

Minutes of the Proceedings of a Meeting
of the Roscommon County Council,
held at the Courthouse, Roscommon, on
Wednesday, the 14th February, 1912.

Councillor Fitzgibbon, Chairman
presided and subsequently Councillor
Kelly - Vice-Chairman.

The following members were in
attendance:- Councillors Dun, Waters,
Shanagher, Grogan, Conry, Miller, Gillooly,
Shanley, O'Brien, Regan, M. Donnell, Murray,
Leaveney, Doyle, Igoe, Mapother, and
Joseph Maguire.

Proposed by Councillor J. Shanley.

Seconded by Councillor P. J. Waters.

And resolved:-

"That the
minutes of last Meeting be taken as read"

The Chairman read the following
letter from the Very Rev. Canon Cummins:

Sacred Cross,

Roscommon.

14th February, 1912.

M. J. Heverin, Esq.,

Secretary County Council,

Roscommon.

Dear Mr. Heverin

Some years ago the late

Monsignor McLoughlin with the permission of the County Council planted trees along the Biscular road by the Gas Works. Most of those trees that promised to be such an addition to the appearance of the town were destroyed by thoughtless and mischievous people. I do not wish however, to see this beneficent project of my public spirited and lamented predecessor abandoned and I would feel grateful if you would ask the members of the County Council at their Meeting to-day to kindly accept from me a number of fine strong service trees purchased at Mr. Tallot nurseries to plant in place of those that were destroyed

I am, Dear Mr. Heverin,

Yours sincerely,

J. H. Baron Cummins

Order made thereon :- "Accepted, with thanks, with directions to County Surveyor to have trees planted as directed"

The Secretary read letter from the National Health Insurance Commission Ireland, with reference to the National Insurance Act

The Secretary informed that Dr. O'Beirne, an Organising Lecturer appointed by the Insurance Commission was present, and wished to address the Council

Dr. O'Beirne delivered a Lecture explaining the objects and provisions of the National Insurance Act.

Proposed by councillor John Fitzgibbon.
Seconded by councillor D. J. Kelly.

And resolved:-

"That we communicate with the Galway County Council with a view to taking united action in regard to providing a sanatorium for Counties Galway and Roscommon, also for forming a joint committee for such purpose and for making application to the Local Government Board for a proposition of the grant for the making of sanatoria and similar institutions"

Proposed by councillor Martin McDonnell,
Seconded by councillor D. J. Kelly.

And resolved:-

"That Mr. Henry M. Fitzgibbon be co-opted for Ballinlough Division on the County Council of Roscommon County."

The Chairman declared Mr. Henry M. Fitzgibbon elected.

Mr. Henry M. Fitzgibbon made the statutory declaration of acceptance of office.

Proposed by councillor Joseph M. Durr,
Seconded by councillor John J. Doyle.

"That Francis Bourigan be co-opted for the vacancy existing in the Loughglynn County Electoral Division on Roscommon County Council"

Proposed by councillor M. H. Grogan.
Seconded by councillor P. J. Waters.

"That Mr. Denis Breaton be co-opted county councillor for the County Electoral Division of Loughglynn. On a poll being taken Mr. Bourigan received fourteen votes and Mr. Breaton four votes.

The following voted for Mr. Bourigan:-
councillors Durr, H. Fitzgibbon, D. J. Kelly, Boney, Gillooly, Shanley, O'Brien, Regan, M. Donnell, Murray, Leaveney, Doyle, Mapother and J. Maguire.

The following voted for Mr. Breaton:-
councillors Waters, Shanagher, Grogan and Millar.

The chairman and councillor Igoe did not vote.

"The chairman put the following resolution to the Meeting which was carried:-

Proposed by councillor Joseph M. Durr.

Seconded by councillor John J. Doyle

And resolved:-

"That Francis Bourigan be co-opted for the vacancy existing in the Loughglynn County Electoral Division on Roscommon

Bounty Council"

The Chairman declared Mr. Borigan elected.

Mr. Borigan made the statutory declaration of acceptance of office.

The following correspondence from the Local Government Board for Ireland were submitted by the Secretary :-

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| No. 505.71 | Re Fair Wages, clauses and contracts |
| 614.55 | Re Motor Car Licence Duties |
| 63642 | Re payment of poundage fees to certain Poor Rate collectors in the bounty. |
| 64378 | Re Insurance against accidents etc. of employees of Rosecommon County Council. |
| 66174 | Re the re-authorization of a Paying Order issued by the County Council on the 22 nd December, 1910 |
| 64443 | Re payment of poundage fees to collector Timully and that the Board are not prepared to re-consider their decision on the payment of poundage fees to the collectors in past years. The Board defer the question of payment of poundage for the September 1911 half year, to the close of the current collection |
| 42224 | Re the state of the Rate collection |
| 6795 | in the bounty as shown by Rate Return for the months of |

December, 1911, and January 1912, and the failure of the collectors to carry out their duties and stating that the Board have made special records against the following collectors for consideration at the close of the March 1912 half-year.

(a) Failure of collector M. P. Dorke to make any lodgement in respect of the current collection

(b)	Warrant	collected
collector James Martin	£ 429	£ 21
" Timulty	411	48
" Dolan	801	67
" Sheeran	593	40
" Drury	674	71
" Mr. William	439	12
" Bassett	809	67
" Murray	384	37
" box	163	1
" O'Brien	574	22
" J. Fleming	574	74
" Pettit	629	33
" Broghan	895	26
" O'Malley	1476	70
" Donlon	282	48
" Banahan	1024	14
" Sweeney	118	11
" McComack	319	56

The Board also note that ^{collectors} John Martin, James Martin and Sheeran attended only once during the month for

the checking of their accounts.

No. 64044 Letter enclosing Copy Order made under Diseases of Animals Act, 1894, under which Roscommon County is assessed with the sum of £ 315-1-2³/₄.

Nos. 65106, 65107
.. 7213, 7215 Letters enclosing copy of the Auditors' Reports on the accounts of Local Authorities.

60522 Letter enclosing Copy Order under Seal providing for the appointment of a new member by the County Council on the Joint Committee of Roscommon County Infirmary.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Kelly,
Seconded by Councillor John J. Doyle,
And resolved:-

"That Mr. Michael H. Grogan be appointed to fill the vacancy on the County Infirmary Committee"

The following correspondence from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland were submitted:-

No. G. 3942. Letter enclosing Copy Regulations for the appointment of members of the new Council of Agriculture for the term of three years from the 1st April, 1912.

- No. 121. Copy Order relative to Control of Dogs
 Memorandum re Foot and Mouth
 Disease
 310 Letter acknowledging receipt of
 Return re Sheep-Dipping.

Proposed by Councillor J. Conry.
 Seconded by Councillor P. J. Waters.
 And resolved:-

"That Mr. John
 Galvin and Mr. James T. Maguire be
 appointed to act on the Agricultural
 Board's Council"

The Secretary submitted the following
 correspondence from the Congested
 Districts Board for Ireland:-

No. L. Re Back Road in Ballaghaderreen
 Order made thereon:- "Referred to
 County Surveyor to report to next
 Meeting."

Letter re Lough Gara Drainage. Order
 made thereon:- "Referred to County
 Surveyor to report to next Meeting"

The Secretary submitted Notice of Audit
 received from the Auditor.

Proposed by Councillor M. H. Grogan.
 Seconded by Councillor Joseph M. Durr.
 And resolved:-

"That a rate of
 one half-penny in the pound in aid of

University Education be adopted"

The Secretary submitted Rate Return for month of January and Deputy Checkers Returns for several fortnights and stated that the collection was very backward. An application from the collectors for increased poundage was submitted by the Secretary.

The following resolution was passed thereon :-

Proposed by Councillor J. J. O'Brien.

Seconded by Councillor Peter Shanagher.

And resolved :-

"That we, the members of the Roscommon County Council, having before us an application from the Rate Collectors of County Roscommon for an increase of poundage consider the best means to know and consider their grievances is to appoint a committee of the Council to investigate their claims and report thereon to this Council.

The following to act as committee :-

Mr. Mapother, Mr. Grogan, Mr. D. J. Kelly, Mr. Regan, Mr. Igoe, Mr. Shanley, Mr. Miller, Mr. Conroy, Mr. Galvin, Mr. M. Donnell, Mr. J. P. Maguire, Mr. J. Keaveney and Mr. W. Higgins"

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. M. Morrow, Solicitor, Boyle, stating

that he was instructed by Mr. Charles Sheeran, of Bidgecaston, Ballyfarnon, Rate collector, to proceed for the recovery of the sum of £56-11-3 amount of poundage due to him by Council in respect of four sums collected and lodged by him in respect of the half-years ended September 1909, March 1910, September 1910, and March 1911.

Order made thereon:— "copy to be sent to the Local Government Board"

Proposed by councillor John Heavney,
Seconded by councillor James Igoe.
And resolved:—

"That we again request the Local Government Board to allow payment to be made of poundage on the four half-years preceding the 31st March, 1911, in the case of collector Sheeran in respect of whom a letter was read at this Meeting from the Board dated 7th December No. 63642 and that a copy of the solicitor's ^{letter} be sent to the Local Government Board"

Proposed by councillor M. H. Grogan,
Seconded by councillor M. McDonnell.
And resolved:—

"That we again request the Local Government Board to allow us to pay poundage fees to collector M. Dermott for balance

of the March, 1910, and September, 1911, half years. The collector informs us that he is unable to close his collection in time owing to the large amount of irrecoverable rates in the town of Boyle amounting to £48 half-yearly and which sum has to be lodged by him and which he does not receive from the council until a few months after the close of the half-year.

The collector has suffered a very severe bereavement in his family lately and we trust the Board will comply with this request"

Proposed by councillor M. H. Grogan,
Seconded by councillor John Miller.

And resolved:-

"That we again ask the Local Government Board to allow us pay poundage fees to collector Druzy"

Proposed by councillor P. J. Waters.
Seconded by councillor J. Conroy

And resolved:-

"That we ask the Local Government Board to sanction payment of poundage fees to collector James Martin for the half-year ended September, 1910. The collector was ill during that half-year and forwarded doctor's certificate to that effect.

"The collector undertakes to close the current collection within the specified time"

Proposed by councillor P. J. Waters,
Seconded by councillor J. Shanley.

And resolved :-

"That the following act as members of a committee to deal with collectors' Defund lists :-
John J. Shanley, Mr. Mapother, Michael Grogan, John Miller, Mr. Keaveney, Peter Shanagher, Mr. Killeen, P. J. Waters"

Reports from the bounty Inspector R. J. B. Rosecommon, showing Free and Extra Police Force in the bounty during months of November and December, 1911, and January, 1912, were submitted and letter from Mr. J. J. O'Kelly, M.P. enclosing reply from the Chief Secretary to the Resolution of the Council protesting against Extra Police Force.

"The Secretary submitted reports from Inspectors under Diseases of Animals Acts; claims for Malicious Injuries and Reports of police on same, and letters from clerks of Petty Sessions under the Children Act, 1908.

The Secretary read letter from Secretary of Postumna Bridge Committee claiming

a contribution of £130. Order made thereon:
"To be paid"

Applications for payment for rent of ground from basetakers of Kipping tubs were submitted and directed to be paid the amounts

copy of a Resolution passed by Boyle No. 1. Rural District Council, re Road Board Grant, and giving power to apply for necessary loans for Steam Rolling was read. The following order was made thereon:- "Adopted, Referred to County Surveyor"

copy of a Resolution passed by the basetara Rural District Council asking sanction of an expenditure for the financial year ending 31st March, 1913, amounting to £1000 over the statutory limit of road expenditure was read. Order made thereon:- "Adopted"

Letter from the basetara Rural District Council enclosing copy resolution passed by the Ballintubber Branch of United Irish League calling upon the Congested Districts Board to enforce the compulsory clauses of the Land Act to compel the Landlord of property in Ballintubber Parish to dispose of his ranches - was marked "Adopted"

Letter from the Rosecommon Rural District Council asking for copies of Direct Labour Scheme for each Rural District Councillor "was marked "Read"

Copy of a Resolution passed by the Strokestown Rural District Council requesting copies of Rules and Regulations for each Rural District Councillor was read. Order made thereon "Adopted for District of Strokestown and referred to County Surveyor"

The Secretary read letter from the Resident Medical Superintendent of Ballinasloe District Lunatic Asylum enclosing copy resolution passed by the joint committee of Asylum requesting the county council's sanction to a loan for the purpose of acquiring additional land. Order made thereon:-
"Adjourned to ^{March} ~~next~~ Meeting"

Proposed by Councillor P. Conroy.
Seconded by Councillor P. Murray.
And resolved:-

"That Very Rev. Canon P. A. Flanagan, Aghaim, Drumsna, be appointed a member of the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction"

An application from Mr. James Kelly.

Ballintubber, for licence under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908 was read

Order made thereon: - "Granted, to be renewed at Annual Meeting"

The Secretary read letters from Clerk of Petty Sessions, re the state of Heade and Ballyfarnon Sessions Houses.

Order made thereon: - "Referred to Landlord to have repairs done"

Letter from Clerk of Petty Sessions, Ballaghaderreen, re state of Ballaghaderreen Sessions House was read.

Order made thereon "Referred to County Surveyor to report"

Letter was read from the Town Clerk, Bray, re the appointment of Mr. P. J. M. Andrew as Commissioner of Valuation and the form of Recommendation was signed by Chairman and Secretary

Application of the Courtkeeper, Roscommon for order for courthouse requisites was read. Order made on same: - "To be ordered"

The following correspondence were marked "Read"

Letter from Mr. Robert Worthington re Midland Great Western Shareholders.

Letter from Mr. Crossley, re Health Resorts

and Watering Places (Ireland) Act.
 Letter from Rev. P. O'bonor, P.P. Ballinlough
 re Mr. Hanson's candidature.
 Letter from Mr. James Watson V.S. Boyle
 re Sheep Dipping.
 Letter from Mr. Feely, Town Clerk, Waterford
 re Public Bodies Insurance Scheme.

The following resolutions were adopted:-
 Irish Industrial Development Association
 Re Irish Trade Mark.

Irish Farmers Union. Re Land Purchase
 Newcastle West Rural District Council re
 appointment of Public Servants to
 act as Officers under the National
 Insurance Act.

Wexford County Council. Re Insolvency
 of Local Taxation Account.

Lismore Rural District Council, Re
 Land Purchase Act passed since 1887.

Letter from General Synod of Church
 of Ireland re University Scholarships
 was adjourned to next meeting.

Letter from Kilminstan Trade and
 Labour Association and from Mr.
 John Rafferty, Barnalasson, Four Mile
 House, were referred to County Surveyor.

The Requisition Book were signed by
 the Chairman.

John H. Gifford
 Chairman

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