with them for a period of 5 years the premium being paid annually in advance as at present was Refused.

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Claims for Malicious Injuries and reports of the police thereon were submitted and the following resolution



resolution was passed:-

Proposed by Councillor Seamus O'Riain  
Seconded by Councillor Seamus McCann  
And Resolved:-

"That the Council instruct its Solicitor not to defend any Malicious Injury claims arising out of the state of war existing between the Republican Forces and the army of Occupation that the claim for the burning of the Ballaghaderreen Courthouse be not proceeded with, and that all correspondence re claims for Malicious Injury arising out of aforementioned war be burned on receipt."

Proposed by Councillor Seamus McCann  
Seconded by Councillor Patsy S. O'Donnell  
And Resolved:-

"That all officials of the Council be instructed to supply no information to the collectors of Income Tax and that any requisition forms which have been received from them be produced for the Council to destroy."

Proposed by Councillor J. E. Feely,  
Seconded by Councillor Jas. McCormack  
And Resolved:-

That



X  
"That disputes between the Rosemount  
Bounty Council and the general  
public be submitted in future  
to Arbitration Courts appointed  
by An Dail"

Proposed by Councillor Seanyp O'Rain  
Seconded by Councillor Seapin MacCormac  
And Resolved:-

"That as the Augher  
mines are in our area and as  
the development of the industries  
of our country should claim  
our first consideration propose  
this Council invite Mr. Russell  
Figgis, Secretary of the Commission  
of Inquiry into the industries  
and resources of Ireland to  
visit our country to inquire as to  
the possible development of the  
said mines and that whatever  
assistance the Council can give  
from their engineers or otherwise  
be given."

The Secretary read following  
copy of resolution passed by  
the Cork Corporation and it  
was proposed by Councillor  
D. J. Kelly and seconded by Councillor  
B. V. Lavan and adopted:-

(1) The so-called law of compensation  
which



which exists in no other civilised country, whereby the community is fined and penalised for acts of individuals, including even the criminal activities of foreign police and military.

(2) The kidnapping and imprisonment of untried and unconvicted men, women and children, and the attempts to capture and assassinate men engaged in the civil administration of the country.

(3) The organisation of the so-called police force which recent verdicts and events have proved to be a Murder Society, whose object is the destruction of all law and order, and we call upon every public Body in Ireland to endorse this Resolution, and to forward it to the Irish Bishops."

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Proposed by councillor W. O'Brien  
Seconded by councillor Denis Crean.  
And Resolved:-

"That the Fine Sheet in respect of fortnight ended 28th May be signed on to-morrow by any three members of the Finance Committee."

Proposed



Proposed by councillor Popsy O'Dubhghann  
Seconded by councillor Popsy O'Dubhghann  
And Resolved:-

"That the Secretary of this Council be directed to forward a copy of the agenda to the Secretaries of the North and South Rosecommon Executive of Sinn Féin at the time it is being sent to the councillors and a copy of the Minutes be sent 'Dail Eireann'"

The Secretary read letter from Mr. Harry Rogers, Kilmore, Drumma, withdrawing his resignation as sheep dipping Inspector, was marked "Received".

The following Notice of Motion in Mr. Henry's was handed in:-

"That the Secretary furnish at next Meeting the names of the several officers, salaries of each under the various heads, years of service, emoluments, etc. in the employment of the County Council"

(Signed) J. J. Henry

Proposed by councillor Sean S. O'Colgan  
Seconded by councillor Seamus MacDonaghy  
And



And Resolved:-

"That we appoint Messrs.  
W. B. Brown, Terry, and L. G. G. G.  
to seal and sign the Date Collectors  
Warrants"

Andrew S. O'Brien  
Chairman

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**Extract from  
Minute Book of  
Roscommon County Council  
16<sup>th</sup> May, 1916**





The following resolution was passed thereon:-

Proposed by Councillor Jasper Tully,  
Seconded by Councillor M. D. Grogan,  
And Resolved:-

"That we hereby agree to purchase the bounthouses of Ballinlough and Frenchpark from the Congested Districts Board at the prices offered, viz., £150 for Ballinlough and £200 for Frenchpark"

Letter from the Irish Land Commission enclosing list of defaulting Land Purchase annuitants was marked "Dead"

Letter from the General Valuation Office, enclosing Maps showing the proposed alterations in the boundary of the County was submitted and the Chairman signed a document of which the following is a copy:-

Boundary Survey of Ireland.

17 Vict., cap. 17, 20 and 21 Vict., cap. 45.

22 and 23 Vict., cap. 8. 61 and 62 Vict., cap. 34

Enactments Order.

Approval by County Council

We approve certain alterations in Ordnance Sheets Nos. 8 B, 19, 31, 47, 53 and 53 A. of the County of Roscommon in the boundaries between the said County and the adjoining Counties of Galway and Mayo as set forth in a Report and accompanying Maps submitted to us by Sir John Barton, Chief Boundary Surveyor, under the Act's  
revised



Proposed by councillor Patrick Regan.  
 Seconded by councillor Thomas J. Devine.  
 And Resolved:-

"That the Proposals for Payments made by the Proposal Committee of the County Council on the 25th day of April, 1916, and this day submitted to our Council be and are hereby approved"

Proposed by councillor Patrick Regan.  
 Seconded by councillor Thomas J. Devine.  
 And Resolved:-

"That the Proposals for Payments as set out on Form 22 for the Quarter ended 31st March, 1916, made by the Ashlowe No. 2 Rural District Council on the 1st day of April, 1916, and this day submitted to our Council be and are hereby approved"

Proposed by councillor Patrick Regan.  
 Seconded by councillor Thomas J. Devine.  
 And Resolved:-

"That the Proposals for Payments as set out on Form 22 for the Quarter ended 31st March, 1916, made by the Ballinasloe No. 2 Rural District Council on the 6th day of April, 1916, and this day submitted to our Council be and are hereby approved"

Proposed by councillor Patrick Regan.  
 Seconded by councillor Thomas J. Devine.  
 And Resolved:-

"That the Proposals for Payments as set out on Form 22 for the Quarter ended 31st March, 1916, made by the Boyle No. 1 Rural District Council on the 22nd day of April, 1916, and this day submitted to our Council be and are hereby

Pages 46 and 47 burned by resolution of County Council on the 2, 1916

June 1920



At the meeting of the Roscommon Council on Monday, Mr A Lavin in the chair,

Mr Neary asked for the production of the minute book of May, 1916, containing the resolution passed by the Council on that occasion in reference to the outbreak in Dublin. The book having been produced and the objectionable resolution turned up, Mr Neary said the Irish Republic dated from the year 1916 in Dublin, and it was a crime and a shame that any public body should pass a resolution reflecting on the actions of the gallant Irishmen who then took their stand in the cause of liberty. This resolution was proposed by Mr Devine, and seconded by Mr Martin McDonnell, and it was a disgrace to the men who proposed it and those who sat by and allowed it to pass.

Mr Doyle—Tear it out.

Mr McCormack—

TAKE IT OUT TO THE GROUNDS AND BURN IT.

Mr Doyle—Allow me.

Chairman—Any person making remarks must rise in his place and address the chair. I will only hear one at a time.

Mr D J Kelly—I was a member of the old Council and I don't remember ever hearing that resolution read, and I think the other members of the Council will remember that it did not appear in the Press. I know I never saw it. If it were read and passed I would like to hear what members were present.

Mr Neary read the names—Fitzgibbon, Tully, Drury, Shanly, Millar, Killian, Mapother, Devine, McDonnell, and there is a Mr Kelly.

Mr Doyle—I am sorry you were there.

Mr Kelly—I was not. I would like to see the manuscript.

Mr Neary—But who is the Mr Kelly?

Mr Kelly—I may not be as smart as Mr Neary, but he will find out who was the Mr Kelly.

Chairman—Was there only one member of that name?

Secretary—

MR D J KELLY WAS NOT PRESENT AT THE MEETING.

Mr Kelly—I hope Mr Neary is satisfied he was not there.

Mr Neary—I am satisfied when you say you were not.

Mr Kelly called for the original resolution.

Mr Doyle—Hear, hear.

Mr Neary said he saw by the minute book that at the subsequent meeting of the Council at which Mr D J Kelly was present, when the minutes were read no objection was taken to this resolution. Every man present at that meeting was just as much responsible as the men at the meeting at which it was passed.

Mr Kelly—You are a young member of the Council. Have you ever heard the minutes read? When you are here a little longer you will find that the minutes are usually taken as read.

The Chairman said it appeared there was a Mr Thomas Kelly a member. He was at the meeting and not Mr D J Kelly.

Mr Neary—To mark our disapproval of that resolution I propose that we eliminate it from the minute book.

Mr Kelly—Who wrote the original resolution? Chairman (examining the resolution)—I don't know who wrote it. It was proposed and seconded and the signatures seem to be in the same handwriting.

Mr Kelly said the resolution was

IN THE HANDWRITING OF MR JASPER TULLY, OF  
BOYLE.

It was proposed by Thomas Devine, and seconded by Martin McDonnell. He was quite certain that was not Mr McDonnell's writing. The proposer and seconder's names are in the same handwriting. Now you can do what you like with it.

Mr Doyle—Do you maintain that Mr Jasper Tully wrote that resolution?

Mr Kelly—It's his handwriting certainly.

Secretary—It's only fair to say that Mr Devine did not sign it.

Chairman—The two names were written by the same man.

Mr Kelly—The question is: was the resolution proposed at the meeting?

Secretary—It was.

Mr Kelly—Is it not a fact that resolutions must be signed by the proposer and seconder?

Secretary—That is the rule, but it is very hard to get it carried out. Some of the members sign in pencil, and that is wrong.

Mr McCormack proposed that the leaf on which the resolution was written be removed from the minute book and burned.

Mr Feehily seconded.

Mr Gavin said the resolution on the book might not have been the original motion; it might be

A COMPROMISE RESOLUTION.

Secretary—I can't say. That is the only one I have.

Mr Ward proposed that they burn the whole minute book.

Mr B V Lavin said that would be an injustice to the ratepayers of the county as the book contained the whole business of the Council for the period it covered. They might remove the leaf and burn it.

Mr Kelly would not destroy the resolution. They should take it out of the book, put it on parchment, and hang it up, so that everyone would see the men who passed this resolution. If they had their photos they might put them alongside it (laughter).

Mr M Brennan proposed as an amendment a resolution condemning in the strongest possible manner the resolution passed by the Roscommon Co Council on 16th May, 1916, condemning the rebellion against British rule in Dublin in Easter week, 1916, and, while we strongly desire to eliminate it from the minute book and burn it, we feel at the same time that our purpose will be better served and

THE PERFDY OF THE MEN WHO PASSED THE  
RESOLUTION

better exposed by having it retained as at present in the minute book, and a copy of this resolution sealed on it with the seal of the Co Council.

Mr Gavin seconded.

Mr McCormack's motion was that the leaf on which the resolution is written, which condemned the Rising of 1916, be torn from the book and burned.



# **Bibliography of Each Member**

## **BOYLE**

**Doyle, Edward (1870-1927), farmer, public representative and nationalist.**

A native of Derreenaseer, Crossna, Boyle, he was the father of Anne Doyle (1905-1991) and Patrick E. Doyle (1900-1961). He served as chairman of the Boyle Rural District Council from 1918 to 1921. He was an ex-officio member of Roscommon County Council from its inception in 1899 until 1902. He was elected unopposed to the Council in 1920 as a Sinn Féin member but resigned in 1921. He died in April 1927 and was buried in Ardcarne Cemetery.

**Duignan, Patrick (1889-1966), farmer, public representative and republican.**

A native of Keadue West, Boyle, he was a member of the Irish Republican Brotherhood and a captain of the Keadue IRA Company. He was elected unopposed as a Sinn Féin member to Roscommon County Council in 1920 and served until 1925 representing the Boyle area. He served as treasurer of the Cumann na nGaedheal North Roscommon Executive for a period. He was appointed a peace commissioner in 1924, having previously served as a judge in the North Roscommon Sinn Féin Courts. He acted as secretary of St. Ronan's Hall Committee during the 1930's and 40's. He was chairman of Kilmactranny Co-op Agricultural & Dairy Society for twenty years. He died at Roscommon Hospital in January 1966 and was buried in Kilronan Cemetery.

**Lavin, Andrew Joseph (1886-1959), teacher, public representative and republican.**

A native of Creevagh, Ballyfarnon, Boyle, he was a founder of the Gaelic League and served on its executive from 1909 to 1916. He joined the Irish Republican Brotherhood in 1908. During the War of Independence, he was battalion commander with the North Roscommon Brigade of the IRA. He was interned for a period in Sligo Jail. He was among the Sinn Féin members who were elected to Roscommon County Council en-block in 1920 and was elected the Council chairman for one term. Because he was 'on the run' from the British authorities at the time and could not be sure of attending the meetings, he relinquished the chairmanship in 1921. He served on the Council until 1925. He supported the Treaty and was a founder member of Cumann na nGaedheal. He was returned for Sinn Féin in Leitrim-North Roscommon in the uncontested Dáil election of 1921 and as a Coalition Treaty member in 1922. He stood successfully as a Cumann na nGaedheal candidate for Roscommon in the 1923 election but was defeated in the two 1927 elections. He then went on to teach for many years at the Central Model School, Marlborough Street, Dublin. He was also a founding member and a director of EBS Building Society. He died in the Bon Secours Hospital, Glasnevin in March 1959 and was interred in Glasnevin Cemetery.

**Neary, Patrick J. (1886-1971), poet, journalist, sportsman, public representative and republican.**

A native of Ardleckna, Aughrim, he was educated at Aughrim primary school. In his youth, he gained Connacht athletics championship awards and was a member of the county football team. He was secretary of the Aughrim branch of the United Irish League and local organisations which sought the division of large farms among tenants. He was the last secretary of Co. Roscommon Executive of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. He was also interested in the Gaelic revival through the local Gaelic League branch. He joined the Irish Republican Brotherhood in October 1916 and was prominent in the Irish Volunteer Movement. He also acted as a collector for the first National Loan. He served as a judge for the Republican Courts.



He was elected unopposed as a Sinn Féin member of Roscommon County Council in 1920 and served until 1925 representing the Boyle Area. He was also a member of the Carrick-on-Shannon No. 2 District Council and Board of Guardians. Throughout his later life, he was an active supporter of the Fianna Fáil party. He was the author of hundreds of poems, generally on patriotic topics. They were published in Old Moore's Almanac, The Irish Packet, The Irish Homestead, Roscommon Messenger, Roscommon Herald and Leitrim Observer. He acted as the local press correspondent for several local and national newspapers. He died in Our Lady's Nursing Home, Strokestown in November 1971 and was buried in Aughrim Cemetery. He was the son of John Neary (1838-1912), twin brother of Rev. Michael Neary and father of Kathleen Neary, Maureen Neary and Kevin Neary.

**Ward, Michael J. (1884-1959), retailer, hotelier, republican and public representative.**

A native of Claremorris, Co. Mayo, he and his sisters inherited a hardware business on Green Street, Boyle in 1910 from their uncle, John Flannery. When businesses developed in other parts of Boyle, trade dwindled, and he converted the premises into a guesthouse which he named The Princess Hotel. Much of the research for 'The Heart of Ireland' by Rev. Patrick A. Sharkey was carried out in the hotel. Michael Ward, as the publisher, took the financial risk on Fr. Sharkey's book. Having supported the Count Plunkett campaign as director of elections in 1917, he became a member of Sinn Féin in 1919 and was elected unopposed to Roscommon County Council in 1920 and served until 1925 representing the Boyle area. He died in February 1959 and was buried in Assylinn Cemetery, Boyle.

## **CASTLEREA**

**Beirne, Patrick J. (1882 - 1946), Grocer, publican and public representative.**

A native of Barrack Street, Ballaghaderreen, he inherited his parent's shop. As the Chairman of then Castlerea Rural District Council, he was an ex-officio member of the Roscommon County Council from 1914 until 1920. He was returned unopposed in the 1920 election for Sinn Féin but resigned in 1921. He died in Monkstown, Co. Dublin in May 1946 and was buried in Dean's Grange, Cemetery. He was the father of Patrick W. Beirne and a brother of John W. Beirne.

**Brennan, John (1887 - 1973), GAA player, public representative and republican.**

A native of Carrowkeel, Fuerty, Roscommon, he won a Connacht senior hurling championship medal in 1906 and a provincial football medal in 1912 with Roscommon county teams. Along with his brother Michael, he won a Connacht senior hurling championship medal in 1906 with the Roscommon county team. He was the captain of the Kiltewan IRA company and imprisoned at Wakefield and Frongoch in 1916. He was appointed the first O/C of the South Roscommon Brigade but became the Vice O/C when Dan O'Rourke took overall command in late 1918. He was elected unopposed to Roscommon County Council for Sinn Féin in 1920 for the Castlerea area and served until 1925. Having taken the Anti-Treaty side, he was arrested during the Civil War and interned in Athlone. He also served as chairman of Castlerea District Council. He lived in Emlagh, Castleplunkett until he moved to Salthill, Galway, where he died in December 1973. He was interred in St. Coman's Cemetery Roscommon. He was a brother of Rev. Patrick Brennan (1877 – 1951), Michael Brennan (1884 – 1970) and Seamus Ó Braonáin (1874 – 1961) and an uncle of Michael C. Brennan (1923 – 1996), Rev Seamus Brennan (1929 – 2012) and Pdraig Brennan (1919 – 2008).



**Creaton, Denis (1874 - 1945), Farmer, merchant and public representative**

A native of Market Square, Ballaghaderreen, he settled in Loughglynn where he had a shop and owned a farm. He was the father of Rev, James Creaton (1915 – 1964) and Rev Patrick Creaton and the uncle of the Rev James Creaton (1933 – 2017) and Rev Sean Creaton (1941 – 2004). He was elected to Roscommon County Council in 1914 and served until 1920 representing the Loughglynn area. He was elected unopposed in 1920 for Sinn Féin, was reelected in the elections of 1925, 1928, and 1934 for Cumann na nGaedheal and Fine Gael and served until 1942 representing the Castlerea area. He died at his home in January 1945 and was buried in Cuiltyboe Cemetery.

**Lannin, Thomas** - no information

**Lavin, Bernard V. (1849 - 1924), farmer and public representative.**

A native of Cloggarnagh, Frenchpark, he was elected unopposed to Roscommon County Council in 1920 for Sinn Féin representing the Castlerea area but resigned in 1921. He died in June 1924 at the County Infirmary, Roscommon.

## **ELPHIN**

**Colgan, John Joseph (1873 - 1957), auctioneer, public representative and republican.**

A native of Main Street, Elphin, he carried on an auctioneering business in Elphin for many years. He was a member of the Rural District Council and was elected unopposed to Roscommon County Council in 1920 for Sinn Féin and served until 1925 representing the Elphin area. During the War for Independence he was involved in various IRA activities and was compelled to go 'on the run'. He served as Sinn Féin director of elections in 1918, 1920 and 1923. He died in the Sacred Heart Home, Roscommon in October 1957 and was buried in Elphin Cemetery.

**Cox, John (1875 – 1962), farmer and public representative.**

A native of Kilbarry, Tarmonbarry, he was elected unopposed to Roscommon County Council in 1920 for Sinn Féin and served until 1925 representing the Elphin area. He died in May 1962 and was buried in Kilbarry Cemetery.

**Greene, Michael (1895 - 1943), farmer, public representative and republican.**

A native of Carrownskeheen, Kilglass, Strokestown, he was head of the local Irish Republican Brotherhood organisation before joining the Kilglass Volunteer Company in 1917. He was involved in many IRA actions during the War of Independence. He sided with the Anti-Treaty forces during the Civil War. He was elected unopposed to Roscommon County Council in 1920 for Sinn Féin and served until 1925 representing the Elphin area. He was again elected to the Council in 1934 for Fianna Fáil and served until 1942. His widow, Kate E. Greene (*née Daly*) who died in 1988, was a rate collector with Roscommon County Council for thirty-seven years. He died at his home in Ruane in May 1943 and was interred in Kilglass Cemetery.

**Ryan, James** - no information



## ROSCOMMON

**Brennan, Michael (1884 - 1970), farmer, GAA administrator, public representative and republican.**

A native of Carrowkeel, Fuerty, Roscommon, he won a Connacht senior hurling championship medal in 1906 and a provincial football medal in 1912 with Roscommon county teams. He was chairman of the Roscommon GAA County Board from 1912 to 1915. He was a founder of the Connacht GAA provincial council and became its first secretary. As a member of the GAA Central Council, he was involved in the purchase of Croke Park in 1913. Michael played an active role in Sinn Féin during the Troubles. Following the 1916 Rising while serving as chairman of the Roscommon County GAA Board, he was arrested and interned in Glasgow, Reading and Frongoch prisons until the general amnesty in 1917. In 1920, he was elected unopposed as a Sinn Féin member of Roscommon County Council for the Roscommon Town District and he remained a member until he retired in 1955. He proclaimed himself an Independent in late 1920s and early 1930s but went on to serve for Fine Gael from 1934 to 1955 except in 1945 when he was elected as an Independent. He was elected the Council vice-chairman in 1920 and chairman from 1921 to 1934, one of the longest continuous periods by any person in the chair. He is credited with doing much to hold the Council together during the Troubles and the early years of the new state. He was a member of all the subsidiary council bodies at one time or another. He also represented the Council on the Irish Tourist Association. He contested the 1923 general election for Roscommon as a Farmers Union candidate but failed to win a seat. He gained a Dáil seat as an Independent in the two general elections of 1927, lost it for Cumann na nGaedheal in 1932, regained it in 1933 and held it as a Fine Gael TD from 1937 until he was defeated in 1943. He unsuccessfully contested the succeeding three general elections, standing for Fine Gael in 1944 and 1951 and as an Independent in 1948. He died at Correal, Roscommon in October 1970 and was interred in Athleague Cemetery. He was father of Michael C. Brennan (1923 – 1996), and Pádraig Brennan (1919 -2008), an uncle of Rev. Seamus Brennan (1929 – 2012) and a brother of Seamus Ó Braonáin (1874 – 1961), John Brennan (1887 – 1973) and Rev. Patrick Brennan (1877 – 1951).

**Gavin, Patrick J. (1879 - 1966), farmer and public representative.**

A native of Derrylahan, Ballydangan, Athlone, he was elected unopposed to Roscommon County Council in 1920 for Sinn Féin and served until 1925 representing the Roscommon area. He served as a member of the Galway-Roscommon Mental Health Board. He died in January 1966 and was buried in Moore Cemetery.

**Geraghty, George N. (1878 - 1952) Builder, army officer, public representative and republican.**

A native of Castle Street, Roscommon, he was a stone mason by trade. Roscommon Gaels GAA Club was founded in his house in 1901. In the late 1890s and early 1900s, he was active in the Roscommon Labour League, Roscommon Literacy Society and the local branch of the Gaelic League. He was member of the 3rd Battalion, South Roscommon IRA Brigade. He took part in the Easter 1916 Rising with the 1st Battalion Dublin Brigade, and was arrested and jailed at Wakefield Prison and Frongoch Camp. He was arrested again and interned at Usk Prison in Wales from which he escaped in 1919. He was a long serving member of Roscommon Town Commissioners and its chairman from 1911 to 1924 but was frequently absent due to his involvement in the Troubles. He was elected unopposed to Roscommon County Council in 1920 for Sinn Féin and served until he resigned in 1923 representing the Roscommon Area. During the War of Independence, he fought with the Dublin Brigade and after the Truce,



he took the Pro-Treaty side in the Civil War by joining the Free State Army. He had a series of articles, *Recollections of Roscommon*, published in the *Roscommon Champion* between April and June 1946. He died in Hume Street Hospital, Dublin in July 1952 and was interred in St. Coman's Cemetery, Roscommon. He was the father of Eamon Geraghty, brother of James Geraghty, grandfather of George F. Geraghty and brother-in-law of Rev. James J. McDermott (1872 - 1947)

**Kelly, Denis Joseph (1855 - 1929), farmer, merchant, nationalist and public representative.**

A native of Carrownadurly, Dysart, he was arrested in his shop at Dysart in 1881 for inciting tenants not to pay rent and was imprisoned at Galway. Later in 1886, he was also imprisoned for other Land War activities. After the split in the Irish Parliamentary Party, he sided with Parnell. Later, he severed ties with the Irish Party and sided with Sinn Féin. He was elected to Roscommon County Council for the Caltra area in every election from 1899 to 1925. In the 1925 election, he stood for the Cumann na nGaedheal party. He served as chairman of the Council from 1919 to 1920. He was a member of the Athlone Union Board of Guardians and the Ballinasloe Mental Health Board. He retired from politics in 1928. He was killed while on holiday in Dublin when he was struck by a bus in College Green in July 1929. He was interred in Dysart Cemetery. He was the father of Brendan Power Kelly, Denis J. Kelly and an uncle of Esmonde A. Power.

**Kenny, James J. (1895 - 1979), farmer and public representative.**

A native of Ballinlig, Fuerty, Roscommon, his family subsequently moved to Castlestrange, Fuerty, Roscommon. He was the quartermaster of the Fuerty Company, 2nd Battalion, South Roscommon IRA Brigade and of the 2nd Western Division during the War of Independence. He served as chairman of Roscommon Board of Guardians from 1920 to 1921 and of Roscommon Rural District Council from 1920 to 1922. He was elected unopposed to Roscommon County Council in 1920 for Sinn Féin and served until 1925 representing the Roscommon area. He unsuccessfully sought re-election as an Independent candidate in 1928. He died in December 1979 at Lisarrow, Fuerty and was buried in Fuerty Cemetery.

**Shine, William (1860 - 1960), farmer, public representative, republican and centenarian.**

A native of Clonown, Athlone, he was the father of Rev. Patrick Joseph Shine. After marrying, he lived at Kielty, Drum, Athlone. He was a member of the Fr. Flanagan Sinn Féin Club, Drum and the Drum Volunteer Company, 3rd Battalion, Athlone Brigade during the War of Independence. He acted as a judge in the Drum Sinn Féin Court. He was elected unopposed to Roscommon County Council in 1920 for Sinn Féin and served until 1925 representing the Roscommon area. He also served on Athlone No. 2 Rural District Council. Afterwards, he was an active member of Fianna Fáil. He died at Kielty, Drum in July 1960 and was buried at Clonown Cemetery.

## **CO-OPTED MEMBERS**

**Ledwith, Patrick (1882 - 1968), farmer and public representative.**

A native of Cappypuse, Thomastown, Athlone, he was co-opted to the Roscommon County Council as a Sinn Féin member in 1920 and was elected for Cumann na nGaedheal in 1925 representing the Roscommon area. He served as a member of the Council until 1928. He was also a member of Roscommon Agricultural and Technical Instruction Committee. He died at home in April 1968 and was interred in Moore Cemetery.



**Madden, Richard Thomas (1884 - 1928), farmer and public representative.**

A native of Ballinlough, he was educated at Mountjoy School, Dublin. He purchased Knockadoo House and farm at Boyle in 1910. He raised cattle on an extensive scale. He was co-opted to Roscommon County Council as a Sinn Féin member in 1920 but resigned in 1921. He died at the Adelaide Hospital, Dublin in January 1928. He was a brother of Robert John Bowman Madden.

## **EX OFFICIO MEMBERS**

**Feely, James Edward (1892-1965), police officer, military officer and republican.**

A native of Greatmeadow, Boyle, he was a son of Patrick Joseph Feely a brother of Henry J. Feely and an uncle of Patrick Feely. He joined the Volunteers in 1914 and the Irish Republican Brotherhood a year later. He became the first commanding officer of the 1st Battalion, North Roscommon IRA Brigade. He was arrested following the raid on Rockingham House in February 1918 and imprisoned in Belfast Jail where he went on hunger strike until found not guilty and released. He was elected unopposed to Roscommon County Council in 1919 and served as a judge in the Sinn Féin courts. He was again arrested in April 1920 and remained incarcerated in Boyle and the Curragh until the Treaty was signed. He took the Pro-Treaty side and joined the Free State Army at its inception as a commandant. He later joined the Gardaí with the rank of sergeant and served in Ballina, Co. Mayo, Cahir, Co. Tipperary and Rush, Co. Dublin. He died in Boyle District Hospital in June 1965 and was buried in Assylinn Cemetery, Boyle.

**McCormack, Joseph** – no information

**McGovern, Thomas** – no information

**Macken, Michael (1889-1958), farmer, public representative and republican.**

A native of Lisdillure, Drum, Athlone, he was a brother of Hubert Macken. He was prominent in the fight for independence in the Athlone area. Having been co-opted to the Athlone No. 2 Rural Council, he was appointed to serve as an ex-officio member of Roscommon County Council from 1920 to 1925. He died at his home in May 1958 and was buried in Drum Cemetery.

**Oates, James (1882-1957), farmer, public representative and republican.**

A native of Gardentown, Cloontuskert, Roscommon, he was a member of the Cloontuskert Company, 3rd Battalion, South Roscommon IRA Brigade during the War of Independence. He served as an ex-officio member of Roscommon County Council from 1920 to 1925. He died at his home in October 1957 and was buried in Cloontuskert Cemetery.

**Sharkey, Winifred (Una) (1888-1943), merchant, public representative and republican.**

A native of Drinaun, Strokestown, she was one of the well-known 'Sharkey Sisters' who took a prominent part in the War of Independence. She and her sister, Lena, ran a newsagent and novelty shop in Church Street, Strokestown. Because they sold republican song sheets, goods valued at £3,450 were confiscated by the military authorities in May 1919. She was interned three times under the Defence of the Realm Act for selling seditious literature. She was unanimously elected to the chair of Strokestown District Council and Board of Guardians in June 1920 and was an ex-officio member of Roscommon County Council from 1920 to January 1923 when she resigned. When the County Home Committee of Management was established in 1921, she was elected to take the chair. She was also president of the Strokestown Legion of Mary and the local branch of the Third Order of St. Francis. She died at home in September 1943 and was buried in Killina Cemetery. She was a sister of Lena O'Doherty, John J. Sharkey, Rev. Patrick A. Sharkey and an aunt of Rev. Thomas D. Sharkey.

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Cllr. John Keogh

Cllr. John Naughten

Cllr. Tony Ward

Cllr. Donal Kilduff

### **Boyle Municipal District**

Cllr. Valerie Byrne

Cllr. Liam Callaghan

Cllr. John Cummins

Cllr. Michael Mulligan

Cllr. Joe Murphy

Cllr. Tom Crosby

### **Roscommon Municipal District**

Cllr. Nigel Dineen

Cllr. Paschal Fitzmaurice

Cllr. Orla Leyden

Cllr. Kathleen Shanagher

Cllr. Marty McDermott

Cllr. Anthony Waldron



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